

Statistical bulletin

# Employment in the UK: September 2025

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity 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

- Estimates from January to March 2025 include the full effect of the improvements in Labour Force Survey (LFS) data collection and sampling methods introduced from January 2024; however, estimates may be subject to the effect of further ongoing improvements.
- An increased amount of volatility will remain in the LFS estimates from mid-2023 and throughout 2024, so we would advise additional caution when interpreting change involving those periods.
- We recommend using the LFS estimates as part of our suite of labour market indicators, alongside workforce jobs, Claimant Count and Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI) estimates.
- LFS estimates are weighted to 2022 mid-year population estimates for periods from January to March 2019; headline UK seasonally adjusted series before this have been modelled, but other series have a discontinuity at this point.
- In May to July 2025, the estimated UK employment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 75.2%, the UK unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 4.7%, and the UK economic inactivity rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 21.1% compared with February to April 2025.

These are [official statistics in development](#), and we advise caution when using the data. Ongoing challenges with response rates and levels mean that LFS-based labour market statistics will be badged as official statistics in development until further review. Read more in [Section 11: Data sources and quality](#).

### 3 . Measuring the labour market

Latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on interviews that took place from May to July 2025.

Because of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the suspension of face-to-face interviewing, we had to make operational changes to the LFS, which moved wholly to a by-telephone approach. This introduced an increased non-response bias to the survey, which was reduced by the introduction of housing tenure-based weights into the survey in October 2020, as detailed in our [Coronavirus and its impact on the Labour Force Survey article](#).

However, it was acknowledged that further improvement work was required to deal with the increase in non-response from those with a non-UK country of birth or nationality. As a result, we introduced an adjusted [Labour Force Survey weighting methodology](#) in July 2021. Further information is available in our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey important indicators, UK: 2022 article](#).

LFS periods from January to March 2019 onwards were reweighted from our December 2024 labour market release. The reweighted LFS estimates incorporate information on the size and composition of the UK population, based on 2022 mid-year estimates. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland, they are projected forward using scaling factors from 2021-based national population projections, published in January 2024. For Scotland, they are projected forward using scaling factors from 2020-based national population projections, published in January 2023. At the same time, the constraint to country of birth information was also removed.

This reweighting creates a discontinuity between the December 2018 to February 2019 and January to March 2019 periods. Users should take this discontinuity into consideration when considering long-term movements in the series. However, we have modelled the seasonally adjusted UK levels of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity, by sex and age band, back to the start of the population revisions in June to August 2011. This ensures that the headline series in Table 1, Table 2 (1) and Table 2 (2) (also available in datasets A02SA, A05SA and A01 Tables 1 and 2) are comparable over the full series. Further information is available in our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey important indicators, UK: December 2024 article](#).

Reweightings increased the levels of all labour market statuses, but did not address issues surrounding increased LFS volatility, resulting from smaller achieved sample sizes.

Estimates from January to March 2025 include the full effect of the improvements in LFS data collection and sampling methods introduced from January 2024. However, we are continuing our efforts to further improve the response to the survey. Consequently, estimates may be subject to the effect of these further improvements, which may have an ongoing impact on the survey. An increased volatility will remain in the LFS estimates for mid-2023 and throughout 2024, so we would advise additional caution when interpreting survey change measures. We recommend using LFS estimates as part of our suite of labour market indicators, alongside workforce jobs, Claimant Count and Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI) estimates.

Alongside this labour market publication in September 2025, we published an article on [Labour market quality](#). The article provides information about current response rates, and known biases in LFS data and provides users with information to better understand the current quality of the data.

We are continuing to improve the quality of the LFS, building on our work to date. The achieved sample, including imputed cases (the dataset size), has increased from 69,847 individuals in January to March 2025, to 74,186 individuals in April to June 2025, as shown in our [LFS performance and quality monitoring report: April to June 2025](#). We advise using these statistics with caution while this work continues, particularly when interpreting change in the LFS, and encourage users to make use of a wide range of data sources where possible.

LFS estimates are currently not considered [accredited official statistics](#) and are designated as [official statistics in development](#).

## 4 . Summary

Table 1: May to July 2025 headline measures and changes

	Level/Rate	Sampling variability of level/rate	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year
<b>Employment (000s, aged 16+)</b>	34,243	± 216	232	± 186	654	± 317
<b>Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)</b>	75.2	± 0.5	0.1	± 0.4	0.5	± 0.7
<b>Unemployment (000s, aged 16+)</b>	1,674	± 95	34	± 104	194	± 141
<b>Unemployment rate (aged 16+)</b>	4.7	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.3	0.4	± 0.4
<b>Economically inactive (000s, aged 16 to 64)</b>	9,124	± 186	-63	± 165	-287	± 279
<b>Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)</b>	21.1	± 0.4	-0.2	± 0.4	-0.8	± 0.6
<b>Total weekly hours (millions)</b>	1,088.0	N/A	5.7	N/A	17.3	N/A
<b>Redundancies (000s, aged 16 years and over)</b>	104	± 21	2	± 30	18	± 31
<b>Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16+)</b>	3.5	N/A	0.1	N/A	0.6	N/A

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) from the Office for National Statistics

### Notes

1. Increased volatility of LFS estimates, resulting from smaller achieved sample sizes, means that estimates of change should be treated with additional caution.

## 5 . Employment

Following an increase in the [employment](#) rate since early 2012, there was a decrease from the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. There had been an increase since the end of 2020, followed by a decrease between mid-2023 and early 2024. The rate then increased until mid-2024 and has been relatively stable since.

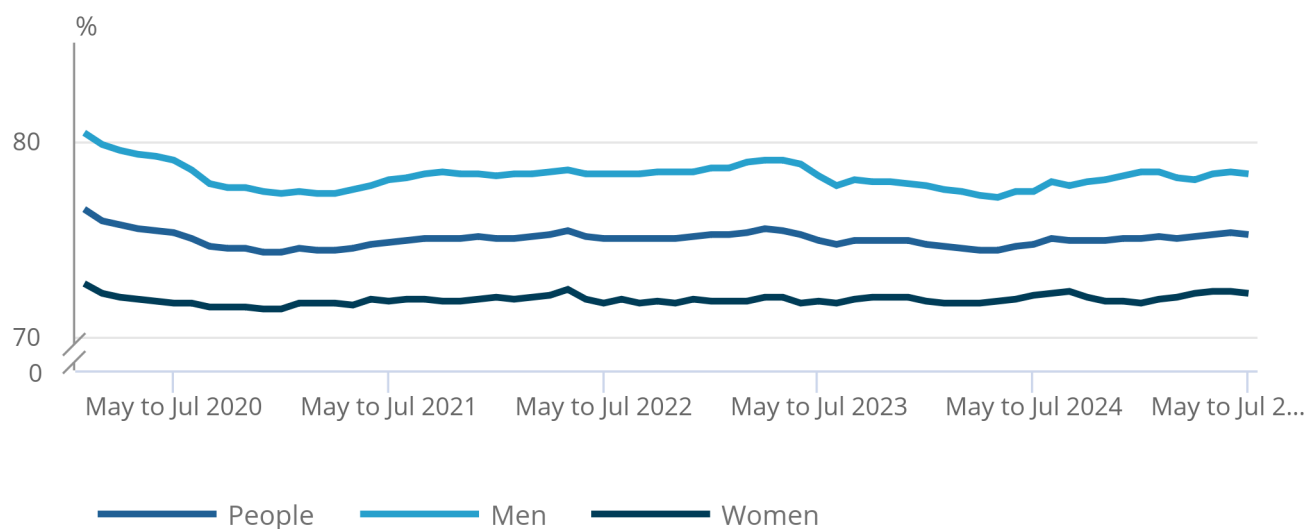
The employment rate increased in the latest quarter (May to July 2025) and over the year.

**Figure 1: The employment rate increased in the latest quarter**

UK employment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and May to July 2025

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Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) from the Office for National Statistics

**Notes:**

1. Increased volatility of LFS estimates, resulting from smaller achieved sample sizes, means that estimates of change should be treated with additional caution.

In the latest quarter (May to July 2025), the increase in employment was mostly because of an increase in the number of employees. Over the year since May to July 2024, we have seen increases in employment numbers across employees and the self-employed for both full-time and part-time workers.

Following increases in 2024 and early 2025, the number of people with second jobs decreased in the latest quarter (May to July 2025) and increased slightly over the year to 1.301 million (3.8% of people in employment).

We also publish estimates of payrolled employees in our [Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK bulletin](#) and estimates of the number of jobs in our [Vacancies and jobs in the UK bulletin](#).

## Hours worked

The number of total actual weekly hours worked has generally been increasing in the UK since 2020. Total actual weekly hours worked increased in the latest quarter (May to July 2025) and over the year. Both men's and women's working hours increased in the latest quarter and over the year.

Average actual weekly hours worked was largely unchanged in the latest quarter but decreased slightly over the year.

## 6 . Unemployment

Following decreases in the [unemployment](#) rate since late 2013, this then increased during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. From early 2021, it decreased to below pre-coronavirus rates until mid-2022. The rate has been largely increasing since.

The unemployment rate increased in the latest quarter (May to July 2025) and over the year since May to July 2024.

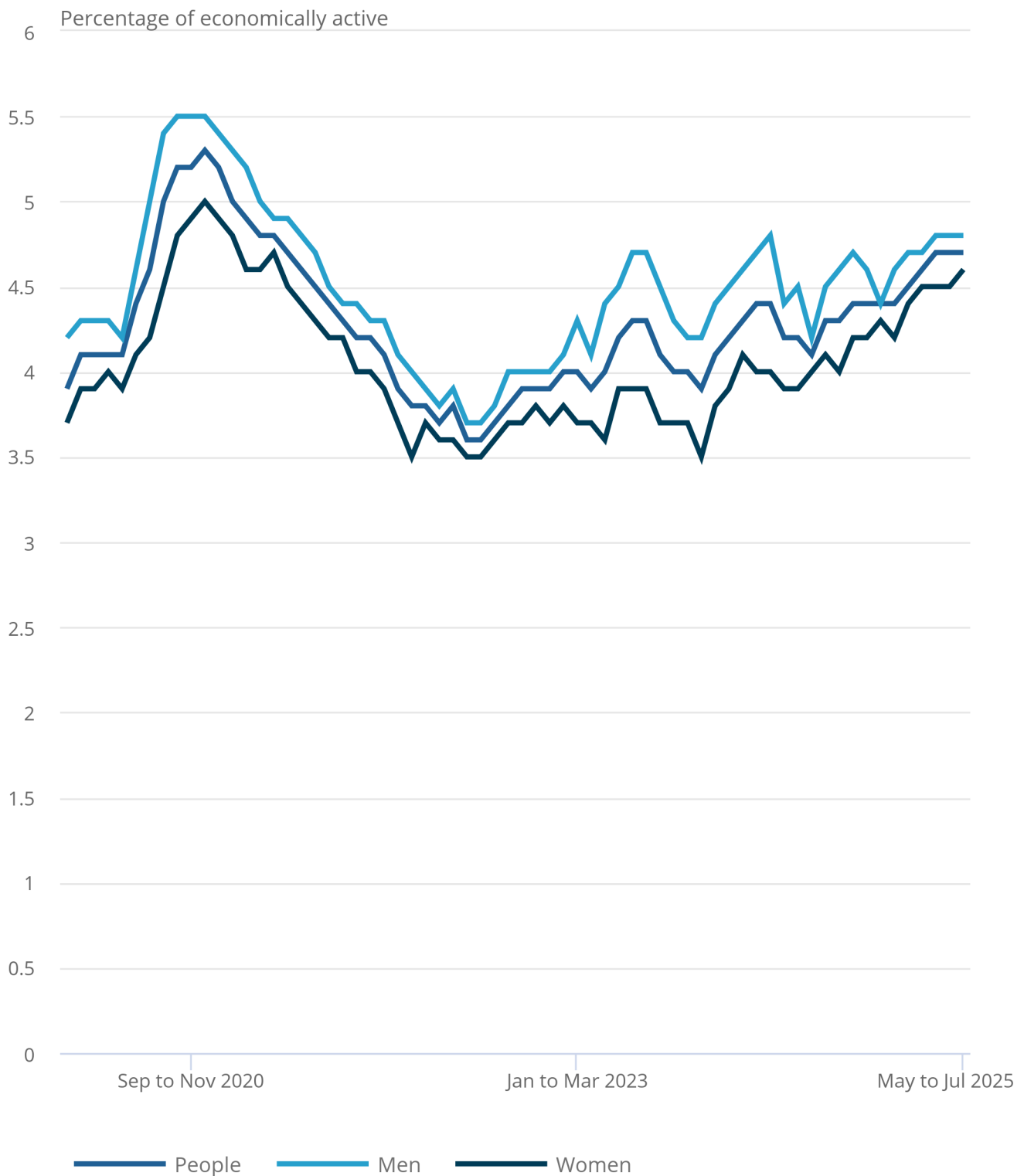
## Figure 2: The unemployment rate increased on the quarter

UK unemployment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and May to July 2025



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UK unemployment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and May to July 2025



Notes:

1. Increased volatility of LFS estimates, resulting from smaller achieved sample sizes, means that estimates of change should be treated with additional caution.

In the latest quarter (May to July 2025), those unemployed for up to 6 months decreased and those unemployed between 6 and 12 months, and over 12 months, increased. The number of people unemployed for up to 6 months, between 6 and 12 months, and over 12 months, increased over the year since May to July 2024.

We also publish the [Claimant Count](#), a measure of the number of people who are receiving a benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Claimant Count statistics are currently designated as [official statistics in development](#). The UK Claimant Count for August 2025 increased on the month but decreased on the year to 1.686 million.

# 7 . Economic inactivity

Since comparable records began in 1971, the [economic inactivity](#) rate had generally been falling, however, it increased during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and fluctuated around this increased rate.

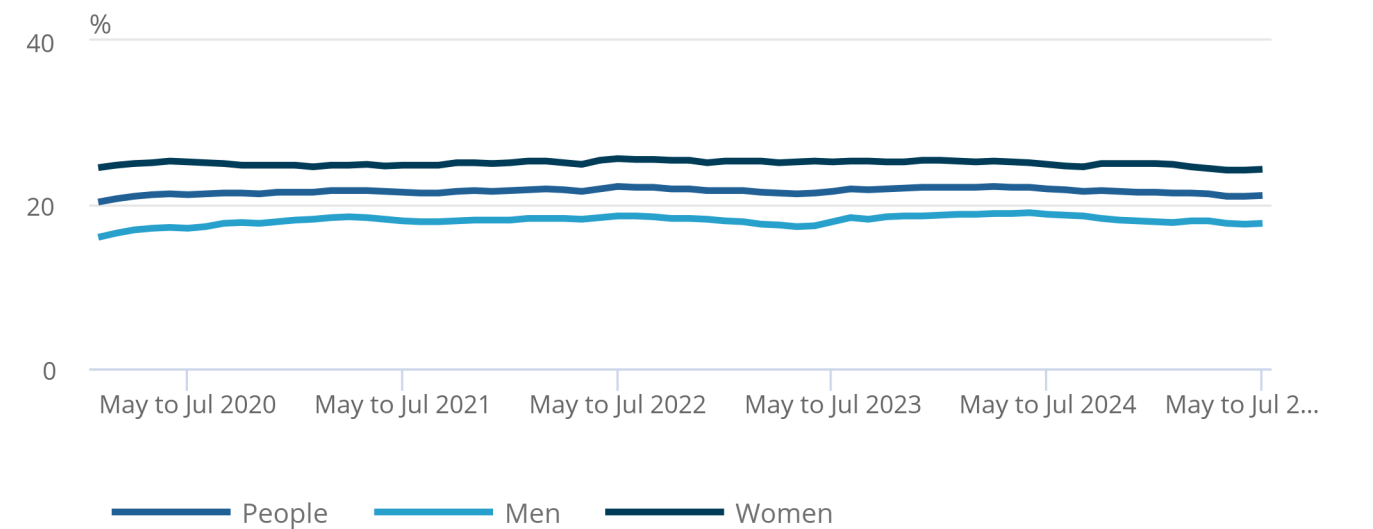
The economic inactivity rate decreased in the latest quarter (May to July 2025) and decreased over the year since May to July 2024.

**Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate fell in the latest quarter**

UK economic inactivity rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and May to July 2025

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate fell in the latest quarter

UK economic inactivity rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and May to July 2025



Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) from the Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. Increased volatility of LFS estimates, resulting from smaller achieved sample sizes, means that estimates of change should be treated with additional caution.

Increases in economic inactivity in the first year of the pandemic were largely among those aged 16 to 24 years. Following the pandemic, increases were largely among those aged 50 to 64 years.

In the latest period (May to July 2025), the quarterly decrease in economic inactivity was among those aged 16 to 34 years, while the annual decrease was mostly among those aged 50 to 64 years, although there were annual decreases across all age bands.

The quarterly decrease in economic inactivity in May to July 2025 was largely among students. The annual decrease in economic inactivity since May to July 2024 was largely among those who were looking after family and home, or students.

## 8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview increased in the latest quarter and over the year to 3.5 per 1,000 employees in May to July 2025.

We also publish our [HR1: Potential redundancies dataset](#), which shows potential redundancies, covering those notified by employers to the Insolvency Service through the form, broken down by region and industry.

## 9 . Data on employment in the UK

### [Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity by age group \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 16 September 2025

Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity levels and rates by age group, UK, rolling three-monthly figures, seasonally adjusted. Labour Force Survey. These are official statistics in development.

### [Labour Force Survey sampling variability \(not seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset A11 | Released 16 September 2025

Sampling variability for Labour Force Survey estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity, 95% confidence intervals, rolling three-monthly figures, non-seasonally adjusted. These are official statistics in development.

### [Full-time, part-time and temporary workers \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 16 September 2025

Full-time, part-time and temporary workers, by sex, UK, rolling three-monthly figures published monthly, seasonally adjusted. Labour Force Survey. These are official statistics in development.

### [Actual weekly hours worked \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 16 September 2025

Actual weekly hours worked including by sex, full-time, part-time and second jobs, UK, rolling three-monthly figures published monthly, seasonally adjusted. Labour Force Survey. These are official statistics in development.

### [Unemployment by age and duration \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 16 September 2025

Unemployment by age and duration (seasonally adjusted). These estimates are sourced from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. These are official statistics in development.

### [Economic inactivity by reason \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 16 September 2025

Economic inactivity (aged 16 to 64 years) by reason (seasonally adjusted). These estimates are sourced from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. These are official statistics in development.

View all related data on our [related data page](#).

## 10 . Glossary

## Actual and usual hours worked

Statistics for [usual hours worked](#) measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with [actual hours worked](#), they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns. For example, a person who usually works 37 hours a week, but who was on holiday for a week would be recorded as working zero actual hours for that week, while usual hours would be recorded as 37 hours.

Workers temporarily absent from a job because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic would still be classed as employed; however, they would be employed working no hours. This has directly affected estimates of total actual hours worked during the pandemic. Since the average actual weekly hours are the average of all in employment, those temporarily absent from a job also affected these estimates.

## Claimant Count

The Claimant Count is an [official statistic in development](#) that measures the number of people who are receiving a benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Currently the Claimant Count consists of those receiving Jobseekers' Allowance, and Universal Credit claimants in the "searching for work" conditionality group.

## Economic inactivity

People not in the labour force (also known as [economically inactive](#)) are not in employment, but do not meet the internationally accepted definition of unemployment because they have not been seeking work within the last four weeks and/or are unable to start work in the next two weeks. The economic inactivity rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are not in the labour force.

## Employment

The term [employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work or who had a job that they were temporarily away from (for example, because they were on holiday or off sick). This differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are in employment.

Workers furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), or those who were self-employed, but temporarily not in work, had a reasonable expectation of returning to their jobs after a temporary period of absence. Therefore, they were classified as employed under the International Labour Organization (ILO) definition.

A more detailed explanation is available in our [Guide to labour market statistics](#).

