



Forest of Dean Economic Profile

The RSN Economic Profile brings together key data to inform and contextualise a local authority areas economic situation. The sheets are editable to allow narrative descriptions and to emphasize or delete the graphs as may be appropriate for the intended use and for your local authority area.

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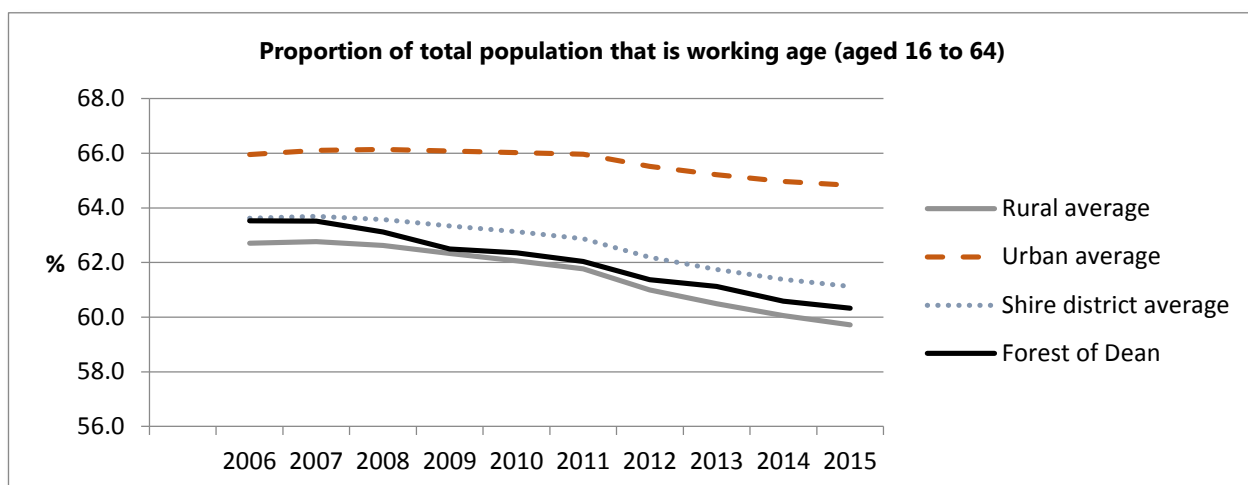
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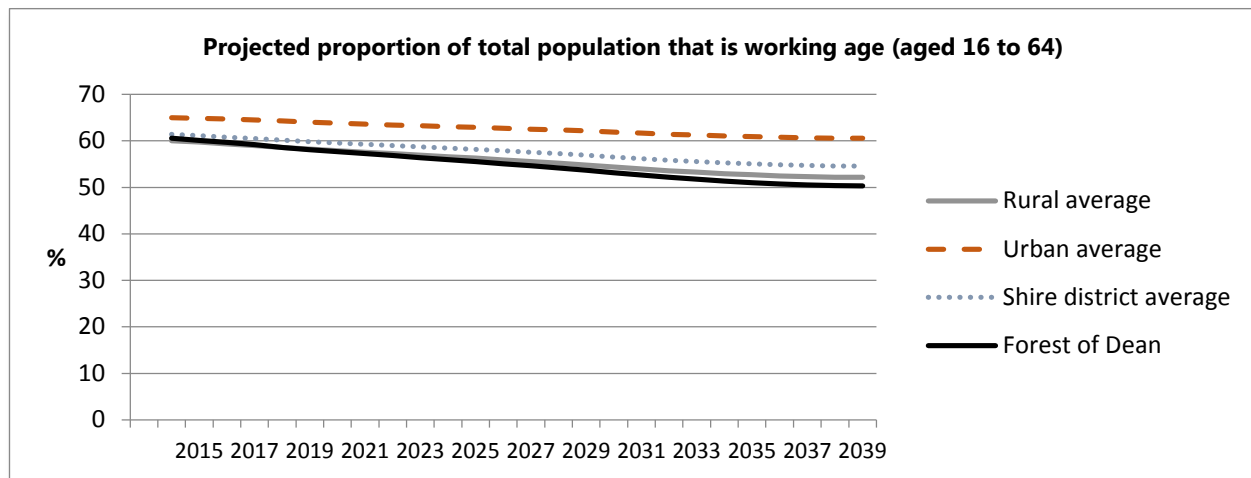
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Working age population



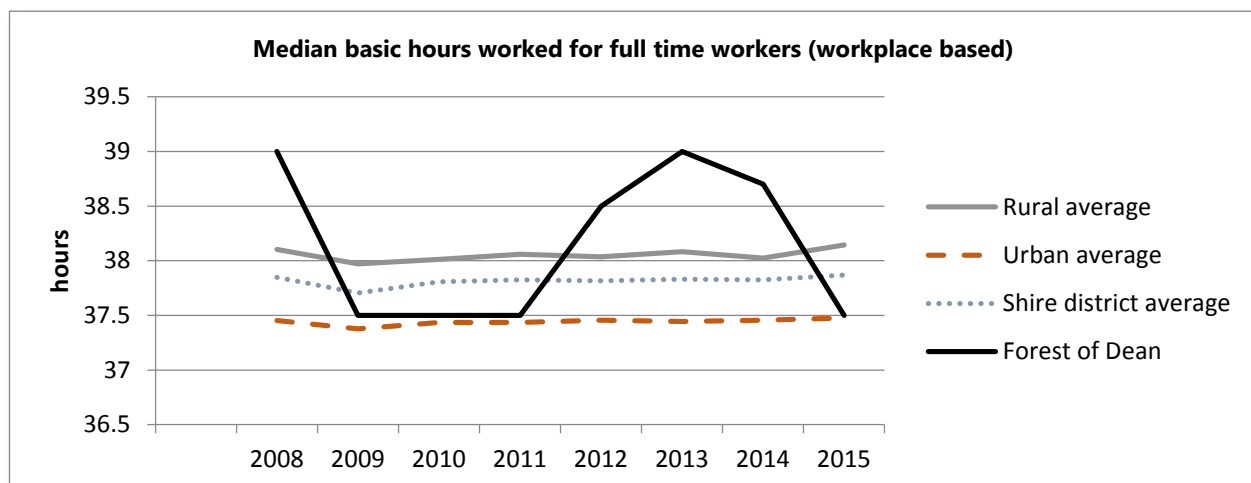
In 2015, 60% of the predominantly rural population was of working age, 16 to 64 (65% for predominantly urban).

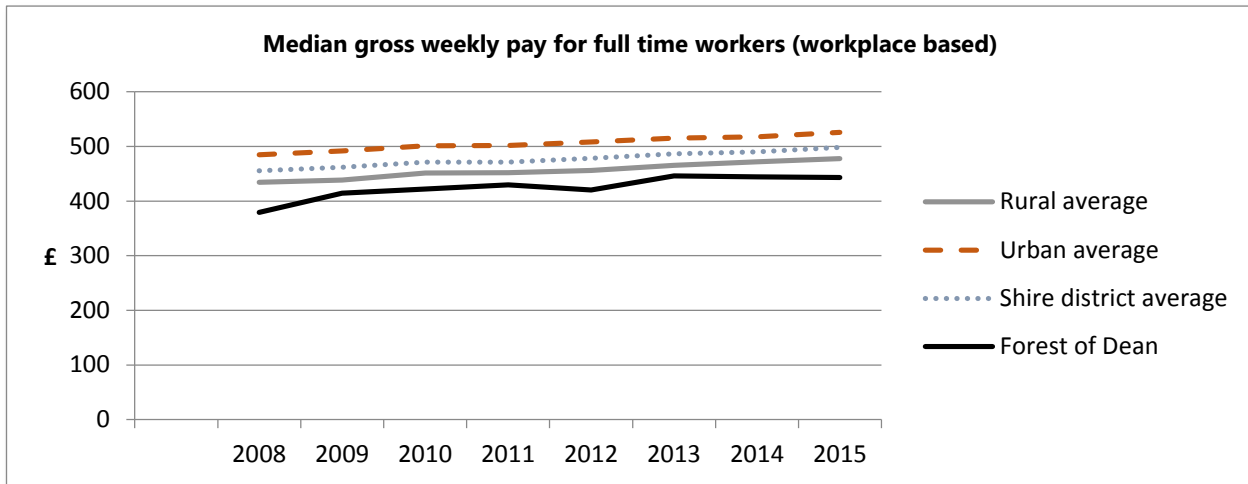


In 2039, it is expected that only 52% of the population of predominantly rural areas will be of working age (61% for predominantly urban).

Clearly for predominantly rural areas the availability of people who are within the working age group (aged 16 to 64) is both a current issue, and one that will become more significant in the future with the proportion of total population within this age bracket diminishing each year. Naturally the age bracket that is considered to be of working age is likely to be extended in the future as people work into older age, yet it is important to understand the age demographic from which employers will be recruiting.

