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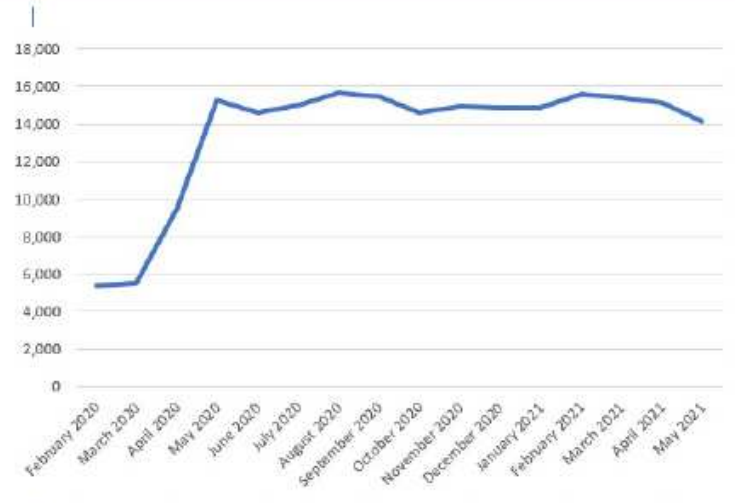
What do the stats say?



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Latest v previous month	Trend	National comparison (latest period)	Commentary
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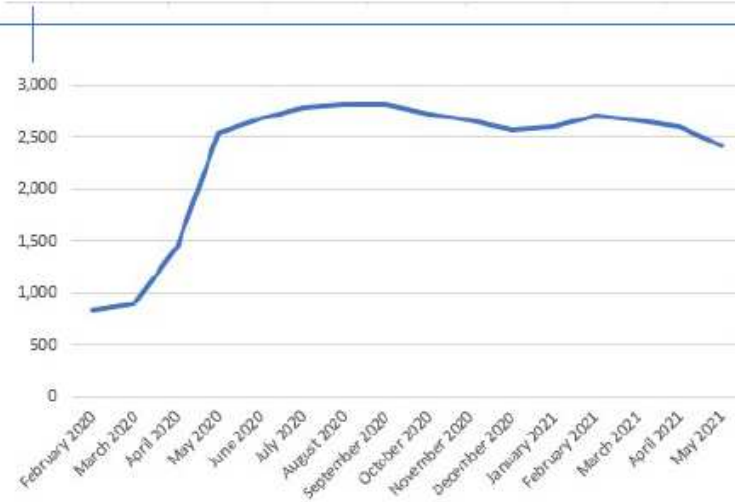
England = 6.1%

Bucks = 31st highest of 38 LEPs (4.3%)

Highest LEP = Black Country (8.7%)

Lowest LEP = York, NY and E Riding (3.5%)

The number of Buckinghamshire residents claiming 'out-of-work' benefits fell by 930 between April and May 2021, to the lowest level in 12 months.



England = 19%


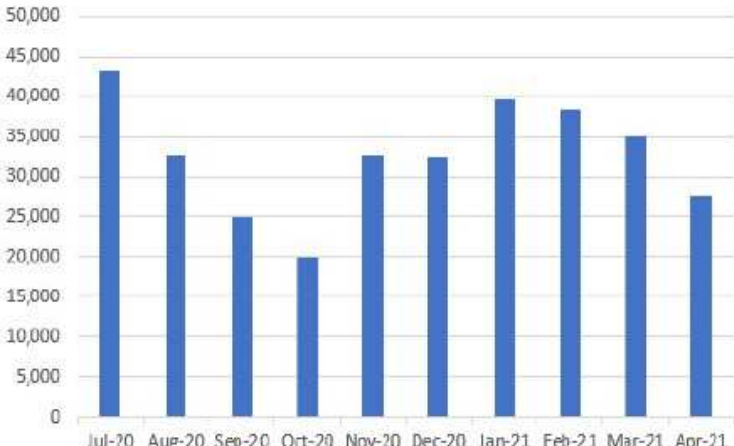
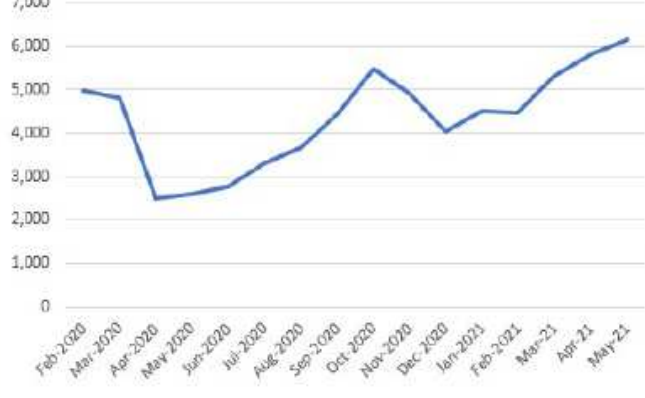
Bucks = 37th highest of 38 LEPs (17%)


