

Occupation definitions

What was the occupation of the main/highest income earner in the household when you were 14?

- **Modern professional occupations**
E.g. Teacher/lecturer, nurse, physiotherapist, social worker, welfare officer, artist, musician, police officer (sergeant or above), software designer
- **Clerical and intermediate occupations**
E.g. secretary, personal assistant, clerical worker, office clerk, call centre agent, nursing auxiliary, nursery nurse
- **Senior managers and administrators**
Usually responsible for planning, organising and co-ordinating work for finance such as finance managers, chief executive etc
- **Technical and craft occupations**
E.g. motor mechanic, fitter, inspector, plumber, printer, tool maker, electrician, gardener, train driver
- **Semi-routine manual and service occupations**
E.g. postal worker, machine operative, security guard, caretaker, farm worker, catering assistant, receptionist, sales assistant
- **Routine manual and service occupations**
E.g. HGV driver, van driver, cleaner, porter, packer, sewing machinist, messenger, labourer, waiter/waitress, bar staff
- **Middle or junior managers**
E.g. office manager, retail manager, bank manager, restaurant manager, warehouse manager, publican
- **Traditional professional occupations**
E.g. solicitor, accountant, medical practitioner, scientist, civil/mechanical engineer
- **Short term unemployed**
Claimed Jobseeker's Allowance or earlier unemployment benefit for a year or less
- **Long term unemployed**
Claimed Jobseeker's Allowance or earlier unemployment benefit for more than a year
- **Retired**
- **Not applicable**
- **Don't know**
- **Prefer not to say**
- **Other – please specify**