

MAY JOBS GROWTH BUCKS RECESSIONARY TREND

May proved a buoyant month for the UK jobs market, with new vacancies increasing by 17% year on year and 5% compared with April, according to the latest Reed Job Index.

The monthly measure of conditions and trends in the jobs market, the largest of its kind in the UK, points to healthy growth in more than 70% of the nation's employment sectors, with health & medicine, charity & voluntary and education roles faring strongest, recording significant monthly growth of 22%, 19% and 18% respectively.

Overall, the Reed Job Index now stands at 141 compared with 134 in April and 121 this time last year.

Commenting on the figures, Mark Rhodes, Marketing Director of reed.co.uk, said:

"May proved to be a buoyant month for the jobs market, with encouraging national growth replicated across the vast majority of regions and sectors.

"It is particularly interesting that the strongest growth has come from within the support services arena. Given the macroeconomic climate, the education, charity and health sectors are all facing significant pressures so the increase in opportunities in these areas is highly encouraging.

"While the UK is still technically in recession, these figures point towards a growing confidence among UK employers and we're cautiously optimistic about the prospects for continued jobs growth over the coming month, though recruiters will be keeping a keen eye on developments in the Eurozone.

"It will also be interesting to see how the Jubilee bank holiday celebrations have impacted the employment picture in next month's figures, particularly in the retail, leisure and hospitality fields."

The Reed Job Index report is a leading provider of up-to-the-minute insight into the conditions and trends in the UK labour market and is based on data collected from over 10,000 UK companies advertising on reed.co.uk. The report tracks the number of new jobs and salaries on offer each month against a baseline of 100 set in December 2009. The monthly report analyses data across 37 industry sectors and 12 UK regions and is a leading indicator for future economic growth.

