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THE RETAIL SECTOR

Retail is the largest private sector employer in the UK – that's big business!

The industry relies heavily on young people who often work in shops as students before moving on to other careers. However, retail as a career in itself offers fast promotion opportunities, good financial rewards and diverse roles including buying, merchandising and managerial positions.

Sheffield is home to Yorkshire's largest shopping centre, Meadowhall. With more than 400,000 visitors per week and 290 stores selling top independent and international brands, it ranks as the tenth largest shopping centre in the UK.

Hours are usually outside of the Monday to Friday 9-5 more common in office work, but this brings flexibility to fit work around outside interest of other commitments.

The sector employs approximately 57,600 people and has an output of £1.6 billion in South Yorkshire - Sheffield is home to many high street chains, as well as 100s of small independent shops.

Around half of the retail workforce are employed in sales and customer service, with management being the second largest group.



ROUTES INTO EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR

- Apprenticeships
- Degree Apprenticeships
- Graduate Programmes
- Part time work

USEFUL SKILLS

- Teamwork
- Listening
- Speaking
- Problem Solving
- Flexibility
- Customer Service

For more information on the essential skills required for work, visit www.skillsbuilder.org

USEFUL SUBJECTS

- English
- Maths
- Design
- Business Administration
- ICT



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ABOUT TODAY'S EXHIBITORS

IKEA

Founded by Ingvar Kamprad in 1943 as a tiny Swedish mail-order catalogue business, today IKEA is a global home furnishing brand that lives in the hearts of the many people. Our culture is built upon enthusiasm, togetherness and a “get-it-done” attitude. We’re optimists, constantly looking for new and better ways to do things, from how to design a rocking chair that fits into a flat-pack, to creating LED light bulbs that are affordable to everyone. Our vision is to create a better everyday life for the many people – for customers, our co-workers and the people who work at our suppliers.

JOHN LEWIS / WAITROSE

The John Lewis Partnership is the UK’s largest employee owned business and parent company of our two cherished retail brands - John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, owned in Trust by over 78,000 Partners.

The Partnership vision is enshrined in our Constitution which is based on clear and enduring principles that set out our responsibilities to each other, those we do business with, and to the wider community. Our Ethics and Sustainability strategy focuses on areas that matter most to Partners and customers; namely to promote the health of our planet and contribute positively to the communities in which we operate.

TYPES OF JOBS AVAILABLE

- Retail Buyer
- Sales Assistant
- Visual Merchandiser
- Retail Manager
- Customer Service Assistant
- Back Office Roles
- Window Dresser
- Advertising

EMPLOYERS IN THIS SECTOR

- John Lewis
- Waitrose
- IKEA
- Meadowhall
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- Atkinsons
- Moor Markets
- Independant Retailers

MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SECTOR

<https://www.jlpjobs.com/>

<https://en-jobs.about.ikea.com/>

<https://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/media/library.html>

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-categories/retail-and-sales>

<https://www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk/>

<http://nsaforretail.com/>

<https://www.retailchoice.com/>



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