

Statistical bulletin

# Public sector employment, UK: September 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 6.18 million in September 2025, an increase of 7,000 (0.1%) compared with June 2025, and an increase of 62,000 (1.0%) compared with September 2024.
- Employment in central government was a record high at an estimated 4.05 million in September 2025, an increase of 5,000 (0.1%) compared with June 2025 and an increase of 72,000 (1.8%) compared with September 2024; the main contributors to this increase were some local authority schools becoming academies, and the Civil Service.
- Employment in the NHS remained unchanged on the quarter at an estimated record high of 2.07 million in September 2025, this was an increase of 28,000 (1.4%) compared with September 2024.
- Employment in local government was a joint record low at an estimated 1.97 million in September 2025; this was unchanged compared with June 2025 and a decrease of 15,000 (0.8%) compared with September 2024.
- The estimated employment changes between local government and central government because of academy conversions in September 2025 were 9,000 (1.2%) on the quarter; local government would have increased on the quarter and central government would have decreased on the quarter without these conversions.
- Employment in public corporations was an estimated 161,000 in September 2025, an increase of 2,000 (1.3%) compared with June 2025 and an increase of 5,000 (3.2%) compared with September 2024; part of the annual increase is affected by a minor reclassification between March 2025 and June 2025.
- The Civil Service employed 554,000 people in September 2025, an increase of 3,000 (0.5%) compared with June 2025 and an increase of 6,000 (1.1%) compared with September 2024.

## 3 . Data on public sector employment

### [Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 16 December 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 December 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

This Public sector employment UK bulletin includes revisions to public sector employment estimates back to the start of the series in 1999. Revisions to the full time series from 1999 onwards result from a review of the seasonal adjustment parameters. Revisions from March 2024 onwards result from taking on updated sources of additional information. This is a regular annual process, as outlined in our [Public sector employment quality and methodology information \(QMI\) report](#), which aims to improve the quality of our estimates.

### 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: December 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

Public sector employment (PSE) statistics are derived from a range of sources. The primary source is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), which comprises three separate data collections: the home Civil Service, local authorities in England and Wales, and Great Britain public corporations and non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in our [PSE QMI report](#).

The QPSES response rate for each separate collection is:

- 100% for Civil Service
- 93% for local authorities
- 96% for public corporations and NDPBs

## 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](#).

Data collected for our public sector employment estimates are collected from a range of providers. These include through ONS surveys, devolved administration surveys, and admin sources, a full list of which can be found in our [PSE QMI report](#). Data collected through the ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES) ask organisations for total headcount estimates and full-time equivalent (FTE) estimates based on an employee's contracted hours, regardless of contract type. However, some data collected by other agencies include FTE estimates based on an employee's actual worked hours during the survey reference period. We are working with suppliers to investigate the impact and next steps.

## 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 QMI report](#).

## 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 December 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 December 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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These tables show data for the last two years, and to improve the readability of these tables on the printed page, most of the footnotes have been removed. A complete time series including footnotes are available from the PSE Datasets (Excel Spreadsheet) at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/datasets/publicsectoremploymentreferencetable>

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Table 1: Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted						
	General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	Central government	Local government	Total general government			
	G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW			
Jun 2023 [r]	3,811	2,001	5,812	195	6,007	522
Sep 2023 [r]	3,861	1,998	5,859	196	6,055	529
Dec 2023 [r]	3,896	1,998	5,894	195	6,089	535
Mar 2024 [r]	3,926	1,997	5,923	193	6,116	544
Jun 2024 [r]	3,947	1,995	5,942	154	6,096	546
Sep 2024 [r]	3,978	1,988	5,966	156	6,122	548
Dec 2024 [r]	4,004	1,986	5,990	157	6,147	548
Mar 2025 [r]	4,023	1,977	6,000	154	6,154	550
Jun 2025 [r]	4,045	1,973	6,018	159	6,177	551
Sep 2025	4,050	1,973	6,023	161	6,184	554
Change on quarter	5	0	5	2	7	3
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.5
Change on year	72	-15	57	5	62	6
Change %	1.8	-0.8	1.0	3.2	1.0	1.1

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			Other public sector	Total public sector
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work		
	G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ		
Jun 2023 [r]	33	151	280	1,175	1,636	1,962	212	554	6,007
Sep 2023 [r]	34	150	281	1,184	1,657	1,984	209	559	6,055
Dec 2023 [r]	34	149	281	1,195	1,657	2,004	208	561	6,089
Mar 2024 [r]	35	149	282	1,208	1,655	2,017	206	564	6,116
Jun 2024 [r]	35	147	282	1,216	1,652	2,027	205	528	6,096
Sep 2024 [r]	35	148	282	1,221	1,664	2,041	205	530	6,122
Dec 2024 [r]	35	147	282	1,230	1,661	2,052	204	533	6,147
Mar 2025 [r]	36	148	282	1,236	1,662	2,061	204	527	6,154
Jun 2025 [r]	35	147	281	1,240	1,664	2,069	203	535	6,177
Sep 2025	35	148	282	1,248	1,666	2,069	201	538	6,184
Change on quarter	0	1	1	8	2	0	-2	3	7
Change %	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	-1.0	0.6	0.1
Change on year	0	0	0	27	2	28	-4	8	62
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.1	1.4	-2.0	1.5	1.0

