

Statistical bulletin

Public sector employment, UK: June 2025

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

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2 . Main points

- Employment in the public sector was estimated at 6.17 million in June 2025, an increase of 17,000 (0.3%) compared with March 2025, and an increase of 75,000 (1.2%) compared with June 2024.
- Employment in central government was a record high at an estimated 4.04 million in June 2025, an increase of 21,000 (0.5%) compared with March 2025 and an increase of 95,000 (2.4%) compared with June 2024; the main contributors to this increase were the NHS, some local authority schools becoming academies, and the Civil Service.
- Employment in the NHS was a record high at an estimated 2.07 million in June 2025, an increase of 9,000 (0.4%) compared with March 2025 and an increase of 42,000 (2.1%) compared with June 2024.
- Employment in local government was a record low at an estimated 1.97 million in June 2025, a decrease of 4,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2025 and a decrease of 21,000 (1.1%) compared with June 2024; some local authority schools becoming academies contributed to this decrease.
- The estimated employment changes between local government and central government because of academy conversions in June 2025 were 8,000 (1.1%) on the quarter and 33,000 (4.7%) on the year; this conversion is contributing toward the gains and losses in these sectors.
- Employment in public corporations was an estimated 154,000 in June 2025, the same as in March 2025 and an increase of 1,000 (0.7%) compared with June 2024.
- The Civil Service employed 551,000 people in June 2025, an increase of 1,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2025 and an increase of 5,000 (0.9%) compared with June 2024.

3 . Data on public sector employment

[Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 16 September 2025

Quarterly estimates of UK and regional public sector employment, made up of central government, local government, and public corporations.

[Public sector employment time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: PSE | Released 16 September 2025

Seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted quarterly time series of UK public sector employment, containing the latest estimates.

4 . Data sources and quality

Revisions to public sector employment

We aim to include scheduled revisions of public sector employment estimates for the entire data series in our next Public sector employment in the UK bulletin, publishing on 16 December 2025. Revisions will result from a regular annual review of the seasonal adjustment parameters and from taking on updated sources of additional information. This is an annual process, as outlined in our [PSE quality and methodology information \(QMI\)](#).

Labour Force Survey

Estimates of total employment and private sector employment are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) as part of this release.

Ongoing challenges with response rates and levels mean that LFS-based labour market statistics will be badged as official statistics in development and we advise caution when using the data, until further review. For more information, please see the Data sources and quality section of the [Employment in the UK: September 2025](#) release.

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](#).

Sources

The main source of public sector employment (PSE) data is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in our [PSE quality and methodology information \(QMI\)](#).

Full-time equivalents

While this bulletin focuses on headcount estimates of PSE, full-time equivalent estimates (based on the number of hours worked divided by the standard full-time hours) are available in our [accompanying PSE datasets](#).

Seasonal adjustment

All [PSE data time series](#) in this release, with the exception of the regional series, are seasonally adjusted to aid interpretation. Relationships that hold in the unadjusted series do not necessarily hold for the seasonally adjusted series. For example, total PSE equals the total of all public sector industry estimates before seasonal adjustment, but this is not necessarily true after seasonal adjustment.

Reclassifications between the public and private sectors

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are complicated by several major reclassifications. This is where bodies employing large numbers of people have moved between the public and private sectors. We produce estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications to help you understand underlying trends in employment. We publish these alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment in [Tables 5, 6a and 7a of the PSE datasets](#).

More quality and methodology information

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

Accredited official statistics

These accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in April 2022. They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in [the Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

5 . Related links

[Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 30 July 2025

Detailed information on the UK Civil Service workforce, including pay, diversity, and location. Responsibility for the collection and publication of this annual release was transferred from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to the Cabinet Office with effect from 1 October 2018.

[Public sector employment in Scotland](#)

Statistical release | Released 16 September 2025

Estimates of public sector employment (PSE) in Scotland, published quarterly by the Scottish Government on the same day as this bulletin.

[Quarterly Employment Survey](#)

Statistical release | Released 16 September 2025

Estimates of short-term employee jobs in Northern Ireland, including public and private sector employment estimates, published by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) on the same day as this bulletin.

[Local government employment](#)

Dataset | Released quarterly

Estimates of employment for each local authority in England and Wales, sourced from the ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), and published quarterly by the Local Government Association.