## Redundancies

The [redundancy](#) estimates measure the number of people who were made redundant or who took voluntary redundancy in the three months before the Labour Force Survey (LFS) interviews; it does not take into consideration planned redundancies.

## Unemployment

The [unemployment](#) estimates measure the number of people without a job who have been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks. The unemployment rate is not the proportion of the total population that is unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (that is, those in work plus those seeking and available to work) that is unemployed.

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

# 11 . Data sources and quality

This bulletin relies on data collected from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the largest household survey in the UK.

## Official statistics in development

These statistics are labelled as [official statistics in development](#). Until September 2023, these were called "experimental statistics". Read more about the change in our [Guide to official statistics in development](#).

These statistics are based on information from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The reweighting exercise has improved the coherence of our LFS estimates with workforce jobs (WFJ) and Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI) estimates for periods from January to March 2019.

Nonetheless, the ongoing challenges with response rates and levels mean that LFS-based labour market statistics are now badged as official statistics in development until further review. This is also in line with the [letter from the Office for Statistics Regulation \(OSR\)](#), stating that LFS statistics should not be published as [accredited official statistics](#) until the OSR has reviewed them.

We are transforming how we collect and produce the LFS data to improve the quality of these statistics. We have published a [Labour market transformation article](#) providing an update on the transformation of labour market statistics.

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in our [Labour Force Survey quality and methodology information \(QMI\) report](#).

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

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

## Making our published spreadsheets accessible

Following the [Government Statistical Service \(GSS\) guidance on releasing statistics in spreadsheets](#), we will be amending our published tables over the coming months to improve usability, accessibility and machine readability of our published statistics. To help users change to the new formats, we will be publishing sample versions of a selection of our tables, and where practical, we will initially publish the tables in both the new and current formats. If you have any questions or comments, please email [labour.market@ons.gov.uk](mailto:labour.market@ons.gov.uk).

## Country of birth and nationality labour market outputs

The RTI adjustment applied from January to March 2020 to June to August 2022 was removed from the LFS weighting methodology as part of the reweighting exercise in December 2024, as described in our [Impact of reweighting on LFS important indicators: December 2024 article](#).

Because of quality concerns during the pandemic (as explained in more detail in our A12 dataset), we have removed the labour market status by country of birth and nationality from our [A01: Summary of labour market statistics dataset](#) and from tables accompanying this bulletin and our [Labour market overview bulletins](#). The country of birth and nationality labour market data will also be withdrawn from our time series data.

Our [EMP06: Employment by country of birth and nationality dataset](#) and our [A12: Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity by nationality and country of birth dataset](#) will continue to be made available with additional guidance for users.

We will continue to review and update users accordingly.

## Strengths and limitations

### Uncertainty in these data

The estimates presented in this bulletin contain uncertainty. For more information on uncertainty, please see our [Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology](#).

The figures in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), which gathers information from a sample of households across the UK, rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed to be as accurate as possible, given practical limitations. 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. For more information on sampling, see [Section 2 of our Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology](#).

The data in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. It is not practical to survey every household each quarter, so these statistics are estimates based on a large sample.

As the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates gets larger. Estimates for small groups, which are based on small subsets of the LFS sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups.

In general, changes in the numbers (and especially the rates) reported in this bulletin between quarters are small and 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.

Information on the quality of estimates is available in our [Labour Force Survey sampling variability table](#).

### Comparability

The data in this bulletin follow internationally accepted definitions specified by the [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#). This ensures that the estimates for the UK are comparable with those for other countries.

Our annual [Reconciliation report of job estimates](#) article compares the latest workforce jobs series estimates with the equivalent estimates of jobs from the LFS. In September 2025 we updated the [X03: Reconciliation of estimates of employment and jobs dataset](#) to reflect the latest estimates.

Our [Comparison of labour market data sources methodology](#) compares data sources and discusses some of the main differences.

## 12 . Related links

### [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey important indicators: December 2024](#)

Article | Released 3 December 2024

Indicative estimates of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) reweighting methodology on important indicators for the UK, up to and including April to June 2024.

### [Labour market transformation - update on progress and plans: July 2025](#)

Article | Released 21 July 2025

Labour market transformation overview, building on previous engagement on the transformed Labour Force Survey.

### [Working and workless households in the UK: April to June 2025](#)

Bulletin | Released 27 August 2025

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.

### [Young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\), UK: August 2025](#)

Bulletin | Released 21 August 2025

Estimates of young people (aged 16 to 24 years) who are not in education, employment or training, by age and sex. These are official statistics in development.

### [Business insights and impact on the UK economy](#)

Bulletin | Released 4 September 2025

The impact of challenges facing the economy and other events on UK businesses, including financial performance, workforce, trade and business resilience.

## 13 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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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.

Shaded cells: these data are now only available in datasets EMP06 and A12.

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>

# SUMMARY

## 1 Summary of headline LFS<sup>1</sup> indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population <sup>1</sup>		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate <sup>4</sup>
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
<b>People</b>								
May-Jul 2023	55,017	42,517	33,275	74.9	1,511	4.3	9,190	21.6
May-Jul 2024	55,672	42,942	33,589	74.7	1,480	4.2	9,411	21.9
Aug-Oct 2024	55,819	43,030	33,778	74.9	1,505	4.3	9,333	21.7
Nov-Jan 2025	55,967	43,119	33,922	75.0	1,545	4.4	9,268	21.5
Feb-Apr 2025	56,115	43,207	34,011	75.1	1,640	4.6	9,187	21.3
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	56,262	43,295	34,243	75.2	1,674	4.7	9,124	21.1
Change on quarter	147	88	232	0.1	34	0.1	-63	-0.2
Change %	0.3	0.2	0.7		2.1		-0.7	
Change on year	590	353	654	0.5	194	0.4	-287	-0.8
Change %	1.1	0.8	1.9		13.1		-3.0	
<b>Men</b>	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
May-Jul 2023	26,686	20,884	17,168	78.2	854	4.7	3,732	17.9
May-Jul 2024	27,027	21,111	17,227	77.4	808	4.5	3,976	18.8
Aug-Oct 2024	27,104	21,158	17,372	77.9	830	4.6	3,867	18.3
Nov-Jan 2025	27,182	21,206	17,515	78.4	813	4.4	3,797	17.9
Feb-Apr 2025	27,259	21,253	17,506	78.0	870	4.7	3,832	18.0
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	27,336	21,301	17,638	78.3	882	4.8	3,775	17.7
Change on quarter	77	48	132	0.2	12	0.0	-57	-0.3
Change %	0.3	0.2	0.8		1.4		-1.5	
Change on year	308	190	410	0.8	73	0.3	-200	-1.1
Change %	1.1	0.9	2.4		9.1		-5.0	
<b>Women</b>	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
May-Jul 2023	28,331	21,633	16,107	71.8	657	3.9	5,458	25.2
May-Jul 2024	28,645	21,831	16,361	72.1	672	3.9	5,435	24.9
Aug-Oct 2024	28,715	21,872	16,406	72.0	675	4.0	5,466	25.0
Nov-Jan 2025	28,786	21,913	16,407	71.7	732	4.3	5,471	25.0
Feb-Apr 2025	28,856	21,954	16,505	72.2	770	4.5	5,355	24.4
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	28,926	21,994	16,605	72.2	792	4.6	5,349	24.3
Change on quarter	70	41	100	0.0	22	0.1	-6	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.6		2.9		-0.1	
Change on year	282	163	244	0.1	120	0.6	-86	-0.6
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.5		17.9		-1.6	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households in the UK.
2. The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.
3. The headline unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people (aged 16+) divided by the economically active population (aged 16+). The economically active population is defined as those in employment plus those who are unemployed.
4. The headline inactivity rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 divided by the population aged 16-64.
5. Data from Jun-Aug 2011 to Jun-Aug 2022 have been modelled to make them consistent with the new populations introduced in Jul-Sep 2022

### Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity rates

The headline employment and inactivity rates are based on the population aged 16 to 64 but the headline unemployment rate is based on the economically active population aged 16 and over. The employment and inactivity rates for those aged 16 and over are affected by the inclusion of the retired population in the denominators and are therefore less meaningful than the rates for those aged from 16 to 64. However, for the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over, no such effect occurs as the denominator for the unemployment rate is the economically active population which only includes people in work or actively seeking and able to work.

### Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity levels

The headline employment and unemployment levels are for those aged 16 and over; they measure all people in work or actively seeking and able to work. However, the headline inactivity level is for those aged 16 to 64. The inactivity rate for those aged 16 and over is less meaningful as it includes elderly people who have retired from the labour force.

# SUMMARY

## 2(1) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 16 and over						Aged 16-64					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
May-Jul 2023	33,275	60.5	1,511	4.3	20,232	36.8	31,850	74.9	1,478	4.4	9,190	21.6
May-Jul 2024	33,589	60.3	1,480	4.2	20,603	37.0	32,088	74.7	1,443	4.3	9,411	21.9
Aug-Oct 2024	33,778	60.5	1,505	4.3	20,536	36.8	32,231	74.9	1,467	4.4	9,333	21.7
Nov-Jan 2025	33,922	60.6	1,545	4.4	20,500	36.6	32,342	75.0	1,510	4.5	9,268	21.5
Feb-Apr 2025	34,011	60.6	1,640	4.6	20,464	36.5	32,430	75.1	1,590	4.7	9,187	21.3
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	34,243	60.9	1,674	4.7	20,346	36.2	32,547	75.2	1,624	4.8	9,124	21.1
Change on quarter	232	0.3	34	0.1	-118	-0.3	117	0.1	35	0.1	-63	-0.2
Change %	0.7		2.1		-0.6		0.4		2.2		-0.7	
Change on year	654	0.5	194	0.4	-258	-0.8	459	0.5	181	0.4	-287	-0.8
Change %	1.9		13.1		-1.3		1.4		12.5		-3.0	
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSI	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
May-Jul 2023	17,168	64.3	854	4.7	8,664	32.5	16,327	78.2	826	4.8	3,732	17.9
May-Jul 2024	17,227	63.7	808	4.5	8,992	33.3	16,349	77.4	786	4.6	3,976	18.8
Aug-Oct 2024	17,372	64.1	830	4.6	8,902	32.8	16,492	77.9	799	4.6	3,867	18.3
Nov-Jan 2025	17,515	64.4	813	4.4	8,853	32.6	16,621	78.4	788	4.5	3,797	17.9
Feb-Apr 2025	17,506	64.2	870	4.7	8,883	32.6	16,588	78.0	833	4.8	3,832	18.0
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	17,638	64.5	882	4.8	8,816	32.3	16,673	78.3	852	4.9	3,775	17.7
Change on quarter	132	0.3	12	0.0	-67	-0.3	86	0.2	18	0.1	-57	-0.3
Change %	0.8		1.4		-0.7		0.5		2.2		-1.5	
Change on year	410	0.8	73	0.3	-176	-1.0	325	0.8	66	0.3	-200	-1.1
Change %	2.4		9.1		-2.0		2.0		8.3		-5.0	
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
May-Jul 2023	16,107	56.9	657	3.9	11,568	40.8	15,523	71.8	652	4.0	5,458	25.2
May-Jul 2024	16,361	57.1	672	3.9	11,611	40.5	15,739	72.1	657	4.0	5,435	24.9
Aug-Oct 2024	16,406	57.1	675	4.0	11,634	40.5	15,738	72.0	668	4.1	5,466	25.0
Nov-Jan 2025	16,407	57.0	732	4.3	11,647	40.5	15,721	71.7	721	4.4	5,471	25.0
Feb-Apr 2025	16,505	57.2	770	4.5	11,581	40.1	15,843	72.2	756	4.6	5,355	24.4
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	16,605	57.4	792	4.6	11,529	39.9	15,873	72.2	772	4.6	5,349	24.3
Change on quarter	100	0.2	22	0.1	-52	-0.3	31	0.0	16	0.1	-6	-0.1
Change %	0.6		2.9		-0.4		0.2		2.1		-0.1	
Change on year	244	0.3	120	0.6	-82	-0.7	134	0.1	115	0.6	-86	-0.6
Change %	1.5		17.9		-0.7		0.9		17.5		-1.6	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
May-Jul 2023	423	27.4	88	17.3	1,030	66.8	3,295	58.5	465	12.4	1,875	33.3
May-Jul 2024	353	22.1	104	22.7	1,143	71.5	3,353	58.7	515	13.3	1,848	32.3
Aug-Oct 2024	361	22.5	114	24.0	1,132	70.4	3,373	58.8	493	12.7	1,873	32.6
Nov-Jan 2025	338	20.9	130	27.7	1,148	71.0	3,397	59.0	503	12.9	1,861	32.3
Feb-Apr 2025	314	19.4	124	28.4	1,185	73.0	3,436	59.4	501	12.7	1,847	31.9
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	338	20.7	160	32.1	1,133	69.5	3,527	60.7	461	11.6	1,818	31.3
Change on quarter	24	1.4	36	3.7	-51	-3.5	92	1.3	-40	-1.2	-29	-0.6
Change %	7.6		28.5		-4.3		2.7		-7.9		-1.6	
Change on year	-14	-1.3	56	9.4	-10	-2.0	175	2.1	-53	-1.7	-30	-1.0
Change %	-4.1		54.5		-0.8		5.2		-10.4		-1.6	
<b>Men</b>	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
May-Jul 2023	205	26.0	44	17.6	542	68.5	1,683	58.8	310	15.6	868	30.3
May-Jul 2024	163	19.8	51	23.8	606	74.0	1,677	57.6	323	16.1	912	31.3
Aug-Oct 2024	160	19.5	63	28.3	600	72.8	1,729	59.1	298	14.7	897	30.7
Nov-Jan 2025	160	19.3	69	30.1	599	72.4	1,765	60.1	282	13.8	891	30.3
Feb-Apr 2025	145	17.4	68	32.1	619	74.4	1,780	60.3	286	13.8	886	30.0
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	159	19.0	87	35.3	590	70.6	1,808	61.0	268	12.9	889	30.0
Change on quarter	14	1.6	18	3.2	-29	-3.8	28	0.7	-18	-0.9	3	0.0
Change %	9.9		26.8		-4.6		1.6		-6.2		0.4	
Change on year	-4	-0.8	36	11.5	-16	-3.4	131	3.4	-54	-3.2	-23	-1.3
Change %	-2.2		70.8		-2.7		7.8		-16.9		-2.5	
<b>Women</b>	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
May-Jul 2023	218	29.0	45	17.0	489	65.0	1,612	58.1	155	8.8	1,007	36.3
May-Jul 2024	190	24.4	53	21.7	537	68.8	1,675	59.8	192	10.3	937	33.4
Aug-Oct 2024	201	25.7	51	20.1	532	67.9	1,644	58.4	194	10.6	975	34.7
Nov-Jan 2025	179	22.7	61	25.4	549	69.6	1,632	57.8	221	11.9	971	34.4
Feb-Apr 2025	170	21.4	56	24.8	566	71.5	1,656	58.5	215	11.5	962	34.0
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	179	22.5	73	29.0	543	68.3	1,720	60.5	193	10.1	929	32.7
Change on quarter	10	1.1	17	4.2	-23	-3.2	64	2.1	-22	-1.4	-33	-1.3
Change %	5.7		30.7		-4.0		3.9		-10.1		-3.4	
Change on year	-11	-1.8	20	7.3	6	-0.6	44	0.8	1	-0.2	-7	-0.7
Change %	-5.6		38.8		1.2		2.6		0.6		-0.8	

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1. Data from Jun-Aug 2011 to Dec 2018-Feb 2019 have been modelled to make them consistent with the new populations introduced in Jan-Mar 2019

