

Statistical bulletin

UK labour market: December 2018

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



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1 . Main points for August to October 2018

- Estimates from the Labour Force Survey show that, between May to July 2018 and August to October 2018, the number of people in work and the number of unemployed people both increased but the number of people aged from 16 to 64 years not working and not seeking nor available to work (economically inactive) decreased.
- There were an estimated 32.48 million people in work, 79,000 more than for May to July 2018 and 396,000 more than for a year earlier.
- The employment rate (the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who were in work) was estimated at 75.7%, higher than for a year earlier (75.1%) and the joint-highest estimate since comparable estimates began in 1971.
- There were an estimated 1.38 million unemployed people (people not in work but seeking and available to work), 20,000 more than for May to July 2018 but 49,000 fewer than for a year earlier.
- The unemployment rate (the number of unemployed people as a proportion of all employed and unemployed people) was estimated at 4.1%, virtually unchanged compared with May to July 2018 but lower than the estimate for a year earlier (4.3%).
- There were an estimated 8.66 million people aged from 16 to 64 years who were economically inactive (not working and not seeking nor available to work), 95,000 fewer than for May to July 2018 and 195,000 fewer than for a year earlier.
- The economic inactivity rate (the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who were economically inactive) was estimated at 21.0%, lower than for a year earlier (21.5%) and the joint-lowest estimate since comparable estimates began in 1971.
- Latest estimates show that average weekly earnings for employees in Great Britain in nominal terms (that is, not adjusted for price inflation) increased by 3.3%, both excluding and including bonuses, compared with a year earlier.
- Latest estimates show that average weekly earnings for employees in Great Britain in real terms (that is, adjusted for price inflation) increased by 1.0% excluding bonuses, and by 1.1% including bonuses, compared with a year earlier.

2 . Summary of latest labour market statistics

Table 1 and Figure 1 show the latest estimates, for August to October 2018, for employment, unemployment and economic inactivity and show how these estimates compare with the previous quarter (May to July 2018) and the previous year (August to October 2017). Comparing the estimates for August to October 2018 with those for May to July 2018 provides the most robust short-term comparison. See [Section 3](#) of this statistical bulletin for more information.

Table 1: Summary of UK labour market statistics for August to October 2018, seasonally adjusted

	Number (thousands)	Change on May to Jul 2018	Change on Aug to Oct 2017	Headline Rate (%)	Change on May to Jul 2018	Change on Aug to Oct 2017
Employed	32,476	79	396			
Aged 16 to 64	31,233	96	329	75.7	0.2	0.6
Aged 65 and over	1,243	-18	67			
Unemployed	1,380	20	-49	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Aged 16 to 64	1,365	21	-42			
Aged 65 and over	15	-2	-7			
Inactive	19,288	-24	-45			
Aged 16 to 64	8,663	-95	-195	21.0	-0.2	-0.5
Aged 65 and over	10,624	72	150			

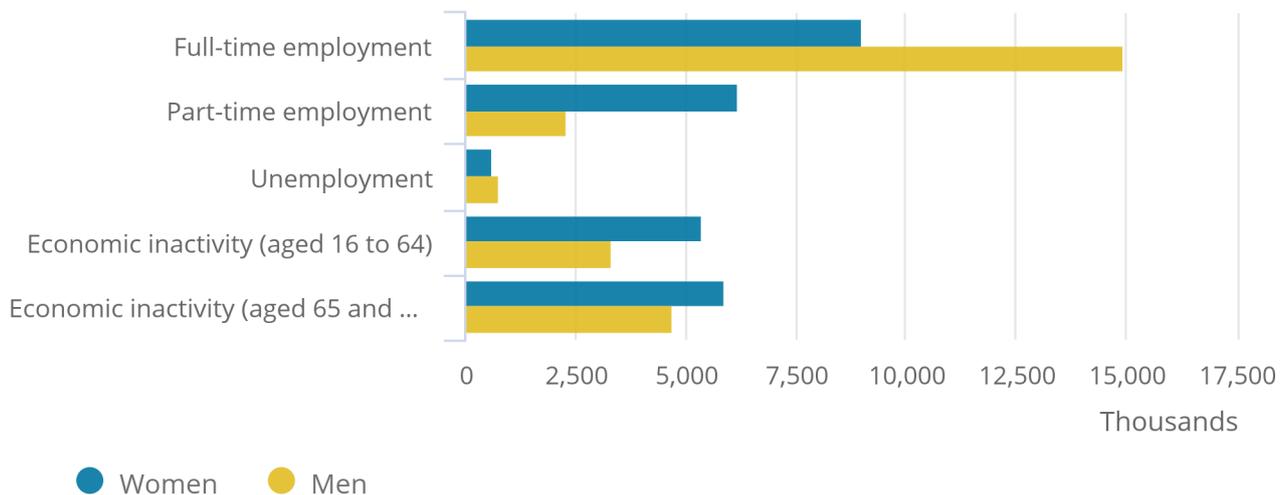
Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. Calculation of headline employment rate: Number of employed people aged from 16 to 64 years divided by the population aged from 16 to 64 years. Population is the sum of employed plus unemployed plus inactive.
2. Calculation of headline unemployment rate: Number of unemployed people aged 16 years and over divided by the sum of employed people aged 16 years and over plus unemployed people aged 16 years and over.
3. Calculation of headline economic inactivity rate: Number of economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64 years divided by the population aged from 16 to 64 years. Population is the sum of employed plus unemployed plus inactive.
4. Components may not sum exactly to totals due to rounding.

Figure 1: Summary of UK labour market statistics for August to October 2018, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

3 . Things you need to know about this release

Revisions to estimates of workforce jobs and public sector employment

There have been revisions to estimates of workforce jobs going back to 1978 (although the revisions before 2016 are very minor), caused by benchmarking to the latest estimates from the annual Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES), updating seasonal factors and taking on board late information.

There have also been revisions to estimates of public sector employment back to the start of the time series in 1999, caused by updating seasonal factors, some reclassifications and taking on board late information.

About labour market statuses

Everybody aged 16 years or over is either [employed](#), [unemployed](#) or [economically inactive](#). The employment estimates include all people in paid work including those working part-time. People not working are classed as unemployed if they have been looking for work within the last four weeks and are able to start work within the next two weeks. A common misconception is that the unemployment statistics are a count of people on benefits; this is not the case as they include unemployed people not claiming benefits.

Jobless people who have not been looking for work within the last four weeks or who are unable to start work within the next two weeks are classed as economically inactive. Examples of economically inactive people include people not looking for work because they are students, looking after the family or home, because of illness or disability or because they have retired.

Making comparisons with earlier data derived from the Labour Force Survey

Estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, hours worked and redundancies are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), a survey of households. The most robust estimates of short-term movements in these estimates are obtained by comparing the estimates for August to October 2018 with the [estimates for May to July 2018](#), which were first published on 11 September 2018. This provides a more robust estimate than comparing with the estimates for July to September 2018. This is because the August and September 2018 data are included within both estimates, so effectively observed differences are those between the individual months of July and October 2018. The LFS is sampled such that it is representative of the UK population over a three-month period, not for single month periods.

Accuracy and reliability of survey estimates

Most of the figures in this statistical bulletin come from surveys of households or businesses and are therefore estimates rather than precise figures. Further information is available in the [Quality and methodology](#) section of this statistical bulletin.

Where to find explanatory information

A [Guide to labour market statistics](#), which includes a [Glossary](#), is available.

4 . Employment

Things you need to know about employment

[Employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work and differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job.

[Employment](#) mainly consists of employees and self-employed people but there are also two minor categories – unpaid family workers and people on government-supported training and employment programmes.

Unpaid family workers are people who work in a family business who do not receive a formal wage or salary but benefit from the profits of that business.

The government-supported training and employment programmes series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes people engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training who are not included in the employees or self-employed series. People on these programmes not engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training are not included in the employment estimates; they are classified as unemployed or economically inactive.

Commentary

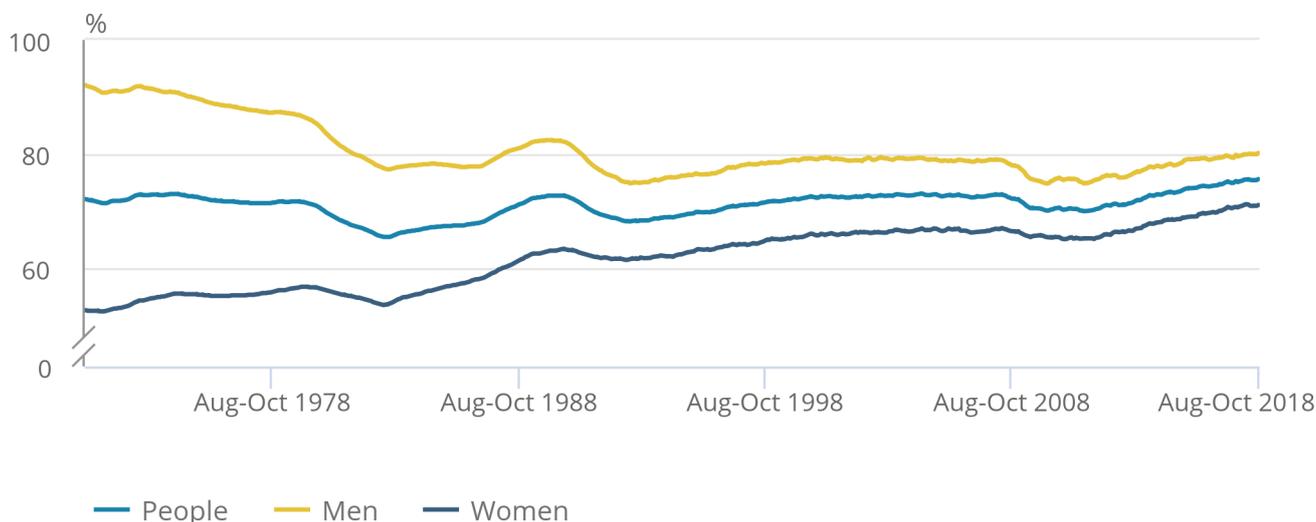
The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years in work is known as the employment rate. Figure 2 shows the estimated employment rates for all people, and for men and women, aged from 16 to 64 years since comparable estimates began in 1971. The lowest estimated employment rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years was 65.6% in 1983, during the economic downturn of the early 1980s. The employment rates for both men and women have been generally increasing since early 2012. For the latest time period, August to October 2018, the employment rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years was 75.7%, the joint-highest estimate since comparable estimates began in 1971.

Figure 2: UK employment rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018

Figure 2: UK employment rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

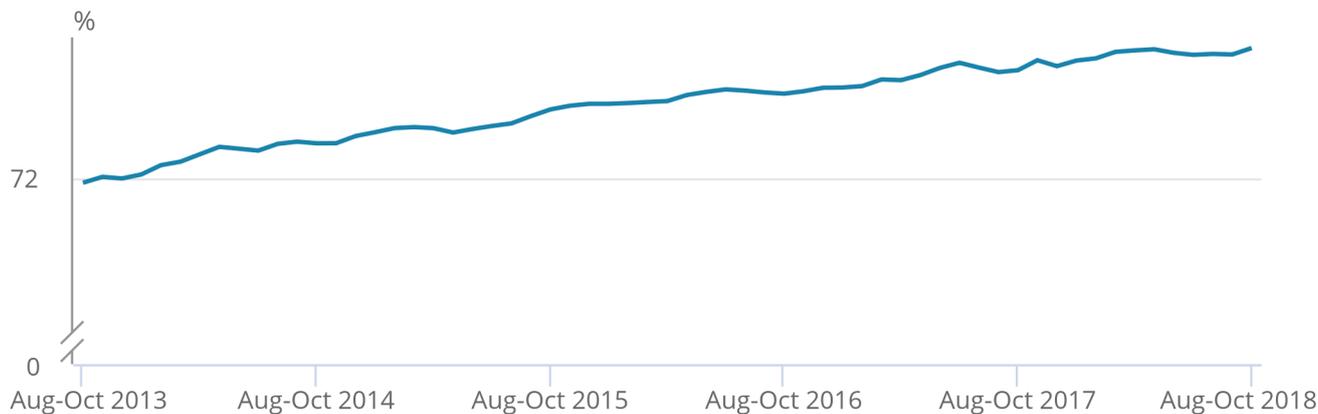
Figure 3 looks in more detail at the estimated employment rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years for the last five years.

Figure 3: UK employment rate (people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

August to October 2013 to August to October 2018

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August to October 2013 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

The estimates for August to October 2018 show that:

- 75.7% of all people aged from 16 to 64 years were in work, the joint-highest employment rate for all people since comparable estimates began in 1971
- 80.3% of men aged from 16 to 64 years were in work; the highest estimated employment rate for men since January to March 1991
- 71.2% of women aged from 16 to 64 years were in work, close to a record high

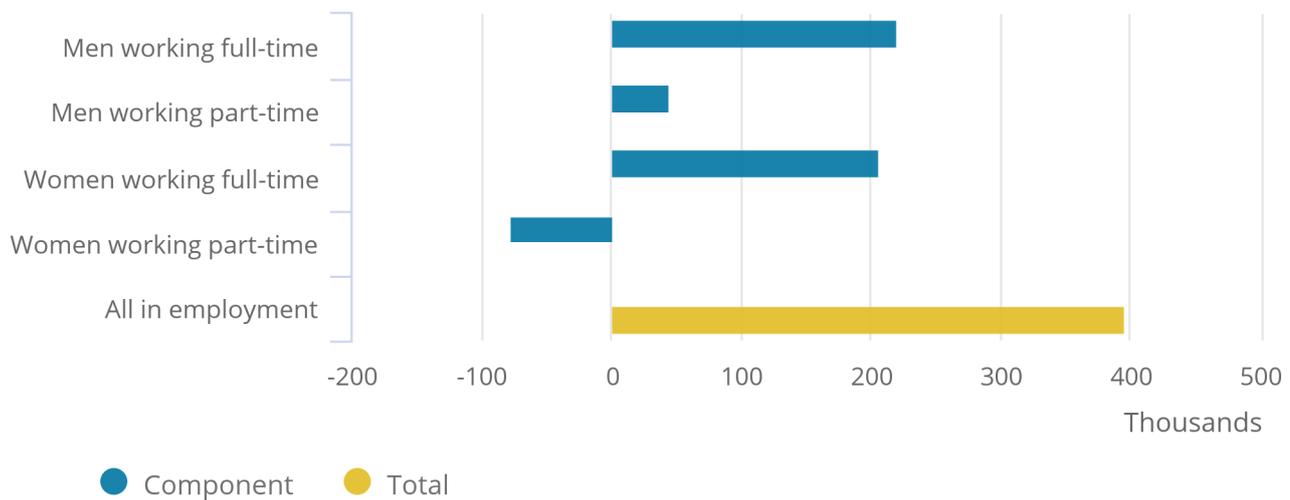
The increase in the employment rate for women over the last few years has been partly due to ongoing changes to the State Pension age for women, resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65 years.

For August to October 2018, there were an estimated 32.48 million people aged 16 years and over in work, 79,000 more than for May to July 2018 and 396,000 more than for a year earlier.

Figure 4 shows that the estimated annual increase in the number of people in work (396,000) was entirely due to more people in full-time employment (428,000).

Figure 4: Changes in people in employment in the UK between August to October 2017 and August to October 2018, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

Comparing the estimates for employees and self-employed people for August to October 2018 with those for a year earlier:

- employees increased by 455,000 to 27.54 million (84.8% of all people in work)
- self-employed people decreased by 33,000 to 4.77 million (14.7% of all people in work)

Employees and self-employed people do not account for all people in employment as there are two minor additional categories (unpaid family workers and people on government-supported training and employment programmes). Further information is available at the beginning of this section.

Where to find data about employment

Employment estimates are available at Tables 1 and 3 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets A02 SA](#) and [EMP01 SA](#).

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for UK and non-UK workers are available at [Non-UK workers in the labour market](#) and at [datasets A12](#) and [EMP06](#).

International comparisons of employment rates are available at Table 17 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset A10](#).

Historic estimates of employment (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [A millennium of macroeconomic data version 3.1](#) (at worksheets A49 and A50).

5 . Public and private sector employment

Things you need to know about public and private sector employment

[Public sector employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work in the public sector. The public sector comprises central government, local government and public corporations. Estimates of public sector employment are obtained from information provided by public sector organisations.

[Private sector employment](#) is estimated as the difference between total employment, sourced from the Labour Force Survey, and public sector employment.

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are impacted by changes to the composition of these sectors. For example, if a publicly owned body is privatised, public sector employment will fall and private sector employment will increase by an equivalent amount. This is known as a reclassification effect. At Table 4 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at dataset [EMP02](#) we therefore publish estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major, but not all, reclassifications alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment.

Commentary

For September 2018, there were an estimated 5.36 million people employed in the public sector, little changed (down 2,000) compared with June 2018; this very small fall was entirely due to the transfer of Scottish housing associations to the private sector. Excluding the Scottish housing associations transfer, the number of people employed in the public sector was estimated to have increased by 20,000 between June and September 2018.

Between September 2017 and September 2018, public sector employment was estimated to have fallen by 120,000; this large fall was entirely due to the transfer of housing associations in England (in December 2017), Wales (in June 2018) and Scotland (in September 2018) to the private sector. Excluding the housing associations transfers, the number of people employed in the public sector was estimated to have increased by 51,000 between September 2017 and September 2018, mainly due to more people working for the National Health Service.

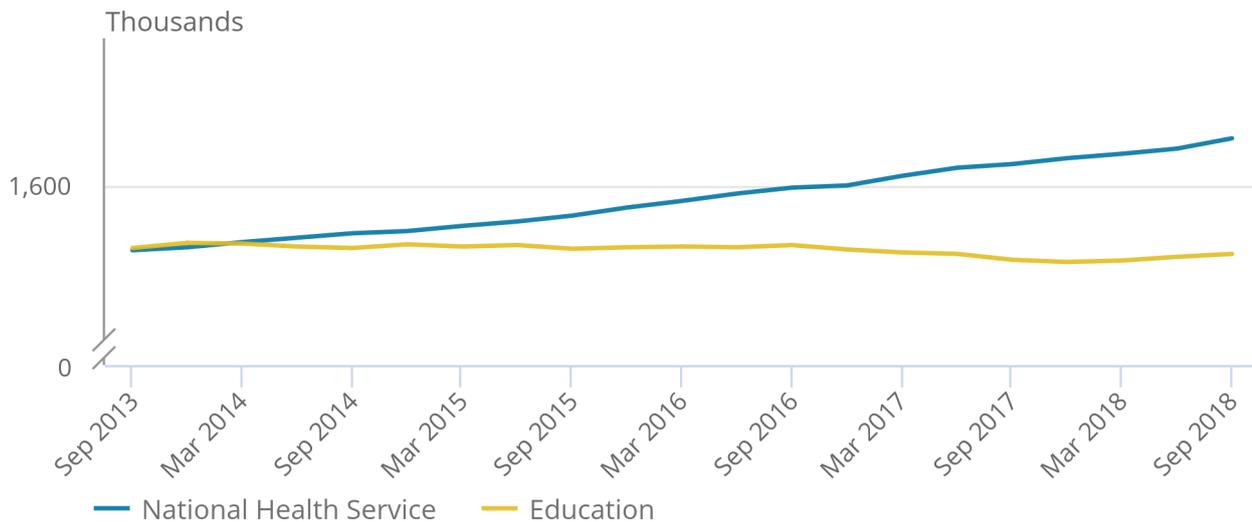
For September 2018, there were 1.66 million people employed in the National Health Service (31.1% of all people employed in the public sector) and there were 1.51 million people employed in public sector education (28.1% of all people employed in the public sector). As shown in Figure 5, over the last five years, employment in the National Health Service has steadily increased while employment in public sector education has remained broadly flat.

Figure 5: Public sector employment in education and the National Health Service in the UK, seasonally adjusted

September 2013 to September 2018

Figure 5: Public sector employment in education and the National Health Service in the UK, seasonally adjusted

September 2013 to September 2018



Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

Where to find data about public and private sector employment

Public and private sector employment estimates are available at Tables 4 and 4(1) of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets EMP02](#) and [EMP03](#).

Further information on public sector employment is available in the [Public sector employment release](#).

Historic estimates of public sector employment (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [A millennium of macroeconomic data version 3.1](#) (at worksheet A51).

6 . Actual hours worked

Things you need to know about actual hours worked

[Actual hours worked](#) measures the number of hours worked in the economy. Changes in actual hours worked reflect changes in the number of people in employment and the average hours worked by those people.

Commentary

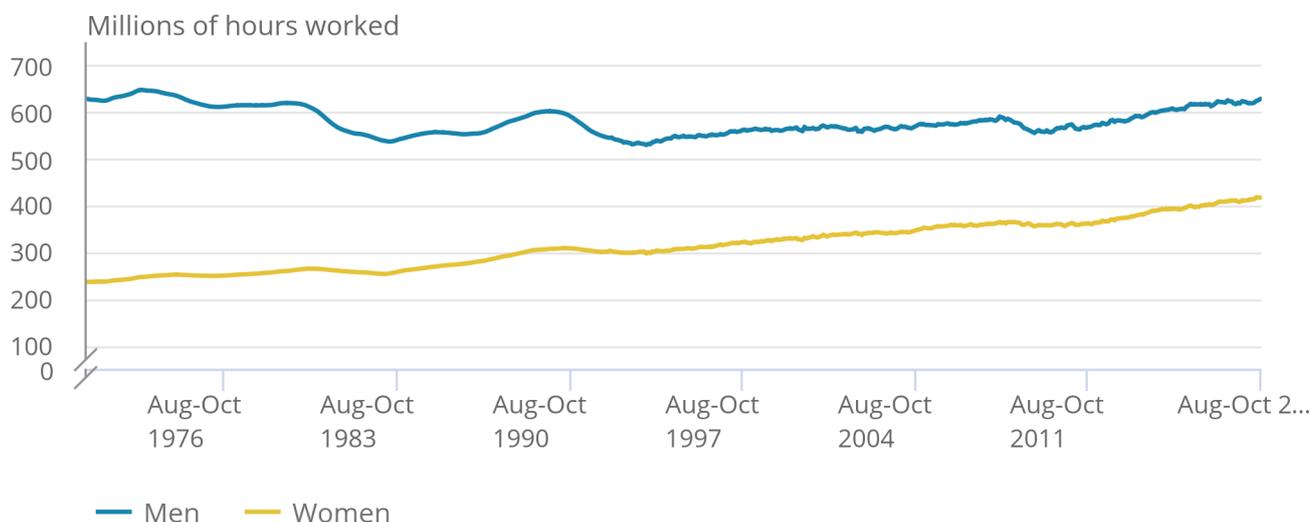
Figure 6 shows estimated total weekly hours worked by men and women since comparable estimates began in 1971. Since estimates began in 1971, total hours worked by women has generally increased, reflecting increases in the employment rate for women (as shown in Figure 2) while total hours worked by men, in contrast, has been relatively stable reflecting decreases in the employment rate for men (also shown in Figure 2).

