

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: September 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 remained largely unchanged at 75.1%, in the latest quarter (May to July 2026), compared with the previous quarter (February to April 2026).
- The estimated UK unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points on the year, but remained largely unchanged in the latest quarter, at 4.9%.
- The estimated UK economic inactivity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points across 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](#). 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 May to July 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.

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 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](#).

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: May to July 2026 headline measures and changes
UK headline economic status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted, May to July 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)	34,478	± 207	66	± 178	243	± 286
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	75.1	± 0.4	0.0	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.6
Unemployment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	1,778	± 95	11	± 101	83	± 132
Unemployment rate (aged 16 years and older)	4.9	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.3	0.2	± 0.4
Economically inactive (thousands, aged 16 to 64 years)	9,121	± 180	-11	± 157	12	± 248
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	20.9	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.6
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,102.6	N/A	8.3	N/A	13.6	N/A
Redundancies (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	114	± 22	2	± 31	10	± 30
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over)	3.9	N/A	0.1	N/A	0.3	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.

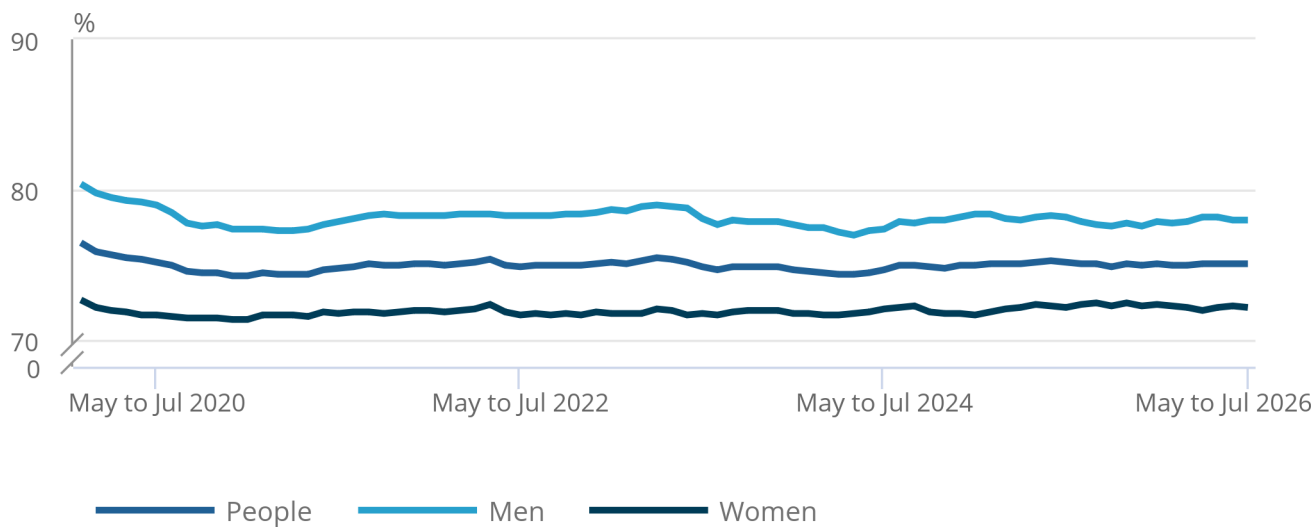
The employment rate decreased on the year, since May to July 2025, but remained largely unchanged in the latest quarter (May to July 2026).

Figure 1: The employment rate was down on the year, but remained largely unchanged 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 May to July 2026

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Both the number of full-time and part-time workers increased in the latest year (since May to July 2025). The number of full-time workers increased, but part-time workers decreased, in the latest quarter (May to July 2026). 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 who are self-employed working part-time.

Following increases in 2024 and early 2025, the number of people with second jobs decreased over the year to 1.283 million (3.7% of people in employment) but increased in the latest quarter (May to July 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.

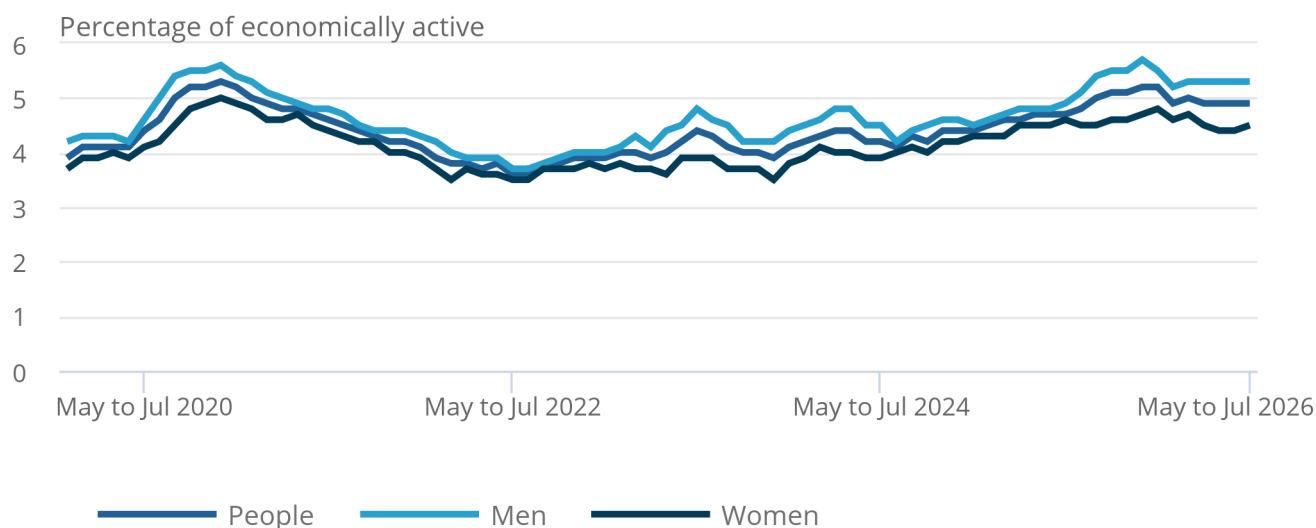
The unemployment rate increased over the year (since May to July 2025), but remained largely unchanged in the latest quarter (May to July 2026).

Figure 2: The unemployment rate was up on the year, but remained largely unchanged 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 May to July 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 but slightly decreased on the quarter. The number of those employed for over 12 months increased over the year and 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, reaching 1.692 million in August 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.

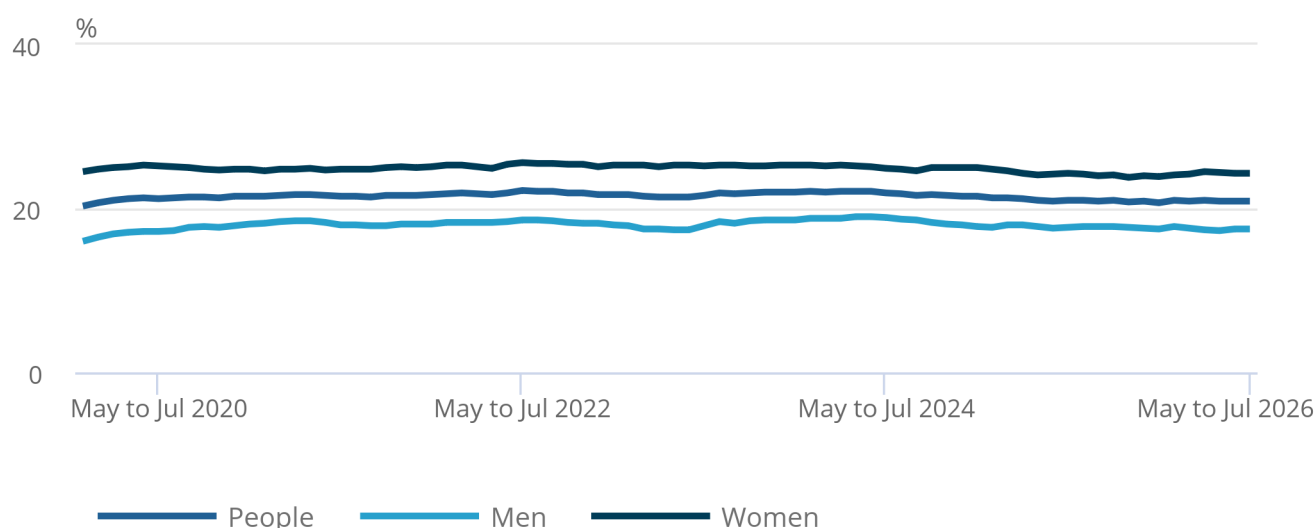
The economic inactivity rate decreased over the year (since May to July 2025) and in the latest quarter (May to July 2026).

