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Creating Jobs and Supporting Young People to Develop New Skills through Local Enterprise Partnerships

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- Largest LEP nationally – population of 5m by 2039
- Set up by government to make investments to drive growth
- Covers Essex, Kent, East Sussex, Medway, Southend and Thurrock
- Home to 8 ports, 2 airports and high speed rail links

South East Local Enterprise Partnership

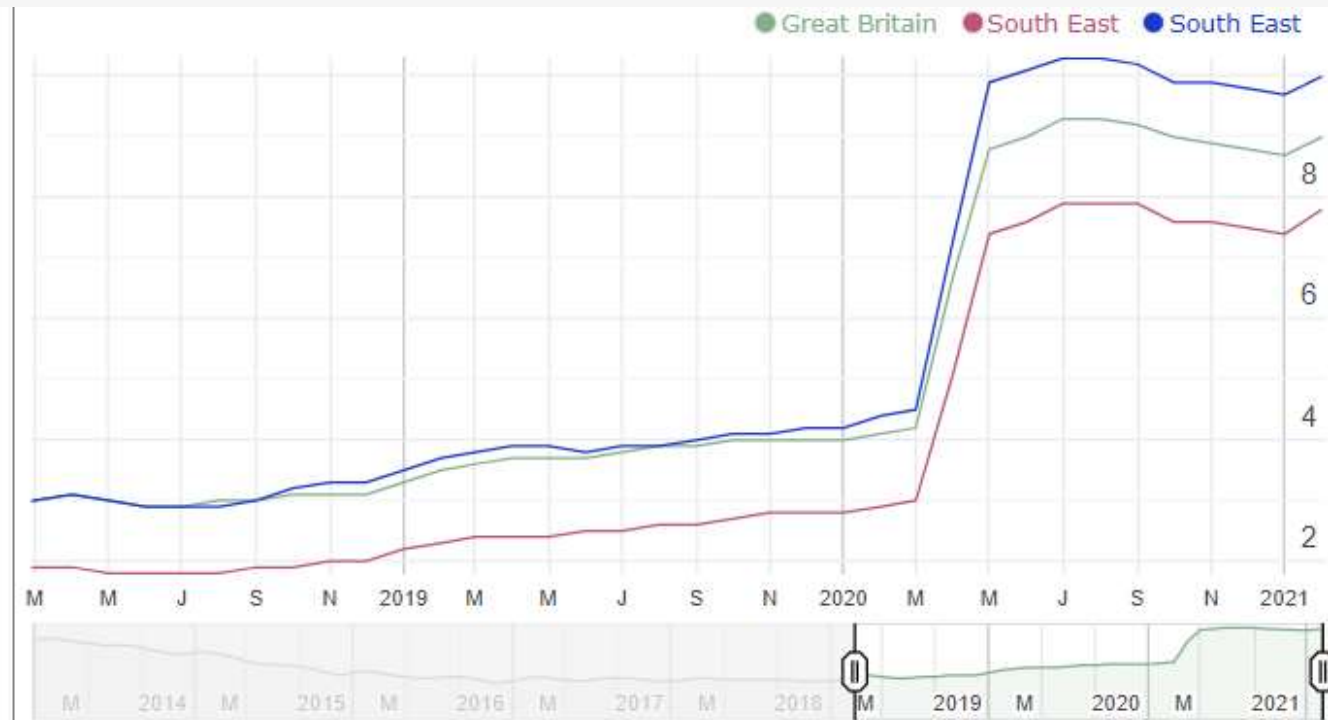




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The picture in our area

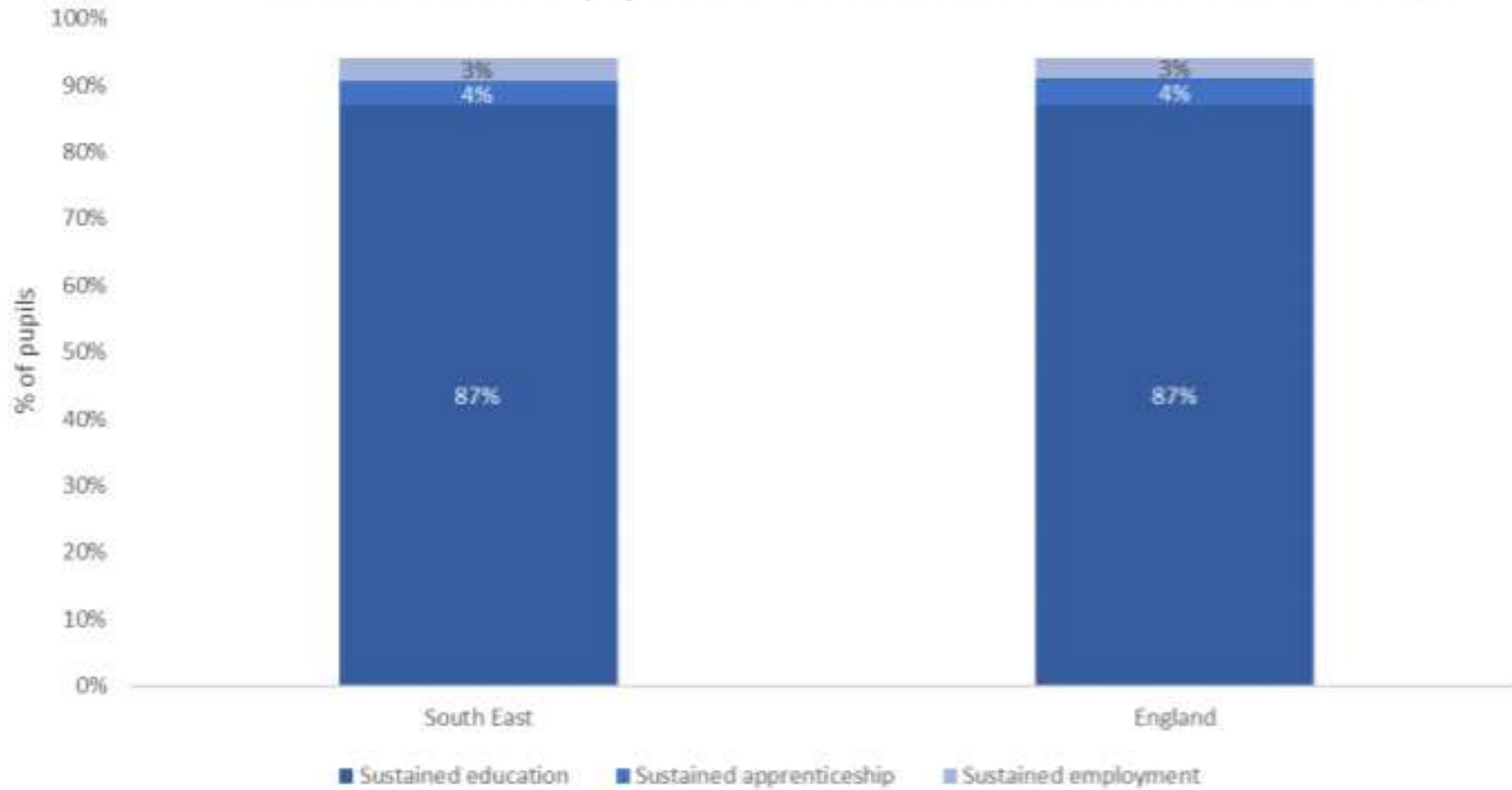
- Nearly 32,000 (10%) 18-24 year olds are claiming out of work benefits as of February 2021 compared to 13,485 (4%) in February 2020