Average hours worked and pay

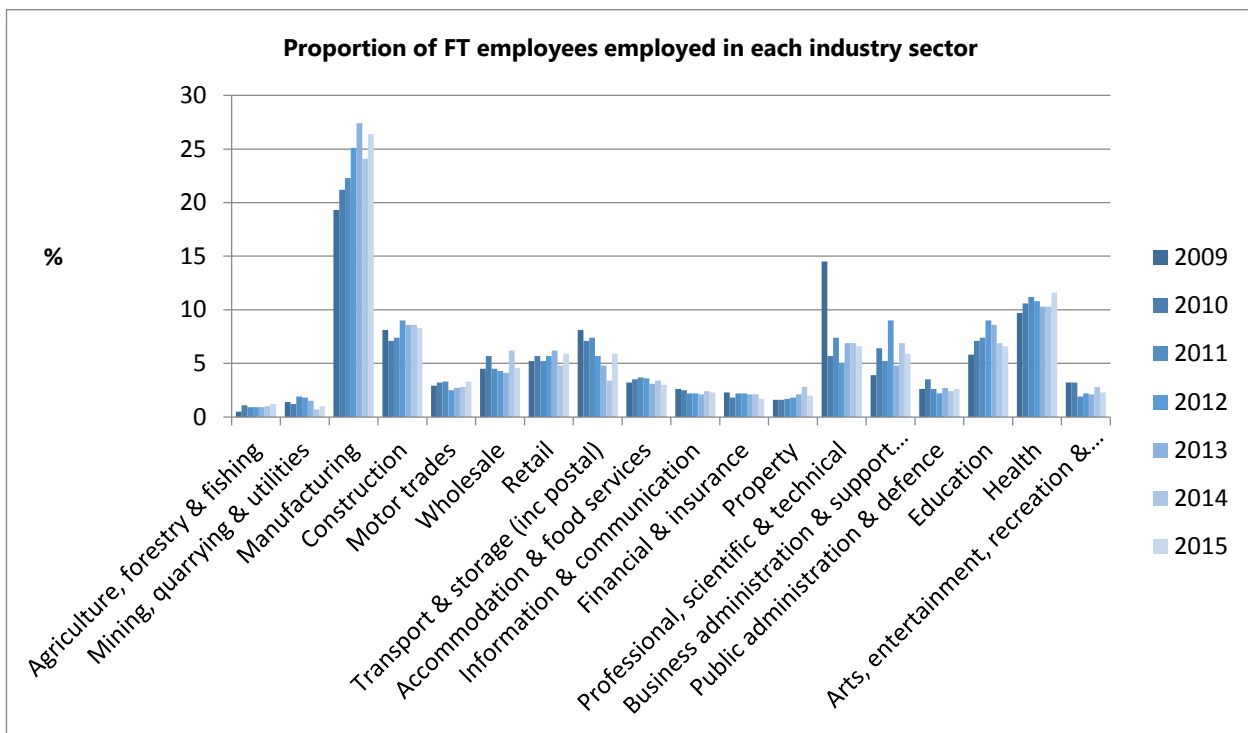




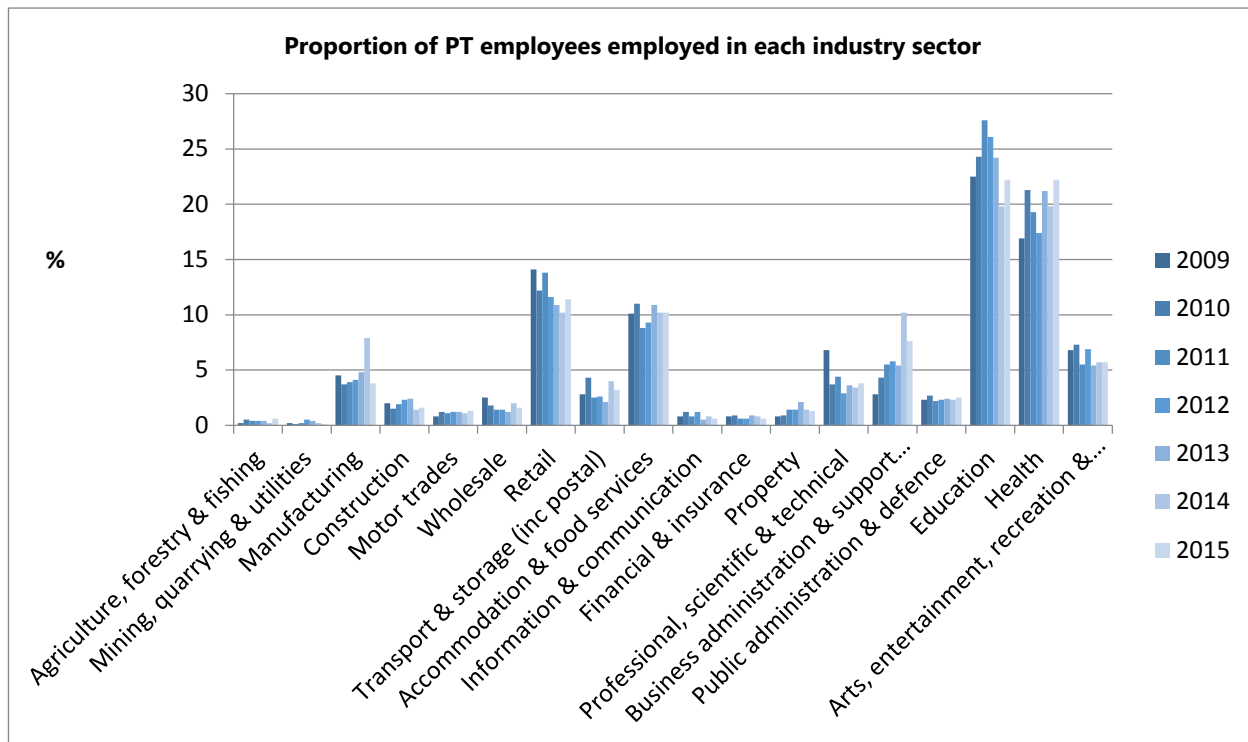
Workers in predominantly rural areas tend to work longer hours when in full time employment, but for less weekly pay, workplace based. Workplace based median gross weekly pay for full time workers is 10% greater in predominantly urban areas compared to predominantly rural areas.

Proportion of employees and enterprises in each sector

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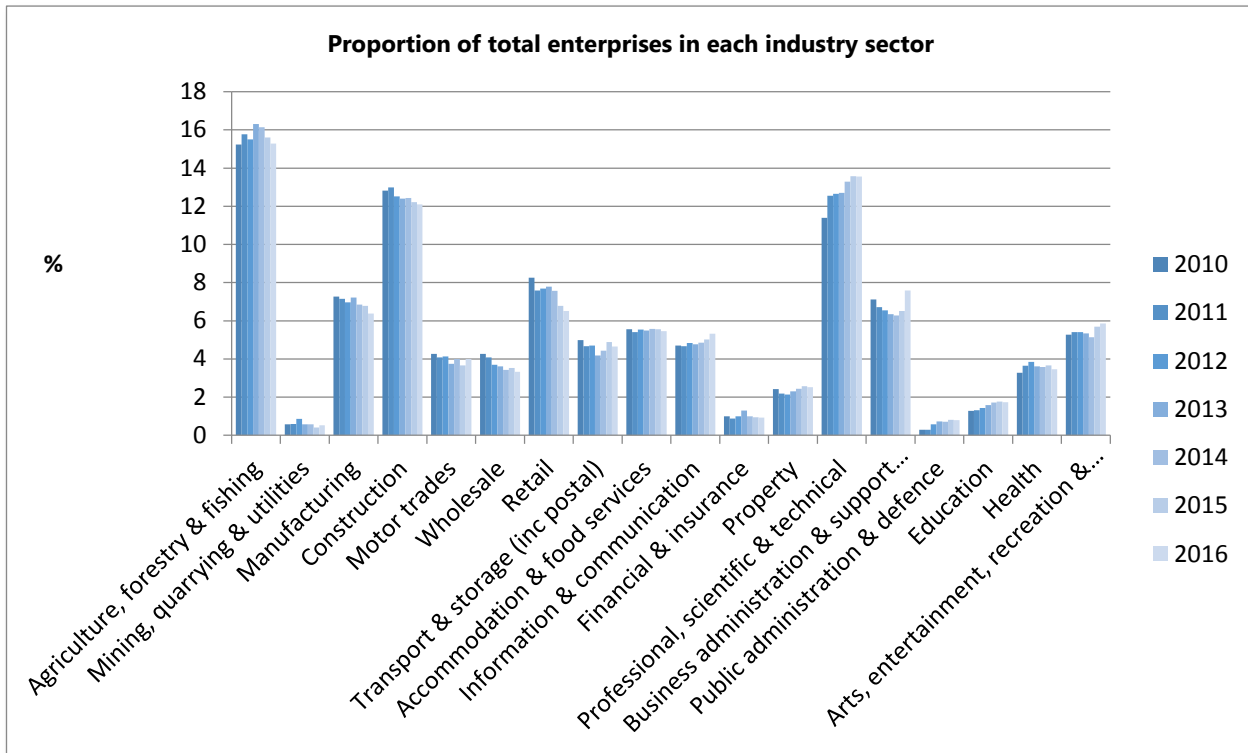
The top three sectors for employment of full time workers in Bassetlaw in 2015 were Manufacturing, Health, and Construction with 26.4%, 11.6% and 8.3% of full-time employees employed respectively.



There tends to be clear industries that are significant employers of part time workers. In 2015, the top three sectors for employment of part time workers in Bassetlaw were Health and Education with both having 22.2% of part-time employees employed, and Retail at 11.4%.

It is interesting to compare the proportion of employees employed in each industry sector to the proportion of enterprises in each category.

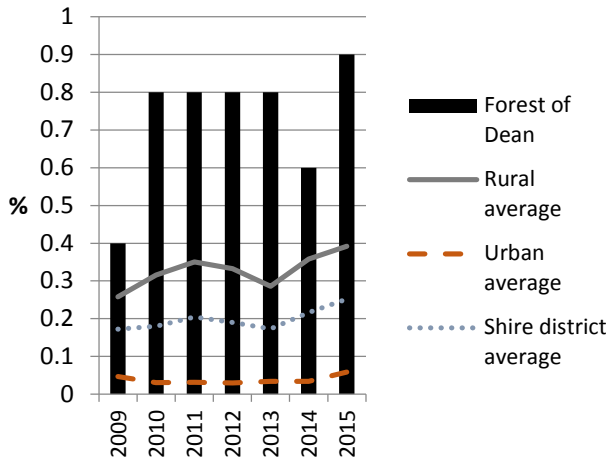
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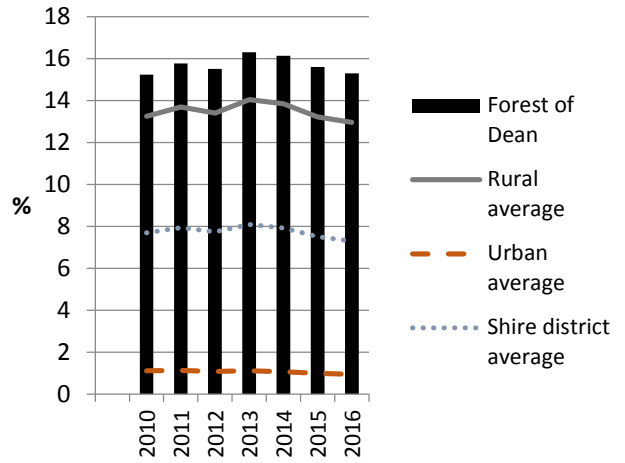
The sector with the highest proportion of enterprises in Forest of Dean is Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing, with 15.3% of enterprises in 2016. Second highest proportion was within the Professional, Scientific & Technical sector with 13.6% and third was Construction with 12.1% of enterprises within this sector in 2016.

