

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: May 2021

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



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2 . Main points

- January to March 2021 estimates show a quarterly decrease in the unemployment rate (the largest quarterly decrease since September to November 2015), while the economic inactivity rate increased, as it did during the first coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, and the employment rate increased for the first time since December 2019 to February 2020.
- Total hours worked decreased on the quarter with the reintroduction of many coronavirus restrictions.
- The UK employment rate was estimated at 75.2%, 1.4 percentage points lower than before the pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020) but 0.2 percentage points higher than the previous quarter.
- The UK unemployment rate was estimated at 4.8%, 0.8 percentage points higher than December 2019 to February 2020 but 0.3 percentage points lower than the previous quarter.
- The UK economic inactivity rate was estimated at 21.0%, 0.8 percentage points higher than December 2019 to February 2020 and 0.1 percentage point higher than the previous quarter.

3 . Coronavirus and measuring the labour market

Latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on interviews that took place from January to March 2021. Interviews relate to the period when a number of the government lockdown measures were reintroduced, but there was also some easing of restrictions towards the end of the period.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the suspension of face-to-face interviewing, we had to make operational changes to the LFS, which moved to a "by telephone" approach. More information can be found in [Coronavirus and its impact on the Labour Force Survey](#).

LFS responses are weighted to official 2018-based population projections on demographic trends that pre-date the coronavirus pandemic. In our [Coronavirus and the impact on payroll employment](#) article we analyse the population totals used in the LFS weighting process and state our intention to make adjustments. Rates published from the LFS remain robust; however, levels and changes in levels should be used with caution. This will particularly affect estimates for country of birth, nationality, ethnicity and disability.

An [article](#) published on 17 May 2021 describes the new LFS weighting methodology which will be applied to results from July 2021.

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- Explore the latest trends in employment, prices and trade in our [economic dashboard](#).
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4 . Summary

Following a period of employment growth and low unemployment, since the start of the pandemic employment has generally been decreasing and unemployment increasing. However, the latest (January to March 2021) estimates show signs of recovery, with a quarterly increase in the employment rate. Meanwhile, there was a quarterly decrease in the unemployment rate and the economic inactivity rate increased on the quarter (Figure 1).

Figure 1: January to March 2021 estimates show a quarterly decrease in the unemployment rate, while the economic inactivity rate and employment rate increased

UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity rates, seasonally adjusted, between January to March 2006 and January to March 2021

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Part of the increase in employment and fall in unemployment was because of the quarterly net flow from unemployment to employment increasing to pre-pandemic levels (Figure 2).

Figure 2: There was a net flow of 132,000 from unemployment to employment

UK flows between employment, unemployment and economic inactivity (seasonally adjusted), between October to December 2020 and January to March 2021

Notes:

1. The figures in the boxes are the total stocks for those aged 16 to 64 years in January to March 2021 (from [Dataset A02](#))

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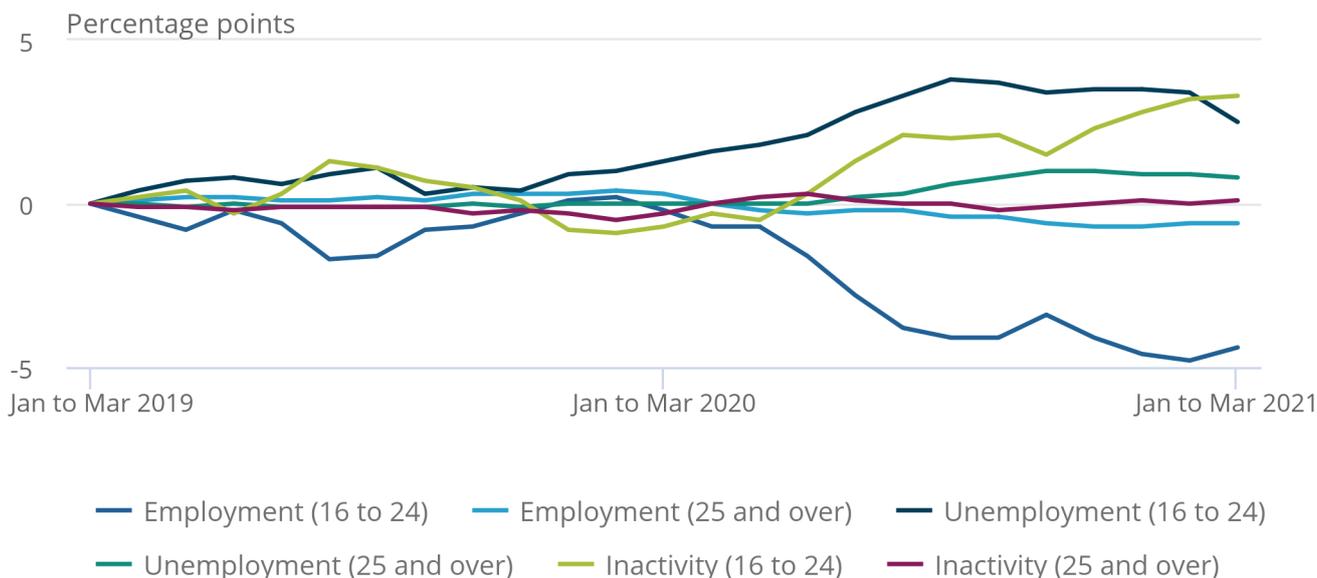
Young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) have been particularly affected by the pandemic. Over the last quarter there was a decrease in the employment and unemployment rates for young people (Figure 3), particularly amongst 16- to 17-year-olds. This suggests that more young people are staying in education and not looking for work, which is supported by the record economic inactivity rate of young people in full-time education.

Figure 3: The economic inactivity rate for young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) is at a record high

UK rates by economic status (people aged 16 to 24 years and 25 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from January to March 2019, for each period up to January to March 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

5 . Employment

Following an increase in the [employment](#) rate since early 2012, there had been a decrease since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; however there was an increase in the latest quarter.

Full-time and part-time employees and self-employed

The quarterly increase in employment was mainly driven by an increase in the number of full-time employees. The increase was partly offset by a decrease in part-time workers, and self-employed people also decreased.

Employment status on the LFS is self-reported, with people classifying themselves as being either an employee or self-employed. [Labour market flows estimates](#) show that the recent increases in employees and decreases in self-employed people have been driven, in part, by a movement from self-employed to employee status. Of those who switch, the number who had changed jobs has been similar to pre-pandemic levels. Consequently, some of the fall in self-employment comes from people who have changed to classifying themselves as an employee, even though they have not changed jobs. The number of people in this group has decreased over recent periods but is still above pre-pandemic levels.

Hours worked

During January to March 2021, [total actual weekly hours worked](#) in the UK decreased from the previous quarter (Figure 4), coinciding with the introduction of further coronavirus lockdown measures which has stalled the recent recovery in total hours.

Figure 4: Total actual weekly hours worked decreased on the quarter, reflecting the increased coronavirus restrictions

UK total actual weekly hours worked (people aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between January to March 2006 and January to March 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

6 . Unemployment

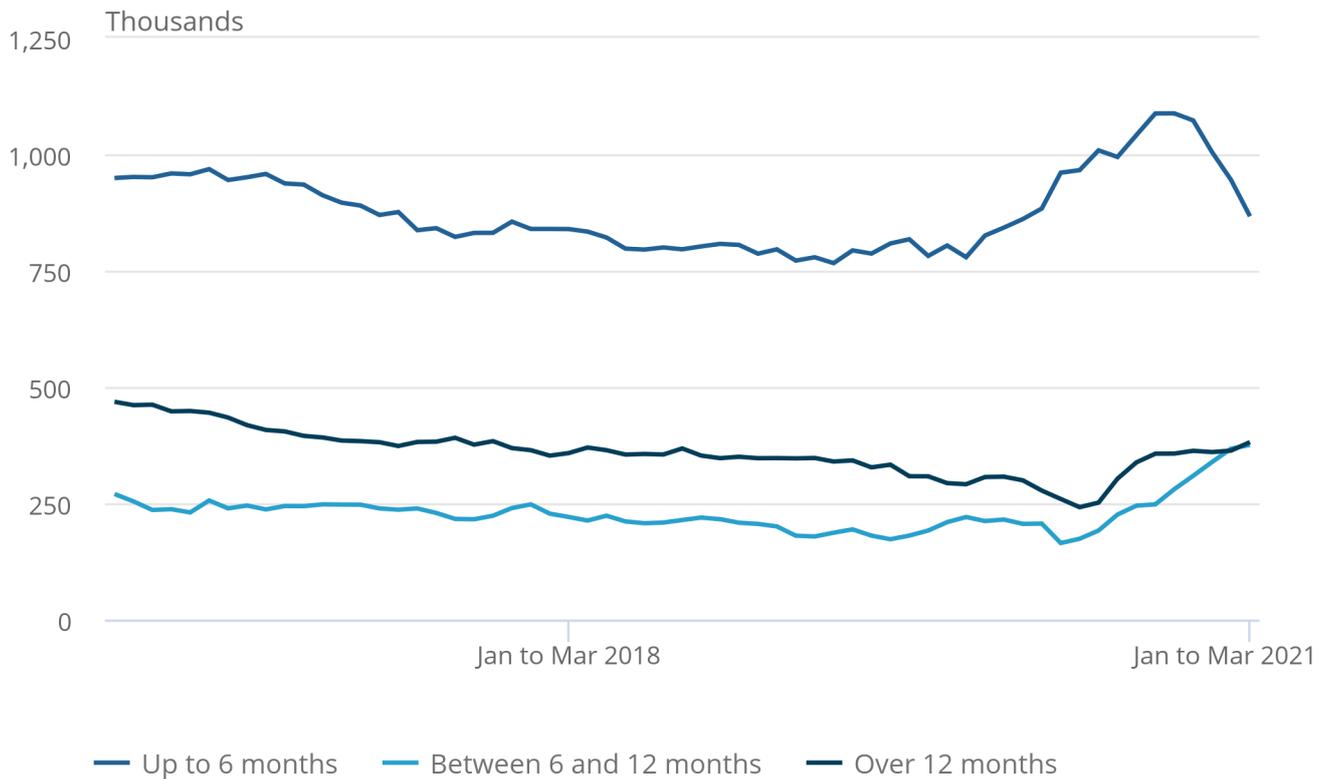
The estimated [unemployment](#) rate had generally been falling since late 2013 up until the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It has increased since then but has fallen slightly in the latest quarter.

Figure 5: The number of people in short-term unemployment (those unemployed for up to six months) decreased on the quarter

UK unemployment by duration (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between January to March 2016 and January to March 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

There has been a decrease in short-term unemployment (Figure 5), while the number of people in longer-term unemployment categories increased.