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			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	Central government	Local government	Total general government			
	G7FP	G7FS	G7FV			
Jun 2023 [r]	3,328	1,573	4,901	185	5,086	489
Sep 2023 [r]	3,351	1,574	4,925	187	5,112	496
Dec 2023 [r]	3,390	1,576	4,966	186	5,152	502
Mar 2024 [r]	3,423	1,576	4,999	184	5,183	511
Jun 2024 [r]	3,433	1,576	5,009	147	5,156	513
Sep 2024 [r]	3,460	1,574	5,034	149	5,183	515
Dec 2024 [r]	3,484	1,571	5,055	148	5,203	514
Mar 2025 [r]	3,492	1,567	5,059	147	5,206	516
Jun 2025 [r]	3,511	1,565	5,076	151	5,227	517
Sep 2025	3,520	1,565	5,085	153	5,238	520
Change on quarter	9	0	9	2	11	3
Change %	0.3	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.2	0.6
Change on year	60	-9	51	4	55	5
Change %	1.7	-0.6	1.0	2.7	1.1	1.0

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				Education	Health and social work		Other public sector	Total public sector
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration		National Health Service	Other health and social work		
	G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR	G7K2	G7G3
Jun 2023 [r]	-	151	270	1,018	1,226	1,745	163	488	5,086
Sep 2023 [r]	-	150	271	1,023	1,230	1,759	162	490	5,112
Dec 2023 [r]	-	149	272	1,036	1,232	1,783	160	492	5,152
Mar 2024 [r]	-	149	272	1,052	1,232	1,799	159	494	5,183
Jun 2024 [r]	-	147	271	1,057	1,229	1,805	159	463	5,156
Sep 2024 [r]	-	148	272	1,059	1,236	1,818	159	463	5,183
Dec 2024 [r]	-	147	273	1,067	1,236	1,828	158	465	5,203
Mar 2025 [r]	-	148	273	1,075	1,237	1,830	158	461	5,206
Jun 2025 [r]	-	147	273	1,076	1,238	1,841	157	470	5,227
Sep 2025	-	148	273	1,080	1,239	1,843	156	471	5,238
Change on quarter	-	1	0	4	1	2	-1	1	11
Change %	-	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.2
Change on year	-	0	1	21	3	25	-3	8	55
Change %	-	0.0	0.4	2.0	0.2	1.4	-1.9	1.7	1.1

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		Total employment (thousands)	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications	
	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage		Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
Jun 2023 [r]	6,007	18.1	27,268	81.9	33,275	5,729	17.2	27,546	82.8
Sep 2023 [r]	6,055	18.1	27,316	81.9	33,371	5,778	17.3	27,593	82.7
Dec 2023 [r]	6,089	18.3	27,225	81.7	33,314	5,808	17.4	27,506	82.6
Mar 2024 [r]	6,116	18.3	27,228	81.7	33,344	5,838	17.5	27,506	82.5
Jun 2024 [r]	6,096	18.1	27,493	81.9	33,589	5,858	17.4	27,731	82.6
Sep 2024 [r]	6,122	18.1	27,656	81.9	33,778	5,883	17.4	27,895	82.6
Dec 2024 [r]	6,147	18.1	27,775	81.9	33,922	5,900	17.4	28,022	82.6
Mar 2025 [r]	6,154	18.1	27,857	81.9	34,011	5,912	17.4	28,099	82.6
Jun 2025 [r]	6,177	18.0	28,066	82.0	34,243	5,931	17.3	28,312	82.7
Sep 2025	6,184	18.1	28,042	81.9	34,226	5,939	17.4	28,287	82.6
Change on quarter	7	0.1	-24	-0.1	-17	8	0.1	-25	-0.1
Change %	0.1	..	-0.1	..	0.0	0.1	..	-0.1	..
Change on year	62	0.0	386	0.0	448	56	0.0	392	0.0
Change %	1.0	..	1.4	..	1.3	1.0	..	1.4	..