6 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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Table 1: Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

	United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted					
	General government					
	Central government	Local government	Total general government	Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
Mar 2023	3,774	1,999	5,773	193	5,966	521
Jun 2023	3,808	2,000	5,808	192	6,000	522
Sep 2023	3,860	1,999	5,859	196	6,055	529
Dec 2023	3,895	1,998	5,893	196	6,089	535
Mar 2024	3,927	1,997	5,924	192	6,116	544
Jun 2024 [r]	3,946	1,994	5,940	153	6,093	546
Sep 2024	3,977	1,989	5,966	157	6,123	548
Dec 2024	4,001	1,986	5,987	157	6,144	548
Mar 2025	4,020	1,977	5,997	154	6,151	550
Jun 2025	4,041	1,973	6,014	154	6,168	551
<i>Change on quarter</i>	21	-4	17	0	17	1
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	95	-21	74	1	75	5
<i>Change %</i>	2.4	-1.1	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.9

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey;
Office for National Statistics

Table 2: Public sector employment by industry; Headcount

	United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted								
	Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work				
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other public sector	Total public sector
	G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	G7AU
Mar 2023	34	153	280	1,159	1,634	1,938	210	555	5,966
Jun 2023	33	151	280	1,175	1,637	1,963	212	552	6,000
Sep 2023	34	150	281	1,184	1,657	1,983	209	559	6,055
Dec 2023	34	149	281	1,195	1,656	2,004	208	562	6,089
Mar 2024	35	149	282	1,208	1,655	2,017	206	563	6,116
Jun 2024 [r]	35	147	282	1,215	1,654	2,028	205	527	6,093
Sep 2024	35	148	282	1,222	1,660	2,041	205	530	6,123
Dec 2024	35	147	282	1,231	1,657	2,052	204	533	6,144
Mar 2025 [r]	36	148	282	1,236	1,659	2,061	204	527	6,151
Jun 2025	36	147	281	1,240	1,663	2,070	201	530	6,168
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0	-1	-1	4	4	9	-3	3	17
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	-1.5	0.6	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	1	0	-1	25	9	42	-4	3	75
<i>Change %</i>	2.9	0	-0.4	2.1	0.5	2.1	-2.0	0.6	1.2

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey;
Office for National Statistics

Table 3: Public sector employment by sector classification; Full-time equivalent

	United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted					
	General government					
	Central government	Local government	Total general government	Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	G7FP	G7FS	G7FV	G7FY	G7G3	G7G6
Mar 2023	3,291	1,569	4,860	183	5,043	489
Jun 2023	3,329	1,573	4,902	183	5,085	489
Sep 2023	3,348	1,575	4,923	187	5,110	496
Dec 2023	3,391	1,577	4,968	187	5,155	502
Mar 2024	3,422	1,577	4,999	183	5,182	511
Jun 2024 [r]	3,434	1,576	5,010	144	5,154	513
Sep 2024	3,456	1,574	5,030	149	5,179	515
Dec 2024	3,485	1,571	5,056	149	5,205	514
Mar 2025 [r]	3,490	1,567	5,057	146	5,203	516
Jun 2025	3,508	1,566	5,074	147	5,221	517
<i>Change on quarter</i>	18	-1	17	1	18	1
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	74	-10	64	3	67	4
<i>Change %</i>	2.2	-0.6	1.3	2.1	1.3	0.8

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey;
Office for National Statistics

Table 4: Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

	United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted								
	Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work				
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other public sector	Total public sector
	G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR	G7K2	G7G3
Mar 2023	-	153	270	1,005	1,221	1,720	162	488	5,043
Jun 2023	-	151	270	1,018	1,227	1,748	163	486	5,085
Sep 2023	-	150	271	1,023	1,230	1,755	162	490	5,110
Dec 2023	-	149	272	1,036	1,231	1,785	160	493	5,155
Mar 2024	-	149	272	1,052	1,232	1,799	160	494	5,182
Jun 2024 [r]	-	147	271	1,057	1,229	1,806	159	459	5,154
Sep 2024	-	148	272	1,059	1,234	1,816	159	463	5,179
Dec 2024	-	147	273	1,067	1,233	1,828	158	465	5,205
Mar 2025 [r]	-	148	273	1,075	1,235	1,830	158	461	5,203
Jun 2025	-	147	273	1,077	1,235	1,841	156	464	5,221
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-	-1	0	2	0	11	-2	3	18
<i>Change %</i>	-	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	-1.3	0.7	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-	0	2	20	6	35	-3	5	67
<i>Change %</i>	-	0.0	0.7	1.9	0.5	1.9	-1.9	1.1	1.3

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey;
Office for National Statistics