7 . Economic inactivity

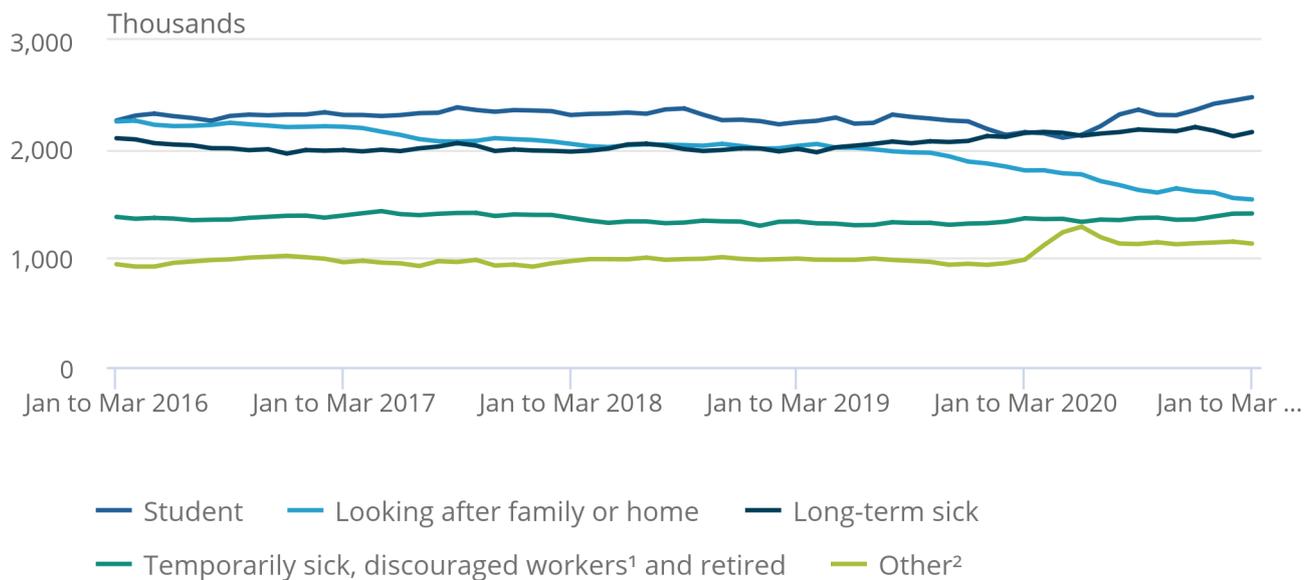
Since comparable records began in 1971, the [economic inactivity](#) rate has generally been falling; however, it has increased during the pandemic.

Figure 6: The increase in the number of people who are economically inactive over the last year has been largely driven by people who are inactive because they are students or because of “other” reasons

Economically inactive people by reason in the UK (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between January to March 2016 and January to March 2021

Figure 6: The increase in the number of people who are economically inactive over the last year has been largely driven by people who are inactive because they are students or because of “other” reasons

Economically inactive people by reason in the UK (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between January to March 2016 and January to March 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. Discouraged workers are those who are not looking for work because they believe no jobs are available.
2. Other reasons for being economically inactive include those who are waiting for the results of a job application; have not yet started looking for work; do not need or want employment; have given an uncategorised reason for being economically inactive; or have not given a reason for being economically inactive.

In terms of reasons for economic inactivity (Figure 6), the increase was largely driven by:

- those who are economically inactive because they are students, which also drove the increase during the summer of 2020
- those who are economically inactive because of "other" reasons

This increase was offset somewhat by the large decrease in people who were economically inactive because they were looking after family or home.

8 . Redundancies

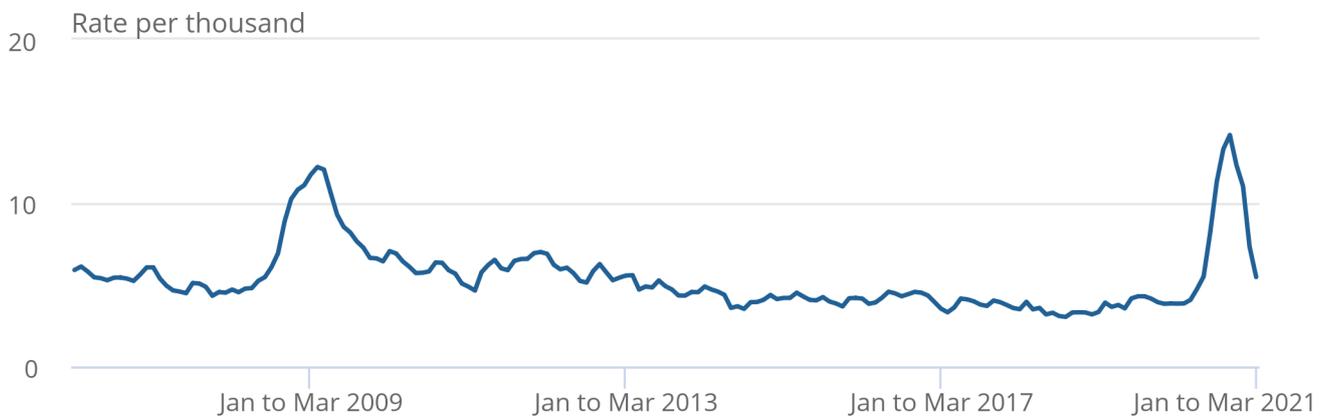
In January to March 2021, reports of redundancies in the three months prior to interview decreased on the quarter (Figure 7), but were still higher than pre-pandemic levels.

Figure 7: The redundancy rate decreased by a record 6.9 per thousand on the quarter, to 5.5 per thousand

UK redundancy rate¹, people aged 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted), between January to March 2006 and January to March 2021

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UK redundancy rate¹, people aged 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted), between January to March 2006 and January to March 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. Redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level to the number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.

9 . Employment in the UK data

[Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 18 May 2021

Estimates of UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity broken down into age bands.

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

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 18 May 2021

Estimates of UK employment including a breakdown by sex, type of employment, and full-time and part-time working.

[Actual weekly hours worked](#)

Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 18 May 2021

Estimates for the hours that people in employment work in the UK.

[Unemployment by age and duration](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 18 May 2021

Estimates of unemployment in the UK including a breakdown by sex, age group and the length of time people are unemployed.

[Economic inactivity by reason](#)

Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 18 May 2021

Estimates of those not in the UK labour force measured by the reasons given for economic inactivity.

[Labour Force Survey sampling variability](#)

Dataset A11 | Released 18 May 2021

Labour Force Survey (LFS) sampling variability (95% confidence intervals).

[Labour Force Survey single month estimates](#)

Dataset X01 | Released 18 May 2021

Labour Force Survey (LFS) single-month estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity have been published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) since 2004. Not designated as National Statistics.

[Labour Force Survey weekly estimates](#)

Dataset X07 | Released 18 May 2021

Labour Force Survey (LFS) weekly estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and hours in the UK. All estimates are calculated from highly experimental weekly Labour Force Survey datasets.

10 . Glossary

Actual and usual hours worked

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

Workers temporarily absent from a job as a result 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. Since the average actual weekly hours are the average of all in employment, those temporarily absent from a job also affected these estimates.

Economic inactivity

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

Employment

[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 or those who are self-employed but temporarily not in work, have a reasonable expectation of returning to their jobs after a temporary period of absence. Therefore, they are classified as employed under the International Labour Organization definition.

A more detailed explanation is available in our [guide to labour market statistics](#).

Redundancies

The redundancy estimates measure the number of people who were made redundant or who took voluntary redundancy in the three months before the Labour Force Survey interviews; it does not take into consideration planned redundancies.

Unemployment

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

A [more detailed glossary](#) is available.

11 . Measuring the data

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

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in the [LFS QMI](#).

The [LFS performance and quality monitoring reports](#) provide data on response rates and other quality-related issues for the LFS.

Coronavirus

For more information on how labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, see the article published on 6 May 2020, which details [some of the challenges that we have faced in producing estimates](#).

An article published on 11 December 2020 [compares our labour market data sources and discusses some of the main differences](#).

LFS responses are weighted to official 2018-based population projections on demographic trends that pre-date the coronavirus pandemic. In our [Coronavirus and the impact on payroll employment](#) article we analyse the population totals used in the LFS weighting process and state our intention to make adjustments. Rates published from the LFS remain robust; however, levels and changes in levels should be used with caution. This will particularly affect estimates for country of birth, nationality, ethnicity and disability. Consequently, recent level estimates for these measures have been temporarily suspended until they are reweighted to better account for recent population movements.

An [article](#) published on 17 May 2021 describes the new LFS weighting methodology which will be applied to results from July 2021.

End of EU exit transition period

As the UK enters into a new Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU, the UK statistical system will continue to produce and publish our wide range of economic and social statistics and analysis. We are committed to continued alignment with the highest international statistical standards, enabling comparability both over time and internationally, and ensuring the general public, statistical users and decision makers have the data they need to be informed.

As the shape of the UK's future statistical relationship with the EU becomes clearer over the coming period, the ONS is making preparations to assume responsibilities that as part of our membership of the EU, and during the transition period, were delegated to the statistical office of the EU, Eurostat. This includes responsibilities relating to international comparability of economic statistics, deciding what international statistical guidance to apply in the UK context and to provide further scrutiny of our statistics and sector classification decisions.

In applying international statistical standards and best practice to UK economic statistics, we will draw on the technical advice of experts in the UK and internationally, and our work will be underpinned by the UK's well-established and robust framework for independent official statistics, set out in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. Further information on our proposals will be made available later this year.

We will continue to produce our labour market statistics in line with the UK Statistics Authority's [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and in accordance with International Labour Organization (ILO) definitions and agreed international statistical guidance.

12 . Strengths and limitations

Uncertainty in these data

The estimates presented in this bulletin contain [uncertainty](#).

The figures in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey (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.

The data in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, 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 number of people available in the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates that we can make from that sample size gets larger. Estimates for small groups (for example, unemployed people aged between 16 and 17 years), 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 three-month periods are small and are not usually greater than the level that can be explained by sampling variability. Short-term movements in reported rates should be considered alongside longer-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in other sources to give a fuller picture.

Information on the quality of estimates is available in our [Labour Force Survey sampling variability](#) table.

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.

The annual [reconciliation report of job estimates](#) article, which compares the latest workforce jobs series estimates with the equivalent estimates of jobs from the LFS and is usually published every March, has been postponed until further adjustments to the LFS are implemented.

Further information is available in [A guide to labour market statistics](#).

13 . Related links

[Business insights and impact on the UK economy: 6 May 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 6 May 2021

The latest indicators and analysis from the Business Impacts of Coronavirus Survey (BICS), a survey of employers capturing how coronavirus has affected their turnover, workforce prices, trade and business resilience.

[Working and workless households in the UK: October to December 2020](#)

Bulletin | Released 10 March 2021

Commentary on quarterly estimates of the economic status of UK households and the people living in them.

[Young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\), UK: March 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 4 March 2021

Quarterly bulletin examining estimates of men and women aged between 16 and 24 years in the UK who are not studying or in employment.

[Changes to how we estimate the number of people in employment on zero-hours contracts](#)

Article | Release 8 February 2021

Explains the change in methodology following the move to quarterly data collection and assesses the impact of this change on published estimates of people in employment on zero hours contracts.

[Coronavirus and its impact on the Labour Force Survey](#)

Article | Released 13 October 2020

Explains the change that has been made to the Labour Force Survey weighting methodology in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the impact this has had on published estimates.

[Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics](#)

Article | Released 6 May 2020

How the global outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the wider containment efforts is expected to impact upon the UK labour market, providing some of the practical challenges that the Office for National Statistics is likely to face.

[Improvements to the Labour Force Survey longitudinal dataset weighting methodology](#)

Methodology article | Released 21 January 2020

Information about the change that have been made and the impact this has on Labour Force Survey flows estimates in dataset X02, released 18 February 2020.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Latest data and analysis on coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and its effect on the economy and society. Includes recent articles on coronavirus and self-employment in the UK, coronavirus and employment for parents in the UK, and coronavirus and employment for those aged 70 years and over in the UK.

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(**) 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>

SUMMARY

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Jan-Mar 2019	53,206	41,304	32,697	76.1	1,298	3.8	8,609	20.8
Jan-Mar 2020†	53,485	41,395	33,005	76.3	1,365	4.0	8,457	20.4
Apr-Jun 2020†	53,556	41,420	32,671	75.8	1,381	4.1	8,641	20.9
Jul-Sep 2020†	53,626	41,441	32,507	75.3	1,624	4.8	8,662	20.9
Oct-Dec 2020†	53,696	41,460	32,393	75.0	1,744	5.1	8,664	20.9
Jan-Mar 2021†	53,765	41,478	32,476	75.2	1,623	4.8	8,712	21.0
Change on quarter	70	19	84	0.2	-121	-0.3	48	0.1
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.3		-6.9		0.6	
Change on year	280	83	-529	-1.2	258	0.8	255	0.6
Change %	0.5	0.2	-1.6		18.9		3.0	
Men								
	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Jan-Mar 2019	26,043	20,546	17,275	80.3	701	3.9	3,354	16.3
Jan-Mar 2020†	26,196	20,600	17,285	80.1	754	4.2	3,355	16.3
Apr-Jun 2020†	26,235	20,615	17,113	79.6	754	4.2	3,453	16.7
Jul-Sep 2020†	26,273	20,627	16,979	78.6	932	5.2	3,508	17.0
Oct-Dec 2020†	26,310	20,638	16,904	78.2	959	5.4	3,571	17.3
Jan-Mar 2021†	26,348	20,650	16,901	78.2	886	5.0	3,640	17.6
Change on quarter	38	11	-3	0.0	-73	-0.4	69	0.3
Change %	0.1	0.1	0.0		-7.7		1.9	
Change on year	152	50	-384	-2.0	132	0.8	285	1.3
Change %	0.6	0.2	-2.2		17.5		8.5	
Women								
	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Jan-Mar 2019	27,163	20,758	15,422	71.8	597	3.7	5,255	25.3
Jan-Mar 2020†	27,290	20,795	15,721	72.6	611	3.7	5,102	24.5
Apr-Jun 2020†	27,322	20,806	15,558	72.1	627	3.9	5,189	24.9
Jul-Sep 2020†	27,354	20,814	15,528	71.9	692	4.3	5,154	24.8
Oct-Dec 2020†	27,385	20,821	15,489	71.8	785	4.8	5,093	24.5
Jan-Mar 2021†	27,417	20,829	15,575	72.2	737	4.5	5,073	24.4
Change on quarter	32	7	87	0.4	-47	-0.3	-21	-0.1
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.6		-6.0		-0.4	
Change on year	128	34	-145	-0.4	126	0.8	-30	-0.2
Change %	0.5	0.2	-0.9		20.7		-0.6	

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.

† - Labour Force Survey (LFS) responses are weighted to official population projections. As the current projections are 2018-based they are based on demographic trends that pre-date the COVID-19 pandemic. We are analysing the population totals used in the weighting process and intend to make adjustments where appropriate. Rates published from the LFS remain robust; however, levels and changes in levels should be used with caution. This will particularly affect estimates for country of birth, nationality, ethnicity and disability.

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
Jan-Mar 2019	32,697	61.5	1,298	3.8	19,212	36.1	31,414	76.1	1,280	3.9	8,609	20.8
Jan-Mar 2020†	33,005	61.7	1,365	4.0	19,115	35.7	31,601	76.3	1,337	4.1	8,457	20.4
Apr-Jun 2020†	32,671	61.0	1,381	4.1	19,505	36.4	31,416	75.8	1,363	4.2	8,641	20.9
Jul-Sep 2020†	32,507	60.6	1,624	4.8	19,496	36.4	31,186	75.3	1,593	4.9	8,662	20.9
Oct-Dec 2020†	32,393	60.3	1,744	5.1	19,559	36.4	31,082	75.0	1,714	5.2	8,664	20.9
Jan-Mar 2021†	32,476	60.4	1,623	4.8	19,666	36.6	31,174	75.2	1,592	4.9	8,712	21.0
Change on quarter	84	0.1	-121	-0.3	107	0.2	92	0.2	-121	-0.4	48	0.1
Change %	0.3		-6.9		0.5		0.3		-7.1		0.6	
Change on year	-529	-1.3	258	0.8	551	0.8	-427	-1.2	255	0.8	255	0.6
Change %	-1.6		18.9		2.9		-1.4		19.1		3.0	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Jan-Mar 2019	17,275	66.3	701	3.9	8,067	31.0	16,501	80.3	691	4.0	3,354	16.3
Jan-Mar 2020†	17,285	66.0	754	4.2	8,157	31.1	16,510	80.1	735	4.3	3,355	16.3
Apr-Jun 2020†	17,113	65.2	754	4.2	8,368	31.9	16,418	79.6	744	4.3	3,453	16.7
Jul-Sep 2020†	16,979	64.6	932	5.2	8,362	31.8	16,211	78.6	908	5.3	3,508	17.0
Oct-Dec 2020†	16,904	64.2	959	5.4	8,447	32.1	16,130	78.2	938	5.5	3,571	17.3
Jan-Mar 2021†	16,901	64.1	886	5.0	8,561	32.5	16,143	78.2	867	5.1	3,640	17.6
Change on quarter	-3	-0.1	-73	-0.4	114	0.4	14	0.0	-71	-0.4	69	0.3
Change %	0.0		-7.7		1.4		0.1		-7.6		1.9	
Change on year	-384	-1.8	132	0.8	404	1.4	-367	-2.0	132	0.8	285	1.3
Change %	-2.2		17.5		5.0		-2.2		17.9		8.5	
Women	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Jan-Mar 2019	15,422	56.8	597	3.7	11,144	41.0	14,913	71.8	589	3.8	5,255	25.3
Jan-Mar 2020†	15,721	57.6	611	3.7	10,958	40.2	15,091	72.6	602	3.8	5,102	24.5
Apr-Jun 2020†	15,558	56.9	627	3.9	11,137	40.8	14,997	72.1	619	4.0	5,189	24.9
Jul-Sep 2020†	15,528	56.8	692	4.3	11,134	40.7	14,975	71.9	685	4.4	5,154	24.8
Oct-Dec 2020†	15,489	56.6	785	4.8	11,112	40.6	14,952	71.8	776	4.9	5,093	24.5
Jan-Mar 2021†	15,575	56.8	737	4.5	11,104	40.5	15,031	72.2	726	4.6	5,073	24.4
Change on quarter	87	0.3	-47	-0.3	-8	-0.1	78	0.4	-50	-0.3	-21	-0.1
Change %	0.6		-6.0		-0.1		0.5		-6.5		-0.4	
Change on year	-145	-0.8	126	0.8	147	0.3	-61	-0.4	124	0.8	-30	-0.2
Change %	-0.9		20.7		1.3		-0.4		20.6		-0.6	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Jan-Mar 2019	342	24.6	81	19.2	969	69.6	3,497	63.1	385	9.9	1,661	30.0
Jan-Mar 2020†	326	23.0	106	24.6	984	69.5	3,467	63.5	417	10.7	1,578	28.9
Apr-Jun 2020†	301	21.1	108	26.4	1,017	71.4	3,392	62.3	441	11.5	1,609	29.6
Jul-Sep 2020†	263	18.3	89	25.3	1,083	75.5	3,256	60.0	512	13.6	1,655	30.5
Oct-Dec 2020†	242	16.7	82	25.3	1,121	77.6	3,266	60.4	507	13.4	1,631	30.2
Jan-Mar 2021†	206	14.1	89	30.1	1,160	79.8	3,276	60.8	447	12.0	1,662	30.9
Change on quarter	-36	-2.6	7	4.8	39	2.2	10	0.4	-60	-1.4	31	0.7
Change %	-15.0		8.0		3.5		0.3		-11.8		1.9	
Change on year	-120	-8.8	-18	5.5	176	10.3	-190	-2.6	31	1.3	83	2.0
Change %	-36.8		-16.7		17.8		-5.5		7.4		5.3	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Jan-Mar 2019	162	22.7	45	21.8	506	71.0	1,790	63.2	236	11.7	805	28.4
Jan-Mar 2020†	146	20.1	62	30.0	517	71.3	1,786	64.0	234	11.6	769	27.6
Apr-Jun 2020†	142	19.4	60	29.9	528	72.3	1,735	62.5	242	12.2	801	28.8
Jul-Sep 2020†	128	17.5	46	26.3	560	76.3	1,651	59.6	321	16.3	796	28.7
Oct-Dec 2020†	113	15.3	42	27.0	584	79.0	1,637	59.4	299	15.4	822	29.8
Jan-Mar 2021†	94	12.7	37	28.3	613	82.3	1,653	60.1	263	13.7	832	30.3
Change on quarter	-19	-2.7	-5	1.3	29	3.3	16	0.8	-36	-1.7	10	0.5
Change %	-16.9		-11.2		4.9		0.9		-11.9		1.2	
Change on year	-51	-7.4	-25	-1.7	96	11.0	-133	-3.9	29	2.2	63	2.7
Change %	-35.2		-40.3		18.5		-7.4		12.6		8.2	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAW	LWFC
Jan-Mar 2019	180	26.5	36	16.7	463	68.2	1,707	62.9	149	8.0	856	31.6
Jan-Mar 2020†	180	26.1	44	19.6	467	67.6	1,681	62.9	183	9.8	809	30.3
Apr-Jun 2020†	159	22.8	47	22.9	490	70.4	1,656	62.2	199	10.7	808	30.3
Jul-Sep 2020†	134	19.2	43	24.4	523	74.6	1,604	60.4	191	10.6	859	32.4
Oct-Dec 2020†	129	18.2	40	23.8	536	76.1	1,629	61.6	208	11.3	809	30.6
Jan-Mar 2021†	111	15.7	51	31.5	547	77.1	1,623	61.6	184	10.2	830	31.5
Change on quarter	-17	-2.5	11	7.8	11	1.0	-5	0.0	-24	-1.2	21	0.9
Change %	-13.3		28.1		2.0		-0.3		-11.6		2.6	
Change on year	-69	-10.3	7	11.9	80	9.5	-58	-1.3	1	0.4	20	1.2
Change %	-38.1		16.8		17.1		-3.4		0.7		2.5	

