

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: March 2026

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 changes involving these 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 November 2025 to January 2026, the estimated UK employment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 75.1%; the UK unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 5.2%; and the UK economic inactivity rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points to 20.7%, compared with August to October 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 November 2025 to January 2026.

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. Also, the constraint to country-of-birth information was 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, since then, we have increased the number of interviewers for the LFS, which has continued to increase the number of responses 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 January 2026, we published an update on the [Labour Force Survey quality article](#). 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 75,757 individuals in July to September 2025, to 77,927 individuals in October to December 2025, as shown in our [LFS performance and quality monitoring report: October to December 2025 methodology](#). We advise using these statistics with caution while this work continues, particularly when interpreting change in the LFS, and we 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: November 2025 to January 2026 headline measures and changes
UK headline economic status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted, November 2025 to January 2026

	Level or rate	Sampling variability of level or rate	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year
Employment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	34,310	± 211	84	± 183	388	± 298
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	75.1	± 0.4	0.2	± 0.4	0.1	± 0.7
Unemployment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	1,869	± 98	37	± 108	323	± 137
Unemployment rate (aged 16 years and over)	5.2	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.3	0.8	± 0.4
Economically inactive (thousands, aged 16 to 64 years)	8,999	± 181	-99	± 158	-268	± 262
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	20.7	± 0.4	-0.3	± 0.4	-0.8	± 0.6
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,090.2	N/A	-0.3	N/A	9.0	N/A
Redundancies (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	133	± 24	-23	± 35	9	± 37
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over)	4.5	N/A	-0.8	N/A	0.2	N/A

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

Notes

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

5 . Employment

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

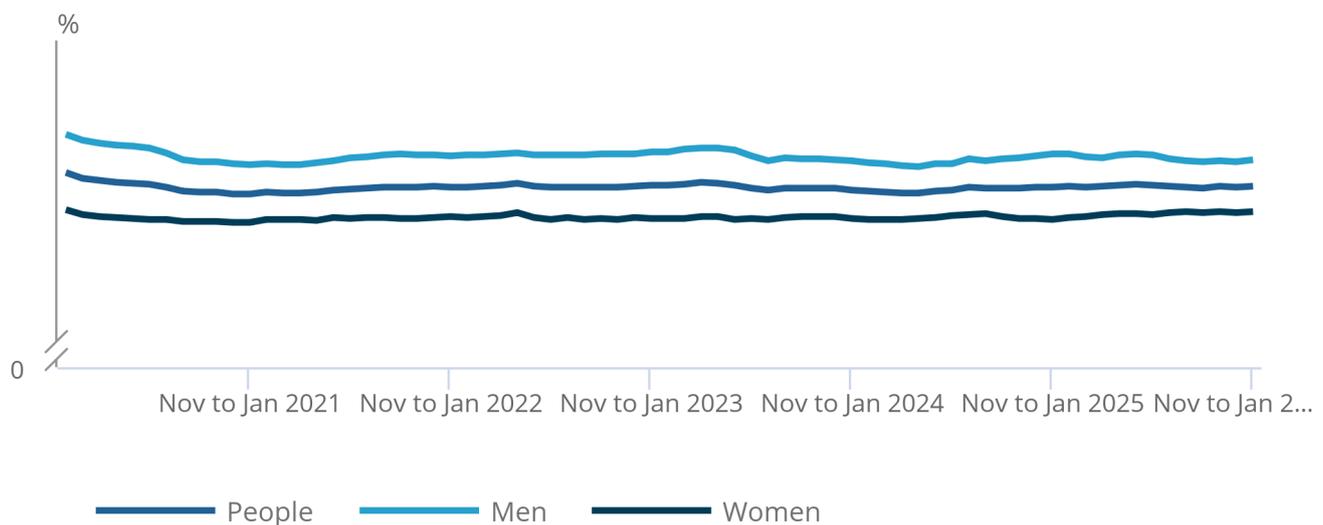
The employment rate increased in the latest quarter (November 2025 to January 2026) and over the year.

Figure 1: The employment rate increased in the latest quarter

UK employment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and November 2025 to January 2026

Figure 1: The employment rate increased in the latest quarter

UK employment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and November 2025 to January 2026



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 (November 2025 to January 2026), the number of part-time workers increased while the number of full-time workers decreased. Over the year since November 2024 to January 2025, the increase in employment was largely the result of an increase in the number of employees.

In the latest period (November 2025 to January 2026), the quarterly increase in employment rate was largely because of those aged between 25 and 64 years. The employment rate decreased for those aged 16 to 24 years. The annual increase in employment was largely because of those aged 18 to 24 years and those aged 50 to 64 years.

Following increases in 2024 and early 2025, the number of people with second jobs remained largely unchanged in the latest quarter (November 2025 to January 2026) but increased over the year to 1.302 million (3.8% of people in employment).

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

Hours worked

The number of total actual weekly hours worked has generally been increasing in the UK since 2020. Total actual weekly hours worked decreased in the latest quarter (November 2025 to January 2026) but increased over the year. Men's worked hours decreased, while women's worked hours increased in the latest quarter. Both men's and women's worked 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.

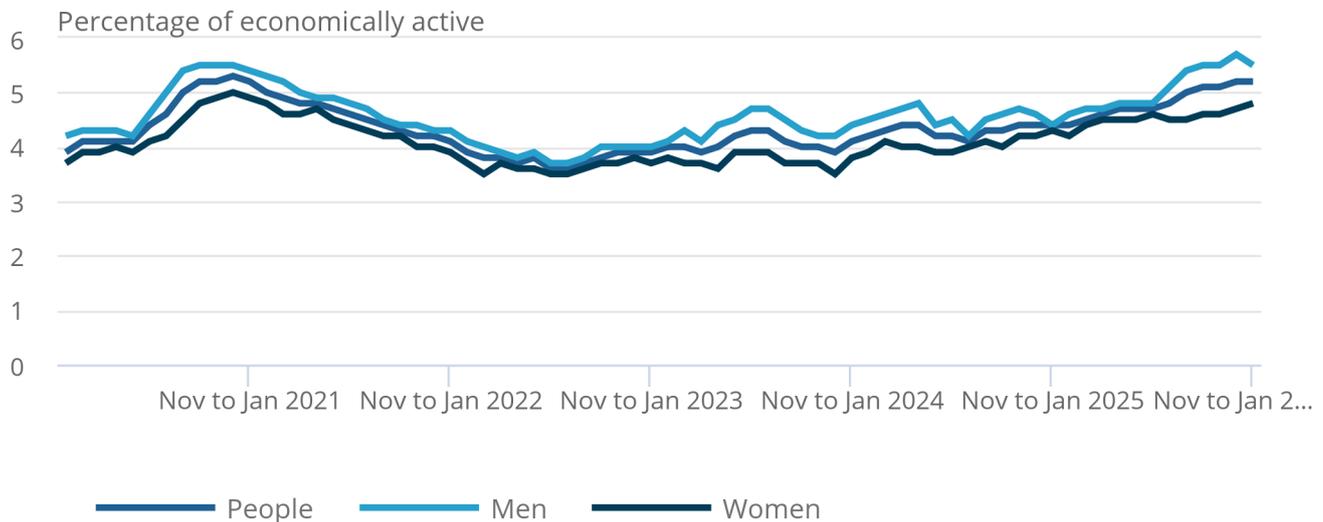
The unemployment rate increased in the latest quarter (November 2025 to January 2026) and over the year since November 2024 to January 2025.

Figure 2: The unemployment rate increased in the latest quarter

UK unemployment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and November 2025 to January 2026

Figure 2: The unemployment rate increased in the latest quarter

UK unemployment rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and November 2025 to January 2026



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.

The number of people unemployed for up to 6 months decreased, while those unemployed for between 6 and 12 months, and over 12 months increased in the latest quarter (November 2025 to January 2026). All durations increased over the year since November 2024 to January 2025. The increase in the number of people unemployed in the latest quarter was the result of increases in the number of unemployed women.

In the latest period (November 2025 to January 2026), the quarterly increase in unemployment rate was largely because of those aged between 18 and 24 years. All age groups saw annual increases in the unemployment rate.

We also publish our [Claimant Count \(dataset\)](#), 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 Claimant Count figure for the latest month is provisional and is subject to revisions after first publication. This is because of later amendments to records in the administrative systems, for example, as work capability assessments conclude and more information is available about benefit claimants' ability to work.

