

Statistical bulletin

Vacancies and jobs in the UK: August 2019

Estimates of the number of vacancies and jobs for the UK.



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1 . Other pages in this release

Other commentary from the latest labour market data can be found on the following pages:

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2 . Main points

- While the number of vacancies has been generally increasing since 2012, it has been falling since early 2019.
- For May to July 2019, there were an estimated 820,000 vacancies in the UK, 20,000 fewer than a year earlier (this is the second consecutive annual fall) and 20,000 fewer than for the three months to April 2019 (this is the sixth consecutive fall on the previous three months).
- There were an estimated 138,000 vacancies in the human health and social work sector in May to July 2019; this accounted for 16.8% of all vacancies in the UK.

The data in this bulletin come from surveys of businesses. It is not feasible to survey every business in the UK, so these statistics are estimates based on samples, not precise figures.

3 . Analysis of vacancies and jobs

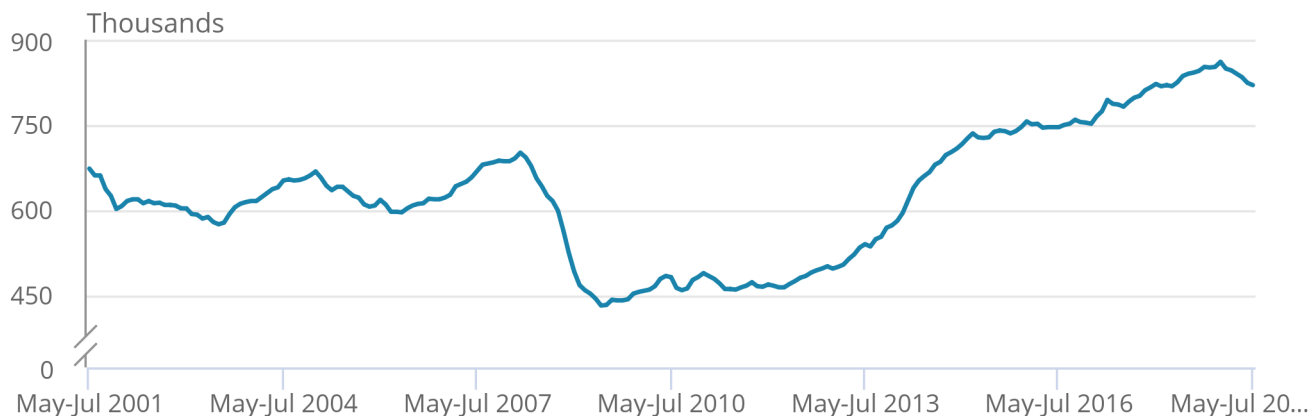
Vacancies

Figure 1: The number of vacancies in the UK has been generally increasing since 2012 although it has been falling since early 2019

Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted, May to July 2001 to May to July 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Vacancy Survey

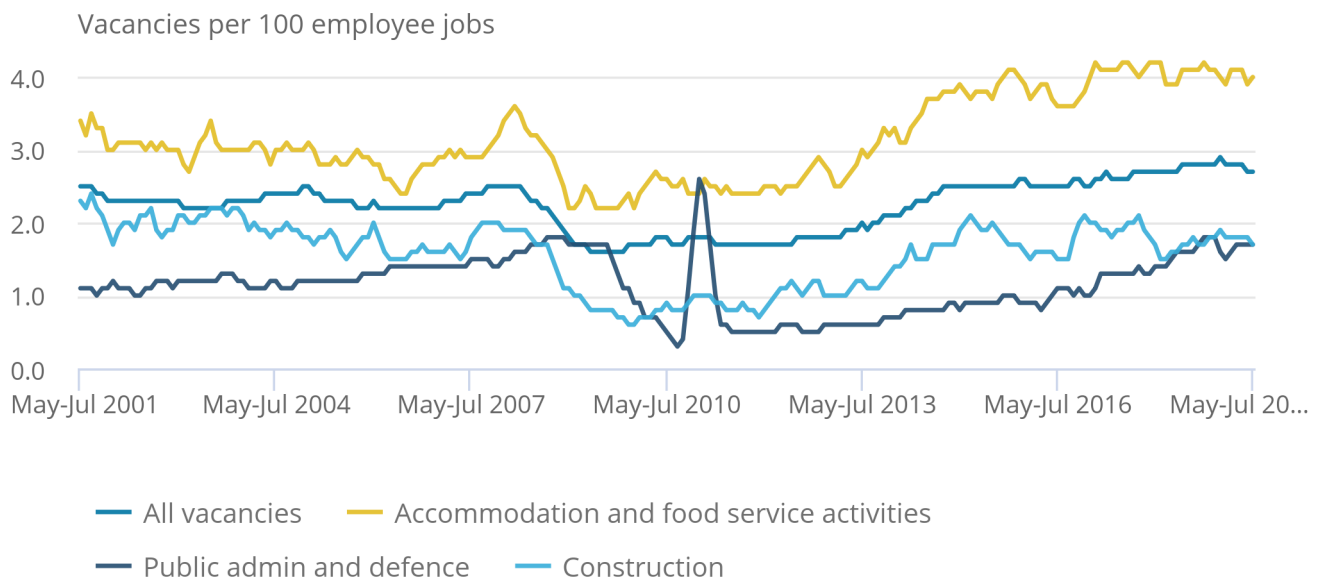
The estimated [number of vacancies](#) in the UK fell sharply during the recession of 2008 to 2009. Since 2012, it has generally increased although it has been falling since early 2019. For May to July 2019, there were an estimated 820,000 vacancies in the UK, 20,000 fewer than a year earlier and 20,000 fewer than for the previous quarter (February to April 2019).

