

Statistical bulletin

# Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK: November 2023

Experimental monthly estimates of payrolled employees and their pay from HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC's) Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) data. This is a joint release between HMRC and the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

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# 1. Main points

- Early estimates for October 2023 indicate that the number of payrolled employees rose by 1.3% compared with October 2022, a rise of 398,000 employees; the number of payrolled employees was up by 4.1% since February 2020, a rise of 1,190,000.
- This annual increase was largest in the health and social work sector, a rise of 221,000 employees.
- Payrolled employment increased by 33,000 employees (0.1%) in October 2023 when compared with September 2023; this should be treated as a provisional estimate and is likely to be revised when more data are received next month.
- UK payrolled employee growth for September 2023 compared with August 2023 has been revised from a
  decrease of 11,000 reported in the last bulletin to an increase of 32,000, because of the incorporation of
  additional real time information (RTI) submissions into the statistics, which takes place every publication
  and reduces the need for imputation.
- Early estimates for October 2023 indicate that median monthly pay increased by 5.9% compared with October 2022, and increased by 22.3% when compared with February 2020.
- Annual growth in median pay in October 2023 was highest in the other service activities sector, with an increase of 8.2%, and lowest in the information and communication sector, with an increase of 3.8%.

#### About the data in this release

Early estimates for October 2023 are provided to give an indication of the likely level of employees as well as median pay in the latest period. These early estimates are, on average, based on around 85% of information being available. They are of lower quality and will be subject to revision in next month's release when between 98% and 99% of data will be available. A <u>revisions triangle</u> is available for employees and median pay at the UK level.

Statistics in this release are based on people who are employed in at least one job paid through Pay As You Earn (PAYE), and monthly estimates reflect the average of such people for each day of the calendar month. These estimates are formed using a <u>methodology for monthly earnings and employment estimates</u> designed to align with international guidelines for labour market statistics.

# 2. Payrolled employees

Early estimates for October 2023 indicate that there were 30.2 million payrolled employees (Figure 1), a rise of 1.3% compared with the same period of the previous year. This is a rise of 398,000 people over the 12-month period. Compared with the previous month, the number of payrolled employees increased by 0.1% in October 2023, an increase of 33,000 people.

Note, this monthly change should be treated as provisional, because it is based on an early estimate of October 2023. More information on revisions can be found in <u>Section 11: Strengths and limitations</u>.

When comparing the number of payrolled employees in September 2023 with the previous month, the number increased by 0.1%. This is revised upwards from the early estimate of a 0% change reported in our previous bulletin, <u>Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information</u>, <u>UK: October 2023</u>.

Figure 1: The number of employees declined between February and November 2020, but is now above pre-coronavirus (COVID-19) trends

Payrolled employees, seasonally adjusted, UK, July 2014 to October 2023

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Source: Pay As You Earn Real Time Information from HM Revenue and Customs

#### Notes:

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Annual growth in the number of employees remained broadly within a range of 1.0% to 1.5% from mid-2016 until 2019. Growth rates before mid-2016 were higher than 1.5% (Figure 2).

Starting around early 2019, employee growth began a slight downward trend. However, employee growth slowed more substantially past March 2020, coinciding with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, becoming negative in April 2020.

At the start of 2021, growth rates began to recover, and remained high as the labour market continued to recover from the effects of the pandemic. From April 2022 the annual growth rate has been falling. Through 2022 this fall would have been partially caused by the comparison against the increase in employee numbers from March 2021, which levelled off as we no longer compared against this higher baseline. However, since then, growth rates have continued to fall.

