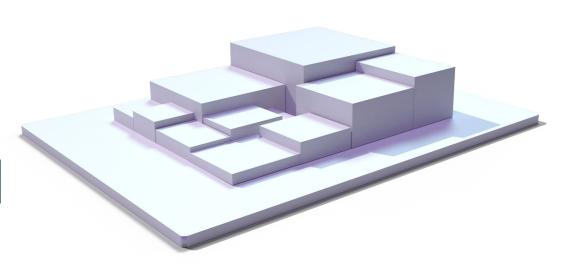


Wales: the labour market after Covid

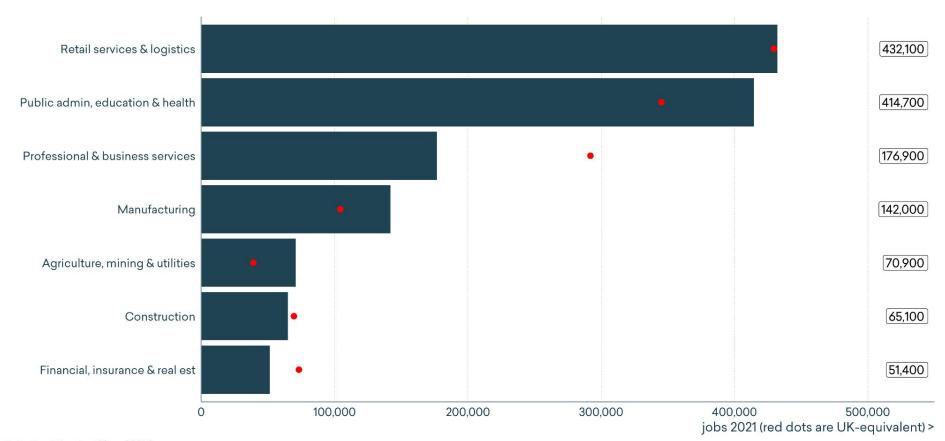


## **Overview**

- Industry structure and change
- Occupation structure and change
- Unemployment vs UK
- Unemployment, vacancies, redundancies
- Recruitment demand by occupation
- Recruitment demand by leading employers
- Changing pattern of recruitment demand by skills

### Welsh economy: strong in public services, manufacturing, primary

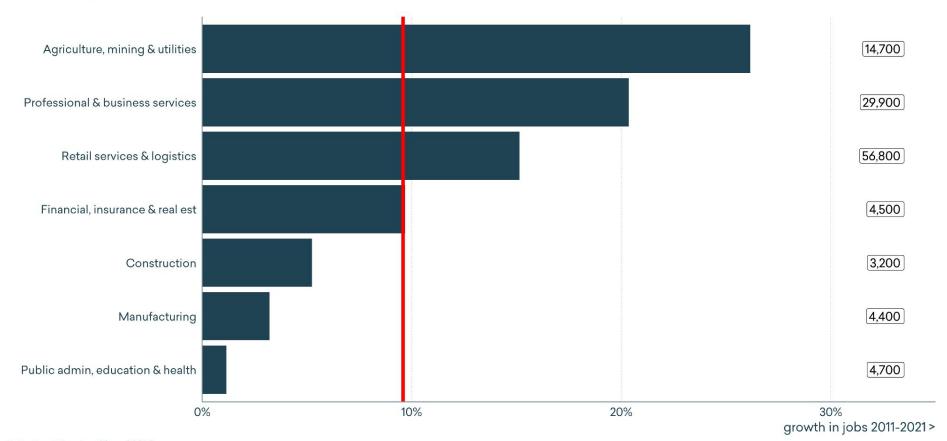
Retail and logistics largest employer, but no more than other regions - business services weak



Data: Emsi Burning Glass 2021.2

### Welsh economy: job creation greatest in retail services and logistics

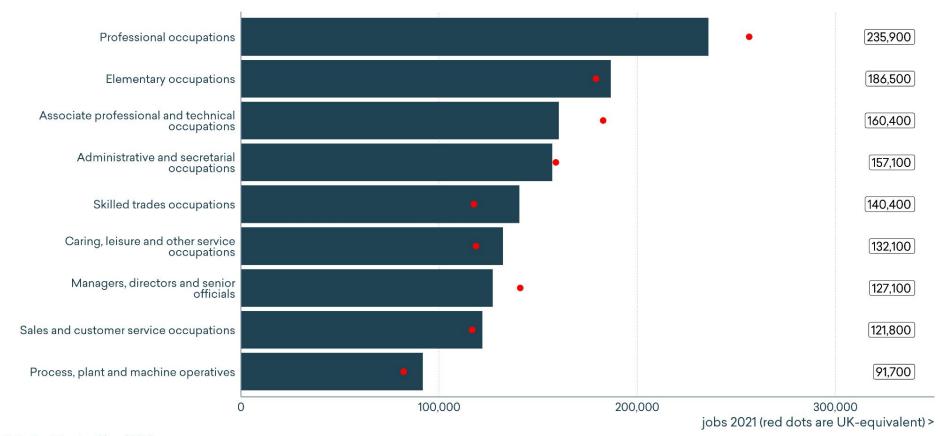
Austerity weighs on public services, but primary sector jobs grow fast



