

Statistical bulletin

Labour market overview, UK: October 2026

Estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, and other employment-related statistics for the UK.

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2 . Overview

The labour market remains broadly flat in 2026. There has been a slight increase in the employment rate, while the unemployment rate has seen a small fall, in the latest quarter. Over the same period, the number of payrolled employees has fallen, although early estimates for the latest period show little change on the month.

The number of vacancies has seen its largest fall since the start of the year. This is mainly from smaller firms, who continue to suggest that they may not be recruiting because of increased labour costs.

Regular wage growth has remained relatively stable. However, total pay is at its lowest level in nearly six years.

3 . Latest indicators at a glance

4 . Main points

Real Time Information payrolled employees

Estimates for payrolled employees in the UK fell by 111,000 (0.4%) between August 2025 and August 2026, but it remained largely unchanged between July and August 2026, increasing by 1,000 (0.0%). This is based on administrative data from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

When looking at June to August 2026, the period comparable with our Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates, the number of payrolled employees fell by 92,000 (0.3%) over the year and by 37,000 (0.1%) over the quarter.

The early estimate of payrolled employees for September 2026 decreased by 66,000 (0.2%) on the year, but remained largely unchanged between August and September 2026, increasing by 13,000 (0.0%) to 30.3 million. Figures for September should be treated as provisional estimates and are likely to be revised when more data are received next month.

Labour Force Survey headline employment, unemployment and economic inactivity rates

The UK employment rate (based on the LFS) for people aged 16 to 64 years, including both employees and self-employed, was estimated at 75.3% for June to August 2026. This is up by 0.2 percentage points on both the year and the latest quarter.

The UK unemployment rate for people aged 16 years and over was estimated at 4.7% in June to August 2026. This is down by 0.1 percentage points on both the year and the latest quarter.

The UK economic inactivity rate for people aged 16 to 64 years was estimated at 20.9% in June to August 2026. This is down by 0.2 percentage points on the year and down by 0.1 percentage points in the latest quarter.

Claimant Count

The UK Claimant Count for September 2026 increased on the month and on the year to an estimated 1.701 million.

The Claimant Count figure for the latest month is provisional and is subject to revisions after first publication. This is the result 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.

Vacancies

The estimated number of vacancies in the UK decreased in the latest quarter. Early estimates for July to September 2026 suggest a decrease of 21,000 (2.9%) to 691,000, compared with April to June 2026. This is the largest quarterly fall since January to March 2026, which was also a fall of 21,000 vacancies.

Estimates have remained broadly flat since the start of the year, decreasing by 28,000 since January to March 2026. On the year, vacancies decreased by 37,000 (5.1%).

Outside of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic period, the last time there were 691,000 or fewer vacancies was in July to September 2014, when there were 686,000 vacancies.

Feedback from our Vacancy Survey continues to suggest that smaller firms may not be recruiting because of increases in labour costs.

Average weekly earnings

Annual growth in employees' average regular earnings (excluding bonuses) was 3.7% in June to August 2026 and has been relatively stable over the past six consecutive three-month periods, after a year of slowing growth.

Annual growth in total earnings (including bonuses) was 3.7% in June to August 2026, down from 3.9% on the previous three-month period. It was last lower than 3.7% in August to October 2020, when it was 2.8%.

Annual average regular earnings growth was 6.3% for the public sector and 3.0% for the private sector. Public sector annual pay growth continues to be affected by variations in the timing of pay awards this year. More information on this can be found in our [Average Weekly Earnings in Great Britain October 2026 bulletin](#).

Annual growth in real terms, adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), was 0.6% for regular pay and 0.7% for total pay in June to August 2026. When using the Consumer Prices Index excluding owner occupiers' housing costs (CPI), annual growth in real terms for regular pay was 0.8%, and for total pay it was 0.9%, in June to August 2026.

Our [LFS quality update: October 2026 article](#) provides our most up to date assessment on the coherence of the latest estimates.

Current quality considerations

Real Time Information payrolled employees

Flash estimates should be treated as provisional estimates and are likely to be revised when more data are received next month. We publish information on [revisions to payrolled employees](#) monthly. We have also published analysis of recent revisions in our [LFS quality update: January 2026 article](#).

We also publish RTI pay data, which provide a provisional, timelier estimate of median pay. Average weekly earnings and RTI generally trend well for mean total pay. However, there will be differences between the two data sources because of timing and definitional differences.

Labour Force Survey

As part of work to address quality concerns with the LFS, response levels and rates have shown clear improvement, with responses now close to their pre-coronavirus 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, as shown in our [LFS performance and quality monitoring report: April to June 2026](#).

Estimates from January to March 2025 include the full effect of the improvements in LFS data collection and sampling methods introduced from January 2024 onwards. Since then, further changes that were introduced to help increase response levels may have an ongoing impact on the survey. These include allocating more interviewers to the LFS from March 2025, which helped drive a recovery of the response levels for the LFS to close to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels in 2026.

Despite the improvement in LFS responses, 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.

An LFS operational issue occurred in May 2026, which led to temporary under-resourcing in LFS telephone collection operations. Our analysis indicates that the issue 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 therefore the total actual hours worked. A summary of our analysis is available in our [LFS quality update: July 2026 article](#).

We recommend using LFS as part of our suite of labour market indicators, alongside workforce jobs, Claimant Count and Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) estimates.

Claimant Count

Revisions in recent months have tended to be made downwards, as shown in our [LFS quality update: January 2026 article](#). We publish information on [Claimant Count revisions](#) each month. Our [LFS quality update: April 2026 article](#) includes information on definitional differences with LFS unemployment.

Workforce Jobs

In our [Vacancies and jobs in the UK: June 2026 bulletin](#), we announced our intention to bring forward our annual seasonal adjustment review, and to implement the new seasonal parameters in our [Labour market overview, UK: September 2026 bulletin](#). This change is in response to emerging evidence of evolving seasonal patterns.

We have completed our standard annual seasonal adjustment review, which highlighted the need for a more in-depth review of our indirect, bottom-up approach to seasonal adjustment. We require more time to undertake this in-depth review and implement any solutions required. Therefore, the estimates published in September 2026 remained on our current seasonal adjustment basis. More information on the current seasonal adjustment method can be found in our [Workforce jobs quality and methods guide](#).

Share your feedback

We have updated the presentation of this publication as part of our ongoing programme of website improvements. We will continue to make changes to future editions to improve the user experience. Please send any feedback you have to labour.market@ons.gov.uk.

5 . Data on labour market

[Summary of labour market statistics](#)

Dataset A01 | Released 20 October 2026

Labour market statistics summary data table, including earnings, employment, unemployment, redundancies and vacancies, Great Britain and UK, published monthly.

[Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 20 October 2026

Earnings and employment statistics from Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI), UK, NUTS 1, 2 and 3 areas and local authorities, monthly, seasonally adjusted.

[A guide to labour market data](#)

Methodology | Last revised 18 August 2026

Summary of labour market datasets, providing estimates of employment, unemployment, average weekly earnings, and the number of vacancies. Tables are listed alphabetically and by topic.

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

Alternatively, [Nomis](#) provides free access to the most detailed and up-to-date UK labour market statistics.

6 . Glossary

Average weekly earnings

Average weekly earnings (AWE) are calculated using information based on the Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey (MWSS). AWE measures money paid by employers to employees in Great Britain before tax and other deductions from pay. The estimates are not just a measure of pay rises, because they also reflect, for example, changes in the overall structure of the workforce. More high-paid jobs in the economy would have an upward effect on the earnings growth rate.

Economic inactivity

People not in the labour force who are not in employment but do not meet the internationally accepted definition of unemployment. This is because they have not been seeking work within the last four weeks or they 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. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are [official statistics](#).

Employment

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. The LFS estimates are [official statistics](#).

Unemployment

Unemployment measures 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 who are unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (people in work and those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The LFS estimates are [official statistics](#).

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 Jobseeker's Allowance, and Universal Credit claimants in the "searching for work" conditionality group.

Vacancies

Vacancies are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. The estimates are based on the Vacancy Survey. This is a survey of businesses designed to provide estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding agriculture, forestry and fishing (a small sector for which the collection of estimates would not be practical).

Pay As You Earn Real Time Information

These data come from HM Revenue and Customs's (HMRC's) Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) system. They cover the whole population, rather than a sample of people or companies, and they will allow for more detailed estimates of the population.

In July 2025, the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) published a [letter confirming the accreditation of HMRC and the Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) on earnings and employment from PAYE RTI](#).

A more detailed glossary is available in our [Guide to labour market statistics methodology](#).

7 . Data sources and quality

The estimates presented in this bulletin contain uncertainty. For more information, see our [Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology](#).

Information on revisions is available in our [Labour market statistics revisions policy](#).

Further information is available in our [Guide to labour market statistics methodology](#).

Accredited official statistics

On 7 June 2024, the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) introduced the new accredited official statistics badge, to denote official statistics that have been independently reviewed by the OSR. Accredited official statistics comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#).

This UK labour market bulletin includes a combination of [accredited official statistics](#), [official statistics](#) and [official statistics in development](#) (until September 2023, these were called "experimental statistics"). Read more about the change in our [Guide to official statistics in development](#).

The following labour market outputs are accredited official statistics:

- Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) ([accredited by the OSR in July 2025](#)).
- Labour disputes (reviewed by the OSR in February 2023)
- Vacancy statistics (reviewed by the OSR in April 2022)
- Workforce jobs (WFJ) (reviewed by the OSR in April 2022)
- Average weekly earnings (AWE) ([reviewed by the OSR in July 2026](#))

On 11 August 2026, [the ONS wrote a letter](#) to the OSR stating that LFS and APS derived outputs that are currently [official statistics in development](#) 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 the OSR to consider their accreditation at the earliest opportunity.

Claimant Count statistics are currently designated as [official statistics in development](#).

Labour market transformation

We have provided an update on the transformation of labour market statistics in our [Labour market transformation update on progress and plans: August 2026 article](#).

We welcome your feedback on this latest update and our plans. Please email us at labour.market.transformation@ons.gov.uk to tell us what you think.

Coronavirus

For more information on how labour market data sources were affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, see our [Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics article](#).

Release times consultation in market-sensitive publications

We are reviewing the release times for our market sensitive economic statistics, such as Labour market overview, to 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 we should take into account. Please note that this consultation will be closing on Friday 30 October 2026.

8 . Related links

[ONS surveys and economic statistics improvement plan. quarterly progress update: October 2026](#)

Article | Released 14 October 2026

Progress across the ONS against our recovery plans for improving our economic statistics and surveys, between July and September 2026.

[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.

[Economic activity and social change in the UK. real-time indicators: 17 September 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 17 September 2026

Faster indicators of trends in the UK economy and society, using innovative surveys, methods and data sources. These are official statistics in development.

[Business insights and impact on the UK economy: 8 October 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 8 October 2026

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

[Labour Force Survey performance and quality monitoring report: April to June 2026](#)

Methodology | Released 18 August 2026

Response rates, sample size and quality assessment of our quarterly Labour Force Survey.

[Labour Force Survey quality update: October 2026](#)

Article | Released 20 October 2026

Assessment of Labour Force Survey data quality, including the impact of recent changes on the statistics, response levels and rates, and respondent characteristics.

9 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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Summary of labour market statistics published on 20 October 2026

Series	Reference period	Latest estimate	Last time higher	Last time lower	Comparable data begins in
Employment level (aged 16 and over)	Jun-Aug 2026	34.577 million	Never	May-Jul 2026 (34.478 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	Jun-Aug 2026	75.3%	Mar-May 2023 (75.4%)	May-Jul 2026 (75.1%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment level (aged 16 and over)	Jun-Aug 2026	1.712 million	May-Jul 2026 (1.778 million)	May-Jul 2025 (1.696 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over)	Jun-Aug 2026	4.7%	May-Jul 2026 (4.9%)	Feb-Apr 2025 (4.6%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Inactivity level (aged 16 to 64)	Jun-Aug 2026	9.091 million	May-Jul 2026 (9.121 million)	Nov-Jan 2026 (9.007 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)	Jun-Aug 2026	20.9%	Feb-Apr 2026 (21.0%)	Nov-Jan 2026 (20.7%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Average Earnings (total pay - nominal)	Jun-Aug 2026	3.7%	May-Jul 2026 (3.9%)	Aug-Oct 2020 (2.8%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (regular pay - nominal)	Jun-Aug 2026	3.7%	Nov-Jan 2026 (3.8%)	May-Jul 2026 (3.6%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (total pay - real)	Jun-Aug 2026	0.7%	May-Jul 2026 (1.0%)	Dec-Feb 2026 (0.6%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (regular pay - real)	Jun-Aug 2026	0.6%	May-Jul 2025 (0.7%)	Mar-May 2026 (0.3%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Vacancies level	Jul-Sep 2026	0.691 million	Jun-Aug 2026 (0.704 million)	Feb-Apr 2021 (0.660 million)	Apr-Jun 2001