# Figure 2: Growth in the number of payrolled employees became negative in 2020, but has since returned to positive growth

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, July 2015 to October 2023

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# 3. Median monthly pay

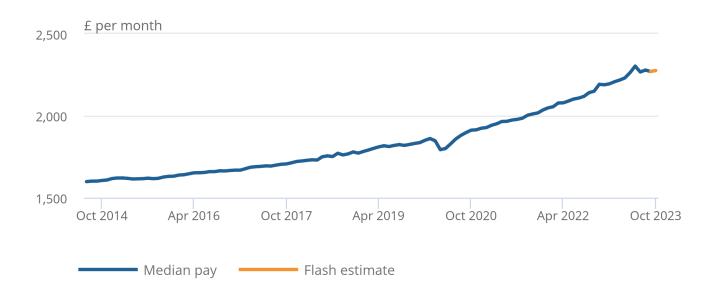
Early estimates for October 2023 indicate that median monthly pay was £2,276, an increase of 5.9% compared with the same period of the previous year.

Figure 3: Median pay decreased sharply in April 2020, but has returned to the previous trend

Median pay per month, seasonally adjusted, UK, July 2014 to October 2023

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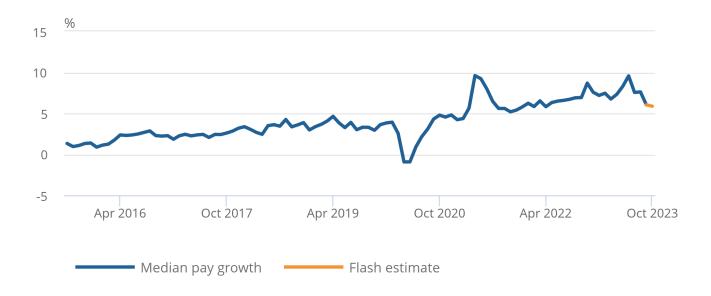
Following a general trend of increasing pay growth between mid-2015 and mid-2018, pay growth tended to fluctuate around 3.6%, until 2020 when it became negative. This coincided with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and related economic and policy responses. From June 2020 median pay growth became positive again. Through 2022 the growth rate of median pay continued to increase in line with pre-pandemic trends. Since the start of 2023 this trend has continued, but with more volatility caused by some months showing much higher growth rates.

Figure 4: The rate of growth in median pay fell between March and May 2020, but is now higher than the average growth before March 2020

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# 4. Pay distribution

In the three months to September 2023, the 10th percentile of the monthly pay distribution was £752, the 90th percentile was £5,328 and the 99th percentile was £15,102 (Figure 5). This means that:

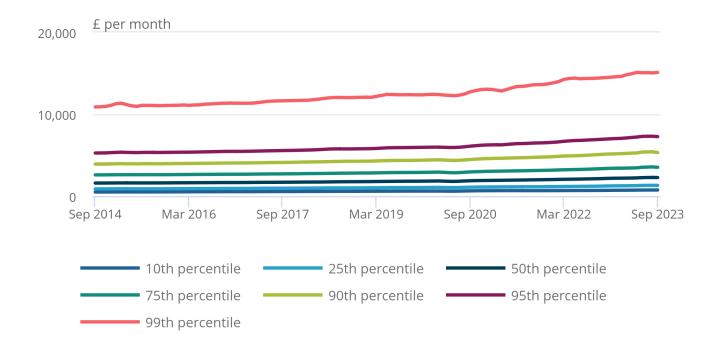
- 10% of payrolled employees earned equal to or less than £752 per month
- 90% of payrolled employees earned equal to or less than £5,328 per month
- 99% of payrolled employees earned equal to or less than £15,102 per month

Figure 5: 10% of employees earn less than £752 per month and 90% earn less than £5,328 per month

Pay per month, seasonally adjusted, UK, three months to September 2014 to three months to September 2023

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Pay per month, seasonally adjusted, UK, three months to September 2014 to three months to September 2023



Source: Pay As You Earn Real Time Information from HM Revenue and Customs

#### Notes:

1. Data for the 50th percentile (that is, the median) in this chart are based on three-month moving averages. For this reason, they are not directly comparable with Figures 3 or 4 (which use data for a single month).

