

Bolsover District Council - Growth Summary – 2019/20 – half year update

Unlocking Our Growth Potential

In 2014 the Council committed to a strategy to focus on unlocking the potential to deliver growth for the district. Through the Growth Strategy and the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 the Council set out its ambition to create a sustainable high performing economy. The Council established three strategic priorities to unlock our growth potential. A summary of the progress against these priorities for 2019/20 (April to September 2019) is as follows:

1. Supporting Enterprise: maintaining and growing the business base

- Officers continue to attend the regular Growth Hub Crossover Advisor Forum, and refer businesses for personalised assistance where appropriate.
- Following the Building Resilience project going live, a large number of Shirebrook businesses have engaged with the project. The Bolsover Business Growth Fund Round 2 is going live next quarter which will provide opportunities to engage with businesses that would not normally engage with the Council.
- Economic Development continues to promote its services through the Invest in Bolsover website, In Touch and promotional materials. New materials are being developed for the launch of Round 2 of the Bolsover Business Growth Fund. 11 E-bulletins were issued for a range of subjects including funding for skills support, Derbyshire Economic Growth Fund re-opening and the Green Growth Diagnostic Tool for businesses. The team continue to work closely with the Department for Investment and Trade to review investment opportunities and manage investment property and site enquiries.
- Contracts for the four Business Rates Retention Pilot schemes have been signed with DCC. Consultants have been appointed to undertake two of the schemes, and are progressing with the work on the projects. Another project is in development, and the fourth is anticipated to go live in the next quarter.
- BNED LEADER: The programme has now approved 37 projects totalling £1,236,034.15. These projects are committed to generating £1,616,173.35 match funding and creating 68.82FTE jobs, which is a unit cost of £17,960 per job. The programme closed nationally to new applications on 30th September 2019 and no further applications will be considered. Focus for the programme will now be directed to monitoring, claims, site inspections, evaluation, LAG visits and preparations for closure in March 2021.

2. Enabling Housing Growth: increasing the supply, quality and range of housing to meet the needs of a growing population and support economic growth

- Action housing have completed the purchase of the old Co-op in Whitwell and plan to convert it to 5 x 1 bed flats. This is due to start in the following quarter (November with anticipated 6 month's work programme). The empty property in North View at Carr Vale is currently 5 weeks behind due to electrical safety issues, Action will be able to safely access the property to complete the works and intend to put a larger team on the project to get it back on track.
- Housing Strategy are referring empty property owners to E.ON who have an empty property solution, this is a private relationship between the empty property owner and E.ON.
- Planning Committee resolved to approve outline planning permission for the Whitwell Colliery application subject to completion of a s.106 agreement securing various infrastructure contributions. (Circa 450 dwellings and circa 6 hectares of employment, amongst other things).
- The existing B@home framework ends on 26th November 26th 2019. Currently 12 units at the Paddock, Bolsover are under construction which will take the total New Build units completed to 103. Planning has been applied for 4 sites in Whitwell, if achieved on all sites prior to the 26/11/19 the Council will enter into a contract to build a further 16 units with its existing construction partner Robert Woodhead Ltd within the B@Home framework. The new 4 year framework is currently out for tender through Efficiency East Midlands (EEM), the tender period ends on the 1st November. A report will be submitted to Executive in December 2019.
- Officers from DCC highways, BDC Planning and Economic Development have met with Waystones to help facilitate the delivery of the Clowne North development. They have worked together on the Full Business Case being provided to D2N2 LEP to secure funding to accelerate the delivery of the development.
- Working towards engaging landowners in the Local Development Order (LDO) work and design guide for employment land in the East Midlands Manufacturing Zone. This work will streamline the planning process for Developers.
- The Local Plan for Bolsover District was submitted for Examination at the end of August 2018 with public hearing sessions taking place in January/February/March 2019. Consultation on modifications took place during June/July 2019 and the representations received were forwarded to the Inspector for her consideration in August 2019. Based on the likely timetable for the Inspector's report, the Council is now expecting to adopt the Local Plan early in 2020.