Index of Tables

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/october2026/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	MG SX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Jun-Aug 2024	55,721	42,972	33,742	75.0	1,436	4.1	9,358	21.8
Jun-Aug 2025	56,306	43,318	34,221	75.1	1,738	4.8	9,114	21.0
Sep-Nov 2025	56,440	43,388	34,312	75.1	1,833	5.1	9,026	20.8
Dec-Feb 2026	56,574	43,457	34,328	75.0	1,777	4.9	9,123	21.0
Mar-May 2026	56,708	43,526	34,475	75.1	1,760	4.9	9,108	20.9
Jun-Aug 2026	56,837	43,590	34,577	75.3	1,712	4.7	9,091	20.9
Change on quarter	129	64	102	0.2	-47	-0.1	-16	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.3		-2.7		-0.2	
Change on year	531	272	356	0.2	-26	-0.1	-22	-0.2
Change %	0.9	0.6	1.0		-1.5		-0.2	
Men								
	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MG SV	MGSD	MG SY	YBSO	YBTM
Jun-Aug 2024	27,053	21,127	17,336	77.9	753	4.2	3,948	18.7
Jun-Aug 2025	27,359	21,313	17,581	77.9	950	5.1	3,799	17.8
Sep-Nov 2025	27,428	21,351	17,562	77.8	1,017	5.5	3,771	17.7
Dec-Feb 2026	27,498	21,389	17,601	77.8	975	5.2	3,799	17.8
Mar-May 2026	27,568	21,427	17,752	78.2	994	5.3	3,706	17.3
Jun-Aug 2026	27,635	21,462	17,814	78.3	955	5.1	3,730	17.4
Change on quarter	68	35	63	0.1	-40	-0.2	24	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.4		-4.0		0.6	
Change on year	277	149	234	0.4	5	0.0	-69	-0.4
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.3		0.5		-1.8	
Women								
	MG SN	LF2P	MG SB	LF25	MG SE	MG SZ	LF2N	LF2T
Jun-Aug 2024	28,668	21,845	16,407	72.2	683	4.0	5,410	24.8
Jun-Aug 2025	28,948	22,005	16,640	72.4	788	4.5	5,315	24.2
Sep-Nov 2025	29,012	22,036	16,749	72.5	816	4.6	5,255	23.8
Dec-Feb 2026	29,076	22,068	16,727	72.3	802	4.6	5,324	24.1
Mar-May 2026	29,140	22,099	16,724	72.2	765	4.4	5,402	24.4
Jun-Aug 2026	29,202	22,128	16,763	72.4	757	4.3	5,361	24.2
Change on quarter	62	28	39	0.2	-8	-0.1	-40	-0.2
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.2		-1.0		-0.7	
Change on year	254	123	123	0.0	-30	-0.2	47	0.1
Change %	0.9	0.6	0.7		-3.9		0.9	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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
	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
Jun-Aug 2024	33,742	60.6	1,436	4.1	20,543	36.9	32,218	75.0	1,395	4.2	9,358	21.8
Jun-Aug 2025	34,221	60.8	1,738	4.8	20,348	36.1	32,515	75.1	1,690	4.9	9,114	21.0
Sep-Nov 2025	34,312	60.8	1,833	5.1	20,295	36.0	32,583	75.1	1,779	5.2	9,026	20.8
Dec-Feb 2026	34,328	60.7	1,777	4.9	20,469	36.2	32,607	75.0	1,727	5.0	9,123	21.0
Mar-May 2026	34,475	60.8	1,760	4.9	20,473	36.1	32,698	75.1	1,721	5.0	9,108	20.9
Jun-Aug 2026	34,577	60.8	1,712	4.7	20,547	36.2	32,823	75.3	1,675	4.9	9,091	20.9
Change on quarter	102	0.0	-47	-0.1	75	0.0	126	0.2	-46	-0.1	-16	-0.1
Change %	0.3		-2.7		0.4		0.4		-2.7		-0.2	
Change on year	356	0.1	-26	-0.1	200	0.0	308	0.2	-15	-0.1	-22	-0.2
Change %	1.0		-1.5		1.0		0.9		-0.9		-0.2	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Jun-Aug 2024	17,336	64.1	753	4.2	8,964	33.1	16,450	77.9	729	4.2	3,948	18.7
Jun-Aug 2025	17,581	64.3	950	5.1	8,828	32.3	16,593	77.9	921	5.3	3,799	17.8
Sep-Nov 2025	17,562	64.0	1,017	5.5	8,849	32.3	16,603	77.8	977	5.6	3,771	17.7
Dec-Feb 2026	17,601	64.0	975	5.2	8,922	32.4	16,650	77.8	940	5.3	3,799	17.8
Mar-May 2026	17,752	64.4	994	5.3	8,822	32.0	16,747	78.2	974	5.5	3,706	17.3
Jun-Aug 2026	17,814	64.5	955	5.1	8,866	32.1	16,804	78.3	928	5.2	3,730	17.4
Change on quarter	63	0.1	-40	-0.2	44	0.1	57	0.1	-45	-0.3	24	0.1
Change %	0.4		-4.0		0.5		0.3		-4.7		0.6	
Change on year	234	0.2	5	0.0	38	-0.2	211	0.4	7	0.0	-69	-0.4
Change %	1.3		0.5		0.4		1.3		0.7		-1.8	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Jun-Aug 2024	16,407	57.2	683	4.0	11,578	40.4	15,768	72.2	667	4.1	5,410	24.8
Jun-Aug 2025	16,640	57.5	788	4.5	11,520	39.8	15,922	72.4	768	4.6	5,315	24.2
Sep-Nov 2025	16,749	57.7	816	4.6	11,446	39.5	15,979	72.5	802	4.8	5,255	23.8
Dec-Feb 2026	16,727	57.5	802	4.6	11,547	39.7	15,956	72.3	788	4.7	5,324	24.1
Mar-May 2026	16,724	57.4	765	4.4	11,651	40.0	15,950	72.2	747	4.5	5,402	24.4
Jun-Aug 2026	16,763	57.4	757	4.3	11,681	40.0	16,019	72.4	747	4.5	5,361	24.2
Change on quarter	39	0.0	-8	-0.1	30	0.0	69	0.2	0	0.0	-40	-0.2
Change %	0.2		-1.0		0.3		0.4		0.0		-0.7	
Change on year	123	-0.1	-30	-0.2	161	0.2	97	0.0	-21	-0.1	47	0.1
Change %	0.7		-3.9		1.4		0.6		-2.8		0.9	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Jun-Aug 2024	360	22.5	94	20.7	1,148	71.6	3,371	58.9	503	13.0	1,850	32.3
Jun-Aug 2025	341	20.9	172	33.5	1,119	68.5	3,530	60.7	489	12.2	1,796	30.9
Sep-Nov 2025	313	19.2	167	34.8	1,153	70.6	3,538	60.6	563	13.7	1,740	29.8
Dec-Feb 2026	331	20.3	134	28.9	1,168	71.5	3,466	59.1	581	14.4	1,821	31.0
Mar-May 2026	341	20.9	145	29.8	1,148	70.3	3,457	58.7	598	14.8	1,838	31.2
Jun-Aug 2026	297	18.2	171	36.5	1,169	71.4	3,584	60.6	545	13.2	1,788	30.2
Change on quarter	-44	-2.7	26	6.7	20	1.1	127	1.9	-54	-1.6	-50	-1.0
Change %	-12.9		17.9		1.8		3.7		-9.0		-2.7	
Change on year	-44	-2.7	-2	2.9	50	2.9	54	-0.1	55	1.0	-9	-0.7
Change %	-12.9		-0.9		4.5		1.5		11.3		-0.5	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Jun-Aug 2024	166	20.2	46	21.8	608	74.1	1,692	58.0	311	15.5	913	31.3
Jun-Aug 2025	158	18.9	91	36.6	587	70.2	1,780	59.9	307	14.7	883	29.7
Sep-Nov 2025	142	17.0	90	38.9	604	72.2	1,800	60.3	350	16.3	834	27.9
Dec-Feb 2026	151	18.1	69	31.4	616	73.7	1,758	58.6	364	17.1	877	29.2
Mar-May 2026	163	19.5	80	32.9	594	71.0	1,786	59.3	362	16.8	865	28.7
Jun-Aug 2026	138	16.4	89	39.4	611	72.9	1,885	62.3	318	14.5	824	27.2
Change on quarter	-25	-3.0	9	6.5	17	1.9	98	3.0	-43	-2.4	-42	-1.5
Change %	-15.5		11.8		2.9		5.5		-12.0		-4.8	
Change on year	-20	-2.5	-2	2.8	25	2.8	105	2.3	11	-0.3	-59	-2.5
Change %	-13.0		-2.1		4.2		5.9		3.7		-6.7	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Jun-Aug 2024	194	24.9	47	19.6	539	69.0	1,679	59.8	192	10.2	937	33.4
Jun-Aug 2025	183	23.0	81	30.6	532	66.8	1,750	61.5	182	9.4	914	32.1
Sep-Nov 2025	171	21.5	77	31.0	549	68.9	1,738	60.8	213	10.9	906	31.7
Dec-Feb 2026	180	22.6	65	26.6	551	69.2	1,708	59.5	217	11.3	944	32.9
Mar-May 2026	178	22.4	65	26.6	554	69.5	1,671	58.0	237	12.4	972	33.8
Jun-Aug 2026	160	20.0	81	33.7	557	69.8	1,700	58.8	226	11.7	964	33.4
Change on quarter	-19	-2.4	16	7.1	3	0.3	29	0.8	-10	-0.7	-8	-0.4
Change %	-10.5		25.4		0.6		1.7		-4.4		-0.9	
Change on year	-24	-3.0	0	3.1	25	3.0	-50	-2.7	44	2.3	50	1.3
Change %	-12.9		0.5		4.7		-2.9		24.2		5.5	

