

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: July 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 decreased by 0.1 percentage points on the year, but increased by 0.1 percentage points, to 75.1%, in the latest quarter (March to May 2026), compared with the previous quarter (December 2025 to February 2026).
- The estimated UK unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points on the year, but decreased by 0.1 percentage points in the latest quarter, to 4.9%.
- The estimated UK economic inactivity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points on the year and in the latest quarter, to 20.9%.

These labour market statistics, based on the Labour Force Survey and the Annual Population Survey, are [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 March to May 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.

Our [LFS quality update 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.

An operational error occurred in May 2026, which led to temporary under-resourcing in LFS telephone collection operations; our analysis to date indicates that the error had a minimal impact on the headline estimates, although, it does suggest there is a small but noticeable impact on the estimates of average hours and so the total actual hours worked.

In the July 2026 bulletin, Labour Force Survey data have been revised back to January to March 2020 because of a seasonal adjustment review.

4 . Summary

Table 1: March to May 2026 headline measures and changes

UK headline economic status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted, March to May 2026

	Level or rate	Sampling variability of level or rate	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year
Employment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	34,475	± 208	148	± 179	340	± 288
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	75.1	± 0.4	0.1	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.6
Unemployment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	1,760	± 92	-17	± 101	81	± 133
Unemployment rate (aged 16 years and over)	4.9	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.3	0.2	± 0.4
Economically inactive (thousands, aged 16 to 64 years)	9,108	± 179	-15	± 156	25	± 249
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	20.9	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.6
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,101.3	N/A	12.9	N/A	9.8	N/A
Redundancies (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	108	± 21	-28	± 33	-6	± 31
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over)	3.6	N/A	-0.9	N/A	-0.2	N/A

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

Notes

1. Caution should be taken when drawing conclusions from short-term changes given volatility of Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates, and we advise users 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.

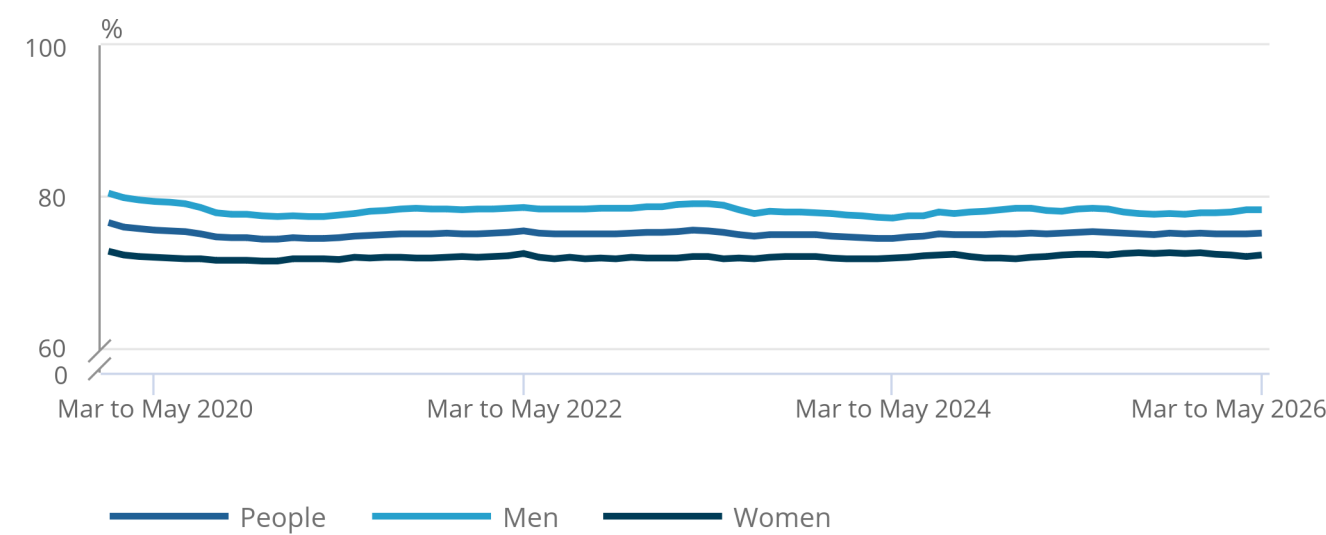
The employment rate decreased on the year, since March to May 2025, but increased in the latest quarter (March to May 2026).

Figure 1: The employment rate was down on the year, but up 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 March to May 2026

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

Notes:

1. Caution should be taken when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, given volatility of Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates, and we advise users to focus on long-term movements in the data.

In the latest year since March to May 2025, both the number of full-time and part-time workers increased. In the latest quarter (March to May 2026), the number of full-time workers and part-time workers increased. 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 over the year to 1.278 million (3.7% of people in employment) but increased in the latest quarter (March to May 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 and quarter.

Average actual weekly hours worked increased over the year and 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.

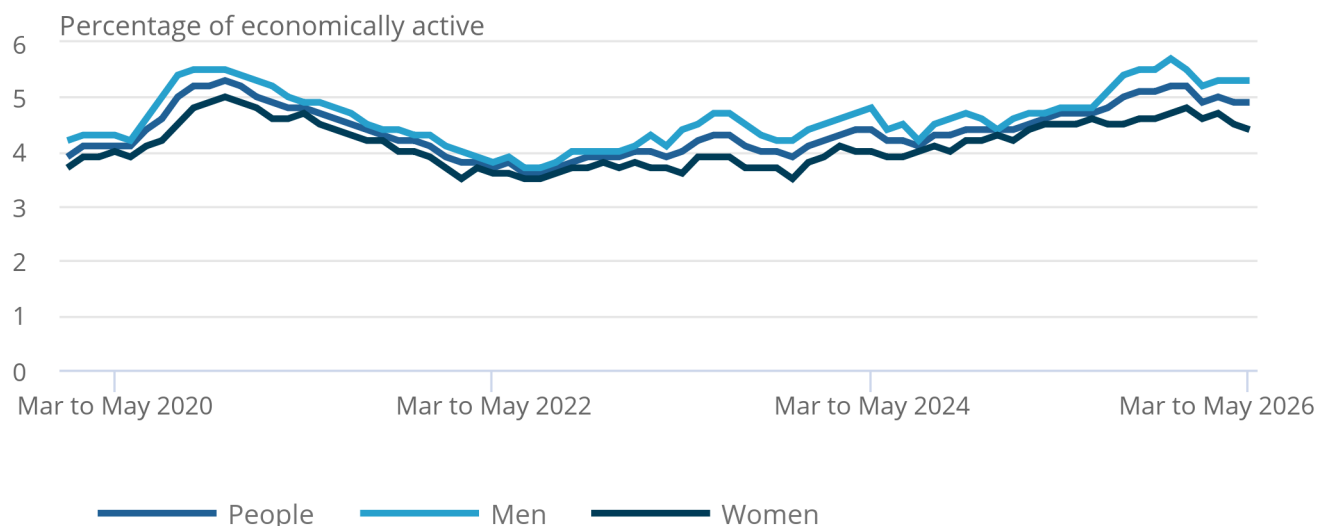
The unemployment rate increased over the year, since March to May 2025, but decreased in the latest quarter (March to May 2026).

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 March to May 2026

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



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

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The number of people that were unemployed for up to 6 months decreased over the year but increased in the latest quarter. The number of those unemployed for between 6 to 12 months, or 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 unemployed men.

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](#).

The UK Claimant Count has been increasing since January 2026, reaching 1.689 million in June 2026. 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.