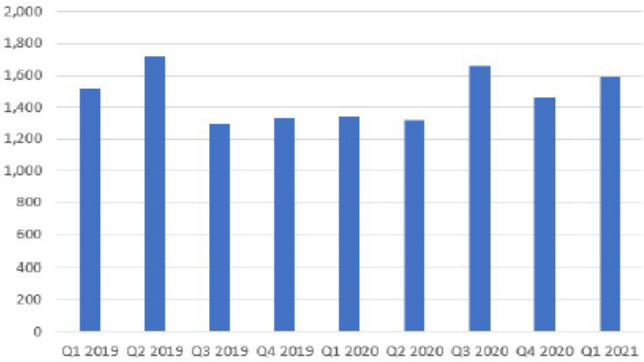

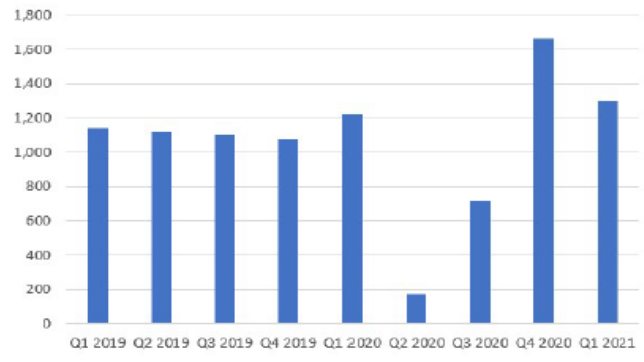
Highest LEP = Tees Valley (21%)

Lowest LEP = London (16%)

17% of claimants in Bucks are aged 16-24. This is lower than the national average and the second lowest figure in the country*

*likely linked to the smaller relative size of the 16-24 population.

Latest v previous period	Trend	National comparison (latest period)	Commentary
		<p>England = 11%</p> <p>Bucks = 11%</p>	<p>On 31 April, 11% of Buckinghamshire's eligible employees were on furlough, in line with the national average.</p>
<p>n/a due to seasonal fluctuation</p>		<p>England = 131%</p> <p>Bucks = 143%</p>	<p>Job postings have continued to rise as the economy re-opens. They are now at their highest levels for over a year.</p>

Latest v previous period	Trend	National comparison (latest period)	Commentary
		<p>Registrations as a % of 2019 registrations</p> <p>England = 116%</p> <p>Bucks = 105%</p>	<p>The number of new incorporations in Q1 2021 in Bucks was higher than in Q1 2019, although not to the same extent as across England as a whole.</p>
		<p>Companies in liquidation or dissolved as a % of 2019 liquidations / dissolutions</p> <p>England = 136%</p> <p>Bucks = 114%</p>	<p>The number of companies entering liquidation or dissolving in Bucks in Q1 2021 was higher than in Q1 2019, although, again, not to the same extent as across England as a whole. The company 'strike off' process has not yet returned to normal, so we don't yet have a full picture of how many firms have closed.</p>

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Levels of Activity during a Pandemic



