

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: August 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 0.2 percentage points on the year, but increased by 0.1 percentage points, to 75.1%, in the latest quarter (April to June 2026), compared with the previous quarter (January to March 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 remained largely unchanged on the year and in the latest quarter, at 20.9%.

These labour market statistics, based on the Labour Force Survey and the Annual Population Survey, are [official statistics](#). Read more in [Section 12: Data sources and quality](#).

3 . Measuring the labour market

The latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on interviews that took place from April to June 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 Labour Force Survey (LFS) data collection and sampling methods introduced from January 2024 onwards. Since then, further changes that were introduced to help increase response levels may have an ongoing impact on the survey. Some volatility remains, particularly for estimates for mid-2023 and throughout 2024, and for granular breakdowns, where sample sizes are smaller. Caution should be taken when drawing conclusions from short-term changes, and we advise users to focus on long term movements in the data.

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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 80,078 individuals in January to March 2026 to 81,193 individuals in April to June 2026. This is shown in our [LFS performance and quality monitoring report: April to June 2026 methodology](#).

On 11 August 2026, following [a request from the Office for National Statistics](#), the Office for Statistics Regulation agreed that labour market statistics based on the LFS and the Annual Population Survey (APS) should be designated as [official statistics](#).

An operational error occurred in May 2026, which led to temporary under-resourcing in LFS telephone collection operations. Our analysis to date, including for the most recent period April to June 2026, 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. As the longitudinal dataset does not include imputed cases, the impact of the operational error results in flows estimates for this period being based on a smaller dataset and so they will be subject to lower accuracy and greater volatility.

4 . Summary

Table 1: April to June 2026 headline measures and changes

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

	Level/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)	34,469	± 205	84	± 179	253	± 285
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	75.1	± 0.4	0.1	± 0.4	-0.2	± 0.6
Unemployment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	1,772	± 92	-36	± 102	88	± 130
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)	9,111	± 179	8	± 156	55	± 249
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	20.9	± 0.4	0.0	± 0.4	0.0	± 0.6
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,105.2	N/A	17.6	N/A	15.4	N/A
Redundancies (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	106	± 20	-20	± 32	0	± 30
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over)	3.6	N/A	-0.7	N/A	0.0	N/A

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

Notes

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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.

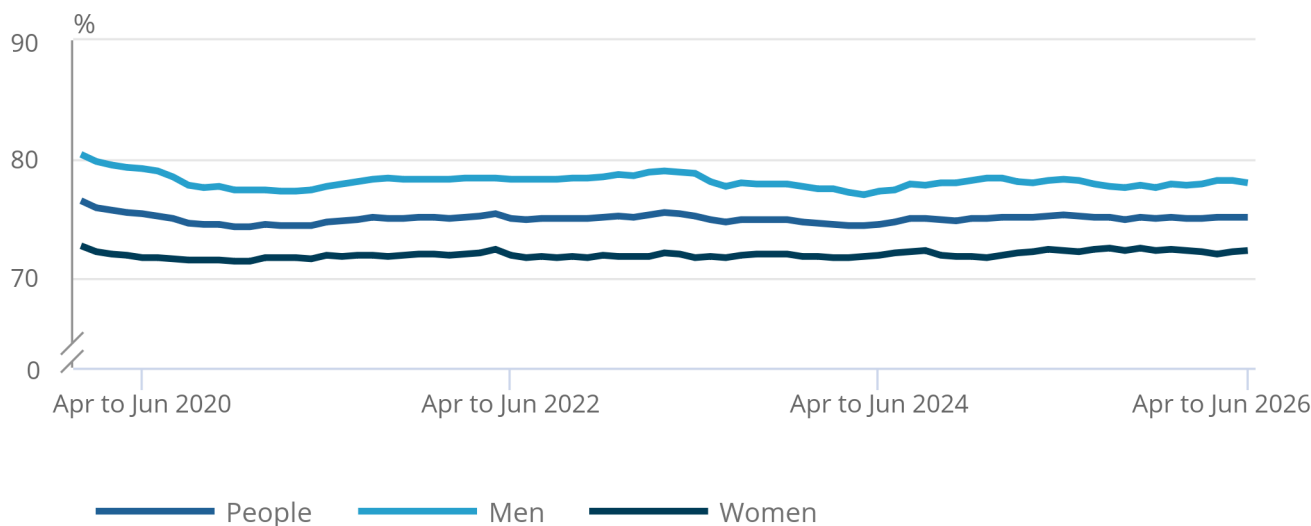
The employment rate decreased on the year, since April to June 2025 but increased in the latest quarter (April to June 2026).

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 April to June 2026

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In the latest year since April to June 2025, both the number of full-time and part-time workers increased. In the latest quarter (April to June 2026), the number of full-time workers increased, but 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 those self-employed working part-time.

Following increases in 2024 and early 2025, the number of people with second jobs decreased over the year to 1.293 million (3.8% of people in employment) but increased in the latest quarter (April to June 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.

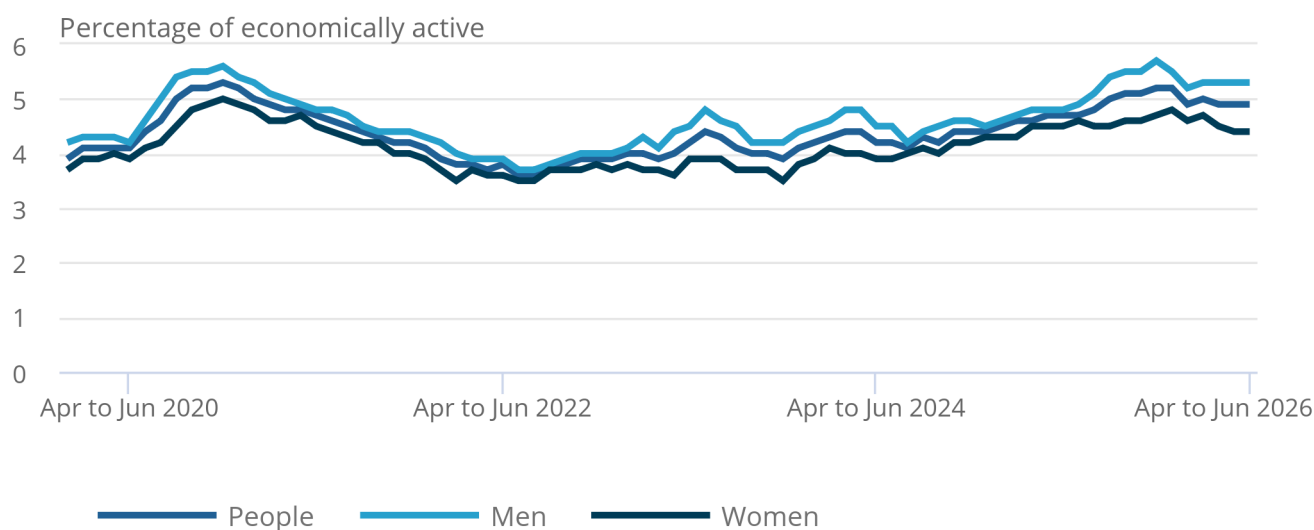
6 . Unemployment

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 April to June 2026

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The number of people that were unemployed for up to 6 months decreased over the year and on the quarter. The number of those unemployed for between 6 and 12 months increased over the year and on the quarter. The number of those employed 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 had been increasing since January 2026, but has decreased in the last two months, reaching 1.665 million in July 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.

