



Top 10 Key Facts

Leeds city region

- The Leeds city region is the UK's largest centre for financial and professional support services outside London. Its financial and business service sector output exceeds £13bn per year.
- Most recent data indicates the sector employs approximately 240,000 people.
- The region's FPS sector is supported by eight University / University college establishments producing more than 27,000 graduates each year, more than any other UK region.
- The region boasts 2 business schools (Leeds University Business School and Bradford School of Management) that feature in the World's top 100 business school rankings and one of the inaugural regional National Skills Academy for Financial Services.
- Leeds city region led the development of the building society movement and remains the home of 3 of the 8 largest in the UK (Yorkshire, Skipton and Leeds).
- Leeds city region boasts approximately 25,000 financial services businesses units or 30% of the region's businesses.
- There are 200 law firms in Leeds including 6 of the UK's 25 largest firms (notably DLA, Eversheds, Pinsent Masons, Addleshaw Goddard, Hammonds and Irwin Mitchell) offering a pool of 1,000 lawyers.
- In terms of fixed costs Leeds is extremely competitive, with prime rental space some 12% less expensive than similar space in other leading financial centres and 30% cheaper than in London.
- Critical mass and diversity are vital elements of the overall sector and Leeds is well placed with 30 national and international banks, 150 accountancy firms (including 9 of the top 10 largest UK practices), 10 stock broking firms, 180 law firms and the largest concentration of call centres in the UK.
- In terms of corporate managers Leeds City Region has a pool of 210,000 (15% of employees) some 40,000 more than Greater Manchester and 60,000 more than the North East.