Revisions in recent months have tended to be made downwards. Further information on [Claimant Count revisions](#) is published each month, and is also available in our latest [Labour Force Survey quality article](#).

The UK Claimant Count for February 2026 increased on the month but decreased on the year to 1.692 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 claimants 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.

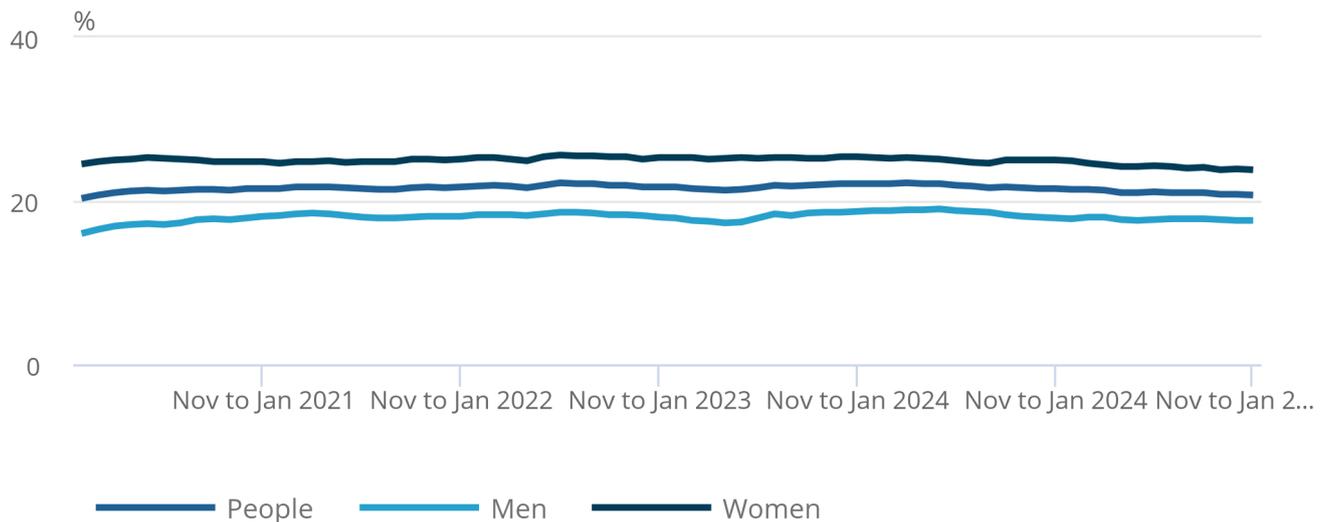
The economic inactivity rate decreased in the latest quarter (November 2025 to January 2026) and over the year since November 2024 to January 2025.

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate decreased 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 November 2025 to January 2026

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate decreased 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 November 2025 to January 2026



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 (November 2025 to January 2026), the quarterly decrease in inactivity rate was largely because of those aged between 18 to 64 years. The annual decrease in inactivity was largely because of those aged 18 to 34 and 50 to 64 years. Those economically inactive aged 35 to 49 years increased over the year.

The quarterly and annual decrease in economic inactivity was largely because of those looking after family and home.

8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview decreased in the latest quarter, but increased over the year, to 4.5 per 1,000 employees, in November 2025 to January 2026.

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

9 . Data on employment in the UK

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

Dataset A05 SA | Released 19 March 2026

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 19 March 2026

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 19 March 2026

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 19 March 2026

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 19 March 2026

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 19 March 2026

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

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

10 . Glossary

Actual and usual hours worked

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

Workers temporarily absent from a job because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic would still be classed as employed; however, they would be employed working no hours. This has directly affected estimates of total actual hours worked during the pandemic. 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

Our [employment](#) measure records 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 methodology](#).

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.

11 . Data sources and quality

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

Official statistics in development

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

These statistics are based on information from the 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 our [Labour market transformation article](#), which provides 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 \(QMI\)](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

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 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 dataset](#).

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 December 2025, we updated the [X03: Reconciliation of estimates of employment and jobs dataset](#) to reflect the latest estimates.

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

12 . Related links

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

Article | Released 3 December 2024

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

[Labour market transformation – update on progress and plans: November 2025](#)

Article | Released 14 November 2025

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

[Working and workless households in the UK: October to December 2025](#)

Bulletin | Released 4 March 2026

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: February 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 26 February 2026

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 5 March 2026

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

13 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/march2026/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					
	All aged 16 & over		All aged 16 to 64		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
					Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64		
MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S			
People										
Nov-Jan 2024	55,345	42,730	33,314	74.7	1,414	4.1	9,437	22.1		
Nov-Jan 2025	55,967	43,119	33,922	75.0	1,545	4.4	9,268	21.5		
Feb-Apr 2025	56,115	43,207	34,011	75.1	1,640	4.6	9,187	21.3		
May-Jul 2025	56,262	43,295	34,243	75.2	1,674	4.7	9,124	21.1		
Aug-Oct 2025	56,395	43,364	34,226	74.9	1,832	5.1	9,099	21.0		
Nov-Jan 2026	56,529	43,434	34,310	75.1	1,869	5.2	8,999	20.7		
Change on quarter	134	69	84	0.2	37	0.1	-99	-0.3		
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.2		2.0		-1.1			
Change on year	562	315	388	0.1	323	0.8	-268	-0.8		
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.1		20.9		-2.9			
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM		
Nov-Jan 2024	26,857	20,998	17,167	77.7	783	4.4	3,924	18.7		
Nov-Jan 2025	27,182	21,206	17,515	78.4	813	4.4	3,797	17.9		
Feb-Apr 2025	27,259	21,253	17,506	78.0	870	4.7	3,832	18.0		
May-Jul 2025	27,336	21,301	17,638	78.3	882	4.8	3,775	17.7		
Aug-Oct 2025	27,405	21,339	17,537	77.6	1,029	5.5	3,801	17.8		
Nov-Jan 2026	27,475	21,376	17,564	77.8	1,024	5.5	3,754	17.6		
Change on quarter	70	38	26	0.3	-6	0.0	-47	-0.3		
Change %	0.3	0.2	0.1		-0.6		-1.2			
Change on year	293	171	48	-0.6	210	1.1	-43	-0.3		
Change %	1.1	0.8	0.3		25.9		-1.1			
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T		
Nov-Jan 2024	28,488	21,732	16,146	71.8	631	3.8	5,513	25.4		
Nov-Jan 2025	28,786	21,913	16,407	71.7	732	4.3	5,471	25.0		
Feb-Apr 2025	28,856	21,954	16,505	72.2	770	4.5	5,355	24.4		
May-Jul 2025	28,926	21,994	16,605	72.2	792	4.6	5,349	24.3		
Aug-Oct 2025	28,990	22,026	16,689	72.4	802	4.6	5,297	24.1		
Nov-Jan 2026	29,055	22,057	16,746	72.5	845	4.8	5,245	23.8		
Change on quarter	64	32	57	0.1	43	0.2	-52	-0.3		
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.3		5.3		-1.0			
Change on year	269	144	340	0.7	113	0.5	-226	-1.2		
Change %	0.9	0.7	2.1		15.4		-4.1			

