

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: November 2025

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for the UK.

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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 July to September 2025, the estimated UK employment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points to 75.0%; the UK unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 5.0%; and the UK economic inactivity rate was largely unchanged at 21.0%, compared with April to June 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

The latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on interviews that took place from July to September 2025.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic 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 May 2021. Further information is available in our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators, UK: December 2024 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 the 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 July to September 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 key 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 the labour market publication in September 2025, we published an article on [Labour market quality](#). The article provides users with information about current response rates and known biases in LFS data, to help them 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 74,186 individuals in April to June 2025, to 75,757 individuals in July to September 2025, as shown in our [LFS performance and quality monitoring report: July to September 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: July to September 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
Employment (000s, aged 16+)	34,192	± 216	-22	± 184	417	± 311
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	75.0	± 0.5	-0.2	± 0.4	0.1	± 0.7
Unemployment (000s, aged 16+)	1,789	± 105	117	± 107	282	± 147
Unemployment rate (aged 16+)	5.0	± 0.3	0.3	± 0.3	0.7	± 0.4
Economically inactive (000s, aged 16 to 64)	9,080	± 183	7	± 161	-226	± 269
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)	21.0	± 0.4	0.0	± 0.4	-0.7	± 0.6
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,086.2	N/A	-6.4	N/A	1.8	N/A
Redundancies (000s, aged 16 years and over)	134	± 23	27	± 31	42	± 32
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16+)	4.5	N/A	0.9	N/A	1.3	N/A

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

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.

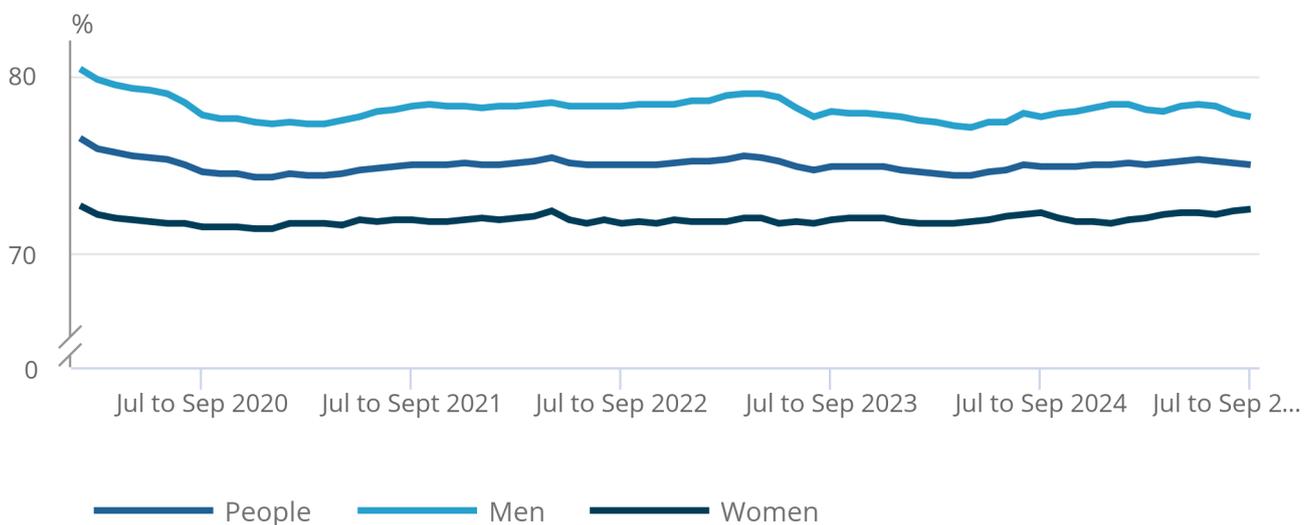
The employment rate decreased in the latest quarter (July to September 2025) but increased over the year.

Figure 1: The employment rate decreased 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 July to September 2025

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

In the latest quarter (July to September 2025) the decrease in employment was because of decreases in the number of full-time workers. Over the year since July to September 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 increased slightly in the latest quarter (July to September 2025) and increased over the year to 1.329 million (3.9% 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 decreased in the latest quarter (July to September 2025) but increased over the year. Both men's and women's working hours decreased in the latest quarter and men's working hours decreased while women's working hours increased over the year.

Average actual weekly hours worked decreased in the latest quarter and over the year.

6 . Unemployment

Following decreases since late 2013, the [unemployment](#) rate 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 (July to September 2025) and over the year since July to September 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 July to September 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 July to September 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.

In the latest quarter (July to September 2025), those unemployed for up to 6 months or over 12 months increased but the number of those unemployed between 6 and 12 months decreased. The number of people unemployed for up to 6 months, between 6 and 12 months, and over 12 months, increased over the year, since July to September 2024. The increase in the number of people unemployed in the latest quarter was the result of an increase in the number of unemployed men. We will explore this further as more data becomes available.

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 October 2025 increased on the month but decreased on the year to 1.696 million. Despite the increase in the latest month, the Claimant Count has generally been falling since a change to the Administrative Earnings Threshold (AET) in mid-2024, which added around 120,000 to the count.

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.

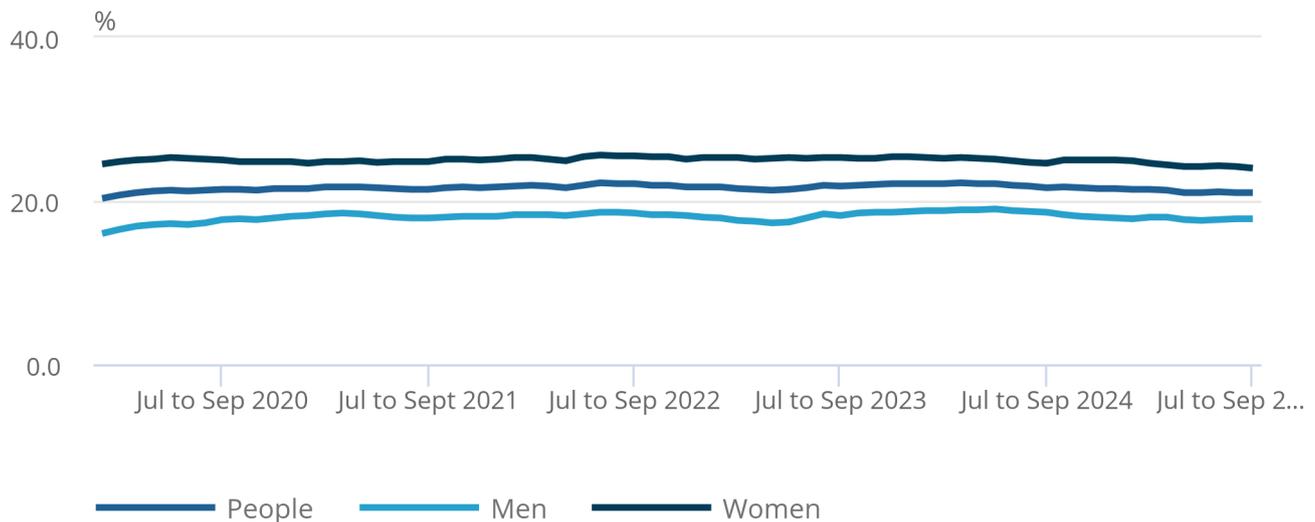
The economic inactivity rate was largely unchanged in the latest quarter (July to September 2025) and decreased over the year since July to September 2024.

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was largely unchanged 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 July to September 2025

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was largely unchanged 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 July to September 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 (July to September 2025), quarterly decreases in economic inactivity among those aged 16 to 24 and 50 to 64 years were largely offset by an increase among those aged 25 to 49 years. The annual decrease in inactivity was largely because of those aged 16 to 34 and 50 to 64 years. Those economically inactive aged 35 to 49 years increased over the year.