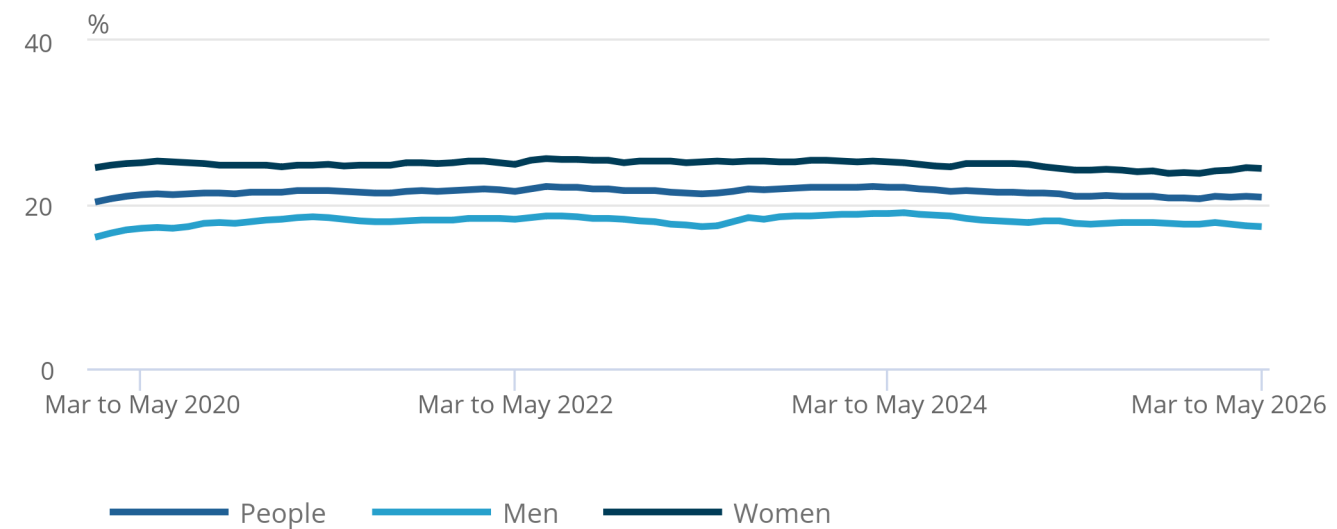
The economic inactivity rate decreased over the year, since March to May 2025, and in the latest quarter (March to May 2026).

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was down on both the year and 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 March to May 2026

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UK economic inactivity rates, people, men, and women (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between December 2019 to February 2020 and March to May 2026



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

Notes:

1. Caution should be taken when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, given volatility of Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates, and we advise users to focus on long-term movements in the data.

Those aged 16 to 24 years, 25 to 34 years, and 50 to 64 years experienced an annual decrease in inactivity rate since March to May 2025, while those aged 35 to 49 years saw an increase. In the latest quarter (March to May 2026), the quarterly decrease in inactivity rate was largely because of those aged between 50 to 64 years, though those aged 16 to 24 years and 25 to 34 years also saw decreases.

The annual decrease in economic inactivity level since March to May 2025 was largely because of those who were long-term sick and those looking after their family and home. The quarterly decrease in inactivity rate was largely because of those who were long-term sick and temporarily sick.

8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview decreased over the year and in the latest quarter, to 3.6 per 1,000 employees in March to May 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 21 July 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 21 July 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 21 July 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 21 July 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 21 July 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 21 July 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 have also been 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 2 July 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 LFS¹ indicators United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population ¹				Headline indicators			
					Employment		Unemployment	
					Level		Rate ²	
					Level		Rate ³	
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Mar-May 2024 [r]	55,563	42,871	33,358	74.4	1,545	4.4	9,487	22.1
Mar-May 2025 [r]	56,163	43,236	34,135	75.2	1,679	4.7	9,082	21.0
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	56,306	43,318	34,221	75.1	1,738	4.8	9,114	21.0
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	56,440	43,388	34,312	75.1	1,833	5.1	9,026	20.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	56,574	43,457	34,328	75.0	1,777	4.9	9,123	21.0
Mar-May 2026	56,708	43,526	34,475	75.1	1,760	4.9	9,108	20.9
Change on quarter	134	69	148	0.1	-17	-0.1	-15	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.4		-1.0		-0.2	
Change on year	544	290	340	-0.1	81	0.2	25	-0.1
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.0		4.8		0.3	
Men								
	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Mar-May 2024 [r]	26,971	21,073	17,088	77.0	867	4.8	4,001	19.0
Mar-May 2025 [r]	27,284	21,269	17,563	78.2	890	4.8	3,788	17.8
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	27,359	21,313	17,581	77.9	950	5.1	3,799	17.8
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	27,428	21,351	17,562	77.8	1,017	5.5	3,771	17.7
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	27,498	21,389	17,601	77.8	975	5.2	3,799	17.8
Mar-May 2026	27,568	21,427	17,752	78.2	994	5.3	3,706	17.3
Change on quarter	70	38	151	0.3	19	0.1	-93	-0.5
Change %	0.3	0.2	0.9		2.0		-2.4	
Change on year	284	158	188	0.0	104	0.5	-81	-0.5
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.1		11.7		-2.2	
Women								
	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Mar-May 2024 [r]	28,592	21,798	16,270	71.8	678	4.0	5,486	25.2
Mar-May 2025 [r]	28,879	21,967	16,572	72.4	788	4.5	5,295	24.1
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	28,948	22,005	16,640	72.4	788	4.5	5,315	24.2
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	29,012	22,036	16,749	72.5	816	4.6	5,255	23.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	29,076	22,068	16,727	72.3	802	4.6	5,324	24.1
Mar-May 2026	29,140	22,099	16,724	72.2	765	4.4	5,402	24.4
Change on quarter	64	31	-3	-0.1	-37	-0.2	77	0.3
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.0		-4.6		1.5	
Change on year	261	132	152	-0.2	-23	-0.2	107	0.3
Change %	0.9	0.6	0.9		-2.9		2.0	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households in the UK.

2. The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.

3. The headline unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people (aged 16+) divided by the economically active population (aged 16+). The economically active population is defined as those in employment plus those who are unemployed.