Time series of the proportion of total employees employed in each sector and the proportion of enterprises are given below:

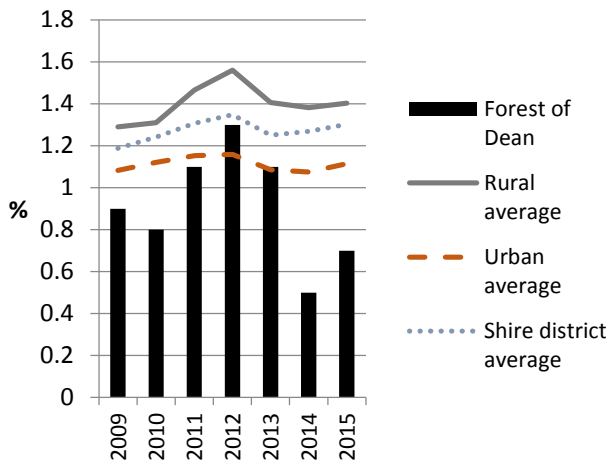
Proportion of employees employed in agriculture, forestry & fishing



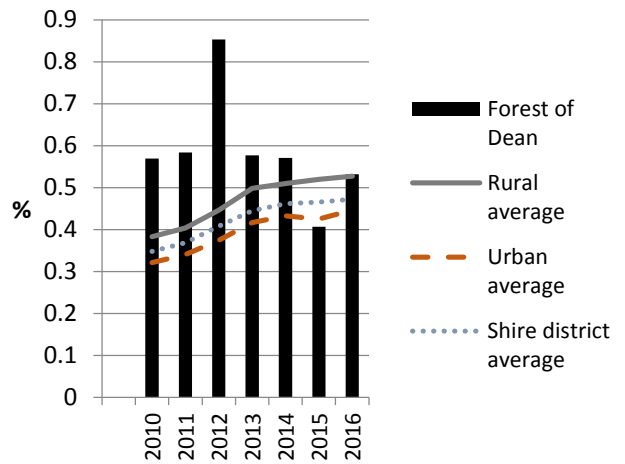
Proportion of total enterprises in the agriculture, forestry & fishing industry sector



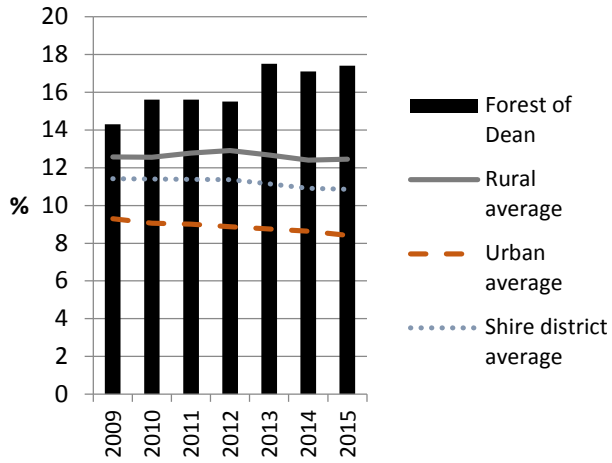
Proportion of employees employed in mining, quarrying & utilities



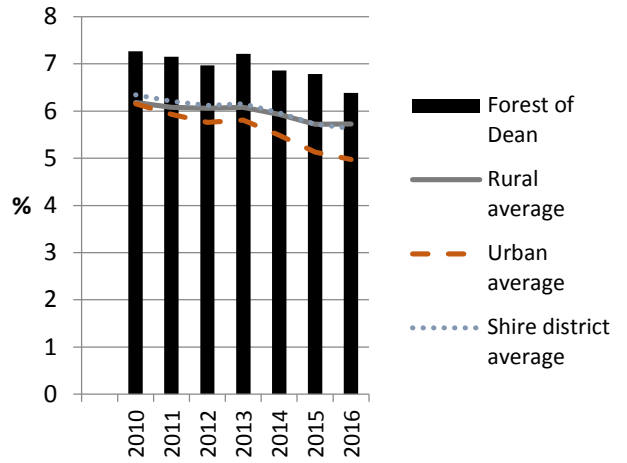
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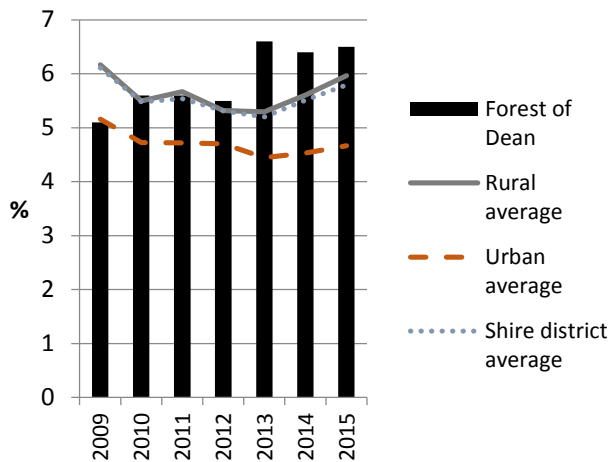
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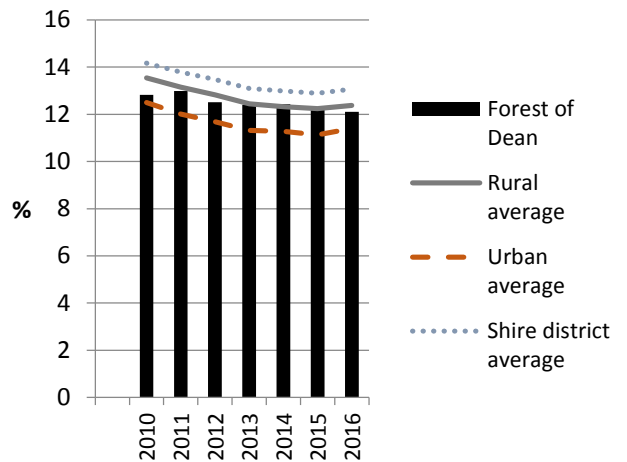
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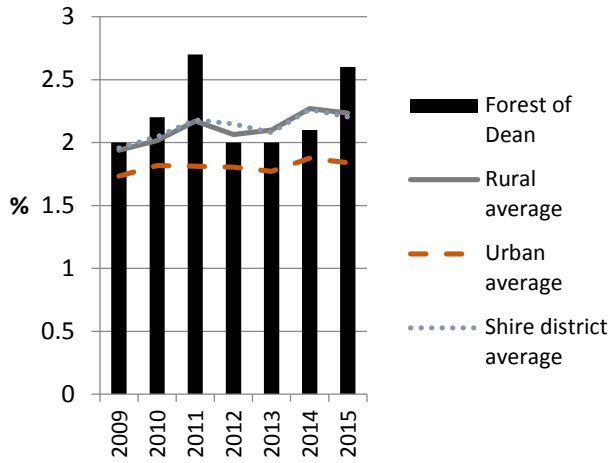
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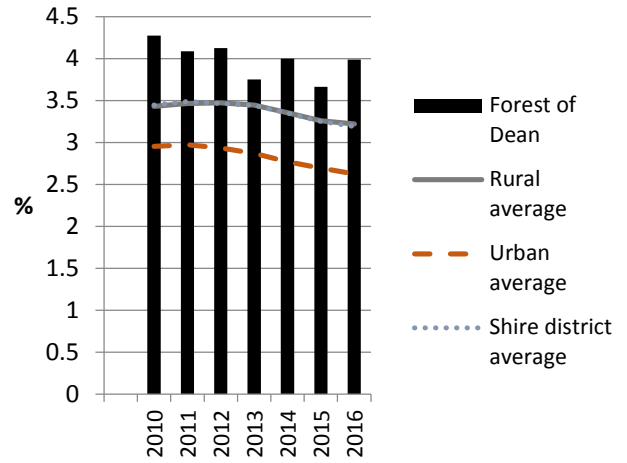
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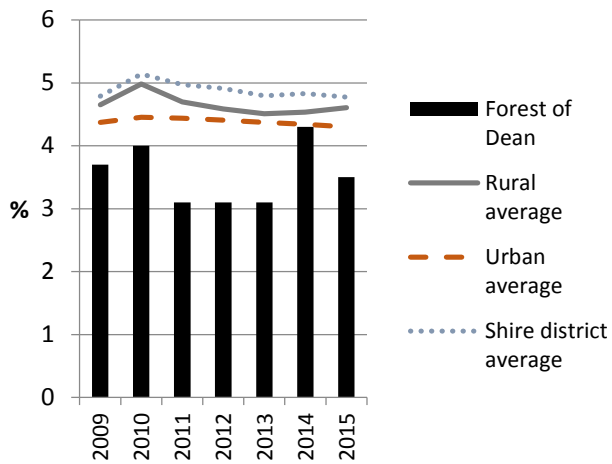
Proportion of employees employed in motor trades