Quarterly decreases for those inactive because they are looking after family and home, or because they are students, were largely offset by increases for those who were long-term sick or discouraged. The annual decrease in economic inactivity since July to September 2024 was largely because of those who were students, looking after family and home, or retired.

8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview increased in the latest quarter, and over the year, to 4.5 per 1,000 employees, in July to September 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 . Labour Market Flows

Flows estimates show that there were net movements from economic inactivity into employment and unemployment, and from unemployment into employment, between April to June 2025 and July to September 2025.

There are differences between the data used for headline Labour Force Survey (LFS) aggregate estimates and the longitudinal data used to estimate the flows, which is based on a subset of the main LFS sample. Further information can be found in our [X02: Labour Force Survey flows estimates dataset](#).

10 . Data on employment in the UK

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

Dataset A05 SA | Released 11 November 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 11 November 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 11 November 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 11 November 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 11 November 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 11 November 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](#).

11 . 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. As 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](#) estimate measures 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.

12 . 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.

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 key 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](#), from tables accompanying this bulletin, and from 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.

13 . 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 key 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 6 November 2025

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

14 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/november2025/relateddata>

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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 LFS¹ indicators United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
			MGSL	LF20	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX
People								
Jul-Sep 2023	55,126	42,588	33,350	74.9	1,428	4.1	9,288	21.8
Jul-Sep 2024	55,771	43,001	33,775	74.9	1,507	4.3	9,307	21.6
Oct-Dec 2024	55,918	43,090	33,863	75.0	1,552	4.4	9,283	21.5
Jan-Mar 2025	56,065	43,178	33,975	75.0	1,614	4.5	9,229	21.4
Apr-Jun 2025	56,213	43,266	34,214	75.3	1,672	4.7	9,073	21.0
Jul-Sep 2025	56,351	43,341	34,192	75.0	1,789	5.0	9,080	21.0
Change on quarter	138	76	-22	-0.2	117	0.3	7	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.2	-0.1		7.0		0.1	
Change on year	580	340	417	0.1	282	0.7	-226	-0.7
Change %	1.0	0.8	1.2		18.7		-2.4	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Jul-Sep 2023	26,743	20,922	17,197	78.0	815	4.5	3,811	18.2
Jul-Sep 2024	27,079	21,143	17,312	77.7	811	4.5	3,929	18.6
Oct-Dec 2024	27,156	21,190	17,487	78.2	840	4.6	3,811	18.0
Jan-Mar 2025	27,233	21,238	17,485	78.1	863	4.7	3,833	18.0
Apr-Jun 2025	27,310	21,285	17,620	78.4	886	4.8	3,749	17.6
Jul-Sep 2025	27,382	21,326	17,533	77.7	1,002	5.4	3,790	17.8
Change on quarter	72	41	-88	-0.7	117	0.6	40	0.2
Change %	0.3	0.2	-0.5		13.2		1.1	
Change on year	303	183	220	0.0	191	0.9	-139	-0.8
Change %	1.1	0.9	1.3		23.6		-3.5	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Jul-Sep 2023	28,384	21,666	16,153	71.9	613	3.7	5,478	25.3
Jul-Sep 2024	28,692	21,859	16,463	72.3	696	4.1	5,378	24.6
Oct-Dec 2024	28,762	21,900	16,376	71.8	712	4.2	5,472	25.0
Jan-Mar 2025	28,832	21,940	16,491	72.0	751	4.4	5,396	24.6
Apr-Jun 2025	28,903	21,981	16,594	72.3	787	4.5	5,324	24.2
Jul-Sep 2025	28,969	22,015	16,660	72.5	787	4.5	5,290	24.0
Change on quarter	66	35	66	0.2	0	0.0	-34	-0.2
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.0		-0.6	
Change on year	277	157	197	0.2	91	0.5	-87	-0.6
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.2		13.1		-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.

