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2,284 games companies | **2,743** roles

"Across the UK's **2,284** games companies (ref: gamesmap.uk), 187 of them are currently recruiting for **2,743** roles."

Welcome to the April 2022 jobs report. This month sees a fractional drop in the number of jobs currently open in the UK Games Industry, down 17 from last month to 2,743.

This month sees a tangible drop (5%) in the number of AAA positions, from 1,272 down to 1,213, but which is countered by a rise in the same number of AA posit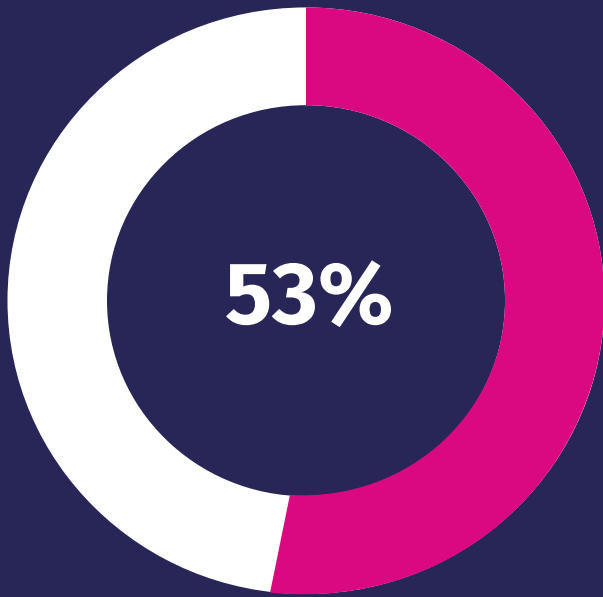ions. Studios also seem to be successfully hiring graduates for the hire with a drop of 19% in the number of junior positions compared to last month.

All these vacancies are listed on jobs board and interactive map at **www.gamesjobs.live**, and details of upcoming Games Jobs Live recruitment events are on the back page of this report. **Gamesjobs.live**

TOP RECRUITERS

SUMO DIGITAL **149** (+17) Sumo Digital	**Playground Games** **120** (-8) Playground Games	**Unity** **115** (+10) Unity	**kwalee** **86** (+10) kwalee	**King** **77** (-4) King	**CLOUD IMPERIUM** **73** (-2) Cloud Imperium
PlayStation **72** (-4) PlayStation	**splash damage** **72** (+2) Splash Damage	**EPIC GAMES** **71** (-4) Epic Games (inc Mediatonic)	**Rockstar** **66** (+9) Rockstar	**FRONTIER** **61** (-4) Frontier	**AXIS STUDIOS** **59** (+2) Axis Studios
SUPERMASSIVE GAMES **50** (=) Supermassive Games	**EA** **49** (-11) Electronic Arts	**DeepMind** **43** (-1) DeepMind	**Build a Rocket Boy** **43** (+5) Build a Rocket Boy	**naturalmotion** **39** (+5) Natural Motion	**PTW** **41** (+7) Pole to win
Rebellion **36** (+4) Rebellion	**nDreams** **33** (-7) nDreams	**ACTIVISION** **32** (-8) Activision	**CREATIVE ASSEMBLY** **32** (-8) Creative Assembly	**DOUBLE ELEVEN** **28** (-15) Double Eleven	**tripledot** **24** (-8) Tripledot Studios
Lucid **24** (+4) Lucid Games	**LARIAN STUDIOS** **24** (+5) Larian	**UBISOFT** **20** (=) Ubisoft	**TH/RD K/ND** **20** (+1) Third Kind Games	**FERAL** **19** (=) Feral Interactive	**Unit 2 Games** **19** (=) Unit 2 Games

53%

10%

53% of roles are outside London and the South East, a slight increase from last month (51.6%).
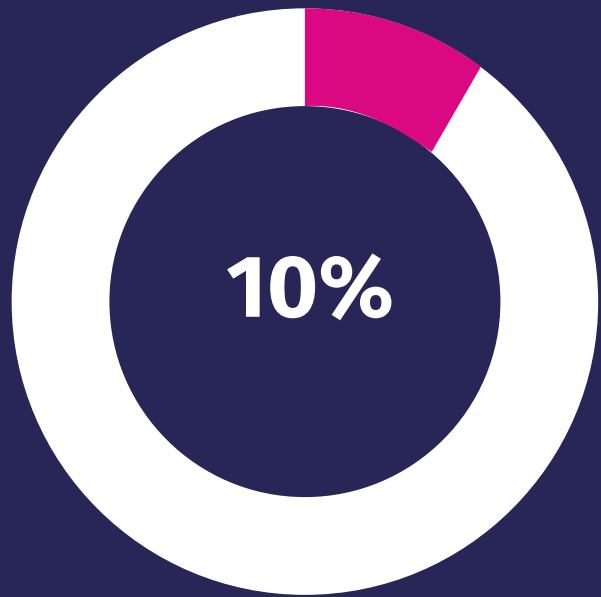
10% of roles are listed as being fully remote, unchanged from last month.

28 UK games companies currently have

20 or more open roles

823 London (was 851)

336 Leamington Spa (was 314)

246 Guildford (was 269)

136 Manchester (was 153)

134 Brighton (was 139)

112 Edinburgh (was 105)

Liverpool saw a significant increase in the number of jobs this month (+24), whilst London, Guildford and Manchester dropped slightly but roughly retained their standings.

