

Statistical bulletin

# Public sector employment, UK: March 2018

The official measure of people employed in the UK public sector, including private sector estimates, based on the difference between total UK employment and public sector employment.



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# 1 . Main points

- There were 5.36 million people employed in the public sector for March 2018, that is, 10,000 more than for December 2017.
- There were 27.04 million people employed in the private sector for March 2018, that is, 136,000 more than for December 2017.
- Between March 2017 and March 2018, employment in the public sector fell by 102,000 due to the reclassification of English housing associations; excluding the effects of this reclassification, public sector employment increased by 42,000.
- Between March 2017 and March 2018, employment in the private sector increased by 542,000, due partly to the reclassification of English housing associations; excluding the effects of this reclassification, private sector employment increased by 398,000.
- For March 2018, of all people in paid work, 16.5% were employed in the public sector (the lowest proportion since comparable records began in 1999) and the remaining 83.5% were employed in the private sector.

## 2 . Things you need to know about this release

This bulletin presents the latest quarterly estimates of UK public sector employment (PSE). The public sector comprises central government, local government and public corporations as defined for the UK National Accounts.

These statistics are used mainly to monitor changes in the number of people employed in the UK public and private sectors and to inform policy-making across government.

Estimates of PSE are presented by sector classification, industry and region. Civil Service employment is shown by government department and agency. Employment in executive non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) is aggregated by sponsoring department.

While this bulletin focuses on headcount estimates of PSE, full-time equivalent estimates (based on the number of hours worked divided by the standard full-time hours) are available in the [accompanying PSE datasets](#).

The PSE estimates are point-in-time employment estimates and relate to a specific day in the published month.

The main source of PSE is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, which aims to obtain complete coverage of local authorities and the Civil Service, and coverage of all public bodies with 20 or more employees. It is difficult to achieve complete coverage for local and central government, for example, in the education sector. Further information can be found in the [Quality and Methodology Information](#) report.

All [time series](#) in this release, except for the regional series, are seasonally adjusted to aid interpretation. Relationships that hold in the unadjusted series do not necessarily hold for the seasonally adjusted series. For example, total PSE equals the total of all public sector industry estimates before seasonal adjustment, but this is not necessarily true after seasonal adjustment.

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are complicated by a number of major reclassifications, where bodies employing large numbers of people have moved between the public and private sectors. We produce estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications to help you understand underlying trends in employment. We publish these alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment in [Tables 5, 6a and 7a of the PSE datasets](#).

Consistent with the [revisions policy for public sector employment statistics](#), the statistics are subject to revisions. Revisions can be made for a variety of reasons, the most common include:

- to account for late information from respondents
- to account for recent classifications to the public sector
- to update seasonal factors (updated quarterly and reviewed annually)

### 3 . Public sector employment rises on the quarter

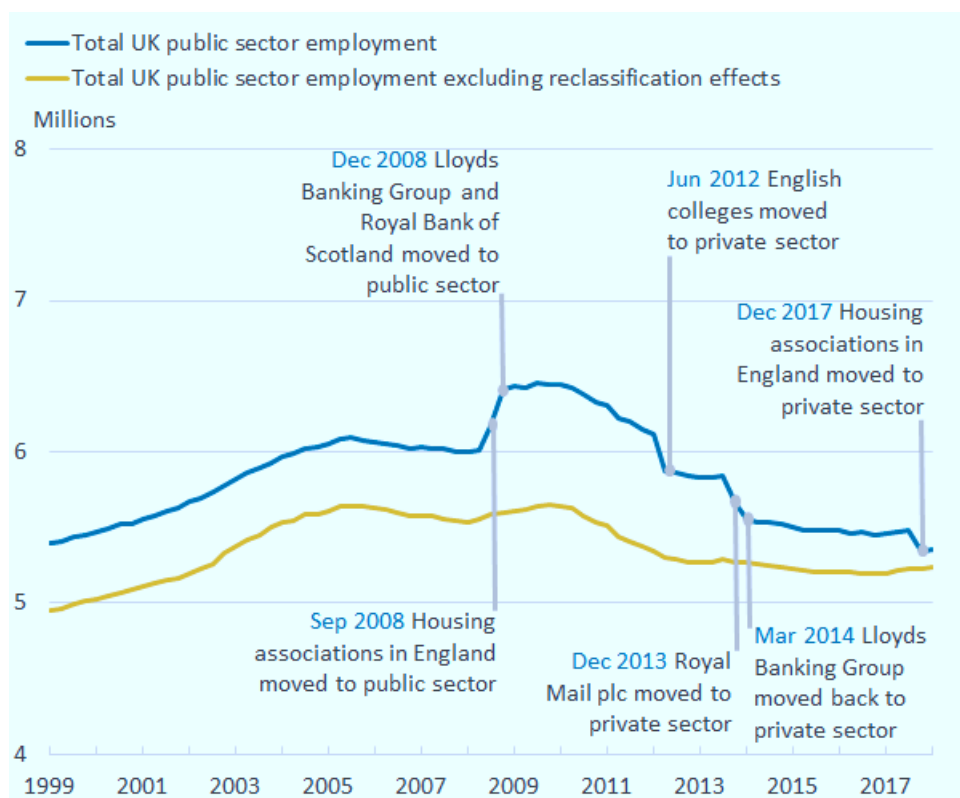
There were 5.36 million employees in the public sector for March 2018, up 10,000 (0.2%) compared with December 2017 but down 102,000 (1.9%) compared with March 2017. The annual fall of 102,000 was entirely due to the reclassification of English housing associations, which are included in the private sector from December 2017 but are included in the public sector between September 2008 and September 2017. Excluding the effects of this reclassification, public sector employment increased by 42,000 between March 2017 and March 2018.

Of all people in paid work, 16.5% were employed in the public sector for March 2018, the lowest proportion since comparable records began in 1999.

Figure 1 shows trends in total public sector employment and public sector employment excluding major reclassifications since comparable records began in 1999.

**Figure 1: Total UK public sector employment, seasonally adjusted**

March 1999 to March 2018



Source: Office for National Statistics

## 4 . Central government employment rises whilst local government employment falls

The number of people employed in central government continued to rise in March 2018, as shown in Figure 2. At 3.10 million, it was up 25,000 (0.8%) compared with December 2017 and up 104,000 (3.5%) compared with March 2017.

The increase of 25,000 in central government employment between December 2017 and March 2018 was mainly due to:

- local authority schools converting to academy status
- a small increase in employment in the National Health Service
- a small increase in employment in the Civil Service

The number of people employed in central government has risen steadily for over five years and the latest figure for March 2018 (3.10 million) is the highest figure since comparable records began in 1999.

Local government employment fell by 15,000 (0.7%) between December 2017 and March 2018, and fell by 65,000 (3.1%) between March 2017 and March 2018, to reach 2.06 million, the lowest figure since comparable records began in 1999. Local authority schools converting to academies (which are classified to central government) accounted for most of these decreases.

