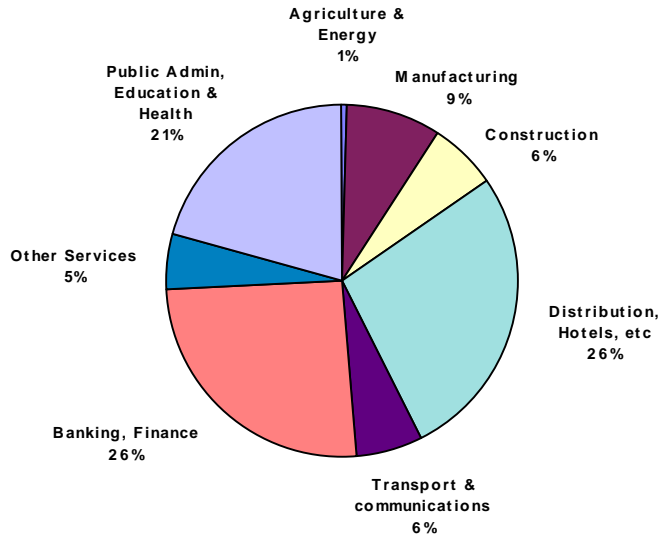




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**Number of employee jobs by Industry Groups
HERTFORDSHIRE - 2005**

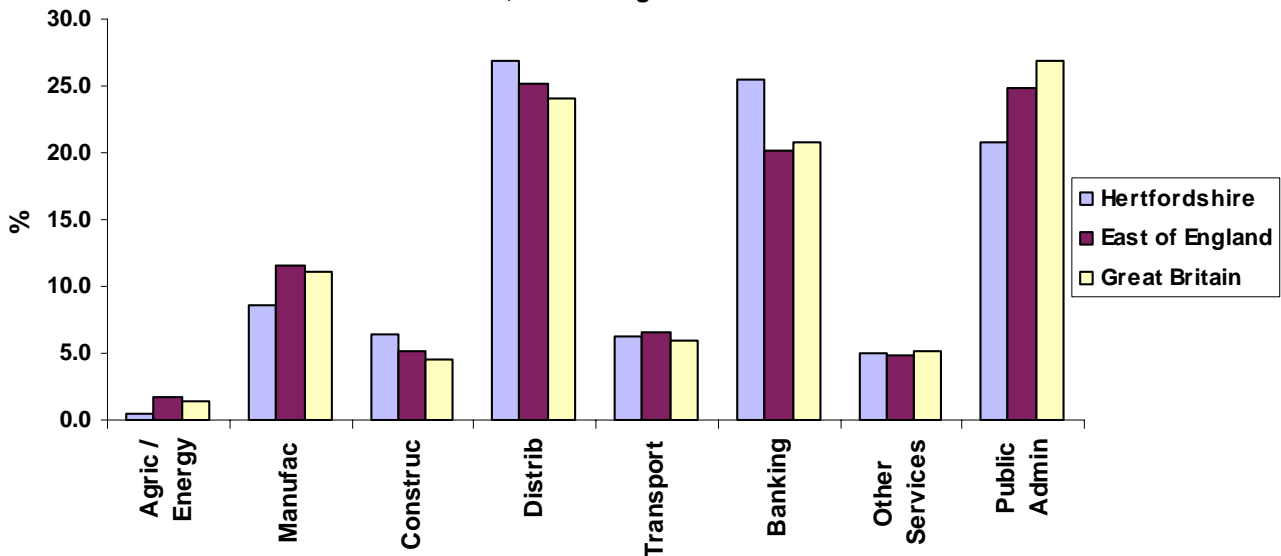


- The number of employee jobs in Hertfordshire, 503,000, increased by 14,900 (3.1%) since 2004.
- Distribution and Banking, both with 26%, remained the sectors with the largest number of jobs* within Hertfordshire.
- The Banking sector increased the most since 2004, by 6,700 jobs.

