



What is the main industry of employment in rural England?

In the first quarter of 2006, the Public Administration, Education and Health sector was most dominant in rural England employing 26.6% (1.3 million) of the rural based workforce.

Industry	Rural	Mixed	Urban	England
Public Admin, Education and Health	1,308,900	1,856,200	3,452,500	6,617,600
	26.6%	28.1%	28.9%	28.2%
Distribution, Hotels and Restaurants	1,007,800	1,364,400	2,154,700	4,526,900
	20.5%	20.6%	18.0%	19.3%
Manufacturing	723,500	1,002,500	1,385,400	3,111,400
	14.7%	15.2%	11.6%	13.3%
Banking, Finance and Insurance	627,300	955,800	2,276,500	3,859,600
	12.7%	14.5%	19.1%	16.4%
Construction	443,500	505,400	891,400	1,840,300
	9.0%	7.6%	7.5%	7.8%
Other Services	325,000	335,700	775,600	1,436,300
	6.6%	5.1%	6.5%	6.1%
Transport and Communication	285,700	476,500	881,600	1,643,800
	5.8%	7.2%	7.4%	7.0%
Agriculture and Fishing	160,500	59,300	44,400	264,200
	3.3%	0.9%	0.4%	1.1%
Energy and Water	41,200	51,500	80,900	173,600
	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%

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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