Figure 6: Total weekly hours worked in the UK, seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018

Figure 6: Total weekly hours worked in the UK, seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

The estimates for August to October 2018 show that:

- people worked, on average, 32.2 hours per week, 0.3 hours more than for May to July 2018 and 0.2 hours more than for a year earlier
- people working full-time worked, on average, 37.3 hours per week in their main job, 0.2 hours more than for May to July 2018 but unchanged compared with a year earlier
- people working part-time worked, on average, 16.4 hours per week in their main job, 0.2 hours more than for May to July 2018 and for a year earlier

Where to find data about hours worked

Hours worked estimates are available at Tables 7 and 7(1) of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets HOUR01 SA](#) and [HOUR02 SA](#).

Historic estimates of hours worked (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [A millennium of macroeconomic data version 3.1](#) (at worksheet A54).

7 . Workforce jobs

Things you need to know about workforce jobs

[Workforce jobs](#) measures the number of filled jobs in the economy. The estimates are mainly sourced from employer surveys. Workforce jobs is a different concept from employment, which is sourced from the Labour Force Survey, as employment is an estimate of people in work and some people have more than one job.

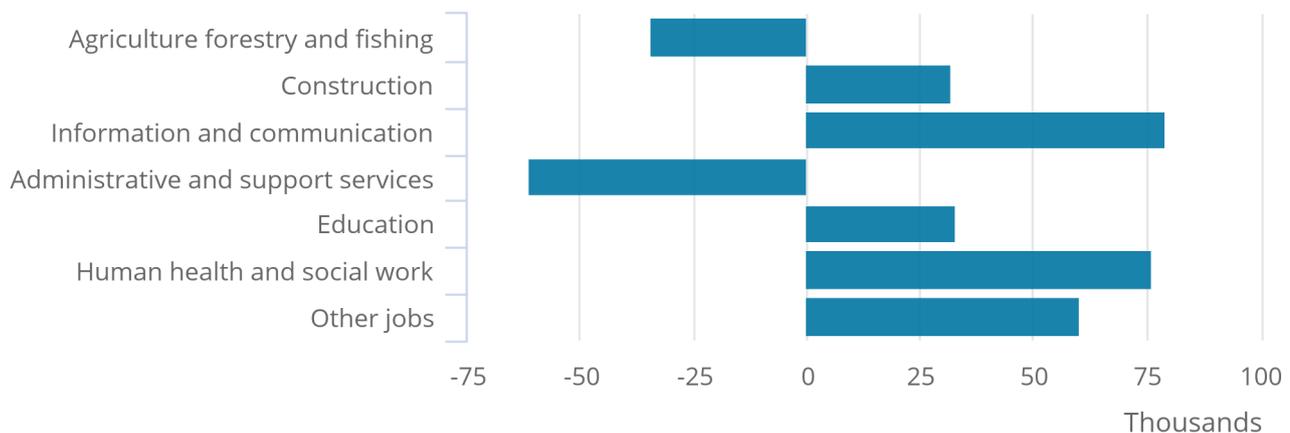
Commentary

For September 2018, there were an estimated 35.13 million workforce jobs, 105,000 more than for June 2018 and 185,000 more than for a year earlier.

As shown in Figure 7, while the latest estimates showed increases in the number of jobs between September 2017 and September 2018 for most industrial sectors, the number of jobs in the administrative and support services sector fell by 61,000.

Figure 7: Changes in the number of jobs in the UK between September 2017 and September 2018, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Workforce jobs, Office for National Statistics

Looking at a longer-term comparison, between June 1978 (when comparable estimates began) and September 2018:

- the proportion of jobs accounted for by the manufacturing, and mining and quarrying sectors fell from 26.4% to 7.9%
- the proportion of jobs accounted for by the services sector increased from 63.2% to 83.1%

Where to find data about workforce jobs

Jobs estimates are available at Tables 5 and 6 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets JOBS01](#) and [JOBS02](#).

While comparable estimates for workforce jobs by industry begin in 1978, some historical information back to 1841, not comparable with the latest estimates, are available from [2011 Census Analysis, 170 years of industry](#).

Historic estimates of jobs by industry (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [A millennium of macroeconomic data version 3.1](#) (at worksheet A53).

8 . Average weekly earnings

Things you need to know about average weekly earnings

[Average weekly earnings](#) measures money paid per week, per job to employees in Great Britain in return for work done, before tax and other deductions from pay. The estimates do not include unearned income, benefits in kind or arrears of pay. The estimates do not include earnings of self-employed people.

The estimates are not just a measure of pay rises as they also reflect changes in the number of paid hours worked and the impact of employees paid at different rates joining and leaving individual businesses. The estimates also reflect changes in the overall structure of the workforce; for example, more low-paid jobs in the economy would have a downward effect on the earnings growth rate.

Estimates are available for both total pay (which includes bonuses) and for regular pay (which excludes bonus payments). Estimates are available in both nominal terms (not adjusted for consumer price inflation) and real terms (adjusted for consumer price inflation). The estimates of average weekly earnings in real terms are calculated by deflating the nominal earnings estimates by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), our preferred measure of consumer price inflation. The estimates of average weekly earnings in nominal terms start in January 2000 but the estimates of average weekly earnings in real terms start in January 2005. However, following the publication of CPIH estimates prior to 2005 on 7 December 2018, we plan to take the estimates of average weekly earnings in real terms back to 2000 in next month's release.

Commentary

For October 2018, average regular pay (excluding bonuses), before tax and other deductions from pay, for employees in Great Britain was:

- £495 per week in nominal terms (that is, not adjusted for price inflation), up from £479 per week for a year earlier
- £464 per week in constant 2015 prices (that is, adjusted for price inflation), up from £459 per week for a year earlier, but £9 lower than the pre-downturn peak of £473 per week for March 2008

Figure 8a: Great Britain average weekly earnings excluding bonuses, seasonally adjusted

January 2005 to October 2018

Figure 8a: Great Britain average weekly earnings excluding bonuses, seasonally adjusted

January 2005 to October 2018



Source: Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey, Office for National Statistics

Looking at annual growth rates for regular pay (excluding bonuses), between August to October 2017 and August to October 2018:

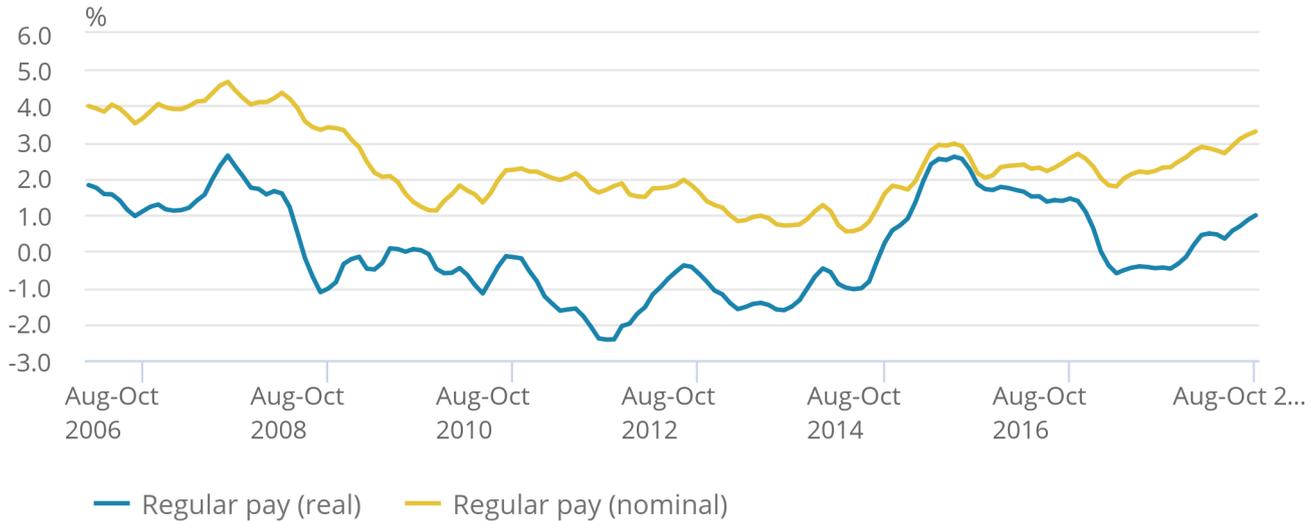
- regular pay in nominal terms increased by 3.3%; the annual growth rate has not been higher since September to November 2008
- regular pay in real terms increased by 1.0%, the annual growth rate has not been higher since October to December 2016

Figure 8b: Great Britain average weekly earnings excluding bonuses annual growth rates, seasonally adjusted

January to March 2006 to August to October 2018

Figure 8b: Great Britain average weekly earnings excluding bonuses annual growth rates, seasonally adjusted

January to March 2006 to August to October 2018



Source: Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey, Office for National Statistics

For October 2018, average total pay (including bonuses), before tax and other deductions from pay, for employees in Great Britain was:

- £528 per week in nominal terms, up from £509 per week for a year earlier
- £497 per week in constant 2015 prices, up from £488 per week for a year earlier, but £25 lower than the pre-downturn peak of £522 per week for February 2008

Figure 9a: Great Britain average weekly earnings including bonuses, seasonally adjusted

January 2005 to October 2018

Figure 9a: Great Britain average weekly earnings including bonuses, seasonally adjusted

January 2005 to October 2018



Source: Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey, Office for National Statistics

Looking at annual growth rates for total pay (including bonuses), between August to October 2017 and August to October 2018:

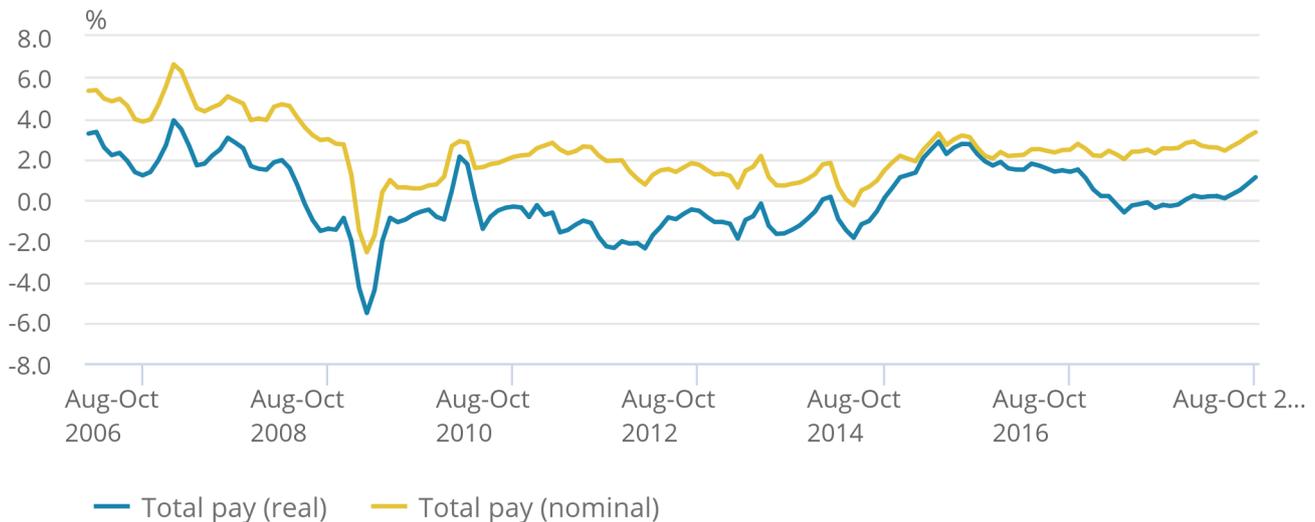
- total pay in nominal terms increased by 3.3%, the annual growth rate has not been higher since May to July 2008
- total pay in real terms increased by 1.1%, the annual growth rate has not been higher since September to November 2016

Figure 9b: Great Britain average weekly earnings including bonuses annual growth rates, seasonally adjusted

January to March 2006 to August to October 2018

Figure 9b: Great Britain average weekly earnings including bonuses annual growth rates, seasonally adjusted

January to March 2006 to August to October 2018



Source: Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey, Office for National Statistics

Where to find data about average weekly earnings

Estimates of average weekly earnings in nominal terms (that is, not adjusted for consumer price inflation) are available at Tables 13, 14 and 15 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets EARN01](#), [EARN02](#) and [EARN03](#).

Estimates of average weekly earnings in real terms (that is, adjusted for consumer price inflation) are available at Table 16 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset EARN01](#).

While comparable records for average weekly earnings start in 2000, modelled estimates of average weekly earnings in nominal terms back to 1963 (which do not have National Statistics status) are available at [dataset EARN02](#).

Historic estimates (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [A millennium of macroeconomic data version 3.1](#) (at worksheets A47 and A48).

Where to find more information about earnings

[Employee earnings in the UK](#), published on 25 October 2018, provides more detailed data for 2018.

9 . Labour disputes (not seasonally adjusted)

Things you need to know about labour disputes

[Labour disputes](#) estimates measures strikes connected with terms and conditions of employment.

Commentary

For October 2018:

- there were 16,000 working days lost from 16 stoppages
- 9,000 people took strike action

For the 12 months ending October 2018:

- there were 274,000 working days lost from 82 stoppages and 42,000 people took strike action
- there were 244,000 working days lost in the private sector
- there were 30,000 working days lost in the public sector

Since monthly estimates began in 1931:

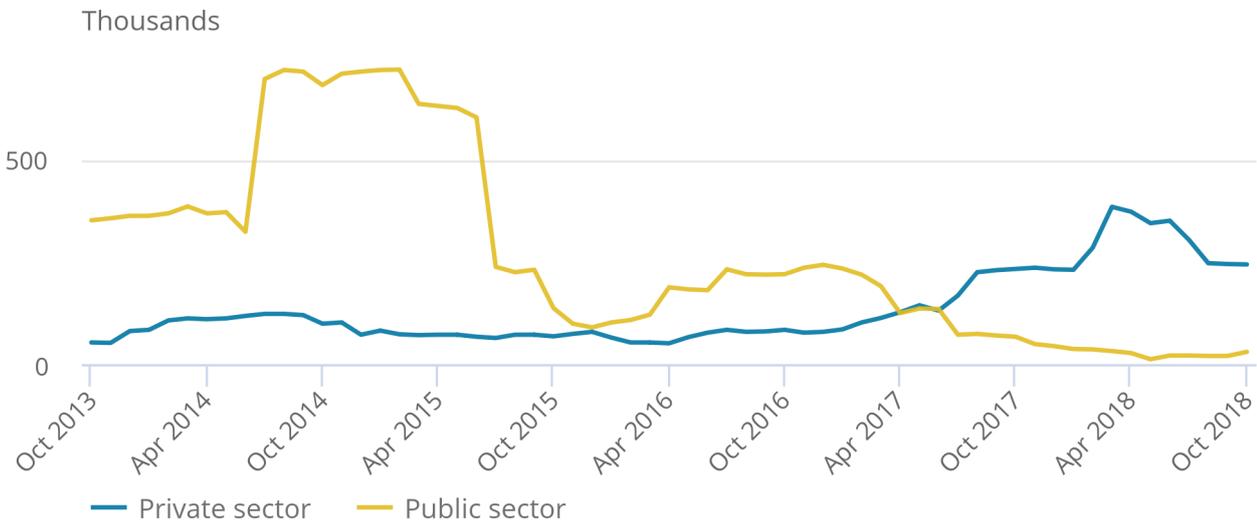
- the highest cumulative 12-month estimate for working days lost was 32.2 million for the 12 months to April 1980
- the lowest cumulative 12-month estimate for working days lost was 143,000 for the 12 months to March 2011

Figure 10: Working days lost in the UK, cumulative 12-month totals, not seasonally adjusted

October 2013 to October 2018

Figure 10: Working days lost in the UK, cumulative 12-month totals, not seasonally adjusted

October 2013 to October 2018



Source: Labour Disputes Inquiry, Office for National Statistics

Where to find data about labour disputes

Labour disputes estimates are available at Table 18 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset LABD01](#).

Where to find more information about labour disputes

The [labour disputes annual article](#) provides more detailed information. The most recent edition of this article was published on 30 May 2018.

10 . Unemployment

Things you need to know about 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 (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. This follows [guidelines specified by the International Labour Organisation](#) and it ensures that UK unemployment statistics are broadly comparable with those published by other countries.

Commentary

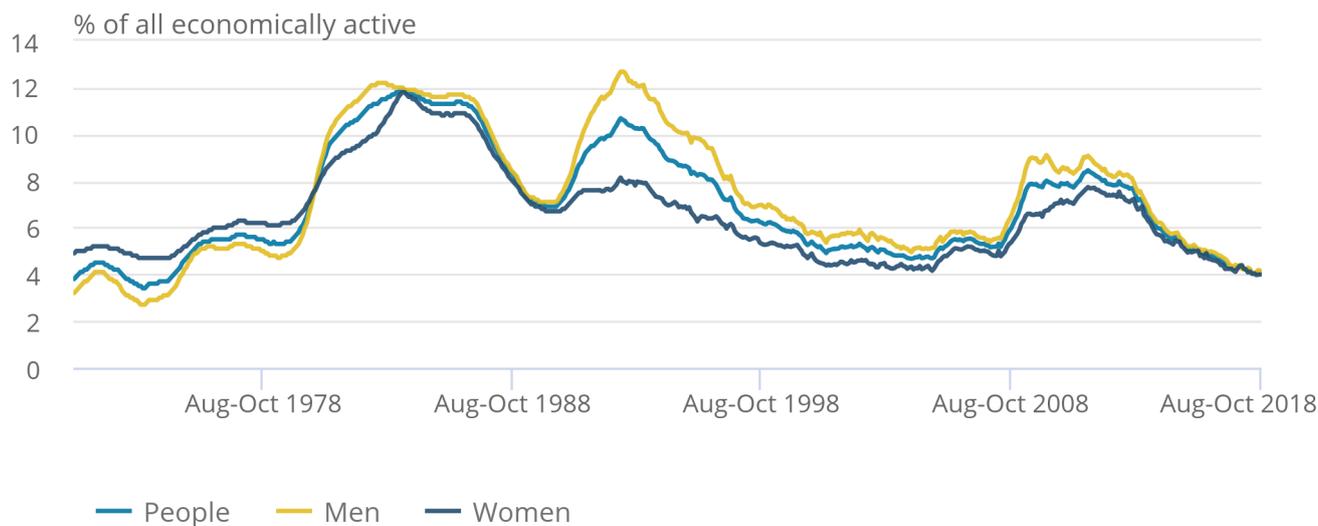
The proportion of the economically active population (all employed and unemployed people) who are unemployed is known as the unemployment rate. As shown in Figure 11 (which shows estimated unemployment rates for all people and for men and women), the lowest unemployment rate for all people since comparable estimates began in 1971 was 3.4% in late 1973 to early 1974 and the highest rate, 11.9%, was in 1984 during the economic downturn of the early 1980s. The estimated unemployment rate for all people for the latest time period, August to October 2018, was 4.1%.

Figure 11: UK unemployment rates (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018

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January to March 1971 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

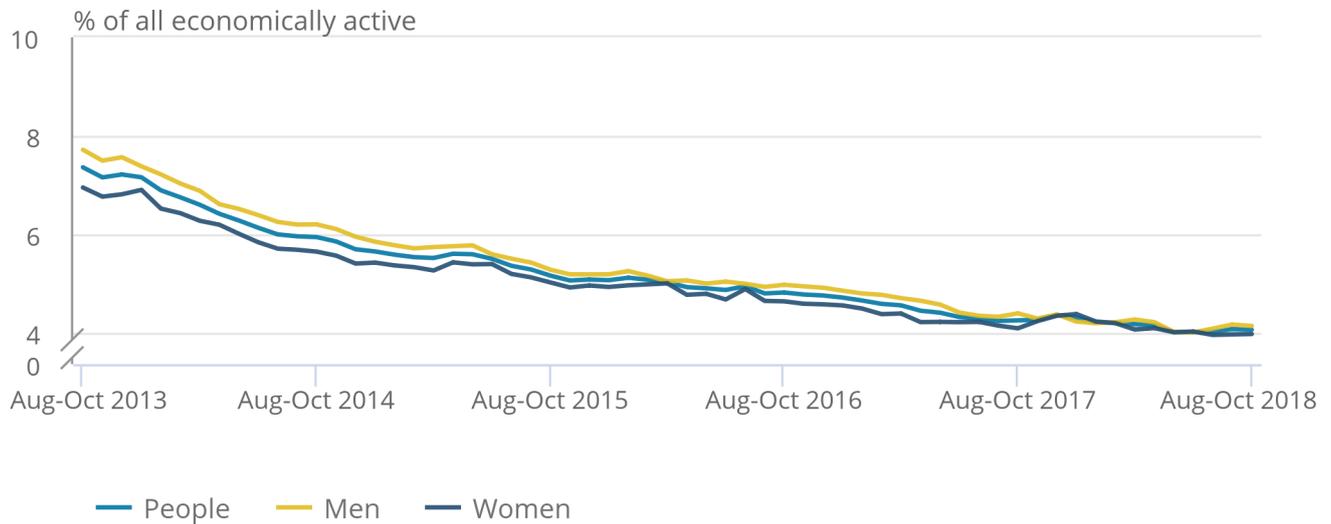
Figure 12 looks in more detail at estimated unemployment rates for the last five years.

Figure 12: UK unemployment rates (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted

August to October 2013 to August to October 2018

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August to October 2013 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

The estimates for August to October 2018 show that:

- the unemployment rate for all people was 4.1%, lower than the estimate for a year earlier (4.3%)
- the unemployment rate for men was 4.2%, lower than the estimate for a year earlier (4.4%)
- the unemployment rate for women was 4.0%, the joint-lowest since comparable estimates began in 1971

The estimates for August to October 2018 show that there were:

- 1.38 million unemployed people, 20,000 more than for May to July 2018 but 49,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 747,000 unemployed men, 27,000 more than for May to July 2018 but 36,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 633,000 unemployed women, 8,000 fewer than for May to July 2018 and 13,000 fewer than for a year earlier

Looking at the estimates for unemployment by how long people have been out of work and seeking work, for August to October 2018, there were:

- 807,000 people who had been unemployed for up to six months, 28,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 221,000 people who had been unemployed for between six months and one year, little changed compared with a year earlier
- 352,000 people who had been unemployed for over one year, 23,000 fewer than for a year earlier

Where to find data about unemployment

Unemployment estimates for the UK are available at Table 9 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset UNEM01 SA](#).

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for UK and non-UK workers are available at [Non-UK workers in the labour market](#) and at [datasets A12](#) and [EMP06](#).

Historic estimates of unemployment (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [A millennium of macroeconomic data version 3.1](#) (at worksheets A49 and A50).

International comparisons of unemployment rates are available at Table 17 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset A10](#).

11 . Economic inactivity

Things you need to know about economic inactivity

[Economically inactive](#) people 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 they are unable to start work within the next two weeks.