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate was down 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 May to July 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.

Those aged 18 to 34 years and 50 to 64 years experienced an annual decrease in inactivity rate since May to July 2025, while those aged 16 to 17 years and 35 to 49 years saw an increase. Those aged 18 to 24 years and 35 to 49 years saw a decrease in the latest quarter (May to July 2026), while those aged 16 to 17 years, 25 to 34 years, and 50 to 64 years saw increases.

While the rate decreased in the year since May to July 2025, there was an increase in the number of those who were economically inactive because of students. The quarterly decrease in the number of those who were economically inactive since February to April 2026 was because of those looking after the family or home.

8 . Redundancies

The number of people reporting [redundancy](#) in the three months before interview increased over the year and in the latest quarter, to 3.9 per 1,000 employees in May to July 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 15 September 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 15 September 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 15 September 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 15 September 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 15 September 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 15 September 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](#).

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

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 \(OSR\) 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 [X03: Reconciliation of estimates of employment and jobs dataset](#) which was updated in September 2026.

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

Release times consultation in market-sensitive publications

We are reviewing the release times for our market-sensitive economic statistics, such as Employment in the UK. This review will consider whether the current arrangements continue to best serve the public good, support user needs and align with the principles set out in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#).

We are running [a consultation](#) to gather evidence on the impact of different release times. The consultation asks how you use market-sensitive economic statistics, your views on potential release time options, and any other considerations. Please note that this consultation will be closing on Friday 30 October 2026.

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: 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: April to June 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 2 September 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: August 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 27 August 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.

[Business insights and impact on the UK economy](#)

Bulletin | Released 3 September 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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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/september2026/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	
					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								
May-Jul 2024	55,672	42,942	33,572	74.7	1,487	4.2	9,418	21.9
May-Jul 2025	56,262	43,295	34,235	75.2	1,696	4.7	9,109	21.0
Aug-Oct 2025	56,395	43,364	34,222	74.9	1,828	5.1	9,106	21.0
Nov-Jan 2026	56,529	43,434	34,312	75.1	1,865	5.2	9,007	20.7
Feb-Apr 2026	56,663	43,503	34,411	75.1	1,768	4.9	9,132	21.0
May-Jul 2026	56,797	43,572	34,478	75.1	1,778	4.9	9,121	20.9
Change on quarter	134	69	66	0.0	11	0.0	-11	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.2		0.6		-0.1	
Change on year	535	277	243	-0.1	83	0.2	12	-0.1
Change %	1.0	0.6	0.7		4.9		0.1	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
May-Jul 2024	27,027	21,111	17,214	77.4	816	4.5	3,981	18.9
May-Jul 2025	27,336	21,301	17,625	78.2	899	4.9	3,771	17.7
Aug-Oct 2025	27,405	21,339	17,539	77.6	1,022	5.5	3,805	17.8
Nov-Jan 2026	27,475	21,376	17,579	77.9	1,021	5.5	3,742	17.5
Feb-Apr 2026	27,545	21,414	17,735	78.2	988	5.3	3,716	17.4
May-Jul 2026	27,614	21,452	17,745	78.0	992	5.3	3,753	17.5
Change on quarter	70	38	9	-0.1	4	0.0	36	0.1
Change %	0.3	0.2	0.1		0.4		1.0	
Change on year	278	151	120	-0.2	93	0.4	-18	-0.2
Change %	1.0	0.7	0.7		10.4		-0.5	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
May-Jul 2024	28,645	21,831	16,358	72.1	670	3.9	5,437	24.9
May-Jul 2025	28,926	21,994	16,610	72.2	796	4.6	5,338	24.3
Aug-Oct 2025	28,990	22,026	16,682	72.3	806	4.6	5,301	24.1
Nov-Jan 2026	29,055	22,057	16,733	72.4	844	4.8	5,265	23.9
Feb-Apr 2026	29,118	22,089	16,676	72.0	779	4.5	5,415	24.5
May-Jul 2026	29,183	22,120	16,733	72.2	786	4.5	5,368	24.3
Change on quarter	64	32	57	0.2	7	0.0	-47	-0.2
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.3		0.9		-0.9	
Change on year	256	126	123	0.0	-10	-0.1	30	0.0
Change %	0.9	0.6	0.7		-1.3		0.6	

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
May-Jul 2024	33,572	60.3	1,487	4.2	20,614	37.0	32,075	74.7	1,449	4.3	9,418	21.9
May-Jul 2025	34,235	60.8	1,696	4.7	20,331	36.1	32,542	75.2	1,644	4.8	9,109	21.0
Aug-Oct 2025	34,222	60.7	1,828	5.1	20,346	36.1	32,483	74.9	1,776	5.2	9,106	21.0
Nov-Jan 2026	34,312	60.7	1,865	5.2	20,352	36.0	32,613	75.1	1,814	5.3	9,007	20.7
Feb-Apr 2026	34,411	60.7	1,768	4.9	20,484	36.2	32,649	75.1	1,722	5.0	9,132	21.0
May-Jul 2026	34,478	60.7	1,778	4.9	20,541	36.2	32,713	75.1	1,738	5.0	9,121	20.9
Change on quarter	66	0.0	11	0.0	57	0.0	64	0.0	16	0.0	-11	-0.1
Change %	0.2		0.6		0.3		0.2		0.9		-0.1	
Change on year	243	-0.1	83	0.2	209	0.0	171	-0.1	95	0.2	12	-0.1
Change %	0.7		4.9		1.0		0.5		5.8		0.1	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
May-Jul 2024	17,214	63.7	816	4.5	8,998	33.3	16,338	77.4	792	4.6	3,981	18.9
May-Jul 2025	17,625	64.5	899	4.9	8,811	32.2	16,663	78.2	867	4.9	3,771	17.7
Aug-Oct 2025	17,539	64.0	1,022	5.5	8,844	32.3	16,552	77.6	982	5.6	3,805	17.8
Nov-Jan 2026	17,579	64.0	1,021	5.5	8,875	32.3	16,648	77.9	987	5.6	3,742	17.5
Feb-Apr 2026	17,735	64.4	988	5.3	8,821	32.0	16,737	78.2	961	5.4	3,716	17.4
May-Jul 2026	17,745	64.3	992	5.3	8,877	32.1	16,735	78.0	965	5.5	3,753	17.5
Change on quarter	9	-0.1	4	0.0	56	0.1	-2	-0.1	4	0.0	36	0.1
Change %	0.1		0.4		0.6		0.0		0.4		1.0	
Change on year	120	-0.2	93	0.4	66	-0.1	72	-0.2	98	0.5	-18	-0.2
Change %	0.7		10.4		0.7		0.4		11.3		-0.5	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSJ	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
May-Jul 2024	16,358	57.1	670	3.9	11,616	40.6	15,738	72.1	657	4.0	5,437	24.9
May-Jul 2025	16,610	57.4	796	4.6	11,520	39.8	15,879	72.2	777	4.7	5,338	24.3
Aug-Oct 2025	16,682	57.5	806	4.6	11,503	39.7	15,931	72.3	794	4.7	5,301	24.1
Nov-Jan 2026	16,733	57.6	844	4.8	11,478	39.5	15,965	72.4	827	4.9	5,265	23.9
Feb-Apr 2026	16,676	57.3	779	4.5	11,663	40.1	15,912	72.0	761	4.6	5,415	24.5
May-Jul 2026	16,733	57.3	786	4.5	11,664	40.0	15,978	72.2	774	4.6	5,368	24.3
Change on quarter	57	0.1	7	0.0	0	-0.1	66	0.2	12	0.1	-47	-0.2
Change %	0.3		0.9		0.0		0.4		1.6		-0.9	
Change on year	123	-0.1	-10	-0.1	144	0.1	99	0.0	-3	0.0	30	0.0
Change %	0.7		-1.3		1.2		0.6		-0.4		0.6	
	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
May-Jul 2024	348	21.8	103	22.9	1,148	71.8	3,348	58.6	522	13.5	1,846	32.3
May-Jul 2025	335	20.5	166	33.1	1,132	69.4	3,524	60.7	477	11.9	1,806	31.1
Aug-Oct 2025	325	19.9	183	36.0	1,124	68.9	3,530	60.5	546	13.4	1,757	30.1
Nov-Jan 2026	322	19.7	137	29.8	1,174	71.9	3,514	60.0	598	14.5	1,747	29.8
Feb-Apr 2026	330	20.2	147	30.8	1,156	70.8	3,456	58.7	587	14.5	1,842	31.3
May-Jul 2026	314	19.2	162	34.0	1,160	70.9	3,510	59.4	589	14.4	1,811	30.6
Change on quarter	-17	-1.0	14	3.2	3	0.2	54	0.7	2	-0.1	-30	-0.6
Change %	-5.1		9.8		0.3		1.6		0.4		-1.6	
Change on year	-21	-1.3	-4	0.9	28	1.6	-15	-1.3	113	2.5	6	-0.5
Change %	-6.3		-2.4		2.5		-0.4		23.6		0.3	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
May-Jul 2024	158	19.2	51	24.4	611	74.5	1,676	57.6	328	16.4	907	31.2
May-Jul 2025	154	18.5	90	36.9	591	70.7	1,801	60.7	282	13.6	882	29.8
Aug-Oct 2025	146	17.5	99	40.4	591	70.7	1,782	59.8	340	16.0	857	28.8
Nov-Jan 2026	137	16.4	67	33.0	632	75.6	1,797	60.0	370	17.1	827	27.6
Feb-Apr 2026	153	18.3	85	35.7	599	71.5	1,788	59.4	353	16.5	868	28.9
May-Jul 2026	149	17.8	88	37.2	600	71.7	1,809	59.8	359	16.5	855	28.3
Change on quarter	-4	-0.5	3	1.5	2	0.2	22	0.4	6	0.1	-13	-0.6
Change %	-2.8		3.6		0.3		1.2		1.6		-1.5	
Change on year	-6	-0.7	-2	0.3	9	1.0	9	-0.9	76	3.0	-27	-1.5
Change %	-3.6		-2.4		1.6		0.5		27.0		-3.0	
Women	YBTO	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAH	LWFC
May-Jul 2024	190	24.4	52	21.5	537	68.9	1,672	59.6	194	10.4	939	33.5
May-Jul 2025	180	22.6	75	29.5	541	67.9	1,724	60.7	194	10.1	924	32.5
Aug-Oct 2025	179	22.5	84	31.9	533	66.9	1,748	61.3	206	10.5	900	31.5
Nov-Jan 2026	185	23.2	69	27.3	542	68.1	1,717	59.9	227	11.7	920	32.1
Feb-Apr 2026	177	22.2	62	26.0	558	70.0	1,668	58.0	234	12.3	973	33.8
May-Jul 2026	165	20.6	73	30.9	559	70.1	1,700	58.9	231	12.0	956	33.1
Change on quarter	-12	-1.6	11	4.9	1	0.1	32	0.9	-3	-0.4	-17	-0.7
Change %	-7.0		18.2		0.3		1.9		-1.5		-1.8	
Change on year	-15	-2.0	-2	1.4	19	2.2	-24	-1.8	36	1.8	32	0.6
Change %	-8.5		-2.5		3.4		-1.4		18.7		3.5	

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
May-Jul 2024	7,666	84.1	281	3.5	1,172	12.9	11,296	85.3	302	2.6	1,640	12.4
May-Jul 2025	7,718	84.3	323	4.0	1,115	12.2	11,502	85.5	363	3.1	1,588	11.8
Aug-Oct 2025	7,669	83.8	369	4.6	1,119	12.2	11,483	85.0	375	3.2	1,653	12.2
Nov-Jan 2026	7,690	84.0	395	4.9	1,072	11.7	11,571	85.3	385	3.2	1,614	11.9
Feb-Apr 2026	7,748	84.6	357	4.4	1,054	11.5	11,591	85.0	334	2.8	1,704	12.5
May-Jul 2026	7,723	84.3	350	4.3	1,086	11.9	11,652	85.1	361	3.0	1,675	12.2
Change on quarter	-25	-0.3	-7	-0.1	32	0.4	61	0.1	27	0.2	-29	-0.3
Change %	-0.3		-1.9		3.1		0.5		8.1		-1.7	
Change on year	5	0.0	27	0.3	-29	-0.3	150	-0.4	-2	-0.1	87	0.4
Change %	0.1		8.4		-2.6		1.3		-0.6		5.5	
Men	YBTU	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
May-Jul 2024	3,900	87.3	145	3.6	423	9.5	5,753	89.6	125	2.1	543	8.5
May-Jul 2025	3,977	88.3	169	4.1	358	7.9	5,857	89.8	152	2.5	512	7.8
Aug-Oct 2025	3,925	87.1	207	5.0	376	8.3	5,827	89.0	170	2.8	552	8.4
Nov-Jan 2026	3,920	86.9	232	5.6	359	8.0	5,919	90.0	158	2.6	500	7.6
Feb-Apr 2026	3,957	87.6	215	5.2	344	7.6	5,961	90.3	143	2.3	500	7.6
May-Jul 2026	3,956	87.5	193	4.7	371	8.2	5,953	89.8	170	2.8	508	7.7
Change on quarter	-1	-0.1	-22	-0.5	27	0.6	-7	-0.5	27	0.4	8	0.1
Change %	0.0		-10.2		7.8		-0.1		19.0		1.6	
Change on year	-21	-0.8	24	0.6	14	0.3	96	-0.1	18	0.3	-3	-0.2
Change %	-0.5		14.5		3.8		1.6		12.1		-0.7	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
May-Jul 2024	3,766	81.0	136	3.5	749	16.1	5,543	81.3	177	3.1	1,097	16.1
May-Jul 2025	3,741	80.4	154	4.0	758	16.3	5,644	81.4	211	3.6	1,076	15.5
Aug-Oct 2025	3,745	80.5	162	4.1	743	16.0	5,655	81.2	205	3.5	1,102	15.8
Nov-Jan 2026	3,771	81.2	163	4.1	713	15.3	5,652	80.8	228	3.9	1,114	15.9
Feb-Apr 2026	3,791	81.7	142	3.6	710	15.3	5,630	80.2	191	3.3	1,204	17.1
May-Jul 2026	3,767	81.2	157	4.0	715	15.4	5,698	80.8	191	3.2	1,167	16.5
Change on quarter	-24	-0.5	15	0.4	5	0.1	68	0.6	0	0.0	-37	-0.6
Change %	-0.6		10.7		0.8		1.2		0.0		-3.1	
Change on year	26	0.8	3	0.0	-43	-0.9	54	-0.7	-20	-0.4	91	1.0
Change %	0.7		1.6		-5.6		1.0		-9.7		8.4	
	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
May-Jul 2024	9,418	71.0	241	2.5	3,611	27.2	1,496	11.8	38	2.5	11,196	88.0
May-Jul 2025	9,464	71.4	315	3.2	3,469	26.2	1,693	13.1	52	3.0	11,222	86.5
Aug-Oct 2025	9,475	71.6	304	3.1	3,452	26.1	1,739	13.3	52	2.9	11,241	86.3
Nov-Jan 2026	9,515	72.0	299	3.0	3,400	25.7	1,699	13.0	52	2.9	11,345	86.6
Feb-Apr 2026	9,524	72.2	297	3.0	3,376	25.6	1,762	13.4	45	2.5	11,352	86.3
May-Jul 2026	9,515	72.2	277	2.8	3,389	25.7	1,765	13.3	40	2.2	11,420	86.4
Change on quarter	-9	0.0	-21	-0.2	13	0.1	3	0.0	-6	-0.3	67	0.1
Change %	-0.1		-7.0		0.4		0.1		-12.4		0.6	
Change on year	51	0.8	-39	-0.4	-80	-0.5	72	0.3	-12	-0.8	198	-0.2
Change %	0.5		-12.3		-2.3		4.2		-23.3		1.8	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
May-Jul 2024	4,851	74.7	142	2.9	1,497	23.1	876	14.8	24	2.6	5,017	84.8
May-Jul 2025	4,874	75.3	174	3.4	1,429	22.1	962	15.9	32	3.2	5,040	83.5
Aug-Oct 2025	4,871	75.3	166	3.3	1,429	22.1	988	16.3	40	3.9	5,039	83.1
Nov-Jan 2026	4,874	75.5	159	3.2	1,425	22.1	932	15.3	34	3.6	5,132	84.2
Feb-Apr 2026	4,879	75.7	165	3.3	1,405	21.8	998	16.3	28	2.7	5,104	83.3
May-Jul 2026	4,867	75.6	155	3.1	1,418	22.0	1,010	16.4	28	2.7	5,124	83.2
Change on quarter	-12	-0.1	-10	-0.2	13	0.2	12	0.1	0	0.0	20	-0.1
Change %	-0.2		-6.1		0.9		1.2		-0.6		0.4	
Change on year	-7	0.3	-19	-0.4	-11	0.0	48	0.4	-5	-0.6	84	-0.4
Change %	-0.1		-11.0		-0.8		5.0		-14.2		1.7	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
May-Jul 2024	4,567	67.4	98	2.1	2,114	31.2	620	9.1	14	2.2	6,179	90.7
May-Jul 2025	4,590	67.8	142	3.0	2,040	30.1	731	10.5	20	2.6	6,182	89.2
Aug-Oct 2025	4,604	68.1	137	2.9	2,023	29.9	751	10.8	12	1.5	6,202	89.0
Nov-Jan 2026	4,641	68.7	140	2.9	1,976	29.2	767	11.0	17	2.2	6,213	88.8
Feb-Apr 2026	4,645	68.8	133	2.8	1,971	29.2	764	10.9	18	2.3	6,248	88.9
May-Jul 2026	4,648	68.9	122	2.6	1,971	29.2	755	10.7	12	1.6	6,295	89.1
Change on quarter	3	0.1	-11	-0.2	0	0.0	-9	-0.2	-5	-0.7	47	0.3
Change %	0.1		-8.0		0.0		-1.2		-30.9		0.8	
Change on year	58	1.2	-20	-0.4	-69	-0.9	24	0.1	-8	-1.0	114	0.0
Change %	1.3		-13.8		-3.4		3.3		-38.2		1.8	