	Total Employee jobs
Agric / Energy	2,700
Manufacturing	43,300
Construction	32,100
Distribution	135,000
Transport	31,800
Banking	128,300
Other Services	25,500
Public Admin	104,300
Total	503,000

Source: ONS 2005 Annual Business Inquiry

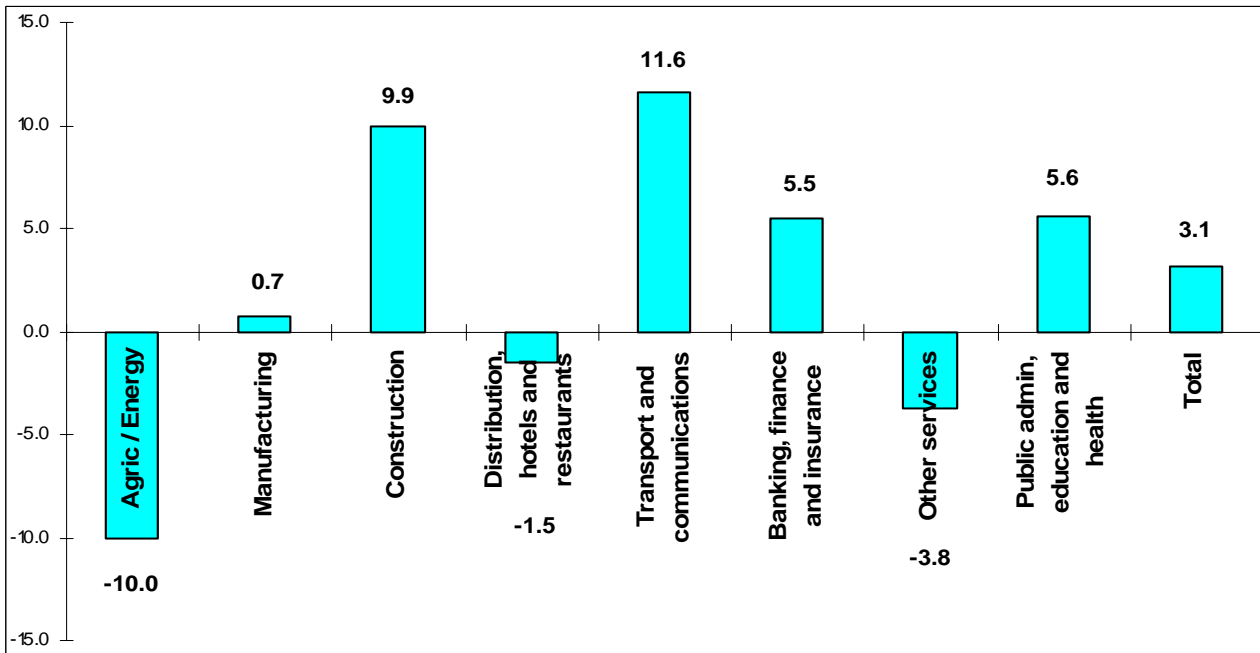
**Number of employee jobs by Industry Groups
Herts, East of England & GB - 2005**



	2001 (revised)	2002 (revised)	2003 (revised)	2004 (revised)	2005	% change 2001 - 2005
Agriculture & Energy	3,600	2,900	3,100	3,000	2,700	-25.0
Manufacturing Industries	53,300	52,800	54,400	43,000	43,300	-18.8
Construction	32,600	31,900	27,100	29,200	32,100	-1.5
Distribution, Hotels & Restaurants	129,400	132,300	136,100	137,100	135,000	4.3
Transport and Communications	34,700	30,100	29,000	28,500	31,800	-8.4
Banking, Finance & Insurance	126,900	112,100	115,700	121,600	128,300	1.1
Other Service Industries	27,100	27,600	26,700	26,500	25,500	-5.9
Public Admin, Education & Health	96,800	96,100	96,300	98,800	104,300	7.7
Total	504,500	485,800	488,500	487,700	503,000	-0.3

All figures in this fact sheet have been rounded to the nearest 100

NB: Data from the ABI are liable to constant revision and therefore may not always compare with earlier fact sheets or released datasets.