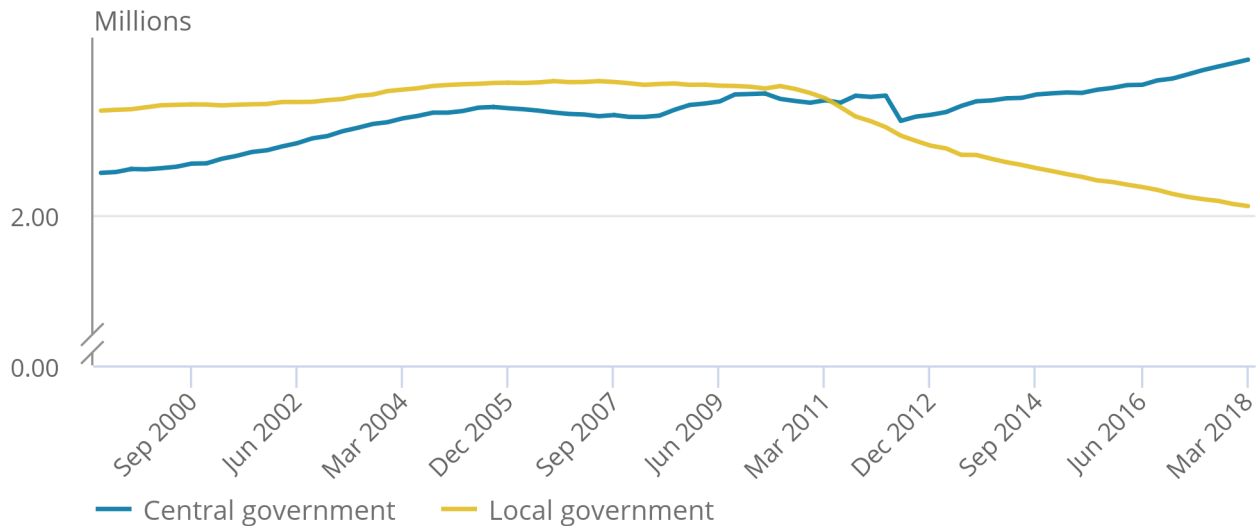
The number of people employed in public corporations was unchanged between December 2017 and March 2018 at 199,000. Between March 2017 and March 2018, employment in public corporations fell by 141,000 (41.5%), due mainly to the reclassification of English housing associations to the private sector. Employment in public corporations has steadily fallen for over five years.

**Figure 2: UK public sector employment in local and central government, seasonally adjusted**

March 1999 to March 2018

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March 1999 to March 2018



Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. July 2010: Academies Act 2010 passed.
2. June 2012: English colleges moved to the private sector.

### The academies impact

The composition of the public sector is changing due to academy conversions in England. Employees move from local government to central government when local authority schools become academies. In March 2018, academy conversions accounted for around 14,000 employees over the quarter and 64,000 over the year, as shown in Table 1. A full time series of employment in academies is available in Table 11 of the [public sector employment dataset](#).

**Table 1: Employment in academies, June 2015 to March 2018, England**

Thousands, not seasonally adjusted

		Headcount	Full-time equivalent
2015	June	414	324
	September	431	333
	December	437	337
2016	March	442	341
	June	450	345
	September	468	360
	December	478	367
2017	March	487	373
	June	513	392
	September	526	401
	December	537	408
2018	March	551	418
Change on quarter		14	10
Change on year		64	45

Source: Office for National Statistics

## 5 . Employment in public administration and the National Health Service rises

Looking at public sector employment by industry, public administration and the National Health Service show increases.

Employment in public administration increased by 8,000 (0.8%) between December 2017 and March 2018 and by 21,000 (2.1%) between March 2017 and March 2018 to reach 1.03 million. Within public administration, Civil Service employment increased by 3,000 (0.7%) between December 2017 and March 2018 and by 11,000 (2.6%) on the year to reach 430,000.

For March 2018, there were 1.64 million people employed in the National Health Service (NHS), accounting for 30.6% of all people employed in the public sector. There were 1.51 million people employed in public sector education, accounting for 28.2% of all people employed in the public sector. The NHS has seen a consistent long-term increase in employment and is now at 1.64 million compared with 1.17 million when the series began in March 1999.

For March 2018, there were 225,000 employed in other health and social work (4.2% of people employed in the public sector). While this is unchanged compared with December 2017, looking longer-term the series has shown a strong decrease in employment. Between March 2017 and March 2018, employment in other health and social work fell by 48,000, due mainly to the reclassification of English housing associations to the private sector.

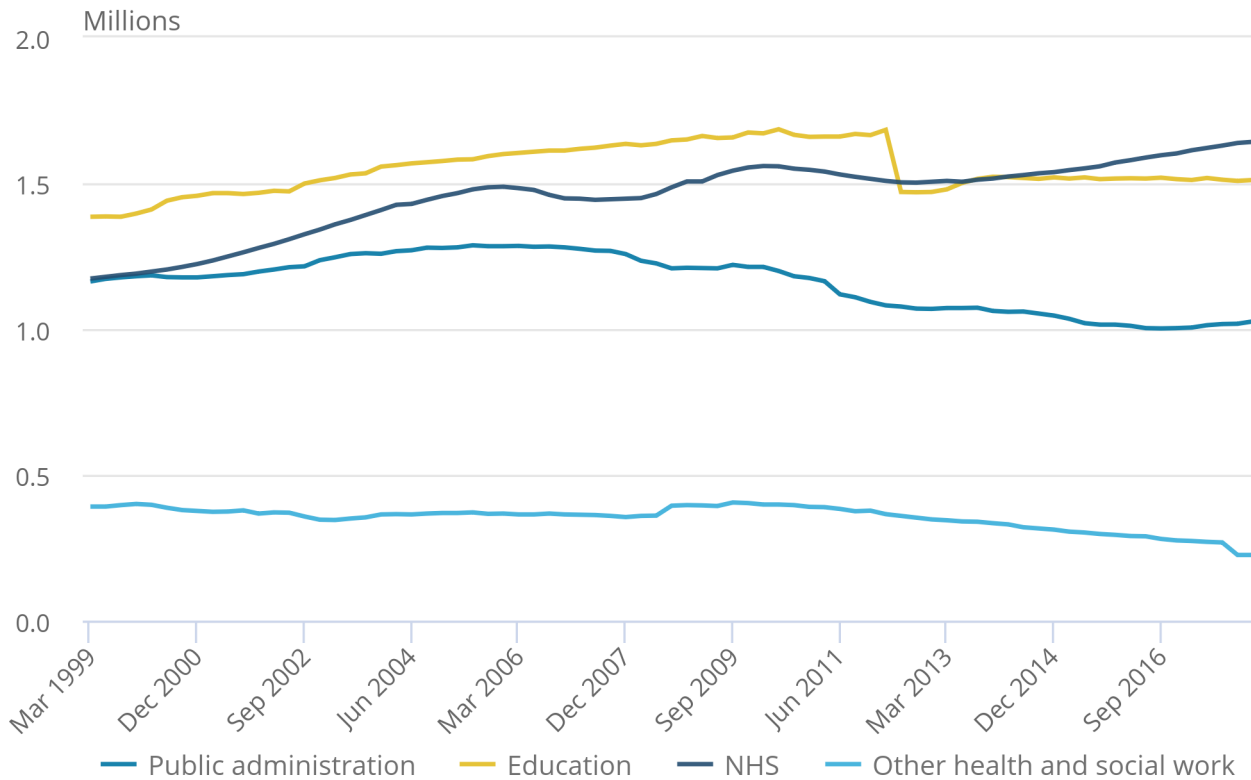
Figure 3 shows public sector employment by selected industries since the series began in 1999.

### Figure 3: UK public sector employment, by selected industries, seasonally adjusted

March 1999 to March 2018

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March 1999 to March 2018



Source: Office for National Statistics

#### Notes:

1. Sep 2008: Housing associations in England reclassified to public sector.
2. Jun 2012: English colleges moved to private sector.
3. Dec 2017: Housing associations in England reclassified to private sector.

## 6 . Private sector employment continues to rise

Private sector employment estimates are derived as the difference between total employment estimates, sourced from the Labour Force Survey, and public sector employment estimates collected from public sector organisations.

For March 2018, there were 27.04 million people employed in the private sector. This was:

- 136,000 (0.5%) more than for December 2017
- 542,000 (2.0%) more than for March 2017
- the highest since comparable records began, as shown in Figure 4

The reclassification of English housing associations to the private sector has contributed to the annual increase of 542,000 in private sector employment. Excluding the effect of this reclassification, private sector employment increased by 398,000 (1.5%) between March 2017 and March 2018.