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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

People	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							Total Workers with second jobs			
	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					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12					
May-Jul 2024	33,572	29,112	4,297	111	52	25,215	8,357	22,274	6,838	2,882	1,415	1,300				
May-Jul 2025	34,235	29,644	4,429	111	51	25,640	8,595	22,626	7,018	2,957	1,472	1,305				
Aug-Oct 2025	34,222	29,669	4,371	113	69	25,557	8,665	22,578	7,091	2,902	1,469	1,302				
Nov-Jan 2026	34,312	29,710	4,405	127	70	25,508	8,804	22,534	7,176	2,902	1,502	1,298				
Feb-Apr 2026	34,411	29,662	4,557	141	52	25,664	8,748	22,675	6,987	2,938	1,619	1,277				
May-Jul 2026	34,478	29,755	4,531	123	69	25,772	8,705	22,768	6,987	2,936	1,594	1,283				
Change on quarter	66	93	-27	-17	18	109	-42	92	0	-1	-25	7				
Change %	0.2	0.3	-0.6	-12.2	34.2	0.4	-0.5	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-1.6	0.5				
Change on year	243	111	102	12	18	132	110	142	-31	-21	122	-22				
Change %	0.7	0.4	2.3	10.9	34.4	0.5	1.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.7	8.3	-1.7				
Men		MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBi	YCBL	YCBP	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX				
May-Jul 2024	17,214	14,391	2,731	62	31	14,815	2,399	12,637	1,753	2,133	598	560				
May-Jul 2025	17,625	14,729	2,815	51	30	15,077	2,549	12,839	1,891	2,205	610	573				
Aug-Oct 2025	17,539	14,667	2,783	54	36	15,047	2,492	12,822	1,845	2,182	600	587				
Nov-Jan 2026	17,579	14,742	2,738	62	38	15,070	2,510	12,873	1,869	2,158	580	584				
Feb-Apr 2026	17,735	14,834	2,804	71	27	15,167	2,569	12,984	1,850	2,153	651	575				
May-Jul 2026	17,745	14,822	2,820	63	39	15,155	2,590	12,958	1,864	2,155	666	570				
Change on quarter	9	-12	17	-7	12	-11	21	-26	14	2	15	-4				
Change %	0.1	-0.1	0.6	-10.3	44.0	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	0.8	0.1	2.2	-0.8				
Change on year	120	92	5	13	9	79	41	119	-27	-50	56	-3				
Change %	0.7	0.6	0.2	24.7	31.1	0.5	1.6	0.9	-1.4	-2.3	9.1	-0.5				
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY				
May-Jul 2024	16,358	14,721	1,566	50	21	10,400	5,958	9,636	5,085	749	817	740				
May-Jul 2025	16,610	14,914	1,614	61	21	10,563	6,047	9,787	5,127	752	862	732				
Aug-Oct 2025	16,882	15,002	1,588	59	33	10,510	6,172	9,756	5,246	720	868	715				
Nov-Jan 2026	16,733	14,968	1,666	65	32	10,438	6,294	9,661	5,307	744	922	714				
Feb-Apr 2026	16,676	14,828	1,754	70	24	10,497	6,179	9,691	5,137	785	969	702				
May-Jul 2026	16,733	14,933	1,710	60	30	10,617	6,116	9,810	5,123	782	929	713				
Change on quarter	57	105	-43	-10	6	120	-63	118	-14	-4	-40	11				
Change %	0.3	0.7	-2.5	-14.1	23.2	1.1	-1.0	1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-4.1	1.6				
Change on year	123	19	96	0	8	54	69	23	-4	30	67	-19				
Change %	0.7	0.1	6.0	-0.6	39.1	0.5	1.1	0.2	-0.1	3.9	7.7	-2.6				
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	Ill or disabled	Student or at school			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
People	YCBZ	YCCG	YCCF	YCCI	YCLL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCD A	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ			
May-Jul 2024	1,534	5.3	327	21.3	428	152	627	8,253	881	10.7	5,770	369	1,191			
May-Jul 2025	1,580	5.3	373	23.6	445	157	605	8,490	871	10.3	5,884	448	1,230			
Aug-Oct 2025	1,625	5.5	385	23.7	419	177	644	8,560	838	9.8	5,961	458	1,252			
Nov-Jan 2026	1,642	5.5	396	24.1	427	161	658	8,679	894	10.3	5,957	466	1,309			
Feb-Apr 2026	1,566	5.3	361	23.1	426	156	623	8,606	888	10.3	5,940	467	1,255			
May-Jul 2026	1,622	5.5	416	25.6	402	186	618	8,581	904	10.5	5,920	477	1,225			
Change on quarter	56	0.2	55	2.6	-24	31	-5	-25	15	0.2	-20	10	-30			
Change %	3.6		15.1		-5.7	19.8	-0.8	-0.3	1.7		-0.3	2.2	-2.4			
Change on year	41	0.1	42	2.0	-43	30	13	91	33	0.3	36	29	-5			
Change %	2.6		11.3		-9.8	18.8	2.2	1.1	3.8		0.6	6.4	-0.4			
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK			
May-Jul 2024	732	5.1	174	23.8	175	80	303	2,351	414	17.6	1,311	136	470			
May-Jul 2025	751	5.1	193	25.7	186	86	286	2,501	366	14.6	1,425	174	511			
Aug-Oct 2025	764	5.2	187	24.5	185	92	301	2,445	333	13.6	1,407	167	523			
Nov-Jan 2026	775	5.3	193	24.9	191	77	314	2,449	369	15.1	1,389	163	533			
Feb-Apr 2026	731	4.9	197	26.9	183	70	281	2,500	396	15.8	1,400	162	533			
May-Jul 2026	767	5.2	214	28.0	180	93	279	2,529	394	15.6	1,425	162	534			
Change on quarter	36	0.2	18	1.1	-3	23	-2	29	-2	-0.3	25	-1	1			
Change %	4.9		9.0		-1.5	32.8	-0.8	1.1	-0.5		1.8	-0.5	0.3			
Change on year	16	0.1	21	2.2	-6	8	-7	29	28	0.9	0	-13	23			
Change %	2.1		11.0		-3.0	8.8	-2.5	1.1	7.5		0.0	-7.2	4.4			
Women	YCCB	YCC E	YCH	YCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCC T	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL			
May-Jul 2024	802	5.4	152	19.0	253	71	325	5,902	466	7.9	4,459	234	722			
May-Jul 2025	830	5.6	180	21.7	259	71	319	5,989	504	8.4	4,459	274	718			
Aug-Oct 2025	860	5.7	197	22.9	234	86	343	6,115	505	8.3	4,554	292	729			
Nov-Jan 2026	867	5.8	203	23.4	236	85	344	6,229	525	8.4	4,588	303	776			
Feb-Apr 2026	835	5.6	165	19.7	243	85	342	6,106	492	8.1	4,540	304	722			
May-Jul 2026	855	5.7	201	23.5	221	93	339	6,052	510	8.4	4,495	315	691			
Change on quarter	20	0.1	37	3.8	-21	8	-3	-54	17	0.4	-45	11	-32			
Change %	2.4		22.4		-8.8	9.1	-0.9	-0.9	3.5		-1.0	3.6	-4.4			
Change on year	25	0.2	21	1.8	-38	22	20	63	6	0.0	36	41	-27			
Change %	3.1		11.6		-14.6	31.0	6.3	1.0	1.1		0.8	15.0	-3.8			