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 (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
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002
Jun 2023 [r]	5,998	6,007	5,761	4,839	262	697	517	389	487	461	817	710	499	323	599	226
Sep 2023 [r]	6,046	6,055	5,809	4,884	264	705	522	391	491	466	825	718	503	324	600	225
Dec 2023 [r]	6,090	6,089	5,851	4,918	266	709	524	393	494	470	834	722	506	328	605	227
Mar 2024 [r]	6,132	6,116	5,893	4,955	269	712	530	394	499	471	841	728	510	330	608	230
Jun 2024 [r]	6,088	6,096	5,852	4,927	267	706	527	394	496	469	835	724	509	329	597	226
Sep 2024 [r]	6,114	6,122	5,878	4,953	269	712	528	395	501	473	840	727	508	329	596	226
Dec 2024 [r]	6,147	6,147	5,908	4,979	271	716	530	397	504	473	845	733	510	331	598	230
Mar 2025 [r]	6,171	6,154	5,931	5,000	271	722	532	400	507	473	849	735	511	332	600	231
Jun 2025 [r]	6,168	6,177	5,929	5,001	272	721	532	399	508	474	850	735	510	331	597	232
Sep 2025	6,176	6,184	5,941	5,010	273	724	534	398	510	476	851	734	511	332	598	229
Change on year:	62	62	62	57	3	12	7	2	9	3	11	7	3	3	2	3
Change %:	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.8	0.6	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.4	1.3
% of total employment Sep 2025	18.0	18.1	17.9	17.2	22.5	19.4	19.7	16.6	17.5	15.4	15.9	15.7	16.9	23.9	22.2	26.8
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 (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
Jun 2023 [r]		5,721	5,729	5,485	4,587	251	657	491	372	461	438	772	669	474	318	580	225
Sep 2023 [r]		5,768	5,778	5,533	4,632	254	665	495	374	465	444	780	677	479	319	581	224
Dec 2023 [r]		5,812	5,808	5,575	4,665	256	669	498	376	469	448	789	681	481	323	586	225
Mar 2024 [r]		5,852	5,838	5,614	4,701	258	672	503	378	473	449	796	686	485	325	588	228
Jun 2024 [r]		5,850	5,858	5,614	4,703	257	673	502	379	475	450	799	685	485	324	587	226
Sep 2024 [r]		5,873	5,883	5,637	4,727	259	678	503	380	478	453	805	687	484	324	586	226
Dec 2024 [r]		5,904	5,900	5,665	4,751	261	681	505	382	481	455	809	692	486	326	588	230
Mar 2025 [r]		5,926	5,912	5,686	4,770	261	688	506	384	484	454	813	694	487	327	590	231
Jun 2025 [r]		5,922	5,931	5,683	4,770	262	686	507	383	485	455	813	693	486	326	587	232
Sep 2025		5,929	5,939	5,694	4,779	262	689	509	382	487	456	814	693	487	327	588	229
Change on year:		56	56	57	52	3	11	6	2	8	3	9	6	3	3	2	3
Change %:		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.2	0.6	1.7	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.3
% of total employment Sep 2025		17.3	17.4	17.2	16.4	21.6	18.5	18.8	15.9	16.7	14.8	15.2	14.9	16.1	23.6	21.8	26.8
Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics																	

Table 7: Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																	
All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom (year 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	
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
Jun 2023 [r]	27,274	27,268	26,448	23,334	969	2,895	2,088	1,975	2,387	2,491	4,350	3,815	2,363	1,073	2,040	627	
Sep 2023 [r]	27,372	27,316	26,509	23,428	909	2,937	2,164	1,946	2,374	2,530	4,244	3,866	2,458	1,076	2,006	647	
Dec 2023 [r]	27,204	27,225	26,290	23,225	921	2,829	2,092	1,911	2,322	2,447	4,469	3,850	2,384	1,073	1,992	650	
Mar 2024 [r]	27,229	27,228	26,326	23,321	929	2,868	2,121	1,942	2,396	2,425	4,336	3,921	2,384	1,042	1,963	656	
Jun 2024 [r]	27,497	27,493	26,631	23,539	915	2,911	2,124	1,895	2,377	2,537	4,394	3,949	2,436	1,034	2,057	657	
Sep 2024 [r]	27,711	27,656	26,837	23,767	910	2,999	2,130	1,944	2,390	2,528	4,498	3,914	2,454	1,036	2,035	647	
Dec 2024 [r]	27,751	27,775	26,869	23,779	929	3,024	2,124	1,977	2,364	2,502	4,426	3,932	2,499	1,033	2,056	649	
Mar 2025 [r]	27,862	27,857	26,993	23,813	903	2,953	2,119	1,975	2,308	2,572	4,438	4,012	2,531	1,090	2,091	647	
Jun 2025 [r]	28,084	28,066	27,230	24,107	911	2,938	2,179	1,978	2,423	2,568	4,582	3,982	2,547	1,043	2,079	645	
Sep 2025	28,085	28,042	27,240	24,086	939	3,008	2,179	1,999	2,401	2,607	4,502	3,930	2,521	1,055	2,098	625	
Change on year:	374	386	402	319	29	10	49	55	11	79	4	16	67	19	64	-22	
Change %:	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	3.2	0.3	2.3	2.8	0.4	3.1	0.1	0.4	2.7	1.9	3.1	-3.4	
% of total employment Sep 2025	82.0	81.9	82.1	82.8	77.5	80.6	80.3	83.4	82.5	84.6	84.1	84.3	83.1	76.1	77.8	73.2	
Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics																	