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
Nov-Jan 2024	33,314	60.2	1,414	4.1	20,617	37.3	31,902	74.7	1,391	4.2	9,437	22.1
Nov-Jan 2025	33,922	60.6	1,545	4.4	20,500	36.6	32,342	75.0	1,510	4.5	9,268	21.5
Feb-Apr 2025	34,011	60.6	1,640	4.6	20,464	36.5	32,430	75.1	1,590	4.7	9,187	21.3
May-Jul 2025	34,243	60.9	1,674	4.7	20,346	36.2	32,547	75.2	1,624	4.8	9,124	21.1
Aug-Oct 2025	34,226	60.7	1,832	5.1	20,337	36.1	32,487	74.9	1,779	5.2	9,099	21.0
Nov-Jan 2026	34,310	60.7	1,869	5.2	20,351	36.0	32,615	75.1	1,819	5.3	8,999	20.7
Change on quarter	84	0.0	37	0.1	13	-0.1	129	0.2	40	0.1	-99	-0.3
Change %	0.2		2.0		0.1		0.4		2.3		-1.1	
Change on year	388	0.1	323	0.8	-149	-0.6	274	0.1	310	0.8	-268	-0.8
Change %	1.1		20.9		-0.7		0.8		20.5		-2.9	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Nov-Jan 2024	17,167	63.9	783	4.4	8,907	33.2	16,306	77.7	767	4.5	3,924	18.7
Nov-Jan 2025	17,515	64.4	813	4.4	8,853	32.6	16,621	78.4	788	4.5	3,797	17.9
Feb-Apr 2025	17,506	64.2	870	4.7	8,883	32.6	16,588	78.0	833	4.8	3,832	18.0
May-Jul 2025	17,638	64.5	882	4.8	8,816	32.3	16,673	78.3	852	4.9	3,775	17.7
Aug-Oct 2025	17,537	64.0	1,029	5.5	8,838	32.3	16,549	77.6	988	5.6	3,801	17.8
Nov-Jan 2026	17,564	63.9	1,024	5.5	8,887	32.3	16,633	77.8	989	5.6	3,754	17.6
Change on quarter	26	-0.1	-6	0.0	49	0.1	84	0.3	1	0.0	-47	-0.3
Change %	0.1		-0.6		0.6		0.5		0.1		-1.2	
Change on year	48	-0.5	210	1.1	34	-0.2	12	-0.6	201	1.1	-43	-0.3
Change %	0.3		25.9		0.4		0.1		25.5		-1.1	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Nov-Jan 2024	16,146	56.7	631	3.8	11,711	41.1	15,595	71.8	624	3.8	5,513	25.4
Nov-Jan 2025	16,407	57.0	732	4.3	11,647	40.5	15,721	71.7	721	4.4	5,471	25.0
Feb-Apr 2025	16,505	57.2	770	4.5	11,581	40.1	15,843	72.2	756	4.6	5,355	24.4
May-Jul 2025	16,605	57.4	792	4.6	11,529	39.9	15,873	72.2	772	4.6	5,349	24.3
Aug-Oct 2025	16,689	57.6	802	4.6	11,499	39.7	15,938	72.4	791	4.7	5,297	24.1
Nov-Jan 2026	16,746	57.6	845	4.8	11,463	39.5	15,982	72.5	830	4.9	5,245	23.8
Change on quarter	57	0.1	43	0.2	-36	-0.2	45	0.1	39	0.2	-52	-0.3
Change %	0.3		5.3		-0.3		0.3		4.9		-1.0	
Change on year	340	0.6	113	0.5	-184	-1.0	261	0.7	108	0.5	-226	-1.2
Change %	2.1		15.4		-1.6		1.7		15.0		-4.1	
	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
Nov-Jan 2024	371	23.6	120	24.5	1,080	68.7	3,343	58.9	397	10.6	1,935	34.1
Nov-Jan 2025	338	20.9	130	27.7	1,148	71.0	3,397	59.0	503	12.9	1,861	32.3
Feb-Apr 2025	314	19.4	124	28.4	1,185	73.0	3,436	59.4	501	12.7	1,847	31.9
May-Jul 2025	338	20.7	160	32.1	1,133	69.5	3,527	60.7	461	11.6	1,818	31.3
Aug-Oct 2025	326	19.9	188	36.6	1,119	68.5	3,529	60.5	546	13.4	1,757	30.1
Nov-Jan 2026	324	19.8	134	29.3	1,175	72.0	3,519	60.1	598	14.5	1,742	29.7
Change on quarter	-2	-0.1	-54	-7.3	57	3.4	-10	-0.4	51	1.1	-15	-0.4
Change %	-0.6		-28.8		5.1		-0.3		9.4		-0.9	
Change on year	-15	-1.1	4	1.6	28	0.9	122	1.1	95	1.6	-119	-2.6
Change %	-4.3		3.4		2.4		3.6		18.8		-6.4	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Nov-Jan 2024	168	20.9	62	27.0	574	71.3	1,664	57.6	272	14.0	951	32.9
Nov-Jan 2025	160	19.3	69	30.1	599	72.4	1,765	60.1	282	13.8	891	30.3
Feb-Apr 2025	145	17.4	68	32.1	619	74.4	1,780	60.3	286	13.8	886	30.0
May-Jul 2025	159	19.0	87	35.3	590	70.6	1,808	61.0	268	12.9	889	30.0
Aug-Oct 2025	146	17.5	102	41.2	588	70.3	1,778	59.7	341	16.1	860	28.9
Nov-Jan 2026	137	16.4	64	31.7	636	76.0	1,793	59.9	373	17.2	829	27.7
Change on quarter	-9	-1.1	-39	-9.5	48	5.7	14	0.2	32	1.1	-32	-1.2
Change %	-6.1		-37.7		8.1		0.8		9.4		-3.7	
Change on year	-22	-2.9	-5	1.6	36	3.6	28	-0.2	90	3.4	-62	-2.6
Change %	-14.0		-7.5		6.1		1.6		32.0		-7.0	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Nov-Jan 2024	202	26.4	58	22.3	505	66.0	1,679	60.2	125	7.0	985	35.3
Nov-Jan 2025	179	22.7	61	25.4	549	69.6	1,632	57.8	221	11.9	971	34.4
Feb-Apr 2025	170	21.4	56	24.8	566	71.5	1,656	58.5	215	11.5	962	34.0
May-Jul 2025	179	22.5	73	29.0	543	68.3	1,720	60.5	193	10.1	929	32.7
Aug-Oct 2025	179	22.5	86	32.4	531	66.7	1,751	61.4	206	10.5	897	31.4
Nov-Jan 2026	186	23.4	70	27.4	540	67.8	1,726	60.3	225	11.5	913	31.9
Change on quarter	7	0.9	-16	-5.0	9	1.1	-25	-1.1	19	1.0	17	0.5
Change %	3.9		-18.1		1.7		-1.4		9.4		1.9	
Change on year	8	0.7	10	2.0	-9	-1.8	94	2.5	4	-0.4	-57	-2.5
Change %	4.3		15.9		-1.6		5.8		1.9		-5.9	

