

PROPERTY

This sector profile concentrates on the graduate surveyor role. For other property-related roles including housing, historic building management and planning take a look at [Prospects.ac.uk Property and Construction](https://prospects.ac.uk/Property-and-Construction).

Surveyors manage, sell or lease land and property. They also value and survey property within commercial, residential or rural sectors.

Commercial surveyors will handle business property such as shopping centres, convenience stores, office blocks and hotels. Surveyors in larger firms typically have clients who are institutions, such as pension companies and fund management companies. Commercial firms typically have main offices in larger cities and commercial centres.

Residential surveyors deal with housing developments, as well as individual houses and apartment blocks. Student accommodation sometimes comes under this remit. Clients tend to be high net worth individuals and family trusts.

Rural surveyors are concerned with all aspects of countryside property including country estates, farms and land. Firms are often specialists that deal with commercial and residential property within rural areas. Rural specialist firms tend to be smaller and regional and therefore take on fewer graduates than the larger firms in other markets and are less likely to have a formal graduate scheme. Rural property roles will tend to attract those who want to work in the countryside and have an interest in sustainability.

Planning and development surveyors advise on all aspects of planning and development in both the public and private sectors. Taking into account a range of complex economic, social and environmental factors they provide their clients with critical information to help them make informed choices about investment.

There are several more [surveying-related roles](#) for graduates including site engineer, minerals surveyor, quantity surveyor, estimator and building control surveyor. The roles require slightly different skillsets, but generally property tends to attract highly numerate graduates who want a commercially focused role that involves working directly with clients. The job market is currently buoyant, particularly for residential and commercial roles.

Key Resources

targetjobs.co.uk/career-sectors/property (key resource to understand how the property market works and what jobs are open to graduates. Start here to discover your options)

[Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors \(rics.org\)](https://www.rics.org) (the professional institute site giving details of training and careers news. Includes the RICS Careers Guide which has links to potential employers)

[Ricsrecruit.com](https://www.ricsrecruit.com) (a key section of the RICS website focusing on job vacancies)

[PropertyWeek4Jobs.com](https://www.propertyweek4jobs.com) (jobs board for the weekly magazine 'Property Week')

[Why become a surveyor? \(rics.org\)](https://www.rics.org/why-become-a-surveyor) (RICS guide to training and working as a surveyor)

[Careersinconstruction.com/jobs](https://www.careersinconstruction.com/jobs) (national/international jobs for the construction industry plus careers advice).

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