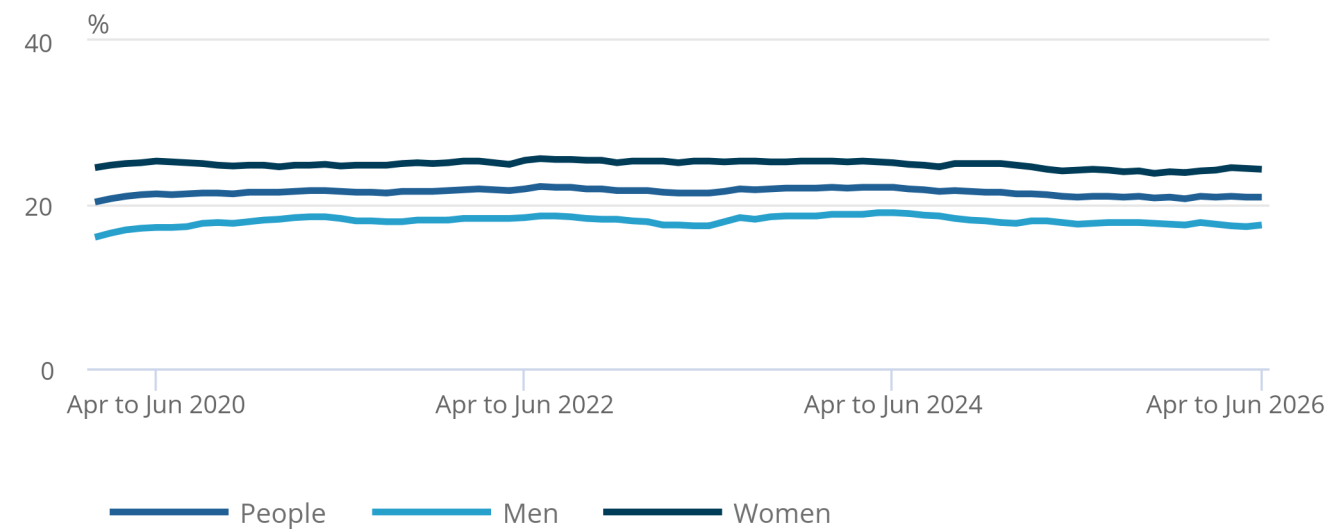
The economic inactivity rate remained largely unchanged over the year, since April to June 2025, and in the latest quarter (April to June 2026).

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was largely unchanged both on 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 April to June 2026

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Those aged 18 to 34 years, and 50 to 64 years experienced an annual decrease in inactivity rate since April to June 2025, while those aged 16 to 17 and 35 to 49 years saw an increase. In the latest quarter (April to June 2026), those aged between 16 to 24 years saw a decrease, though those aged 25 to 34 years and 50 to 64 years saw increases. Those aged 35 to 49 years remained largely unchanged on the quarter.

Since April to June 2025, an increase in the number of those who were economically inactive because they were students or retired, has been partially offset by a decrease in the numbers looking after the family or home, resulting in a small residual increase on the year. Likewise, since January to March 2026, an increase in the number of those who were economically inactive because they were retired, has been offset by a decrease in the numbers looking after the family or home, resulting in very little change on the quarter.

8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview remained largely unchanged over the year and decreased in the latest quarter, to 3.6 per 1,000 employees in April to June 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 . Labour market flows

Flows estimates show that there were net movements from unemployment into employment and from economic inactivity into employment and unemployment between January to March 2026 and April to June 2026.

There are differences between the data used for headline Labour Force Survey (LFS) aggregate estimates and the longitudinal data used to estimate the flows, which are based on a subset of the main LFS sample. Further information can be found in our [X02: Labour Force Survey flows estimates dataset](#).

10 . Data on employment in the UK

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

Dataset A05 SA | Released 18 August 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.

[Labour Force Survey sampling variability \(not seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset A11 | Released 18 August 2026

estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity, 95% confidence intervals, rolling three-monthly figures, non-seasonally adjusted. These are official statistics.

[Full-time, part-time and temporary workers \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 18 August 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.

[Actual weekly hours worked \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 18 August 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.

[Unemployment by age and duration \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 18 August 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.

[Economic inactivity by reason \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)

Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 18 August 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.

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

11 . 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.

12 . 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

Since late 2023, we have taken a series of actions to recover the LFS and improve its quality, including returning to face-to-face interviewing, increasing respondent incentives, reinstating the sample boost, recruiting additional interviewers and updating the survey weighting. These measures have improved response levels from their lowest point to levels similar to those seen pre-pandemic

On 11 August 2026, the ONS wrote a [letter to the Office for Statistics Regulation about the designation of LFS and APS outputs](#). Outputs derived from the LFS and APS are currently [official statistics in development](#) and will move to [official statistics](#). The ONS will not be seeking reaccreditation. Instead, our priority is for outputs based on the Transformed Labour Force Survey (TLFS), as the online-first sustainable replacement for the LFS and APS to achieve the standards required to become accredited official statistics and for OSR to consider their accreditation at the earliest opportunity.

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](#).

13 . 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: August 2026](#)

Article | Released 11 August 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 6 August 2026

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

14 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/august2026/relateddata>

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(*) Tables 2 and 10 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file have been amalgamated into one spreadsheet (Dataset A05 SA).

(**) Table JOBS02 provides more detail than Table 6 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

Shaded cells: these data are now only available in datasets EMP06 and A12.

The following symbols are used in the tables: p provisional, r revised, .. Not available,* suppressed due to small sample size.
The four-character identification codes appearing in the tables are the ONS references for the data series appearing in the Labour Market Statistics dataset which is available on the website at:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/labourmarketstatistics>

SUMMARY

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Apr-Jun 2024	55,617	42,907	33,468	74.5	1,470	4.2	9,488	22.1
Apr-Jun 2025	56,213	43,266	34,216	75.3	1,684	4.7	9,057	20.9
Jul-Sep 2025	56,351	43,341	34,198	75.1	1,787	5.0	9,073	20.9
Oct-Dec 2025	56,485	43,411	34,253	75.0	1,875	5.2	9,054	20.9
Jan-Mar 2026	56,618	43,480	34,386	75.0	1,808	5.0	9,103	20.9
Apr-Jun 2026	56,752	43,549	34,469	75.1	1,772	4.9	9,111	20.9
Change on quarter	134	69	84	0.1	-36	-0.1	8	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.2		-2.0		0.1	
Change on year	539	283	253	-0.2	88	0.2	55	0.0
Change %	1.0	0.7	0.7		5.2		0.6	
Men								
	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Apr-Jun 2024	26,999	21,092	17,169	77.3	801	4.5	4,011	19.0
Apr-Jun 2025	27,310	21,285	17,610	78.3	895	4.8	3,748	17.6
Jul-Sep 2025	27,382	21,326	17,540	77.7	995	5.4	3,790	17.8
Oct-Dec 2025	27,452	21,364	17,546	77.6	1,058	5.7	3,765	17.6
Jan-Mar 2026	27,521	21,402	17,662	77.9	992	5.3	3,759	17.6
Apr-Jun 2026	27,591	21,439	17,726	78.0	995	5.3	3,748	17.5
Change on quarter	70	38	63	0.1	3	0.0	-11	-0.1
Change %	0.3	0.2	0.4		0.3		-0.3	
Change on year	281	154	115	-0.3	100	0.5	1	-0.1
Change %	1.0	0.7	0.7		11.2		0.0	
Women								
	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Apr-Jun 2024	28,618	21,815	16,300	71.9	669	3.9	5,477	25.1
Apr-Jun 2025	28,903	21,981	16,606	72.3	789	4.5	5,309	24.2
Jul-Sep 2025	28,969	22,015	16,658	72.5	791	4.5	5,283	24.0
Oct-Dec 2025	29,033	22,047	16,708	72.3	817	4.7	5,290	24.0
Jan-Mar 2026	29,097	22,078	16,724	72.2	816	4.7	5,344	24.2
Apr-Jun 2026	29,161	22,110	16,744	72.3	777	4.4	5,363	24.3
Change on quarter	64	31	20	0.1	-39	-0.2	19	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.1		-4.8		0.4	
Change on year	258	129	138	0.0	-12	-0.1	54	0.1
Change %	0.9	0.6	0.8		-1.5		1.0	

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.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity rates

The headline employment and inactivity rates are based on the population aged 16 to 64 but the headline unemployment rate is based on the economically active population aged 16 and over. The employment and inactivity rates for those aged 16 and over are affected by the inclusion of the retired population in the denominators and are therefore less meaningful than the rates for those aged from 16 to 64. However, for the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over, no such effect occurs as the denominator for the unemployment rate is the economically active population which only includes people in work or actively seeking and able to work.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity levels

The headline employment and unemployment levels are for those aged 16 and over; they measure all people in work or actively seeking and able to work. However, the headline inactivity level is for those aged 16 to 64. The inactivity rate for those aged 16 and over is less meaningful as it includes elderly people who have retired from the labour force.

