



CONTINUED RECOVERY TOWARDS SPRING 2021

- This data includes the full 12 months of January to December 2020. The recently announced lockdown on 04/01/21 will not show in these data.
- The job market overall for the year 2020 was clearly impacted by the first lockdown announced in March 2020 although since then has shown signs of a steady recovery. The last complete month, December, shows an expected drop on November numbers (typical with a reduction in recruitment activity over the festive period, also seen in applications per vacancy), however looking year on year, the job market overall has continued the rate of recovery seen in prior months (page 8).
- The Retail sector saw a surge in jobs posted in December, compared to November and was even up on last year (+89%). This was despite many areas of the country moving to Tier 4 in late December although it is likely most of the jobs posted would have been done so in the first few weeks of December, before Tier 4 restrictions came into effect. The expectation of a late surge in high street activity was the likely reason behind this.
- Transport & Logistics job postings were down for the second consecutive month although still remains one of the most in-demand sectors. October was a peak month, with a recruitment drive aiming to cater for the festive period in full swing. By December, most companies could have filled their positions, hence a drop in jobs posted for subsequent months. Jobs posted in this sector were down 19% year on year, indicating that the recruitment drive did start earlier than last year.
- The Banking sector has shown several months of consecutive growth and is up, posting nearly twice as many jobs this December, compared to last year (+176%), as is Customer Service. It could be the case that many companies that put recruitment on hold during 2019 were starting to understand their needs and could not hold off any longer. These are two sectors that would have an increase in demand, following personal and business financial pressures and the increase in online consumer activity.



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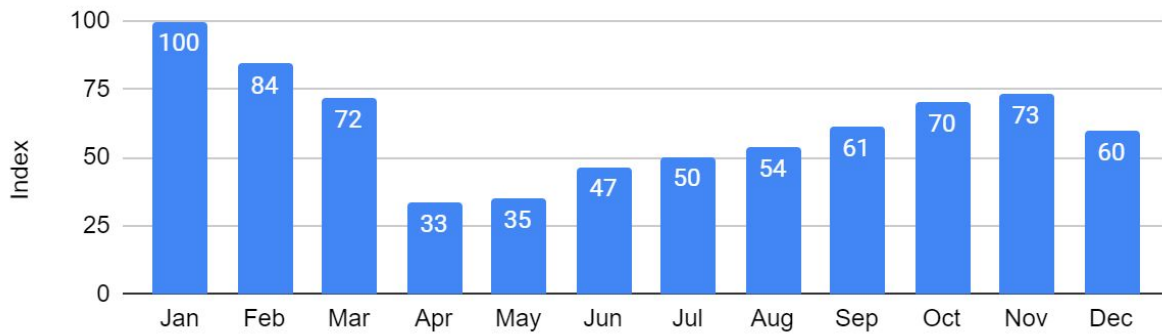
- Each month the Keep Britain Working Index tracks the number of job opportunities, salaries on offer and applications per job against a baseline of 100 set in January 2020.
- The monthly report uses the most recent job data, available up until the last complete month.
- The Index is based on data from the UK's largest job board, [reed.co.uk](https://www.reed.co.uk), which everyday lists over 100,000 job opportunities from 10,000 recruiters across 37 career sectors throughout the UK.
- The Index is compiled by data drawn from online job vacancies and jobseeker activity on [reed.co.uk](https://www.reed.co.uk).
- [reed.co.uk](https://www.reed.co.uk) is part of REED Global, the international recruitment group of companies
- All data is for Permanent roles advertised on [reed.co.uk](https://www.reed.co.uk).
- How to read the data - an index of 94 shows that the data for the month in question is 6% down on the baseline month (January 2020, index = 100).



Job index

Jobs posted

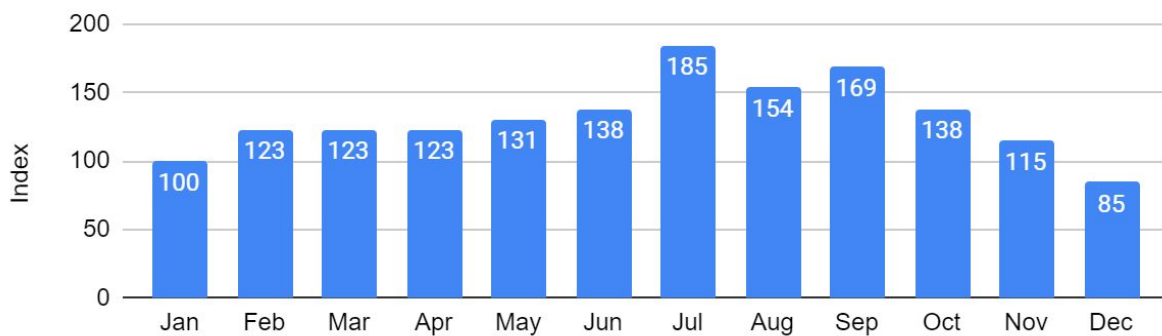
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Applications Index

Applications per vacancy

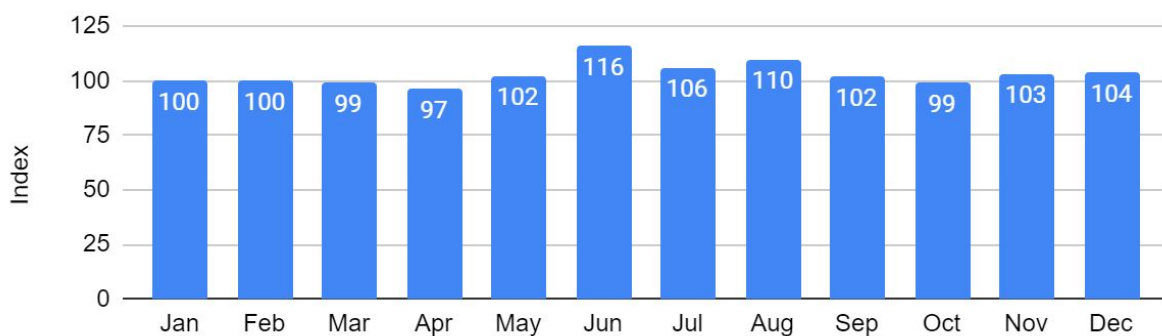
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Salary index

Average Salary per job

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Index 100 = £34,388 (Jan'20)



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Job Count by Sector

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last 2 months % change
Accountancy	100	87	63	17	18	27	33	32	42	46	43	33	-22%
Accountancy..Qualified.	100	81	66	23	24	30	41	39	53	63	66	56	-15%
Admin..Secretarial...PA	100	89	56	11	10	15	22	24	33	37	40	31	-22%
Apprenticeships	100	105	89	27	30	59	54	43	66	66	58	39	-33%
Banking	100	94	67	32	35	45	79	78	66	178	166	185	11%
Charity...Voluntary	100	79	51	14	17	24	365	244	101	90	95	76	-20%
Construction...Property	100	90	70	19	22	34	53	64	75	77	72	52	-27%
Customer.Service	100	82	58	13	27	25	28	30	46	55	94	143	52%
Education	100	90	91	49	56	62	67	45	94	95	90	83	-9%
Energy	100	84	63	21	20	27	48	45	55	63	74	63	-15%
Engineering	100	85	70	22	22	29	39	40	51	58	58	46	-21%
Estate.Agency	100	87	54	10	16	38	46	59	61	58	55	48	-13%
Financial.Services	100	84	63	22	22	36	43	41	56	59	57	47	-18%
FMCG	100	79	71	30	35	43	53	55	81	83	88	68	-22%
General.Insurance	100	87	72	25	22	35	42	44	56	62	64	46	-28%
Graduate.Training...Internships	100	48	71	10	12	13	13	13	20	32	36	23	-36%
Health...Medicine	100	80	104	120	75	105	75	129	73	75	81	63	-22%
Hospitality...Catering	100	84	53	13	13	11	19	27	31	28	27	14	-47%
Human.Resources	100	87	57	16	20	24	32	35	44	47	48	41	-14%
IT...Telecoms	100	80	72	33	34	43	50	49	61	71	74	60	-20%
Legal	100	89	66	17	16	22	35	38	52	63	62	49	-21%
Leisure...Tourism	100	86	93	53	79	61	96	65	113	70	144	92	-37%
Manufacturing	100	88	71	26	31	43	54	61	90	117	104	65	-37%
Marketing...PR	100	84	52	13	15	22	27	26	36	41	43	37	-13%
Media..Digital...Creative	100	84	52	12	18	20	27	26	37	43	45	41	-10%
Motoring...Automotive	100	76	53	5	28	25	33	36	60	61	37	33	-9%
Other	100	87	108	53	39	52	62	63	82	77	77	62	-19%
Purchasing	100	87	61	21	23	32	40	39	54	58	61	52	-16%
Recruitment.Consultancy	100	85	53	6	7	10	16	19	28	33	35	28	-19%
Retail	100	78	64	11	26	43	49	42	62	70	66	130	95%
Sales	100	87	56	10	11	19	26	27	37	39	40	31	-22%
Scientific	100	87	73	41	48	57	215	66	82	86	90	71	-21%
Security...Safety	100	76	69	33	39	39	47	52	68	73	74	69	-6%
Social.Care	100	82	136	188	202	287	131	217	120	123	202	106	-48%
Strategy...Consultancy	100	89	62	24	85	63	101	87	105	160	220	220	0%
Training	100	88	65	44	38	56	61	79	108	87	343	100	-71%
Transport...Logistics	100	85	95	23	35	55	87	86	125	253	176	96	-46%



Average Applications per Job by Sector

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last 2 months % change
Accountancy	100	114	111	128	207	251	296	258	247	221	182	156	-14%
Accountancy..Qualified.	100	119	122	133	214	265	277	247	238	199	169	147	-13%
Admin..Secretarial...PA	100	113	115	132	219	301	315	289	233	180	163	125	-23%
Apprenticeships	100	160	81	89	91	85	107	195	156	115	101	101	0%
Banking	100	130	118	113	191	203	186	117	127	106	55	48	-12%
Charity...Voluntary	100	111	123	147	212	215	24	41	91	107	93	71	-24%
Construction...Property	100	113	117	120	201	237	207	145	118	104	94	82	-13%
Customer.Service	100	114	112	147	222	261	299	266	220	153	139	33	-76%
Education	100	124	112	107	152	158	153	173	172	161	132	124	-6%
Energy	100	119	114	109	155	197	173	225	150	143	113	80	-29%
Engineering	100	116	114	120	185	247	244	217	196	157	131	106	-19%
Estate.Agency	100	106	111	104	208	193	339	290	239	191	160	123	-23%
Financial.Services	100	113	120	127	194	218	232	234	203	180	145	132	-9%
FMCG	100	121	120	135	205	217	244	209	177	133	101	91	-10%
General.Insurance	100	136	125	126	201	254	287	280	221	209	164	133	-19%
Graduate.Training...Internships	100	129	135	181	382	410	693	601	400	312	202	155	-23%
Health...Medicine	100	132	124	104	127	99	150	72	149	152	174	120	-31%
Hospitality...Catering	100	100	99	137	171	202	226	145	146	155	228	117	-49%
Human.Resources	100	100	103	116	173	237	221	189	176	147	135	112	-17%
IT...Telecoms	100	119	125	134	154	182	216	191	171	148	128	100	-22%
Legal	100	106	106	123	295	218	247	204	171	153	143	129	-9%
Leisure...Tourism	100	182	137	107	38	45	48	57	48	54	23	23	1%
Manufacturing	100	135	132	151	193	191	201	163	128	75	82	64	-22%
Marketing...PR	100	114	123	148	272	286	316	301	250	216	176	143	-19%
Media..Digital...Creative	100	114	124	154	232	211	279	257	208	183	158	118	-25%
Motoring...Automotive	100	112	111	128	254	221	271	303	159	126	116	76	-35%
Other	100	116	152	111	231	230	184	156	165	120	99	96	-4%
Purchasing	100	113	114	131	201	223	234	295	202	153	155	115	-26%
Recruitment.Consultancy	100	138	143	183	349	386	511	481	344	282	214	173	-19%
Retail	100	121	124	171	209	185	193	154	127	110	93	39	-58%
Sales	100	116	115	135	259	322	385	334	259	191	173	147	-15%
Scientific	100	128	105	98	110	146	49	113	144	126	99	98	-1%
Security...Safety	100	157	120	158	135	135	179	158	162	118	81	57	-30%
Social.Care	100	125	74	49	45	40	77	44	93	84	56	63	13%
Strategy...Consultancy	100	129	147	165	167	157	155	100	112	95	57	47	-19%
Training	100	97	91	108	112	174	145	104	107	88	24	39	64%
Transport...Logistics	100	187	192	248	325	342	298	200	146	69	92	70	-24%



Average Salary by Sector

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last 2 months % change
Accountancy	100	100	103	109	107	107	108	103	101	104	105	104	-1%
Accountancy..Qualified.	100	101	101	105	104	103	98	97	98	95	94	92	-2%
Admin..Secretarial...PA	100	101	102	114	120	111	105	104	105	105	111	106	-4%
Apprenticeships	100	94	104	121	93	83	135	105	102	100	101	101	0%
Banking	100	97	99	115	98	112	88	100	99	72	71	68	-5%
Charity...Voluntary	100	105	108	136	128	113	155	144	115	112	114	114	0%
Construction...Property	100	99	99	102	99	96	96	94	96	96	97	99	2%
Customer.Service	100	100	100	107	113	115	106	110	111	111	162	182	12%
Education	100	100	102	105	103	100	97	99	97	97	99	100	1%
Energy	100	102	101	107	115	123	104	108	104	102	126	104	-18%
Engineering	100	101	104	113	109	108	103	102	103	102	103	102	-1%
Estate.Agency	100	96	104	127	127	115	110	103	103	104	109	105	-3%
Financial.Services	100	99	104	125	129	118	107	106	108	102	109	108	-1%
FMCG	100	97	93	100	99	95	95	91	86	85	88	88	0%
General.Insurance	100	103	108	129	128	121	121	111	111	111	115	112	-3%
Graduate.Training...Internships	100	96	98	100	92	96	96	102	105	106	116	104	-10%
Health...Medicine	100	102	93	82	92	123	108	127	109	103	102	104	1%
Hospitality...Catering	100	100	99	100	79	123	102	111	107	108	141	110	-22%
Human.Resources	100	102	103	114	116	116	107	105	100	99	106	100	-6%
IT...Telecoms	100	97	98	103	102	102	99	100	99	97	97	96	-1%
Legal	100	98	99	127	119	114	112	111	108	108	107	102	-4%
Leisure...Tourism	100	100	102	105	110	98	111	109	108	107	103	106	3%
Manufacturing	100	101	101	106	108	97	94	92	88	90	93	96	3%
Marketing...PR	100	101	104	121	115	116	113	107	108	109	112	111	-1%
Media..Digital...Creative	100	98	102	115	109	111	107	100	102	103	103	102	-1%
Motoring...Automotive	100	99	99	97	99	102	102	102	100	105	108	113	4%
Other	100	96	99	92	105	102	109	106	103	106	114	114	0%
Purchasing	100	101	105	116	113	107	105	106	106	107	107	101	-6%
Recruitment.Consultancy	100	104	97	99	106	108	115	109	105	106	101	102	0%
Retail	100	102	103	110	114	102	121	122	115	113	117	125	7%
Sales	100	102	105	133	122	111	110	105	105	104	109	110	1%
Scientific	100	103	106	118	108	103	120	120	108	103	104	103	-1%
Security...Safety	100	106	99	110	99	102	106	107	110	107	107	111	4%
Social.Care	100	101	83	73	104	162	120	137	111	107	119	99	-17%
Strategy...Consultancy	100	97	99	116	86	96	85	81	90	77	71	72	1%
Training	100	104	101	92	106	130	99	93	96	102	96	97	1%
Transport...Logistics	100	104	98	105	107	104	102	105	103	97	101	110	9%



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Job Count by Region

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last 2 months % change
East Anglia	100	88	106	94	77	64	65	80	76	82	93	71	-23%
East Midlands	100	81	70	30	32	55	56	69	72	86	94	72	-23%
North East England	100	78	70	32	41	67	59	77	79	88	96	77	-20%
North West England	100	86	72	30	34	48	50	52	66	70	82	63	-23%
London	100	84	64	24	26	31	38	34	45	54	55	49	-11%
South East England	100	84	72	34	35	47	47	53	58	66	66	55	-18%
South West England	100	83	74	38	39	55	51	64	65	74	78	65	-16%
West Midlands Region	100	87	75	30	35	50	52	56	66	75	82	66	-20%
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	86	72	27	33	50	52	63	67	77	81	62	-24%
Wales	100	84	76	37	38	52	138*	66	74	91	101	75	-26%
Scotland	100	81	68	40	43	46	44	50	59	91	84	65	-23%
Northern Ireland	100	92	58	17	22	21	30	39	45	54	66	45	-31%

*likely to be an anomaly

Average Applications per Job by Region

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Last 2 months % change
East Anglia	100	115	83	61	62	103	147	112	131	113	98	72	-26%
East Midlands	100	128	128	133	137	127	184	135	145	112	98	70	-29%
North East England	100	123	119	131	100	67	123	95	103	81	71	52	-27%
North West England	100	124	119	119	137	147	202	173	171	138	112	84	-25%
London	100	120	122	129	170	185	220	203	204	178	143	112	-22%
South East England	100	118	114	118	126	137	210	159	184	152	132	102	-23%
South West England	100	117	110	112	120	122	193	143	166	133	117	84	-28%
West Midlands Region	100	121	118	114	124	131	163	138	142	120	95	75	-20%
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	118	118	121	137	135	188	126	147	119	106	83	-22%
Wales	100	125	114	115	133	111	64	108	139	90	89	58	-35%
Scotland	100	119	120	129	112	114	202	132	151	91	102	72	-29%
Northern Ireland	100	80	104	124	166	305	299	132	103	127	110	88	-20%

Average Salary by Region

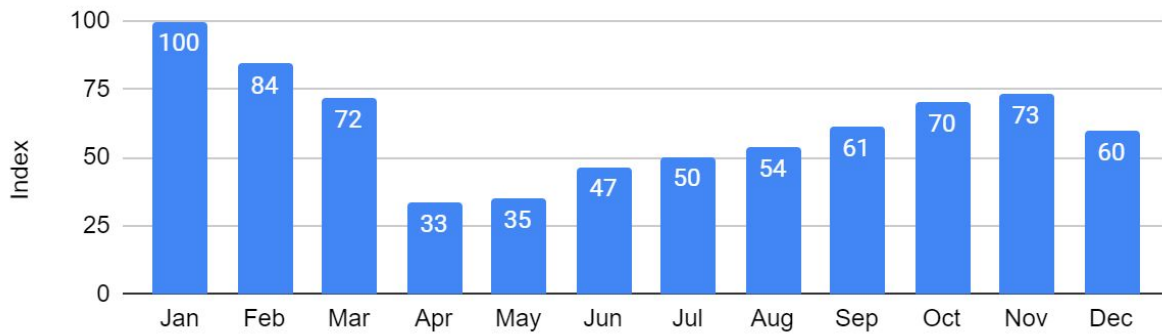
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East Midlands	100	101	101	108	105	125	107	116	101	95	103	106	3%
North East England	100	102	103	106	112	133	106	126	103	100	105	106	2%
North West England	100	100	102	109	109	119	107	111	104	104	107	108	1%
London	100	99	102	113	108	110	107	111	109	105	107	104	-3%
South East England	100	100	100	96	105	120	107	115	103	102	106	106	0%
South West England	100	100	99	88	100	126	107	116	104	102	106	105	0%
West Midlands Region	100	100	100	101	108	119	110	111	102	101	104	106	2%
Yorkshire and Humberside	100	100	100	106	108	120	107	115	102	100	103	105	1%
Wales	100	98	96	98	101	115	129	113	99	94	105	107	2%
Scotland	100	99	99	105	105	125	107	110	102	88	104	104	1%
Northern Ireland	100	96	97	108	103	119	99	102	106	94	100	101	1%



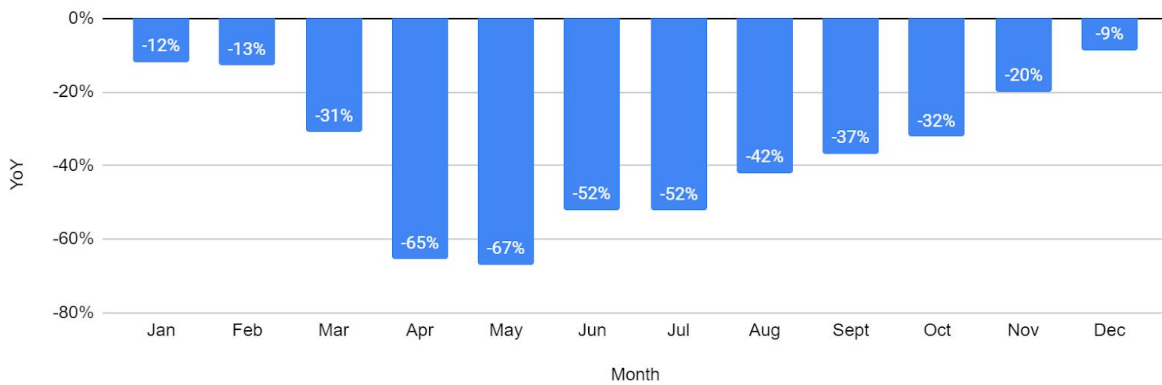
Further analysis - year on year comparison

Jobs posted

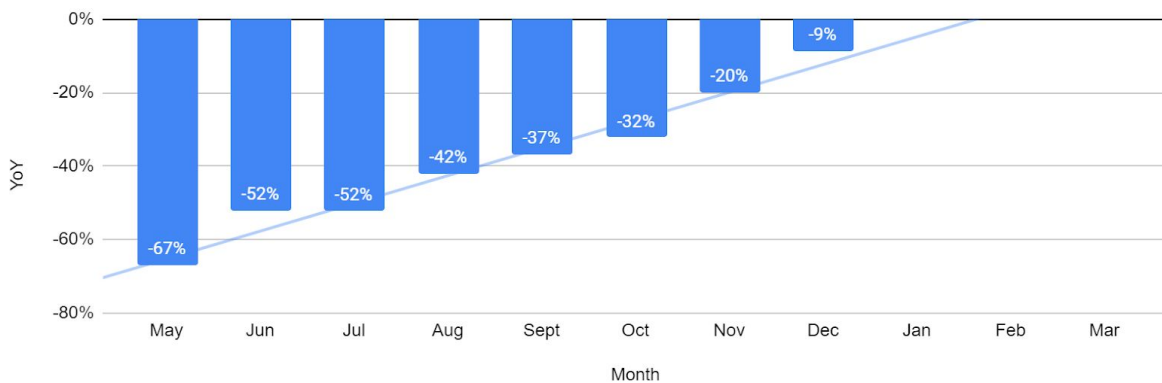
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Jobs Posted year on year % change



Jobs Posted year on year % change from May'20 with projection





Further analysis - 'white collar' workers / office workers

A 'white collar' occupation is defined as an Occupation that includes ANY of the following words:

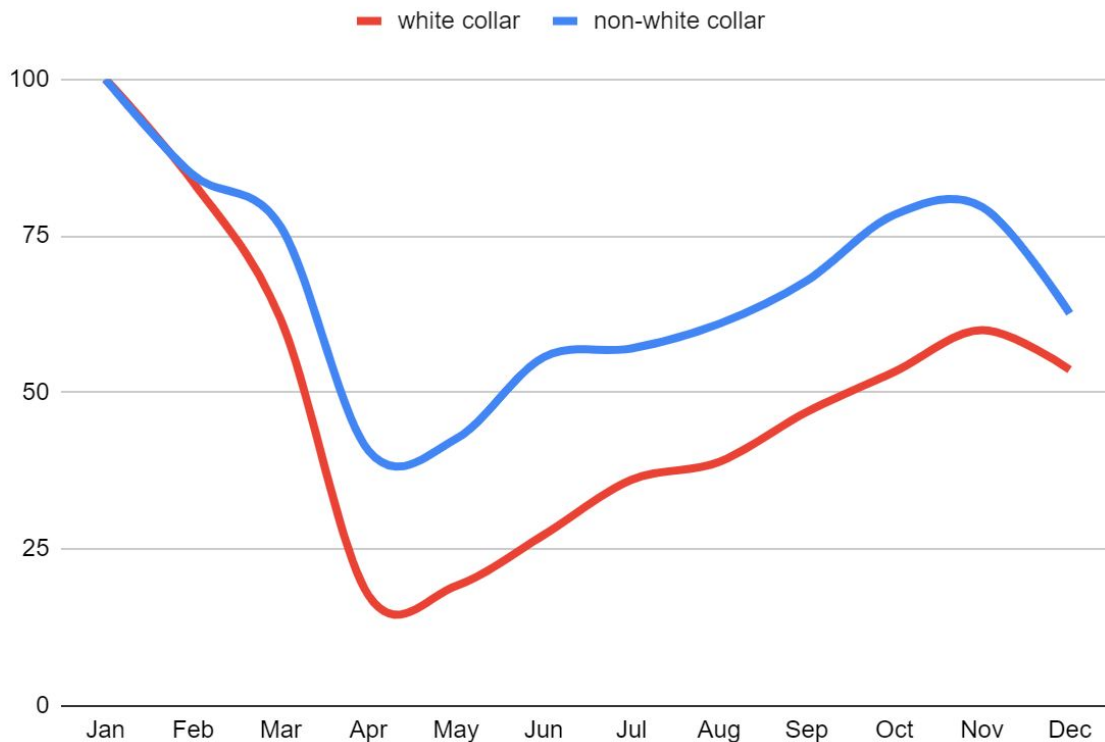
account, admin, advisor, agent, analyst, audit, buyer, clerk, consultant, credit, data, developer, director, executive, finance, hr, legal, office, payroll, professional, sales, seller, solicitor

Job index - white collar vs. non-white collar (as defined above)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
white collar	100	84	62	18	19	27	36	39	47	53	60	54
non-white collar	100	85	76	41	43	56	57	61	68	78	80	63

Job posted - 'white collar' workers

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Further analysis - selected industry sectors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Construction...Property	100	90	70	19	22	34	53	64	75	77	72	52
Hospitality...Catering	100	84	53	13	13	11	19	27	31	28	27	14
Retail	100	78	64	11	26	43	49	42	62	70	66	130
Transport...Logistics	100	85	95	23	35	55	87	86	125	253	176	96

Jobs posted by Select industry sectors