Table 7a: Regional private 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 of London	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom															
Area Code	K02000001	K02000002	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	V92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
Jun 2023 [r]	27,551	27,546	26,724	23,586	980	2,935	2,114	1,991	2,413	2,514	4,395	3,856	2,388	1,078	2,059	628	
Sep 2023 [r]	27,650	27,593	26,785	23,680	919	2,977	2,190	1,963	2,400	2,552	4,289	3,907	2,483	1,081	2,025	648	
Dec 2023 [r]	27,482	27,506	26,567	23,478	931	2,869	2,118	1,927	2,347	2,470	4,514	3,891	2,409	1,078	2,012	651	
Mar 2024 [r]	27,509	27,506	26,605	23,575	939	2,908	2,147	1,958	2,421	2,448	4,382	3,963	2,409	1,047	1,983	657	
Jun 2024 [r]	27,735	27,731	26,869	23,763	926	2,945	2,149	1,910	2,399	2,556	4,429	3,989	2,460	1,039	2,067	657	
Sep 2024 [r]	27,952	27,895	27,078	23,993	921	3,033	2,154	1,960	2,413	2,548	4,534	3,954	2,478	1,041	2,044	647	
Dec 2024 [r]	27,994	28,022	27,112	24,008	940	3,059	2,149	1,993	2,387	2,521	4,463	3,973	2,524	1,038	2,066	649	
Mar 2025 [r]	28,107	28,099	27,237	24,042	914	2,987	2,145	1,991	2,331	2,591	4,475	4,053	2,556	1,095	2,101	647	
Jun 2025 [r]	28,330	28,312	27,476	24,338	922	2,972	2,205	1,994	2,445	2,587	4,619	4,023	2,571	1,048	2,090	645	
Sep 2025	28,332	28,287	27,486	24,318	950	3,043	2,204	2,015	2,424	2,626	4,539	3,971	2,545	1,060	2,109	625	
Change on year:	380	392	408	324	29	10	50	56	11	78	6	18	67	19	64	-22	
Change %:	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	3.2	0.3	2.3	2.8	0.5	3.1	0.1	0.4	2.7	1.9	3.1	-3.4	
% of total employment Sep 2025	82.7	82.6	82.8	83.6	78.4	81.5	81.2	84.1	83.3	85.2	84.8	85.1	83.9	76.4	78.2	73.2	
Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics																	