SUMMARY

2(1) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 16 and over						Aged 16-64					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Apr-Jun 2024	33,468	60.2	1,470	4.2	20,679	37.2	31,983	74.5	1,436	4.3	9,488	22.1
Apr-Jun 2025	34,216	60.9	1,684	4.7	20,312	36.1	32,569	75.3	1,640	4.8	9,057	20.9
Jul-Sep 2025	34,198	60.7	1,787	5.0	20,367	36.1	32,533	75.1	1,736	5.1	9,073	20.9
Oct-Dec 2025	34,253	60.6	1,875	5.2	20,356	36.0	32,536	75.0	1,820	5.3	9,054	20.9
Jan-Mar 2026	34,386	60.7	1,808	5.0	20,424	36.1	32,615	75.0	1,761	5.1	9,103	20.9
Apr-Jun 2026	34,469	60.7	1,772	4.9	20,511	36.1	32,711	75.1	1,727	5.0	9,111	20.9
Change on quarter	84	0.0	-36	-0.1	86	0.1	96	0.1	-35	-0.1	8	0.0
Change %	0.2		-2.0		0.4		0.3		-2.0		0.1	
Change on year	253	-0.1	88	0.2	198	0.0	142	-0.2	87	0.2	55	0.0
Change %	0.7		5.2		1.0		0.4		5.3		0.6	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSI	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Apr-Jun 2024	17,169	63.6	801	4.5	9,030	33.4	16,301	77.3	779	4.6	4,011	19.0
Apr-Jun 2025	17,610	64.5	895	4.8	8,805	32.2	16,674	78.3	864	4.9	3,748	17.6
Jul-Sep 2025	17,540	64.1	995	5.4	8,847	32.3	16,574	77.7	962	5.5	3,790	17.8
Oct-Dec 2025	17,546	63.9	1,058	5.7	8,848	32.2	16,586	77.6	1,013	5.8	3,765	17.6
Jan-Mar 2026	17,662	64.2	992	5.3	8,867	32.2	16,679	77.9	963	5.5	3,759	17.6
Apr-Jun 2026	17,726	64.2	995	5.3	8,870	32.2	16,723	78.0	968	5.5	3,748	17.5
Change on quarter	63	0.1	3	0.0	3	-0.1	44	0.1	5	0.0	-11	-0.1
Change %	0.4		0.3		0.0		0.3		0.5		-0.3	
Change on year	115	-0.2	100	0.5	66	-0.1	49	-0.3	104	0.5	1	-0.1
Change %	0.7		11.2		0.7		0.3		12.1		0.0	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Apr-Jun 2024	16,300	57.0	669	3.9	11,649	40.7	15,681	71.9	657	4.0	5,477	25.1
Apr-Jun 2025	16,606	57.5	789	4.5	11,507	39.8	15,895	72.3	776	4.7	5,309	24.2
Jul-Sep 2025	16,658	57.5	791	4.5	11,520	39.8	15,959	72.5	774	4.6	5,283	24.0
Oct-Dec 2025	16,708	57.5	817	4.7	11,508	39.6	15,950	72.3	807	4.8	5,290	24.0
Jan-Mar 2026	16,724	57.5	816	4.7	11,557	39.7	15,936	72.2	798	4.8	5,344	24.2
Apr-Jun 2026	16,744	57.4	777	4.4	11,640	39.9	15,988	72.3	758	4.5	5,363	24.3
Change on quarter	20	-0.1	-39	-0.2	83	0.2	52	0.1	-40	-0.2	19	0.1
Change %	0.1		-4.8		0.7		0.3		-5.0		0.4	
Change on year	138	0.0	-12	-0.1	133	0.1	93	0.0	-18	-0.1	54	0.1
Change %	0.8		-1.5		1.2		0.6		-2.3		1.0	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Apr-Jun 2024	345	21.6	112	24.5	1,138	71.3	3,360	58.8	465	12.2	1,885	33.0
Apr-Jun 2025	335	20.5	158	32.1	1,136	69.8	3,519	60.7	484	12.1	1,796	31.0
Jul-Sep 2025	330	20.2	180	35.3	1,123	68.8	3,556	61.1	522	12.8	1,746	30.0
Oct-Dec 2025	318	19.5	158	33.3	1,156	70.8	3,510	60.0	577	14.1	1,762	30.1
Jan-Mar 2026	330	20.2	138	29.4	1,166	71.4	3,445	58.6	591	14.6	1,840	31.3
Apr-Jun 2026	332	20.3	142	30.0	1,160	71.0	3,486	59.1	597	14.6	1,819	30.8
Change on quarter	2	0.1	5	0.6	-6	-0.4	41	0.4	6	0.0	-21	-0.5
Change %	0.5		3.4		-0.5		1.2		1.0		-1.2	
Change on year	-3	-0.2	-16	-2.1	24	1.2	-33	-1.6	113	2.5	22	-0.2
Change %	-0.8		-10.0		2.1		-0.9		23.3		1.2	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Apr-Jun 2024	156	19.1	59	27.3	603	73.8	1,688	58.1	292	14.7	927	31.9
Apr-Jun 2025	152	18.2	85	35.9	598	71.6	1,805	61.0	280	13.4	875	29.6
Jul-Sep 2025	151	18.1	93	38.1	591	70.7	1,796	60.4	324	15.3	854	28.7
Oct-Dec 2025	141	16.8	82	36.7	614	73.4	1,787	59.8	365	17.0	837	28.0
Jan-Mar 2026	151	18.1	78	34.1	608	72.6	1,753	58.4	365	17.2	886	29.5
Apr-Jun 2026	158	18.9	78	32.9	601	71.8	1,799	59.6	364	16.8	856	28.4
Change on quarter	7	0.9	-1	-1.2	-6	-0.8	45	1.2	-1	-0.4	-30	-1.1
Change %	4.9		-0.7		-1.1		2.6		-0.3		-3.3	
Change on year	7	0.7	-7	-3.1	4	0.2	-7	-1.4	83	3.4	-18	-1.2
Change %	4.5		-8.8		0.6		-0.4		29.7		-2.1	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Apr-Jun 2024	189	24.3	53	22.0	535	68.8	1,672	59.7	173	9.4	957	34.2
Apr-Jun 2025	183	23.0	73	28.5	539	67.8	1,714	60.4	204	10.6	921	32.5
Jul-Sep 2025	178	22.4	87	32.7	532	66.8	1,760	61.8	197	10.1	892	31.3
Oct-Dec 2025	177	22.3	77	30.2	542	68.1	1,723	60.2	212	11.0	926	32.4
Jan-Mar 2026	179	22.5	59	24.9	558	70.0	1,692	58.9	226	11.8	954	33.2
Apr-Jun 2026	174	21.8	65	27.2	559	70.1	1,688	58.5	234	12.2	962	33.4
Change on quarter	-6	-0.7	5	2.2	1	0.1	-4	-0.4	7	0.3	8	0.2
Change %	-3.2		8.8		0.1		-0.2		3.1		0.9	
Change on year	-9	-1.2	-8	-1.4	20	2.3	-26	-1.8	30	1.5	41	0.9
Change %	-5.1		-11.3		3.7		-1.5		14.6		4.4	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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SUMMARY

