

Key headlines from the Tech Partnership's forecasting work with Experian

1. Forecasts developed by the Tech Partnership in association with Experian show the number of people working in the UK as tech specialists will increase from 1.2m in 2014 to 1.6m in 2024. At 28%, the overall level of growth in the number of IT specialists for the period will significantly outstrip that predicted for workers more generally (8%) and for certain tech occupations still higher rates of growth are anticipated. The top ten growth occupations for tech specialists are shown below¹:

Top ten predicted areas of employment growth for tech specialists

	Growth 2014-24
Web design/development professionals	57%
Programmers/software development professionals	49%
Tech Directors	39%
IT User Support Technicians	29%
IT Specialist Managers	28%
IT Project/Programme Managers	24%
IT Business Analysts/Architects/Systems Designers	22%
Telecoms Engineers	21%
IT Engineers	21%
IT Operations Technicians	10%

Source: Experian/The Tech Partnership

2. The level of growth in the number of tech specialists is expected to be similar throughout the UK ranging from 25% in Wales to 30% in the East Midlands and Yorkshire/The Humber.

Growth forecast for Tech specialists across the UK

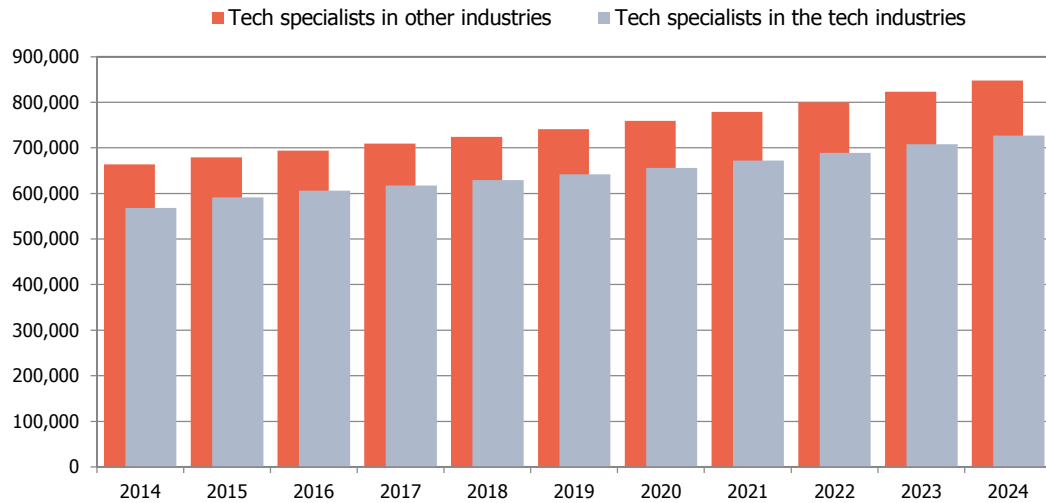
	Growth 2014-24
East Midlands	30%
Yorkshire/The Humber	30%
North West	29%
East of England	29%
Northern Ireland	28%
North East	28%
Greater London	28%
Scotland	27%
South West	27%
West Midlands	27%
South East	27%
Wales	25%

Source: Experian/The Tech Partnership

¹ Tech occupations as defined by SOC2010 Occupational groups

- Growth in tech specialist employment is forecast to be of a similar level both within/outside the tech industries (28% in each case) and by 2024 it is predicted that there will be 0.7m tech specialists working within tech companies across the UK and 0.8m in other types businesses².

Growth in tech specialists within/outside the tech industries, 2014-24



Source: Experian/The Tech Partnership

- Overall employment growth amongst tech businesses is forecast to be just over 5% over the coming decade.
- Each employee working in the tech industry contributes £91,800 to the UK economy, compared to the average of £51,300.³

² The sum of figures presented in this bulletin may not comply with totals given due to rounding

³ Tech Insights: The Digital Economy, 2015