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	YCAV	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Nov-Jan 2024	7,540	83.1	310	3.9	1,229	13.5	11,186	85.1	319	2.8	1,635	12.4
Nov-Jan 2025	7,675	84.0	320	4.0	1,144	12.5	11,456	85.8	316	2.7	1,573	11.8
Feb-Apr 2025	7,675	83.9	329	4.1	1,143	12.5	11,495	85.8	340	2.9	1,564	11.7
May-Jul 2025	7,714	84.2	322	4.0	1,120	12.2	11,505	85.5	363	3.1	1,584	11.8
Aug-Oct 2025	7,675	83.8	369	4.6	1,113	12.2	11,485	85.0	373	3.1	1,652	12.2
Nov-Jan 2026	7,689	84.0	399	4.9	1,070	11.7	11,573	85.3	386	3.2	1,610	11.9
Change on quarter	14	0.1	30	0.3	-43	-0.5	88	0.3	13	0.1	-42	-0.4
Change %	0.2		8.2		-3.8		0.8		3.5		-2.6	
Change on year	14	0.0	79	0.9	-73	-0.8	118	-0.6	70	0.5	37	0.1
Change %	0.2		24.8		-6.4		1.0		22.2		2.3	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Nov-Jan 2024	3,856	86.8	149	3.7	436	9.8	5,699	89.4	148	2.5	529	8.3
Nov-Jan 2025	3,952	88.1	158	3.9	375	8.4	5,838	90.2	144	2.4	489	7.6
Feb-Apr 2025	3,929	87.4	184	4.5	382	8.5	5,862	90.2	122	2.0	513	7.9
May-Jul 2025	3,973	88.2	169	4.1	360	8.0	5,859	89.8	152	2.5	510	7.8
Aug-Oct 2025	3,931	87.2	207	5.0	369	8.2	5,823	88.9	172	2.9	553	8.4
Nov-Jan 2026	3,919	86.9	233	5.6	359	8.0	5,914	89.9	159	2.6	503	7.6
Change on quarter	-12	-0.4	26	0.6	-10	-0.2	91	1.0	-13	-0.2	-50	-0.8
Change %	-0.3		12.8		-2.7		1.6		-7.4		-9.1	
Change on year	-33	-1.2	75	1.8	-16	-0.4	76	-0.3	16	0.2	13	0.1
Change %	-0.8		47.3		-4.2		1.3		10.9		2.8	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Nov-Jan 2024	3,684	79.4	161	4.2	793	17.1	5,487	81.1	171	3.0	1,106	16.3
Nov-Jan 2025	3,723	80.0	161	4.1	768	16.5	5,618	81.7	172	3.0	1,084	15.8
Feb-Apr 2025	3,746	80.5	146	3.7	761	16.4	5,633	81.6	218	3.7	1,052	15.2
May-Jul 2025	3,740	80.4	152	3.9	760	16.3	5,646	81.5	211	3.6	1,075	15.5
Aug-Oct 2025	3,744	80.5	162	4.1	743	16.0	5,662	81.3	201	3.4	1,099	15.8
Nov-Jan 2026	3,770	81.1	165	4.2	711	15.3	5,659	80.9	227	3.9	1,107	15.8
Change on quarter	26	0.6	4	0.1	-33	-0.7	-3	-0.4	26	0.4	8	0.0
Change %	0.7		2.2		-4.4		-0.1		12.8		0.7	
Change on year	47	1.1	4	0.1	-58	-1.2	41	-0.8	55	0.9	23	0.1
Change %	1.3		2.6		-7.5		0.7		31.7		2.2	
	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
Nov-Jan 2024	9,462	71.3	245	2.5	3,558	26.8	1,412	11.2	22	1.6	11,181	88.6
Nov-Jan 2025	9,476	71.5	241	2.5	3,542	26.7	1,580	12.3	36	2.2	11,232	87.4
Feb-Apr 2025	9,510	71.8	295	3.0	3,448	26.0	1,581	12.2	50	3.1	11,277	87.4
May-Jul 2025	9,462	71.4	318	3.3	3,468	26.2	1,696	13.1	50	2.9	11,221	86.5
Aug-Oct 2025	9,472	71.6	302	3.1	3,458	26.1	1,740	13.3	53	3.0	11,239	86.2
Nov-Jan 2026	9,511	72.0	302	3.1	3,401	25.7	1,695	12.9	50	2.8	11,351	86.7
Change on quarter	39	0.4	0	0.0	-56	-0.4	-45	-0.4	-3	-0.1	113	0.4
Change %	0.4		0.1		-1.6		-2.6		-6.4		1.0	
Change on year	35	0.5	61	0.6	-140	-1.0	115	0.6	14	0.6	119	-0.7
Change %	0.4		25.3		-4.0		7.2		38.3		1.1	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Nov-Jan 2024	4,919	75.8	137	2.7	1,434	22.1	861	14.7	16	1.8	4,983	85.0
Nov-Jan 2025	4,906	75.7	135	2.7	1,442	22.2	894	15.0	25	2.7	5,056	84.6
Feb-Apr 2025	4,872	75.2	174	3.4	1,434	22.1	918	15.3	36	3.8	5,051	84.1
May-Jul 2025	4,874	75.3	175	3.5	1,426	22.0	964	16.0	30	3.0	5,041	83.5
Aug-Oct 2025	4,870	75.3	166	3.3	1,431	22.1	988	16.3	41	4.0	5,037	83.0
Nov-Jan 2026	4,870	75.4	160	3.2	1,428	22.1	931	15.3	34	3.6	5,133	84.2
Change on quarter	0	0.1	-6	-0.1	-3	0.0	-58	-1.0	-7	-0.4	96	1.1
Change %	0.0		-3.5		-0.2		-5.8		-16.7		1.9	
Change on year	-36	-0.3	25	0.5	-15	-0.1	36	0.3	9	0.8	77	-0.4
Change %	-0.7		18.8		-1.0		4.1		37.2		1.5	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Nov-Jan 2024	4,543	67.0	109	2.3	2,124	31.3	551	8.2	7	1.2	6,198	91.7
Nov-Jan 2025	4,570	67.4	107	2.3	2,099	31.0	686	10.0	11	1.5	6,176	89.9
Feb-Apr 2025	4,638	68.5	122	2.6	2,014	29.7	662	9.6	14	2.1	6,226	90.2
May-Jul 2025	4,588	67.7	143	3.0	2,041	30.1	732	10.6	20	2.7	6,180	89.2
Aug-Oct 2025	4,601	68.0	136	2.9	2,027	30.0	751	10.8	12	1.5	6,202	89.0
Nov-Jan 2026	4,641	68.7	142	3.0	1,974	29.2	764	10.9	15	1.9	6,218	88.9
Change on quarter	39	0.7	6	0.1	-53	-0.8	13	0.1	4	0.4	16	-0.2
Change %	0.9		4.5		-2.6		1.7		30.6		0.3	
Change on year	71	1.2	36	0.7	-125	-1.8	78	0.9	4	0.4	42	-1.0
Change %	1.6		33.4		-6.0		11.4		40.8		0.7	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

