

Statistical bulletin

# Employment in the UK: June 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 onwards.
- Some volatility remains in the LFS estimates, particularly those for mid-2023 and throughout 2024, as well as for granular breakdowns, in which sample sizes are smaller.
- 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.
- The estimated UK employment rate remained largely unchanged on both the year and in the latest quarter (February to April 2026), at 75.0%
- The estimated UK unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points on the year, but decreased by 0.3 percentage points, to 4.9%, in the latest quarter, compared with the previous quarter (November 2025 to January 2026).
- The estimated UK economic inactivity rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points on the year, but increased by 0.3 percentage points in the latest quarter, to 21.0%.

These labour market statistics, based on the Labour Force Survey and the Annual Population Survey, are considered [official statistics in development](#). 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 February to April 2026.

We had to make operational changes to the LFS because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which introduced an increased non-response bias to the survey. We reduced this bias by introducing 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, 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.

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. The constraint to country-of-birth information was also removed.

This reweighting creates a discontinuity between the December 2018 to February 2019 and January to March 2019 periods. Users should take this discontinuity into consideration when looking at 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](#).

Estimates from January to March 2025 include the full effect of the improvements in LFS data collection and sampling methods introduced from January 2024 onwards. Some volatility remains, particularly for estimates for mid-2023 and throughout 2024, as well as for granular breakdowns, in which sample sizes are smaller. Therefore, we advise users to use caution when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, and to focus on long-term movements in the data.

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.

We published an update of our [LFS quality update article: April 2026](#). This 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.

As part of our work to address quality concerns with the LFS, we have seen improvements in response levels and rates, with responses now close to their pre-pandemic level. The achieved sample, including imputed cases (the dataset size), has increased from 77,927 individuals in October to December 2025 to 80,078 individuals in January to March 2026. This is shown in our [LFS performance and quality monitoring report: January to March 2026 methodology](#).

LFS estimates are designated as [official statistics in development](#), and are currently not considered accredited official statistics.

In our next July 2026 bulletin, we intend to implement the results of our LFS series' seasonal adjustment review. We expect this to result in revisions to this series dating back to the start of 2020.

## 4 . Summary

Table 1: February to April 2026 headline measures and changes  
UK headline economic status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted, February to April 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
<b>Employment (thousands, aged 6 and over)</b>	34,410	± 212	100	± 180	399	± 293
<b>Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)</b>	75.0	± 0.4	0.0	± 0.4	0.0	± 0.6
<b>Unemployment (thousands, aged 16 and over)</b>	1,764	± 94	-105	± 104	124	± 134
<b>Unemployment rate (aged 16+)</b>	4.9	± 0.3	-0.3	± 0.3	0.3	± 0.4
<b>Economically inactive (thousands, aged 16 to 64)</b>	9,136	± 181	137	± 157	-51	± 255
<b>Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)</b>	21.0	± 0.4	0.3	± 0.4	-0.3	± 0.6
<b>Total weekly hours (millions)</b>	1,095.8	N/A	5.7	N/A	13.5	N/A
<b>Redundancies (thousands, aged 16 years and over)</b>	113	± 22	-20	± 32	11	± 32
<b>Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16+)</b>	3.8	N/A	-0.7	N/A	0.3	N/A

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

### Notes

1. Given the volatility of LFS estimates we advise users to use caution when drawing conclusions from short-term changes and to focus on long-term movements in the data.

## 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 was an increase from 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.

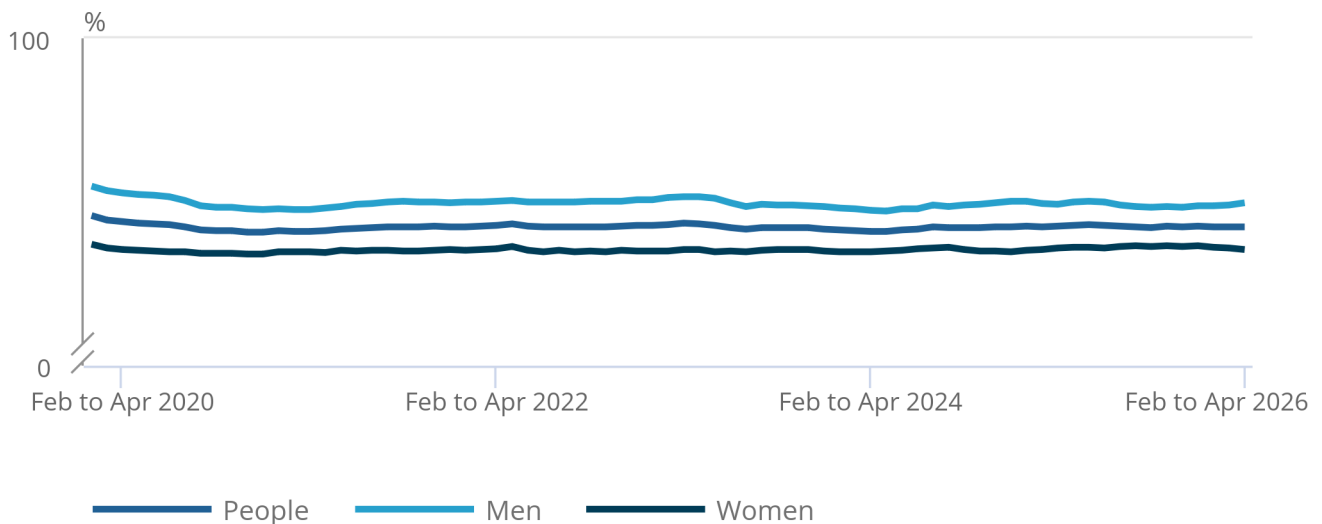
The employment rate remained largely unchanged both over the year, since February to April 2025, and in the latest quarter (February to April 2026).

### Figure 1: The employment rate was largely unchanged on both the year and 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 February to April 2026

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#### Notes:

1. Given the volatility of LFS estimates, we advise users to use caution when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, and to focus on long-term movements in the data.

