Statistical bulletin

Index of Services, UK: January 2026

Movements in the volume of output for the UK services industries. Figures are seasonally adjusted.

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1 . Main points

- Services output was estimated to have increased by 0.2% in the three months to January 2026, compared with the previous three months to October 2025.

- In the three months to January 2026, 7 of the 14 sectors showed growth with the main positive contributing sectors being "wholesale and retail trade" (up 1.0%) and "information and communication" (up 0.8%).

- In the three months to January 2026, 4 of the 14 sectors showed a decline (3 sectors showed no growth) with the main contributor being "real estate activities" (down 0.2%).

- Monthly services output was estimated to have no growth (0.0%) in January 2026; this follows a rise of 0.2% in December 2025 and a rise of 0.1% in November 2025.

- There were monthly increases in 7 of the 14 sectors in January 2026; the largest positive contribution on the month came from "wholesale and retail trade" (up 1.0%) and "professional, scientific, and technical activities" (up 0.6%).

- There were monthly decreases in 6 of the 14 sectors (1 sector had no growth) in January 2026; the largest negative contribution came from "administrative and support activities" (down 2.3%).

2 . Data on Index of Services

Index of Services time series
Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 13 March 2026
Monthly movements in output for the services industries: distribution, hotels and restaurants; transport, storage and communication; business services and finance; and government and other services.

Monthly Business Survey turnover of services industries
Dataset | Released 13 March 2026
Monthly Business Survey services industries' total turnover; current price and non-seasonally adjusted, UK.

Index of Services, main components and sectors to four decimal places
Dataset | Released 13 March 2026
Monthly historical movements in output for services and their industry components, by chained volume indices of gross value added, UK.

Index of Services revisions triangles
Dataset | Released 13 March 2026
Monthly chained volume indices in gross value added for services and its main components.

All data related to the Index of Services are available on our Related data page.

3 . Data sources and quality

Response rates for January 2026

The response rates for January 2026 were 71.3 % based on forms returned. This accounted for 84.7% of total turnover coverage of the sample population. For further information, see our Current and historical Monthly Business Survey (MBS) (services) response rates dataset.

Data sources and collection

The Index of Services (IoS) is compiled using data from several different sources (share of overall economy based on latest gross value added (GVA) weights). These include the:

- Office for National Statistics (ONS) MBS (34.9%)

- ONS Retail Sales Inquiry (4.8%)

- ONS Government Expenditure (15.3%)

- ONS Households' Expenditure (11.2%)

- ONS Finance Expenditure (8.0%)

- ONS Households and non-profit institutions serving households (1.9%)

- Other (3.6%)

The MBS data are published alongside this release in our MBS turnover of services industries dataset.

For further information on what is included within "other", please see our Gross domestic product (GDP(o)) data sources catalogue.

The percentage of each data source is based on their gross value-added weight.

Our IoS methods and sources pages provide more information on the data that underpin these statistics; of particular note is our GDP(o) data sources catalogue.

Value Added Tax (VAT) data are also included for small and medium-sized businesses to help inform estimates. For more information, see our VAT turnover data in National Accounts: background and methodology.

Quality and methodology

The data reported in IoS bulletins and datasets are estimates that are subject to uncertainty, for example, sampling variability and non-sampling error. For more information on these, see Section 2 of our Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology.

More quality and methodology information (QMI) on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in our Index of Services Quality and Methodology Information.

Accredited official statistics

These accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in April 2014. They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice for Statistics and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

Revisions to Index of Services

This release gives data for January 2026 for the first time. We have exceptionally revised the series for "non-market education" and "retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles" from January 2024 to December 2025. This was to bring through updates to the seasonal adjustment factors in non-market education, and to reflect revisions made to the Retail Sales Index (RSI), Retail sales, Great Britain: December 2025 bulletin, published on 23 January 2026.

Please note, in our next IoS publication on 16 April 2026 we will open for revision back to January 2024. This release will incorporate the revisions from the Quarterly National Accounts release being published on 31 March 2026.