Figure 2: The vacancy rate for accommodation and food service activities has been consistently higher than for other sectors

Job vacancies per 100 employee jobs for selected industries in the UK, seasonally adjusted, May to July 2001 to May to July 2019

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Notes:

1. The sharp upward movement in the public sector series in early 2011 was due to the recruitment of temporary census enumerator jobs by the Office for National Statistics.

For May to July 2019 it is estimated that:

- there were 138,000 vacancies in the human health and social work sector; this accounted for 16.8% of all vacancies in the UK
- there were 2.7 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs across the economy as a whole
- the sector showing the highest vacancy rate was accommodation and food services (4.0 vacancies per 100 employee jobs)
- the sectors showing the lowest vacancy rate were public administration and defence and construction (both at 1.7 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs)

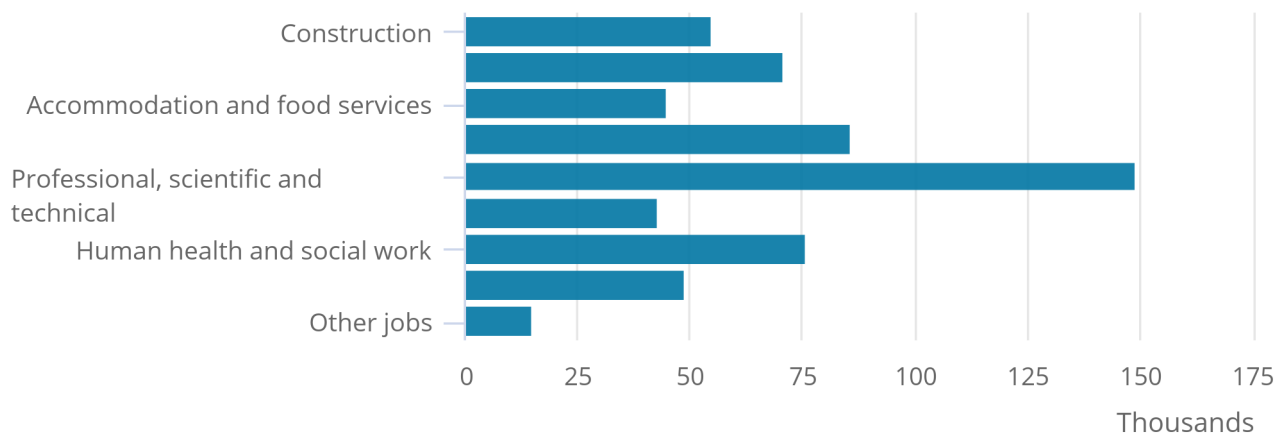
Jobs (first published on 11 June 2019)

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Changes in the number of jobs in the UK between March 2018 and March 2019, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

The [number of jobs](#) is not the same as the number of people in employment. This is because a person can have more than one job. Estimates for the number of people in employment are available in [Employment in the UK](#).