# 5. Regional data

The regional figures in this bulletin are based on where employees live and not the location of their place of work. They include data for October 2023, and cover <a href="Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics">NUTS1</a>, <a href="NUTS2">NUTS1</a>, <a href="NUTS2">NUTS3</a> regions.

Numbers of payrolled employees in the UK for the regions shown in Figure 6 ranged from 797,000 in Northern Ireland to 4,333,000 in London in October 2023.

# Figure 6: Regional employee growth fell across the UK during 2020 and 2021, but subsequently recovered across all regions

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, January 2017 to October 2023

#### Notes:

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London and Northern Ireland experienced higher growth than the UK average between January 2017 and early 2020, while the North East and Scotland experienced lower growth than the UK overall. Employee numbers within NUTS1, NUTS2, and NUTS3 regions are available in the accompanying datasets.

Over the course of the coronavirus pandemic, all regions' growth rates followed a similar pattern. Growth rapidly declined and became negative in April 2020, but from the middle of 2021 began to recover. As regions have caught up with their pre-coronavirus level, these high growth rates have started to fall back to rates seen historically before the pandemic.

Comparing October 2023 with the same period of the previous year for NUTS1 regions, changes in payrolled employees ranged from the highest being a 2.0% increase in Northern Ireland to the lowest being a 0.9% increase in Yorkshire and The Humber.

This month, NUTS1 regions are further broken down by sectors in the supporting datasets for this bulletin. In the latest figures, some sectors show similar growth rates to the region level, while others, such as accommodation and food service activities, and transportation and storage, show moderate regional variation (Figure 7).

Comparing October 2023 with the same period of the previous year, changes in payrolled employees for accommodation and food service activities ranged from a 3.4% decrease in the North East to a 2.6% increase in London.

For transportation and storage, employee growth has been different across regions. London, the South East, the South West, the North West and Scotland experienced negative growth after April 2020, but this largely returned to positive growth in the latter half of 2021.

# Figure 7: Employee growth varies by region for sectors such as accommodation and food service activities and transportation and storage

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, January 2017 to October 2023

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Examining NUTS3 regions, Camden and City of London experienced a decrease of 2.5% in payrolled employees in comparison with October 2022, and Luton experienced an increase of 3.9% (Figure 8).

#### Figure 8: Growth in payrolled employees varies across the UK

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, NUTS3 level, October 2023

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Median pay across the NUTS3 regions of the UK in October 2023 ranged from £1,936 in Leicester to £3,505 in Wandsworth (Figure 9).

Inner London generally differs from Outer London, with median pay ranging from £2,249 in Enfield to £3,505 in Wandsworth. Median pay in October 2023 for London as a whole was £2,711.

#### Figure 9: Median pay varies across the UK

Median pay, seasonally adjusted, UK, NUTS3 level, October 2023

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# 6. Industry data

The industrial sectors in this bulletin are based on the <u>UK Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes</u>, as defined by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). These codes have been determined from both the most recent <u>Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR)</u> and data from Companies House for each Pay As You Earn (PAYE) enterprise. The findings from the 14 largest sectors are presented. The seven smaller sectors have been removed from the bulletin for presentational purposes, but their estimates are available in the <u>accompanying datasets</u>.

The three largest sectors - wholesale and retail, health and social work, and education - account for around 40% of UK employees. These three sectors combined with administrative and support services; manufacturing; professional, scientific and technical; and accommodation and food service activities account for more than 70% of UK employees.

Since January 2017, employee growth has not been even across sectors (Figure 10). Sectors such as construction, transportation and storage, and information and communication experienced higher growth than the UK average between January 2017 and early 2020. Sectors such as manufacturing, and wholesale and retail experienced lower growth than the UK overall.

All sectors highlighted experienced a decrease in employee growth around April 2020, with the smallest decrease being in health and social work.

Public administration and defence, and health and social work saw early recoveries in their growth rates, as did administrative and support services, and education from early 2021 onwards.

