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# 1. Introduction

This report provides a full set of tables for, and additional methodological information on, the research, The Planning Profession in 2019, published at [www.rtpi.org.uk/planningprofession](http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planningprofession).

## 2. The datasets

The report draws on four datasets describing the planning profession in the UK. Each has its strengths and limitations which are discussed below. This section also considers how the RTPI datasets were filtered to enable a focus on UK planners and comparison with the ONS data.

### 2.1 ONS's Annual Population Survey (APS)<sup>1</sup>

The APS is drawn from the Labour Workforce Survey plus an additional boost, ending up with a total sample of about 300,000 households. The survey randomly samples addresses, and asks the head of the household to report information about all the individuals who live there. It is published every year, reporting on the period of October-September. This series goes back to 2005.

One of the questions asks about the occupation of everyone in the household ([SOC2010](#) 'Main Job'<sup>2</sup>). Participants must pick from a list covering 369 different occupations, grouped into 90 Minor Groups, 25 Sub-Major Groups, and 9 Major Groups. '2432 Town planning officer' (TPO) falls within the Minor Group 'Architects, Town Planners, and Surveyors'. Other built environment occupations in the survey include, 2431 Architects; 2434 Chartered Surveyors; 2433 Quantity surveyors; 2436 Construction project managers and related professionals; and 3121 Architectural and town planning technicians.

#### ***Limitations of the APS in exploring the planning profession***

The analysis in this report focuses mainly on responses to the APS where one or more individuals in the household were identified as a Town Planning Officer (TPO). In total this represents about a hundred individuals each year. One hundred TPOs from a robust randomised sample is large enough to give us reasonable confidence about large populations within the data (like TPOs in England or Female TPOs), but less confidence about relatively small groups (like TPOs in Wales or TPOs aged 70+).

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<sup>1</sup> Full guidance on the APS can be found here:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/methodologies/annualpopulationsurveyapsqmi>

<sup>2</sup> ONS, [SOC2010 Classification, Main Job](#).

We believe the APS is the best available source of statistics on the whole planning profession, however there are issues with using the survey to analyse professional planners, including a relatively small sample size, and a somewhat limited definition of what constitutes a planner (it only includes people who would self-identify 'town planning officer' as their main occupation). In order to minimise the chance of reporting erroneous results, we have generated our estimates by taking an average of the estimates for each of the five years to September 2018, rather than using 2018 figures. We have also rounded estimates to the nearest hundred.

## 2.2 RTPI Member Survey 2017

The 2017 RTPI member survey received responses from 4225 RTPI Members globally, with 79% (3340) currently working in the UK. As above, in order to enable easier comparison with the APS data we have focused on membership classes which we believe would likely self-identify as Town Planning Officers, leaving us with 74% of total respondents (3243). The survey was sent out by email and post and was hosted online (with login to prove membership). The response rate was 18%. It asked 40 questions covering areas including employment, skills and CPD, and demographic details. This provides additional insight in several of the relevant areas where our main membership records are lacking.

We believe that our Member Survey is reasonably representative of our membership as a whole, with similar proportions of membership classes, genders, regional and national spread, and ethnic diversity. This enables us to use the Member Survey to make predictions about the wider membership. The Member Survey estimates are also close to the APS estimates for the wider sector, suggesting RTPI's membership is relatively representative of the wider planning sector (assuming the APS data is correct). However, given this data is based on RTPI members rather than all planners it is not equivalent to describing the whole sector.

In order to enable easier comparison with the APS data we have focused on UK-based survey respondents which we believe would have been likely self-identify as Town Planning Officers, leaving us with 77% of total respondents (3243) – the 'UK town planning officer' group. We got to this number through the following steps: (1) deleted all respondents who were not chartered, associate, licentiate, or affiliate, (2) deleted all respondents whose only employment status was unemployed, retired, or student, or where their other employers were not in planning (3) removed all respondents who are academics who did not have a planning job role or employer, (4) deleted all respondents working outside the UK, (5) checked the employer and job role of all affiliate respondents and deleted those not in planning roles, (6) deleted all respondents for whom a text search identified 'career break' or 'unemployed' elsewhere in the survey.

It is important to note that this filtering means the statistics published in this report may not match ones published elsewhere as the latter focus on the whole international membership rather than this UK town planning officer group.