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
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Jul-Sep 2023	33,350	60.5	1,428	4.1	20,349	36.9	31,893	74.9	1,407	4.2	9,288	21.8
Jul-Sep 2024	33,775	60.6	1,507	4.3	20,489	36.7	32,224	74.9	1,470	4.4	9,307	21.6
Oct-Dec 2024	33,863	60.6	1,552	4.4	20,503	36.7	32,298	75.0	1,508	4.5	9,283	21.5
Jan-Mar 2025	33,975	60.6	1,614	4.5	20,476	36.5	32,383	75.0	1,566	4.6	9,229	21.4
Apr-Jun 2025	34,214	60.9	1,672	4.7	20,327	36.2	32,566	75.3	1,627	4.8	9,073	21.0
Jul-Sep 2025	34,192	60.7	1,789	5.0	20,370	36.1	32,524	75.0	1,737	5.1	9,080	21.0
Change on quarter	-22	-0.2	117	0.3	43	0.0	-41	-0.2	110	0.3	7	0.0
Change %	-0.1		7.0		0.2		-0.1		6.8		0.1	
Change on year	417	0.1	282	0.7	-119	-0.6	300	0.1	267	0.7	-226	-0.7
Change %	1.2		18.7		-0.6		0.9		18.1		-2.4	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Jul-Sep 2023	17,197	64.3	815	4.5	8,731	32.6	16,317	78.0	794	4.6	3,811	18.2
Jul-Sep 2024	17,312	63.9	811	4.5	8,956	33.1	16,426	77.7	787	4.6	3,929	18.6
Oct-Dec 2024	17,487	64.4	840	4.6	8,829	32.5	16,573	78.2	806	4.6	3,811	18.0
Jan-Mar 2025	17,485	64.2	863	4.7	8,885	32.6	16,576	78.1	829	4.8	3,833	18.0
Apr-Jun 2025	17,620	64.5	886	4.8	8,804	32.2	16,682	78.4	854	4.9	3,749	17.6
Jul-Sep 2025	17,533	64.0	1,002	5.4	8,847	32.3	16,568	77.7	968	5.5	3,790	17.8
Change on quarter	-88	-0.5	117	0.6	43	0.1	-114	-0.7	114	0.7	40	0.2
Change %	-0.5		13.2		0.5		-0.7		13.4		1.1	
Change on year	220	0.1	191	0.9	-109	-0.8	142	0.0	180	0.9	-139	-0.8
Change %	1.3		23.6		-1.2		0.9		22.9		-3.5	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Jul-Sep 2023	16,153	56.9	613	3.7	11,618	40.9	15,576	71.9	612	3.8	5,478	25.3
Jul-Sep 2024	16,463	57.4	696	4.1	11,533	40.2	15,798	72.3	683	4.1	5,378	24.6
Oct-Dec 2024	16,376	56.9	712	4.2	11,674	40.6	15,726	71.8	702	4.3	5,472	25.0
Jan-Mar 2025	16,491	57.2	751	4.4	11,591	40.2	15,807	72.0	737	4.5	5,396	24.6
Apr-Jun 2025	16,594	57.4	787	4.5	11,523	39.9	15,884	72.3	773	4.6	5,324	24.2
Jul-Sep 2025	16,660	57.5	787	4.5	11,523	39.8	15,956	72.5	769	4.6	5,290	24.0
Change on quarter	66	0.1	0	0.0	0	-0.1	72	0.2	-4	0.0	-34	-0.2
Change %	0.4		0.0		0.0		0.5		-0.5		-0.6	
Change on year	197	0.1	91	0.5	-10	-0.4	158	0.2	86	0.5	-87	-0.6
Change %	1.2		13.1		-0.1		1.0		12.6		-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
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Jul-Sep 2023	388	25.0	79	16.9	1,085	69.9	3,327	58.9	430	11.4	1,891	33.5
Jul-Sep 2024	353	22.0	115	24.6	1,137	70.9	3,352	58.5	527	13.6	1,852	32.3
Oct-Dec 2024	327	20.3	146	30.8	1,140	70.7	3,385	58.8	495	12.8	1,873	32.6
Jan-Mar 2025	325	20.0	119	26.7	1,178	72.6	3,429	59.4	501	12.8	1,846	32.0
Apr-Jun 2025	337	20.7	155	31.6	1,137	69.8	3,513	60.6	479	12.0	1,807	31.2
Jul-Sep 2025	330	20.2	185	36.0	1,117	68.4	3,563	61.2	517	12.7	1,745	30.0
Change on quarter	-7	-0.5	30	4.4	-20	-1.3	49	0.6	38	0.7	-62	-1.2
Change %	-2.1		19.4		-1.7		1.4		7.9		-3.4	
Change on year	-23	-1.8	70	11.4	-20	-2.4	210	2.7	-11	-0.9	-107	-2.3
Change %	-6.5		61.3		-1.8		6.3		-2.0		-5.8	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Jul-Sep 2023	194	24.4	38	16.3	563	70.8	1,682	58.6	280	14.3	908	31.6
Jul-Sep 2024	156	18.9	62	28.6	604	73.5	1,674	57.3	331	16.5	916	31.4
Oct-Dec 2024	157	19.0	78	33.3	592	71.6	1,752	59.7	282	13.9	900	30.7
Jan-Mar 2025	145	17.5	68	31.9	618	74.4	1,783	60.5	281	13.6	884	30.0
Apr-Jun 2025	154	18.4	84	35.2	597	71.5	1,810	61.1	272	13.1	878	29.7
Jul-Sep 2025	151	18.1	98	39.3	587	70.3	1,800	60.5	319	15.1	855	28.7
Change on quarter	-3	-0.4	14	4.0	-9	-1.3	-10	-0.6	47	2.0	-23	-0.9
Change %	-1.9		16.6		-1.6		-0.5		17.3		-2.6	
Change on year	-5	-0.9	35	10.6	-17	-3.2	126	3.2	-11	-1.4	-60	-2.6
Change %	-3.0		56.4		-2.8		7.5		-3.4		-6.6	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Jul-Sep 2023	193	25.6	41	17.4	522	69.0	1,646	59.2	150	8.4	983	35.4
Jul-Sep 2024	197	25.2	53	21.1	533	68.1	1,678	59.7	197	10.5	936	33.3
Oct-Dec 2024	170	21.6	68	28.4	549	69.8	1,633	57.9	213	11.5	974	34.5
Jan-Mar 2025	180	22.8	51	22.0	560	70.8	1,646	58.2	221	11.8	962	34.0
Apr-Jun 2025	183	23.0	72	28.1	540	67.9	1,703	60.0	207	10.8	929	32.7
Jul-Sep 2025	179	22.4	88	33.0	530	66.5	1,762	61.8	197	10.1	890	31.2
Change on quarter	-4	-0.6	16	4.8	-10	-1.4	59	1.8	-9	-0.8	-39	-1.5
Change %	-2.4		22.7		-1.9		3.5		-4.5		-4.2	
Change on year	-18	-2.7	35	11.9	-3	-1.6	84	2.1	1	-0.4	-46	-2.1
Change %	-9.3		67.1		-0.6		5.0		0.3		-4.9	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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
People	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAY	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Jul-Sep 2023	7,731	85.4	272	3.4	1,047	11.6	11,038	84.4	360	3.2	1,677	12.8
Jul-Sep 2024	7,643	83.8	300	3.8	1,183	13.0	11,421	86.0	273	2.3	1,580	11.9
Oct-Dec 2024	7,643	83.7	327	4.1	1,165	12.8	11,430	85.8	297	2.5	1,600	12.0
Jan-Mar 2025	7,669	83.9	345	4.3	1,130	12.4	11,499	85.9	324	2.7	1,559	11.6
Apr-Jun 2025	7,716	84.3	317	3.9	1,120	12.2	11,515	85.7	369	3.1	1,551	11.5
Jul-Sep 2025	7,672	83.8	356	4.4	1,129	12.3	11,473	85.0	372	3.1	1,647	12.2
Change on quarter	-44	-0.5	39	0.5	9	0.1	-42	-0.7	3	0.0	96	0.7
Change %	-0.6		12.3		0.8		-0.4		0.8		6.2	
Change on year	29	0.0	56	0.7	-54	-0.6	52	-1.0	99	0.8	67	0.3
Change %	0.4		18.7		-4.6		0.5		36.3		4.2	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Jul-Sep 2023	3,947	89.3	138	3.4	336	7.6	5,658	89.2	169	2.9	519	8.2
Jul-Sep 2024	3,894	87.0	136	3.4	444	9.9	5,832	90.6	117	2.0	489	7.6
Oct-Dec 2024	3,927	87.6	171	4.2	385	8.6	5,820	90.1	133	2.2	509	7.9
Jan-Mar 2025	3,924	87.4	188	4.6	379	8.4	5,844	90.1	131	2.2	513	7.9
Apr-Jun 2025	3,973	88.3	172	4.2	355	7.9	5,869	90.1	148	2.5	496	7.6
Jul-Sep 2025	3,940	87.4	200	4.8	366	8.1	5,820	89.0	178	3.0	541	8.3
Change on quarter	-33	-0.8	27	0.7	11	0.2	-48	-1.1	30	0.5	46	0.7
Change %	-0.8		15.9		3.1		-0.8		20.0		9.2	
Change on year	46	0.4	63	1.4	-78	-1.8	-11	-1.6	61	1.0	52	0.7
Change %	1.2		46.6		-17.5		-0.2		52.2		10.6	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Jul-Sep 2023	3,784	81.7	134	3.4	711	15.4	5,380	80.0	191	3.4	1,158	17.2
Jul-Sep 2024	3,749	80.6	164	4.2	739	15.9	5,589	81.8	156	2.7	1,091	16.0
Oct-Dec 2024	3,716	79.9	156	4.0	780	16.8	5,610	81.7	163	2.8	1,091	15.9
Jan-Mar 2025	3,744	80.5	158	4.0	751	16.1	5,655	82.0	193	3.3	1,046	15.2
Apr-Jun 2025	3,743	80.5	145	3.7	765	16.4	5,646	81.6	221	3.8	1,055	15.2
Jul-Sep 2025	3,732	80.2	156	4.0	762	16.4	5,652	81.3	194	3.3	1,106	15.9
Change on quarter	-11	-0.2	11	0.3	-2	0.0	6	-0.3	-27	-0.4	51	0.7
Change %	-0.3		7.9		-0.3		0.1		-12.0		4.8	
Change on year	-17	-0.4	-7	-0.2	24	0.5	63	-0.5	38	0.6	15	-0.1
Change %	-0.5		-4.5		3.2		1.1		24.5		1.3	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Jul-Sep 2023	9,409	70.9	266	2.7	3,588	27.1	1,456	11.6	21	1.4	11,061	88.2
Jul-Sep 2024	9,456	71.3	256	2.6	3,554	26.8	1,551	12.1	36	2.3	11,182	87.6
Oct-Dec 2024	9,513	71.7	244	2.5	3,503	26.4	1,565	12.2	44	2.7	11,220	87.5
Jan-Mar 2025	9,461	71.4	277	2.8	3,517	26.5	1,592	12.4	48	2.9	11,247	87.3
Apr-Jun 2025	9,484	71.6	307	3.1	3,459	26.1	1,648	12.7	45	2.7	11,253	86.9
Jul-Sep 2025	9,487	71.7	307	3.1	3,442	26.0	1,668	12.8	52	3.0	11,289	86.8
Change on quarter	3	0.1	0	0.0	-16	-0.1	20	0.1	7	0.3	36	-0.1
Change %	0.0		0.1		-0.5		1.2		14.4		0.3	
Change on year	32	0.4	52	0.5	-112	-0.8	117	0.7	16	0.7	107	-0.8
Change %	0.3		20.2		-3.2		7.6		43.0		1.0	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Jul-Sep 2023	4,836	74.5	170	3.4	1,484	22.9	880	15.1	20	2.3	4,921	84.5
Jul-Sep 2024	4,871	75.1	141	2.8	1,476	22.7	886	14.9	24	2.6	5,027	84.7
Oct-Dec 2024	4,917	75.8	142	2.8	1,426	22.0	914	15.3	34	3.6	5,018	84.1
Jan-Mar 2025	4,880	75.3	162	3.2	1,439	22.2	908	15.2	34	3.6	5,053	84.3
Apr-Jun 2025	4,877	75.3	178	3.5	1,423	22.0	938	15.6	32	3.3	5,055	83.9
Jul-Sep 2025	4,857	75.1	173	3.4	1,440	22.3	964	15.9	35	3.5	5,057	83.5
Change on quarter	-20	-0.2	-4	-0.1	17	0.3	26	0.3	3	0.2	3	-0.4
Change %	-0.4		-2.3		1.2		2.8		8.0		0.1	
Change on year	-14	0.0	32	0.6	-36	-0.5	78	1.0	11	0.9	30	-1.2
Change %	-0.3		22.6		-2.4		8.9		46.4		0.6	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Jul-Sep 2023	4,574	67.5	96	2.1	2,104	31.1	577	8.6	1	0.1	6,140	91.4
Jul-Sep 2024	4,585	67.6	114	2.4	2,079	30.7	665	9.7	13	1.9	6,155	90.1
Oct-Dec 2024	4,596	67.8	102	2.2	2,078	30.7	651	9.5	10	1.5	6,202	90.4
Jan-Mar 2025	4,582	67.6	115	2.5	2,077	30.7	684	9.9	14	2.0	6,195	89.9
Apr-Jun 2025	4,608	68.0	130	2.7	2,035	30.1	710	10.3	13	1.9	6,199	89.6
Jul-Sep 2025	4,630	68.4	134	2.8	2,003	29.6	704	10.1	17	2.4	6,232	89.6
Change on quarter	23	0.4	4	0.1	-33	-0.5	-6	-0.1	4	0.6	34	0.1
Change %	0.5		3.4		-1.6		-0.9		29.6		0.5	
Change on year	46	0.8	20	0.4	-76	-1.1	39	0.4	5	0.5	77	-0.5
Change %	1.0		17.2		-3.7		5.8		36.6		1.3	