- Since 2004 there was a small but significant growth of employee jobs in the Manufacturing sector.
- While Distribution continued to have the highest number of employee jobs there was a noticeable fall between 2004 and 2005.

Female / Male working patterns



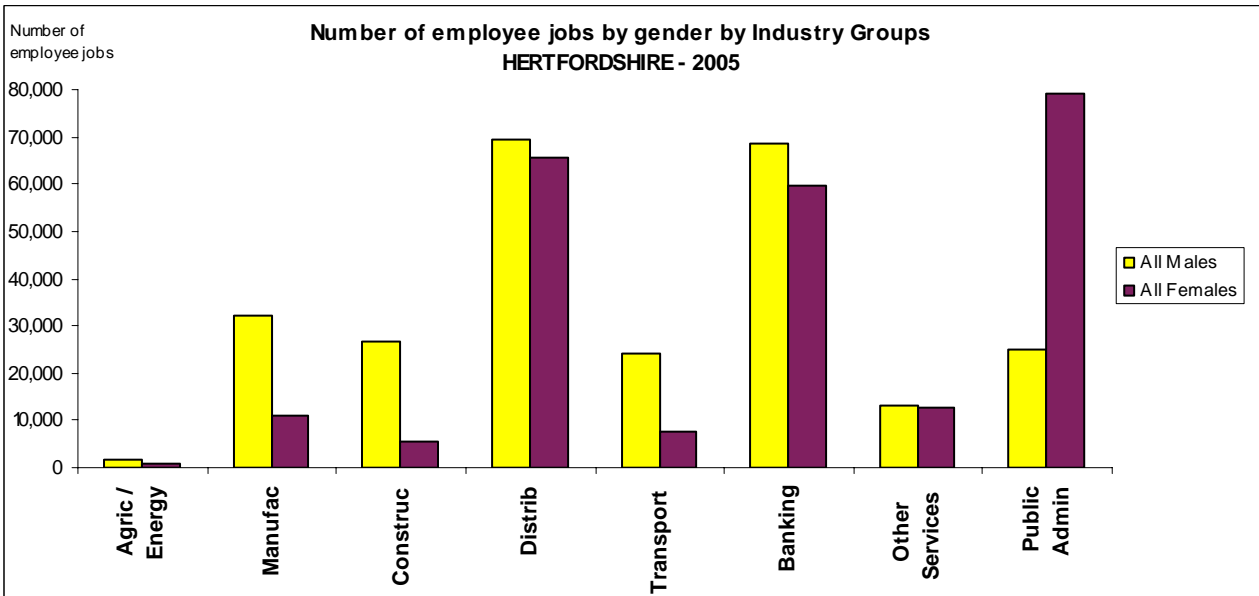
- 48% of all employee jobs belonged to females.
- There were 242,100 female employee jobs in Hertfordshire.
- This was an increase of 1.6% (3,800) since 2004.
- The sectoral split was:-
7% in *Production and Construction
93% in the **Service sector



