



Business Services Fact Sheet

The city has a successful Business Services sector offering financial and professional services with leading commercial law firms, accountants, management consultants and recruitment companies. It also has contact centres located here providing services to local companies with national and international reputations, with particular specialisms within the marine sector.

Sector Overview

- 15,388 FTE jobs across finance and insurance, real estate, professional services and administration and support services, making up over 15% of all job in Plymouth (2021)
- £1,311.1m GVA (2021)
- £123,000 GVA per FTE (2021)
- We are one of the best 'value for money' cities in the UK with salary costs 26% lower than London and office costs 35% lower than the South East

- UK time zone aligns with offshore operations in UK-India-US

Specialist Companies

- Bishop Fleming
- Brights Solicitors
- Capita
- Delt Shared Services
- Devon and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

- Federation Of Small Businesses
- Foot Antsey
- HM Land Registry
- KPMG
- Nash and Co Solicitors
- NJ Akers & Co
- Pertemps
- PKF Francis Clark
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC)
- Sitel
- Vickery Holman
- Wolferstans
- Womble Bond Dickinson

Organisations

Devon and Plymouth Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is the leading independent business representative group in Devon whose fundamental purpose is to improve the environment for doing business in Devon and the South West peninsula.

The Chamber works in three major spheres of influence from which businesses can benefit:

- in the macro economics and business community of Plymouth and surrounding regions
- helping build business through a structured (but non-compulsory) programme of networking and business events
- by being the source and conduit of crucial business information and intelligence

The Chamber also chairs the British Chambers of Commerce South West (BCCSW) and administrates Plymouth Area Business Council (PABC). The Chamber can also provide international trade training and documentation services.

Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)

The FSB is the UK's largest grassroots campaigning group promoting and protecting the interests of small business owners and the self-employed.

FSB has a powerful voice in Government at UK, national and local level, representing members' views to Ministers, Government Departments, MPs, MEPs, MSPs,

Assembly Members, Councillors and Local Enterprise Partnerships.

Established in 1974, FSB are a not-for-profit and non-party political organisation that's led by members, for members.

FSB offer members a wide range of vital business services including advice, financial expertise and support. These cover a wide range of benefits such as tax, legal and HR, local network groups, access to funding and business banking.

Delt Shared Services Ltd

Delt is a truly innovative shared services partnership, working in the public, private and third sectors. Delt provides managed IT services, IT, data and cyber security consultancy, payroll and pension management services, print and mail management, HR and procurement. Working quietly behind the scenes Delt helps its partners and clients do amazing things.

Skills

University of Plymouth

Plymouth Business School

Based within the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Business, Plymouth Business School offers a wide range of undergraduate, taught postgraduate and research degrees. Core areas including: accounting, economics, finance, marketing, human resources and business management are offered at all levels, as are more specialist areas in international shipping, logistics, operations, tourism and events management. The School puts good business practice and social, economic and environmental responsibility at the heart of its teaching.

University of Plymouth Law Clinic

The award winning Plymouth Law Clinic offers real advice and assistance to clients in the Plymouth community, across a range of legal areas. Coordinated by University of Plymouth law students, and supervised by staff, the clinic provides hands on experience for students and provides a vital service to the local community.

Marjon School of Business and Criminology

Marjon School of Business and Criminology offers a suite of programmes and flexible modules suited to both the student and local business community that combine theory with practice by providing a hands-on learning experience.

Courses include a range of programmes at Undergraduate and Postgraduate level in subjects such as: Business, Leadership and Management for Business, Criminology, Forensic Criminology, Criminology & Psychology, Law, as well as a range of short business courses.

The Edge is a dedicated space that brings a 'real world' experience to both students and the surrounding business community. It offers co-working space and a virtual office package.

The School has a research portfolio including the areas of Enterprise Education, Lifestyle Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurship and Forensic Entomology.

City College Plymouth

As one of the largest training providers in the South West, and with a wealth of industry knowledge and experience, City College Plymouth is well placed to support businesses of all sizes operating within a broad range of industries.

It offers a comprehensive portfolio of training, from Apprenticeships to higher-level skills, and from entry level English and maths to professionally accredited management training.

The Plymouth Law Society

The Plymouth Law Society represents solicitors in the Plymouth travel-to-work area

The Society is committed to maintaining the standards of the profession in the city and beyond through training, sharing of best practice, or providing a collective voice for their members

Places

BLOCK Plymouth

Situated in the historic Melville Building within the idyllic setting of the Royal William Yard, Block offers Co-working, Office space and virtual office opportunities. Tenants can also access to a gym and café/bar on site and are surrounded by a variety of other destination offerings including restaurants and bars.

The Apex Plymouth, Venaspace

Conveniently located in the north of Plymouth the Apex offers a broad range of office settings suited to any business's needs. Facilities include co-working space, private offices and meeting rooms.

The Wheelhouse

The Wheelhouse co-working space in Plymouth is in the beautiful quayside. Light, airy and comfortable it is the perfect environment to get everything you need done.

City Business Park

Located near the city centre, City Business Park is the ideal place for start-up businesses looking for office space. It has low overheads and easy in, easy out tenancies, as well as affordable rents

East End Business Centre

Within walking distance of the city centre, The Business Centre is perfect for start-up businesses looking for office space. It has easy in, easy out tenancies

Networks

Plymouth has a vibrant business and professional scene with an economy comprising predominantly small to medium size businesses. There exists a real feel of community among the businesses and the networking scene is buoyant.

Meet ups and networks include;

- The 6 O'clock Club
- Digital Plymouth
- Plymouth Manufacturers' Group
- Regular LinkedIn Local meet ups



Take Action

To find out more about what Plymouth offers the business sector, or to discuss how our business support service can help meet your business needs, please contact:

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