20 Top Jobs of the Future

According to Helen Janota, a Labour Market and Careers Information consultant who has analysed data from the ONS, these jobs are likely to be in demand over the next 15 years.

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No. 7 – Data Analyst

How do we keep track of the vast amount of digital information stored about people, their behaviour and their preferences and what can it all tell us? Data analysts can help us to make sense of situations and scenarios by presenting complex data in a clear way. They are in high demand across all sectors, such as finance, consulting, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, government and education. They work across a range of areas including:

- business intelligence
- data assurance
- data quality
- finance
- higher education
- marketing
- sales.

Entry-level salaries range between £23,000 and £25,000. Graduate schemes in data analysis and business intelligence at larger companies tend to offer a higher starting salary of £25,000 to £30,000. With a few years' experience, salaries can rise to between £30,000 and £35,000. Experienced, high-level and consulting jobs can command £60,000 or more.

A first degree is often, but not always, required. You can become a data analyst with any degree subject if you can demonstrate the relevant skills.