In the latest year since February to April 2025, both the number of full-time and part-time workers increased. However, in the latest quarter (February to April 2026), while the number of full-time workers increased, the number of part-time workers decreased. The increase in full-time workers over the year was caused by an increase in employees working full-time. The increase in part-time workers in the same period was caused by an increase in self-employed people working part-time.

Following increases in 2024 and early 2025, the number of people with second jobs decreased both over the year to 1.277 million (3.7% of people in employment) and in the latest quarter (February to April 2026).

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 increased both over the year and in the latest quarter. Hours worked for both men and women increased over the year. Men's hours worked increased in the latest quarter, while women's hours worked decreased in the same period.

Average actual weekly hours worked remained largely unchanged over the year, but increased in the latest quarter.

## 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-pandemic rates until mid-2022. The rate has been largely increasing since.

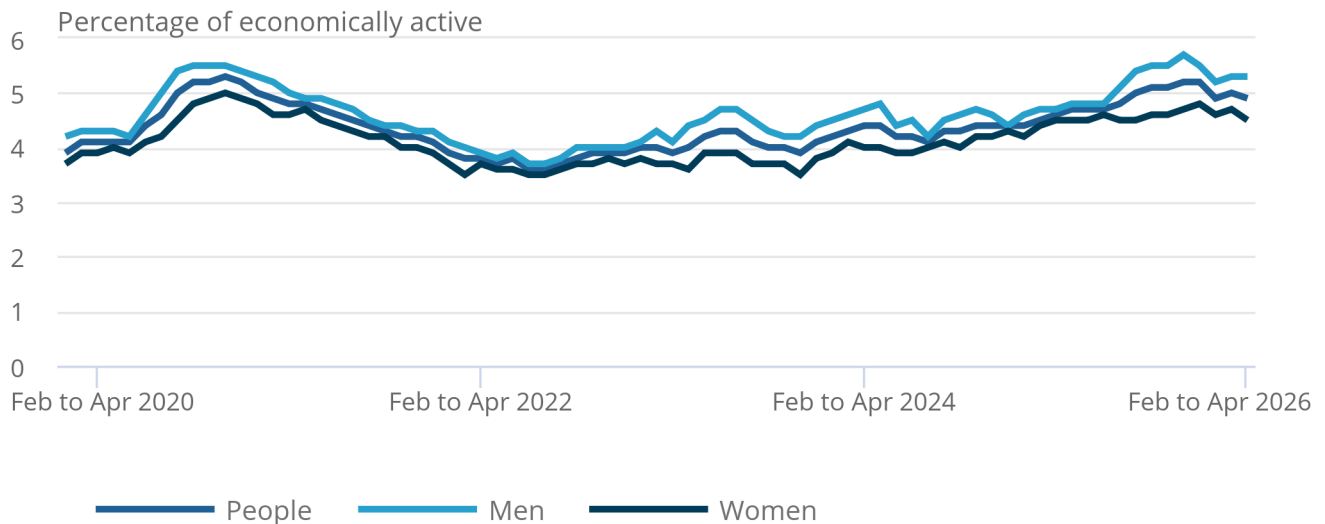
The unemployment rate increased over the year, since February to April 2025, but decreased in the latest quarter (February to April 2026).

**Figure 2: The unemployment rate was up on the year, but was down 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 February to April 2026

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

**Notes:**

1. Given the volatility of LFS estimates, we advise users to use caution when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, and to focus on long-term movements in the data.

The number of people that were unemployed for up to 6 months decreased both over the year and in the latest quarter. The number of those unemployed for between 6 to 12 months increased over the year, but remained largely unchanged in the latest quarter. The number of those unemployed for over 12 months increased over the year, but decreased in the latest quarter. The increase in the number of people unemployed over the year was the result of an increase in the number of both unemployed men and women.

We also publish our [Claimant Count dataset](#), which is 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 update article](#).

Before this, the Claimant Count had generally been falling since a change was made 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 has since fluctuated around this increased rate.

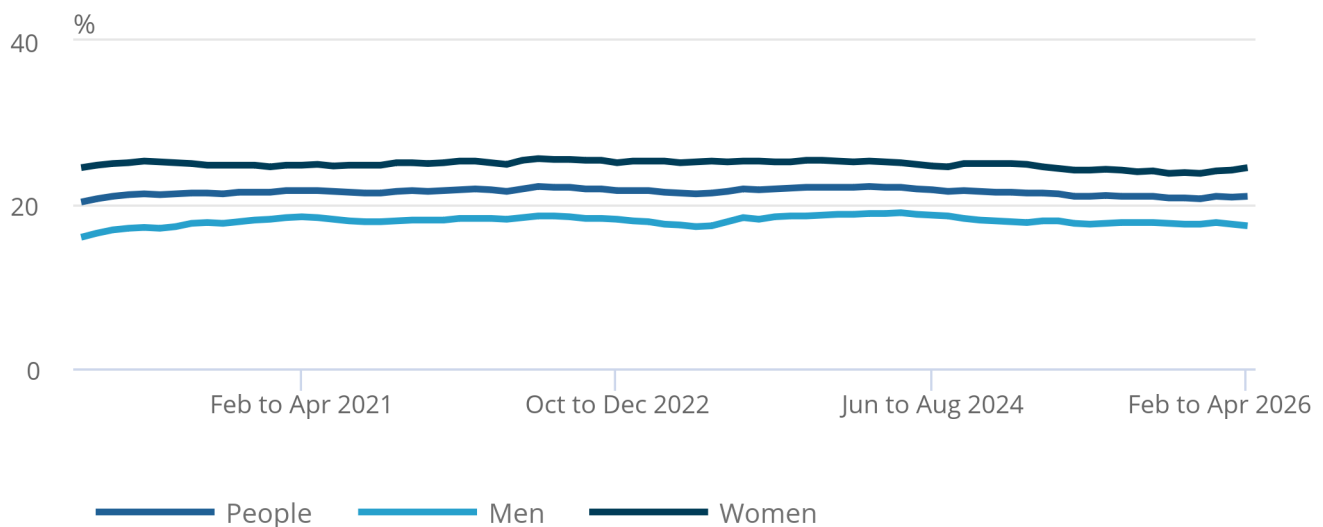
The economic inactivity rate decreased over the year, since February to April 2025, but increased in the latest quarter (February to April 2026).

### Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was down on the year, but was up 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 February to April 2026

### Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was down on the year, but was up in the latest quarter

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

#### Notes:

1. Given the volatility of LFS estimates, we advise users to use caution when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, and to focus on long-term movements in the data.

All age groups experienced an annual decrease in inactivity rate since February to April 2025, except for those aged 35 to 49 years, who saw an increase. In the latest quarter (February to April 2026), the quarterly increase in inactivity rate was largely because of those aged between 16 to 24 years and 35 to 49 years.

The annual decrease in economic inactivity since February to April 2025 was largely because of those looking after their family and home. The quarterly increase in inactivity rate was largely because of those looking after their family and home, and students not looking for work.

## 8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview increased over the year, but decreased in the latest quarter, to 3.8 per 1,000 employees in February to April 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 18 June 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 18 June 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 18 June 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 18 June 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 18 June 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 18 June 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

The term [employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work or who had a job that they were temporarily away from (for example, because they were on holiday or off sick). This differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are in employment.

Workers furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), or those who were self-employed, but temporarily not in work, had a reasonable expectation of returning to their jobs after a temporary period of absence. Therefore, they were classified as employed under the International Labour Organization (ILO) definition. A more detailed explanation is available in our [Guide to labour market statistics 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](#).

## 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 has 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.

A more in depth look at how country of birth information has changed on the survey is included in our [Labour Force Survey quality update: April 2026 article](#). 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 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 LFS is 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.

We compare the latest workforce jobs series estimates with the equivalent estimates of jobs from the LFS in our annual [Reconciliation report of job estimates article](#). In June 2026, we updated our [X03: Reconciliation of estimates of employment and jobs dataset](#) to reflect the latest estimates.

We compare data sources and discuss some of the main differences between data sources in our [Comparison of labour market data sources methodology](#).

## 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: April 2026](#)

Article | Released 15 April 2026

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

### [Working and workless households in the UK: January to March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 3 June 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: May 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 28 May 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 18 June 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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(\*) 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 LFS<sup>1</sup> indicators United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population <sup>1</sup>				Headline indicators				
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		
			Level	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate <sup>4</sup>	
	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	
<b>People</b>									
Feb-Apr 2024	55,508	42,836	33,344	74.4	1,524	4.4	9,490	22.2	
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	
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	56,663	43,503	34,410	75.0	1,764	4.9	9,136	21.0	
Change on quarter	134	69	100	0.0	-105	-0.3	137	0.3	
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.3		-5.6		1.5		
Change on year	548	296	399	0.0	124	0.3	-51	-0.3	
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.2		7.6		-0.6		
<b>Men</b>	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM	
Feb-Apr 2024	26,942	21,054	17,137	77.2	853	4.7	3,969	18.9	
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	
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	27,545	21,414	17,738	78.2	984	5.3	3,716	17.4	
Change on quarter	70	38	174	0.4	-40	-0.3	-38	-0.2	
Change %	0.3	0.2	1.0		-3.9		-1.0		
Change on year	286	161	232	0.1	114	0.5	-116	-0.7	
Change %	1.0	0.8	1.3		13.1		-3.0		
<b>Women</b>	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T	
Feb-Apr 2024	28,566	21,782	16,207	71.7	671	4.0	5,521	25.3	
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	
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	29,118	22,089	16,672	72.0	780	4.5	5,421	24.5	
Change on quarter	64	31	-75	-0.5	-65	-0.3	176	0.8	
Change %	0.2	0.1	-0.4		-7.7		3.3		
Change on year	262	135	167	-0.2	10	0.0	66	0.1	
Change %	0.9	0.6	1.0		1.3		1.2		

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- The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households in the UK.
- The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.
- 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.
- 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
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2O	LF2M	LF2S
Feb-Apr 2024	33,344	60.1	1,524	4.4	20,640	37.2	31,868	74.4	1,477	4.4	9,490	22.2
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	34,410	60.7	1,764	4.9	20,489	36.2	32,647	75.0	1,720	5.0	9,136	21.0
Change on quarter	100	0.0	-105	-0.3	139	0.2	31	0.0	-99	-0.3	137	0.3
Change %	0.3		-5.6		0.7		0.1		-5.5		1.5	
Change on year	399	0.1	124	0.3	26	-0.3	216	0.0	130	0.3	-51	-0.3
Change %	1.2		7.6		0.1		0.7		8.2		-0.6	
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Feb-Apr 2024	17,137	63.6	853	4.7	8,952	33.2	16,257	77.2	828	4.8	3,969	18.9
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	17,738	64.4	984	5.3	8,823	32.0	16,742	78.2	957	5.4	3,716	17.4
Change on quarter	174	0.5	-40	-0.3	-65	-0.3	109	0.4	-33	-0.2	-38	-0.2
Change %	1.0		-3.9		-0.7		0.7		-3.3		-1.0	
Change on year	232	0.2	114	0.5	-60	-0.6	154	0.1	123	0.6	-116	-0.7
Change %	1.3		13.1		-0.7		0.9		14.8		-3.0	
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Feb-Apr 2024	16,207	56.7	671	4.0	11,688	40.9	15,611	71.7	649	4.0	5,521	25.3
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	16,672	57.3	780	4.5	11,667	40.1	15,905	72.0	763	4.6	5,421	24.5
Change on quarter	-75	-0.4	-65	-0.3	203	0.6	-77	-0.5	-67	-0.4	176	0.8
Change %	-0.4		-7.7		1.8		-0.5		-8.1		3.3	
Change on year	167	0.1	10	0.0	86	-0.1	62	-0.2	7	0.0	66	0.1
Change %	1.0		1.3		0.7		0.4		0.9		1.2	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Feb-Apr 2024	352	22.2	131	27.1	1,101	69.5	3,363	59.0	452	11.9	1,880	33.0
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	332	20.3	147	30.7	1,155	70.7	3,456	58.7	588	14.5	1,841	31.3
Change on quarter	8	0.5	13	1.4	-20	-1.3	-63	-1.3	-10	0.0	99	1.5
Change %	2.5		9.7		-1.7		-1.8		-1.7		5.7	
Change on year	17	0.9	23	2.4	-30	-2.3	20	-0.7	87	1.8	-6	-0.7
Change %	5.5		18.2		-2.5		0.6		17.3		-0.3	
<b>Men</b>	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVI	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Feb-Apr 2024	163	20.0	70	30.1	580	71.4	1,691	58.3	291	14.7	917	31.6
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	155	18.5	85	35.4	598	71.4	1,790	59.5	352	16.4	868	28.8
Change on quarter	17	2.1	21	3.7	-38	-4.6	-3	-0.4	-21	-0.8	39	1.2
Change %	12.6		32.8		-5.9		-0.2		-5.6		4.7	
Change on year	10	1.1	16	3.3	-21	-3.0	10	-0.8	66	2.6	-18	-1.2
Change %	6.9		23.7		-3.4		0.5		23.0		-2.0	
<b>Women</b>	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAC	LWFC
Feb-Apr 2024	190	24.6	61	24.4	522	67.5	1,672	59.8	161	8.8	963	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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	177	22.2	63	26.1	557	69.9	1,667	58.0	236	12.4	973	33.8
Change on quarter	-9	-1.2	-8	-1.3	17	2.2	-60	-2.3	11	0.9	60	2.0
Change %	-5.0		-11.2		3.2		-3.5		4.9		6.6	
Change on year	7	0.8	6	1.3	-9	-1.6	11	-0.5	21	0.9	12	-0.1
Change %	4.3		11.5		-1.6		0.7		9.7		1.2	