# SUMMARY

## 2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAY	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
May-Jul 2023	7,700	85.2	304	3.8	1,032	11.4	11,077	84.9	331	2.9	1,634	12.5
May-Jul 2024	7,665	84.0	279	3.5	1,176	12.9	11,299	85.4	304	2.6	1,635	12.3
Aug-Oct 2024	7,646	83.8	321	4.0	1,162	12.7	11,389	85.7	284	2.4	1,619	12.2
Nov-Jan 2025	7,675	84.0	320	4.0	1,144	12.5	11,456	85.8	316	2.7	1,573	11.8
Feb-Apr 2025	7,675	83.9	329	4.1	1,143	12.5	11,495	85.8	340	2.9	1,564	11.7
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	7,714	84.2	322	4.0	1,120	12.2	11,505	85.5	363	3.1	1,584	11.8
Change on quarter	39	0.3	-8	-0.1	-22	-0.3	10	-0.3	23	0.2	20	0.1
Change %	0.5		-2.3		-1.9		0.1		6.8		1.3	
Change on year	49	0.2	43	0.5	-56	-0.7	206	0.2	59	0.4	-50	-0.6
Change %	0.6		15.4		-4.8		1.8		19.6		-3.1	
<b>Men</b>	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
May-Jul 2023	3,933	89.2	132	3.3	346	7.8	5,673	89.6	162	2.8	497	7.8
May-Jul 2024	3,898	87.2	145	3.6	425	9.5	5,756	89.6	125	2.1	539	8.4
Aug-Oct 2024	3,905	87.2	169	4.1	403	9.0	5,819	90.3	120	2.0	506	7.9
Nov-Jan 2025	3,952	88.1	158	3.9	375	8.4	5,838	90.2	144	2.4	489	7.6
Feb-Apr 2025	3,929	87.4	184	4.5	382	8.5	5,862	90.2	122	2.0	513	7.9
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	3,973	88.2	169	4.1	360	8.0	5,859	89.8	152	2.5	510	7.8
Change on quarter	44	0.8	-14	-0.4	-21	-0.5	-3	-0.4	31	0.5	-3	-0.1
Change %	1.1		-7.8		-5.6		0.0		25.1		-0.5	
Change on year	75	1.0	24	0.5	-65	-1.5	103	0.2	27	0.4	-30	-0.6
Change %	1.9		16.6		-15.3		1.8		21.6		-5.5	
<b>Women</b>	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
May-Jul 2023	3,767	81.4	172	4.4	686	14.8	5,405	80.5	169	3.0	1,137	16.9
May-Jul 2024	3,767	81.0	134	3.4	751	16.1	5,543	81.3	178	3.1	1,095	16.1
Aug-Oct 2024	3,741	80.4	152	3.9	758	16.3	5,570	81.4	163	2.9	1,112	16.2
Nov-Jan 2025	3,723	80.0	161	4.1	768	16.5	5,618	81.7	172	3.0	1,084	15.8
Feb-Apr 2025	3,746	80.5	146	3.7	761	16.4	5,633	81.6	218	3.7	1,052	15.2
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	3,740	80.4	152	3.9	760	16.3	5,646	81.5	211	3.6	1,075	15.5
Change on quarter	-6	-0.1	7	0.2	-1	0.0	13	-0.2	-7	-0.1	23	0.3
Change %	-0.2		4.7		-0.1		0.2		-3.4		2.2	
Change on year	-26	-0.6	19	0.5	9	0.2	103	0.1	32	0.5	-20	-0.6
Change %	-0.7		14.0		1.2		1.9		18.2		-1.9	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
May-Jul 2023	9,355	70.5	288	3.0	3,619	27.3	1,425	11.4	33	2.3	11,042	88.3
May-Jul 2024	9,418	71.0	243	2.5	3,609	27.2	1,501	11.8	37	2.4	11,192	87.9
Aug-Oct 2024	9,461	71.3	255	2.6	3,548	26.8	1,547	12.1	38	2.4	11,203	87.6
Nov-Jan 2025	9,476	71.5	241	2.5	3,542	26.7	1,580	12.3	36	2.2	11,232	87.4
Feb-Apr 2025	9,510	71.8	295	3.0	3,448	26.0	1,581	12.2	50	3.1	11,277	87.4
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	9,462	71.4	318	3.3	3,468	26.2	1,696	13.1	50	2.9	11,221	86.5
Change on quarter	-48	-0.3	23	0.2	20	0.2	115	0.8	0	-0.2	-55	-0.8
Change %	-0.5		7.8		0.6		7.3		-0.8		-0.5	
Change on year	44	0.4	75	0.7	-141	-1.0	195	1.3	13	0.5	29	-1.4
Change %	0.5		31.0		-3.9		13.0		35.4		0.3	
<b>Men</b>	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
May-Jul 2023	4,833	74.5	177	3.5	1,479	22.8	841	14.5	29	3.3	4,932	85.0
May-Jul 2024	4,855	74.8	142	2.8	1,493	23.0	878	14.8	22	2.5	5,016	84.8
Aug-Oct 2024	4,879	75.2	148	2.9	1,460	22.5	880	14.8	31	3.5	5,035	84.7
Nov-Jan 2025	4,906	75.7	135	2.7	1,442	22.2	894	15.0	25	2.7	5,056	84.6
Feb-Apr 2025	4,872	75.2	174	3.4	1,434	22.1	918	15.3	36	3.8	5,051	84.1
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	4,874	75.3	175	3.5	1,426	22.0	964	16.0	30	3.0	5,041	83.5
Change on quarter	2	0.1	2	0.0	-7	-0.1	46	0.7	-7	-0.8	-10	-0.6
Change %	0.0		1.1		-0.5		5.0		-17.9		-0.2	
Change on year	20	0.5	33	0.6	-67	-1.0	86	1.1	8	0.5	25	-1.2
Change %	0.4		23.1		-4.5		9.8		34.7		0.5	
<b>Women</b>	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
May-Jul 2023	4,522	66.8	111	2.4	2,139	31.6	584	8.7	5	0.8	6,110	91.2
May-Jul 2024	4,563	67.3	100	2.2	2,115	31.2	622	9.1	15	2.3	6,176	90.6
Aug-Oct 2024	4,582	67.6	107	2.3	2,088	30.8	667	9.8	7	1.0	6,168	90.1
Nov-Jan 2025	4,570	67.4	107	2.3	2,099	31.0	686	10.0	11	1.5	6,176	89.9
Feb-Apr 2025	4,638	68.5	122	2.6	2,014	29.7	662	9.6	14	2.1	6,226	90.2
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	4,588	67.7	143	3.0	2,041	30.1	732	10.6	20	2.7	6,180	89.2
Change on quarter	-50	-0.7	21	0.5	27	0.4	69	1.0	6	0.6	-46	-1.0
Change %	-1.1		17.5		1.3		10.5		44.2		-0.7	
Change on year	25	0.4	42	0.9	-74	-1.1	109	1.4	5	0.4	4	-1.5
Change %	0.5		42.1		-3.5		17.5		36.5		0.1	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over) seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers <sup>1</sup>							
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes <sup>2</sup>	Total people working full-time	total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time	Total Workers with second jobs	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
People		MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
May-Jul 2023	33,275	28,832	4,302	77	64	24,671	8,604	21,787	7,045	2,828	1,475	1,202	
May-Jul 2024	33,589	29,127	4,298	114	49	25,203	8,386	22,265	6,862	2,880	1,417	1,300	
Aug-Oct 2024	33,778	29,206	4,390	117	66	25,296	8,482	22,275	6,931	2,950	1,440	1,255	
Nov-Jan 2025	33,922	29,361	4,386	111	63	25,496	8,426	22,451	6,910	2,965	1,421	1,262	
Feb-Apr 2025	34,011	29,432	4,403	119	57	25,479	8,532	22,478	6,954	2,936	1,468	1,347	
May-Jul 2025	34,243	29,646	4,432	115	49	25,633	8,610	22,617	7,029	2,957	1,475	1,301	
Change on quarter	232	214	28	-4	-7	154	78	139	75	21	8	-46	
Change %	0.7	0.7	0.6	-3.0	-13.1	0.6	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	-3.4	
Change on year	654	519	134	1	0	430	224	353	167	76	58	2	
Change %	1.9	1.8	3.1	0.7	0.5	1.7	2.7	1.6	2.4	2.6	4.1	0.1	
Men		MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBJ	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
May-Jul 2023	17,168	14,369	2,722	39	38	14,739	2,429	12,568	1,801	2,132	590	495	
May-Jul 2024	17,227	14,403	2,731	63	30	14,817	2,411	12,642	1,761	2,132	599	555	
Aug-Oct 2024	17,372	14,489	2,786	59	38	14,897	2,475	12,675	1,814	2,173	613	530	
Nov-Jan 2025	17,515	14,566	2,841	64	44	15,066	2,449	12,781	1,785	2,226	615	534	
Feb-Apr 2025	17,506	14,596	2,811	66	33	14,979	2,527	12,757	1,839	2,179	632	613	
May-Jul 2025	17,638	14,737	2,816	56	30	15,079	2,559	12,840	1,897	2,204	611	566	
Change on quarter	132	141	5	-10	-4	100	32	82	58	26	-21	-47	
Change %	0.8	1.0	0.2	-14.8	-11.7	0.7	1.3	0.6	3.2	1.2	-3.3	-7.7	
Change on year	410	333	85	-8	0	262	148	197	136	72	13	11	
Change %	2.4	2.3	3.1	-12.1	-0.2	1.8	6.2	1.6	7.7	3.4	2.1	2.0	
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
May-Jul 2023	16,107	14,463	1,580	38	26	9,931	6,175	9,219	5,244	696	884	707	
May-Jul 2024	16,361	14,724	1,567	51	20	10,386	5,975	9,623	5,101	748	819	745	
Aug-Oct 2024	16,406	14,717	1,603	58	27	10,399	6,007	9,601	5,116	776	827	725	
Nov-Jan 2025	16,407	14,795	1,545	47	19	10,429	5,977	9,670	5,126	739	805	728	
Feb-Apr 2025	16,505	14,836	1,592	53	23	10,500	6,005	9,721	5,115	757	835	734	
May-Jul 2025	16,605	14,910	1,616	59	20	10,554	6,051	9,778	5,132	752	864	736	
Change on quarter	100	74	24	6	-4	54	46	57	17	-5	29	2	
Change %	0.6	0.5	1.5	11.6	-15.2	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.3	-0.6	3.4	0.2	
Change on year	244	186	49	8	0	168	76	155	31	4	45	-9	
Change %	1.5	1.3	3.1	16.7	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.5	5.5	-1.2	
Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) <sup>3</sup>								
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total <sup>4</sup>	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
May-Jul 2023	1,654	5.7	375	22.7	455	170	654	8,519	807	9.5	5,967	392	1,300
May-Jul 2024	1,529	5.2	324	21.2	433	149	622	8,280	892	10.8	5,791	365	1,190
Aug-Oct 2024	1,537	5.3	373	24.2	423	155	586	8,371	896	10.7	5,843	386	1,187
Nov-Jan 2025	1,536	5.2	383	25.0	415	145	593	8,331	851	10.2	5,808	435	1,190
Feb-Apr 2025	1,601	5.4	398	24.9	448	144	610	8,422	893	10.6	5,785	483	1,220
May-Jul 2025	1,573	5.3	373	23.7	449	152	599	8,504	882	10.4	5,895	445	1,225
Change on quarter	-27	-0.1	-25	-1.2	0	9	-11	82	-11	-0.2	109	-38	5
Change %	-1.7		-6.3		0.1	6.1	-1.9	1.0	-1.2		1.9	-7.9	0.4
Change on year	45	0.1	49	2.5	16	3	-23	224	-10	-0.4	104	80	35
Change %	2.9		15.2		3.6	2.0	-3.7	2.7	-1.1		1.8	22.0	3.0
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
May-Jul 2023	735	5.1	162	22.1	192	91	290	2,391	326	13.7	1,359	147	540
May-Jul 2024	741	5.1	175	23.6	175	81	310	2,360	425	18.0	1,311	138	465
Aug-Oct 2024	729	5.0	203	27.8	181	80	266	2,427	407	16.8	1,370	165	466
Nov-Jan 2025	721	4.9	200	27.7	185	78	258	2,400	359	15.0	1,357	165	499
Feb-Apr 2025	720	4.9	196	27.2	179	80	264	2,471	381	15.4	1,368	185	525
May-Jul 2025	755	5.1	196	25.9	186	85	288	2,508	375	15.0	1,425	178	507
Change on quarter	35	0.2	0	-1.3	6	5	24	37	-6	-0.5	57	-7	-18
Change %	4.9		-0.1		3.6	6.4	9.1	1.5	-1.5		4.1	-3.6	-3.5
Change on year	14	0.0	20	2.3	10	4	-22	149	-50	-3.1	114	40	43
Change %	1.8		11.6		5.9	5.4	-6.9	6.3	-11.8		8.7	28.9	9.2
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCHH	YCKK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDE	YCDI	YCDL
May-Jul 2023	919	6.4	213	23.1	262	80	364	6,128	480	7.8	4,608	246	760
May-Jul 2024	787	5.3	149	18.9	258	68	312	5,920	467	7.9	4,480	227	725
Aug-Oct 2024	807	5.5	170	21.0	241	76	320	5,944	489	8.2	4,473	221	721
Nov-Jan 2025	815	5.5	183	22.5	230	67	335	5,931	492	8.3	4,451	269	691
Feb-Apr 2025	881	5.9	203	23.0	269	63	346	5,950	512	8.6	4,417	299	695
May-Jul 2025	818	5.5	178	21.7	263	67	311	5,996	507	8.5	4,470	267	718
Change on quarter	-63	-0.5	-25	-1.3	-6	4	-35	45	-5	-0.2	53	-31	23
Change %	-7.1		-12.3		-2.3	5.6	-10.2	0.8	-1.0		1.2	-10.5	3.4
Change on year	31	0.1	29	2.8	5	-1	-2	76	40	0.6	-10	40	-7
Change %	4.0		19.4		2.1	-2.0	-0.6	1.3	8.6		-0.2	17.8	-1.0

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

Note: When comparing quarterly changes ONS recommends comparing with the previous non-overlapping 3-month average time period (eg, compare Apr-Jun with Jan-Mar, not with Mar-May).

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.
2. This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training.
3. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees.
4. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of the other columns in this section of the table.

