

Recruitment Activity Report | June 2021

RECOVERING TO PRE-COVID LEVELS

The Recruitment Activity Report provides Recruiters with a brief insight into the average activity of the top sectors Simplicity has funded during this month and how it compares to the previous month's activity.

Overall Activity

Overall activity in June has seen a positive increase of 3.96%. Despite the confidence in the recovery of the economy, business owners are struggling to hire staff. Following the announcement that the last stage of lockdown restrictions will be postponed by four weeks to July, it will be interesting to see how the activity will be affected in the upcoming month.

Despite staff shortages and project delays, the **Construction** sector has continued to rise in activity this month by **13.11%**. The BBC's Housing Briefing estimates that the UK has built 1.2m fewer homes than it should have. Therefore, the demand and the need for more homes continues to rise. In addition, national Statistics data for construction indicates more job vacancies in the sector than in the last 20 years.

The **Industrial** sector has seen another significant rise this month of **8.21%**. The sector has experienced the most substantial growth on record in June but expects to raise its prices at the fastest pace in nearly 40 years due to material shortages. With this in mind, it will be interesting to see what effect this will have on the sector in the upcoming months.

The **Driving** sector has seen an increase this month of **8.65%**. Although the sector is dealing with a shortage of drivers due to Brexit, some companies are benefiting from the UK leaving the EU. For example, a UK Logistic provider reported a rise in overseas enquiries to import and store goods.

The **Healthcare** sector has seen an increase this month by **7.13%**. With the vaccine programme on its final push, more than one million job appointments were booked since becoming open for every adult in England. The UK Government recently backed a £64 million funding plan to strengthen clinical research. Alongside this, the Government has also announced a multimillion-pound investment to fund programmes supporting the UK in becoming a robust setting for developing and deploying AI technologies. It will be interesting to see how the industry responds to the funding boost.

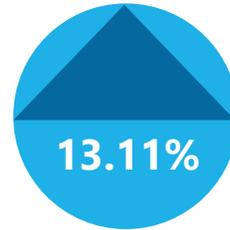
The **Commercial** sector has increased this month by **5.84%**. The Guardian's latest economic development report indicates the country is on course for a short-term growth boom this summer. Retail sales surged above pre-pandemic levels, driving a sharp rise in consumer spending to begin repairing the damage from the worst recession in 300 years.

The **IT** and **Engineering** sectors have shown a decrease this month of **0.07%** for IT and **4.81%** for Engineering. Multiple universities have joined forces on a £13m plan to create the highly advanced workforce needed to lead the digital revolution – otherwise known as Industry 4.0.s, working on many projects to support the UK's journey to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. A new overview of the UK's immersive technology has emphasised the potential for rapid growth and investment in the sector. We think this will be a sector to keep an eye on through the upcoming months.

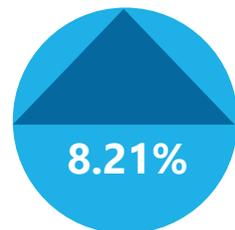
Education saw a decrease by **-23.11%** off the back of the school holidays. With the number of pupils off school because of Covid-19 tripling this month, teachers' demand may be more sparse than in previous months. However, we predict that this sector will continue to balance out and drastically drop during the summer holidays.



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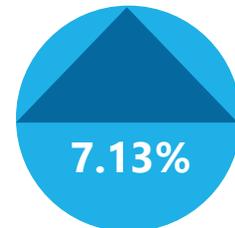
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