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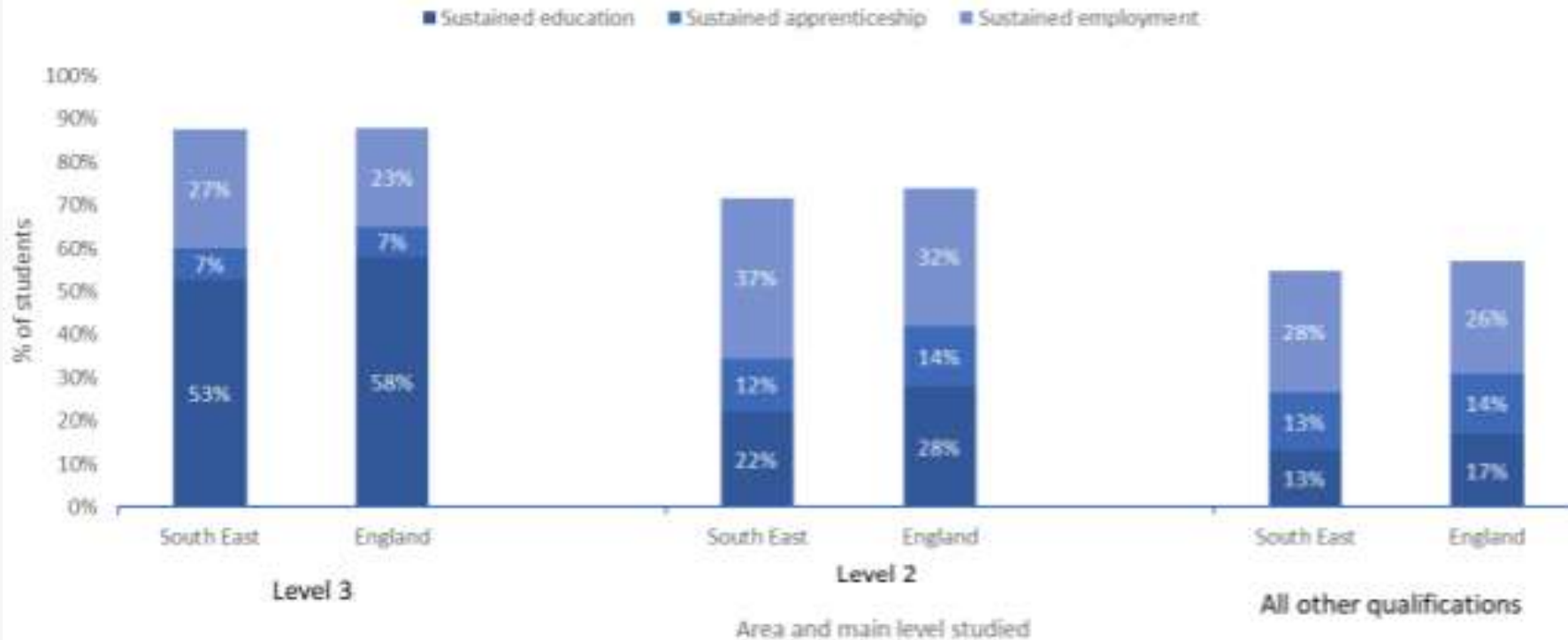
Destinations of KS4 pupils from state-funded mainstream schools - 2018/19





The picture in our area

Destinations after 16-18 by main level studied (state-funded mainstream schools and colleges), 2018/19





Skills Advisory Panel

- **Employer led** SAP reflective of growth sectors and geography
- Funding from DfE for regular analysis and research to inform the SAP
- Chaired by Helen Clements of Morgan Sindall – sits on main MPG group
- Includes FE and HE representation





- Reports for Department for Education
- Includes case studies, progress, action plan, forward look and data
- Feeds into National Skills & Productivity Board and central government
- Referenced in the Skills for Jobs FE White Paper
- Soon to be available for all geographies – on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk)

Skills Report for DfE

A screenshot of a webpage from the Department for Education. The page title is "Guidance: List of Skills Advisory Panels and local skills reports", updated on 8 April 2021. The page features a navigation menu on the left with links to various regions: North East, North West, Yorkshire and The Humber, East Midlands, West Midlands, East, Greater London Authority, South East, and South West. There is a "Print this page" button. The main content area lists "North East" and "North East LEP" with links to their websites and notes that local skills reports are to be published. Below this, "Tees Valley" and "North West" are also listed with similar information. A search bar at the top right contains the text "Find out more about Skills Advisory Panels".



South East LEP Skills Report

Published at

<https://www.southeastskills.org.uk/labour-market-information/sap-sector-factsheets/>

<https://www.southeastlep.com/our-delivery/skills/skills-advisory-panel/>

- Executive Summary and launch coming soon!
- Includes section on major projects and planned research into skills needs



Key challenges identified in Skills Report

2018-2022 Strategy headline	Still a challenge / priority?
Skills levels below the national average at levels 2-4	YES
210,000 people with no qualifications	YES – still 201,400
Nearly 68,000 people on out of work benefits	YES – now 155,000
163,000 workless households	YES – still 155,400
Workplace earnings below national average / neighbouring LEPs	YES – still significantly below
Some of the most deprived and most wealthy areas nationally	YES
Fluctuating apprenticeship numbers and short-term decline	YES
Declining adult participation in further education	YES
High levels of out commuting to London / surrounding areas	Possible area of change
Shortage of Tutors	YES