Table 8: Civil Service employment by department, headcount <sup>1 2</sup>

Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted									
	September 2025							June 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,445	340	3,785	5,800	2,135	7,935	11,720	11,380	340
Business and Trade	4,975	300	5,275	4,755	1,135	5,890	11,165	10,890	275
Cabinet Office	2,745	185	2,930	2,950	510	3,460	6,390	6,240	150
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,410	50	2,455	2,360	175	2,540	4,995	4,500	495
Charity Commission	160	15	175	195	75	270	445	445	..
Competition and Markets Authority	460	30	495	435	85	520	1,015	1,105	-90
Culture, Media and Sport	450	10	460	585	95	680	1,140	1,100	40
Defence	31,065	1,960	33,025	19,300	4,540	23,840	56,870	56,970	-105
Education	2,955	200	3,160	3,765	1,160	4,925	8,085	8,080	..
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,315	110	2,425	2,180	330	2,510	4,935	4,890	45
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,345	480	5,825	5,690	1,975	7,665	13,490	13,760	-270
Estyn	45	10	60	70	15	85	145	140	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	310	5	315	220	35	255	570	560	5
Food Standards Agency	695	80	775	700	100	800	1,575	1,555	20
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,550	125	4,675	4,010	480	4,490	9,165	9,155	10
Health and Social Care	3,560	245	3,810	5,680	1,275	6,950	10,760	10,820	-65
HM Land Registry	2,210	505	2,715	2,445	1,870	4,315	7,025	6,935	90
HM Revenue and Customs	30,955	3,795	34,750	24,930	12,345	37,280	72,025	70,955	1,070
HM Treasury	1,265	70	1,335	1,160	200	1,360	2,695	2,685	10
Chancellor's other departments	265	20	280	155	50	205	490	480	10
Home Office	21,650	1,975	23,630	19,670	6,585	26,255	49,880	49,795	85
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,155	195	2,355	2,095	570	2,660	5,015	4,930	85
Justice	36,475	4,155	40,630	43,340	12,290	55,630	96,260	95,850	410
The National Archives	260	20	275	255	75	325	605	585	15
National Crime Agency	2,925	175	3,100	2,345	475	2,825	5,925	5,940	-15
Northern Ireland Office	45	..	50	70	5	75	125	160	-35
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	595	45	645	1,165	245	1,410	2,050	2,040	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,125	35	1,160	880	110	990	2,150	2,140	10
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	10	120	185	35	220	340	340	0
Office of Rail and Road	195	20	215	135	25	160	375	360	15
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	55	..	55	65	15	80	135	135	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	0	25	15	..	20	45	45	..
Owfat	205	10	215	200	30	225	440	370	75
Science, Innovation and Technology	3,965	435	4,395	3,105	740	3,845	8,240	8,035	205
Transport	7,715	990	8,705	5,010	2,400	7,410	16,115	16,100	20
UK Statistics Authority	2,005	545	2,550	1,940	1,180	3,120	5,670	5,610	60
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	..	25	45	45	..
Work and Pensions	31,240	5,190	36,430	32,915	26,380	59,295	95,725	95,730	-5
Central Government Departments Total	210,960	22,340	233,295	200,795	79,750	280,545	513,840	510,855	2,985
Scottish Government	11,615	1,260	12,870	12,300	3,535	15,835	28,705	28,390	315
Welsh Government	2,105	235	2,335	2,765	930	3,700	6,035	5,985	50
TOTAL	224,675	23,830	248,505	215,865	84,215	300,080	548,580	545,230	3,350
	September 2025							June 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	50	..	55	100	..	105	155	140	15
Business and Trade	45	0	45	60	..	60	110	105	..
Cabinet Office	..	0	..	..	0	..	..	15	-10
Other Cabinet Office agencies	10	0	10	10	..	15	20	20	0
Charity Commission	0	0	0	..	0	..	..	..	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	0	..	..	..	..	5	5	..
Culture, Media and Sport	10	0	10	10	0	10	20	15	5
Defence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	-20
Education	20	0	20	35	5	40	60	80	-15
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	40	..	45	50	15	65	110	135	-25
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	0	10	10	0	10	20	20	..
Food Standards Agency	..	..	5	15	..	20	25	20	5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	80	..	80	95	5	100	180	240	-60
Health and Social Care	75	..	80	150	15	165	245	325	-80
HM Land Registry	10	0	10	5	..	10	15	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	480	10	490	335	35	370	860	725	135
HM Treasury	5	0	5	5	..	5	15	25	-10
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	5	0	..	..	5	5	..
Home Office	380	20	400	470	65	535	930	940	-10
Housing, Communities and Local Government	10	0	10	15	..	15	25	30	..
Justice	150	15	165	240	50	290	455	585	-130
The National Archives	35	..	35	35	5	40	75	80	-5
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	20	0	20	15	..	15	35	0	35
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	5	0	5	5	..	10	15	10	..
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	55	..	55	45	5	50	105	90	15
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	0	..	5	..	5	10	15	..
Office of Rail and Road	0	0	0	..	0	..	..	10	-5
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
Owfat	25	0	25	25	..	25	55	35	20
Science, Innovation and Technology	..	0	..	5	0	5	5	5	..
Transport	80	..	85	45	..	45	130	115	15
UK Statistics Authority	25	40	65	15	45	60	125	85	40
UK Supreme Court	5	0	5	5	..	5	10	15	..
Work and Pensions	700	10	710	740	70	810	1,525	1,225	300
Central Government Departments Total	2,345	120	2,460	2,560	335	2,895	5,355	5,150	210
Scottish Government	140	15	160	175	30	205	365	340	20
Welsh Government	5	0	5	10	0	10	15	10	5
TOTAL	2,490	135	2,625	2,740	370	3,110	5,735	5,495	235
	September 2025							June 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	227,165	23,965	251,130	218,605	84,585	303,185	554,315	550,730	3,585