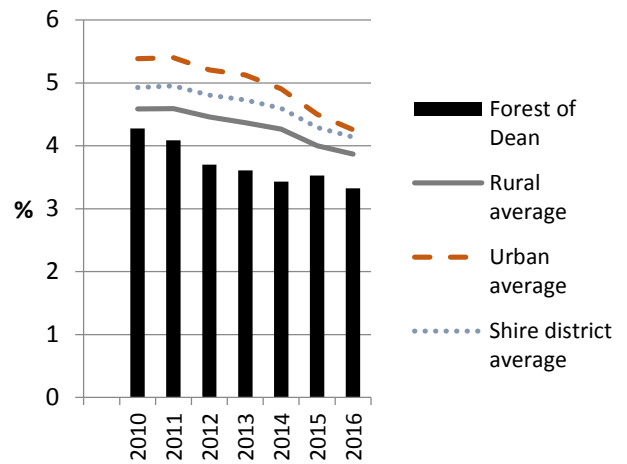
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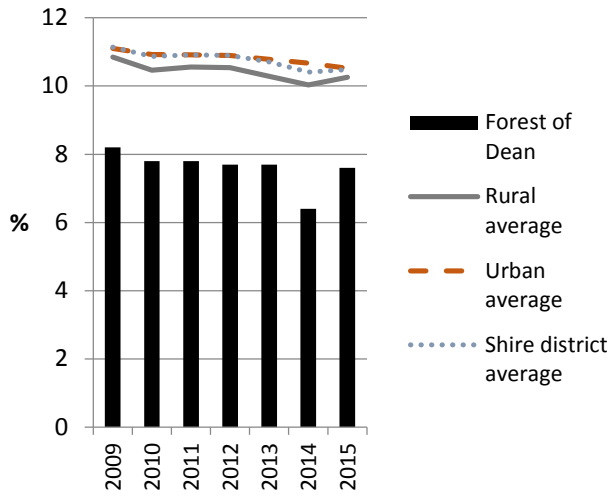
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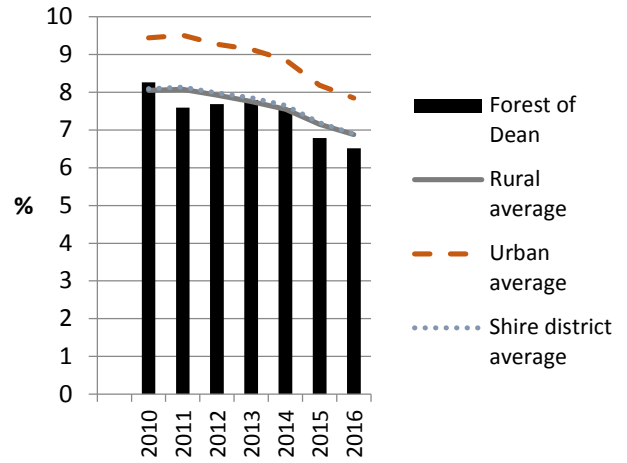
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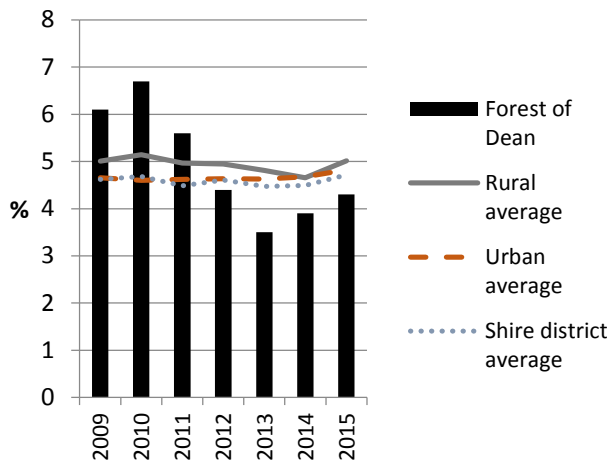
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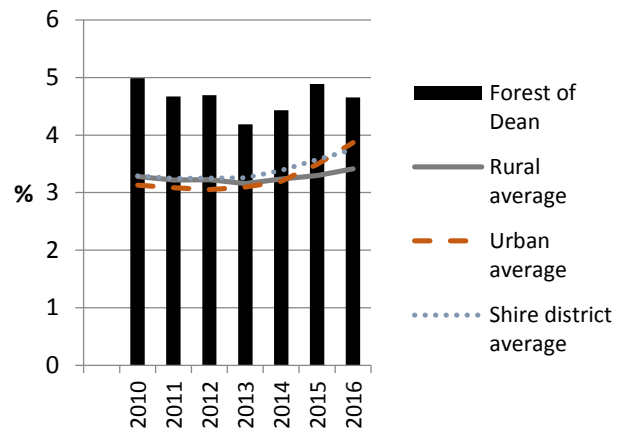
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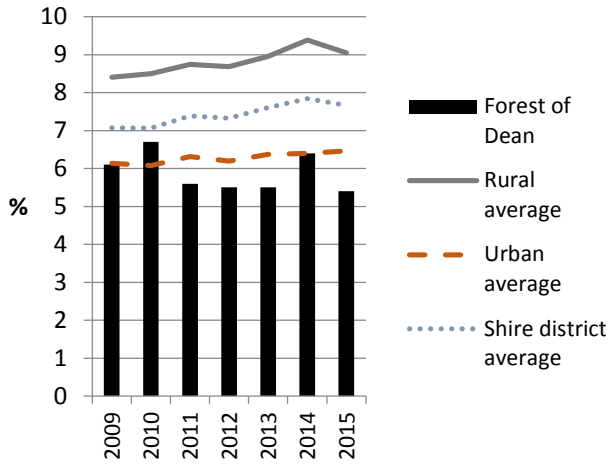
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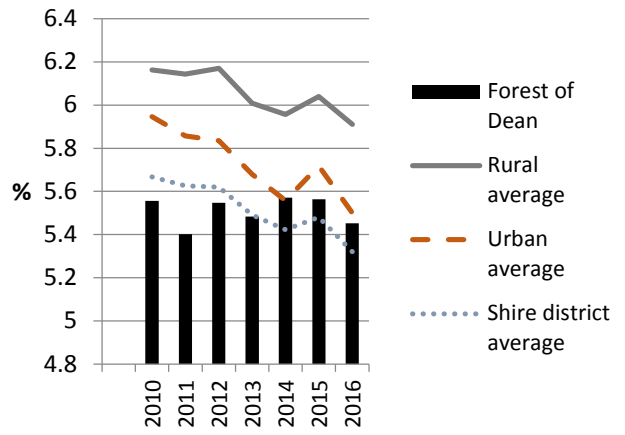
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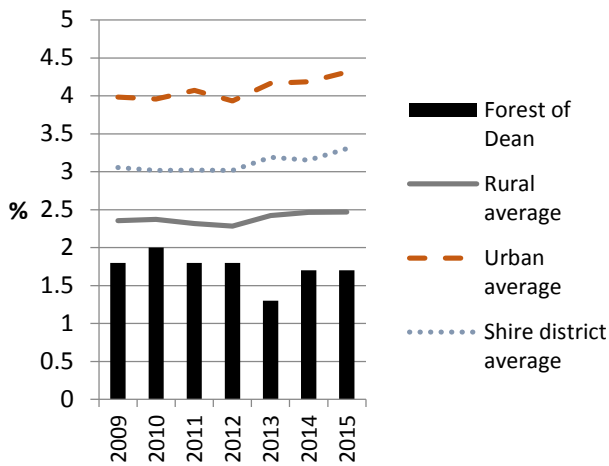
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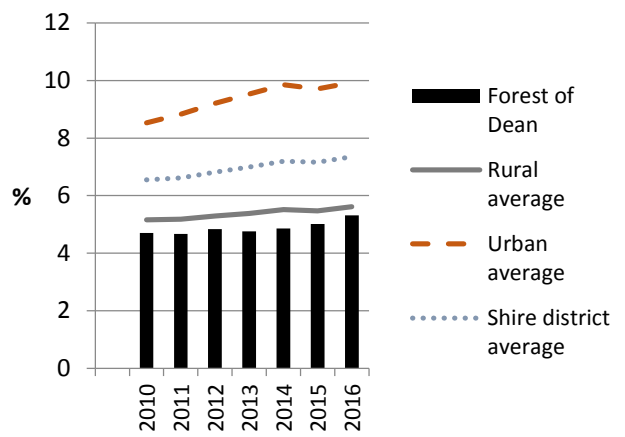
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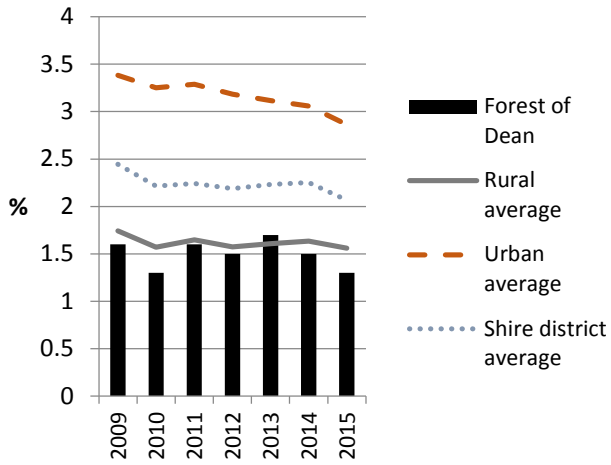
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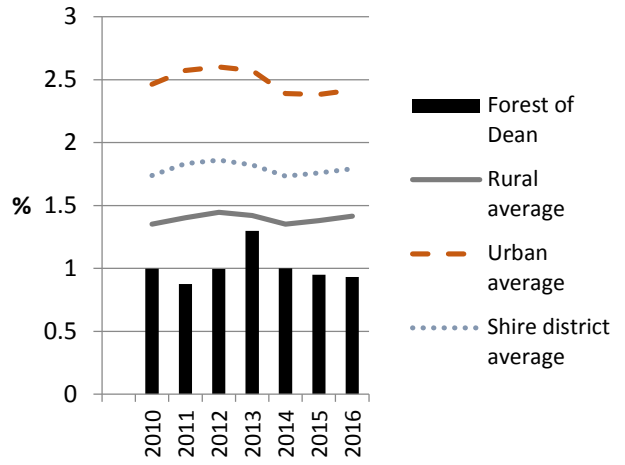
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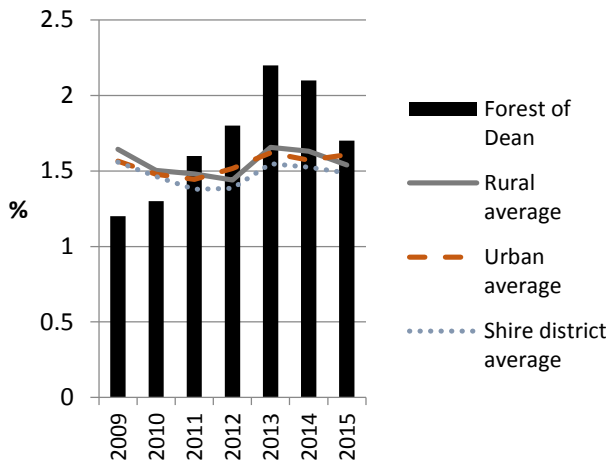