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

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Government supported training & employment programmes ² working full-time			Total people working full-time	total people working part-time working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time	Total Workers with second jobs	
				Unpaid family workers	MGRN	MGRQ							MGRT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
People													
Nov-Jan 2024	33,314	28,857	4,322	86	48	25,016	8,297	22,030	6,828	2,933	1,390	1,174	
Nov-Jan 2025	33,922	29,361	4,386	111	63	25,496	8,426	22,451	6,910	2,965	1,421	1,262	
Feb-Apr 2025	34,011	29,432	4,403	119	57	25,479	8,532	22,478	6,954	2,936	1,468	1,347	
May-Jul 2025	34,243	29,646	4,432	115	49	25,633	8,610	22,617	7,029	2,957	1,475	1,301	
Aug-Oct 2025	34,226	29,669	4,374	115	69	25,584	8,642	22,597	7,072	2,906	1,467	1,302	
Nov-Jan 2026	34,310	29,724	4,394	122	71	25,523	8,787	22,560	7,164	2,894	1,500	1,302	
Change on quarter	84	55	20	7	1	-61	145	-37	92	-13	33	0	
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.5	6.4	2.0	-0.2	1.7	-0.2	1.3	-0.4	2.2	0.0	
Change on year	388	363	8	11	7	27	361	110	253	-71	79	40	
Change %	1.1	1.2	0.2	9.5	11.3	0.1	4.3	0.5	3.7	-2.4	5.6	3.2	
Men													
Nov-Jan 2024	17,167	14,319	2,762	53	34	14,823	2,344	12,584	1,734	2,198	564	507	
Nov-Jan 2025	17,515	14,566	2,841	64	44	15,066	2,449	12,781	1,785	2,226	615	534	
Feb-Apr 2025	17,506	14,596	2,811	66	33	14,979	2,527	12,757	1,839	2,179	632	613	
May-Jul 2025	17,638	14,737	2,816	56	30	15,079	2,559	12,840	1,897	2,204	611	566	
Aug-Oct 2025	17,537	14,660	2,785	56	36	15,055	2,482	12,824	1,836	2,186	599	586	
Nov-Jan 2026	17,564	14,741	2,729	57	37	15,067	2,496	12,882	1,859	2,150	579	589	
Change on quarter	26	81	-56	1	0	12	14	58	23	-36	-20	3	
Change %	0.1	0.6	-2.0	1.5	1.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	1.2	-1.6	-3.4	0.5	
Change on year	48	175	-113	-7	-7	1	47	101	74	-76	-37	54	
Change %	0.3	1.2	-4.0	-10.6	-16.9	0.0	1.9	0.8	4.1	-3.4	-6.0	10.2	
Women													
Nov-Jan 2024	16,146	14,538	1,561	33	14	10,193	5,953	9,445	5,093	735	826	667	
Nov-Jan 2025	16,407	14,795	1,545	47	19	10,429	5,977	9,670	5,126	739	805	728	
Feb-Apr 2025	16,505	14,836	1,592	53	23	10,500	6,005	9,721	5,115	757	835	734	
May-Jul 2025	16,605	14,910	1,616	59	20	10,554	6,051	9,778	5,132	752	864	736	
Aug-Oct 2025	16,689	15,009	1,589	58	33	10,529	6,160	9,773	5,236	721	869	716	
Nov-Jan 2026	16,746	14,983	1,665	65	34	10,455	6,291	9,678	5,305	744	921	714	
Change on quarter	57	-26	76	6	1	-74	131	-95	69	23	53	-3	
Change %	0.3	-0.2	4.8	11.0	2.7	-0.7	2.1	-1.0	1.3	3.2	6.1	-0.4	
Change on year	340	188	120	17	15	26	314	8	179	4	116	-15	
Change %	2.1	1.3	7.8	36.6	76.8	0.3	5.2	0.1	3.5	0.6	14.4	-2.0	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)						Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³						
	Total	% that could not find permanent job			% that could not find full-time job		Total	% that could not find full-time job			% that could not find full-time job		
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG
People	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ
Nov-Jan 2024	1,458	5.1	328	22.5	429	155	545	8,217	787	9.6	5,836	363	1,169
Nov-Jan 2025	1,536	5.2	383	25.0	415	145	593	8,331	851	10.2	5,808	435	1,190
Feb-Apr 2025	1,601	5.4	398	24.9	448	144	610	8,422	893	10.6	5,785	483	1,220
May-Jul 2025	1,573	5.3	373	23.7	449	152	599	8,504	882	10.4	5,895	445	1,225
Aug-Oct 2025	1,606	5.4	378	23.5	415	175	638	8,539	850	10.0	5,940	461	1,233
Nov-Jan 2026	1,659	5.6	402	24.2	428	164	665	8,663	883	10.2	5,953	465	1,310
Change on quarter	52	0.2	24	0.7	13	-11	27	125	34	0.2	14	3	76
Change %	3.3	6.3	6.3	3.1	-6.3	4.2	1.5	4.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	6.2	
Change on year	123	0.4	19	-0.7	13	20	72	332	33	0.0	145	30	120
Change %	8.0	4.9	4.9	3.2	13.5	12.1	4.0	3.8	0.0	2.5	6.9	10.1	
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ
Nov-Jan 2024	705	4.9	177	25.1	188	79	261	2,298	339	14.8	1,324	135	477
Nov-Jan 2025	721	4.9	200	27.7	185	78	258	2,400	359	15.0	1,357	165	499
Feb-Apr 2025	720	4.9	196	27.2	179	80	264	2,471	381	15.4	1,368	185	525
May-Jul 2025	755	5.1	196	25.9	186	85	288	2,508	375	15.0	1,425	178	507
Aug-Oct 2025	765	5.2	188	24.5	185	92	301	2,434	346	14.2	1,393	162	513
Nov-Jan 2026	776	5.3	193	24.9	191	77	315	2,437	358	14.7	1,374	160	530
Change on quarter	10	0.0	5	0.3	6	-15	14	3	12	0.5	-19	-3	17
Change %	1.4	2.6	2.6	3.4	-15.9	4.6	0.1	3.5	0.5	-1.4	-1.7	3.3	
Change on year	55	0.3	-7	-2.9	6	-1	57	37	-1	-0.3	18	-6	31
Change %	7.6	3.1	-3.6	3.3	-1.1	22.0	1.5	-0.2	0.2	1.3	-3.5	6.1	
Women	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ
Nov-Jan 2024	753	5.2	151	20.1	242	76	284	5,919	448	7.6	4,512	228	892
Nov-Jan 2025	815	5.5	183	22.5	230	67	335	5,931	492	8.3	4,451	269	691
Feb-Apr 2025	881	5.9	203	23.0	269	63	346	5,950	512	8.6	4,417	299	695
May-Jul 2025	818	5.5	178	21.7	263	67	311	5,996	507	8.5	4,470	267	718
Aug-Oct 2025	841	5.6	190	22.6	230	84	337	6,104	503	8.2	4,546	299	721
Nov-Jan 2026	883	5.9	209	23.7	237	87	350	6,226	525	8.4	4,579	305	780
Change on quarter	42	0.3	19	1.1	7	4	13	122	22	0.2	33	6	59
Change %	5.0	10.0	12.5	2.9	4.4	3.8	2.0	4.3	0.7	0.7	2.0	8.2	
Change on year	68	0.4	26	1.2	7	20	15	295	33	0.1	128	36	89
Change %	8.4	2.7	14.2	3.1	30.5	4.4	5.0	6.8	0.8	2.9	13.2	12.9	

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
Nov-Jan 2024	1,062.5	31.9	36.6	16.5	9.7
Nov-Jan 2025	1,081.2	31.9	36.5	16.6	9.3
Feb-Apr 2025	1,082.3	31.8	36.4	16.5	9.4
May-Jul 2025	1,088.0	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.4
Aug-Oct 2025	1,090.4	31.9	36.6	16.6	9.7
Nov-Jan 2026	1,090.2	31.8	36.6	16.6	9.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-2.0
<i>Change on year</i>	9.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.2	1.8
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Nov-Jan 2024	606.2	35.3	38.0	16.1	11.1
Nov-Jan 2025	616.2	35.2	38.1	15.8	9.9
Feb-Apr 2025	613.9	35.1	37.9	15.9	10.0
May-Jul 2025	617.1	35.0	38.0	15.9	10.3
Aug-Oct 2025	619.8	35.3	38.2	16.1	10.9
Nov-Jan 2026	618.7	35.2	38.1	16.3	9.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-1.1
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	1.2	-9.9
<i>Change on year</i>	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.1	0.1	2.9	-0.2
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Nov-Jan 2024	456.4	28.3	34.6	16.7	8.6
Nov-Jan 2025	465.0	28.3	34.3	16.9	8.9
Feb-Apr 2025	468.4	28.4	34.3	16.8	8.9
May-Jul 2025	470.9	28.4	34.4	16.7	8.8
Aug-Oct 2025	470.6	28.2	34.3	16.8	8.7
Nov-Jan 2026	471.4	28.2	34.4	16.7	9.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.8	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.4	6.0
<i>Change on year</i>	6.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	-0.7	0.3	-0.9	3.0

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1. Main and second job

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

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

7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Nov-Jan 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.8	0.6	1.1	4.4	2.9	7.3
6 up to 15 hours	5.9	3.7	8.2	5.2	3.2	7.2	10.3	6.3	17.7
16 up to 30 hours	18.7	10.7	27.3	18.0	9.3	26.5	24.0	17.8	35.4
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.2	54.1	62.8	69.0	56.8	40.6	46.8	29.2
Over 45 hours	14.2	19.3	8.7	13.2	18.0	8.5	20.7	26.2	10.4
Total (thousands)	33,922	17,515	16,407	29,361	14,566	14,795	4,386	2,841	1,545
Aug-Oct 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.1	2.5	6.8
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.8	8.5	5.3	3.2	7.4	11.3	6.5	19.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.6	10.4	27.1	17.7	8.9	26.3	24.2	18.1	34.8
31 up to 45 hours	59.8	65.3	54.0	62.8	68.9	56.9	39.8	47.0	27.2
Over 45 hours	14.2	19.5	8.5	13.3	18.3	8.3	20.7	26.0	11.3
Total (thousands)	34,226	17,537	16,689	29,669	14,660	15,009	4,374	2,785	1,589
Nov-Jan 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	1.1	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.2	4.3	2.8	6.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.9	8.8	5.5	3.3	7.7	10.9	6.3	18.5
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.3	27.0	17.6	8.8	26.2	24.2	17.7	34.9
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.6	53.8	62.9	69.2	56.7	40.5	47.3	29.2
Over 45 hours	13.9	19.1	8.4	13.1	18.0	8.2	20.1	25.9	10.5
Total (thousands)	34,310	17,564	16,746	29,724	14,741	14,983	4,394	2,729	1,665

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

The temporary 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](#).

Due to quality concerns during the pandemic period (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 dataset and from tables accompanying our Labour market overview and Employment in the UK bulletins. The country of birth and nationality labour market data will also be withdrawn from our time series data.

Our EMP06 and A12 dataset will continue to be made available on our website, with additional guidance for users. From our February 2025 publication, EMP06 and A12 will be published using the reweighted LFS data.

We will continue to review and update users accordingly.

