Statistical bulletin

Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: November 2026

Estimates of growth in earnings for employees before tax and other deductions from pay.

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1 . Other pages in this release

- Labour market overview, UK
- Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK
- Employment in the UK
- Vacancies and jobs in the UK

2 . Main points

The following information is for the period from July to September 2026.

- Annual growth in employees' average earnings was 3.5% for regular earnings (excluding bonuses) and 3.6% for total earnings (including bonuses).
- Annual growth in real terms, adjusted for inflation using the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), was 0.2% for regular pay and 0.3% for total pay.
- Using the Consumer Prices Index excluding owner occupiers' housing costs (CPI) to adjust for inflation, annual growth in real terms was 0.4% for regular pay and 0.6% for total pay.
- Annual average regular earnings growth was 5.4% for the public sector and 3.1% for the private sector; public sector annual pay growth continues to be affected by variations in the timing of some pay awards this year, but this base effect is reducing.
- After the public sector, the finances and business sector continued to show the strongest regular annual growth rate (3.5%).

The estimates in this bulletin come from a survey of businesses. It is not possible to survey every business each month, so these statistics are estimates based on a sample, not precise figures. Average weekly earnings (AWE), for any given month, are the ratio of estimated total pay for the whole economy, divided by the total number of employees. As a result, AWE is not a measure of rates of pay and can be affected by changes in the composition of an enterprise's workforce.

3 . Data on average weekly earnings

Average weekly earnings
Dataset EARN01 | Released 17 November 2026
Average weekly earnings at sector level headline estimates, Great Britain, monthly, seasonally adjusted. Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey.

Average weekly earnings by sector
Dataset EARN02 | Released 17 November 2026
Average weekly earnings at sector level, including manufacturing, finance and services, Great Britain, monthly, non-seasonally adjusted. Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey.

Average weekly earnings by industry
Dataset EARN03 | Released 17 November 2026
Average weekly earnings at industry level, including manufacturing, construction and energy, Great Britain, monthly, non-seasonally adjusted. Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey.

Real average weekly earnings using consumer price inflation
Dataset X09 | Released 17 November 2026
Average weekly earnings for the whole economy, for total and regular pay, in real terms (adjusted for consumer price inflation), UK, monthly, seasonally adjusted.

4 . Glossary

Arrears payment

Pay award arrears are collected separately on the questionnaire; this specifically covers earnings arising from a backdated pay increase, not late payment of overtime or bonuses. Arrears payments are reflected in estimates at the time they were paid, and not in the period they are awarded for. Therefore, back series are not revised. Our Average weekly earnings (AWE) headline estimates exclude arrears payments.

Bonus

A bonus is a form of reward or recognition granted by an employer in addition to basic pay. When an employee receives a bonus payment, there is no expectation or assumption that the bonus will be used to cover any specific expense. The value and timing of a bonus payment can be at the discretion of the employer or stipulated in workplace agreements.

When arrears or bonus payments are backdated, people who have left the business but are entitled to these back payments will be included in the number of employees that have received pay in that period. This results in more employees being added to payroll for that month, which will have an impact on the average pay, as more employees will be included in the calculation.

The survey only requests one employee figure, so we are unable to split out those who have left the company and are only eligible for the backpay and not the regular pay. For the majority of time, the impact of this on regular pay is minimal, but for certain periods, where there has been a large backpay covering a long period, the calculation of the average pay will be affected, which will be more accurately reflected in the following month's data.

Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs

As of 21 March 2017, the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), as detailed in our Consumer Price Inflation quality and methodology information (QMI), became our lead measure of inflation. It is our most comprehensive measure of UK consumer price inflation.

Revisions

Average weekly earnings (AWE) are generally published on a provisional basis around six to seven weeks after the end of the month in question, although sometimes a week later in the months following Christmas and Easter. The unadjusted estimates are finalised the following month (10 to 11 weeks after the end of the reference period). Seasonally adjusted estimates are subject to further revisions at later dates.

A more detailed glossary is available.