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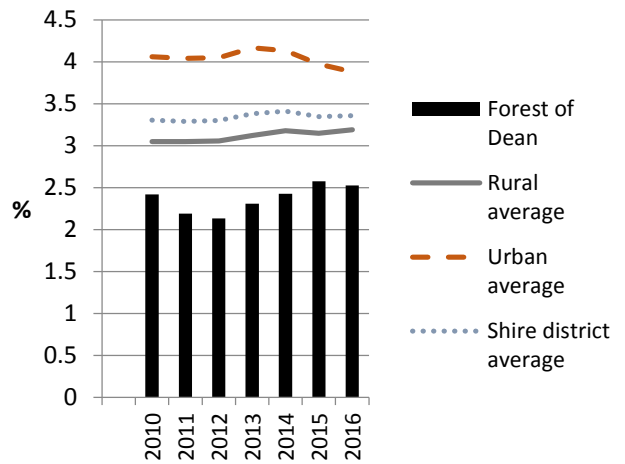
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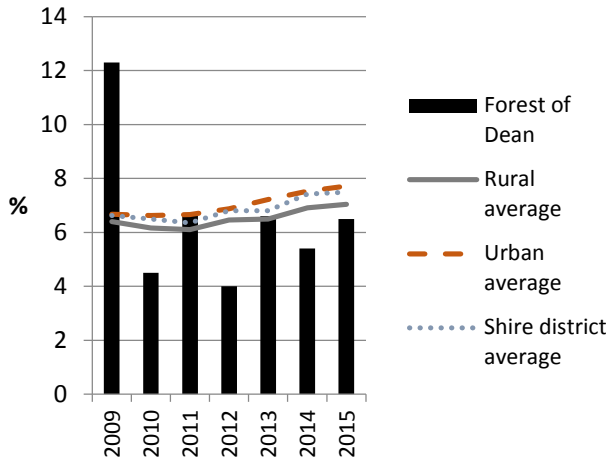
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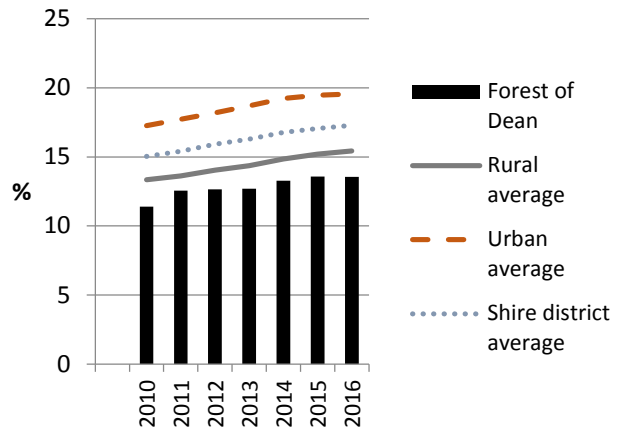
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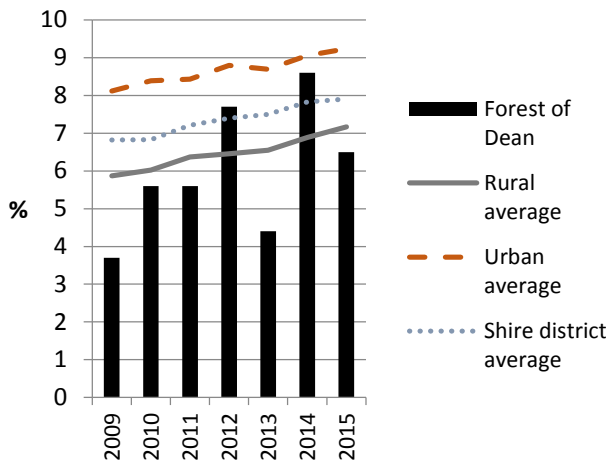
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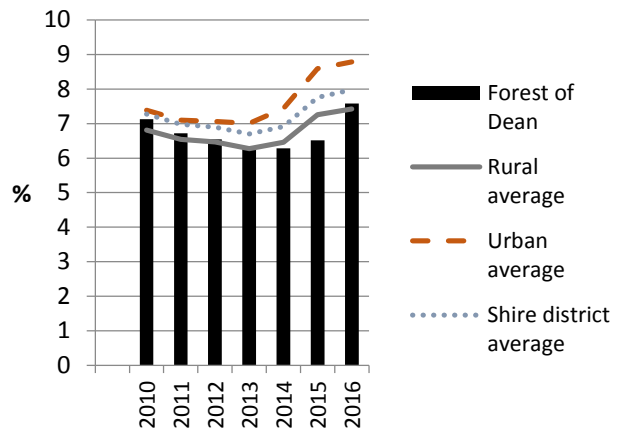
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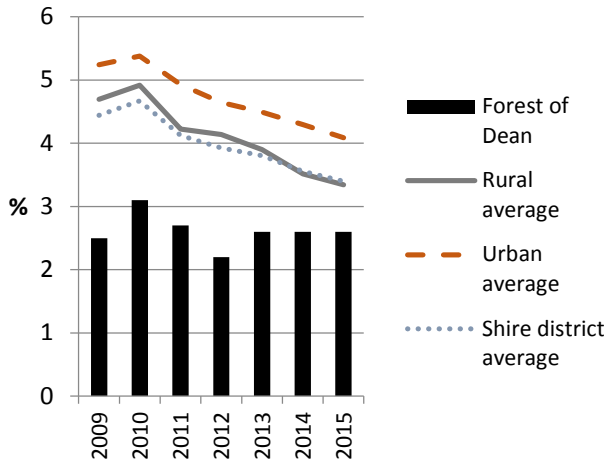
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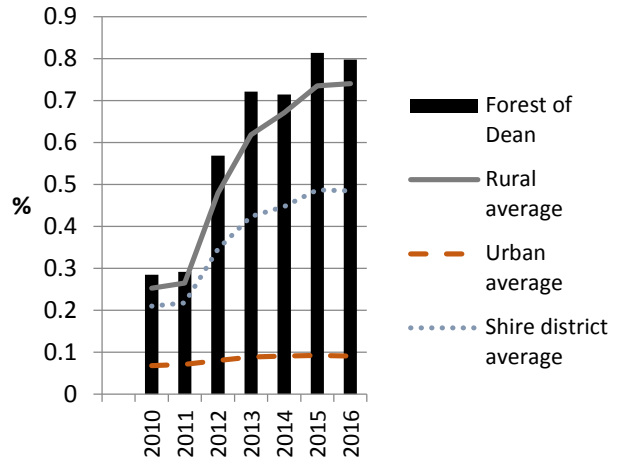
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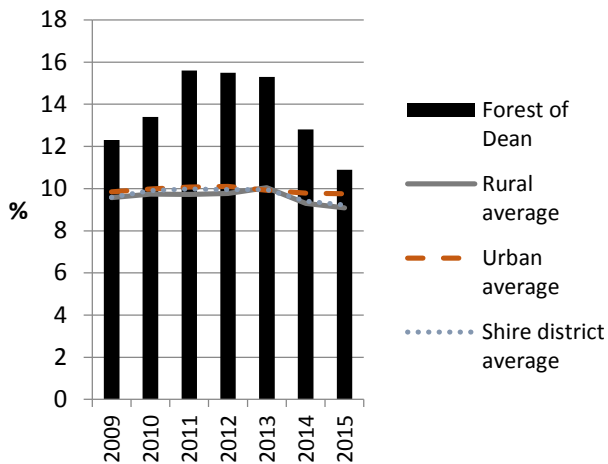
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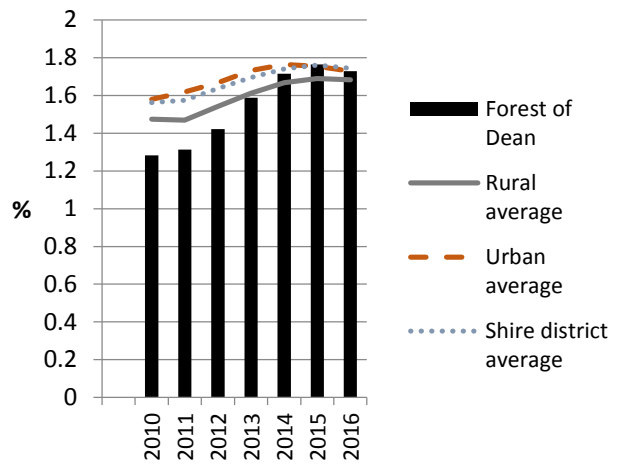
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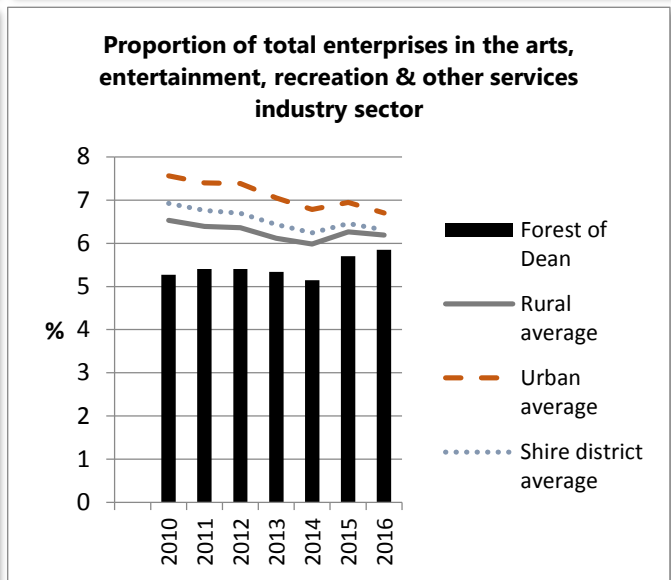
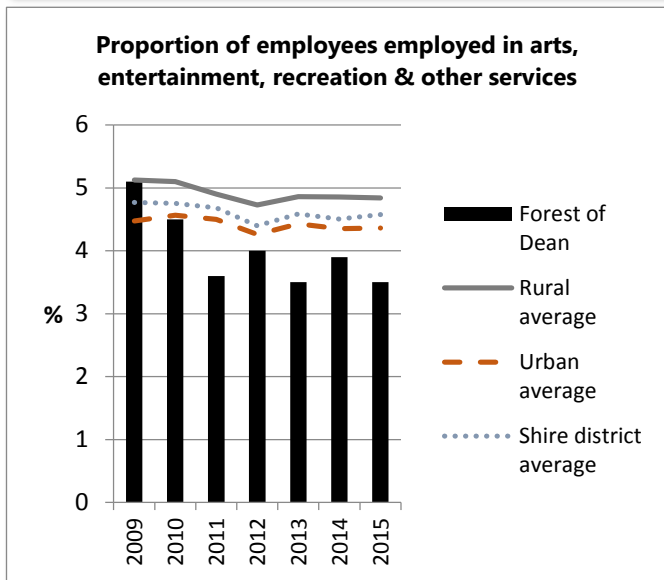
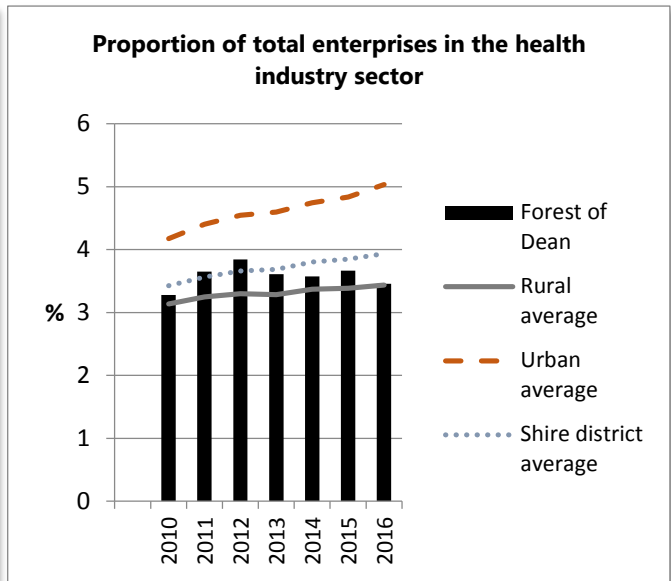
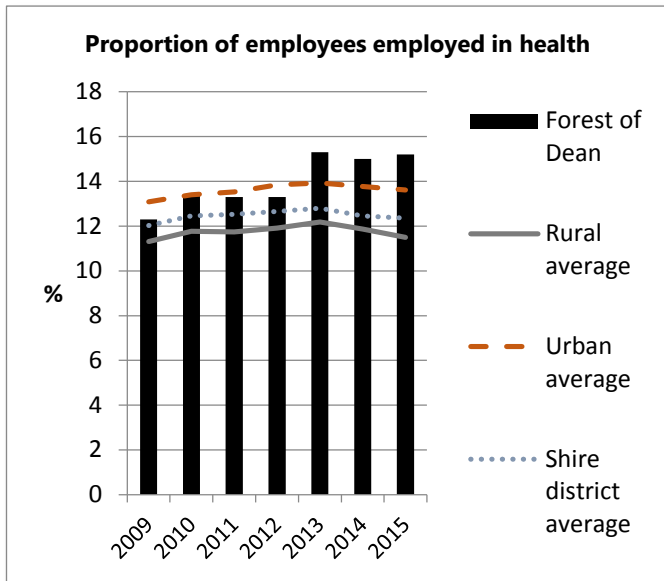