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

- Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "...". Data not available are represented by "..".
- 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					
	September 2025			June 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>Permanent Employees</b>					
Attorney General's departments	3,685	7,315	11,000	10,665	330
Business and Trade	5,185	5,575	10,760	10,490	265
Cabinet Office	2,870	3,320	6,190	6,050	140
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,440	2,495	4,940	4,445	495
Charity Commission	175	245	420	420	..
Competition and Markets Authority	490	500	990	1,075	-90
Culture, Media and Sport	460	650	1,110	1,065	45
Defence	32,315	22,490	54,805	54,920	-115
Education	3,110	4,640	7,750	7,755	..
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,400	2,425	4,825	4,785	40
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,685	7,115	12,800	13,055	-255
Estyn	55	80	135	130	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	315	245	560	550	5
Food Standards Agency	750	775	1,520	1,505	20
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,635	4,355	8,990	8,975	15
Health and Social Care	3,730	6,585	10,315	10,380	-65
HM Land Registry	2,540	3,765	6,305	6,225	80
HM Revenue and Customs	33,535	33,520	67,055	65,995	1,060
HM Treasury	1,315	1,300	2,615	2,600	15
Chancellor's other departments	280	195	475	465	10
Home Office	23,010	24,315	47,325	47,285	35
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,300	2,520	4,820	4,740	80
Justice	38,840	51,300	90,135	89,725	415
The National Archives	270	300	570	550	25
National Crime Agency	3,045	2,695	5,740	5,755	-15
Northern Ireland Office	45	75	125	155	-35
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	630	1,345	1,975	1,965	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,150	965	2,120	2,110	10
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	120	210	330	330	..
Office of Rail and Road	205	155	360	345	15
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	55	75	130	130	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	20	45	45	..
Ofwat	210	220	430	355	80
Science, Innovation and Technology	4,285	3,655	7,940	7,735	205
Transport	8,375	6,620	14,995	14,975	20
UK Statistics Authority	2,355	2,750	5,110	5,045	60
UK Supreme Court	20	25	40	45	..
Work and Pensions	34,860	51,260	86,120	86,140	-20
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>225,765</b>	<b>256,100</b>	<b>481,865</b>	<b>478,985</b>	<b>2,880</b>
Scottish Government	12,475	14,855	27,335	27,000	335
Welsh Government	2,255	3,440	5,695	5,650	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240,500</b>	<b>274,395</b>	<b>514,895</b>	<b>511,635</b>	<b>3,260</b>
	September 2025			June 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>Temporary/Casual Employees</b>					
Attorney General's departments	50	100	155	135	15
Business and Trade	45	60	110	105	..
Cabinet Office	..	..	..	15	-10
Other Cabinet Office agencies	10	15	20	20	0
Charity Commission	0	..	..	..	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	..	5	5	..
Culture, Media and Sport	10	10	20	15	5
Defence	0	0	0	20	-20
Education	20	40	60	75	-15
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	45	60	105	130	-25
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	10	20	20	..
Food Standards Agency	5	20	25	20	5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	80	100	180	235	-60
Health and Social Care	75	160	235	300	-65
HM Land Registry	10	10	15	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	485	360	845	715	130
HM Treasury	5	5	15	25	-10
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	..	..	..
Home Office	390	510	905	910	-10
Housing, Communities and Local Government	10	15	25	30	..
Justice	155	270	425	555	-130
The National Archives	35	40	75	80	-5
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	20	15	35	0	35
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	5	10	15	10	..
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	55	50	105	90	15
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	5	10	15	..
Office of Rail and Road	0	..	..	10	-5
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	25	25	55	35	15
Science, Innovation and Technology	..	5	5	5	..
Transport	80	45	125	115	15
UK Statistics Authority	50	40	95	70	20
UK Supreme Court	5	5	10	15	..
Work and Pensions	710	795	1,505	1,200	305
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,785</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>4,995</b>	<b>210</b>
Scottish Government	150	195	345	325	20
Welsh Government	5	10	15	10	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>5,560</b>	<b>5,325</b>	<b>235</b>
	September 2025			June 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>All Employees</b>	<b>243,070</b>	<b>277,380</b>	<b>520,440</b>	<b>516,960</b>	<b>3,490</b>

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

- Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "...". Data not available are represented by "-".
- Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency <sup>1</sup>