When comparing early estimates for October 2023 with the same period of the previous year, percentage changes in payrolled employees ranged from negative 0.9% in administrative and support services to positive 5.4% in health and social work.

#### Figure 10: Employee growth has been very different across sectors

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, January 2017 to October 2023

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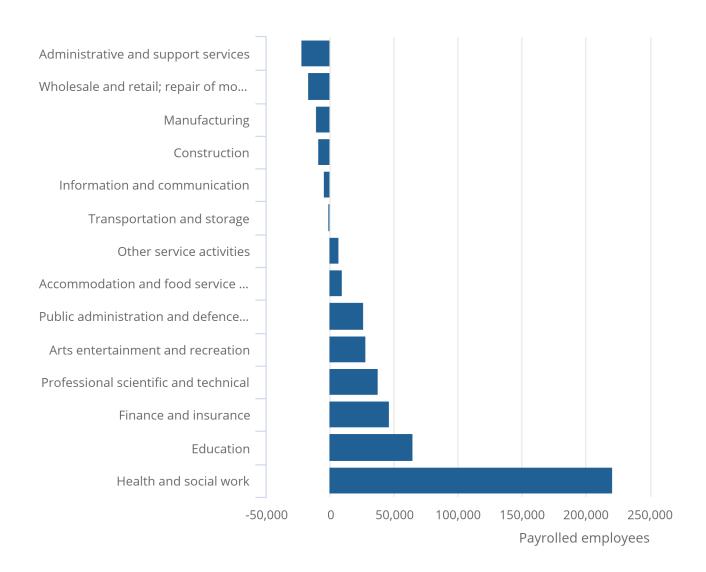
The increase in payrolled employees between October 2022 and October 2023 was largest in the health and social work sector (a rise of 221,000 employees) and smallest in the administrative and support services sector (a fall of 22,000 employees).

Figure 11: The health and social work sector has seen the greatest increase in payrolled employees since October 2022

Payrolled employees, absolute change on October 2022, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023

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Source: Pay As You Earn Real Time Information from HM Revenue and Customs

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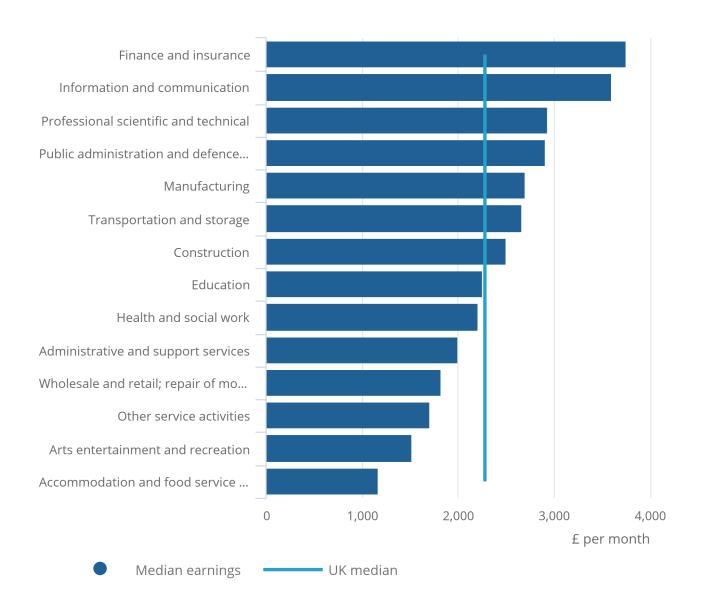
Median pay in October 2023 across the highlighted sectors ranged from £1,173 in the accommodation and food service activities sector to £3,749 in finance and insurance (Figure 12).

Figure 12: Median pay varies by industry

Median pay, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023

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Median pay, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023



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Compared with the same month in the previous year, median pay grew fastest in the other service activities sector, at positive 8.2% (Figure 13), and slowest in the information and communication sector, at positive 3.8%.