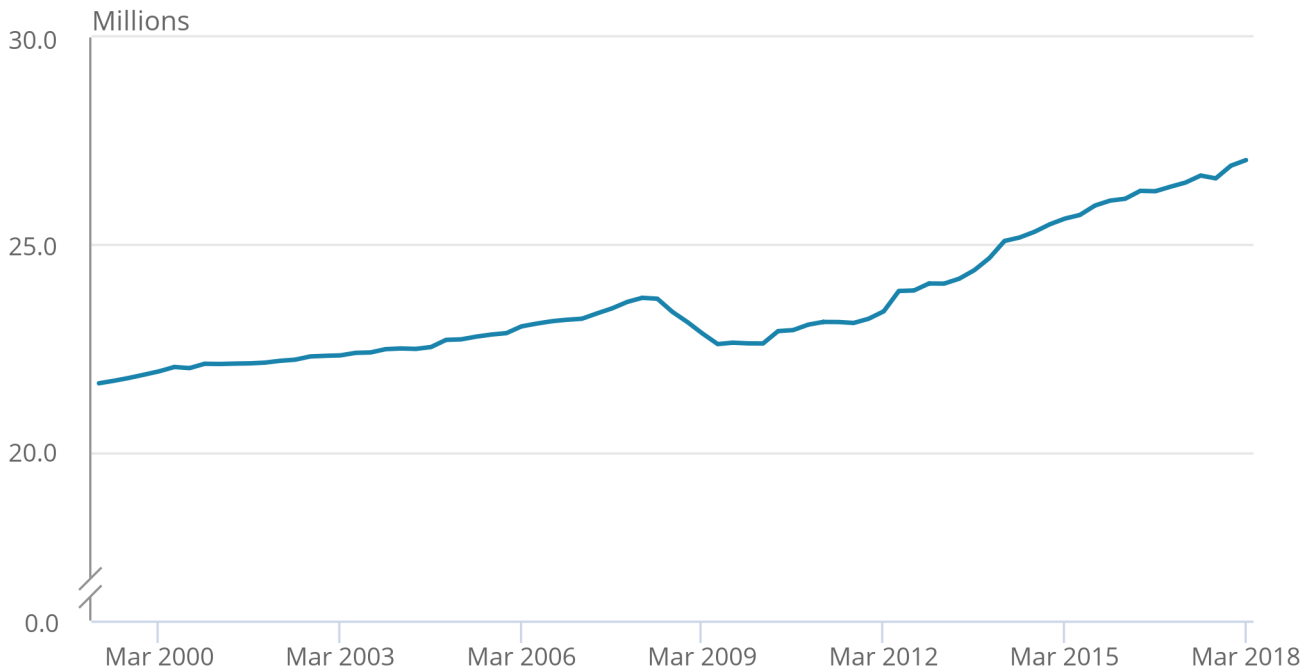


## Figure 4: UK private sector employment, seasonally adjusted

March 1999 to March 2018

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Source: Office for National Statistics

## 7 . Civil Service employment rises

For March 2018, there were 430,000 people employed in the Home Civil Service (8.0% of total public sector employment). This was:

- 3,000 (0.7%) more than for December 2017
- 11,000 (2.6%) more than for March 2017

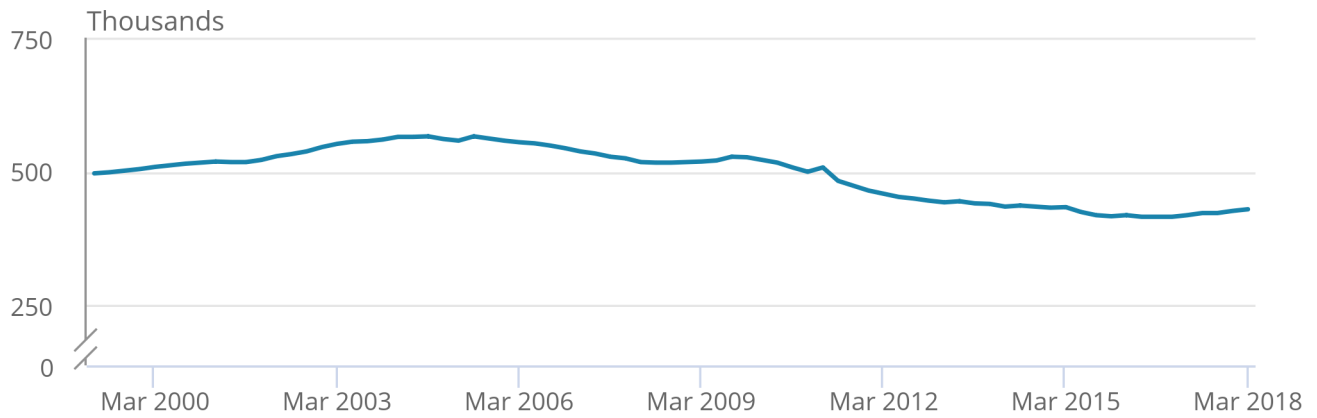
Civil Service employment last peaked in June 2005 at 566,000. Figure 5 shows employment in the Home Civil Service gradually rising in more recent periods following a longer-term decline since 2005.

## Figure 5: Employment in the Home Civil Service, UK

March 1999 to March 2018

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Source: Office for National Statistics

Machinery of government changes in the period since 1 April 2017 are listed in Table 2.



**Table 2: Machinery of government changes, 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, UK**

<b>Organisation name</b>	<b>Details</b>
National Infrastructure Commission	The National Infrastructure Commission, an executive agency of HM Treasury, is reported for the first time in the March 2018 release.
Defence Equipment and Support	Around 1,250 staff moved from Defence Equipment and Support to the Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds) between December 2017 and March 2018.
HM Revenue and Customs	Around 120 staff transferred from HM Revenue and Customs to the Department for Work and Pensions between December 2017 and March 2018.
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	The Department for Communities and Local Government became the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 8 January 2018.
Department of Health and Social Care	The Department of Health became the Department of Health and Social Care on 8 January 2018.
HM Revenue and Customs	Around 600 employees transferred from HM Revenue and Customs to the Cabinet Office between September and December 2017.
Rural Payments Agency	Around 60 employees transferred from the Rural Payments Agency to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs between June and September 2017.
HM Revenue and Customs	Around 1,400 employees transferred from HM Revenue and Customs to the Cabinet Office between June and September 2017.
Crown Commercial Service	Around 20 employees transferred from Crown Commercial Service to the Cabinet Office between June and September 2017.
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	The Department for Culture, Media and Sport became the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on 3 July 2017.
Scottish Fiscal Commission	The Scottish Fiscal Commission was established as a non-ministerial department on 1 April 2017.
HM Prison and Probation Service	The National Offender Management Service became Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service on 3 April 2017. Around 600 employees transferred from HM Prison and Probation Service to the Ministry of Justice.
Education and Skills Funding Agency	On 1 April 2017, the Education Funding Agency and the Skills Funding Agency merged to form the Education and Skills Funding Agency.
HM Revenue and Customs	Around 60 employees transferred from HM Revenue and Customs to the Cabinet Office between April and June 2017.
Rural Payments Agency	Around 200 employees transferred from the Rural Payments Agency to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 1 April 2017.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Around 40 employees transferred from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to FCO Services on 1 April 2017.

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	Around 150 employees transferred from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to the Government Legal Department as of 1 April 2017. Around 80 employees transferred from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to the Insolvency Service between April and June 2017.
Legal Aid Agency	Around 100 employees transferred from the Legal Aid Agency to the Ministry of Justice between April and June 2017.

Source: Office for National Statistics

## 8 . Links to related statistics

The quarterly Civil Service statistics in this release are the official measure of Civil Service employment. More detailed statistics on the Civil Service population, such as regional analyses, diversity and earnings statistics, can be found in the annual [Civil Service statistics](#) release.

