

Leeds Business

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Leeds is one of the UK's main economic centres and amongst the leading cities for business in Europe. More than 420,000 people work in the city, generating a total output in excess of £13.2 billion. Its diverse economy offers stability in uncertain times, and growth is forecast at nearly 30% over the next decade.

**Leeds. One of Europe's
top 25 cities for business**
Cushman & Wakefield European Cities Monitor 2010

Leeds employs more people in business and financial services than any city outside London.
ONS Annual Business Inquiry 2009

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“Leeds and the surrounding region offer a fantastic quality of life which attracts talented people and major companies. The skilled labour pool, excellent transport links and high quality commercial accommodation make Leeds the ideal place to develop your business.”

Gary Williamson - Chief Executive, Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce

Broadcasting Place, Leeds Metropolitan University



Leeds City Region, which brings together Leeds, Barnsley, Bradford, Calderdale, Craven, Harrogate, Kirklees, Selby, Wakefield and York as a single economic unit, has a population of 2.9 million, a labour force of over 1.5 million and a combined GVA of £48 billion. It is home to over 120,000 businesses and six universities. More than 110,000 people travel to work in Leeds from the surrounding region each day.

59,000 new jobs have been created in Leeds over the last ten years. The city is expected to generate a quarter of total employment growth for the Yorkshire and Humberside region in the next decade.

Cushman & Wakefield's European Cities Monitor 2010 ranked Leeds amongst the 25 best cities for business in Europe. Leeds is number one in Europe for value for money of office accommodation. Leeds was named in the top ten for availability of office space, and also performs well in terms of staff costs, access to markets, availability of qualified staff, external transport links and quality of telecommunications.

Leeds is centrally located within the UK, just over two hours by train from London Kings Cross with services operating every half hour during daily peak periods. The city is linked to major European business and holiday destinations via Leeds Bradford International Airport.

Office development in Leeds is setting new standards in environmental design with Icon Business Centre at Thorpe Park Leeds recognised as the UK's greenest office building. Leeds is set to become one of the UK's most sustainable cities with businesses and public sector organisations committed to a 40% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020.

Collaborative working comes naturally in Leeds with a number of organisations and initiatives promoting the city and key sectors of the economy. These include: Conference Leeds, Financial Leeds, Leeds Legal, Leeds Manufacturing, Leeds Media, Leeds Property Forum, Location Leeds, Visit Leeds, and more.

Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest organisations of its kind in the UK. It represents businesses in all the core policy and decision making groups across the region and provides networking events, management training, marketing and money-saving opportunities for businesses.

Leeds has a competitive but welcoming business culture and the council provides a range of services to help companies locate to the city. For more information visit www.locateinleeds.co.uk

Networking Event



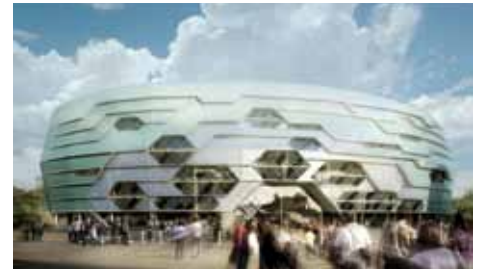
There are over 60,000 degree students at three universities, the traditional academic University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University and Leeds Trinity University College which has a focus on vocational training. Nearly a third of the workforce is educated to degree level or higher.

Leeds Business School, based at Leeds Metropolitan University, is the largest of its kind in the UK and was rated one of the world's top 100 business schools in The Economist 'Which MBA?' 2009.

'The Business Of...' series of thought leadership debates, organised by Marketing Leeds in partnership with The University of Leeds, draws together leading national figures and organisations to debate current issues in the main business sectors. Previous events include The Business of Sport, The Business of Retail, The Business of Digital and The Business of Security & Protection.

- Leeds is the UK's largest centre for financial and professional services outside London, according to ONS Annual Business Inquiry 2009. More than 30 national and international banks are located in the city and the sector contributes towards a third of the city's total economic output.
- Leeds is widely recognised as the most important legal centre outside London, with 180 firms based in the city employing around 8,000 people.
- Leeds is the UK's third largest manufacturing centre, with around 1,900 firms employing 35,000 people. 50% of the UK's manufacturing base is within a two hour drive of Leeds.
- As one of the fastest growing centres for both traditional and new media, Leeds is now the biggest centre for printing, packaging and publishing outside London, with around 12,500 people employed in the sector.
- Named the best shopping destination in the UK by the Rough Guide to Britain, Leeds offers 2.26 million sq ft of retail floorspace, five miles of shopping streets and one of the country's largest pedestrianised shopping areas.
- The Yorkshire and Humber region contains the largest concentration of orthopaedic and medical device companies in the UK, with over 360 companies and a combined output of around £550 million. Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is the biggest in the UK, and St James's University Hospital is the largest teaching hospital in Europe.
- Leeds is home to a significant and growing cluster of shared service centres and outsourcing operations. DLA Piper, Diebold, NHS, Environment Agency and Ventura all have major service centres in the city.

Leeds Arena



- The city's skyline has seen massive investment in recent years with £4.3 billion of investment in major property schemes completed in the last decade, and a further £6.7 billion of schemes in progress or proposed.
- ISIS's recently completed Granary Wharf residential development encompasses Candle House and Waterman's Place as well as the striking City Inn, all located on Leeds' waterfront in the city centre. It includes more than 280 apartments, ranging from one to three bedrooms, and 333 hotel rooms and each building has a stunning roof garden.
- Broadcasting Place, home of Leeds Metropolitan University's Faculty of Art & Society was named best tall building in the world by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.
- Trinity Leeds will transform the city centre when it opens in spring 2013. The landmark one million sq ft shopping and leisure destination, with national and international retailers, a stylish restaurant quarter and first Everyman cinema in the North, will include flagship stores for Next, Topshop/Topman, H&M and River Island. Trinity is attracting retailers and restaurateurs that are new to the city, including Hollister, Cult and Carluccio's.
- Eastgate Quarters will create a further one million sq ft of prime retail, restaurant and leisure space and around 4000 new jobs. The development will be anchored by the first John Lewis store in the city and Marks & Spencer.
- Holbeck Urban Village is an innovative urban regeneration project, focused on the high value digital and creative media sectors. Located just minutes from the city centre, it is expected to attract more than £800 million in investment and create thousands of new jobs.
- One of the eight Business Estates managed by MEPC, combining 2.6 million sq ft of commercial, retail, leisure and residential space, Wellington Place will be one of the biggest and most prestigious new city centre business quarters in Europe. Wellington Place has been awarded with the Best Regeneration Project, Corporate Social Responsibility Award 2010.
- The Leeds Arena is due to open in late 2012. The venue, which is estimated to bring in an additional one million visitors to the city, will be a unique 'super theatre' with a fan shape design which guarantees every seat in the house perfect sightlines of the centre stage.

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