## 2.3 RTPI Membership records

RTPI holds data on all its members. This data is richer in some areas than others, but we have data for almost every member on gender, age, region, nation, and age. We do not currently have sufficiently robust data on the employer of every member. All reference to membership records in this report relate to the membership as of January 2019.

To enable comparison with the APS analysis in this report focuses on UK-based members in membership classes which we believe would be most likely to generally self-identify as Town Planning Officers (Chartered, Fellow, Associate, Licentiate, and Affiliate). This means the analysis focuses on 17,361 members.

This enables us to relate findings about UK RTPI members in these classes with high confidence, however we cannot use this sample for many of the areas considered in this research. And given not all planners are RTPI members this data is not equivalent to describing the planning sector as a whole. It is important to note that this filtering means the statistics published in this report may not match ones published elsewhere as the latter focus on the whole international membership rather than this UK town planning officer group.

Members for whom data was missing for a particular area were excluded when calculating percentages.

## 2.4 The EU Labour Force Survey (EU LFS)<sup>3</sup>

We used European Commission data from the EULFS to describe the built environment in the EU. The EU LFS is a large household sample survey providing quarterly results on labour participation of people aged 15 and over as well as on persons outside the labour force. Like all surveys, it is based upon a sample of the population. The results are therefore subject to the usual types of errors associated with sampling techniques. However, based upon the sample size and design in the various Member States, Eurostat implements basic guidelines intended to avoid publication of figures which are statistically unreliable. This means no estimates are given where they are considered very unreliable, and estimates are marked with a <sup>u</sup> where they are of low reliability.

The EU LFS also looks at various built environment occupations. However, it uses a different classification system (although still one which correlates with the UK SOC2010 codes). The EU LFS uses 4 digit ISCO occupational classification codes, which include 2161 Building Architects (corresponds to SOC2010 2431 Architects in APS); 2164 Town and traffic planners (corresponds to SOC2010 2432 Town Planning Officers in APS); and 2165 Cartographers and surveyors (corresponds to SOC2010 2434 Chartered Surveyors in APS). The EU LFS also contains information on other built environment occupations, some of which are not specifically included in the UK's SOC2010 codes (e.g. including 2162 Landscape Architects).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Full guidance on the EU LFS can be found here: [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=EU labour force survey %E2%80%93 data and publication&oldid=430386](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=EU_labour_force_survey_%E2%80%93_data_and_publication&oldid=430386)

<sup>4</sup> See full list of ISCO classifications here: <https://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/isco08/index.htm>

## 3. The number of planners in the UK

*Appendix Table 1: Total number working in selected built environment occupations over time*

Occupation (SOC classification)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5 year average
<b>2431 Architects</b>	51,500	57,200	52,100	46,500	53,000	51,100	41,300	55,200	58,700	50,300	49,700	49,400	58,700	53,400
<b>2432 Town planning officers</b>	20,400	21,300	22,600	22,100	22,000	19,700	14,600	22,400	21,200	21,300	17,400	24,800	25,200	22,000
<b>2433 Quantity surveyors</b>	43,800	39,900	45,900	52,700	39,200	45,800	37,900	33,300	39,600	39,700	48,400	43,500	45,300	43,300
<b>2434 Chartered surveyors</b>	60,500	59,800	65,500	62,600	66,300	61,700	61,000	59,000	58,800	56,200	71,200	63,500	51,700	60,300
<b>2436 Construction project managers</b>	57,400	62,300	71,200	56,300	65,100	58,500	52,000	65,400	71,200	80,400	60,200	67,000	87,900	73,300
<b>3121 Architectural and planning technicians</b>	16,900	25,000	23,700	22,300	16,900	19,000	17,800	19,100	21,800	23,300	23,800	21,900	29,900	24,100

*Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M codes relating to each built environment occupation. Numbers rounded to nearest thousand. Years refer to year ending September.*

**Appendix Table 2: Estimated number of RTPI members who would self-identify as 'Town Planning Officers' (number in main planning classes by likelihood of being in current employment)**

<b>Membership class</b>	<b>UK Number<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>% not working or working in non-planning role<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusted total</b>
Chartered	13824	6%	12936
Fellow	88	40%	52
Associate	477	7%	443
Licentiate	2619	5%	2498
Affiliate	353	31%	245
Total in classes likely to be working in planning	17361		
<b>Total minus portion estimated not in work</b>			<b>16174</b>

Sources: (1) RTPI Member Data filtered to remove non-UK members (2) RTPI Member Survey 2017 comparing (a) filtered to UK respondents only and (b) filtered to TPO group.

