

Buckinghamshire Background Information

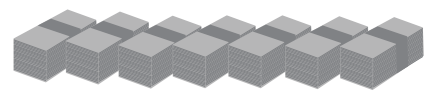
**2ND FASTEST
GROWING ECONOMY
IN THE UK**



**6TH HIGHEST
PRODUCTIVITY RATE
OUT OF THE 139 LOCAL
ECONOMIES IN THE UK**

Outstanding
Economy

**£14 BILLION
ECONOMY**



**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IS
OVER REPRESENTED IN
THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN FOR
GROWTH SECTORS**



**LEADING
GTV6 LEPS
BORDER 60% OF
LONDON'S CIRCUMFERENCE**



**HIGHEST PROPORTION OF
VERY SMALL COMPANIES
IN BRITAIN WITH 76%
EMPLOYING 5 OR FEWER PEOPLE**

The best trained
workforce

**13% EMPLOYMENT
IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY**

**HIGHEST QUALIFIED RESIDENTS
IN THE COUNTRY,
WITH 95% HOLDING NVQ1 OR ABOVE**



The Entrepreneurial
Heart of Britain

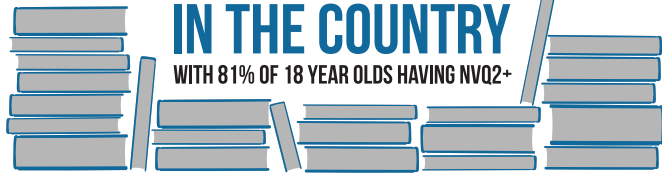
**2ND HIGHEST LEP FOR
HOME BASED WORKERS**



**87 NEW BUSINESSES
FOR EVERY 10,000 RESIDENTS
IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

**BUSINESS START UPS ARE
OVER 30% ABOVE
THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

Brain drain



THE BEST SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY

WITH 81% OF 18 YEAR OLDS HAVING NVQ2+

19 OUT OF 20 OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GO TO UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



Locational advantages

1/4 OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IS DEEMED AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

£296,000 AVERAGE HOUSE PRICES ARE THE 3RD HIGHEST OUTSIDE LONDON



County challenges

1/3 OF COUNTY IS DESIGNATED AS GREEN BELT



5 AIRPORTS WITHIN 1 1/2 HOURS



Strong business base

30,310 REGISTERED BUSINESSES

BUSINESS FLOOR SPACE SHRANK BY 35,000m² SINCE THE RECESSION



OVER 20% OF ALL BUSINESSES ARE EITHER IN THE PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC OR TECHNICAL SECTORS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE



580+ FOREIGN COMPANIES CHOOSE TO HAVE THEIR EUROPEAN HEAD OFFICES IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE



HOME TO THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX



HOME TO JAMES BOND PINWOOD CREATES 3,000 INDIRECT JOBS

BIRTH PLACE OF THE PARALYMPICS



THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN