

Statistical bulletin

# Index of Services, UK: September 2024

Movements in the volume of output for the UK services industries. Figures are seasonally adjusted.

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# 1 . Main points

- We estimate that in Quarter 3 (July to Sept) 2024, services output increased by 0.1%, when compared with Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2024; this follows quarterly growth of 0.9% and 0.6%, respectively, in the first two quarters of 2024.
- The main positive contributing sectors in Quarter 3 2024 were "professional, scientific and technical activities" (0.7%) and "wholesale and retail trade" (0.6%).
- These increases in Quarter 3 2024 were partially offset by negative contributions of a similar size in several other sectors; these were led by decreases in "other service activities" (down 1.6%) and "financial and insurance activities" (down 0.3%).
- We estimate that services output remained flat (0.0%) in September 2024; this follows 0.1% increases in both July and August 2024 (both months are unrevised).
- There were monthly increases in 7 of the 14 sectors in September 2024, with the largest positive contribution coming from "professional, scientific and technical activities" (0.5%).
- There were decreases in six sectors (one saw no growth) in September 2024, with "information and communication" (which was down 2.0%) the only sector seeing a fall greater than 0.8%.

## 2 . Data on Index of Services

### [Index of Services time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 15 November 2024

Monthly movements in output for the services industries: distribution, hotels and restaurants; transport, storage and communication; business services and finance; and government and other services.

### [Monthly Business Survey turnover of services industries](#)

Dataset | Released 15 November 2024

Monthly Business Survey services industries' total turnover; current price and non-seasonally adjusted, UK.

### [Index of Services, main components and sectors to four decimal places](#)

Dataset | Released 15 November 2024

Monthly historical movements in output for services and their industry components, by chained volume indices of gross value added, UK.

### [Index of Services revisions triangles](#)

Dataset | Released 15 November 2024

Monthly chained volume indices in gross value added for services and its main components.

All data related to the Index of Services are available on our [Related data page](#).

## 3 . Data sources and quality

### Response rates for September 2024

The response rates for September 2024 were 70.0% based on forms returned. This accounted for 85.3% of total turnover coverage of the sample population. For further information, see our [Current and historical Monthly Business Survey \(MBS\) \(services\) response rates dataset](#).

## Data sources and collection

The Index of Services (IoS) is compiled using data from several different sources (share of overall economy based on latest gross value added (GVA) weights). These include the:

- Office for National Statistics (ONS) MBS (34.9%)
- ONS Retail Sales Inquiry (4.8%)
- ONS Government Expenditure (15.3%)
- ONS Households' Expenditure (11.2%)
- ONS Finance Expenditure (8.0%)
- ONS Households and non-profit institutions serving households (1.9%)
- other (3.6%)

The MBS data are published alongside this release in our [MBS turnover of services industries dataset](#).

Data relating to the retail industry are broadly comparable with our [Retail sales, Great Britain: September 2024 bulletin](#), published on 18 October 2024.

For further information on what is included within "other", please see our [Gross domestic product \(GDP\(o\)\) data sources catalogue](#).

The percentage of each data source is based on their gross value-added weight. Our [IoS methods and sources pages](#) provide more information on the data that underpin these statistics; of particular note is our GDP(o) data sources catalogue.

Value Added Tax (VAT) data are also included for small and medium-sized businesses to help inform estimates. For more information, see our [VAT turnover data in National Accounts: background and methodology](#).

## Quality and methodology

The data reported in IoS bulletins and datasets are estimates that are subject to uncertainty, for example, sampling variability and non-sampling error. For more information on these, see Section 2 of our [Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology](#).

More quality and methodology information (QMI) on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in our [Index of Services QMI](#).

## Accredited Official Statistics

These [accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in April 2014](#). They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in [the Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

## Revisions to IoS

In line with our [National Accounts Revisions Policy](#), this release provides data for September 2024 for the first time, with July 2024 and August 2024 also open for revision.

Table 1: Revisions to month-on-month growth for Index of Services (IoS) and its sectors, August 2024 release against September 2024 release  
Percentage points, July 2024 to August 2024, UK

	<b>Jul-24</b>	<b>Aug-24</b>
<b>IoS</b>	0.0	0.0
<b>Sections G &amp; I - Distribution, Hotels and Restaurants</b>	0.0	0.0
<b>Section H &amp; J – Transport, Storage and Communications</b>	-0.2	0.0
<b>Sections K to N – Business Services and Finance</b>	0.0	-0.1
<b>Sections O to T – Government and other services</b>	0.1	0.2

Source: Monthly gross domestic product (GDP) estimate from the Office for National Statistics

### Notes

1. Revisions are rounded to one decimal place and calculated based on the one decimal place indexes.
2. Further information on current and past revisions can be found in our Revision Triangles dataset.

## 4 . Related links

### [GDP monthly estimate, UK: September 2024](#)

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Gross domestic product (GDP) measures the value of goods and services produced in the UK. It estimates the size of and growth in the economy.

### [Index of Production, UK: September 2024](#)

Bulletin | Released 15 November 2024

Movements in the volume of production for the UK production industries: manufacturing, mining and quarrying, energy supply, and water and waste management. Figures are seasonally adjusted.

### [Producer Price inflation, September 2024 including services, July to September 2024](#)

Bulletin | Released 16 October 2024

Changes in the prices of goods bought and sold by UK manufacturers, including price indices of materials and fuels purchased (input prices) and factory gate prices (output prices).

## 5 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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		Industry sections (SIC2007)				
		Total service industries	Distribution hotels and restaurants	Transport, storage and communication	Business services and finance	Government and other services
Section		G-T	G and I	H and J	K-N	O-T
<b>2019 weights</b>		<b>1000</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>277</b>
		S2KU	S2MV	KI7B	KI7L	KI7T
2019		97.2	104.7	89.7	96.3	99.8
2020		85.8	82.7	81.3	92.4	80.4
2021		94.4	94.3	88.4	96.7	93.7
2022		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2023		100.4	98.4	98.2	101.0	101.6
2023	Q3	100.3	98.3	97.3	100.7	102.1
	Q4	100.2	97.9	97.2	100.6	102.1
2024	Q1	101.1	98.3	99.0	101.5	103.0
	Q2	101.7	98.4	101.5	102.0	103.3
	Q3	101.8	99.1	101.1	102.1	103.4
2023	Jul	100.2	98.4	97.3	100.7	101.5
	Aug	100.3	98.4	97.4	100.8	102.0
	Sep	100.3	98.2	97.3	100.4	102.8
	Oct	100.1	98.3	96.6	100.3	102.2
	Nov	100.3	98.6	97.4	100.4	102.4
	Dec	100.2	96.8	97.7	101.2	101.7
2024	Jan	100.7	98.4	97.7	101.3	102.6
	Feb	101.0	98.0	99.5	101.3	102.9
	Mar	101.5	98.6	99.8	101.9	103.4
	Apr	101.6	97.5	101.8	101.9	103.5
	May	101.8	99.2	101.2	102.0	103.4
	Jun	101.7	98.6	101.4	102.1	103.0
	Jul	101.8	99.2	101.8	101.9	103.1
	Aug	101.9	98.8	101.4	102.1	103.4
	Sep	101.9	99.2	100.1	102.3	103.6
Percentage change, latest year on previous year		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2019		1.7	-0.2	6.7	0.8	2.1
2020		-11.8	-21.0	-9.3	-4.0	-19.4
2021		10.0	14.0	8.7	4.7	16.5
2022		5.9	6.0	13.1	3.4	6.7
2023		0.4	-1.6	-1.8	1.0	1.6
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2023	Jul	0.0	-1.1	-4.0	0.6	1.5
	Aug	0.0	-1.0	-3.2	0.1	1.9
	Sep	0.7	0.7	-2.3	0.5	2.3
	Oct	-0.6	-2.0	-4.3	-0.2	1.1
	Nov	-0.2	-0.8	-2.9	-0.2	1.2
	Dec	0.3	-2.5	-1.0	0.2	2.4
2024	Jan	0.1	-1.1	-2.1	0.1	1.8
	Feb	0.1	-1.3	-0.3	-0.5	1.9
	Mar	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.3	2.2
	Apr	1.0	-1.6	3.0	0.5	2.6
	May	1.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	2.2
	Jun	1.1	-0.2	2.2	1.2	1.3
	Jul	1.6	0.8	4.6	1.1	1.6
	Aug	1.5	0.5	4.2	1.3	1.4
	Sep	1.5	1.0	2.9	1.9	0.7

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2 Indices reflect values measured at basic prices, which exclude "taxes less subsidies on products".

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Sources: For further information on these data please telephone 01633 456387; fax 01633 455300 or e-mail ios.enquiries@ons.gov.uk

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<b>2019 weights</b>		<b>1000</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Percentage change, latest month on previous month</b>						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2023	Jul	-0.4	-0.4	-2.0	-0.1	-0.2
	Aug	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5
	Sep	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.8
	Oct	-0.3	0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.6
	Nov	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1
	Dec	-0.1	-1.8	0.4	0.7	-0.6
2024	Jan	0.6	1.7	0.0	0.1	0.9
	Feb	0.2	-0.5	1.8	0.0	0.3
	Mar	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.5
	Apr	0.1	-1.1	2.1	0.0	0.1
	May	0.2	1.7	-0.6	0.1	-0.1
	Jun	-0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.1	-0.4
	Jul	0.1	0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.1
	Aug	0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.3
	Sep	0.0	0.4	-1.3	0.2	0.1
<b>Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago</b>						
		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R
2023	Jul	0.3	-1.5	-1.7	0.6	1.8
	Aug	0.3	-1.0	-2.3	0.5	2.0
	Sep	0.2	-0.5	-3.2	0.4	1.9
	Oct	0.0	-0.8	-3.3	0.1	1.8
	Nov	0.0	-0.7	-3.2	0.0	1.5
	Dec	-0.2	-1.8	-2.7	-0.1	1.6
2024	Jan	0.0	-1.5	-2.0	0.0	1.8
	Feb	0.1	-1.6	-1.1	-0.1	2.0
	Mar	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	2.0
	Apr	0.7	-0.6	1.3	0.1	2.2
	May	1.2	0.3	2.3	0.6	2.3
	Jun	1.2	-0.2	2.6	0.9	2.0
	Jul	1.4	0.6	3.1	1.1	1.7
	Aug	1.4	0.4	3.7	1.2	1.4
	Sep	1.6	0.8	3.9	1.4	1.2
<b>Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months</b>						
		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S
2023	Jul	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7	0.4
	Aug	-0.1	0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.6
	Sep	-0.2	-0.3	-1.7	-0.4	0.8
	Oct	-0.1	-0.2	-1.4	-0.3	0.9
	Nov	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4	0.7
	Dec	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0
2024	Jan	0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.4	-0.1
	Feb	0.4	-0.6	1.3	0.8	-0.1
	Mar	0.9	0.5	1.8	0.8	0.9
	Apr	1.0	0.1	2.8	0.7	1.0
	May	1.0	0.7	2.7	0.7	1.0
	Jun	0.6	0.1	2.5	0.5	0.3
	Jul	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.3	-0.1
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