Table 5: Public and private sector employment; Headcount

	United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted								
	Public sector				Private sector				Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications
	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Total employment (thousands)	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
Mar 2023	5,966	17.8	27,507	82.2	33,473	5,689	17.0	27,784	83.0
Jun 2023	6,000	18.0	27,275	82.0	33,275	5,728	17.2	27,547	82.8
Sep 2023	6,055	18.1	27,316	81.9	33,371	5,777	17.3	27,594	82.7
Dec 2023	6,089	18.3	27,225	81.7	33,314	5,809	17.4	27,505	82.6
Mar 2024	6,116	18.3	27,228	81.7	33,344	5,836	17.5	27,508	82.5
Jun 2024 [r]	6,093	18.1	27,496	81.9	33,589	5,857	17.4	27,732	82.6
Sep 2024	6,123	18.1	27,655	81.9	33,778	5,879	17.4	27,899	82.6
Dec 2024	6,144	18.1	27,778	81.9	33,922	5,897	17.4	28,025	82.6
Mar 2025 [r]	6,151	18.1	27,860	81.9	34,011	5,908	17.4	28,103	82.6
Jun 2025	6,168	18.0	28,075	82.0	34,243	5,924	17.3	28,319	82.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	17	-0.1	215	0.1	232	16	-0.1	216	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	..	0.8	..	0.7	0.3	..	0.8	..
<i>Change on year</i>	75	-0.1	579	0.1	654	67	-0.1	587	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	..	2.1	..	1.9	1.1	..	2.1	..

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations;
Office for National Statistics

Table 6: Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																													
	United Kingdom		Great Britain		England		North East		North West		Yorkshire and The Humber		East Midlands		West Midlands		East		London		South East		South West		Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland	
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom (not seasonally adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland														
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002														
Mar 2023	5,979	5,966	5,742	4,820	261	693	516	386	484	459	813	710	498	323	599	226														
Jun 2023	5,998	6,000	5,760	4,838	262	697	517	389	487	461	817	710	499	323	599	226														
Sep 2023	6,045	6,055	5,808	4,884	264	705	522	391	491	466	825	718	503	324	600	225														
Dec 2023	6,090	6,089	5,850	4,917	266	708	524	393	494	470	834	722	506	328	605	227														
Mar 2024	6,131	6,116	5,891	4,954	269	712	530	394	499	471	841	728	510	330	607	230														
Jun 2024 [r]	6,088	6,093	5,851	4,926	267	706	527	394	496	469	834	724	509	329	596	226														
Sep 2024	6,110	6,123	5,874	4,950	269	711	527	395	499	472	840	728	508	329	595	226														
Dec 2024	6,143	6,144	5,904	4,975	270	715	529	397	502	472	845	733	511	331	598	230														
Mar 2025 [r]	6,167	6,151	5,926	4,996	271	721	531	399	506	473	849	735	511	332	599	231														
Jun 2025	6,163	6,168	5,923	4,996	271	721	528	399	507	473	850	735	511	331	596	232														
Change on year:	75	75	72	70	4	15	2	5	11	5	15	11	2	0	6															
Change %:	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.1	0.3	1.3	2.2	1.0	1.8	1.5	0.4	0.7	0.0	2.5														
% of total employment Jun 2025	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.2	22.9	19.7	19.5	16.8	17.3	15.6	15.6	15.6	16.7	24.1	22.3	26.4														

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

Table 6a: Regional public sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																													
	United Kingdom		Great Britain		England		North East		North West		Yorkshire and The Humber		East Midlands		West Midlands		East		London		South East		South West		Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland	
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom (not seasonally adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland														
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002														
Mar 2023	5,703	5,689	5,468	4,570	251	654	490	369	458	436	768	669	474	318	580	225														
Jun 2023	5,720	5,728	5,484	4,586	251	657	491	372	461	438	772	669	474	318	579	225														
Sep 2023	5,768	5,777	5,532	4,632	254	665	495	374	465	444	779	677	479	319	580	224														
Dec 2023	5,812	5,809	5,574	4,665	256	669	498	376	469	448	789	680	481	323	585	225														
Mar 2024	5,851	5,836	5,613	4,700	258	672	503	378	473	449	795	686	485	325	588	228														
Jun 2024 [r]	5,850	5,857	5,613	4,702	257	673	502	379	475	450	799	684	485	324	586	226														
Sep 2024	5,869	5,879	5,633	4,724	258	677	503	379	477	452	804	688	485	324	585	226														
Dec 2024	5,900	5,897	5,661	4,747	260	681	504	381	480	454	809	692	486	326	588	230														
Mar 2025 [r]	5,922	5,908	5,682	4,767	260	687	506	384	483	454	812	694	487	327	589	231														
Jun 2025	5,917	5,924	5,677	4,765	261	687	503	383	484	454	813</																			

