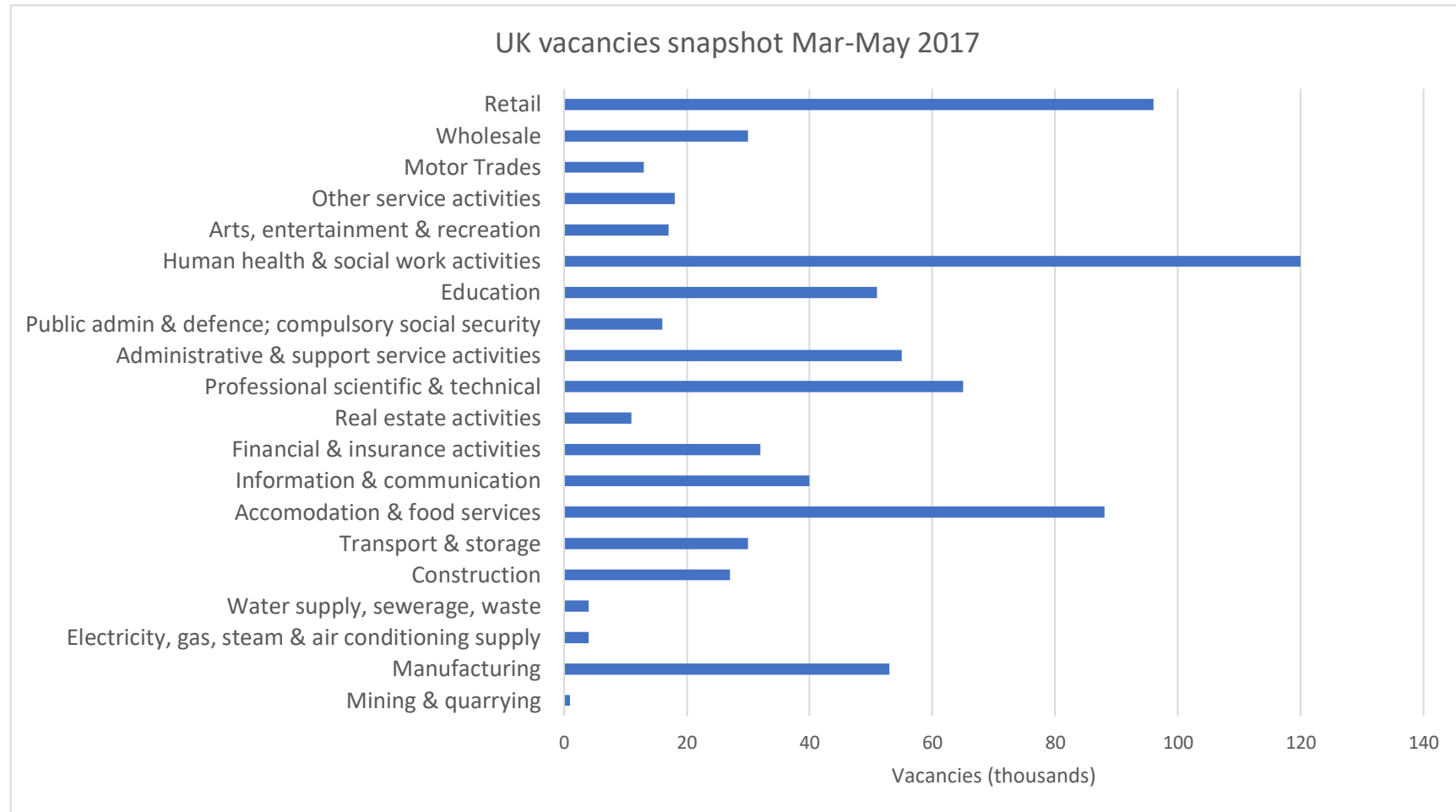


# Vacancies and the UK job market



Source: ONS (June 2017)

This chart shows the latest data available for UK vacancies taken from the statutory monthly survey of businesses.

## Vacancy board data trends

Vacancy data and trends including salary information can also be obtained from UK online job boards, some of which produce regular job market reports and other trends such as Indeed, Totaljobs and Adzuna. These data are gathered differently to official sources and are only based on live job board postings (and therefore not capturing other recruitment channels) but can still be useful.

### Number of vacancies is at a high level

According to Adzuna ([www.adzuna.co.uk](http://www.adzuna.co.uk)), there were **1,179,586 vacancies** across the UK in April 2017, at its highest level since November 2015. This is considerably higher than ONS data which is a monthly rolling snapshot and gathered differently but both show a large rise.

**For each advertised vacancy, there was only 0.44 job seekers, meaning on average, competition for jobs is low giving more advantage to candidates.**

One third of UK vacancies were impacted by the recent increase in the National Living Wage from £7.20 to £7.50

### Live vacancy trends

Indeed shows trends for postings in different sectors: [www.indeed.co.uk/jobtrends/category-trends](http://www.indeed.co.uk/jobtrends/category-trends)

Over the last year (to April 2017), the **largest increase for jobs posted** was in the therapy sub-sector (up 30%) followed by manufacturing (up 25%) and hospitality & catering (up 21.5%).

Over the last year (to April 2017), the **biggest reduction in the number of jobs posted** was in childcare (down nearly 42%) and veterinary roles (down 38%) followed by pharmacy (23%) and the arts (20%).

The **largest number of vacancies available in any one sector** on Indeed in April 2017 was in management (88,494) and sales (79,186) followed by food preparation (62,357) and education (59,760). We could say that some of these roles will be 'hard to fill' vacancies.