Estimates of [public sector employment \(PSE\) in Scotland](#) are published quarterly by the Scottish Government on the same day as the UK PSE release.

Estimates of public and private sector jobs in Northern Ireland are published by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) in the [Northern Ireland Quarterly Employment Survey release](#).

The [UK labour market release](#) provides a comprehensive picture of the structure and size of the UK labour market each month, covering employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment statistics.

## 9 . Quality and methodology

The [Public sector employment \(PSE\) Quality and Methodology Information report](#) contains important information on:

- the strengths and limitations of the data and how it compares with related data
- uses and users of the data
- how the output was created
- the quality of the output including the accuracy of the data

### Response rates

The primary source of the PSE statistics is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), which comprises three separate data collections: local authorities in England and Wales, public corporations and non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) in Great Britain and the Home Civil Service. Our targets for response before the results are compiled are 90% for Local Authorities and Public Bodies QPSES and 100% for Civil Service QPSES. Response rates for the latest period are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3: Response rates for sources of UK public sector employment, March 2018**

	<b>Response (% of questionnaires returned)</b>	<b>Response (% of employment returned)</b>
Local authorities survey	93	95
Public bodies survey	95	97
Civil service survey	100	100
Other sources (see Table 4)	100	100

Source: Office for National Statistics

So that estimates of total public sector employment can be made, it is necessary for further information to be gathered from external sources, listed in Table 4.

**Table 4: External sources of data for UK public sector employment statistics, March 2018**

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**Central government**

HM Forces	UK	Ministry of Defence: Defence Statistics
National Health Service	England	NHS Digital
	Wales	NHS Wales Informatics Service
	Scotland	Scottish Government
	Northern Ireland	Department of Finance and Personnel
Academies	England	School Workforce Census and list of all open academies (Department for Education)
Police (including civilians)	Scotland	Scottish Government
Police (British Transport Police)	England and Wales	Home Office
Other central government	Great Britain	Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (ONS)
	Northern Ireland	Department of Finance and Personnel

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**Local government**

Local authorities	England and Wales	Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (ONS)
	Scotland	Joint Staffing Watch (Scottish Government)
	Northern Ireland	Department of Finance and Personnel
Police (including civilians)	England and Wales	Home Office
	Northern Ireland	Department of Finance and Personnel

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**Public corporations**

	Great Britain	Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (ONS)
	Northern Ireland	Department of Finance and Personnel
Housing associations	Wales	Short-Term Employment Survey (ONS)
	Scotland	Scottish Housing Regulator; Scottish Government
	Northern Ireland	Department of Finance and Personnel

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Source: Office for National Statistics



# Index of Tables

These tables show data for the last two years, and to improve the readability of these tables on the printed page, most of the footnotes have been removed. A complete time series including footnotes are available from the PSE Datasets (Excel Spreadsheet) at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/datasets/publicsectoremploymentreferencetable>

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# 1 Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		Central government	Local government	Total general government			
		G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
2015	Dec	2,896	2,234	5,130	350	5,480	417
2016	Mar	2,916	2,215	5,131	350	5,481	419
	Jun	2,918	2,198	5,116	348	5,464	416
	Sep	2,949	2,178	5,127	344	5,471	416
	Dec	2,962	2,150	5,112	341	5,453	416
2017	Mar	2,991 †	2,129	5,120 †	340	5,460 †	419
	Jun	3,021	2,113	5,134	339	5,473	423
	Sep	3,046	2,101	5,147	338	5,485	423
	Dec	3,070	2,079 †	5,149	199 †	5,348	427
<b>2018</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>430</b>
Change on quarter:		25	-15	10	0	10	3
Change %:		0.8	-0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7
Change on year:		104	-65	39	-141	-102	11
Change %:		3.5	-3.1	0.8	-41.5	-1.9	2.6

Source: Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

# 2 Public sector employment by industry; Headcount †

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work			Other public sector
		Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	
		G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM
2015	Dec	35	159	250	1,015	1,516	1,571	294	639
2016	Mar	36	158	248	1,011	1,517	1,579	290	642
	Jun	36	158	246	1,003	1,516	1,588	289	633
	Sep	35	158	245	1,002	1,519	1,596	280	632
	Dec	36	157	243	1,003	1,514	1,602	275	624
2017	Mar	37	157	245	1,005	1,511 †	1,613 †	273	619 †
	Jun	36	156	248	1,013	1,518	1,621	270	616
	Sep	35	155	250	1,017	1,512	1,629	268	615
	Dec	35	155	254	1,018	1,508	1,638	225 †	513
<b>2018</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>512</b>
Change on quarter:		-3	0	2	8	3	4	0	-1
Change %:		-8.6	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Change on year:		-5	-2	11	21	0	29	-48	-107
Change %:		-13.5	-1.3	4.5	2.1	0.0	1.8	-17.6	-17.3

Source: Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

### 3 Public sector employment by sector classification; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		Central government	Local government	Total general government			
		G7FP	G7FS	G7FV	G7FY	G7G3	G7G6
2015	Dec	2,523	1,690	4,213	325	4,538	386
2016	Mar	2,539	1,675	4,214	325	4,539	387
	Jun	2,545	1,663	4,208	323	4,531	384
	Sep	2,564	1,647	4,211	320	4,531	385
	Dec	2,576	1,629	4,205	316	4,521	385
2017	Mar	2,599 <sup>†</sup>	1,614	4,213 <sup>†</sup>	315	4,528 <sup>†</sup>	389
	Jun	2,628	1,601	4,229	315	4,544	392
	Sep	2,643	1,589	4,232	313	4,545	392
	Dec	2,666	1,571 <sup>†</sup>	4,237	185	4,422	396
<b>2018</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>4,242</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>399</b>
Change on quarter:		19	-14	5	0	5	3
Change %:		0.7	-0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.8
Change on year:		86	-57	29	-130	-101	10
Change %:		3.3	-3.5	0.7	-41.3	-2.2	2.6

Source: Office for National Statistics

<sup>†</sup> Indicates earliest revision

### 4 Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent <sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work			Other public sector
		Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	
		G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR	G7K2
2015	Dec	-	159	240	852	1,112	1,366	227	555
2016	Mar	-	158	238	849	1,113	1,374	223	558
	Jun	-	158	236	842	1,112	1,383	222	550
	Sep	-	158	235	842	1,114	1,390	216	548
	Dec	-	157	233	844	1,112	1,394	212	542
2017	Mar	-	157	235	848	1,109 <sup>†</sup>	1,405 <sup>†</sup>	211	537
	Jun	-	156	235	852	1,114	1,412	208	536
	Sep	-	155	234	856	1,109	1,420	207	534
	Dec	-	155	234	859 <sup>†</sup>	1,108	1,429	168 <sup>†</sup>	440 <sup>†</sup>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>440</b>
Change on quarter:		-	0	-1	7	2	5	0	0
Change %:		-	0.0	-0.4	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Change on year:		-	-2	-2	18	1	29	-43	-97
Change %:		-	-1.3	-0.9	2.1	0.1	2.1	-20.4	-18.1

Source: Office for National Statistics

<sup>†</sup> Indicates earliest revision

## 5 Public and private sector employment; Headcount

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total employment (thousands)	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications	
	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage		Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
2015 Dec	5,480	17.4	26,057	82.6	31,537	5,209	16.5	26,328	83.5
2016 Mar	5,481	17.4	26,102	82.6	31,583	5,207	16.5	26,376	83.5
Jun	5,464	17.2	26,293	82.8	31,757	5,202	16.4	26,555	83.6
Sep	5,471	17.2	26,284	82.8	31,755	5,200	16.4	26,555	83.6
Dec	5,453	17.1	26,393	82.9	31,846	5,190	16.3	26,656	83.7
2017 Mar	5,460 <sup>†</sup>	17.1	26,494 <sup>†</sup>	82.9	31,954	5,195 <sup>†</sup>	16.3	26,759 <sup>†</sup>	83.7
Jun	5,473	17.0	26,663	83.0	32,136	5,219	16.2	26,917	83.8
Sep	5,485	17.1	26,595	82.9	32,080	5,225	16.3	26,855	83.7
Dec	5,348	16.6	26,900	83.4	32,248	5,229	16.2	27,019	83.8
<b>2018 Mar</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>27,036</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>32,394</b>	<b>5,237</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>27,157</b>	<b>83.8</b>
Change on quarter:	10	-0.1	136	0.1	146	8	0.0	138	0.0
Change %:	0.2	..	0.5	..	0.5	0.2	..	0.5	..
Change on year:	-102	-0.6	542	0.6	440	42	-0.1	398	0.1
Change %:	-1.9	..	2.0	..	1.4	0.8	..	1.5	..