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
<b>People</b>	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAV	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Feb-Apr 2024	7,589	83.4	315	4.0	1,196	13.1	11,199	84.9	319	2.8	1,671	12.7
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	7,889	84.0	399	4.9	1,070	11.7	11,573	85.3	386	3.2	1,610	11.9
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	7,744	84.6	354	4.4	1,060	11.6	11,589	85.0	335	2.8	1,704	12.5
Change on quarter	56	0.6	-45	-0.6	-10	-0.1	16	-0.3	-51	-0.4	94	0.6
Change %	0.7		-11.2		-0.9		0.1		-13.2		5.8	
Change on year	69	0.7	25	0.3	-83	-0.9	94	-0.8	-5	-0.1	140	0.8
Change %	0.9		7.5		-7.2		0.8		-1.3		8.9	
<b>Men</b>	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Feb-Apr 2024	3,865	86.8	154	3.8	435	9.8	5,699	89.1	156	2.7	544	8.5
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	3,953	87.5	215	5.2	348	7.7	5,964	90.3	141	2.3	499	7.6
Change on quarter	34	0.7	-19	-0.5	-12	-0.3	50	0.4	-18	-0.3	-4	-0.1
Change %	0.9		-8.0		-3.2		0.8		-11.5		-0.8	
Change on year	24	0.1	31	0.7	-34	-0.8	103	0.1	19	0.3	-13	-0.3
Change %	0.6		16.9		-8.9		1.7		15.8		-2.6	
<b>Women</b>	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Feb-Apr 2024	3,723	80.2	161	4.2	760	16.4	5,500	81.0	163	2.9	1,127	16.6
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	3,791	81.7	139	3.5	712	15.3	5,625	80.1	194	3.3	1,205	17.2
Change on quarter	21	0.5	-26	-0.7	2	0.0	-34	-0.8	-33	-0.5	98	1.3
Change %	0.6		-15.8		0.2		-0.6		-14.4		8.8	
Change on year	45	1.1	-6	-0.2	-49	-1.0	-8	-1.5	-24	-0.4	153	1.9
Change %	1.2		-4.4		-6.4		-0.1		-10.9		14.6	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Feb-Apr 2024	9,366	70.6	260	2.7	3,641	27.4	1,476	11.6	47	3.1	11,150	88.0
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	9,525	72.2	296	3.0	3,376	25.6	1,763	13.4	44	2.4	11,353	86.3
Change on quarter	15	0.2	-7	-0.1	-25	-0.2	68	0.5	-5	-0.4	2	-0.4
Change %	0.2		-2.2		-0.7		4.0		-11.1		0.0	
Change on year	15	0.4	1	0.0	-72	-0.4	182	1.1	-6	-0.6	76	-1.1
Change %	0.2		0.3		-2.1		11.5		-12.2		0.7	
<b>Men</b>	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Feb-Apr 2024	4,840	74.6	158	3.2	1,492	23.0	879	14.9	25	2.8	4,983	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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	4,880	75.7	165	3.3	1,403	21.8	996	16.2	27	2.6	5,107	83.3
Change on quarter	10	0.3	5	0.1	-24	-0.3	65	1.0	-7	-0.9	-26	-0.9
Change %	0.2		2.8		-1.7		7.0		-21.4		-0.5	
Change on year	8	0.5	-9	-0.2	-30	-0.4	78	1.0	-9	-1.2	56	-0.8
Change %	0.2		-5.1		-2.1		8.5		-25.4		1.1	
<b>Women</b>	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Feb-Apr 2024	4,526	66.8	102	2.2	2,149	31.7	596	8.8	22	3.5	6,167	90.9
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	4,645	68.8	131	2.7	1,973	29.2	767	10.9	17	2.2	6,246	88.9
Change on quarter	4	0.1	-11	-0.2	-1	0.0	3	0.0	2	0.2	28	0.0
Change %	0.1		-7.8		-0.1		0.4		12.5		0.4	
Change on year	7	0.4	10	0.2	-42	-0.5	104	1.3	3	0.1	20	-1.4
Change %	0.2		8.0		-2.1		15.8		22.4		0.3	

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# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