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2020/21

64,000 business engagements

£6,852,333 grants paid

£2,621,248 created in match funding

804 jobs created

266 new products / services created

68 people attended an Enterprise Day

91 people joined a start up course

Over 5,000 people took part in the Skills Show

117 business owners joined a peer networking group

2019/20

34,500 business engagements

£2,145,840 grants paid

£4,455,162 created in match funding

392 jobs created

109 new products / services created

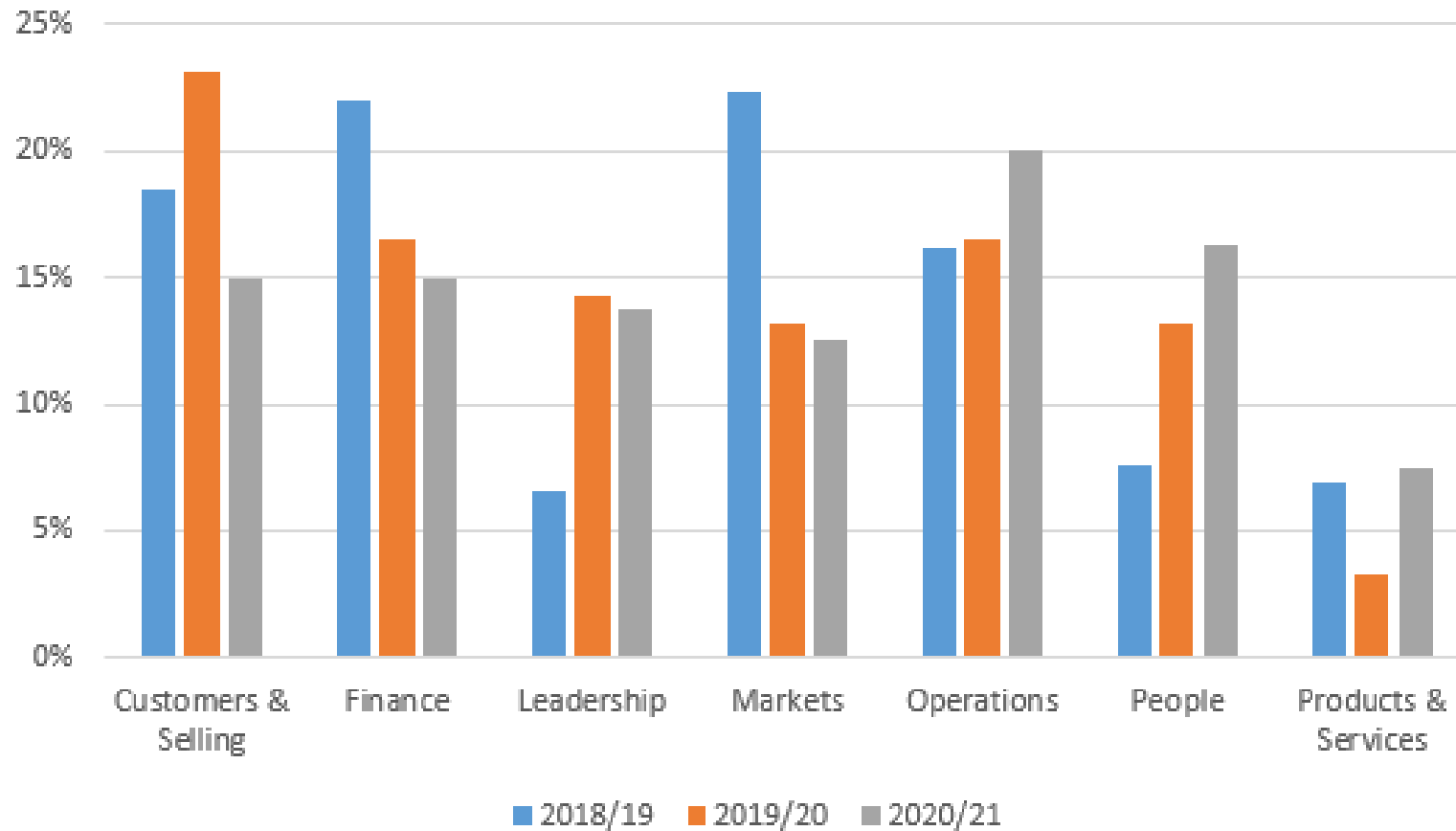
64 people attended an Enterprise Day

40 people joined a start up course

4,000 people took part in the Skills Show

30 business owners joined a peer networking group

The key issues businesses want to discuss with a business adviser in a 1:1 meeting, a 3 year comparison