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

## 6 Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region															
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002
2015 Dec	5,484	5,480	5,258	4,395	242	619	464	341	466	425	746	648	445	302	560	211
2016 Mar	5,492	5,481	5,265	4,399	241	620	466	341	464	426	747	648	446	304	562	211
Jun	5,466	5,464	5,241	4,377	239	617	464	340	460	424	742	645	445	304	560	209
Sep	5,453	5,471	5,233	4,374	236	616	464	340	462	424	743	642	447	302	558	205
Dec	5,457	5,453	5,233	4,372	236	617	465	341	460	423	741	643	447	303	558	208
2017 Mar	5,470	5,460	5,243	4,379	237	619	462	341	460	425	743	645	447	306	559	210
Jun	5,474	5,473	5,249	4,384	237	617	463	343	461	428	745	643	447	306	559	209
Sep	5,468	5,485	5,246	4,381	237	617	460	343	463	428	745	642	447	305	559	206
Dec	5,351	5,348	5,124	4,257	230	600	454	338	444	416	717	626	433	307	560	210
<b>2018 Mar</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>5,140</b>	<b>4,270</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>210</b>
Change on year:	-102	-102	-103	-109	-8	-18	-6	-2	-16	-7	-22	-17	-14	3	2	0
Change %:	-1.9	-1.9	-2.0	-2.5	-3.2	-2.9	-1.3	-0.5	-3.4	-1.6	-3.0	-2.6	-3.1	0.9	0.4	-0.1
% of total employment	16.6	16.5	16.4	15.7	19.3	17.7	17.7	15.6	16.3	15.0	13.6	14.6	15.5	22.3	21.5	25.3

Source: Office for National Statistics

## 6a Regional public sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region															
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002
2015 Dec	5,213	5,209	4,991	4,171	232	584	448	331	437	405	692	616	426	288	532	205
2016 Mar	5,220	5,207	4,998	4,175	232	585	451	331	435	405	693	617	427	291	533	205
Jun	5,197	5,202	4,978	4,157	230	583	450	330	431	404	689	614	427	290	531	204
Sep	5,188	5,200	4,973	4,156	227	582	450	330	433	404	690	611	428	288	529	200
Dec	5,194	5,190	4,975	4,156	227	583	450	331	431	404	690	612	428	289	530	203
2017 Mar	5,207	5,195	4,986	4,164	228	585	448	331	432	405	692	614	429	292	531	205
Jun	5,214	5,219	4,994	4,171	229	583	449	334	433	408	695	613	428	292	531	204
Sep	5,209	5,225	4,992	4,170	228	583	446	334	434	408	695	612	428	291	531	201
Dec	5,232	5,229	5,010	4,186	228	588	448	335	436	410	697	615	428	293	532	204
<b>2018 Mar</b>	<b>5,249</b>	<b>5,237</b>	<b>5,026</b>	<b>4,199</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>205</b>
Change on year:	42	42	39	35	0	4	2	4	5	7	11	1	0	2	2	0
Change %:	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	-0.1	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.1
% of total employment	16.2	16.2	16.1	15.4	19.2	17.3	17.4	15.4	16.0	14.8	13.2	14.3	15.3	21.3	20.4	24.7

Source: Office for National Statistics

## 7 Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Region																
All employees		United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)		Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code		K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2015 Dec	26,053	26,057	25,206	22,057	925	2,751	2,043	1,823	2,134	2,317	4,239	3,610	2,214	1,093	2,056	597		
2016 Mar	26,027	26,102	25,162	22,070	908	2,717	2,029	1,834	2,142	2,299	4,316	3,600	2,225	1,090	2,002	613		
Jun	26,271	26,293	25,427	22,258	903	2,712	2,062	1,860	2,162	2,366	4,357	3,590	2,246	1,100	2,069	606		
Sep	26,375	26,284	25,570	22,452	929	2,731	2,105	1,864	2,220	2,317	4,400	3,606	2,279	1,091	2,026	611		
Dec	26,388	26,393	25,550	22,430	927	2,759	2,069	1,825	2,224	2,343	4,432	3,579	2,274	1,083	2,037	599		
2017 Mar	26,413	26,494	25,574	22,439	943	2,824	2,072	1,782	2,166	2,307	4,447	3,605	2,294	1,069	2,066	600		
Jun	26,648	26,663	25,825	22,547	930	2,812	2,064	1,782	2,202	2,363	4,560	3,655	2,277	1,058	2,120	597		
Sep	26,672	26,595	25,844	22,701	970	2,789	2,060	1,794	2,207	2,355	4,533	3,697	2,295	1,059	2,084	600		
Dec	26,911	26,900	26,071	22,956	963	2,822	2,126	1,793	2,277	2,361	4,525	3,735	2,354	1,060	2,055	619		
<b>2018 Mar</b>	<b>26,956</b>	<b>27,036</b>	<b>26,142</b>	<b>23,013</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>618</b>		
Change on year:	543	542	568	574	18	-22	53	53	125	60	142	68	78	5	-11	19		
Change %:	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.6	1.9	-0.8	2.6	3.0	5.8	2.6	3.2	1.9	3.4	0.5	-0.5	3.2		
% of total employment	83.4	83.5	83.6	84.3	80.7	82.3	82.3	84.4	83.7	85.0	86.4	85.4	84.5	77.7	78.5	74.7		

Source: Office for National Statistics

## 7a Regional private sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Region																
All employees		United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)		Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code		K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2015 Dec	26,324	26,328	25,472	22,281	935	2,786	2,058	1,833	2,163	2,337	4,293	3,642	2,233	1,106	2,085	603		
2016 Mar	26,299	26,376	25,429	22,294	918	2,753	2,044	1,844	2,171	2,319	4,370	3,631	2,244	1,103	2,032	618		
Jun	26,540	26,555	25,691	22,478	911	2,747	2,077	1,870	2,191	2,387	4,410	3,621	2,265	1,114	2,099	611		
Sep	26,640	26,555	25,830	22,670	938	2,766	2,119	1,874	2,249	2,337	4,453	3,637	2,298	1,105	2,055	616		
Dec	26,651	26,656	25,808	22,646	936	2,793	2,083	1,835	2,253	2,363	4,483	3,609	2,292	1,097	2,065	604		
2017 Mar	26,676	26,759	25,831	22,654	951	2,858	2,086	1,791	2,194	2,326	4,498	3,635	2,313	1,083	2,094	605		
Jun	26,908	26,917	26,080	22,860	939	2,846	2,079	1,792	2,231	2,383	4,611	3,685	2,296	1,072	2,149	602		
Sep	26,931	26,855	26,098	22,913	979	2,823	2,074	1,804	2,235	2,375	4,583	3,727	2,313	1,073	2,112	605		
Dec	27,030	27,019	26,186	23,028	965	2,834	2,132	1,796	2,284	2,367	4,545	3,747	2,359	1,074	2,083	624		
<b>2018 Mar</b>	<b>27,075</b>	<b>27,157</b>	<b>26,256</b>	<b>23,084</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>624</b>		
Change on year:	399	398	425	431	10	-44	45	47	104	46	109	49	64	5	-11	19		
Change %:	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.1	-1.5	2.2	2.6	4.7	2.0	2.4	1.4	2.8	0.5	-0.5	3.1		
% of total employment	83.8	83.8	83.9	84.6	80.8	82.7	82.6	84.6	84.0	85.2	86.8	85.7	84.7	78.7	79.6	75.3		