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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	YCAV	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Jan-Mar 2019	7,547	84.3	253	3.2	1,150	12.8	10,859	85.2	292	2.6	1,592	12.5
Jan-Mar 2020†	7,631	85.2	254	3.2	1,069	11.9	10,874	85.5	284	2.5	1,563	12.3
Apr-Jun 2020†	7,605	85.0	278	3.5	1,068	11.9	10,839	85.2	279	2.5	1,602	12.6
Jul-Sep 2020†	7,609	85.0	335	4.2	1,003	11.2	10,818	85.1	315	2.8	1,581	12.4
Oct-Dec 2020†	7,578	84.7	335	4.2	1,030	11.5	10,775	84.8	394	3.5	1,538	12.1
Jan-Mar 2021†	7,601	85.0	316	4.0	1,021	11.4	10,843	85.4	361	3.2	1,496	11.8
Change on quarter	24	0.3	-19	-0.2	-8	-0.1	68	0.6	-33	-0.3	-42	-0.3
Change %	0.3		-5.8		-0.8		0.6		-8.4		-2.7	
Change on year	-30	-0.2	61	0.8	-48	-0.5	-31	-0.1	77	0.7	-67	-0.5
Change %	-0.4		24.2		-4.5		-0.3		27.0		-4.3	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Jan-Mar 2019	4,048	90.1	132	3.1	313	7.0	5,733	91.1	127	2.2	432	6.9
Jan-Mar 2020†	4,060	90.1	129	3.1	316	7.0	5,703	90.7	144	2.5	437	7.0
Apr-Jun 2020†	4,041	89.7	141	3.4	324	7.2	5,680	90.4	149	2.6	455	7.2
Jul-Sep 2020†	3,993	88.6	171	4.1	343	7.6	5,654	90.0	159	2.7	469	7.5
Oct-Dec 2020†	3,976	88.2	176	4.2	355	7.9	5,622	89.5	187	3.2	472	7.5
Jan-Mar 2021†	3,970	88.1	169	4.1	369	8.2	5,666	90.2	176	3.0	437	7.0
Change on quarter	-6	-0.1	-7	-0.2	14	0.3	44	0.7	-11	-0.2	-35	-0.6
Change %	-0.1		-4.1		3.9		0.8		-6.0		-7.4	
Change on year	-90	-2.1	40	1.0	53	1.2	-37	-0.5	32	0.5	-1	0.0
Change %	-2.2		31.4		16.7		-0.6		21.9		-0.1	
Women	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Jan-Mar 2019	3,500	78.5	122	3.4	837	18.8	5,126	79.5	166	3.1	1,160	18.0
Jan-Mar 2020†	3,571	80.3	126	3.4	753	16.9	5,171	80.3	140	2.6	1,126	17.5
Apr-Jun 2020†	3,564	80.2	138	3.7	744	16.7	5,159	80.2	130	2.5	1,146	17.8
Jul-Sep 2020†	3,616	81.4	164	4.3	660	14.9	5,164	80.3	157	2.9	1,112	17.3
Oct-Dec 2020†	3,602	81.2	159	4.2	674	15.2	5,153	80.2	207	3.9	1,067	16.6
Jan-Mar 2021†	3,631	82.0	147	3.9	652	14.7	5,178	80.6	185	3.4	1,060	16.5
Change on quarter	29	0.8	-12	-0.3	-22	-0.5	24	0.4	-22	-0.4	-7	-0.1
Change %	0.8		-7.7		-3.3		0.5		-10.6		-0.7	
Change on year	60	1.7	21	0.5	-100	-2.2	6	0.3	45	0.8	-67	-1.0
Change %	1.7		16.8		-13.3		0.1		32.3		-5.9	
	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
Jan-Mar 2019	9,168	72.3	268	2.8	3,238	25.5	1,282	10.8	18	1.4	10,602	89.1
Jan-Mar 2020†	9,304	72.5	276	2.9	3,262	25.4	1,404	11.6	28	2.0	10,658	88.2
Apr-Jun 2020†	9,280	72.0	256	2.7	3,346	26.0	1,255	10.3	18	1.4	10,863	89.5
Jul-Sep 2020†	9,241	71.5	341	3.6	3,340	25.9	1,321	10.8	31	2.3	10,834	88.9
Oct-Dec 2020†	9,221	71.1	395	4.1	3,345	25.8	1,311	10.7	30	2.3	10,895	89.0
Jan-Mar 2021†	9,247	71.1	380	3.9	3,373	25.9	1,302	10.6	31	2.3	10,953	89.1
Change on quarter	26	0.0	-16	-0.2	29	0.1	-9	-0.1	1	0.1	59	0.1
Change %	0.3		-4.0		0.9		-0.7		1.7		0.5	
Change on year	-57	-1.3	104	1.1	111	0.5	-102	-1.0	3	0.3	296	1.0
Change %	-0.6		37.8		3.4		-7.2		8.9		2.8	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Jan-Mar 2019	4,769	76.7	151	3.1	1,298	20.9	774	14.1	10	1.3	4,714	85.7
Jan-Mar 2020†	4,816	76.5	166	3.3	1,315	20.9	775	13.8	19	2.4	4,802	85.8
Apr-Jun 2020†	4,820	76.3	152	3.1	1,344	21.3	694	12.4	10	1.4	4,915	87.5
Jul-Sep 2020†	4,784	75.5	211	4.2	1,339	21.1	768	13.6	24	3.0	4,854	86.0
Oct-Dec 2020†	4,781	75.3	234	4.7	1,338	21.1	774	13.7	21	2.7	4,876	86.0
Jan-Mar 2021†	4,760	74.7	221	4.4	1,389	21.8	758	13.3	19	2.4	4,922	86.4
Change on quarter	-21	-0.5	-12	-0.2	51	0.7	-17	-0.4	-2	-0.2	46	0.4
Change %	-0.4		-5.3		3.8		-2.2		-11.5		0.9	
Change on year	-56	-1.8	55	1.1	74	0.9	-17	-0.5	0	0.1	119	0.6
Change %	-1.2		33.4		5.7		-2.2		0.2		2.5	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Jan-Mar 2019	4,400	68.1	117	2.6	1,940	30.0	508	7.9	8	1.5	5,889	91.9
Jan-Mar 2020†	4,488	68.6	110	2.4	1,948	29.8	629	9.7	9	1.5	5,855	90.2
Apr-Jun 2020†	4,460	67.9	105	2.3	2,002	30.5	561	8.6	8	1.3	5,948	91.3
Jul-Sep 2020†	4,456	67.7	130	2.8	2,001	30.4	553	8.5	7	1.2	5,980	91.4
Oct-Dec 2020†	4,440	67.2	162	3.5	2,007	30.4	537	8.2	9	1.6	6,019	91.7
Jan-Mar 2021†	4,487	67.7	159	3.4	1,984	29.9	545	8.3	12	2.1	6,032	91.6
Change on quarter	47	0.5	-3	-0.1	-23	-0.4	8	0.1	3	0.5	13	-0.1
Change %	1.1		-2.1		-1.1		1.5		33.4		0.2	
Change on year	-1	-0.9	49	1.0	37	0.2	-85	-1.4	2	0.7	176	1.4
Change %	0.0		44.5		1.9		-13.4		26.6		3.0	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

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

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							Total Workers with second jobs
	Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes ²	Total people working full-time	Total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRS	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Jan-Mar 2019	32,697	27,593	4,930	131	42	24,110	8,586	20,566	7,027	3,496	1,434	1,112	
Jan-Mar 2020†	33,005	27,879	4,948	117	62	24,356	8,650	20,851	7,028	3,447	1,501	1,224	
Apr-Jun 2020†	32,671	27,826	4,700	99	45	24,402	8,269	21,052	6,774	3,293	1,407	1,061	
Jul-Sep 2020†	32,507	27,847	4,526	99	35	24,396	8,111	21,165	6,681	3,183	1,343	1,081	
Oct-Dec 2020†	32,393	27,895	4,374	90	34	24,435	7,958	21,351	6,544	3,034	1,340	1,113	
Jan-Mar 2021†	32,476	28,021	4,331	95	30	24,683	7,793	21,610	6,411	3,026	1,305	1,154	
Change on quarter	84	126	-44	4	-4	248	-165	259	-133	-8	-35	41	
Change %	0.3	0.5	-1.0	4.9	-10.9	1.0	-2.1	1.2	-2.0	-0.3	-2.6	3.7	
Change on year	-529	142	-617	-22	-32	328	-857	759	-617	-421	-196	-70	
Change %	-1.6	0.5	-12.5	-19.0	-51.2	1.3	-9.9	3.6	-8.8	-12.2	-13.1	-5.7	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Jan-Mar 2019	17,275	13,881	3,309	61	24	15,027	2,248	12,262	1,619	2,738	572	463	
Jan-Mar 2020†	17,285	13,960	3,238	56	31	15,057	2,227	12,397	1,564	2,629	609	512	
Apr-Jun 2020†	17,113	14,017	3,020	49	27	15,007	2,105	12,498	1,518	2,477	543	450	
Jul-Sep 2020†	16,979	13,968	2,945	44	22	14,876	2,103	12,446	1,522	2,398	548	457	
Oct-Dec 2020†	16,904	13,965	2,874	42	22	14,828	2,076	12,505	1,460	2,294	581	462	
Jan-Mar 2021†	16,901	14,084	2,754	49	13	14,856	2,045	12,603	1,482	2,228	526	485	
Change on quarter	-3	119	-120	7	-9	28	-31	98	21	-66	-54	23	
Change %	0.0	0.9	-4.2	16.7	-42.8	0.2	-1.5	0.8	1.5	-2.9	-9.4	5.0	
Change on year	-384	124	-484	-6	-18	-202	-182	206	-82	-401	-82	-27	
Change %	-2.2	0.9	-14.9	-11.4	-59.0	-1.3	-8.2	1.7	-5.2	-15.3	-13.5	-5.2	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Jan-Mar 2019	15,422	13,712	1,621	70	19	9,084	6,338	8,304	5,408	758	863	648	
Jan-Mar 2020†	15,721	13,919	1,710	61	31	9,298	6,423	8,454	5,464	818	892	712	
Apr-Jun 2020†	15,558	13,810	1,680	50	18	9,394	6,164	8,554	5,256	816	864	611	
Jul-Sep 2020†	15,528	13,879	1,581	55	13	9,520	6,008	8,719	5,159	785	796	624	
Oct-Dec 2020†	15,489	13,929	1,500	48	12	9,607	5,882	8,846	5,083	741	759	651	
Jan-Mar 2021†	15,575	13,936	1,576	45	18	9,828	5,748	9,007	4,929	798	778	669	
Change on quarter	87	7	76	-3	6	220	-134	162	-154	57	19	18	
Change %	0.6	0.1	5.1	-5.5	48.8	2.3	-2.3	1.8	-3.0	7.7	2.5	2.8	
Change on year	-145	18	-134	-16	-14	529	-675	553	-535	-20	-114	-43	
Change %	-0.9	0.1	-7.8	-25.9	-43.5	5.7	-10.5	6.5	-9.8	-2.4	-12.8	-6.1	

