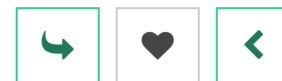


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Dancer



Dancers use movement to perform for live audiences or in recorded performances.



What you'll do

You'll usually follow a choreographer's steps, although you might also improvise movements.

You'll specialise in a form of dance, like:

- classical ballet
- contemporary dance
- modern stage dance, like jazz, tap, and musical theatre
- African or Asian dance
- street dance

You'll spend time:

- rehearsing
- preparing for and going to auditions
- going to dance classes
- promoting yourself and finding work

You might combine performing with other activities like teaching, choreography, community dance, or arts administration.

You may be able to find work teaching other types of social dancing, like ballroom or line dancing, or entering professional competitions.

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

Working hours and environment

Hours can be long and irregular. You'll usually have classes and rehearsals during the day and performances in the evening.

You might perform in theatres, film or TV studios, nightclubs, hotels, halls and cruise ships.

The work is physically demanding and you'll need to practise and keep yourself fit even when not performing.

You may need to spend long periods away from home if you're touring.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could move into choreography or teaching.

Skills required

You'll need:

- talent and ability in dance
- an excellent sense of rhythm and timing
- concentration and the ability to memorise routines
- the ability to work well with others

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#) >

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- ability in at least one form of dance
- to have been dancing from a very young age
- dance school training, like a degree or diploma

You could get a [Dance and Drama Award \(DaDA\)](#) to help with dance school fees.

You can also get performing experience by joining a local dance company.

[Council for Dance Education and Training \(CDET\)](#) has more information on training and becoming a dancer.

Related university subject profiles

These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the [Subjects library](#):

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Labour Market Information (LMI)

Current and predicted figures relating to the Dancer profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

 UK USA

Jobs

Artistic, literary and media occupations

342,899 **2,417** in your local area of Liverpool**Top 5 local areas**

1	Surrey	8,868
2	Hackney	8,587
3	Kent	8,466
4	Hertfordshire	8,120
5	Lambeth	7,261

Salaries

Dancers and choreographers

£29,007

Artistic, literary and media occupations

£32,914 **£30,531** in your region of North West**Top 3 regions**

1	South East	£35,849
2	London	£34,864
3	North West	£30,531

Growth 2020-2035

Culture, media and sports occupations

+ .2% ↑ 1,593 jobs

📍 **-4.8%** in your region of North West, an decrease of 2,325 jobs

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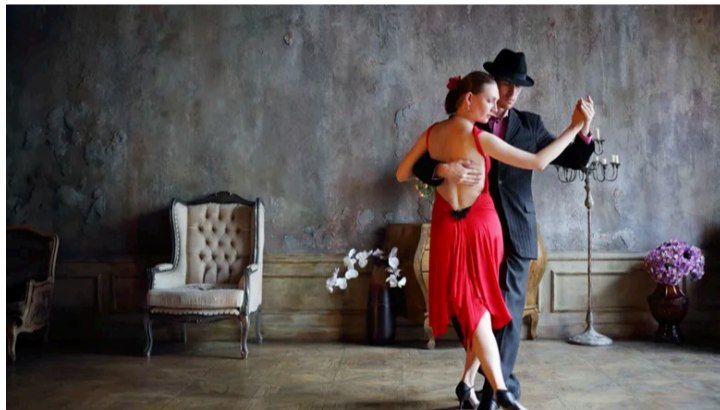
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