Source: Office for National Statistics

# 8 Civil Service employment by department <sup>1 2</sup>

Headcount, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted

	March 2018						Total	December 2017	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
<b>Permanent Employees</b>									
Attorney General's departments	2,850	240	3,090	3,490	1,910	5,400	8,490	8,410	80
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	4,790	390	5,180	3,380	1,260	4,640	9,820	9,790	20
Cabinet Office	2,430	60	2,490	2,400	270	2,670	5,160	5,100	60
Other Cabinet Office agencies	300	10	310	330	60	390	700	710	-10
Charity Commission	120	10	130	120	50	170	300	300	0
Competition and Markets Authority	290	20	300	220	70	290	590	580	10
Defence	32,030	1,480	33,500	16,320	4,150	20,470	53,970	53,750	220
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	390	10	400	390	60	450	850	790	60
Education	2,410	80	2,490	2,610	780	3,390	5,880	5,670	210
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	3,240	220	3,460	2,870	1,350	4,220	7,680	7,590	90
Estyn	40	10	50	50	20	70	110	120	-10
Exiting the European Union	270	..	280	260	10	270	550	510	40
Export Credits Guarantee Department	180	..	180	100	10	110	290	290	0
Food Standards Agency	640	40	680	300	60	360	1,030	1,030	0
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	3,140	40	3,180	2,130	220	2,350	5,530	5,440	90
Health and Social Care <sup>3</sup>	2,680	150	2,840	3,950	1,160	5,120	7,950	7,790	160
HM Land Registry	1,640	280	1,920	1,470	1,380	2,860	4,780	4,800	-20
HM Revenue and Customs	26,600	4,100	30,700	21,040	16,410	37,450	68,150	69,540	-1,400
HM Treasury	1,030	40	1,070	740	150	890	1,960	1,950	10
Chancellor's other departments	190	10	200	130	30	160	350	370	-20
Home Office	12,230	1,150	13,380	9,700	5,060	14,760	28,140	27,590	550
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>4</sup>	1,100	110	1,210	880	300	1,180	2,390	2,310	80
International Development	1,010	40	1,050	1,140	190	1,330	2,370	2,320	50
International Trade	780	10	790	590	50	640	1,430	1,350	90
Justice	30,420	2,640	33,060	27,750	9,860	37,600	70,670	68,420	2,250
The National Archives	230	20	250	210	50	260	510	550	-40
National Crime Agency	2,640	40	2,680	1,420	310	1,720	4,400	4,410	-10
Northern Ireland Office	50	0	50	50	10	60	110	100	10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	560	30	590	940	230	1,160	1,750	1,740	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	370	10	380	300	40	340	720	720	0
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	70	10	80	90	20	110	190	180	10
Office of Rail and Road	170	10	180	100	30	120	300	300	0
Ofwat	110	10	120	90	30	110	210	210	0
Scotland Office	50	..	50	50	10	60	110	110	0
Transport	7,140	730	7,870	3,950	2,360	6,310	14,180	14,090	90
UK Statistics Authority	1,270	640	1,910	1,260	1,090	2,350	4,260	4,250	10
UK Supreme Court	20	..	20	20	..	20	30	40	-10
Wales Office	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	40	0
Work and Pensions	24,300	4,220	28,520	28,020	28,810	56,830	85,350	85,210	150
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>167,760</b>	<b>16,860</b>	<b>184,610</b>	<b>138,840</b>	<b>77,840</b>	<b>216,680</b>	<b>401,290</b>	<b>398,460</b>	<b>2,830</b>
Scottish Government	7,840	710	8,550	6,130	2,240	8,370	16,920	16,840	80
Welsh Government	1,990	150	2,150	2,210	920	3,130	5,280	5,250	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>177,590</b>	<b>17,720</b>	<b>195,310</b>	<b>147,180</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>228,180</b>	<b>423,490</b>	<b>420,550</b>	<b>2,940</b>

	March 2018						Total	December 2017	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
<b>Temporary/Casual Employees</b>									
Attorney General's departments	50	..	60	60	..	70	120	150	-30
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	30	..	30	30	10	30	70	100	-30
Cabinet Office	10	..	10	10	..	10	20	30	-10
Other Cabinet Office agencies	20	10	30	10	10	20	50	40	20
Charity Commission	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	0
Competition and Markets Authority	..	0	..	..	0	..	10	10	0
Defence	40	..	40	40	10	20	60	50	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	20	..	20	20	..	20	40	30	10
Education	80	..	80	100	10	110	190	220	-20
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	230	10	230	270	40	310	540	480	60
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	0
Exiting the European Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	0	10	..	..	..	10	10	0
Food Standards Agency	10	..	10	10	0	10	30	20	10
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	110	40	150	10	..	10	60	60	0
Health and Social Care <sup>3</sup>	110	20	130	220	60	280	420	430	-20
HM Land Registry	150	..	150	230	10	240	390	340	50
HM Revenue and Customs	80	..	80	40	10	50	130	130	0
HM Treasury	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	50	-10
Chancellor's other departments	..	0	..	10	0	10	10	..	10
Home Office	530	360	890	510	180	690	1,580	1,690	-110
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>4</sup>	30	0	30	30	..	30	60	40	20
International Development	100	..	100	110	..	110	210	160	50
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	250	90	340	500	80	590	930	720	210
The National Archives	10	0	10	..	..	..	10	10	0
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	0	..	..	..	10	10	10	10	0
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	60	0	60	40	0	40	90	100	-10
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	0
Office of Rail and Road	..	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Ofwat	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	..	10
Scotland Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport	90	20	100	80	30	110	210	190	20
UK Statistics Authority	40	0	40	40	10	40	90	70	20
UK Supreme Court	10	0	10	10	..	10	10	10	0
Wales Office	..	0	..	..	0	..	0	..	0
Work and Pensions	310	..	310	330	40	370	680	530	150
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>390</b>
Scottish Government	200	20	220	220	20	240	460	430	30
Welsh Government	10	0	10	10	0	10	20	20	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>6,580</b>	<b>6,160</b>	<b>420</b>

	March 2018						Total	December 2017	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
<b>All Employees</b>	<b>180,100</b>	<b>18,310</b>	<b>198,410</b>	<b>150,110</b>	<b>81,550</b>	<b>231,660</b>	<b>430,070</b>	<b>426,710</b>	<b>3,360</b>

Source: Office for National Statistics

<sup>1</sup> Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by ".". Data not available are represented by "..".

<sup>2</sup> Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

<sup>3</sup> The Department of Health became the Department of Health and Social Care on 8 January 2018.

<sup>4</sup> The Department for Communities and Local Government became the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 8 January 2018.