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
Jun-Aug 2024	7,679	84.2	272	3.4	1,172	12.8	11,385	85.9	277	2.4	1,594	12.0
Jun-Aug 2025	7,667	83.7	353	4.4	1,137	12.4	11,472	85.2	362	3.1	1,638	12.2
Sep-Nov 2025	7,711	84.2	362	4.5	1,083	11.8	11,527	85.2	370	3.1	1,633	12.1
Dec-Feb 2026	7,698	84.1	380	4.7	1,080	11.8	11,608	85.4	351	2.9	1,630	12.0
Mar-May 2026	7,741	84.5	347	4.3	1,071	11.7	11,623	85.2	340	2.8	1,685	12.3
Jun-Aug 2026	7,744	84.6	330	4.1	1,084	11.8	11,681	85.2	362	3.0	1,664	12.1
Change on quarter	3	0.0	-17	-0.2	13	0.1	58	0.1	23	0.2	-21	-0.2
Change %	0.0		-5.0		1.3		0.5		6.7		-1.3	
Change on year	78	0.8	-23	-0.3	-52	-0.6	209	0.1	1	0.0	26	0.0
Change %	1.0		-6.6		-4.6		1.8		0.2		1.6	
Men	YBTU	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Jun-Aug 2024	3,921	87.7	127	3.1	423	9.5	5,813	90.4	105	1.8	511	7.9
Jun-Aug 2025	3,941	87.5	194	4.7	370	8.2	5,837	89.4	160	2.7	533	8.2
Sep-Nov 2025	3,932	87.2	201	4.9	376	8.3	5,849	89.2	167	2.8	542	8.3
Dec-Feb 2026	3,941	87.3	211	5.1	361	8.0	5,949	90.3	145	2.4	492	7.5
Mar-May 2026	3,957	87.6	211	5.1	349	7.7	5,970	90.3	155	2.5	488	7.4
Jun-Aug 2026	3,963	87.6	190	4.6	368	8.1	5,961	89.7	171	2.8	510	7.7
Change on quarter	6	0.1	-21	-0.5	19	0.4	-9	-0.5	16	0.3	22	0.3
Change %	0.2		-10.1		5.5		-0.2		10.1		4.4	
Change on year	22	0.2	-4	-0.1	-1	-0.1	124	0.4	12	0.1	-24	-0.5
Change %	0.6		-2.2		-0.3		2.1		7.2		-4.5	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Jun-Aug 2024	3,758	80.8	145	3.7	748	16.1	5,571	81.6	171	3.0	1,084	15.9
Jun-Aug 2025	3,726	80.1	159	4.1	767	16.5	5,635	81.2	202	3.5	1,105	15.9
Sep-Nov 2025	3,780	81.3	162	4.1	707	15.2	5,678	81.4	203	3.5	1,091	15.7
Dec-Feb 2026	3,757	80.9	169	4.3	719	15.5	5,659	80.8	207	3.5	1,138	16.3
Mar-May 2026	3,784	81.5	136	3.5	722	15.5	5,653	80.4	184	3.2	1,197	17.0
Jun-Aug 2026	3,781	81.6	140	3.6	716	15.4	5,720	81.0	191	3.2	1,155	16.3
Change on quarter	-3	0.0	4	0.1	-6	-0.1	67	0.6	7	0.1	-43	-0.7
Change %	-0.1		3.0		-0.8		1.2		3.8		-3.6	
Change on year	56	1.5	-19	-0.5	-51	-1.1	85	-0.2	-11	-0.2	50	0.4
Change %	1.5		-11.9		-6.7		1.5		-5.4		4.5	
	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
Jun-Aug 2024	9,424	71.0	250	2.6	3,594	27.1	1,524	12.0	41	2.6	11,185	87.7
Jun-Aug 2025	9,505	71.8	314	3.2	3,424	25.9	1,706	13.1	48	2.8	11,234	86.5
Sep-Nov 2025	9,492	71.8	316	3.2	3,417	25.8	1,729	13.2	54	3.0	11,269	86.3
Dec-Feb 2026	9,503	71.9	281	2.9	3,425	25.9	1,721	13.1	50	2.8	11,346	86.5
Mar-May 2026	9,535	72.3	291	3.0	3,366	25.5	1,778	13.5	39	2.1	11,365	86.2
Jun-Aug 2026	9,516	72.3	268	2.7	3,387	25.7	1,754	13.2	37	2.1	11,456	86.5
Change on quarter	-18	0.0	-23	-0.2	21	0.2	-24	-0.2	-2	-0.1	91	0.3
Change %	-0.2		-8.0		0.6		-1.3		-4.3		0.8	
Change on year	11	0.5	-46	-0.5	-37	-0.1	48	0.1	-11	-0.7	222	0.0
Change %	0.1		-14.6		-1.1		2.8		-23.1		2.0	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Jun-Aug 2024	4,858	74.9	139	2.8	1,492	23.0	886	14.9	24	2.7	5,016	84.6
Jun-Aug 2025	4,877	75.3	169	3.4	1,427	22.0	988	16.3	29	2.8	5,029	83.2
Sep-Nov 2025	4,880	75.5	169	3.3	1,415	21.9	959	15.8	40	4.0	5,078	83.6
Dec-Feb 2026	4,851	75.2	151	3.0	1,452	22.5	950	15.6	35	3.6	5,123	83.9
Mar-May 2026	4,871	75.6	165	3.3	1,409	21.9	1,004	16.4	21	2.0	5,115	83.3
Jun-Aug 2026	4,858	75.5	159	3.2	1,417	22.0	1,011	16.4	27	2.6	5,136	83.2
Change on quarter	-13	-0.1	-6	-0.1	8	0.2	6	0.0	6	0.5	20	-0.1
Change %	-0.3		-3.5		0.5		0.6		28.0		0.4	
Change on year	-19	0.2	-10	-0.2	-10	0.0	22	0.0	-2	-0.3	107	0.0
Change %	-0.4		-6.0		-0.7		2.3		-7.5		2.1	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Jun-Aug 2024	4,566	67.4	111	2.4	2,102	31.0	638	9.4	16	2.5	6,168	90.4
Jun-Aug 2025	4,628	68.4	144	3.0	1,997	29.5	718	10.3	19	2.6	6,205	89.4
Sep-Nov 2025	4,612	68.2	148	3.1	2,002	29.6	770	11.0	14	1.8	6,191	88.8
Dec-Feb 2026	4,652	68.9	130	2.7	1,972	29.2	771	11.0	14	1.8	6,223	88.8
Mar-May 2026	4,664	69.1	126	2.6	1,957	29.0	773	11.0	18	2.3	6,249	88.8
Jun-Aug 2026	4,658	69.1	109	2.3	1,970	29.2	744	10.5	10	1.4	6,320	89.3
Change on quarter	-6	0.0	-17	-0.4	13	0.2	-30	-0.5	-7	-0.9	71	0.6
Change %	-0.1		-13.8		0.7		-3.9		-41.7		1.1	
Change on year	30	0.8	-36	-0.7	-27	-0.3	26	0.2	-9	-1.3	115	0.0
Change %	0.7		-24.8		-1.4		3.6		-46.2		1.9	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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 Workers with second jobs
						Government supported training & employment programmes ²								
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers		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			
People	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Jun-Aug 2024	33,742	29,307	4,276	110	50	25,205	8,538	22,272	7,035	2,876	1,400	1,260		
Jun-Aug 2025	34,221	29,634	4,404	119	64	25,552	8,669	22,539	7,094	2,940	1,464	1,316		
Sep-Nov 2025	34,312	29,731	4,395	121	65	25,536	8,776	22,585	7,145	2,876	1,519	1,291		
Dec-Feb 2026	34,328	29,656	4,482	126	63	25,585	8,743	22,587	7,069	2,938	1,545	1,272		
Mar-May 2026	34,475	29,771	4,525	123	56	25,695	8,780	22,742	7,029	2,900	1,625	1,278		
Jun-Aug 2026	34,577	29,948	4,439	128	63	25,865	8,713	22,887	7,061	2,907	1,532	1,294		
Change on quarter	102	177	-86	5	7	170	-68	145	32	7	-93	16		
Change %	0.3	0.6	-1.9	3.7	12.0	0.7	-0.8	0.6	0.5	0.2	-5.7	1.3		
Change on year	356	314	34	9	-2	312	44	348	-34	-33	67	-22		
Change %	1.0	1.1	0.8	7.8	-2.5	1.2	0.5	1.5	-0.5	-1.1	4.6	-1.7		
Men		MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBJ	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX		
Jun-Aug 2024	17,336	14,519	2,731	58	27	14,859	2,477	12,695	1,824	2,129	602	529		
Jun-Aug 2025	17,581	14,673	2,813	60	36	15,068	2,513	12,831	1,842	2,194	619	578		
Sep-Nov 2025	17,562	14,723	2,745	62	32	15,030	2,533	12,841	1,882	2,149	597	579		
Dec-Feb 2026	17,601	14,749	2,766	52	34	15,089	2,512	12,886	1,862	2,170	596	573		
Mar-May 2026	17,752	14,880	2,779	62	30	15,173	2,578	13,014	1,866	2,126	653	570		
Jun-Aug 2026	17,814	14,897	2,812	70	36	15,213	2,602	13,023	1,874	2,150	663	590		
Change on quarter	63	17	33	8	6	39	24	9	8	24	9	20		
Change %	0.4	0.1	1.2	12.1	18.1	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	3.6		
Change on year	234	224	0	10	0	145	89	192	32	-44	44	12		
Change %	1.3	1.5	0.0	16.3	0.8	1.0	3.5	1.5	1.7	-2.0	7.1	2.1		
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY		
Jun-Aug 2024	16,407	14,787	1,545	52	23	10,346	6,061	9,577	5,210	747	797	730		
Jun-Aug 2025	16,640	14,961	1,592	59	29	10,484	6,156	9,709	5,252	746	846	738		
Sep-Nov 2025	16,749	15,008	1,650	59	33	10,506	6,243	9,745	5,263	727	923	712		
Dec-Feb 2026	16,727	14,908	1,716	74	29	10,496	6,231	9,701	5,207	768	949	699		
Mar-May 2026	16,724	14,892	1,746	61	25	10,522	6,202	9,729	5,163	774	972	708		
Jun-Aug 2026	16,763	15,051	1,626	58	27	10,552	6,111	9,864	5,187	757	869	704		
Change on quarter	39	160	-119	-3	1	130	-91	136	24	-16	-103	-4		
Change %	0.2	1.1	-6.8	-4.8	4.7	1.2	-1.5	1.4	0.5	-2.1	-10.6	-0.5		
Change on year	123	90	35	0	-2	167	-44	156	-65	11	24	-34		
Change %	0.7	0.6	2.2	-0.8	-6.7	1.6	-0.7	1.6	-1.2	1.5	2.8	-4.6		
Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)														
	% that could not find permanent job													
	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 ³	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	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCCD	YCGD	YCDL	
Jun-Aug 2024	1,540	5.3	367	23.9	419	149	604	8,434	888	10.5	5,872	384	1,242	
Jun-Aug 2025	1,596	5.4	381	23.9	447	164	604	8,559	832	9.7	5,985	448	1,240	
Sep-Nov 2025	1,670	5.6	393	23.5	435	171	672	8,665	853	9.8	5,958	474	1,322	
Dec-Feb 2026	1,626	5.5	381	23.5	430	168	646	8,613	899	10.4	5,907	476	1,283	
Mar-May 2026	1,600	5.4	383	24.0	420	174	622	8,654	914	10.6	5,957	474	1,253	
Jun-Aug 2026	1,604	5.4	413	25.7	397	198	596	8,592	915	10.7	5,912	479	1,237	
Change on quarter	4	0.0	29	1.8	-22	24	-27	-62	1	0.1	-45	4	-16	
Change %	0.3		7.7		-5.3	13.8	-4.3	-0.7	0.1		-0.8	0.9	-1.3	
Change on year	8	0.0	32	1.9	-50	35	-8	34	83	0.9	-73	30	-3	
Change %	0.5		8.3		-11.2	21.2	-1.4	0.4	10.0		-1.2	6.8	-0.3	
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK	
Jun-Aug 2024	731	5.0	204	27.9	171	74	283	2,427	398	16.4	1,347	158	502	
Jun-Aug 2025	753	5.1	184	24.5	189	87	293	2,461	321	13.1	1,461	171	489	
Sep-Nov 2025	792	5.4	199	25.1	193	81	319	2,479	347	14.0	1,387	166	560	
Dec-Feb 2026	770	5.2	194	25.2	188	78	309	2,458	389	15.8	1,358	161	540	
Mar-May 2026	752	5.1	207	27.5	184	80	281	2,519	409	16.2	1,391	172	536	
Jun-Aug 2026	752	5.1	213	28.3	179	101	260	2,536	389	15.3	1,425	170	538	
Change on quarter	0	0.0	6	0.8	-5	21	-21	17	-20	-0.9	34	-2	2	
Change %	0.0		2.8		-3.0	25.9	-7.4	0.7	-4.8		2.4	-1.3	0.4	
Change on year	-1	-0.1	29	3.8	-11	14	-33	75	68	2.3	-36	-1	49	
Change %	-0.1		15.5		-5.6	16.3	-11.1	3.1	21.1		-2.4	-0.5	10.0	
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCHH	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCGT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL	
Jun-Aug 2024	809	5.5	164	20.2	248	75	322	6,008	490	8.1	4,525	225	740	
Jun-Aug 2025	843	5.6	197	23.3	258	77	311	6,098	511	8.4	4,524	277	751	
Sep-Nov 2025	878	5.9	194	22.0	242	90	353	6,186	505	8.2	4,571	308	762	
Dec-Feb 2026	856	5.7	187	21.8	242	90	337	6,155	511	8.3	4,549	316	743	
Mar-May 2026	847	5.7	176	20.8	236	94	341	6,135	506	8.2	4,566	302	717	
Jun-Aug 2026	852	5.7	200	23.5	219	97	335	6,056	526	8.7	4,487	309	698	
Change on quarter	4	0.0	24	2.7	-17	3	-6	-79	21	0.4	-79	7	-18	
Change %	0.5		13.4		-7.1	3.5	-1.7	-1.3	4.1		-1.7	2.2	-2.5	
Change on year	9	0.0	3	0.1	-39	21	24	-42	15	0.3	-37	31	-52	
Change %	1.0		1.6		-15.2	26.8	7.7	-0.7	3.0		-0.8	11.3	-7.0	

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).

- The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.
- This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training.
- These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees.
- The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of the other columns in this section of the table.

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4 Public and private sector employment

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

	Public sector		Private sector ¹		Total employment ²	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications (See Explanatory note at bottom of table)		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications (See Explanatory note at bottom of table)	
	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)		(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
Mar 24	6,116	18.3	27,239 r	81.7	33,355 r	5,838	17.5	27,517 r	82.5
Jun 24	6,096	18.2 r	27,476 r	81.8 r	33,572 r	5,858	17.4	27,714 r	82.6
Sep 24	6,122	18.1	27,661 r	81.9	33,783 r	5,883	17.4	27,900 r	82.6
Dec 24	6,146	18.1	27,788 r	81.9	33,934 r	5,901	17.4	28,033 r	82.6
Mar 25	6,156	18.1	27,872 r	81.9	34,028 r	5,912	17.4	28,116 r	82.6
Jun 25	6,174 r	18.0	28,061 r	82.0	34,235 r	5,929 r	17.3	28,306 r	82.7
Sep 25	6,183	18.1	28,039 r	81.9	34,222 r	5,937	17.3	28,285 r	82.7
Dec 25	6,191	18.0	28,121 r	82.0	34,312 r	5,942	17.3	28,370 r	82.7
Mar 26	6,196 r	18.0	28,215 r	82.0	34,411 r	5,948 r	17.3	28,463 r	82.7
Jun 26	6,207	18.0	28,271	82.0	34,478	5,959	17.3	28,519	82.7
Change on quarter	11	0.0	56	0.0	67	11	0.0	56	0.0
Change %	0.2	-	0.2	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	-
Change on year	33	0.0	210	0.0	243	30	0.0	213	0.0
Change %	0.5	-	0.7	-	0.7	0.5	-	0.8	-

Enquiries 01633 455400

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) and returns from public sector organisations

Relationship between columns: 2 = 1/5*100; 3 = 5-1; 4 = 3/5*100, 5=6+8

See footnotes under table 4(1)

4(1) Public sector employment by industry

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

	Construction	HM Forces ³	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Of which: Civil Service ⁴	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other (including financial corporations)	Total public sector employment ⁵
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7D6	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	G7AU
Mar 24	35	149	282	1,208	544	1,655	2,017	206	564	6,116
Jun 24	35	147	282	1,216	546	1,652	2,027	205	528	6,096
Sep 24	35	148	282	1,221	548	1,664	2,041	205	530	6,122
Dec 24	35	147	282	1,230	548	1,662	2,053	204	532	6,146
Mar 25	36	148	282	1,236	550	1,662	2,062	204	527	6,156
Jun 25	35	147	281	1,239 r	551	1,664	2,069	203	535	6,174
Sep 25	35	148	280	1,249	554	1,665	2,069	201	538	6,183
Dec 25	35	148	280	1,254	555	1,662	2,069	202	540	6,191
Mar 26	35	149	280	1,260 r	558	1,664 r	2,068	200	538	6,196
Jun 26	35	149	280	1,270	557	1,664	2,068	201	540	6,207
Change on quarter	0	0	0	10	-1	0	0	1	2	11
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.2
Change on year	0	2	-1	31	6	0	-1	-2	5	33
Change %	0.0	1.4	-0.4	2.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	-1.0	0.9	0.5

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Source: returns from public sector organisations

Explanatory Note: The public and private sector employment series have been affected by a number of major reclassifications where bodies employing large numbers of people have moved between the public and private sectors. These major reclassifications are as follows:

- Bradford and Bingley in the public sector September 2008 to present.
- Direct Line Group in the public sector December 2008 to June 2013.
- English further education colleges in the public sector 1993 to present.
- English sixth form college corporations in the public sector 1993 to present.
- Housing associations in England in the public sector September 2008 to September 2017.
- Housing associations in Northern Ireland in the public sector March 1999 to June 2020.
- Housing associations in Scotland in the public sector September 2001 to June 2018.
- Housing associations in Wales in the public sector March 1999 to March 2018.
- Lloyds Banking Group plc in the public sector December 2008 to December 2013.
- Network Rail in the public sector December 2002 to present (except June 2003 to March 2004 when it is in the private sector).
- Northern Rock in the public sector December 2007 to December 2011.
- Royal Bank of Scotland plc, NatWest Group in the public sector December 2008 to March 2024.
- Royal Mail plc in the public sector until September 2013.
- Train operating companies in England and Scotland in the public sector June 2020 to present.
- Transport for Wales Rail Services in the public sector June 2020 to present.
- Welsh further education colleges in the public sector 1993 to December 2014.

The series shown at Table 4 (in columns 6 to 9) for public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications show all of the above mentioned bodies included in the private sector for all time periods and excluded from the public sector for all time periods. When using figures from this table, the latest estimate of the number of people employed in the public and private sectors should be taken from columns 1 and 3 respectively. However the quarterly and annual changes in employment shown in these columns are affected by reclassifications. Figures from columns 6 and 8 should be used for assessments of the recent underlying changes in public and private sector employment. The changes in employment shown in these columns are measured on a consistent basis to remove the effect of major reclassifications.

1. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations.
2. LFS employment data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.
3. This series excludes locally engaged staff stationed outside the United Kingdom.
4. This series excludes the Northern Ireland Civil Service.
5. This series may not exactly equal the sum of the components because each component is independently seasonally adjusted.