	September 2025		June 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
<b>Attorney General's departments</b>						
Attorney General's Office	60	60	60	60	..	..
Crown Prosecution Service	7,895	7,390	7,650	7,145	250	245
Government Legal Department	3,290	3,085	3,235	3,030	55	55
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	25	25	25	25	..	..
Serious Fraud Office	600	590	550	540	55	50
<b>Business and Trade</b>						
Department for Business and Trade (excluding agencies)	6,070	5,965	5,995	5,885	75	80
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,115	1,025	1,095	1,010	20	15
Companies House	2,195	2,090	2,040	1,935	155	150
The Insolvency Service	1,895	1,790	1,870	1,765	25	20
<b>Cabinet Office</b>						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies)	6,390	6,190	6,255	6,060	135	130
<b>Other Cabinet Office agencies</b>						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	2,310	2,305	1,860	1,860	450	450
Crown Commercial Service	730	705	730	705	..	..
Government Commercial Organisation	1,550	1,525	1,530	1,505	20	20
Government Property Agency	425	420	405	400	20	20
<b>Charity Commission</b>						
Charity Commission	445	420	445	420	0	0
<b>Competition and Markets Authority</b>						
Competition and Markets Authority	1,020	995	1,115	1,085	-95	-90
<b>Culture, Media and Sport</b>						
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	1,160	1,130	1,115	1,080	45	50
<b>Defence</b>						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	36,185	34,895	36,280	34,990	-95	-95
Defence Equipment and Support	10,620	10,165	10,655	10,200	-35	-35
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,920	4,725	4,970	4,785	-45	-55
Royal Fleet Auxiliary	1,665	1,665	1,645	1,645	15	15
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,510	2,435	2,470	2,390	40	45
UK Hydrographic Office	970	925	970	925	..	..
<b>Education</b>						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	7,650	7,335	7,660	7,350	-10	-15
Skills England	275	265	270	260	..	..
Standards and Testing Agency	140	135	145	140	-5	-5
Teaching Regulation Agency	80	80	85	80	..	..
<b>Energy Security and Net Zero</b>						
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	4,935	4,825	4,890	4,785	45	40
<b>Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	6,600	6,345	6,795	6,535	-195	-190
Animal and Plant Health Agency	3,375	3,200	3,395	3,220	-20	-15
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	645	610	655	620	-10	-10
Rural Payments Agency	2,790	2,560	2,860	2,625	-70	-65
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	195	190	195	190	..	..
<b>Estyn</b>						
Estyn	145	135	140	130	..	..
<b>Export Credits Guarantee Department</b>						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	585	575	580	570	5	5
<b>Food Standards Agency</b>						
Food Standards Agency	1,600	1,545	1,575	1,520	25	25
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office</b>						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	8,065	7,925	8,115	7,980	-45	-50
FCDO Services	1,185	1,155	1,185	1,150	0	5
Wilton Park Executive Agency	90	85	90	85	..	0
<b>Health and Social Care</b>						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,640	3,520	3,700	3,580	-60	-60
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,535	1,500	1,530	1,490	10	10
UK Health Security Agency	5,825	5,530	5,915	5,605	-90	-80
<b>HM Land Registry</b>						
HM Land Registry	7,045	6,320	6,950	6,240	95	85
<b>HM Revenue and Customs</b>						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	68,780	64,050	67,575	62,855	1,205	1,195
Valuation Office Agency	4,105	3,845	4,110	3,855	..	-5
<b>HM Treasury</b>						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,075	2,030	2,060	2,015	15	10
Government Internal Audit Agency	455	425	475	440	-20	-15
Office for Budget Responsibility	55	55	50	50	5	5
UK Debt Management Office	120	120	120	120	..	..
<b>Chancellor's other departments</b>						
Government Actuary's Department	230	220	225	210	5	5
National Savings and Investments	265	260	260	255	5	5
<b>Home Office</b>						
Home Office	50,810	48,230	50,735	48,195	75	30
<b>Housing, Communities and Local Government</b>						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies)	3,935	3,815	3,895	3,780	45	35
Planning Inspectorate	1,050	975	1,015	940	35	35
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	50	50	..	..
<b>Justice</b>						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	8,330	8,105	8,275	8,060	55	45
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	350	325	335	305	20	20
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,000	14,470	15,995	14,470	5	..
HM Prison and Probation Service	68,870	64,735	68,715	64,560	155	170

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency <sup>1</sup>

	September 2025		June 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Legal Aid Agency	1,355	1,255	1,310	1,215	40	40
Office of the Public Guardian	1,815	1,675	1,805	1,665	10	5
<b>The National Archives</b>						
The National Archives	680	645	670	625	10	20
<b>National Crime Agency</b>						
National Crime Agency	5,925	5,740	5,940	5,755	-15	-15
<b>Northern Ireland Office</b>						
Northern Ireland Office	160	155	160	155	..	..
<b>Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills</b>						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	2,065	1,985	2,050	1,975	15	10
<b>Office of Gas and Electricity Markets</b>						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	2,255	2,225	2,230	2,200	25	25
<b>Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation</b>						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	355	340	355	345	..	..
<b>Office of Rail and Road</b>						
Office of Rail and Road	375	360	365	355	10	10
<b>Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland</b>						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotland)	135	130	135	130	..	..
<b>Office of the Secretary of State for Wales</b>						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	45	45	45	45	..	..
<b>Ofwat</b>						
Ofwat	495	485	405	390	90	95
<b>Science, Innovation and Technology</b>						
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (excluding agencies)	3,380	3,315	3,260	3,195	120	120
Building Digital UK	260	255	260	255	0	..
Intellectual Property Office	1,745	1,655	1,715	1,620	35	35
Met Office	2,520	2,395	2,480	2,350	40	45
UK Space Agency	335	330	320	315	15	15
<b>Transport</b>						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,465	3,385	3,480	3,390	-15	-10
Active Travel England	95	90	90	85	5	5
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,035	5,390	6,125	5,465	-90	-75
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	5,135	4,800	5,040	4,720	95	80
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,250	1,210	1,245	1,205	10	5
Vehicle Certification Agency	265	250	235	225	30	25
<b>UK Statistics Authority</b>						
UK Statistics Authority	5,795	5,200	5,695	5,120	100	85
<b>UK Supreme Court</b>						
UK Supreme Court	55	55	60	55	..	..
<b>Work and Pensions</b>						
Department for Work and Pensions (excluding agencies)	94,065	84,595	93,830	84,370	235	225
Health and Safety Executive	3,180	3,025	3,120	2,965	60	60
<b>Scottish Government</b>						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	9,275	8,900	9,225	8,855	50	45
Accountant in Bankruptcy	110	95	110	100	..	..
Consumer Scotland	40	40	35	35	5	5
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,655	2,515	2,605	2,470	55	45
Disclosure Scotland	380	360	370	350	15	15
Education Scotland	375	360	375	365	..	-5
Food Standards Scotland	285	275	285	275	..	..
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,110	1,060	1,105	1,055	5	5
National Records of Scotland	425	390	425	395	..	..
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	35	40	35	0	0
Registers of Scotland	1,145	1,095	1,140	1,095	..	..
Revenue Scotland	110	110	100	95	10	10
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	2,090	1,920	2,075	1,915	15	10
Scottish Fiscal Commission	25	25	25	25	..	..
Scottish Forestry	245	235	240	230	5	5
Scottish Housing Regulator	55	55	55	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	5,115	4,855	5,130	4,835	-15	20
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	410	380	385	360	25	25
Social Security Scotland	4,350	4,155	4,190	4,000	160	155
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	245	235	245	235	0	..
Transport Scotland	580	565	570	555	10	10
<b>Welsh Government</b>						
Welsh Government (excluding agencies)	5,940	5,600	5,885	5,555	55	45
Welsh Revenue Authority	110	105	110	105	..	..
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>554,315</b>	<b>520,440</b>	<b>550,730</b>	<b>516,950</b>	<b>3,585</b>	<b>3,490</b>