## 8 ..continued, Civil Service employment by department

Full-time equivalents, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted

	March 2018			December 2017	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>Permanent Employees</b>					
Attorney General's departments	3,020	4,840	7,860	7,800	70
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	5,060	4,290	9,350	9,330	20
Cabinet Office	2,470	2,600	5,070	5,020	50
Other Cabinet Office agencies	310	370	680	670	10
Charity Commission	130	150	280	280	..
Competition and Markets Authority	300	270	570	560	10
Defence	33,030	19,260	52,290	52,080	200
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	400	430	830	770	60
Education	2,470	3,180	5,650	5,460	190
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	3,390	3,820	7,210	7,120	90
Estyn	40	60	110	110	-10
Exiting the European Union	270	270	540	500	40
Export Credits Guarantee Department	180	110	290	290	..
Food Standards Agency	660	540	1,000	1,000	..
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	3,160	2,280	5,440	5,350	90
Health and Social Care	2,770	4,730	7,500	7,390	120
HM Land Registry	1,830	2,460	4,290	4,320	-30
HM Revenue and Customs	29,390	32,340	61,730	63,060	-1,330
HM Treasury	1,060	850	1,900	1,890	10
Chancellor's other departments	190	150	340	360	-10
Home Office	13,040	13,220	26,260	25,760	500
Housing, Communities and Local Government	1,180	1,090	2,270	2,190	80
International Development	1,040	1,270	2,310	2,260	50
International Trade	790	630	1,420	1,330	90
Justice	31,970	34,190	66,150	63,950	2,200
The National Archives	240	240	490	520	-40
National Crime Agency	2,670	1,630	4,300	4,310	-10
Northern Ireland Office	50	60	100	100	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	580	1,100	1,680	1,660	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	380	330	710	700	10
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	80	110	190	170	10
Office of Rail and Road	180	110	290	290	..
Ofwat	110	110	220	200	20
Scotland Office	50	60	110	100	10
Transport	7,620	5,500	13,120	13,040	80
UK Statistics Authority	1,670	1,970	3,640	3,620	20
UK Supreme Court	20	20	30	40	-10
Wales Office	20	20	40	40	0
Work and Pensions	27,390	48,470	75,850	75,680	170
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>179,180</b>	<b>192,900</b>	<b>372,090</b>	<b>369,330</b>	<b>2,760</b>
Scottish Government	8,280	7,700	15,970	15,900	80
Welsh Government	2,100	2,870	4,970	4,950	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189,560</b>	<b>203,470</b>	<b>393,030</b>	<b>390,180</b>	<b>2,860</b>

	March 2018			December 2017	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>Temporary/Casual Employees</b>					
Attorney General's departments	60	60	120	150	-30
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	30	30	60	90	-30
Cabinet Office	10	10	20	30	-10
Other Cabinet Office agencies	20	20	40	40	..
Charity Commission	..	10	10	10	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	..	10	10	..
Defence	40	10	60	50	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	20	20	40	30	10
Education	80	110	190	210	-20
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	230	300	530	470	60
Estyn	0	0	0	..	..
Exiting the European Union	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	10	10	10	..
Food Standards Agency	10	10	30	20	10
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	20	10	30	50	-10
Health and Social Care	120	250	380	370	10
HM Land Registry	160	230	390	340	50
HM Revenue and Customs	80	50	130	130	0
HM Treasury	20	20	40	50	-10
Chancellor's other departments	..	10	10	..	10
Home Office	710	610	1,320	1,410	-90
Housing, Communities and Local Government	30	30	60	40	20
International Development	100	110	210	150	50
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	290	550	840	630	210
The National Archives	10	..	10	10	0
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	0	10	10	10	..
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	60	40	90	100	..
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	10	10	10	..
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	..	..	..
Ofwat	0	..	..	10	..
Scotland Office	0	0	0	0	0
Transport	100	100	200	180	10
UK Statistics Authority	40	40	80	70	20
UK Supreme Court	10	10	10	10	..
Wales Office	..	..	..	0	..
Work and Pensions	310	360	670	510	160
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>3,020</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>410</b>
Scottish Government	210	230	440	420	30
Welsh Government	10	10	20	20	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>440</b>

	March 2018			December 2017	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>All Employees</b>	<b>192,360</b>	<b>206,730</b>	<b>399,080</b>	<b>395,790</b>	<b>3,290</b>

Source: Office for National Statistics

- Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by ".". Data not available are represented by "-".
- Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.



## 9 Civil Service employment by department and agency <sup>1</sup>

	March 2018		December 2017		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
<b>Attorney General's departments</b>						
Attorney General's Office	40	40	40	40	0	0
Crown Prosecution Service	5,980	5,520	5,990	5,530	-10	-10
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	20	20	20	20	0	0
Serious Fraud Office	430	420	420	410	10	10
Government Legal Department	2,140	1,980	2,100	1,950	40	40
<b>Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</b>						
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	3,150	3,070	3,220	3,140	-70	-70
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	850	780	860	790	-10	-10
Companies House	950	870	930	850	20	20
Insolvency Service	1,580	1,500	1,560	1,490	10	10
Met Office	2,000	1,910	2,000	1,920	..	-10
UK Intellectual Property Office	1,200	1,130	1,180	1,110	20	20
UK Space Agency	160	160	140	130	20	30
<b>Cabinet Office</b>						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies)	5,180	5,100	5,130	5,050	50	40
<b>Other Cabinet Office agencies</b>						
Crown Commercial Service	650	620	640	610	10	10
Government in Parliament	100	100	100	100	..	..
<b>Charity Commission</b>						
Charity Commission	310	290	310	290	..	..
<b>Competition and Markets Authority</b>						
Competition and Markets Authority	590	570	590	570	10	10
<b>Defence</b>						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds) <sup>2</sup>	39,100	37,840	37,870	36,650	1,230	1,190
Defence Equipment and Support <sup>3</sup>	10,360	10,100	11,350	11,070	-990	-970
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	3,710	3,570	3,710	3,570	-10	-10
UK Hydrographic Office	870	840	870	840	-10	-10
<b>Digital, Culture, Media and Sport</b>						
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	890	860	820	800	70	70
<b>Education</b>						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	3,900	3,750	3,820	3,670	80	80
Education and Skills Funding Agency	1,640	1,590	1,560	1,520	80	70
National College for Teaching and Leadership	410	380	390	370	20	10
Standards and Testing Agency	120	120	120	120	..	..
<b>Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	3,660	3,510	3,540	3,380	130	120
Animal and Plant Health Agency	2,200	2,060	2,190	2,050	10	10
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	620	580	610	580	..	0
Rural Payments Agency	1,600	1,440	1,590	1,430	10	10
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	160	150	160	150	..	..
<b>Estyn</b>						
Estyn	110	110	120	110	-10	-10
<b>Exiting the European Union</b>						
Department for Exiting the European Union <sup>3</sup>	550	550	510	500	40	40
<b>Export Credits Guarantee Department</b>						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	300	300	300	300	0	..
<b>Food Standards Agency</b>						
Food Standards Agency	1,060	1,030	1,050	1,020	10	10
<b>Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>						
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (excluding agencies)	4,590	4,520	4,520	4,450	70	70
FCO Services	900	860	900	870	10	..
Wilton Park Executive Agency	100	90	90	80	10	10
<b>Health and Social Care</b>						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies) <sup>4</sup>	1,520	1,460	1,540	1,480	-20	-20
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,380	1,330	1,330	1,290	60	50
Public Health England	5,470	5,090	5,360	4,980	110	100
<b>HM Land Registry</b>						
HM Land Registry	5,170	4,680	5,140	4,660	20	20
<b>HM Revenue and Customs</b>						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies) <sup>5</sup>	64,790	58,640	66,140	59,930	-1,360	-1,290
Valuation Office Agency	3,490	3,210	3,530	3,260	-40	-40
<b>HM Treasury</b>						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	1,360	1,330	1,370	1,330	..	-10
Debt Management Office	110	110	110	110	..	10
Government Internal Audit Agency	470	440	470	440	0	0
National Infrastructure Commission <sup>6</sup>	30	30	30	30	..	..
Office for Budget Responsibility	30	30	30	30	0	0
<b>Chancellor's other departments</b>						
Government Actuary's Department	170	170	170	170	..	..
National Savings and Investments	190	190	200	190	-10	-10
<b>Home Office</b>						
Home Office	29,720	27,580	29,290	27,170	430	410
<b>Housing, Communities and Local Government</b>						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies) <sup>7</sup>	1,720	1,670	1,630	1,590	90	90
Planning Inspectorate	680	610	670	600	10	10
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	50	50	..	..
<b>International Development</b>						
Department for International Development	2,590	2,520	2,480	2,420	110	100