Seasonal adjustment

The monthly estimates of IoS are seasonally adjusted. Seasonal adjustment is the process of removing the variations associated with the time of year, or the arrangement of the calendar, from a data time series.

IoS estimates, as for many data time series, are difficult to analyse using raw data because seasonal effects dominate short-term movements. Identifying and removing the seasonal component leaves the trend and irregular components.

We use the X-13-ARIMA-SEATS approach to seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment parameters are monitored closely and regularly reviewed. For more information, please see our seasonal adjustment methodology page.

In our IoS estimates, seasonal adjustment is applied at the industry level, and the seasonally adjusted series are aggregated to create estimates by sector and total IoS output. As part of our quality assurance approach, residual seasonality checks are regularly completed by our time series analysis team on both the directly seasonally adjusted series and also the indirectly derived aggregate time series.

This topic is explored further in our Assessing residual seasonality in published outputs article updated on 30 September 2025.

Based on our quality assurance as part of this publication, there is no statistically significant residual seasonality in our aggregate estimates for the Index of Services in the period from January 1997 to January 2026.

4 . Related links

GDP monthly estimate, UK: January 2026
Bulletin | Released 13 March 2026
Gross domestic product (GDP) measures the value of goods and services produced in the UK. It estimates the size of and growth in the economy.

GDP first quarterly estimate, UK: October to December 2025
Bulletin | Released 12 February 2026
First quarterly estimate of gross domestic product (GDP). Contains current and constant price data on the value of goods and services to indicate the economic performance of the UK.

Index of Production, UK: January 2026
Bulletin | Released 13 March 2026
Movements in the volume of production for the UK production industries: manufacturing, mining and quarrying, energy supply, and water and waste management. Figures are seasonally adjusted.

Producer price inflation, UK: January 2026
Bulletin | Released 21 January 2026
Changes in the prices of goods bought and sold by UK manufacturers, including price indices of materials and fuels purchased (input prices), and factory gate prices (output prices).

5 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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IOS: Index of Services [1]
Chained volume indices of gross value added [2,3,4]

seasonally adjusted 2022 = 100

		Total service industries	Distribution hotels and restaurants	Transport, storage and communication	Business services and finance	Govern- ment and other services
Section		G-T	G and I	H and J	K-N	O-T
2022 weights		**1000**	**163**	**122**	**438**	**277**
		S2KU	S2MV	KI7B	KI7L	KI7T
2021		93.5	97.7	83.2	96.8	90.9
2022		99.1	102.3	94.6	100.9	96.6
2023		100	100	100	100	100
2024		101.5	99.9	104.1	100.7	102.5
2025		103	100.7	108.3	101.5	104.3
2024	Q4	102.1	100.1	105.2	101.1	103.5
2025	Q1	102.7	100.9	107.5	101.4	103.8
	Q2	102.9	100.5	108.5	101.5	104.3
	Q3	103.1	100.8	108.4	101.7	104.4
	Q4	103.1	100.8	108.8	101.5	104.6
2024	Nov	102	100.1	105.1	100.8	103.6
	Dec	102.5	100.8	105.7	101.4	103.7
2025	Jan	102.4	99.8	106.5	101.3	104
	Feb	102.6	100.7	107.3	101.4	103.6
	Mar	103.1	102.2	108.5	101.5	103.8
	Apr	102.7	100.7	107.8	101.2	104.2
	May	102.9	100.3	108.9	101.3	104.4
	Jun	103.2	100.5	108.8	101.9	104.5
	Jul	103.1	100.8	108.3	101.6	104.5
	Aug	102.9	100	108.3	101.6	104.4
	Sep	103.3	101.5	108.6	101.8	104.4
	Oct	103	100.4	108	101.5	104.7
	Nov	103.1	100.6	109	101.4	104.6
	Dec	103.3	101.3	109.5	101.7	104.5
2026	Jan	103.3	101.7	109.4	101.5	104.6
Percentage change, latest year on previous year						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2021		9.8	12.8	8.9	5.8	14.7
2022		6	4.8	13.7	4.2	6.2
2023		0.9	-2.3	5.7	-0.9	3.5
2024		1.5	-0.1	4.1	0.7	2.5
2025		1.5	0.9	4	0.8	1.8
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago						
		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2024	Nov	1.9	0	4.7	1.7	2.2
	Dec	2.8	2.5	4.8	1.9	3.6
2025	Jan	2	-0.4	5.6	1.4	2.7
	Feb	2	1.6	4.7	1.4	2
	Mar	2	2.4	5.7	0.9	1.9
	Apr	1.4	1.9	2.6	0.6	2
	May	1.2	-0.7	4.3	0.5	2.2
	Jun	1.8	0.5	3.8	1.2	2.5
	Jul	1.5	0.6	3	1.1	2.1
	Aug	1.2	0.3	3.3	0.8	1.5
	Sep	1.6	2	4.8	0.8	1.2
	Oct	1.1	1.2	3.2	0.4	1.4
	Nov	1.1	0.4	3.7	0.7	1
	Dec	0.8	0.5	3.6	0.2	0.8
2026	Jan	0.9	2	2.8	0.1	0.6