2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAY	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Apr-Jun 2024	7,619	83.6	307	3.9	1,187	13.0	11,258	85.1	312	2.7	1,651	12.5
Apr-Jun 2025	7,716	84.3	320	4.0	1,117	12.2	11,513	85.7	370	3.1	1,552	11.6
Jul-Sep 2025	7,674	83.8	355	4.4	1,127	12.3	11,477	85.1	372	3.1	1,643	12.2
Oct-Dec 2025	7,690	84.0	377	4.7	1,090	11.9	11,524	85.0	385	3.2	1,642	12.1
Jan-Mar 2026	7,721	84.3	386	4.8	1,051	11.5	11,596	85.2	348	2.9	1,665	12.2
Apr-Jun 2026	7,742	84.5	345	4.3	1,072	11.7	11,636	85.1	356	3.0	1,676	12.3
Change on quarter	21	0.2	-40	-0.5	20	0.2	39	-0.1	8	0.1	11	0.0
Change %	0.3		-10.5		1.9		0.3		2.4		0.7	
Change on year	26	0.2	25	0.3	-45	-0.5	122	-0.6	-13	-0.1	124	0.7
Change %	0.3		7.8		-4.0		1.1		-3.6		8.0	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Apr-Jun 2024	3,881	86.9	155	3.8	428	9.6	5,729	89.3	139	2.4	546	8.5
Apr-Jun 2025	3,974	88.3	172	4.1	354	7.9	5,866	90.1	150	2.5	497	7.6
Jul-Sep 2025	3,940	87.4	198	4.8	367	8.2	5,826	89.1	174	2.9	540	8.3
Oct-Dec 2025	3,926	87.1	214	5.2	370	8.2	5,860	89.2	175	2.9	532	8.1
Jan-Mar 2026	3,940	87.3	221	5.3	353	7.8	5,967	90.5	137	2.2	491	7.4
Apr-Jun 2026	3,958	87.6	202	4.9	359	7.9	5,959	90.0	162	2.6	502	7.6
Change on quarter	17	0.3	-19	-0.4	6	0.1	-7	-0.5	25	0.4	10	0.1
Change %	0.4		-8.5		1.6		-0.1		18.0		2.1	
Change on year	-17	-0.7	30	0.7	5	0.1	93	-0.1	12	0.2	5	-0.1
Change %	-0.4		17.7		1.4		1.6		8.0		0.9	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Apr-Jun 2024	3,738	80.4	152	3.9	759	16.3	5,529	81.2	173	3.0	1,106	16.2
Apr-Jun 2025	3,742	80.4	149	3.8	762	16.4	5,647	81.6	220	3.7	1,055	15.2
Jul-Sep 2025	3,734	80.3	157	4.0	759	16.3	5,651	81.3	198	3.4	1,103	15.9
Oct-Dec 2025	3,764	81.0	162	4.1	721	15.5	5,664	81.1	209	3.6	1,110	15.9
Jan-Mar 2026	3,781	81.4	165	4.2	698	15.0	5,629	80.3	211	3.6	1,174	16.7
Apr-Jun 2026	3,784	81.6	143	3.6	713	15.4	5,676	80.6	194	3.3	1,175	16.7
Change on quarter	3	0.1	-22	-0.5	15	0.3	47	0.3	-16	-0.3	1	-0.1
Change %	0.1		-13.1		2.1		0.8		-7.8		0.1	
Change on year	43	1.1	-5	-0.2	-50	-1.0	29	-1.0	-25	-0.4	120	1.4
Change %	1.1		-3.7		-6.5		0.5		-11.5		11.3	
	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
Apr-Jun 2024	9,401	70.9	240	2.5	3,628	27.3	1,486	11.7	34	2.2	11,191	88.0
Apr-Jun 2025	9,486	71.6	308	3.1	3,456	26.1	1,647	12.7	44	2.6	11,255	86.9
Jul-Sep 2025	9,496	71.7	307	3.1	3,434	25.9	1,665	12.8	51	3.0	11,293	86.8
Oct-Dec 2025	9,494	71.8	323	3.3	3,403	25.7	1,717	13.1	55	3.1	11,302	86.4
Jan-Mar 2026	9,523	72.1	299	3.0	3,381	25.6	1,770	13.5	47	2.6	11,321	86.2
Apr-Jun 2026	9,515	72.2	286	2.9	3,385	25.7	1,758	13.3	46	2.5	11,399	86.3
Change on quarter	-7	0.0	-13	-0.1	4	0.1	-12	-0.2	-1	0.0	78	0.2
Change %	-0.1		-4.5		0.1		-0.7		-2.3		0.7	
Change on year	29	0.6	-22	-0.2	-71	-0.4	111	0.6	1	-0.1	144	-0.6
Change %	0.3		-7.2		-2.1		6.7		3.2		1.3	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Apr-Jun 2024	4,848	74.7	134	2.7	1,508	23.2	867	14.7	22	2.4	5,018	85.0
Apr-Jun 2025	4,876	75.3	177	3.5	1,424	22.0	937	15.5	31	3.2	5,057	83.9
Jul-Sep 2025	4,860	75.1	172	3.4	1,438	22.2	966	15.9	33	3.3	5,057	83.5
Oct-Dec 2025	4,872	75.4	177	3.5	1,412	21.9	960	15.8	45	4.4	5,084	83.5
Jan-Mar 2026	4,868	75.5	162	3.2	1,421	22.0	983	16.1	28	2.8	5,108	83.5
Apr-Jun 2026	4,849	75.3	163	3.3	1,430	22.2	1,003	16.3	26	2.6	5,122	83.3
Change on quarter	-19	-0.2	1	0.0	9	0.2	20	0.2	-2	-0.2	14	-0.2
Change %	-0.4		0.5		0.6		2.0		-7.1		0.3	
Change on year	-27	0.0	-14	-0.2	6	0.2	66	0.8	-4	-0.6	65	-0.7
Change %	-0.6		-7.8		0.4		7.0		-14.3		1.3	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Apr-Jun 2024	4,553	67.2	105	2.3	2,120	31.3	619	9.1	12	2.0	6,173	90.7
Apr-Jun 2025	4,610	68.1	131	2.8	2,032	30.0	711	10.3	13	1.8	6,198	89.5
Jul-Sep 2025	4,636	68.5	135	2.8	1,997	29.5	699	10.1	18	2.5	6,237	89.7
Oct-Dec 2025	4,622	68.4	146	3.1	1,991	29.5	757	10.8	11	1.4	6,218	89.0
Jan-Mar 2026	4,655	68.9	137	2.9	1,960	29.0	787	11.2	18	2.3	6,213	88.5
Apr-Jun 2026	4,666	69.2	123	2.6	1,955	29.0	756	10.7	19	2.5	6,277	89.0
Change on quarter	12	0.3	-14	-0.3	-5	0.0	-32	-0.5	1	0.2	64	0.5
Change %	0.2		-10.4		-0.3		-4.0		5.3		1.0	
Change on year	57	1.1	-8	-0.2	-77	-1.0	45	0.4	6	0.6	79	-0.5
Change %	1.2		-6.4		-3.8		6.3		43.8		1.3	