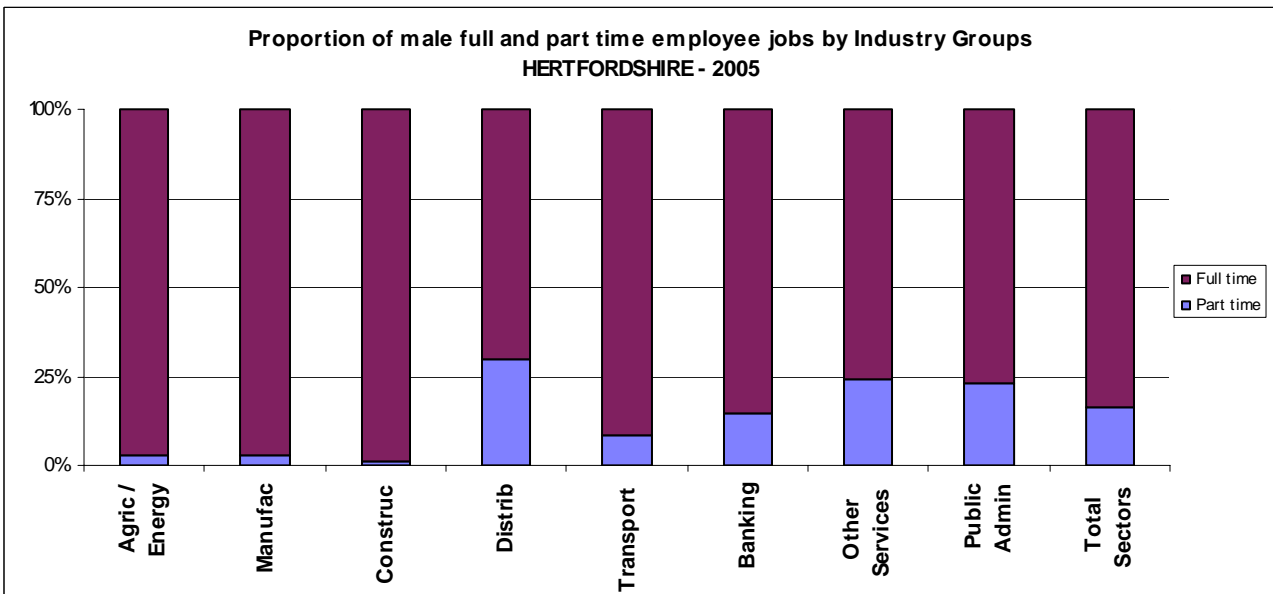
- 52% of all employee jobs belonged to males.
- There were 260,900 male employee jobs in Hertfordshire.
- This was an increase of 4.7% (11,600) since 2004.
- The sectoral split was:-
23% in *Production and Construction
77% in the **Service sector

* The Production and Construction sector consists of the Agriculture & Energy, Manufacturing and Construction sectors.
** The Service sector consists of the Distribution, Transport, Banking, Other Services and Public Admin sectors.

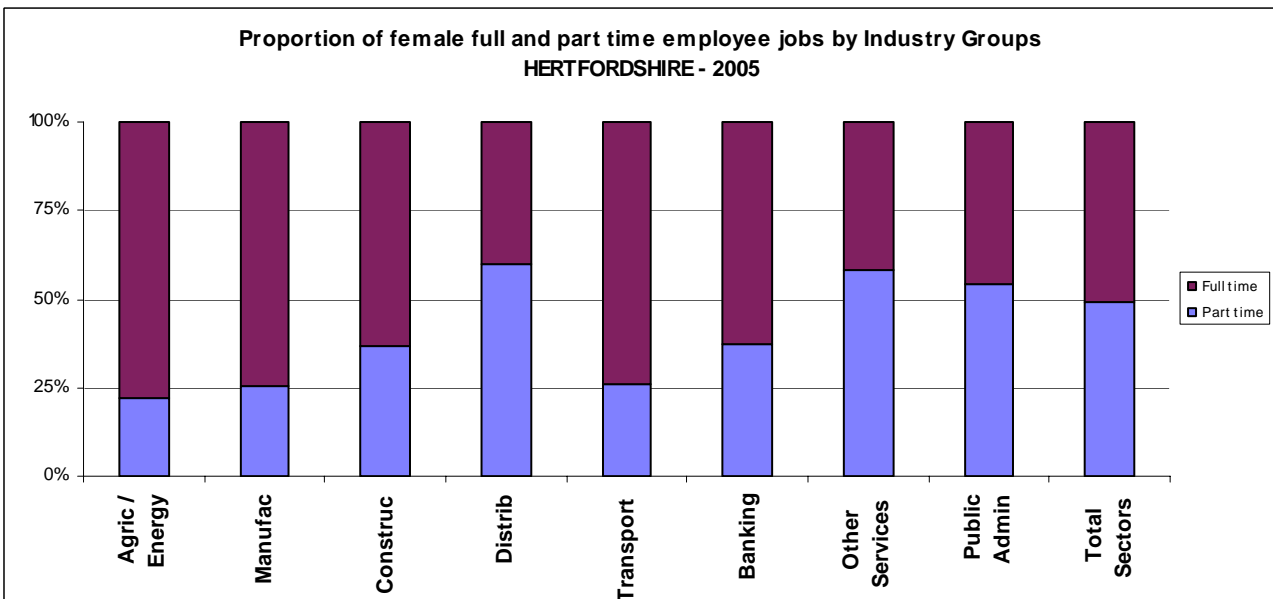
- Although the total number of employee jobs in Hertfordshire increased between 2004 and 2005 there was larger growth in the number of male jobs.
- The increase in the number of male jobs was mainly attributable to those full time in the Transport and Construction sectors.
- The largest increases in the total number of female jobs were those full and part time in the Public Admin sector.
- The percentage of male jobs increased to 52% compared to 51% in 2004.