Between March 2018 and March 2019, the total number of jobs in the UK increased by 589,000 to reach an estimated 35.54 million. The sector showing the largest estimated increase in jobs was professional, scientific and technical activities (up 149,000 on the year).

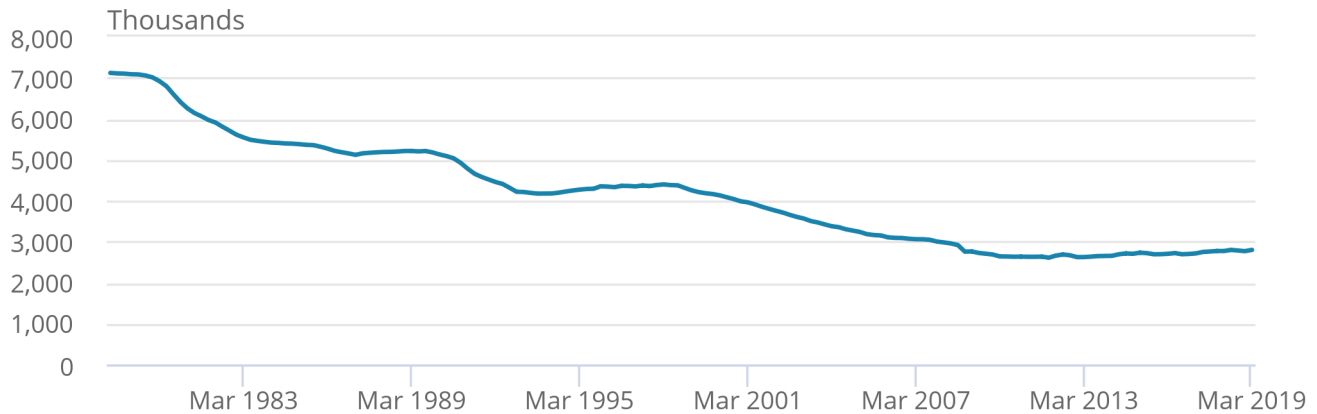
These jobs estimates were first published on 11 June 2019. The jobs estimates will next be updated on 10 September 2019.

Figure 4: There has been a decline in the number of jobs in manufacturing, mining and quarrying since records began in 1978

Number of manufacturing, mining and quarrying jobs in the UK, seasonally adjusted, June 1978 to March 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

The number of jobs in manufacturing, mining and quarrying fell steadily between 1978 (when comparable records began) and 2008 but has been fairly stable for the last 10 years.

4 . Vacancies and jobs data

[Vacancies by industry](#)

Dataset VACS02 | Released 13 August 2019

Estimates of vacancies by industry (Standard Industrial Classification 2007).

[Workforce jobs summary](#)

Dataset JOBS01 | Released 11 June 2019

Estimates of jobs by type of job (employee jobs, self-employment jobs, HM Forces and government-supported trainees).

[Workforce jobs by industry](#)

Dataset JOBS02 | Released 11 June 2019

Estimates of jobs by industry (Standard Industrial Classification 2007).

Table 1: Sampling variability for estimates of jobs in the UK, thousands, March 2019

UK			
	SIC 2007 Section	Estimate for March 2019	Sampling variability of estimate ¹
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	360	±41
B	Mining and quarrying	59	±8
C	Manufacturing	2,735	±41
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	139	±9
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste and remediation activities	242	±8
F	Construction	2,394	±60
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4,999	±57
H	Transport and storage	1,749	±44
I	Accommodation and food service activities	2,427	±55
J	Information and communication	1,616	±57
K	Financial and insurance activities	1,116	±39
L	Real estate activities	567	±34
M	Professional scientific and technical activities	3,134	±72
N	Administrative and support service activities	2,966	±58
O	Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	1,514	±14
P	Education	2,986	±37
Q	Human health and social work activities	4,471	±60
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,068	±39
S	Other service activities	936	±45
	All jobs	35,538	±194

Source: Office for National Statistics – Workforce jobs

Notes

1. The sampling variability estimates are for 95% confidence intervals and are calculated on data for June 2018 that are not seasonally adjusted. [Back to table](#)

More detailed sampling variability information for estimates of jobs is available from [Dataset JOBS07](#).

