

Statistical bulletin

Workless households for regions across the UK: 2022

Annual information at a local level about households and the adults and children living in them, by their economic activity status.



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1 . Main points

- The proportion of workless households increased in 51% of local areas of Great Britain between 2021 and 2022, compared with 48% where the proportion decreased.
- Clackmannanshire, South Tyneside, South Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, and Dumfries and Galloway appeared in the 10 areas with the highest percentage of workless households in both 2021 and 2022.
- Kingston upon Thames, Wokingham, Slough and West Berkshire appeared in the 10 areas with the lowest percentage of workless households in both 2021 and 2022.

2 . Workless households for the regions across the UK data

[Households by combined economic activity status of household members by local authority: Table A1 LA](#)

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Numbers and percentages of working, mixed and workless households for local authorities, annual.

[Rankings of percentages of workless households for counties and unitary authority areas in Great Britain: Table E](#)

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Quarterly and historical data on people living in UK households by age and combined economic Rankings of the percentage of workless households for upper tier local authorities in Great Britain, annual.

[Rankings of measures of household economic activity for counties and unitary authority areas in Great Britain: Table F](#)

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Rankings of the percentages of workless, working and mixed households for upper tier local authorities in Great Britain, annual.

[Reasons given by people living in workless households for not working by country and region: Table D](#)

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Percentages of types of economic inactivity and unemployment in workless households by UK country and English region, annual.

3 . Measuring the data

Annual Population Survey (APS) household datasets are used for analysis of family or household characteristics. For all analysis in this bulletin, a household is defined as containing at least one person aged 16 to 64 years. This bulletin focuses on the economic status of household members. For example:

- number of working households, where all adults are in employment
- number of mixed households, where some adults are in employment and some are not in employment
- number of workless households, where no adults are in employment

The population totals used for the latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) and APS estimates use projected growth rates from Real Time Information (RTI) data for EU and non-EU populations, based on 2021 patterns. The total population used for the LFS and APS therefore does not take into account any changes in migration, birth rates, death rates, and so on, since June 2021. This means that levels estimates may be under or over-estimating the true values and should be used with caution.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

For more information on how labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, see our [Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics article](#).

For a comparison of our labour market data sources and the main differences, see our [Comparison of labour market data sources methodology](#).

4 . Related links

[Working and workless households in the UK: April to June 2023](#)

Bulletin | Released 30 August 2023

The economic status of households in the UK and the people living in them, where at least one person is aged 16 to 64 years. Taken from the Labour Force Survey.

[Children living in long-term workless households in the UK: 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 26 October 2022

Annual UK estimates of the number of children living in a household where all adults have not worked for at least 12 months.

5 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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