

THE DIGITAL

SECTOR IN CORNWALL & THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Make informed decisions about your career path by learning about key labour market sectors in Cornwall & Isles of Scilly





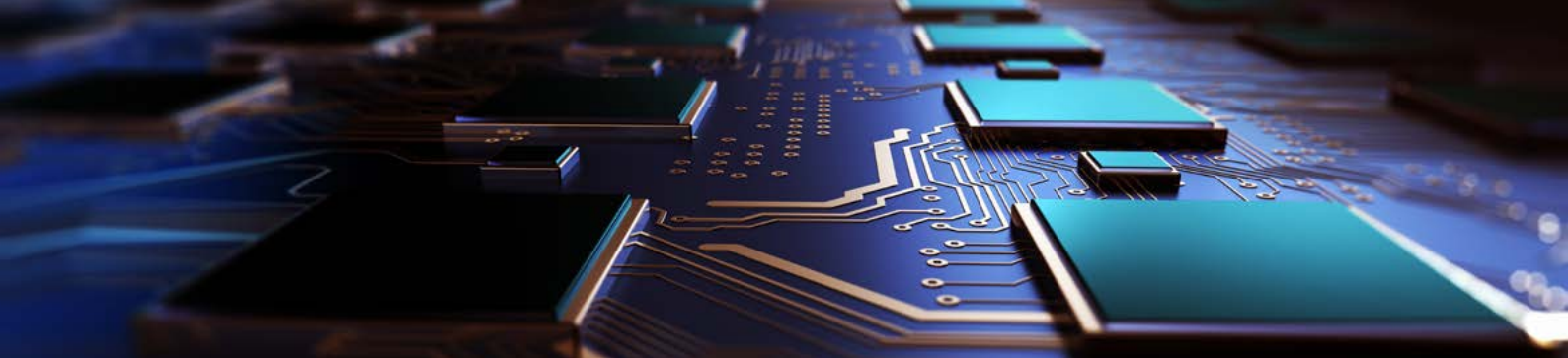
Introduction to the digital sector

The digital and tech sector makes up one of the fastest growing sectors across the UK. Cornwall is home to the fastest growing tech sector in the South-West, with forecasted annual growth of 17.9% by 2026. This growth, along with growing numbers of digital jobs across many sectors, rapid changes in technology, and employers struggling to find people with the right skills, has all led to a digital sector recruitment crisis.

The digital and tech sector includes a wide range of businesses and jobs ranging from computer programming and consultancy, telecommunications through to the development of computer games and the technical aspects of media production.

Almost all jobs now require digital skills, but jobs in the digital and tech sector are far more likely to need advanced and specialist skills such as programming, web development and data analysis.

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Routes into the digital sector:

1. It is possible to move directly into a job in the digital and tech sector and to receive training on the job. The **Find a job service** (<https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk>) can help you with your search for jobs and send alerts when new jobs become available.
2. Apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship with an employer. The **Find an apprenticeship service** (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>) can help you to find these opportunities.
3. Check out Software Cornwall for local jobs, career and skills opportunities <https://softwarecornwall.org>
4. Undertake a relevant College course, or new T-Level qualifications are available for 16–18-year-olds.
5. If you are looking to change sectors, want to update your skills or are recently unemployed, a Skills Bootcamp or the Gateway in Tech programme could be your next step to a better job. Search the latest digital bootcamps here: <https://skillslaunchpad.org.uk/skills/train4tomorrow-skills-bootcamps-devon-cornwall> Find out more about Gateway to Tech here: **Gateway into Tech - Software Cornwall | Software Cornwall**
6. Graduates can enter the workforce after attaining a relevant degree.
7. Work experience can be a great way to find out what it's like working in the sector and to help gain valuable skills for your CV.
8. Self-employment - some of the best digital and tech businesses have started through a digital passion or hobby. Free Start-up Business Support in Cornwall - Outset (<https://www.outset.org/cornwall>)

For further support:

Software Cornwall (<https://softwarecornwall.org>)

Digital Careers (<http://www.digitalcareers.org.uk>)

Youth Employment UK (<https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/careers-hub-sector/digital>)

National Careers Service (<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/the-skills-toolkit>)

Contact the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly People Hub, they can help if you are:

- unemployed and wondering what options are open to you
- out of work and looking to retrain or develop new skills
- recently redundant and want to get back into work or training

Call - 0333 0150699 (Monday–Friday, 9am–4pm)

Visit – www.peoplehub.info

Email – hello@peoplehub.info

The National Careers Service provides free careers advice and guidance to individuals from the age of 14. Visit 'Get the Jump' for 14–19-year-olds and the National Careers Service website for adults.

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