[EMP06 Dataset](#)

Employment by country of birth and nationality

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[A12 Dataset](#)

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64						
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
			Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months						Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People														
			YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL			LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Nov-Jan 2024	1,414	4.1	930	187	297	21.0	159	1,391	4.2	915	186	290	20.8	154
Nov-Jan 2025	1,545	4.4	961	273	311	20.1	155	1,510	4.5	934	269	307	20.3	148
Feb-Apr 2025	1,640	4.6	995	266	379	23.1	172	1,590	4.7	984	259	347	21.8	164
May-Jul 2025	1,674	4.7	975	307	391	23.4	177	1,624	4.8	956	299	368	22.7	167
Aug-Oct 2025	1,832	5.1	1,064	334	433	23.7	181	1,779	5.2	1,039	316	424	23.9	170
Nov-Jan 2026	1,869	5.2	1,051	346	472	25.3	196	1,819	5.3	1,019	335	465	25.6	182
Change on quarter	37	0.1	-14	11	39	1.6	15	40	0.1	-20	19	41	1.7	12
Change %	2.0		-1.3	3.4	9.0		8.1	2.3		-1.9	6.1	9.7		6.9
Change on year	323	0.8	90	72	161	5.1	41	310	0.8	85	66	158	5.2	34
Change %	20.9		9.3	26.5	51.8		26.5	20.5		9.1	24.6	51.6		22.9
Men				MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWX
Nov-Jan 2024	783	4.4	485	91	207	26.4	119	767	4.5	475	92	201	26.2	115
Nov-Jan 2025	813	4.4	464	154	195	24.0	98	788	4.5	448	151	190	24.1	94
Feb-Apr 2025	870	4.7	516	128	226	26.0	103	833	4.8	506	121	206	24.7	98
May-Jul 2025	882	4.8	472	173	237	26.9	119	852	4.9	466	166	220	25.8	111
Aug-Oct 2025	1,029	5.5	558	209	263	25.5	119	988	5.6	537	192	259	26.2	112
Nov-Jan 2026	1,024	5.5	549	186	288	28.2	117	989	5.6	529	180	280	28.3	107
Change on quarter	-6	0.0	-9	-23	26	2.6	-2	1	0.0	-9	-12	21	2.1	-6
Change %	-0.6		-1.5	-10.9	9.7		-1.9	0.1		-1.6	-6.1	8.3		-4.9
Change on year	210	1.1	85	32	94	4.2	19	201	1.1	81	29	91	4.3	13
Change %	25.9		18.3	20.6	48.1		19.5	25.5		18.1	19.4	47.9		13.5
Women				MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37
Nov-Jan 2024	631	3.8	445	95	90	14.3	40	624	3.8	440	95	89	14.3	39
Nov-Jan 2025	732	4.3	497	119	116	15.9	57	721	4.4	486	118	117	16.3	54
Feb-Apr 2025	770	4.5	479	138	153	19.9	70	756	4.6	477	138	141	18.7	66
May-Jul 2025	792	4.6	504	135	154	19.5	58	772	4.6	491	133	148	19.2	56
Aug-Oct 2025	802	4.6	506	126	170	21.2	62	791	4.7	502	124	165	20.9	58
Nov-Jan 2026	845	4.8	501	160	184	21.8	79	830	4.9	490	155	185	22.3	76
Change on quarter	43	0.2	-5	34	13	0.5	17	39	0.2	-11	31	20	1.4	17
Change %	5.3		-1.0	27.2	7.9		27.5	4.9		-2.3	25.0	11.9		29.8
Change on year	113	0.5	5	41	67	5.9	22	108	0.5	4	37	68	6.0	21
Change %	15.4		0.9	34.1	58.0		38.6	15.0		0.8	31.4	57.6		39.4
			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			YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP			YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Nov-Jan 2024	120	24.5	102	12	6	5.0	*	397	10.6	258	67	73	18.3	32
Nov-Jan 2025	130	27.7	91	32	7	5.6	*	503	12.9	341	67	94	18.8	32
Feb-Apr 2025	124	28.4	92	24	8	6.5	*	501	12.7	331	66	104	20.8	34
May-Jul 2025	160	32.1	111	37	12	7.4	*	461	11.6	271	81	110	23.8	42
Aug-Oct 2025	188	36.6	129	33	26	13.9	4	546	13.4	342	80	125	22.9	39
Nov-Jan 2026	134	29.3	89	29	16	11.7	*	598	14.5	368	100	129	21.7	37
Change on quarter	-54	-7.3	-40	-4	-11	-2.3	*	51	1.1	26	21	4	-1.2	-2
Change %	-28.8		-30.9	-11.2	-40.3		*	9.4		7.6	25.8	3.6		-4.3
Change on year	4	1.6	-1	-3	8	6.1	*	95	1.6	27	33	35	2.9	5
Change %	3.4		-1.5	-8.1	115.6		*	18.8		7.8	48.9	37.0		14.0
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Nov-Jan 2024	62	27.0	54	4	4	7.2	*	272	14.0	175	37	60	22.0	28
Nov-Jan 2025	69	30.1	46	19	5	6.7	*	282	13.8	167	44	70	25.0	26
Feb-Apr 2025	68	32.1	53	10	5	6.8	*	286	13.8	170	36	81	28.2	23
May-Jul 2025	87	35.3	59	22	6	6.5	*	268	12.9	145	50	73	27.2	27
Aug-Oct 2025	102	41.2	67	21	14	14.0	*	341	16.1	202	53	86	25.2	29
Nov-Jan 2026	64	31.7	38	15	10	16.0	*	373	17.2	218	64	90	24.2	20
Change on quarter	-39	-9.5	-28	-6	-4	2.0	*	32	1.1	16	11	4	-1.0	-9
Change %	-37.7		-42.6	-28.5	-28.7		*	9.4		8.0	21.4	5.0		-30.6
Change on year	-5	1.6	-7	-3	6	9.4	*	90	3.4	51	20	20	-0.8	-6
Change %	-7.5		-16.3	-18.2	122.9		*	32.0		30.3	44.9	27.8		-22.7
Women			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Nov-Jan 2024	58	22.3	49	8	*	*	*	125	7.0	83	29	13	10.3	*
Nov-Jan 2025	61	25.4	45	13	*	*	*	221	11.9	174	23	24	10.9	7
Feb-Apr 2025	56	24.8	39	14	*	*	*	215	11.5	161	30	23	10.9	12
May-Jul 2025	73	29.0	52	15	6	8.5	*	193	10.1	125	31	37	19.0	15
Aug-Oct 2025	86	32.4	62	12	12	13.9	*	206	10.5	140	27	39	19.0	10
Nov-Jan 2026	70	27.4	51	14	5	7.7	*	225	11.5	150	36	39	17.5	17
Change on quarter	-16	-5.0	-11	2	-6	-6.1	*	19	1.0	10	9	0	-1.5	7
Change %	-18.1		-18.3	20.0	-54.4		*	9.4		7.0	34.6	0.5		71.9
Change on year	10	2.0	6	1	*	*	*	4	-0.4	-24	13	15	6.6	10
Change %	15.9		13.7	5.8	*	*	*	1.9		-13.8	56.7	63.8		157.2

Source: Labour Force Survey

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¹ Denominator = economically active for that age group.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	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
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Nov-Jan 2024	629	3.2	429	66	133	21.2	71	268	2.4	141	42	85	31.7	56
Nov-Jan 2025	636	3.2	379	125	132	20.7	73	277	2.4	150	49	78	28.1	49
Feb-Apr 2025	669	3.4	398	113	159	23.7	80	345	3.0	175	62	108	31.4	57
May-Jul 2025	685	3.4	395	126	164	24.0	76	368	3.2	198	64	106	28.7	58
Aug-Oct 2025	742	3.7	414	144	184	24.8	84	355	3.1	179	78	98	27.6	54
Nov-Jan 2026	785	3.9	416	155	214	27.3	87	352	3.0	178	61	113	32.2	71
Change on quarter	43	0.2	2	11	30	2.5	2	-3	0.0	-2	-17	15	4.5	17
Change %	5.8		0.4	7.8	16.3		2.9	-0.9		-0.9	-21.5	15.4		30.3
Change on year	150	0.7	37	30	82	6.6	14	75	0.6	28	12	35	4.1	22
Change %	23.5		9.7	24.4	62.6		18.8	26.9		18.4	23.7	45.4		44.8
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Nov-Jan 2024	297	3.0	184	26	87	29.5	55	152	2.6	73	24	55	36.2	36
Nov-Jan 2025	302	3.0	171	59	72	23.8	42	160	2.7	80	32	48	30.0	30
Feb-Apr 2025	306	3.0	188	45	73	23.9	45	210	3.5	105	37	68	32.3	35
May-Jul 2025	322	3.2	167	67	88	27.2	48	205	3.4	99	35	71	34.7	44
Aug-Oct 2025	379	3.7	196	81	102	27.0	52	207	3.4	93	54	61	29.2	37
Nov-Jan 2026	393	3.8	200	72	120	30.6	51	195	3.2	93	34	68	34.9	45
Change on quarter	14	0.1	4	-8	18	3.6	0	-13	-0.2	0	-20	7	5.7	8
Change %	3.6		1.9	-10.0	17.6		-0.9	-6.2		-0.2	-37.3	12.2		22.1
Change on year	91	0.8	29	13	48	6.8	9	35	0.6	13	2	20	4.9	15
Change %	30.0		16.8	22.6	67.4		22.7	21.7		16.1	5.7	41.7		48.1
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Nov-Jan 2024	332	3.5	246	40	46	13.8	16	115	2.2	68	18	30	25.8	20
Nov-Jan 2025	333	3.4	208	65	60	18.0	31	117	2.2	70	17	30	25.5	19
Feb-Apr 2025	364	3.7	210	68	86	23.5	35	135	2.5	69	25	41	30.1	22
May-Jul 2025	363	3.7	227	59	77	21.1	28	163	3.0	99	29	34	21.2	14
Aug-Oct 2025	363	3.7	218	63	82	22.5	33	148	2.7	86	24	38	25.5	18
Nov-Jan 2026	392	4.0	216	83	94	23.9	36	157	2.8	85	27	45	28.8	26
Change on quarter	29	0.3	-2	19	12	1.4	3	10	0.1	-1	3	8	3.3	8
Change %	8.1		-0.9	30.4	14.8		9.0	6.5		-1.6	14.0	20.4		47.3
Change on year	59	0.5	8	17	34	6.0	4	40	0.6	15	10	15	3.3	7
Change %	17.7		3.8	26.1	56.8		13.6	34.1		21.1	56.8	51.4		39.3