4. The headline inactivity rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 divided by the population aged 16-64.

[r] Revised data due to a seasonal adjustment review

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
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MG SX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Mar-May 2024 [r]	33,358	60.0	1,545	4.4	20,660	37.2	31,876	74.4	1,508	4.5	9,487	22.1
Mar-May 2025 [r]	34,135	60.8	1,679	4.7	20,350	36.2	32,528	75.2	1,625	4.8	9,082	21.0
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	34,221	60.8	1,738	4.8	20,348	36.1	32,515	75.1	1,690	4.9	9,114	21.0
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	34,312	60.8	1,833	5.1	20,295	36.0	32,583	75.1	1,779	5.2	9,026	20.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	34,328	60.7	1,777	4.9	20,469	36.2	32,607	75.0	1,727	5.0	9,123	21.0
Mar-May 2026	34,475	60.8	1,760	4.9	20,473	36.1	32,698	75.1	1,721	5.0	9,108	20.9
Change on quarter	148	0.1	-17	-0.1	3	-0.1	91	0.1	-6	0.0	-15	-0.1
Change %	0.4		-1.0		0.0		0.3		-0.4		-0.2	
Change on year	340	0.0	81	0.2	123	-0.1	169	-0.1	95	0.2	25	-0.1
Change %	1.0		4.8		0.6		0.5		5.9		0.3	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MG SY	MG SJ	YBTD	YBSF	MG SV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Mar-May 2024 [r]	17,088	63.4	867	4.8	9,016	33.4	16,228	77.0	844	4.9	4,001	19.0
Mar-May 2025 [r]	17,563	64.4	890	4.8	8,830	32.4	16,632	78.2	849	4.9	3,788	17.8
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	17,581	64.3	950	5.1	8,828	32.3	16,593	77.9	921	5.3	3,799	17.8
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	17,562	64.0	1,017	5.5	8,849	32.3	16,603	77.8	977	5.6	3,771	17.7
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	17,601	64.0	975	5.2	8,922	32.4	16,650	77.8	940	5.3	3,799	17.8
Mar-May 2026	17,752	64.4	994	5.3	8,822	32.0	16,747	78.2	974	5.5	3,706	17.3
Change on quarter	151	0.4	19	0.1	-100	-0.4	97	0.3	34	0.2	-93	-0.5
Change %	0.9		2.0		-1.1		0.6		3.6		-2.4	
Change on year	188	0.0	104	0.5	-9	-0.4	115	0.0	125	0.6	-81	-0.5
Change %	1.1		11.7		-0.1		0.7		14.7		-2.2	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MG SZ	MG SK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Mar-May 2024 [r]	16,270	56.9	678	4.0	11,644	40.7	15,648	71.8	664	4.1	5,486	25.2
Mar-May 2025 [r]	16,572	57.4	788	4.5	11,519	39.9	15,896	72.4	777	4.7	5,295	24.1
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	16,640	57.5	788	4.5	11,520	39.8	15,922	72.4	768	4.6	5,315	24.2
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	16,749	57.7	816	4.6	11,446	39.5	15,979	72.5	802	4.8	5,255	23.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	16,727	57.5	802	4.6	11,547	39.7	15,956	72.3	788	4.7	5,324	24.1
Mar-May 2026	16,724	57.4	765	4.4	11,651	40.0	15,950	72.2	747	4.5	5,402	24.4
Change on quarter	-3	-0.1	-37	-0.2	104	0.3	-6	-0.1	-40	-0.2	77	0.3
Change %	0.0		-4.6		0.9		0.0		-5.1		1.5	
Change on year	152	0.0	-23	-0.2	132	0.1	54	-0.2	-29	-0.2	107	0.3
Change %	0.9		-2.9		1.1		0.3		-3.8		2.0	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Mar-May 2024 [r]	341	21.4	135	28.3	1,114	70.1	3,385	59.4	466	12.1	1,851	32.5
Mar-May 2025 [r]	321	19.7	149	31.7	1,157	71.1	3,481	60.1	482	12.2	1,828	31.6
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	341	20.9	172	33.5	1,119	68.5	3,530	60.7	489	12.2	1,796	30.9
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	313	19.2	167	34.8	1,153	70.6	3,538	60.6	563	13.7	1,740	29.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	331	20.3	134	28.9	1,168	71.5	3,466	59.1	581	14.4	1,821	31.0
Mar-May 2026	341	20.9	145	29.8	1,148	70.3	3,457	58.7	598	14.8	1,838	31.2
Change on quarter	10	0.6	10	0.9	-19	-1.2	-8	-0.4	18	0.4	17	0.2
Change %	3.0		7.6		-1.7		-0.2		3.0		0.9	
Change on year	21	1.2	-4	-2.0	-9	-0.9	-24	-1.4	117	2.6	9	-0.4
Change %	6.5		-2.9		-0.7		-0.7		24.2		0.5	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Mar-May 2024 [r]	148	18.2	73	33.1	593	72.8	1,688	58.2	305	15.3	910	31.3
Mar-May 2025 [r]	143	17.2	82	36.5	608	72.9	1,803	61.0	275	13.2	878	29.7
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	158	18.9	91	36.6	587	70.2	1,780	59.9	307	14.7	883	29.7
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	142	17.0	90	38.9	604	72.2	1,800	60.3	350	16.3	834	27.9
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	151	18.1	69	31.4	616	73.7	1,758	58.6	364	17.1	877	29.2
Mar-May 2026	163	19.5	80	32.9	594	71.0	1,786	59.3	362	16.8	865	28.7
Change on quarter	12	1.4	11	1.5	-22	-2.7	28	0.7	-2	-0.3	-12	-0.5
Change %	7.7		15.4		-3.6		1.6		-0.5		-1.3	
Change on year	20	2.3	-2	-3.6	-13	-1.9	-17	-1.7	87	3.6	-12	-1.0
Change %	13.9		-2.9		-2.2		-0.9		31.5		-1.4	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCA X	LWFC
Mar-May 2024 [r]	192	24.8	61	24.1	521	67.3	1,696	60.6	162	8.7	941	33.6
Mar-May 2025 [r]	178	22.4	67	27.3	549	69.2	1,678	59.2	207	11.0	951	33.5
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	183	23.0	81	30.6	532	66.8	1,750	61.5	182	9.4	914	32.1
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	171	21.5	77	31.0	549	68.9	1,738	60.8	213	10.9	906	31.7
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	180	22.6	65	26.6	551	69.2	1,708	59.5	217	11.3	944	32.9
Mar-May 2026	178	22.4	65	26.6	554	69.5	1,671	58.0	237	12.4	972	33.8
Change on quarter	-2	-0.2	0	0.0	2	0.3	-37	-1.5	19	1.1	29	0.9
Change %	-0.9		-0.7		0.5		-2.2		8.9		3.0	
Change on year	1	0.0	-2	-0.7	5	0.3	-8	-1.2	30	1.4	22	0.2
Change %	0.5		-2.8		0.9		-0.4		14.5		2.3	

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[r] Revised data due to a seasonal adjustment review