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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 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
People	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW
Apr-Jun 2024	33,468	28,994	4,325	92	57	25,126	8,343	22,136	6,858	2,930	1,395	1,285
Apr-Jun 2025	34,216	29,644	4,411	109	53	25,644	8,572	22,637	7,007	2,949	1,462	1,326
Jul-Sep 2025	34,198	29,639	4,384	110	65	25,548	8,650	22,556	7,083	2,917	1,467	1,323
Oct-Dec 2025	34,253	29,682	4,385	121	66	25,494	8,759	22,541	7,141	2,885	1,500	1,278
Jan-Mar 2026	34,386	29,624	4,568	137	56	25,649	8,737	22,613	7,012	2,984	1,584	1,271
Apr-Jun 2026	34,469	29,781	4,518	112	58	25,746	8,724	22,772	7,009	2,913	1,605	1,293
Change on quarter	84	157	-50	-25	2	96	-13	160	-3	-71	21	22
Change %	0.2	0.5	-1.1	-18.2	3.0	0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.0	-2.4	1.3	1.8
Change on year	253	137	107	3	5	101	152	136	1	-36	143	-33
Change %	0.7	0.5	2.4	3.1	9.9	0.4	1.8	0.6	0.0	-1.2	9.8	-2.5
Men		MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX
Apr-Jun 2024	17,169	14,306	2,782	46	34	14,840	2,329	12,597	1,709	2,199	583	558
Apr-Jun 2025	17,610	14,704	2,827	48	31	15,084	2,527	12,843	1,861	2,203	624	587
Jul-Sep 2025	17,540	14,653	2,792	59	36	15,046	2,494	12,819	1,834	2,183	609	592
Oct-Dec 2025	17,546	14,712	2,747	58	29	15,013	2,533	12,833	1,880	2,146	601	587
Jan-Mar 2026	17,662	14,762	2,805	63	32	15,119	2,544	12,907	1,855	2,182	623	569
Apr-Jun 2026	17,726	14,853	2,783	56	34	15,135	2,590	12,961	1,892	2,137	646	569
Change on quarter	63	91	-23	-7	1	17	46	55	37	-45	23	0
Change %	0.4	0.6	-0.8	-10.8	3.6	0.1	1.8	0.4	2.0	-2.1	3.6	0.1
Change on year	115	149	-45	8	2	52	63	118	31	-66	21	-18
Change %	0.7	1.0	-1.6	17.7	7.9	0.3	2.5	0.9	1.7	-3.0	3.4	-3.1
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY
Apr-Jun 2024	16,300	14,688	1,543	45	23	10,286	6,014	9,539	5,149	731	812	728
Apr-Jun 2025	16,606	14,940	1,583	61	22	10,561	6,045	9,793	5,147	746	838	738
Jul-Sep 2025	16,658	14,986	1,593	50	28	10,502	6,156	9,738	5,249	734	859	731
Oct-Dec 2025	16,708	14,970	1,638	63	37	10,481	6,227	9,708	5,262	739	899	691
Jan-Mar 2026	16,724	14,862	1,763	74	24	10,531	6,193	9,706	5,156	802	961	702
Apr-Jun 2026	16,744	14,928	1,735	56	25	10,610	6,134	9,811	5,117	776	960	724
Change on quarter	20	65	-27	-18	1	80	-59	105	-40	-26	-1	22
Change %	0.1	0.4	-1.6	-24.5	2.1	0.8	-1.0	1.1	-0.8	-3.3	-0.1	3.1
Change on year	138	-12	152	-5	3	49	88	18	-30	30	122	-14
Change %	0.8	-0.1	9.6	-8.3	12.5	0.5	1.5	0.2	-0.6	4.0	14.5	-2.0
Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)												
Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³												
	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 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	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG
Apr-Jun 2024	1,508	5.2	311	20.6	416	147	634	8,253	862	10.4	5,807	339
Apr-Jun 2025	1,580	5.3	378	23.9	436	162	605	8,469	897	10.6	5,819	459
Jul-Sep 2025	1,638	5.5	396	24.2	443	163	636	8,550	851	10.0	5,924	457
Oct-Dec 2025	1,645	5.5	388	23.6	418	169	671	8,641	863	10.0	5,971	467
Jan-Mar 2026	1,610	5.4	371	23.0	440	175	625	8,596	893	10.4	5,879	485
Apr-Jun 2026	1,610	5.4	395	24.5	404	179	633	8,614	915	10.6	5,944	456
Change on quarter	0	0.0	24	1.5	-36	4	8	18	23	0.2	65	-29
Change %	0.0		6.6		-8.2	2.3	1.2	0.2	2.5		1.1	-6.0
Change on year	30	0.1	17	0.6	-33	17	28	145	18	0.0	125	-3
Change %	1.9		4.6		-7.5	10.5	4.6	1.7	2.0		2.1	-0.6
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH
Apr-Jun 2024	738	5.2	169	22.9	177	79	313	2,292	408	17.8	1,283	114
Apr-Jun 2025	741	5.0	194	26.2	172	96	279	2,485	374	15.0	1,406	174
Jul-Sep 2025	763	5.2	189	24.8	197	84	292	2,443	337	13.8	1,402	165
Oct-Dec 2025	775	5.3	194	25.0	189	79	313	2,481	353	14.2	1,414	165
Jan-Mar 2026	753	5.1	190	25.3	193	85	285	2,478	384	15.5	1,373	172
Apr-Jun 2026	768	5.2	209	27.2	182	88	288	2,537	407	16.1	1,410	160
Change on quarter	16	0.1	19	2.0	-10	3	3	59	23	0.6	37	-12
Change %	2.1		10.1		-5.3	3.8	1.2	2.4	6.1		2.7	-6.7
Change on year	28	0.1	15	1.1	10	-7	9	53	34	1.0	5	-14
Change %	3.7		7.9		6.1	-7.8	3.4	2.1	9.0		0.3	-7.9
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCKK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI
Apr-Jun 2024	770	5.2	142	18.5	239	68	321	5,961	453	7.6	4,524	225
Apr-Jun 2025	840	5.6	184	21.9	265	66	326	5,985	524	8.7	4,414	285
Jul-Sep 2025	875	5.8	207	23.6	245	79	344	6,107	514	8.4	4,522	292
Oct-Dec 2025	869	5.8	194	22.4	228	89	358	6,160	510	8.3	4,558	302
Jan-Mar 2026	857	5.8	181	21.1	247	90	340	6,117	509	8.3	4,506	313
Apr-Jun 2026	842	5.6	186	22.1	221	90	344	6,077	508	8.4	4,534	296
Change on quarter	-16	-0.1	5	1.0	-26	1	4	-41	-1	0.0	28	-17
Change %	-1.9		2.8		-10.4	0.8	1.2	-0.7	-0.2		0.6	-5.5
Change on year	2	0.0	2	0.2	-43	24	19	92	-15	-0.4	120	11
Change %	0.2		1.1		-16.3	37.2	5.7	1.5	-3.0		2.7	4.0

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).

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.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

7 Actual weekly hours worked

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

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Apr-Jun 2024	1,067.6	31.9	36.4	16.5	9.6
Apr-Jun 2025	1,089.8	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.3
Jul-Sep 2025	1,087.9	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.4
Oct-Dec 2025	1,092.2	31.9	36.7	16.6	9.6
Jan-Mar 2026	1,087.6	31.6	36.3	16.4	10.0
Apr-Jun 2026	1,105.2	32.1	36.7	16.7	10.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	17.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	1.4	1.1	2.1	1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	15.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	0.7	0.7	1.2	8.6
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Apr-Jun 2024	608.7	35.5	38.0	16.0	10.6
Apr-Jun 2025	619.3	35.2	37.9	16.0	9.9
Jul-Sep 2025	618.7	35.3	38.0	16.0	10.5
Oct-Dec 2025	618.2	35.2	38.1	16.2	10.3
Jan-Mar 2026	618.5	35.0	37.7	16.1	11.0
Apr-Jun 2026	628.6	35.5	38.2	16.3	11.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	10.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.6	4.1
<i>Change on year</i>	9.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.6
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	0.8	0.7	1.9	16.3
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Apr-Jun 2024	458.9	28.2	34.1	16.7	8.9
Apr-Jun 2025	470.4	28.3	34.4	16.8	8.9
Jul-Sep 2025	469.3	28.2	34.4	16.8	8.6
Oct-Dec 2025	473.9	28.4	34.6	16.8	9.0
Jan-Mar 2026	469.1	28.1	34.3	16.5	9.2
Apr-Jun 2026	476.6	28.5	34.6	16.9	9.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	7.5	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	1.5	0.8	2.4	-1.5
<i>Change on year</i>	6.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.9

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1. Main and second job

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

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

7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Apr-Jun 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.2	2.6	7.0
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.7	5.4	3.2	7.5	11.3	6.9	19.3
16 up to 30 hours	18.7	10.9	27.0	17.9	9.5	26.2	23.9	17.5	35.4
31 up to 45 hours	60.0	65.3	54.3	63.1	69.0	57.3	40.0	47.4	26.8
Over 45 hours	13.7	18.9	8.3	12.8	17.7	7.9	20.6	25.7	11.5
Total (thousands)	34,216	17,610	16,606	29,644	14,704	14,940	4,411	2,827	1,583
Jan-Mar 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.3	3.1	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	4.0	8.7	5.4	3.3	7.5	11.0	6.7	18.0
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	10.3	26.9	17.4	8.8	25.9	24.9	18.1	35.6
31 up to 45 hours	60.1	65.7	54.2	63.4	69.7	57.2	39.7	45.5	30.5
Over 45 hours	13.8	19.0	8.4	13.0	17.6	8.3	20.1	26.6	9.7
Total (thousands)	34,386	17,662	16,724	29,624	14,762	14,862	4,568	2,805	1,763
Apr-Jun 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	1.2	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.1	4.5	3.3	6.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.7	8.6	5.4	3.3	7.5	10.8	6.1	18.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.7	26.7	17.4	9.0	25.7	26.0	19.1	37.1
31 up to 45 hours	59.7	64.9	54.3	63.0	68.8	57.2	38.7	45.0	28.6
Over 45 hours	14.2	19.5	8.6	13.3	18.2	8.5	20.0	26.5	9.5
Total (thousands)	34,469	17,726	16,744	29,781	14,853	14,928	4,518	2,783	1,735

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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Employment by country of birth and nationality

The temporary RTI adjustment applied from January to March 2020 to June to August 2022 was removed from the LFS weighting methodology as part of the reweighting exercise in December 2024, as described in our [Impact of reweighting on LFS key indicators: December 2024](#) article.

Due to quality concerns during the pandemic period (as explained in more detail in our A12 dataset), we have removed the labour market status by country of birth and nationality from our A01 dataset and from tables accompanying our Labour market overview and Employment in the UK bulletins. The country of birth and nationality labour market data will also be withdrawn from our time series data.

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

We will continue to review and update users accordingly.