Proportion of employees employed in education



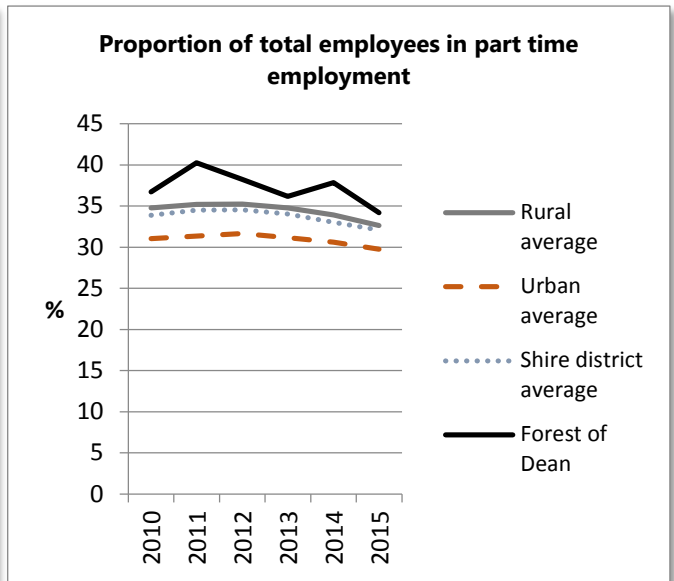
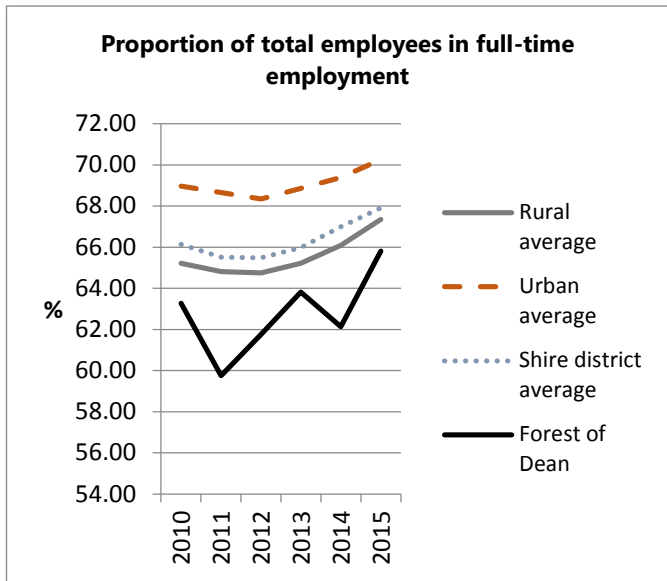
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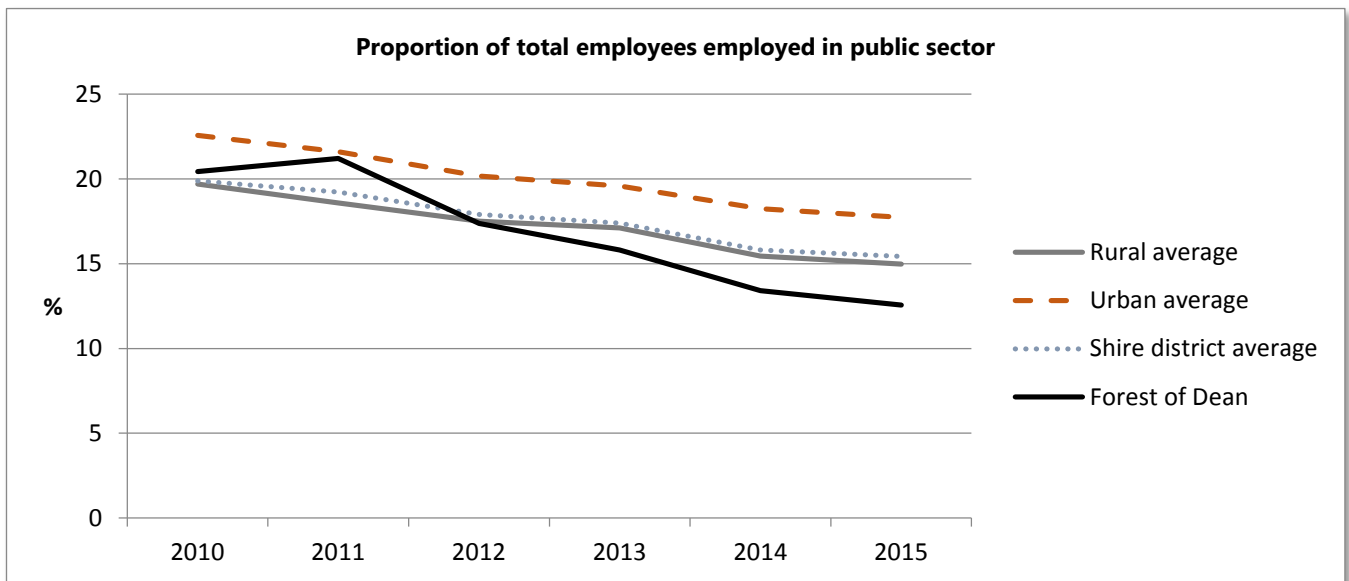