SUMMARY

2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAAY	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Mar-May 2024 [r]	7,602	83.5	322	4.1	1,183	13.0	11,183	84.7	341	3.0	1,681	12.7
Mar-May 2025 [r]	7,709	84.3	322	4.0	1,119	12.2	11,503	85.7	365	3.1	1,548	11.5
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	7,667	83.7	353	4.4	1,137	12.4	11,472	85.2	362	3.1	1,638	12.2
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	7,711	84.2	362	4.5	1,083	11.8	11,527	85.2	370	3.1	1,633	12.1
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	7,698	84.1	380	4.7	1,080	11.8	11,608	85.4	351	2.9	1,630	12.0
Mar-May 2026	7,741	84.5	347	4.3	1,071	11.7	11,623	85.2	340	2.8	1,685	12.3
Change on quarter	43	0.5	-33	-0.4	-9	-0.1	15	-0.3	-11	-0.1	55	0.4
Change %	0.6		-8.6		-0.8		0.1		-3.2		3.4	
Change on year	32	0.3	25	0.3	-48	-0.5	120	-0.6	-25	-0.2	137	0.8
Change %	0.4		7.9		-4.3		1.0		-7.0		8.9	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Mar-May 2024 [r]	3,873	86.8	162	4.0	424	9.5	5,680	88.7	162	2.8	564	8.8
Mar-May 2025 [r]	3,952	87.9	176	4.3	370	8.2	5,871	90.3	137	2.3	496	7.6
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	3,941	87.5	194	4.7	370	8.2	5,837	89.4	160	2.7	533	8.2
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	3,932	87.2	201	4.9	376	8.3	5,849	89.2	167	2.8	542	8.3
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	3,941	87.3	211	5.1	361	8.0	5,949	90.3	145	2.4	492	7.5
Mar-May 2026	3,957	87.6	211	5.1	349	7.7	5,970	90.3	155	2.5	488	7.4
Change on quarter	15	0.3	1	0.0	-12	-0.3	21	-0.1	11	0.2	-4	-0.1
Change %	0.4		0.3		-3.3		0.4		7.6		-0.8	
Change on year	5	-0.3	36	0.8	-20	-0.5	99	0.0	18	0.3	-8	-0.2
Change %	0.1		20.3		-5.5		1.7		13.2		-1.6	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Mar-May 2024 [r]	3,729	80.2	159	4.1	759	16.3	5,503	80.9	179	3.2	1,117	16.4
Mar-May 2025 [r]	3,757	80.8	146	3.7	749	16.1	5,632	81.5	228	3.9	1,052	15.2
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	3,726	80.1	159	4.1	767	16.5	5,635	81.2	202	3.5	1,105	15.9
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	3,780	81.3	162	4.1	707	15.2	5,678	81.4	203	3.5	1,091	15.7
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	3,757	80.9	169	4.3	719	15.5	5,659	80.8	207	3.5	1,138	16.3
Mar-May 2026	3,784	81.5	136	3.5	722	15.5	5,653	80.4	184	3.2	1,197	17.0
Change on quarter	27	0.6	-33	-0.8	3	0.1	-6	-0.4	-22	-0.4	59	0.8
Change %	0.7		-19.8		0.4		-0.1		-10.8		5.2	
Change on year	27	0.8	-10	-0.3	-28	-0.6	21	-1.1	-44	-0.7	145	1.8
Change %	0.7		-7.0		-3.7		0.4		-19.1		13.8	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Mar-May 2024 [r]	9,366	70.6	244	2.5	3,658	27.6	1,482	11.7	37	2.4	11,173	88.0
Mar-May 2025 [r]	9,514	71.8	308	3.1	3,430	25.9	1,607	12.4	53	3.2	11,267	87.2
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	9,505	71.8	314	3.2	3,424	25.9	1,706	13.1	48	2.8	11,234	86.5
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	9,492	71.8	316	3.2	3,417	25.8	1,729	13.2	54	3.0	11,269	86.3
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	9,503	71.9	281	2.9	3,425	25.9	1,721	13.1	50	2.8	11,346	86.5
Mar-May 2026	9,535	72.3	291	3.0	3,366	25.5	1,778	13.5	39	2.1	11,365	86.2
Change on quarter	32	0.3	10	0.1	-59	-0.4	57	0.4	-11	-0.7	19	-0.3
Change %	0.3		3.5		-1.7		3.3		-21.9		0.2	
Change on year	21	0.5	-17	-0.2	-64	-0.4	171	1.1	-14	-1.1	97	-0.9
Change %	0.2		-5.5		-1.9		10.7		-27.1		0.9	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Mar-May 2024 [r]	4,839	74.6	142	2.8	1,510	23.3	860	14.6	23	2.6	5,014	85.0
Mar-May 2025 [r]	4,863	75.1	178	3.5	1,437	22.2	931	15.5	42	4.3	5,043	83.8
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	4,877	75.3	169	3.4	1,427	22.0	988	16.3	29	2.8	5,029	83.2
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	4,880	75.5	169	3.3	1,415	21.9	959	15.8	40	4.0	5,078	83.6
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	4,851	75.2	151	3.0	1,452	22.5	950	15.6	35	3.6	5,123	83.9
Mar-May 2026	4,871	75.6	165	3.3	1,409	21.9	1,004	16.4	21	2.0	5,115	83.3
Change on quarter	20	0.4	13	0.2	-43	-0.6	54	0.8	-15	-1.6	-8	-0.6
Change %	0.4		8.9		-3.0		5.7		-41.2		-0.1	
Change on year	8	0.5	-13	-0.3	-28	-0.3	74	0.9	-21	-2.2	73	-0.5
Change %	0.2		-7.4		-1.9		7.9		-49.9		1.4	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Mar-May 2024 [r]	4,527	66.8	102	2.2	2,148	31.7	621	9.1	14	2.3	6,158	90.6
Mar-May 2025 [r]	4,651	68.7	130	2.7	1,993	29.4	676	9.8	12	1.7	6,225	90.1
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	4,628	68.4	144	3.0	1,997	29.5	718	10.3	19	2.6	6,205	89.4
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	4,612	68.2	148	3.1	2,002	29.6	770	11.0	14	1.8	6,191	88.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	4,652	68.9	130	2.7	1,972	29.2	771	11.0	14	1.8	6,223	88.8
Mar-May 2026	4,664	69.1	126	2.6	1,957	29.0	773	11.0	18	2.3	6,249	88.8
Change on quarter	11	0.2	-4	-0.1	-16	-0.2	3	0.0	4	0.5	26	0.0
Change %	0.2		-2.7		-0.8		0.4		26.5		0.4	
Change on year	13	0.5	-4	-0.1	-36	-0.4	97	1.2	6	0.6	25	-1.3
Change %	0.3		-2.8		-1.8		14.4		54.5		0.4	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

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

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes ²	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	Total Workers with second jobs	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
People		MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Mar-May 2024 [r]	33,358	28,899	4,323	88	48	25,064	8,294	22,053	6,846	2,950	1,373	1,273	
Mar-May 2025 [r]	34,135	29,533	4,425	118	59	25,556	8,579	22,548	6,985	2,951	1,474	1,326	
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	34,221	29,634	4,404	119	64	25,552	8,669	22,539	7,094	2,940	1,464	1,316	
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	34,312	29,731	4,395	121	65	25,536	8,776	22,585	7,145	2,876	1,519	1,291	
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	34,328	29,656	4,482	126	63	25,585	8,743	22,587	7,069	2,938	1,545	1,272	
Mar-May 2026	34,475	29,771	4,525	123	56	25,695	8,780	22,742	7,029	2,900	1,625	1,278	
Change on quarter	148	115	43	-3	-7	110	37	155	-40	-38	81	6	
Change %	0.4	0.4	1.0	-2.4	-11.2	0.4	0.4	0.7	-0.6	-1.3	5.2	0.4	
Change on year	340	238	100	5	-3	139	202	194	44	-51	151	-48	
Change %	1.0	0.8	2.3	4.4	-4.7	0.5	2.3	0.9	0.6	-1.7	10.2	-3.7	
Men		MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Mar-May 2024 [r]	17,088	14,252	2,759	46	31	14,794	2,294	12,564	1,688	2,187	572	548	
Mar-May 2025 [r]	17,563	14,656	2,812	60	35	15,025	2,538	12,798	1,858	2,191	620	590	
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	17,581	14,673	2,813	60	36	15,068	2,513	12,831	1,842	2,194	619	578	
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	17,562	14,723	2,745	62	32	15,030	2,533	12,841	1,882	2,149	597	579	
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	17,601	14,749	2,766	52	34	15,089	2,512	12,886	1,862	2,170	596	573	
Mar-May 2026	17,752	14,880	2,779	62	30	15,173	2,578	13,014	1,866	2,126	653	570	
Change on quarter	151	131	14	10	-4	84	66	128	4	-44	57	-3	
Change %	0.9	0.9	0.5	18.9	-11.2	0.6	2.6	1.0	0.2	-2.0	9.6	-0.5	
Change on year	188	223	-33	2	-4	148	40	216	7	-65	33	-20	
Change %	1.1	1.5	-1.2	3.3	-12.4	1.0	1.6	1.7	0.4	-3.0	5.3	-3.4	
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Mar-May 2024 [r]	16,270	14,647	1,564	42	17	10,270	6,000	9,489	5,158	763	801	725	
Mar-May 2025 [r]	16,572	14,877	1,613	58	24	10,531	6,041	9,750	5,127	759	854	736	
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	16,640	14,961	1,592	59	29	10,484	6,156	9,709	5,252	746	846	738	
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	16,749	15,008	1,650	59	33	10,506	6,243	9,745	5,263	727	923	712	
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	16,727	14,908	1,716	74	29	10,496	6,231	9,701	5,207	768	949	699	
Mar-May 2026	16,724	14,892	1,746	61	25	10,522	6,202	9,729	5,163	774	972	708	
Change on quarter	-3	-16	29	-13	-3	26	-29	27	-44	6	23	9	
Change %	0.0	-0.1	1.7	-17.4	-11.1	0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.8	0.8	2.4	1.2	
Change on year	152	15	132	3	2	-9	161	-22	37	14	118	-28	
Change %	0.9	0.1	8.2	5.6	6.5	-0.1	2.7	-0.2	0.7	1.9	13.8	-3.8	
Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)													
Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³													
	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 training	Some other reason	Total ⁴	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
People	YCBZ	YCC0	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCD4	YCCD	YCCG	YCDJ
Mar-May 2024 [r]	1,462	5.1	303	20.7	413	163	583	8,219	814	9.9	5,820	306	1,232
Mar-May 2025 [r]	1,588	5.4	381	24.0	443	149	615	8,459	912	10.8	5,843	463	1,192
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	1,596	5.4	381	23.9	447	164	604	8,559	832	9.7	5,985	448	1,240
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	1,670	5.6	393	23.5	435	171	672	8,665	853	9.8	5,958	474	1,322
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	1,626	5.5	381	23.5	430	168	646	8,613	899	10.4	5,907	476	1,283
Mar-May 2026	1,600	5.4	383	24.0	420	174	622	8,654	914	10.6	5,957	474	1,253
Change on quarter	-26	-0.1	2	0.5	-11	6	-23	41	15	0.1	51	-2	-30
Change %	-1.6		0.5		-2.5	3.6	-3.6	0.5	1.7		0.9	-0.5	-2.4
Change on year	11	0.0	2	0.0	-24	25	8	195	2	-0.2	114	11	61
Change %	0.7		0.6		-5.3	16.7	1.2	2.3	0.2		2.0	2.4	5.1
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Mar-May 2024 [r]	728	5.1	162	22.2	180	92	295	2,260	399	17.6	1,257	101	485
Mar-May 2025 [r]	735	5.0	194	26.4	177	88	276	2,479	391	15.8	1,401	174	496
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	753	5.1	184	24.5	189	87	293	2,461	321	13.1	1,461	171	489
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	792	5.4	199	25.1	193	81	319	2,479	347	14.0	1,387	166	560
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	770	5.2	194	25.2	188	78	309	2,458	389	15.8	1,358	161	540
Mar-May 2026	752	5.1	207	27.5	184	80	281	2,519	409	16.2	1,391	172	536
Change on quarter	-18	-0.2	13	2.3	-4	2	-28	61	20	0.4	33	11	-4
Change %	-2.3		6.5		-2.1	2.6	-9.1	2.5	5.1		2.4	6.9	-0.8
Change on year	17	0.0	12	1.0	7	-7	5	40	18	0.5	-10	-2	40
Change %	2.3		6.3		4.0	-8.4	1.7	1.6	4.5		-0.7	-1.2	8.1
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCU	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Mar-May 2024 [r]	734	5.0	141	19.2	233	71	289	5,959	415	7.0	4,563	205	747
Mar-May 2025 [r]	853	5.7	186	21.9	266	62	339	5,981	521	8.7	4,442	289	696
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	843	5.6	197	23.3	258	77	311	6,098	511	8.4	4,524	277	751
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	878	5.9	194	22.0	242	90	353	6,186	505	8.2	4,571	308	762
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	856	5.7	187	21.8	242	90	337	6,155	511	8.3	4,549	316	743
Mar-May 2026	847	5.7	176	20.8	236	94	341	6,135	506	8.2	4,566	302	717
Change on quarter	-9	-0.1	-11	-1.0	-7	4	5	-20	-5	-0.1	18	-14	-26
Change %	-1.0		-5.7		-2.8	4.4	1.4	-0.3	-1.0		0.4	-4.3	-3.5
Change on year	-6	0.0	-10	-1.0	-31	32	3	155	-16	-0.5	124	13	21
Change %	-0.7		-5.4		-11.5	52.2	0.8	2.6	-3.0		2.8	4.5	3.0