	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)							Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³						
	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 ^a	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	
Jan-Mar 2019	1,528	5.5	387	25.3	451	131	559	8,461	931	11.0	6,092	271	1,102	
Jan-Mar 2020†	1,508	5.4	415	27.6	423	115	554	8,529	902	10.6	6,154	303	1,120	
Apr-Jun 2020†	1,486	5.3	379	25.5	395	125	587	8,181	889	10.9	5,867	298	1,063	
Jul-Sep 2020†	1,454	5.2	378	26.0	360	120	596	8,025	893	11.1	5,767	277	992	
Oct-Dec 2020†	1,564	5.6	453	28.9	359	124	628	7,884	1,013	12.9	5,623	260	906	
Jan-Mar 2021†	1,533	5.5	497	32.4	341	110	586	7,716	1,013	13.1	5,473	267	886	
Change on quart	-31	-0.1	44	3.5	-18	-14	-43	-168	-1	0.3	-150	7	-19	
Change %	-2.0		9.8		-5.0	-11.5	-6.8	-2.1	-0.1		-2.7	2.9	-2.2	
Change on year	25	0.1	81	4.9	-82	-5	32	-813	111	2.6	-681	-36	-234	
Change %	1.7		19.6		-19.4	-4.5	5.7	-9.5	12.3		-11.1	-11.9	-20.9	
Men	YCCA	YCCG	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCDH	YCDK			
Jan-Mar 2019	698	5.0	206	29.5	184	64	244	2,190	394	18.0	1,236	94	439	
Jan-Mar 2020†	689	4.9	202	29.3	189	51	248	2,172	366	16.9	1,253	105	433	
Apr-Jun 2020†	690	4.9	194	28.1	167	50	278	2,061	376	18.2	1,119	100	443	
Jul-Sep 2020†	659	4.7	188	28.5	144	55	273	2,070	373	18.0	1,133	102	411	
Oct-Dec 2020†	730	5.2	238	32.6	141	57	294	2,041	436	21.3	1,118	85	369	
Jan-Mar 2021†	716	5.1	234	32.7	164	51	267	2,008	443	22.1	1,100	84	352	
Change on quart	-14	-0.1	-4	0.0	23	-6	-27	-33	8	0.7	-18	-1	-17	
Change %	-1.9		-1.8		16.3	-10.1	-9.2	-1.6	1.8		-1.6	-1.5	-4.6	
Change on year	27	0.2	32	3.4	-25	0	20	-164	77	5.2	-153	-21	-81	
Change %	4.0		16.0		-13.3	0.9	7.9	-7.6	21.1		-12.2	-19.8	-18.7	
Women	YCCB	YCCD	YCCF	YCCI	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCR	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL	
Jan-Mar 2019	830	6.1	181	21.8	267	67	315	6,271	537	8.6	4,856	177	663	
Jan-Mar 2020†	819	5.9	214	26.1	234	65	307	6,357	535	8.4	4,902	199	687	
Apr-Jun 2020†	796	5.8	185	23.3	228	75	308	6,120	513	8.4	4,747	198	620	
Jul-Sep 2020†	794	5.7	190	23.9	216	66	322	5,955	521	8.7	4,634	175	581	
Oct-Dec 2020†	834	6.0	214	25.7	218	68	334	5,843	578	9.9	4,505	174	536	
Jan-Mar 2021†	817	5.9	263	32.2	177	59	318	5,708	569	10.0	4,373	183	534	
Change on quart	-17	-0.1	49	6.5	-41	-9	-16	-135	-8	0.1	-132	9	-3	
Change %	-2.0		22.7		-18.8	-12.7	-4.7	-2.3	-1.5		-2.9	5.0	-0.5	
Change on year	-2	0.0	49	6.1	-57	-6	12	-649	34	1.6	-528	-15	-153	
Change %	-0.2		23.0		-24.4	-8.8	3.9	-10.2	6.4		-10.8	-7.7	-22.3	

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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) ¹²	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Jan-Mar 2019	1,052.9	32.2	37.5	16.3	9.6
Jan-Mar 2020†	1,029.2	31.2	36.2	15.8	9.7
Apr-Jun 2020†	841.9	25.8	30.3	11.6	8.7
Jul-Sep 2020†	925.0	28.5	33.0	13.9	9.2
Oct-Dec 2020†	978.7	30.2	34.9	14.9	9.8
Jan-Mar 2021†	956.2	29.4	33.8	13.9	9.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-22.6	-0.8	-1.1	-1.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-2.4	-2.6	-3.2	-7.0	0.6
<i>Change on year</i>	-73.0	-1.7	-2.4	-1.9	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-7.1	-5.6	-6.7	-11.9	1.2
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Jan-Mar 2019	631.0	36.5	39.2	16.2	10.8
Jan-Mar 2020†	607.8	35.2	37.7	15.5	10.6
Apr-Jun 2020†	497.2	29.1	31.4	10.8	10.3
Jul-Sep 2020†	544.0	32.0	34.3	13.8	10.8
Oct-Dec 2020†	572.5	33.9	36.3	14.3	10.0
Jan-Mar 2021†	557.0	33.0	35.3	13.4	10.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-15.6	-0.9	-1.1	-0.9	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-2.8	-2.8	-3.0	-6.7	2.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-50.8	-2.2	-2.5	-2.2	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	-8.4	-6.3	-6.6	-13.9	-4.0
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Jan-Mar 2019	422.0	27.4	34.5	16.3	8.7
Jan-Mar 2020†	421.4	26.8	33.8	15.9	9.0
Apr-Jun 2020†	344.7	22.2	28.6	11.8	7.5
Jul-Sep 2020†	381.0	24.5	30.8	14.0	8.0
Oct-Dec 2020†	406.2	26.2	32.7	15.1	9.6
Jan-Mar 2021†	399.2	25.6	31.6	14.1	9.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-7.0	-0.6	-1.1	-1.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.8	-2.3	-3.4	-7.1	-0.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-22.2	-1.2	-2.2	-1.8	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	-5.3	-4.4	-6.4	-11.2	5.6

Source: Labour Force Survey

1 Main and second job

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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

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7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Jan-Mar 2020†									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	1.0	2.1	1.1	0.7	1.5	3.4	2.1	6.0
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.3	9.8	5.8	2.9	8.8	9.1	4.7	17.5
16 up to 30 hours	19.2	9.7	29.6	18.7	8.2	29.2	22.3	16.0	34.2
31 up to 45 hours	55.1	61.5	48.0	57.8	65.0	50.5	39.9	46.8	26.9
Over 45 hours	17.8	24.4	10.6	16.6	23.1	10.0	25.2	30.4	15.5
Total (thousands)	33,005	17,285	15,721	27,879	13,960	13,919	4,948	3,238	1,710
Oct-Dec 2020†									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.9	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	3.1	2.1	5.0
6 up to 15 hours	5.8	3.2	8.7	5.1	2.6	7.5	10.6	5.9	19.7
16 up to 30 hours	19.1	10.1	29.0	18.5	8.4	28.5	23.4	18.5	32.9
31 up to 45 hours	57.3	63.7	50.3	60.1	67.5	52.7	39.4	45.1	28.6
Over 45 hours	16.6	22.1	10.5	15.5	20.9	10.1	23.5	28.5	13.9
Total (thousands)	32,393	16,904	15,489	27,895	13,965	13,929	4,374	2,874	1,500
Jan-Mar 2021†									
Less than 6 Hours	1.1	0.7	1.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	2.8	1.4	5.2
6 up to 15 hours	5.7	3.1	8.5	5.1	2.6	7.6	9.1	5.0	16.4
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.0	28.4	18.0	8.5	27.7	24.4	18.0	35.6
31 up to 45 hours	57.6	63.8	51.0	60.3	67.2	53.4	40.7	46.9	30.0
Over 45 hours	16.8	22.5	10.6	15.8	21.2	10.3	23.0	28.8	12.8
Total (thousands)	32,476	16,901	15,575	28,021	14,084	13,936	4,331	2,754	1,576

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

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NON-UK WORKERS

8(1) Employment levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over) not seasonally adjusted

	United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over) not seasonally adjusted																		
	Europe									Africa			Asia			America and Oceania			
	European Union (EU)									Other Europe (not in EU)	Total Africa	Of which: South Africa	Total Asia	Of which: India	Of which: Pakistan and Bangladesh	Total America and Oceania	Of which: USA	Of which: Australia and New Zealand	Total Non-EU ⁷
Total ¹	UK	Non UK	Total Europe	Total EU (EU27) ²	EU14 ³	EU8 ⁴	EU2 ⁵	Other EU ⁶	Total EU										
Levels (aged 16 and over)																			
Country of birth levels	MGTM	JF6F	JF6G	FSC2	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	FSC3	FSC4	FSC5	JJS3	FSC6	JJS7	JJS9	FSC7	JJR7	JJS5	EQ4S
Jan-Mar 2019	32,641	26,838	5,796	2,666	2,420	994	947	438	41	246	933	200	1,536	452	366	662	108	139	3,376
Jan-Mar 2020†	32,998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-Jun 2020†	32,592	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-Sep 2020†	32,515	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-Dec 2020†	32,441	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-Mar 2021†	32,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change on year	-511	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change %	-1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country of birth rates	LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	FSD5	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	FSD6	FSD7	FSD8	LFN4	FSD9	LFN6	LFN7	FSE2	LFN2	LFN5	EQ52
Jan-Mar 2019	75.9	76.3	74.6	81.8	82.8	80.1	85.1	84.6	79.1	72.7	73.1	88.2	64.6	75.3	57.6	77.8	78.4	84.7	69.7
Jan-Mar 2020†	76.3	76.4	76.4	82.4	83.3	81.0	85.6	84.1	78.5	75.1	75.3	86.9	66.7	78.6	56.5	81.4	76.0	88.0	72.0
Apr-Jun 2020†	75.7	75.6	76.0	81.0	81.7	80.1	83.3	83.3	75.8	75.8	74.2	82.9	68.0	78.0	60.1	80.5	79.9	84.3	72.4
Jul-Sep 2020†	75.3	75.3	75.4	80.2	81.1	81.1	79.8	86.6	70.0	74.1	72.1	81.9	69.4	76.5	59.1	78.2	82.0	77.2	72.2
Oct-Dec 2020†	75.1	75.2	74.8	79.5	80.1	79.9	78.8	86.1	72.2	73.5	70.2	79.5	69.8	78.3	61.0	78.2	76.7	80.6	71.8
Jan-Mar 2021†	75.2	75.2	75.3	79.4	80.3	79.7	79.5	84.6	82.1	72.8	73.2	78.7	69.4	79.1	61.0	78.6	80.4	80.9	72.5
Change on year	-1.1	-1.2	-1.1	-3.0	-3.0	-1.3	-6.2	0.5	3.5	-2.3	-2.2	-8.3	2.6	0.4	4.5	-2.8	4.4	-7.1	0.4
Nationality levels	MGTM	JF6H	JF6I	FSC8	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	FSC9	FSC10	FSD2	JJS4	FSD3	JJS8	JJT2	FSD4	JJR8	JJS6	EQ4W
Jan-Mar 2019	32,641	28,943	3,698	2,513	2,381	1,018	925	423	16	132	273	71	597	182	115	315	101	75	1,317
Jan-Mar 2020†	32,998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-Jun 2020†	32,592	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-Sep 2020†	32,515	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-Dec 2020†	32,441	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-Mar 2021†	32,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change on year	-511	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change %	-1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nationality rates	LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	FSE3	EQ54	LFO2	LFO3	EQ55	FSE4	FSE5	FSE6	LFO6	FSE7	LFO8	LFO9	FSE8	LFO4	LFO7	EQ56
Jan-Mar 2019	75.9	76.1	75.3	82.1	82.7	79.9	85.0	84.9	75.0	72.9	68.8	91.4	57.2	70.6	50.9	76.9	78.3	82.7	64.8
Jan-Mar 2020†	76.3	76.3	76.6	82.3	82.9	80.5	85.4	83.7	76.2	72.3	67.0	90.4	62.3	77.1	53.2	80.0	72.2	86.9	67.8
Apr-Jun 2020†	75.7	75.6	76.0	81.3	82.0	80.0	84.3	82.7	74.8	69.3	67.2	92.6	63.0	76.6	56.2	80.0	73.2	87.6	68.0
Jul-Sep 2020†	75.3	75.2	76.1	80.5	81.3	79.8	81.5	85.5	96.0	68.2	69.1	88.6	65.2	73.5	57.3	78.8	76.0	80.2	69.6
Oct-Dec 2020†	75.1	75.1	75.5	79.7	80.5	78.8	80.7	86.0	92.0	64.4	68.4	82.9	64.2	74.2	57.9	79.4	73.9	84.2	69.3
Jan-Mar 2021†	75.2	75.2	75.4	79.1	79.9	78.7	80.4	82.4	96.5	68.4	70.7	80.6	65.0	75.2	60.9	77.6	72.9	83.6	69.9
Change on year	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-3.1	-3.0	-1.9	-5.0	-1.2	20.3	-3.9	3.6	-9.9	2.7	-1.9	7.8	-2.4	0.7	-3.3	2.1