- Overall, in Hertfordshire, there were three times as many female employee jobs in the Public Admin sector compared to males.



- In Hertfordshire, on average there were 5 male full time employee jobs for every 1 male part time employee job.



- Nearly 60% of all female employee jobs in the Other Services sector within Hertfordshire were part time.
- There were roughly equal proportions of female full and part time employee jobs in the county, this differs, in particular, from the Eastern region where there were slightly fewer full time female employee jobs than part time.

BUSINESS UNITS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

- In 2005 there were 48,846 Business Units in Hertfordshire
- This represented 21.6% of the East of England total (226,436)

Number of Business Units in Hertfordshire by Industry and Size 2005

	Number of Units employing 1 - 10	Number of Units employing 11 - 49	Number of Units employing 50 - 199	Number of Units employing 200 +
Agriculture and Energy	148	*	*	*
Manufacturing	2,835	472	115	25
Construction	4,703	271	55	*
Distribution, Hotels & Restaurants	9,987	1,843	333	83
Transport & Communications	1,658	197	89	29
Banking, Finance & Insurance, etc	17,298	1,085	287	76
Other Services	3,582	291	58	*
Public Administration, Education & Health	1,677	1,210	329	42

*Confidential

NB: All the data used in this fact sheet are for Census Area Statistics (CAS) Ward boundaries as this allows for a time series analysis between 2001 and 2005.

PLEASE NOTE

The Annual Business Inquiry data relates to employee jobs and business units, not to employees and enterprises. These distinctions are important.

A significant number of employees have more than one job and it is these jobs that are counted not the employees as such. The other principal sources of employment data, the Census of Population and the Annual Population Survey focus instead on the main employment of individuals and therefore figures from these are not directly comparable with those from the ABI. Nevertheless, comparisons of the 2001 Census data and the 2001 ABI have revealed such large discrepancies in Hertfordshire, and in Herts mere in particular, as to put into question the accuracy and usefulness of the ABI in the local context. For this reason econometric analysis for the new Local Economy Assessment is being based not on the raw ABI figures but on a series calibrated using the 1991 and 2001 Census data.

Business units should not be confused with enterprises. To work in a small unit that is the local office of a large company is not to work for a small enterprise.

The ABI is a sample survey drawn from the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR). ABI forms are sent to the address at which an employer holds the pay records for a particular part of the business. The majority of employers have one PAYE scheme but may choose to have more. In the main a PAYE business unit will represent an entire enterprise (eg a factory or shop, etc) and include all employees working there. In some cases there will be two or more units at the same address, reflecting a split PAYE scheme or more than one business activity being carried out from a single address. These "Reporting Units" are roughly equivalent to businesses' head offices, but are actually pay points. Information collected at Reporting Unit level is subsequently disaggregated to produce local estimates; drawing upon local unit information held on the IDBR from other surveys.

ABI Coverage

The ABI covers only Employee Jobs. Where the term jobs* is used in this fact sheet please read 'employee jobs'. It excludes members of the Armed Forces, domestic staff in private households, the self-employed, people under sixteen years of age, trainees on work related government training programmes who do not have a contract of employment, directors, partners and working proprietors not in receipt of a salary.

Part time employees are defined as those working for not more than 30 hours per week (less than 40 hours per week for agriculture and horticulture).

For further details regarding the ABI please see: "The launch of the Annual Business Inquiry", Labour Market Trends, May 2001.

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