Table 8: Civil Service employment by department, headcount ¹²

Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	June 2025						March 2025		Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Total	Total	
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,350	335	3,685	5,585	2,105	7,690	11,380	11,250	125
Business and Trade	4,860	295	5,155	4,620	1,115	5,735	10,890	10,615	275
Cabinet Office	2,695	180	2,870	2,890	480	3,370	6,240	6,900	-660
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,165	45	2,215	2,120	170	2,290	4,500	4,600	-100
Charity Commission	155	15	170	200	75	270	445	455	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	515	35	545	465	95	560	1,105	1,125	-20
Culture, Media and Sport	435	15	445	555	100	655	1,100	1,050	50
Defence	31,160	1,915	33,075	19,300	4,595	23,895	56,970	57,550	-575
Education	2,975	190	3,165	3,770	1,145	4,915	8,080	8,105	-25
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,310	100	2,410	2,160	320	2,480	4,890	4,780	110
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,415	505	5,920	5,795	2,040	7,840	13,760	13,855	-95
Estyn	45	10	55	70	15	85	140	140	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	305	5	310	220	35	250	560	570	-5
Food Standards Agency	695	75	770	690	95	785	1,555	1,570	-15
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,530	135	4,665	4,020	465	4,485	9,155	9,185	-30
Health and Social Care	3,585	255	3,840	5,720	1,265	6,985	10,820	10,665	160
HM Land Registry	2,185	510	2,690	2,405	1,840	4,245	6,935	6,890	45
HM Revenue and Customs	30,430	3,775	34,200	24,435	12,320	36,755	70,955	70,315	645
HM Treasury	1,265	70	1,340	1,140	205	1,345	2,685	2,730	-45
Chancellor's other departments	255	15	275	155	50	205	480	475	5
Home Office	21,700	1,900	23,605	19,700	6,490	26,190	49,795	49,560	235
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,135	190	2,325	2,055	545	2,605	4,930	4,925	5
Justice	36,425	4,155	40,580	42,995	12,275	55,270	95,850	95,930	-80
The National Archives	250	20	270	245	70	320	585	585	...
National Crime Agency	2,950	175	3,125	2,350	465	2,815	5,940	5,945	-5
Northern Ireland Office	70	..	75	80	5	85	160	160	...
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	595	45	640	1,160	240	1,400	2,040	2,005	35
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,120	30	1,155	880	105	985	2,140	2,165	-30
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	10	120	185	35	220	340	345	-5
Office of Rail and Road	185	20	205	130	25	155	360	365	...
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	60	..	60	60	15	75	135	135	...
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	0	25	15	..	20	45	45	...
Ofwat	165	10	175	160	30	190	370	395	-30
Science, Innovation and Technology	3,885	420	4,305	2,995	735	3,730	8,035	7,125	910
Transport	7,690	960	8,650	5,025	2,420	7,450	16,100	16,425	-325
UK Statistics Authority	1,965	565	2,530	1,910	1,175	3,085	5,610	5,565	45
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	..	25	45	45	...
Work and Pensions	31,160	5,145	36,305	33,095	26,325	59,420	95,730	95,725	...
Central Government Departments Total	209,830	22,145	231,975	199,375	79,505	278,880	510,855	510,270	585
Scottish Government	11,570	1,225	12,790	12,140	3,460	15,600	28,390	28,485	-95
Welsh Government	2,105	225	2,330	2,735	920	3,655	5,985	5,955	30
TOTAL	223,505	23,590	247,095	214,250	83,885	298,135	545,230	544,710	520

