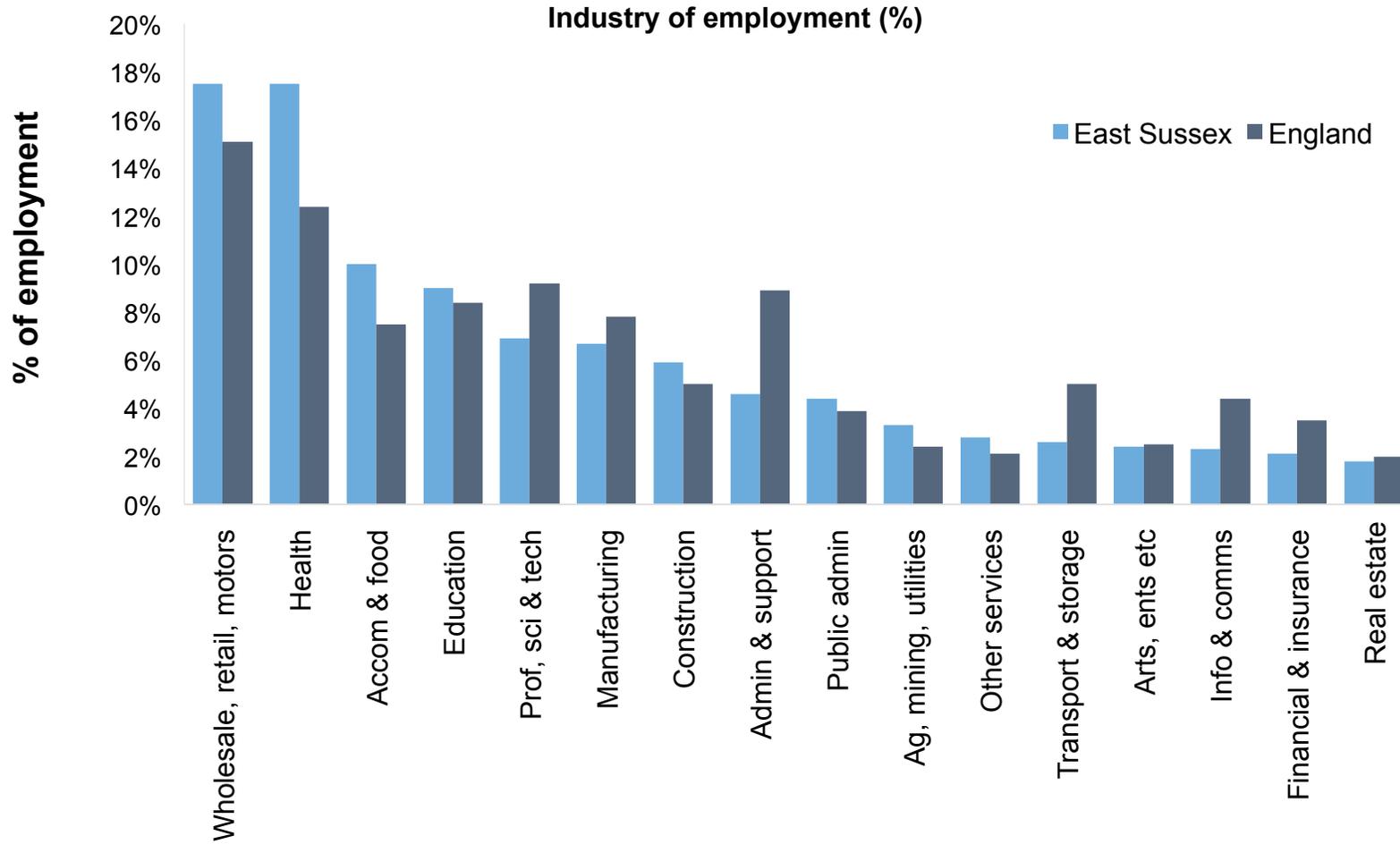


Employment structure in East Sussex



East Sussex Overview (2018)

- Population of 557,000
- 181,500 employed with average wages of £26,000. This is £3,000 below the national average wage
- From 2013-2018 jobs increased by 7% which is 3% below national growth rate.
- East Sussex has 83,000 millennials which is 35,000 fewer than an area for this size
- Retirement risk is high with 260,000 over the age of 55.
- Top 3 industries are Hospital, Primary and Retail sale.
- Top 3 growing industries are Construction, Professional Scientific and Technical, and Human Health.
- Top 3 jobs with highest vacancies **Dec 2019 – Dec 2020** included Nurses, Care Workers, Primary and Nursery professionals

Impact of Covid-19 in East Sussex

The East Sussex County Council continues to lead the regional response to the pandemic. Members of the Skills East Sussex Board and six Sector Task Groups contributed to the East Sussex recovery plan – “East Sussex Reset-Recovery as opportunity”. The plan contains the following objectives related to employment and skills, and a detailed action plan:

- *To address high unemployment among young people, we will promote job placements, apprenticeships and traineeships through employer incentive schemes and local networks.*
- *Plan work academies to help young people into employment, and help businesses aid their recovery and growth.*
- *The Careers Hub will support the development of young people’s employability skills, including virtual employer encounters or workplace experiences, and parental engagement.*
- *An East Sussex website providing up-to-date information on job vacancies, career choices and learning opportunities for adults and young people seeking employment.*



Key Impacts of Covid-19 in East Sussex

- There are 19,680 unemployed claimants of Universal credit and JSA in Nov 2020, a rise of 115% since March 2020
- 1 in 9 young people (4,045 – 11.0% of all young people aged 18-24) in the county are now claiming JSA or UC because they are unemployed, an increase of 144% since November 2019
- 48,208 people are claiming Universal Credit (15.2% of working age people), up by 1,084 since October 2020, 37% of whom are ‘Searching for work’.