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged & over	16 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
Nov-Jan 2024	34,727	33,293	491	3,740	7,850	11,505	9,707	1,434
Nov-Jan 2025	35,467	33,852	468	3,900	7,994	11,772	9,717	1,616
Feb-Apr 2025	35,651	34,020	439	3,937	8,004	11,835	9,805	1,631
May-Jul 2025	35,917	34,171	498	3,989	8,036	11,868	9,780	1,746
Aug-Oct 2025	36,058	34,266	514	4,076	8,044	11,859	9,774	1,793
Nov-Jan 2026	36,179	34,435	458	4,117	8,087	11,960	9,813	1,744
Change on quarter	121	169	-56	41	44	101	39	-48
Change %	0.3	0.5	-10.9	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.4	-2.7
Change on year	711	583	-10	217	93	188	96	128
Change %	2.0	1.7	-2.2	5.6	1.2	1.6	1.0	7.9
Men	MMSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Nov-Jan 2024	17,950	17,074	231	1,936	4,005	5,847	5,056	876
Nov-Jan 2025	18,329	17,409	229	2,047	4,111	5,982	5,041	920
Feb-Apr 2025	18,376	17,421	213	2,066	4,113	5,984	5,046	955
May-Jul 2025	18,519	17,525	246	2,076	4,143	6,011	5,050	994
Aug-Oct 2025	18,567	17,537	248	2,119	4,138	5,995	5,036	1,030
Nov-Jan 2026	18,587	17,622	201	2,165	4,152	6,074	5,030	965
Change on quarter	20	85	-47	46	14	78	-6	-65
Change %	0.1	0.5	-19.1	2.2	0.3	1.3	-0.1	-6.3
Change on year	259	213	-28	118	42	92	-11	46
Change %	1.4	1.2	-12.1	5.8	1.0	1.5	-0.2	5.0
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Nov-Jan 2024	16,777	16,219	260	1,804	3,845	5,658	4,652	558
Nov-Jan 2025	17,139	16,442	239	1,852	3,884	5,790	4,676	696
Feb-Apr 2025	17,275	16,599	226	1,871	3,892	5,851	4,759	676
May-Jul 2025	17,397	16,646	253	1,913	3,893	5,857	4,731	752
Aug-Oct 2025	17,491	16,729	265	1,956	3,906	5,863	4,737	763
Nov-Jan 2026	17,591	16,812	257	1,951	3,935	5,886	4,783	779
Change on quarter	100	84	-9	-5	29	23	46	16
Change %	0.6	0.5	-3.2	-0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	2.1
Change on year	453	370	17	99	52	96	107	83
Change %	2.6	2.2	7.2	5.3	1.3	1.7	2.3	11.9

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Nov-Jan 2024	62.7	77.9	31.3	65.9	86.5	87.6	73.2	11.4
Nov-Jan 2025	63.4	78.5	29.0	67.7	87.5	88.2	73.3	12.6
Feb-Apr 2025	63.5	78.7	27.0	68.1	87.5	88.3	74.0	12.6
May-Jul 2025	63.8	78.9	30.5	68.7	87.8	88.2	73.8	13.5
Aug-Oct 2025	63.9	79.0	31.5	69.9	87.8	87.8	73.9	13.8
Nov-Jan 2026	64.0	79.3	28.0	70.3	88.3	88.1	74.3	13.3
Change on quarter	0.1	0.3	-3.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.4
Change on year	0.6	0.8	-0.9	2.6	0.8	-0.1	1.0	0.7
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Nov-Jan 2024	66.8	81.3	28.7	67.1	90.2	91.7	77.9	15.0
Nov-Jan 2025	67.4	82.1	27.6	69.7	91.6	92.4	77.8	15.4
Feb-Apr 2025	67.4	82.0	25.6	70.0	91.5	92.1	77.9	15.9
May-Jul 2025	67.7	82.3	29.4	70.0	92.0	92.2	78.0	16.5
Aug-Oct 2025	67.7	82.2	29.7	71.1	91.8	91.6	77.9	17.0
Nov-Jan 2026	67.7	82.4	24.0	72.3	92.0	92.4	77.9	15.8
Change on quarter	-0.1	0.3	-5.7	1.2	0.2	0.8	0.0	-1.1
Change on year	0.2	0.3	-3.6	2.6	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.4
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Nov-Jan 2024	58.9	74.6	34.0	64.7	82.9	83.7	68.7	8.3
Nov-Jan 2025	59.5	75.0	30.4	65.6	83.5	84.2	69.0	10.1
Feb-Apr 2025	59.9	75.6	28.5	66.0	83.6	84.8	70.3	9.8
May-Jul 2025	60.1	75.7	31.7	67.3	83.7	84.5	69.9	10.8
Aug-Oct 2025	60.3	75.9	33.3	68.6	84.0	84.2	70.0	11.0
Nov-Jan 2026	60.5	76.2	32.2	68.1	84.7	84.2	70.8	11.1
Change on quarter	0.2	0.3	-1.1	-0.5	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.2
Change on year	1.0	1.2	1.8	2.5	1.2	-0.1	1.8	1.0