Industry sections (SIC2007)

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2 Indices reflect values measured at basic prices, which exclude "taxes less
  subsidies on products".
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  changes shown in these tables are due to rounding.
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  Time series dataset

Sources: For further information on these data please telephone
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Percentage change, latest month on previous month

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2024	Nov	0.1	0.9	0.4	-0.3	0.3
	Dec	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.2
2025	Jan	-0.1	-1.1	0.8	-0.1	0.3
	Feb	0.2	1	0.8	0.1	-0.3
	Mar	0.4	1.4	1.1	0.1	0.2
	Apr	-0.3	-1.5	-0.7	-0.3	0.4
	May	0.2	-0.4	1.1	0.1	0.2
	Jun	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.1
	Jul	-0.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
	Aug	-0.1	-0.8	0	0	-0.1
	Sep	0.3	1.4	0.3	0.1	0
	Oct	-0.3	-1.1	-0.6	-0.3	0.3
	Nov	0.1	0.2	0.9	0	-0.1
	Dec	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.1
2026	Jan	0	0.4	0	-0.2	0.1

Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago

		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R
2024	Nov	1.9	-0.2	4.5	2	2
	Dec	2.3	0.6	4.9	2	2.6
2025	Jan	2.2	0.7	5	1.7	2.8
	Feb	2.2	1.2	5	1.5	2.8
	Mar	2	1.2	5.3	1.2	2.2
	Apr	1.8	2	4.3	1	2
	May	1.6	1.2	4.2	0.7	2
	Jun	1.5	0.6	3.6	0.8	2.2
	Jul	1.5	0.2	3.7	0.9	2.3
	Aug	1.5	0.5	3.4	1	2
	Sep	1.5	1	3.7	0.9	1.6
	Oct	1.3	1.2	3.7	0.7	1.4
	Nov	1.3	1.2	3.9	0.6	1.2
	Dec	1	0.7	3.5	0.4	1.1
2026	Jan	0.9	1	3.3	0.3	0.8

Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months

		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S
2024	Nov	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.9
	Dec	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7
2025	Jan	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.2	0.7
	Feb	0.7	0.8	1.9	0.5	0.5
	Mar	0.6	0.8	2.2	0.3	0.3
	Apr	0.5	0.9	2	0.2	0.1
	May	0.4	0.6	1.8	-0.1	0.3
	Jun	0.2	-0.4	1	0.1	0.5
	Jul	0.2	-0.7	0.7	0.2	0.6
	Aug	0.2	-0.6	0	0.4	0.3
	Sep	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.1
	Oct	0	0.1	-0.3	0	0
	Nov	0	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.1
	Dec	0	0	0.4	-0.1	0.1
2026	Jan	0.2	0.6	0.9	-0.1	0.1

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