Commentary

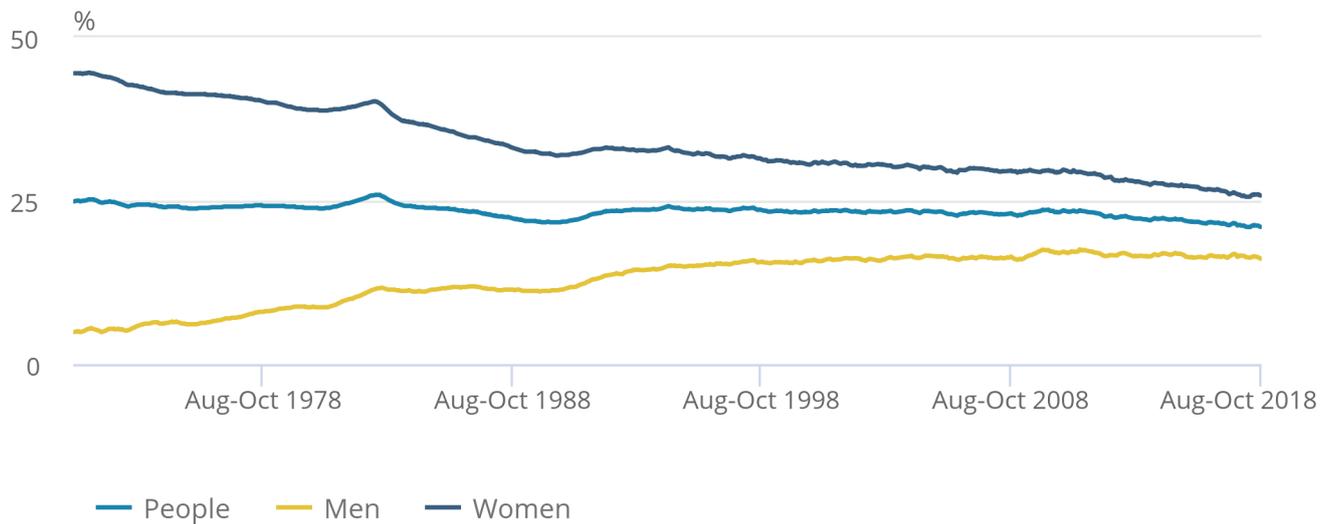
The proportion of people, aged from 16 to 64 years, not in work and neither seeking nor available to work is known as the economic inactivity rate. Figure 13 shows that, since comparable estimates began in 1971, the economic inactivity rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years has been generally falling (although it increased during economic downturns) due to a gradual fall in the economic inactivity rate for women. The economic inactivity rate for men has been gradually rising.

Figure 13: UK economic inactivity rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018

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January to March 1971 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

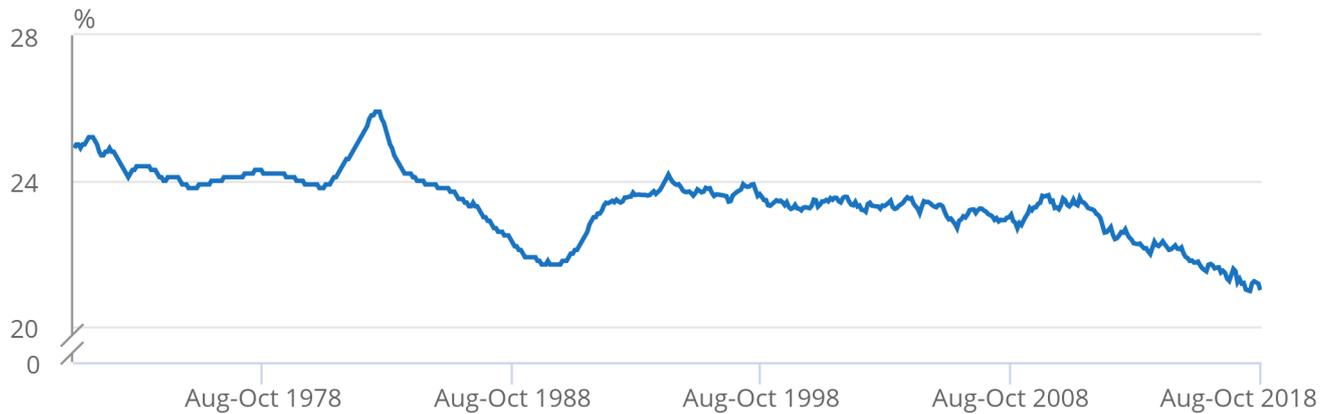
Figure 14 looks in more detail at the estimated economic inactivity rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years since comparable estimates began in 1971. It increased during the economic downturn of the early 1980s, reaching a record high of 25.9% in 1983. As the economy improved in the late 1980s, it resumed its downward path, before the economic downturn of the early 1990s drove it back up again. Following an increase in the economic inactivity rate during the economic downturn of 2008 to 2009, it again resumed a generally downward path.

Figure 14: UK economic inactivity rate (people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018

Figure 14: UK economic inactivity rate (people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

Looking at the estimated economic inactivity rates, for people aged from 16 to 64 years, for August to October 2018:

- the rate for all people was 21.0%, lower than for a year earlier (21.5%), and the joint-lowest since comparable estimates began in 1971
- the rate for men was 16.1%, lower than the estimate for a year earlier (16.8%)
- the rate for women was 25.8%, lower than the estimate for a year earlier (26.2%)

For August to October 2018, there were an estimated 8.66 million people aged from 16 to 64 years not in work and neither seeking nor available to work (known as economically inactive). This was:

- 95,000 fewer than the estimate for May to July 2018
- 195,000 fewer than the estimate for a year earlier

Looking in more detail at the estimated 8.66 million people aged from 16 to 64 years who were economically inactive for August to October 2018, the three largest categories were students (26.8% of the total), people looking after the family or home (23.5% of the total) and long-term sick (22.7% of the total):

- there were an estimated 2.32 million people who were not looking for work because they were studying, 41,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- there were an estimated 2.03 million people who were not looking for work because they were looking after the family or home, 46,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- there were an estimated 1.97 million people who were not looking for work due to long-term sickness, 52,000 fewer than for a year earlier

The fourth-largest category within economic inactivity for those aged from 16 to 64 years was retired (13.1% of the total). There were an estimated 1.14 million people who were not looking for work because they had retired, 45,000 fewer than for a year earlier.

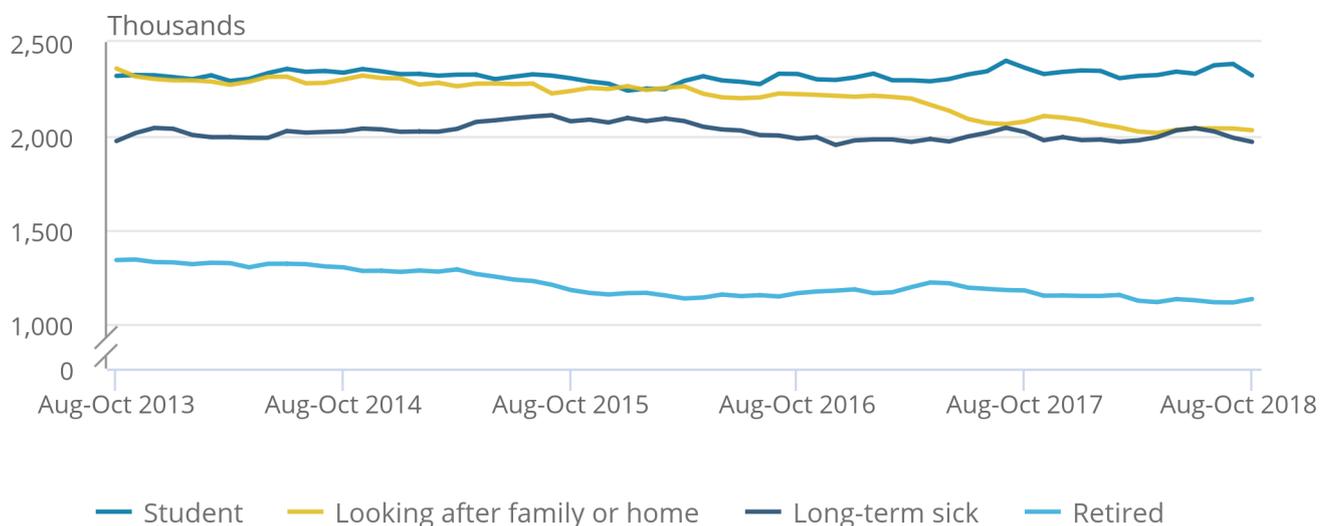
Figure 15 shows that the categories showing the largest falls over the five-year period from August to October 2013 to August to October 2018 were looking after the family and home (down 328,000) and retired (down 207,000). This reflects ongoing changes to the State Pension age for women, resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65 years, as well as more women in younger age groups participating in the labour market.

Figure 15: Economic inactivity by main category in the UK (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

August to October 2013 to August to October 2018

Figure 15: Economic inactivity by main category in the UK (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted

August to October 2013 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

Where to find data about economic inactivity

Economic inactivity estimates are available at Tables 1 and 11 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets A02 SA](#) and [INAC01 SA](#).

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for UK and non-UK workers are available at [Non-UK workers in the labour market](#) and at [datasets A12](#) and [EMP06](#).

12 . Young people in the labour market

Things you need to know about young people in the labour market

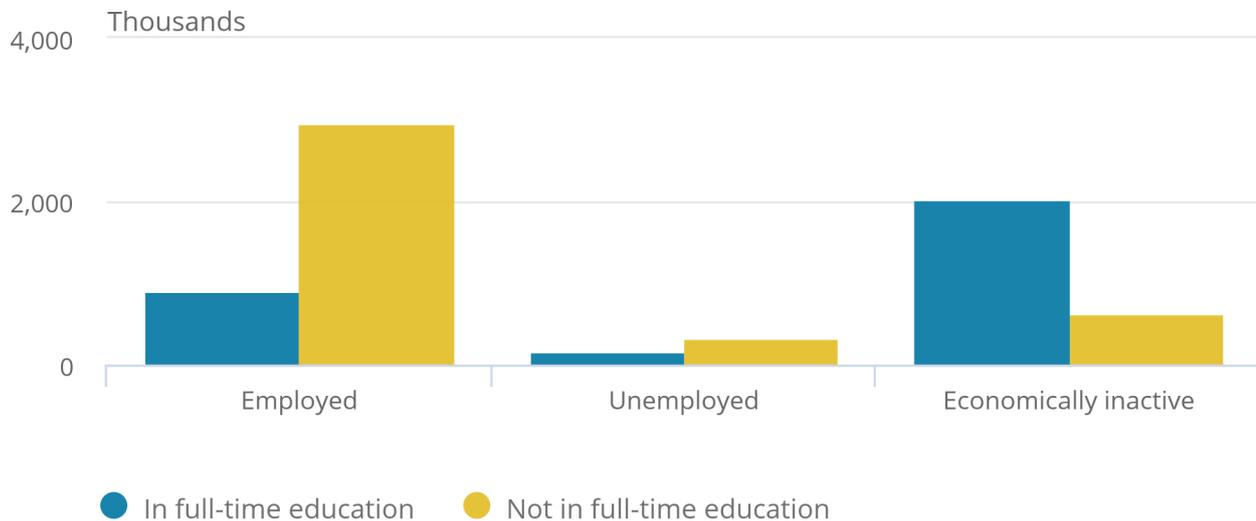
This section looks at people aged from 16 to 24 years. It is a common misconception that all people in full-time education are classified as economically inactive. This is not the case as people in full-time education are included in the employment estimates if they have a part-time job and are included in the unemployment estimates if they are seeking part-time work.

Commentary

Figure 16 shows the estimated numbers of people aged from 16 to 24 years who were employed, unemployed and economically inactive for August to October 2018, broken down by educational status.

Figure 16: Young people (aged 16 to 24 years) in the UK labour market for August to October 2018, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

Notes:

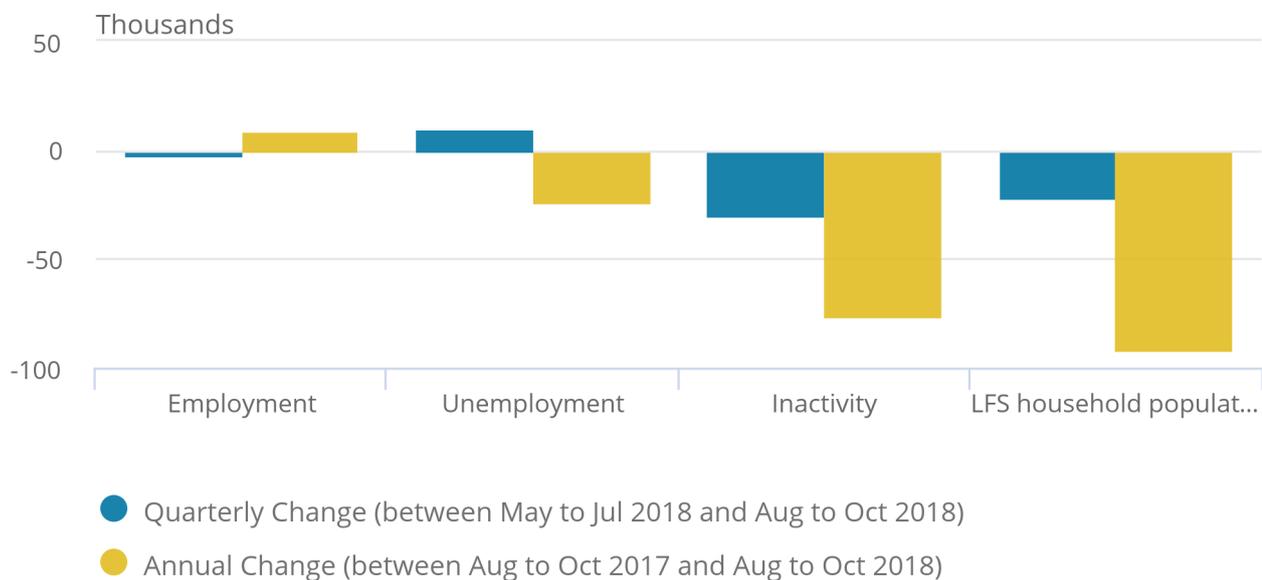
1. The "Not in full-time education" series includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training.

Figure 17 shows that the estimated UK household population is falling for those aged from 16 to 24 years. It also shows that, for people aged from 16 to 24 years, between August to October 2017 and August to October 2018:

- the estimated number of people in employment was little changed at 3.84 million
- the estimated number of unemployed people fell by 24,000 to 499,000
- the estimated number of economically inactive people fell by 76,000 to 2.65 million (most of whom were full-time students)

Figure 17: Quarterly and annual changes in the number of young people (aged 16 to 24 years) in the UK labour market, seasonally adjusted

Figure 17: Quarterly and annual changes in the number of young people (aged 16 to 24 years) in the UK labour market, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

For August to October 2018, the unemployment rate for those aged from 16 to 24 years was estimated at 11.5%, lower than for a year earlier (12.0%). The unemployment rate for those aged from 16 to 24 years has been consistently higher than that for older age groups since comparable estimates began in 1992.

Between March to May 1992 and August to October 2018, the estimated proportion of people aged from 16 to 24 years who were in full-time education increased substantially from 26.2% to 44.3%. This has impacted on the youth unemployment rate because the increase in the number of young people going into full-time education has reduced the size of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work). A fall in the size of the economically active population leads to a higher unemployment rate (because the unemployment rate is the proportion of the economically active population who are unemployed, not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed).

Where to find data about young people in the labour market

Estimates for young people in the labour market are available at Table 12 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset A06 SA](#).

Where to find more information about young people in the labour market

Estimates for young people who were [not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#) for July to September 2018 were published on 22 November 2018.

13 . Redundancies

Things you need to know about redundancies

The [redundancies](#) 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.

Commentary

For August to October 2018, an estimated 83,000 people had become redundant in the three months before the Labour Force Survey interviews, the lowest figure since comparable estimates began in 1995.

Figure 18: Number of redundancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted

March to May 1995 to August to October 2018

Figure 18: Number of redundancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted

March to May 1995 to August to October 2018



Source: Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics

Where to find data about redundancies

Redundancies estimates are available at Table 22 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset RED01_SA](#).

14 . Vacancies

Things you need to know about vacancies

[Vacancies](#) are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking to recruit outside their business or organisation.

Commentary

There were an estimated 848,000 job vacancies for September to November 2018. This was:

- 10,000 more than the estimate for June to August 2018
- 40,000 more than the estimate for a year earlier

Figure 19: Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted

April to June 2001 to September to November 2018

Figure 19: Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted

April to June 2001 to September to November 2018



Source: Vacancy Survey, Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. The estimates exclude the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector.

There were an estimated 2.8 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs for September to November 2018. The industrial sector showing the largest estimated vacancy rate was accommodation and food service activities (4.1 vacancies per 100 filled employee jobs). The sector showing the smallest estimated vacancy rate was public administration and defence (1.8 vacancies per 100 filled employee jobs).

Where to find data about vacancies

Vacancies estimates are available at Tables 19, 20 and 21 of the PDF version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets VACS01](#), [VACS02](#) and [VACS03](#).

15 . Upcoming changes and future publication dates

Developments planned for next month's release

We currently plan to revise estimates of Average Weekly Earnings back to the start of the series in January 2000 due to:

- a review of the seasonal adjustment process
- taking on board the latest information from the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings to improve the estimation of earnings of employees of small businesses

We also plan to publish estimates of Average Weekly Earnings in real terms going back to January 2000; currently these estimates start in January 2005.

Future publication dates

Publication dates up to the end of 2019 are:

22 January 2019
19 February 2019
19 March 2019
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14 May 2019
11 June 2019
16 July 2019
13 August 2019
10 September 2019
15 October 2019
12 November 2019
17 December 2019

16 . Links to related statistics

The [Labour market economic commentary](#) is published every month on the same day as this release.

The [Regional labour market statistics release](#) is published every month on the same day as this release. Regional and local area labour market statistics are also available on our [NOMIS](#) website.

The [Public sector employment release](#) is published four times a year (in March, June, September and December) on the same day as this release.

The [Young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#) release is published four times a year (in February, May, August and November).

The [Working and workless households in the UK](#) release is published four times a year.

The [Employee earnings in the UK release](#) is published annually. The most recent release was published on 25 October 2018.

The [Business Register and Employment Survey release](#) is published annually. The most recent release was published on 27 September 2018.

An article on [Sickness absence in the labour market](#) was published on 30 July 2018.

An article on [Trends in self-employment in the UK](#) was published on 7 February 2018.

17 . Quality and methodology

Revisions

Estimates for the most recent time periods are subject to revision due to the receipt of late and corrected responses to business surveys and revisions to seasonal adjustment factors, which are re-estimated every month. Estimates are subject to longer-run revisions, on an annual basis, resulting from reviews of the seasonal adjustment process. Estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey (a survey of households) are usually only revised once a year. Revisions to estimates derived from other sources are usually minor and are commented on in the statistical bulletin if this is not the case. Further information is available in the [labour market statistics revisions policy](#).

One indication of the reliability of the main indicators in this statistical bulletin can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. [Datasets EMP05](#), [UNEM04](#) and [JOBS06](#) record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. Our standard presentation is to show five years' worth of revisions (60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series).

Accuracy of the statistics: estimating and reporting uncertainty

Most of the figures in this statistical bulletin come from surveys of households or businesses. Surveys gather information from a sample rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed to allow for this, and to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations such as time and cost constraints, but results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures. This means that they are subject to some uncertainty. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons.

There is a trade-off between sample size and sampling variability. 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. What this means in practice is that estimates for small groups (for example, unemployed people aged from 16 to 17 years), which are based on quite small subsets of the Labour Force Survey sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than estimates for larger aggregated groups (for example, the total number of unemployed people).

We can illustrate the level of uncertainty (also called “sampling variability”) around a survey estimate by defining a range around the estimate (known as a “confidence interval”) within which we think the real value that the survey is trying to measure lies. Confidence intervals are typically defined so that we can say we are 95% confident the true value lies within the range – in which case we refer to a “95% confidence interval”.

The number of unemployed people for August to October 2018 was estimated at 1,380,000, with a stated 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 73,000. This means that we are 95% confident that the true number of unemployed people was between 1,307,000 and 1,453,000. Again, the best estimate from the survey was that the number of unemployed people was 1,380,000.

As well as calculating precision measures around the numbers and rates obtained from the survey, we can also calculate them for changes in the numbers and rates. For example, for August to October 2018, the estimated change in the number of unemployed people since May to July 2018 was an increase of 20,000, with a 95% confidence interval of plus or minus 78,000. This means that we are 95% confident the actual change in unemployment was somewhere between an increase of 98,000 and a fall of 58,000, with the best estimate being an increase of 20,000. As the confidence interval for the change in unemployment (plus 98,000 to minus 58,000) includes zero, the estimated increase in unemployment of 20,000 is said to be “not statistically significant”.

In general, changes in the numbers (and especially the rates) reported in this statistical bulletin between three-month periods are small, and are not usually greater than the level that is explainable by sampling variability. In practice, this means that small, short-term movements in reported rates should be treated as indicative, and considered alongside medium-and long-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in administrative sources, where available, to give a fuller picture.

Where to find data about uncertainty and reliability

[Dataset A11](#) shows sampling variabilities for estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey.

[Dataset JOBS07](#) shows sampling variabilities for estimates of workforce jobs.

The sampling variability of the three-month average vacancies level is around plus or minus 1.5% of that level.

Sampling variability information for average weekly earnings growth rates are available from the “Sampling Variability” worksheets within [datasets EARN01](#) and [EARN03](#).

Seasonal adjustment and uncertainty

Like many economic indicators, the labour market is affected by factors that tend to occur at around the same time every year; for example, school leavers entering the labour market in July and whether Easter falls in March or April. In order to compare movements other than annual changes in labour market statistics, such as since the previous quarter or since the previous month, the data are seasonally adjusted to remove the effects of seasonal factors and the arrangement of the calendar. All estimates discussed in this statistical bulletin are seasonally adjusted except where otherwise stated. While seasonal adjustment is essential to allow for robust comparisons through time, it is not possible to estimate uncertainty measures for the seasonally adjusted series.