3. Unlocking Development Potential: unlocking the capacity of major employment sites

- The Project Control Board and the Project Operations Group continues to meet to drive the Coalite regeneration forward. Bolsover Land Ltd presented on the development scheme to the D2N2 Board (July 2019) and the Bolsover Skills & Employment Partnership (September 2019) which were very well received.
- Coalite - Reserved matters approval granted for employment buildings on Plots 4a and 4b, 6, 7 and 8. Awaiting application for Plot 5.
- Work is well underway at the new Morrison's site in Bolsover and recruitment is underway. It is hoped to be open by Christmas 2019.
- Recruitment for the Amazon warehouse at Barlborough commenced early in Quarter 2, with further recruitment planned to ensure staffing levels for the peak Christmas period.
- Consultants appointed and undertaking studies for the East Midlands Manufacturing Zone work streams relating to planning matters (that is, exploring potential benefits and disadvantages of local development orders; and also developing a commercial design guide) and transport (that is, a mobility strategy) across six sites in northern Derbyshire in Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire districts.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of some of the performance measures against our Growth priorities.

BDC Growth Indicators (2019/20 – Half year update)

2018/19 Outturn	No.	Description	2019/20 Mid-year update	19/20 Target	Status
Planning Indicators					
£397,518	1.	Major Planning fees received	£298,010	£325,000	▲
£258,681	2.	Minor Planning fees received	£77,182		
£656,199	3.	Combined Minor and Major Planning fees	£375,192		
100% (23 out of 23)	4.	Process all major planning applications 10% better than the national minimum (CPT)	100% (8 out of 8)	60%	▲
99.2% (120 out of 121)	5.	Determining "Minor" applications within target deadlines	100% (37 out of 37)	70%	▲

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99.5% (214 out of 215)	6.	Determining "Other" applications within target deadlines	100% (58 out of 58)	85%	▲
2076 (7.76 year's supply) 1 st April 2018	7.	Supply of available and deliverable housing sites at 1st April (5 year supply)	2482 (9 years of deliverable supply) 1st April 2019	-	
0 ha of newly allocated employment land + 24,463 m2 (net) within urban areas / existing employment areas	8.	Area of new employment floor space built (hectares / square metres)	See 2018/19 for latest update. 2019/20 data available June 2020	-	
Housing Indicators					
291	9.	Enable the development of at least 272 new residential properties within the district by March 2020 (CPT)	331 under construction	272	-
£256,857	10.	Amount received in additional New Homes Bonus from the government (a former corporate plan target)	Available April 2020	No longer a CPT	-
66	11.	Work with partners to deliver an average of 20 units of affordable homes each year (CPT)	20+ homes under construction	20	-
5	12.	Bring back into use 10 empty properties per year (CPT)	0	10	▼
Business Indicators					
99.3%	13.	% of business rates collected in year	Not Available	98.5%	

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+£1,671,536	14.	Business growth as measured by gross NNDR (a former corporate plan target)	Available April 2020	No longer a CPT	
66.6%	15.	Percentage of NNDR arrears collected	34.4%	65%	▲
£1,671,536 (+2.6%)	16.	Change in rateable value of commercial property in the district	£3,221,896 (+5.2%)	-	-
£ 233,524	17.	Level of income generated through letting property owned by the Council but not occupied by the Council, not including Housing, The Tangent and Pleasley Vale	£137,574	£235,747	▲
£53,391	18.	Financial performance for the Tangent in line or exceeding budget forecast.	(£20,965)	£ 67,033 profit	▼
£195,157	19.	Financial performance of Pleasley Vale Mills in line or exceeding budget forecast.	(£141)	£ 216,855 profit	▼
22	20.	Number of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	New round started Oct 2019	4	-
£184,812	21.	Value of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	Started Oct 2019	£20,000	-
31	22.	Number of BNED LEADER grants awarded (scheme total)	37	37	▲
£1,142,050	23.	Value of BNED LEADER grants awarded	£1,236,034.15	£1,237,704.00	▲
23	24.	Apprenticeships started	4	12 FTE	▼
142	25.	25 businesses supported through Key Account Management by March 2020 (CPT)	24	25	▲
District Information					
2.1 %Bolsover 2.2% East Mid 2.7% GB	26.	Out-Of-Work Benefits Claimant count Age range 16 – 64 (See graph and note)	2.3 %Bolsover 2.5% East Mid 2.8% GB	-	

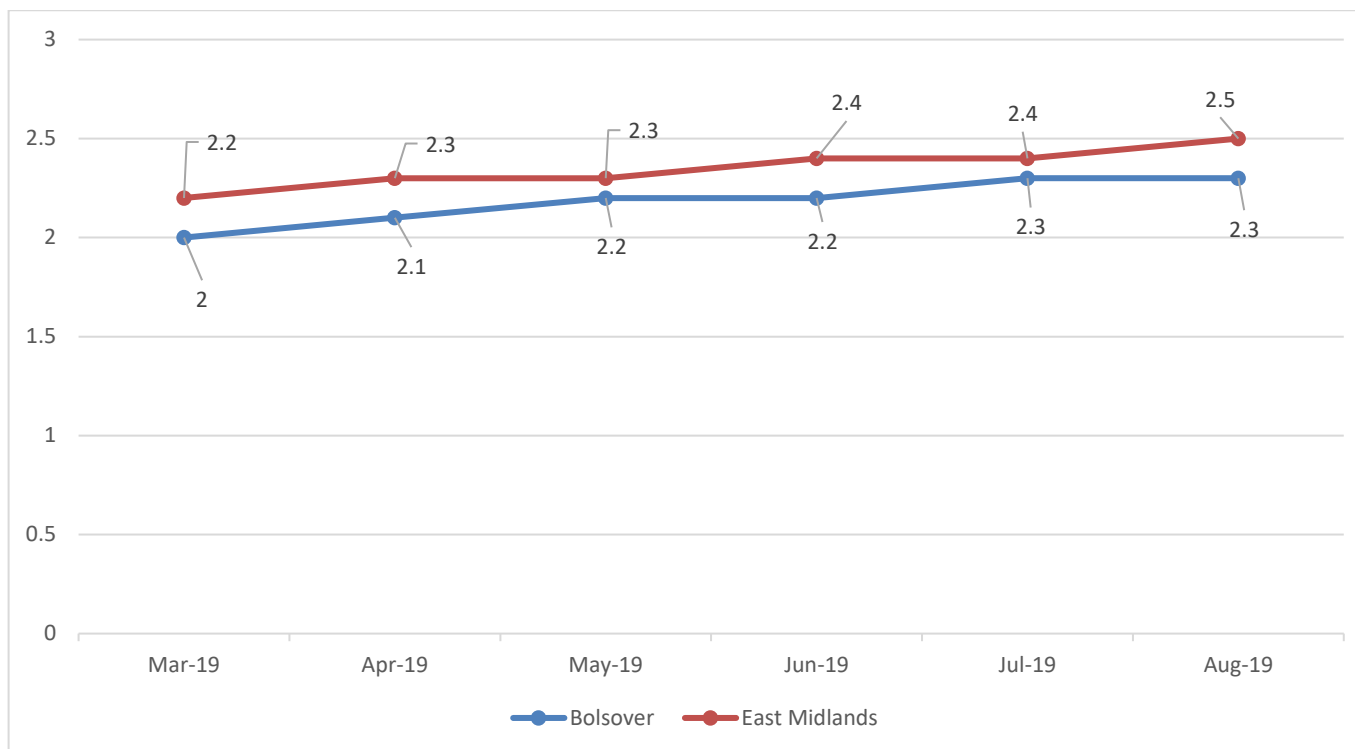
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	27.	Average earnings	See Appendix		
£145,676	28.	Average house price (See graph)	£147,511	-	
	29.	Qualification and Occupation levels	See Appendix		

