

# Health and Social Care in Lancashire

Like the rest of the UK, Lancashire has an ageing population (with the number of people over 65 set to rise by 23% in a decade) and more people with complex care needs living longer. Also, Lancashire's residents are generally less healthy than the national average.

This means that demand for health and care services is set to continue rising – creating a range of employment opportunities for young people.



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## Fast facts

In Lancashire, the Health and Social Care sector is:

**3,900**  
businesses

**290**  
of these businesses  
employ 50 - 249 people

**98,000**  
employees

**16%**  
of Lancashire's workforce

**LANCASHIRE'S LARGEST  
EMPLOYMENT SECTOR**

There are concentrations of jobs in:

Preston

**15,500**

Blackburn with Darwen

**12,800**

Blackpool

**11,300**

## What jobs are available?

Typical jobs and starting annual salaries in the sector include:

**DENTIST**  
**£38,000**

**CARE ASSISTANT**  
**£15,000**

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENTIST**  
**£21,000**

**DISTRICT NURSE**  
**£26,000**

**GP - DOCTOR**  
**£54,000**

**NURSERY WORKER**  
**£12,000**



## What companies are based in Lancashire?

The NHS is the largest health and social care employer in the county with other large employers including Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council and Blackpool Council.

Private sector providers operating across the county include BUPA, Anchor, Barchester and multiple smaller businesses, including care homes.

## How do I get into the sector?

You can get into health and social care via a number of routes, including:

↗ COLLEGES

↗ UNIVERSITIES

↗ TRAINING PROVIDERS

↗ APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

↗ Click on a route above to find out more

## How do I find out more?

For more information, go to:

### NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

↗ <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

### LANCASHIRE SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT HUB

↗ [www.lancashireskillshub.co.uk](http://www.lancashireskillshub.co.uk)

### SKILLS FOR CARE

↗ [www.skillsforcare.org.uk](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk)

### SKILLS FOR HEALTH

↗ [www.skillsforhealth.org.uk](http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk)