

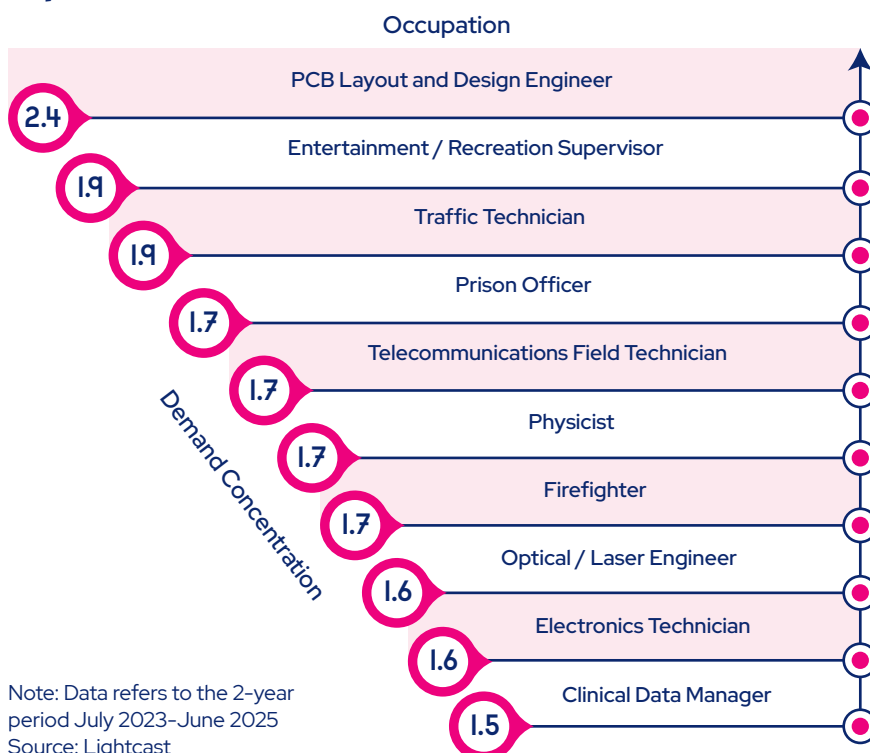
Regional Spotlight:

South East

Top Service leaver skills requested by employers



Top IO Service leaver occupations by demand concentration



Top UK Industrial Strategy sectors by employment concentration

01.
Defence

02.
Life Sciences

03.
Digital and Technologies



● Service leaver skills requested by employers

Service leavers skills are an asset in the South East where there are diverse opportunities across many sectors for their talent.

Project management, risk analysis, and continuous improvement skills are critical for Defence, Life Sciences and Digital & Technology roles. Machinery and construction skills provide practical expertise for local defence and infrastructure

projects in the South East. Additionally, planning, problem solving, and self-motivation mean that Service leavers have versatile strengths supporting both operational and leadership pathways.

● Service leaver occupations by demand concentration

There is concentrated demand for occupations such as Printed Circuit Board (PCB) Layout and Design Engineers (in demand 2.4 times the UK average) and Optical/Laser Engineers (1.6 times the demand),

anchoring advanced engineering and Defence in the region.

Clinical Data Managers are in demand 1.5 times more than the UK average and Physicists – with

1.7 times the UK average demand – highlighting specialised Life Sciences and Digital industry demand.

● UK Industrial Strategy sectors by employment concentration

Employment in Defence is 3.8 times more concentrated here than the UK average, driving demand for Service leaver roles such as Operating Engineers and Contracts Managers.

Life Sciences are 1.6 times more concentrated here than the UK average, with opportunities for Registered Nurses and Clinical Supervisors.

Fast growing Service leaver skills

Self-Motivation
23%
projected growth
for common skills

Risk Management
26%
projected growth
for specialised skills



This analysis is part of a larger report called Skills in Transition: How UK Service leavers can power the nation's future. More information on our methodology can be found in the full report: reedinpartnership.co.uk/policy

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