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 7 Actual weekly hours worked

United Kingdom (hours worked by people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked				
	Total weekly hours (millions) <sup>1,2</sup>	All workers <sup>1</sup>	Full-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Second Jobs
<b>People</b>	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
May-Jul 2023	1,050.0	31.6	36.4	16.5	9.2
May-Jul 2024	1,070.7	31.9	36.5	16.5	9.6
Aug-Oct 2024	1,084.3	32.1	36.8	16.8	9.5
Nov-Jan 2025	1,081.2	31.9	36.5	16.6	9.3
Feb-Apr 2025	1,082.3	31.8	36.4	16.5	9.4
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	1,088.0	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	17.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-1.3
<b>Men</b>	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
May-Jul 2023	600.9	35.0	37.8	16.3	9.2
May-Jul 2024	606.8	35.2	38.1	16.2	10.4
Aug-Oct 2024	617.9	35.6	38.4	16.3	10.3
Nov-Jan 2025	616.2	35.2	38.1	15.8	9.9
Feb-Apr 2025	613.9	35.1	37.9	15.9	10.0
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	617.1	35.0	38.0	15.9	10.3
<i>Change on quarter</i>	3.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.1	3.7
<i>Change on year</i>	10.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	-0.7	-0.2	-1.6	-1.1
<b>Women</b>	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
May-Jul 2023	449.1	27.9	34.3	16.5	9.1
May-Jul 2024	463.9	28.4	34.4	16.7	8.9
Aug-Oct 2024	466.4	28.4	34.5	17.0	8.8
Nov-Jan 2025	465.0	28.3	34.3	16.9	8.9
Feb-Apr 2025	468.4	28.4	34.3	16.8	8.9
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	470.9	28.4	34.4	16.7	8.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-2.0
<i>Change on year</i>	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.3	-1.6

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1. Main and second job

2. Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.

3. Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

# 7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
<b>May-Jul 2024</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	3.7	2.3	6.3
6 up to 15 hours	5.9	3.7	8.3	5.1	3.0	7.1	11.1	6.6	18.8
16 up to 30 hours	18.7	10.5	27.4	18.0	9.0	26.8	24.2	18.1	35.0
31 up to 45 hours	59.5	65.2	53.4	62.4	68.8	56.1	40.7	47.5	28.8
Over 45 hours	14.5	19.7	9.1	13.7	18.6	8.9	20.2	25.5	11.0
Total (thousands)	33,589	17,227	16,361	29,127	14,403	14,724	4,298	2,731	1,567
<b>Feb-Apr 2025</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.6	3.0	7.5
6 up to 15 hours	6.0	3.8	8.3	5.2	3.1	7.1	10.7	6.6	18.0
16 up to 30 hours	18.9	10.9	27.4	18.1	9.5	26.5	24.5	17.9	36.1
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.2	54.2	63.0	68.9	57.2	39.8	46.6	27.7
Over 45 hours	13.8	19.0	8.3	12.9	17.8	8.1	20.4	25.8	10.8
Total (thousands)	34,011	17,506	16,505	29,432	14,596	14,836	4,403	2,811	1,592
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Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	4.2	2.7	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.6	5.4	3.3	7.4	11.2	6.3	19.7
16 up to 30 hours	18.7	10.9	26.9	17.9	9.6	26.0	23.9	17.6	34.8
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.1	54.3	62.9	68.6	57.3	40.2	47.3	27.8
Over 45 hours	13.9	19.1	8.4	12.9	17.7	8.1	20.6	26.0	11.0
Total (thousands)	34,243	17,638	16,605	29,646	14,737	14,910	4,432	2,816	1,616

<sup>1</sup> Total usual weekly hours worked by people aged 16 and over in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64						
	Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months		
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months				All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months					
	1	2	3				4	5	6				7	8
People			YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL			LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
May-Jul 2023	1,511	4.3	978	230	303	20.0	181	1,478	4.4	961	227	290	19.6	173
May-Jul 2024	1,480	4.2	910	225	345	23.3	153	1,443	4.3	898	219	327	22.6	144
Aug-Oct 2024	1,505	4.3	911	254	340	22.6	153	1,467	4.4	887	246	333	22.7	146
Nov-Jan 2025	1,545	4.4	961	273	311	20.1	155	1,510	4.5	934	269	307	20.3	148
Feb-Apr 2025	1,640	4.6	995	266	379	23.1	172	1,590	4.7	984	259	347	21.8	164
May-Jul 2025	1,674	4.7	975	307	391	23.4	177	1,624	4.8	956	299	368	22.7	167
Change on quarte	34	0.1	-20	42	12	0.3	5	35	0.1	-27	40	21	0.9	2
Change %	2.1		-2.0	15.7	3.2		2.8	2.2		-2.8	15.6	6.2		1.5
Change on year	194	0.4	65	82	46	0.1	24	181	0.4	59	80	42	0.0	22
Change %	13.1		7.2	36.4	13.5		15.7	12.5		6.5	36.8	12.7		15.4
Men			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBXB
May-Jul 2023	854	4.7	522	131	201	23.6	126	826	4.8	511	127	187	22.7	119
May-Jul 2024	808	4.5	470	116	222	27.5	104	786	4.6	464	112	210	26.7	102
Aug-Oct 2024	830	4.6	471	146	214	25.8	98	799	4.6	450	139	210	26.3	94
Nov-Jan 2025	813	4.4	464	154	195	24.0	98	788	4.5	448	151	190	24.1	94
Feb-Apr 2025	870	4.7	516	128	226	26.0	103	833	4.8	506	121	206	24.7	98
May-Jul 2025	882	4.8	472	173	237	26.9	119	852	4.9	466	166	220	25.8	111
Change on quarte	12	0.0	-44	45	11	0.9	16	18	0.1	-41	45	14	1.2	13
Change %	1.4		-8.6	35.1	5.0		16.0	2.2		-8.0	36.8	7.0		12.8
Change on year	73	0.3	1	57	15	-0.6	15	66	0.3	1	54	10	-0.9	9
Change %	9.1		0.3	49.0	6.8		14.8	8.3		0.3	48.6	4.7		8.5
Women			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
May-Jul 2023	657	3.9	456	99	101	15.4	55	652	4.0	450	100	103	15.7	55
May-Jul 2024	672	3.9	440	109	123	18.3	49	657	4.0	433	107	117	17.8	43
Aug-Oct 2024	675	4.0	440	109	126	18.7	54	668	4.1	438	107	123	18.4	52
Nov-Jan 2025	732	4.3	497	119	116	15.9	57	721	4.4	486	118	117	16.3	54
Feb-Apr 2025	770	4.5	479	138	153	19.9	70	756	4.6	477	138	141	18.7	66
May-Jul 2025	792	4.6	504	135	154	19.5	58	772	4.6	491	133	148	19.2	56
Change on quarte	22	0.1	24	-3	1	-0.4	-12	16	0.1	13	-4	7	0.5	-10
Change %	2.9		5.1	-2.3	0.6		-16.7	2.1		2.8	-3.1	5.0		-15.4
Change on year	120	0.6	64	25	31	1.2	9	115	0.6	57	26	32	1.5	14
Change %	17.9		14.6	22.9	25.5		17.8	17.5		13.2	24.5	27.1		32.0
16-17							18-24							
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP			YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
People														
May-Jul 2023	88	17.3	60	25	3	3.5	*	465	12.4	330	77	59	12.7	26
May-Jul 2024	104	22.7	72	14	18	17.0	*	515	13.3	368	61	86	16.6	20
Aug-Oct 2024	114	24.0	82	22	11	9.4	*	493	12.7	320	75	97	19.8	29
Nov-Jan 2025	130	27.7	91	32	7	5.6	*	503	12.9	341	67	94	18.8	32
Feb-Apr 2025	124	28.4	92	24	8	6.5	*	501	12.7	331	66	104	20.8	34
May-Jul 2025	160	32.1	111	37	12	7.4	*	461	11.6	271	81	110	23.8	42
Change on quarte	36	3.7	19	12	4	0.9	*	-40	-1.2	-60	15	6	3.0	7
Change %	28.5		21.2	50.5	46.4		*	-7.9		-18.1	22.1	5.4		21.3
Change on year	56	9.4	39	23	-6	-9.5	*	-53	-1.7	-97	20	24	7.1	22
Change %	54.5		54.5	163.8	-32.4		*	-10.4		-26.4	32.4	28.1		112.6
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
May-Jul 2023	44	17.6	37	7	*	*	*	310	15.6	205	60	45	14.5	22
May-Jul 2024	51	23.8	32	8	11	21.8	*	323	16.1	222	35	66	20.5	15
Aug-Oct 2024	63	28.3	40	16	8	11.9	*	298	14.7	177	51	70	23.6	22
Nov-Jan 2025	69	30.1	46	19	5	6.7	*	282	13.8	167	44	70	25.0	26
Feb-Apr 2025	68	32.1	53	10	5	6.8	*	286	13.8	170	36	81	28.2	23
May-Jul 2025	87	35.3	59	22	6	6.5	*	268	12.9	145	50	73	27.2	27
Change on quarte	18	3.2	6	11	1	-0.3	*	-18	-0.9	-24	14	-8	-1.0	4
Change %	26.8		11.4	109.1	20.8		*	-6.2		-14.2	38.7	-9.6		18.2
Change on year	36	11.5	27	14	-5	-15.3	*	-54	-3.2	-76	15	7	6.7	12
Change %	70.8		85.2	184.7	-49.0		*	-16.9		-34.4	43.4	10.5		77.6
Women			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
May-Jul 2023	45	17.0	23	18	*	*	*	155	8.8	124	17	14	9.2	*
May-Jul 2024	53	21.7	40	6	6	12.3	*	192	10.3	146	26	20	10.2	*
Aug-Oct 2024	51	20.1	42	6	*	*	*	194	10.6	143	24	27	14.0	8
Nov-Jan 2025	61	25.4	45	13	*	*	*	221	11.9	174	23	24	10.9	7
Feb-Apr 2025	56	24.8	39	14	*	*	*	215	11.5	161	30	23	10.9	12
May-Jul 2025	73	29.0	52	15	6	8.5	*	193	10.1	125	31	37	19.0	15
Change on quarte	17	4.2	13	1	*	*	*	-22	-1.4	-36	1	13	8.1	3
Change %	30.7		34.7	7.4	*		*	-10.1		-22.3	2.5	56.9		27.6
Change on year	20	7.3	12	9	0	-3.8	*	1	-0.2	-21	5	17	8.8	*
Change %	38.8		29.9	138.7	-4.0		*	0.6		-14.2	17.9	87.6		*