Quality and Methodology Information reports

The Quality and Methodology Information reports contain important information on:

- the strengths and limitations of the data and how it compares with related data
- users and uses of the data
- how the output was created
- the quality of the output including the accuracy of the data

[Labour Force Survey Quality and Methodology Information](#)

[Labour Force Survey performance and quality monitoring reports](#)

[Vacancy Survey Quality and Methodology Information](#)

[Workforce jobs Quality and Methodology Information](#)

[Average weekly earnings \(AWE\) Quality and Methodology Information](#)

[Labour disputes Quality and Methodology Information](#)

Summary of labour market statistics published on 11 December 2018

Series	Reference period	Latest estimate	Last time higher	Last time lower	Comparable data begins in
Employment level (aged 16 and over)	Aug-Oct 2018	32.476 million	Never	Jul-Sep 2018 (32.409 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	Aug-Oct 2018	75.7%	Never	Jul-Sep 2018 (75.5%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment level (aged 16 and over)	Aug-Oct 2018	1.380 million	Jul-Sep 2018 (1.381 million)	Jun-Aug 2018 (1.363 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over)	Aug-Oct 2018	4.1%	Mar-May 2018 (4.2%)	Jun-Aug 2018 (4.0%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Inactivity level (aged 16 to 64)	Aug-Oct 2018	8.663 million	Jul-Sep 2018 (8.736 million)	Mar-May 2018 (8.645 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)	Aug-Oct 2018	21.0%	Jul-Sep 2018 (21.2%)	Never	Jan-Mar 1971
Average Earnings (total pay - nominal)	Aug-Oct 2018	3.3%	May-Jul 2008 (3.5%)	Jul-Sep 2018 (3.1%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (regular pay - nominal)	Aug-Oct 2018	3.3%	Sep-Nov 2008 (3.4%)	Jul-Sep 2018 (3.2%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (total pay - real)	Aug-Oct 2018	1.1%	Sep-Nov 2016 (1.5%)	Jul-Sep 2018 (0.8%)	Jan-Mar 2006
Average Earnings (regular pay - real)	Aug-Oct 2018	1.0%	Oct-Dec 2016 (1.1%)	Jul-Sep 2018 (0.9%)	Jan-Mar 2006
Vacancies level	Sep-Nov 2018	848,000	Aug-Oct 2018 (849,000)	Jul-Sep 2018 (843,000)	Apr-Jun 2001

Index of Tables

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/december2018/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.

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	
	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								
Aug-Oct 2016	52,523	41,049	31,755	74.4	1,612	4.8	8,914	21.7
Aug-Oct 2017	52,842	41,169	32,080	75.1	1,429	4.3	8,858	21.5
Nov-Jan 2018	52,918	41,193	32,248	75.3	1,453	4.3	8,723	21.2
Feb-Apr 2018	52,994	41,217	32,394	75.6	1,416	4.2	8,651	21.0
May-Jul 2018	53,069	41,239	32,397	75.5	1,361	4.0	8,759	21.2
Aug-Oct 2018	53,144	41,261	32,476	75.7	1,380	4.1	8,663	21.0
Change on quarter	75	22	79	0.2	20	0.0	-95	-0.2
Change %	0.1	0.1	0.2		1.4		-1.1	
Change on year	301	92	396	0.6	-49	-0.2	-195	-0.5
Change %	0.6	0.2	1.2		-3.4		-2.2	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Aug-Oct 2016	25,664	20,394	16,863	79.1	885	5.0	3,393	16.6
Aug-Oct 2017	25,842	20,466	16,970	79.4	783	4.4	3,443	16.8
Nov-Jan 2018	25,884	20,481	17,101	79.8	757	4.2	3,396	16.6
Feb-Apr 2018	25,927	20,496	17,135	80.0	767	4.3	3,346	16.3
May-Jul 2018	25,969	20,510	17,165	80.1	719	4.0	3,381	16.5
Aug-Oct 2018	26,010	20,523	17,236	80.3	747	4.2	3,314	16.1
Change on quarter	41	14	70	0.2	27	0.1	-67	-0.3
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.4		3.8		-2.0	
Change on year	168	57	265	0.8	-36	-0.3	-130	-0.7
Change %	0.7	0.3	1.6		-4.6		-3.8	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Aug-Oct 2016	26,859	20,655	14,891	69.8	726	4.7	5,521	26.7
Aug-Oct 2017	27,000	20,703	15,110	70.8	647	4.1	5,415	26.2
Nov-Jan 2018	27,034	20,712	15,147	70.9	696	4.4	5,327	25.7
Feb-Apr 2018	27,067	20,721	15,259	71.3	649	4.1	5,305	25.6
May-Jul 2018	27,100	20,730	15,232	71.0	641	4.0	5,378	25.9
Aug-Oct 2018	27,134	20,738	15,240	71.2	633	4.0	5,350	25.8
Change on quarter	33	8	9	0.2	-8	-0.1	-28	-0.1
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.1		-1.2		-0.5	
Change on year	133	34	131	0.4	-13	-0.1	-65	-0.4
Change %	0.5	0.2	0.9		-2.1		-1.2	

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 to 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
Aug-Oct 2016	31,755	60.5	1,612	4.8	19,156	36.5	30,540	74.4	1,595	5.0	8,914	21.7
Aug-Oct 2017	32,080	60.7	1,429	4.3	19,333	36.6	30,904	75.1	1,407	4.4	8,858	21.5
Nov-Jan 2018	32,248	60.9	1,453	4.3	19,217	36.3	31,034	75.3	1,436	4.4	8,723	21.2
Feb-Apr 2018	32,394	61.1	1,416	4.2	19,184	36.2	31,172	75.6	1,394	4.3	8,651	21.0
May-Jul 2018	32,397	61.0	1,361	4.0	19,311	36.4	31,137	75.5	1,344	4.1	8,759	21.2
Aug-Oct 2018	32,476	61.1	1,380	4.1	19,288	36.3	31,233	75.7	1,365	4.2	8,663	21.0
Change on quarter	79	0.1	20	0.0	-24	-0.1	96	0.2	21	0.0	-95	-0.2
Change %	0.2		1.4		-0.1		0.3		1.6		-1.1	
Change on year	396	0.4	-49	-0.2	-45	-0.3	329	0.6	-42	-0.2	-195	-0.5
Change %	1.2		-3.4		-0.2		1.1		-3.0		-2.2	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Aug-Oct 2016	16,863	65.7	885	5.0	7,916	30.8	16,124	79.1	877	5.2	3,393	16.6
Aug-Oct 2017	16,970	65.7	783	4.4	8,089	31.3	16,255	79.4	768	4.5	3,443	16.8
Nov-Jan 2018	17,101	66.1	757	4.2	8,026	31.0	16,342	79.8	743	4.3	3,396	16.6
Feb-Apr 2018	17,135	66.1	767	4.3	8,025	31.0	16,396	80.0	753	4.4	3,346	16.3
May-Jul 2018	17,165	66.1	719	4.0	8,084	31.1	16,419	80.1	710	4.1	3,381	16.5
Aug-Oct 2018	17,236	66.3	747	4.2	8,028	30.9	16,473	80.3	737	4.3	3,314	16.1
Change on quarter	70	0.2	27	0.1	-56	-0.3	55	0.2	26	0.1	-67	-0.3
Change %	0.4		3.8		-0.7		0.3		3.7		-2.0	
Change on year	265	0.6	-36	-0.3	-61	-0.4	218	0.8	-31	-0.2	-130	-0.7
Change %	1.6		-4.6		-0.8		1.3		-4.0		-3.8	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Aug-Oct 2016	14,891	55.4	726	4.7	11,241	41.9	14,416	69.8	718	4.7	5,521	26.7
Aug-Oct 2017	15,110	56.0	647	4.1	11,244	41.6	14,649	70.8	639	4.2	5,415	26.2
Nov-Jan 2018	15,147	56.0	696	4.4	11,190	41.4	14,693	70.9	693	4.5	5,327	25.7
Feb-Apr 2018	15,259	56.4	649	4.1	11,159	41.2	14,776	71.3	641	4.2	5,305	25.6
May-Jul 2018	15,232	56.2	641	4.0	11,227	41.4	14,718	71.0	633	4.1	5,378	25.9
Aug-Oct 2018	15,240	56.2	633	4.0	11,260	41.5	14,760	71.2	628	4.1	5,350	25.8
Change on quarter	9	0.0	-8	-0.1	33	0.1	42	0.2	-5	0.0	-28	-0.1
Change %	0.1		-1.2		0.3		0.3		-0.8		-0.5	
Change on year	131	0.2	-13	-0.1	16	-0.1	111	0.4	-11	-0.1	-65	-0.4
Change %	0.9		-2.1		0.1		0.8		-1.7		-1.2	
	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
Aug-Oct 2016	331	22.9	121	26.8	993	68.7	3,578	62.4	462	11.4	1,692	29.5
Aug-Oct 2017	340	24.1	107	23.9	964	68.3	3,496	61.6	416	10.6	1,760	31.0
Nov-Jan 2018	334	23.8	126	27.4	942	67.2	3,504	61.9	411	10.5	1,741	30.8
Feb-Apr 2018	344	24.7	116	25.2	934	67.0	3,522	62.4	405	10.3	1,716	30.4
May-Jul 2018	350	25.3	100	22.2	936	67.5	3,497	62.1	388	10.0	1,742	31.0
Aug-Oct 2018	320	23.1	96	23.1	969	70.0	3,525	62.9	403	10.2	1,678	29.9
Change on quarter	-31	-2.2	-4	0.9	34	2.5	28	0.7	14	0.3	-64	-1.0
Change %	-8.8		-3.8		3.6		0.8		3.7		-3.7	
Change on year	-20	-1.0	-11	-0.8	6	1.6	29	1.2	-14	-0.4	-82	-1.1
Change %	-5.9		-9.9		0.6		0.8		-3.3		-4.6	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Aug-Oct 2016	146	19.8	62	29.8	532	71.9	1,815	62.2	288	13.7	817	28.0
Aug-Oct 2017	158	21.9	53	25.2	510	70.7	1,776	61.3	252	12.4	868	30.0
Nov-Jan 2018	162	22.5	62	27.7	493	68.8	1,797	62.2	234	11.5	859	29.7
Feb-Apr 2018	168	23.6	59	25.8	486	68.2	1,819	63.1	237	11.5	827	28.7
May-Jul 2018	176	24.9	49	21.8	483	68.2	1,827	63.5	222	10.8	828	28.8
Aug-Oct 2018	155	21.9	55	26.1	498	70.4	1,858	64.8	231	11.1	776	27.1
Change on quarter	-21	-3.0	6	4.3	15	2.1	31	1.3	9	0.2	-51	-1.7
Change %	-11.9		11.7		3.1		1.7		4.1		-6.2	
Change on year	-3	0.0	2	0.9	-12	-0.3	82	3.5	-21	-1.4	-92	-2.9
Change %	-1.8		2.9		-2.3		4.6		-8.2		-10.6	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAC	LWFC
Aug-Oct 2016	185	26.2	59	24.3	461	65.4	1,763	62.7	174	9.0	876	31.1
Aug-Oct 2017	182	26.4	53	22.7	454	65.9	1,720	62.0	165	8.7	891	32.1
Nov-Jan 2018	172	25.1	64	27.2	448	65.5	1,707	61.7	178	9.4	883	31.9
Feb-Apr 2018	175	25.8	57	24.5	449	65.9	1,703	61.7	168	9.0	889	32.2
May-Jul 2018	174	25.7	51	22.5	452	66.8	1,670	60.7	166	9.1	914	33.2
Aug-Oct 2018	165	24.3	41	20.0	471	69.6	1,667	60.8	172	9.3	902	32.9
Change on quarter	-10	-1.4	-10	-2.5	19	2.8	-3	0.1	5	0.3	-13	-0.3
Change %	-5.6		-18.8		4.1		-0.2		3.1		-1.4	
Change on year	-17	-2.1	-12	-2.7	17	3.7	-53	-1.1	7	0.6	10	0.8
Change %	-9.4		-22.7		3.8		-3.1		4.1		1.2	

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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
Aug-Oct 2016	7,280	82.1	342	4.5	1,243	14.0	10,724	83.6	369	3.3	1,734	13.5
Aug-Oct 2017	7,436	83.2	308	4.0	1,198	13.4	10,810	84.7	301	2.7	1,652	12.9
Nov-Jan 2018	7,507	83.8	290	3.7	1,159	12.9	10,823	84.9	319	2.9	1,609	12.6
Feb-Apr 2018	7,500	83.6	287	3.7	1,184	13.2	10,854	85.2	306	2.7	1,577	12.4
May-Jul 2018	7,472	83.2	303	3.9	1,210	13.5	10,829	85.1	292	2.6	1,603	12.6
Aug-Oct 2018	7,522	83.6	294	3.8	1,186	13.2	10,830	85.2	304	2.7	1,575	12.4
Change on quarter	50	0.4	-10	-0.1	-24	-0.3	2	0.1	12	0.1	-28	-0.2
Change %	0.7		-3.2		-2.0		0.0		4.1		-1.8	
Change on year	86	0.4	-15	-0.2	-12	-0.2	20	0.5	3	0.0	-77	-0.6
Change %	1.2		-4.7		-1.0		0.2		0.9		-4.7	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Aug-Oct 2016	3,943	89.1	172	4.2	311	7.0	5,665	89.5	178	3.0	487	7.7
Aug-Oct 2017	4,017	89.7	152	3.6	308	6.9	5,703	90.6	154	2.6	439	7.0
Nov-Jan 2018	4,054	90.3	135	3.2	298	6.6	5,699	90.6	149	2.6	441	7.0
Feb-Apr 2018	4,038	89.8	155	3.7	305	6.8	5,707	90.8	142	2.4	435	6.9
May-Jul 2018	4,026	89.3	160	3.8	323	7.2	5,698	90.8	142	2.4	436	6.9
Aug-Oct 2018	4,052	89.6	150	3.6	319	7.1	5,697	90.9	155	2.7	417	6.6
Change on quarter	26	0.3	-10	-0.3	-3	-0.1	-1	0.1	13	0.2	-19	-0.3
Change %	0.6		-6.5		-1.0		0.0		9.0		-4.4	
Change on year	35	-0.1	-2	-0.1	12	0.2	-6	0.3	1	0.0	-22	-0.3
Change %	0.9		-1.5		3.8		-0.1		0.9		-5.0	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Aug-Oct 2016	3,337	75.2	170	4.9	933	21.0	5,059	77.9	191	3.6	1,247	19.2
Aug-Oct 2017	3,419	76.6	156	4.4	890	19.9	5,107	79.0	147	2.8	1,213	18.8
Nov-Jan 2018	3,453	77.3	155	4.3	861	19.3	5,123	79.3	170	3.2	1,168	18.1
Feb-Apr 2018	3,462	77.4	132	3.7	879	19.6	5,147	79.8	164	3.1	1,143	17.7
May-Jul 2018	3,446	77.0	143	4.0	887	19.8	5,130	79.6	150	2.8	1,167	18.1
Aug-Oct 2018	3,470	77.4	144	4.0	866	19.3	5,133	79.7	149	2.8	1,158	18.0
Change on quarter	24	0.5	1	0.0	-21	-0.5	2	0.1	-1	0.0	-9	-0.1
Change %	0.7		0.5		-2.4		0.0		-0.6		-0.8	
Change on year	51	0.9	-12	-0.4	-24	-0.6	26	0.7	1	0.0	-55	-0.8
Change %	1.5		-7.9		-2.7		0.5		1.0		-4.6	
	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
Aug-Oct 2016	8,627	70.8	300	3.4	3,252	26.7	1,215	10.6	17	1.4	10,242	89.3
Aug-Oct 2017	8,822	71.2	274	3.0	3,286	26.5	1,176	10.1	23	1.9	10,474	89.7
Nov-Jan 2018	8,867	71.3	289	3.2	3,272	26.3	1,214	10.3	18	1.4	10,494	89.5
Feb-Apr 2018	8,952	71.8	281	3.0	3,239	26.0	1,223	10.4	22	1.7	10,533	89.4
May-Jul 2018	8,989	71.8	260	2.8	3,269	26.1	1,260	10.7	17	1.3	10,552	89.2
Aug-Oct 2018	9,036	71.9	269	2.9	3,256	25.9	1,243	10.5	15	1.2	10,624	89.4
Change on quarter	48	0.1	8	0.1	-13	-0.2	-18	-0.2	-2	-0.1	72	0.2
Change %	0.5		3.2		-0.4		-1.4		-9.6		0.7	
Change on year	214	0.7	-6	-0.1	-30	-0.6	67	0.4	-7	-0.7	150	-0.3
Change %	2.4		-2.0		-0.9		5.7		-33.2		1.4	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Aug-Oct 2016	4,555	76.2	178	3.8	1,247	20.9	739	14.0	8	1.1	4,523	85.8
Aug-Oct 2017	4,601	75.7	157	3.3	1,319	21.7	715	13.3	15	2.0	4,646	86.4
Nov-Jan 2018	4,630	75.9	163	3.4	1,304	21.4	759	14.0	15	1.9	4,630	85.7
Feb-Apr 2018	4,664	76.2	161	3.3	1,293	21.1	739	13.6	14	1.8	4,679	86.1
May-Jul 2018	4,691	76.4	137	2.8	1,311	21.4	747	13.7	9	1.2	4,703	86.2
Aug-Oct 2018	4,711	76.5	146	3.0	1,303	21.1	762	13.9	10	1.3	4,714	85.9
Change on quarter	20	0.1	9	0.2	-9	-0.2	16	0.2	1	0.1	11	-0.2
Change %	0.4		6.6		-0.7		2.1		13.9		0.2	
Change on year	110	0.8	-11	-0.3	-16	-0.6	47	0.6	-5	-0.7	69	-0.5
Change %	2.4		-6.9		-1.2		6.6		-32.1		1.5	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Aug-Oct 2016	4,072	65.7	123	2.9	2,006	32.3	476	7.7	9	1.8	5,719	92.2
Aug-Oct 2017	4,221	66.9	117	2.7	1,967	31.2	460	7.3	8	1.6	5,829	92.6
Nov-Jan 2018	4,236	66.9	126	2.9	1,967	31.1	455	7.2	*	*	5,864	92.8
Feb-Apr 2018	4,288	67.5	120	2.7	1,946	30.6	484	7.6	8	1.6	5,854	92.3
May-Jul 2018	4,297	67.4	123	2.8	1,957	30.7	514	8.1	8	1.5	5,849	91.8
Aug-Oct 2018	4,325	67.6	123	2.8	1,953	30.5	481	7.5	5	1.0	5,910	92.4
Change on quarter	28	0.2	-1	0.0	-4	-0.2	-33	-0.5	-3	-0.5	61	0.6
Change %	0.6		-0.5		-0.2		-6.4		-36.8		1.0	
Change on year	104	0.6	5	0.1	-14	-0.7	20	0.2	-3	-0.6	81	-0.2
Change %	2.5		4.5		-0.7		4.4		-35.3		1.4	

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time & 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
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW
Aug-Oct 2016	31,755	26,801	4,756	126	72	23,203	8,552	19,788	7,013	3,347	1,410	1,135
Aug-Oct 2017	32,080	27,085	4,806	110	78	23,540	8,539	20,112	6,973	3,356	1,450	1,133
Nov-Jan 2018	32,248	27,275	4,779	125	69	23,715	8,533	20,294	6,981	3,358	1,421	1,139
Feb-Apr 2018	32,394	27,425	4,814	108	48	23,758	8,636	20,371	7,054	3,338	1,476	1,132
May-Jul 2018	32,397	27,425	4,802	123	47	23,859	8,538	20,479	6,946	3,335	1,467	1,109
Aug-Oct 2018	32,476	27,540	4,773	109	54	23,968	8,508	20,579	6,961	3,346	1,427	1,125
Change on quarter	79	115	-29	-14	7	110	-31	100	15	11	-40	16
Change %	0.2	0.4	-0.6	-11.2	15.3	0.5	-0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	-2.7	1.5
Change on year	396	455	-33	-1	-25	428	-32	467	-12	-11	-23	-8
Change %	1.2	1.7	-0.7	-1.1	-31.4	1.8	-0.4	2.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6	-0.7
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX
Aug-Oct 2016	16,863	13,585	3,176	59	43	14,568	2,295	11,934	1,651	2,593	583	495
Aug-Oct 2017	16,970	13,665	3,212	51	42	14,723	2,247	12,062	1,602	2,624	589	496
Nov-Jan 2018	17,101	13,830	3,174	61	36	14,834	2,267	12,179	1,651	2,622	553	496
Feb-Apr 2018	17,135	13,886	3,179	43	27	14,849	2,286	12,216	1,670	2,602	577	477
May-Jul 2018	17,165	13,887	3,194	58	26	14,881	2,284	12,250	1,637	2,608	586	473
Aug-Oct 2018	17,236	13,953	3,195	52	34	14,944	2,292	12,298	1,655	2,620	576	468
Change on quarter	70	66	1	-5	8	63	7	48	18	12	-11	-5
Change %	0.4	0.5	0.0	-8.8	30.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.5	-1.8	-1.0
Change on year	265	289	-17	1	-7	221	45	236	53	-4	-13	-27
Change %	1.6	2.1	-0.5	2.0	-17.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	3.3	-0.2	-2.2	-5.5
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY
Aug-Oct 2016	14,891	13,215	1,580	67	29	8,634	6,257	7,854	5,362	754	827	641
Aug-Oct 2017	15,110	13,420	1,594	59	37	8,817	6,292	8,049	5,371	732	861	637
Nov-Jan 2018	15,147	13,445	1,605	64	33	8,881	6,266	8,115	5,330	736	869	643
Feb-Apr 2018	15,259	13,539	1,634	66	21	8,909	6,350	8,154	5,384	735	899	655
May-Jul 2018	15,232	13,538	1,608	65	20	8,978	6,254	8,230	5,309	727	880	636
Aug-Oct 2018	15,240	13,587	1,578	57	19	9,025	6,216	8,281	5,306	726	851	657
Change on quarter	9	48	-30	-9	-1	47	-38	51	-3	-1	-29	21
Change %	0.1	0.4	-1.9	-13.4	-4.5	0.5	-0.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-3.3	3.3
Change on year	131	166	-16	-2	-18	207	-77	231	-65	-6	-10	20
Change %	0.9	1.2	-1.0	-3.9	-47.7	2.4	-1.2	2.9	-1.2	-0.8	-1.1	3.1

	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
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCD	YCCG	YCCD	YCCG	YCCD
Aug-Oct 2016	1,612	6.0	489	30.3	424	121	578	8,422	1,149	13.6	5,908	252	1,067
Aug-Oct 2017	1,599	5.9	447	28.0	429	136	587	8,423	996	11.8	5,985	270	1,095
Nov-Jan 2018	1,555	5.7	453	29.1	431	154	516	8,402	999	11.9	5,999	252	1,090
Feb-Apr 2018	1,577	5.8	457	29.0	448	155	517	8,530	1,011	11.9	6,112	245	1,112
May-Jul 2018	1,532	5.6	425	27.8	431	139	537	8,413	963	11.5	6,013	265	1,114
Aug-Oct 2018	1,523	5.5	412	27.1	438	118	555	8,388	902	10.8	5,989	288	1,140
Change on quarter	-9	-0.1	-13	-0.7	7	-20	17	-25	-61	-0.7	-24	23	26
Change %	-0.6		-3.1	1.6	-14.8	3.3	-0.3	-6.4		-0.4	8.7	2.4	
Change on year	-75	-0.4	-35	-0.9	9	-17	-32	-35	-94	-1.1	4	18	46
Change %	-4.7		-7.8	2.1	-12.8	-5.4	-0.4	-9.4		0.1	6.5	4.2	
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD
Aug-Oct 2016	741	5.5	250	33.8	171	58	262	2,234	515	23.1	1,157	105	445
Aug-Oct 2017	750	5.5	228	30.4	196	65	261	2,191	435	19.9	1,159	98	471
Nov-Jan 2018	752	5.4	232	30.8	195	80	246	2,203	444	20.2	1,187	83	459
Feb-Apr 2018	756	5.4	240	31.7	193	87	236	2,247	461	20.5	1,202	82	485
May-Jul 2018	733	5.3	225	30.7	189	66	252	2,224	440	19.8	1,177	97	484
Aug-Oct 2018	727	5.2	216	29.7	196	62	253	2,231	416	18.7	1,190	96	503
Change on quarter	-5	-0.1	-9	-1.1	7	-4	1	7	-24	-1.1	12	-1	19
Change %	-0.7		-4.2	3.9	-6.2	0.3	0.3	-5.5		-1.1	1.0	-1.1	4.0
Change on year	-23	-0.3	-12	-0.7	0	-3	-8	40	-19	-1.2	30	-1	33
Change %	-3.0		-5.4	0.2	-4.2	-3.1	1.8	-4.4		2.6	-1.4	6.9	
Women	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD
Aug-Oct 2016	871	6.6	239	27.4	253	64	316	6,189	634	10.3	4,751	148	622
Aug-Oct 2017	849	6.3	219	25.8	233	71	326	6,232	561	9.0	4,826	173	624
Nov-Jan 2018	802	6.0	221	27.6	236	75	271	6,199	554	8.9	4,812	168	631
Feb-Apr 2018	821	6.1	218	26.5	254	68	281	6,283	551	8.8	4,909	164	627
May-Jul 2018	800	5.9	200	25.0	242	72	285	6,189	523	8.5	4,836	168	630
Aug-Oct 2018	796	5.9	196	24.7	241	56	302	6,157	486	7.9	4,799	192	637
Change on quarter	-4	0.0	-4	-0.3	0	-16	17	-32	-37	-0.6	-37	24	7
Change %	-0.5		-1.8	-0.1	-22.6	5.8	-0.5	-7.1		-0.8	14.3	1.1	
Change on year	-53	-0.5	-23	-1.2	9	-15	-24	-75	-75	-1.1	-26	19	13
Change %	-6.2		-10.4	3.7	-20.7	-7.3	-1.2	-13.3		-0.5	11.0	2.1	

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=9+11; 14=13/2; 16=15/3; 22=21/20

Source: Labour Force Survey

- The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification. Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk
- This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training.
- These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees recorded in columns 13 to 19.
- The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of columns 21, 23, 24 and 25.