[EMP06 Dataset](#)

Employment by country of birth and nationality

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[A12 Dataset](#)

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64							
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
People			YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL			YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWY	YBXB	
Apr-Jun 2024	1,470	4.2	918	213	339	23.1	148	1,436	4.3	902	211	323	22.5	140	
Apr-Jun 2025	1,684	4.7	988	320	376	22.3	161	1,640	4.8	967	314	359	21.9	150	
Jul-Sep 2025	1,787	5.0	1,040	298	448	25.1	182	1,736	5.1	1,015	289	431	24.8	171	
Oct-Dec 2025	1,875	5.2	1,051	356	469	25.0	196	1,820	5.3	1,021	340	459	25.2	183	
Jan-Mar 2026	1,808	5.0	995	334	479	26.5	219	1,761	5.1	980	324	457	26.0	208	
Apr-Jun 2026	1,772	4.9	978	344	451	25.4	193	1,727	5.0	957	335	434	25.1	182	
Change on quarter	-36	-0.1	-17	10	-28	-1.1	-26	-35	-0.1	-23	12	-23	-0.8	-25	
Change %	-2.0		-1.7	2.9	-5.9		-12.1	-2.0		-2.3	3.6	-5.1		-12.2	
Change on year	88	0.2	-10	23	74	3.1	32	87	0.2	-10	21	75	3.3	32	
Change %	5.2		-1.0	7.2	19.8		19.7	5.3		-1.0	6.8	21.0		21.1	
Men			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWY	YBXB	
Apr-Jun 2024	801	4.5	477	108	216	26.9	106	779	4.6	464	106	208	26.7	102	
Apr-Jun 2025	895	4.8	481	180	234	26.2	104	864	4.9	468	173	223	25.8	95	
Jul-Sep 2025	995	5.4	538	187	271	27.2	121	962	5.5	521	178	263	27.3	114	
Oct-Dec 2025	1,058	5.7	560	197	300	28.4	128	1,013	5.8	541	185	287	28.4	118	
Jan-Mar 2026	992	5.3	542	172	277	27.9	131	963	5.5	532	168	263	27.4	122	
Apr-Jun 2026	995	5.3	535	193	267	26.9	114	968	5.5	521	190	257	26.6	107	
Change on quarter	3	0.0	-8	21	-10	-1.1	-17	5	0.0	-11	22	-6	-0.8	-15	
Change %	0.3		-1.4	12.2	-3.6		-13.1	0.5		-2.0	13.2	-2.3		-12.4	
Change on year	100	0.5	54	13	33	0.7	10	104	0.5	53	17	34	0.8	12	
Change %	11.2		11.1	7.5	14.1		9.7	12.1		11.3	9.8	15.5		12.6	
Women			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39	
Apr-Jun 2024	669	3.9	442	105	123	18.4	42	657	4.0	438	105	114	17.4	37	
Apr-Jun 2025	789	4.5	506	141	142	18.0	57	776	4.7	499	141	136	17.5	55	
Jul-Sep 2025	791	4.5	502	111	178	22.5	60	774	4.6	494	111	169	21.8	57	
Oct-Dec 2025	817	4.7	490	159	168	20.6	68	807	4.8	480	155	172	21.3	65	
Jan-Mar 2026	816	4.7	453	162	202	24.7	88	798	4.8	448	156	194	24.3	86	
Apr-Jun 2026	777	4.4	443	151	184	23.6	79	758	4.5	436	146	177	23.3	75	
Change on quarter	-39	-0.2	-9	-11	-18	-1.1	-9	-40	-0.2	-12	-10	-17	-1.0	-10	
Change %	-4.8		-2.1	-6.9	-9.1		-10.5	-5.0		-2.7	-6.6	-9.0		-12.0	
Change on year	-12	-0.1	-63	10	41	5.6	22	-18	-0.1	-63	4	41	5.8	20	
Change %	-1.5		-12.5	7.0	29.2		37.9	-2.3		-12.6	3.1	30.0		35.8	
16-17								18-24							
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months		All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		22	23	24	25	26	27	28
People			YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP				YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Apr-Jun 2024	112	24.5	77	16	19	17.2	*	465	12.2	333	57	75	16.1	19	
Apr-Jun 2025	158	32.1	109	36	13	8.5	*	484	12.1	296	81	107	22.2	37	
Jul-Sep 2025	180	35.3	133	28	19	10.8	*	522	12.8	314	72	136	26.1	40	
Oct-Dec 2025	158	33.3	103	34	22	13.6	4	577	14.1	357	99	122	21.1	35	
Jan-Mar 2026	138	29.4	90	31	16	11.8	*	591	14.6	352	105	135	22.8	46	
Apr-Jun 2026	142	30.0	93	31	17	12.2	*	597	14.6	355	107	135	22.7	43	
Change on quarter	5	0.6	3	0	1	0.5	*	6	0.0	3	2	1	-0.1	-3	
Change %	3.4		3.5	1.0	7.5		*	1.0		0.8	2.3	0.6		-7.0	
Change on year	-16	-2.1	-15	-5	4	3.7	*	113	2.5	58	27	28	0.5	6	
Change %	-10.0		-13.8	-13.1	29.8		*	23.3		19.7	33.0	26.2		17.5	
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF	
Apr-Jun 2024	59	27.3	41	8	10	17.1	*	292	14.7	209	27	56	19.2	14	
Apr-Jun 2025	85	35.9	57	21	8	9.0	*	280	13.4	152	52	76	27.0	24	
Jul-Sep 2025	93	38.1	64	18	11	11.7	*	324	15.3	181	53	91	28.1	29	
Oct-Dec 2025	82	36.7	47	21	14	16.9	3	365	17.0	213	60	92	25.3	24	
Jan-Mar 2026	78	34.1	52	19	7	9.6	*	365	17.2	216	65	83	22.8	25	
Apr-Jun 2026	78	32.9	46	22	10	12.6	*	364	16.8	214	70	80	22.0	18	
Change on quarter	-1	-1.2	-6	3	2	3.0	*	-1	-0.4	-2	4	-3	-0.9	-6	
Change %	-0.7		-11.0	15.3	30.7		*	-0.3		-1.0	6.7	-4.0		-26.2	
Change on year	-7	-3.1	-11	1	2	3.6	*	83	3.4	62	17	4	-5.1	-6	
Change %	-8.8		-18.8	5.5	27.1		*	29.7		40.5	33.5	5.4		-23.8	
Women			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG	
Apr-Jun 2024	53	22.0	36	8	9	17.2	*	173	9.4	124	30	19	10.8	*	
Apr-Jun 2025	73	28.5	52	16	6	7.8	*	204	10.6	144	28	32	15.5	13	
Jul-Sep 2025	87	32.7	69	9	8	9.8	*	197	10.1	133	20	45	22.7	11	
Oct-Dec 2025	77	30.2	55	14	8	10.1	*	212	11.0	144	39	29	13.8	11	
Jan-Mar 2026	59	24.9	38	12	9	14.7	*	226	11.8	136	40	51	22.7	22	
Apr-Jun 2026	65	27.2	47	10	8	11.8	*	234	12.2	140	38	56	23.8	25	
Change on quarter	5	2.2	9	-3	-1	-2.9	*	7	0.3	5	-2	4	1.1	3	
Change %	8.8		23.1	-20.8	-12.4		*	3.1		3.5	-4.9	8.2		15.0	
Change on year	-8	-1.4	-4	-6	2	4.0	*	30	1.5	-3	9	24	8.3	12	
Change %	-11.3		-8.3	-37.7	33.5		*	14.6		-2.4	32.2	76.0		94.5	

