

# HS2 has taken on over 900 apprentices

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After 20 months of full construction work, HS2 has announced it is already well on track to taking on 2,000 apprentices.

So far, 923 apprentices have been a part of HS2.

Meanwhile, more than 2,000 new jobs have been added to the HS2 workforce, reflecting the rapid momentum on the project during the new calendar year, with civils construction works underway at over 300 sites between the West Midlands and London, and the Bill submitted to Parliament to extend the high speed network north to Manchester.

HS2 has, to date, supported about 24,800 jobs.

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Mark Thurston, CEO at HS2 Ltd said: “2022 is shaping up to be a huge year for HS2. Our expanding workforce reflects the scale of progress we are making in delivering Britain’s new railway and supporting

the Government's drive to net zero, level up the country and build back better from the pandemic. With all three phases of the project now in progress, and two decades of construction work still ahead of us, the scale of opportunity for individuals and businesses on HS2 right across the UK continues to grow at pace."

HS2's supply chain saw continued growth, with 76 new UK businesses securing contract awards, taking the total number of unique UK businesses engaged in the supply chain to 2,515. Small and medium sized companies, seeking stability and new work opportunities following the challenges of pandemic, were also among those to benefit, with 61% of the supply chain now represented by SMEs.

The drive to create a lasting skills legacy and support those who are out of work into training and employment on the project continues to pay dividends. New fast track job training programmes, delivered at dedicated Skills Academies, and the success of HS2's job brokerage partnership model has so far led to over a thousand people who were out of work securing a job. 98 more apprentices also began their career journey on HS2, taking the total number of apprenticeship starts since Royal Assent to 923.

For more information about all the latest vacancies on HS2, visit [hs2.org.uk/careers](https://hs2.org.uk/careers).

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