



# UK GAMES JOBS LIVE UPDATE AUGUST 2021

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**2,284**  
games companies

**2,239**  
roles

"Across the UK's **2,284** games companies (ref: gamesmap.uk), 205 of them are currently recruiting for **2,239** roles."

Welcome to the August 2021 report from Games Jobs Live. This month is the 6th consecutive month of the report, during which time the number of vacancies tracked has seen an increase of over 23%, growing from 1,793 in March to 2,239 this month!

All these vacancies are also all plotted on our interactive map at [www.gamesjobs.live](http://www.gamesjobs.live) for easy searching, and details of upcoming Games Jobs Live recruitment events and other information are on the back page.  
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## TOP RECRUITERS

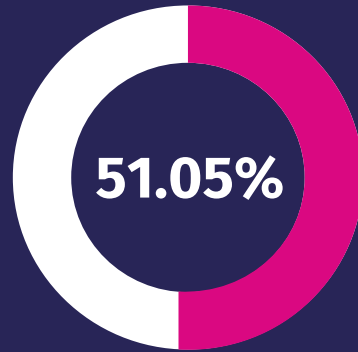
 <b>129</b> (+3) Sumo Digital	 <b>110</b> (+11) Playground Games	 <b>74</b> (+5) Pole to win	 <b>72</b> (+46) PlayStation	 <b>69</b> (+9) Rockstar	 <b>63</b> (+7) Unity
 <b>58</b> (+2) Axis Studios	 <b>57</b> (+13) Rebellion	 <b>54</b> (-23) Splash Damage	 <b>53</b> (+6) Cloud Imperium	 <b>52</b> (+4) Natural Motion	 <b>51</b> (+4) Frontier
 <b>46</b> (+1) Electronic Arts	 <b>44</b> (+5) Creative Assembly	 <b>41</b> (-8) Mediatonic	 <b>40</b> (-2) Firesprite	 <b>39</b> (+4) Jagex	 <b>34</b> (+5) Supermassive Games
 <b>32</b> (=) Build a Rocket Boy	 <b>32</b> (+3) Rocksteady	 <b>32</b> (+6) Climax Studios	 <b>29</b> (-18) Ubisoft	 <b>27</b> (-3) Team17	 <b>26</b> (-1) kwalee
 <b>25</b> (+1) Codemasters	 <b>24</b> (-20) Epic Games	 <b>23</b> (+2) Hutch	 <b>23</b> (+8) DeepMind	 <b>22</b> (-3) Sega	 <b>22</b> (+6) Media Molecule

# 32

UK games companies  
currently have

# 20

or more  
open roles



**51.05%** of roles are outside London  
and the South East.

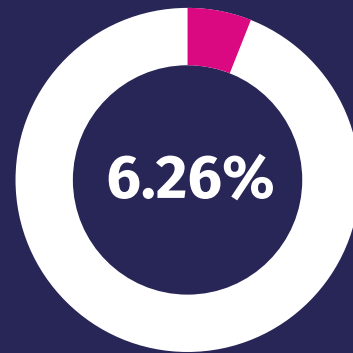
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Filled positions

# 728

New job posts created

**649** positions advertised last month  
have been filled (or closed / changed  
to a different role) while **728** new job  
posts have been created.



**6.26%** of roles are listed as being  
fully remote, a large increase on last  
month (5%).

# 680

London  
(was 690)

# 247

Leamington Spa  
(was 235)

# 160

Guildford  
(was 135)

# 129

Brighton  
(was 127)

# 101

Liverpool  
(was 103)

# 98

Manchester  
(was 101)

The distribution of open roles within traditional  
industry hubs across the country has shifted slightly in  
the favour of Guildford (+25), Leamington Spa (+12) and  
Dundee (+10) as compared to July.

London .....	680 (was 690)
Leamington Spa .....	247 (was 235)
Guildford .....	160 (was 135)
Brighton .....	129 (was 127)
Liverpool.....	101 (was 103)
Manchester.....	98 (was 101)