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- The total series includes people who do not state their country of birth or nationality. The total levels series MGTM does not therefore equal the sum of the "UK" and "Non-UK" series.
- This series consists of all 27 EU member states excluding the UK. This series equals the sum of EU14, EU8, EU2 and Other EU.
- Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.
- Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.
- Romania and Bulgaria.
- Cyprus, Malta and Croatia.
- Total Non-EU equals the sum of Other Europe, Total Africa, Total Asia and Total America and Oceania.

The estimates shown in this table relate to the number of people in employment and should not be used as a proxy for flows of foreign migrants into the UK.

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NON-UK WORKERS

8(2) Unemployment and economic inactivity levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands of people) not seasonally adjusted

	Unemployment (all aged 16 and over)					Economically inactive (all aged from 16 to 64)									
	Total ¹	UK	Non-UK	EU27 ²	Non-EU	Total ¹	UK		Non-UK		EU27 ²		Non-EU		
						All economically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All economically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All economically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All economically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All economically inactive	Of which: Students ³
Levels (thousands of people)															
Country of birth levels	MGTP	DSWD	DT35	DT3F	DTKB	LF9L	LF9W	DTLK	DYUP	DYUR	DYVR	DYVZ	DYWL	DYWR	DZ37
Jan-Mar 2019	1,292	1,013	279	84	195	8,663	2,373	6,992	1,851	1,654	521	409	159	1,245	362
Jan-Mar 2020†	1,357	-	-	-	-	8,471	2,254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-Jun 2020†	1,338	-	-	-	-	8,766	2,221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-Sep 2020†	1,703	-	-	-	-	8,569	2,196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-Dec 2020†	1,730	-	-	-	-	8,619	2,351	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-Mar 2021†	1,605	-	-	-	-	8,722	2,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change on year	249	-	-	-	-	251	328	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change %	18.3	-	-	-	-	3.0	14.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Country of birth rates	MGUK	DT2W	DT3B	DTJG	DTKD	CRZK		DYTD		DYUT		DYWD		DYWT	
Jan-Mar 2019	3.8	3.6	4.6	3.4	5.5	21.0		20.8		21.8		14.3		26.3	
Jan-Mar 2020†	3.9	3.8	4.5	3.5	5.1	20.5		20.5		20.0		13.6		24.1	
Apr-Jun 2020†	3.9	3.8	4.6	4.4	4.7	21.2		21.3		20.3		14.5		23.9	
Jul-Sep 2020†	5.0	4.7	6.5	5.9	6.8	20.7		20.9		19.2		13.8		22.3	
Oct-Dec 2020†	5.1	4.7	6.8	5.9	7.4	20.8		21.0		19.6		14.8		22.3	
Jan-Mar 2021†	4.7	4.3	6.7	6.4	6.8	21.0		21.3		19.3		14.2		22.2	
Change on year	0.8	0.5	2.2	2.9	1.7	0.6		0.8		-0.7		0.5		-1.9	
Nationality levels	MGTP	DSWE	DT39	DTG9	DTKC	LF9L	LF9W	DYTC	DYUQ	DYUS	DYVU	DYWA	DYWM	DYWS	DZGD
Jan-Mar 2019	1,292	1,107	185	86	99	8,663	2,373	7,631	1,982	1,018	390	409	166	609	223
Jan-Mar 2020†	1,357	-	-	-	-	8,471	2,254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-Jun 2020†	1,338	-	-	-	-	8,766	2,221	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-Sep 2020†	1,703	-	-	-	-	8,569	2,196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-Dec 2020†	1,730	-	-	-	-	8,619	2,351	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-Mar 2021†	1,605	-	-	-	-	8,722	2,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change on year	249	-	-	-	-	251	328	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change %	18.3	-	-	-	-	3.0	14.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nationality rates	MGUK	DT2Z	DT3D	DTKA	DTLH	CRZK		DYUO		DYUU		DYWE		DZ36	
Jan-Mar 2019	3.8	3.7	4.8	3.5	7.0	21.0		20.9		21.0		14.4		30.3	
Jan-Mar 2020†	3.9	3.8	4.9	3.6	7.1	20.5		20.5		19.4		14.0		27.1	
Apr-Jun 2020†	3.9	3.8	5.0	3.9	6.8	21.2		21.3		19.9		14.6		27.0	
Jul-Sep 2020†	5.0	4.8	6.9	5.6	8.7	20.7		20.9		18.3		13.9		23.7	
Oct-Dec 2020†	5.1	4.8	7.2	5.8	9.1	20.8		21.0		18.5		14.4		23.7	
Jan-Mar 2021†	4.7	4.5	7.0	6.7	7.6	21.0		21.2		18.8		14.4		24.3	
Change on year	0.8	0.6	2.1	3.1	0.5	0.6		0.7		-0.6		0.3		-2.7	

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1. The total series includes people who do not state their country of birth or nationality. The total levels series therefore do not equal the sum of the "UK" and "Non-UK" series.

2. This series consists of all 27 EU member states excluding the UK.

3. This series consists of those people whose main reason for being economically inactive was because they were students. It does not include all students as some students will be included in the employment and unemployment estimates.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64									
	All Rate (%) ¹	Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		All over 24 months		All Rate (%) ¹	Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		All over 24 months				
		1	2	3	4				5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38			
Jan-Mar 2019	1,298	3.8	771	180	346	26.7	171	1,280	3.9	764	178	339	26.5	167			
Jan-Mar 2020†	1,365	4.0	861	206	299	21.9	166	1,337	4.1	850	200	287	21.5	158			
Apr-Jun 2020†	1,381	4.1	966	174	241	17.5	120	1,363	4.2	951	171	242	17.7	116			
Jul-Sep 2020†	1,624	4.8	1,041	245	338	20.8	166	1,593	4.9	1,039	243	311	19.5	151			
Oct-Dec 2020†	1,744	5.1	1,073	309	363	20.8	189	1,714	5.2	1,060	305	349	20.4	179			
Jan-Mar 2021†	1,623	4.8	867	375	381	23.5	191	1,592	4.9	857	369	366	23.0	184			
Change on quarter	-121	-0.3	-206	66	19	2.7	2	-121	-0.4	-203	65	17	2.6	6			
Change %	-6.9		-19.2	21.5	5.1		1.2	-7.1		-19.2	21.2	5.0		3.2			
Change on year	258	0.8	6	170	82	1.6	25	255	0.8	7	169	79	1.5	27			
Change %	18.9		0.7	82.6	27.5		15.0	19.1		0.8	84.6	27.6		17.0			
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB			
Jan-Mar 2019	701	3.9	386	103	212	30.3	110	691	4.0	384	102	205	29.6	107			
Jan-Mar 2020†	754	4.2	466	117	171	22.7	96	735	4.3	459	113	163	22.2	91			
Apr-Jun 2020†	754	4.2	506	111	137	18.2	75	744	4.3	497	108	139	18.7	73			
Jul-Sep 2020†	932	5.2	583	144	205	22.0	112	908	5.3	584	143	182	20.0	98			
Oct-Dec 2020†	959	5.4	583	157	219	22.9	120	938	5.5	577	154	207	22.0	110			
Jan-Mar 2021†	886	5.0	435	205	246	27.7	131	867	5.1	433	201	233	26.9	125			
Change on quarter	-73	-0.4	-148	48	26	4.9	11	-71	-0.4	-144	47	27	4.9	15			
Change %	-7.7		-25.4	30.6	12.0		9.4	-7.6		-25.0	30.2	12.9		13.8			
Change on year	132	0.8	-31	88	75	5.0	35	132	0.8	-26	87	70	4.8	34			
Change %	17.5		-6.7	75.5	43.6		36.3	17.9		-5.7	77.2	43.3		37.4			
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39			
Jan-Mar 2019	597	3.7	386	77	134	22.5	61	589	3.8	380	75	134	22.7	60			
Jan-Mar 2020†	611	3.7	395	89	128	20.9	70	602	3.8	391	87	124	20.6	67			
Apr-Jun 2020†	627	3.9	460	63	104	16.6	45	619	4.0	454	63	103	16.6	43			
Jul-Sep 2020†	692	4.3	458	101	133	19.2	54	685	4.4	456	100	129	18.8	52			
Oct-Dec 2020†	785	4.8	490	152	143	18.3	69	776	4.9	483	150	142	18.3	69			
Jan-Mar 2021†	737	4.5	432	170	136	18.4	60	726	4.6	424	168	133	18.3	60			
Change on quarter	-47	-0.3	-58	18	-8	0.1	-9	-50	-0.3	-59	18	-9	0.0	-9			
Change %	-6.0		-11.9	12.1	-5.4		-13.1	-6.5		-12.2	11.9	-6.6		-13.6			
Change on year	126	0.8	37	82	8	-2.6	-10	124	0.8	33	82	9	-2.3	-7			
Change %	20.7		9.4	92.0	5.9		-14.2	20.6		8.5	94.2	7.1		-10.7			
				16-17							18-24						
				Up to 6 months	up to 12 months	All over 12 months	All over 24 months			Up to 6 months	up to 12 months	All over 12 months	All over 24 months				
				15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE			
Jan-Mar 2019	81	19.2	65	9	7	8.8	*	385	9.9	267	55	63	16.4	14			
Jan-Mar 2020†	106	24.6	80	19	7	6.4	*	417	10.7	292	61	64	15.3	18			
Apr-Jun 2020†	108	26.4	82	19	7	6.5	*	441	11.5	335	50	56	12.7	10			
Jul-Sep 2020†	89	25.3	60	21	8	8.5	*	512	13.6	354	60	98	19.1	33			
Oct-Dec 2020†	82	25.3	54	23	5	6.4	*	507	13.4	339	84	84	16.6	32			
Jan-Mar 2021†	89	30.1	64	13	12	13.5	*	447	12.0	260	90	97	21.8	36			
Change on quarter	7	4.8	10	-10	7	7.1	*	-60	-1.4	-79	6	13	5.2	4			
Change %	8.0		18.6	-44.7	128.7		*	-11.8		-23.4	7.7	15.7		11.1			
Change on year	-18	5.5	-16	-7	5	7.2	*	31	1.3	-33	30	34	6.5	18			
Change %	-16.7		-20.2	-35.2	77.1		*	7.4		-11.1	48.4	53.2		101.2			
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF			
Jan-Mar 2019	45	21.8	36	4	5	10.9	*	236	11.7	157	37	42	17.8	10			
Jan-Mar 2020†	62	30.0	50	10	3	4.6	*	234	11.6	159	38	37	15.9	8			
Apr-Jun 2020†	60	29.9	44	12	4	7.2	*	242	12.2	175	35	32	13.3	6			
Jul-Sep 2020†	46	26.3	32	10	3	7.1	*	321	16.3	221	37	63	19.5	26			
Oct-Dec 2020†	42	27.0	30	9	*	*	*	299	15.4	192	53	54	18.1	20			
Jan-Mar 2021†	37	28.3	28	6	3	9.1	*	263	13.7	142	55	66	25.0	23			
Change on quarter	-5	1.3	-2	-4	*	*	*	-36	-1.7	-50	2	12	6.9	3			
Change %	-11.2		-5.6	-40.9	*	*	*	-11.9		-25.9	4.4	21.5		16.3			
Change on year	-25	-1.7	-22	-4	1	4.5	*	29	2.2	-17	18	29	9.1	15			
Change %	-40.3		-43.2	-42.7	18.4		*	12.6		-10.6	46.5	77.4		188.6			
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG			
Jan-Mar 2019	36	16.7	29	5	2	6.3	*	149	8.0	111	17	21	14.3	4			
Jan-Mar 2020†	44	19.6	30	10	4	8.9	*	183	9.8	133	23	26	14.5	10			
Apr-Jun 2020†	47	22.9	37	7	3	5.7	*	199	10.7	160	15	24	12.0	4			
Jul-Sep 2020†	43	24.4	28	11	4	9.9	*	191	10.6	133	22	35	18.6	7			
Oct-Dec 2020†	40	23.8	24	13	3	6.7	*	208	11.3	147	31	30	14.4	12			
Jan-Mar 2021†	51	31.5	36	7	9	16.7	*	184	10.2	117	35	31	17.1	12			
Change on quarter	11	7.8	12	-6	6	10.1	*	-24	-1.2	-30	4	2	2.7	0			
Change %	28.1		49.0	-47.4	220.9		*	-11.6		-20.3	13.4	5.0		2.5			
Change on year	7	11.9	5	-3	5	7.9	*	1	0.4	-16	12	5	2.6	3			
Change %	16.8		17.9	-27.8	120.4		*	0.7		-11.8	51.5	19.2		28.8			