Change

	June 2025						March 2025		Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Total	Total	
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	40	..	45	90	..	95	140	145	..
Business and Trade	45	0	45	60	..	65	105	120	-15
Cabinet Office	5	0	5	5	0	5	15	..	15
Other Cabinet Office agencies	10	0	10	10	..	10	20	20	..
Charity Commission	..	0	..	0	0	0	..	..	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	0	..	..	0	..	5	15	-10
Culture, Media and Sport	5	0	5	10	0	10	15	10	5
Defence	10	..	10	..	..	5	20	20	0
Education	25	0	25	45	5	50	80	80	..
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	45	..	50	75	10	85	135	100	35
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	5	0	5	10	0	10	20	20	0
Food Standards Agency	5	0	5	10	5	15	20	15	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	130	..	130	100	5	105	240	260	-20
Health and Social Care	95	15	110	175	40	215	325	385	-65
HM Land Registry	..	0	..	5	..	10	10	..	10
HM Revenue and Customs	425	10	435	265	30	290	725	615	110
HM Treasury	15	0	15	10	..	10	25	20	5
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..
Home Office	375	20	395	480	65	545	940	1,095	-150
Housing, Communities and Local Government	15	0	15	15	0	15	30	25	5
Justice	200	20	220	315	50	365	585	595	-10
The National Archives	30	10	40	35	5	40	80	70	15
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	0	..	5	..	10	10	15	..
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	45	..	45	40	..	45	90	75	15
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	5	0	5	5	..	10	15	15	0
Office of Rail and Road	5	0	5	..	..	..	10	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ofwat	15	0	15	20	0	20	35	5	30
Science, Innovation and Technology	..	0	..	..	0	..	5	15	-10
Transport	65	..	70	40	..	45	115	125	-5
UK Statistics Authority	30	10	40	15	30	45	85	65	20
UK Supreme Court	5	0	5	5	..	5	15	10	..
Work and Pensions	530	15	545	600	75	675	1,225	1,165	60
Central Government Departments Total	2,225	115	2,340	2,470	340	2,810	5,150	5,110	40
Scottish Government	140	20	160	155	25	180	340	325	15
Welsh Government	..	0	..	5	0	5	10	5	..
TOTAL	2,360	135	2,500	2,635	365	3,000	5,495	5,440	55

Change

	June 2025						Total	Total	Total	Total	Change on Quarter					
	Male			Female												
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total										
All Employees	225,865	23,730	249,595	216,885	84,250	301,135	550,730	550,150	580	580	580					

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "...". Data not available are represented by "-".

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by ..
2 Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

Table 8: Civil Service employment by department, full-time equivalents

	Full-time equivalents, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted					
	June 2025			March 2025		
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Quarter	Total
Permanent Employees						
Attorney General's departments	3,585	7,080	10,665	10,545	120	
Business and Trade	5,065	5,425	10,490	10,225	270	
Cabinet Office	2,810	3,240	6,050	6,710	-660	
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,200	2,245	4,445	4,545	-100	
Charity Commission	165	250	420	430	-10	
Competition and Markets Authority	540	535	1,075	1,095	-20	
Culture, Media and Sport	440	625	1,065	1,015	50	
Defence	32,390	22,535	54,920	55,420	-495	
Education	3,125	4,630	7,755	7,780	-25	
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,390	2,395	4,785	4,675	110	
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,780	7,275	13,055	13,165	-110	
Estyn	55	80	130	130	0	
Export Credits Guarantee Department	310	245	550	555	-5	
Food Standards Agency	740	760	1,505	1,520	-15	
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,625	4,355	8,975	9,005	-30	
Health and Social Care	3,760	6,620	10,380	10,250	130	
HM Land Registry	2,520	3,710	6,225	6,190	35	
HM Revenue and Customs	32,990	33,000	65,995	65,350	640	
HM Treasury	1,315	1,285	2,600	2,645	-45	
Chancellor's other departments	270	195	465	460	5	
Home Office	23,005	24,280	47,285	47,095	190	
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,275	2,465	4,740	4,740	..	
Justice	38,785	50,940	89,725	89,835	-115	
The National Archives	255	290	550	555	-5	
National Crime Agency	3,065	2,690	5,755	5,760	-5	
Northern Ireland Office	70	85	155	160	..	
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	630	1,335	1,965	1,935	30	
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,145	960	2,110	2,135	-30	
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	115	215	330	335	-5	
Office of Rail and Road	200	150	345	350	..	
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	60	70	130	130	..	
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	20	45	45	..	
Ofwat	175	180	355	390	-35	
Science, Innovation and Technology	4,195	3,535	7,735	6,850	885	
Transport	8,330	6,640	14,975	15,255	-280	
UK Statistics Authority	2,330	2,720	5,045	4,990	55	
UK Supreme Court	20	25	45	40	..	
Work and Pensions	34,745	51,390	86,140	86,205	-65	
Central Government Departments Total	224,510	254,470	478,985	478,515	470	
Scottish Government	12,365	14,635	27,000	27,085	-85	
Welsh Government	2,250	3,400	5,650	5,625	30	
TOTAL	239,130	272,505	511,635	511,225	410	
Temporary/Casual Employees						
	Full-time equivalents, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted					
	June 2025			March 2025		
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Quarter	Total
Attorney General's departments	45	95	135	140	..	
Business and Trade	45	65	105	120	-10	
Cabinet Office	5	5	15	..	15	
Other Cabinet Office agencies	10	10	20	20	..	
Charity Commission	..	0	..	..	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	..	5	15	-10	
Culture, Media and Sport	5	10	15	10	5	
Defence	10	5	20	20	0	
Education	25	50	75	80	..	
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0	
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	50	80	130	95	35	
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	
Export Credits Guarantee Department	5	10	20	20	0	
Food Standards Agency	5	15	20	15	..	
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	130	105	235	255	-20	
Health and Social Care	105	195	300	355	-60	
HM Land Registry	..	10	10	..	10	
HM Revenue and Customs	430	285	715	605	110	
HM Treasury	15	10	25	20	5	
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	..	..	..
Home Office	390	525	910	1,065	-155	
Housing, Communities and Local Government	15	15	30	25	5	
Justice	210	345	555	560	..	
The National Archives	40	40	80	65	15	
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0	
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	5	10	15	..	
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	45	45	90	75	15	
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	5	10	15	15	0	
Office of Rail and Road	5	..	10	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0	
Ofwat	15	20	35	5	30	
Science, Innovation and Technology	..	..	5	15	-10	
Transport	70	45	115	120	-5	
UK Statistics Authority	35	35	70	60	10	
UK Supreme Court	5	5	15	10	..	
Work and Pensions	540	655	1,200	1,140	55	
Central Government Departments Total	2,295	2,700	4,995	4,945	50	
Scottish Government	150	175	325	305	20	
Welsh Government	..	5	10	5	..	
TOTAL	2,445	2,880	5,325	5,255	70	
	Full-time equivalents, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted					
	June 2025			March 2025		
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Quarter	Total
All Employees	241,575	275,385	516,950	516,470	480	