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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

People	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							Total Workers with second jobs		
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes ²	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				
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Jul-Sep 2023	33,350	28,842	4,361	89	58	24,805	8,545	21,823	7,019	2,927	1,434	1,166			
Jul-Sep 2024	33,775	29,253	4,346	121	56	25,262	8,513	22,284	6,968	2,913	1,433	1,262			
Oct-Dec 2024	33,863	29,304	4,390	103	67	25,419	8,444	22,386	6,917	2,955	1,435	1,267			
Jan-Mar 2025	33,975	29,381	4,396	134	64	25,409	8,567	22,381	7,001	2,947	1,449	1,317			
Apr-Jun 2025	34,214	29,642	4,407	112	53	25,624	8,590	22,619	7,024	2,945	1,462	1,321			
Jul-Sep 2025	34,192	29,629	4,391	108	65	25,567	8,625	22,564	7,065	2,923	1,467	1,329			
Change on quarter	-22	-13	-17	-4	12	-57	35	-54	41	-21	5	7			
Change %	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-3.5	23.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.7	0.3	0.5			
Change on year	417	376	45	-13	9	305	112	280	96	11	34	67			
Change %	1.2	1.3	1.0	-10.9	15.9	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.4	2.4	5.3			
Men		MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBF	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW			
Jul-Sep 2023	17,197	14,309	2,792	56	40	14,788	2,409	12,540	1,769	2,201	591	481			
Jul-Sep 2024	17,312	14,473	2,747	61	31	14,861	2,451	12,679	1,795	2,140	606	537			
Oct-Dec 2024	17,487	14,550	2,835	57	46	15,001	2,486	12,745	1,804	2,198	636	535			
Jan-Mar 2025	17,485	14,545	2,818	80	42	14,946	2,538	12,687	1,858	2,202	616	567			
Apr-Jun 2025	17,620	14,711	2,826	51	32	15,066	2,554	12,827	1,884	2,200	626	579			
Jul-Sep 2025	17,533	14,642	2,796	58	37	15,055	2,478	12,819	1,823	2,188	608	590			
Change on quarter	-88	-70	-30	7	5	-11	-77	-8	-61	-12	-18	11			
Change %	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	13.5	17.2	-0.1	-3.0	-0.1	-3.3	-0.6	-2.9	1.9			
Change on year	220	166	49	-3	6	194	26	140	28	48	1	53			
Change %	1.3	1.2	1.8	-4.9	19.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.6	2.2	0.2	9.8			
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY			
Jul-Sep 2023	16,153	14,533	1,569	33	18	10,017	6,136	9,283	5,250	726	843	684			
Jul-Sep 2024	16,463	14,779	1,599	60	25	10,401	6,062	9,605	5,174	772	827	725			
Oct-Dec 2024	16,376	14,754	1,555	46	21	10,418	5,958	9,641	5,113	756	799	732			
Jan-Mar 2025	16,491	14,836	1,578	55	22	10,463	6,028	9,694	5,142	746	833	750			
Apr-Jun 2025	16,594	14,931	1,581	60	21	10,558	6,036	9,792	5,139	744	837	743			
Jul-Sep 2025	16,660	14,987	1,595	50	28	10,512	6,147	9,746	5,242	735	860	739			
Change on quarter	66	56	14	-11	7	-46	112	-46	102	-9	23	-4			
Change %	0.4	0.4	0.9	-17.9	32.1	-0.4	1.9	-0.5	2.0	-1.2	2.7	-0.5			
Change on year	197	208	-4	-10	3	111	86	140	68	-37	33	14			
Change %	1.2	1.4	-0.3	-17.1	11.0	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.3	-4.8	4.0	1.9			
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³									
	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 leaving	Some other reason	Total ⁴	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	II or disabled	Student or at school			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
People	YCCB	YCCD	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ		
Jul-Sep 2023	1,647	5.7	347	21.1	461	143	697	8,453	802	9.5	5,904	389	1,307		
Jul-Sep 2024	1,528	5.2	361	23.6	443	155	568	8,402	903	10.7	5,866	386	1,196		
Oct-Dec 2024	1,486	5.1	373	25.1	377	141	594	8,352	857	10.3	5,885	394	1,165		
Jan-Mar 2025	1,562	5.3	385	24.6	436	133	608	8,450	881	10.4	5,841	470	1,214		
Apr-Jun 2025	1,579	5.3	378	24.0	442	156	603	8,486	904	10.7	5,827	464	1,236		
Jul-Sep 2025	1,624	5.5	393	24.2	444	165	622	8,532	867	10.2	5,899	461	1,243		
Change on quarter	45	0.2	14	0.2	2	9	19	46	-37	-0.5	72	-3	7		
Change %	2.8		3.8		0.5	5.6	3.2	0.5	-4.1		1.2	-0.6	0.6		
Change on year	96	0.3	31	0.5	1	9	54	130	-36	-0.6	33	75	47		
Change %	6.3		8.7		0.2	6.0	9.5	1.6	-4.0		0.6	19.5	4.0		
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD		
Jul-Sep 2023	745	5.2	156	21.0	196	87	306	2,361	316	13.4	1,334	147	551		
Jul-Sep 2024	729	5.0	200	27.5	181	78	269	2,401	404	16.8	1,342	166	470		
Oct-Dec 2024	696	4.8	195	28.0	168	69	265	2,440	376	15.4	1,407	157	484		
Jan-Mar 2025	703	4.8	189	26.9	175	68	270	2,475	389	15.7	1,374	177	516		
Apr-Jun 2025	743	5.1	198	26.6	171	96	279	2,510	378	15.1	1,416	184	512		
Jul-Sep 2025	764	5.2	192	25.2	198	85	289	2,430	349	14.4	1,390	162	506		
Change on quarter	21	0.2	-5	-1.4	28	-11	10	-79	-29	-0.7	-26	-22	-6		
Change %	2.8		-2.7		16.2	-11.6	3.4	-3.2	-7.7		-1.9	-12.0	-1.3		
Change on year	36	0.2	-8	-2.4	18	7	19	29	-54	-2.4	48	-5	35		
Change %	4.9		-4.1		9.9	8.5	7.2	1.2	-13.5		3.6	-2.9	7.5		
Women	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD		
Jul-Sep 2023	902	6.2	190	21.1	265	56	391	6,093	485	8.0	4,571	242	756		
Jul-Sep 2024	799	5.4	161	20.1	263	77	299	6,000	499	8.3	4,524	220	726		
Oct-Dec 2024	789	5.3	179	22.6	210	72	329	5,912	481	8.1	4,477	237	681		
Jan-Mar 2025	859	5.8	196	22.8	261	64	338	5,975	492	8.2	4,467	293	698		
Apr-Jun 2025	835	5.6	181	21.6	271	60	323	5,976	526	8.8	4,411	280	724		
Jul-Sep 2025	859	5.7	200	23.3	246	80	333	6,101	518	8.5	4,509	300	738		
Change on quarter	24	0.1	20	1.7	-26	20	10	125	-8	-0.3	98	19	13		
Change %	2.8		10.9		-9.5	33.1	3.0	2.1	-1.6		2.2	6.9	1.9		
Change on year	60	0.3	40	3.2	-17	3	34	101	19	0.2	-16	80	12		
Change %	7.5		24.6		-6.5	3.5	11.5	1.7	3.7		-0.3	36.4	1.7		

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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).

- The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.
- 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.
- These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees.
- 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) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Jul-Sep 2023	1,049.4	31.5	36.2	16.2	9.4
Jul-Sep 2024	1,084.4	32.1	36.9	16.8	9.4
Oct-Dec 2024	1,077.2	31.8	36.5	16.6	9.2
Jan-Mar 2025	1,082.1	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.4
Apr-Jun 2025	1,092.6	31.9	36.6	16.6	9.4
Jul-Sep 2025	1,086.2	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-6.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	2.0
<i>Change on year</i>	1.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	-1.1	-1.0	-1.5	2.1
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Jul-Sep 2023	600.2	34.9	37.6	15.8	9.9
Jul-Sep 2024	617.6	35.7	38.6	16.3	10.4
Oct-Dec 2024	613.0	35.1	38.0	15.9	10.0
Jan-Mar 2025	614.9	35.2	38.0	16.0	10.0
Apr-Jun 2025	620.0	35.2	38.1	16.1	10.0
Jul-Sep 2025	617.5	35.2	38.1	16.1	10.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-2.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.6
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	0.1	0.0	-0.5	5.7
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	-1.3	-1.2	-1.7	1.7
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Jul-Sep 2023	449.3	27.8	34.2	16.4	9.1
Jul-Sep 2024	466.8	28.4	34.5	17.0	8.7
Oct-Dec 2024	464.2	28.3	34.3	16.9	8.7
Jan-Mar 2025	467.2	28.3	34.4	16.7	8.9
Apr-Jun 2025	472.6	28.5	34.4	16.8	9.0
Jul-Sep 2025	468.7	28.1	34.2	16.7	8.9
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-3.9	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-0.8	-1.2	-0.6	-0.2	-1.5
<i>Change on year</i>	1.9	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	-0.8	-0.7	-1.4	1.9

Source: Labour Force Survey

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.

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7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Jul-Sep 2024									
Less than 6 Hours	1.3	0.9	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	3.5	2.4	5.3
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.7	8.5	5.2	3.1	7.3	10.6	5.8	18.8
16 up to 30 hours	19.0	10.8	27.6	18.2	9.3	26.9	25.2	19.3	35.2
31 up to 45 hours	59.3	64.9	53.3	62.1	68.5	56.0	40.2	46.3	29.9
Over 45 hours	14.4	19.7	8.8	13.5	18.5	8.6	20.5	26.2	10.9
Total (thousands)	33,775	17,312	16,463	29,253	14,473	14,779	4,346	2,747	1,599
Apr-Jun 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.2	2.7	6.8
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.8	8.6	5.3	3.2	7.5	11.3	6.8	19.4
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.9	27.1	18.0	9.6	26.2	24.1	17.7	35.5
31 up to 45 hours	60.1	65.4	54.4	63.1	69.0	57.3	40.1	47.4	26.9
Over 45 hours	13.7	18.8	8.2	12.7	17.6	7.9	20.4	25.4	11.4
Total (thousands)	34,214	17,620	16,594	29,642	14,711	14,931	4,407	2,826	1,581
Jul-Sep 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.0	2.8	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.7	5.4	3.2	7.5	11.6	6.8	20.0
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.5	26.9	17.7	9.1	26.2	23.8	17.8	34.2
31 up to 45 hours	59.8	65.2	54.2	62.8	68.8	56.9	40.0	46.8	28.2
Over 45 hours	14.2	19.5	8.5	13.2	18.3	8.3	20.6	25.8	11.4
Total (thousands)	34,192	17,533	16,660	29,629	14,642	14,987	4,391	2,796	1,595

¹ 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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Employment by country of birth and nationality

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[EMP06 Dataset](#)

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[A12 Dataset](#)