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

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers <sup>1</sup>							Total Workers with second jobs	
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes <sup>2</sup>	Total people working full-time	Total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time			
												1		2
<b>People</b>		MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW		
Feb-Apr 2024	33,344	28,871	4,354	74	45	25,017	8,327	21,998	6,872	2,969	1,386	1,226		
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		
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	34,410	29,654	4,566	138	51	25,654	8,755	22,660	6,995	2,945	1,621	1,277		
Change on quarter	100	-70	172	16	-20	131	-32	99	-169	51	121	-25		
Change %	0.3	-0.2	3.9	13.5	-27.7	0.5	-0.4	0.4	-2.4	1.8	8.1	-1.9		
Change on year	399	222	163	20	-6	175	223	182	41	10	153	-70		
Change %	1.2	0.8	3.7	16.4	-10.3	0.7	2.6	0.8	0.6	0.3	10.4	-5.2		
<b>Men</b>		MGRQ	MGRR	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBX		
Feb-Apr 2024	17,137	14,293	2,768	44	32	14,773	2,363	12,550	1,743	2,187	582	517		
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		
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	17,738	14,828	2,815	68	27	15,164	2,574	12,972	1,856	2,161	654	580		
Change on quarter	174	87	86	11	-10	97	77	90	-3	11	75	-8		
Change %	1.0	0.6	3.2	19.3	-27.3	0.6	3.1	0.7	-0.2	0.5	13.0	-1.4		
Change on year	232	232	4	3	-7	185	46	215	17	-18	22	-33		
Change %	1.3	1.6	0.1	4.0	-19.8	1.2	1.8	1.7	0.9	-0.8	3.4	-5.3		
<b>Women</b>		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY		
Feb-Apr 2024	16,207	14,578	1,586	30	14	10,244	5,963	9,448	5,130	782	804	710		
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		
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	16,872	14,826	1,751	70	24	10,490	6,182	9,687	5,139	784	967	697		
Change on quarter	-75	-157	86	5	-10	35	-109	9	-166	41	45	-17		
Change %	-0.4	-1.0	5.2	8.4	-28.2	0.3	-1.7	0.1	-3.1	5.5	4.9	-2.3		
Change on year	167	-10	159	17	1	-10	177	-34	24	27	132	-37		
Change %	1.0	-0.1	10.0	31.8	3.4	-0.1	2.9	-0.3	0.5	3.6	15.8	-5.1		
		Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) <sup>3</sup>							
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of leaving	Some other reason	Total <sup>4</sup>	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
<b>People</b>	YCBZ	YCCB	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCK	YCCM	YCCN	YCCO	YCCP	YCCQ	YCCR	YCCS	
Feb-Apr 2024	1,457	5.0	288	19.8	413	187	569	8,258	826	10.0	5,882	321	1,169	
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	
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	1,577	5.3	366	23.2	428	153	630	8,616	878	10.2	5,953	463	1,267	
Change on quarter	-82	-0.3	-36	-1.0	0	-11	-35	-48	-6	0.0	0	-1	-43	
Change %	-5.0	-9.0	0.1	-6.7	-5.3	-0.6	-0.7	0.0	-0.3	-3.3				
Change on year	-24	-0.1	-33	-1.7	-20	10	19	194	-15	-0.4	167	-20	47	
Change %	-1.5	-8.2	-4.5	6.8	3.2	-1.7	2.3	-1.7	2.9	-4.1	3.9			
<b>Men</b>	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCN	YCCO	YCCP	YCCQ	YCCR	YCCS	YCCD	YCCJ	
Feb-Apr 2024	722	5.1	158	21.9	180	106	278	2,324	395	17.0	1,307	123	474	
Feb-Apr 2025	720	4.9	196	27.2	179	80	264	2,471	381	15.4	1,388	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	
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	733	4.9	196	26.8	185	70	282	2,510	382	15.2	1,412	167	541	
Change on quarter	-42	-0.3	4	1.9	-7	-7	-32	72	24	0.5	37	7	11	
Change %	-5.5	1.9	-3.5	-8.9	-10.3	3.0	6.7	2.7	4.6	2.1				
Change on year	14	0.0	1	-0.4	5	-10	18	38	1	-0.2	43	-18	15	
Change %	1.9	0.4	2.9	-12.4	6.7	1.6	0.3	3.2	-9.5	2.9				
<b>Women</b>	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCN	YCCO	YCCP	YCCQ	YCCR	YCCS	YCCD	YCCJ	
Feb-Apr 2024	735	5.0	130	17.7	233	81	291	5,933	432	7.3	4,576	198	695	
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	
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	843	5.7	169	20.1	244	83	347	6,106	495	8.1	4,541	296	726	
Change on quarter	-40	-0.2	-40	-3.6	7	-4	-3	-120	-30	-0.3	-38	-9	-54	
Change %	-4.5	-19.1	3.0	-4.7	-0.7	-1.9	-5.7	-0.8	-2.9	-6.9				
Change on year	-38	-0.3	-33	-2.9	-25	20	1	155	-17	-0.5	124	-2	32	
Change %	-4.3	-16.4	-9.5	31.0	0.4	2.6	-3.2	2.8	-0.8	4.6				

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

**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) <sup>1,2</sup>		Full-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Second Jobs
	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
<b>People</b>					
Feb-Apr 2024	1,064.2	31.9	36.5	16.5	9.7
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	1,095.8	31.8	36.5	16.5	10.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5.7	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.7
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	6.9
<i>Change on year</i>	13.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	0.1	0.4	-0.1	7.9
<b>Men</b>	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Feb-Apr 2024	606.1	35.4	38.0	16.1	11.0
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	624.6	35.2	38.0	16.4	11.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5.9	0.0	-0.1	0.1	1.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.0	-0.3	0.5	14.2
<i>Change on year</i>	10.7	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.3
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	0.4	0.3	3.0	12.7
<b>Women</b>	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Feb-Apr 2024	458.1	28.3	34.3	16.7	8.8
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	471.3	28.3	34.5	16.6	9.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	0.4	0.2	-1.1	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	2.8	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	-0.4	0.5	-1.3	3.5

