# Hertfordshire Membership Annual Report 2021

The current membership total for BCS Hertfordshire (September 2021) is 1168.

The variation in membership for BCS Hertfordshire from 2014 to 2021 is shown by the following graph.

This represents 33% fewer members in 2021 than at the peak in 2015.

The breakdown by membership grade is shown below and provides a comparison with previous years. The meaning of the various grades is explained below.

The age distribution of members is shown here:

**Description of Grades**

**Affiliate**

Affiliate Membership is for anyone with an interest in IT and will appeal to all professionals working within or alongside IT organisations.

**Associate**

If you're at the start of your career in IT, Associate Membership (AMBCS) will give you the tools, resources and opportunities you need.

**Student**

As a student / apprentice member you can enjoy a range of benefits to aid your studies, including the latest news, reviews, networking and job opportunities.

**Professional includes Member, Fellow and Chartered Member or Fellow**

**Member**

To become a Professional member you must have:

five years IT experience or

two to three years IT experience and a relevant recognised qualification or

a BCS accredited Honours degree.

**Fellow**

Fellowship is recognition of achievement and contribution to the IT profession. It is for those who demonstrate a commitment to advancing standards; strategic leadership and best practice, and encourage this in others.

**Chartered Member or Fellow (CITP)**

Chartered status demonstrates your commitment to the industry. You'll need at least eight years IT experience and the application involves a presentation, interview and peer review. The BCS also offers Chartered Engineer, Chartered Scientist, and Incorporated Engineer grades.

Please note that Fellows and CITP are classed as “Professional” for the membership grade graph shown above.