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Progress to date

- **£69m+** capital investment in facilities to ensure responsive to industry need
- **£80m** European Social funding supporting people into and in work
- **LEP Evidence and research** available to educators for bids and to ensure industry relevant delivery
- **Tutor Bursary** and awareness campaign
- **Digital Skills Partnership** underway





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Digital Skills Partnership

Shifting the balance

Closing the gender gap in
computing education

Thursday 25 March
9.30am to 4pm

Free virtual conference for primary and secondary
teachers with influential speakers, engaging
workshops and practical solutions to close the gap



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Organised by NCCE Teach Computing school hubs



- biased?
- How sexist is the Computing curriculum?
- At which point are girls 'turned off' technology?
- How do you fight the nerd culture?

Hear insights from our panel of influential speakers from industry and education.



Tess Foster
BBC Own It



Louise Hays
Manchester Metropolitan
University



Katherine Childs
Raspberry Pi



Charlene Hunter
Coding Black Females

Teachers will leave with a clear picture of the national issue that is faced, an understanding of how their perceptions and leadership are crucial to the solution, along with a heap of practical solutions to take away and put into place.

Book tickets through Eventbrite here

For more info visit www.schoolscomputing.co.uk/shiftingthebalance21

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- New Call for Tender to respond to current challenges
- Specifically focused on young people
- £2 million total pot
- To help prepare young people for opportunities in sectors such as care, health, digital, logistics, education hospitality and visitor, construction and engineering
- To include wrap around support – e.g. Mental health, financial well-being

Call for Tender

Pathways to opportunity for young people – OC30S21P1822

Call to run a project to support under 25-year olds who are NEET to be prepared for various local opportunities locally, and to provide the wrap around support required.

From: [Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Department for Work and Pensions, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, and Rural Payments Agency](#)
Published: 1 March 2021

Fund state: [Open](#)
Type: [Access to employment](#)
Location: [South East](#)
Funding source: [European Social Fund](#)
Closing date: [24 May 2021](#)

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South East Skills website now live!

- New website to house labour market information, courses, partner resources and updates
- Bringing together the resources, partners and information for the LEP's Skills Advisory Panel and Digital Skills Partnership
- www.southeastskills.org.uk



Major Projects





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Includes local apprenticeship videos



Medway NHS Foundation Trust



BT – Consider an Apprenticeship



University of Brighton



University of Greenwich



Sussex Chamber of Commerce



South Essex College



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Apprenticeships

You're Hired

Make apprenticeships work for you

Essex AAN Case Studies

Transport & Logistics Construction Administration, Manufacturing & Engineering Digital, IT & Creative Health & Social Care Retail & Professional Services

Employers report that apprenticeship programmes develop skills relevant to the organisation and improve productivity. They are vital for feeding economic growth as well as providing long-term opportunities across our geography and we're pleased to support them.

As the ESFA co-ordinator for apprentice and employer ambassador networks in the East of England, I'd like to happily point you to dozens of Essex-based individuals who are having career opportunities they never imagined and business owners and line managers' great success.

Transport & Logistics

London Gateway Rules the Waves

Navigating their apprenticeship experience

Executive summary: Here a transport and logistics company shares apprentices of the foundation of support for a world leading port.

The apprenticeship programme is giving us exactly what we set out for: an experienced, mature individual that has been moulded to be the kind of technician that we would like to see at London Gateway!

Construction

Through The Roof

How the head of client services is using her past involvement with apprentices to re-shape this business

Apprenticeships get on the first rung of the ladder.

It's an interesting evening you've created such a buzz for a young person on the first steps of their career!