Source: Labour Force Survey

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Note: When comparing quarterly changes ONS recommends comparing with the previous non-overlapping 3-month average time period (eg. compare Apr-Jun with Jan-Mar, not with Mar-May).

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.
 2. 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.
 3. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees.
 4. 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.
- [r] Revised data due to a seasonal adjustment review

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

7 Actual weekly hours worked

United Kingdom (hours worked by people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked					
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUIV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Mar-May 2024 [r]	1,064.4	31.9	36.6	16.4	9.4
Mar-May 2025 [r]	1,085.8	31.8	36.5	16.6	9.3
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	1,088.7	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.1
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	1,089.7	31.8	36.6	16.5	9.4
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	1,089.2	31.7	36.4	16.5	9.9
Mar-May 2026	1,101.3	31.9	36.6	16.7	10.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	12.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.2	3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	15.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.9
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.8	9.6
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Mar-May 2024 [r]	607.3	35.5	38.2	15.8	10.4
Mar-May 2025 [r]	617.0	35.1	37.9	16.0	9.6
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	618.4	35.2	37.9	15.8	10.2
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	617.9	35.2	38.0	16.1	10.3
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	618.7	35.2	37.9	16.1	10.7
Mar-May 2026	628.6	35.4	38.1	16.4	11.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	9.9	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.8
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	0.7	0.6	1.7	7.8
<i>Change on year</i>	11.6	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.9
<i>Change %</i>	1.9	0.8	0.4	3.0	19.6
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Mar-May 2024 [r]	457.0	28.1	34.2	16.7	8.7
Mar-May 2025 [r]	468.8	28.3	34.4	16.8	9.1
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	470.2	28.3	34.5	16.8	8.4
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	471.9	28.2	34.5	16.7	8.7
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	470.4	28.1	34.4	16.7	9.3
Mar-May 2026	472.7	28.3	34.5	16.8	9.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	2.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.0	-1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	3.8	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.0	1.1

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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.

[r] Revised data due to a seasonal adjustment review

7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Mar-May 2025 [r]									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.3	2.6	7.1
6 up to 15 hours	6.0	3.9	8.2	5.2	3.3	7.1	10.9	6.6	18.4
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.9	27.2	18.1	9.6	26.4	24.3	17.7	35.9
31 up to 45 hours	60.0	65.2	54.4	63.0	68.8	57.4	40.1	47.6	27.2
Over 45 hours	13.8	19.0	8.3	12.8	17.7	8.0	20.3	25.5	11.3
Total (thousands)	34,135	17,563	16,572	29,533	14,656	14,877	4,425	2,812	1,613
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.1	3.1	5.8
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.9	8.6	5.4	3.3	7.5	10.9	6.4	18.0
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.3	27.1	17.5	8.8	26.1	25.3	18.0	37.2
31 up to 45 hours	60.1	65.8	54.1	63.3	69.5	57.1	40.2	46.8	29.5
Over 45 hours	13.8	18.9	8.4	13.0	17.8	8.3	19.5	25.7	9.5
Total (thousands)	34,328	17,601	16,727	29,656	14,749	14,908	4,482	2,766	1,716
Mar-May 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.8	0.8	0.6	1.1	4.4	2.9	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.7	5.4	3.3	7.5	11.1	6.4	18.5
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	10.6	26.7	17.3	9.0	25.6	26.1	19.6	36.5
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.2	54.3	63.2	69.1	57.3	38.8	44.8	29.2
Over 45 hours	14.1	19.4	8.5	13.3	18.1	8.5	19.6	26.3	9.0
Total (thousands)	34,475	17,752	16,724	29,771	14,880	14,892	4,525	2,779	1,746

Source: Labour Force Survey

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¹ Total usual weekly hours worked by people aged 16 and over in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

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Employment by country of birth and nationality