5 . Data sources and quality

Data sources

Average weekly earnings (AWE) is the lead monthly measure of average weekly earnings per employee, as explained in Section 2: Earnings of our Guide to labour market statistics methodology. It is calculated using information based on the Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey (MWSS), which samples around 9,000 employers, covering around 12.8 million employees in Great Britain.

The survey response rate was 88% for September 2026.

Estimates are available for both total pay (which includes bonus payments) and regular pay (which excludes bonus payments). Estimates are available in both nominal terms (not adjusted for inflation) and real terms (adjusted for inflation).

Estimates of pay growth are also published using HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) data in the Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK bulletin. The HMRC estimates are presented in median pay terms, but they also include mean pay, as does AWE. There are some differences between the sources, most notably that the HMRC estimates include arrears payments and any redundancy payments that are made through payroll. Further detail is provided in our Comparison of labour market data sources methodology.

An error has been identified in the inflation measures for April 2025. The figures for transport and some higher-level aggregates were overstated in April 2025 because of an error in the Vehicle Excise Duty component. In line with the established revisions policies for those series, the April figures have not been revised. This error will have a minimal impact on the real measures of earnings for April 2025. Our statement on the impact of Vehicle Excise Duty on Consumer Price Inflation provides more detail.

Data methods

AWE for any given month is the ratio of estimated total pay for the whole economy, divided by the total number of employees. As a result, AWE is not a measure of rates of pay and can be affected by changes in the composition of an enterprise's workforce. They do not, for example, adjust for changes in the proportion of the workforce who work full time or part time, or other compositional changes within the workforce. The estimates do not include earnings of self-employed people.

Composition of the workforce

AWE reflects changes to the composition of the workforce. In AWE, all other things being equal, an increase in the relative number of employees in a high-paying industry will cause average earnings to rise. This is because the mix of jobs would have changed so that there are more high-paying jobs. Conversely, an increase in the relative number of employees in low-paying industries would cause average earnings to fall.

This effect is sometimes called the employment contribution to earnings growth, as opposed to the wages contribution, which reflects changes in earnings at individual companies, such as pay rises, promotions, and changes in the composition of individual company workforces. In addition to AWE growth, we publish separate estimates of the wage and employment contributions to AWE growth in supplementary tables called the AWE decomposition.

Public sector pay awards base effect

Over the last few years, there has been a difference in the timing of the pay awards, particularly in the public sector, which has seen an impact on the annual growth rate known as a base effect.

This effect has been present over several years, given pay awards or arrear payments being made in different periods in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

NHS pay awards have a large effect on AWE annual growth rate because of the size of the workforce.

In 2024, pay awards and large arrear payments were made in October and November 2024.

In 2025, pay awards were made in August 2025.

In 2026, pay awards were made in different periods depending on the occupation:

- April 2026 for Agenda for Change (AfC) employees
- June 2026 for the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB)
- September 2026 for resident doctors

The base effect implication is that there are effectively two pay rises occurring in the year, which is inflating the annual growth rate.

Given the large arrear payments made in 2024 and 2025, the average pay is also affected by people who have left the business but are entitled to these arrear payments. These people will be included in the number of employees that have received pay in that period so affecting the calculation of the average pay. As such, average pay will be more accurately reflected in the following month's data.

For 2026, the effect of these pay deals on the three-month annual growth rate will be:

- an increase in public sector pay growth from April to October 2026 for AfC
- an increase in public sector pay growth from June to October 2026 (in addition to that from AfC) for DDRB
- a decrease in public sector pay growth for August 2026 for resident doctors as the previous pay deal drops out of the data before the latest deal comes in

For a visual representation of the impact, see our table in EARN01: Average weekly earnings dataset.

NHS pay awards have a large effect on AWE annual growth rate because of the size of the workforce, but the issue is not unique to the NHS. Different pay award timings in local government, education and other parts of the public sector will also affect annual year-on-year growth.

Base and compositional effects during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic period

During the pandemic period, interpreting average earnings data was difficult. We explain the complexities of interpreting these data in our How COVID-19 has impacted the Average Weekly Earnings data blog post. There were temporary factors that we refer to as base and compositional effects.

The base effect refers to comparing two periods with different circumstances. Throughout the pandemic, different scenarios have affected the base effect. More information on base and compositional effects on the data can be found in our Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: May 2022 bulletin and Section 6: Measuring the data of our Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: July 2024 bulletin.

For additional analysis on the impact of compositional effects on wage growth, see our How furlough and changes in the employee workforce have affected earnings growth during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, UK: 2020 to 2021 article.

Real earnings

Real average weekly earnings (AWE) are calculated as non-seasonally adjusted AWE (shown in our accompanying EARN02: Average weekly earnings by sector dataset) divided by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), which is our preferred measure of consumer price inflation (as shown in our CPIH Index time series L522). The ratio is then referenced as an index with 2015 equals 100, and seasonally adjusted.

We also publish our accompanying X09: Real average weekly earnings using consumer price inflation (CPI) dataset for the whole economy and for both total and regular pay. Our recommended measure of inflation is CPIH, and our headline estimates using this measure are found in our accompanying EARN01: Average weekly earnings dataset. These data have been compiled using the CPI as a supplementary dataset to view alongside the headline estimates produced using the CPIH.

Seasonal adjustment and revisions

Total pay, bonus pay and regular pay (excluding bonuses) for each sector (a total of 27 series) are seasonally adjusted using X13-ARIMA. Percentage changes are then derived from the seasonally adjusted average pay series.

Each of the 27 series is seasonally adjusted separately, to ensure the optimum seasonal adjustment of each series. The result of this is that relationships that hold in the unadjusted series do not necessarily hold for the seasonally adjusted series. For example, before seasonal adjustment, regular pay plus bonus pay equalled total pay, whereas after seasonal adjustment, they are not necessarily equal.

When there is an exceptionally large change in the series, this can lead to larger differences between regular pay plus bonus pay, and total pay. We saw this in March 2021 and 2020, when the bonus payments pattern changed during the pandemic. Consequently, the direct seasonal adjustment method, which allows for evolving seasonality, caused a larger than normal difference. This is supported by other similar instances, such as in January and February 2009.

Where one-off shocks are present in the data, these are accounted for during the seasonal adjustment process. This was applied in June 2023 to the public sector bonus payments.

In line with international guidance, we annually review the seasonal adjustment parameters and open up the whole time series for revisions, as outlined in our Average weekly earnings quality and methodology information (QMI). This was last reviewed in August 2026 and led to revisions to the historical AWE time series, extending back through the entire time series.

The impact of these revisions on the headline estimates can be found in our EARN09: Average weekly earnings revision triangle dataset.

Uncertainty

Sampling variability for average weekly earnings single-month growth rates in percentage points is also available in our Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: April 2021 bulletin.

More quality and methodology information

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in our Average weekly earnings quality and methodology information (QMI).

For more information about some of the main differences between our data sources, see ourComparison of labour market data sources methodology.

Information on the strengths and limitations of this bulletin is available in:

- our Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: April 2021 bulletin
- our Guide to labour market statistics methodology
- our Income and earnings statistics guide methodology

Accredited official statistics

These statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) in July 2026. The OSR reconfirmed that they comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice for Statistics and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

6 . Related links

Employee earnings in the UK: 2026
Bulletin | Released 22 October 2026
Measures of employee earnings, using data from the Annual Survey for Hours and Earnings (ASHE).

Low and high pay in the UK: 2026
Bulletin | Released 22 October 2026
The distribution of earnings of high-paid and low-paid employee jobs and employee jobs paid below the UK minimum wage.

Gender pay gap in the UK: 2026
Bulletin | Released 22 October 2026
Differences in pay between women and men by age, region, full-time and part-time, and occupation.

Comparison of labour market data sources
Methodology | Revised 27 April 2022
The strengths and weaknesses of the main data sources we use to produce the labour market figures, including the advantages of new administrative data sources and limitations of some of our published figures.

