

Statistical bulletin

Index of Services, UK: March 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 for Quarter 1 (January to March) 2026 was estimated to have increased by 0.8% compared with Quarter 4 (October to December) 2025.
- In Quarter 1 2026, 11 of the 14 sectors saw an increase, with the main positive contributing sectors being “wholesale and retail trade” (up 2.0%), “information and communication” (up 1.7%), and “professional, scientific, and technical activities” (up 1.2%).
- In Quarter 1 2026, 3 of the 14 sectors saw a decrease, with “administrative and support service activities” (down 1.0%), providing the largest negative contribution.
- Monthly services output was estimated to have increased by 0.3% in March 2026, this follows a rise in February 2026 (0.5%), and no growth in January 2026 (0.0%).
- There were monthly increases in 11 of the 14 sectors in March 2026; the largest positive contribution on the month came from “information and communication” (up 1.1%).
- There were monthly decreases in 2 of the 14 sectors (1 sector had no growth (0.0%)) in March 2026 with “wholesale and retail trade” (down 0.2%) providing the largest negative contribution.

2 . Data on Index of Services

[Index of Services time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 14 May 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 14 May 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 14 May 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 14 May 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 March 2026

The response rates for March 2026 were 70.7 % based on forms returned. This accounted for 85.7% 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 March 2026 for the first time, with revisions open from January 2024.

In our next IoS publication on 12 June 2026, we will be publishing data for April 2026 for the first time, with no previous periods open for revision. Please see the [National Accounts Revisions Policy: updated January 2026](#) for further details.

Table 1 shows the revisions from the current release against the previous IoS release (February 2026) published on 16 April 2026.

Table 1: Revisions to month-on-month growth for Index of Services and its sectors
Percentage growth, January 2024 to February 2026

Date	IoS	Sections G & I - Distribution, Hotels and Restaurants	Sections H & J - Transport, Storage and Communications	Sections K to N - Business Services and Finances	Sections O to T - Government and other services
Jan 2024	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Feb 2024	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Mar 2024	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Apr 2024	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
May 2024	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Jun 2024	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jul 2024	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Aug 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sep 2024	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Oct 2024	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Nov 2024	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Dec 2024	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Jan 2025	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Feb 2025	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Mar 2025	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
Apr 2025	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
May 2025	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Jun 2025	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Jul 2025	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Aug 2025	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Sep 2025	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Oct 2025	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Nov 2025	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Dec 2025	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0
Jan 2026	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.1
Feb 2026	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.2

Source: Index of Services estimate from the Office for National Statistics

Notes

1. Revisions are rounded to one decimal place and calculated based on the one decimal place indexes.
2. Further information on current and past revisions can be found in our Index of Services revisions triangles dataset.

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.

From the next IoS release which will be published on 12 June 2026, we will be publishing non-seasonally adjusted chained volume measure series in addition to our current datasets.

4 . Related links

[GDP monthly estimate, UK: March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 14 May 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 quarterly national accounts, UK: January to March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 14 May 2026

Revised quarterly estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) for the UK. Uses additional data to provide a more precise indication of economic growth than the first estimate.