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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 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		% over 12 months
	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Rate (%) ¹	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Rate (%) ¹
People	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mar-May 2024 [r]	1,545	4.4	960	227	358	23.2	170	1,508	4.5	939	224	346	22.9	162
Mar-May 2025 [r]	1,679	4.7	999	303	376	22.4	171	1,625	4.8	971	292	363	22.3	165
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	1,738	4.8	1,017	305	416	23.9	176	1,690	4.9	992	297	401	23.7	165
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	1,833	5.1	1,050	331	452	24.7	193	1,779	5.2	1,023	317	439	24.7	179
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	1,777	4.9	969	351	457	25.7	203	1,727	5.0	948	340	439	25.4	191
Mar-May 2026	1,760	4.9	987	328	445	25.3	191	1,721	5.0	972	318	431	25.1	183
Change on quarter	-17	-0.1	18	-22	-13	-0.5	-12	-6	0.0	24	-22	-8	-0.4	-8
Change %	-1.0		1.8	-6.4	-2.7		-6.0	-0.4		2.5	-6.6	-1.8		-4.2
Change on year	81	0.2	-13	25	69	2.9	20	95	0.2	1	26	69	2.8	18
Change %	4.8		-1.3	8.2	18.3		11.9	5.9		0.1	8.9	19.0		10.8
Men			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Mar-May 2024 [r]	867	4.8	505	123	239	27.6	121	844	4.9	492	118	234	27.7	118
Mar-May 2025 [r]	890	4.8	501	163	227	25.5	100	849	4.9	479	152	217	25.6	95
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	950	5.1	524	179	247	26.0	119	921	5.3	511	171	239	26.0	111
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	1,017	5.5	553	187	276	27.2	121	977	5.6	535	178	264	27.0	111
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	975	5.2	518	186	271	27.8	123	940	5.3	501	181	257	27.4	112
Mar-May 2026	994	5.3	546	184	265	26.6	121	974	5.5	538	179	257	26.4	116
Change on quarter	19	0.1	28	-2	-6	-1.1	-2	34	0.2	37	-2	0	-1.0	4
Change %	2.0		5.3	-1.2	-2.2		-1.4	3.6		7.3	-1.2	-0.1		3.2
Change on year	104	0.5	45	21	38	1.1	21	125	0.6	58	27	39	0.8	21
Change %	11.7		9.0	13.0	16.7		21.4	14.7		12.2	17.7	18.2		22.4
Women			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF3Z	LF34	LF36	LF38
Mar-May 2024 [r]	678	4.0	455	105	119	17.5	49	664	4.1	447	105	112	16.9	44
Mar-May 2025 [r]	788	4.5	498	141	149	18.9	71	777	4.7	492	139	145	18.7	70
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	788	4.5	493	126	169	21.5	58	768	4.6	481	126	162	21.1	54
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	816	4.6	497	144	175	21.5	72	802	4.8	488	140	174	21.8	68
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	802	4.6	451	165	186	23.2	80	788	4.7	447	158	182	23.1	78
Mar-May 2026	765	4.4	441	144	180	23.5	70	747	4.5	434	138	175	23.4	67
Change on quarter	-37	-0.2	-10	-20	-7	0.3	-10	-40	-0.2	-13	-20	-8	0.2	-12
Change %	-4.6		-2.2	-12.2	-3.5		-13.1	-5.1		-2.8	-12.7	-4.2		-14.8
Change on year	-23	-0.2	-57	4	31	4.6	-1	-29	-0.2	-58	-1	29	4.7	-3
Change %	-2.9		-11.5	2.7	20.6		-1.4	-3.8		-11.7	-0.8	20.2		-4.8
16-17														
People	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
Mar-May 2024 [r]	135	28.3	95	19	21	15.4	*	466	12.1	306	81	80	17.1	23
Mar-May 2025 [r]	149	31.7	106	35	7	5.0	*	482	12.2	308	70	104	21.6	36
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	172	33.5	123	31	19	11.0	*	489	12.2	296	81	112	23.0	38
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	167	34.8	105	38	25	14.7	5	563	13.7	352	86	125	22.1	35
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	134	28.9	91	29	14	10.7	*	581	14.4	341	110	130	22.3	41
Mar-May 2026	145	29.8	94	32	18	12.5	*	598	14.8	357	110	131	22.0	43
Change on quarter	10	0.9	4	3	4	1.8	*	18	0.4	16	-1	2	-0.3	2
Change %	7.6		4.2	9.1	26.1		*	3.0		4.8	-0.6	1.4		4.8
Change on year	-4	-2.0	-12	-3	11	7.5	*	117	2.6	50	39	27	0.4	7
Change %	-2.9		-11.0	-9.3	143.4		*	24.2		16.2	55.9	26.5		18.8
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Mar-May 2024 [r]	73	33.1	55	8	10	14.0	*	305	15.3	194	43	68	22.4	18
Mar-May 2025 [r]	82	36.5	58	20	4	4.8	*	275	13.2	157	45	73	26.7	22
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	91	36.6	64	16	11	12.2	*	307	14.7	173	53	81	26.2	26
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	90	38.9	52	24	14	16.0	3	350	16.3	209	52	89	25.4	26
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	69	31.4	45	16	8	12.1	*	364	17.1	207	71	86	23.6	25
Mar-May 2026	80	32.9	47	23	10	12.2	*	362	16.8	213	70	79	21.9	22
Change on quarter	11	1.5	2	8	1	0.1	*	-2	-0.3	6	-1	-7	-1.7	-3
Change %	15.4		4.0	48.5	16.5		*	-0.5		2.9	-1.6	-7.8		-12.1
Change on year	-2	-3.6	-11	3	6	7.3	*	87	3.6	56	25	6	-4.8	0
Change %	-2.9		-19.0	14.4	144.5		*	31.5		35.4	56.2	7.9		1.3
Women			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Mar-May 2024 [r]	61	24.1	40	10	11	17.2	*	162	8.7	112	38	11	7.0	*
Mar-May 2025 [r]	67	27.3	48	15	*	*	*	207	11.0	150	26	30	14.8	15
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	81	30.6	59	14	8	9.7	*	182	9.4	122	28	32	17.4	12
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	77	31.0	53	14	10	13.3	*	213	10.9	143	34	36	16.8	9
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	65	26.6	45	14	6	9.3	*	217	11.3	134	39	44	20.1	16
Mar-May 2026	65	26.6	47	9	8	13.0	*	237	12.4	144	40	52	22.1	21
Change on quarter	0	0.0	2	-5	2	3.7	*	19	1.1	10	0	9	2.0	5
Change %	-0.7		4.4	-35.0	39.3		*	8.9		7.7	1.2	19.5		30.4
Change on year	-2	-0.7	-1	-6	*	*	*	30	1.4	-6	14	22	7.3	7
Change %	-2.8		-1.3	-40.7	*		*	14.5		-3.9	55.3	71.2		44.3

Source: Labour Force Survey

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All			Over 6 and up to 12 months		% over 12 months		All			Over 6 and up to 12 months		% over 12 months	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYO	YBYT	YBYT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Mar-May 2024 [r]	663	3.4	419	79	166	25.0	85	281	2.5	140	49	92	32.7	62
Mar-May 2025 [r]	687	3.5	395	137	155	22.6	84	361	3.1	191	61	110	30.4	51
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	715	3.6	412	120	183	25.6	78	362	3.1	187	73	101	28.0	59
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	732	3.7	406	132	195	26.6	83	371	3.2	188	75	108	29.1	70
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	731	3.6	372	160	199	27.3	90	331	2.9	166	51	114	34.5	71
Mar-May 2026	687	3.4	372	130	185	26.9	83	330	2.8	163	56	110	33.5	63
Change on quarter	-44	-0.2	0	-30	-14	-0.4	-7	-1	0.0	-3	5	-4	-1.0	-7
Change %	-6.0		0.1	-18.6	-7.2		-8.0	-0.3		-1.6	10.6	-3.2		-10.2
Change on year	0	0.0	-23	-7	30	4.3	-1	-31	-0.3	-28	-4	1	3.1	13
Change %	0.0		-5.8	-5.1	19.2		-0.7	-8.7		-14.6	-6.8	0.7		24.9
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZO	YBZG	YBZJ
Mar-May 2024 [r]	324	3.3	180	41	103	31.8	66	164	2.8	76	31	58	35.2	37
Mar-May 2025 [r]	313	3.1	174	63	77	24.5	47	220	3.7	112	35	73	33.2	32
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	354	3.5	191	67	95	26.9	52	198	3.3	96	43	60	30.1	41
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	368	3.6	197	63	108	29.3	44	209	3.5	96	48	66	31.4	47
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	355	3.5	176	76	103	29.1	50	187	3.1	90	24	73	39.2	47
Mar-May 2026	367	3.6	203	62	102	27.9	54	186	3.1	83	29	74	39.6	44
Change on quarter	12	0.1	27	-14	-1	-1.2	4	-1	-0.1	-7	6	0	0.4	-3
Change %	3.3		15.3	-18.6	-1.1		7.8	-0.6		-7.8	23.4	0.5		-7.4
Change on year	54	0.5	29	-1	26	3.4	8	-34	-0.6	-29	-6	1	6.4	12
Change %	17.2		16.6	-1.2	33.5		16.1	-15.5		-25.7	-17.2	0.9		38.3
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Mar-May 2024 [r]	339	3.5	239	37	63	18.5	19	117	2.2	64	19	34	29.2	25
Mar-May 2025 [r]	374	3.8	221	74	78	21.0	37	141	2.6	79	25	37	26.0	19
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	361	3.7	221	52	88	24.3	26	164	3.0	91	31	42	25.5	18
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	365	3.7	209	69	87	23.9	38	162	2.9	92	27	42	26.2	23
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	376	3.8	196	84	96	25.5	40	144	2.6	76	27	41	28.4	23
Mar-May 2026	320	3.3	169	68	82	25.8	29	144	2.6	80	27	37	25.5	20
Change on quarter	-56	-0.6	-27	-16	-13	0.3	-11	0	0.0	4	0	-4	-2.9	-4
Change %	-14.8		-13.6	-18.6	-13.9		-28.0	0.1		5.9	-0.5	-10.0		-15.9
Change on year	-54	-0.5	-52	-6	4	4.8	-8	3	0.0	1	2	0	-0.5	1
Change %	-14.4		-23.4	-8.3	5.1		-22.0	1.9		1.0	7.6	0.1		2.7

