

EMPLOYMENT

Well-paid, high status jobs are not evenly distributed across the country. Most jobs falling into the top levels of the National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) are found in London and the South East of England.

In areas where there are relatively few of these jobs available, people with good qualifications are more likely to have a job in the lower levels of the socio-economic classification. Therefore, it seems that the place in which someone lives can sometimes be a more important influence on their prospects of a well-rewarded job than their qualifications.



Both maps in each figure represent the same places, shaded identically. The map on the left is a cartogram – each area is shown in proportion to the size of its population in 2001. The largest area is London, since it has the highest population of any of the places. The map on the right shows the actual boundaries of the areas.