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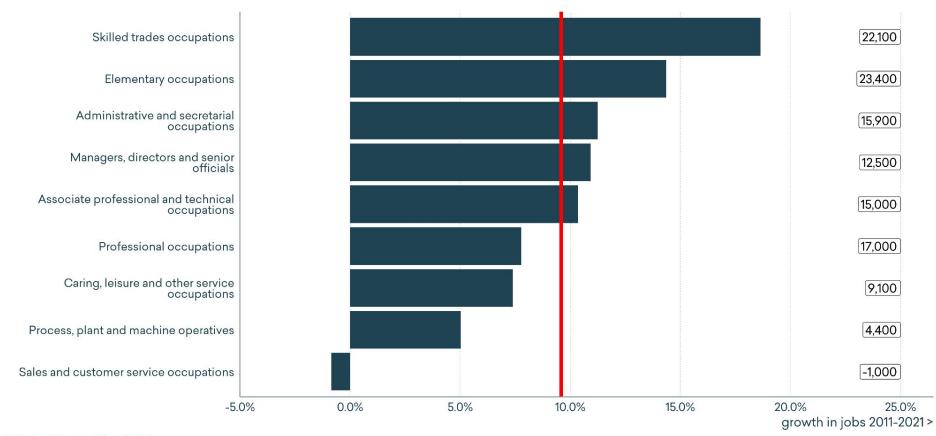
### Welsh workforce: skilled trades, caring and elementary concentrated

Under-represented in professional, technical and managerial roles



### Welsh economy: job creation greatest in skilled trades and elementary

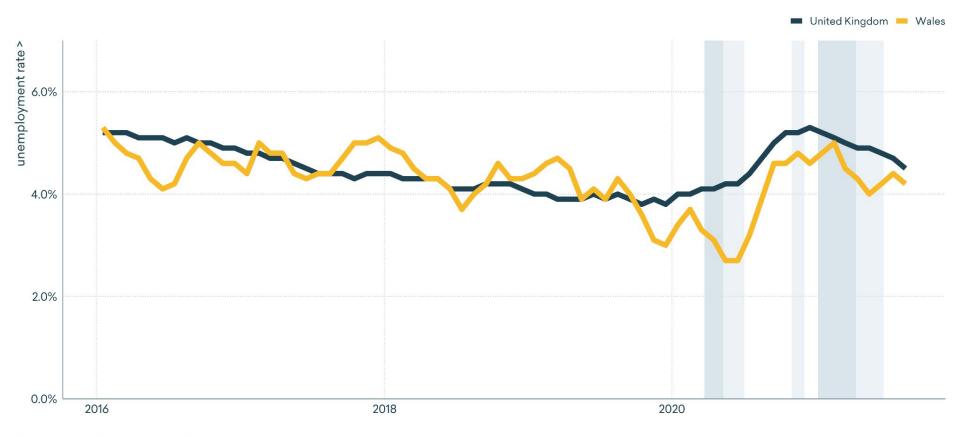
Sales and customer services jobs slightly down overall



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### Welsh unemployment - staying slightly below the UK

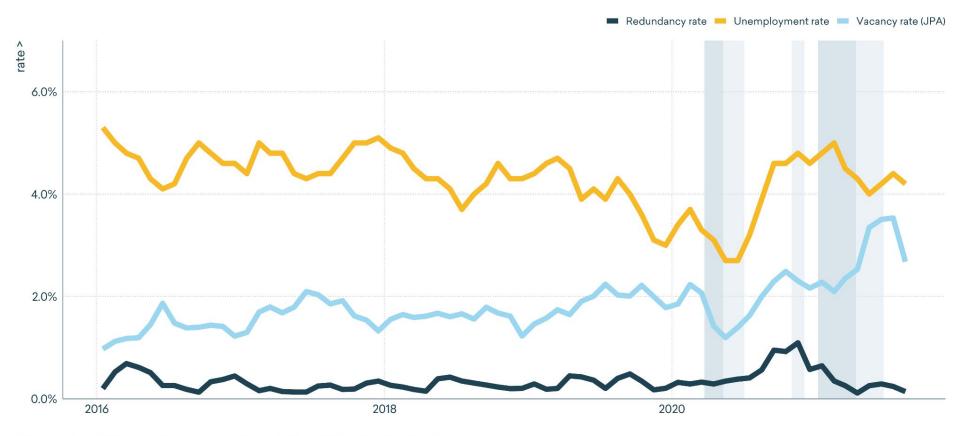
Big rise in second half of 2020, but tailing off