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National Apprenticeship Week 2021 - SELLP Panel Discussion and Q&A

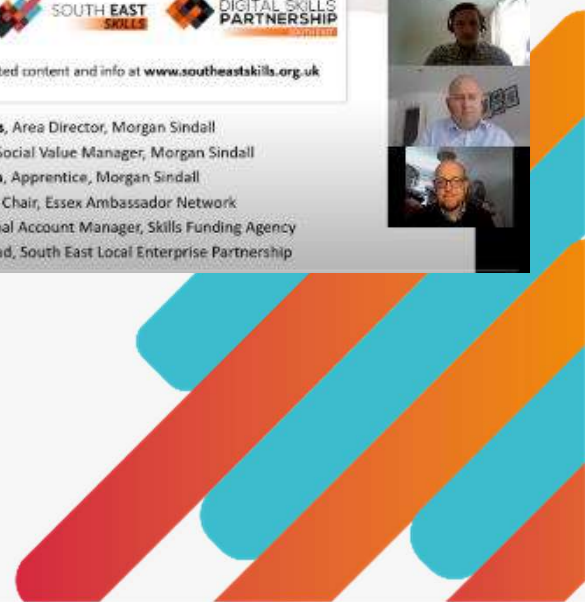
Welcome to South East LEP's Apprenticeship Event

National Apprenticeship Week 2021

See more Apprenticeship-related content and info at www.southeastskills.org.uk

Chris Travers, Area Director, Morgan Sindall
Helen Clements, Social Value Manager, Morgan Sindall
Jasper Lee, Apprentice, Morgan Sindall
Adele Carnera, Chair, Essex Ambassador Network
Monique Lavers, National Account Manager, Skills Funding Agency
Louise Aitken, Skills Lead, South East Local Enterprise Partnership

MORE VIDEOS





Includes local labour market information



Economy Overview

184,415

Population (2019)

Population grew by 6,048 over the last 5 years and is projected to grow by 6,674 over the next 5 years.

65,304

Total Regional Employment

Jobs grew by 352 over the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 826 over the next 5 years.

£26.6k

Avg. Wages Per Job (2019)

Regional average wages per job are £3.4k below the national average wages of £30.0k per job.

Takeaways

- As of 2019 the region's population increased by 3.4% since 2014, growing by 6,048. Population is expected to increase by 3.6% between 2019 and 2024, adding 6,674.
- From 2014 to 2019, jobs increased by 0.5% in Southend-on-Sea from 64,952 to 65,304. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 7.7% by 7.2%.
- Concerning educational attainment, 22.0% of Southend-on-Sea residents possess a Degree or Equivalent and Above - SCQF L9 (7.7% below the national average), and 6.5% hold a Higher Education Below Degree Level - SCQF L7-8 (1.9% below the national average).
- The top three industries in 2019 are Hospital activities, Restaurants and mobile food service activities, and Primary education.

	Population (2019)	Jobs (2019)	GVA	Imports	Exports
Region	184,415	65,304	£2.39b	£5.25b	£3.19b
LEP - South East (revised) (2015)	4,276,346	1,622,411	£65.41b	£123.10b	£72.42b
Nation	68,949,188	30,886,757	£1.30t	£1.83t	£1.06t

2019 Labour Force Breakdown



	Population
Total Working Age Population (16-64)	132,494
Not in Labour Force	22,217
Labour Force	90,178
Employed	86,680
Unemployed	3,498
Under 16	35,815
Over 64	36,105

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	% of Population	Population
No Qualifications (NVQ)	7.2%	8,089
Other Qualifications (NVQ)	7.8%	8,672
NVQ 1 - SCQF L4	16.0%	17,900
NVQ 2 - SCQF L5	19.6%	21,861
Trade Apprenticeships	2.9%	3,257
NVQ 3 - SCQF L6	18.0%	20,085
Higher Education Below Degree Level - SCQF L7-8	6.5%	7,298
Degree or Equivalent and Above - SCQF L9	22.0%	24,575



Building on existing work

- Working with government funding such as the Kickstart programme
- Encouraging more employers to become STEM Ambassadors, Enterprise Advisers and Governors
- Work with organisations such as Career Ready, <https://www.classofyourown.com/>, Go Construct, YMCA, Princes Trust
- Work closely with our 14 colleges, 9 universities, local authorities and CEC network
- ESF projects supporting young people, including Thurrock on Track and NEET Programmes



Virtual Skills Festival – mid October

- To showcase growth and opportunities across the sectors, particularly major projects
- For adults and young people – 2 sessions
- Presentations in the main auditorium with the option to visit stands
- **Proposed mid October 2021**
- Marketing to commence soon
- Exploring aspects such as student work on display in parts of the virtual venue – and as a competition to build awareness

SELEP Virtual Skills festival





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