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

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

**Table 10: Employment in Executive NDPBs** <sup>1 2 3</sup>

Permanent Employees	September 2025		June 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	640	610	610	590	20	20
Cabinet Office	180	170	190	170	-10	-10
Culture, Media and Sport	11,410	10,530	11,420	10,550	-10	-20
Defence	560	440	570	450	-10	-10
Education	5,070	4,870	5,110	4,900	-30	-40
Energy Security and Net Zero	5,050	4,920	4,910	4,780	140	140
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	18,660	17,610	18,800	17,720	-130	-110
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,060	1,020	1,150	1,110	-80	-90
Health and Social Care	18,930	17,440	19,050	17,560	-120	-120
Home Office	2,850	2,650	2,850	2,650	0	..
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,300	2,260	2,250	2,210	50	50
Justice	2,770	2,640	2,760	2,620	10	20
Science, Innovation and Technology	9,580	9,240	9,380	9,040	200	190
Transport	2,600	2,560	2,670	2,630	-70	-70
Work and Pensions	1,880	1,830	1,850	1,790	30	40
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>83,550</b>	<b>78,770</b>	<b>83,560</b>	<b>78,770</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>
Scottish Government	11,590	10,660	11,640	10,870	-50	-210
Welsh Government	3,480	3,220	3,490	3,220	-10	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98,620</b>	<b>92,650</b>	<b>98,690</b>	<b>92,860</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>-200</b>

  

Temporary Employees	September 2025		June 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	30	30	40	40	..	..
Cabinet Office	10	10	10	10	..	..
Culture, Media and Sport	1,590	660	1,590	660	..	..
Defence	60	20	70	20	-10	..
Education	180	170	150	150	20	20
Energy Security and Net Zero	80	80	80	80	..	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	640	580	710	650	-70	-70
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	0	0	..	..	..	..
Health and Social Care	1,430	900	1,580	1,060	-150	-160
Home Office	60	60	100	80	-40	-20
Housing, Communities and Local Government	190	110	160	80	30	30
Justice	80	70	70	70	..	..
Science, Innovation and Technology	130	130	180	170	-50	-40
Transport	40	40	30	30	20	10
Work and Pensions	80	80	100	100	-20	-20
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>-280</b>	<b>-250</b>
Scottish Government	620	540	690	600	-60	-60
Welsh Government	680	330	580	260	100	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>-240</b>	<b>-240</b>

  

<b>All NDPB Employees</b>	<b>104,520</b>	<b>96,470</b>	<b>104,830</b>	<b>96,920</b>	<b>-310</b>	<b>-440</b>
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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 &amp; 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
Jun 2023	654	503
Sep 2023	677	506
Dec 2023	683	510
Mar 2024	690	515
Jun 2024	700	522
Sep 2024 [r]	713	531
Dec 2024 [r]	720	536
Mar 2025 [r]	728	542
Jun 2025 [r]	736	547
Sep 2025	745	553
Change on quarter	9	6
Change %	1.2	1.1
Change on year	32	22
Change %	4.5	4.1

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>