Data: Emsi Burning Glass analysis of ONS Labour Market Statistics

### Unemployment surge reflects vacancies falling and redundancies rising - but now stopped

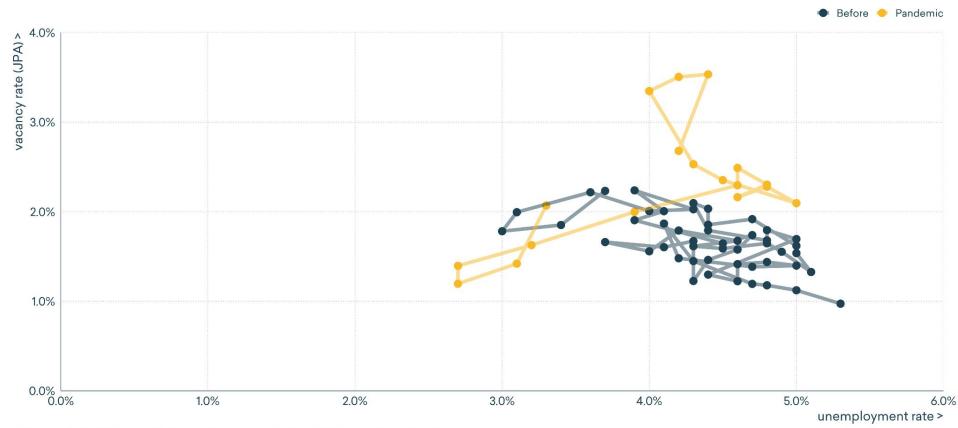
And vacancies entering record territory



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### Beveridge curve: pandemic has broken all the rules

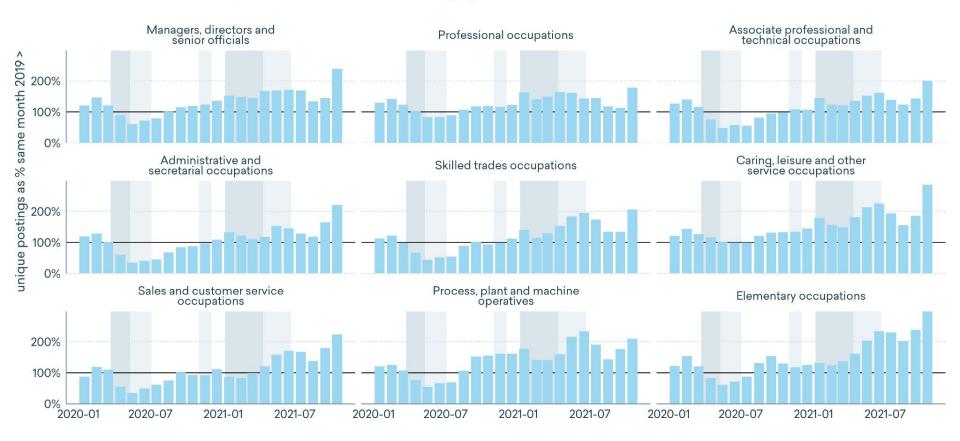
Serious disruption of vacancy-unemployment relationship - first negative, now positive



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### All occupation labour markets racing far ahead of 2019 levels

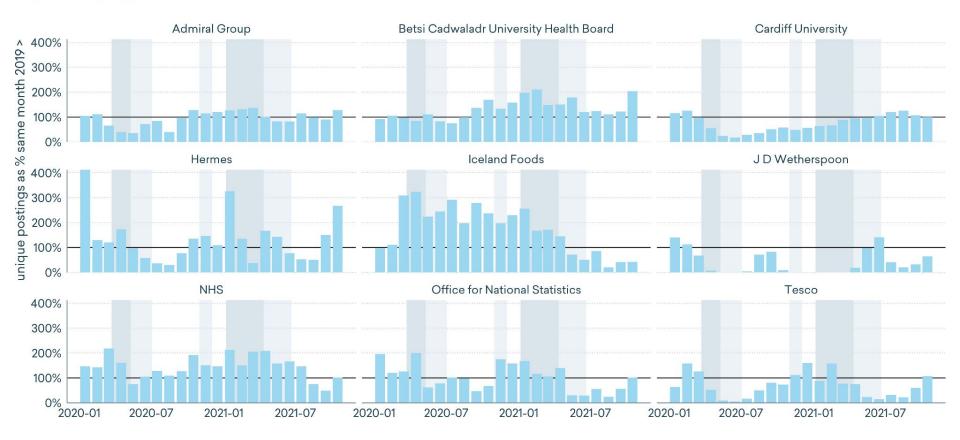
Welsh recruitment demand mostly recovered late in 2020, now surging well ahead