Note: Percent not working or working in non-planning role was calculated using responses to RTPI Member Survey 2017. Steps included (1) removing overseas members, (2) removing unemployed, (3) removing those for whom retired or student was their only working status, (4) removing all academics who did not have planning sector employers or job roles, (5) removing all affiliate members who don't appear to be working in planning, and (6) removing additional cases which explicitly mentioned not currently working in planning.

**Appendix Table 3: Gender breakdown of town planning officers across all datasets**

	<b>Members (%)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Member Survey (%)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>APS (%)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>APS (n)<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Female</b>	41%	41%	41%	9000
<b>Male</b>	59%	59%	59%	13000

Sources: (1) RTPI member data filtered by 'Town Planning Officer' classes, (2) RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (3) ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers - figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018 and rounded to nearest hundred.

**Appendix Table 4: Proportion of people working in selected built environment occupations who are male**

Occupation	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2014-18 average
<b>2431 Architects</b>	79%	78%	81%	82%	90%	82%	77%	78%	74%	78%	78%	75%	72%	71%	75%
<b>2432 Town planning officers</b>	69%	60%	62%	55%	59%	60%	66%	73%	69%	58%	61%	60%	60%	59%	59%
<b>2433 Quantity surveyors</b>	95%	92%	92%	88%	91%	93%	92%	92%	92%	90%	85%	91%	85%	88%	88%
<b>2434 Chartered surveyors</b>	93%	93%	92%	87%	91%	91%	95%	94%	89%	87%	89%	88%	86%	86%	87%
<b>2436 Construction project managers</b>	93%	91%	88%	91%	92%	92%	92%	93%	89%	87%	89%	91%	88%	83%	88%
<b>3121 Architectural and planning technicians</b>	81%	81%	75%	71%	75%	64%	66%	69%	67%	77%	58%	66%	75%	62%	67%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions.

**Appendix Table 5: Age breakdown of town planning officers across all datasets**

Age group	% members <sup>1</sup>	% survey	% APS <sup>3</sup>	Count APS
<b>Under 25</b>	2%	2%	7%	1600
<b>25 to 34</b>	22%	19%	25%	5600
<b>35 to 44</b>	33%	29%	31%	6800
<b>45 to 54</b>	23%	27%	20%	4400
<b>55 to 64</b>	15%	18%	12%	2700
<b>65 or over</b>	6%	6%	4%	900
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22000</b>

Sources: (1) RTPI member data filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (2) RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (3) ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers - figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018 and rounded to nearest hundred.



## 4. Demographics

*Appendix Table 6: Proportion of selected built environment occupations in each age group*

	20- 24	25- 29	30- 34	35- 39	40- 44	45- 49	50- 54	55- 59	60- 64	65+	Total (n)
<b>Architects</b>	3%	7%	16%	15%	12%	14%	11%	6%	7%	9%	54000
<b>Town planning officers</b>	7%	11%	15%	19%	12%	12%	8%	8%	4%	4%	22000
<b>Quantity surveyors</b>	10%	17%	15%	9%	9%	12%	11%	8%	5%	5%	43000
<b>Chartered surveyors</b>	5%	12%	11%	9%	9%	12%	12%	11%	9%	9%	60100
<b>Construction project managers</b>	3%	9%	10%	16%	11%	18%	14%	9%	6%	3%	73300

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions. Figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018 and rounded to nearest hundred.

*Appendix Table 7: Ethnicity of planners across all datasets*

	RTPI members % <sup>1</sup>	Member survey % <sup>2</sup>	APS % <sup>3</sup>	APS n <sup>3</sup>
<b>White</b>	96%	97%	97%	21300
<b>Not white</b>	4%	3%	3%	700

Sources: (1) RTPI member data filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (2) RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (3) ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers - figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018 and rounded to nearest hundred.