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

People	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64						
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	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
Jul-Sep 2023	1,428	4.1	943	233	251	17.6	133	1,407	4.2	935	229	242	17.2	125
Jul-Sep 2024	1,507	4.3	919	248	340	22.5	150	1,470	4.4	903	240	328	22.3	139
Oct-Dec 2024	1,552	4.4	958	271	323	20.8	157	1,508	4.5	922	262	324	21.5	151
Jan-Mar 2025	1,614	4.5	993	270	352	21.8	173	1,566	4.6	976	264	325	20.8	165
Apr-Jun 2025	1,672	4.7	973	322	378	22.6	161	1,627	4.8	961	314	352	21.7	150
Jul-Sep 2025	1,789	5.0	1,039	299	451	25.2	182	1,737	5.1	1,013	288	436	25.1	171
Change on quart	117	0.3	66	-22	73	2.6	21	110	0.3	52	-26	84	3.5	20
Change %	7.0		6.8	-6.9	19.3		12.8	6.8		5.4	-8.2	23.8		13.5
Change on year	282	0.7	120	51	111	2.6	32	267	0.7	110	48	108	2.8	31
Change %	18.7		13.1	20.6	32.6		21.4	18.1		12.2	20.0	33.0		22.5
Men			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWX	YBYB
Jul-Sep 2023	815	4.5	536	123	156	19.1	99	794	4.6	526	118	150	18.9	92
Jul-Sep 2024	811	4.5	476	132	203	25.0	93	787	4.6	462	124	201	25.5	89
Oct-Dec 2024	840	4.6	481	154	205	24.4	101	806	4.6	454	148	205	25.4	98
Jan-Mar 2025	863	4.7	513	141	209	24.3	105	829	4.8	503	135	191	23.0	100
Apr-Jun 2025	886	4.8	472	180	234	26.4	104	854	4.9	464	172	218	25.5	95
Jul-Sep 2025	1,002	5.4	539	190	273	27.3	121	968	5.5	520	179	268	27.7	114
Change on quart	117	0.6	67	10	39	0.9	18	114	0.7	56	7	51	2.2	19
Change %	13.2		14.2	5.7	16.9		17.0	13.4		12.1	4.3	23.2		20.1
Change on year	191	0.9	63	58	70	2.2	28	180	0.9	58	55	67	2.2	26
Change %	23.6		13.3	44.1	34.5		30.4	22.9		12.5	44.3	33.6		28.9
Women			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Jul-Sep 2023	613	3.7	407	110	95	15.5	34	612	3.8	409	111	92	15.1	33
Jul-Sep 2024	696	4.1	443	116	137	19.6	57	683	4.1	440	116	127	18.6	51
Oct-Dec 2024	712	4.2	477	117	117	16.5	56	702	4.3	468	114	120	17.1	54
Jan-Mar 2025	751	4.4	479	129	142	18.9	68	737	4.5	474	129	134	18.2	65
Apr-Jun 2025	787	4.5	501	142	144	18.3	57	773	4.6	497	142	135	17.4	55
Jul-Sep 2025	787	4.5	500	110	177	22.5	60	769	4.6	493	109	168	21.8	57
Change on quart	0	0.0	-1	-32	33	4.2	3	-4	0.0	-4	-33	33	4.4	1
Change %	0.0		-0.2	-22.8	23.2		5.2	-0.5		-0.8	-23.3	24.8		2.1
Change on year	91	0.5	57	-7	41	2.9	4	86	0.5	52	-7	41	3.2	6
Change %	13.1		12.9	-6.0	29.9		6.6	12.6		11.9	-6.0	32.2		11.5
	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	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
People			YBKD	YBKG	YBKJ	YBXM	YBXP			YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYC
Jul-Sep 2023	79	16.9	61	16	*	*	*	490	11.4	294	81	55	12.8	29
Jul-Sep 2024	115	24.6	89	16	10	8.9	*	527	13.6	355	73	99	18.8	22
Oct-Dec 2024	146	30.8	98	34	14	9.4	*	495	12.8	336	71	88	17.9	39
Jan-Mar 2025	119	26.7	79	32	7	6.1	*	501	12.8	324	73	105	20.9	33
Apr-Jun 2025	155	31.6	107	36	12	7.9	*	479	12.0	292	79	107	22.4	36
Jul-Sep 2025	185	36.0	138	29	19	10.0	*	517	12.7	307	73	137	26.4	40
Change on quart	30	4.4	31	-7	6	2.2	*	38	0.7	14	-6	29	4.0	4
Change %	19.4		28.6	-19.3	52.3		*	7.9		4.9	-7.1	27.2		10.6
Change on year	70	11.4	49	13	8	1.1	*	-11	-0.9	-48	0	37	7.6	18
Change %	61.3		55.1	82.6	81.9		*	-2.0		-13.6	0.3	37.8		78.7
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXC	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Jul-Sep 2023	38	16.3	33	6	*	*	*	280	14.3	189	51	40	14.2	24
Jul-Sep 2024	62	28.6	46	9	7	12.0	*	331	16.5	211	47	73	22.0	16
Oct-Dec 2024	78	33.3	49	18	11	13.9	*	282	13.9	168	50	64	22.7	32
Jan-Mar 2025	68	31.9	47	17	*	*	*	281	13.6	158	41	82	29.1	23
Apr-Jun 2025	84	35.2	57	20	6	7.6	*	272	13.1	146	51	75	27.6	24
Jul-Sep 2025	98	39.3	68	19	10	10.2	*	319	15.1	174	53	92	28.9	29
Change on quart	14	4.0	11	-1	4	2.7	*	47	2.0	28	2	17	1.3	5
Change %	16.6		19.7	-5.0	57.7		*	17.3		19.1	4.3	22.7		20.1
Change on year	35	10.6	22	10	3	-1.8	*	-11	-1.4	-37	6	19	6.8	13
Change %	56.4		48.7	115.3	33.4		*	-3.4		-17.4	12.9	26.6		84.3
Women			YBKF	YBKI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Jul-Sep 2023	41	17.4	29	11	*	*	*	150	8.4	105	30	15	10.2	*
Jul-Sep 2024	53	21.1	43	7	*	*	*	197	10.5	144	26	26	13.4	7
Oct-Dec 2024	68	28.4	49	16	*	*	*	213	11.5	167	21	24	11.5	7
Jan-Mar 2025	51	22.0	32	16	*	*	*	221	11.8	166	32	23	10.4	10
Apr-Jun 2025	72	28.1	50	16	6	8.2	*	207	10.8	146	28	32	15.6	12
Jul-Sep 2025	88	33.0	70	10	9	9.8	*	197	10.1	133	20	44	22.5	11
Change on quart	16	4.8	19	-6	3	1.6	*	-9	-0.8	-14	-8	12	6.9	-1
Change %	22.7		38.8	-38.1	46.5		*	-4.5		-9.3	-27.9	37.6		-7.6
Change on year	35	11.9	27	3	*	*	*	1	-0.4	-12	-6	18	9.1	5
Change %	67.1		62.0	40.0	*	*	*	0.3		-8.1	-22.5	68.9		66.2

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		Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months		All		Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYO	YBYT	YBVT	YBVV	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Jul-Sep 2023	632	3.3	443	83	106	16.8	57	287	2.6	145	53	89	30.9	47
Jul-Sep 2024	572	2.9	338	100	135	23.5	66	292	2.6	137	60	96	32.8	60
Oct-Dec 2024	624	3.2	372	115	137	21.9	74	288	2.5	153	51	84	29.1	45
Jan-Mar 2025	669	3.4	411	108	150	22.4	83	325	2.9	179	57	90	27.7	56
Apr-Jun 2025	686	3.4	392	143	151	22.0	73	353	3.1	181	64	107	30.4	51
Jul-Sep 2025	728	3.7	414	126	187	25.7	78	359	3.1	180	71	108	30.1	62
Change on quart	42	0.2	22	-17	36	3.7	5	7	0.1	-1	7	1	-0.3	11
Change %	6.1		5.7	-11.6	24.0		7.1	1.9		-0.7	11.0	1.0		21.1
Change on year	155	0.7	76	26	53	2.2	12	67	0.5	43	11	12	-2.7	2
Change %	27.1		22.5	26.4	39.1		18.1	23.0		31.7	19.2	13.0		3.3
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBYX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Jul-Sep 2023	307	3.1	226	25	56	18.2	43	190	3.2	88	41	61	32.0	31
Jul-Sep 2024	253	2.5	142	41	70	27.7	41	165	2.8	77	35	53	31.9	35
Oct-Dec 2024	304	3.0	173	54	78	25.6	42	176	2.9	91	32	53	29.9	27
Jan-Mar 2025	318	3.2	201	46	72	22.5	47	196	3.3	107	37	52	26.5	35
Apr-Jun 2025	320	3.2	170	72	79	24.6	43	209	3.5	99	37	74	35.1	36
Jul-Sep 2025	377	3.7	202	75	100	26.5	50	208	3.4	95	42	71	34.2	43
Change on quart	57	0.6	33	3	21	1.9	6	-1	0.0	-5	6	-2	-0.9	7
Change %	17.8		19.2	4.6	26.8		14.4	-0.7		-4.9	15.9	-3.3		18.3
Change on year	124	1.2	60	34	30	-1.3	9	43	0.7	17	7	18	2.3	8
Change %	49.2		42.4	84.4	42.4		21.0	26.0		22.1	21.0	35.1		23.3
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Jul-Sep 2023	325	3.4	216	58	50	15.5	14	97	1.8	57	12	28	28.8	15
Jul-Sep 2024	320	3.3	196	59	65	20.2	25	127	2.4	59	25	43	33.9	25
Oct-Dec 2024	319	3.3	199	61	59	18.4	32	112	2.1	62	19	31	27.8	18
Jan-Mar 2025	350	3.6	210	62	78	22.3	36	129	2.4	72	19	38	29.4	21
Apr-Jun 2025	366	3.7	222	71	72	19.8	29	143	2.6	82	27	34	23.5	15
Jul-Sep 2025	350	3.6	212	51	87	24.9	28	151	2.8	86	29	37	24.5	19
Change on quart	-15	-0.1	-10	-20	15	5.2	-1	8	0.1	4	1	3	1.0	4
Change %	-4.1		-4.6	-28.0	20.9		-3.8	5.8		4.5	4.4	10.4		28.0
Change on year	31	0.3	16	-8	23	4.7	3	24	0.4	26	4	-6	-9.4	-6
Change %	9.6		8.1	-13.5	35.4		13.2	19.2		44.3	16.5	-14.0		-24.7