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "...". Data not available are represented by "-".

2 Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency¹

	June 2025		March 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Attorney General's departments						
Attorney General's Office	60	60	55	55	..	..
Crown Prosecution Service	7,650	7,145	7,595	7,100	50	50
Government Legal Department	3,235	3,030	3,160	2,965	70	70
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	25	25	25	25	..	..
Serious Fraud Office	550	540	555	545	-5	-5
Business and Trade						
Department for Business and Trade (excluding agencies)	5,995	5,885	5,940	5,830	55	55
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,095	1,010	1,075	990	20	20
Companies House	2,040	1,935	1,865	1,770	175	170
The Insolvency Service	1,870	1,765	1,855	1,755	15	10
Cabinet Office						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) ²	6,255	6,060	6,900	6,710	-645	-650
Other Cabinet Office agencies						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	1,860	1,860	1,975	1,975	-115	-115
Crown Commercial Service	730	705	715	690	20	15
Government Commercial Organisation	1,530	1,505	1,535	1,515	-10	-10
Government Property Agency	405	400	395	390	10	10
Charity Commission						
Charity Commission	445	420	460	430	-10	-10
Competition and Markets Authority						
Competition and Markets Authority	1,115	1,085	1,140	1,110	-25	-25
Culture, Media and Sport						
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	1,115	1,080	1,055	1,025	60	55
Defence						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	36,280	34,990	36,455	35,175	-175	-185
Defence Equipment and Support	10,655	10,200	10,965	10,415	-305	-215
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,970	4,785	5,055	4,870	-85	-85
Royal Fleet Auxiliary	1,645	1,645	1,640	1,640	5	5
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,470	2,390	2,480	2,405	-10	-10
UK Hydrographic Office	970	925	975	930	..	-5
Education						
Department for Education (excluding agencies) ³	7,660	7,350	7,215	6,920	445	425
Education and Skills Funding Agency ³	0	0	460	445	-460	-445
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education ⁴	0	0	270	265	-270	-265
Skills England ⁴	270	260	0	0	270	260
Standards and Testing Agency	145	140	140	135	..	..
Teaching Regulation Agency	85	80	100	95	-15	-15
Energy Security and Net Zero						
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	4,890	4,785	4,780	4,675	110	110
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	6,795	6,535	6,840	6,590	-50	-55
Animal and Plant Health Agency	3,395	3,220	3,370	3,195	20	25
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	655	620	660	625	..	..
Rural Payments Agency	2,860	2,625	2,895	2,665	-35	-40
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	195	190	190	185	5	5
Estyn						
Estyn	140	130	140	130	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	580	570	590	575	-5	-5
Food Standards Agency						
Food Standards Agency	1,575	1,520	1,585	1,535	-15	-10
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	8,115	7,980	8,150	8,020	-40	-40
FCDO Services	1,185	1,150	1,205	1,160	-15	-10
Wilton Park Executive Agency	90	85	90	85	..	..
Health and Social Care						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,700	3,580	3,700	3,580	0	..
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,530	1,490	1,485	1,450	45	45
UK Health Security Agency	5,915	5,605	5,865	5,580	50	30
HM Land Registry						
HM Land Registry	6,950	6,240	6,895	6,195	55	45
HM Revenue and Customs						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	67,575	62,855	66,950	62,225	625	630
Valuation Office Agency	4,110	3,855	3,980	3,730	130	125
HM Treasury						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies) ⁵	2,060	2,015	2,045	1,995	20	20
Government Internal Audit Agency	475	440	490	455	-15	-10
National Infrastructure Commission ⁵	0	0	45	45	-45	-45
Office for Budget Responsibility	50	50	50	50	..	0
UK Debt Management Office	120	120	120	120	..	..
Chancellor's other departments						
Government Actuary's Department	225	210	230	215	..	..
National Savings and Investments	260	255	250	245	10	10
Home Office						
Home Office	50,735	48,195	50,655	48,160	80	40
Housing, Communities and Local Government						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies)	3,895	3,780	3,900	3,790	-5	-10
Planning Inspectorate	1,015	940	1,000	920	20	20
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	50	50	..	..
Justice						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	8,275	8,060	8,235	8,020	40	40