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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 work<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
<b>Feb-Apr 2025</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.6	3.0	7.5
6 up to 15 hours	6.0	3.8	8.3	5.2	3.1	7.1	10.7	6.6	18.0
16 up to 30 hours	18.9	10.9	27.4	18.1	9.5	26.5	24.5	17.9	36.1
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.2	54.2	63.0	68.9	57.2	39.8	46.6	27.7
Over 45 hours	13.8	19.0	8.3	12.9	17.8	8.1	20.4	25.8	10.8
Total (thousands)	34,011	17,506	16,505	29,432	14,596	14,836	4,403	2,811	1,592
<b>Nov-Jan 2026</b>									
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.8	0.6	1.1	4.3	2.7	6.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.9	8.8	5.5	3.3	7.7	10.6	6.7	16.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	10.5	26.7	17.3	8.9	25.6	25.9	18.7	37.4
31 up to 45 hours	60.1	65.7	54.1	63.4	69.7	57.1	39.4	45.7	29.2
Over 45 hours	13.9	18.9	8.6	13.0	17.6	8.5	19.8	26.1	9.6
Total (thousands)	34,410	17,738	16,672	29,654	14,828	14,826	4,566	2,815	1,751

<sup>1</sup> 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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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.

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We will continue to review and update users accordingly.

[EMP06 Dataset](#)

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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		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		% over 12 months		All over 24 months		All		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						
<b>People</b>			YBWF	YBVG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL			LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38						
Feb-Apr 2024	1,524	4.4	930	239	356	23.3	170	1,477	4.4	908	235	335	22.7	162						
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						
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	1,764	4.9	981	346	438	24.8	196	1,720	5.0	974	337	409	23.8	185						
Change on quartl	-105	-0.3	-70	0	-35	-0.5	0	-99	-0.3	-45	2	-56	-1.8	2						
Change %	-5.6		-6.7	0.0	-7.4		0.0	-5.5		-4.5	0.7	-12.1		1.2						
Change on year	124	0.3	-15	80	58	1.7	23	130	0.3	-10	78	62	2.0	20						
Change %	7.6		-1.5	30.2	15.4		13.4	8.2		-1.0	30.2	17.9		12.3						
<b>Men</b>			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWX	YBYB						
Feb-Apr 2024	853	4.7	479	133	242	28.3	126	828	4.8	468	129	231	27.9	123						
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						
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	984	5.3	541	182	261	26.5	123	957	5.4	537	179	240	25.1	116						
Change on quartl	-40	-0.3	-9	-3	-28	-1.7	6	-33	-0.2	9	-1	-40	-3.2	9						
Change %	-3.9		-1.6	-1.9	-9.6		5.4	-3.3		1.6	-0.5	-14.3		8.3						
Change on year	114	0.5	25	54	35	0.5	20	123	0.6	31	58	34	0.4	18						
Change %	13.1		4.8	42.6	15.3		19.7	14.8		6.1	47.8	16.7		17.9						
<b>Women</b>			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39						
Feb-Apr 2024	671	4.0	451	106	114	17.0	44	649	4.0	440	106	104	16.0	39						
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						
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	780	4.5	440	163	177	22.7	72	763	4.6	436	158	169	22.1	69						
Change on quartl	-65	-0.3	-62	4	-7	0.9	-6	-67	-0.4	-54	3	-16	-0.2	-7						
Change %	-7.7		-12.3	2.3	-3.8		-8.0	-8.1		-11.0	2.0	-8.7		-8.7						
Change on year	10	0.0	-39	26	24	2.8	3	7	0.0	-41	20	28	3.4	3						
Change %	1.3		-8.2	18.7	15.5		4.1	0.9		-8.6	14.7	19.5		4.0						
	16-17							18-24												
	All		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		% over 12 months		All over 24 months		All		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						
<b>People</b>			YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP			YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE						
Feb-Apr 2024	131	27.1	97	20	14	11.0	*	452	11.9	288	78	86	19.1	29						
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	*	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						
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	147	30.7	94	34	19	13.0	3	588	14.5	347	107	133	22.7	45						
Change on quartl	13	1.4	4	5	3	1.3	*	-10	0.0	-21	7	4	1.0	8						
Change %	9.7		5.0	17.3	22.1		*	-1.7		-5.6	6.8	2.9		22.1						
Change on year	23	2.4	2	10	11	6.5	*	87	1.8	16	41	29	1.9	11						
Change %	18.2		1.8	41.2	135.6		*	17.3		5.0	61.8	28.0		31.2						
<b>Men</b>			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF						
Feb-Apr 2024	70	30.1	55	10	5	6.9	*	291	14.7	173	47	71	24.5	25						
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	*	288	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						
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	85	35.4	50	24	11	13.1	*	352	16.4	208	63	81	23.0	26						
Change on quartl	21	3.7	12	8	1	-2.9	*	-21	-0.8	-10	-2	-9	-1.1	6						
Change %	32.8		30.3	55.4	8.8		*	-5.6		-4.7	-2.5	-10.1		30.7						
Change on year	16	3.3	-3	13	6	6.3	*	66	2.6	38	27	0	-5.2	3						
Change %	23.7		-6.5	128.5	137.3		*	23.0		22.6	75.3	0.5		14.0						
<b>Women</b>			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG						
Feb-Apr 2024	61	24.4	41	10	10	15.7	*	161	8.8	115	32	15	9.3	*						
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						
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	63	26.1	44	11	8	12.8	*	236	12.4	139	44	52	22.1	19						
Change on quartl	-8	-1.3	-7	-3	3	5.1	*	11	0.9	-10	8	13	4.6	2						
Change %	-11.2		-14.0	-23.6	47.0		*	4.9		-6.9	23.6	32.6		12.0						
Change on year	6	1.3	5	-3	*	*	*	21	0.9	-22	14	29	11.2	8						
Change %	11.5		13.2	-22.9	*	*	*	9.7		-13.6	46.0	123.0		65.5						