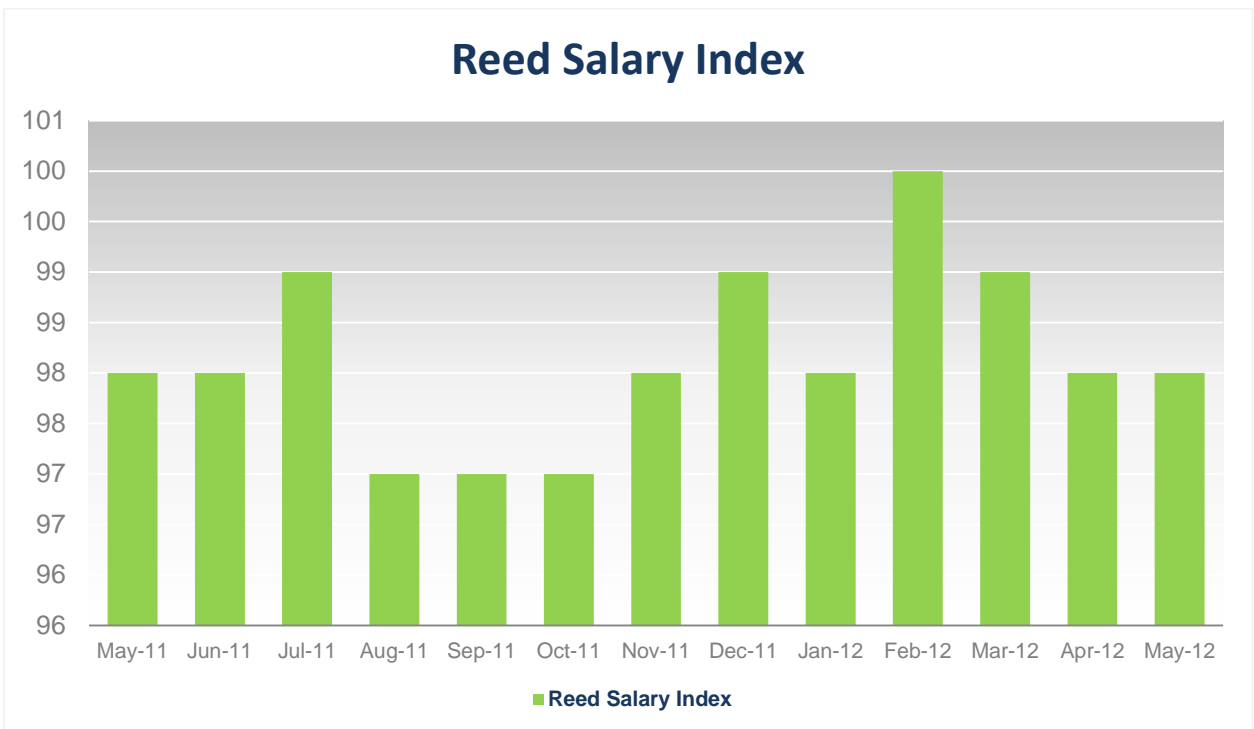
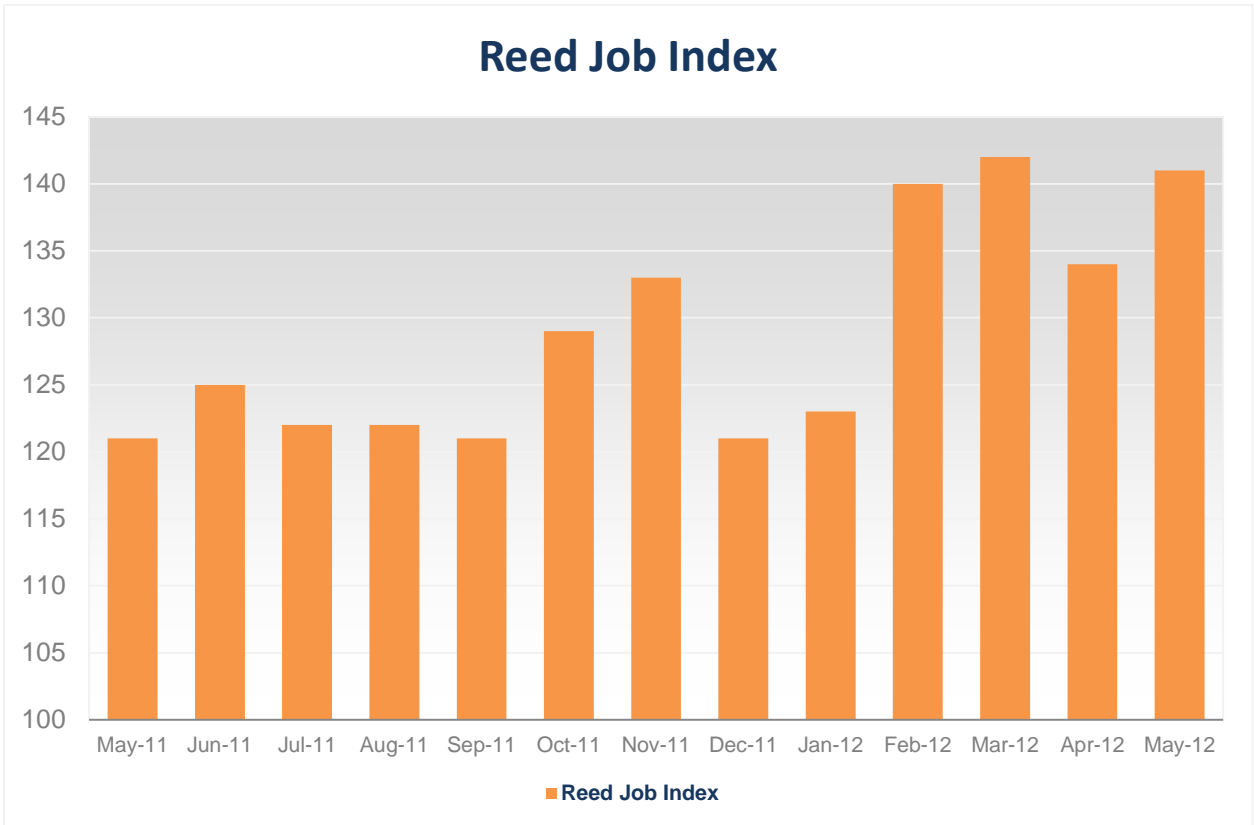
Key facts:

- Job opportunities enjoy impressive annual and monthly growth according to latest Reed Job Index
- Health, charity and education support services most in demand
- Vast majority of regional employers posting more opportunities
- Scotland, South West and East Midlands see biggest regional growth
- Salary growth remains flat

NOTES

- Each month the Reed Job Index tracks the number of new job opportunities and the salaries on offer compared to the previous month and against a baseline of 100 set in December last year. The Reed Job Index is based on data from the UK's largest job board, reed.co.uk, which every day lists over 90,000 job opportunities from 8,000 recruiters across 37 career sectors throughout the UK.
- The Reed Job Index is compiled by data drawn from on-line job vacancies and job-seeker activity on reed.co.uk.
- reed.co.uk is the UK's largest commercial job board, with over 100,000 job opportunities from more than 0,000 recruiters at any one time.
- reed.co.uk is part of Reed Global, the international recruitment group of companies