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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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	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LF68	LF6B	LF6D	LF6E	LF6F	LF6G
Nov-Jan 2024	9,437	2,614	1,625	190	2,821	32	1,113	1,041	7,626	1,811
Nov-Jan 2025	9,268	2,419	1,653	221	2,812	26	1,061	1,074	7,294	1,973
Feb-Apr 2025	9,187	2,462	1,606	170	2,796	38	1,036	1,080	7,199	1,988
May-Jul 2025	9,124	2,368	1,615	193	2,797	27	1,041	1,084	7,093	2,032
Aug-Oct 2025	9,099	2,350	1,585	190	2,810	41	1,043	1,080	6,968	2,131
Nov-Jan 2026	8,999	2,401	1,523	201	2,774	32	1,012	1,055	6,926	2,073
Change on quarter	-99	51	-62	12	-37	-9	-30	-25	-42	-57
Change %	-1.1	2.2	-3.9	6.1	-1.3	-20.8	-2.9	-2.3	-0.6	-2.7
Change on year	-268	-18	-130	-20	-39	6	-49	-19	-368	100
Change %	-2.9	-0.8	-7.9	-8.9	-1.4	23.2	-4.6	-1.7	-5.0	5.1
Men	BEEB	BEAC	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
Nov-Jan 2024	3,924	1,281	257	109	1,258	17	511	492	3,111	813
Nov-Jan 2025	3,797	1,173	235	130	1,292	15	478	474	2,947	850
Feb-Apr 2025	3,832	1,200	248	97	1,290	19	462	517	2,946	887
May-Jul 2025	3,775	1,170	215	94	1,309	14	474	500	2,859	916
Aug-Oct 2025	3,801	1,187	214	91	1,335	23	487	466	2,861	940
Nov-Jan 2026	3,754	1,202	219	102	1,290	20	468	453	2,809	945
Change on quarter	-47	16	5	11	-45	-3	-18	-12	-52	5
Change %	-1.2	1.3	2.4	12.0	-3.4	-13.6	-3.8	-2.7	-1.8	0.5
Change on year	-43	29	-16	-28	-2	5	-10	-20	-138	95
Change %	-1.1	2.5	-6.8	-21.8	-0.2	35.1	-2.1	-4.3	-4.7	11.2
Women	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LF63	LF6C	LF6E	LF6F	LF6G	LF6H
Nov-Jan 2024	5,513	1,334	1,368	81	1,563	15	603	549	4,515	997
Nov-Jan 2025	5,471	1,246	1,418	91	1,520	12	583	600	4,347	1,124
Feb-Apr 2025	5,355	1,261	1,358	73	1,507	19	574	563	4,254	1,101
May-Jul 2025	5,349	1,197	1,400	99	1,488	13	567	584	4,233	1,116
Aug-Oct 2025	5,297	1,163	1,371	99	1,475	18	556	615	4,107	1,190
Nov-Jan 2026	5,245	1,199	1,304	99	1,484	13	544	602	4,117	1,128
Change on quarter	-52	36	-67	1	8	-5	-12	-13	10	-62
Change %	-1.0	3.1	-4.9	0.8	0.6	-29.8	-2.2	-2.0	0.2	-5.2
Change on year	-226	-47	-114	9	-37	1	-39	2	-230	5
Change %	-4.1	-3.8	-8.0	9.7	-2.4	8.6	-6.7	0.3	-5.3	0.4
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Nov-Jan 2024	100.0	27.7	17.2	2.0	29.9	0.3	11.8	11.0	80.8	19.2
Nov-Jan 2025	100.0	26.1	17.8	2.4	30.3	0.3	11.5	11.6	78.7	21.3
Feb-Apr 2025	100.0	26.8	17.5	1.8	30.4	0.4	11.3	11.8	78.4	21.6
May-Jul 2025	100.0	26.0	17.7	2.1	30.7	0.3	11.4	11.9	77.7	22.3
Aug-Oct 2025	100.0	25.8	17.4	2.1	30.9	0.5	11.5	11.9	76.6	23.4
Nov-Jan 2026	100.0	26.7	16.9	2.2	30.8	0.4	11.2	11.7	77.0	23.0
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEB	BEEQ	BEEU	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Nov-Jan 2024	100.0	32.6	6.5	2.8	32.1	0.4	13.0	12.5	79.3	20.7
Nov-Jan 2025	100.0	30.9	6.2	3.4	34.0	0.4	12.6	12.5	77.6	22.4
Feb-Apr 2025	100.0	31.3	6.5	2.5	33.7	0.5	12.1	13.5	76.9	23.1
May-Jul 2025	100.0	31.0	5.7	2.5	34.7	0.4	12.6	13.2	75.7	24.3
Aug-Oct 2025	100.0	31.2	5.6	2.4	35.1	0.6	12.8	12.3	75.3	24.7
Nov-Jan 2026	100.0	32.0	5.8	2.7	34.4	0.5	12.5	12.1	74.8	25.2
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Nov-Jan 2024	100.0	24.2	24.8	1.5	28.3	0.3	10.9	10.0	81.9	18.1
Nov-Jan 2025	100.0	22.8	25.9	1.7	27.8	0.2	10.7	11.0	79.5	20.5
Feb-Apr 2025	100.0	23.6	25.4	1.4	28.1	0.3	10.7	10.5	79.4	20.6
May-Jul 2025	100.0	22.4	26.2	1.8	27.8	0.2	10.6	10.9	79.1	20.9
Aug-Oct 2025	100.0	22.0	25.9	1.9	27.8	0.3	10.5	11.6	77.5	22.5
Nov-Jan 2026	100.0	22.9	24.9	1.9	28.3	0.2	10.4	11.5	78.5	21.5

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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 unclassified 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

Nov-Jan 2026

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	Total	Employed ²	Unemployed ²	Economically	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically
				inactive				inactive				inactive
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

Levels

People

16-17	1,633	324	134	1,175	1,422	265	112	1,045	211	59	22	131
18-24	5,859	3,519	598	1,742	1,941	728	138	1,075	3,918	2,791	460	667
16-24	7,492	3,843	732	2,918	3,363	993	250	2,120	4,129	2,849	482	798

Men

16-17	837	137	64	636	722	110	47	565	114	28	16	70
18-24	2,994	1,793	373	829	920	314	75	532	2,074	1,479	298	297
16-24	3,831	1,930	436	1,464	1,642	423	122	1,097	2,188	1,507	314	368

Women

16-17	797	186	70	540	700	155	65	480	97	31	6	60
18-24	2,865	1,726	225	913	1,021	415	63	543	1,844	1,312	162	370
16-24	3,661	1,913	295	1,453	1,720	570	127	1,023	1,941	1,343	168	431

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	1	-2	-54	57	9	9	-36	36	-8	-11	-18	21
18-24	26	-10	51	-15	59	49	8	1	-33	-60	43	-16
16-24	27	-12	-3	42	68	59	-28	37	-41	-71	25	5

Men

16-17	0	-9	-39	48	8	-3	-27	38	-7	-6	-11	10
18-24	15	14	32	-32	8	1	1	6	7	13	31	-37
16-24	15	5	-7	16	15	-2	-27	44	0	7	20	-27

Women

16-17	0	7	-16	9	1	12	-9	-2	-1	-5	-7	11
18-24	11	-25	19	17	51	48	7	-4	-40	-73	12	21
16-24	12	-18	4	26	52	60	-1	-7	-40	-78	5	32

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	19.8	29.3	72.0	18.6	29.7	73.5	27.7	27.5	61.8
18-24	60.1	14.5	29.7	37.5	15.9	55.4	71.2	14.1	17.0
16-24	51.3	16.0	38.9	29.5	20.1	63.0	69.0	14.5	19.3

Men

16-17	16.4	31.7	76.0	15.2	30.1	78.3	24.1	37.2	61.5
18-24	59.9	17.2	27.7	34.1	19.3	57.8	71.3	16.8	14.3
16-24	50.4	18.4	38.2	25.8	22.4	66.8	68.9	17.2	16.8

Women

16-17	23.4	27.4	67.8	22.2	29.4	68.5	31.8	15.9	62.2
18-24	60.3	11.5	31.9	40.6	13.2	53.2	71.1	11.0	20.1
16-24	52.2	13.4	39.7	33.1	18.3	59.5	69.2	11.1	22.2

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	-0.1	-7.3	3.4	0.5	-7.0	2.1	-4.1	-9.0	11.8
18-24	-0.4	1.1	-0.4	1.4	-0.1	-1.7	-0.9	1.4	-0.3
16-24	-0.3	0.0	0.4	1.2	-2.8	-0.2	-1.0	0.9	0.3

Men

16-17	-1.1	-9.5	5.7	-0.6	-9.8	4.5	-3.5	-7.7	11.7
18-24	0.2	1.1	-1.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.4	-1.8
16-24	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.4	-3.5	2.1	0.3	0.8	-1.3

Women

16-17	0.9	-5.0	1.1	1.7	-4.5	-0.4	-5.1	-9.9	11.9
18-24	-1.1	1.0	0.5	2.8	0.0	-3.3	-2.4	1.2	1.5
16-24	-0.6	0.3	0.6	2.6	-1.9	-2.3	-2.5	0.8	2.1

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/peoplenotinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainin>

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
Nov-Jan 2024	133	4.6	82	5.7	51	3.5
Nov-Jan 2025	124	4.2	78	5.4	46	3.1
Feb-Apr 2025	102	3.5	72	4.9	30	2.0
May-Jul 2025	104	3.5	56	3.8	48	3.3
Aug-Oct 2025	156	5.3	90	6.1	66	4.5
Nov-Jan 2026	133	4.5	66	4.5	67	4.4
Change on quarter	-23	-0.8	-24	-1.6	0	0.0
Change %	-14.9		-26.2		0.4	
Change on year	9	0.2	-12	-0.9	21	1.3
Change %	7.2		-15.3		45.7	

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.