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4 Public and private sector employment

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

	Public sector		Private sector ¹		Total employment ²	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications (See Explanatory Note at bottom of table)		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications (See Explanatory Note at bottom of table)	
	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)		(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)
	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
Sep 16 (r)	5,484	17.3	26,271	82.7	31,755	5,219	16.4	26,536	83.6
Dec 16 (r)	5,472	17.2	26,374	82.8	31,846	5,209	16.4	26,637	83.6
Mar 17 (r)	5,473	17.1	26,481	82.9	31,954	5,211	16.3	26,743	83.7
Jun 17 (r)	5,485	17.1	26,651	82.9	32,136	5,223	16.3	26,913	83.7
Sep 17 (r)	5,475	17.1	26,605	82.9	32,080	5,218	16.3	26,862	83.7
Dec 17 (r)	5,344	16.6	26,904	83.4	32,248	5,224	16.2	27,024	83.8
Mar 18 (r)	5,352	16.5	27,042	83.5	32,394	5,233	16.2	27,161	83.8
Jun 18 (r)	5,357	16.5	27,040	83.5	32,397	5,249	16.2	27,148	83.8
Sep 18	5,355	16.5	27,121	83.5	32,476	5,269	16.2	27,207	83.8
Change on quarter	-2	0.0	81	0.0	79	20	0.0	59	0.0
Change %	0.0		0.3		0.2	0.4		0.2	
Change on year	-120	-0.6	516	0.6	396	51	-0.1	345	0.1
Change %	-2.2		1.9		1.2	1.0		1.3	

Enquiries 01633 455400

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) and returns from public sector organisations
See footnotes under table 4(1)

4(1) Public sector employment by industry

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

	Construction	HM Forces ³	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Of which: Civil Service ⁴	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other (including financial corporations)	Total public sector employment ⁵
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7D6	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	G7AU
Sep 16 (r)	38	158	247	1,002	416	1,519	1,597	285	640	5,484
Dec 16 (r)	39	157	246	1,003	416	1,513	1,600	279	633	5,472
Mar 17 (r)	40	157	245	1,005	419	1,509	1,613	278	628	5,473
Jun 17 (r)	39	156	245	1,012	423	1,507	1,624	274	625	5,485
Sep 17 (r)	38	155	245	1,016	423	1,499	1,629	273	623	5,475
Dec 17 (r)	37	155	246	1,018	427	1,496	1,637	231	523	5,344
Mar 18 (r)	35	155	246	1,025	430	1,498	1,643	229	523	5,352
Jun 18 (r)	35	153	246	1,030	431	1,503	1,650	223	513	5,357
Sep 18	34	153	247	1,033	435	1,507	1,664	216	507	5,355
Change on quarter	-1	0	1	3	4	4	14	-7	-6	-2
Change %	-2.9	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.3	0.8	-3.1	-1.2	0.0
Change on year	-4	-2	2	17	12	8	35	-57	-116	-120
Change %	-10.5	-1.3	0.8	1.7	2.8	0.5	2.1	-20.9	-18.6	-2.2

Enquiries 01633 455400

Source: returns from public sector organisations

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

Further Education corporations and Sixth Form College corporations in England are included in the private sector from June 2012 but in the public sector for earlier time periods.

Royal Mail plc is included in the private sector from December 2013 but in the public sector for earlier time periods.

Lloyds Banking Group plc is included in the public sector from December 2008 to December 2013 but in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Royal Bank of Scotland plc is included in the public sector from December 2008 but in the private sector for earlier time periods.

Direct Line Group is included in the public sector from December 2008 to June 2013 but in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Network Rail is included in the private sector before December 2002. From December 2002 onwards it is included in the public sector (except for the period from June 2003 to March 2004, when it is included in the private sector).

Northern Rock is included in the public sector from December 2007 until December 2011 but in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Bradford and Bingley is included in the public sector from September 2008 but in the private sector for earlier time periods.

Welsh Further Education colleges are included in the private sector from March 2015 but in the public sector for earlier time periods.

Housing Associations for England are included in the public sector between September 2008 and September 2017; they are in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Housing Associations for Scotland are included in the public sector between September 2001 and June 2018; they are in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Housing associations for Wales are included in the private sector from June 2018; they are included in the public sector for earlier time periods.

Housing associations for Northern Ireland are included in the public sector back to the start of the time series in March 1999.

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

1. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations.

2. LFS employment data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.

3. This series excludes locally engaged staff stationed outside the United Kingdom.

4. This series excludes the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

5. This series may not exactly equal the sum of the components because each component is independently seasonally adjusted.

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

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

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5 Workforce jobs

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs 1	Employee jobs 2	Self-employment jobs ¹ 3	HM Forces 4	Government-supported trainees ¹ 5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Sep 16 (r)	34,596	29,899	4,491	158	48
Dec 16 (r)	34,654	29,909	4,532	157	56
Mar 17 (r)	34,865	30,144	4,502	157	61
Jun 17 (r)	34,864	30,115	4,549	156	45
Sep 17 (r)	34,948	30,219	4,527	155	46
Dec 17 (r)	34,856	30,188	4,483	155	31
Mar 18 (r)	34,949	30,271	4,496	154	28
Jun 18 (r)	35,028	30,311	4,536	153	28
Sep 18 (p)	35,133	30,480	4,478	153	22
Change on quarter	105	169	-58	0	-6
Change %	0.3	0.6	-1.3	0.0	-22.1
Change on year	185	261	-49	-2	-24
Change %	0.5	0.9	-1.1	-1.6	-52.1

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

See footnotes under table 6

6 Workforce jobs by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All jobs A-T	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities E	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage H	Accommodation & food service activities I	Information & communication J
	DYDC	JWR5	JWR6	JWR7	JWR8	JWR9	JWS2	JWS3	JWS4	JWS5	JWS6
Sep 16 (r)	34,596	413	62	2,626	137	207	2,207	5,000	1,736	2,372	1,417
Dec 16 (r)	34,654	422	61	2,634	145	213	2,249	4,989	1,717	2,372	1,424
Mar 17 (r)	34,865	427	57	2,652	144	216	2,328	5,009	1,735	2,378	1,468
Jun 17 (r)	34,864	409	60	2,684	147	218	2,321	5,031	1,727	2,397	1,509
Sep 17 (r)	34,948	421	58	2,697	144	221	2,350	4,985	1,694	2,386	1,488
Dec 17 (r)	34,856	420	60	2,708	143	228	2,340	4,996	1,680	2,342	1,484
Mar 18 (r)	34,949	401	62	2,705	146	225	2,339	4,998	1,678	2,382	1,530
Jun 18 (r)	35,028	392	62	2,731	147	226	2,356	4,983	1,705	2,415	1,559
Sep 18 (p)	35,133	388	60	2,720	150	225	2,382	4,966	1,708	2,408	1,568
Change on quarter	105	-4	-2	-10	3	-1	26	-16	3	-7	9
Change %	0.3	-1.0	-2.5	-0.4	2.3	-0.4	1.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.6
Change on year	185	-34	2	23	6	4	32	-19	14	22	79
Change %	0.5	-8.1	4.2	0.8	4.2	1.9	1.4	-0.4	0.8	0.9	5.3
SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities K	Real estate activities L	Professional scientific & technical activities M	Administrative & support service activities N	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security ² O	Education P	Human health & social work activities Q	Arts, entertainment & recreation R	Other service activities S	People employed by households etc. T	Total services G-T
	JWS7	JWS8	JWS9	JWT2	JWT3	JWT4	JWT5	JWT6	JWT7	KW78	JWT8
Sep 16 (r)	1,138	558	3,052	2,944	1,476	2,962	4,271	1,007	919	92	28,944
Dec 16 (r)	1,121	554	3,049	2,974	1,469	2,969	4,277	1,027	916	71	28,929
Mar 17 (r)	1,116	584	3,029	2,984	1,467	2,940	4,335	1,015	913	67	29,040
Jun 17 (r)	1,121	554	2,978	2,985	1,485	2,923	4,359	987	904	65	29,026
Sep 17 (r)	1,107	573	3,009	3,051	1,485	2,932	4,324	1,040	906	74	29,055
Dec 17 (r)	1,113	587	2,998	2,996	1,481	2,916	4,373	1,025	908	60	28,957
Mar 18 (r)	1,122	586	2,985	2,961	1,486	2,943	4,394	1,019	925	61	29,071
Jun 18 (r)	1,110	555	2,973	2,993	1,493	2,946	4,376	1,034	906	68	29,115
Sep 18 (p)	1,128	584	3,007	2,990	1,491	2,965	4,401	1,032	899	60	29,207
Change on quarter	18	30	34	-4	-1	19	25	-2	-7	-8	92
Change %	1.6	5.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-11.8	0.3
Change on year	20	12	-2	-61	7	33	76	-8	-7	-14	152
Change %	1.8	2.0	-0.1	-2.0	0.5	1.1	1.8	-0.8	-0.8	-19.3	0.5

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey and administrative sources

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

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

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7 Actual weekly hours worked

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

People	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked				Second Jobs
		All workers ¹		Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	
		YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	
Aug-Oct 2016	1,013.7	31.9		37.3	16.1	9.7
Aug-Oct 2017	1,027.7	32.0		37.3	16.2	9.9
Nov-Jan 2018	1,034.1	32.1		37.3	16.2	9.8
Feb-Apr 2018	1,030.0	31.8		36.9	16.4	10.0
May-Jul 2018	1,034.0	31.9		37.1	16.1	10.1
Aug-Oct 2018	1,045.3	32.2		37.3	16.4	9.7
Change on quarter	11.3	0.3		0.2	0.2	-0.4
Change %	1.1	0.9		0.6	1.5	-3.8
Change on year	17.7	0.2		0.0	0.2	-0.3
Change %	1.7	0.5		0.1	1.3	-2.6
Men	YBUT	YBUW		YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Aug-Oct 2016	612.6	36.3		39.1	16.3	10.7
Aug-Oct 2017	617.1	36.4		39.0	16.1	10.9
Nov-Jan 2018	623.5	36.5		39.2	15.9	10.7
Feb-Apr 2018	619.2	36.1		38.8	16.0	11.2
May-Jul 2018	620.4	36.1		38.9	15.8	11.1
Aug-Oct 2018	628.5	36.5		39.2	16.3	10.6
Change on quarter	8.2	0.3		0.3	0.5	-0.5
Change %	1.3	0.9		0.7	3.4	-4.6
Change on year	11.5	0.1		0.1	0.2	-0.3
Change %	1.9	0.3		0.4	1.4	-2.5
Women	YBUU	YBUX		YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Aug-Oct 2016	401.1	26.9		34.2	16.0	8.9
Aug-Oct 2017	410.6	27.2		34.3	16.2	9.2
Nov-Jan 2018	410.6	27.1		34.1	16.3	9.1
Feb-Apr 2018	410.8	26.9		33.7	16.5	9.2
May-Jul 2018	413.6	27.2		34.1	16.3	9.3
Aug-Oct 2018	416.8	27.3		34.2	16.4	9.0
Change on quarter	3.2	0.2		0.1	0.1	-0.3
Change %	0.8	0.7		0.4	0.9	-2.9
Change on year	6.2	0.2		-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Change %	1.5	0.6		-0.2	1.3	-2.2

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

1. Main and second job.

2. Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.

3. Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

7(1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Aug-Oct 2017									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	1.9	0.8	0.5	1.2	3.9	2.1	7.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.5	9.6	5.9	3.1	8.8	8.5	4.8	16.0
16 up to 30 hours	20.2	10.1	31.5	19.7	8.8	30.9	23.0	16.1	36.9
31 up to 45 hours	53.1	59.0	46.4	55.9	62.6	49.0	37.7	43.7	25.5
Over 45 hours	19.0	26.6	10.6	17.7	25.1	10.1	27.0	33.2	14.3
Total (thousands)	32,080	16,970	15,110	27,085	13,665	13,420	4,806	3,212	1,594
May-Jul 2018									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	1.9	0.8	0.5	1.1	3.4	1.9	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.5	9.7	5.8	3.0	8.6	9.8	5.2	19.0
16 up to 30 hours	20.0	10.2	31.0	19.6	9.0	30.4	22.2	15.5	35.6
31 up to 45 hours	54.0	59.7	47.6	56.9	63.1	50.5	38.5	45.5	24.6
Over 45 hours	18.2	25.6	9.9	16.9	24.2	9.4	26.1	32.0	14.5
Total (thousands)	32,397	17,165	15,232	27,425	13,887	13,538	4,802	3,194	1,608
Aug-Oct 2018									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.3	3.4	1.9	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.4	9.6	5.8	3.1	8.5	9.0	4.6	17.9
16 up to 30 hours	19.7	10.2	30.6	19.3	8.9	30.0	22.7	15.7	36.8
31 up to 45 hours	54.3	59.9	47.9	57.0	63.2	50.7	39.1	46.3	24.3
Over 45 hours	18.3	25.5	10.0	17.0	24.3	9.5	25.8	31.4	14.6
Total (thousands)	32,476	17,236	15,240	27,540	13,953	13,587	4,773	3,195	1,578

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

NON-UK WORKERS

8 Employment levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

(first published on 13 November 2018)

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

Country of birth	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) ⁷	Total Africa ⁷	Of which: South Africa	Total Asia ⁷	Of which: India	Of which: Pakistan and Bangladesh	Total America and Oceania ⁷	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	FSC4	FSC5										
Levels (thousands of people aged 16 and over)																				
Country of birth	MGTM	JF6F	JF6G	FSC2	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	FSC3	FSC4	FSC5	JJS3	FSC6	JJS7	JJS9	FSC7	JJR7	JJS5	EQ4S	
Jul - Sep 2016	31,869	26,288	5,573	2,539	2,362	968	1,079	279	36	177	857	162	1,565	485	336	612	107	134	3,211	
Jul - Sep 2017	32,141	26,434	5,705	2,641	2,407	975	1,044	361	28	234	922	186	1,571	481	374	571	89	151	3,298	
Oct - Dec 2017	32,231	26,629	5,599	2,632	2,391	1,001	995	360	34	240	871	171	1,502	469	353	594	99	146	3,208	
Jan - Mar 2018	32,277	26,631	5,643	2,581	2,370	1,033	956	347	34	210	885	179	1,533	477	353	644	113	149	3,272	
Apr - Jun 2018	32,319	26,693	5,623	2,585	2,360	1,021	905	395	38	226	878	168	1,518	507	342	641	101	157	3,263	
Jul - Sep 2018	32,494	26,926	5,561	2,531	2,300	987	902	373	39	231	880	160	1,488	476	338	661	96	153	3,261	
Change on year	353	492	-144	-110	-107	12	-143	12	11	-2	-42	-27	-82	-5	-36	89	7	2	-37	
Change %	1.1	1.9	-2.5	-4.1	-4.5	1.2	-13.7	3.3	40.9	-1.0	-4.5	-14.3	-5.2	-1.0	-9.7	15.6	8.0	1.4	-1.1	
Nationality	MGTM	JF6H	JF6I	FSC8	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	FSC9	FSCE	FSD2	JJS4	FSD3	JJS8	JJT2	FSD4	JJR8	JJS6	EQ4W	
Jul - Sep 2016	31,869	28,368	3,497	2,334	2,267	942	1,054	257	13	66	258	50	587	202	93	318	89	87	1,230	
Jul - Sep 2017	32,141	28,548	3,588	2,475	2,377	986	1,035	347	8	97	286	64	549	180	103	279	71	88	1,211	
Oct - Dec 2017	32,231	28,703	3,523	2,446	2,350	1,015	961	364	9	96	266	63	512	179	87	299	92	90	1,173	
Jan - Mar 2018	32,277	28,733	3,539	2,374	2,293	1,010	917	355	11	81	274	60	558	188	99	333	98	98	1,246	
Apr - Jun 2018	32,319	28,765	3,546	2,384	2,280	998	880	391	11	103	262	55	575	213	101	326	92	104	1,266	
Jul - Sep 2018	32,494	28,996	3,490	2,355	2,245	990	881	363	11	110	250	50	550	188	92	334	101	86	1,245	
Change on year	353	448	-98	-119	-132	4	-154	16	3	13	-36	-14	2	8	-11	55	30	-2	34	
Change %	1.1	1.6	-2.7	-4.8	-5.5	0.4	-14.9	4.6	32.3	13.2	-12.7	-21.4	0.3	4.4	-10.8	19.8	42.2	-2.4	2.8	
Rates (% aged 16 to 64)																				
Country of birth	LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	FSD5	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	FSD6	FSD7	FSD8	LFN4	FSD9	LFN6	LFN7	FSE2	LFN2	LFN5	EQ52	
Jul - Sep 2016	74.6	75.0	72.9	79.4	81.0	78.5	83.0	82.6	77.9	62.1	72.2	81.0	63.3	75.3	54.4	77.6	77.2	87.9	67.8	
Jul - Sep 2017	75.2	75.5	73.9	80.8	81.8	78.3	84.1	86.1	75.0	71.5	71.5	83.2	64.8	73.9	55.5	77.0	75.1	85.1	68.9	
Oct - Dec 2017	75.4	75.8	73.6	80.5	81.6	77.7	85.4	83.6	73.0	70.9	70.9	82.1	63.8	73.6	56.2	78.7	77.5	86.4	68.5	
Jan - Mar 2018	75.4	75.8	73.8	80.6	81.9	79.1	85.3	82.0	73.9	68.0	71.7	81.5	64.5	77.4	56.3	77.5	77.5	81.7	68.8	
Apr - Jun 2018	75.4	75.7	74.0	81.3	82.8	79.7	86.8	83.4	72.5	68.1	72.1	83.3	64.3	80.4	54.3	76.5	73.2	85.3	68.7	
Jul - Sep 2018	75.7	76.1	74.2	81.5	82.3	79.8	85.6	82.4	72.4	74.7	72.9	83.8	64.4	77.0	55.5	75.5	73.8	81.4	69.3	
Change on year	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.5	1.5	-3.7	-2.6	3.2	1.4	0.6	-0.4	3.0	0.0	-1.5	-1.3	-3.7	0.4	
Nationality	LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	FSE3	EQ54	LFO2	LFO3	EQ55	FSE4	FSE5	FSE6	LFO6	FSE7	LFO8	LFO9	FSE8	LFO4	LFO7	EQ56	
Jul - Sep 2016	74.6	74.9	72.7	79.4	80.3	77.3	83.0	80.9	78.0	56.6	65.1	83.1	55.9	70.0	49.3	75.6	75.9	90.0	61.9	
Jul - Sep 2017	75.2	75.3	74.5	80.6	81.6	78.2	84.3	85.9	35.7	62.8	65.8	81.1	58.5	67.5	53.7	74.3	71.0	86.6	63.6	
Oct - Dec 2017	75.4	75.5	74.2	80.4	81.2	77.4	85.3	84.1	37.5	64.7	65.3	84.8	56.2	67.4	52.6	78.3	79.6	84.6	63.4	
Jan - Mar 2018	75.4	75.6	74.2	80.8	82.0	79.6	85.0	82.8	50.3	57.0	67.2	87.4	56.5	72.9	53.1	76.5	74.7	81.7	63.1	
Apr - Jun 2018	75.4	75.5	74.5	81.5	83.1	80.5	87.1	83.2	46.4	57.9	67.9	90.1	56.5	79.3	48.8	75.6	72.4	86.2	62.9	
Jul - Sep 2018	75.7	75.8	75.0	82.1	82.8	80.7	86.5	82.6	38.5	69.7	68.6	87.8	55.9	72.1	46.6	77.1	76.9	80.7	64.1	
Change on year	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.3	2.6	2.3	-3.2	2.7	6.9	2.8	6.7	-2.6	4.6	-7.1	2.8	5.9	-5.8	0.5	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

1. 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.

2. This series consists of all 27 EU member states excluding the UK. This series equals the sum of EU14, EU8, EU2 and Other EU.

3. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

4. Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

5. Romania and Bulgaria.

6. Cyprus, Malta and Croatia

7. 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.