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Reed Job Index by sector

Sector	Dec '09	May '11	Jun '11	Jul '11	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12
National	100	121	125	122	122	121	129	133	121	123	140	142	134	141
Accountancy	100	125	136	130	130	129	130	138	128	127	132	123	126	142
Accountancy (Qualified)	100	124	130	127	134	133	142	156	144	142	158	163	154	159
Admin, Secretarial & PA	100	137	131	129	138	134	134	140	130	134	136	131	132	137
Banking	100	93	92	80	86	75	86	80	71	68	65	74	65	69
Charity & Voluntary	100	143	123	112	122	123	166	130	120	142	98	95	114	136
Construction & Property	100	107	116	124	129	130	126	125	109	110	140	140	145	157
Customer Service	100	128	125	121	124	127	136	133	125	125	120	126	130	128
Education	100	111	99	92	73	82	90	102	98	97	130	160	117	138
Energy	100	71	80	69	72	81	92	108	99	92	129	101	126	135
Engineering	100	153	181	171	165	166	178	192	170	171	218	230	233	266
Estate Agency	100	120	124	130	126	124	138	149	122	146	149	159	158	185
Financial Services	100	111	117	112	102	106	114	115	104	104	114	102	107	103
General Insurance	100	138	148	145	142	128	140	143	132	132	125	138	112	96
Health & Medicine	100	77	73	74	79	80	81	88	88	84	115	103	91	111
Hospitality & Catering	100	117	120	106	105	105	110	125	134	101	122	157	151	143
Human Resources	100	148	138	145	142	130	134	139	137	130	128	117	135	136
IT & Telecoms	100	149	149	151	149	149	173	190	173	174	183	172	172	184
Legal	100	107	120	116	113	114	114	131	115	115	117	124	124	130
Leisure & Tourism	100	168	174	184	176	175	167	211	154	150	194	156	129	127
Manufacturing	100	139	155	150	145	150	144	149	124	124	151	160	157	165
Marketing & PR	100	136	152	143	148	133	143	136	123	132	141	138	127	132
Media, Digital & Creative	100	138	151	142	146	147	157	144	139	144	130	131	135	135
Motoring & Automotive	100	99	101	123	116	165	161	170	158	165	198	196	194	195
Purchasing	100	116	101	113	122	115	126	120	121	127	138	140	134	146
Recruitment Consultancy	100	103	102	105	108	110	115	111	101	106	116	120	118	118
Retail	100	139	147	152	136	134	145	126	107	113	139	145	139	143
Sales	100	135	136	135	135	133	143	143	128	135	143	138	133	134
Scientific	100	120	129	119	110	103	115	129	116	117	155	161	154	177
Security & Safety	100	79	83	79	93	99	89	97	98	105	145	98	139	102
Social Care	100	55	59	54	60	65	77	75	64	66	78	97	85	98
Strategy & Consultancy	100	183	165	168	148	156	155	161	153	150	171	209	163	168
Training	100	76	79	71	71	64	81	64	61	69	79	79	75	82
Transport & Logistics	100	188	186	194	206	201	220	204	165	161	170	182	193	187