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### Company recruitment demand reflects very different patterns

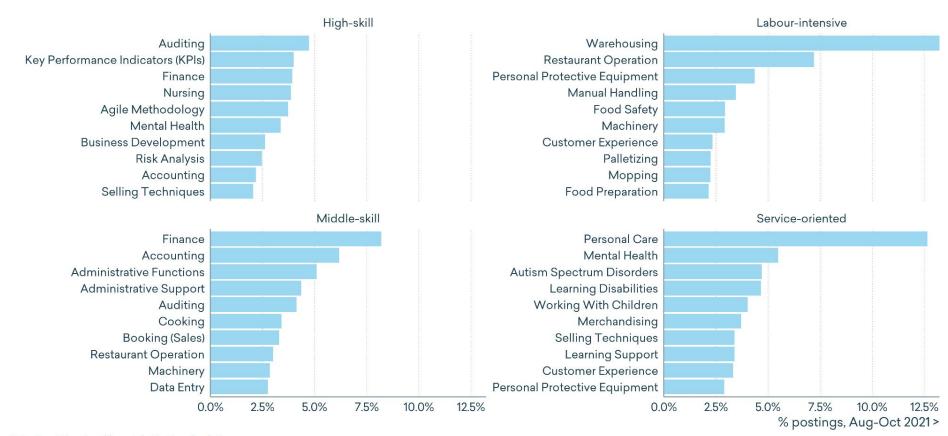
Logistics surging, public services steadier



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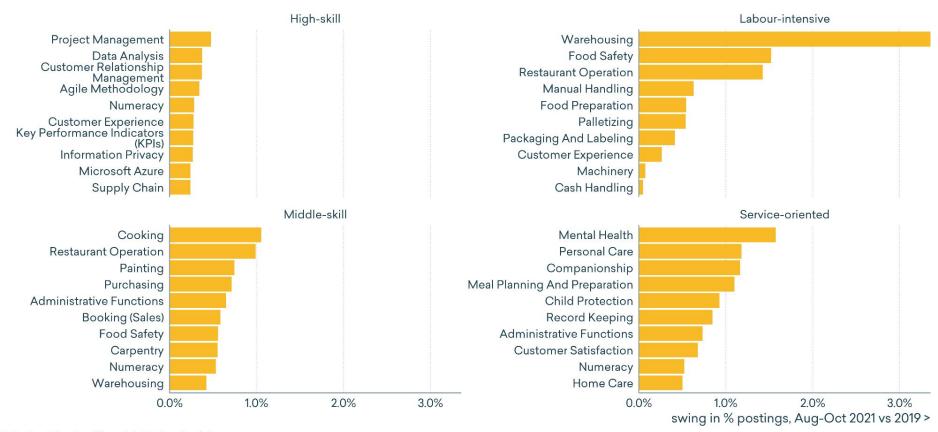
### Top skills by broad occupational grouping

High skills mix of tech and healthcare, caring and catering features elsewhere



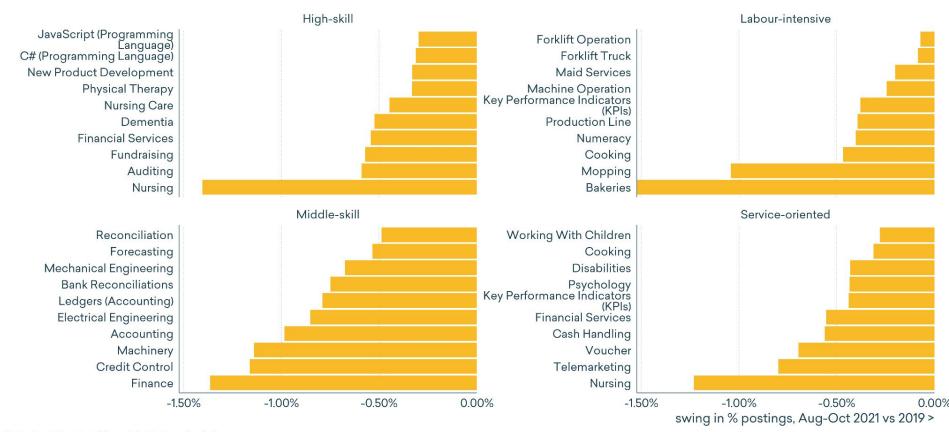
### Logistics dominates swing in skills compared to 2019

Technology leading high-skill needs



### Programming languages and healthcare less relevant as other market demands race ahead

Growth is highly selective



# **Summary**

- Wales has proven one of the most resilient parts of the UK during Covid
- Unemployment has risen, but recruitment demand has recovered robustly
- Part of Wales' resilience has reflected some of its industry strengths
- But those industry strengths also mean recovery is dominated by lower skill demands
- The long run story about how to shift Wales to a higher skill, higher productivity path - will return to focus in the years ahead



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