Exceptions

<p>Bring back into use 10 empty properties per year</p>	<p>At end of September 2019 no properties have yet to be brought back into use. However, 7 properties are in the process of being brought back into use. Once these have been completed, this should create 12 units of accommodation.</p> <p>Action Housing have now purchased the Old Co-op in Whitwell to convert into 5 apartments - work will begin in November and will be completed within 6 months. They have also now signed the lease for a long term empty property in Carr Vale - work has commenced to convert it into 2 apartments and will be completed before the end of March 2020.</p> <p>The empty property officer has supported an owner of a long term problematic empty property in Carr Vale, to sell it at auction. The owner lacked the skills to be able to sell it themselves and therefore a number of departments came together to support them through this process. The property sold for £10k above the guide price, which has helped the owner financially and means that the property is no longer a burden to them. The new owner has now started work to renovate it and this will be completed before the end of March 2020.</p> <p>The empty property officer has referred 2 empty property owners in Bolsover and Pinxton; to an energy company who have a number of different incentives; to help owners bring their empty properties back into use. It is expected that these properties will be occupied by the end of March 2020.</p> <p>The empty property officer and Environmental Health are supporting 2 owners of a long term empty property in Bolsover. The property they own is a non-standard build and it is causing issues within its locality; the Council are working with the owners to clear the property of their belongings and support them through the sale process. It is expected that the site will be on the market within the next 6 months, which will enable a developer to redevelop the site as a new single dwelling.</p>
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	<p>The empty property officer and Environmental Health are commencing proceedings to enforce the sale of a property in Shirebrook, where there is a large amount of waste, which is causing problems to neighbouring properties. The owners have failed to cooperate and therefore both departments are working together to bring this property back into use. It is expected that this process will take between 6 and 9 months. They are also due to commence proceedings for enforced sale on a property in Langwith, where there is a large debt recorded against the property (owed to the Council for a garden clearance) which has not been paid - the property is also in a state of disrepair and is causing problems for neighbours and the owners have failed to act as instructed.</p>
<p>Financial performance for the Tangent in line or exceeding budget forecast.</p>	<p>The cost instead of a profit is most likely down to timing at this time of year. There are 2 large budgets that have the whole amount committed against them as the contracts are let. The income is only for 6 months though.</p>
<p>Financial performance of Pleasley Vale Mills in line or exceeding budget forecast.</p>	<p>Loss at 30/9/19 - not a profit due to hired and contracted services expenditure committed on Financial Management System for whole year and income for electricity lower than 1/2 year - possibly due to timing of raising invoices.</p>
<p>Apprenticeships started</p>	<p>The lead officer anticipates to at least achieve the target if not exceed by March 2020.</p>

Out of Work Benefits Claimant count (Age range 16 – 64) - not seasonally adjusted (August 2019)



<p>Out-Of-Work Benefits Claimant count Age range 16 – 64</p>	<p>The Claimant Count is the number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. This is measured by combining the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits with the number of people receiving Universal Credit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Claimants declare that they are out of work, capable of, available for and actively seeking work during the week in which the claim is made.</p> <p>Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.</p>
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Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