5 . Glossary

Jobs

A [job](#) is an activity performed for an employer or customer by a worker in exchange for payment, usually in cash, or in kind, or both. The number of jobs is not the same as the number of [people in employment](#). This is because a person can have more than one job. The number of jobs is the sum of employee jobs from employer surveys, self-employment jobs from the Labour Force Survey, those in HM Forces and government-supported trainees. The number of people in employment is measured by the Labour Force Survey (LFS); these estimates are available in our [Employment in the UK](#) release.

Vacancies

[Vacancies](#) are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. The estimates are based on the Vacancy Survey – a survey of businesses designed to provide estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding agriculture, forestry and fishing (a small sector for which the collection of estimates would not be practical).

A more detailed [Glossary](#) is available.

6 . Measuring the data

Estimates of jobs are compiled from a number of sources, including Short Term Employer Surveys (STES), the [Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey \(QPSES\)](#) and the [Labour Force Survey \(LFS\)](#). STES is a group of surveys that collect employment and turnover information from private sector businesses. In December of each year, the jobs estimates are “benchmarked” to the latest estimates from the [Business Register and Employment Survey](#).

Estimates of vacancies are obtained from the [Vacancy Survey](#), a survey of employers.

The Quality and Methodology Information (QMI) reports for [jobs](#) and [vacancies](#) pull together important qualitative information on the various dimensions of data quality, as well as providing a summary of methods used to compile the output.

7 . Strengths and limitations

The figures in this bulletin mainly come from surveys of businesses, which gather information from a sample rather than from the whole population. The samples are designed to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations such as time and cost constraints. Results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons.

As the number of people available in the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates that we can make from that sample size gets larger. Estimates for small groups (for example, vacancies in the construction industry), which are based on quite small subsets of the Vacancy Survey sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups (for example, total vacancies in the UK).

In general, short-term changes in the growth rates reported in this bulletin are not usually greater than the level that can be explained by sampling variability. Short-term movements in reported rates should be considered alongside longer-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in other sources to give a fuller picture.

Further information is available in [A guide to labour market statistics](#).

Sampling variability information for jobs is available in Table 1 in this bulletin and in [Dataset JOBS07](#).

The sampling variability of the three-month average vacancies level is around plus or minus 1.5% of that level.

8 . You might also be interested in

The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) will be carrying out a planned reassessment of Labour Market (LM) employment estimates which will work towards publishing a set of recommendations early 2020. As part of this assessment, the OSR may contact you to; gather feedback on your use of LM estimates; listen to your suggestions on ways we can build on our current engagement opportunities and; capture examples of where we have worked (or are working) together to improve communication and use of our statistics.

The three sections of the recommendations report will cover trustworthiness, quality and value. The OSR will coordinate engagement with you but please feel free to contact David Freeman (david.freeman@ons.gov.uk) or Matt Hughes (matthew.hughes@ons.gov.uk) if you wish to discuss further.

[Labour market economic commentary](#)

Article | Released 13 August 2019

Additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends.

[UK Business Register and Employment Survey](#)

Bulletin | Released 27 September 2018

Estimates of employee and employment estimates by detailed geography and industry.

[Public sector employment](#)

Bulletin | Released 11 June 2019

Estimates of people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK.

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/august2019/relateddata>

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(*) Tables 2 and 10 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file have been amalgamated into one spreadsheet (Dataset A05 SA).

(**) Table JOBS02 provides more detail than Table 6 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

The following symbols are used in the tables: p provisional, r revised, .. Not available, * suppressed due to small sample size.

The four-character identification codes appearing in the tables are the ONS references for the data series appearing in the Labour Market Statistics dataset which is available on the website at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/labourmarketstatistics>

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

5 Workforce jobs

(first published on 11 June 2019)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs ¹	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees ¹
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Mar 17	34,865	30,144	4,502	157	61
Jun 17	34,864	30,115	4,549	156	45
Sep 17	34,948	30,219	4,527	155	46
Dec 17	34,856	30,188	4,483	155	31
Mar 18	34,949	30,271	4,496	154	28
Jun 18	35,028	30,311	4,536	153	28
Sep 18	35,104	30,451	4,477	153	23
Dec 18 (r)	35,283	30,521	4,589	152	21
Mar 19 (p)	35,538	30,701	4,657	152	27
Change on quarter	255	180	69	1	6
Change %	0.7	0.6	1.5	0.5	26.2
Change on year	589	430	161	-2	-1
Change %	1.7	1.4	3.6	-1.1	-3.1