NON-UK WORKERS

8(1) Unemployment and economic inactivity levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

(first published on 13 November 2018)

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 econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³
Levels (thousands of people)															
By country of birth	MGTP	DSWD	DT35	DT3F	DTKB	LF9L	LF9W	DTLK	DYUP	DYUR	DYVR	DYVZ	DYWL	DYWR	DZ37
Jul - Sep 2016	1,692	1,362	329	108	221	8,732	2,062	7,020	1,615	1,705	446	440	125	1,265	321
Jul - Sep 2017	1,501	1,220	281	72	209	8,728	2,150	7,019	1,685	1,692	465	456	152	1,237	313
Oct - Dec 2017	1,427	1,142	285	79	206	8,738	2,317	7,036	1,803	1,691	513	452	175	1,239	338
Jan - Mar 2018	1,417	1,118	298	90	209	8,728	2,448	7,050	1,916	1,667	533	428	162	1,239	370
Apr - Jun 2018	1,334	1,067	266	79	187	8,827	2,456	7,140	1,928	1,668	525	402	146	1,267	380
Jul - Sep 2018	1,450	1,156	294	86	208	8,586	2,149	6,962	1,711	1,607	435	400	135	1,207	300
Change on year	-51	-64	13	14	-1	-142	-2	-57	26	-85	-30	-55	-18	-30	-12
Change %	-3.4	-5.3	4.8	19.8	-0.4	-1.6	-0.1	-0.8	1.5	-5.0	-6.5	-12.1	-11.6	-2.4	-4.0
By nationality	MGTP	DSWE	DT39	DTG9	DTKC	LF9L	LF9W	DYTC	DYUQ	DYUS	DYVU	DYWA	DYWM	DYWS	DZGD
Jul - Sep 2016	1,692	1,461	230	113	117	8,732	2,062	7,657	1,728	1,067	333	439	136	627	197
Jul - Sep 2017	1,501	1,325	175	79	95	8,728	2,150	7,670	1,813	1,041	336	452	155	589	181
Oct - Dec 2017	1,427	1,241	185	90	94	8,738	2,317	7,699	1,943	1,026	373	449	183	577	190
Jan - Mar 2018	1,417	1,233	184	89	95	8,728	2,448	7,682	2,054	1,036	394	411	167	625	227
Apr - Jun 2018	1,334	1,172	161	72	90	8,827	2,456	7,773	2,083	1,036	371	386	141	651	229
Jul - Sep 2018	1,450	1,277	173	82	91	8,586	2,149	7,593	1,848	978	299	378	131	600	168
Change on year	-51	-48	-2	2	-4	-142	-2	-77	35	-63	-38	-74	-24	11	-14
Change %	-3.4	-3.6	-1.2	2.5	-4.3	-1.6	-0.1	-1.0	1.9	-6.0	-11.2	-16.4	-15.4	1.9	-7.5
Rates (%)															
By country of birth	MGUK	DT2W	DT3B	DTJG	DTKD	CRZK		DYTD		DYUT		DYWD		DYWT	
Jul - Sep 2016	5.0	4.9	5.6	4.4	6.4	21.3		20.9		22.8		15.3		27.4	
Jul - Sep 2017	4.5	4.4	4.7	2.9	6.0	21.2		20.9		22.4		15.7		26.7	
Oct - Dec 2017	4.2	4.1	4.8	3.2	6.0	21.2		20.9		22.6		15.7		27.1	
Jan - Mar 2018	4.2	4.0	5.0	3.6	6.0	21.2		20.9		22.3		15.0		26.7	
Apr - Jun 2018	4.0	3.8	4.5	3.3	5.4	21.4		21.1		22.4		14.3		27.3	
Jul - Sep 2018	4.3	4.1	5.0	3.6	6.0	20.8		20.5		21.9		14.6		26.2	
Change on year	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.7	0.0	-0.4		-0.3		-0.6		-1.1		-0.4	
By nationality	MGUK	DT2Z	DT3D	DTKA	DTLH	CRZK		DYUO		DYUU		DYWE		DZ36	
Jul - Sep 2016	5.0	4.9	6.2	4.7	8.7	21.3		21.1		22.5		15.7		32.1	
Jul - Sep 2017	4.5	4.4	4.6	3.2	7.3	21.2		21.1		21.9		15.7		31.4	
Oct - Dec 2017	4.2	4.1	5.0	3.7	7.4	21.2		21.1		21.9		15.7		31.6	
Jan - Mar 2018	4.2	4.1	4.9	3.7	7.1	21.2		21.1		22.0		14.8		32.1	
Apr - Jun 2018	4.0	3.9	4.3	3.0	6.6	21.4		21.3		22.1		14.3		32.7	
Jul - Sep 2018	4.3	4.2	4.7	3.5	6.8	20.8		20.7		21.3		14.1		31.3	
Change on year	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.4		-0.4		-0.6		-1.6		-0.1	

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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.

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	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Aug-Oct 2016	1,612	4.8	951	243	418	25.9	227	1,595	5.0	948	243	404	25.3	223
Aug-Oct 2017	1,429	4.3	835	219	375	26.3	205	1,407	4.4	827	214	365	26.0	201
Nov-Jan 2018	1,453	4.3	841	249	363	25.0	187	1,436	4.4	828	244	364	25.3	186
Feb-Apr 2018	1,416	4.2	833	214	369	26.0	202	1,394	4.3	820	209	365	26.2	199
May-Jul 2018	1,361	4.0	799	205	357	26.3	188	1,344	4.1	790	200	354	26.3	188
Aug-Oct 2018	1,380	4.1	807	221	352	25.5	186	1,365	4.2	797	219	349	25.6	184
Change on quarter	20	0.0	8	16	-5	-0.7	-3	21	0.0	7	19	-5	-0.8	-3
Change %	1.4		1.0	8.0	-1.4		-1.4	1.6		0.9	9.3	-1.3		-1.6
Change on year	-49	-0.2	-28	2	-23	-0.7	-20	-42	-0.2	-30	5	-16	-0.4	-17
Change %	-3.4		-3.4	1.1	-6.2		-9.7	-3.0		-3.6	2.1	-4.5		-8.4
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Aug-Oct 2016	885	5.0	496	128	261	29.5	155	877	5.2	490	128	259	29.5	154
Aug-Oct 2017	783	4.4	427	130	226	28.9	122	768	4.5	419	126	222	28.9	120
Nov-Jan 2018	757	4.2	400	143	215	28.3	119	743	4.3	390	140	213	28.7	119
Feb-Apr 2018	767	4.3	428	122	217	28.3	120	753	4.4	419	120	215	28.5	120
May-Jul 2018	719	4.0	399	106	214	29.8	118	710	4.1	393	104	213	30.0	118
Aug-Oct 2018	747	4.2	408	120	218	29.3	118	737	4.3	402	120	215	29.2	117
Change on quarter	27	0.1	9	14	4	-0.5	0	26	0.1	8	16	2	-0.8	0
Change %	3.8		2.3	13.4	1.9		0.1	3.7		2.1	15.4	0.8		-0.2
Change on year	-36	-0.3	-19	-9	-7	0.4	-3	-31	-0.2	-18	-6	-7	0.3	-3
Change %	-4.6		-4.5	-7.2	-3.3		-2.9	-4.0		-4.3	-4.7	-3.2		-2.3
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Aug-Oct 2016	726	4.7	455	115	157	21.6	71	718	4.7	457	115	145	20.3	69
Aug-Oct 2017	647	4.1	408	89	150	23.1	83	639	4.2	408	89	143	22.4	81
Nov-Jan 2018	696	4.4	442	105	149	21.4	68	693	4.5	438	104	151	21.7	67
Feb-Apr 2018	649	4.1	405	92	151	23.3	82	641	4.2	401	89	150	23.5	80
May-Jul 2018	641	4.0	400	98	143	22.3	70	633	4.1	397	96	140	22.1	70
Aug-Oct 2018	633	4.0	399	100	134	21.1	67	628	4.1	396	99	134	21.3	67
Change on quarter	-8	-0.1	-1	2	-9	-1.2	-3	-5	0.0	-1	3	-6	-0.8	-3
Change %	-1.2		-0.3	2.3	-6.4		-4.1	-0.8		-0.3	2.6	-4.6		-4.1
Change on year	-13	-0.1	-9	12	-16	-2.0	-16	-11	-0.1	-12	10	-9	-1.1	-14
Change %	-2.1		-2.3	13.2	-10.5		-19.6	-1.7		-3.0	11.8	-6.5		-17.4
			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	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Aug-Oct 2016	121	26.8	96	14	12	9.9	*	462	11.4	291	87	84	18.1	39
Aug-Oct 2017	107	23.9	83	18	5	4.6	*	416	10.6	268	70	79	18.9	27
Nov-Jan 2018	126	27.4	97	22	7	5.4	*	411	10.5	279	63	69	16.7	23
Feb-Apr 2018	116	25.2	97	14	5	4.4	*	405	10.3	270	60	75	18.6	30
May-Jul 2018	100	22.2	77	15	8	7.6	*	388	10.0	255	62	71	18.4	25
Aug-Oct 2018	96	23.1	73	19	*	*	*	403	10.2	270	62	70	17.4	26
Change on quarter	-4	0.9	-4	4	*	*	*	14	0.3	15	0	-1	-1.0	1
Change %	-3.8		-5.6	28.5	*	*	*	3.7		5.9	0.7	-1.7		3.5
Change on year	-11	-0.8	-10	1	*	*	*	-14	-0.4	2	-7	-8	-1.4	0
Change %	-9.9		-12.5	4.9	*	*	*	-3.3		0.7	-10.4	-10.7		-1.4
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Aug-Oct 2016	62	29.8	50	9	*	*	*	288	13.7	170	55	62	21.5	31
Aug-Oct 2017	53	25.2	44	8	*	*	*	252	12.4	143	49	60	23.7	20
Nov-Jan 2018	62	27.7	47	13	*	*	*	234	11.5	145	43	46	19.5	19
Feb-Apr 2018	59	25.8	46	9	*	*	*	237	11.5	149	39	48	20.4	18
May-Jul 2018	49	21.8	35	9	*	*	*	222	10.8	140	35	47	21.3	17
Aug-Oct 2018	55	26.1	41	11	*	*	*	231	11.1	145	35	51	22.2	20
Change on quarter	6	4.3	5	2	*	*	*	9	0.2	5	0	4	0.9	4
Change %	11.7		15.0	16.7	*	*	*	4.1		3.6	0.1	8.4		21.4
Change on year	2	0.9	-3	3	*	*	*	-21	-1.4	2	-14	-8	-1.5	0
Change %	2.9		-7.1	38.3	*	*	*	-8.2		1.5	-29.4	-14.0		2.0
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Aug-Oct 2016	59	24.3	45	5	9	15.1	*	174	9.0	121	32	22	12.5	9
Aug-Oct 2017	53	22.7	40	11	*	*	*	165	8.7	125	21	19	11.5	7
Nov-Jan 2018	64	27.2	50	10	5	7.4	*	178	9.4	134	20	23	13.1	*
Feb-Apr 2018	57	24.5	50	5	*	*	*	168	9.0	120	21	27	16.0	11
May-Jul 2018	51	22.5	42	6	*	*	*	166	9.1	115	27	24	14.5	9
Aug-Oct 2018	41	20.0	32	8	*	*	*	172	9.3	125	28	19	11.0	6
Change on quarter	-10	-2.5	-10	3	*	*	*	5	0.3	10	0	-5	-3.5	-3
Change %	-18.8		-23.0	47.7	*	*	*	3.1		8.7	1.4	-21.6		-31.1
Change on year	-12	-2.7	-7	-2	*	*	*	7	0.6	0	7	0	-0.5	-1
Change %	-22.7		-18.5	-20.1	*	*	*	4.1		-0.2	34.7	-0.4		-11.5

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12; 15=17+18+19; 22=24+25+26.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Aug-Oct 2016	711	3.8	413	107	191	26.9	107	317	3.1	150	36	131	41.4	78
Aug-Oct 2017	610	3.2	352	84	174	28.5	103	297	2.9	132	47	118	39.8	74
Nov-Jan 2018	609	3.2	326	109	174	28.6	88	307	3.0	139	54	114	37.0	75
Feb-Apr 2018	593	3.1	326	95	172	29.0	98	303	2.9	141	45	116	38.4	74
May-Jul 2018	596	3.2	335	82	178	29.9	102	277	2.6	131	45	101	36.3	61
Aug-Oct 2018	598	3.2	336	93	169	28.2	91	284	2.7	128	46	110	38.7	67
Change on quarter	2	0.0	1	11	-9	-1.7	-11	7	0.1	-3	1	9	2.3	7
Change %	0.4		0.2	13.3	-5.2		-10.5	2.4		-2.4	1.8	9.0		10.7
Change on year	-12	-0.1	-16	10	-5	-0.3	-12	-13	-0.2	-4	-1	-8	-1.1	-7
Change %	-1.9		-4.6	11.7	-3.0		-11.7	-4.4		-2.7	-2.3	-7.1		-9.2
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Aug-Oct 2016	350	3.5	197	44	109	31.2	71	186	3.4	78	20	87	47.0	53
Aug-Oct 2017	306	3.0	167	42	96	31.5	60	172	3.1	73	31	68	39.7	42
Nov-Jan 2018	284	2.8	138	54	92	32.4	50	178	3.2	70	33	75	42.1	50
Feb-Apr 2018	297	3.0	154	48	95	32.2	58	175	3.1	79	26	70	40.3	44
May-Jul 2018	302	3.0	161	37	105	34.6	68	146	2.6	63	25	58	39.7	34
Aug-Oct 2018	305	3.0	156	52	97	31.9	59	156	2.8	66	23	67	42.7	39
Change on quarter	2	0.0	-4	14	-7	-2.7	-9	10	0.2	3	-2	9	3.0	5
Change %	0.8		-2.8	38.4	-7.2		-13.9	7.0		5.2	-6.8	15.0		15.8
Change on year	-1	0.0	-11	9	1	0.4	-2	-16	-0.4	-7	-7	-1	3.0	-3
Change %	-0.3		-6.5	21.4	0.8		-2.7	-9.1		-9.8	-23.0	-2.1		-7.2
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYZ	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK	
Aug-Oct 2016	361	4.1	217	63	82	22.7	37	131	2.8	72	15	44	33.5	25
Aug-Oct 2017	304	3.4	185	41	78	25.5	43	125	2.6	58	17	50	39.9	32
Nov-Jan 2018	325	3.7	188	55	82	25.3	38	129	2.7	69	21	39	30.0	25
Feb-Apr 2018	296	3.3	172	47	77	25.9	41	128	2.6	63	19	46	35.9	30
May-Jul 2018	293	3.3	175	45	73	25.0	34	131	2.7	68	20	43	32.5	27
Aug-Oct 2018	293	3.3	180	42	71	24.4	33	128	2.6	62	22	43	33.7	28
Change on quarter	0	0.0	5	-3	-2	-0.6	-1	-3	-0.1	-6	3	0	1.2	1
Change %	0.0		2.9	-7.5	-2.4		-3.7	-2.6		-9.3	12.7	0.9		4.5
Change on year	-11	-0.1	-5	1	-6	-1.1	-10	3	0.0	4	6	-7	-6.2	-4
Change %	-3.6		-3.0	1.7	-7.8		-24.1	2.1		6.2	36.0	-13.9		-11.8

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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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+
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically active levels								
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Aug-Oct 2016	33,366	32,135	452	4,040	7,622	11,094	8,927	1,231
Aug-Oct 2017	33,509	32,311	446	3,913	7,744	11,111	9,097	1,198
Nov-Jan 2018	33,701	32,470	460	3,916	7,797	11,142	9,156	1,231
Feb-Apr 2018	33,810	32,566	459	3,926	7,787	11,160	9,233	1,244
May-Jul 2018	33,758	32,480	450	3,885	7,776	11,121	9,249	1,277
Aug-Oct 2018	33,856	32,598	416	3,928	7,816	11,134	9,305	1,258
Change on quarter	98	117	-35	43	40	13	56	-19
Change %	0.3	0.4	-7.7	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.6	-1.5
Change on year	347	287	-31	15	72	23	208	60
Change %	1.0	0.9	-6.8	0.4	0.9	0.2	2.3	5.0
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Aug-Oct 2016	17,748	17,002	208	2,102	4,115	5,843	4,733	747
Aug-Oct 2017	17,753	17,023	211	2,028	4,168	5,857	4,758	730
Nov-Jan 2018	17,858	17,085	223	2,031	4,189	5,849	4,793	773
Feb-Apr 2018	17,902	17,149	227	2,056	4,193	5,848	4,826	752
May-Jul 2018	17,885	17,129	225	2,048	4,186	5,841	4,828	756
Aug-Oct 2018	17,982	17,210	210	2,089	4,201	5,853	4,857	772
Change on quarter	98	81	-15	40	15	12	29	17
Change %	0.5	0.5	-6.8	2.0	0.4	0.2	0.6	2.2
Change on year	230	187	-1	61	33	-5	99	42
Change %	1.3	1.1	-0.6	3.0	0.8	-0.1	2.1	5.8
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Aug-Oct 2016	15,618	15,133	244	1,937	3,507	5,250	4,195	484
Aug-Oct 2017	15,756	15,288	235	1,885	3,576	5,254	4,339	468
Nov-Jan 2018	15,843	15,386	237	1,885	3,609	5,293	4,362	458
Feb-Apr 2018	15,908	15,417	233	1,871	3,594	5,311	4,408	492
May-Jul 2018	15,873	15,351	225	1,836	3,589	5,280	4,421	521
Aug-Oct 2018	15,874	15,388	206	1,839	3,614	5,282	4,448	486
Change on quarter	1	37	-19	2	25	2	27	-36
Change %	0.0	0.2	-8.6	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.6	-6.9
Change on year	117	100	-29	-46	39	28	109	18
Change %	0.7	0.7	-12.4	-2.5	1.1	0.5	2.5	3.7
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Aug-Oct 2016	63.5	78.3	31.3	70.5	86.0	86.5	73.3	10.7
Aug-Oct 2017	63.4	78.5	31.7	69.0	86.6	87.1	73.5	10.3
Nov-Jan 2018	63.7	78.8	32.8	69.2	87.1	87.4	73.7	10.5
Feb-Apr 2018	63.8	79.0	33.0	69.6	86.8	87.6	74.0	10.6
May-Jul 2018	63.6	78.8	32.5	69.0	86.5	87.4	73.9	10.8
Aug-Oct 2018	63.7	79.0	30.0	70.1	86.8	87.6	74.1	10.6
Change on quarter	0.1	0.2	-2.5	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Change on year	0.3	0.5	-1.6	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Aug-Oct 2016	69.2	83.4	28.1	72.0	93.0	92.3	79.1	14.2
Aug-Oct 2017	68.7	83.2	29.3	70.0	93.1	93.0	78.3	13.6
Nov-Jan 2018	69.0	83.4	31.2	70.3	93.4	93.0	78.6	14.3
Feb-Apr 2018	69.0	83.7	31.8	71.3	93.2	93.1	78.9	13.9
May-Jul 2018	68.9	83.5	31.8	71.2	92.8	93.1	78.6	13.8
Aug-Oct 2018	69.1	83.9	29.6	72.9	92.9	93.4	78.9	14.1
Change on quarter	0.3	0.3	-2.1	1.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2
Change on year	0.4	0.7	0.3	2.9	-0.2	0.3	0.6	0.5
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Aug-Oct 2016	58.1	73.3	34.6	68.9	79.0	80.8	67.7	7.8
Aug-Oct 2017	58.4	73.8	34.1	67.9	80.1	81.2	68.8	7.4
Nov-Jan 2018	58.6	74.3	34.5	68.1	80.7	81.9	68.9	7.2
Feb-Apr 2018	58.8	74.4	34.1	67.8	80.4	82.3	69.4	7.7
May-Jul 2018	58.6	74.1	33.2	66.8	80.2	81.9	69.3	8.2
Aug-Oct 2018	58.5	74.2	30.4	67.1	80.7	82.0	69.5	7.6
Change on quarter	-0.1	0.1	-2.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.6
Change on year	0.1	0.4	-3.7	-0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.2

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+8; 2=3+4+5+6+7.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group.

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11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)								Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	All aged 16 to 64								Does not want a job	Wants a job ¹
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Aug-Oct 2016	8,914	2,331	2,224	168	1,987	32	1,167	1,005	6,709	2,205
Aug-Oct 2017	8,858	2,363	2,078	191	2,023	40	1,181	982	6,821	2,038
Nov-Jan 2018	8,723	2,349	2,086	205	1,980	36	1,152	914	6,702	2,020
Feb-Apr 2018	8,651	2,320	2,025	180	1,978	30	1,127	991	6,670	1,981
May-Jul 2018	8,759	2,332	2,042	174	2,043	31	1,129	1,007	6,809	1,950
Aug-Oct 2018	8,663	2,323	2,032	171	1,970	34	1,136	998	6,782	1,881
Change on quarter	-95	-10	-10	-3	-73	3	7	-9	-27	-69
Change %	-1.1	-0.4	-0.5	-2.0	-3.6	10.6	0.6	-0.9	-0.4	-3.5
Change on year	-195	-41	-46	-20	-52	-6	-45	16	-39	-156
Change %	-2.2	-1.7	-2.2	-10.6	-2.6	-14.6	-3.9	1.6	-0.6	-7.7
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Aug-Oct 2016	3,393	1,193	261	78	953	17	459	432	2,507	886
Aug-Oct 2017	3,443	1,205	231	100	993	22	484	409	2,592	852
Nov-Jan 2018	3,396	1,179	253	102	957	21	466	417	2,550	846
Feb-Apr 2018	3,346	1,163	235	85	956	16	463	429	2,509	837
May-Jul 2018	3,381	1,142	224	81	1,021	18	460	435	2,570	811
Aug-Oct 2018	3,314	1,152	222	79	949	25	466	421	2,548	765
Change on quarter	-67	10	-2	-1	-73	6	6	-14	-22	-46
Change %	-2.0	0.9	-0.8	-1.8	-7.1	33.9	1.3	-3.1	-0.8	-5.6
Change on year	-130	-53	-9	-21	-44	2	-17	12	-44	-86
Change %	-3.8	-4.4	-3.8	-20.8	-4.5	9.8	-3.6	3.0	-1.7	-10.1
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Aug-Oct 2016	5,521	1,138	1,963	90	1,034	15	708	573	4,202	1,319
Aug-Oct 2017	5,415	1,159	1,847	91	1,029	18	698	573	4,229	1,186
Nov-Jan 2018	5,327	1,170	1,833	104	1,022	14	687	497	4,153	1,174
Feb-Apr 2018	5,305	1,157	1,790	95	1,022	14	664	561	4,161	1,144
May-Jul 2018	5,378	1,191	1,819	94	1,022	13	669	572	4,239	1,139
Aug-Oct 2018	5,350	1,171	1,810	92	1,022	10	669	576	4,234	1,116
Change on quarter	-28	-20	-9	-2	0	-3	1	5	-5	-23
Change %	-0.5	-1.7	-0.5	-2.1	0.0	-23.2	0.1	0.8	-0.1	-2.0
Change on year	-65	12	-37	1	-8	-8	-28	3	5	-70
Change %	-1.2	1.1	-2.0	0.6	-0.8	-45.4	-4.0	0.6	0.1	-5.9
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Aug-Oct 2016	100	26.1	24.9	1.9	22.3	0.4	13.1	11.3	75.3	24.7
Aug-Oct 2017	100	26.7	23.5	2.2	22.8	0.5	13.3	11.1	77.0	23.0
Nov-Jan 2018	100	26.9	23.9	2.4	22.7	0.4	13.2	10.5	76.8	23.2
Feb-Apr 2018	100	26.8	23.4	2.1	22.9	0.3	13.0	11.5	77.1	22.9
May-Jul 2018	100	26.6	23.3	2.0	23.3	0.4	12.9	11.5	77.7	22.3
Aug-Oct 2018	100	26.8	23.5	2.0	22.7	0.4	13.1	11.5	78.3	21.7
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Aug-Oct 2016	100	35.2	7.7	2.3	28.1	0.5	13.5	12.7	73.9	26.1
Aug-Oct 2017	100	35.0	6.7	2.9	28.8	0.7	14.0	11.9	75.3	24.7
Nov-Jan 2018	100	34.7	7.5	3.0	28.2	0.6	13.7	12.3	75.1	24.9
Feb-Apr 2018	100	34.8	7.0	2.5	28.6	0.5	13.8	12.8	75.0	25.0
May-Jul 2018	100	33.8	6.6	2.4	30.2	0.5	13.6	12.9	76.0	24.0
Aug-Oct 2018	100	34.8	6.7	2.4	28.6	0.7	14.1	12.7	76.9	23.1
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Aug-Oct 2016	100	20.6	35.6	1.6	18.7	0.3	12.8	10.4	76.1	23.9
Aug-Oct 2017	100	21.4	34.1	1.7	19.0	0.3	12.9	10.6	78.1	21.9
Nov-Jan 2018	100	22.0	34.4	1.9	19.2	0.3	12.9	9.3	78.0	22.0
Feb-Apr 2018	100	21.8	33.7	1.8	19.3	0.3	12.5	10.6	78.4	21.6
May-Jul 2018	100	22.1	33.8	1.7	19.0	0.2	12.4	10.6	78.8	21.2
Aug-Oct 2018	100	21.9	33.8	1.7	19.1	0.2	12.5	10.8	79.1	20.9

Relationship between columns : 1=2+3+4+5+6+7+8; 1=9+10.