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Over 6 and		All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Over 6 and		All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
			Up to 6 months	up to 12 months						Up to 6 months	up to 12 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
Jan-Mar 2019	546	2.9	312	76	158	28.9	89	286	2.7	127	40	118	41.4	68
Jan-Mar 2020†	538	2.8	344	74	121	22.4	70	304	2.8	144	52	108	35.6	78
Apr-Jun 2020†	558	2.9	388	67	103	18.4	60	274	2.5	161	38	76	27.6	50
Jul-Sep 2020†	651	3.4	432	97	122	18.8	54	371	3.4	194	67	110	29.6	78
Oct-Dec 2020†	729	3.8	452	128	149	20.4	79	426	3.9	228	74	124	29.2	78
Jan-Mar 2021†	677	3.5	362	178	136	20.1	72	411	3.7	181	94	136	33.0	81
Change on quarter	-53	-0.3	-90	50	-12	-0.3	-7	-15	-0.1	-46	20	11	3.8	3
Change %	-7.2		-20.0	39.1	-8.4		-9.3	-3.6		-20.4	27.1	9.0		4.1
Change on year	138	0.7	18	105	16	-2.3	2	107	1.0	37	42	27	-2.6	3
Change %	25.7		5.1	142.8	12.9		2.8	35.1		25.7	81.7	25.4		4.1
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Jan-Mar 2019	258	2.6	131	38	89	34.6	59	161	2.8	62	23	76	47.1	40
Jan-Mar 2020†	273	2.7	173	41	59	21.5	36	185	3.2	84	28	72	39.1	52
Apr-Jun 2020†	289	2.9	196	41	53	18.2	36	162	2.9	91	23	48	29.6	33
Jul-Sep 2020†	330	3.3	214	54	61	18.6	31	234	4.1	115	42	77	33.0	55
Oct-Dec 2020†	363	3.6	240	52	71	19.7	45	255	4.4	121	43	91	35.7	55
Jan-Mar 2021†	345	3.5	173	87	85	24.5	50	240	4.2	92	57	92	38.2	56
Change on quarter	-18	-0.2	-67	35	13	4.9	5	-15	-0.2	-29	14	1	2.4	2
Change %	-5.1		-28.0	68.1	18.6		11.4	-5.8		-24.3	33.1	0.6		2.8
Change on year	72	0.7	0	46	26	3.0	14	55	1.0	7	29	19	-1.0	4
Change %	26.4		0.1	110.6	44.1		39.6	30.0		8.5	103.4	26.7		7.8
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBVY	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Jan-Mar 2019	287	3.2	181	38	68	23.7	29	125	2.5	65	17	43	34.2	28
Jan-Mar 2020†	266	2.9	172	32	62	23.3	34	119	2.3	60	24	36	30.1	26
Apr-Jun 2020†	268	3.0	193	26	50	18.7	24	112	2.2	70	15	28	24.6	17
Jul-Sep 2020†	321	3.5	218	43	61	18.9	23	137	2.7	79	25	33	23.9	23
Oct-Dec 2020†	366	4.0	212	76	77	21.1	34	171	3.3	106	31	33	19.5	24
Jan-Mar 2021†	332	3.6	189	91	52	15.5	21	170	3.3	90	37	44	25.8	25
Change on quarter	-34	-0.4	-23	15	-26	-5.6	-13	0	0.0	-17	6	11	6.3	2
Change %	-9.3		-10.9	19.4	-33.3		-37.0	-0.2		-15.9	18.9	31.9		7.2
Change on year	66	0.7	18	59	-10	-7.8	-12	51	1.0	30	13	8	-4.3	-1
Change %	24.9		10.2	184.4	-16.7		-36.7	43.1		50.1	56.2	22.8		-3.2

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
Economically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Jan-Mar 2019	33,995	32,694	423	3,883	7,801	11,152	9,436	1,300
Jan-Mar 2020†	34,371	32,938	432	3,883	7,885	11,158	9,579	1,432
Apr-Jun 2020†	34,051	32,779	408	3,833	7,883	11,118	9,536	1,273
Jul-Sep 2020†	34,130	32,779	352	3,768	7,944	11,134	9,581	1,352
Oct-Dec 2020†	34,137	32,796	324	3,773	7,913	11,169	9,616	1,341
Jan-Mar 2021†	34,100	32,766	294	3,724	7,917	11,204	9,627	1,333
Change on quarter	-37	-29	-30	-50	4	35	11	-8
Change %	-0.1	-0.1	-9.1	-1.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.6
Change on year	-271	-172	-138	-160	32	46	47	-99
Change %	-0.8	-0.5	-31.9	-4.1	0.4	0.4	0.5	-6.9
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jan-Mar 2019	17,976	17,192	207	2,026	4,179	5,860	4,920	784
Jan-Mar 2020†	18,039	17,245	208	2,020	4,188	5,847	4,982	794
Apr-Jun 2020†	17,867	17,162	202	1,978	4,182	5,829	4,972	705
Jul-Sep 2020†	17,911	17,119	174	1,973	4,163	5,813	4,995	792
Oct-Dec 2020†	17,863	17,067	155	1,936	4,152	5,809	5,015	796
Jan-Mar 2021†	17,787	17,010	132	1,916	4,139	5,842	4,982	777
Change on quarter	-77	-57	-24	-20	-13	33	-33	-19
Change %	-0.4	-0.3	-15.3	-1.0	-0.3	0.6	-0.7	-2.4
Change on year	-252	-235	-76	-103	-50	-5	-1	-17
Change %	-1.4	-1.4	-36.8	-5.1	-1.2	-0.1	0.0	-2.1
Women	MGSF	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Jan-Mar 2019	16,019	15,502	216	1,856	3,622	5,292	4,516	516
Jan-Mar 2020†	16,332	15,693	224	1,864	3,697	5,311	4,597	639
Apr-Jun 2020†	16,185	15,617	206	1,855	3,701	5,289	4,564	568
Jul-Sep 2020†	16,220	15,660	178	1,795	3,781	5,320	4,586	560
Oct-Dec 2020†	16,274	15,728	169	1,837	3,761	5,360	4,602	545
Jan-Mar 2021†	16,313	15,756	163	1,807	3,778	5,363	4,645	557
Change on quarter	39	28	-6	-29	17	3	44	11
Change %	0.2	0.2	-3.5	-1.6	0.5	0.0	1.0	2.1
Change on year	-19	63	-61	-56	81	51	48	-82
Change %	-0.1	0.4	-27.3	-3.0	2.2	1.0	1.0	-12.9

Economic activity rates (%)¹

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Jan-Mar 2019	63.9	79.2	30.4	70.0	87.2	87.5	74.5	10.9
Jan-Mar 2020†	64.3	79.6	30.5	71.1	88.1	87.7	74.6	11.8
Apr-Jun 2020†	63.6	79.1	28.6	70.4	88.1	87.4	74.0	10.5
Jul-Sep 2020†	63.6	79.1	24.5	69.5	88.8	87.6	74.1	11.1
Oct-Dec 2020†	63.6	79.1	22.4	69.8	88.5	87.9	74.2	11.0
Jan-Mar 2021†	63.4	79.0	20.2	69.1	88.6	88.2	74.1	10.9
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.1	-2.2	-0.7	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Change on year	-0.8	-0.6	-10.3	-2.0	0.5	0.5	-0.5	-1.0
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jan-Mar 2019	69.0	83.7	29.0	71.6	93.0	93.1	79.1	14.3
Jan-Mar 2020†	68.9	83.7	28.7	72.4	93.0	93.0	79.1	14.2
Apr-Jun 2020†	68.1	83.3	27.7	71.2	92.8	92.8	78.7	12.5
Jul-Sep 2020†	68.2	83.0	23.7	71.3	92.4	92.5	78.9	14.0
Oct-Dec 2020†	67.9	82.7	21.0	70.2	92.1	92.5	78.9	14.0
Jan-Mar 2021†	67.5	82.4	17.7	69.7	91.8	93.0	78.2	13.6
Change on quarter	-0.4	-0.3	-3.3	-0.5	-0.3	0.6	-0.7	-0.4
Change on year	-1.4	-1.3	-11.0	-2.7	-1.2	0.0	-0.9	-0.6
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Jan-Mar 2019	59.0	74.7	31.8	68.4	81.2	82.0	70.0	8.1
Jan-Mar 2020†	59.8	75.5	32.4	69.7	83.1	82.5	70.2	9.8
Apr-Jun 2020†	59.2	75.1	29.6	69.7	83.3	82.2	69.5	8.7
Jul-Sep 2020†	59.3	75.2	25.4	67.6	85.1	82.7	69.6	8.6
Oct-Dec 2020†	59.4	75.5	23.9	69.4	84.8	83.4	69.6	8.3
Jan-Mar 2021†	59.5	75.6	22.9	68.5	85.3	83.5	70.1	8.4
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-1.0	-0.9	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1
Change on year	-0.3	0.2	-9.5	-1.2	2.2	1.0	-0.2	-1.4

