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Employment in the UK: November 2026

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for the UK.

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1 . Other pages in this release

- Labour market overview
- Average weekly earnings in Great Britain
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2 . Main points

- Estimates from January to March 2025 include the full effect of the improvements in Labour Force Survey (LFS) data collection and sampling methods introduced from January 2024 onwards.
- Some volatility remains in the LFS estimates, particularly those for mid-2023 and throughout 2024, as well as for granular breakdowns, in which sample sizes are smaller.
- We recommend using the LFS estimates as part of our suite of labour market indicators, alongside workforce jobs, Claimant Count, and Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI) estimates.
- The estimated UK employment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points on the year and 0.3 on the quarter, to 75.4% in July to September 2026, compared with the previous quarter (April to June 2026).
- The estimated UK unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points on the year and on the quarter, to 4.6%.
- The estimated UK economic inactivity rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points on the year and in the latest quarter, to 20.8%.

These labour market statistics, based on the Labour Force Survey and the Annual Population Survey, are official statistics. Read more in Section 6: Data sources and quality.

3 . Latest headline estimates

Table 1: July to September 2026 headline measures and changes
UK headline economic status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted, July to September 2026

	Level/Rate	Sampling variability of level or rate	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year
Employment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	34,625	± 206	155	± 175	427	± 285
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	75.4	± 0.4	0.3	± 0.4	0.4	± 0.6
Unemployment (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	1,684	± 93	-88	± 100	-102	± 139
Unemployment rate (aged 16 years and over)	4.6	± 0.3	-0.3	± 0.3	-0.3	± 0.4
Economically inactive (thousands, aged 16 to 64 years)	9,069	± 175	-42	± 154	-4	± 242
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	20.8	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.4	-0.1	± 0.6
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,101.8	N/A	-3.3	N/A	13.9	N/A
Redundancies (thousands, aged 16 years and over)	120	± 22	14	± 30	-14	± 32
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over)	4.0	N/A	0.4	N/A	-0.5	N/A

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

Notes

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

4 . Data on employment in the UK

A05 SA: Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity by age group (seasonally adjusted)
Dataset A05 SA | Released 17 November 2026
Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity levels and rates by age group, UK, rolling three-monthly figures, seasonally adjusted. Labour Force Survey. These are official statistics.

A11: Labour Force Survey sampling variability
Dataset A11 | Released 17 November 2026
Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity, 95% confidence intervals, rolling three-monthly figures, non-seasonally adjusted. These are official statistics.

EMP01 SA: Full-time, part-time and temporary workers
Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 17 November 2026
Full-time, part-time and temporary workers, by sex, UK, rolling three-monthly figures published monthly, seasonally adjusted. Labour Force Survey. These are official statistics.

HOUR01: Actual weekly hours worked (seasonally adjusted)
Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 17 November 2026
Actual weekly hours worked including by sex, full-time, part-time and second jobs, UK, rolling three-monthly figures published monthly, seasonally adjusted. Labour Force Survey. These are official statistics.

UNEM01 SA: Unemployment by age and duration (seasonally adjusted)
Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 17 November 2026
Unemployment by age and duration (seasonally adjusted). These estimates are sourced from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. These are official statistics.

INAC01 SA: Economic inactivity by reason (seasonally adjusted)
Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 17 November 2026
Economic inactivity (aged 16 to 64 years) by reason (seasonally adjusted). These estimates are sourced from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. These are official statistics.

View all related data on our related data page.

5 . Glossary

Actual and usual hours worked

Statistics for usual hours worked measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns. For example, a person who usually works 37 hours a week, but who was on holiday for a week, would be recorded as working zero actual hours for that week. Usual hours, however, would be recorded as 37 hours.

Workers temporarily absent from a job because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic would still be classed as employed; however, they would be employed working no hours. This has directly affected estimates of total actual hours worked during the pandemic. As the average actual weekly hours are the average of all in employment, those temporarily absent from a job also affected these estimates.

Claimant Count

The Claimant Count is an official statistic in development that measures the number of people who are receiving a benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Currently, the Claimant Count consists of those receiving Jobseekers' Allowance, and Universal Credit claimants in the "searching for work" conditionality group.

Economic inactivity

People not in the labour force (also known as economically inactive) are not in employment, but do not meet the internationally accepted definition of unemployment. This is because they have not been seeking work within the last four weeks and/or are unable to start work in the next two weeks. The economic inactivity rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are not in the labour force.

Employment

The term employment measures the number of people in paid work or who had a job that they were temporarily away from (for example, because they were on holiday or off sick). This differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are in employment.

Workers furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), or those who were self-employed but temporarily not in work, had a reasonable expectation of returning to their jobs after a temporary period of absence. Therefore, they were classified as employed under the International Labour Organization (ILO) definition. A more detailed explanation is available in our Guide to labour market statistics methodology.

Redundancies

The redundancy estimate measures the number of people who were made redundant or who took voluntary redundancy in the three months before the Labour Force Survey (LFS) interviews. The LFS does not take planned redundancies into consideration.

Unemployment

The unemployment estimates measure the number of people without a job who have been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks. The unemployment rate is not the proportion of the total population that are unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (that is, those in work plus those seeking and available to work) that are unemployed.

A more detailed glossary is available.

6 . Data sources and quality

This bulletin relies on data collected from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the largest household survey in the UK.

The latest LFS estimates are based on interviews that took place from July to September 2026.

Our LFS quality update article provides users with information about current response rates and known biases in LFS data, to help them better understand the current quality of the data.

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

The dataset size, including imputed households, for the UK LFS was 80,271 individuals in July to September 2026, a decrease of 1.1% in individual interviews compared with April to June 2026. During July to September 2026, mitigative actions for the operational issue drove a recovery in the affected response rates. However, as a consequence of LFS imputation rules a second-wave impact was observed in July to September 2026, with a slight decrease in overall dataset size. More information can be found in our LFS performance and quality monitoring report: July to September 2026.

The quarterly movements in employment and unemployment in the latest data partly reflect the rotation of the LFS sample. The group of respondents completing their fifth and final quarter in the survey (June 2026) had lower employment and higher unemployment than both the new group entering the survey (September 2026) and other recent groups of respondents.

As this group left the survey and was replaced, this contributed to the increase in the headline employment rate and the fall in the unemployment rate. The new group entering the survey is more closely aligned with other recent groups, suggesting that the latest movement partly reflects the characteristics of the outgoing group rather than an unusually strong incoming group. More information on understanding LFS single month and wave estimates can be found in our LFS quality update: July 2026 article.

LFS periods from January to March 2019 are weighted to reflect the size and composition of the UK population, based on 2022 mid-year estimates. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland, they are projected forward using scaling factors from 2021-based national population projections. For Scotland, they are projected forward using scaling factors from 2020-based national population projections. An exercise to reweight LFS data all the way back to 2011, using more up-to-date population estimates and projections, is underway. Because of the scale of this project, revised estimates are expected to be published over a period of around two years, with the first revised estimates expected to be available by March 2027.

Official statistics

Since late 2023, we have taken a series of actions to recover the LFS and improve its quality, including:

- returning to face-to-face interviewing
- increasing respondent incentives
- reinstating the sample boost
- recruiting additional interviewers
- updating the survey weighting

These measures have improved response levels from their lowest point to levels similar to those before the coronavirus pandemic.

On 11 August 2026, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) wrote a letter to the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) about the designation of LFS and Annual Population Survey (APS) outputs. Outputs derived from the LFS and APS are currently 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. Our next priority is then for the OSR to consider their accreditation at the earliest opportunity.

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

Coronavirus pandemic

Read more about how the labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus pandemic in our Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics article.

For a comparison of our labour market data sources and the main differences, read our Comparison of labour market data sources methodology.

Country of birth and nationality labour market outputs

The real-time indicators (RTI) adjustment, which applied from January to March 2020 to June to August 2022, was removed from the LFS weighting methodology. This was part of the reweighting exercise in December 2024, described in our Impact of reweighting on LFS key indicators: December 2024 article.

Because of quality concerns during the pandemic (as explained in more detail in our A12 dataset), we have removed the labour market status by country of birth and nationality from our A01: Summary of labour market statistics dataset. We have also removed this from tables accompanying this bulletin, and from our Labour market overview bulletins. The country of birth and nationality labour market data have also been withdrawn from our time series data.