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1. This series comprises those who say they would like a regular paid job, but who do not meet the internationally agreed definition of unemployment because they have not been looking for work in the last four weeks and/or they were unable to start working within two weeks.

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

August to October 2018

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 (thousands of people)												
People												
16-17	1,385	320	96	969	1,217	253	73	892	168	67	23	78
18-24	5,605	3,525	403	1,678	1,881	645	100	1,136	3,725	2,880	303	542
16-24	6,990	3,845	499	2,647	3,098	898	173	2,027	3,893	2,947	326	620
Men												
16-17	708	155	55	498	619	117	39	463	89	38	16	36
18-24	2,865	1,858	231	776	924	288	55	581	1,941	1,570	176	195
16-24	3,573	2,013	286	1,275	1,543	405	94	1,044	2,031	1,608	192	231
Women												
16-17	677	165	41	471	598	135	33	429	79	29	8	42
18-24	2,740	1,667	172	902	957	357	45	554	1,783	1,310	126	347
16-24	3,417	1,832	213	1,373	1,555	493	79	983	1,862	1,339	134	389
Changes on quarter (changes since May to July 2018)												
People												
16-17	-1	-31	-4	34	16	-11	-6	32	-16	-20	2	2
18-24	-21	28	14	-64	10	21	10	-20	-32	8	4	-44
16-24	-22	-2	10	-30	26	10	4	12	-48	-12	6	-42
Men												
16-17	0	-21	6	15	14	-10	2	22	-14	-10	4	-7
18-24	-11	31	9	-51	13	4	9	0	-24	28	0	-52
16-24	-11	10	15	-36	27	-7	11	22	-38	17	4	-59
Women												
16-17	-1	-10	-10	19	2	-1	-8	10	-3	-9	-2	8
18-24	-10	-3	5	-13	-3	17	1	-21	-7	-20	4	8
16-24	-11	-13	-4	6	-1	16	-7	-11	-10	-29	2	17
Rates(%)³												
People												
16-17		23.1	23.1	70.0		20.8	22.3	73.3		40.0	25.8	46.2
18-24		62.9	10.2	29.9		34.3	13.4	60.4		77.3	9.5	14.6
16-24		55.0	11.5	37.9		29.0	16.1	65.4		75.7	10.0	15.9
Men												
16-17		21.9	26.1	70.4		18.9	25.1	74.8		42.7	29.0	39.9
18-24		64.8	11.1	27.1		31.2	15.9	62.9		80.9	10.1	10.0
16-24		56.3	12.4	35.7		26.2	18.8	67.7		79.2	10.7	11.4
Women												
16-17		24.3	20.0	69.6		22.7	19.8	71.7		37.0	21.0	53.2
18-24		60.8	9.3	32.9		37.3	11.3	57.9		73.4	8.8	19.5
16-24		53.6	10.4	40.2		31.7	13.8	63.2		71.9	9.1	20.9
Changes on quarter (changes since May to July 2018)												
People												
16-17		-2.2	0.9	2.5		-1.2	-0.5	1.7		-7.1	5.9	4.9
18-24		0.7	0.3	-1.0		0.9	0.8	-1.4		0.9	0.1	-1.0
16-24		0.1	0.2	-0.3		0.1	0.2	-0.2		0.6	0.2	-0.9
Men												
16-17		-3.0	4.3	2.1		-2.2	2.5	2.0		-4.5	9.5	-1.5
18-24		1.3	0.2	-1.7		0.0	2.1	-0.9		2.4	-0.2	-2.5
16-24		0.5	0.5	-0.9		-0.9	2.1	0.3		2.3	0.1	-2.6
Women												
16-17		-1.4	-2.5	2.8		-0.2	-3.4	1.5		-10.1	0.8	12.2
18-24		0.1	0.3	-0.3		1.9	-0.3	-2.0		-0.8	0.4	0.5
16-24		-0.2	-0.1	0.3		1.1	-1.4	-0.6		-1.2	0.3	1.0

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/peopleinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainingneet/latest>

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

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

EARNINGS

13 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - total pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (82%) ²			Public sector (18%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	KAC4	KAC5	KAC6	KAC7	KAC8	KAC9
Oct 16	498	2.8	2.4	497	3.1	2.7	505	1.3	1.4
Aug 17 (r)	508	2.4	2.4	506	2.6	2.7	514	1.5	1.5
Sep 17 (r)	511	3.0	2.3	510	3.2	2.5	514	1.8	1.7
Oct 17 (r)	509	2.1	2.5	507	2.1	2.6	516	2.2	1.8
Nov 17	512	2.4	2.5 (r)	511	2.5	2.6 (r)	517	1.9	1.9 (r)
Dec 17	513	3.1	2.5 (r)	512	3.4	2.7 (r)	518	2.0	2.0
Jan 18	513	2.8	2.8	512	2.9	2.9	519	2.4	2.1
Feb 18	513	2.6	2.8	512	2.6	3.0	520	2.5	2.3
Mar 18	515	2.5	2.6	514	2.6	2.7	520	2.1	2.3
Apr 18	516	2.6	2.6	515	2.6	2.6	521	2.4	2.4
May 18	518	2.6	2.6	516	2.7	2.7	523	1.7	2.1
Jun 18	520	2.0	2.4	519	1.9	2.4	523	2.4	2.2
Jul 18	521	3.3	2.6	520	3.3	2.6	528	3.0	2.4
Aug 18 (r)	524	3.2	2.8	523	3.3	2.8	528	2.7	2.7
Sep 18 (r)	525	2.9	3.1	524	2.9	3.2	528	2.7	2.8
Oct 18 (p)	528	3.9	3.3	528	4.2	3.4	530	2.6	2.7

	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ²			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5BZ	K5C2	K5C3	K5C4	K5C5	K5C6	KAD8	KAD9	KAE2
Oct 16	483	2.6	2.3	631	1.8	1.5	501	1.4	1.5
Aug 17 (r)	492	2.5	2.6	648	3.3	2.8	510	1.3	1.4
Sep 17 (r)	495	3.0	2.2	654	4.5	2.8	509	1.8	1.6
Oct 17 (r)	493	2.1	2.5	647	2.5	3.4	512	2.3	1.8
Nov 17	496	2.4	2.5 (r)	650	2.4	3.1 (r)	512	1.9	2.0
Dec 17	497	3.2	2.6 (r)	653	4.4	3.1 (r)	513	2.0	2.0 (r)
Jan 18	497	2.7	2.8	651	2.9	3.2	515	2.4	2.1
Feb 18	498	2.7	2.9	650	3.5	3.6	516	2.6	2.3
Mar 18	499	2.3	2.6	655	0.5	2.3	517	2.5	2.5
Apr 18	500	2.5	2.5	654	2.7	2.2	517	2.5	2.5
May 18	502	2.4	2.4	652	1.0	1.4	518	1.8	2.2
Jun 18	504	1.9	2.2	657	0.4	1.4	519	2.5	2.2
Jul 18	505	3.4	2.6	662	3.3	1.6	524	3.2	2.5
Aug 18 (r)	508	3.3	2.8	663	2.3	2.0	524	2.8	2.8
Sep 18 (r)	510	3.0	3.2	665	1.6	2.4	523	2.7	2.9
Oct 18 (p)	513	4.2	3.5	672	3.9	2.6	526	2.7	2.7

	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5CA	K5CB	K5CC	K5CD	K5CE	K5CF	K5CG	K5CH	K5CI
Oct 16	578	1.8	2.3	609	8.3	5.8	344	4.5	3.9
Aug 17	591	1.9	1.7	598 (r)	2.4	1.8	346	1.6	1.6
Sep 17 (r)	592	2.0	2.0	609	3.7	2.3	350	2.2	1.5
Oct 17 (r)	595	3.0	2.3	608	-0.2	1.9	348	1.2	1.7
Nov 17	596	3.1	2.7	603	1.7	1.7	354	2.4	1.9 (r)
Dec 17	597	3.2	3.1	607	2.7	1.4 (r)	352	2.7	2.1 (r)
Jan 18	597	2.9	3.1	608	4.7	3.0	349	1.7	2.3
Feb 18	596	2.3	2.8	605	2.9	3.4	352	2.5	2.3
Mar 18	599	3.1	2.7	614	6.0	4.5	354	2.4	2.2
Apr 18	602	3.0	2.8	616	5.7	4.9	354	2.3	2.4
May 18	600	2.5	2.9	613	5.3	5.7	362	4.8	3.2
Jun 18	599	2.2	2.6	617	4.8	5.3	354	2.4	3.2
Jul 18	603	2.3	2.3	611	3.5	4.5	357	4.1	3.8
Aug 18	602	1.9	2.1	623	4.3	4.2	360	4.1	3.5
Sep 18 (r)	604	2.1	2.1	626	2.8	3.5	359	2.5	3.6
Oct 18 (p)	607	2.0	2.0	629	3.4	3.5	363	4.1	3.6

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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

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

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

EARNINGS

14 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - bonus pay

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ¹			Private sector (82%) ²			Public sector (18%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAF4	KAF5	KAF6	KAF7	KAF8	KAF9	KAG2	KAG3	KAG4
Oct 16	32	7.3	-0.7	38	6.8	-1.7	2	-14.9	-22.7
Aug 17 (r)	32	4.8	5.6	38	6.1	5.8	2	-17.5	-10.1
Sep 17 (r)	35	24.9	5.9	42	24.1	6.1	2	-9.0	-10.0
Oct 17 (r)	31	-4.1	7.9	37	-3.3	8.5	2	14.8	-5.5
Nov 17	33	4.2	7.7 (r)	39	3.8	7.7 (r)	4	67.4	23.2 (r)
Dec 17	32	10.1	3.2 (r)	39	10.9	3.6 (r)	2	-25.3	15.6 (r)
Jan 18	32	4.2	6.1	38	4.3	6.3	2	-3.2	10.3
Feb 18	31	-0.1	4.6	37	-0.3	4.9	2	2.0	-10.7
Mar 18	31	0.3	1.4	38	0.7	1.5	1	-40.5	-14.8
Apr 18	31	0.9	0.3	37	1.4	0.6	2	-5.5	-15.3
May 18	31	-0.4	0.3	37	0.4	0.8	2	-21.5	-22.3
Jun 18	30	-7.5	-2.4	38	-10.8	-3.4	2	-7.7	-12.0
Jul 18	32	2.8	-1.8	38	3.1	-2.8	3	18.3	-4.6
Aug 18 (r)	32	1.6	-1.1	38	1.5	-2.5	3	7.7	6.0
Sep 18 (r)	33	-5.4	-0.5	40	-5.5	-0.5	1	-47.7	-7.3
Oct 18 (p)	36	18.1	4.2	43	18.5	4.3	2	-3.7	-13.9

	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ¹			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ¹			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5CS	K5CT	K5CU	K5CV	K5CW	K5CX	KAH3	KAH4	KAH5
Oct 16	32	2.2	-2.5	76	4.4	-5.6	1	-13.5	-1.5
Aug 17 (r)	33	6.3	5.9	79	9.2	3.9	2	-22.0	-14.2
Sep 17 (r)	36	24.6	5.7	97	49.7	10.0	1	7.2	-4.1
Oct 17 (r)	32	0.3	10.0	76	0.3	18.3	2	23.7	-1.0
Nov 17	34	4.9	9.5 (r)	78	2.8	15.9 (r)	3	68.7	35.6 (r)
Dec 17	33	14.1	6.2 (r)	80	18.2	6.7 (r)	1	-28.3	19.4 (r)
Jan 18	32	3.5	7.3	77	6.0	8.7	1	11.2	16.1
Feb 18	31	0.3	5.8	73	4.1	9.3	1	3.2	-7.8
Mar 18	32	-0.8	1.0	76	-3.1	2.2	1	-14.3	-1.2
Apr 18	31	0.4	0.0	76	6.0	2.2	1	-3.1	-5.2
May 18	32	-1.1	-0.5	70	-10.4	-2.7	1	-18.7	-12.3
Jun 18	31	-7.6	-2.9	76	-13.5	-6.6	1	-15.4	-12.6
Jul 18	33	5.7	-1.2	81	9.1	-5.5	2	35.0	-0.2
Aug 18 (r)	33	0.8	-0.5	79	-0.6	-2.3	2	9.3	9.7
Sep 18 (r)	34	-5.7	0.0	81	-16.5	-3.9	1	-45.2	0.5
Oct 18 (p)	39	23.1	5.5	93	21.9	0.1	2	-1.9	-10.8

	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ¹			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5D3	K5D4	K5D5	K5D6	K5D7	K5D8	K5D9	K5DA	K5DB
Oct 16	22	-9.5	6.3	49	138.3	47.9	24	10.5	0.2
Aug 17 (r)	26	1.7	10.4	27	4.4	-6.0	24	12.0	5.1
Sep 17 (r)	26	1.2	11.3	30	13.5	-2.9	24	6.5	4.3
Oct 17 (r)	30	33.5	11.2	32	-35.4	-12.4	23	-4.0	4.5
Nov 17	28	14.5	15.7 (r)	29	0.6	-13.0 (r)	26	11.4	4.5 (r)
Dec 17	25	5.3	17.4 (r)	22	-22.9	-22.3 (r)	23	2.8	3.3 (r)
Jan 18	25	9.5	9.8	26	30.5	-0.4	22	-2.3	4.0
Feb 18	24	-14.3	-0.8	25	-16.9	-7.1	23	1.5	0.7
Mar 18	25	7.4	-0.1	28	16.1	6.6	24	11.4	3.5
Apr 18	27	9.9	0.2	24	-6.0	-3.5	23	-3.0	3.1
May 18	27	11.1	9.5	23	-14.7	-2.1	28	25.8	11.1
Jun 18	25	-0.6	6.8	23	-11.2	-10.7	20	-9.4	4.3
Jul 18	27	-6.6	0.8	21	-18.0	-14.6	21	-4.8	3.9
Aug 18 (r)	24	-4.6	-4.1	32	18.1	-3.4	22	-9.1	-7.8
Sep 18 (r)	25	-3.0	-4.8	30	-0.2	0.2	22	-9.4	-7.8
Oct 18 (p)	27	-10.6	-6.3	33	6.3	7.6	24	6.8	-4.1

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

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

EARNINGS

15 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - regular pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (82%) ²			Public sector (18%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	KAJ2	KAJ3	KAJ4	KAJ5	KAJ6	KAJ7
Oct 16	467	2.6	2.6	460	2.9	2.8	503	1.4	1.5
Aug 17 (r)	477	2.3	2.2	469	2.5	2.4	512	1.7	1.5
Sep 17	478	2.2	2.2	470	2.4	2.4	511	1.8 (r)	1.7
Oct 17 (r)	479	2.4	2.3	471	2.4	2.4	514	2.2	1.9
Nov 17	480	2.3	2.3	473	2.5	2.4 (r)	514	1.8	1.9
Dec 17	481	2.7	2.5	474	2.9	2.6	515	2.0	2.0
Jan 18	482	2.7	2.6	474	2.8	2.7	517	2.4	2.1
Feb 18	483	2.9	2.8	475	3.0	2.9	519	2.5	2.3
Mar 18	484	3.0	2.9	477	3.2	3.0	519	2.5	2.5
Apr 18	485	2.6	2.8	477	2.6	2.9	519	2.4	2.5
May 18	486	2.7	2.8	479	2.9	2.9	520	1.8	2.2
Jun 18	488	2.8	2.7	480	2.9	2.8	522	2.5	2.3
Jul 18	490	3.2	2.9	483	3.3	3.0	525	2.9	2.4
Aug 18	492	3.3	3.1	485	3.4	3.2	525	2.6	2.7
Sep 18 (r)	493	3.1	3.2	486	3.2	3.3	526	2.8	2.8
Oct 18 (p)	495	3.5	3.3	488	3.6	3.4	528	2.7	2.7
	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ²			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5DL	K5DM	K5DN	K5DO	K5DP	K5DQ	KAK6	KAK7	KAK8
Oct 16	451	2.5	2.5	556	1.5	1.9	500	1.4	1.5
Aug 17 (r)	460	2.3	2.2	572	2.8	2.4	508	1.7	1.6
Sep 17 (r)	461	2.2	2.3	572	2.7	2.7	508	1.8	1.7
Oct 17 (r)	462	2.4	2.3	572	2.8	2.8	511	2.2	1.9
Nov 17	464	2.3	2.3	572	2.2	2.6	511	1.8	1.9
Dec 17	464	2.6	2.4	573	2.5	2.5	512	2.1	2.0
Jan 18	465	2.6	2.5	574	2.1	2.3	514	2.4	2.1
Feb 18	466	2.9	2.7	579	3.2	2.6	515	2.6	2.3
Mar 18	468	2.9	2.8	578	2.9	2.7	516	2.5	2.5
Apr 18	468	2.6	2.8	579	2.4	2.8	516	2.5	2.5
May 18	470	2.6	2.7	580	2.1	2.5	517	1.9	2.3
Jun 18	471	2.7	2.6	581	2.3	2.3	518	2.5	2.3
Jul 18	474	3.2	2.8	586	2.7	2.4	521	3.0	2.5
Aug 18	476	3.4	3.1	585	2.3	2.4	522	2.7	2.7
Sep 18 (r)	476	3.3	3.3	588	2.8	2.6	522	2.9	2.8
Oct 18 (p)	479	3.7	3.5	590	3.1	2.8	525	2.7	2.8
	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5DU	K5DV	K5DW	K5DX	K5DY	K5DZ	K5E2	K5E3	K5E4
Oct 16	555	2.1	2.2	562	4.2	4.1	321	4.1	4.0
Aug 17	566	2.0	1.4	570	2.2	2.1	323	1.2 (r)	1.5
Sep 17 (r)	566	2.0	1.6	575	3.0	2.5	326	2.0	1.4
Oct 17 (r)	568	2.3	2.1	575	2.3	2.5	326	1.6	1.6
Nov 17	570	2.8	2.4	575	1.9	2.4	328	1.8	1.8
Dec 17	572	3.1	2.8	586	4.5	2.9	329	2.6	2.0 (r)
Jan 18	572	2.8	2.9	582	4.1	3.5	327	2.0	2.2
Feb 18	573	2.8	2.9	580	3.8	4.1	329	2.6	2.4
Mar 18	573	2.6	2.7	586	6.1	4.6	330	2.3	2.3
Apr 18	574	2.6	2.7	589	5.4	5.1	330	2.1	2.3
May 18	573	2.2	2.5	593	5.8	5.7	332	3.1	2.5
Jun 18	574	2.3	2.4	594	5.6	5.6	333	3.0	2.7
Jul 18	576	2.7	2.4	591	4.3	5.2	336	4.6	3.6
Aug 18	577	2.0	2.3	593	4.0	4.6	338	4.8	4.2
Sep 18 (r)	579	2.2	2.3	592	2.9	3.7	336	3.1	4.2
Oct 18 (p)	581	2.3	2.2	593	3.3	3.4	339	3.9	3.9

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

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

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

EARNINGS

16 Average Weekly Earnings - real and nominal¹

Great Britain whole economy, seasonally adjusted

	Total pay (including bonuses) ¹					
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ³		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2015 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	A3WX	A3WV	A3WW	
Oct 16	498	2.8	2.4	492	1.6	1.4
Aug 17 (r)	508	2.4	2.4	489	-0.3	-0.1
Sep 17 (r)	511	3.0	2.3	490	0.2	-0.4
Oct 17 (r)	509	2.1	2.5	488	-0.7	-0.3
Nov 17	512	2.4	2.5 (r)	490	-0.4	-0.3 (r)
Dec 17	513	3.1	2.5 (r)	489	0.4	-0.2 (r)
Jan 18	513	2.8	2.8	488	0.1	0.0
Feb 18	513	2.6	2.8	487	0.1	0.2
Mar 18	515	2.5	2.6	490	0.1	0.1
Apr 18	516	2.6	2.6	490	0.3	0.2
May 18	518	2.6	2.6	489	0.1	0.2
Jun 18	520	2.0	2.4	490	-0.2	0.1
Jul 18	521	3.3	2.6	492	0.9	0.3
Aug 18 (r)	524	3.2	2.8	493	0.7	0.5
Sep 18 (r)	525	2.9	3.1	494	0.7	0.8
Oct 18 (p)	528	3.9	3.3	497	1.8	1.1

	Regular pay (excluding bonuses)					
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ³		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2015 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	A2FC	A2F9	A2FA	
Oct 16	467	2.7	2.4	461	1.4	1.4
Aug 17	477 (r)	2.3	2.2	459	-0.4	-0.4
Sep 17	478	2.2	2.2	459 (r)	-0.5	-0.5
Oct 17	479	2.4	2.3	459	-0.5 (r)	-0.5
Nov 17	480	2.3	2.3	459	-0.5	-0.5
Dec 17	481	2.7	2.5	459	-0.1	-0.3
Jan 18	482	2.7	2.6	459	0.1	-0.2
Feb 18	483	2.9	2.8	459	0.5	0.2
Mar 18	484	3.0	2.9	461	0.7	0.4
Apr 18	485	2.6	2.8	459	0.2	0.5
May 18	486	2.7	2.8	460	0.4	0.5
Jun 18	488	2.8	2.7	461	0.4	0.3
Jul 18	490	3.2	2.9	462	0.9	0.6
Aug 18	492	3.3	3.1	463 (r)	0.8	0.7
Sep 18 (r)	493	3.1	3.2	463	0.9	0.9
Oct 18 (p)	495	3.5	3.3	464	1.3	1.0