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5

See footnotes under table 6

6 Workforce jobs by industry (first published on 11 June 2019)

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All jobs A-T	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities E	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage H	Accommodation & food service activities I	Information & communication J
	DYDC	JWR5	JWR6	JWR7	JWR8	JWR9	JWS2	JWS3	JWS4	JWS5	JWS6
Mar 17	34,865	427	57	2,652	144	216	2,328	5,009	1,735	2,378	1,468
Jun 17	34,864	409	60	2,684	147	218	2,321	5,031	1,727	2,397	1,509
Sep 17	34,948	421	58	2,697	144	221	2,350	4,985	1,694	2,386	1,488
Dec 17	34,856	420	60	2,708	143	228	2,340	4,996	1,680	2,342	1,484
Mar 18	34,949	401	62	2,705	146	225	2,339	4,998	1,678	2,382	1,530
Jun 18	35,028	392	62	2,731	147	226	2,356	4,983	1,705	2,415	1,559
Sep 18	35,104	387	60	2,719	150	226	2,367	4,967	1,708	2,394	1,570
Dec 18 (r)	35,283	346	57	2,707	145	232	2,393	4,986	1,762	2,416	1,587
Mar 19 (p)	35,538	360	59	2,735	139	242	2,394	4,999	1,749	2,427	1,616
Change on quarter	255	15	2	28	-6	10	1	13	-13	11	29
Change %	0.7	4.2	3.6	1.0	-4.3	4.3	0.1	0.3	-0.8	0.4	1.8
Change on year	589	-40	-3	30	-7	17	55	2	71	45	86
Change %	1.7	-10.1	-4.2	1.1	-4.6	7.3	2.4	0.0	4.2	1.9	5.6

SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities K	Real estate activities L	Professional scientific & technical activities M	Administrative & support service activities N	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security ² O	Education P	Human health & social work activities Q	Arts, entertainment & recreation R	Other service activities S	People employed by households, etc. T	Total services G-T
	JWS7	JWS8	JWS9	JWT2	JWT3	JWT4	JWT5	JWT6	JWT7	KW78	JWT8
Mar 17	1,116	584	3,029	2,984	1,467	2,940	4,335	1,015	913	67	29,040
Jun 17	1,121	554	2,978	2,985	1,485	2,923	4,359	987	904	65	29,026
Sep 17	1,107	573	3,009	3,051	1,485	2,932	4,324	1,040	906	74	29,055
Dec 17	1,113	587	2,998	2,996	1,481	2,916	4,373	1,025	908	60	28,957
Mar 18	1,122	586	2,985	2,961	1,486	2,943	4,394	1,019	925	61	29,071
Jun 18	1,110	555	2,973	2,993	1,493	2,946	4,376	1,034	906	68	29,115
Sep 18	1,122	583	3,011	2,988	1,494	2,957	4,423	1,026	891	60	29,196
Dec 18 (r)	1,111	580	3,063	2,966	1,504	2,973	4,435	1,045	924	50	29,403
Mar 19 (p)	1,116	567	3,134	2,966	1,514	2,986	4,471	1,068	936	59	29,608
Change on quarter	5	-13	71	1	10	13	36	23	12	9	205
Change %	0.4	-2.2	2.3	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.3	18.9	0.7
Change on year	-6	-19	149	5	27	43	76	49	12	-1	537
Change %	-0.6	-3.3	5.0	0.2	1.8	1.5	1.7	4.8	1.3	-2.3	1.8

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey and administrative sources

1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For this reason estimates of self-employment jobs and government supported trainee jobs differ from estimates of people in self-employment and in government supported training and employment programmes shown at Table 3. The estimates for government supported trainees shown in this table exclude trainees with contracts of employment as such people are included in the estimates of employee jobs.

2. This series is not exclusively a public sector series as it includes some private sector jobs. See table 4 for estimates of public and private sector employment.

VACANCIES

19 Vacancies¹ by size of business

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All Vacancies	Number of employees				
		1-9	10-49	50-249	250-2499	2500+
		AP2Y	ALY5	ALY6	ALY7	ALY8
Levels						
May-Jul 2017	782	120	117	115	148	281
May-Jul 2018	(r) 840	135	119	120	173	294
Jun-Aug 2018	842	129	122	120	176	296
Jul-Sept 2018	845	128	124	120	175	299
Aug-Oct 2018	852	124	131	118	177	302
Sept-Nov 2018	851	122	129	118	181	302
Oct-Dec 2018	852	125	128	118	180	301
Nov-Jan 2019	861	132	129	117	182	301
Dec-Feb 2019	849	130	125	115	179	300
Jan-Mar 2019	846	124	125	116	183	298
Feb-Apr 2019	(r) 840	124	120	115	186	295
Mar-May 2019	(r) 834	130	116	111	185	292
Apr-Jun 2019	(r) 824	118	118	114	184	291
May-Jul 2019	(p) 820	114	119	114	184	289
Change on quarter	* -20	-10	-1	-1	-2	-6
Change %	* -2.3	-8.2	-0.8	-0.7	-1.0	-2.0
Change on year	-20	-21	0	-6	11	-5
Change %	-2.4	-15.3	-0.1	-4.9	6.5	-1.6

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

* Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

20 Vacancies¹ and Unemployment

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All Vacancies ¹	Unemployment ²	Number of unemployed people per vacancy
	AP2Y	MGSC	JPC5
Levels			
Apr-Jun 2017	786	1,485	1.9
Apr-Jun 2018	836	1,362	1.6
Jul-Sep 2018	845	1,377	1.6
Oct-Dec 2018	852	1,363	1.6
Jan-Mar 2019	846	1,298	1.5
Apr-Jun 2019	(r) 824	1,329	1.6
Change on quarter	-22	31	0.1
Change %	-2.6	2.4	
Change on year	-12	-33	0.0
Change %	-1.4	-2.4	

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey/ Labour Force Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Unemployment estimates are produced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and are always one period behind the ONS Vacancy Survey estimates. This table therefore shows estimates for the same periods as shown in table 1 (which shows LFS estimates).