Our EMP06: Employment by country of birth and nationality dataset and our A12: Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity by nationality and country of birth dataset will continue to be made available with additional guidance for users.

A more in-depth look at how country of birth information has changed on the survey is included in our Labour Force Survey quality update: April 2026 article. We will continue to review and update users accordingly.

Strengths and limitations

Uncertainty in these data

The estimates presented in this bulletin contain uncertainty. For more information on uncertainty, please see our Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology.

The figures in this bulletin come from the LFS, which gathers information from a sample of households across the UK, rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed to be as accurate as possible, given practical limitations. Results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons. For more information on sampling, see Section 2: Sampling the population of our Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology.

The LFS is a survey of households. It is not practical to survey every household each quarter, so these statistics are estimates based on a large sample. As the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates gets larger. Estimates for small groups, which are based on small subsets of the LFS sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups.

In general, changes in the numbers (and especially the rates) reported in this bulletin between quarters are small and are not usually greater than the level that can be explained by sampling variability. Short-term movements in reported rates should be considered alongside longer-term patterns in the series, and corresponding movements in other sources, to give a fuller picture.

Information on the quality of estimates is available in our A11: Labour Force Survey sampling variability dataset.

Comparability

The data in this bulletin follow internationally accepted definitions specified by the International Labour Organization (ILO). This ensures that the estimates for the UK are comparable with those for other countries.

We compare the latest workforce jobs series estimates with the equivalent estimates of jobs from the LFS in our X03: Reconciliation of estimates of employment and jobs dataset, updated in September 2026.

We compare data sources and discuss some of the main differences between data sources in our Comparison of labour market data sources methodology.

7 . Related links

Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators: December 2024
Article | Released 3 December 2024
Indicative estimates of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) reweighting methodology on key indicators for the UK, up to and including April to June 2024.

Labour market transformation - update on progress and plans: August 2026
Article | Released 11 August 2026
Labour market transformation overview, building on previous engagement on the Transformed Labour Force Survey.

Working and workless households in the UK: April to June 2026
Bulletin | Released 2 September 2026
The economic status of households in the UK and the people living in them, where at least one person is aged 16 to 64 years. Taken from the Labour Force Survey.

Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), UK: August 2026
Bulletin | Released 27 August 2026
Estimates of young people (aged 16 to 24 years) who are not in education, employment or training, by age and sex. These are official statistics.

Business insights and impact on the UK economy: 5 November 2026
Bulletin | Released 5 November 2026
The impact of challenges facing the economy and other events on UK businesses, including financial performance, workforce, trade, and business resilience.

8 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/november2026/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 LFS[1] indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population[1]		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate[2]	Level	Rate[3]	Level	Rate[4]
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Jul-Sep 2024	55,771	43,001	33,784	75.0	1,502	4.3	9,299	21.6
Jul-Sep 2025	56,351	43,341	34,198	75.1	1,787	5.0	9,073	20.9
Oct-Dec 2025	56,485	43,411	34,253	75.0	1,875	5.2	9,054	20.9
Jan-Mar 2026	56,618	43,480	34,386	75.0	1,808	5.0	9,103	20.9
Apr-Jun 2026	56,752	43,549	34,469	75.1	1,772	4.9	9,111	20.9
Jul-Sep 2026	56,877	43,608	34,625	75.4	1,684	4.6	9,069	20.8
Change on quarter	125	58	155	0.3	-88	-0.3	-42	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.5		-5.0		-0.5	
Change on year	526	266	427	0.4	-102	-0.3	-4	-0.1
Change %	0.9	0.6	1.2		-5.7		0.0	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Jul-Sep 2024	27,079	21,143	17,327	77.8	800	4.4	3,925	18.6
Jul-Sep 2025	27,382	21,326	17,540	77.7	995	5.4	3,790	17.8
Oct-Dec 2025	27,452	21,364	17,546	77.6	1,058	5.7	3,765	17.6
Jan-Mar 2026	27,521	21,402	17,662	77.9	992	5.3	3,759	17.6
Apr-Jun 2026	27,591	21,439	17,726	78.0	995	5.3	3,748	17.5
Jul-Sep 2026	27,656	21,472	17,821	78.4	938	5.0	3,731	17.4
Change on quarter	66	33	95	0.4	-56	-0.3	-17	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.5		-5.7		-0.5	
Change on year	274	146	281	0.7	-57	-0.4	-59	-0.4
Change %	1.0	0.7	1.6		-5.7		-1.6	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Jul-Sep 2024	28,692	21,859	16,457	72.3	702	4.1	5,374	24.6
Jul-Sep 2025	28,969	22,015	16,658	72.5	791	4.5	5,283	24.0
Oct-Dec 2025	29,033	22,047	16,708	72.3	817	4.7	5,290	24.0
Jan-Mar 2026	29,097	22,078	16,724	72.2	816	4.7	5,344	24.2
Apr-Jun 2026	29,161	22,110	16,744	72.3	777	4.4	5,363	24.3
Jul-Sep 2026	29,221	22,135	16,804	72.5	746	4.2	5,339	24.1
Change on quarter	60	25	60	0.2	-32	-0.2	-25	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.4		-4.1		-0.5	
Change on year	252	120	146	0.1	-45	-0.3	55	0.1
Change %	0.9	0.5	0.9		-5.7		1.0	

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
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Jul-Sep 2024	33,784	60.6	1,502	4.3	20,485	36.7	32,236	75.0	1,466	4.4	9,299	21.6
Jul-Sep 2025	34,198	60.7	1,787	5.0	20,367	36.1	32,533	75.1	1,736	5.1	9,073	20.9
Oct-Dec 2025	34,253	60.6	1,875	5.2	20,356	36.0	32,536	75.0	1,820	5.3	9,054	20.9
Jan-Mar 2026	34,386	60.7	1,808	5.0	20,424	36.1	32,615	75.0	1,761	5.1	9,103	20.9
Apr-Jun 2026	34,469	60.7	1,772	4.9	20,511	36.1	32,711	75.1	1,727	5.0	9,111	20.9
Jul-Sep 2026	34,625	60.9	1,684	4.6	20,568	36.2	32,891	75.4	1,647	4.8	9,069	20.8
Change on quarter	155	0.1	-88	-0.3	58	0.0	180	0.3	-80	-0.2	-42	-0.1
Change %	0.5		-5.0		0.3		0.6		-4.6		-0.5	
Change on year	427	0.2	-102	-0.3	201	0.0	359	0.4	-89	-0.3	-4	-0.1
Change %	1.2		-5.7		1.0		1.1		-5.1		0.0	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Jul-Sep 2024	17,327	64.0	800	4.4	8,951	33.1	16,441	77.8	777	4.5	3,925	18.6
Jul-Sep 2025	17,540	64.1	995	5.4	8,847	32.3	16,574	77.7	962	5.5	3,790	17.8
Oct-Dec 2025	17,546	63.9	1,058	5.7	8,848	32.2	16,586	77.6	1,013	5.8	3,765	17.6
Jan-Mar 2026	17,662	64.2	992	5.3	8,867	32.2	16,679	77.9	963	5.5	3,759	17.6
Apr-Jun 2026	17,726	64.2	995	5.3	8,870	32.2	16,723	78.0	968	5.5	3,748	17.5
Jul-Sep 2026	17,821	64.4	938	5.0	8,897	32.2	16,833	78.4	909	5.1	3,731	17.4
Change on quarter	95	0.2	-56	-0.3	27	0.0	110	0.4	-60	-0.4	-17	-0.1
Change %	0.5		-5.7		0.3		0.7		-6.2		-0.5	
Change on year	281	0.4	-57	-0.4	50	-0.1	259	0.7	-53	-0.4	-59	-0.4
Change %	1.6		-5.7		0.6		1.6		-5.5		-1.6	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Jul-Sep 2024	16,457	57.4	702	4.1	11,533	40.2	15,795	72.3	689	4.2	5,374	24.6
Jul-Sep 2025	16,658	57.5	791	4.5	11,520	39.8	15,959	72.5	774	4.6	5,283	24.0
Oct-Dec 2025	16,708	57.5	817	4.7	11,508	39.6	15,950	72.3	807	4.8	5,290	24.0
Jan-Mar 2026	16,724	57.5	816	4.7	11,557	39.7	15,936	72.2	798	4.8	5,344	24.2
Apr-Jun 2026	16,744	57.4	777	4.4	11,640	39.9	15,988	72.3	758	4.5	5,363	24.3
Jul-Sep 2026	16,804	57.5	746	4.2	11,671	39.9	16,059	72.5	738	4.4	5,339	24.1
Change on quarter	60	0.1	-32	-0.2	31	0.0	71	0.2	-20	-0.1	-25	-0.1
Change %	0.4		-4.1		0.3		0.4		-2.7		-0.5	
Change on year	146	0.0	-45	-0.3	151	0.2	100	0.1	-36	-0.2	55	0.1
Change %	0.9		-5.7		1.3		0.6		-4.6		1.0	