More detailed estimates are available in the Public Sector Employment Statistical Bulletin at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/bulletins/publicsectoremployment/latest>

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5 Workforce jobs

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs ¹	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees ¹
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Jun 24	36,635	32,216	4,236	149	34
Sep 24	36,672	32,216	4,266	148	42
Dec 24	36,829	32,348	4,279	147	55
Mar 25	36,931	32,388	4,342	148	53
Jun 25	36,673	32,306	4,186	147	34
Sep 25	36,530	32,263	4,065	148	54
Dec 25	36,578	32,337	4,038	148	55
Mar 26 (r)	36,782	32,362	4,219	149	51
Jun 26 (p)	36,734	32,352	4,176	149	57
Change on quarter	-48	-10	-43	0	6
Change %	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	0.0	11.3
Change on year	60	46	-10	2	23
Change %	0.2	0.1	-0.2	1.2	66.2

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5

See footnotes under table 6

6 Workforce jobs by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All jobs A-T	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities E	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage H	Accommod-ation & food service activities I	Information & communic-ation J
	DYDC	JWR5	JWR6	JWR7	JWR8	JWR9	JWS2	JWS3	JWS4	JWS5	JWS6
Jun 24	36,635	350	54	2,555	136	241	2,203	4,751	1,896	2,616	1,625
Sep 24	36,672	355	52	2,557	142	242	2,285	4,722	1,898	2,628	1,657
Dec 24	36,829	358	54	2,576	142	247	2,295	4,713	1,919	2,618	1,668
Mar 25	36,931	348	57	2,563	143	245	2,313	4,715	1,911	2,591	1,635
Jun 25	36,673	358	50	2,524	146	240	2,268	4,657	1,904	2,629	1,600
Sep 25	36,530	380	51	2,509	143	240	2,233	4,630	1,905	2,615	1,599
Dec 25	36,578	338	51	2,519	141	241	2,294	4,645	1,897	2,625	1,594
Mar 26 (r)	36,782	355	55	2,478	146	246	2,316	4,616	1,914	2,618	1,579
Jun 26 (p)	36,734	372	54	2,460	147	247	2,293	4,597	1,924	2,616	1,606
Change on quarter	-48	17	-1	-18	1	1	-23	-19	9	-2	27
Change %	-0.1	4.8	-1.0	-0.7	0.9	0.5	-1.0	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	1.7
Change on year	60	15	4	-64	2	7	25	-60	20	-13	6
Change %	0.2	4.1	7.7	-2.5	1.2	3.0	1.1	-1.3	1.0	-0.5	0.4

SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities K	Real estate activities L	Professional scientific & technical activities M	Administrative & support service activities N	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security ² O	Education P	Human health & social work activities Q	Arts, entertainment & recreation R	Other service activities S	People employed by households, etc. T	Total services G-T
	JWS7	JWS8	JWS9	JWT2	JWT3	JWT4	JWT5	JWT6	JWT7	KW78	JWT8
Jun 24	1,147	710	3,481	3,008	1,721	3,069	5,002	1,070	937	64	31,095
Sep 24	1,151	689	3,503	2,984	1,724	3,075	4,987	1,038	943	38	31,039
Dec 24	1,176	719	3,484	2,995	1,733	3,054	5,001	1,056	974	47	31,158
Mar 25	1,141	727	3,469	3,017	1,742	3,118	5,066	1,080	992	61	31,263
Jun 25	1,139	703	3,453	2,987	1,757	3,113	5,048	1,058	983	56	31,088
Sep 25	1,110	717	3,454	2,944	1,762	3,122	5,018	1,081	958	59	30,974
Dec 25	1,100	723	3,448	2,991	1,775	3,101	5,029	1,071	949	46	30,994
Mar 26 (r)	1,112	723	3,476	2,974	1,795	3,137	5,095	1,099	986	61	31,185
Jun 26 (p)	1,124	728	3,504	2,971	1,802	3,127	5,028	1,098	976	59	31,159
Change on quarter	11	5	29	-3	7	-10	-67	-2	-10	-2	-26
Change %	1.0	0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	-0.2	-1.0	-3.6	-0.1
Change on year	-16	24	51	-17	45	14	-19	39	-7	3	72
Change %	-1.4	3.5	1.5	-0.6	2.5	0.5	-0.4	3.7	-0.7	5.5	0.2

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 455400

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey and administrative sources

1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For this reason estimates of self-employment jobs and government supported trainee jobs differ from estimates of people in self-employment and in government supported training and employment programmes shown at Table 3. The estimates for government supported trainees shown in this table exclude trainees with contracts of employment as such people are included in the estimates of employee jobs.

2. This series is not exclusively a public sector series as it includes some private sector jobs. See table 4 for estimates of public and private sector employment.

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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
Jun-Aug 2024	1,079.4	32.0	36.6	16.8	9.5
Jun-Aug 2025	1,088.7	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.1
Sep-Nov 2025	1,089.7	31.8	36.6	16.5	9.4
Dec-Feb 2026	1,089.2	31.7	36.4	16.5	9.9
Mar-May 2026	1,101.3	31.9	36.6	16.7	10.2
Jun-Aug 2026	1,105.2	32.0	36.7	16.5	9.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	3.9	0.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.1	0.1	-1.5	-3.7
<i>Change on year</i>	16.5	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.7
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	0.5	0.5	-0.3	7.5
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Jun-Aug 2024	613.9	35.4	38.2	16.3	10.5
Jun-Aug 2025	618.4	35.2	37.9	15.8	10.2
Sep-Nov 2025	617.9	35.2	38.0	16.1	10.3
Dec-Feb 2026	618.7	35.2	37.9	16.1	10.7
Mar-May 2026	628.6	35.4	38.1	16.4	11.5
Jun-Aug 2026	630.7	35.4	38.2	15.8	11.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	2.1	0.0	0.1	-0.6	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.0	0.3	-3.9	-3.4
<i>Change on year</i>	12.2	0.2	0.3	-0.1	1.0
<i>Change %</i>	2.0	0.6	0.8	-0.3	9.5
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Jun-Aug 2024	465.4	28.4	34.4	17.0	8.7
Jun-Aug 2025	470.2	28.3	34.5	16.8	8.4
Sep-Nov 2025	471.9	28.2	34.5	16.7	8.7
Dec-Feb 2026	470.4	28.1	34.4	16.7	9.3
Mar-May 2026	472.7	28.3	34.5	16.8	9.2
Jun-Aug 2026	474.5	28.3	34.5	16.8	8.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	1.8	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-4.4
<i>Change on year</i>	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.2	0.1	-0.3	4.7

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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
Jun-Aug 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.2	4.0	2.7	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.8	9.0	5.5	3.2	7.7	11.7	6.9	20.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.7	26.9	17.8	9.3	26.1	23.7	17.8	34.1
31 up to 45 hours	59.7	65.2	53.9	62.9	69.0	56.8	39.8	46.4	28.3
Over 45 hours	14.0	19.2	8.5	13.0	17.8	8.2	20.8	26.3	11.1
Total (thousands)	34,221	17,581	16,640	29,634	14,673	14,961	4,404	2,813	1,592
Mar-May 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.8	0.8	0.6	1.1	4.4	2.9	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.7	5.4	3.3	7.5	11.1	6.4	18.5
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	10.6	26.7	17.3	9.0	25.6	26.1	19.6	36.5
31 up to 45 hours	59.9	65.2	54.3	63.2	69.1	57.3	38.8	44.8	29.2
Over 45 hours	14.1	19.4	8.5	13.3	18.1	8.5	19.6	26.3	9.0
Total (thousands)	34,475	17,752	16,724	29,771	14,880	14,892	4,525	2,779	1,746
Jun-Aug 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.1	4.3	2.9	6.8
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.9	8.6	5.3	3.2	7.5	11.1	7.4	17.4
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.6	26.9	17.6	9.0	26.0	25.1	18.9	36.0
31 up to 45 hours	59.3	64.4	54.0	62.6	68.4	56.9	38.5	44.1	28.6
Over 45 hours	14.6	20.0	8.8	13.6	18.8	8.5	21.0	26.7	11.2
Total (thousands)	34,577	17,814	16,763	29,948	14,897	15,051	4,439	2,812	1,626

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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						
	Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months		% over 12 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months		% over 12 months	
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months					All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People			YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL			LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Jun-Aug 2024	1,436	4.1	864	235	337	23.5	151	1,395	4.2	845	229	322	23.1	140
Jun-Aug 2025	1,738	4.8	1,017	305	416	23.9	176	1,690	4.9	992	297	401	23.7	165
Sep-Nov 2025	1,833	5.1	1,050	331	452	24.7	193	1,779	5.2	1,023	317	439	24.7	179
Dec-Feb 2026	1,777	4.9	969	351	457	25.7	203	1,727	5.0	948	340	439	25.4	191
Mar-May 2026	1,760	4.9	987	328	445	25.3	191	1,721	5.0	972	318	431	25.1	183
Jun-Aug 2026	1,712	4.7	946	293	474	27.7	201	1,675	4.9	925	291	459	27.4	192
Change on quarter	-47	-0.1	-41	-35	29	2.4	9	-46	-0.1	-47	-26	28	2.3	9
Change %	-2.7		-4.2	-10.8	6.5		4.9	-2.7		-4.8	-8.2	6.4		5.2
Change on year	-26	-0.1	-72	-12	58	3.7	24	-15	-0.1	-67	-6	58	3.7	27
Change %	-1.5		-7.0	-4.0	13.9		13.7	-0.9		-6.7	-1.9	14.4		16.4
Men			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWX	YBYB
Jun-Aug 2024	753	4.2	436	120	197	26.2	91	729	4.2	424	115	190	26.0	86
Jun-Aug 2025	950	5.1	524	179	247	26.0	119	921	5.3	511	171	239	26.0	111
Sep-Nov 2025	1,017	5.5	553	187	276	27.2	121	977	5.6	535	178	264	27.0	111
Dec-Feb 2026	975	5.2	518	186	271	27.8	123	940	5.3	501	181	257	27.4	112
Mar-May 2026	994	5.3	546	184	265	26.6	121	974	5.5	538	179	257	26.4	116
Jun-Aug 2026	955	5.1	502	172	281	29.4	122	928	5.2	486	170	272	29.3	116
Change on quarter	-40	-0.2	-44	-12	16	2.8	1	-45	-0.3	-52	-9	16	3.0	0
Change %	-4.0		-8.0	-6.5	6.1		0.6	-4.7		-9.6	-5.1	6.1		0.4
Change on year	5	0.0	-22	-7	34	3.5	4	7	0.0	-25	-1	33	3.4	5
Change %	0.5		-4.3	-4.1	14.0		3.0	0.7		-4.9	-0.7	13.8		4.9
Women			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Jun-Aug 2024	683	4.0	428	116	140	20.4	61	667	4.1	421	114	132	19.8	54
Jun-Aug 2025	788	4.5	493	126	169	21.5	58	768	4.6	481	126	162	21.1	54
Sep-Nov 2025	816	4.6	497	144	175	21.5	72	802	4.8	488	140	174	21.8	68
Dec-Feb 2026	802	4.6	451	165	186	23.2	80	788	4.7	447	158	182	23.1	78
Mar-May 2026	765	4.4	441	144	180	23.5	70	747	4.5	434	138	175	23.4	67
Jun-Aug 2026	757	4.3	444	121	193	25.4	78	747	4.5	439	121	187	25.0	76
Change on quarter	-8	-0.1	3	-23	13	1.9	9	0	0.0	5	-17	12	1.6	9
Change %	-1.0		0.7	-16.2	7.1		12.3	0.0		1.1	-12.3	6.9		13.6
Change on year	-30	-0.2	-49	-5	23	4.0	21	-21	-0.1	-42	-4	25	3.9	22
Change %	-3.9		-9.9	-3.8	13.9		35.5	-2.8		-8.7	-3.5	15.2		40.1
16-17														
	Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months		% over 12 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months			All over 12 months		% over 12 months	
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months					All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months				
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP			YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
People														
Jun-Aug 2024	94	20.7	70	15	9	9.3	*	503	13.0	348	64	91	18.1	20
Jun-Aug 2025	172	33.5	123	31	19	11.0	*	489	12.2	296	81	112	23.0	38
Sep-Nov 2025	167	34.8	105	38	25	14.7	5	563	13.7	352	86	125	22.1	35
Dec-Feb 2026	134	28.9	91	29	14	10.7	*	581	14.4	341	110	130	22.3	41
Mar-May 2026	145	29.8	94	32	18	12.5	*	598	14.8	357	110	131	22.0	43
Jun-Aug 2026	171	36.5	121	30	20	11.5	3	545	13.2	305	94	145	26.7	44
Change on quarter	26	6.7	26	-2	2	-1.0	*	-54	-1.6	-53	-15	14	4.7	1
Change %	17.9		27.8	-5.7	8.4		*	-9.0		-14.8	-13.8	10.7		1.4
Change on year	-2	2.9	-2	0	1	0.5	*	55	1.0	9	13	33	3.7	6
Change %	-0.9		-1.5	-1.2	3.5		*	11.3		3.1	16.4	29.4		16.9
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Jun-Aug 2024	46	21.8	32	7	7	15.8	*	311	15.5	209	38	63	20.3	12
Jun-Aug 2025	91	36.6	64	16	11	12.2	*	307	14.7	173	53	81	26.2	26
Sep-Nov 2025	90	38.9	52	24	14	16.0	3	350	16.3	209	52	89	25.4	26
Dec-Feb 2026	69	31.4	45	16	8	12.1	*	364	17.1	207	71	86	23.6	25
Mar-May 2026	80	32.9	47	23	10	12.2	*	362	16.8	213	70	79	21.9	22
Jun-Aug 2026	89	39.4	60	20	9	10.3	*	318	14.5	167	67	84	26.3	23
Change on quarter	9	6.5	13	-3	-1	-1.9	*	-43	-2.4	-45	-3	5	4.4	1
Change %	11.8		27.4	-12.7	-5.4		*	-12.0		-21.4	-3.6	5.7		4.9
Change on year	-2	2.8	-4	4	-2	-1.9	*	11	-0.3	-6	14	3	0.1	-3
Change %	-2.1		-6.0	24.0	-17.6		*	3.7		-3.4	26.9	3.9		-11.0
Women			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Jun-Aug 2024	47	19.6	38	8	*	*	*	192	10.2	139	25	28	14.5	8
Jun-Aug 2025	81	30.6	59	14	8	9.7	*	182	9.4	122	28	32	17.4	12
Sep-Nov 2025	77	31.0	53	14	10	13.3	*	213	10.9	143	34	36	16.8	9
Dec-Feb 2026	65	26.6	45	14	6	9.3	*	217	11.3	134	39	44	20.1	16
Mar-May 2026	65	26.6	47	9	8	13.0	*	237	12.4	144	40	52	22.1	21
Jun-Aug 2026	81	33.7	61	10	10	12.9	*	226	11.7	137	27	62	27.3	21
Change on quarter	16	7.1	13	1	2	-0.1	*	-10	-0.7	-7	-13	10	5.2	0
Change %	25.4		28.2	12.2	24.3		*	-4.4		-5.0	-31.5	18.3		-2.3
Change on year	0	3.1	2	-4	3	3.2	*	44	2.3	15	-1	30	9.8	9
Change %	0.5		3.4	-29.6	33.7		*	24.2		12.3	-3.4	94.1		78.4