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All vacancies ¹	Mining & quarrying	Manu- facturing	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply ²	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	Transport & storage	Accommoda- tion & food service activities	Information & communica- tion
	B-S	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
Levels (thousands)										
May-Jul 2017	782	1	51	4	3	28	139	32	93	41
May-Jul 2018 (r)	840	1	60	4	4	26	133	42	93	48
Jun-Aug 2018	842	1	61	4	4	27	135	40	93	46
Jul-Sept 2018	845	1	61	3	4	26	138	41	93	48
Aug-Oct 2018	852	1	61	3	4	26	138	39	94	48
Sept-Nov 2018	851	1	61	3	4	26	139	40	92	50
Oct-Dec 2018	852	1	62	3	4	27	139	39	93	51
Nov-Jan 2019	861	1	64	3	4	29	138	43	91	53
Dec-Feb 2019	849	1	61	3	4	28	138	44	89	52
Jan-Mar 2019	846	1	61	3	4	28	138	43	92	50
Feb-Apr 2019 (r)	840	2	56	4	4	27	138	42	93	48
Mar-May 2019 (r)	834	2	57	4	4	27	135	42	93	47
Apr-Jun 2019 (r)	824	2	55	4	5	27	133	42	88	45
May-Jul 2019 (p)	820	2	53	4	5	26	132	40	90	44
Change on quarter *	-20	0	-3	0	1	-1	-7	-2	-3	-4
Change % *	-2.3	6.7	-5.7	-2.8	17.9	-4.5	-4.8	-5.7	-3.6	-8.4
Change on year	-20	1	-6	0	0	0	-1	-2	-3	-4
Change %	-2.4	45.5	-10.6	0.0	7.0	-1.5	-0.9	-3.9	-3.6	-8.2
	AP2Z	JPA2	JPA3	JPA4	JPA5	JPA6	JPA7	JPA8	JPA9	JPB2
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
May-Jul 2017	2.6	1.9	2.1	3.2	1.5	1.9	3.0	2.2	4.2	3.2
May-Jul 2018 (r)	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.9	4.1	3.5
Jun-Aug 2018	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.9	2.8	4.1	3.3
Jul-Sept 2018	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.7	3.0	2.9	4.1	3.5
Aug-Oct 2018	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.7	3.0	2.7	4.2	3.5
Sept-Nov 2018	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.8	3.0	2.8	4.1	3.7
Oct-Dec 2018	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	3.0	2.7	4.1	3.7
Nov-Jan 2019	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.8
Dec-Feb 2019	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	3.0	3.1	3.9	3.8
Jan-Mar 2019	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.6
Feb-Apr 2019 (r)	2.8	3.0	2.2	2.6	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.5
Mar-May 2019 (r)	2.8	3.2	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.8	2.9	3.0	4.1	3.4
Apr-Jun 2019 (r)	2.7	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.1	1.8	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.3
May-Jul 2019 (p)	2.7	3.2	2.1	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.8	2.8	4.0	3.2
Change on quarter *	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Change on year	-0.1	1.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
	Financial & insurance activities	Real estate activities ²	Professional scientific & technical activities	Administrative & support service activities	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health & social work activities	Arts, entertainment & recreation	Other service activities	Total services
SIC 2007 sections	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	G-S
	JP9Q	JP9R	JP9S	JP9T	JP9U	JP9V	JP9W	JP9X	JP9Y	JP9Z
Levels (thousands)										
May-Jul 2017	37	11	68	55	16	49	119	16	20	695
May-Jul 2018 (r)	39	11	72	57	21	51	133	21	27	746
Jun-Aug 2018	39	11	75	57	21	50	134	19	27	745
Jul-Sept 2018	38	12	78	58	22	50	130	17	26	750
Aug-Oct 2018	38	11	82	58	24	49	131	20	26	756
Sept-Nov 2018	38	12	79	54	24	50	130	23	25	756
Oct-Dec 2018	38	13	77	52	23	51	131	23	25	754
Nov-Jan 2019	37	15	80	53	21	49	132	23	25	759
Dec-Feb 2019	36	14	81	50	20	50	132	22	25	751
Jan-Mar 2019	34	12	80	49	20	51	134	23	23	749
Feb-Apr 2019 (r)	34	11	79	51	21	52	135	22	21	747
Mar-May 2019 (r)	33	10	79	50	22	52	137	21	21	741
Apr-Jun 2019 (r)	34	12	78	50	22	53	137	21	19	733
May-Jul 2019 (p)	33	11	78	49	22	53	138	24	19	732
Change on quarter *	0	0	-1	-3	1	1	3	3	-3	-15
Change % *	-0.6	-1.9	-0.8	-5.1	4.2	1.2	2.5	11.9	-12.7	-2.1
Change on year	-5	0	6	-8	1	2	5	3	-9	-14
Change %	-13.5	-1.9	8.7	-14.3	6.7	3.8	3.8	15.6	-31.5	-1.9
	JPB3	JPB4	JPB5	JPB6	JPB7	JPB8	JPB9	JPC2	JPC3	JPC4
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
May-Jul 2017	3.5	2.1	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.9	3.0	2.1	3.2	2.7
May-Jul 2018 (r)	3.7	2.1	2.9	2.2	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.8	4.5	2.9
Jun-Aug 2018	3.7	2.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.4	4.5	2.9
Jul-Sept 2018	3.6	2.3	3.1	2.2	1.7	1.9	3.2	2.3	4.3	2.9
Aug-Oct 2018	3.6	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.8	1.8	3.2	2.6	4.3	2.9
Sept-Nov 2018	3.6	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	3.2	3.0	4.2	2.9
Oct-Dec 2018	3.7	2.6	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	2.9	4.1	2.9
Nov-Jan 2019	3.6	2.9	3.2	2.0	1.6	1.8	3.3	3.0	4.2	2.9
Dec-Feb 2019	3.4	2.8	3.2	1.9	1.5	1.9	3.3	2.8	4.1	2.9
Jan-Mar 2019	3.2	2.3	3.2	1.9	1.6	1.9	3.3	3.0	3.9	2.9
Feb-Apr 2019 (r)	3.2	2.1	3.2	1.9	1.7	1.9	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.9
Mar-May 2019 (r)	3.2	2.0	3.2	1.9	1.7	1.9	3.4	2.8	3.4	2.9
Apr-Jun 2019 (r)	3.3	2.3	3.1	1.9	1.7	2.0	3.4	2.7	3.2	2.8
May-Jul 2019 (p)	3.2	2.1	3.1	1.8	1.7	2.0	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.8
Change on quarter *	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.1
Change on year	-0.5	0.0	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	-1.4	-0.1

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

2. Not seasonally adjusted. These series do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series.

* Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

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