	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Jul-Sep 2024	355	22.1	106	23.0	1,144	71.3	3,344	58.3	525	13.6	1,862	32.5
Jul-Sep 2025	330	20.2	180	35.3	1,123	68.8	3,556	61.1	522	12.8	1,746	30.0
Oct-Dec 2025	318	19.5	158	33.3	1,156	70.8	3,510	60.0	577	14.1	1,762	30.1
Jan-Mar 2026	330	20.2	138	29.4	1,166	71.4	3,445	58.6	591	14.6	1,840	31.3
Apr-Jun 2026	332	20.3	142	30.0	1,160	71.0	3,486	59.1	597	14.6	1,819	30.8
Jul-Sep 2026	296	18.1	157	34.6	1,185	72.3	3,568	60.2	532	13.0	1,824	30.8
Change on quarter	-36	-2.2	14	4.6	25	1.4	81	1.2	-65	-1.7	5	0.0
Change %	-10.7		10.1		2.2		2.3		-11.0		0.3	
Change on year	-33	-2.1	-23	-0.8	62	3.6	12	-0.8	10	0.2	77	0.8
Change %	-10.1		-13.0		5.6		0.3		1.9		4.4	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Jul-Sep 2024	158	19.2	56	26.3	608	74.0	1,675	57.4	328	16.4	917	31.4
Jul-Sep 2025	151	18.1	93	38.1	591	70.7	1,796	60.4	324	15.3	854	28.7
Oct-Dec 2025	141	16.8	82	36.7	614	73.4	1,787	59.8	365	17.0	837	28.0
Jan-Mar 2026	151	18.1	78	34.1	608	72.6	1,753	58.4	365	17.2	886	29.5
Apr-Jun 2026	158	18.9	78	32.9	601	71.8	1,799	59.6	364	16.8	856	28.4
Jul-Sep 2026	138	16.5	82	37.3	619	73.7	1,873	61.8	310	14.2	848	28.0
Change on quarter	-20	-2.5	5	4.4	18	1.9	75	2.2	-54	-2.6	-9	-0.4
Change %	-12.8		5.9		2.9		4.2		-14.9		-1.0	
Change on year	-13	-1.6	-11	-0.9	28	3.0	77	1.4	-15	-1.1	-7	-0.8
Change %	-8.7		-12.0		4.7		4.3		-4.6		-0.8	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Jul-Sep 2024	197	25.2	50	20.2	536	68.4	1,668	59.4	197	10.6	945	33.6
Jul-Sep 2025	178	22.4	87	32.7	532	66.8	1,760	61.8	197	10.1	892	31.3
Oct-Dec 2025	177	22.3	77	30.2	542	68.1	1,723	60.2	212	11.0	926	32.4
Jan-Mar 2026	179	22.5	59	24.9	558	70.0	1,692	58.9	226	11.8	954	33.2
Apr-Jun 2026	174	21.8	65	27.2	559	70.1	1,688	58.5	234	12.2	962	33.4
Jul-Sep 2026	158	19.8	74	32.0	566	70.9	1,694	58.6	222	11.6	976	33.7
Change on quarter	-15	-2.0	10	4.9	7	0.8	7	0.0	-11	-0.6	14	0.4
Change %	-8.9		15.1		1.3		0.4		-4.9		1.4	
Change on year	-20	-2.6	-12	-0.7	35	4.1	-66	-3.2	25	1.5	84	2.4
Change %	-11.2		-14.0		6.5		-3.7		12.6		9.4	

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SUMMARY

2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAY	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Jul-Sep 2024	7,645	83.8	302	3.8	1,179	12.9	11,431	86.1	276	2.4	1,567	11.8
Jul-Sep 2025	7,674	83.8	355	4.4	1,127	12.3	11,477	85.1	372	3.1	1,643	12.2
Oct-Dec 2025	7,690	84.0	377	4.7	1,090	11.9	11,524	85.0	385	3.2	1,642	12.1
Jan-Mar 2026	7,721	84.3	386	4.8	1,051	11.5	11,596	85.2	348	2.9	1,665	12.2
Apr-Jun 2026	7,742	84.5	345	4.3	1,072	11.7	11,636	85.1	356	3.0	1,676	12.3
Jul-Sep 2026	7,748	84.6	324	4.0	1,085	11.9	11,725	85.4	367	3.0	1,636	11.9
Change on quarter	6	0.1	-21	-0.3	14	0.1	89	0.3	11	0.1	-40	-0.3
Change %	0.1		-6.2		1.3		0.8		3.0		-2.4	
Change on year	74	0.8	-32	-0.4	-42	-0.5	248	0.3	-5	-0.1	-7	-0.3
Change %	1.0		-8.9		-3.7		2.2		-1.3		-0.4	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Jul-Sep 2024	3,894	87.0	137	3.4	444	9.9	5,840	90.7	113	1.9	485	7.5
Jul-Sep 2025	3,940	87.4	198	4.8	367	8.2	5,826	89.1	174	2.9	540	8.3
Oct-Dec 2025	3,926	87.1	214	5.2	370	8.2	5,860	89.2	175	2.9	532	8.1
Jan-Mar 2026	3,940	87.3	221	5.3	353	7.8	5,967	90.5	137	2.2	491	7.4
Apr-Jun 2026	3,958	87.6	202	4.9	359	7.9	5,959	90.0	162	2.6	502	7.6
Jul-Sep 2026	3,975	87.9	179	4.3	368	8.1	5,969	89.7	176	2.9	506	7.6
Change on quarter	17	0.3	-23	-0.5	9	0.2	10	-0.2	14	0.2	5	0.0
Change %	0.4		-11.4		2.6		0.2		8.4		1.0	
Change on year	35	0.5	-19	-0.5	1	0.0	143	0.7	2	0.0	-33	-0.6
Change %	0.9		-9.7		0.2		2.5		1.0		-6.1	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Jul-Sep 2024	3,751	80.6	165	4.2	735	15.8	5,591	81.8	163	2.8	1,083	15.8
Jul-Sep 2025	3,734	80.3	157	4.0	759	16.3	5,651	81.3	198	3.4	1,103	15.9
Oct-Dec 2025	3,764	81.0	162	4.1	721	15.5	5,664	81.1	209	3.6	1,110	15.9
Jan-Mar 2026	3,781	81.4	165	4.2	698	15.0	5,629	80.3	211	3.6	1,174	16.7
Apr-Jun 2026	3,784	81.6	143	3.6	713	15.4	5,676	80.6	194	3.3	1,175	16.7
Jul-Sep 2026	3,773	81.4	145	3.7	717	15.5	5,756	81.3	191	3.2	1,130	16.0
Change on quarter	-11	-0.1	2	0.0	4	0.1	79	0.8	-3	-0.1	-45	-0.7
Change %	-0.3		1.1		0.6		1.4		-1.5		-3.8	
Change on year	39	1.1	-13	-0.3	-42	-0.9	105	0.0	-6	-0.2	26	0.1
Change %	1.1		-8.0		-5.6		1.9		-3.3		2.4	

	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Jul-Sep 2024	9,462	71.3	257	2.6	3,547	26.7	1,548	12.1	36	2.3	11,186	87.6
Jul-Sep 2025	9,496	71.7	307	3.1	3,434	25.9	1,665	12.8	51	3.0	11,293	86.8
Oct-Dec 2025	9,494	71.8	323	3.3	3,403	25.7	1,717	13.1	55	3.1	11,302	86.4
Jan-Mar 2026	9,523	72.1	299	3.0	3,381	25.6	1,770	13.5	47	2.6	11,321	86.2
Apr-Jun 2026	9,515	72.2	286	2.9	3,385	25.7	1,758	13.3	46	2.5	11,399	86.3
Jul-Sep 2026	9,554	72.6	268	2.7	3,339	25.4	1,733	13.1	38	2.1	11,499	86.7
Change on quarter	39	0.4	-18	-0.2	-46	-0.3	-25	-0.3	-8	-0.4	100	0.3
Change %	0.4		-6.4		-1.3		-1.4		-17.6		0.9	
Change on year	58	0.9	-39	-0.4	-95	-0.6	68	0.3	-13	-0.9	205	-0.2
Change %	0.6		-12.6		-2.8		4.1		-26.5		1.8	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Jul-Sep 2024	4,874	75.1	143	2.8	1,471	22.7	886	14.9	23	2.5	5,027	84.7
Jul-Sep 2025	4,860	75.1	172	3.4	1,438	22.2	966	15.9	33	3.3	5,057	83.5
Oct-Dec 2025	4,872	75.4	177	3.5	1,412	21.9	960	15.8	45	4.4	5,084	83.5
Jan-Mar 2026	4,868	75.5	162	3.2	1,421	22.0	983	16.1	28	2.8	5,108	83.5
Apr-Jun 2026	4,849	75.3	163	3.3	1,430	22.2	1,003	16.3	26	2.6	5,122	83.3
Jul-Sep 2026	4,877	75.9	162	3.2	1,390	21.6	988	16.0	30	2.9	5,166	83.5
Change on quarter	28	0.6	-1	0.0	-40	-0.6	-15	-0.3	3	0.3	44	0.3
Change %	0.6		-0.4		-2.8		-1.5		12.2		0.9	
Change on year	17	0.7	-9	-0.2	-48	-0.6	22	0.0	-4	-0.4	110	0.0
Change %	0.3		-5.5		-3.3		2.3		-11.1		2.2	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Jul-Sep 2024	4,588	67.7	114	2.4	2,076	30.6	661	9.7	13	1.9	6,159	90.1
Jul-Sep 2025	4,636	68.5	135	2.8	1,997	29.5	699	10.1	18	2.5	6,237	89.7
Oct-Dec 2025	4,622	68.4	146	3.1	1,991	29.5	757	10.8	11	1.4	6,218	89.0
Jan-Mar 2026	4,655	68.9	137	2.9	1,960	29.0	787	11.2	18	2.3	6,213	88.5
Apr-Jun 2026	4,666	69.2	123	2.6	1,955	29.0	756	10.7	19	2.5	6,277	89.0
Jul-Sep 2026	4,677	69.5	105	2.2	1,949	29.0	745	10.5	8	1.0	6,332	89.4
Change on quarter	11	0.3	-17	-0.4	-5	0.0	-10	-0.2	-11	-1.4	55	0.4
Change %	0.2		-14.2		-0.3		-1.4		-58.8		0.9	
Change on year	41	1.0	-29	-0.6	-47	-0.5	46	0.5	-10	-1.4	96	-0.3
Change %	0.9		-21.8		-2.4		6.6		-55.5		1.5	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

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

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers[1]						
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes[2]	Total people working full-time	total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time	Total Workers with second jobs
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
People		MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW
Jul-Sep 2024	33,784	29,261	4,346	122	55	25,248	8,536	22,277	6,984	2,912	1,434	1,255
Jul-Sep 2025	34,198	29,639	4,384	110	65	25,548	8,650	22,556	7,083	2,917	1,467	1,323
Oct-Dec 2025	34,253	29,682	4,385	121	66	25,494	8,759	22,541	7,141	2,885	1,500	1,278
Jan-Mar 2026	34,386	29,624	4,568	137	56	25,649	8,737	22,613	7,012	2,984	1,584	1,271
Apr-Jun 2026	34,469	29,781	4,518	112	58	25,746	8,724	22,772	7,009	2,913	1,605	1,293
Jul-Sep 2026	34,625	30,025	4,412	127	61	25,837	8,787	22,882	7,142	2,886	1,526	1,343
Change on quarter	155	244	-106	15	3	92	64	110	134	-27	-80	50
Change %	0.5	0.8	-2.4	13.6	4.9	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.9	-0.9	-5.0	3.9
Change on year	427	386	27	18	-4	290	137	326	60	-31	58	20
Change %	1.2	1.3	0.6	16.2	-5.7	1.1	1.6	1.4	0.8	-1.1	4.0	1.5
Men		MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX
Jul-Sep 2024	17,327	14,487	2,749	61	30	14,847	2,481	12,668	1,819	2,140	609	535
Jul-Sep 2025	17,540	14,653	2,792	59	36	15,046	2,494	12,819	1,834	2,183	609	592
Oct-Dec 2025	17,546	14,712	2,747	58	29	15,013	2,533	12,833	1,880	2,146	601	587
Jan-Mar 2026	17,662	14,762	2,805	63	32	15,119	2,544	12,907	1,855	2,182	623	569
Apr-Jun 2026	17,726	14,853	2,783	56	34	15,135	2,590	12,961	1,892	2,137	646	569
Jul-Sep 2026	17,821	14,933	2,786	69	33	15,178	2,643	13,008	1,925	2,133	653	610
Change on quarter	95	80	3	13	-1	42	53	47	33	-4	8	41
Change %	0.5	0.5	0.1	22.3	-2.7	0.3	2.0	0.4	1.7	-0.2	1.2	7.2
Change on year	281	281	-6	10	-4	132	149	190	91	-50	44	18
Change %	1.6	1.9	-0.2	16.1	-10.4	0.9	6.0	1.5	5.0	-2.3	7.3	3.1
Women		MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY
Jul-Sep 2024	16,457	14,773	1,597	61	25	10,401	6,056	9,608	5,165	772	826	720
Jul-Sep 2025	16,658	14,986	1,593	50	28	10,502	6,156	9,738	5,249	734	859	731
Oct-Dec 2025	16,708	14,970	1,638	63	37	10,481	6,227	9,708	5,262	739	899	691
Jan-Mar 2026	16,724	14,862	1,763	74	24	10,531	6,193	9,706	5,156	802	961	702
Apr-Jun 2026	16,744	14,928	1,735	56	25	10,610	6,134	9,811	5,117	776	960	724
Jul-Sep 2026	16,804	15,092	1,625	59	28	10,660	6,144	9,874	5,218	753	872	733
Change on quarter	60	164	-110	3	4	50	11	63	101	-23	-87	9
Change %	0.4	1.1	-6.3	4.8	15.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	2.0	-2.9	-9.1	1.2
Change on year	146	105	33	8	0	158	-12	136	-31	19	14	2
Change %	0.9	0.7	2.1	16.3	0.3	1.5	-0.2	1.4	-0.6	2.6	1.6	0.3

	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)							Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time)[3]					
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total[4]	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Jul-Sep 2024	1,532	5.2	364	23.8	441	152	575	8,418	895	10.6	5,887	383	1,205
Jul-Sep 2025	1,638	5.5	396	24.2	443	163	636	8,550	851	10.0	5,924	457	1,258
Oct-Dec 2025	1,645	5.5	388	23.6	418	169	671	8,641	863	10.0	5,971	467	1,286
Jan-Mar 2026	1,610	5.4	371	23.0	440	175	625	8,596	893	10.4	5,879	485	1,284
Apr-Jun 2026	1,610	5.4	395	24.5	404	179	633	8,614	915	10.6	5,944	456	1,245
Jul-Sep 2026	1,622	5.4	419	25.8	407	206	591	8,668	962	11.1	5,925	477	1,258
Change on quarter	12	0.0	23	1.3	3	27	-42	54	47	0.5	-19	21	13
Change %	0.7		5.9		0.8	15.0	-6.6	0.6	5.1		-0.3	4.5	1.0
Change on year	-16	-0.1	22	1.6	-36	43	-45	118	111	1.1	1	20	-1
Change %	-1.0		5.6		-8.1	26.3	-7.1	1.4	13.0		0.0	4.3	-0.1
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Jul-Sep 2024	722	5.0	198	27.4	176	78	269	2,427	398	16.4	1,359	171	482
Jul-Sep 2025	763	5.2	189	24.8	197	84	292	2,443	337	13.8	1,402	165	518
Oct-Dec 2025	775	5.3	194	25.0	189	79	313	2,481	353	14.2	1,414	165	532
Jan-Mar 2026	753	5.1	190	25.3	193	85	285	2,478	384	15.5	1,373	172	540
Apr-Jun 2026	768	5.2	209	27.2	182	88	288	2,537	407	16.1	1,410	160	549
Jul-Sep 2026	773	5.2	223	28.8	180	103	268	2,578	426	16.5	1,427	173	537
Change on quarter	5	0.0	13	1.6	-2	14	-21	41	18	0.5	17	12	-12
Change %	0.6		6.4		-1.2	16.0	-7.2	1.6	4.5		1.2	7.7	-2.2
Change on year	10	0.0	33	4.0	-17	19	-24	135	89	2.7	25	8	19
Change %	1.4		17.6		-8.8	22.5	-8.3	5.5	26.4		1.8	4.6	3.7
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Jul-Sep 2024	810	5.5	166	20.5	264	73	306	5,991	497	8.3	4,527	212	723
Jul-Sep 2025	875	5.8	207	23.6	245	79	344	6,107	514	8.4	4,522	292	741
Oct-Dec 2025	869	5.8	194	22.4	228	89	358	6,160	510	8.3	4,558	302	754
Jan-Mar 2026	857	5.8	181	21.1	247	90	340	6,117	509	8.3	4,506	313	744
Apr-Jun 2026	842	5.6	186	22.1	221	90	344	6,077	508	8.4	4,534	296	696
Jul-Sep 2026	849	5.6	196	23.1	227	103	323	6,090	536	8.8	4,498	304	721
Change on quarter	7	0.0	10	1.0	5	13	-21	13	28	0.4	-36	8	25
Change %	0.8		5.4		2.4	14.1	-6.1	0.2	5.6		-0.8	2.8	3.6
Change on year	-26	-0.2	-11	-0.6	-19	24	-21	-17	22	0.4	-24	12	-20
Change %	-3.0		-5.4		-7.6	30.3	-6.0	-0.3	4.3		-0.5	4.2	-2.7

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

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

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

2. This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training.

3. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees.

4. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of the other columns in this section of the table.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS
7 Actual weekly hours worked

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

		Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked			
	Total weekly hours (millions)[1,2]	All workers[1]	Full-time workers[3]	Part-time workers[3]	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Jul-Sep 2024	1,086.7	32.2	36.9	16.8	9.2
Jul-Sep 2025	1,087.9	31.8	36.5	16.5	9.4
Oct-Dec 2025	1,092.2	31.9	36.7	16.6	9.6
Jan-Mar 2026	1,087.6	31.6	36.3	16.4	10.0
Apr-Jun 2026	1,105.2	32.1	36.7	16.7	10.1
Jul-Sep 2026	1,101.8	31.8	36.6	16.4	9.8
Change on quarter	-3.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Change %	-0.3	-0.7	-0.4	-1.8	-3.0
Change on year	13.9	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.4
Change %	1.3	0.0	0.1	-0.7	4.1
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Jul-Sep 2024	618.2	35.7	38.5	16.3	10.2
Jul-Sep 2025	618.7	35.3	38.0	16.0	10.5
Oct-Dec 2025	618.2	35.2	38.1	16.2	10.3
Jan-Mar 2026	618.5	35.0	37.7	16.1	11.0
Apr-Jun 2026	628.6	35.5	38.2	16.3	11.5
Jul-Sep 2026	628.4	35.3	38.1	15.7	10.7
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6	-0.8
Change %	0.0	-0.6	-0.2	-3.5	-7.0
Change on year	9.7	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.2
Change %	1.6	0.0	0.4	-1.6	1.9
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Jul-Sep 2024	468.5	28.5	34.7	17.0	8.5
Jul-Sep 2025	469.3	28.2	34.4	16.8	8.6
Oct-Dec 2025	473.9	28.4	34.6	16.8	9.0
Jan-Mar 2026	469.1	28.1	34.3	16.5	9.2
Apr-Jun 2026	476.6	28.5	34.6	16.9	9.1
Jul-Sep 2026	473.4	28.2	34.3	16.7	9.1
Change on quarter	-3.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
Change %	-0.7	-1.0	-0.8	-1.1	0.6
Change on year	4.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.5
Change %	0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	6.0

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Main and second job

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

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 work[1]

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Jul-Sep 2025									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.6	1.1	4.2	2.8	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.8	8.7	5.4	3.2	7.5	11.6	6.8	19.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.4	27.0	17.7	9.1	26.2	23.6	17.6	34.1
31 up to 45 hours	59.8	65.2	54.0	62.8	68.9	56.9	40.0	46.8	28.1
Over 45 hours	14.1	19.4	8.6	13.2	18.2	8.3	20.6	26.0	11.2
Total (thousands)	34,198	17,540	16,658	29,639	14,653	14,986	4,384	2,792	1,593
Apr-Jun 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	1.2	1.8	0.9	0.7	1.1	4.5	3.3	6.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	3.7	8.6	5.4	3.3	7.5	10.8	6.1	18.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	10.7	26.7	17.4	9.0	25.7	26.0	19.1	37.1
31 up to 45 hours	59.7	64.9	54.3	63.0	68.8	57.2	38.7	45.0	28.6
Over 45 hours	14.2	19.5	8.6	13.3	18.2	8.5	20.0	26.5	9.5
Total (thousands)	34,469	17,726	16,744	29,781	14,853	14,928	4,518	2,783	1,735
Jul-Sep 2026									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.0	4.0	2.5	6.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.1	4.0	8.4	5.4	3.3	7.4	10.8	7.2	17.0
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.7	27.3	17.7	9.2	26.2	25.6	19.2	36.7
31 up to 45 hours	59.4	64.5	54.0	62.5	68.2	56.9	39.1	45.1	28.7
Over 45 hours	14.3	19.7	8.7	13.5	18.6	8.4	20.4	26.0	10.9
Total (thousands)	34,625	17,821	16,804	30,025	14,933	15,092	4,412	2,786	1,625

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

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.

A12 Dataset

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64						
	All	Rate(%)[1]	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%)[1]	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People			YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL			LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Jul-Sep 2024	1,502	4.3	918	246	338	22.5	150	1,466	4.4	905	240	320	21.9	139
Jul-Sep 2025	1,787	5.0	1,040	298	448	25.1	182	1,736	5.1	1,015	289	431	24.8	171
Oct-Dec 2025	1,875	5.2	1,051	356	469	25.0	196	1,820	5.3	1,021	340	459	25.2	183
Jan-Mar 2026	1,808	5.0	995	334	479	26.5	219	1,761	5.1	980	324	457	26.0	208
Apr-Jun 2026	1,772	4.9	978	344	451	25.4	193	1,727	5.0	957	335	434	25.1	182
Jul-Sep 2026	1,684	4.6	921	298	465	27.6	200	1,647	4.8	903	297	447	27.1	193
Change on quarte	-88	-0.3	-57	-45	15	2.2	8	-80	-0.2	-55	-38	13	2.0	11
Change %	-5.0		-5.9	-13.2	3.2		4.1	-4.6		-5.7	-11.4	3.0		5.8
Change on year	-102	-0.3	-119	0	17	2.5	19	-89	-0.3	-112	8	16	2.3	22
Change %	-5.7		-11.5	0.0	3.8		10.4	-5.1		-11.1	2.7	3.7		12.9
Men			MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM			YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWY	YBXB
Jul-Sep 2024	800	4.4	471	128	201	25.2	93	777	4.5	460	122	195	25.1	89
Jul-Sep 2025	995	5.4	538	187	271	27.2	121	962	5.5	521	178	263	27.3	114
Oct-Dec 2025	1,058	5.7	560	197	300	28.4	128	1,013	5.8	541	185	287	28.4	118
Jan-Mar 2026	992	5.3	542	172	277	27.9	131	963	5.5	532	168	263	27.4	122
Apr-Jun 2026	995	5.3	535	193	267	26.9	114	968	5.5	521	190	257	26.6	107
Jul-Sep 2026	938	5.0	492	167	280	29.8	130	909	5.1	476	166	266	29.3	124
Change on quarte	-56	-0.3	-43	-26	12	2.9	16	-60	-0.4	-45	-24	9	2.7	17
Change %	-5.7		-8.0	-13.5	4.6		14.0	-6.2		-8.6	-12.5	3.5		15.7
Change on year	-57	-0.4	-46	-20	9	2.6	8	-53	-0.4	-45	-12	4	2.0	10
Change %	-5.7		-8.5	-10.8	3.3		6.8	-5.5		-8.6	-6.9	1.5		8.4
Women			MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN			LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Jul-Sep 2024	702	4.1	447	118	136	19.4	57	689	4.2	446	118	125	18.2	51
Jul-Sep 2025	791	4.5	502	111	178	22.5	60	774	4.6	494	111	169	21.8	57
Oct-Dec 2025	817	4.7	490	159	168	20.6	68	807	4.8	480	155	172	21.3	65
Jan-Mar 2026	816	4.7	453	162	202	24.7	88	798	4.8	448	156	194	24.3	86
Apr-Jun 2026	777	4.4	443	151	184	23.6	79	758	4.5	436	146	177	23.3	75
Jul-Sep 2026	746	4.2	428	131	186	24.9	71	738	4.4	426	131	180	24.5	69
Change on quarte	-32	-0.2	-15	-19	2	1.3	-8	-20	-0.1	-10	-14	4	1.2	-6
Change %	-4.1		-3.3	-12.8	1.2		-10.3	-2.7		-2.3	-9.9	2.2		-8.3
Change on year	-45	-0.3	-74	20	8	2.5	11	-36	-0.2	-68	20	12	2.7	12
Change %	-5.7		-14.7	18.0	4.6		17.6	-4.6		-13.7	18.0	7.1		21.9

	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate (%)[1]	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%)[1]	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
People			YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP			YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Jul-Sep 2024	106	23.0	80	16	10	9.4	*	525	13.6	355	72	98	18.7	22
Jul-Sep 2025	180	35.3	133	28	19	10.8	*	522	12.8	314	72	136	26.1	40
Oct-Dec 2025	158	33.3	103	34	22	13.6	4	577	14.1	357	99	122	21.1	35
Jan-Mar 2026	138	29.4	90	31	16	11.8	*	591	14.6	352	105	135	22.8	46
Apr-Jun 2026	142	30.0	93	31	17	12.2	*	597	14.6	355	107	135	22.7	43
Jul-Sep 2026	157	34.6	110	27	20	12.5	3	532	13.0	303	92	137	25.7	42
Change on quarte	14	4.6	16	-4	2	0.3	*	-65	-1.7	-52	-15	1	3.1	-1
Change %	10.1		17.4	-12.9	12.4		*	-11.0		-14.6	-14.0	1.0		-2.3
Change on year	-23	-0.8	-23	-1	0	1.7	*	10	0.2	-11	20	1	-0.4	2
Change %	-13.0		-17.3	-1.9	0.8		*	1.9		-3.5	27.8	0.5		5.3
Men			YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ			YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Jul-Sep 2024	56	26.3	40	9	7	13.1	*	328	16.4	210	46	72	22.0	16
Jul-Sep 2025	93	38.1	64	18	11	11.7	*	324	15.3	181	53	91	28.1	29
Oct-Dec 2025	82	36.7	47	21	14	16.9	3	365	17.0	213	60	92	25.3	24
Jan-Mar 2026	78	34.1	52	19	7	9.6	*	365	17.2	216	65	83	22.8	25
Apr-Jun 2026	78	32.9	46	22	10	12.6	*	364	16.8	214	70	80	22.0	18
Jul-Sep 2026	82	37.3	57	16	9	10.9	*	310	14.2	165	64	80	25.9	29
Change on quarte	5	4.4	11	-6	-1	-1.7	*	-54	-2.6	-49	-5	0	3.9	11
Change %	5.9		24.4	-27.1	-8.3		*	-14.9		-22.9	-7.5	0.4		59.3
Change on year	-11	-0.9	-7	-3	-2	-0.8	*	-15	-1.1	-16	12	-11	-2.3	0
Change %	-12.0		-10.3	-14.3	-18.0		*	-4.6		-8.6	22.6	-12.2		1.1
Women			YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR			YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Jul-Sep 2024	50	20.2	40	7	*	*	*	197	10.6	145	26	26	13.2	7
Jul-Sep 2025	87	32.7	69	9	8	9.8	*	197	10.1	133	20	45	22.7	11
Oct-Dec 2025	77	30.2	55	14	8	10.1	*	212	11.0	144	39	29	13.8	11
Jan-Mar 2026	59	24.9	38	12	9	14.7	*	226	11.8	136	40	51	22.7	22
Apr-Jun 2026	65	27.2	47	10	8	11.8	*	234	12.2	140	38	56	23.8	25
Jul-Sep 2026	74	32.0	52	12	11	14.2	*	222	11.6	138	28	57	25.5	13
Change on quarte	10	4.9	5	2	3	2.4	*	-11	-0.6	-3	-10	1	1.7	-12
Change %	15.1		10.5	18.6	38.8		*	-4.9		-1.9	-26.0	2.0		-47.3
Change on year	-12	-0.7	-16	2	2	4.4	*	25	1.5	5	8	12	2.8	2
Change %	-14.0		-23.8	22.4	25.0		*	12.6		3.5	42.0	26.5		15.8

Source: Labour Force Survey

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[1] Denominator = economically active for that age group.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

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
Jul-Sep 2024	577	2.9	342	98	138	23.9	66	293	2.6	141	60	91	31.2	60
Jul-Sep 2025	727	3.7	412	124	191	26.3	78	358	3.1	181	75	102	28.5	62
Oct-Dec 2025	761	3.8	403	149	209	27.5	88	378	3.3	187	75	116	30.8	68
Jan-Mar 2026	733	3.7	387	141	205	27.9	95	346	3.0	165	57	124	35.7	76
Apr-Jun 2026	701	3.5	365	139	198	28.2	88	332	2.9	165	66	100	30.2	60
Jul-Sep 2026	691	3.4	351	131	208	30.1	93	305	2.6	157	48	101	33.1	62
Change on quart	-11	-0.1	-13	-8	10	1.9	5	-26	-0.2	-9	-19	1	2.9	2
Change %	-1.5		-3.6	-5.6	5.1		5.9	-7.9		-5.2	-28.1	0.9		3.4
Change on year	-37	-0.2	-61	7	17	3.9	16	-52	-0.5	-25	-27	-1	4.6	0
Change %	-5.0		-14.8	5.8	8.9		20.0	-14.6		-13.6	-36.1	-0.8		0.4
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Jul-Sep 2024	250	2.5	139	37	73	29.4	41	166	2.8	82	36	48	29.2	35
Jul-Sep 2025	372	3.7	199	71	103	27.6	50	205	3.4	95	45	66	31.9	43
Oct-Dec 2025	389	3.8	197	72	120	30.8	52	222	3.7	103	45	74	33.5	48
Jan-Mar 2026	358	3.5	188	62	108	30.1	56	191	3.2	86	26	79	41.2	49
Apr-Jun 2026	364	3.5	193	61	110	30.3	54	190	3.1	82	40	67	35.5	40
Jul-Sep 2026	355	3.4	181	56	117	33.1	53	192	3.2	88	31	73	38.1	45
Change on quart	-9	-0.1	-11	-5	7	2.8	0	3	0.0	7	-10	6	2.5	4
Change %	-2.6		-5.9	-8.5	6.4		-0.5	1.3		8.0	-24.3	8.6		10.6
Change on year	-18	-0.2	-17	-15	15	5.5	4	-13	-0.2	-6	-15	8	6.1	2
Change %	-4.7		-8.7	-21.0	14.2		7.2	-6.4		-6.6	-32.1	11.5		4.4
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Jul-Sep 2024	328	3.4	203	60	65	19.8	25	127	2.4	59	25	43	33.7	25
Jul-Sep 2025	355	3.6	214	53	88	24.9	28	152	2.8	87	29	36	23.7	19
Oct-Dec 2025	372	3.8	206	76	89	24.0	36	157	2.8	85	30	42	26.9	20
Jan-Mar 2026	375	3.8	199	79	97	25.9	39	155	2.8	79	31	45	28.9	27
Apr-Jun 2026	337	3.4	172	78	88	26.1	35	142	2.6	84	26	33	23.0	19
Jul-Sep 2026	336	3.4	170	75	91	27.1	40	113	2.0	68	17	28	24.6	17
Change on quart	-1	0.0	-2	-3	3	1.0	5	-29	-0.5	-15	-9	-5	1.6	-2
Change %	-0.4		-1.0	-3.3	3.5		15.7	-20.2		-18.1	-34.0	-14.8		-11.7
Change on year	-19	-0.2	-44	22	2	2.1	12	-39	-0.7	-18	-12	-8	0.8	-2
Change %	-5.4		-20.4	41.6	2.8		42.6	-25.7		-21.2	-42.1	-23.1		-8.7

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

[1] Denominator = economically active for that age group.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
Economically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Jul-Sep 2024	35,286	33,702	461	3,869	7,947	11,706	9,719	1,583
Jul-Sep 2025	35,984	34,268	509	4,078	8,030	11,849	9,803	1,716
Oct-Dec 2025	36,128	34,356	477	4,088	8,067	11,909	9,817	1,772
Jan-Mar 2026	36,194	34,377	468	4,036	8,107	11,944	9,822	1,817
Apr-Jun 2026	36,242	34,438	474	4,083	8,087	11,992	9,801	1,804
Jul-Sep 2026	36,309	34,538	453	4,100	8,072	12,092	9,822	1,771
Change on quarter	67	100	-21	16	-15	100	21	-33
Change %	0.2	0.3	-4.5	0.4	-0.2	0.8	0.2	-1.8
Change on year	325	270	-56	22	42	243	20	55
Change %	0.9	0.8	-11.1	0.5	0.5	2.1	0.2	3.2
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jul-Sep 2024	18,127	17,218	214	2,003	4,031	5,953	5,017	910
Jul-Sep 2025	18,535	17,536	245	2,120	4,138	6,000	5,032	999
Oct-Dec 2025	18,603	17,599	222	2,153	4,140	6,035	5,049	1,004
Jan-Mar 2026	18,654	17,642	229	2,118	4,161	6,104	5,030	1,011
Apr-Jun 2026	18,720	17,691	236	2,162	4,160	6,121	5,012	1,029
Jul-Sep 2026	18,759	17,742	220	2,183	4,154	6,145	5,039	1,017
Change on quarter	39	50	-16	21	-6	23	28	-12
Change %	0.2	0.3	-6.6	1.0	-0.1	0.4	0.5	-1.1
Change on year	224	206	-24	63	16	145	7	18
Change %	1.2	1.2	-10.0	2.9	0.4	2.4	0.1	1.8
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Jul-Sep 2024	17,158	16,484	247	1,866	3,916	5,754	4,702	674
Jul-Sep 2025	17,449	16,732	265	1,957	3,891	5,849	4,770	717
Oct-Dec 2025	17,525	16,757	254	1,935	3,926	5,873	4,768	768
Jan-Mar 2026	17,540	16,734	239	1,918	3,946	5,840	4,792	806
Apr-Jun 2026	17,521	16,747	238	1,921	3,927	5,870	4,789	775
Jul-Sep 2026	17,550	16,797	233	1,916	3,918	5,947	4,783	753
Change on quarter	29	50	-6	-5	-9	77	-7	-21
Change %	0.2	0.3	-2.4	-0.2	-0.2	1.3	-0.1	-2.8
Change on year	101	64	-32	-41	27	98	12	36
Change %	0.6	0.4	-12.1	-2.1	0.7	1.7	0.3	5.1

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Jul-Sep 2024	63.3	78.4	28.7	67.5	87.1	88.2	73.3	12.4
Jul-Sep 2025	63.9	79.1	31.2	70.0	87.7	87.8	74.1	13.2
Oct-Dec 2025	64.0	79.1	29.2	69.9	88.1	87.9	74.3	13.6
Jan-Mar 2026	63.9	79.1	28.6	68.7	88.5	87.8	74.4	13.8
Apr-Jun 2026	63.9	79.1	29.0	69.2	88.3	87.7	74.3	13.7
Jul-Sep 2026	63.8	79.2	27.7	69.2	88.1	88.1	74.6	13.3
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.3
Change on year	0.0	0.1	-3.6	-0.8	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jul-Sep 2024	66.9	81.4	26.0	68.6	90.1	92.5	77.3	15.3
Jul-Sep 2025	67.7	82.2	29.3	71.3	91.8	91.7	77.8	16.5
Oct-Dec 2025	67.8	82.4	26.6	72.0	91.8	91.9	78.1	16.5
Jan-Mar 2026	67.8	82.4	27.4	70.5	92.2	92.6	78.0	16.5
Apr-Jun 2026	67.8	82.5	28.2	71.6	92.1	92.4	77.8	16.7
Jul-Sep 2026	67.8	82.6	26.3	72.0	91.9	92.4	78.4	16.5
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	-1.9	0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.6	-0.3
Change on year	0.1	0.4	-3.0	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Jul-Sep 2024	59.8	75.4	31.6	66.4	84.2	84.2	69.4	9.9
Jul-Sep 2025	60.2	76.0	33.2	68.7	83.7	84.1	70.5	10.3
Oct-Dec 2025	60.4	76.0	31.9	67.6	84.5	84.1	70.5	11.0
Jan-Mar 2026	60.3	75.8	30.0	66.8	85.0	83.3	71.0	11.5
Apr-Jun 2026	60.1	75.7	29.9	66.6	84.6	83.3	71.0	11.0
Jul-Sep 2026	60.1	75.9	29.1	66.3	84.5	84.0	71.0	10.6
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-0.4	-0.1	0.7	0.0	-0.4
Change on year	-0.2	-0.1	-4.1	-2.4	0.9	-0.1	0.5	0.3

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)							Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
		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
Jul-Sep 2024	9,299	2,498	1,645	198	2,793	30	1,080	1,054	7,409	1,890
Jul-Sep 2025	9,073	2,316	1,563	192	2,826	44	1,040	1,092	6,978	2,095
Oct-Dec 2025	9,054	2,425	1,548	210	2,786	30	1,023	1,032	6,967	2,087
Jan-Mar 2026	9,103	2,459	1,555	195	2,772	29	1,033	1,060	6,959	2,144
Apr-Jun 2026	9,111	2,462	1,518	192	2,774	33	1,060	1,072	6,970	2,142
Jul-Sep 2026	9,069	2,471	1,591	188	2,681	34	1,057	1,048	7,019	2,050
Change on quarter	-42	9	72	-4	-92	0	-3	-24	50	-92
Change %	-0.5	0.4	4.8	-1.9	-3.3	1.4	-0.3	-2.3	0.7	-4.3
Change on year	-4	155	27	-4	-145	-10	17	-44	41	-45
Change %	0.0	6.7	1.7	-2.2	-5.1	-23.3	1.7	-4.0	0.6	-2.1
Men		BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Jul-Sep 2024	3,925	1,253	229	106	1,304	18	493	523	3,057	868
Jul-Sep 2025	3,790	1,159	219	92	1,339	27	479	476	2,845	946
Oct-Dec 2025	3,765	1,211	218	102	1,303	22	467	442	2,821	944
Jan-Mar 2026	3,759	1,211	232	98	1,255	16	484	463	2,789	970
Apr-Jun 2026	3,748	1,183	213	88	1,275	13	503	474	2,795	953
Jul-Sep 2026	3,731	1,226	241	77	1,225	18	483	460	2,810	921
Change on quarter	-17	43	28	-11	-50	5	-20	-13	15	-32
Change %	-0.5	3.6	13.3	-12.7	-3.9	40.7	-3.9	-2.8	0.5	-3.3
Change on year	-59	68	22	-15	-114	-9	4	-15	-35	-24
Change %	-1.6	5.8	9.9	-16.8	-8.5	-32.9	0.9	-3.2	-1.2	-2.6
Women		LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Jul-Sep 2024	5,374	1,246	1,417	93	1,489	12	587	531	4,351	1,023
Jul-Sep 2025	5,283	1,157	1,344	100	1,488	17	560	616	4,134	1,149
Oct-Dec 2025	5,290	1,214	1,330	108	1,484	8	557	590	4,146	1,144
Jan-Mar 2026	5,344	1,248	1,323	97	1,517	13	549	598	4,170	1,173
Apr-Jun 2026	5,363	1,279	1,306	104	1,499	21	557	599	4,175	1,189
Jul-Sep 2026	5,339	1,244	1,350	111	1,456	16	573	588	4,210	1,129
Change on quarter	-25	-34	44	7	-43	-5	16	-11	35	-60
Change %	-0.5	-2.7	3.4	7.2	-2.8	-22.9	3.0	-1.8	0.8	-5.0
Change on year	55	87	5	11	-31	-1	13	-28	76	-21
Change %	1.0	7.5	0.4	11.3	-2.1	-8.5	2.3	-4.6	1.8	-1.8

	Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)									
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Jul-Sep 2024	100.0	26.9	17.7	2.1	30.0	0.3	11.6	11.3	79.7	20.3
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	25.5	17.2	2.1	31.1	0.5	11.5	12.0	76.9	23.1
Oct-Dec 2025	100.0	26.8	17.1	2.3	30.8	0.3	11.3	11.4	76.9	23.1
Jan-Mar 2026	100.0	27.0	17.1	2.1	30.5	0.3	11.3	11.6	76.4	23.6
Apr-Jun 2026	100.0	27.0	16.7	2.1	30.4	0.4	11.6	11.8	76.5	23.5
Jul-Sep 2026	100.0	27.2	17.5	2.1	29.6	0.4	11.7	11.6	77.4	22.6
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jul-Sep 2024	100.0	31.9	5.8	2.7	33.2	0.5	12.6	13.3	77.9	22.1
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	30.6	5.8	2.4	35.3	0.7	12.6	12.5	75.1	24.9
Oct-Dec 2025	100.0	32.2	5.8	2.7	34.6	0.6	12.4	11.8	74.9	25.1
Jan-Mar 2026	100.0	32.2	6.2	2.6	33.4	0.4	12.9	12.3	74.2	25.8
Apr-Jun 2026	100.0	31.6	5.7	2.3	34.0	0.3	13.4	12.6	74.6	25.4
Jul-Sep 2026	100.0	32.9	6.5	2.1	32.8	0.5	13.0	12.3	75.3	24.7
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Jul-Sep 2024	100.0	23.2	26.4	1.7	27.7	0.2	10.9	9.9	81.0	19.0
Jul-Sep 2025	100.0	21.9	25.4	1.9	28.2	0.3	10.6	11.7	78.2	21.8
Oct-Dec 2025	100.0	23.0	25.1	2.0	28.0	0.2	10.5	11.1	78.4	21.6
Jan-Mar 2026	100.0	23.4	24.8	1.8	28.4	0.2	10.3	11.2	78.0	22.0
Apr-Jun 2026	100.0	23.8	24.3	1.9	27.9	0.4	10.4	11.2	77.8	22.2
Jul-Sep 2026	100.0	23.3	25.3	2.1	27.3	0.3	10.7	11.0	78.9	21.1

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1. Discouraged workers are those who are not looking for work because they believe no jobs are available.
2. Other reasons include people who (i) are waiting the results of a job application, (ii) have not yet started looking for work, (iii) do not need or want employment, (iv) have given an 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

Jul-Sep 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	1,638	296	157	1,185	1,370	232	125	1,013	268	64	31	173
18-24	5,923	3,568	532	1,824	2,021	758	134	1,129	3,902	2,809	397	695
16-24	7,561	3,864	688	3,009	3,391	990	260	2,141	4,170	2,874	429	867
Men												
16-17	839	138	82	619	698	100	64	534	141	39	18	84
18-24	3,031	1,873	310	848	961	343	66	551	2,070	1,530	244	296
16-24	3,870	2,012	392	1,466	1,659	443	130	1,086	2,211	1,569	262	380
Women												
16-17	799	158	74	566	672	132	61	478	127	26	13	88
18-24	2,893	1,694	222	976	1,061	415	68	577	1,832	1,279	154	399
16-24	3,691	1,852	297	1,542	1,733	547	130	1,056	1,959	1,305	167	487
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17	4	-36	14	25	-4	-33	10	19	8	-3	4	7
18-24	21	81	-65	5	12	46	-24	-10	9	36	-41	15
16-24	25	46	-51	30	8	13	-14	9	17	33	-37	21
Men												
16-17	2	-20	5	18	10	-17	4	23	-8	-3	1	-6
18-24	12	75	-54	-9	6	18	-24	12	6	56	-30	-21
16-24	14	55	-49	9	16	1	-20	36	-2	54	-29	-27
Women												
16-17	2	-15	10	7	-14	-15	6	-5	16	0	4	12
18-24	9	7	-11	14	6	28	0	-22	3	-21	-12	36
16-24	11	-9	-2	21	-8	12	6	-27	19	-21	-8	48
Rates(%)[3]												
People												
16-17		18.1	34.6	72.3		16.9	35.1	73.9		24.0	32.7	64.4
18-24		60.2	13.0	30.8		37.5	15.0	55.8		72.0	12.4	17.8
16-24		51.1	15.1	39.8		29.2	20.8	63.1		68.9	13.0	20.8
Men												
16-17		16.5	37.3	73.7		14.3	39.1	76.6		27.3	32.0	59.8
18-24		61.8	14.2	28.0		35.7	16.1	57.4		73.9	13.7	14.3
16-24		52.0	16.3	37.9		26.7	22.7	65.5		71.0	14.3	17.2
Women												
16-17		19.8	32.0	70.9		19.7	31.7	71.2		20.3	33.6	69.4
18-24		58.6	11.6	33.7		39.1	14.1	54.4		69.8	10.7	21.8
16-24		50.2	13.8	41.8		31.6	19.1	60.9		66.6	11.3	24.9
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17		-2.2	4.6	1.4		-2.3	4.7	1.6		-1.8	4.1	0.5
18-24		1.2	-1.7	0.0		2.1	-3.1	-0.8		0.7	-1.3	0.3
16-24		0.4	-1.1	0.3		0.3	-1.1	0.1		0.5	-1.1	0.4
Men												
16-17		-2.5	4.4	1.9		-2.7	5.1	2.3		-0.4	2.4	-0.8
18-24		2.2	-2.6	-0.4		1.7	-5.6	0.9		2.5	-1.9	-1.1
16-24		1.2	-2.1	0.1		-0.2	-2.7	1.5		2.5	-1.8	-1.2
Women												
16-17		-2.0	4.9	0.8		-1.8	4.5	0.7		-3.0	6.8	1.3
18-24		0.0	-0.6	0.4		2.4	-0.8	-2.4		-1.3	-0.6	1.9
16-24		-0.4	0.0	0.5		0.8	0.4	-1.3		-1.7	-0.3	2.2

Relationship between columns: 1=5+9; 2=6+10; 3=7+11.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who were not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table. Estimates of young people who were NEET are published separately at:
https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peoplenotinwork/unemployment/bulletins/

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

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

REDUNDANCIES

22 Redundancies: level[1] and rates[2]

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
Jul-Sep 2024	92	3.2	58	4.0	34	2.3
Jul-Sep 2025	134	4.5	78	5.3	56	3.7
Oct-Dec 2025	145	4.9	73	5.0	73	4.8
Jan-Mar 2026	126	4.2	66	4.5	60	4.0
Apr-Jun 2026	106	3.6	57	3.9	49	3.3
Jul-Sep 2026	120	4.0	69	4.6	51	3.4
Change on quarter	14	0.4	12	0.8	2	0.1
Change %	12.8		20.2		4.3	
Change on year	-14	-0.5	-9	-0.7	-5	-0.3
Change %	-10.4		-11.8		-8.4	

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

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