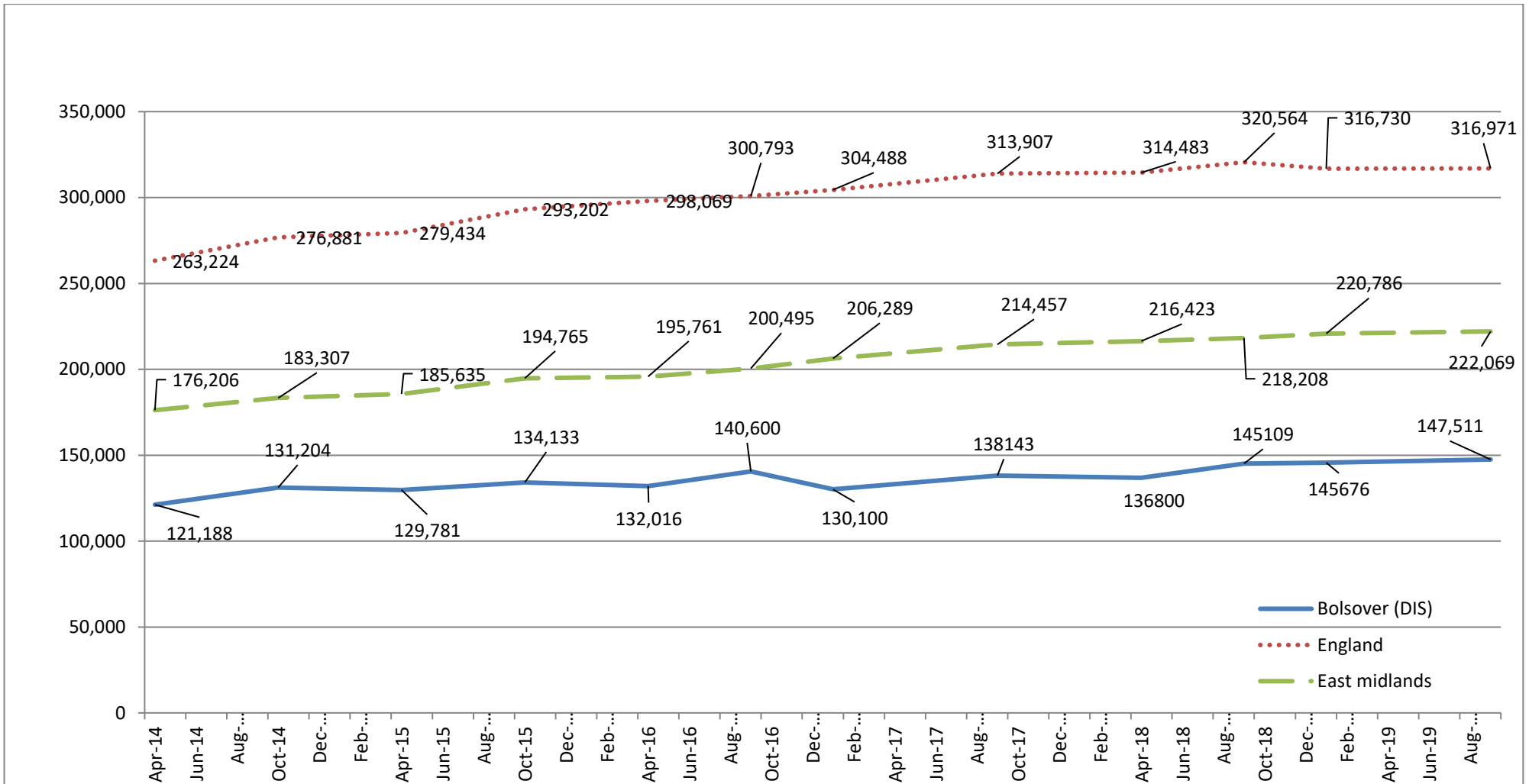
Average Earnings**Earnings by place of residence (2019)**

	Bolsover (pounds)	East Midlands (pounds)	Great Britain (pounds)
Gross weekly pay			
Full-time workers	519.2	547.4	587.0
Male full-time workers	525.3	590.3	632.0
Female full-time workers	463.6	476.1	528.9
Hourly pay - excluding overtime			
Full-time workers	12.70	13.63	14.88
Male full-time workers	12.70	14.23	15.44
Female full-time workers	12.87	12.49	13.99

Source: ONS annual survey of hours and earnings - resident analysis

Notes: Median earnings in pounds for employees living in the area.

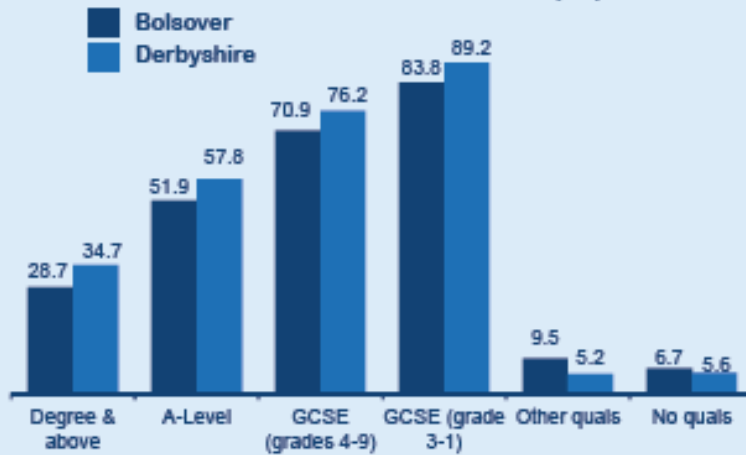
Bolsover, East Midlands and English average house prices (2014 up to Sept 2019)