*Appendix Table 8: Ethnicity of people working in selected built environment occupations*

	White	Not white
<b>Architects</b>	91%	9%
<b>Town planning officers</b>	97%	3%
<b>Quantity surveyors</b>	96%	4%
<b>Chartered surveyors</b>	95%	5%
<b>Construction project managers</b>	94%	6%
<b>Architectural and planning technicians</b>	90%	10%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions. Figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018.

**Appendix Table 9: Nationality of town planning officers working in the UK**

	%	n
<b>UK</b>	94%	20900
<b>EU excluding UK</b>	4%	900
<b>Non-EU</b>	2%	400
<b>Total</b>	100%	22200

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers.

## 5. National and regional breakdown

**Appendix Table 10: Proportion of town planning officers from each nation and region across all datasets**

Nation or English Region	RTPI members <sup>1</sup>	RTPI Member Survey <sup>2</sup>	APS TPO <sup>3</sup>	APS general population <sup>4</sup>	Estimated number of planners <sup>5</sup>
	Estimated % in each population group				Estimated n
England	83%	83%	84%	85%	18300
Wales	5%	5%	5%	4%	1000
Scotland	9%	10%	6%	8%	2000
Northern Ireland	3%	2%	6%	3%	600
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22000</b>
North East	3%	3%	6%	4%	700
North West	10%	9%	9%	11%	2200
Yorkshire and The Humber	6%	5%	4%	8%	1200
East Midlands	6%	6%	7%	7%	1300
West Midlands	7%	8%	7%	8%	1600
East of England	9%	9%	9%	10%	2100
London	13%	13%	16%	14%	2800
South East	18%	16%	17%	14%	3900
South West	11%	12%	8%	9%	2500
<b>Total</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>18300</b>

Sources: (1) RTPI member data filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (2) RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (3) ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers - figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018 and rounded to

nearest hundred, (4) ONS Annual Population Survey, (5) Estimates derived from estimated number of planners in APS and % in each nation from RTPI membership records and rounded to nearest hundred.

**Appendix Table 11: Proportion of selected built environment occupations working in each nation of the UK**

	<b>All occupations</b>	<b>Architects</b>	<b>Town Planning Officers</b>	<b>Quantity Surveyors</b>	<b>Chartered Surveyors</b>
<b>Nation</b>	<i>% working in each nation</i>				
England	84%	83%	85%	82%	87%
Wales	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%
Scotland	8%	11%	6%	9%	8%
Northern Ireland	3%	3%	5%	3%	1%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions. Figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018.

## 6. Who are planners employed by?

Appendix Table 12: RTPI members in town planning officer group by types of employer by nation

	UK	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	<i>% of planners at least partially employed by each employer/sector<sup>1</sup></i>				
<b>Public sector</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>76%</b>
Local government / local authority	52%	51%	60%	59%	56%
Central government / administration	5%	4%	8%	6%	19%
National agency / body	4%	3%	4%	8%	1%
<b>Private sector</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Self-employed / freelance	11%	11%	8%	7%	11%
National consultancy	14%	14%	10%	10%	4%
Regional / local consultancy	8%	8%	6%	4%	7%
Development company	7%	7%	2%	7%	4%
House builder	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%
Architectural / design practice	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%
International consultancy	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%
Other corporate	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Law firm	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
<b>Third sector</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Charity / voluntary / social enterprise	4%	3%	2%	4%	1%
University	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Professional body	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Housing association	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
<i>Total base n number of respondents (Member Survey)/ total number of planners (APS)</i>	<b>3243</b>	<b>2670</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>75</b>

	<i>UK</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>Wales</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>
	<i>Estimated n at least partially employed by each employer/ sector<sup>2</sup></i>				
<b>Public sector</b>	<b>13000</b>	<b>10400</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>400</b>
Local government / local authority	11400	9200	700	1300	300
Central government / administration	1000	700	100	100	100
National agency / body	800	600	*	200	*
<b>Private sector</b>	<b>12400</b>	<b>10600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>200</b>
Self-employed / freelance	2400	2000	100	100	100
National consultancy	3000	2600	100	200	*
Regional / local consultancy	1700	1500	100	100	*
Development company	1400	1300	*	100	*
House builder	1200	1000	100	100	*
Architectural / design practice	1100	900	*	100	*
International consultancy	900	700	100	100	*
Other corporate	300	300	*	*	*
Law firm	300	200	*	*	*
<b>Third sector</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>*</b>
Charity / voluntary / social enterprise	800	600	*	100	*
University	300	200	*	*	*
Professional body	300	200	*	*	*
Housing association	300	200	*	*	*
<i>Total base n number of respondents (Member Survey)/ total number of planners (APS)</i>	<i>22000</i>	<i>18200</i>	<i>1100</i>	<i>2200</i>	<i>500</i>