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
Economically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Jul-Sep 2023	34,777	33,300	466	3,758	8,004	11,397	9,675	1,477
Jul-Sep 2024	35,282	33,695	468	3,879	7,943	11,693	9,711	1,587
Oct-Dec 2024	35,415	33,807	473	3,880	7,970	11,727	9,757	1,608
Jan-Mar 2025	35,589	33,949	443	3,931	8,014	11,822	9,739	1,641
Apr-Jun 2025	35,886	34,193	492	3,992	8,033	11,884	9,791	1,694
Jul-Sep 2025	35,981	34,261	515	4,079	8,028	11,845	9,795	1,720
Change on quarter	95	69	23	87	-5	-39	3	26
Change %	0.3	0.2	4.7	2.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	1.6
Change on year	699	567	48	200	85	151	83	133
Change %	2.0	1.7	10.2	5.1	1.1	1.3	0.9	8.4
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jul-Sep 2023	18,012	17,112	232	1,962	4,085	5,827	5,006	900
Jul-Sep 2024	18,123	17,214	218	2,005	4,030	5,948	5,012	909
Oct-Dec 2024	18,327	17,379	235	2,034	4,098	5,953	5,059	948
Jan-Mar 2025	18,348	17,405	213	2,064	4,112	5,975	5,042	943
Apr-Jun 2025	18,506	17,536	237	2,082	4,145	6,017	5,054	970
Jul-Sep 2025	18,535	17,536	248	2,120	4,140	5,998	5,030	999
Change on quarter	29	0	11	37	-5	-19	-24	29
Change %	0.2	0.0	4.6	1.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	2.9
Change on year	412	322	31	115	109	50	18	89
Change %	2.3	1.9	14.0	5.7	2.7	0.8	0.4	9.8
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Jul-Sep 2023	16,766	16,188	234	1,796	3,918	5,571	4,670	577
Jul-Sep 2024	17,159	16,481	250	1,874	3,913	5,745	4,699	678
Oct-Dec 2024	17,088	16,428	238	1,846	3,872	5,774	4,698	660
Jan-Mar 2025	17,242	16,544	231	1,867	3,902	5,848	4,697	698
Apr-Jun 2025	17,380	16,657	255	1,910	3,888	5,867	4,737	723
Jul-Sep 2025	17,446	16,725	267	1,960	3,888	5,847	4,764	721
Change on quarter	66	68	12	50	0	-20	27	-2
Change %	0.4	0.4	4.7	2.6	0.0	-0.3	0.6	-0.3
Change on year	288	244	17	85	-25	102	65	43
Change %	1.7	1.5	6.8	4.5	-0.6	1.8	1.4	6.4

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Jul-Sep 2023	63.1	78.2	30.1	66.5	88.4	87.2	72.9	11.8
Jul-Sep 2024	63.3	78.4	29.1	67.7	87.0	88.1	73.2	12.4
Oct-Dec 2024	63.3	78.5	29.3	67.4	87.2	88.0	73.6	12.5
Jan-Mar 2025	63.5	78.6	27.4	68.0	87.6	88.4	73.5	12.7
Apr-Jun 2025	63.8	79.0	30.2	68.8	87.8	88.5	73.9	13.1
Jul-Sep 2025	63.9	79.0	31.6	70.0	87.7	87.8	74.0	13.2
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	0.1
Change on year	0.6	0.7	2.4	2.3	0.6	-0.3	0.8	0.8
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jul-Sep 2023	67.4	81.8	29.2	68.4	92.4	91.8	77.1	15.5
Jul-Sep 2024	66.9	81.4	26.5	68.6	90.1	92.4	77.3	15.3
Oct-Dec 2024	67.5	82.0	28.4	69.3	91.4	92.1	78.0	15.9
Jan-Mar 2025	67.4	82.0	25.6	70.0	91.6	92.1	77.8	15.7
Apr-Jun 2025	67.8	82.4	28.5	70.3	92.1	92.4	78.0	16.1
Jul-Sep 2025	67.7	82.2	29.7	71.3	91.9	91.7	77.7	16.5
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.2	1.3	0.9	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.4
Change on year	0.8	0.8	3.2	2.6	1.8	-0.7	0.5	1.2
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Jul-Sep 2023	59.1	74.7	31.0	64.6	84.6	82.8	68.9	8.6
Jul-Sep 2024	59.8	75.4	31.9	66.7	84.1	84.0	69.3	9.9
Oct-Dec 2024	59.4	75.0	30.2	65.5	83.2	84.1	69.3	9.6
Jan-Mar 2025	59.8	75.4	29.2	66.0	83.9	84.8	69.3	10.1
Apr-Jun 2025	60.1	75.8	32.1	67.3	83.6	84.8	69.9	10.4
Jul-Sep 2025	60.2	76.0	33.5	68.8	83.6	84.1	70.4	10.4
Change on quarter	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.7	0.5	-0.1
Change on year	0.4	0.6	1.6	2.1	-0.5	0.1	1.1	0.5