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# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Feb-Apr 2024	634	3.3	387	85	161	25.4	74	307	2.8	159	55	94	30.5	67
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	689	3.4	367	140	182	26.5	81	340	2.9	173	64	103	30.3	65
Change on quart	-96	-0.5	-49	-15	-32	-0.8	-6	-12	-0.1	-5	3	-10	-1.9	-6
Change %	-12.2		-11.8	-9.8	-14.8		-6.4	-3.4		-2.9	5.7	-9.1		-8.8
Change on year	20	0.1	-31	27	24	2.8	1	-5	-0.1	-2	2	-6	-1.1	8
Change %	3.0		-7.7	24.0	15.0		1.6	-1.6		-1.1	3.4	-5.1		14.0
<b>Men</b>	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Feb-Apr 2024	309	3.1	161	40	107	34.8	61	183	3.1	89	36	58	31.6	40
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	356	3.5	189	66	100	28.1	49	192	3.2	94	30	69	35.8	46
Change on quart	-37	-0.4	-11	-6	-20	-2.5	-2	-3	-0.1	1	-4	1	0.8	1
Change %	-9.4		-5.3	-8.5	-16.8		-3.5	-1.5		0.7	-12.3	0.9		1.4
Change on year	50	0.4	2	22	27	4.2	4	-18	-0.3	-12	-7	1	3.5	11
Change %	16.4		0.8	48.6	36.9		9.4	-8.6		-11.0	-20.2	1.3		30.5
<b>Women</b>	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Feb-Apr 2024	324	3.4	226	45	54	16.6	13	124	2.4	70	18	36	28.8	27
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	333	3.4	178	73	82	24.7	32	148	2.7	79	35	34	23.2	19
Change on quart	-59	-0.6	-38	-9	-11	0.8	-4	-9	-0.2	-6	8	-11	-5.6	-7
Change %	-15.0		-17.8	-11.1	-12.2		-10.5	-5.8		-6.9	28.0	-24.1		-26.4
Change on year	-30	-0.3	-32	5	-3	1.2	-3	13	0.2	10	10	-6	-6.9	-3
Change %	-8.3		-15.4	7.9	-3.7		-8.5	9.4		13.8	38.1	-15.7		-12.3

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
<b>Economically active</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>People</b>	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Feb-Apr 2024	34,868	33,346	484	3,815	7,903	11,518	9,626	1,523
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	36,173	34,367	479	4,044	8,098	11,925	9,821	1,807
Change on quarter	-5	-68	21	-73	11	-35	8	63
Change %	0.0	-0.2	4.6	-1.8	0.1	-0.3	0.1	3.6
Change on year	523	347	40	107	94	90	16	176
Change %	1.5	1.0	9.1	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.2	10.8
<b>Men</b>	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Feb-Apr 2024	17,990	17,085	233	1,982	4,019	5,854	4,998	905
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	18,722	17,698	239	2,141	4,168	6,105	5,045	1,023
Change on quarter	134	76	38	-24	16	32	15	58
Change %	0.7	0.4	19.0	-1.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	6.0
Change on year	346	277	26	75	55	122	-1	69
Change %	1.9	1.6	12.3	3.6	1.3	2.0	0.0	7.2
<b>Women</b>	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Feb-Apr 2024	16,879	16,261	251	1,833	3,884	5,664	4,628	618
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	17,452	16,668	240	1,903	3,930	5,819	4,776	784
Change on quarter	-140	-144	-17	-49	-5	-67	-7	5
Change %	-0.8	-0.9	-6.7	-2.5	-0.1	-1.1	-0.1	0.6
Change on year	177	69	14	32	39	-32	17	107
Change %	1.0	0.4	6.1	1.7	1.0	-0.5	0.4	15.9

### Economic activity rates (%)

<b>People</b>	MGWG	LF22	YCAE	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Feb-Apr 2024	62.8	77.8	30.5	67.0	86.9	87.3	72.6	12.0
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	63.8	79.0	29.3	68.7	88.4	87.5	74.4	13.7
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.3	1.3	-1.5	0.1	-0.6	0.2	0.4
Change on year	0.3	0.3	2.3	0.7	0.9	-0.8	0.4	1.1
<b>Men</b>	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Feb-Apr 2024	66.8	81.1	28.6	68.4	90.2	91.5	77.0	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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	68.0	82.6	28.6	71.2	92.3	92.4	78.2	16.7
Change on quarter	0.3	0.2	4.6	-1.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.9
Change on year	0.6	0.7	3.0	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.8
<b>Women</b>	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Feb-Apr 2024	59.1	74.7	32.5	65.6	83.6	83.4	68.3	9.1
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	59.9	75.5	30.1	66.2	84.7	82.8	70.8	11.1
Change on quarter	-0.6	-0.8	-2.2	-2.0	0.0	-1.3	0.0	0.0
Change on year	0.1	-0.1	1.6	0.1	1.0	-1.9	0.5	1.4