Sources: (1) RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group. (2) Estimates take the % estimate from the RTPI Member Survey and extrapolate from them using the total number of planners estimated in the ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions. All estimates rounded to nearest hundred.

\* Estimated value less than 50

**Appendix Table 13: Proportion of RTPI members employed primarily in public, private and third sectors**

<b>Type of employer</b>	
Public employer(s) only	55%
Private employer(s) only	36%
3rd sector employer(s) only	2%
Public, private and third sector employers	1%
Private and third sector employers	2%
Public and third sector employers	1%
Public and private sector employers	2%
<i>Total base n<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>3242</b>
Primarily employed in public sector	57%
Primarily employed in private sector	39%
Primarily employed in 3rd sector	4%
<i>Total base n<sup>1</sup></i>	<b>3242</b>

Source: RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group.

<sup>1</sup> Base n is survey respondents in UK town planning officer group who listed at least one employer (3242)

Notes: Self-employed recorded as private sector. For those employed in more than one sector there was an assumption that they were equally likely to be primarily employed in each sector.

**Appendix Table 14: Proportion of people in selected built environment occupations employed in public sector over time with five year average**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>5 year average</b>	<b>Average total n</b>
							<b>in public sector</b>
<i>% employed in public sector</i>							
<b>2431 Architects</b>	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	1400
<b>2432 Town planning officers</b>	62%	54%	59%	52%	54%	56%	12300
<b>2433 Quantity surveyors</b>	9%	3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	2200
<b>2434 Chartered surveyors</b>	15%	15%	11%	12%	15%	13%	8100
<b>2436 Construction project managers</b>	11%	10%	8%	11%	9%	10%	7200
<b>3121 Architectural and planning technicians</b>	18%	18%	17%	14%	9%	15%	3600

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions. Average figures based on average of 5 years to September 2018 and numbers rounded to nearest hundred.

**Appendix Table 15: Proportion of Town Planning Officers working the public sector since 2006**

	Public		Private		Total
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>
2004- 2005	10800	69%	4800	31%	15600
2005- 2006	13500	70%	5900	30%	19400
2006- 2007	14700	70%	6200	30%	20900
2007- 2008	16400	71%	6500	29%	22900
2008- 2009	16400	79%	4400	21%	20800
2009- 2010	14400	65%	7800	35%	22200
2010- 2011	9100	63%	5400	37%	14500
2011- 2012	9100	63%	5400	37%	14500
2012- 2013	14600	65%	7800	35%	22400
2013- 2014	13200	62%	8000	38%	21200
2014- 2015	11600	54%	9700	46%	21300
2015- 2016	10300	59%	7100	41%	17400
2016- 2017	12900	52%	11900	48%	24800
2017- 2018	13500	54%	11700	46%	25200
<b>5 year average to 2018</b>	12300	56%	9700	44%	22000

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers.

**Appendix Table 16: Proportion of town planning officers employed in public and private sectors who are female**

	Member Survey <sup>1</sup>	APS 5 year average <sup>2</sup>
<b>Public</b>	45%	42%
<b>Private</b>	35%	39%

Source: (1) RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group, (2) ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M 2432: Town Planning Officers.