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).

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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+
Economically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Mar-May 2024 [r]	34,903	33,384	476	3,851	7,923	11,524	9,610	1,519
Mar-May 2025 [r]	35,814	34,154	470	3,963	8,031	11,868	9,822	1,660
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	35,959	34,205	513	4,019	8,019	11,834	9,819	1,754
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	36,145	34,361	480	4,101	8,074	11,898	9,809	1,783
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	36,104	34,334	466	4,047	8,078	11,959	9,784	1,771
Mar-May 2026	36,235	34,418	486	4,056	8,088	11,963	9,826	1,817
Change on quarter	131	85	20	9	10	4	42	46
Change %	0.4	0.2	4.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	2.6
Change on year	421	265	16	92	57	95	4	157
Change %	1.2	0.8	3.5	2.3	0.7	0.8	0.0	9.4
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Mar-May 2024 [r]	17,955	17,072	222	1,993	4,035	5,842	4,980	883
Mar-May 2025 [r]	18,454	17,481	225	2,078	4,128	6,008	5,041	972
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	18,531	17,514	249	2,087	4,135	5,997	5,046	1,017
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	18,580	17,580	232	2,150	4,133	6,016	5,049	999
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	18,576	17,590	220	2,122	4,152	6,094	5,002	986
Mar-May 2026	18,746	17,721	243	2,148	4,168	6,126	5,036	1,025
Change on quarter	170	131	22	26	16	32	34	39
Change %	0.9	0.7	10.2	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.7	4.0
Change on year	292	239	17	70	40	117	-6	53
Change %	1.6	1.4	7.7	3.4	1.0	2.0	-0.1	5.4
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Mar-May 2024 [r]	16,948	16,312	254	1,858	3,888	5,683	4,630	636
Mar-May 2025 [r]	17,360	16,672	244	1,885	3,903	5,860	4,780	688
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	17,428	16,690	264	1,932	3,884	5,837	4,772	737
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	17,565	16,781	248	1,951	3,941	5,881	4,760	784
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	17,528	16,744	245	1,925	3,926	5,866	4,782	785
Mar-May 2026	17,489	16,698	243	1,907	3,920	5,838	4,790	791
Change on quarter	-39	-46	-2	-17	-6	-28	8	7
Change %	-0.2	-0.3	-0.9	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.8
Change on year	129	25	-1	22	17	-22	9	104
Change %	0.7	0.2	-0.4	1.2	0.4	-0.4	0.2	15.1

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Mar-May 2024 [r]	62.8	77.9	29.9	67.5	87.0	87.3	72.4	12.0
Mar-May 2025 [r]	63.8	79.0	28.9	68.4	87.8	88.5	74.1	12.8
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	63.9	79.0	31.5	69.1	87.6	87.8	74.1	13.5
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	64.0	79.2	29.4	70.2	88.2	87.9	74.2	13.7
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	63.8	79.0	28.5	69.0	88.2	88.0	74.1	13.5
Mar-May 2026	63.9	79.1	29.7	68.8	88.3	87.7	74.5	13.8
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	1.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.4	0.3
Change on year	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.5	-0.8	0.4	0.9
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Mar-May 2024 [r]	66.6	81.0	27.2	68.7	90.5	91.2	76.7	15.0
Mar-May 2025 [r]	67.6	82.2	27.1	70.3	91.8	92.4	77.8	16.2
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	67.7	82.2	29.8	70.3	91.8	91.8	78.0	16.8
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	67.7	82.3	27.8	72.1	91.7	91.7	78.1	16.4
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	67.6	82.2	26.3	70.8	92.0	92.5	77.5	16.1
Mar-May 2026	68.0	82.7	29.0	71.3	92.3	92.6	78.1	16.7
Change on quarter	0.4	0.5	2.7	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.6
Change on year	0.4	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.5
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Mar-May 2024 [r]	59.3	74.8	32.7	66.4	83.7	83.6	68.3	9.4
Mar-May 2025 [r]	60.1	75.9	30.8	66.5	83.9	84.8	70.6	9.9
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	60.2	75.8	33.2	67.9	83.5	84.1	70.5	10.6
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	60.5	76.2	31.1	68.3	84.8	84.3	70.4	11.2
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	60.3	75.9	30.8	67.1	84.5	83.7	70.8	11.2
Mar-May 2026	60.0	75.6	30.5	66.2	84.5	83.0	71.0	11.2
Change on quarter	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.8	0.2	0.0
Change on year	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.6	-1.8	0.4	1.3