7 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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The table below provides an index of the tables appearing in this Statistical Bulletin and it shows how these table numbers match up with the Excel spreadsheet datasets which are available on the website at:
https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/latest/relateddata

Notes
June 2026 Data: In line with international guidance, the seasonal adjustment process has been reviewed and revised this month. All periods in the AWE series have been open to revision

February 2025 data: As an exception we have opened up revisions back to October 2020 to allow for late and updated returns we received from one business to be included.
This has affected the Whole Economy & sectors: Private; Services; Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants; and the industry Retail Trade & Repairs for nominal and real, and total and regular earnings
Details on the size of the revisions can be found in Table X04

The complete set of labour market tables is available from the Labour Market Overview bulletin.

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4(1)	Public sector employment by industry	Dataset EMP03
5	Workforce jobs summary	Dataset JOBS01
6 (**)	Workforce jobs by industry	Dataset JOBS02
7	Actual weekly hours worked	Dataset HOUR01 SA
7(1)	Usual weekly hours worked	Dataset HOUR02 SA
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	UNEMPLOYMENT	
9	Unemployment by age and duration	Dataset UNEM01 SA
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21	Vacancies by industry	Dataset VACS02
	REDUNDANCIES	
22	Redundancies levels and rates	Dataset RED01 SA
	REGIONAL SUMMARY	
23	Regional labour market summary	Dataset A07

(*) 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.

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

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13 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - total pay[1]

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: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]
		KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	KAC4	KAC5	KAC6	KAC7	KAC8	KAC9
Sep 24		703	4.8	4.6	711	4.9	4.9	669	3.8	3.4
Jul 25	(r)	729	5.0	4.8	734	5.0	4.7	708	5.0	5.1
Aug 25	(r)	734	5.3	5.0	737	4.9	4.8	716	7.4	5.7
Sep 25	(r)	735	4.5	4.9	737	3.6	4.5	722	8.0	6.8
Oct 25		739	4.8	4.9 (r)	742	4.0	4.2	726	8.0	7.8 (r)
Nov 25		739	4.6	4.6	742	3.9	3.8	726	7.4	7.8 (r)
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		756	4.2	4.2	757	3.6	3.7	752	6.7	6.2
Jul 26	(r)	757	3.9	3.9	758	3.2	3.3	759	7.2	6.6
Aug 26	(r)	758	3.3	3.8	759	3.0	3.2	751	5.0	6.3
Sep 26	**(p)**	**761**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**762**	**3.5**	**3.2**	**752**	**4.2**	**5.4**

		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: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]
		K5BZ	K5C2	K5C3	K5C4	K5C5	K5C6	KAD8	KAD9	KAE2
Sep 24		690	4.5	4.5	957	5.3	4.2	664	3.6	3.3
Jul 25	(r)	716	5.1	4.9	979	4.4	2.9	703	5.5	5.9
Aug 25	(r)	721	5.6	5.1	978	3.6	3.4	717	7.8	6.6
Sep 25	(r)	722	4.6	5.1	979	2.3	3.4	723	8.8	7.4
Oct 25		727	4.9	5.0	992	3.5	3.1	725	8.1	8.2
Nov 25		728	4.8	4.8 (r)	988	3.5	3.1	725	7.4	8.1 (r)
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		745	4.1	4.3	1010 (r)	3.1	3.6	754	7.2	6.6
Aug 26	(r)	747	3.5	4.1	1018	4.0	3.9	753	5.0	6.3
Sep 26	**(p)**	**750**	**3.8**	**3.8**	**1020**	**4.1**	**3.8**	**753**	**4.2**	**5.5**