# MOST COMMON JOB TITLES

31

TECHNICAL  
ARTIST

26

PRODUCER

23

SENIOR  
PRODUCER

21

GAMEPLAY  
PROGRAMMER

20

SENIOR  
GAMEPLAY  
PROGRAMMER

18

SENIOR  
PROGRAMMER

16

VFX ARTIST

16

PROGRAMMER

16

CHARACTER  
ARTIST

15

SENIOR  
ANIMATOR

15

GRAPHICS  
PROGRAMMER

14

SENIOR GAMES  
DESIGNER

14

GAME  
DESIGNER

13

UI ARTIST

13

SENIOR TECHNICAL  
ARTIST

13

ENGINE  
PROGRAMMER

12

TECHNICAL  
ANIMATOR

12

SENIOR  
ENVIRONMENT  
ARTIST

12

SENIOR  
CHARACTER ARTIST

12

LEAD  
PROGRAMMER

11

LEAD GAME  
DESIGNER

11

TOOLS  
PROGRAMMER

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LEAD ARTIST

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ART DIRECTOR

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TECHNICAL  
DIRECTOR

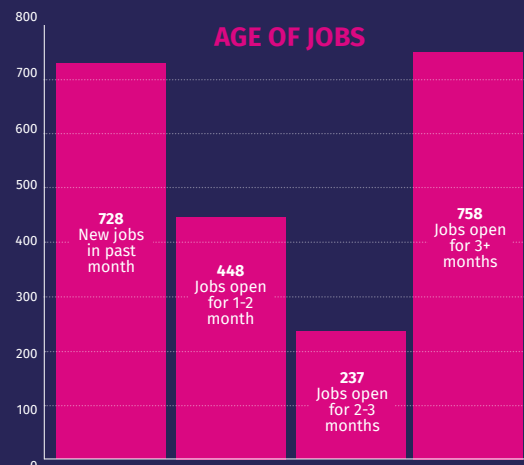
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SOFTWARE  
ENGINEER

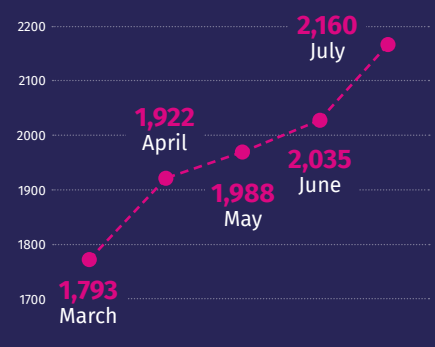
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SENIOR VFX ARTIST

Over the last 6 months, the Games Jobs Live Job Report has tracked a constant increase in industry jobs, showing signs of tremendous growth within the UK Games Industry. Some of this increase can be attributed to the GJL database growing over time, but it is still a positive sign of the continued success of the domestic games sector.



**HOW THE NUMBER OF JOBS HAS VARIED OVER PAST 6 MONTHS**



With 34 more Art roles, 30 more Code roles, the distribution of jobs across disciplines has altered somewhat. There was also a notable decrease in the number of QA opportunities (-26) and Production opportunities (-19).

Code .....	822 (was 792)
Art .....	459 (was 427)
Production .....	229 (was 248)
Design .....	198 (was 188)
Other .....	139 (was 127)
QA .....	96 (was 122)
Animation .....	88 (was 94)
Promotion .....	84 (was 72)
Analytics .....	56 (was 59)
Audio .....	36 (was 35)
HR .....	26 (was 34)
Legal .....	6 (was 4)
Writing .....	4 (was 2)

#### JOBS BY REGION:

London .....	553
South East .....	543
Midlands .....	306
Scotland .....	220
North West .....	202
Yorkshire .....	102
East of England .....	98
North East .....	82
South West .....	41
Wales .....	5
N.Ireland .....	5

#### JOBS BY STUDIO CATEGORY:

AAA .....	1096
AA .....	523
Mobile .....	249
Service .....	200
Indie .....	175

#### JOBS BY SENIORITY:

Experienced .....	1104
Senior .....	532
Manager .....	486
Junior .....	121



## INSIGHTS

The UK games industry has seen a tangible increase in new opportunities, now with 2,239 open vacancies; 79 more than last month. This increase has been seen primarily in the South East and Scotland, offsetting a reduced number of jobs in the North East.

These new opportunities are represented primarily by Indie and Mobile studios, as well as Service

companies. There is an overall increase in the number of companies that are hiring at 205 companies, 34 more than last month.

The most notable increase in positions this month comes from PlayStation, with 26 new roles added across their UK offices. Other studios with an increase in advertised roles include Rebellion (+13) and Playground Games (+11).

On the other side, Splash Damage has added new talent to their roster with 23 fewer roles advertised than last month. Other studios who have filled (or removed) many open positions this month include Epic Games (-20) and Ubisoft (-18).

There has been a significant increase in remote roles this month up to 140 (compared to 109 in July).

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Explore all the jobs from this report on our interactive Job Map, along with information about each UK region's games industry, on our website:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Unreal Jobs Live**

**11th August**

**[Attendees signup here](#)**

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**UK Games Industry Internships, Graduate Schemes and Traineeships**

**23rd September**

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