

Statistical bulletin

Consumer trends, UK: April to June 2024

Household final consumption expenditure (HHFCE) for the UK, as a measure of economic growth. Includes all spending on goods and services by members of UK households.

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1 . Main points

- In Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2024, household spending growth (adjusted for inflation) was positive 0.2% compared with Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2024.
- The largest positive contribution to growth in Quarter 2 2024 was from transport (showing a 1.5% increase compared with Quarter 1 2024).
- The largest negative contribution to growth in Quarter 2 2024 was from tourist expenditure (showing a 5% decrease compared with Quarter 1 2024).
- Compared with the same quarter a year ago (Quarter 2 2023), household spending was unchanged.

2 . Consumer trends data

[Consumer trends: current price, not seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 30 September 2024

Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, current price, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2024.

[Consumer trends: current price, seasonally adjusted](#)

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Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, current price, seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2024.

[Consumer trends: chained volume measure, not seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 30 September 2024

Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, chained volume measure, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2024.

[Consumer trends: chained volume measure, seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 30 September 2024

Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, chained volume measure, seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2024.

[Consumer trends: implied deflator, not seasonally adjusted](#)

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Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, implied deflator, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2024.

[Consumer trends: implied deflator, seasonally adjusted](#)

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Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, implied deflator, seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2024.

3 . Measuring the data

The quarterly consumer trends data are typically published around 90 days after the end of the quarter.

This release contains data that are consistent with the UK National Accounts, The Blue Book: 2024, to be published on 31 October 2024. As such, data for all periods within this release are subject to revision in line with the [National Accounts Revisions Policy](#).

The reference year and last base year for all chained volume measure estimates has been updated from 2019 to 2022.

Further information on latest developments and changes implemented in Blue Book 2024 can be found in our [Proposed changes to be implemented in Blue Book and Pink Book 2024 article](#) released in December 2023. These changes will be introduced in the next release of Consumer trends in September 2024, which will be published alongside Blue Book 2024.

We have produced an update to the [Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose \(COICOP\) to Classification of Products by Activity \(CPA\) mapper](#) for 1997 to 2020 in 2022.

Household final consumption expenditure (HHFCE) includes spending on goods and services, except for:

- buying or extending a house
- investment in valuables (for example, paintings and antiques)
- purchasing second-hand goods

Explanations for these exceptions and the related concepts are available in our [Consumer trends QMI](#).

Quality

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in our [Consumer trends QMI](#) as well as our [User Guide to Consumer Trends](#).

Impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)

From Q1 2020, estimates of Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HHFCE), along with other components of gross domestic product (GDP), are subject to more uncertainty than was the case previously. This is because of the challenges we faced in collecting the data under government-imposed public health restrictions. In the case of HHFCE, these challenges were compounded by the suspension of data collection for the [International Passenger Survey \(IPS\)](#) between March 2020 and January 2021, and the temporary suspension of the Living Costs and Food survey (LCF) between 16 March and 14 April 2020.

Accredited official statistics

These accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in January 2012. They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in [the Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

4 . Related links

[GDP quarterly national accounts, UK: April to June 2024](#)

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Revised quarterly estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) for the UK. Uses additional data to provide a more precise indication of economic growth than the first estimate.

[Quarterly sector accounts, UK: April to June 2024](#)

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Detailed estimates of quarterly sector accounts that can be found in the UK Economic Accounts (UKEA).

[Retail sales, Great Britain: August 2024](#)

Bulletin | Released 20 September 2024

Retail sales rise during the end of the summer season, according to a first estimate.

[Family spending in the UK: April 2022 to March 2023](#)

Bulletin | Released 23 August 2024

Average weekly household expenditure on goods and services in the UK, by age, income, economic status, socio-economic class, household composition and region.

[Blue Book 2024: advanced aggregate estimates](#)

Article | Released 7 August 2024

Impact of methodological and data improvements on current price and chained volume measure of annual and quarterly gross domestic product (GDP), 1997 to 2022. Includes annual impacts on the services, production and construction sectors.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and its effects on household consumption, UK: January 2020 to December 2021](#)

Article | Released 6 April 2022

The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on UK household expenditure. Including new analysis of credit card transaction data on household spending patterns in December 2021.

[UK National Accounts, The Blue Book: 2023](#)

Compendium | Released 31 October 2023

National accounts statistics including national and sector accounts, industrial analyses and environmental accounts.

5 . Cite this bulletin

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