		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: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year: Single month	% changes year on year: 3 month average[3]
		K5CA	K5CB	K5CC	K5CD	K5CE	K5CF	K5CG	K5CH	K5CI
Sep 24		771	6.4	6.0	792	7.0	5.5	468	6.8	6.2
Jul 25	(r)	799	4.9	4.8	811	4.2	4.6	488	5.6	6.0
Aug 25	(r)	802	4.9	5.0	809	3.8	4.3	494	6.5	5.8
Sep 25	(r)	803	4.2	4.7	809	2.1	3.4	494	5.6	5.9
Oct 25		805	4.2	4.5 (r)	826	3.8	3.2	493	5.6	5.9
Nov 25		807	4.1	4.2 (r)	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		821	2.6	3.3	816	0.6	1.0	505	4.6	4.6
Jul 26	(r)	818	2.4	2.5	823	1.6	0.9	507	3.7	4.2
Aug 26	(r)	825	2.8	2.6	819	1.2	1.1	503	1.9	3.4
Sep 26	**(p)**	**826**	**2.8**	**2.7**	**822**	**1.6**	**1.5**	**508**	**2.8**	**2.8**

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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.

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		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
Sep 24		49	-1.9	-3.2	63	0.1	1.6	1	-75.2	-73.6
Jul 25	(r)	49	13.2	5.0	62	15.0	6.5	2	-31.5	-41.2
Aug 25	(r)	53	23.5	13.2	64	19.7	13.2	8	174.7	26.0
Sep 25	(r)	48	-2.9	10.7	61	-3.4	9.7	2	105.0	76.8
Oct 25		53	12.0	10.3 (r)	67	15.7	10.0 (r)	2	-72.9	3.2 (r)
Nov 25		53	16.6	8.3 (r)	63	17.2	9.3 (r)	2	-26.1	-45.9 (r)
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		53	12.2	14.7	67	12.0	14.5	2	24.3	33.5
Jul 26	(r)	53	7.9	10.3	65	4.6	8.8	4	115.4	55.3
Aug 26	(r)	51	-3.5	5.2	64	-0.8	5.1	3	-69.2	-24.3
Sep 26	**(p)**	**54**	**12.7**	**5.4**	**68**	**11.0**	**4.8**	**2**	**-1.3**	**-26.4**

		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
Sep 24		51	-6.1	-5.2	121	12.4	3.7	1	-73.3	-74.7
Jul 25	(r)	50	13.7	4.0	125	21.0	1.6	1	-33.9	-11.2
Aug 25	(r)	56	28.5	15.1	129	15.9	11.4	6	295.4	78.0
Sep 25	(r)	50	-3.3	12.1	117	-3.3	10.5	2	127.7	109.4
Oct 25		55	12.5	11.7 (r)	154	30.6	14.2 (r)	2	-72.1	11.0 (r)
Nov 25		54	19.3	9.1 (r)	127	27.7	17.6 (r)	1	-22.7	-42.5 (r)
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		55	14.7	14.9	139	20.3	20.0	2	13.9	28.4
Jul 26	(r)	54	8.0	11.0	125	-0.3	11.5	3	120.6	42.4
Aug 26	(r)	54	-3.5	5.9	134	4.2	7.7	2	-67.8	-22.3
Sep 26	**(p)**	**57**	**14.3**	**5.9**	**137**	**17.1**	**6.8**	**2**	**3.1**	**-24.8**

		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
Sep 24		37	15.5	3.4	46	56.9	36.5	33	31.1	5.8
Jul 25	(r)	38	16.2	11.0	47	18.6	21.8	28	2.3	-2.1
Aug 25	(r)	39	15.1	16.1	43	2.4	11.8	32	28.2	6.8
Sep 25	(r)	40	6.8	12.4	44	-5.3	4.7	30	-7.7	6.1
Oct 25		31	-15.5	1.9 (r)	58	33.5	9.9 (r)	29	11.4	9.0 (r)
Nov 25		36	1.7	-2.3 (r)	41	-6.6	6.9 (r)	30	14.4	4.9 (r)
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		41	-7.3	9.1	51	11.0	17.3	32	31.9	22.6
Jul 26	(r)	34	-9.6	-5.6	49	2.8	8.9	34	21.1	22.1
Aug 26	(r)	43	10.9	-2.2	31	-28.1	-4.2	31	-4.4	14.5
Sep 26	**(p)**	**35**	**-12.3**	**-3.7**	**42**	**-3.1**	**-9.1**	**34**	**13.3**	**9.4**