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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

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

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

17 International comparisons of employment and unemployment

	Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %	Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on month %	Change on year %		
Employment rates as published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)				Unemployment rates as published by EUROSTAT on 30 November 2018 (seasonally adjusted)					
European Union (EU)				European Union (EU)					
Austria	YXSN	Apr-Jun 18	73.0	0.8	ZXDS	Oct 18	5.1	0.1	-0.2
Belgium	YXSO	Apr-Jun 18	63.7	0.9	ZXDI	Oct 18	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
Bulgaria	A495	Apr-Jun 18	67.9	0.7	A492	Oct 18	5.4	0.1	-0.5
Croatia	GUMI	Apr-Jun 18	61.1	1.9	GUMJ	Oct 18	8.1	-0.1	-2.1
Cyprus	A4AC	Apr-Jun 18	69.4	3.7	A4AN	Oct 18	8.5	0.1	-1.5
Czech Republic	A4AD	Apr-Jun 18	74.7	1.4	A4AO	Oct 18	2.2	0.0	-0.3
Denmark	YXSP	Apr-Jun 18	75.7	1.6	ZXDJ	Oct 18	4.8	0.0	-0.7
Estonia	A4AE	Apr-Jun 18	74.8	1.6	A4AP	Sep 18	5.8	0.3	-0.1
Finland	YXSQ	Apr-Jun 18	73.0	2.5	ZXDU	Oct 18	7.2	0.0	-1.2
France	YXSR	Apr-Jun 18	65.5	0.4	ZXDN	Oct 18	8.9	-0.1	-0.3
Germany	YXSS	Apr-Jun 18	75.4	0.6	ZXDK	Oct 18	3.3	-0.1	-0.3
Greece	YXST	Apr-Jun 18	55.3	1.3	ZXDL	Aug 18	18.9	-0.2	-1.9
Hungary	A4AF	Apr-Jun 18	69.3	1.2	A4AQ	Sep 18	3.7	-0.1	-0.3
Ireland	YXSU	Apr-Jun 18	68.5	1.1	ZXDO	Oct 18	5.3	-0.1	-1.3
Italy	YXSV	Apr-Jun 18	59.1	1.0	ZXDP	Oct 18	10.6	0.3	-0.4
Latvia	A4AG	Apr-Jun 18	71.7	1.9	A4AR	Oct 18	6.9	0.0	-1.4
Lithuania	A4AH	Apr-Jun 18	72.1	1.5	A4AS	Oct 18	6.3	-0.3	-0.4
Luxembourg	YXSW	Apr-Jun 18	66.2	0.3	ZXDQ	Oct 18	5.0	0.0	-0.4
Malta	A4AI	Apr-Jun 18	70.6	1.7	A4AT	Oct 18	3.7	-0.1	-0.3
Netherlands	YXSX	Jul-Sep 18	77.7	1.4	ZXDR	Oct 18	3.7	0.0	-0.8
Poland	A4AJ	Apr-Jun 18	67.7	1.5	A4AU	Oct 18	3.8	0.0	-0.7
Portugal	YXSY	Jul-Sep 18	70.2	1.7	ZXDT	Oct 18	6.7	0.1	-1.7
Romania	A494	Apr-Jun 18	65.5	0.0	A48Z	Oct 18	4.0	0.1	-0.7
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Apr-Jun 18	67.1	1.0	A4AV	Oct 18	6.6	0.0	-1.1
Slovenia	A4AL	Apr-Jun 18	71.1	2.0	A4AW	Oct 18	5.2	0.0	-0.8
Spain	YXSZ	Jul-Sep 18	63.0	1.2	ZXDM	Oct 18	14.8	-0.1	-1.8
Sweden	YXTA	Jul-Sep 18	78.6	0.6	ZXDV	Oct 18	6.0	-0.5	-0.7
United Kingdom (*)	ANZ6	Jul-Sep 18	74.7	0.5	ZXDW	Aug 18	4.0	0.0	-0.2
Total EU⁴	A496	Apr-Jun 18	68.6	0.9	Total EU⁴	A493	Oct 18	6.7	0.0
Eurozone ⁴	YXTC	Apr-Jun 18	67.3	1.0	Eurozone ⁴	ZXDH	Oct 18	8.1	0.0
Employment rates published by the OECD (seasonally adjusted)				Unemployment rates as published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada	A48O	Jul-Sep 18	73.8	0.3	Canada	ZXDZ	Nov 18	5.6	-0.2
Japan	A48P	Jul-Sep 18	76.9	1.5	Japan	ZXDY	Oct 18	2.4	0.1
United States	A48Q	Jul-Sep 18	70.7	0.5	United States	ZXDZ	Nov 18	3.7	0.0

Sources: EUROSTAT, OECD, national statistical offices.
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(*) Note: The UK rates shown in this table are as published by EUROSTAT (the EUs statistical office). See Table 1 for the latest rates for the UK as published by ONS.

- All employment rates shown in this table are for those aged from 15 to 64 except for the rate for the United States published by OECD which are for those aged from 16 to 64.
- The employment rates for the EU are published by EUROSTAT and are not seasonally adjusted. EUROSTAT do not publish seasonally adjusted (SA) employment rates but SA rates for some EU countries are published by OECD. These OECD employment rates are available on our website at [dataset A10](#).
- Unemployment rates published by EUROSTAT for most EU countries (but not for the UK), are calculated by extrapolating from the most recent LFS data using monthly registered unemployment data. A standard population basis (15-74) is used by EUROSTAT except for Spain, Italy and the UK (16-74). The unemployment rate for the US is based on those aged 16 and over, but the rates for Canada and Japan are for those aged 15 and over. All unemployment rates shown in this table are seasonally adjusted.
- The "Total EU" series consist of all 28 EU countries. The Eurozone figures consist of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain.
- The EU unemployment rates are as published on the EUROSTAT database. For Sweden the rates on the database differ from those shown in the EUROSTAT News Release published on 30 November 2018. This is because the figures for Sweden on the database are seasonally adjusted estimates but the figures for Sweden shown in the News Release are the trend component.

18 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	Working days lost (thousands) ^{1,2}	Working days lost in the Public Sector (thousands) ^{1,2}	Working days lost in the Private Sector (thousands) ^{1,2}	Number of stoppages ^{3,4}	Number of stoppages in the Public Sector ^{3,4}	Number of stoppages in the Private Sector ^{3,4}	Workers involved (thousands) ^{1,3}							
								1	2	3	4	5	6	7
								BBFW	F8XZ	F8Y2	BLUU	F8Y3	F8Y4	BLUT
2016 Oct	8	3	5	11	4	7	4							
2017 Oct	8	0	8	11	1	10	3							
Nov	8	0	8	11	1	10	3							
Dec	10	4	6	16	3	13	5							
2018 Jan	9	1	8	18	4	14	3							
Feb	73	0	73	14	3	11	20							
Mar	114	0	113	16	2	14	18							
Apr	3	0	3	7	3	4	1							
May	7	1	7	15	5	10	3							
Jun	17	10	7	9	5	4	5							
Jul	4	1	3	11	5	6	2							
Aug	4	0	4	11	2	9	2							
Sep (r)	9	2	7	11	4	7	2							
Oct (p)	16	9	7	16	5	11	9							
Cumulative totals 12 months to:														
Oct 17	300	67	233	80	33	47	45							
Oct 18 (p)	274	30	244	82	26	56	42							

Relationship between columns 1=2+3; 4=5+6

Source: ONS Labour Disputes Inquiry
Labour disputes enquiries 01633 455400

- Estimates of working days lost and workers involved are shown to the nearest thousand. Unrounded estimates of less than 500 therefore round to zero.
- Due to rounding the working days lost for the public and private sectors may not add up to the total working days lost.
- The latest 12 month cumulative totals for the figures in these columns will not necessarily equal the sum of the 12 months as some disputes continue for over one month. These disputes appear in each month's data, but only once in the total.
- These series exclude disputes not resulting in a stoppage of work, those involving less than 10 workers or lasting less than 1 day unless the total number of working days lost in the dispute is 100 or more.

VACANCIES

19 Vacancies¹ by size of business

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All Vacancies	Number of employees				
		1-9	10-49	50-249	250-2499	2500+
		AP2Y	ALY5	ALY6	ALY7	ALY8
Levels						
Sep-Nov 2016	753	131	108	106	143	265
Sep-Nov 2017 (r)	809	129	119	128	153	281
Oct-Dec 2017	815	134	122	120	155	284
Nov-Jan 2018	822	132	120	122	159	289
Dec-Feb 2018	816	125	119	122	160	291
Jan-Mar 2018	817	125	115	122	160	294
Feb-Apr 2018	809	121	114	121	161	293
Mar-May 2018	819	127	115	120	165	292
Apr-Jun 2018	829	133	119	120	166	291
May-Jul 2018	832	130	119	120	170	293
Jun-Aug 2018 (r)	839	128	122	120	174	295
Jul-Sep 2018 (r)	843	127	125	120	173	298
Aug-Oct 2018 (r)	849	123	131	119	177	300
Sep-Nov 2018 (p)	848	123	128	119	179	299
Change on quarter *	10	-4	6	-1	4	5
Change % *	1.2	-3.3	5.1	-1.2	2.5	1.6
Change on year	40	-5	10	-9	26	18
Change %	4.9	-4.1	8.2	-7.0	16.9	6.5

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

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

20 Vacancies¹ and Unemployment

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All Vacancies ¹	Unemployment ²	Number of unemployed people per vacancy
	AP2Y	MGSC	JPC5
Levels			
Aug-Oct 2016	759	1,612	2.1
Aug-Oct 2017	801	1,429	1.8
Nov-Jan 2018	822	1,453	1.8
Feb-Apr 2018	809	1,416	1.7
May-Jul 2018	832	1,361	1.6
Aug-Oct 2018 (r)	849 (r)	1,380	1.6
Change on quarter	18	20	0.0
Change %	2.1	1.4	
Change on year	48	-49	-0.2
Change %	6.0	-3.4	

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey/ Labour Force Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

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

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All vacancies ¹	Mining & quarrying	Manu- facturing	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply ²	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	Transport & storage	Accommoda- tion & food service activities	Information & communica- tion
	B-S	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
Levels (thousands)										
Sep-Nov 2016	753	1	52	4	3	27	134	29	81	38
Sep-Nov 2017 (r)	809	1	55	4	4	28	141	34	91	40
Oct-Dec 2017	815	1	58	4	4	27	137	35	93	43
Nov-Jan 2018	822	1	57	4	4	25	133	42	93	45
Dec-Feb 2018	816	1	58	4	4	23	132	45	93	45
Jan-Mar 2018	817	1	58	4	4	22	136	44	89	46
Feb-Apr 2018	809	1	60	3	5	23	134	43	87	46
Mar-May 2018	819	1	59	3	4	23	133	40	88	46
Apr-Jun 2018	829	1	60	4	4	25	131	41	91	47
May-Jul 2018	832	1	58	4	4	26	133	41	93	46
Jun-Aug 2018 (r)	839	1	60	4	4	27	136	39	93	44
Jul-Sep 2018 (r)	843	1	61	3	4	26	138	41	93	47
Aug-Oct 2018 (r)	849	1	61	3	4	26	139	39	94	47
Sep-Nov 2018 (p)	848	1	60	3	4	27	140	40	92	49
Change on quarter *	10	0	0	0	-1	0	4	0	-2	5
Change % *	1.2	18.2	0.2	-5.7	-11.4	-0.7	3.1	0.3	-1.7	10.6
Change on year	40	0	5	-1	0	-1	-1	6	0	10
Change %	4.9	44.4	8.3	-19.5	5.4	-3.6	-0.9	17.9	0.4	24.3
	AP2Z	JPA2	JPA3	JPA4	JPA5	JPA6	JPA7	JPA8	JPA9	JPB2
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
Sep-Nov 2016	2.5	1.4	2.1	3.4	1.5	2.0	2.9	2.0	3.7	3.0
Sep-Nov 2017	2.7	1.6	2.2	3.1	1.8 (r)	2.0	3.1	2.2	4.1	3.1
Oct-Dec 2017	2.7	1.4	2.3	3.1	1.8	1.9	3.0	2.3	4.2	3.4
Nov-Jan 2018	2.7	1.6	2.3	3.2	1.8	1.8	2.9	2.8	4.1	3.5
Dec-Feb 2018	2.7	1.6	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.6	2.9	2.9	4.1	3.5
Jan-Mar 2018	2.7	1.6	2.4	2.8	2.1	1.6	2.9	2.9	3.9	3.6
Feb-Apr 2018	2.7	1.8	2.4	2.5	2.2	1.6	2.9	2.8	3.9	3.6
Mar-May 2018	2.7	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.9	2.6	3.9	3.6
Apr-Jun 2018	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.1	1.8	2.8	2.7	4.0	3.7
May-Jul 2018	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.8	2.9	2.7	4.1	3.6
Jun-Aug 2018	2.8	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.9	2.9	2.6	4.1 (r)	3.5
Jul-Sep 2018 (r)	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.0	1.8	3.0	2.7	4.1	3.7
Aug-Oct 2018 (r)	2.8	2.1	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.9	3.0	2.5	4.2	3.7
Sep-Nov 2018 (p)	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.9	3.0	2.6	4.1	3.9
Change on quarter *	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.4
Change on year	0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.8
SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities	Real estate activities ²	Professional scientific & technical activities	Administrative & support service activities	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health & social work activities	Arts, entertainment & recreation	Other service activities	Total services
	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	G-S
	JP9Q	JP9R	JP9S	JP9T	JP9U	JP9V	JP9W	JP9X	JP9Y	JP9Z
Levels (thousands)										
Sep-Nov 2016	32	8	65	56	13	48	119	21	23	666
Sep-Nov 2017 (r)	39	10	73	53	17	52	126	21	21	717
Oct-Dec 2017	39	9	77	53	17	51	127	20	21	721
Nov-Jan 2018	39	9	76	53	18	49	130	21	22	730
Dec-Feb 2018	39	9	72	52	18	49	129	21	22	725
Jan-Mar 2018	39	11	72	53	18	48	129	22	23	727
Feb-Apr 2018	39	10	73	52	19	46	126	22	22	718
Mar-May 2018	38	11	74	54	20	48	130	23	24	728
Apr-Jun 2018	38	10	73	55	20	48	131	23	26	735
May-Jul 2018	38	11	70	57	21	51	133	21	26	739
Jun-Aug 2018 (r)	38	11	74	57	21	50	134	19	27	743
Jul-Sep 2018 (r)	37	12	77	59	22	50	130	18	26	748
Aug-Oct 2018 (r)	38	11	79	59	24	49	131	20	26	754
Sep-Nov 2018 (p)	37	13	77	56	24	50	129	23	25	753
Change on quarter *	-1	2	2	-2	2	0	-4	5	-2	10
Change % *	-2.6	21.9	3.2	-2.8	10.8	0.2	-3.2	25.3	-6.0	1.4
Change on year	-2	3	4	3	7	-2	4	2	4	36
Change %	-5.8	33.3	5.5	5.3	39.9	-4.6	2.9	8.9	20.1	5.1
	JPB3	JPB4	JPB5	JPB6	JPB7	JPB8	JPB9	JPC2	JPC3	JPC4
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
Sep-Nov 2016	3.0	1.6	2.6	2.1	1.1	1.8	3.0	2.8	3.7	2.6
Sep-Nov 2017 (r)	3.7	2.0	2.9	2.0	1.3	2.0	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.8
Oct-Dec 2017	3.6	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.3	1.9	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.8
Nov-Jan 2018	3.6	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.4	1.9	3.2	2.8	3.4	2.8
Dec-Feb 2018	3.6	1.9	2.8	1.9	1.4	1.8	3.2	2.7	3.5	2.8
Jan-Mar 2018	3.7	2.2	2.8	2.0	1.4	1.8	3.2	2.9	3.6	2.8
Feb-Apr 2018	3.6	2.1	2.9	1.9	1.5	1.7	3.1	2.9	3.4	2.8
Mar-May 2018	3.6	2.3	2.9	2.0	1.6	1.8	3.2	3.0	3.8	2.8
Apr-Jun 2018	3.6	2.0	2.9	2.1	1.6	1.8	3.3	3.1	4.1	2.8
May-Jul 2018	3.6	2.2	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.8	4.1	2.9
Jun-Aug 2018	3.6	2.2	2.9	2.1	1.7	1.9	3.3	2.5	4.2 (r)	2.9
Jul-Sep 2018 (r)	3.5	2.4	3.0	2.2	1.7	1.9	3.2	2.4	4.0	2.9
Aug-Oct 2018	3.5	2.4	3.1	2.2	1.9	1.8	3.2	2.6	4.0 (r)	2.9
Sep-Nov 2018 (p)	3.5	2.6	3.0	2.1	1.8	1.9	3.2	3.1	3.9	2.9
Change on quarter *	-0.1	0.5	0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.0
Change on year	-0.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.1

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

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

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

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REDUNDANCIES

22 Redundancies levels and rates¹

United Kingdom, (seasonally adjusted)

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Aug-Oct 2016	118	4.4	65	4.7	54	4.1
Aug-Oct 2017	100	3.7	52	3.8	48	3.6
Nov-Jan 2018	102	3.8	61	4.5	41	3.1
Feb-Apr 2018	107	3.9	58	4.2	49	3.7
May-Jul 2018	87	3.2	43	3.1	44	3.2
Aug-Oct 2018	83	3.0	46	3.3	37	2.7
Change on quarter	-4	-0.1	3	0.2	-7	-0.5
Change %	-4.5		6.6		-15.4	
Change on year	-17	-0.7	-6	-0.5	-11	-0.9
Change %	-17.2		-11.6		-23.2	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

REGIONAL SUMMARY

23(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Headline estimates for August to October 2018

Area Codes	Area Names	Economically active ¹		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
		Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
K02000001	United Kingdom	33,856	79.0	32,476	75.7	1,380	4.1	8,663	21.0
K03000001	Great Britain	32,989	79.2	31,643	75.9	1,347	4.1	8,330	20.8
E92000001	England	28,705	79.4	27,524	76.0	1,181	4.1	7,175	20.6
E12000001	North East	1,283	75.8	1,212	71.4	71	5.5	398	24.2
E12000002	North West	3,631	78.6	3,481	75.3	149	4.1	958	21.4
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	2,721	77.9	2,592	74.1	129	4.7	747	22.1
E12000004	East Midlands	2,409	79.3	2,305	75.8	104	4.3	604	20.7
E12000005	West Midlands	2,901	77.9	2,752	73.8	150	5.2	790	22.1
E12000006	East	3,157	80.7	3,062	78.2	95	3.0	729	19.3
E12000007	London	5,032	79.3	4,795	75.5	236	4.7	1,269	20.7
E12000008	South East	4,721	81.0	4,560	78.2	161	3.4	1,058	19.0
E12000009	South West	2,850	81.3	2,764	78.7	86	3.0	621	18.7
W92000004	Wales	1,551	78.7	1,486	75.3	65	4.2	403	21.3
S92000003	Scotland	2,733	77.9	2,633	75.0	100	3.7	752	22.1
N92000002	Northern Ireland	866	71.5	833	68.7	34	3.9	334	28.5

Change on quarter (change since May to July 2018)

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

Area Codes	Area Names	Economically active ¹		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
		Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
K02000001	United Kingdom	98	0.2	79	0.2	20	0.0	-95	-0.2
K03000001	Great Britain	115	0.3	94	0.2	21	0.1	-105	-0.3
E92000001	England	117	0.3	90	0.2	27	0.1	-102	-0.3
E12000001	North East	32	1.6	17	0.6	16	1.1	-27	-1.6
E12000002	North West	20	0.6	35	1.0	-14	-0.4	-27	-0.6
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	24	0.6	12	0.2	11	0.4	-19	-0.6
E12000004	East Midlands	34	1.2	27	0.9	7	0.2	-36	-1.2
E12000005	West Midlands	-29	-0.6	-45	-1.1	16	0.6	23	0.6
E12000006	East	-17	-0.3	-12	-0.2	-5	-0.1	14	0.3
E12000007	London	62	0.9	61	0.9	1	0.0	-51	-0.9
E12000008	South East	5	-0.2	20	0.0	-16	-0.3	15	0.2
E12000009	South West	-13	-0.2	-25	-0.6	11	0.4	6	0.2
W92000004	Wales	11	0.9	4	0.5	6	0.4	-17	-0.9
S92000003	Scotland	-13	-0.4	-1	-0.1	-13	-0.4	14	0.4
N92000002	Northern Ireland	-16	-0.8	-15	-0.7	-2	-0.1	9	0.8

Change on year (change since August to October 2017)

Area Codes	Area Names	Economically active ¹		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
		Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
K02000001	United Kingdom	347	0.5	396	0.6	-49	-0.2	-195	-0.5
K03000001	Great Britain	338	0.5	387	0.6	-49	-0.2	-189	-0.5
E92000001	England	323	0.5	353	0.6	-30	-0.2	-152	-0.5
E12000001	North East	-23	-1.5	-18	-1.2	-6	-0.3	24	1.5
E12000002	North West	64	1.5	64	1.5	0	-0.1	-66	-1.5
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	70	1.4	72	1.5	-2	-0.2	-49	-1.4
E12000004	East Midlands	59	1.7	54	1.5	5	0.1	-49	-1.7
E12000005	West Midlands	65	1.1	65	1.1	-1	-0.1	-39	-1.1
E12000006	East	-3	-0.3	16	0.3	-19	-0.6	12	0.3
E12000007	London	123	0.9	127	1.0	-4	-0.2	-42	-0.9
E12000008	South East	-45	-1.3	-62	-1.5	16	0.4	73	1.3
E12000009	South West	14	0.5	34	1.1	-20	-0.7	-16	-0.5
W92000004	Wales	48	2.3	53	2.5	-6	-0.5	-44	-2.3
S92000003	Scotland	-33	-0.3	-19	0.0	-13	-0.4	7	0.3
N92000002	Northern Ireland	9	0.5	9	0.6	0	-0.1	-6	-0.5

The Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Economically active = Employment plus Unemployment.

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2. Denominator = all persons aged 16 to 64.

3. Denominator = total economically active

REGIONAL SUMMARY

23(2) Regional summary of Workforce Jobs

Thousands,
seasonally adjusted

Area Codes	Area Names	September 2018	Change on June 2018
K02000001	United Kingdom	35,133	105
K03000001	Great Britain	34,245	119
E92000001	England	30,087	139
E12000001	North East	1,196	2
E12000002	North West	3,810	67
E12000003	Yorkshire and The Humber	2,778	-15
E12000004	East Midlands	2,321	-25
E12000005	West Midlands	2,956	-16
E12000006	East	3,259	45
E12000007	London	5,983	12
E12000008	South East	4,815	61
E12000009	South West	2,969	7
W92000004	Wales	1,457	-17
S92000003	Scotland	2,701	-3
N92000002	Northern Ireland	878	-13

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

HM Forces stationed abroad are included in the UK workforce jobs estimates but not in the regional estimates. The UK workforce jobs estimates therefore do not equal the sum of the regional estimates.