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.

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
May-Jul 2024	1,071.9	31.9	36.5	16.6	9.4
May-Jul 2025	1,089.0	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.2
Aug-Oct 2025	1,089.4	31.8	36.5	16.6	9.6
Nov-Jan 2026	1,089.9	31.8	36.5	16.6	9.4
Feb-Apr 2026	1,094.3	31.8	36.5	16.5	10.0
May-Jul 2026	1,102.6	32.0	36.7	16.6	10.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	8.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.9
<i>Change on year</i>	13.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.7	10.6
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
May-Jul 2024	608.4	35.3	38.0	16.2	10.3
May-Jul 2025	619.0	35.1	37.9	15.9	10.1
Aug-Oct 2025	619.1	35.3	38.0	16.1	10.9
Nov-Jan 2026	618.8	35.2	38.0	16.2	9.8
Feb-Apr 2026	624.7	35.2	37.9	16.3	11.2
May-Jul 2026	628.7	35.4	38.2	16.2	11.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	4.0	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.6
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.6	0.7	-0.6	5.3
<i>Change on year</i>	9.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.7
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	0.9	0.7	1.9	16.5
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
May-Jul 2024	463.5	28.3	34.4	16.8	8.8
May-Jul 2025	470.0	28.3	34.4	16.8	8.6
Aug-Oct 2025	470.3	28.2	34.5	16.8	8.6
Nov-Jan 2026	471.2	28.2	34.4	16.7	9.1
Feb-Apr 2026	469.7	28.2	34.5	16.5	9.1
May-Jul 2026	473.9	28.3	34.5	16.8	9.0
<i>Change on quarter</i>	4.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.6	0.1	1.6	-1.3
<i>Change on year</i>	3.9	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.2	4.8

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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
May-Jul 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.2	4.1	2.6	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.7	5.4	3.3	7.5	11.2	6.4	19.7
16 up to 30 hours	18.6	10.9	26.8	17.9	9.6	26.0	23.6	17.2	34.7
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.1	54.3	62.9	68.7	57.2	40.3	47.5	27.8
Over 45 hours	13.9	19.0	8.4	12.9	17.7	8.1	20.7	26.2	11.2
Total (thousands)	34,235	17,625	16,610	29,644	14,729	14,914	4,429	2,815	1,614
Feb-Apr 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	3.9	8.7	5.4	3.3	7.6	10.6	6.7	16.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	10.5	26.8	17.2	8.9	25.6	26.1	19.1	37.5
31 up to 45 hours	60.0	65.6	54.1	63.4	69.5	57.2	39.2	45.4	29.2
Over 45 hours	14.0	19.0	8.6	13.1	17.7	8.5	19.7	26.0	9.6
Total (thousands)	34,411	17,735	16,676	29,662	14,834	14,828	4,557	2,804	1,754
May-Jul 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.0	4.6	3.1	6.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.9	8.5	5.3	3.2	7.4	11.2	7.2	17.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.7	26.9	17.5	9.0	26.0	25.3	18.6	36.2
31 up to 45 hours	59.3	64.3	54.1	62.7	68.4	57.0	38.2	43.9	28.7
Over 45 hours	14.5	20.0	8.7	13.6	18.7	8.5	20.8	27.2	10.2
Total (thousands)	34,478	17,745	16,733	29,755	14,822	14,933	4,531	2,820	1,710

