

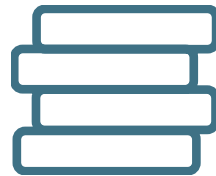
Logistics Sector

What is the Logistics Sector?

The logistics sector has seen big growth in recent years as the public shift towards online shopping. Workers in the sector ensure that products and materials arrive safely on-time.



Average annual salary
£29,312



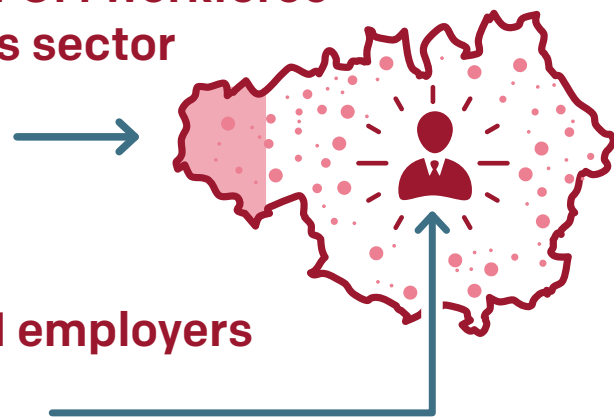
Percentage of GM workforce working in this sector

6.7%

(83,000 employed)

Approximate number of GM employers

6,125



Who might you work for?

- [Amazon](#)
- [Kuehne-Nagel](#)
- [ASDA](#)
- [Cardinal](#)
- [GDO](#)
- [DHL](#)
- [Manchester Airport Group \(MAG\)](#)
- [Biffa](#)
- [Culina](#)
- [Bidfood](#)
- [Dunsters Farm](#)



Soft skills

- Effective communication skills
- Numeracy
- Solutions driven
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Project management
- Customer service
- Adaptability

Workplace trends

- Employers in the sector often take special steps to attract female and ethnic minority workers to jobs.
- Employers often cluster in Manchester City Centre, Trafford, Rochdale, Wigan, Bolton, the [Northwest Logistics Hub](#), and [Manchester Airport](#).
- Ageing workforce and Brexit leave increasing openings for new entrants into the sector.
- There is a growing need for technical skills in the sector.
- New transport office and customs office roles due to regulatory changes post Brexit.



Roles that GM employers are currently recruiting for

- Transport Manager
- Transport Clerk
- Supply Chain Manager
- Quality Manager
- Customs Officer / Freight Agent
- Warehouse Supervisor
- Customer Service Representative
- Fork-Lift Truck Driver
- HGV Driver
- Van Driver
- HGV Examiner
- Mechatronics Specialist
- Artificial Intelligence Engineer

Shortage and in demand roles

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Types of qualifications

Colleges often offer entry level (L1-2) warehouse courses.

A range of relevant [Apprenticeships](#) at level 2-6.

[Employer's training academies](#).

[Industry recognised qualifications through the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport](#).

What do I need to start my career?

There are a rising number of apprenticeships available to move into the sector.

Traineeships.

'Warehouse to Wheels' entry schemes.

Retraining from other sectors, often through schemes like Skills Bootcamps.

Sector's own graduate recruit schemes.

What does the future hold for this sector?

- Digitisation – using software and more advanced technology to manage inventory, shipping, and freight.
- eCommerce is rising at pace. This is increasing demand for logistics enterprises to improve lead times and increase warehouse functionality.
- Advanced Technology, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics is often seen as the future.



Want to know more? – You can [search Apprenticeships in the industry online](#).