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)									
	Total aged 16-64	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)							Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
		Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers <sup>1</sup>	Retired	Other <sup>2</sup>	Does not want job	Wants a job
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>People</b>		LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Feb-Apr 2024	9,490	2,549	1,751	208	2,839	15	1,094	1,033	7,743	1,747
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	9,136	2,443	1,567	198	2,779	27	1,044	1,078	6,953	2,183
Change on quarter	137	42	44	-3	5	-5	32	22	28	110
Change %	1.5	1.8	2.9	-1.4	0.2	-16.3	3.2	2.1	0.4	5.3
Change on year	-51	-18	-39	28	-18	-10	8	-2	-246	195
Change %	-0.6	-0.7	-2.4	16.8	-0.6	-27.7	0.8	-0.2	-3.4	9.8
<b>Men</b>		BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Feb-Apr 2024	3,969	1,263	277	125	1,312	7	497	489	3,201	768
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	3,716	1,193	222	99	1,245	14	484	458	2,744	972
Change on quarter	-38	-9	3	-3	-45	-5	16	5	-66	27
Change %	-1.0	-0.8	1.3	-2.9	-3.5	-26.6	3.4	1.1	-2.3	2.9
Change on year	-116	-7	-26	2	-45	-4	22	-59	-202	86
Change %	-3.0	-0.6	-10.5	2.4	-3.5	-23.7	4.9	-11.4	-6.9	9.7
<b>Women</b>		LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Feb-Apr 2024	5,521	1,286	1,474	83	1,527	9	598	544	4,542	979
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	5,421	1,250	1,345	99	1,534	13	560	620	4,210	1,211
Change on quarter	176	51	41	0	50	0	16	17	93	82
Change %	3.3	4.3	3.1	0.1	3.4	-0.5	2.9	2.9	2.3	7.3
Change on year	66	-11	-13	26	27	-6	-14	57	-44	109
Change %	1.2	-0.9	-1.0	35.7	1.8	-31.7	-2.5	10.0	-1.0	9.9
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
<b>People</b>	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Feb-Apr 2024	100.0	26.9	18.5	2.2	29.9	0.2	11.5	10.9	81.6	18.4
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	100.0	26.7	17.1	2.2	30.4	0.3	11.4	11.8	76.1	23.9
<b>Men</b>	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Feb-Apr 2024	100.0	31.8	7.0	3.1	33.1	0.2	12.5	12.3	80.7	19.3
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	100.0	32.1	6.0	2.7	33.5	0.4	13.0	12.3	73.8	26.2
<b>Women</b>	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Feb-Apr 2024	100.0	23.3	26.7	1.5	27.7	0.2	10.8	9.9	82.3	17.7
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	100.0	23.1	24.8	1.8	28.3	0.2	10.3	11.4	77.7	22.3

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

Labour market statistics enquiries: [labour.market@ons.gov.uk](mailto:labour.market@ons.gov.uk)

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

Feb-Apr 2026

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

All aged 16 to 24				In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE)			
Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Total	Employed <sup>2</sup>	Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	Economically inactive	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

### Levels

#### People

16-17	1,634	332	147	1,155	1,379	269	117	992	255	62	30	163
18-24	5,885	3,456	588	1,841	2,001	726	155	1,120	3,883	2,730	432	721
16-24	7,519	3,788	735	2,996	3,380	995	273	2,112	4,139	2,793	462	884

#### Men

16-17	837	155	85	598	697	122	64	511	140	33	20	87
18-24	3,009	1,790	352	868	956	325	87	544	2,053	1,465	264	323
16-24	3,846	1,944	436	1,465	1,653	446	152	1,055	2,193	1,498	285	410

#### Women

16-17	797	177	63	557	682	148	53	481	115	29	10	77
18-24	2,876	1,667	236	973	1,045	401	68	576	1,831	1,265	168	398
16-24	3,673	1,844	298	1,531	1,726	549	121	1,056	1,946	1,295	177	474

### Changes on quarter

#### People

16-17	1	8	13	-20	-43	4	5	-53	44	4	8	33
18-24	26	-63	-10	99	60	-2	18	45	-34	-60	-28	54
16-24	27	-55	3	78	17	2	23	-8	10	-57	-20	86

#### Men

16-17	0	17	21	-38	-25	12	17	-54	25	5	4	16
18-24	15	-3	-21	39	36	11	12	13	-21	-14	-33	26
16-24	15	14	0	1	11	23	29	-41	4	-9	-30	43

#### Women

16-17	0	-9	-8	17	-18	-8	-12	1	18	-2	4	16
18-24	11	-60	11	60	24	-13	5	32	-13	-46	6	27
16-24	12	-69	3	77	6	-21	-6	34	5	-48	9	44

### Rates(%)<sup>3</sup>

#### People

16-17	20.3	30.7	70.7	19.5	30.3	71.9	24.4	32.3	64.0
18-24	58.7	14.5	31.3	36.3	17.6	56.0	70.3	13.7	18.6
16-24	50.4	16.2	39.8	29.4	21.5	62.5	67.5	14.2	21.4

#### Men

16-17	18.5	35.4	71.4	17.5	34.6	73.3	23.5	38.1	62.1
18-24	59.5	16.4	28.8	33.9	21.2	56.9	71.4	15.3	15.8
16-24	50.6	18.3	38.1	27.0	25.4	63.8	68.3	16.0	18.7

#### Women

16-17	22.2	26.1	69.9	21.7	26.4	70.5	25.4	24.5	66.3
18-24	58.0	12.4	33.8	38.4	14.5	55.1	69.1	11.7	21.7
16-24	50.2	13.9	41.7	31.8	18.1	61.2	66.5	12.0	24.4

### Changes on quarter

#### People

16-17	0.5	1.4	-1.3	0.9	0.7	-1.5	-3.3	4.8	2.2
18-24	-1.3	0.0	1.5	-1.3	1.7	0.6	-0.9	-0.5	1.5
16-24	-0.9	0.2	0.9	-0.1	1.4	-0.6	-1.5	-0.3	2.0

#### Men

16-17	2.1	3.7	-4.6	2.3	4.5	-5.0	-0.7	0.9	0.5
18-24	-0.4	-0.8	1.2	-0.1	1.9	-0.8	0.1	-1.5	1.4
16-24	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	1.2	3.0	-2.9	-0.5	-1.3	1.9

#### Women

16-17	-1.2	-1.3	2.2	-0.5	-2.9	2.0	-6.4	8.6	4.1
18-24	-2.3	0.9	2.0	-2.2	1.3	1.9	-2.0	0.7	1.6
16-24	-2.0	0.6	2.0	-1.3	-0.2	1.7	-2.6	0.9	2.2

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/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortraining>

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: level<sup>1</sup> and rates<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Feb-Apr 2024	98	3.4	64	4.5	34	2.3
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
<b>Feb-Apr 2026</b>	113	3.8	60	4.1	52	3.5
Change on quarter	-20	-0.7	-6	-0.4	-14	-0.9
Change %	-15.2		-9.0		-21.3	
Change on year	11	0.3	-12	-0.8	22	1.5
Change %	10.6		-16.1		74.4	

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.