Note: Member Survey figures refer to everyone who is at least partially employed in each of the sectors, while the APS percentages are based on estimates of which sector people are primarily employed in (self-reported)

**Appendix Table 17: Proportion of planners at least partially employed in public sector in each nation and English region**

<b>% at least partly employed in public sector</b>	
<b>UK</b>	59%
England	57%
Wales	71%
Scotland	71%
Northern Ireland	76%
<b>English regions</b>	
North East	62%
North West	44%
Yorkshire and The Humber	58%
East Midlands	71%
West Midlands	61%
East of England	62%
London	45%
South East	61%
South West	56%

Source: RTPI Member Survey 2017 filtered by 'UK Town Planning Officer' group

**Appendix Table 18: Proportion of people in selected built environment occupations who are self-employed over time with five year average**

<b>Occupation</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2014-18 average %</b>
<b>2431 Architects</b>	37%	36%	34%	39%	33%	25%	43%	33%	39%	40%	32%	38%	35%	37%
<b>2432 Town planning officers</b>	12%	10%	5%	9%	10%	10%	19%	16%	8%	16%	16%	12%	13%	13%
<b>2433 Quantity surveyors</b>	13%	14%	21%	17%	16%	8%	17%	12%	18%	20%	15%	21%	18%	18%
<b>2434 Chartered surveyors</b>	17%	15%	18%	21%	26%	23%	30%	23%	22%	23%	23%	22%	22%	23%
<b>2436 Construction project managers</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5%	10%	8%	11%	7%	9%	11%	14%	11%
<b>3121 Architectural and planning technicians</b>	8%	9%	11%	12%	14%	3%	14%	12%	16%	10%	16%	12%	17%	14%

Source: ONS Annual Population Survey filtered by SOC10M for selected built environment professions.



# 7. Built environment professions in the EU

Appendix Table 19: Total size of selected built environment occupations in EU and selected countries

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5yr av n	5yr av %
<b>EU28</b>	<i>Architects</i>	394,500	403,200	401,300	543,300	560,500	460,600	67%
	<i>Planners</i>	86,100	81,400	82,300	95,200	91,100	87,200	13%
	<i>Surveyors</i>	132,600	134,400	165,900	149,000	135,700	143,500	21%
	<i>Total (three occupations combined)</i>	<i>613,200</i>	<i>619,000</i>	<i>649,500</i>	<i>787,500</i>	<i>787,300</i>	<i>691,300</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>UK</b>	<i>Architects</i>	55,800	57,700	47,700	60,300	53,200	54,900	40%
	<i>Planners</i>	25,300	17,900	17,300	28,600	22,700	22,400	16%
	<i>Surveyors*</i>	53,800	58,400	81,300	57,200	52,200	60,600	44%
	<i>Total (three occupations combined)</i>	<i>134,900</i>	<i>134,000</i>	<i>146,300</i>	<i>146,100</i>	<i>128,100</i>	<i>137,900</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Germany</b>	<i>Architects</i>	138,700	139,100	143,200	155,300	146,400	144,500	80%
	<i>Planners</i>	20,200	21,100	22,900	22,200	21,500	21,600	12%
	<i>Surveyors</i>	12,900	14,100	14,000	15,600	16,400	14,600	8%
	<i>Total (three occupations combined)</i>	<i>171,800</i>	<i>174,300</i>	<i>180,100</i>	<i>193,100</i>	<i>184,300</i>	<i>180,700</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>France</b>	<i>Architects</i>	56,400	57,500	64,800	64,500	71,300	62,900	72%
	<i>Planners</i>	3000 <sup>u</sup>	3000 <sup>u</sup>	3900 <sup>u</sup>	4100 <sup>u</sup>	8100 <sup>u</sup>	4400 <sup>u</sup>	5%
	<i>Surveyors</i>	22,200	15,700	24,700	21,800	14,400	19,700	23%
	<i>Total (three occupations combined)</i>	<i>78,600</i>	<i>73,200</i>	<i>89,500</i>	<i>86,300</i>	<i>85,700</i>	<i>82,600</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Netherlands</b>	<i>Architects</i>	14,200	14,100	14,700	15,800	19,400	15,700	46%
	<i>Planners</i>	15,200	16,200	14,500	15,500	14,500	15,200	45%
	<i>Surveyors</i>	2300 <sup>u</sup>	3,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	2,900	9%
	<i>Total (three occupations combined)</i>	<i>29,400</i>	<i>34,200</i>	<i>32,100</i>	<i>34,100</i>	<i>36,700</i>	<i>33,800</i>	<i>100%</i>
<b>Sweden</b>	<i>Architects</i>	10,600	11,300	12,300	12,300	13,000	11,900	68%
	<i>Planners</i>	2,300	2,500	2,400	3,400	3,600	2,800	16%
	<i>2165 Surveyors</i>	1800 <sup>u</sup>	2,600	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,700	15%
	<i>Total (three occupations combined)</i>	<i>14,800</i>	<i>16,400</i>	<i>17,700</i>	<i>18,700</i>	<i>19,500</i>	<i>17,400</i>	<i>100%</i>

