Perth and Kinross
Current and Future Skills Demand

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**The Economy**

**Gross Value Added (GVA)** in 2019

- **Total Local Authority GVA is:** £4,160m
- **3%** of total Scottish output
- **Forecast** annual growth (2019-2029):
  - Perth and Kinross: 1.5%
  - Scotland: 1.7%
  - United Kingdom: 2.0%
- **Productivity (GVA per job)** in 2019
  - Local Authority productivity is: £58,700
  - Scottish productivity is: £50,400
- **Forecast annual growth** (2019-2029)
  - Perth and Kinross: 1.4%
  - Scotland: 1.4%
  - United Kingdom: 1.5%

**Current Demand for Skills**

**Total Employment in 2019**

- **70,900 jobs**
- **From 2009-2019, Total Employment:**
  - **down by 6%** or 4,300 jobs
  - Compared to a **Scottish increase of 1%**

**Sectoral Employment**

**Top 3 employing sectors in 2019:**

- Wholesale & retail (10,200 jobs)
- Human health & social work (8,600 jobs)
- Accommodation & food services (7,400 jobs)

**Employment by Occupation (people)**

**Occupational structure 2019:**

- **39%** Higher level occupations
- **33%** Mid-level occupations
- **28%** Lower level occupations

**Skills Shortages and Gaps**

- **The percentage of skills shortage vacancies and skills gaps in the Tayside region are:**
  - **Skills Shortage Vacancies**
    - Tayside: 24%
    - 1.0 ppt increase from 2015
    - Compared to Scotland: 24%
  - **Skills Gaps**
    - Tayside: 5.5%
    - -0.7 ppt change from 2015
    - Compared to Scotland: 5.0%

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*As with all forecasts, certain caveats need to be applied. They are based on what we know now and include past and present trends projected into the future. Their value is in identifying likely directions of travel rather than predicting exact figures. It is recommended therefore that users examine trends over time rather than focusing on changes in individual years. Finally, the more disaggregated they become, especially at smaller geographical units, the less reliable they are likely to be.*

1 GVA is the measure of the value of goods and services produced within the economy. Forecasts by Oxford Economics (unless otherwise stated).
2 Measured by total number of jobs.
3 Higher level occupations are defined as Managers, directors & senior officials, Professional occupations, and Associate professional & technical occupations; Mid level occupations defined as Administrative & secretarial occupations, Skilled trades occupations, Caring, leisure and other service occupations; and Lower level occupations defined as Sales & customer service occupations, Process, plant & machine operatives, Elementary occupations. Data shown is workplace based.
4 Source: Employer Skills Survey 2017 & 6 Basel: All establishments with vacancies (only 2017 shown). Skill-shortage vacancies as a proportion of all vacancies. This may be due to a lack of skills, qualifications or experience amongst applicants.
5 Base: All establishments (only 2017 shown). Skills gaps: the proportion of the workforce lacking full proficiency.
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**Future Supply**

**Population 2016-2041**

- Total population: up by 8% or 12,000 people
- Working age population (16-64): down by 4% or 3,700 people

**Forecast change:**
- Perth and Kinross: 8%
- Scotland: 5%
- United Kingdom: 11%

**Future Job Openings**

From 2019 to 2029 there will be a requirement for:
- 800 people: Expansion Demand
- 16,200 people: Replacement Demand
- 17,000 people to fill Job Openings

**Occupational structure 2029:**

- 35% Higher level occupations
- 18% Mid-level occupations
- 46% Lower level occupations

**Future Demand for Skills**

From 2019-2029, Total Employment:

- up by 1% or 1,000 jobs

**Forecast average annual change:**
- Perth and Kinross: 0.1%
- Scotland: 0.3%
- United Kingdom: 0.5%

**Top 3 employing sectors in 2029 are forecast to be:**

- Wholesale & retail (10,400 jobs)
- Human health & social work (8,800 jobs)
- Accommodation & food services (7,700 jobs)

**From 2019 to 2029**

The largest employment growth is forecast in:

- Admin & support services (11%)
- Arts, entertainment & recreation (10%)
- Professional, scientific & technical (10%)

The largest employment decreases are forecast in:

- Mining & quarrying (-28%)
- Manufacturing (-15%)
- Public admin. & defence (-11%)

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8 Source: National Records of Scotland
9 Expansion demand is the measure of an increase/decrease in jobs, as a result of economic growth or contraction; replacement demand is the number of job openings generated through labour market churn (i.e. those who retire, move away, or change jobs). N.B. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100 and as a result totals may not equal the sum of the constituent parts.