

COVID-19 and Employment Changes in Wales

1,452,100

Welsh workforce in 2019

Pre-pandemic

Employment rate

(Quarter 1, 2020)



2 percentage points lower than UK average

In relative income poverty

(2016/17-2018/19)



1 percentage point higher than UK average

Key workers

(2019)



5 percentage points higher than UK average¹

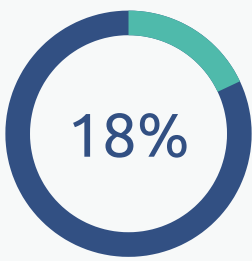
Ability to work from home

(2019)

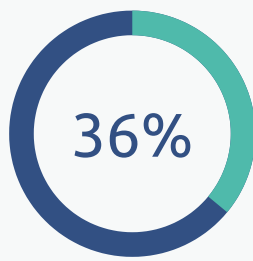


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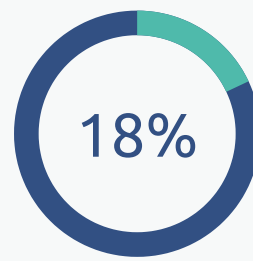
Shutdown sectors



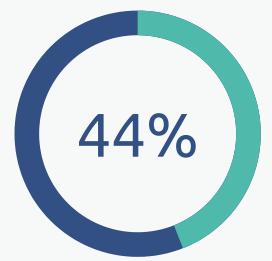
Of total workforce work in shutdown sectors



Of young people (<25) work in shutdown sectors



Of female employees work in shutdown sectors¹



Of Bangladeshi employees work in shutdown sectors

Impact in 2020

16,000

Redundancies in the three months to November 2020

Workers in precarious jobs **11x** more likely to experience unemployment

71% increase in people on Universal Credit from March to July 2020²

316,500 Workers furloughed as of May 2020

Most affected sectors



Future impacts

- Risk of economic scarring
- Acceleration of digitalisation
- Risk of more precarious work
- Need for re-skilling or retraining amongst workers in hardest hit sectors
- More flexible work patterns
- Increased demand in some sectors