Website Activity in May

Page Title	Unique
Find Business Support	405
Learn digital skills for free with Google's Digital Garage	507
Peer Networks Programme	229
Grants and vouchers	156
Growing your business	95
Growth Advice for Growing businesses	106
Starting up	80
Find Business Support	113
Funding and finance	70
Growth Advice	37
Member questions & answers on business	31
Business Support Team	45
Finance for Start-Ups	40
Business networks	39
Skills Hub	34
Start-up checklist	28
Virtual Adviser	24
Recommendation for a Business account	16
Solicitor	17
Start-up finance	19

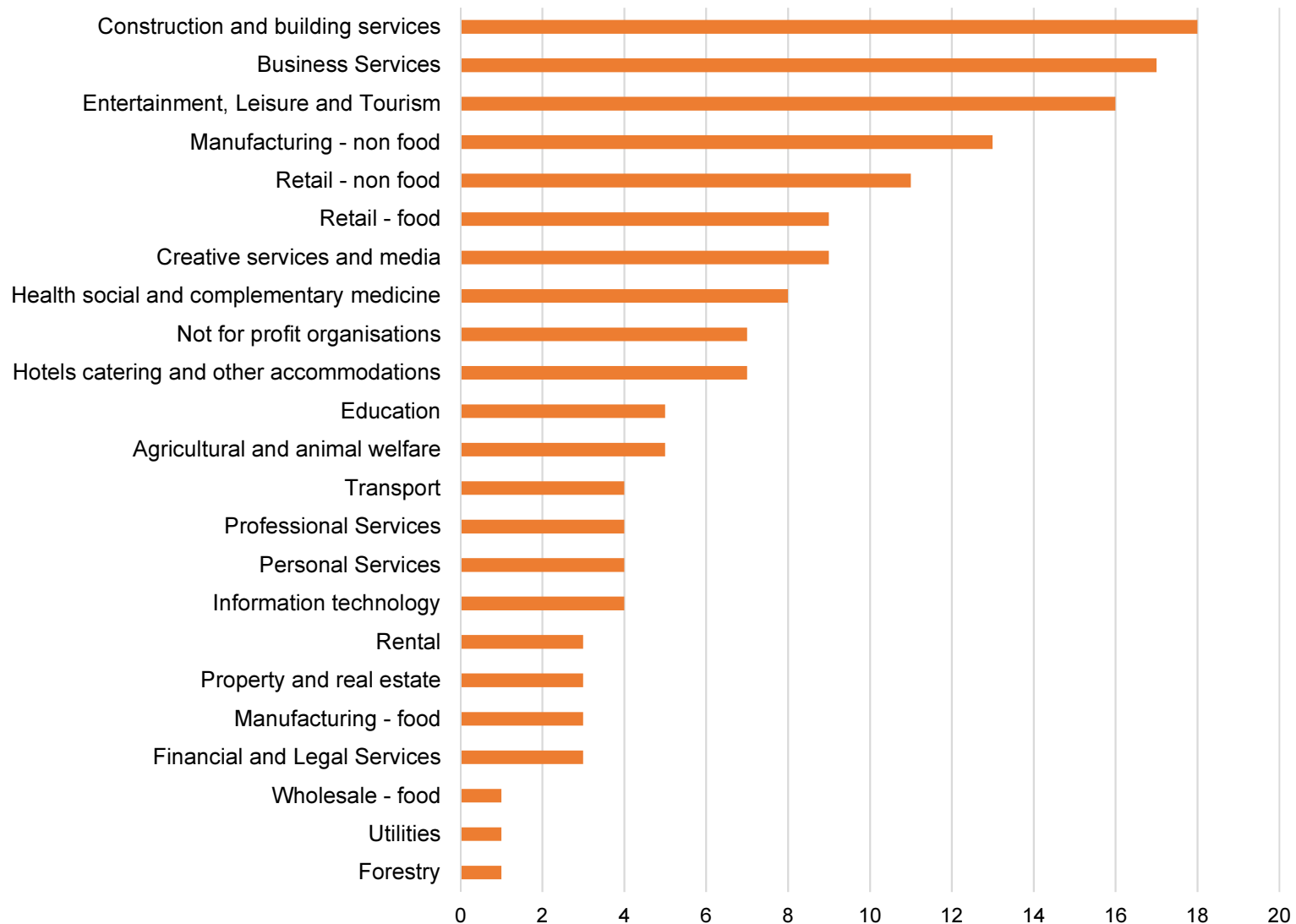
Types of businesses we are working with in Wendover and Villages



