



What occupations are most prevalent in rural England?

In the first quarter of 2006, the principal occupation for those in employed in rural areas was Manager and Senior Officials, which equates to 14.7% (723 thousand) of the rural based workforce.

Occupation	Rural	Mixed	Urban	England
Managers and Senior Officials	723,300 14.7%	973,300 14.7%	1,908,100 16.0%	3,604,800 15.4%
Skilled Trades Occupations	672,500 13.7%	716,600 10.8%	1,162,100 9.7%	2,551,200 10.9%
Elementary	633,900 12.9%	788,500 11.9%	1,213,100 10.2%	2,635,500 11.2%
Associate Professional and Technical	595,400 12.1%	899,000 13.6%	1,869,900 15.7%	3,364,400 14.3%
Professional	545,400 11.1%	845,300 12.8%	1,617,400 13.5%	3,008,100 12.8%
Administrative and Secretarial	546,500 11.1%	823,700 12.5%	1,586,700 13.3%	2,956,900 12.6%
Personal Service	432,700 8.8%	516,900 7.8%	885,800 7.4%	1,835,500 7.8%
Sales and Customer Service	344,700 7.0%	536,400 8.1%	898,400 7.5%	1,779,500 7.6%
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	431,200 8.8%	508,300 7.7%	801,200 6.7%	1,740,700 7.4%

Source: ONS, 2006. Annual Population Survey – workplace analysis¹

¹ A workplace based labour market survey updated quarterly. The workplace analysis records a job at the location of an employees workplace

For more information about the 2005 Defra Classification of Local Authority Districts and Unitary Authorities in England:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/ruralstats/rural-definition.htm>

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