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	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
People														
Apr-Jun 2024	619	3.2	369	89	161	26.1	70	274	2.5	139	52	83	30.5	60
Apr-Jun 2025	690	3.5	396	142	151	21.9	73	352	3.1	187	61	104	29.6	51
Jul-Sep 2025	727	3.7	412	124	191	26.3	78	358	3.1	181	75	102	28.5	62
Oct-Dec 2025	761	3.8	403	149	209	27.5	88	378	3.3	187	75	116	30.8	68
Jan-Mar 2026	733	3.7	387	141	205	27.9	95	346	3.0	165	57	124	35.7	76
Apr-Jun 2026	701	3.5	365	139	198	28.2	88	332	2.9	165	66	100	30.2	60
Change on quarter	-32	-0.2	-23	-2	-7	0.3	-7	-14	-0.1	0	9	-24	-5.5	-16
Change %	-4.4		-5.9	-1.6	-3.3		-7.4	-4.2		-0.1	16.2	-19.0		-21.3
Change on year	12	0.0	-32	-4	47	6.3	16	-21	-0.2	-21	5	-4	0.6	9
Change %	1.7		-8.0	-2.5	30.9		21.3	-5.9		-11.4	7.9	-4.1		17.6
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Apr-Jun 2024	294	3.0	156	44	94	32.0	51	156	2.7	71	30	55	35.4	41
Apr-Jun 2025	322	3.2	172	72	77	24.0	43	208	3.5	99	35	74	35.5	36
Jul-Sep 2025	372	3.7	199	71	103	27.6	50	205	3.4	95	45	66	31.9	43
Oct-Dec 2025	389	3.8	197	72	120	30.8	52	222	3.7	103	45	74	33.5	48
Jan-Mar 2026	358	3.5	188	62	108	30.1	56	191	3.2	86	26	79	41.2	49
Apr-Jun 2026	364	3.5	193	61	110	30.3	54	190	3.1	82	40	67	35.5	40
Change on quarter	6	0.1	5	-1	2	0.2	-3	-1	0.0	-5	15	-11	-5.7	-9
Change %	1.7		2.4	-1.5	2.2		-5.0	-0.6		-5.3	56.6	-14.3		-17.6
Change on year	42	0.4	20	-11	33	6.3	10	-18	-0.3	-18	6	-6	0.1	4
Change %	13.2		11.7	-15.2	43.0		23.2	-8.8		-17.8	16.6	-8.5		11.6
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Apr-Jun 2024	325	3.4	213	45	67	20.7	19	118	2.2	68	22	28	23.9	19
Apr-Jun 2025	368	3.8	224	70	74	20.2	29	144	2.6	87	27	31	21.2	15
Jul-Sep 2025	355	3.6	214	53	88	24.9	28	152	2.8	87	29	36	23.7	19
Oct-Dec 2025	372	3.8	206	76	89	24.0	36	157	2.8	85	30	42	26.9	20
Jan-Mar 2026	375	3.8	199	79	97	25.9	39	155	2.8	79	31	45	28.9	27
Apr-Jun 2026	337	3.4	172	78	88	26.1	35	142	2.6	84	26	33	23.0	19
Change on quarter	-38	-0.4	-27	-1	-9	0.2	-4	-13	-0.2	4	-5	-12	-5.9	-8
Change %	-10.1		-13.8	-1.7	-9.5		-11.0	-8.5		5.6	-17.4	-27.3		-28.1
Change on year	-31	-0.3	-52	7	14	5.9	5	-3	-0.1	-4	-1	2	1.8	5
Change %	-8.4		-23.2	10.7	18.3		18.6	-1.8		-4.2	-3.6	6.5		32.4

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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
Apr-Jun 2024	34,938	33,419	457	3,824	7,926	11,570	9,641	1,519
Apr-Jun 2025	35,901	34,209	493	4,003	8,036	11,883	9,794	1,692
Jul-Sep 2025	35,984	34,268	509	4,078	8,030	11,849	9,803	1,716
Oct-Dec 2025	36,128	34,356	477	4,088	8,067	11,909	9,817	1,772
Jan-Mar 2026	36,194	34,377	468	4,036	8,107	11,944	9,822	1,817
Apr-Jun 2026	36,242	34,438	474	4,083	8,087	11,992	9,801	1,804
Change on quarter	48	61	6	47	-20	48	-21	-13
Change %	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.7
Change on year	341	229	-18	80	51	109	7	112
Change %	0.9	0.7	-3.7	2.0	0.6	0.9	0.1	6.6
Men	MMSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Apr-Jun 2024	17,969	17,081	214	1,980	4,036	5,868	4,982	889
Apr-Jun 2025	18,505	17,538	237	2,086	4,146	6,016	5,053	967
Jul-Sep 2025	18,535	17,536	245	2,120	4,138	6,000	5,032	999
Oct-Dec 2025	18,603	17,599	222	2,153	4,140	6,035	5,049	1,004
Jan-Mar 2026	18,654	17,642	229	2,118	4,161	6,104	5,030	1,011
Apr-Jun 2026	18,720	17,691	236	2,162	4,160	6,121	5,012	1,029
Change on quarter	66	49	7	44	-1	18	-18	18
Change %	0.4	0.3	3.0	2.1	0.0	0.3	-0.4	1.7
Change on year	215	154	-1	77	14	105	-41	62
Change %	1.2	0.9	-0.3	3.7	0.3	1.8	-0.8	6.4
Women	MGSF	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Apr-Jun 2024	16,969	16,338	243	1,845	3,890	5,702	4,659	631
Apr-Jun 2025	17,396	16,672	256	1,918	3,890	5,867	4,741	724
Jul-Sep 2025	17,449	16,732	265	1,957	3,891	5,849	4,770	717
Oct-Dec 2025	17,525	16,757	254	1,935	3,926	5,873	4,768	768
Jan-Mar 2026	17,540	16,734	239	1,918	3,946	5,840	4,792	806
Apr-Jun 2026	17,521	16,747	238	1,921	3,927	5,870	4,789	775
Change on quarter	-19	12	0	3	-18	30	-3	-31
Change %	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5	-0.1	-3.8
Change on year	126	75	-18	4	37	4	48	51
Change %	0.7	0.4	-6.9	0.2	1.0	0.1	1.0	7.0

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Apr-Jun 2024	62.8	77.9	28.7	67.0	87.0	87.5	72.7	12.0
Apr-Jun 2025	63.9	79.1	30.2	69.0	87.8	88.4	73.9	13.1
Jul-Sep 2025	63.9	79.1	31.2	70.0	87.7	87.8	74.1	13.2
Oct-Dec 2025	64.0	79.1	29.2	69.9	88.1	87.9	74.3	13.6
Jan-Mar 2026	63.9	79.1	28.6	68.7	88.5	87.8	74.4	13.8
Apr-Jun 2026	63.9	79.1	29.0	69.2	88.3	87.7	74.3	13.7
Change on quarter	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Change on year	0.0	0.0	-1.2	0.2	0.5	-0.7	0.4	0.6
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Apr-Jun 2024	66.6	81.0	26.2	68.1	90.4	91.5	76.8	15.0
Apr-Jun 2025	67.8	82.4	28.4	70.4	92.1	92.4	78.0	16.1
Jul-Sep 2025	67.7	82.2	29.3	71.3	91.8	91.7	77.8	16.5
Oct-Dec 2025	67.8	82.4	26.6	72.0	91.8	91.9	78.1	16.5
Jan-Mar 2026	67.8	82.4	27.4	70.5	92.2	92.6	78.0	16.5
Apr-Jun 2026	67.8	82.5	28.2	71.6	92.1	92.4	77.8	16.7
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	0.8	1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
Change on year	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.7
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Apr-Jun 2024	59.3	74.9	31.2	65.8	83.7	83.8	68.7	9.3
Apr-Jun 2025	60.2	75.8	32.2	67.5	83.6	84.8	70.0	10.5
Jul-Sep 2025	60.2	76.0	33.2	68.7	83.7	84.1	70.5	10.3
Oct-Dec 2025	60.4	76.0	31.9	67.6	84.5	84.1	70.5	11.0
Jan-Mar 2026	60.3	75.8	30.0	66.8	85.0	83.3	71.0	11.5
Apr-Jun 2026	60.1	75.7	29.9	66.6	84.6	83.3	71.0	11.0
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.5
Change on year	-0.1	-0.1	-2.3	-0.9	1.0	-1.4	1.0	0.5