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64									
	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)								Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Jan-Mar 2019	8,609	2,247	2,030	178	2,002	34	1,123	995	6,763	1,846
Jan-Mar 2020†	8,457	2,156	1,804	184	2,148	37	1,143	985	6,553	1,904
Apr-Jun 2020†	8,641	2,131	1,768	159	2,123	58	1,115	1,287	6,476	2,166
Jul-Sep 2020†	8,662	2,362	1,625	149	2,180	60	1,159	1,128	6,706	1,956
Oct-Dec 2020†	8,664	2,359	1,613	181	2,202	75	1,098	1,136	6,722	1,942
Jan-Mar 2021†	8,712	2,476	1,538	173	2,156	82	1,154	1,132	6,833	1,879
Change on quarter	48	117	-74	-8	-46	6	56	-3	110	-62
Change %	0.6	5.0	-4.6	-4.5	-2.1	8.3	5.1	-0.3	1.6	-3.2
Change on year	255	321	-266	-11	8	45	11	148	280	-25
Change %	3.0	14.9	-14.7	-6.0	0.4	121.8	0.9	15.0	4.3	-1.3
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Jan-Mar 2019	3,354	1,147	226	89	952	25	498	416	2,594	760
Jan-Mar 2020†	3,355	1,086	224	86	981	25	512	441	2,545	810
Apr-Jun 2020†	3,453	1,072	248	76	952	29	506	570	2,514	938
Jul-Sep 2020†	3,508	1,166	240	74	1,010	42	504	472	2,635	874
Oct-Dec 2020†	3,571	1,185	240	82	1,034	46	474	511	2,723	848
Jan-Mar 2021†	3,640	1,255	201	83	1,015	48	516	521	2,819	821
Change on quarter	69	70	-39	2	-18	2	42	10	96	-27
Change %	1.9	5.9	-16.2	2.2	-1.8	4.7	8.8	2.0	3.5	-3.2
Change on year	285	169	-23	-2	34	23	3	80	274	11
Change %	8.5	15.6	-10.1	-2.7	3.5	91.3	0.7	18.1	10.8	1.3
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Jan-Mar 2019	5,255	1,100	1,804	88	1,050	9	625	579	4,169	1,086
Jan-Mar 2020†	5,102	1,070	1,580	98	1,167	12	631	543	4,008	1,094
Apr-Jun 2020†	5,189	1,059	1,520	83	1,171	29	610	718	3,962	1,227
Jul-Sep 2020†	5,154	1,196	1,385	75	1,169	18	654	656	4,071	1,083
Oct-Dec 2020†	5,093	1,174	1,372	100	1,169	30	624	625	4,000	1,094
Jan-Mar 2021†	5,073	1,221	1,337	90	1,141	34	638	611	4,014	1,059
Change on quarter	-21	47	-35	-10	-27	4	14	-13	14	-35
Change %	-0.4	4.0	-2.6	-10.0	-2.4	13.8	2.3	-2.1	0.4	-3.2
Change on year	-30	151	-243	-9	-26	22	7	68	6	-35
Change %	-0.6	14.1	-15.4	-8.8	-2.2	186.0	1.1	12.5	0.1	-3.2
	Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)									
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Jan-Mar 2019	100.0	26.1	23.6	2.1	23.3	0.4	13.0	11.6	78.6	21.4
Jan-Mar 2020†	100.0	25.5	21.3	2.2	25.4	0.4	13.5	11.6	77.5	22.5
Apr-Jun 2020†	100.0	24.7	20.5	1.8	24.6	0.7	12.9	14.9	74.9	25.1
Jul-Sep 2020†	100.0	27.3	18.8	1.7	25.2	0.7	13.4	13.0	77.4	22.6
Oct-Dec 2020†	100.0	27.2	18.6	2.1	25.4	0.9	12.7	13.1	77.6	22.4
Jan-Mar 2021†	100.0	28.4	17.7	2.0	24.8	0.9	13.2	13.0	78.4	21.6
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEH	BEEQ	BEEU	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jan-Mar 2019	100.0	34.2	6.7	2.7	28.4	0.7	14.9	12.4	77.3	22.7
Jan-Mar 2020†	100.0	32.4	6.7	2.6	29.2	0.7	15.3	13.2	75.9	24.1
Apr-Jun 2020†	100.0	31.1	7.2	2.2	27.6	0.8	14.6	16.5	72.8	27.2
Jul-Sep 2020†	100.0	33.2	6.8	2.1	28.8	1.2	14.4	13.5	75.1	24.9
Oct-Dec 2020†	100.0	33.2	6.7	2.3	29.0	1.3	13.3	14.3	76.3	23.7
Jan-Mar 2021†	100.0	34.5	5.5	2.3	27.9	1.3	14.2	14.3	77.5	22.5
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Jan-Mar 2019	100.0	20.9	34.3	1.7	20.0	0.2	11.9	11.0	79.3	20.7
Jan-Mar 2020†	100.0	21.0	31.0	1.9	22.9	0.2	12.4	10.7	78.6	21.4
Apr-Jun 2020†	100.0	20.4	29.3	1.6	22.6	0.6	11.8	13.8	76.3	23.7
Jul-Sep 2020†	100.0	23.2	26.9	1.5	22.7	0.4	12.7	12.7	79.0	21.0
Oct-Dec 2020†	100.0	23.1	26.9	2.0	22.9	0.6	12.3	12.3	78.5	21.5
Jan-Mar 2021†	100.0	24.1	26.4	1.8	22.5	0.7	12.6	12.0	79.1	20.9

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

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

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12 Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of people aged from 16 to 24

Jan-Mar 2021 †

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	18-24	16-24
People			
16-17	1,454	206	89
18-24	5,385	3,276	447
16-24	6,840	3,482	536
	1,160	1,662	2,821
	1,318	1,824	3,142
	158	581	739
	71	96	166
	1,089	1,147	2,236
	136	3,561	3,698
	48	2,695	2,743
	18	352	370
	71	514	585
Men			
16-17	744	94	37
18-24	2,748	1,653	263
16-24	3,493	1,747	301
	613	832	1,445
	673	844	1,517
	68	232	300
	27	43	70
	578	569	1,147
	72	1,905	1,976
	27	1,421	1,448
	10	221	231
	35	263	298
Women			
16-17	710	111	51
18-24	2,637	1,623	184
16-24	3,347	1,735	235
	547	830	1,377
	645	980	1,625
	90	349	440
	43	53	96
	511	578	1,089
	65	1,657	1,722
	21	1,274	1,295
	8	131	139
	36	252	287

Changes on quarter

People	16-17	18-24	16-24
People			
16-17	10	-36	7
18-24	-19	10	-60
16-24	-9	-26	-53
	39	31	70
	22	-7	15
	-28	-18	-46
	5	-22	-17
	45	34	78
	-12	-12	-24
	-9	29	20
	2	-38	-36
	-6	-3	-8
Men			
16-17	5	-19	-5
18-24	-10	16	-36
16-24	-5	-4	-40
	29	10	39
	16	14	30
	-11	2	-10
	-7	-7	-14
	35	19	53
	-12	-24	-36
	-8	14	6
	2	-29	-27
	-6	-9	-15
Women			
16-17	5	-17	11
18-24	-9	-5	-24
16-24	-4	-22	-13
	11	21	31
	5	-20	-15
	-16	-20	-36
	11	-15	-4
	10	15	25
	-1	15	11
	-1	15	14
	0	-9	-9
	0	6	6

Rates(%)³

People	16-17	18-24	16-24
People			
16-17	14.1	30.1	79.8
18-24	60.8	12.0	30.9
16-24	50.9	13.3	41.3
	12.0	30.8	82.6
	34.9	27.5	51.9
Men			
16-17	12.7	28.3	82.3
18-24	60.1	13.7	30.3
16-24	50.0	14.7	41.4
	10.1	28.7	85.9
	37.1	27.3	48.9
Women			
16-17	15.7	31.5	77.1
18-24	61.6	10.2	31.5
16-24	51.8	11.9	41.1
	14.0	32.3	79.3
	32.4	27.8	55.2
	35.6	13.2	59.0
	27.1	18.0	67.0
	76.9	9.3	15.2
	75.2	9.7	16.7

Changes on quarter

People	16-17	18-24	16-24
People			
16-17	-2.6	4.8	2.2
18-24	0.4	-1.4	0.7
16-24	-0.3	-1.0	1.1
	-2.3	4.7	2.1
	-2.9	5.2	0.5
	2.1	1.1	-1.2
	2.1	-1.2	0.0
	2.2	1.0	-1.1
	2.2	1.0	-0.1
Men			
16-17	-2.7	1.3	3.3
18-24	0.8	-1.7	0.5
16-24	0.0	-1.6	1.2
	-2.0	-1.3	3.1
	-4.0	8.5	-0.4
	1.1	1.6	-1.6
	1.1	-1.6	-0.3
	2.0	1.6	-1.4
	2.0	-1.4	-0.5
Women			
16-17	-2.5	7.8	1.0
18-24	0.0	-1.2	0.9
16-24	-0.6	-0.4	1.0
	-2.7	9.3	0.9
	-1.0	0.5	1.1
	2.7	0.3	-0.7
	2.7	-0.7	0.3
	2.1	0.3	-0.7
	2.1	-0.7	0.3

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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/youngpeoplenotineducationemplc>

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.

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REDUNDANCIES

22 Redundancies: level¹ and rates²

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Jan-Mar 2019	92	3.3	57	4.0	36	2.6
Jan-Mar 2020†	107	3.8	61	4.4	46	3.3
Apr-Jun 2020†	132	4.7	70	5.0	62	4.5
Jul-Sep 2020†	314	11.3	163	11.6	151	10.9
Oct-Dec 2020†	343	12.3	200	14.3	143	10.3
Jan-Mar 2021†	153	5.5	81	5.8	71	5.1
Change on quarter	-191	-6.9	-119	-8.5	-72	-5.2
Change %	-55.5		-59.4		-50.2	
Change on year	46	1.6	21	1.5	26	1.8
Change %	43.2		33.8		55.6	

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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.

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