

Talent



England's most beautiful county attracts people and businesses looking for the optimum balance of future opportunity, stunning environment and exceptional lifestyle. Invest Somerset provides a seamless one-stop shop approach to facilitate more jobs and investment by working closely with potential new and existing businesses.



Talent in Somerset

The future skills pipeline that your business needs and a location that attracts talent because of our extraordinary environment.

Somerset has the talent and skills to drive future business growth across a wide range of industries. Not only do we have a strong pipeline of quality people, we have the lifestyle assets to attract future talent.

School results in Somerset regularly out-perform the national average, with outstanding schools including some of the leading independent schools in the country such as Wellington, Millfield and Wells Cathedral School.



The new **University Centre for Somerset** blends real world experiences with academic rigour, offering learning opportunities that are focussed on local skill requirements. Degree courses are validated by some of the UK's most prestigious universities, including Plymouth University, Oxford Brookes, University of the West of England and the Open University.

Taunton and Bridgwater College is located in the heart of Somerset, with main centres in Bridgwater, Taunton and Cannington. The College has an excellent reputation as a highly successful provider of education and training. New facilities include a state-of-the-art Construction & Civil Engineering building; Health & Early Years Hub; and T Level Centre of Digital Technologies.



Yeovil College has served the community for 130 years. Businesses in advanced manufacturing, aerospace, health & science, creative industries, technology and transport have all been actively involved in shaping the curriculum to create courses that provide skills that local employers need. **Yeovil College University Centre** is a University of Plymouth Partner College that is focused on offering quality higher education to the people of South Somerset and the surrounding community.

115,000 University Students within 30 Miles

Somerset's location puts it on the doorstep of more than 115,000 students in Bristol, Bath and Exeter, giving employers access to a huge pool of graduates from world class universities.

Institution	Students
University of Bristol	20,311
University of Bath	19,926
Bath Spa University	8,450
University of West England	36,716
University of Exeter	30,012

Somerset is active in a number of skills partnerships across the region that bring together the public, private and third sector to tackle the digital skills divide. The **Digital Skills Partnership** creates solutions for digital training for young people, those outside of the workforce, work returners and employees looking to retrain.

High Quality of Life Attracts High Quality Talent

Our local talent pool is constantly enhanced by people being attracted to the region, with the South West consistently recording the highest rate of net-migration from elsewhere in the UK. Somerset is a place where employers like to recruit and employees love to live.