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64		Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)						Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2	
Apr-Jun 2024	9,488	2,570	1,750	231	2,824	28	1,073	1,012	7,646	1,842
Apr-Jun 2025	9,057	2,335	1,611	202	2,780	27	1,018	1,083	7,027	2,030
Jul-Sep 2025	9,073	2,316	1,563	192	2,826	44	1,040	1,092	6,978	2,095
Oct-Dec 2025	9,054	2,425	1,548	210	2,786	30	1,023	1,032	6,967	2,087
Jan-Mar 2026	9,103	2,459	1,555	195	2,772	29	1,033	1,060	6,959	2,144
Apr-Jun 2026	9,111	2,462	1,518	192	2,774	33	1,060	1,072	6,970	2,142
Change on quarter	8	3	-37	-3	2	4	27	12	11	-2
Change %	0.1	0.1	-2.4	-1.7	0.1	15.3	2.6	1.1	0.2	-0.1
Change on year	55	127	-93	-10	-6	6	42	-11	-57	111
Change %	0.6	5.4	-5.8	-5.1	-0.2	22.5	4.1	-1.0	-0.8	5.5
Men	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
Apr-Jun 2024	4,011	1,287	268	123	1,321	19	491	503	3,157	854
Apr-Jun 2025	3,748	1,162	231	105	1,265	12	468	504	2,849	899
Jul-Sep 2025	3,790	1,159	219	92	1,339	27	479	476	2,845	946
Oct-Dec 2025	3,765	1,211	218	102	1,303	22	467	442	2,821	944
Jan-Mar 2026	3,759	1,211	232	98	1,255	16	484	463	2,789	970
Apr-Jun 2026	3,748	1,183	213	88	1,275	13	503	474	2,795	953
Change on quarter	-11	-28	-19	-10	19	-3	19	11	6	-17
Change %	-0.3	-2.3	-8.3	-10.4	1.5	-21.0	4.0	2.4	0.2	-1.8
Change on year	1	21	-18	-17	9	1	35	-30	-54	54
Change %	0.0	1.8	-8.0	-16.5	0.7	8.8	7.4	-5.9	-1.9	6.1
Women	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5	
Apr-Jun 2024	5,477	1,283	1,481	109	1,503	10	582	509	4,489	988
Apr-Jun 2025	5,309	1,173	1,380	97	1,514	16	550	580	4,178	1,132
Jul-Sep 2025	5,283	1,157	1,344	100	1,488	17	560	616	4,134	1,149
Oct-Dec 2025	5,290	1,214	1,330	108	1,484	8	557	590	4,146	1,144
Jan-Mar 2026	5,344	1,248	1,323	97	1,517	13	549	598	4,170	1,173
Apr-Jun 2026	5,363	1,279	1,306	104	1,499	21	557	599	4,175	1,189
Change on quarter	19	31	-17	7	-18	8	8	1	4	15
Change %	0.4	2.5	-1.3	7.2	-1.2	61.2	1.4	0.2	0.1	1.3
Change on year	54	106	-75	7	-16	5	7	19	-3	57
Change %	1.0	9.0	-5.4	7.3	-1.0	32.7	1.3	3.3	-0.1	5.0
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Apr-Jun 2024	100.0	27.1	18.4	2.4	29.8	0.3	11.3	10.7	80.6	19.4
Apr-Jun 2025	100.0	25.8	17.8	2.2	30.7	0.3	11.2	12.0	77.6	22.4
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	25.5	17.2	2.1	31.1	0.5	11.5	12.0	76.9	23.1
Oct-Dec 2025	100.0	26.8	17.1	2.3	30.8	0.3	11.3	11.4	76.9	23.1
Jan-Mar 2026	100.0	27.0	17.1	2.1	30.5	0.3	11.3	11.6	76.4	23.6
Apr-Jun 2026	100.0	27.0	16.7	2.1	30.4	0.4	11.6	11.8	76.5	23.5
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Apr-Jun 2024	100.0	32.1	6.7	3.1	32.9	0.5	12.2	12.5	78.7	21.3
Apr-Jun 2025	100.0	31.0	6.2	2.8	33.8	0.3	12.5	13.4	76.0	24.0
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	30.6	5.8	2.4	35.3	0.7	12.6	12.5	75.1	24.9
Oct-Dec 2025	100.0	32.2	5.8	2.7	34.6	0.6	12.4	11.8	74.9	25.1
Jan-Mar 2026	100.0	32.2	6.2	2.6	33.4	0.4	12.9	12.3	74.2	25.8
Apr-Jun 2026	100.0	31.6	5.7	2.3	34.0	0.3	13.4	12.6	74.6	25.4
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Apr-Jun 2024	100.0	23.4	27.1	2.0	27.4	0.2	10.6	9.3	82.0	18.0
Apr-Jun 2025	100.0	22.1	26.0	1.8	28.5	0.3	10.4	10.9	78.7	21.3
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	21.9	25.4	1.9	28.2	0.3	10.6	11.7	78.2	21.8
Oct-Dec 2025	100.0	23.0	25.1	2.0	28.0	0.2	10.5	11.1	78.4	21.6
Jan-Mar 2026	100.0	23.4	24.8	1.8	28.4	0.2	10.3	11.2	78.0	22.0
Apr-Jun 2026	100.0	23.8	24.3	1.9	27.9	0.4	10.4	11.2	77.8	22.2

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

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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 uncategorised 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

Apr-Jun 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	332	142	1,160	1,374	265	115	994	260	67	27	166
18-24	5,902	3,486	597	1,819	2,009	712	158	1,139	3,893	2,774	439	680
16-24	7,536	3,818	739	2,979	3,383	977	274	2,133	4,153	2,841	466	846

Men

16-17	837	158	78	601	688	117	60	511	149	41	17	90
18-24	3,019	1,799	364	856	954	325	90	539	2,064	1,474	273	317
16-24	3,856	1,957	441	1,457	1,643	442	150	1,050	2,213	1,515	291	407

Women

16-17	797	174	65	559	686	148	55	483	111	26	10	76
18-24	2,883	1,688	234	962	1,055	388	68	599	1,829	1,300	166	363
16-24	3,681	1,861	298	1,521	1,741	535	123	1,082	1,940	1,326	175	439

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	1	2	5	-6	-15	-12	13	-16	16	14	-9	10
18-24	26	41	6	-21	6	-14	0	21	20	56	6	-42
16-24	27	43	11	-27	-9	-27	14	4	36	70	-3	-32

Men

16-17	0	7	-1	-6	-15	-4	3	-14	15	11	-3	7
18-24	15	45	-1	-30	-6	3	7	-17	21	42	-8	-13
16-24	15	53	-2	-36	-21	0	10	-31	36	53	-12	-6

Women

16-17	0	-6	5	1	-1	-8	10	-3	1	3	-5	3
18-24	11	-4	7	8	12	-18	-7	37	-1	14	14	-29
16-24	12	-10	12	9	12	-26	3	35	0	17	9	-26

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	20.3	30.0	71.0	19.3	30.3	72.3	25.8	28.6	63.8
18-24	59.1	14.6	30.8	35.5	18.2	56.7	71.3	13.7	17.5
16-24	50.7	16.2	39.5	28.9	21.9	63.0	68.4	14.1	20.4

Men

16-17	18.9	32.9	71.8	17.0	33.9	74.2	27.7	29.6	60.6
18-24	59.6	16.8	28.4	34.0	21.7	56.5	71.4	15.6	15.4
16-24	50.8	18.4	37.8	26.9	25.4	63.9	68.5	16.1	18.4

Women

16-17	21.8	27.2	70.1	21.5	27.2	70.4	23.3	26.8	68.1
18-24	58.5	12.2	33.4	36.7	14.9	56.8	71.1	11.3	19.9
16-24	50.6	13.8	41.3	30.7	18.7	62.2	68.4	11.7	22.6

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	0.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.7	3.4	-0.4	4.1	-11.5	0.1
18-24	0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	0.3	0.8	1.1	-0.1	-1.2
16-24	0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.7	1.3	0.3	1.1	-0.4	-0.9

Men

16-17	0.9	-1.2	-0.8	-0.2	1.8	-0.4	5.3	-11.3	-1.5
18-24	1.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.2	-1.4	1.3	-0.8	-0.8
16-24	1.2	-0.5	-1.1	0.3	1.3	-1.0	1.3	-1.0	-0.6

Women

16-17	-0.7	2.2	0.1	-1.2	4.9	-0.3	2.3	-12.0	2.5
18-24	-0.4	0.3	0.2	-2.2	-0.7	2.9	0.8	0.8	-1.6
16-24	-0.4	0.6	0.1	-1.7	1.1	1.6	0.9	0.4	-1.3

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/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainingneet/latest>

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
Apr-Jun 2024	111	3.8	67	4.6	44	3.0
Apr-Jun 2025	107	3.6	62	4.2	45	3.0
Jul-Sep 2025	134	4.5	78	5.3	56	3.7
Oct-Dec 2025	145	4.9	73	5.0	73	4.8
Jan-Mar 2026	126	4.2	66	4.5	60	4.0
Apr-Jun 2026	106	3.6	57	3.9	49	3.3
Change on quarter	-20	-0.7	-9	-0.6	-11	-0.7
Change %	-15.7		-13.7		-18.0	
Change on year	0	0.0	-5	-0.4	4	0.3
Change %	-0.4		-7.4		9.4	

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.