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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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People		Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers ¹	Retired	Other ²	Does not want job	Wants a job
Jul-Sep 2023	9,288	2,480	1,694	188	2,739	22	1,079	1,087	7,483	1,805
Jul-Sep 2024	9,307	2,483	1,654	199	2,792	28	1,079	1,072	7,390	1,916
Oct-Dec 2024	9,283	2,467	1,662	215	2,771	30	1,075	1,064	7,315	1,968
Jan-Mar 2025	9,229	2,457	1,632	178	2,779	32	1,063	1,089	7,248	1,981
Apr-Jun 2025	9,073	2,336	1,617	202	2,785	26	1,020	1,088	7,059	2,014
Jul-Sep 2025	9,080	2,304	1,582	190	2,822	43	1,036	1,103	6,981	2,100
Change on quarter	7	-33	-35	-12	37	17	16	15	-78	85
Change %	0.1	-1.4	-2.1	-5.8	1.3	67.4	1.6	1.4	-1.1	4.2
Change on year	-226	-179	-72	-9	31	15	-43	30	-410	183
Change %	-2.4	-7.2	-4.4	-4.6	1.1	52.6	-4.0	2.8	-5.5	9.6
Men		BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Jul-Sep 2023	3,811	1,226	247	79	1,239	13	503	504	3,044	766
Jul-Sep 2024	3,929	1,242	227	106	1,309	17	495	533	3,048	881
Oct-Dec 2024	3,811	1,187	230	123	1,309	15	473	474	2,956	855
Jan-Mar 2025	3,833	1,213	242	102	1,280	15	471	511	2,954	879
Apr-Jun 2025	3,749	1,169	229	105	1,260	13	466	508	2,866	884
Jul-Sep 2025	3,790	1,148	221	92	1,338	26	479	485	2,841	949
Change on quarter	40	-21	-8	-13	79	13	13	-23	-25	65
Change %	1.1	-1.8	-3.6	-12.0	6.2	106.1	2.8	-4.5	-0.9	7.4
Change on year	-139	-94	-6	-14	30	9	-16	-48	-207	68
Change %	-3.5	-7.6	-2.7	-13.2	2.3	54.1	-3.2	-9.0	-6.8	7.7
Women		LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Jul-Sep 2023	5,478	1,254	1,447	109	1,499	9	576	583	4,439	1,039
Jul-Sep 2024	5,378	1,240	1,427	93	1,483	11	584	539	4,343	1,035
Oct-Dec 2024	5,472	1,280	1,432	92	1,462	15	602	590	4,360	1,112
Jan-Mar 2025	5,396	1,244	1,390	76	1,499	17	592	578	4,294	1,102
Apr-Jun 2025	5,324	1,167	1,388	97	1,525	13	554	579	4,193	1,131
Jul-Sep 2025	5,290	1,156	1,361	98	1,484	17	557	617	4,140	1,150
Change on quarter	-34	-11	-26	1	-41	4	3	38	-53	20
Change %	-0.6	-1.0	-1.9	0.8	-2.7	30.0	0.6	6.5	-1.3	1.7
Change on year	-87	-84	-66	5	1	6	-27	78	-203	115
Change %	-1.6	-6.8	-4.6	5.3	0.1	50.5	-4.6	14.5	-4.7	11.1
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Jul-Sep 2023	100.0	26.7	18.2	2.0	29.5	0.2	11.6	11.7	80.6	19.4
Jul-Sep 2024	100.0	26.7	17.8	2.1	30.0	0.3	11.6	11.5	79.4	20.6
Oct-Dec 2024	100.0	26.6	17.9	2.3	29.8	0.3	11.6	11.5	78.8	21.2
Jan-Mar 2025	100.0	26.6	17.7	1.9	30.1	0.3	11.5	11.8	78.5	21.5
Apr-Jun 2025	100.0	25.8	17.8	2.2	30.7	0.3	11.2	12.0	77.8	22.2
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	25.4	17.4	2.1	31.1	0.5	11.4	12.1	76.9	23.1
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEEU	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jul-Sep 2023	100.0	32.2	6.5	2.1	32.5	0.3	13.2	13.2	79.9	20.1
Jul-Sep 2024	100.0	31.6	5.8	2.7	33.3	0.4	12.6	13.6	77.6	22.4
Oct-Dec 2024	100.0	31.2	6.0	3.2	34.4	0.4	12.4	12.4	77.6	22.4
Jan-Mar 2025	100.0	31.6	6.3	2.6	33.4	0.4	12.3	13.3	77.1	22.9
Apr-Jun 2025	100.0	31.2	6.1	2.8	33.6	0.3	12.4	13.6	76.4	23.6
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	30.3	5.8	2.4	35.3	0.7	12.6	12.8	75.0	25.0
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Jul-Sep 2023	100.0	22.9	26.4	2.0	27.4	0.2	10.5	10.6	81.0	19.0
Jul-Sep 2024	100.0	23.1	26.5	1.7	27.6	0.2	10.9	10.0	80.8	19.2
Oct-Dec 2024	100.0	23.4	26.2	1.7	26.7	0.3	11.0	10.8	79.7	20.3
Jan-Mar 2025	100.0	23.1	25.8	1.4	27.8	0.3	11.0	10.7	79.6	20.4
Apr-Jun 2025	100.0	21.9	26.1	1.8	28.6	0.2	10.4	10.9	78.8	21.2
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	21.8	25.7	1.8	28.0	0.3	10.5	11.7	78.3	21.7

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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 uncategoryed 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

Jul-Sep 2025

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

All aged 16 to 24				In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) ¹			
Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Total	Employed ²	Unemployed ²	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	330	185	1,117	1,413	260	143	1,010	219	70	43	107
18-24	5,824	3,563	517	1,745	1,884	699	131	1,054	3,940	2,864	386	691
16-24	7,456	3,892	702	2,862	3,297	958	274	2,065	4,160	2,934	428	798

Men

16-17	836	151	98	587	708	114	69	525	128	37	28	63
18-24	2,975	1,800	319	855	892	302	75	516	2,082	1,498	245	339
16-24	3,811	1,951	417	1,443	1,601	416	144	1,041	2,210	1,535	273	402

Women

16-17	796	179	88	530	704	145	74	485	92	33	14	44
18-24	2,850	1,762	197	890	992	397	56	539	1,858	1,366	141	351
16-24	3,646	1,941	285	1,420	1,696	542	130	1,024	1,950	1,399	155	396

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	3	-7	30	-20	17	-3	34	-15	-14	-5	-4	-5
18-24	25	49	38	-62	-45	-5	20	-59	69	54	18	-3
16-24	28	42	68	-82	-28	-8	54	-74	56	49	14	-8

Men

16-17	2	-3	14	-9	16	2	16	-1	-14	-4	-2	-8
18-24	14	-10	47	-23	-10	2	27	-39	24	-12	20	16
16-24	16	-13	61	-33	6	4	42	-41	10	-17	19	8

Women

16-17	2	-4	16	-10	1	-4	19	-13	0	0	-2	3
18-24	11	59	-9	-39	-34	-7	-7	-20	45	66	-2	-19
16-24	12	55	7	-49	-33	-12	12	-33	45	66	-5	-16

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	20.2	36.0	68.4		18.4	35.5	71.5		31.9	37.8	48.7	
18-24	61.2	12.7	30.0		37.1	15.8	56.0		72.7	11.9	17.5	
16-24	52.2	15.3	38.4		29.1	22.2	62.6		70.5	12.7	19.2	

Men

16-17	18.1	39.3	70.3		16.1	37.7	74.1		28.7	43.6	49.2	
18-24	60.5	15.1	28.7		33.8	19.8	57.8		71.9	14.0	16.3	
16-24	51.2	17.6	37.9		26.0	25.7	65.0		69.5	15.1	18.2	

Women

16-17	22.4	33.0	66.5		20.6	33.6	68.9		36.3	30.0	48.1	
18-24	61.8	10.1	31.2		40.0	12.5	54.3		73.5	9.3	18.9	
16-24	53.2	12.8	38.9		32.0	19.3	60.4		71.8	10.0	20.3	

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	-0.5	4.4	-1.3		-0.4	6.2	-1.9		-0.1	-0.7	0.7	
18-24	0.6	0.7	-1.2		0.6	2.1	-1.8		0.1	0.3	-0.4	
16-24	0.4	1.1	-1.2		0.0	3.7	-1.7		0.2	0.2	-0.5	

Men

16-17	-0.4	4.0	-1.3		-0.1	5.5	-1.9		-0.3	1.4	-0.8	
18-24	-0.6	2.0	-0.9		0.7	6.0	-3.7		-1.4	1.1	0.6	
16-24	-0.5	2.3	-1.0		0.2	5.9	-2.8		-1.1	1.0	0.3	

Women

16-17	-0.6	4.8	-1.4		-0.6	6.7	-2.0		-0.4	-3.3	3.1	
18-24	1.8	-0.8	-1.5		0.6	-1.1	-0.1		1.8	-0.6	-1.5	
16-24	1.3	0.0	-1.5		-0.1	1.7	-0.8		1.8	-0.7	-1.3	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

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/peopleinwork/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: level¹ and rates²

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Jul-Sep 2023	75	2.6	40	2.8	35	2.4
Jul-Sep 2024	92	3.2	58	4.0	34	2.3
Oct-Dec 2024	114	3.9	70	4.8	44	3.0
Jan-Mar 2025	110	3.8	76	5.2	34	2.3
Apr-Jun 2025	107	3.6	62	4.3	45	3.0
Jul-Sep 2025	134	4.5	78	5.3	56	3.7
Change on quarter	27	0.9	16	1.1	11	0.7
Change %	25.5		26.1		24.5	
Change on year	42	1.3	20	1.3	21	1.4
Change %	45.4		35.3		62.3	

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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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.