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency¹

	June 2025		March 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	335	305	325	300	5	5
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	15,995	14,470	15,915	14,395	80	75
HM Prison and Probation Service	68,715	64,560	68,910	64,770	-195	-210
Legal Aid Agency	1,310	1,215	1,315	1,220	..	-5
Office of the Public Guardian	1,805	1,665	1,825	1,690	-20	-25
The National Archives						
The National Archives	670	625	650	620	20	10
National Crime Agency						
National Crime Agency	5,940	5,755	5,945	5,760	-5	-5
Northern Ireland Office						
Northern Ireland Office	160	155	160	160	..	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	2,050	1,975	2,020	1,950	30	25
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	2,230	2,200	2,240	2,210	-10	-15
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	355	345	360	350	-5	-5
Office of Rail and Road						
Office of Rail and Road	365	355	365	355	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotland)	135	130	135	130	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	45	45	45	45	..	..
Ofwat						
Ofwat	405	390	405	395	..	-5
Science, Innovation and Technology						
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (excluding agencies) ²	3,260	3,195	2,320	2,275	945	920
Building Digital UK	260	255	260	255	..	..
Intellectual Property Office	1,715	1,620	1,755	1,655	-40	-35
Met Office	2,480	2,350	2,485	2,355	..	-5
UK Space Agency	320	315	325	315	..	..
Transport						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,480	3,390	3,865	3,745	-385	-350
Active Travel England	90	85	85	80	..	..
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,125	5,465	6,150	5,480	-25	-15
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	5,040	4,720	4,965	4,640	75	80
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,245	1,205	1,250	1,205	-5	..
Vehicle Certification Agency	235	225	235	225	0	..
UK Statistics Authority						
UK Statistics Authority	5,695	5,120	5,630	5,050	65	70
UK Supreme Court						
UK Supreme Court	60	55	55	55	..	..
Work and Pensions						
Department for Work and Pensions (excluding agencies)	93,830	84,370	93,805	84,415	25	-40
Health and Safety Executive	3,120	2,965	3,085	2,930	35	35
Scottish Government						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	9,225	8,855	9,290	8,915	-65	-60
Accountant in Bankruptcy	110	100	115	105	..	..
Consumer Scotland	35	35	35	35	0	0
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,605	2,470	2,550	2,415	50	55
Disclosure Scotland	370	350	370	350	..	..
Education Scotland	375	365	380	365	..	..
Food Standards Scotland	285	275	280	270	..	..
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,105	1,055	1,110	1,060	-10	-5
National Records of Scotland	425	395	425	395	0	..
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	35	40	40	..	..
Registers of Scotland	1,140	1,095	1,145	1,095	..	..
Revenue Scotland	100	95	100	100	..	..
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	2,075	1,915	2,060	1,895	20	20
Scottish Fiscal Commission	25	25	25	25	0	0
Scottish Forestry	240	230	240	230	..	..
Scottish Housing Regulator	55	50	55	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	5,130	4,835	5,130	4,825	..	10
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	385	360	385	355	..	..
Social Security Scotland	4,190	4,000	4,250	4,060	-55	-60
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	245	235	245	235	..	..
Transport Scotland	570	555	580	565	-10	-10
Welsh Government						
Welsh Government (excluding agencies)	5,885	5,555	5,860	5,530	25	25
Welsh Revenue Authority	110	105	100	100	5	5
Total employment	550,730	516,950	550,150	516,470	580	480