[Index of Production, UK: March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 14 May 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: March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 22 April 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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		Industry sections (SIC2007)				
		Total service industries	Distribution hotels and restaurants	Transport, storage and communication	Business services and finance	Government 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	101.4	99.4	104.8	100.6	102.2
	2025	103	100.1	109.7	101.4	104.2
2025	Q1	102.6	100.5	108.1	101.4	103.4
	Q2	102.8	99.8	109.2	101.3	104.1
	Q3	103.1	99.9	110.2	101.5	104.5
	Q4	103.3	100.1	111.3	101.4	104.8
2026	Q1	104.1	101.9	112.8	101.8	105.3
2025	Jan	102.4	99.7	107.2	101.4	103.6
	Feb	102.6	100.3	108.2	101.5	103.2
	Mar	102.9	101.6	108.9	101.3	103.5
	Apr	102.6	100.3	108.2	101.1	103.9
	May	102.7	99.6	109.6	101.2	104.1
	Jun	103.1	99.6	110	101.7	104.4
	Jul	103.1	100.1	109.9	101.5	104.6
	Aug	102.9	99	110.1	101.4	104.5
	Sep	103.3	100.6	110.5	101.6	104.5
	Oct	103.1	99.6	110.3	101.3	104.8
	Nov	103.2	99.8	111.1	101.3	104.8
	Dec	103.6	100.9	112.5	101.5	104.8
2026	Jan	103.7	101.7	112.3	101.2	105.1
	Feb	104.1	102	112.5	102	105.2
	Mar	104.5	102.1	113.6	102.2	105.6
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	1.4	-0.6	4.8	0.6	2.2
	2025	1.6	0.7	4.7	0.8	1.9
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2025	Jan	2	-0.3	6.1	1.4	2.6
	Feb	1.9	1.1	5.3	1.3	1.9
	Mar	2	2.6	5.7	0.8	1.8
	Apr	1.4	1.8	2.5	0.6	1.9
	May	1.2	-0.9	4.3	0.4	2.2
	Jun	1.9	0.5	4.5	1.1	2.6
	Jul	1.7	0.5	3.9	1.2	2.3
	Aug	1.3	-0.1	4.2	0.7	1.8
	Sep	1.7	2	5.5	0.7	1.5
	Oct	1.3	0.5	4.2	0.4	1.9
	Nov	1.2	-0.1	4.6	0.5	1.5
	Dec	1.2	0.4	5.5	0.1	1.3
2026	Jan	1.2	2	4.7	-0.2	1.4
	Feb	1.5	1.7	4	0.5	2
	Mar	1.5	0.5	4.3	0.8	2

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2 Indices reflect values measured at basic prices, which exclude "taxes less subsidies on products".

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2022 weights		1000	163	122	438	277	
Percentage change, latest month on previous month							
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O	
2025	Jan	0	-0.8	0.6	0	0.2	
	Feb	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.1	-0.4	
	Mar	0.3	1.3	0.7	-0.2	0.3	
	Apr	-0.3	-1.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.4	
	May	0.1	-0.7	1.3	0	0.2	
	Jun	0.4	0	0.4	0.5	0.3	
	Jul	0	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	
	Aug	-0.2	-1.1	0.1	0	-0.1	
	Sep	0.4	1.7	0.4	0.1	0	
	Oct	-0.2	-1	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	
	Nov	0.1	0.2	0.8	-0.1	0	
	Dec	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.3	-0.1	
2026	Jan	0	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	
	Feb	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.1	
	Mar	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.3	
Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago							
		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R	
2025	Jan	2.2	0.5	5.8	1.7	2.6	
	Feb	2.2	1	5.7	1.5	2.6	
	Mar	2	1.1	5.7	1.2	2.1	
	Apr	1.8	1.8	4.5	0.9	1.9	
	May	1.5	1.2	4.1	0.6	1.9	
	Jun	1.5	0.5	3.8	0.7	2.2	
	Jul	1.6	0.1	4.2	0.9	2.4	
	Aug	1.6	0.3	4.2	1	2.3	
	Sep	1.6	0.8	4.5	0.9	1.9	
	Oct	1.5	0.8	4.6	0.6	1.7	
	Nov	1.4	0.8	4.8	0.5	1.6	
	Dec	1.2	0.3	4.8	0.3	1.6	
2026	Jan	1.2	0.8	5	0.1	1.4	
	Feb	1.3	1.4	4.8	0.1	1.6	
	Mar	1.4	1.4	4.3	0.4	1.8	
Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months							
		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S	
2025	Jan	0.7	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.6	
	Feb	0.7	1	1.6	0.6	0.4	
	Mar	0.6	0.7	1.8	0.4	0.3	
	Apr	0.4	0.7	1.6	0.1	0.1	
	May	0.2	0.3	1.4	-0.3	0.4	
	Jun	0.2	-0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.7	
	Jul	0.3	-0.9	1.3	0.1	0.8	
	Aug	0.3	-0.9	1	0.3	0.7	
	Sep	0.3	0	0.9	0.2	0.4	
	Oct	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0	0.3	
	Nov	0.1	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.2	
	Dec	0.2	0.2	1	-0.1	0.3	
2026	Jan	0.4	1.1	1.5	-0.1	0.3	
	Feb	0.6	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.3	
	Mar	0.8	1.8	1.3	0.4	0.5	

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