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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.
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15 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - regular pay[1]

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]
		KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	KAJ2	KAJ3	KAJ4	KAJ5	KAJ6	KAJ7
Sep 24		655	5.1	5.1	652	5.4	5.2	669	4.2	4.7
Jul 25	(r)	680	4.6	4.8	674	4.4	4.6	703	5.4	5.6
Aug 25		682	4.7	4.7	675	4.2	4.4	711	6.6	5.9 (r)
Sep 25	(r)	686	4.7	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
Jul 26		705	3.8	3.6	695	3.1	2.9	749	6.4	6.3
Aug 26	(r)	707	3.7	3.7	696	3.2	3.1	751	5.7	6.2
Sep 26	**(p)**	**708**	**3.2**	**3.5**	**697**	**3.0**	**3.1**	**751**	**4.2**	**5.4**

		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]
		K5DL	K5DM	K5DN	K5DO	K5DP	K5DQ	KAK6	KAK7	KAK8
Sep 24		642	5.1	5.1	837	4.8	4.3	665	3.9	4.6
Jul 25		666	4.7	4.9	855	3.2	3.0	701	5.9	6.0
Aug 25	(r)	669	4.7	4.7	855	2.6	2.8	709	7.0	6.4
Sep 25		673	4.8	4.7	859	2.6 (r)	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		693	4.0	3.8	884	3.5	2.8	746	6.4	6.3
Aug 26	(r)	694	3.8	3.9	889	4.0	3.3	750	5.7	6.2
Sep 26	**(p)**	**695**	**3.3**	**3.7**	**886**	**3.2**	**3.5**	**752**	**4.2**	**5.4**

		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]
		K5DU	K5DV	K5DW	K5DX	K5DY	K5DZ	K5E2	K5E3	K5E4
Sep 24		733	6.2	6.1	746	4.6	4.3	438	6.0	6.4
Jul 25		761	4.4	4.5	764	3.5 (r)	3.9	460	5.8	6.4
Aug 25		764	4.7	4.6	767	3.8 (r)	3.9	462	5.7	5.9
Sep 25	(r)	763	4.1	4.4	766	2.7	3.3	463	5.7	5.7
Oct 25		769	4.7	4.5	768	2.1	2.9	464	5.4	5.6
Nov 25		768	4.2	4.3	767	2.1	2.3	464	4.4	5.2 (r)
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	0.0	0.0	473	3.4	3.4
Jul 26		783	2.8	2.8	775	1.5	0.5	473	2.8	3.1
Aug 26	(r)	784	2.6	2.9	783	2.0	1.2	472	2.2	2.8
Sep 26	**(p)**	**787**	**3.1**	**2.8**	**781**	**1.9**	**1.8**	**474**	**2.4**	**2.5**

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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 nominal[1]

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
Sep 24		703	4.8	4.6	527	2.2	1.7
Jul 25		729 (r)	5.0	4.8	528	0.8	0.6
Aug 25		734	5.3 (r)	5.0	530	1.3	0.9
Sep 25	(r)	735	4.5	4.9	529	0.5	0.8
Oct 25		739	4.8	4.9 (r)	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		757	3.9	3.9	532	0.9	1.0
Aug 26	(r)	758	3.3	3.8	530	0.1	0.8
Sep 26	**(p)**	**761**	**3.6**	**3.6**	**529**	**0.0**	**0.3**

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
Sep 24		655	5.1	5.1	492	2.4	2.1
Jul 25		680	4.6 (r)	4.8	492	0.4	0.7
Aug 25		682	4.7	4.7	493	0.5 (r)	0.6
Sep 25	(r)	686	4.7	4.7	494	0.6	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		705	3.8	3.6	495	0.6	0.6
Aug 26	(r)	707	3.7	3.7	495	0.4	0.6
Sep 26	**(p)**	**708**	**3.2**	**3.5**	**493**	**-0.4**	**0.2**

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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.

This error will have a minimal impact on the real measures of earnings for April 2025.