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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
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Jun-Aug 2024	549	2.8	312	90	147	26.7	67	291	2.6	134	67	91	31.1	62
Jun-Aug 2025	715	3.6	412	120	183	25.6	78	362	3.1	187	73	101	28.0	59
Sep-Nov 2025	732	3.7	406	132	195	26.6	83	371	3.2	188	75	108	29.1	70
Dec-Feb 2026	731	3.6	372	160	199	27.3	90	331	2.9	166	51	114	34.5	71
Mar-May 2026	687	3.4	372	130	185	26.9	83	330	2.8	163	56	110	33.5	63
Jun-Aug 2026	692	3.4	366	113	214	30.8	96	305	2.6	154	56	95	31.2	58
Change on quarter	5	0.0	-6	-18	29	3.9	12	-25	-0.2	-9	-1	-15	-2.3	-5
Change %	0.8		-1.6	-13.5	15.6		14.9	-7.5		-5.3	-1.6	-13.9		-8.0
Change on year	-23	-0.2	-46	-7	31	5.3	17	-57	-0.5	-33	-18	-6	3.1	-1
Change %	-3.2		-11.2	-6.0	16.7		22.2	-15.8		-17.6	-24.3	-6.3		-0.9
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZI
Jun-Aug 2024	232	2.3	121	36	75	32.4	40	164	2.8	75	38	52	31.5	38
Jun-Aug 2025	354	3.5	191	67	95	26.9	52	198	3.3	96	43	60	30.1	41
Sep-Nov 2025	368	3.6	197	63	108	29.3	44	209	3.5	96	48	66	31.4	47
Dec-Feb 2026	355	3.5	176	76	103	29.1	50	187	3.1	90	24	73	39.2	47
Mar-May 2026	367	3.6	203	62	102	27.9	54	186	3.1	83	29	74	39.6	44
Jun-Aug 2026	361	3.5	190	49	122	33.9	57	186	3.1	84	36	66	35.4	40
Change on quarter	-6	-0.1	-13	-13	20	6.0	3	0	0.0	1	6	-8	-4.2	-4
Change %	-1.5		-6.3	-20.7	19.5		5.2	0.0		1.8	21.8	-10.6		-9.2
Change on year	7	0.0	-1	-18	27	6.9	5	-12	-0.2	-11	-7	6	5.3	-1
Change %	2.1		-0.7	-27.2	28.4		9.7	-6.2		-11.9	-16.6	10.5		-2.4
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBVY	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZI
Jun-Aug 2024	317	3.3	191	54	71	22.6	28	127	2.4	59	29	39	30.6	25
Jun-Aug 2025	361	3.7	221	52	88	24.3	26	164	3.0	91	31	42	25.5	18
Sep-Nov 2025	365	3.7	209	69	87	23.9	38	162	2.9	92	27	42	26.2	23
Dec-Feb 2026	376	3.8	196	84	96	25.5	40	144	2.6	76	27	41	28.4	23
Mar-May 2026	320	3.3	169	68	82	25.8	29	144	2.6	80	27	37	25.5	20
Jun-Aug 2026	331	3.4	176	64	91	27.6	38	119	2.2	70	20	29	24.5	19
Change on quarter	11	0.1	7	-5	9	1.8	10	-25	-0.4	-10	-7	-8	-1.0	-1
Change %	3.5		4.1	-6.9	10.7		33.4	-17.3		-12.6	-26.6	-20.6		-5.5
Change on year	-30	-0.3	-45	11	4	3.3	12	-45	-0.8	-21	-11	-13	-1.0	0
Change %	-8.3		-20.2	21.2	4.1		47.2	-27.3		-23.5	-34.9	-30.2		2.6

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged & over	16 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
Jun-Aug 2024	35,179	33,614	454	3,873	7,951	11,661	9,674	1,565
Jun-Aug 2025	35,959	34,205	513	4,019	8,019	11,834	9,819	1,754
Sep-Nov 2025	36,145	34,361	480	4,101	8,074	11,898	9,809	1,783
Dec-Feb 2026	36,104	34,334	466	4,047	8,078	11,959	9,784	1,771
Mar-May 2026	36,235	34,418	486	4,056	8,088	11,963	9,826	1,817
Jun-Aug 2026	36,290	34,499	468	4,129	8,074	12,044	9,784	1,791
Change on quarter	55	80	-18	73	-14	81	-42	-26
Change %	0.2	0.2	-3.7	1.8	-0.2	0.7	-0.4	-1.4
Change on year	331	294	-46	110	54	210	-34	37
Change %	0.9	0.9	-8.9	2.7	0.7	1.8	-0.4	2.1
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jun-Aug 2024	18,089	17,179	212	2,003	4,048	5,919	4,997	910
Jun-Aug 2025	18,531	17,514	249	2,087	4,135	5,997	5,046	1,017
Sep-Nov 2025	18,580	17,580	232	2,150	4,133	6,016	5,049	999
Dec-Feb 2026	18,576	17,590	220	2,122	4,152	6,094	5,002	986
Mar-May 2026	18,746	17,721	243	2,148	4,168	6,126	5,036	1,025
Jun-Aug 2026	18,769	17,732	227	2,203	4,153	6,132	5,017	1,037
Change on quarter	23	11	-16	55	-15	6	-19	12
Change %	0.1	0.1	-6.5	2.6	-0.4	0.1	-0.4	1.2
Change on year	238	218	-22	116	18	135	-29	20
Change %	1.3	1.2	-9.0	5.6	0.4	2.3	-0.6	2.0
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Jun-Aug 2024	17,090	16,435	242	1,870	3,903	5,743	4,677	655
Jun-Aug 2025	17,428	16,690	264	1,932	3,884	5,837	4,772	737
Sep-Nov 2025	17,565	16,781	248	1,951	3,941	5,881	4,760	784
Dec-Feb 2026	17,528	16,744	245	1,925	3,926	5,866	4,782	785
Mar-May 2026	17,489	16,698	243	1,907	3,920	5,838	4,790	791
Jun-Aug 2026	17,520	16,766	241	1,926	3,921	5,912	4,767	754
Change on quarter	31	69	-2	18	1	74	-23	-37
Change %	0.2	0.4	-1.0	1.0	0.0	1.3	-0.5	-4.7
Change on year	92	76	-23	-6	37	74	-6	17
Change %	0.5	0.5	-8.8	-0.3	0.9	1.3	-0.1	2.2

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Jun-Aug 2024	63.1	78.2	28.4	67.7	87.2	88.0	72.9	12.3
Jun-Aug 2025	63.9	79.0	31.5	69.1	87.6	87.8	74.1	13.5
Sep-Nov 2025	64.0	79.2	29.4	70.2	88.2	87.9	74.2	13.7
Dec-Feb 2026	63.8	79.0	28.5	69.0	88.2	88.0	74.1	13.5
Mar-May 2026	63.9	79.1	29.7	68.8	88.3	87.7	74.5	13.8
Jun-Aug 2026	63.8	79.1	28.6	69.8	88.2	87.9	74.3	13.5
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	-1.1	1.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Change on year	0.0	0.2	-2.9	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jun-Aug 2024	66.9	81.3	25.9	68.7	90.5	92.1	77.0	15.4
Jun-Aug 2025	67.7	82.2	29.8	70.3	91.8	91.8	78.0	16.8
Sep-Nov 2025	67.7	82.3	27.8	72.1	91.7	91.7	78.1	16.4
Dec-Feb 2026	67.6	82.2	26.3	70.8	92.0	92.5	77.5	16.1
Mar-May 2026	68.0	82.7	29.0	71.3	92.3	92.6	78.1	16.7
Jun-Aug 2026	67.9	82.6	27.1	72.8	91.9	92.3	78.0	16.8
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-1.9	1.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
Change on year	0.2	0.4	-2.8	2.5	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Jun-Aug 2024	59.6	75.2	31.0	66.6	83.9	84.1	69.0	9.6
Jun-Aug 2025	60.2	75.8	33.2	67.9	83.5	84.1	70.5	10.6
Sep-Nov 2025	60.5	76.2	31.1	68.3	84.8	84.3	70.4	11.2
Dec-Feb 2026	60.3	75.9	30.8	67.1	84.5	83.7	70.8	11.2
Mar-May 2026	60.0	75.6	30.5	66.2	84.5	83.0	71.0	11.2
Jun-Aug 2026	60.0	75.8	30.2	66.6	84.6	83.7	70.8	10.7
Change on quarter	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.6
Change on year	-0.2	-0.1	-3.0	-1.3	1.1	-0.4	0.3	0.0

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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)		
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers ¹	Retired	Other ²	Does not want job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2	
Jun-Aug 2024	9,358	2,510	1,697	206	2,796	32	1,085	1,032	7,496	1,862
Jun-Aug 2025	9,114	2,328	1,589	181	2,824	38	1,023	1,132	7,063	2,051
Sep-Nov 2025	9,026	2,404	1,559	196	2,800	37	1,033	998	6,944	2,082
Dec-Feb 2026	9,123	2,459	1,555	205	2,792	30	1,038	1,045	7,007	2,116
Mar-May 2026	9,108	2,446	1,547	185	2,747	29	1,041	1,114	6,965	2,143
Jun-Aug 2026	9,091	2,453	1,559	186	2,738	30	1,080	1,044	7,025	2,067
Change on quarter	-16	8	12	2	-9	1	40	-69	60	-77
Change %	-0.2	0.3	0.7	0.9	-0.3	4.8	3.8	-6.2	0.9	-3.6
Change on year	-22	125	-30	5	-86	-8	58	-88	-38	16
Change %	-0.2	5.4	-1.9	3.0	-3.0	-20.3	5.6	-7.7	-0.5	0.8
Men	BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
Jun-Aug 2024	3,948	1,285	237	111	1,306	20	491	499	3,088	860
Jun-Aug 2025	3,799	1,166	217	92	1,335	23	468	498	2,862	937
Sep-Nov 2025	3,771	1,211	212	94	1,326	22	476	429	2,842	929
Dec-Feb 2026	3,799	1,215	237	101	1,286	17	485	459	2,831	967
Mar-May 2026	3,706	1,187	215	95	1,230	15	489	476	2,759	947
Jun-Aug 2026	3,730	1,193	237	72	1,260	14	501	453	2,804	927
Change on quarter	24	6	22	-23	30	0	12	-23	45	-21
Change %	0.6	0.5	10.3	-24.7	2.4	-1.8	2.5	-4.9	1.6	-2.2
Change on year	-69	27	20	-20	-75	-8	34	-46	-59	-10
Change %	-1.8	2.3	9.0	-22.2	-5.6	-36.6	7.2	-9.2	-2.0	-1.1
Women	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5	
Jun-Aug 2024	5,410	1,225	1,460	95	1,490	12	594	533	4,408	1,002
Jun-Aug 2025	5,315	1,162	1,371	89	1,488	15	555	634	4,201	1,114
Sep-Nov 2025	5,255	1,193	1,347	102	1,474	15	556	568	4,102	1,153
Dec-Feb 2026	5,324	1,244	1,318	104	1,506	13	553	586	4,176	1,149
Mar-May 2026	5,402	1,259	1,332	90	1,517	14	552	638	4,206	1,196
Jun-Aug 2026	5,361	1,260	1,322	115	1,478	16	579	592	4,221	1,140
Change on quarter	-40	1	-11	25	-40	2	28	-46	15	-56
Change %	-0.7	0.1	-0.8	28.1	-2.6	11.6	5.0	-7.2	0.4	-4.7
Change on year	47	98	-49	26	-11	1	24	-42	20	26
Change %	0.9	8.4	-3.6	29.1	-0.7	3.7	4.3	-6.6	0.5	2.4
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Jun-Aug 2024	100.0	26.8	18.1	2.2	29.9	0.3	11.6	11.0	80.1	19.9
Jun-Aug 2025	100.0	25.5	17.4	2.0	31.0	0.4	11.2	12.4	77.5	22.5
Sep-Nov 2025	100.0	26.6	17.3	2.2	31.0	0.4	11.4	11.1	76.9	23.1
Dec-Feb 2026	100.0	26.9	17.0	2.2	30.6	0.3	11.4	11.5	76.8	23.2
Mar-May 2026	100.0	26.9	17.0	2.0	30.2	0.3	11.4	12.2	76.5	23.5
Jun-Aug 2026	100.0	27.0	17.1	2.0	30.1	0.3	11.9	11.5	77.3	22.7
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jun-Aug 2024	100.0	32.5	6.0	2.8	33.1	0.5	12.4	12.6	78.2	21.8
Jun-Aug 2025	100.0	30.7	5.7	2.4	35.1	0.6	12.3	13.1	75.3	24.7
Sep-Nov 2025	100.0	32.1	5.6	2.5	35.2	0.6	12.6	11.4	75.4	24.6
Dec-Feb 2026	100.0	32.0	6.2	2.7	33.8	0.4	12.8	12.1	74.5	25.5
Mar-May 2026	100.0	32.0	5.8	2.6	33.2	0.4	13.2	12.8	74.4	25.6
Jun-Aug 2026	100.0	32.0	6.4	1.9	33.8	0.4	13.4	12.1	75.2	24.8
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Jun-Aug 2024	100.0	22.7	27.0	1.8	27.6	0.2	11.0	9.9	81.5	18.5
Jun-Aug 2025	100.0	21.9	25.8	1.7	28.0	0.3	10.4	11.9	79.0	21.0
Sep-Nov 2025	100.0	22.7	25.6	1.9	28.0	0.3	10.6	10.8	78.1	21.9
Dec-Feb 2026	100.0	23.4	24.8	2.0	28.3	0.2	10.4	11.0	78.4	21.6
Mar-May 2026	100.0	23.3	24.7	1.7	28.1	0.3	10.2	11.8	77.9	22.1
Jun-Aug 2026	100.0	23.5	24.7	2.1	27.6	0.3	10.8	11.0	78.7	21.3

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

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

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

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

Jun-Aug 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	1,636	297	171	1,169	1,357	236	131	991	279	62	39	178
18-24	5,917	3,584	545	1,788	2,008	738	138	1,132	3,909	2,847	406	656
16-24	7,553	3,882	715	2,956	3,365	973	270	2,122	4,188	2,908	446	834

Men

16-17	838	138	89	611	683	98	67	519	155	40	23	92
18-24	3,027	1,885	318	824	941	330	72	539	2,086	1,555	246	285
16-24	3,865	2,022	408	1,435	1,624	428	139	1,058	2,241	1,595	269	378

Women

16-17	798	160	81	557	674	138	64	472	124	22	17	86
18-24	2,890	1,700	226	964	1,067	408	66	593	1,823	1,292	160	371
16-24	3,688	1,859	307	1,521	1,741	546	131	1,065	1,947	1,313	177	457

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	2	-44	26	20	-20	-37	14	2	23	-7	12	18
18-24	23	127	-54	-50	8	24	-19	3	15	103	-35	-53
16-24	26	83	-28	-30	-12	-13	-4	6	38	96	-23	-35

Men

16-17	1	-25	9	17	-13	-28	8	7	14	3	1	10
18-24	13	98	-43	-42	-5	6	-15	4	18	93	-29	-45
16-24	14	73	-34	-25	-18	-22	-6	11	32	95	-28	-35

Women

16-17	1	-19	16	3	-8	-9	6	-5	9	-10	11	8
18-24	10	29	-10	-8	13	18	-4	-1	-3	11	-6	-8
16-24	11	10	6	-5	5	9	2	-5	6	1	5	0

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	18.2	36.5	71.4		17.4	35.8	73.0		22.1	39.0	63.8
18-24	60.6	13.2	30.2		36.7	15.8	56.4		72.8	12.5	16.8
16-24	51.4	15.6	39.1		28.9	21.7	63.1		69.4	13.3	19.9

Men

16-17	16.4	39.4	72.9		14.3	40.6	75.9		25.7	36.2	59.7
18-24	62.3	14.5	27.2		35.1	18.0	57.3		74.5	13.7	13.7
16-24	52.3	16.8	37.1		26.3	24.5	65.1		71.2	14.4	16.8

Women

16-17	20.0	33.7	69.8		20.5	31.8	70.0		17.5	43.6	68.9
18-24	58.8	11.7	33.4		38.2	14.0	55.6		70.9	11.0	20.4
16-24	50.4	14.2	41.2		31.4	19.3	61.1		67.5	11.9	23.5

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	-2.7	6.7	1.1		-2.4	5.8	1.2		-4.7	10.1	1.5
18-24	1.9	-1.6	-1.0		1.0	-2.3	-0.1		2.4	-1.4	-1.4
16-24	0.9	-0.8	-0.5		-0.3	-0.1	0.4		1.7	-1.0	-1.0

Men

16-17	-3.0	6.5	1.9		-3.7	8.9	2.3		-0.7	-0.5	1.4
18-24	3.0	-2.4	-1.5		0.8	-3.2	0.7		3.8	-2.2	-2.3
16-24	1.7	-1.7	-0.8		-1.1	0.1	1.3		3.3	-2.1	-1.8

Women

16-17	-2.4	7.1	0.3		-1.1	3.4	0.1		-9.7	26.9	1.7
18-24	0.8	-0.7	-0.4		1.2	-1.4	-0.7		0.7	-0.5	-0.4
16-24	0.1	0.2	-0.3		0.4	-0.1	-0.5		-0.1	0.3	-0.1

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:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peoplenotinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationonemploymentortrainingneet/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.

EARNINGS

13 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - total pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (81%) ²			Public sector (19%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	KAC4	KAC5	KAC6	KAC7	KAC8	KAC9
Aug 24	697	4.8	4.1	703	5.0	5.0	667	4.0	0.1
Jun 25 (r)	725	4.7	4.7	731	4.5	4.5	705	4.8	5.3
Jul 25 (r)	728	5.0	4.8	734	4.9	4.7	709	5.0	5.1
Aug 25 (r)	734	5.4	5.0	737	5.0	4.8	716	7.4	5.7
Sep 25	734	4.4	4.9	737	3.5	4.5	721	7.8	6.7 (r)
Oct 25	739	4.8	4.8	742	4.0	4.2 (r)	726	8.0	7.7
Nov 25	739	4.6	4.6	742	3.9	3.8	726	7.4	7.7
Dec 25	738	3.2	4.2	741	2.7	3.6	729	5.5	6.9
Jan 26	743	4.6	4.1	747	4.5	3.7	730	5.0	5.9
Feb 26	746	3.9	3.9	750	3.6	3.6	733	5.0	5.2
Mar 26	756	4.8	4.4	758	4.6	4.3	732	4.7	4.9
Apr 26	753	4.7	4.4	756	4.4	4.2	743	6.0	5.2
May 26	751	3.7	4.4	753	3.3	4.1	748	6.0	5.5
Jun 26 (r)	756	4.2	4.2	757	3.6	3.7	752	6.7	6.2
Jul 26 (r)	757	3.9	3.9	757	3.1	3.3	760	7.2	6.6
Aug 26 (p)	757	3.1	3.7	757	2.7	3.1	752	5.0	6.3

	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (86%) ²			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (19%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5BZ	K5C2	K5C3	K5C4	K5C5	K5C6	KAD8	KAD9	KAE2
Aug 24	683	4.8	4.0	945	3.8	4.6	665	4.1	0.0
Jun 25 (r)	711	4.7	4.7	969	2.1	2.9	704	6.4	6.1
Jul 25 (r)	715	5.1	4.8	978	4.3	2.9	703	5.5	5.9
Aug 25 (r)	722	5.6	5.1	979	3.6	3.3	718	7.9	6.6
Sep 25	721	4.5	5.1	979	2.3	3.4	722	8.7	7.4
Oct 25	727	4.9	5.0 (r)	992	3.5	3.1	725	8.1	8.2
Nov 25	728	4.8	4.7	988	3.5	3.1	725	7.4	8.0
Dec 25	728	3.2	4.3	962	-1.0	2.0	728	5.5	7.0
Jan 26	733	5.0	4.3	1005	6.1	2.9	728	4.9	5.9
Feb 26	735	4.3	4.2	1006	5.4	3.5	731	5.0	5.1
Mar 26	742	5.0	4.8	1029	6.0	5.8	730	4.6	4.8
Apr 26	741	4.8	4.7	1005	3.2	4.8	742	5.9	5.2
May 26	741	4.0	4.6	999	3.2	4.1	743	5.9	5.5
Jun 26	744	4.6	4.5	1012	4.5	3.6	751	6.6	6.2
Jul 26 (r)	745	4.1	4.3	1008	3.1	3.6	754	7.2	6.6
Aug 26 (p)	745	3.3	4.0	1013	3.5	3.7	754	5.1	6.3

	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (7%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (22%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5CA	K5CB	K5CC	K5CD	K5CE	K5CF	K5CG	K5CH	K5CI
Aug 24	765	5.7	6.2	780	5.0	4.6	464	5.9	5.3
Jun 25 (r)	801	5.1	4.5	811	4.8	5.0	483	5.3	6.3
Jul 25 (r)	799	5.0	4.8	810	4.2	4.6	488	5.6	5.9
Aug 25 (r)	803	5.0	5.0	810	3.8	4.3	494	6.6	5.8
Sep 25	802	4.1	4.7 (r)	809	2.1	3.4	495	5.7	5.9
Oct 25	805	4.2	4.4	826	3.8	3.2	493	5.6	5.9 (r)
Nov 25	807	4.1	4.1	808	1.7	2.5	494	4.9	5.4
Dec 25	810	5.0	4.4	809	1.0	2.1	498	6.0	5.5
Jan 26	810	3.7	4.2	797	0.0	0.9	490	4.6	5.2
Feb 26	817	3.8	4.1	799	-2.1	-0.4	502	3.8	4.8
Mar 26	820	3.5	3.7	794	-2.6	-1.6	509	6.6	5.0
Apr 26	823	4.9	4.1	820	1.8	-1.0	506	5.0	5.1
May 26	813	2.5	3.6	808	0.5	-0.1	506	4.2	5.3
Jun 26 (r)	821	2.6	3.3	816	0.6	1.0	505	4.6	4.6
Jul 26 (r)	818	2.4	2.5	823	1.5	0.9	506	3.7	4.2
Aug 26 (p)	824	2.7	2.6	818	1.0	1.0	501	1.4	3.2

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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1. Estimates of total pay include bonuses but exclude arrears of pay.

2. The figure in brackets is the percentage of whole economy employment in that sector or industry for the latest time period.

3. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

EARNINGS

14 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - bonus pay

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

Whole Economy (100%) ¹				Private sector (81%) ²			Public sector (19%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAF4	KAF5	KAF6	KAF7	KAF8	KAF9	KAG2	KAG3	KAG4
Aug 24	43	3.7	-10.3	54	7.3	4.5	3	-64.3	-91.1
Jun 25 (r)	48	3.7	0.2	60	5.4	0.9	2	-51.9	-37.5
Jul 25 (r)	49	12.7	4.8	61	14.5	6.3	2	-31.2	-41.1
Aug 25 (r)	54	25.3	13.6	65	21.4	13.6	8	164.8	23.0
Sep 25	49	-0.6	11.9 (r)	61	-2.9	10.3 (r)	2	97.6	71.6 (r)
Oct 25	53	12.0	11.7 (r)	67	15.7	10.8 (r)	2	-72.9	0.2 (r)
Nov 25	53	16.6	9.1	63	17.2	9.5	2	-26.1	-46.7
Dec 25	47	-4.4	7.8	56	-5.8	8.7	3	-29.8	-53.9
Jan 26	53	21.3	10.5	64	21.8	10.4	2	9.3	-19.4
Feb 26	53	10.7	8.6	64	10.3	8.2	3	28.4	-4.1
Mar 26	54	10.4	13.8	66	10.4	13.9	2	48.8	26.2
Apr 26	56	21.5	14.0	68	22.0	14.1	2	65.9	45.0
May 26	53	10.8	14.1	64	9.9	14.0	2	15.2	41.1
Jun 26 (r)	53	12.2	14.7	67	12.0	14.5	2	24.3	33.5
Jul 26 (r)	53	7.7	10.2	64	4.5	8.8	4	115.6	55.5
Aug 26 (p)	50	-7.3	3.7	62	-4.9	3.6	3	-66.0	-20.8

Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (86%) ¹				Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (19%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5CS	K5CT	K5CU	K5CV	K5CW	K5CX	KAH3	KAH4	KAH5
Aug 24	44	3.5	-12.5	111	6.6	4.8	1	-65.2	-93.2
Jun 25 (r)	48	3.8	-0.3	116	-1.4	-4.2	2	22.1	1.5
Jul 25 (r)	50	13.4	3.9	125	20.5	1.5	1	-33.4	-11.0
Aug 25 (r)	57	31.2	15.8	130	17.0	11.6	6	288.4	76.2
Sep 25	51	-1.0	13.6 (r)	118	-2.3	11.1 (r)	2	109.0	103.5 (r)
Oct 25	55	12.5	13.3 (r)	154	30.6	14.9 (r)	2	-72.1	7.9 (r)
Nov 25	54	19.3	9.9	127	27.7	18.0	1	-22.7	-44.3
Dec 25	48	-6.1	8.1	102	-19.9	11.1	2	-29.5	-52.6
Jan 26	54	22.1	11.0	138	32.7	10.9	2	9.7	-18.0
Feb 26	54	11.4	8.5	132	20.3	9.1	4	87.0	15.4
Mar 26	56	12.0	15.0	133	8.9	20.0	2	32.3	46.3
Apr 26	56	20.0	14.4	138	23.4	17.3	2	73.4	64.6
May 26	54	10.2	14.0	118	15.9	15.9	2	14.3	36.4
Jun 26 (r)	55	14.7	14.9	139	20.3	20.0	2	13.9	28.4
Jul 26 (r)	54	7.8	10.9	124	-0.4	11.5	3	121.3	42.7
Aug 26 (p)	53	-7.3	4.4	129	-0.6	6.0	2	-64.3	-19.3

Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (7%) ²				Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ¹			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (22%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5D3	K5D4	K5D5	K5D6	K5D7	K5D8	K5D9	K5DA	K5DB
Aug 24	34	1.1	9.6	42	51.0	23.0	25	-8.0	-11.6
Jun 25 (r)	44	17.0	2.7	46	15.0	19.7	24	-8.6	-2.2
Jul 25 (r)	37	14.4	10.4	47	17.7	21.5	28	0.8	-2.6
Aug 25 (r)	39	16.7	16.1	43	2.5	11.6	32	25.1	5.3
Sep 25	39	3.2	11.1 (r)	43	-6.8	3.9 (r)	36	8.7	11.0 (r)
Oct 25	31	-15.5	1.1 (r)	58	33.5	9.5 (r)	29	11.4	14.4 (r)
Nov 25	36	1.7	-3.5	41	-6.6	6.4	30	14.4	11.3
Dec 25	39	19.6	1.4	40	-12.4	4.4	30	15.1	13.6
Jan 26	39	11.4	10.6	36	-2.3	-7.5	25	4.2	11.5
Feb 26	49	21.0	17.4	41	-20.4	-12.7	33	26.6	15.7
Mar 26	40	6.1	13.0	42	-16.5	-14.2	35	27.6	20.1
Apr 26	48	39.5	21.7	54	28.8	-4.6	34	22.6	25.6
May 26	38	0.4	14.6	52	13.0	7.1	33	14.8	21.5
Jun 26 (r)	41	-7.3	9.1	51	11.0	17.3	32	31.9	22.6
Jul 26 (r)	34	-9.8	-5.6	48	2.5	8.8	34	21.1	22.1
Aug 26 (p)	42	7.8	-3.1	28	-35.6	-6.7	29	-9.4	12.8

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

Earnings enquiries: 01633 456120

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1. The figure in brackets is the percentage of whole economy employment in that sector or industry for the latest time period.

2. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

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15 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - regular pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (81%) ²			Public sector (19%) ²		
	% changes year on year			% changes year on year			% changes year on year		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³
	KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	KAJ2	KAJ3	KAJ4	KAJ5	KAJ6	KAJ7
Aug 24	652	4.9	5.2	648	4.9	5.1	667	4.8	5.2
Jun 25	678	4.8	4.9	672	4.5	4.8	703	5.8	5.7
Jul 25	680	4.7	4.8	674	4.5	4.7 (r)	703	5.5	5.6
Aug 25	682	4.7	4.7	675	4.2	4.4	711	6.6	6.0
Sep 25	685	4.6	4.7	677	3.9	4.2	721	7.8	6.6
Oct 25	687	4.5	4.6	679	3.5	3.9	726	8.5	7.6
Nov 25	688	4.1	4.4	678	3.3	3.6	725	7.5	7.9
Dec 25	691	3.9	4.1	682	3.4	3.4	728	5.6	7.2
Jan 26	691	3.6	3.8	683	3.2	3.3	728	5.0	6.0
Feb 26	692	3.3	3.6	684	2.9	3.2	730	4.9	5.2
Mar 26	693	3.4	3.4	685	3.1	3.1	729	4.6	4.8
Apr 26	697	3.5	3.4	687	2.9	3.0	741	5.9	5.1
May 26	699	3.3	3.4	688	2.7	2.9	743	5.9	5.5
Jun 26	703	3.7	3.5	692	3.0	2.9	749	6.6	6.1 (r)
Jul 26 (r)	705	3.8	3.6	695	3.1	2.9	749	6.4	6.3
Aug 26 (p)	707	3.6	3.7	696	3.1	3.0	752	5.7	6.3

	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (86%) ²			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (19%) ²		
	% changes year on year			% changes year on year			% changes year on year		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³
	K5DL	K5DM	K5DN	K5DO	K5DP	K5DQ	KAK6	KAK7	KAK8
Aug 24	638	4.9	5.2	833	3.6	4.5	662	4.8	5.1
Jun 25 (r)	664	4.8	5.0	853	2.7	3.1	702	6.2	6.1
Jul 25 (r)	666	4.7	4.9	855	3.2	3.0	701	5.9	6.0
Aug 25 (r)	669	4.8	4.8	855	2.7	2.8	709	7.0	6.4
Sep 25	673	4.8	4.7 (r)	859	2.5	2.8	722	8.5	7.1
Oct 25	675	4.6	4.7	860	1.7	2.3	725	8.5	8.0
Nov 25	674	4.1	4.5	860	2.2	2.1	725	7.5	8.2
Dec 25	677	3.9	4.2	865	2.2	2.0	726	5.5	7.2
Jan 26	677	3.8	3.9	868	2.5	2.3	727	5.0	6.0
Feb 26	679	3.5	3.7	870	2.6	2.4	728	4.9	5.2
Mar 26	679	3.6	3.6	868	2.7	2.6	728	4.5	4.8
Apr 26	685	3.8	3.6	872	2.1	2.5	740	6.0	5.1
May 26	687	3.6	3.7	874	2.3	2.4	741	6.0	5.5
Jun 26	691	3.9	3.8	875	2.6	2.3	748	6.5	6.1
Jul 26 (r)	693	4.0	3.8	884	3.5	2.8	746	6.4	6.3
Aug 26 (p)	694	3.7	3.9	887	3.7	3.3	749	5.8	6.2

	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (7%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (22%) ²		
	% changes year on year			% changes year on year			% changes year on year		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³	Weekly Earnings (£)	Single month	3 month average ³
	K5DU	K5DV	K5DW	K5DX	K5DY	K5DZ	K5E2	K5E3	K5E4
Aug 24	730	5.8	5.9	739	4.0	4.1	437	6.6	6.3
Jun 25 (r)	758	4.7	4.6	766	4.3	4.4	458	6.1	6.8
Jul 25 (r)	761	4.4	4.5	764	3.6	3.9	460	5.8	6.4
Aug 25 (r)	764	4.7	4.6	767	3.7	3.9	462	5.7	5.9
Sep 25	763	4.1	4.4	767	2.8	3.4	462	5.6	5.7
Oct 25	769	4.7	4.5	768	2.1	2.9 (r)	464	5.4	5.6 (r)
Nov 25	768	4.2	4.3	767	2.1	2.3	464	4.4	5.1
Dec 25	771	4.2	4.4	766	2.4	2.2	469	5.5	5.1
Jan 26	769	3.4	3.9	758	0.1	1.5	465	4.6	4.8
Feb 26	772	3.1	3.6	759	-0.9	0.5	468	2.8	4.3
Mar 26	775	3.2	3.2	756	-1.0	-0.6	470	4.0	3.8
Apr 26	774	2.6	3.0	762	0.1	-0.6	472	3.8	3.5
May 26	776	2.5	2.8	761	-0.1	-0.3	472	3.2	3.6
Jun 26	783	3.2	2.8	766 (r)	0.0	0.0	473	3.4	3.4
Jul 26 (r)	783	2.8	2.8	775	1.5	0.5	473	2.8	3.1
Aug 26 (p)	783	2.5	2.9	782	1.9	1.1	471	1.9	2.7

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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1. Estimates of regular pay exclude bonuses and arrears of pay.

2. The figure in brackets is the percentage of whole economy employment in that sector or industry for the latest time period.

3. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

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16 Average Weekly Earnings - real and nominal¹

Great Britain whole economy, seasonally adjusted

Total pay (including bonuses) ¹						
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ^{3, 4}		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2015 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	A3WX	A3WV	A3WW
Aug 24	697	4.8	4.1	523	1.7	1.1
Jun 25 (r)	725	4.7	4.7	527	0.6	0.4
Jul 25 (r)	728	5.0	4.8	528	0.8	0.6
Aug 25 (r)	734	5.4	5.0	530	1.3	0.9
Sep 25	734	4.4	4.9	529	0.3	0.8
Oct 25	739	4.8	4.8	531	0.8	0.8
Nov 25	739	4.6	4.6	531	1.0	0.7
Dec 25	738	3.2	4.2	529	-0.2	0.5
Jan 26	743	4.6	4.1	531	1.5	0.8
Feb 26	746	3.9	3.9	532	0.7	0.6
Mar 26	756	4.8	4.4	535	1.2	1.1
Apr 26	753	4.7	4.4	535	1.6	1.2
May 26	751	3.7	4.4	531	0.7	1.2
Jun 26	756	4.2	4.2	534	1.3	1.2
Jul 26 (r)	757	3.9	3.9	532	0.9	1.0
Aug 26 (p)	757	3.1	3.7	530	-0.1	0.7

Regular pay (excluding bonuses)						
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ^{3, 4}		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2015 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	A2FC	A2F9	A2FA
Aug 24	652	4.9	5.2	490	1.8	2.2
Jun 25	678	4.8	4.9	493	0.7	0.9
Jul 25	680	4.7	4.8	492	0.4 (r)	0.7
Aug 25	682	4.7	4.7	493	0.6 (r)	0.6
Sep 25	685	4.6	4.7	494	0.5	0.5
Oct 25	687	4.5	4.6	495	0.6	0.6
Nov 25	688	4.1	4.4	495	0.5	0.6
Dec 25	691	3.9	4.1	495	0.3	0.5
Jan 26	691	3.6	3.8	493	0.4	0.4
Feb 26	692	3.3	3.6	493	0.0	0.2
Mar 26	693	3.4	3.4	492	-0.1	0.1
Apr 26	697	3.5	3.4	494	0.5	0.1
May 26	699	3.3	3.4	495	0.4	0.3
Jun 26	703	3.7	3.5	497	0.8	0.6
Jul 26 (r)	705	3.8	3.6	495	0.6	0.6
Aug 26 (p)	707	3.6	3.7	494	0.3	0.6

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

Earnings enquiries: 01633 456120

Email: earnings@ons.gov.uk

1. Estimates of total pay include bonuses but exclude arrears of pay.

2. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

3. Estimates of real earnings are calculated by deflating the nominal earnings estimates by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), our preferred measure of consumer price inflation.

4. An error has been identified in the inflation measures for April 2025, this [note](#) provides more detail.

17 International Comparisons of Employment and Unemployment rates

Seasonally adjusted

	Latest period	Employment rate (%) ²	Change on quarter (percentage points)	Change on year (percentage points)		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on quarter (percentage points)	Change on year (percentage points)
G7 Employment rates					G7 Unemployment				
United Kingdom ^{1,2,3}	2026 Q2	75.1	0.1	-0.2	United Kingdom ^{1,2,3}	2026 Q2	4.9	-0.1	0.2
Canada	2026 Q2	74.5	0.2	0.5	Canada	2026 Q2	6.7	0.0	-0.3
France	2026 Q2	69.1	-0.2	-0.4	France	2026 Q2	8.4	0.2	0.8
Germany ⁴	2026 Q2	77.3	0.0	0.2	Germany ⁴	2026 Q2	3.9	0.0	0.1
Italy	2026 Q2	63.1	0.2	0.7	Italy	2026 Q2	5.8	0.9	-0.7
Japan	2026 Q2	80.5	0.3	0.4	Japan	2026 Q2	2.5	-0.2	0.0
United States ^{2,3,5}	2026 Q3	71.9	0.2	0.3	United States ^{2,3,5}	2026 Q3	4.1	-0.1	-0.2

Source: OECD

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

- As figures are taken from OECD they will not match ONS published figures for the United Kingdom.
- Employment rate data is for ages 15 to 64. For the United Kingdom and the United States, the lower age limit is 16 years old.
- Unemployment rate data is for ages 15 and over. For the United Kingdom and the United States, the lower age limit is 16 years old.
- Estimated values are highlighted with shaded cells.

18 Labour disputes

not seasonally adjusted

Time period and dataset code row	Working days lost (thousands) ^{1,2}	Number of stoppages ^{1,2,3}		Workers involved (thousands) ¹
		BBFW	BLUU	
Dataset identifier code				BLUT
August 2020	[x]	[x]		[x]
August 2021	[x]	[x]		[x]
August 2022	359	78		150
August 2023	119	493		53
August 2024	33	21		5
August 2025	15	18		4
September 2025	47	49		11
October 2025	36	38		5
November 2025	143	251		44
December 2025	119	254		35
January 2026	31	63		6
February 2026	41	44		5
March 2026	23	43		6
April 2026	120	240		36
May 2026 [r]	28	50		6
June 2026 [r]	38	62		10
July 2026 [r]	33	64		6
August 2026 [p]	23	32		5

Data source: ONS Labour Disputes Survey
Labour disputes enquiries 01633 455400

1. In April 2020, collection and publication of labour disputes data were temporarily suspended to protect and prioritise our outputs in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In June 2022, collection of the Labour Disputes Inquiry restarted, but only for the period from January 2022 onwards.

2. As a result of difficulties in consistently defining a stoppage over time, the number of working days lost is considered to be a better indicator of the impact of labour disputes than the number of recorded stoppages.

3. A stoppage is defined as a dispute between a single trade union and a single employer. Where a union co-ordinates disputes with several employers, or several unions co-ordinate action with a single employer, this would be counted as multiple stoppages.

[p] - provisional, [r] - revised, [x] - not available

VACANCIES

19 Vacancies¹ by size of business

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Number of employees					
		All Vacancies	1-9	10-49	50-249	250-2499	2500+
		AP2Y	ALY5	ALY6	ALY7	ALY8	ALY9
Levels							
Jul-Sep 2024		840	138	131	126	181	265
Jul-Sep 2025	(r)	728	115	107	110	167	229
Aug-Oct 2025		728	116	106	109	168	228
Sep-Nov 2025		730	120	103	108	168	232
Oct-Dec 2025		739	122	104	106	173	234
Nov-Jan 2026		734	119	101	108	171	235
Dec-Feb 2026		725	113	100	107	171	235
Jan-Mar 2026		718	106	100	108	170	236
Feb-Apr 2026		713	103	99	105	169	238
Mar-May 2026		710	98	99	107	168	239
Apr-Jun 2026	(r)	711	98	100	105	169	239
May-Jul 2026	(r)	707	94	99	105	169	240
Jun-Aug 2026	(r)	704	89	99	104	170	241
Jul-Sep 2026	(p)	691	77	100	104	171	238
Change on quarter	*	-21	-21	-1	-1	2	-1
Change %	*	-2.9	-21.1	-0.7	-0.6	1.2	-0.3
Change on year		-37	-38	-8	-6	4	9
Change %		-5.1	-32.8	-7.1	-5.0	2.6	3.9

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 455400

1. The survey covers all sectors of the economy with the exception of agriculture, forestry and fishing (SIC07 section A), activities of households as employers (SIC07 section T), and employment agencies (SIC07 division 78).

* Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

20 Vacancies¹ and Unemployment

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		All Vacancies ¹	Unemployment ²	Number of unemployed people per vacancy
		AP2Y	MGSC	JPC5
Levels				
Jun-Aug 2024		853	1,436	1.7
Jun-Aug 2025		738	1,738	2.4
Sep-Nov 2025		730	1,833	2.5
Dec-Feb 2026		725	1,777	2.5
Mar-May 2026		710	1,760	2.5
Jun-Aug 2026	(r)	704	1,712	2.4
Change on quarter		-6	-47	0.0
Change %		-0.9	-2.7	
Change on year		-35	-26	0.1
Change %		-4.7	-1.5	

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey/ Labour Force Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 455400

1. The survey covers all sectors of the economy with the exception of agriculture, forestry and fishing (SIC07 section A), activities of households as employers (SIC07 section T), and employment agencies (SIC07 division 78).

2. Unemployment estimates are produced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and are always one period behind the ONS Vacancy Survey estimates. This table therefore shows estimates for the same periods as shown in table 1 (which shows LFS estimates).

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies by industry¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All vacancies ² B-S	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply ² D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities E	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage H	Accommodation & food service activities I	Information & communication J
	AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
Levels (thousands)										
Jul-Sep 2024	840	1	60	4	6	39	108	33	96	38
Jul-Sep 2025 (r)	728	1	47	3	7	30	95	29	75	37
Aug-Oct 2025	728	1	47	3	8	30	92	30	77	35
Sep-Nov 2025	730	1	49	3	7	29	95	32	77	34
Oct-Dec 2025	739	1	52	3	7	30	92	34	75	37
Nov-Jan 2026	734	1	52	3	6	29	91	34	75	38
Dec-Feb 2026	725	1	50	3	6	27	88	35	73	40
Jan-Mar 2026	718	1	49	3	6	28	90	34	72	37
Feb-Apr 2026	713	1	50	3	7	30	87	33	70	39
Mar-May 2026	710	1	51	3	7	31	87	34	69	39
Apr-Jun 2026 (r)	711	1	49	3	6	34	87	33	70	40
May-Jul 2026 (r)	707	1	48	3	6	31	87	35	71	38
Jun-Aug 2026 (r)	704	2	48	3	6	29	90	34	71	36
Jul-Sep 2026 (p)	691	2	48	3	6	27	90	32	70	37
Change on quarter *	-21	0	0	0	-1	-7	3	-1	0	-4
Change % *	-2.9	23.1	-0.6	-6.3	-8.1	-20.5	3.1	-2.5	0.0	-9.2
Change on year	-37	1	1	0	-2	-3	-5	2	-5	0
Change %	-5.1	45.5	2.8	-11.8	-23.0	-9.8	-5.2	7.8	-7.0	-0.8
Job openings rate										
	N4JE	N4JF	N4JG	N4JH	N4JI	N4JJ	N4JK	N4JL	N4JM	N4JN
Jul-Sep 2024	2.6	2.9	2.4	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.0	3.7	2.6
Jul-Sep 2025 (r)	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.5	3.0	1.8	2.1	1.8	3.0	2.5
Aug-Oct 2025	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.3	3.2	1.8	2.1	1.8	3.0	2.4
Sep-Nov 2025	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.9	1.7	2.1	1.9	3.0	2.3
Oct-Dec 2025	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.8	2.1	2.0	3.0	2.6
Nov-Jan 2026	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.6
Dec-Feb 2026	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.4	2.7	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.9	2.8
Jan-Mar 2026	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.8	2.6
Feb-Apr 2026	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.8	2.7
Mar-May 2026	2.2	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.7
Apr-Jun 2026 (r)	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.8
May-Jul 2026 (r)	2.2	2.9	2.0	2.3	2.5	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.8	2.6
Jun-Aug 2026 (r)	2.1	3.3	2.0	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.8	2.5
Jul-Sep 2026 (p)	2.1	3.3	2.0	2.2	2.4	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.8	2.5
Change on quarter *	-0.1	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Change on year	-0.1	1.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0

SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities K	Real estate activities ³ L	Professional scientific & technical activities M	Administrative & support service activities ⁴ N	Public administration & defence; compulsory social security O	Education P	Human health & social work activities Q	Arts, entertainment & recreation R	Other service activities S	Total services G-S
	JP9Q	JP9R	JP9S	JP9T	JP9U	JP9V	JP9W	JP9X	JP9Y	JP9Z
Levels (thousands)										
Jul-Sep 2024	34	12	86	58	29	55	147	18	15	730
Jul-Sep 2025 (r)	33	10	77	50	30	50	127	14	13	640
Aug-Oct 2025	34	10	77	49	30	49	126	16	13	638
Sep-Nov 2025	34	11	77	49	30	50	122	16	13	640
Oct-Dec 2025	34	11	77	49	30	51	124	17	14	645
Nov-Jan 2026	32	12	75	50	29	50	125	17	13	641
Dec-Feb 2026	32	11	75	51	29	47	125	16	15	636
Jan-Mar 2026	32	12	75	49	30	48	125	13	15	631
Feb-Apr 2026	32	10	72	51	29	49	126	12	15	623
Mar-May 2026	31	10	68	52	28	49	125	12	14	617
Apr-Jun 2026 (r)	32	11	70	52	29	46	123	13	14	619
May-Jul 2026 (r)	31	12	70	52	30	45	122	13	14	618
Jun-Aug 2026 (r)	31	12	69	50	31	44	123	13	13	616
Jul-Sep 2026 (p)	31	12	68	50	29	43	122	12	11	605
Change on quarter *	-1	1	-3	-2	0	-3	0	-2	-3	-14
Change % *	-2.8	13.3	-3.8	-3.8	-0.7	-6.3	-0.2	-11.2	-19.9	-2.2
Change on year	-2	2	-9	0	-1	-7	-5	-3	-2	-34
Change %	-6.1	14.4	-11.6	0.0	-2.7	-13.3	-3.8	-17.4	-14.2	-5.4
Job openings rate										
	N4JO	N4JP	N4JQ	N4JR	N4JS	N4JT	N4JU	N4JV	N4JW	N4JX
Jul-Sep 2024	3.0	1.9	2.9	2.1	1.9	1.9	3.1	2.2	2.3	2.6
Jul-Sep 2025 (r)	3.0	1.6	2.5	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.7	1.8	1.9	2.3
Aug-Oct 2025	3.1	1.6	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.9	2.0	2.3
Sep-Nov 2025	3.1	1.7	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.3
Oct-Dec 2025	3.1	1.7	2.5	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.3
Nov-Jan 2026	2.9	1.9	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.3
Dec-Feb 2026	2.9	1.7	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.2	2.2
Jan-Mar 2026	2.9	1.9	2.4	1.8	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.6	2.3	2.2
Feb-Apr 2026	2.9	1.5	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.6	1.5	2.2	2.2
Mar-May 2026	2.9	1.5	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.6	1.4	2.1	2.2
Apr-Jun 2026 (r)	2.9	1.6	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.6	2.6	1.6	2.1	2.2
May-Jul 2026 (r)	2.9	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.6	2.5	1.5	2.2	2.2
Jun-Aug 2026 (r)	2.9	1.8	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.5	2.6	1.6	2.0	2.2
Jul-Sep 2026 (p)	2.9	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.5	2.6	1.4	1.7	2.1
Change on quarter *	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0
Change on year	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1

1. From September 2026, we have introduced a new vacancy ratio method, moving from the number of vacancies per 100 jobs to a job openings rate, incorporating timelier estimates of employee jobs in the denominator. Comparisons between methods are available in VACS02 published 18 August 2026. Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

2. The survey covers all sectors of the economy with the exception of agriculture, forestry and fishing (SIC07 section A), activities of households as employers (SIC07 section T), and employment agencies (SIC07 division 78).

3. Not seasonally adjusted. These series do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series.

4. The survey covers all sectors of administrative and support service activities, with the exception of employment agencies (SIC07 division 78).

* Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

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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
Jun-Aug 2024	83	2.9	48	3.4	34	2.3
Jun-Aug 2025	113	3.8	67	4.6	46	3.1
Sep-Nov 2025	145	4.9	74	5.0	72	4.8
Dec-Feb 2026	136	4.6	71	4.8	65	4.3
Mar-May 2026	108	3.6	59	4.0	49	3.3
Jun-Aug 2026	113	3.8	65	4.4	48	3.2
Change on quarter	5	0.2	7	0.4	-2	-0.1
Change %	4.5		11.4		-3.6	
Change on year	0	0.0	-1	-0.2	1	0.1
Change %	0.1		-1.9		2.9	

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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

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.

REGIONAL SUMMARY

23(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Headline estimates for June - August 2026

Area Codes	Area Names	Economically active ¹		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
		Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
K02000001	United Kingdom	36,290	79.1	34,577	75.3	1,712	4.7	9,091	20.9
K03000001	Great Britain	35,362	79.3	33,670	75.4	1,693	4.8	8,783	20.7
E92000001	England	31,032	79.6	29,512	75.6	1,520	4.9	7,545	20.4
E12000001	North East	1,326	74.5	1,263	70.5	62	4.7	437	25.5
E12000002	North West	3,998	78.4	3,813	74.9	185	4.6	1,047	21.6
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	2,871	77.0	2,722	72.9	150	5.2	819	23.0
E12000004	East Midlands	2,665	80.0	2,539	76.3	125	4.7	631	20.0
E12000005	West Midlands	3,116	77.2	2,938	72.5	179	5.7	878	22.8
E12000006	East	3,466	81.0	3,332	77.7	134	3.9	768	19.0
E12000007	London	5,264	79.9	4,914	74.5	349	6.6	1,270	20.1
E12000008	South East	5,172	82.1	4,957	78.6	216	4.2	1,067	17.9
E12000009	South West	3,154	82.5	3,034	79.2	120	3.8	628	17.5
W92000004	Wales	1,580	76.0	1,526	73.3	54	3.4	470	24.0
S92000003	Scotland	2,750	77.4	2,631	74.0	119	4.3	768	22.6
N92000002	Northern Ireland	927	74.1	908	72.5	20	2.1	309	25.9

Change on quarter (change since March - May 2026)

Note: Changes on quarter at regional level are particularly subject to sampling variability and should be interpreted in the context of changes over several quarters rather than in isolation.

Area Codes	Area Names	Economically active ¹		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
		Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
K02000001	United Kingdom	55	0.1	102	0.2	-47	-0.1	-16	-0.1
K03000001	Great Britain	46	0.1	96	0.2	-50	-0.1	-9	-0.1
E92000001	England	90	0.2	113	0.2	-23	-0.1	-44	-0.2
E12000001	North East	-18	-0.9	-3	-1.0	-14	-1.0	17	0.9
E12000002	North West	13	0.0	19	0.3	-6	-0.2	2	0.0
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	-29	-0.9	-11	-0.4	-18	-0.6	32	0.9
E12000004	East Midlands	22	0.6	34	1.1	-13	-0.5	-17	-0.6
E12000005	West Midlands	16	-0.3	-2	-0.9	18	0.5	12	0.3
E12000006	East	-6	-0.3	-6	-0.4		0.0	15	0.3
E12000007	London	68	0.7	58	0.8	10	0.1	-39	-0.7
E12000008	South East	-5	0.5	-16	0.3	11	0.2	-30	-0.5
E12000009	South West	30	1.0	41	1.2	-11	-0.4	-36	-1.0
W92000004	Wales		-0.4	14	0.3	-14	-0.9	8	0.4
S92000003	Scotland	-44	-0.8	-31	-0.4	-13	-0.4	27	0.8
N92000002	Northern Ireland	9	0.6	6	0.4	3	0.3	-7	-0.6

Change on year (change since June - August 2025)

Area Codes	Area Names	Economically active ¹		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
		Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
K02000001	United Kingdom	331	0.2	356	0.2	-26	-0.1	-22	-0.2
K03000001	Great Britain	312	0.2	335	0.2	-23	-0.1	-9	-0.2
E92000001	England	289	0.1	310	0.2	-22	-0.1	10	-0.1
E12000001	North East	22	1.0	34	1.7	-12	-1.0	-14	-1.0
E12000002	North West	112	1.2	126	1.5	-14	-0.5	-49	-1.2
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	47	0.6	45	0.5	1	0.0	-14	-0.6
E12000004	East Midlands	49	0.7	41	0.6	8	0.2	-18	-0.7
E12000005	West Midlands	-31	-1.1	-14	-0.6	-16	-0.5	49	1.1
E12000006	East	-12	-1.2	20	-0.5	-32	-0.9	52	1.2
E12000007	London	37	0.2	11	-0.1	26	0.5	-5	-0.2
E12000008	South East	35	0.0	21	-0.3	13	0.2	10	0.0
E12000009	South West	30	0.1	26	0.0	5	0.1		-0.1
W92000004	Wales	34	0.9	52	1.9	-19	-1.3	-15	-0.9
S92000003	Scotland	-10	0.1	-28	-0.4	17	0.6	-4	-0.1
N92000002	Northern Ireland	19	1.1	21	1.3	-3	-0.3	-13	-1.1

The Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

1. Economically active = Employment plus Unemployment.

2. Denominator = all persons aged 16 to 64.

3. Denominator = total economically active

4. Data from January to March 2019 onwards has been reweighted, causing a step change discontinuity.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

REGIONAL SUMMARY

23(2) Regional summary of Workforce Jobs

Thousands,
seasonally adjusted

Area Codes	Area Names	June 2026	Change on March 2026
K02000001	United Kingdom	36,734	-48
K03000001	Great Britain	35,756	-50
E92000001	England	31,417	-112
E12000001	North East	1,241	3
E12000002	North West	3,965	-14
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	2,878	17
E12000004	East Midlands	2,476	-45
E12000005	West Midlands	3,004	2
E12000006	East	3,305	-24
E12000007	London	6,436	-14
E12000008	South East	5,019	-34
E12000009	South West	3,093	-4
W92000004	Wales	1,492	30
S92000003	Scotland	2,847	32
N92000002	Northern Ireland	971	3

Workforce jobs are mainly sourced from employer surveys and are tabulated by region of workplace.

HM Forces stationed abroad are included in the UK workforce jobs estimates but not in the regional estimates. The

UK workforce jobs estimates therefore do not equal the sum of the regional estimates.

Workforce Jobs data for March 2019 onwards has been affected by the reweighting of the LFS, causing a step change discontinuity.