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64		Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)						Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2	
Mar-May 2024 [r]	9,487	2,530	1,744	224	2,829	22	1,083	1,055	7,644	1,843
Mar-May 2025 [r]	9,082	2,412	1,562	192	2,776	35	1,029	1,076	7,063	2,020
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	9,114	2,328	1,589	181	2,824	38	1,023	1,132	7,063	2,051
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	9,026	2,404	1,559	196	2,800	37	1,033	998	6,944	2,082
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	9,123	2,459	1,555	205	2,792	30	1,038	1,045	7,007	2,116
Mar-May 2026	9,108	2,446	1,547	185	2,747	29	1,041	1,114	6,965	2,143
Change on quarter	-15	-13	-8	-20	-45	-1	3	68	-42	27
Change %	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-9.9	-1.6	-2.3	0.3	6.5	-0.6	1.3
Change on year	25	33	-15	-7	-28	-6	11	38	-98	123
Change %	0.3	1.4	-1.0	-3.7	-1.0	-17.4	1.1	3.5	-1.4	6.1
Men	BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
Mar-May 2024 [r]	4,001	1,271	265	124	1,311	13	487	530	3,157	844
Mar-May 2025 [r]	3,788	1,188	229	99	1,275	17	471	508	2,894	893
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	3,799	1,166	217	92	1,335	23	468	498	2,862	937
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	3,771	1,211	212	94	1,326	22	476	429	2,842	929
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	3,799	1,215	237	101	1,286	17	485	459	2,831	967
Mar-May 2026	3,706	1,187	215	95	1,230	15	489	476	2,759	947
Change on quarter	-93	-28	-22	-6	-56	-2	4	17	-73	-20
Change %	-2.4	-2.3	-9.3	-5.7	-4.3	-11.9	0.8	3.6	-2.6	-2.1
Change on year	-81	-1	-14	-4	-45	-3	18	-32	-135	54
Change %	-2.2	-0.1	-6.1	-4.4	-3.5	-15.5	3.8	-6.4	-4.7	6.0
Women	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5	
Mar-May 2024 [r]	5,486	1,260	1,479	99	1,518	10	596	525	4,487	999
Mar-May 2025 [r]	5,295	1,224	1,334	92	1,501	18	558	567	4,168	1,126
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	5,315	1,162	1,371	89	1,488	15	555	634	4,201	1,114
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	5,255	1,193	1,347	102	1,474	15	556	568	4,102	1,153
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	5,324	1,244	1,318	104	1,506	13	553	586	4,176	1,149
Mar-May 2026	5,402	1,259	1,332	90	1,517	14	552	638	4,206	1,196
Change on quarter	77	15	14	-15	11	1	-1	52	30	47
Change %	1.5	1.2	1.1	-14.0	0.7	10.0	-0.2	8.8	0.7	4.1
Change on year	107	34	-1	-3	16	-3	-6	70	38	69
Change %	2.0	2.8	-0.1	-2.9	1.1	-19.2	-1.2	12.4	0.9	6.2
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Mar-May 2024 [r]	100.0	26.7	18.4	2.4	29.8	0.2	11.4	11.1	80.6	19.4
Mar-May 2025 [r]	100.0	26.6	17.2	2.1	30.6	0.4	11.3	11.8	77.8	22.2
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	100.0	25.5	17.4	2.0	31.0	0.4	11.2	12.4	77.5	22.5
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	100.0	26.6	17.3	2.2	31.0	0.4	11.4	11.1	76.9	23.1
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	100.0	26.9	17.0	2.2	30.6	0.3	11.4	11.5	76.8	23.2
Mar-May 2026	100.0	26.9	17.0	2.0	30.2	0.3	11.4	12.2	76.5	23.5
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Mar-May 2024 [r]	100.0	31.8	6.6	3.1	32.8	0.3	12.2	13.2	78.9	21.1
Mar-May 2025 [r]	100.0	31.4	6.0	2.6	33.7	0.5	12.4	13.4	76.4	23.6
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	100.0	30.7	5.7	2.4	35.1	0.6	12.3	13.1	75.3	24.7
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	100.0	32.1	5.6	2.5	35.2	0.6	12.6	11.4	75.4	24.6
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	100.0	32.0	6.2	2.7	33.8	0.4	12.8	12.1	74.5	25.5
Mar-May 2026	100.0	32.0	5.8	2.6	33.2	0.4	13.2	12.8	74.4	25.6
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Mar-May 2024 [r]	100.0	23.0	27.0	1.8	27.7	0.2	10.9	9.6	81.8	18.2
Mar-May 2025 [r]	100.0	23.1	25.2	1.7	28.4	0.3	10.5	10.7	78.7	21.3
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	100.0	21.9	25.8	1.7	28.0	0.3	10.4	11.9	79.0	21.0
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	100.0	22.7	25.6	1.9	28.0	0.3	10.6	10.8	78.1	21.9
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	100.0	23.4	24.8	2.0	28.3	0.2	10.4	11.0	78.4	21.6
Mar-May 2026	100.0	23.3	24.7	1.7	28.1	0.3	10.2	11.8	77.9	22.1

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1. Discouraged workers are those who are not looking for work because they believe no jobs are available.

2. Other reasons include people who (i) are waiting the results of a job application, (ii) have not yet started looking for work, (iii) do not need or want employment, (iv) have given an uncategoryed reason for being economically inactive, or (v) have not given a reason for being economically inactive.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12 Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of people aged from 16 to 24

Mar-May 2026

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

All aged 16 to 24				In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) ¹			
Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Total	Employed ²	Unemployed ²	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	341	145	1,148	1,378	273	117	988	256	69	28	160
18-24	5,893	3,457	598	1,838	2,000	714	157	1,128	3,894	2,743	441	710
16-24	7,528	3,799	743	2,986	3,378	987	274	2,117	4,150	2,812	469	869

Men

16-17	837	163	80	594	696	126	58	512	141	37	22	82
18-24	3,014	1,786	362	865	946	324	87	535	2,068	1,462	275	331
16-24	3,851	1,949	442	1,460	1,642	450	145	1,047	2,209	1,500	297	413

Women

16-17	797	178	65	554	682	147	58	476	115	31	6	78
18-24	2,880	1,671	237	972	1,054	390	71	593	1,826	1,281	166	379
16-24	3,677	1,849	301	1,526	1,736	537	129	1,070	1,941	1,312	172	457

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	1	10	10	-19	-30	1	8	-39	31	9	2	20
18-24	26	-8	18	17	16	-8	17	6	10	-1	0	11
16-24	27	2	28	-3	-14	-6	25	-33	41	8	2	30

Men

16-17	0	12	11	-22	-19	7	5	-31	19	4	6	9
18-24	15	28	-2	-12	-10	1	13	-23	24	28	-15	11
16-24	15	40	9	-34	-28	8	18	-54	43	32	-9	20

Women

16-17	0	-2	0	2	-11	-6	3	-8	12	4	-3	11
18-24	11	-37	19	29	26	-8	5	30	-14	-28	15	-1
16-24	12	-38	19	31	14	-15	8	21	-3	-24	11	10

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	20.9	29.8	70.3	19.8	30.0	71.7	26.8	28.9	62.3
18-24	58.7	14.8	31.2	35.7	18.1	56.4	70.4	13.9	18.2
16-24	50.5	16.4	39.7	29.2	21.7	62.7	67.8	14.3	20.9

Men

16-17	19.5	32.9	71.0	18.1	31.7	73.6	26.4	36.8	58.3
18-24	59.3	16.8	28.7	34.3	21.1	56.6	70.7	15.8	16.0
16-24	50.6	18.5	37.9	27.4	24.4	63.8	67.9	16.5	18.7

Women

16-17	22.4	26.6	69.5	21.6	28.5	69.9	27.3	16.7	67.2
18-24	58.0	12.4	33.8	37.0	15.3	56.3	70.1	11.5	20.8
16-24	50.3	14.0	41.5	30.9	19.4	61.6	67.6	11.6	23.5

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	0.6	0.9	-1.2	0.5	1.4	-1.3	0.2	-1.0	0.2
18-24	-0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.7	1.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2
16-24	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.1	1.7	-0.7	-0.5	0.0	0.5

Men

16-17	1.4	1.5	-2.7	1.5	0.6	-2.4	-0.5	4.1	-1.8
18-24	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	0.4	2.5	-1.9	0.5	-1.0	0.4
16-24	0.8	0.0	-1.0	0.9	2.0	-2.2	0.1	-0.7	0.6

Women

16-17	-0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.5	1.8	-0.1	1.1	-9.7	2.8
18-24	-1.5	1.1	0.9	-1.8	1.1	1.5	-1.0	1.1	0.1
16-24	-1.2	1.0	0.7	-1.1	1.3	0.7	-1.1	0.8	0.5

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/peopleinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotinfulltimeeducationemployment>

2. People in full-time education are employed if they have a part-time job or unemployed if they are looking for part-time employment.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployment.

REDUNDANCIES

22 Redundancies: level¹ and rates²

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Mar-May 2024 [r]	99	3.4	67	4.7	31	2.2
Mar-May 2025 [r]	114	3.9	72	5.0	42	2.8
Jun-Aug 2025 [r]	113	3.8	67	4.6	46	3.1
Sep-Nov 2025 [r]	145	4.9	74	5.0	72	4.8
Dec-Feb 2026 [r]	136	4.6	71	4.8	65	4.3
Mar-May 2026	108	3.6	59	4.0	49	3.3
Change on quarter	-28	-0.9	-12	-0.8	-16	-1.0
Change %	-20.6		-17.4		-24.1	
Change on year	-6	-0.2	-14	-1.0	8	0.5
Change %	-5.2		-18.9		18.7	

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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1. The redundancy level is the number of people who were made redundant in the three months prior to interview. The figure is not seasonally adjusted.

2. The redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the seasonally adjusted number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.

[r] Revised data due to a seasonal adjustment review