Source: EUROSTAT European Labour Force Survey filtered for ISCO 4 digit occupational codes for selected built environment occupations

\* The number of surveyors quoted in the EULFS appears to be the number of Chartered Surveyors only (i.e. this does not include quantity surveyors)

<sup>u</sup> These values are flagged by EUROSTAT as being unreliable due to low sample size

**Appendix Table 20: Gender breakdown of people in selected built environment occupations in EU and selected countries**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5 year average
<b>EU28</b>						
Architects	35%	37%	39%	37%	40%	38%
Town planners	35%	40%	33%	36%	40%	37%
Surveyors	21%	18%	20%	22%	24%	21%
<b>EU15</b>						
Architects	35%	36%	37%	36%	38%	37%
Town planners	35%	36%	32%	35%	39%	36%
Surveyors	17%	14%	16%	15%	18%	16%
<b>UK</b>						
Architects	21%	24%	27%	26%	24%	24%
Town planners	39%	52%	41%	37%	43%	42%
Surveyors	15%	14%	16%	15%	16%	15%
<b>Germany</b>						
Architects	40%	39%	39%	39%	41%	40%
Town planners	28%	31%	31%	36%	36%	32%
Surveyors	*	*	*	*	*	
<b>France</b>						
Architects	33%	40%	38%	34%	39%	37%
Town planners	62% <sup>u</sup>	64% <sup>u</sup>	63% <sup>u</sup>	74% <sup>u</sup>	61% <sup>u</sup>	65%
Surveyors	17% <sup>u</sup>	6% <sup>u</sup>	7% <sup>u</sup>	12% <sup>u</sup>	14% <sup>u</sup>	11%
<b>Netherlands</b>						
Architects	35%	42%	36%	33%	41%	37%
Town planners	27%	30%	16% <sup>u</sup>	20%	28%	24%
Surveyors	*	*	*	*	*	
<b>Sweden</b>						
Architects	51%	49%	47%	46%	50%	48%
Town planners	52% <sup>u</sup>	*	49% <sup>u</sup>	42% <sup>u</sup>	45% <sup>u</sup>	47%
Surveyors	*	47% <sup>u</sup>	46% <sup>u</sup>	40% <sup>u</sup>	48% <sup>u</sup>	45%

Source: EUROSTAT European Labour Force Survey filtered for ISCO 4 digit occupational codes for selected built environment occupations

<sup>u</sup> These values are flagged by EUROSTAT as being unreliable due to low sample size. \* Sample of women or men is too low to give a reliable estimate

**Appendix Table 21: Proportion of people in selected built environment occupations who are self-employed in EU28 and EU15**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5yr av
<b>EU28</b>						
Architects	48%	46%	44%	52%	52%	48%
Town planners	12%	13%	13%	14%	11%	13%
Surveyors	19%	21%	16%	19%	20%	19%
<b>EU15</b>						
Architects	48%	46%	42%	53%	53%	48%
Town planners	13%	13%	14%	16%	12%	14%
Surveyors	16%	19%	16%	18%	19%	18%

Source: EUROSTAT European Labour Force Survey filtered for ISCO 4 digit occupational codes for selected built environment occupations

**Appendix Table 22: Proportion of people who are under-35 years old in selected built environment occupations in EU28 and EU15**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	5yr av
<b>EU28</b>						
Architects	27%	29%	29%	25%	25%	27%
Town planners	37%	33%	28%	35%	36%	34%
Surveyors	34%	32%	37%	32%	30%	33%
<b>EU15</b>						
Architects	26%	27%	27%	23%	24%	25%
Town planners	36%	31%	28%	35%	36%	33%
Surveyors	34%	30%	36%	29%	26%	31%

Source: EUROSTAT European Labour Force Survey filtered for ISCO 4 digit occupational codes for selected built environment occupations



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