Reed Salary Index by sector

Sector	Dec '09	May '11	Jun '11	Jul '11	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12
National	100	98	98	99	97	97	97	98	99	98	100	102	98	98
Accountancy	100	100	100	102	101	101	102	101	98	98	101	97	102	103
Accountancy (Qualified)	100	98	96	98	98	98	99	98	91	92	97	106	99	98
Admin, Secretarial & PA	100	105	107	103	102	104	103	104	98	99	106	115	105	105
Banking	100	119	123	120	117	112	113	112	101	100	121	95	111	112
Charity & Voluntary	100	97	105	110	105	101	101	93	90	93	99	90	96	94
Construction & Property	100	92	92	91	87	89	92	96	92	88	93	106	89	91
Customer Service	100	102	105	104	102	100	101	103	99	100	106	97	105	103
Education	100	100	100	100	97	94	96	97	95	98	96	86	97	101
Energy	100	81	90	82	76	80	87	90	82	75	88	97	86	86
Engineering	100	93	93	93	91	93	92	94	93	95	94	109	96	94
Estate Agency	100	110	112	107	108	102	109	110	98	110	109	102	108	105
Financial Services	100	96	97	96	95	98	100	102	110	105	103	104	110	105
General Insurance	100	99	98	101	98	97	98	101	100	103	103	98	101	100
Health & Medicine	100	95	91	95	91	90	90	90	91	93	95	105	99	98
Hospitality & Catering	100	101	106	109	107	105	103	104	107	104	103	100	105	106
Human Resources	100	106	102	100	106	106	103	101	100	98	103	97	101	102
IT & Telecoms	100	101	97	99	101	97	96	98	94	93	98	87	99	98
Legal	100	87	87	80	83	78	78	84	85	83	85	99	84	82
Leisure & Tourism	100	96	95	89	91	97	102	98	90	100	102	96	92	99
Manufacturing	100	92	89	87	89	87	86	91	96	94	95	104	97	92
Marketing & PR	100	106	106	103	106	106	104	105	96	95	103	100	103	101
Media, Digital & Creative	100	98	101	98	100	101	100	101	92	93	97	100	101	100
Motoring & Automotive	100	98	98	94	97	95	90	93	95	102	101	100	95	95
Purchasing	100	96	95	98	102	97	95	94	90	97	95	97	96	100
Recruitment Consultancy	100	105	105	109	113	114	109	109	108	108	112	114	108	103
Retail	100	118	108	108	110	112	116	112	104	106	108	108	110	110
Sales	100	101	103	106	104	102	104	102	101	101	104	104	101	101
Scientific	100	96	94	92	92	94	90	89	90	92	92	93	91	92
Security & Safety	100	81	79	79	82	91	81	85	84	93	89	77	78	85
Social Care	100	72	76	76	72	72	71	69	77	82	74	73	71	73
Strategy & Consultancy	100	110	122	118	112	116	112	113	109	102	117	118	106	102
Training	100	108	109	110	105	106	103	107	99	106	113	107	109	109
Transport & Logistics	100	92	93	91	89	90	88	93	92	94	96	94	92	90

Reed Job Index by region

Region	Dec '09	May '11	Jun '11	Jul '11	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12
National	100	121	125	122	122	121	129	133	121	123	140	142	134	141
East Anglia	100	133	142	139	138	141	147	144	135	139	152	155	148	146
East Midlands	100	119	128	129	124	122	130	134	122	127	141	152	142	156
London	100	126	128	125	127	125	135	142	129	130	148	148	141	148
North East England	100	127	123	119	123	115	121	115	102	111	132	142	129	135
North West England	100	106	112	108	105	108	114	121	111	109	130	131	122	130
Northern Ireland	100	121	118	93	108	109	118	120	96	124	153	145	141	145
Scotland	100	119	119	122	125	115	125	124	114	111	129	126	125	134
South East (excl. London)	100	125	129	125	125	123	130	135	123	125	141	142	136	142
South West England	100	124	127	130	125	123	131	135	123	126	147	148	135	145
Wales	100	105	103	104	99	100	112	105	96	89	102	107	105	104
West Midlands (Region)	100	132	133	133	135	140	148	150	130	131	152	160	150	155
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	124	123	124	128	133	142	140	129	131	145	154	141	146

Reed Salary Index by region

Region	Dec '09	May '11	Jun '11	Jul '11	Aug '11	Sep '11	Oct '11	Nov '11	Dec '11	Jan '12	Feb '12	Mar '12	Apr '12	May '12
National	100	98	98	99	97	97	97	98	99	98	100	99	98	98
East Anglia	100	98	100	97	97	98	100	101	102	103	104	103	99	102
East Midlands	100	98	96	96	92	92	94	93	94	95	100	99	97	97
London	100	97	99	100	98	97	96	96	97	97	100	99	96	98
North East England	100	94	101	99	94	90	90	92	93	93	101	97	93	96
North West England	100	99	100	99	97	97	97	100	99	101	103	102	99	98
Northern Ireland	100	102	91	91	90	94	91	94	94	97	99	101	106	100
Scotland	100	100	104	100	95	96	98	98	97	100	100	100	98	97
South East (excl. London)	100	99	99	99	99	98	99	99	100	100	103	102	100	101
South West England	100	100	97	97	97	96	96	98	97	98	102	99	98	97
Wales	100	97	102	94	94	95	96	102	95	97	101	97	95	103
West Midlands (Region)	100	98	99	100	97	98	97	97	99	99	101	102	98	98
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	100	100	100	99	98	98	101	101	100	105	103	100	102