London ....823 (was 851)
Leamington Spa ....336 (was 314)
Guildford...246 (was 269)
Manchester.. 136 (was 153)
Brighton .... 134 (was 139)
Edinburgh ....112 (was 105)

MOST COMMON JOB TITLES

37	30	24	22	21
PRODUCER	TECHNICAL ARTIST	GAME DESIGNER	SENIOR PRODUCER	VFX ARTIST

21	18	18	18	17
SOFTWARE ENGINEER	SENIOR GAME DESIGNER	SENIOR ENVIRONMENT ARTIST	ENVIRONMENT ARTIST	TECHNICAL ANIMATOR

17	17	17	15	15
SENIOR TECHNICAL ARTIST	SENIOR PROGRAMMER	GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER	SENIOR VFX ARTIST	SENIOR GAMEPLAY PROGRAMMER

15	15	14	14	14
LEVEL DESIGNER	ANIMATOR	SENIOR LEVEL DESIGNER	LEAD PROGRAMMER	LEAD GAME DESIGNER

13	13	13	12	12
SENIOR ANIMATOR	PRODUCT MANAGER	CONCEPT ARTIST	SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER	SENIOR CHARACTER ARTIST

12	12	11	11	10
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER	ART DIRECTOR	TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	LIGHTING ARTIST	SENIOR PRODUCT MANAGER

OPEN VACANCIES OVER TIME

- 1,922 April
- 1,988 May
- 2,035 June
- 2,160 July
- 2,239 Aug
- 2,399 Sept
- 2,386 Oct
- 2,557 Nov
- 2,456 Dec
- 2,554 Jan
- 2,642 Feb
- 2,759 Mar
- 2,745 Apr
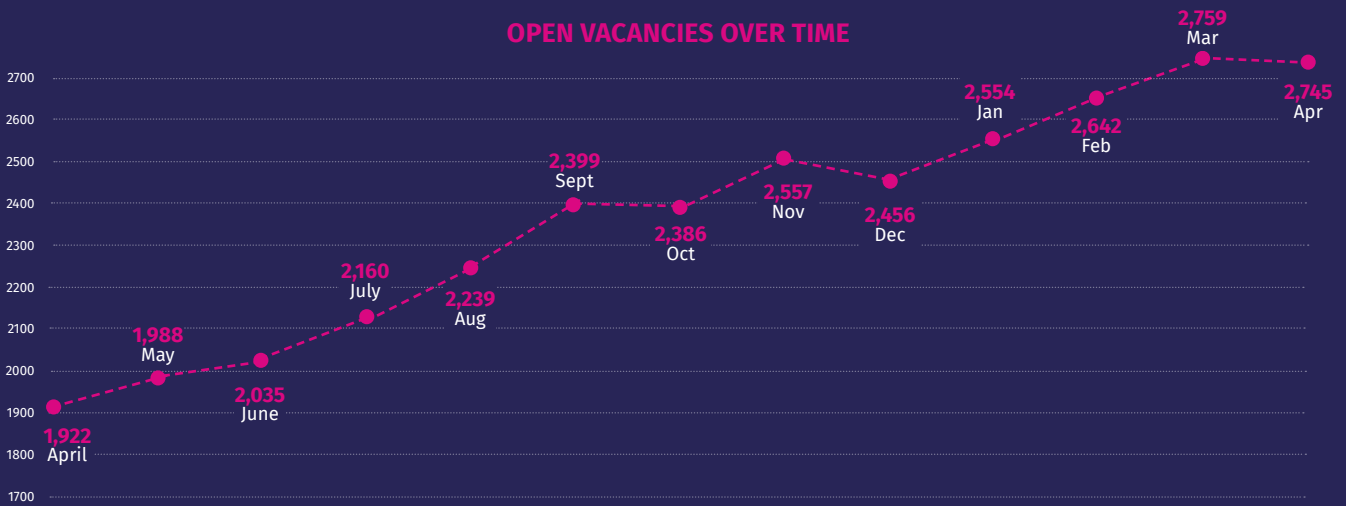
The biggest percentage increase for discipline was Writing (+80%), albeit only up to 9 roles compared to 5 last month. Analytics saw the biggest fall (-17), along with QA (-15), whilst Code positions also dropped by 15 although as a percentage it's far less significant.

Code .... 908 (was 923)
Art .... 570 (was 576)
Production .... 325 (was 325)
Design .... 297 (was 290)
Other .... 148 (was 135)
Promotion .... 100 (was 103)
QA .... 87 (was 102)
Animation .... 102 (was 94)
Analytics .... 55 (was 72)
HR .... 55 (was 47)
Audio .... 37 (was 35)
Finance .... 16 (was 17)
IT .... 16 (was 16)
Localisation .... 11 (was 12)
Legal .... 7 (was 8)
Writing .... 9 (was 5)

JOBS BY REGION:
London 669
South East 619
Midlands 441
North West 254
Scotland 221
Yorkshire 110
North East 96
East of England 78
South West 60
Wales 4
N.Ireland 5

JOBS BY STUDIO CATEGORY:
AAA 1213
AA 638
Mobile 395
Service 267
Indie 224

JOBS BY SENIORITY:
Experienced 1268
Senior 693
Manager 647
Junior 135

Map markers: 221, 254, 5, 110, 96, 441, 619, 78, 4, 669, 60

INSIGHTS

Job numbers overall are relatively static this month, but still almost at their highest levels since we began producing this report in early 2021.

Remote jobs continue to be advertised more explicitly, and studios seem to be aggressively filling their junior roles with this year's upcoming graduates.

Some familiar faces continue to open the most roles with Sumo (+17), Unity (+10) and Kwalee (+10). With Double Eleven (-15), Codemasters (-14) and Electronic Arts (-11) seeming to fill the most roles since last month. Congrats to all those starting their new positions there!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduate Event, TBC in May/June

Studios interested in participating in any event should contact **colin@gamesjobs.live**

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