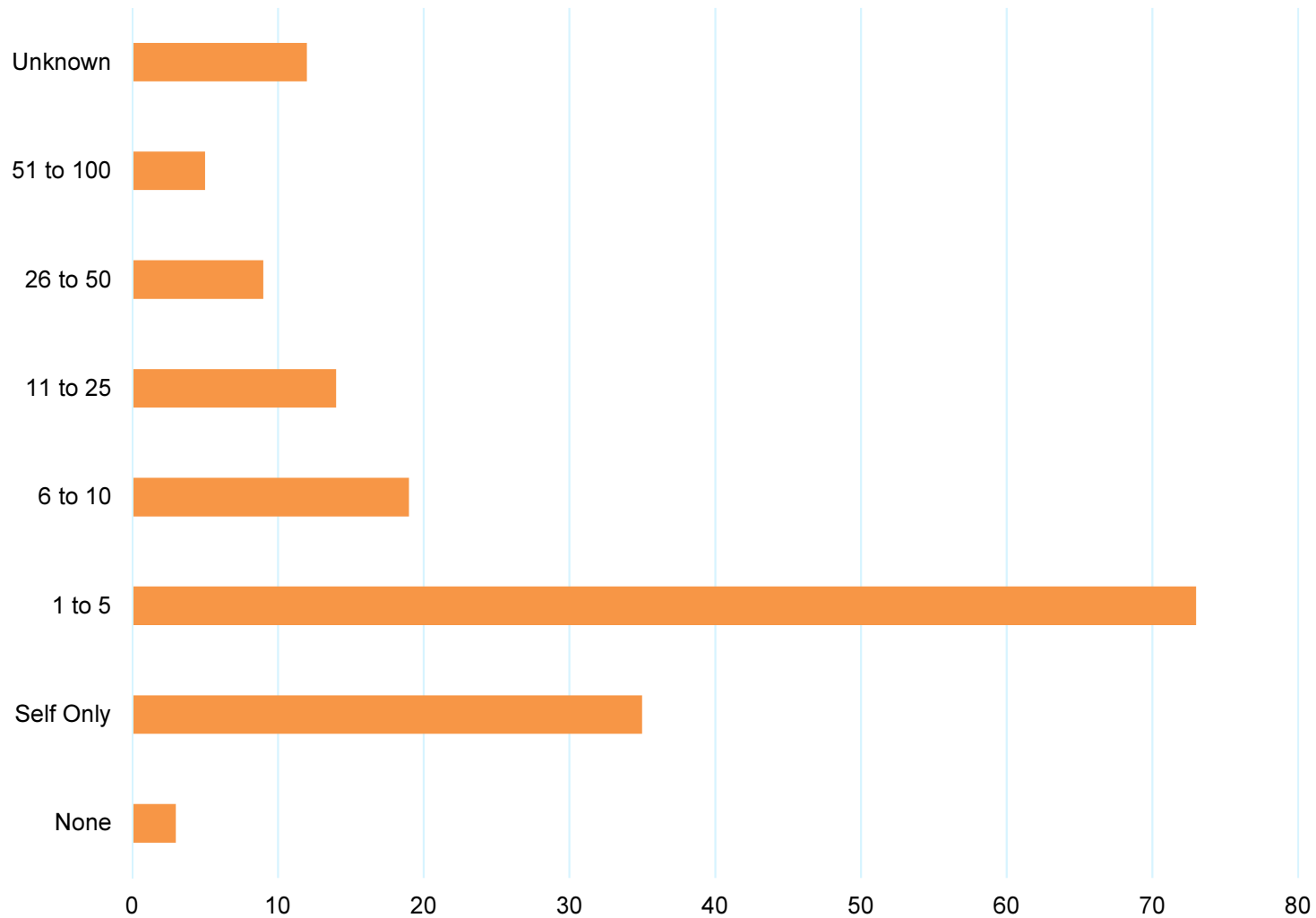
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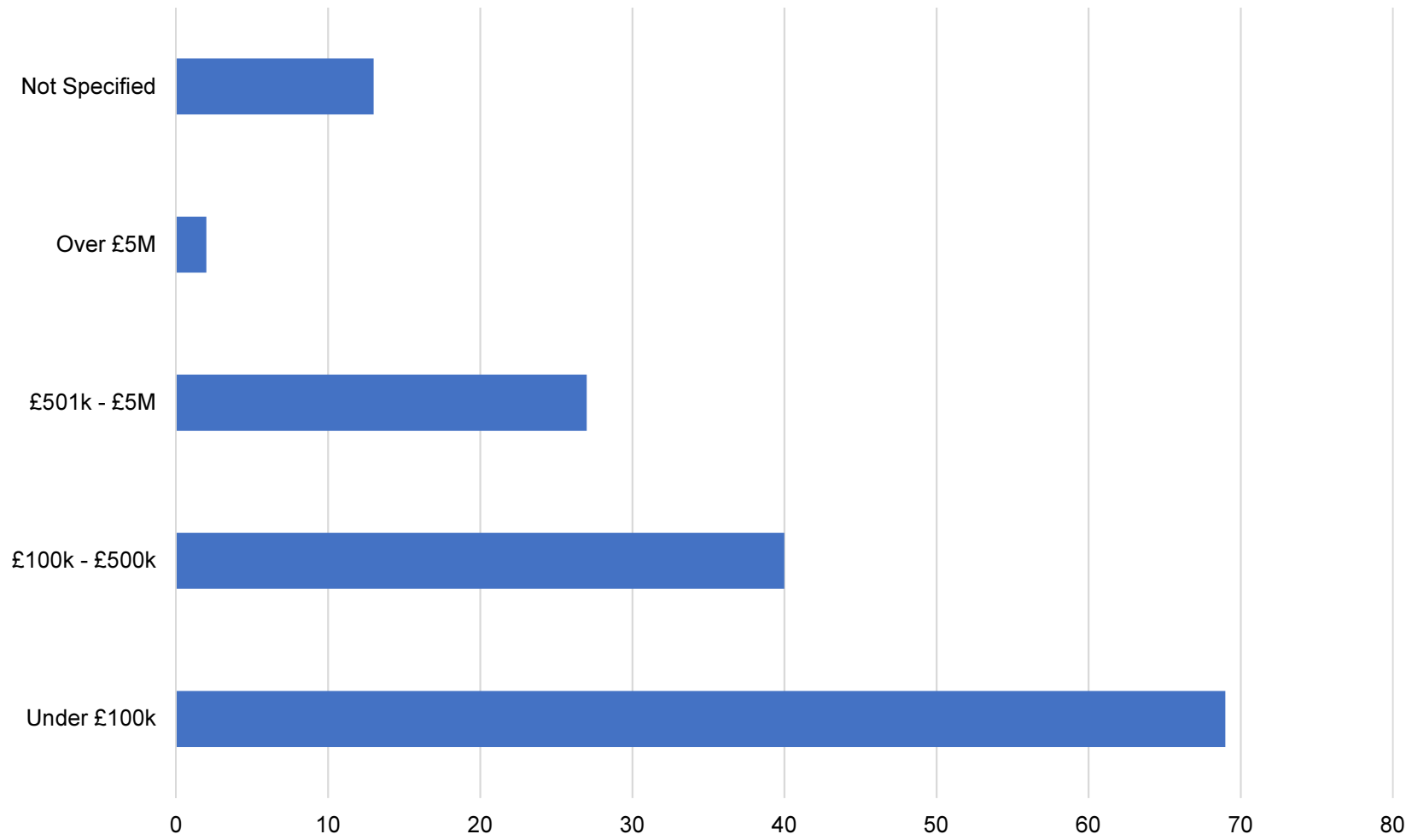
Businesses by Sector



Businesses by no. of Employees



Businesses by Turnover



Supporting Recovery and Growth

Face to face advice

Virtual Advice 24/7

Workshops on demand

Grants

Access to Finance

Mentoring

Workforce Skills support

Digital support

Leadership and Management support

Networking

Be Your Own Boss

- A named business adviser – 2 hrs of support
- Mentoring with a Start Up Champion
- Enterprise Day
- 2 day short course
- The events are open to anyone based within one of the following Community Board areas:
 - Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye
 - Beeches
 - Buckingham and Villages
 - Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts
 - North West Chilterns
 - South West Chilterns
 - High Wycombe

A programme for Wendover?



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