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		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		% over 12 months		All		Over 6 and up to 12 months		% over 12 months	
	1	Rate (%) ¹	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rate (%) ¹	9	10	11	12
People														
May-Jul 2024	1,487	4.2	920	224	343	23.1	153		1,449	4.3	899	218	332	22.9
May-Jul 2025	1,696	4.7	991	313	391	23.1	177		1,644	4.8	960	305	379	23.1
Aug-Oct 2025	1,828	5.1	1,055	339	433	23.7	181		1,776	5.2	1,038	319	419	23.6
Nov-Jan 2026	1,865	5.2	1,045	347	473	25.4	196		1,814	5.3	1,018	335	460	25.3
Feb-Apr 2026	1,768	4.9	983	344	440	24.9	196		1,722	5.0	968	334	420	24.4
May-Jul 2026	1,778	4.9	973	342	463	26.0	194		1,738	5.0	951	338	450	25.9
Change on quarter	11	0.0	-11	-2	23	1.2	-2		16	0.0	-17	4	30	1.5
Change %	0.6		-1.1	-0.6	5.3		-0.8		0.9		-1.8	1.2	7.1	0.0
Change on year	83	0.2	-18	29	72	3.0	17		95	0.2	-9	33	71	2.8
Change %	4.9		-1.9	9.4	18.3		9.3		5.8		-0.9	10.8	18.7	10.7
Men														
May-Jul 2024	816	4.5	478	115	223	27.3	104		792	4.6	466	110	216	27.3
May-Jul 2025	899	4.9	481	178	240	26.7	119		867	4.9	468	170	229	26.4
Aug-Oct 2025	1,022	5.5	554	208	260	25.5	119		982	5.6	539	191	252	25.7
Nov-Jan 2026	1,021	5.5	546	186	289	28.3	117		987	5.6	534	179	274	27.7
Feb-Apr 2026	988	5.3	546	182	261	26.4	123		961	5.4	531	178	252	26.2
May-Jul 2026	992	5.3	516	208	269	27.1	111		965	5.5	501	204	259	26.9
Change on quarter	4	0.0	-30	26	8	0.7	-12		4	0.0	-29	26	7	0.6
Change %	0.4		-5.5	14.0	3.1		-9.5		0.4		-5.6	14.7	2.9	-8.2
Change on year	93	0.4	34	30	29	0.4	-8		98	0.5	33	34	30	0.5
Change %	10.4		7.1	17.0	11.9		-6.7		11.3		7.0	20.3	13.3	-4.1
Women														
May-Jul 2024	670	3.9	441	109	120	18.0	49		657	4.0	432	108	117	17.7
May-Jul 2025	796	4.6	510	135	151	19.0	58		777	4.7	492	135	150	19.3
Aug-Oct 2025	806	4.6	501	132	172	21.4	62		794	4.7	499	128	167	21.0
Nov-Jan 2026	844	4.8	499	161	185	21.9	79		827	4.9	484	157	186	22.5
Feb-Apr 2026	779	4.5	438	162	179	23.0	72		761	4.6	438	156	168	22.1
May-Jul 2026	786	4.5	457	135	195	24.8	82		774	4.6	450	133	191	24.6
Change on quarter	7	0.0	19	-28	15	1.8	10		12	0.1	12	-22	22	2.6
Change %	0.9		4.3	-17.0	8.6		13.9		1.6		2.7	-14.2	13.4	13.9
Change on year	-10	-0.1	-53	-1	43	5.7	24		-3	0.0	-42	-1	40	5.3
Change %	-1.3		-10.4	-0.6	28.5		42.2		-0.4		-8.5	-1.1	26.9	39.9
	16-17							18-24						
	All		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		% over 12 months		All		Over 6 and up to 12 months		% over 12 months	
	15	Rate (%) ¹	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Rate (%) ¹	23	24	25	26
People														
May-Jul 2024	103	22.9	72	13	19	18.1	*		522	13.5	378	59	85	16.3
May-Jul 2025	166	33.1	115	37	13	8.1	*		477	11.9	281	85	111	23.2
Aug-Oct 2025	183	36.0	124	33	26	14.3	4		546	13.4	339	82	125	22.9
Nov-Jan 2026	137	29.8	93	29	15	10.9	*		598	14.5	365	103	130	21.7
Feb-Apr 2026	147	30.8	94	35	19	12.6	3		587	14.5	347	108	132	22.5
May-Jul 2026	162	34.0	109	35	18	11.2	*		589	14.4	337	120	133	22.5
Change on quarter	14	3.2	15	0	0	-1.3	*		2	-0.1	-10	11	1	0.1
Change %	9.8		15.7	-0.1	-2.0		*		0.4		-2.8	10.3	0.7	-17.2
Change on year	-4	0.9	-7	-2	5	3.1	*		113	2.5	56	35	22	-0.7
Change %	-2.4		-5.7	-5.7	34.9		*		23.6		19.8	41.3	19.9	-8.2
Men														
May-Jul 2024	51	24.4	31	7	12	24.3	*		328	16.4	229	33	66	20.2
May-Jul 2025	90	36.9	61	22	7	8.1	*		282	13.6	155	52	75	26.6
Aug-Oct 2025	99	40.4	63	21	14	14.5	*		340	16.0	201	54	86	25.2
Nov-Jan 2026	67	33.0	42	16	9	13.9	*		370	17.1	215	65	90	24.3
Feb-Apr 2026	85	35.7	51	24	11	12.5	*		353	16.5	208	65	80	22.6
May-Jul 2026	88	37.2	53	25	10	11.1	*		359	16.5	194	86	78	21.9
Change on quarter	3	1.5	3	1	-1	-1.3	*		6	0.1	-14	21	-1	-0.8
Change %	3.6		5.3	4.9	-7.6		*		1.6		-6.8	32.9	-1.8	-30.0
Change on year	-2	0.3	-8	3	2	3.0	*		76	3.0	39	34	3	-4.7
Change %	-2.4		-13.0	15.4	33.2		*		27.0		25.3	64.3	4.6	-32.5
Women														
May-Jul 2024	52	21.5	40	6	6	12.1	*		194	10.4	149	26	19	9.6
May-Jul 2025	75	29.5	54	15	6	8.1	*		194	10.1	126	32	36	18.4
Aug-Oct 2025	84	31.9	61	11	12	14.0	*		206	10.5	139	28	39	19.0
Nov-Jan 2026	69	27.3	51	13	5	7.9	*		227	11.7	150	37	40	17.6
Feb-Apr 2026	62	26.0	43	11	8	12.7	*		234	12.3	139	44	52	22.2
May-Jul 2026	73	30.9	55	10	8	11.4	*		231	12.0	143	33	54	23.6
Change on quarter	11	4.9	12	-1	0	-1.4	*		-3	-0.4	4	-10	2	1.4
Change %	18.2		28.0	-11.1	5.5		*		-1.5		3.1	-23.3	4.6	-1.1
Change on year	-2	1.4	1	-5	2	3.3	*		36	1.8	17	1	19	5.1
Change %	-2.5		2.5	-35.7	36.9		*		18.7		13.1	3.9	51.9	35.6

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

People	25-49							50 and over						
	All		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		% over 12 months		All		Over 6 and up to 12 months		% over 12 months	
	1	Rate(%) ¹	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rate(%) ¹	9	10	11	12
	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBVO	YBYT		YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG
May-Jul 2024	583	3.0	337	94	152	26.0	72		166	2.8	72	33	61	36.4
May-Jul 2025	686	3.4	395	127	164	23.9	76		206	3.4	98	36	72	35.0
Aug-Oct 2025	744	3.7	414	143	186	25.0	84		206	3.4	93	56	57	27.6
Nov-Jan 2026	780	3.9	410	155	215	27.6	87		193	3.2	92	33	68	35.1
Feb-Apr 2026	690	3.4	370	140	181	26.2	81		192	3.2	93	26	73	37.9
May-Jul 2026	711	3.5	369	131	211	29.7	92		182	3.0	75	38	69	37.9
Change on quarter	20	0.1	0	-10	30	3.5	10		-10	-0.2	-18	12	-4	0.1
Change %	3.0		-0.1	-6.8	16.8		12.7		-5.3		-19.6	45.1	-5.1	-12.5
Change on year	25	0.1	-26	3	47	5.8	15		-24	-0.4	-23	2	-3	3.0
Change %	3.6		-6.5	2.4	28.9		20.2		-11.5		-23.6	6.6	-4.0	-10.1
Men														
	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU		YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG
May-Jul 2024	270	2.7	146	41	83	30.9	48		166	2.8	72	33	61	36.4
May-Jul 2025	320	3.2	167	68	86	26.7	48		206	3.4	98	36	72	35.0
Aug-Oct 2025	376	3.7	196	77	103	27.4	52		206	3.4	93	56	57	27.6
Nov-Jan 2026	390	3.8	196	72	121	31.1	51		193	3.2	92	33	68	35.1
Feb-Apr 2026	358	3.5	193	67	97	27.2	49		192	3.2	93	26	73	37.9
May-Jul 2026	363	3.5	193	59	111	30.6	52		182	3.0	75	38	69	37.9
Change on quarter	5	0.1	0	-9	14	3.5	2		-10	-0.2	-18	12	-4	0.1
Change %	1.5		0.0	-13.0	14.4		5.0		-5.3		-19.6	45.1	-5.1	-12.5
Change on year	43	0.4	26	-9	26	3.9	4		-24	-0.4	-23	2	-3	3.0
Change %	13.4		15.7	-13.4	29.9		8.0		-11.5		-23.6	6.6	-4.0	-10.1
Women														
	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV		YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH
May-Jul 2024	313	3.2	192	53	68	21.8	25		112	2.1	61	24	28	24.6
May-Jul 2025	365	3.7	228	60	78	21.3	28		161	2.9	101	28	32	19.6
Aug-Oct 2025	367	3.8	218	66	83	22.6	33		149	2.7	84	26	39	26.0
Nov-Jan 2026	390	4.0	214	83	93	24.0	36		158	2.8	84	27	46	29.2
Feb-Apr 2026	332	3.4	176	73	83	25.1	32		150	2.7	80	35	36	23.9
May-Jul 2026	347	3.5	176	72	100	28.7	40		134	2.4	83	20	32	24.0
Change on quarter	15	0.1	0	-1	16	3.6	8		-16	-0.3	3	-15	-4	0.1
Change %	4.6		-0.2	-1.1	19.6		24.6		-10.7		3.7	-44.0	-10.5	12.9
Change on year	-18	-0.2	-52	12	22	7.3	12		-27	-0.5	-19	-9	1	4.4
Change %	-4.9		-22.8	20.4	27.8		40.9		-16.8		-18.6	-31.1	1.9	55.0

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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
May-Jul 2024	35,058	33,524	451	3,870	7,948	11,598	9,658	1,534
May-Jul 2025	35,931	34,186	500	4,001	8,041	11,865	9,779	1,745
Aug-Oct 2025	36,049	34,259	508	4,076	8,038	11,858	9,779	1,791
Nov-Jan 2026	36,177	34,426	459	4,112	8,085	11,956	9,814	1,751
Feb-Apr 2026	36,179	34,371	477	4,043	8,104	11,925	9,822	1,808
May-Jul 2026	36,256	34,451	475	4,099	8,073	12,012	9,792	1,805
Change on quarter	77	80	-2	56	-31	88	-30	-3
Change %	0.2	0.2	-0.5	1.4	-0.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.2
Change on year	325	266	-25	98	32	148	12	60
Change %	0.9	0.8	-5.0	2.5	0.4	1.2	0.1	3.4
Men	MMSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
May-Jul 2024	18,030	17,130	209	2,004	4,046	5,878	4,993	900
May-Jul 2025	18,524	17,530	245	2,083	4,146	6,009	5,048	995
Aug-Oct 2025	18,561	17,533	245	2,122	4,131	5,997	5,038	1,028
Nov-Jan 2026	18,600	17,634	204	2,168	4,152	6,077	5,033	966
Feb-Apr 2026	18,724	17,698	238	2,141	4,172	6,104	5,044	1,026
May-Jul 2026	18,737	17,699	237	2,168	4,149	6,124	5,022	1,038
Change on quarter	13	1	-1	28	-22	20	-22	12
Change %	0.1	0.0	-0.5	1.3	-0.5	0.3	-0.4	1.1
Change on year	213	170	-8	85	4	115	-26	43
Change %	1.1	1.0	-3.2	4.1	0.1	1.9	-0.5	4.3
Women	MGSF	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
May-Jul 2024	17,028	16,394	242	1,865	3,902	5,720	4,665	634
May-Jul 2025	17,406	16,656	255	1,918	3,895	5,856	4,732	750
Aug-Oct 2025	17,488	16,725	263	1,953	3,906	5,861	4,741	763
Nov-Jan 2026	17,577	16,792	254	1,944	3,933	5,880	4,781	784
Feb-Apr 2026	17,455	16,673	239	1,902	3,933	5,821	4,778	782
May-Jul 2026	17,519	16,752	238	1,931	3,924	5,889	4,770	767
Change on quarter	64	79	-1	29	-9	68	-8	-15
Change %	0.4	0.5	-0.5	1.5	-0.2	1.2	-0.2	-1.9
Change on year	112	96	-17	13	29	33	38	17
Change %	0.6	0.6	-6.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	2.2

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
May-Jul 2024	63.0	78.1	28.2	67.7	87.1	87.6	72.8	12.0
May-Jul 2025	63.9	79.0	30.6	68.9	87.8	88.2	73.8	13.5
Aug-Oct 2025	63.9	79.0	31.1	69.9	87.8	87.8	73.9	13.7
Nov-Jan 2026	64.0	79.3	28.1	70.2	88.3	88.1	74.3	13.4
Feb-Apr 2026	63.8	79.0	29.2	68.7	88.5	87.5	74.4	13.7
May-Jul 2026	63.8	79.1	29.1	69.4	88.1	87.8	74.3	13.6
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Change on year	0.0	0.1	-1.6	0.5	0.3	-0.4	0.5	0.2
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
May-Jul 2024	66.7	81.1	25.5	68.8	90.5	91.5	76.9	15.2
May-Jul 2025	67.8	82.3	29.3	70.2	92.1	92.2	77.9	16.5
Aug-Oct 2025	67.7	82.2	29.3	71.2	91.7	91.6	77.9	16.9
Nov-Jan 2026	67.7	82.5	24.4	72.4	92.0	92.4	77.9	15.8
Feb-Apr 2026	68.0	82.6	28.5	71.1	92.4	92.4	78.2	16.7
May-Jul 2026	67.9	82.5	28.3	71.7	91.8	92.3	78.0	16.8
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Change on year	0.1	0.2	-1.0	1.5	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
May-Jul 2024	59.4	75.1	31.1	66.5	83.9	83.9	68.8	9.3
May-Jul 2025	60.2	75.7	32.1	67.5	83.7	84.5	69.9	10.8
Aug-Oct 2025	60.3	75.9	33.1	68.5	84.0	84.2	70.1	11.0
Nov-Jan 2026	60.5	76.1	31.9	67.9	84.7	84.1	70.8	11.2
Feb-Apr 2026	59.9	75.5	30.0	66.2	84.7	82.9	70.8	11.1
May-Jul 2026	60.0	75.7	29.9	66.9	84.6	83.5	70.8	10.9
Change on quarter	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.6	0.0	-0.3
Change on year	-0.1	0.0	-2.2	-0.6	0.9	-1.0	0.9	0.0