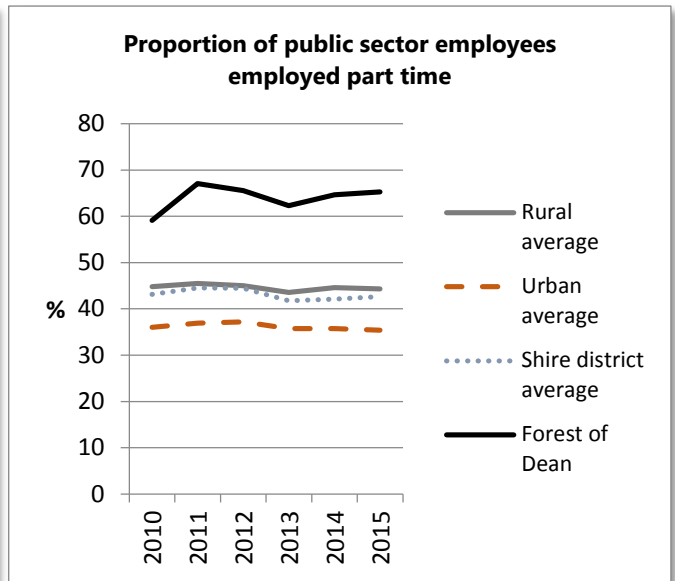
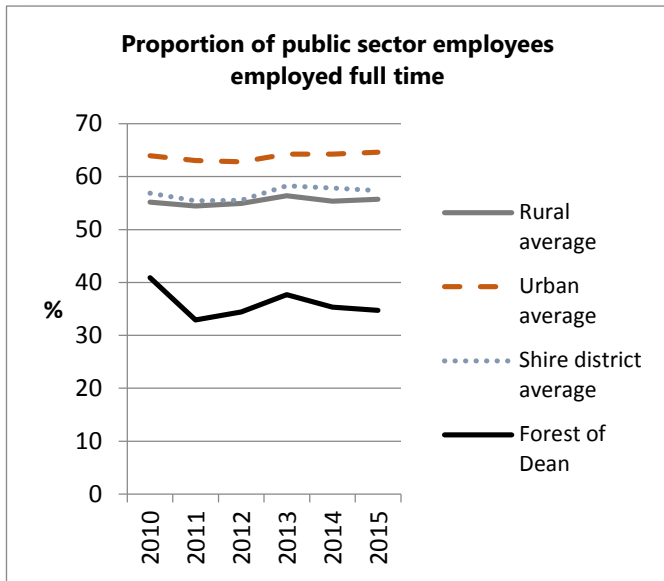
(An Enterprise is the smallest combination of legal units (generally based on VAT and/or PAYE records) which has a certain degree of autonomy within an Enterprise Group. An individual site (for example a factory or shop) in an enterprise is called a local unit.)

Private/public sector employment

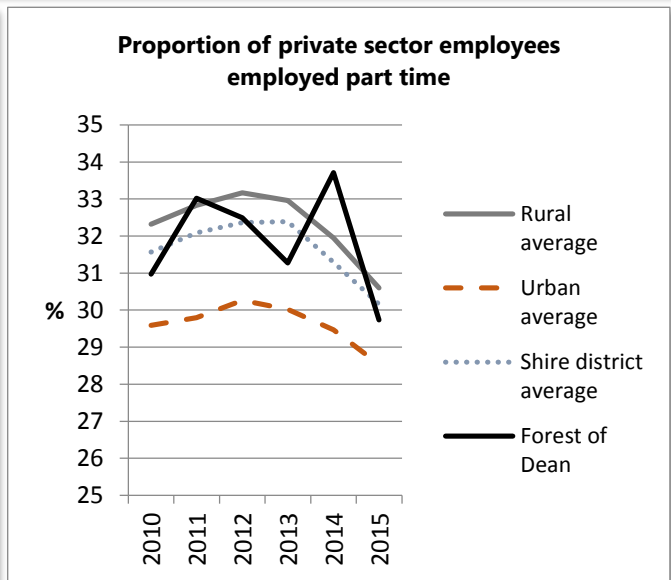
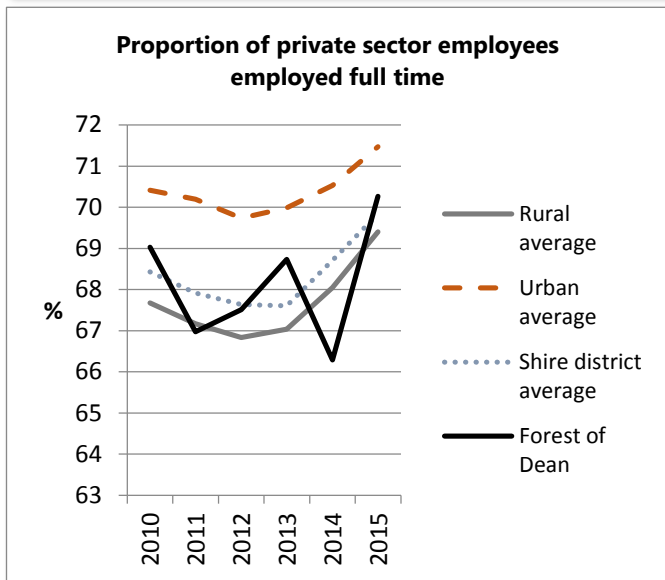
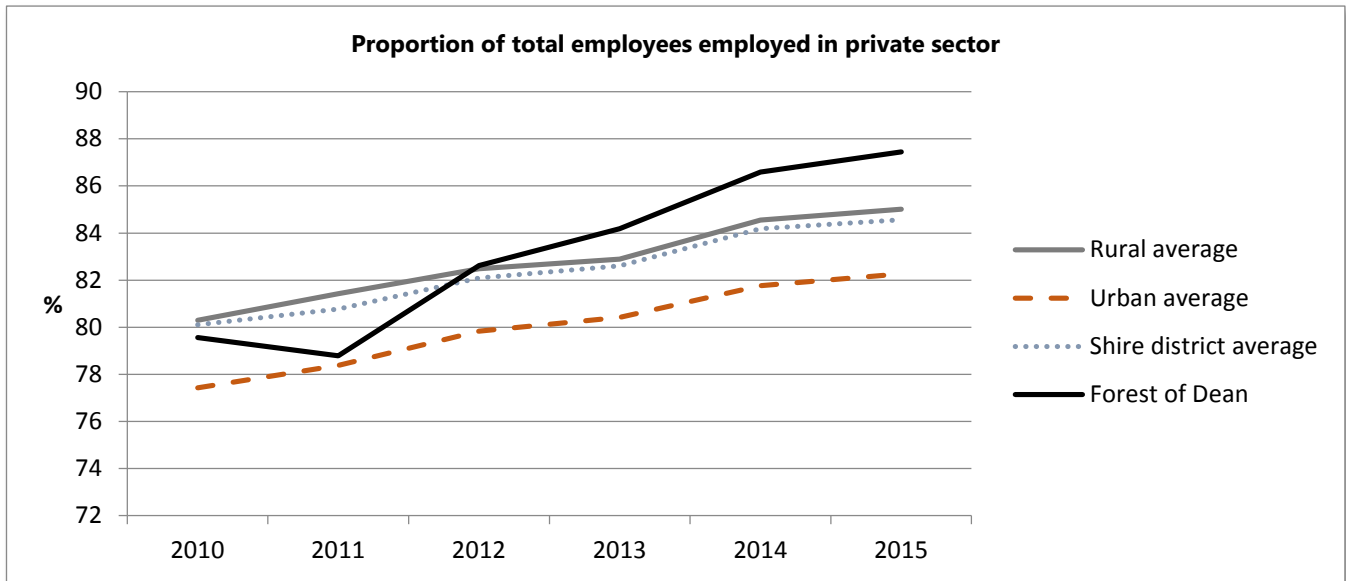


As well as part time employment being more prevalent in some industries as already highlighted, part time employment is also more common in predominantly rural local authority areas than urban areas. In 2015, 33% of employees were in part time employment for predominantly rural areas, in comparison to 30% for predominantly urban areas.





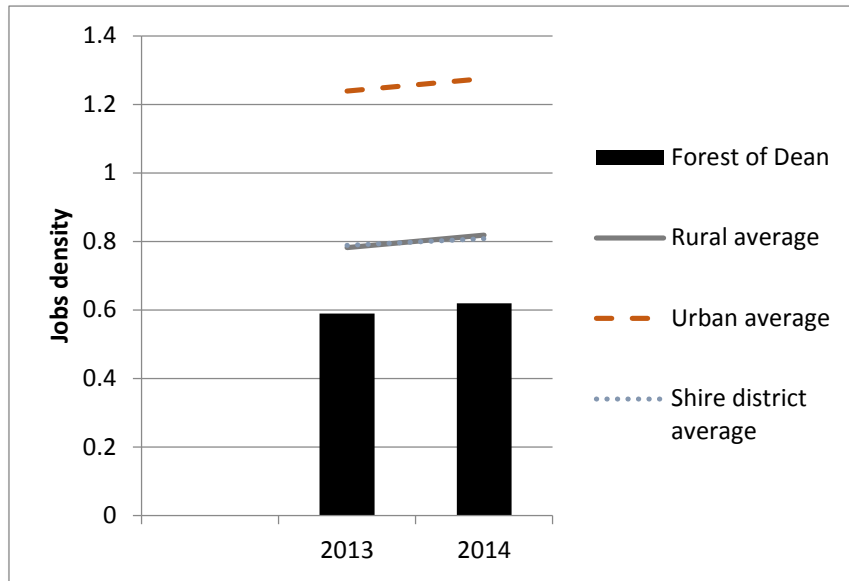
More public sector employment occurs in predominantly urban areas, and again we see more part time employment of public sector workers in the predominantly rural areas (44% of public sector workers in predominantly rural areas were working part time in 2015, compared with 35% for predominantly urban).



Part time employment is less common within the private sector.