Source: Labour Force Survey

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# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

25-49								50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
People														
May-Jul 2023	635	3.3	430	86	119	18.8	63	322	2.9	159	42	121	37.6	92
May-Jul 2024	582	3.0	337	93	152	26.1	72	280	2.5	133	57	90	32.1	60
Aug-Oct 2024	605	3.1	359	103	143	23.6	73	293	2.6	150	54	89	30.3	50
Nov-Jan 2025	636	3.2	379	125	132	20.7	73	277	2.4	150	49	78	28.1	49
Feb-Apr 2025	669	3.4	398	113	159	23.7	80	345	3.0	175	62	108	31.4	57
May-Jul 2025	685	3.4	395	126	164	24.0	76	368	3.2	198	64	106	28.7	58
Change on quart	16	0.1	-3	13	6	0.3	-4	23	0.2	24	2	-3	-2.7	2
Change %	2.3		-0.8	11.5	3.6		-4.8	6.6		13.6	3.0	-2.7		2.7
Change on year	102	0.5	58	32	12	-2.1	4	88	0.7	65	7	16	-3.5	-2
Change %	17.6		17.1	34.6	8.2		5.6	31.6		49.3	12.5	17.4		-2.7
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
May-Jul 2023	294	3.0	191	33	70	23.8	39	206	3.5	89	30	86	42.0	65
May-Jul 2024	271	2.7	143	42	85	31.5	48	165	2.8	73	32	60	36.3	40
Aug-Oct 2024	289	2.9	162	45	82	28.4	45	179	3.0	92	34	54	30.1	31
Nov-Jan 2025	302	3.0	171	59	72	23.8	42	160	2.7	80	32	48	30.0	30
Feb-Apr 2025	306	3.0	188	45	73	23.9	45	210	3.5	105	37	68	32.3	35
May-Jul 2025	322	3.2	167	67	88	27.2	48	205	3.4	99	35	71	34.7	44
Change on quart	16	0.1	-20	22	15	3.3	3	-5	-0.1	-6	-2	3	2.4	9
Change %	5.3		-10.9	49.3	20.0		6.4	-2.2		-5.6	-6.1	5.1		27.0
Change on year	51	0.4	24	24	2	-4.3	0	41	0.6	26	3	11	-1.7	5
Change %	18.9		17.1	58.1	2.7		0.9	24.7		35.4	10.5	19.0		11.9
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBVY	YBY Y	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
May-Jul 2023	341	3.6	239	53	50	14.5	24	116	2.2	70	11	35	29.9	27
May-Jul 2024	312	3.2	194	51	67	21.4	25	115	2.2	60	25	30	26.2	20
Aug-Oct 2024	316	3.3	196	59	61	19.3	28	114	2.1	58	21	35	30.7	19
Nov-Jan 2025	333	3.4	208	65	60	18.0	31	117	2.2	70	17	30	25.5	19
Feb-Apr 2025	364	3.7	210	68	86	23.5	35	135	2.5	69	25	41	30.1	22
May-Jul 2025	363	3.7	227	59	77	21.1	28	163	3.0	99	29	34	21.2	14
Change on quart	-1	0.0	17	-9	-9	-2.4	-7	27	0.5	30	4	-6	-9.0	-8
Change %	-0.2		8.2	-13.3	-10.3		-19.1	20.2		42.6	16.3	-15.6		-36.1
Change on year	51	0.5	33	8	10	-0.2	4	48	0.8	39	4	4	-5.0	-6
Change %	16.4		17.2	15.2	15.1		14.6	41.4		66.3	15.0	14.3		-31.1

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged & over	16 & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
Economically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<b>People</b>	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A		LFK8
May-Jul 2023	34,786	33,328	512	3,760	8,005	11,408	9,643		1,458
May-Jul 2024	35,069	33,531	456	3,867	7,944	11,603	9,661		1,538
Aug-Oct 2024	35,283	33,697	476	3,866	7,967	11,673	9,716		1,586
Nov-Jan 2025	35,467	33,852	468	3,900	7,994	11,772	9,717		1,616
Feb-Apr 2025	35,651	34,020	439	3,937	8,004	11,835	9,805		1,631
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	35,917	34,171	498	3,989	8,036	11,868	9,780		1,746
Change on quarter	266	151	59	52	31	33	-25		115
Change %	0.7	0.4	13.6	1.3	0.4	0.3	-0.3		7.0
Change on year	848	640	42	121	92	265	120		208
Change %	2.4	1.9	9.2	3.1	1.2	2.3	1.2		13.5
<b>Men</b>	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY		YCAE
May-Jul 2023	18,022	17,152	249	1,993	4,066	5,834	5,010		870
May-Jul 2024	18,036	17,135	213	2,000	4,043	5,881	4,997		901
Aug-Oct 2024	18,202	17,291	224	2,028	4,074	5,940	5,027		911
Nov-Jan 2025	18,329	17,409	229	2,047	4,111	5,982	5,041		920
Feb-Apr 2025	18,376	17,421	213	2,066	4,113	5,984	5,046		955
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	18,519	17,525	246	2,076	4,143	6,011	5,050		994
Change on quarter	144	104	33	10	30	28	4		39
Change %	0.8	0.6	15.3	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.1		4.1
Change on year	484	390	32	76	100	130	53		93
Change %	2.7	2.3	15.1	3.8	2.5	2.2	1.1		10.4
<b>Women</b>	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B		LFK9
May-Jul 2023	16,764	16,175	263	1,767	3,939	5,574	4,633		588
May-Jul 2024	17,033	16,396	243	1,867	3,900	5,722	4,664		637
Aug-Oct 2024	17,081	16,406	252	1,838	3,893	5,733	4,689		674
Nov-Jan 2025	17,139	16,442	239	1,852	3,884	5,790	4,676		696
Feb-Apr 2025	17,275	16,599	226	1,871	3,892	5,851	4,759		676
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	17,397	16,646	253	1,913	3,893	5,857	4,731		752
Change on quarter	122	47	27	42	1	6	-29		75
Change %	0.7	0.3	11.9	2.2	0.0	0.1	-0.6		11.1
Change on year	364	249	10	45	-8	135	67		114
Change %	2.1	1.5	4.0	2.4	-0.2	2.4	1.4		18.0

### Economic activity rates (%)

<b>People</b>	MGWG	LF22	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C		LFL2
May-Jul 2023	63.2	78.4	33.2	66.7	88.6	87.5	72.7		11.7
May-Jul 2024	63.0	78.1	28.5	67.7	87.1	87.7	72.8		12.1
Aug-Oct 2024	63.2	78.3	29.6	67.4	87.3	87.8	73.2		12.4
Nov-Jan 2025	63.4	78.5	29.0	67.7	87.5	88.2	73.3		12.6
Feb-Apr 2025	63.5	78.7	27.0	68.1	87.5	88.3	74.0		12.6
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	63.8	78.9	30.5	68.7	87.8	88.2	73.8		13.5
Change on quarter	0.3	0.2	3.5	0.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.2		0.8
Change on year	0.8	0.8	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.0		1.4
<b>Men</b>	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ		MGWT
May-Jul 2023	67.5	82.1	31.5	69.7	92.2	92.2	77.2		15.0
May-Jul 2024	66.7	81.2	26.0	68.7	90.5	91.6	77.0		15.2
Aug-Oct 2024	67.2	81.7	27.2	69.3	91.0	92.1	77.5		15.3
Nov-Jan 2025	67.4	82.1	27.6	69.7	91.6	92.4	77.8		15.4
Feb-Apr 2025	67.4	82.0	25.6	70.0	91.5	92.1	77.9		15.9
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	67.7	82.3	29.4	70.0	92.0	92.2	78.0		16.5
Change on quarter	0.3	0.3	3.8	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.1		0.6
Change on year	1.0	1.1	3.4	1.3	1.5	0.6	1.0		1.2
<b>Women</b>	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D		LFL3
May-Jul 2023	59.2	74.8	35.0	63.7	85.2	83.1	68.4		8.8
May-Jul 2024	59.5	75.1	31.2	66.6	83.9	83.9	68.8		9.4
Aug-Oct 2024	59.5	75.0	32.1	65.3	83.7	83.8	69.2		9.9
Nov-Jan 2025	59.5	75.0	30.4	65.6	83.5	84.2	69.0		10.1
Feb-Apr 2025	59.9	75.6	28.5	66.0	83.6	84.8	70.3		9.8
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	60.1	75.7	31.7	67.3	83.7	84.5	69.9		10.8
Change on quarter	0.3	0.1	3.2	1.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.4		1.0
Change on year	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	-0.2	0.6	1.1		1.5

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1. Data from Jun-Aug 2011 to Dec 2018-Feb 2019 have been modelled to make them consistent with the new populations introduced in Jan-Mar 2019

# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64		Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)							Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	1	2	Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers <sup>1</sup>	Retired	Other <sup>2</sup>	Does not want job	Wants a job
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<b>People</b>		LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2	
May-Jul 2023	9,190	2,414	1,639	187	2,736	21	1,090	1,101	7,432	1,758	
May-Jul 2024	9,411	2,469	1,742	218	2,835	36	1,055	1,054	7,541	1,870	
Aug-Oct 2024	9,333	2,466	1,685	198	2,795	25	1,095	1,068	7,412	1,921	
Nov-Jan 2025	9,268	2,419	1,653	221	2,812	26	1,061	1,074	7,294	1,973	
Feb-Apr 2025	9,187	2,462	1,606	170	2,796	38	1,036	1,080	7,199	1,988	
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	9,124	2,368	1,615	193	2,797	27	1,041	1,084	7,093	2,032	
Change on quarter	-63	-94	9	23	1	-11	5	4	-107	44	
Change %	-0.7	-3.8	0.6	13.4	0.0	-28.2	0.5	0.3	-1.5	2.2	
Change on year	-287	-102	-127	-26	-38	-9	-14	29	-449	162	
Change %	-3.0	-4.1	-7.3	-11.7	-1.3	-25.7	-1.4	2.8	-6.0	8.7	
<b>Men</b>		BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
May-Jul 2023	3,732	1,163	241	102	1,212	15	502	497	2,981	751	
May-Jul 2024	3,976	1,250	257	121	1,324	26	477	521	3,107	869	
Aug-Oct 2024	3,867	1,211	233	106	1,289	14	492	522	3,020	847	
Nov-Jan 2025	3,797	1,173	235	130	1,292	15	478	474	2,947	850	
Feb-Apr 2025	3,832	1,200	248	97	1,290	19	462	517	2,946	887	
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	3,775	1,170	215	94	1,309	14	474	500	2,859	916	
Change on quarter	-57	-30	-33	-3	19	-5	12	-17	-86	29	
Change %	-1.5	-2.5	-13.4	-2.8	1.5	-26.1	2.7	-3.3	-2.9	3.3	
Change on year	-200	-80	-42	-27	-15	-12	-3	-21	-248	47	
Change %	-5.0	-6.4	-16.5	-22.5	-1.1	-46.0	-0.6	-4.1	-8.0	5.4	
<b>Women</b>		LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5	
May-Jul 2023	5,458	1,251	1,399	85	1,524	6	588	605	4,451	1,006	
May-Jul 2024	5,435	1,219	1,486	97	1,511	10	578	533	4,434	1,001	
Aug-Oct 2024	5,466	1,255	1,452	92	1,506	12	603	546	4,392	1,074	
Nov-Jan 2025	5,471	1,246	1,418	91	1,520	12	583	600	4,347	1,124	
Feb-Apr 2025	5,355	1,261	1,358	73	1,507	19	574	563	4,254	1,101	
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	5,349	1,197	1,400	99	1,488	13	567	584	4,233	1,116	
Change on quarter	-6	-64	42	25	-18	-6	-7	21	-20	14	
Change %	-0.1	-5.1	3.1	34.7	-1.2	-30.2	-1.3	3.7	-0.5	1.3	
Change on year	-86	-22	-85	2	-23	3	-11	51	-201	115	
Change %	-1.6	-1.8	-5.7	1.6	-1.5	24.4	-1.9	9.5	-4.5	11.5	
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)											
<b>People</b>	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F	
May-Jul 2023	100.0	26.3	17.8	2.0	29.8	0.2	11.9	12.0	80.9	19.1	
May-Jul 2024	100.0	26.2	18.5	2.3	30.1	0.4	11.2	11.2	80.1	19.9	
Aug-Oct 2024	100.0	26.4	18.1	2.1	29.9	0.3	11.7	11.4	79.4	20.6	
Nov-Jan 2025	100.0	26.1	17.8	2.4	30.3	0.3	11.5	11.6	78.7	21.3	
Feb-Apr 2025	100.0	26.8	17.5	1.8	30.4	0.4	11.3	11.8	78.4	21.6	
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	100.0	26.0	17.7	2.1	30.7	0.3	11.4	11.9	77.7	22.3	
<b>Men</b>	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT	
May-Jul 2023	100.0	31.2	6.4	2.7	32.5	0.4	13.5	13.3	79.9	20.1	
May-Jul 2024	100.0	31.4	6.5	3.0	33.3	0.6	12.0	13.1	78.1	21.9	
Aug-Oct 2024	100.0	31.3	6.0	2.8	33.3	0.4	12.7	13.5	78.1	21.9	
Nov-Jan 2025	100.0	30.9	6.2	3.4	34.0	0.4	12.6	12.5	77.6	22.4	
Feb-Apr 2025	100.0	31.3	6.5	2.5	33.7	0.5	12.1	13.5	76.9	23.1	
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	100.0	31.0	5.7	2.5	34.7	0.4	12.6	13.2	75.7	24.3	
<b>Women</b>	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G	
May-Jul 2023	100.0	22.9	25.6	1.5	27.9	0.1	10.8	11.1	81.6	18.4	
May-Jul 2024	100.0	22.4	27.3	1.8	27.8	0.2	10.6	9.8	81.6	18.4	
Aug-Oct 2024	100.0	23.0	26.6	1.7	27.6	0.2	11.0	10.0	80.4	19.6	
Nov-Jan 2025	100.0	22.8	25.9	1.7	27.8	0.2	10.7	11.0	79.5	20.5	
Feb-Apr 2025	100.0	23.6	25.4	1.4	28.1	0.3	10.7	10.5	79.4	20.6	
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	100.0	22.4	26.2	1.8	27.8	0.2	10.6	10.9	79.1	20.9	

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

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1. Discouraged workers are those who are not looking for work because they believe no jobs are available.  
2. Other reasons include people who (i) are waiting the results of a job application, (ii) have not yet started looking for work, (iii) do not need or want employment, (iv) have given an uncategorised reason for being economically inactive, or (v) have not given a reason for being economically inactive.

# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 12 Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of people aged from 16 to 24

May-Jul 2025					United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted							
All aged 16 to 24					In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) <sup>1</sup>			
Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive		Total	Employed <sup>2</sup>	Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	Economically inactive	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

### Levels

People												
16-17	1,632	338	160	1,133	1,421	269	119	1,033	211	69	41	100
18-24	5,807	3,527	461	1,818	1,923	692	114	1,117	3,884	2,836	347	701
16-24	7,439	3,866	621	2,952	3,344	961	233	2,150	4,095	2,905	388	802
Men												
16-17	836	159	87	590	707	119	59	529	129	40	27	61
18-24	2,965	1,808	268	889	902	297	58	547	2,062	1,511	210	342
16-24	3,801	1,967	355	1,479	1,609	415	117	1,076	2,192	1,551	237	403
Women												
16-17	796	179	73	543	715	150	60	505	81	29	14	39
18-24	2,842	1,720	193	929	1,020	395	56	569	1,821	1,325	137	360
16-24	3,638	1,899	266	1,473	1,735	545	116	1,074	1,903	1,354	151	399

### Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	8	24	36	-51	16	19	30	-32	-8	5	6	-19
18-24	23	92	-40	-29	-64	-31	-17	-16	87	122	-23	-13
16-24	31	116	-4	-81	-48	-12	13	-49	79	127	-17	-32
Men												
16-17	4	14	18	-29	3	9	12	-18	1	5	7	-11
18-24	13	28	-18	3	-10	-13	9	-7	23	40	-27	10
16-24	17	42	0	-25	-7	-3	21	-24	24	45	-20	-1
Women												
16-17	4	10	17	-23	13	10	18	-15	-9	0	-1	-8
18-24	9	64	-22	-33	-54	-18	-26	-10	63	82	4	-23
16-24	13	73	-5	-55	-41	-9	-8	-24	55	82	3	-31

### Rates(%)<sup>3</sup>

People												
16-17	20.7	32.1	69.5		18.9	30.6	72.7		32.9	37.2		47.5
18-24	60.7	11.6	31.3		36.0	14.2	58.1		73.0	10.9		18.1
16-24	52.0	13.8	39.7		28.7	19.5	64.3		70.9	11.8		19.6
Men												
16-17	19.0	35.3	70.6		16.8	33.3	74.8		31.3	40.4		47.5
18-24	61.0	12.9	30.0		32.9	16.4	60.7		73.3	12.2		16.6
16-24	51.7	15.3	38.9		25.8	22.0	66.9		70.8	13.3		18.4
Women												
16-17	22.5	29.0	68.3		21.0	28.4	70.6		35.6	32.1		47.5
18-24	60.5	10.1	32.7		38.7	12.5	55.8		72.7	9.4		19.8
16-24	52.2	12.3	40.5		31.4	17.5	61.9		71.1	10.0		20.9

### Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	1.4	3.7	-3.5		1.1	4.3	-3.1		3.5	1.9		-6.9
18-24	1.3	-1.2	-0.6		-0.4	-1.2	1.0		1.6	-1.1		-0.7
16-24	1.3	-0.4	-1.3		0.1	1.1	-0.5		1.8	-0.9		-1.2
Men												
16-17	1.6	3.2	-3.8		1.3	3.0	-2.9		3.7	3.5		-8.7
18-24	0.7	-0.9	0.0		-1.0	2.7	-0.1		1.1	-1.7		0.3
16-24	0.9	-0.3	-0.8		-0.1	3.3	-1.2		1.3	-1.3		-0.2
Women												
16-17	1.1	4.2	-3.2		1.0	5.5	-3.4		3.5	-1.0		-4.4
18-24	2.1	-1.4	-1.3		0.2	-4.1	1.9		2.0	-0.3		-2.0
16-24	1.8	-0.6	-1.7		0.2	-0.8	0.1		2.3	-0.4		-2.3

Relationship between columns: 1=5+9; 2=6+10; 3=7+11.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who were not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table. Estimates of young people who were NEET are published separately at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peoplenotinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemployment/>

2. People in full-time education are employed if they have a part-time job or unemployed if they are looking for part-time employment.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployment.

# REDUNDANCIES

## 22 Redundancies: level<sup>1</sup> and rates<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
May-Jul 2023	105	3.6	55	3.8	50	3.5
May-Jul 2024	86	3.0	48	3.4	38	2.6
Aug-Oct 2024	99	3.4	60	4.2	38	2.6
Nov-Jan 2025	124	4.2	78	5.4	46	3.1
Feb-Apr 2025	102	3.5	72	4.9	30	2.0
<b>May-Jul 2025</b>	104	3.5	56	3.8	48	3.3
Change on quarter	2	0.1	-16	-1.1	18	1.2
Change %	2.3		-22.0		60.4	
Change on year	18	0.6	8	0.5	11	0.7
Change %	21.4		15.7		28.6	

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1. The redundancy level is the number of people who were made redundant in the three months prior to interview. The figure is not seasonally adjusted.
2. The redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the seasonally adjusted number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.