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	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	
May-Jul 2024	9,418	2,476	1,742	222	2,835	38	1,055	1,050	7,545	1,872
May-Jul 2025	9,109	2,355	1,622	195	2,792	29	1,037	1,080	7,072	2,037
Aug-Oct 2025	9,106	2,360	1,574	191	2,818	41	1,045	1,076	6,983	2,123
Nov-Jan 2026	9,007	2,409	1,523	201	2,785	32	1,010	1,047	6,927	2,080
Feb-Apr 2026	9,132	2,452	1,568	197	2,772	27	1,040	1,075	6,946	2,186
May-Jul 2026	9,121	2,460	1,535	201	2,780	35	1,049	1,061	7,019	2,102
Change on quarter	-11	8	-33	4	8	8	9	-14	73	-84
Change %	-0.1	0.3	-2.1	1.8	0.3	28.7	0.9	-1.3	1.1	-3.8
Change on year	12	105	-87	6	-12	7	12	-19	-53	65
Change %	0.1	4.5	-5.4	3.2	-0.4	22.9	1.2	-1.8	-0.8	3.2
Men	BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
May-Jul 2024	3,981	1,255	265	121	1,322	26	477	515	3,116	864
May-Jul 2025	3,771	1,171	221	94	1,306	15	473	491	2,851	920
Aug-Oct 2025	3,805	1,194	210	91	1,339	22	488	462	2,864	941
Nov-Jan 2026	3,742	1,200	221	101	1,285	19	466	449	2,801	942
Feb-Apr 2026	3,716	1,194	227	99	1,241	15	483	458	2,742	975
May-Jul 2026	3,753	1,189	230	84	1,268	15	488	478	2,812	941
Change on quarter	36	-5	3	-15	27	0	5	20	71	-34
Change %	1.0	-0.4	1.5	-15.2	2.2	-2.6	1.1	4.5	2.6	-3.5
Change on year	-18	18	9	-10	-38	0	15	-13	-39	21
Change %	-0.5	1.5	4.3	-10.8	-2.9	2.0	3.1	-2.6	-1.4	2.3
Women	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5	
May-Jul 2024	5,437	1,222	1,477	101	1,512	12	578	535	4,429	1,008
May-Jul 2025	5,338	1,183	1,401	101	1,486	14	564	589	4,221	1,118
Aug-Oct 2025	5,301	1,166	1,364	100	1,480	19	558	615	4,119	1,182
Nov-Jan 2026	5,265	1,209	1,302	99	1,500	13	544	598	4,126	1,138
Feb-Apr 2026	5,415	1,258	1,341	99	1,531	12	557	618	4,204	1,211
May-Jul 2026	5,368	1,270	1,304	117	1,512	20	561	583	4,207	1,162
Change on quarter	-47	12	-36	18	-19	8	4	-35	3	-50
Change %	-0.9	1.0	-2.7	18.7	-1.2	68.6	0.7	-5.6	0.1	-4.1
Change on year	30	87	-97	16	26	6	-3	-7	-14	44
Change %	0.6	7.4	-6.9	16.2	1.8	44.6	-0.5	-1.1	-0.3	4.0
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
May-Jul 2024	100.0	26.3	18.5	2.4	30.1	0.4	11.2	11.2	80.1	19.9
May-Jul 2025	100.0	25.8	17.8	2.1	30.7	0.3	11.4	11.9	77.6	22.4
Aug-Oct 2025	100.0	25.9	17.3	2.1	31.0	0.5	11.5	11.8	76.7	23.3
Nov-Jan 2026	100.0	26.7	16.9	2.2	30.9	0.4	11.2	11.6	76.9	23.1
Feb-Apr 2026	100.0	26.9	17.2	2.2	30.4	0.3	11.4	11.8	76.1	23.9
May-Jul 2026	100.0	27.0	16.8	2.2	30.5	0.4	11.5	11.6	77.0	23.0
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
May-Jul 2024	100.0	31.5	6.6	3.0	33.2	0.7	12.0	12.9	78.3	21.7
May-Jul 2025	100.0	31.1	5.9	2.5	34.6	0.4	12.6	13.0	75.6	24.4
Aug-Oct 2025	100.0	31.4	5.5	2.4	35.2	0.6	12.8	12.1	75.3	24.7
Nov-Jan 2026	100.0	32.1	5.9	2.7	34.3	0.5	12.5	12.0	74.8	25.2
Feb-Apr 2026	100.0	32.1	6.1	2.7	33.4	0.4	13.0	12.3	73.8	26.2
May-Jul 2026	100.0	31.7	6.1	2.2	33.8	0.4	13.0	12.7	74.9	25.1
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
May-Jul 2024	100.0	22.5	27.2	1.9	27.8	0.2	10.6	9.8	81.5	18.5
May-Jul 2025	100.0	22.2	26.2	1.9	27.8	0.3	10.6	11.0	79.1	20.9
Aug-Oct 2025	100.0	22.0	25.7	1.9	27.9	0.4	10.5	11.6	77.7	22.3
Nov-Jan 2026	100.0	23.0	24.7	1.9	28.5	0.3	10.3	11.4	78.4	21.6
Feb-Apr 2026	100.0	23.2	24.8	1.8	28.3	0.2	10.3	11.4	77.6	22.4
May-Jul 2026	100.0	23.7	24.3	2.2	28.2	0.4	10.4	10.9	78.4	21.6

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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

May-Jul 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	1,635	314	162	1,160	1,373	250	128	995	262	64	34	164
18-24	5,911	3,510	589	1,811	2,003	723	154	1,126	3,907	2,787	435	686
16-24	7,545	3,823	751	2,971	3,376	973	282	2,121	4,169	2,850	469	850

Men

16-17	837	149	88	600	687	108	67	512	150	41	21	88
18-24	3,024	1,809	359	855	956	327	86	543	2,068	1,483	273	313
16-24	3,861	1,958	447	1,456	1,643	435	153	1,055	2,218	1,524	293	401

Women

16-17	797	165	73	559	686	142	60	483	112	23	13	76
18-24	2,887	1,700	231	956	1,048	396	68	583	1,840	1,304	162	373
16-24	3,684	1,865	304	1,515	1,733	538	129	1,066	1,951	1,327	176	449

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	1	-17	14	3	-5	-18	13	1	6	2	2	2
18-24	26	54	2	-30	1	11	-4	-6	25	43	6	-24
16-24	27	37	17	-27	-4	-8	9	-5	31	45	8	-22

Men

16-17	0	-4	3	2	-9	-14	4	1	9	10	-1	0
18-24	15	22	6	-13	0	7	-2	-4	14	15	8	-9
16-24	15	18	9	-11	-9	-8	2	-3	24	25	7	-9

Women

16-17	0	-12	11	1	4	-4	9	-1	-4	-8	3	2
18-24	11	32	-3	-17	0	4	-2	-2	11	28	-2	-16
16-24	11	20	8	-16	4	0	7	-2	7	20	1	-14

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	19.2	34.0	70.9		18.2	33.8	72.5		24.4	34.6	62.7
18-24	59.4	14.4	30.6		36.1	17.6	56.2		71.3	13.5	17.5
16-24	50.7	16.4	39.4		28.8	22.5	62.8		68.4	14.1	20.4

Men

16-17	17.8	37.2	71.7		15.7	38.5	74.5		27.4	33.4	58.9
18-24	59.8	16.5	28.3		34.2	20.8	56.8		71.7	15.5	15.1
16-24	50.7	18.6	37.7		26.5	26.1	64.2		68.7	16.1	18.1

Women

16-17	20.6	30.9	70.1		20.7	29.8	70.5		20.3	36.8	67.9
18-24	58.9	12.0	33.1		37.8	14.7	55.7		70.9	11.1	20.3
16-24	50.6	14.0	41.1		31.1	19.3	61.5		68.0	11.7	23.0

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	-1.0	3.2	0.2		-1.3	3.8	0.3		0.1	0.5	-0.5
18-24	0.7	-0.1	-0.6		0.5	-0.6	-0.3		0.6	0.0	-0.7
16-24	0.3	0.2	-0.5		-0.2	0.7	-0.1		0.6	0.0	-0.7

Men

16-17	-0.5	1.5	0.2		-1.9	4.3	1.2		5.3	-7.5	-3.8
18-24	0.4	0.1	-0.6		0.7	-0.8	-0.4		0.2	0.3	-0.5
16-24	0.3	0.2	-0.4		-0.3	0.5	0.2		0.4	0.1	-0.6

Women

16-17	-1.6	4.9	0.1		-0.7	3.7	-0.5		-6.6	11.2	4.0
18-24	0.9	-0.4	-0.7		0.4	-0.5	-0.2		1.1	-0.3	-1.0
16-24	0.4	0.2	-0.6		-0.1	0.9	-0.3		0.8	-0.1	-0.8

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/young>

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
May-Jul 2024	86	3.0	48	3.4	38	2.6
May-Jul 2025	104	3.5	56	3.8	48	3.2
Aug-Oct 2025	156	5.3	90	6.1	66	4.5
Nov-Jan 2026	133	4.5	66	4.5	67	4.4
Feb-Apr 2026	113	3.8	60	4.1	52	3.5
May-Jul 2026	114	3.9	67	4.5	47	3.2
Change on quarter	2	0.1	7	0.4	-5	-0.3
Change %	1.3		11.2		-10.0	
Change on year	10	0.3	11	0.7	-1	-0.1
Change %	9.6		19.7		-2.2	

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.