



Well equipped

Employers in West Suffolk are able to recruit skilled and well-trained people.

West Suffolk College, based in Bury St Edmunds and with sites in Haverhill and Mildenhall, provides vocational and degree level courses to 5500 full and part-time students, as well as more than 1350 apprentices.

The college is one of the largest providers of apprentices in the region and works with over 1800 employers including BAE systems, Marshall Aerospace, EDF Energy, Delphi Diesel and British Sugar. It is the regional lead for the Nuclear Skills Academy which trains workers in the nuclear power industry.

Higher education is provided by University College Suffolk, at Bury St Edmunds and Ipswich, and many employers have staff attending day-release courses at the universities of Cambridge, Essex, Anglia Ruskin and East Anglia.



State education in West Suffolk is moving to a two tier system – primary and secondary schools – and there are also independent and language schools.

“Employment rates in West Suffolk are extremely high, with only 4.2% out of work, compared to 6.8% for England as a whole*.”

*June 2014

Employment costs

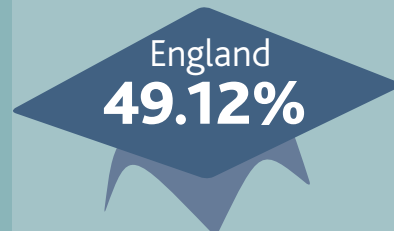
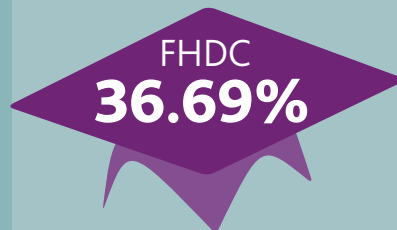
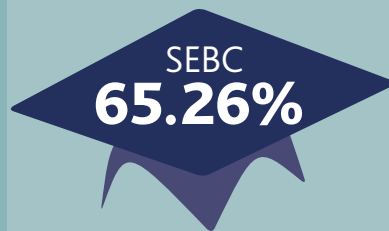
Employment costs in West Suffolk are about 26% cheaper than Cambridge and 35% lower than London



The median gross annual earnings in West Suffolk are about £23,550 (2013 figures), compared to an England average of £27,000. The figure for Cambridge is £29,700 and London is £31,900.

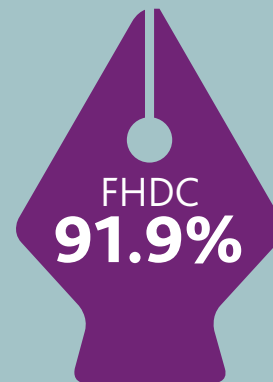
Higher and further education

A-level leavers going on to higher or further education



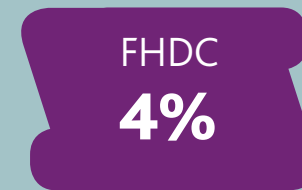
GCSE leavers

GCSE leavers going on to sixth form or further education



Highest qualification apprentices

As a percentage of working age residents



Qualified to NVQ4

As a percentage of working age residents