Source: Hometrack - Housing Intelligence System

Adult skill levels in Bolsover (2018)

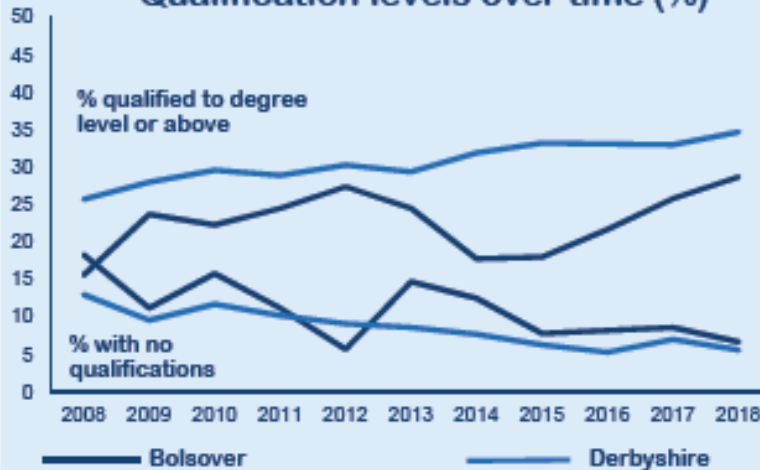
Qualification levels (%)



The qualification levels of Bolsover's working age population (aged 16-64 years) have greatly improved over the last ten years since 2008

when the proportion of people qualified to degree level or above was 15.6% and 18.3% of people had no qualifications. Currently 28.7% of the district's residents hold a degree (or higher) and just 6.7% have no qualifications.

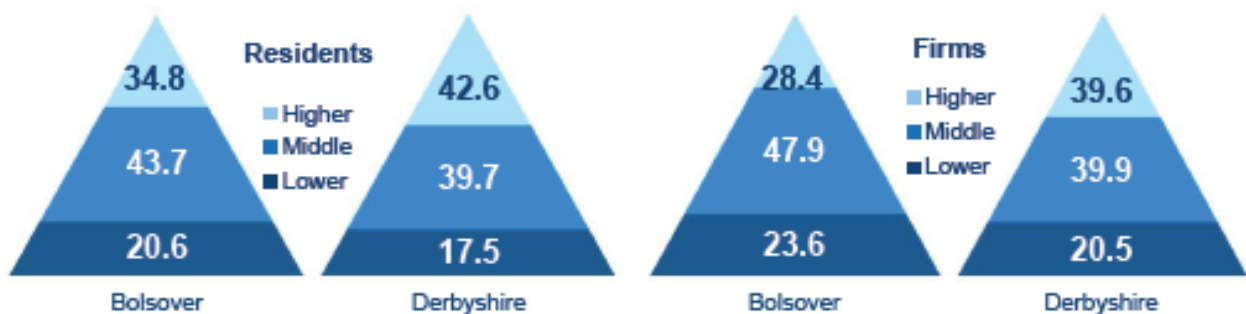
Qualification levels over time (%)



There continues to be a skills gap at degree level with significantly fewer Bolsover residents with higher level qualifications compared to Derbyshire.

The proportion of the workforce qualified to degree level or above varies by nearly 20% points across the county, from 48.2% in Derbyshire Dales to 28.7% in Bolsover and Chesterfield.

Occupation Levels (%)



Fewer residents in Bolsover work in higher level occupations than across Derbyshire

The occupational profile of Bolsover's firms is lower than for the district's residents reflecting the large number of people who commute out of the district for the higher level jobs elsewhere