Jobs density

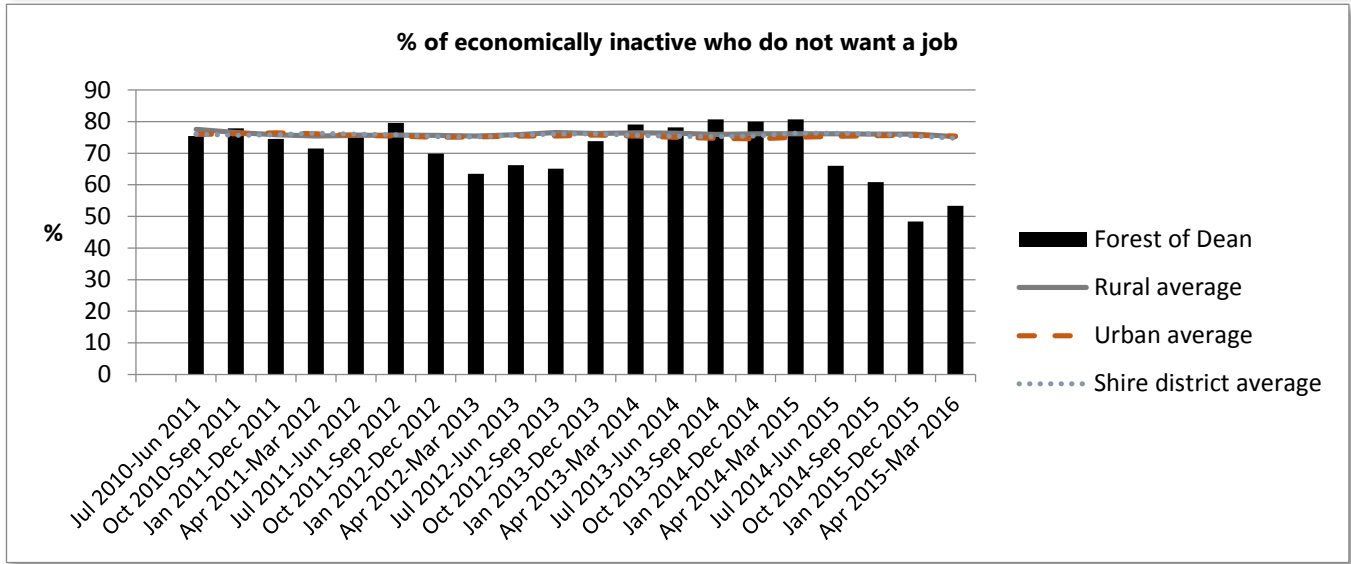
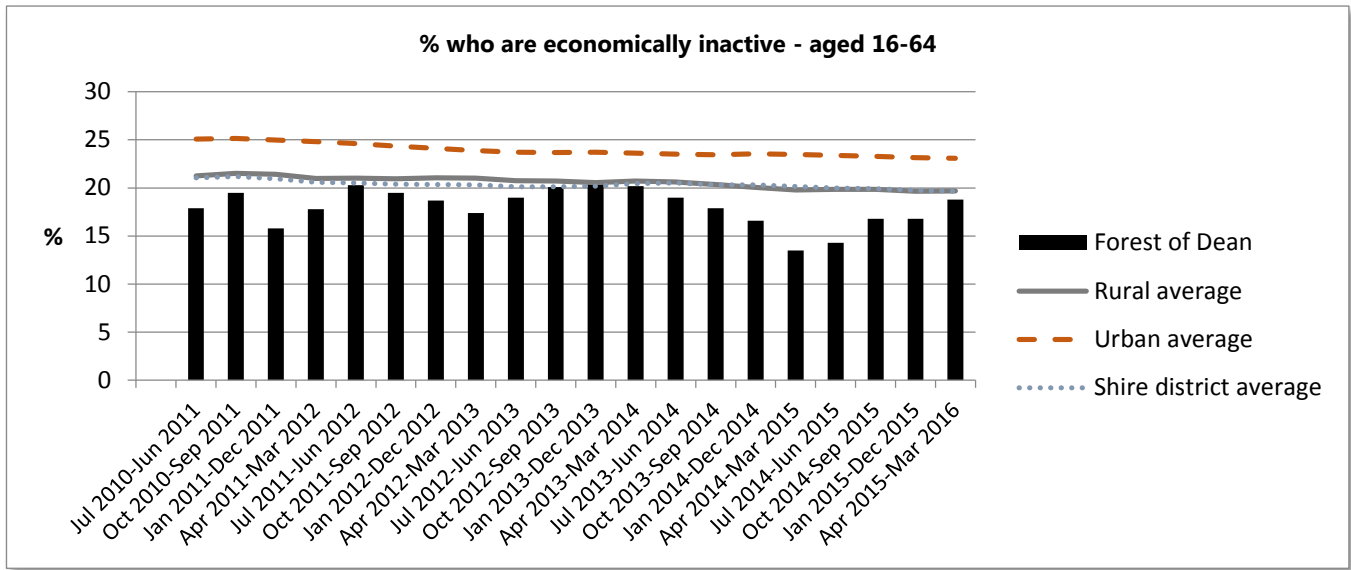
The density figures represent the ratio of total jobs to population aged 16-64. Total jobs includes employees, self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces.



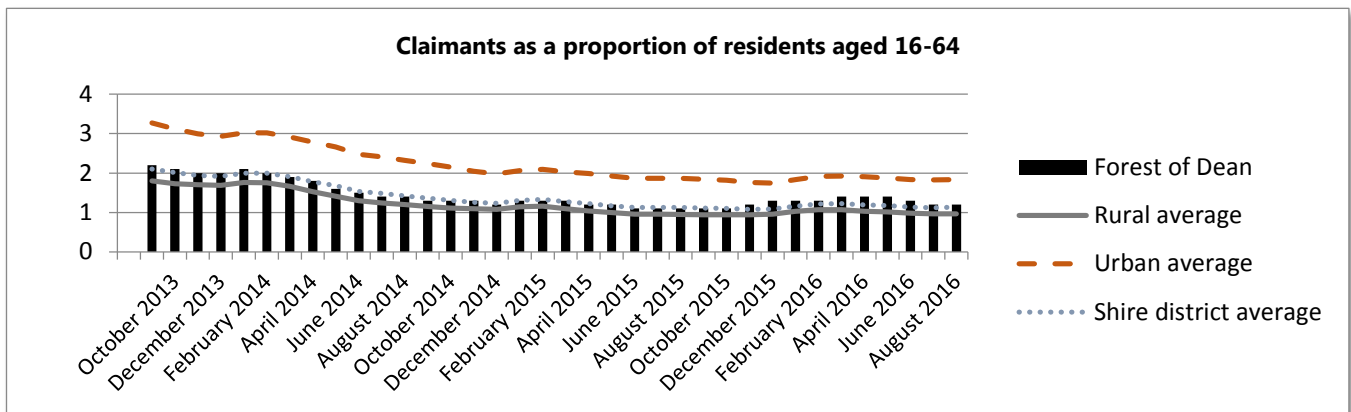
The jobs density in predominantly urban areas is consistently 1.6 times that of predominantly rural. The implication of this on those looking for work in rural areas is compounded by the fact that the proportion of population aged 16-64 on which the density is calculated, in rural areas is smaller than in urban areas. The jobs market is therefore that much tougher for those living in rural local authority areas.

Economic inactivity

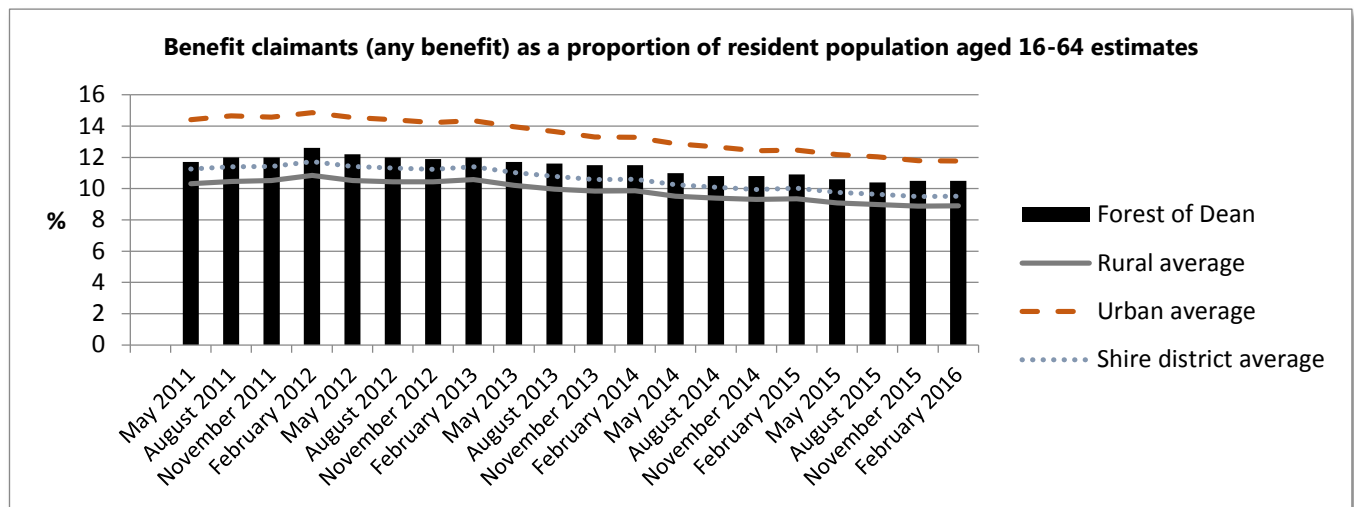
A person who is neither in employment nor unemployed is classed as economically inactive. This group includes, for example, all those who were looking after a home or retired. People not in employment who want a job but are not classed as unemployed because they have either not sought work in the last four weeks or are not available to start work are classed as 'economically inactive - wanting a job'.



Claimant counts and total benefits



Claimant count: The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit who are out of work.



The predominantly urban proportion of claimants is greater than the rural average. It is important to place this in the context of the rural person who has additional challenges compared to their urban counterpart of accessing the benefits system (ie. travel time and cost of travel is greater the further away from the benefits office the claimant lives). The rural person might in such circumstance choose to take part time work in preference (as the part time working statistics provided above indicate) or rely on savings or the assistance of friends and relatives.

Statistical sources

- ONS Population estimates
- ONS 2014 based population projections
- Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings
- ONS Annual Population Survey
- ONS Business Register and Employment Survey
- ONS Inter Departmental Business Register
- ONS Annual Civil Service Employment Survey
- ONS Jobs density
- DWP benefit claimants
- ONS Claimant count