## 9 Civil Service employment by department and agency <sup>1</sup>

	March 2018		December 2017		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
<b>International Trade</b>						
Department for International Trade	1,430	1,420	1,350	1,330	90	90
<b>Justice</b>						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	3,690	3,590	3,530	3,440	160	150
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	340	320	330	310	10	10
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	15,850	14,120	15,500	13,780	350	340
Legal Aid Agency	1,350	1,290	1,350	1,280	..	..
HM Prison and Probation Service	49,140	46,540	47,280	44,710	1,860	1,830
The Office of the Public Guardian	1,230	1,140	1,140	1,070	90	80
<b>The National Archives</b>						
The National Archives	520	490	560	530	-40	-40
<b>National Crime Agency</b>						
National Crime Agency	4,400	4,300	4,410	4,310	-10	-10
<b>Northern Ireland Office</b>						
Northern Ireland Office	110	100	100	100	..	..
<b>Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills</b>						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	1,760	1,680	1,750	1,670	10	10
<b>Office of Gas and Electricity Markets</b>						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	820	800	820	800	0	..
<b>Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation</b>						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	200	190	190	190	10	10
<b>Office of Rail and Road</b>						
Office of Rail and Road	300	290	300	290	..	..
<b>Ofwat</b>						
Ofwat	230	220	220	210	10	10
<b>Scotland Office</b>						
Scotland Office (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotland)	110	110	110	100	..	..
<b>Transport</b>						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	2,490	2,420	2,440	2,370	60	50
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	5,980	5,280	5,960	5,280	20	0
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	4,690	4,440	4,680	4,420	10	20
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,070	1,020	1,050	1,000	20	20
Vehicle Certification Agency	170	160	170	160	..	10
<b>UK Statistics Authority</b>						
UK Statistics Authority	4,340	3,720	4,320	3,690	30	40
<b>UK Supreme Court</b>						
UK Supreme Court	50	50	50	50	0	..
<b>Wales Office</b>						
Wales Office	40	40	40	40	10	..
<b>Work and Pensions</b>						
Department for Work and Pensions <sup>5</sup>	83,420	74,080	83,160	73,780	270	300
The Health and Safety Executive	2,610	2,450	2,580	2,410	30	30
<b>Scottish Government</b>						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	5,910	5,650	5,790	5,540	120	110
Accountant in Bankruptcy	130	110	130	110	0	0
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	1,710	1,570	1,720	1,570	..	..
Disclosure Scotland	280	260	300	280	-20	-20
Education Scotland	230	220	230	220	-10	-10
Food Standards Scotland	170	170	170	160	10	10
National Records of Scotland	420	390	410	380	10	10
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	50	50	50	50	..	..
Registers of Scotland	1,150	1,090	1,170	1,110	-20	-20
Revenue Scotland	60	60	60	50	10	..
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	1,710	1,550	1,710	1,550	..	..
Scottish Fiscal Commission	20	20	20	20	..	..
Scottish Housing Regulator	50	50	50	50	0	0
Scottish Prison Service	4,550	4,330	4,530	4,310	20	10
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	310	280	310	280	..	..
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	250	240	230	230	20	20
Transport Scotland	400	390	400	390	-10	..
<b>Welsh Government</b>						
Welsh Government	5,290	4,990	5,270	4,970	20	20
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>430,070</b>	<b>399,080</b>	<b>426,710</b>	<b>395,790</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>3,290</b>

Source: Office for National Statistics

- 1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by "...".
- 2 Around 1,250 staff moved from Defence Equipment and Support to the Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds) between December 2017 and March 2018.
- 3 The total DExEU headcount was approximately 639 as at 31 March 2018. Some DExEU employees are on loan and remain on home department records. To avoid double counting, DExEU has only reported the employees officially transferred as at 31 March 2018.
- 4 The Department of Health became the Department of Health and Social Care on 8 January 2018.
- 5 Around 120 staff transferred from HM Revenue and Customs to the Department for Work and Pensions between December 2017 and March 2018.
- 6 The National Infrastructure Commission, an executive agency of HM Treasury, is reported for the first time in this release.
- 7 The Department for Communities and Local Government became the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 8 January 2018.

# 10 Employment in Executive NDPBs <sup>1 2 3</sup>

Permanent Employees	March 2018		December 2017		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	9,870	9,480	9,870	9,510	-10	-30
Cabinet Office	800	750	800	740	10	10
Defence	500	440	490	430	10	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	10,730	9,810	10,620	9,730	110	90
Education	4,700	4,470	4,670	4,440	30	30
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	13,700	12,860	13,580	12,750	130	110
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	1,410	1,380	1,470	1,440	-60	-50
Health and Social Care <sup>5</sup>	11,360	10,840	11,180	10,680	180	160
Home Office	2,300	2,170	2,290	2,160	10	10
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>6</sup>	920	900	920	890	10	10
Justice	2,190	2,070	2,190	2,060	10	10
Transport	1,720	1,690	1,650	1,610	70	80
Work and Pensions	920	890	910	880	10	10
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>61,130</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>60,630</b>	<b>57,320</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>430</b>
Scottish Government	11,260	10,260	11,170	10,120	90	150
Welsh Assembly	2,970	2,740	2,940	2,720	30	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75,360</b>	<b>70,750</b>	<b>74,740</b>	<b>70,160</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>600</b>

Temporary Employees	March 2018		December 2017		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	330	320	360	340	-30	-30
Cabinet Office	10	10	10	10	..	..
Defence	160	40	140	40	20	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	1,500	630	1,430	590	70	40
Education	340	330	280	270	60	60
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	620	580	610	570	10	10
Foreign and Commonwealth Office	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health and Social Care <sup>5</sup>	2,780	1,620	2,190	1,400	590	220
Home Office	200	150	150	120	50	30
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>6</sup>	40	40	30	30	..	..
Justice	50	50	40	40	10	10
Transport	20	20	30	30	-10	-10
Work and Pensions	80	80	80	70	..	..
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>6,110</b>	<b>3,860</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>350</b>
Scottish Government	600	520	610	540	..	-20
Welsh Assembly	540	180	510	160	30	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,250</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>360</b>

<b>All NDPB Employees</b>	<b>82,620</b>	<b>75,320</b>	<b>81,190</b>	<b>74,370</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>950</b>
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Source: Office for National Statistics

1 Includes Executive NDPBs with an employment of greater than 20.

2 Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten.

3 These figures do not include employees of ACAS, Health and Safety Executive, Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, Office for Budget Responsibility and Civil Service Commission. These are Crown NDPBs, the employees of which are included as part of Civil Service headcounts.

4 Environment Agency includes all regional divisions.

5 The Department of Health became the Department of Health and Social Care on 8 January 2018.

6 The Department for Communities and Local Government became the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 8 January 2018.

## 11 Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

	Headcount	Full-time equivalent
2015 Dec	437	337
2016 Mar	442	341
Jun	450	345
Sep	468	360
Dec	478	367
2017 Mar	487	373
Jun	513	392
Sep	526	401
Dec	537	408
<b>2018 Mar</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>418</b>
Change on quarter	14	10
Change %	2.6	2.5
Change on year	64	45
Change %	13.1	12.1

Source: Office for National Statistics

1. Estimates of employment in academies are derived by matching the monthly Open Academies dataset with the annual School Workforce Census, both published by the Department for Education.
2. More detailed statistics on academies are available from the Department for Education: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-workforce>