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "..".

2 Around 930 employees from the Government Digital Service transferred from the Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology between March 2025 and June 2025.

3 The Education and Skills Funding Agency closed and all employees transferred to the Department for Education (excluding agencies) on 1 April 2025.

4 The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education closed and has been replaced with Skills England from 2 June 2025.

5 The National Infrastructure Commission closed and staff transferred to HM Treasury on 1 April 2025.

Table 10: Employment in Executive NDPBs^{1 2 3}

Permanent Employees	June 2025		March 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	610	590	620	590	..	..
Cabinet Office	190	170	190	180	-10	-10
Culture, Media and Sport	11,390	10,520	11,530	10,610	-130	-80
Defence	570	450	580	450	-10	..
Education	5,110	4,900	5,090	4,890	20	20
Energy Security and Net Zero	4,910	4,780	4,850	4,730	60	50
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	18,800	17,720	18,760	17,680	40	40
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,150	1,110	1,190	1,140	-40	-40
Health and Social Care	19,050	17,560	18,940	17,470	110	100
Home Office	2,850	2,650	2,740	2,530	110	120
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,140	2,100	2,100	2,060	40	40
Justice	2,760	2,620	2,720	2,580	40	40
Science, Innovation and Technology	9,510	9,150	9,510	9,160	..	-10
Transport	2,670	2,630	2,670	2,620	..	10
Work and Pensions	1,850	1,790	1,810	1,750	40	40
Central Government Departments Total	83,540	78,740	83,280	78,430	260	310
Scottish Government	11,640	10,870	11,770	10,900	-130	-30
Welsh Government	3,490	3,220	3,480	3,210	10	10
TOTAL	98,670	92,830	98,530	92,540	140	290
Temporary Employees	June 2025		March 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	40	40	30	30	..	..
Cabinet Office	10	10	10	10	..	..
Culture, Media and Sport	1,560	670	1,550	590	10	90
Defence	70	20	50	20	20	..
Education	150	150	130	120	30	30
Energy Security and Net Zero	80	80	90	80	-10	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	710	650	830	750	-120	-110
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health and Social Care	1,580	1,060	1,590	1,040	..	30
Home Office	90	80	180	180	-90	-100
Housing, Communities and Local Government	140	80	140	90	-10	-10
Justice	70	70	80	70	..	..
Science, Innovation and Technology	130	120	100	100	30	20
Transport	30	30	20	20	..	..
Work and Pensions	100	100	110	110	-10	-10
Central Government Departments Total	4,770	3,160	4,910	3,210	-140	-50
Scottish Government	690	600	550	480	140	120
Welsh Government	580	260	590	260	-10	..
TOTAL	6,040	4,020	6,040	3,950	-10	70
All NDPB Employees	104,710	96,850	104,570	96,490	140	360

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1. Includes Executive NDPBs with an employment of greater than 20.

2. Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten.

3. These figures do not include employees of ACAS, Health and Safety Executive, Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education, Office for Budget Responsibility.

These are Crown NDPBs, the employees of which are included as part of Civil Service headcounts.

4. Environment Agency includes all regional divisions.

Table 11: Employment in Academies

	England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted	
	Headcount	Full-time equivalent
Mar 2023	649	499
Jun 2023	654	503
Sep 2023	677	506
Dec 2023	683	510
Mar 2024	690	515
Jun 2024	700	522
Sep 2024	710	529
Dec 2024	717	533
Mar 2025	725	539
Jun 2025	733	545
Change on quarter	8	6
Change %	1.1	1.1
Change on year	33	23
Change %	4.7	4.4

Source: Office for National Statistics

1. Estimates of employment in academies are derived by matching the monthly Open Academies dataset with the annual School Workforce Census, both published by the Department for Education.
2. More detailed statistics on academies are available from the Department for Education
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-workforce>