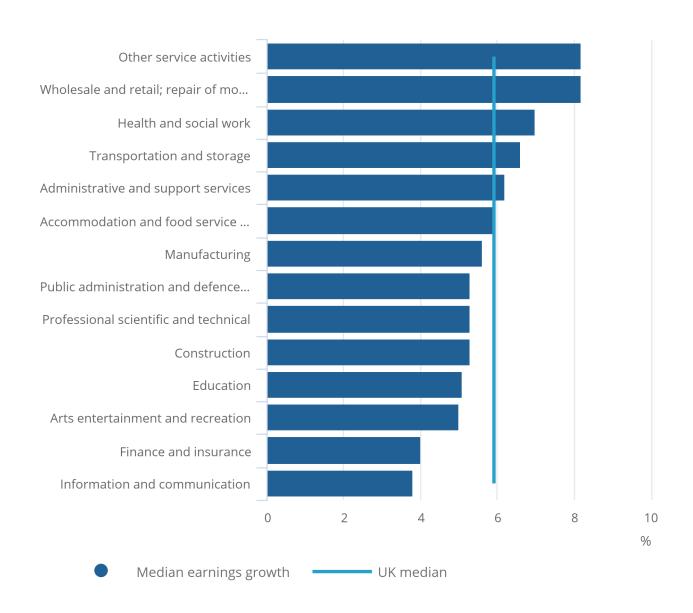
Estimates of mean pay for each sector are available in the accompanying datasets.

Figure 13: Median pay increased most in the other service activities sector

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023

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- 2. Changes in growth rates are affected by changes in the base period (a year ago) as well as changes in the latest period.

### 7. Age data

The age figures in this bulletin are calculated based on individuals' age at the time they receive a payment.

Of the 30.2 million payrolled employees in the UK in October 2023, 94.5% are aged 18 to 64 years.

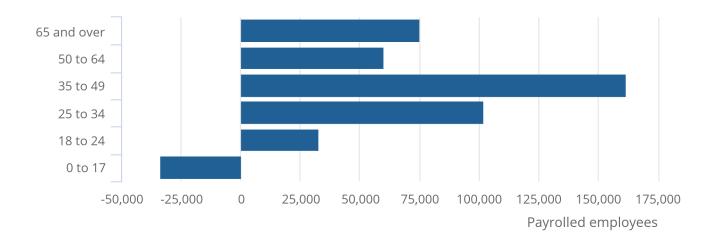
Between October 2022 and October 2023, there was a decrease of 1,000 payrolled employees aged under 25 years. During the same period, payrolled employees aged 35 to 49 years increased by 162,000.

# Figure 14: The 35 to 49 years age group has seen the greatest increase in payrolled employees since October 2022

Payrolled employees, absolute change on October 2022, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023

# Figure 14: The 35 to 49 years age group has seen the greatest increase in payrolled employees since October 2022

Payrolled employees, absolute change on October 2022, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023



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Since 2019, the number of payrolled employees aged 65 years and over has increased at a faster rate than the UK as a whole, with employee growth peaking at 10.7% in January 2020 (Figure 15). This higher growth coincides with the <u>phased increase in State Pension age</u> between March 2019 and September 2020, for men and women aged 65 to 66 years. While growth rates fell in this age group during 2020, coinciding with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, they have now returned to above the UK average.

Conversely, growth in payrolled employees aged under 25 years has undergone long-term decline since 2017. The under 18 years and 18 to 24 years age groups saw large declines in growth rates during 2020, much steeper than those seen in the UK as a whole. Both groups have since seen positive growth rates, with employee growth peaking in those under 18 years at 75.0% in March 2022. However, this growth has since then continued to decline.

#### Figure 15: Employee growth is lower in younger age groups

Percentage change on same month in previous year, seasonally adjusted, UK, January 2017 to October 2023

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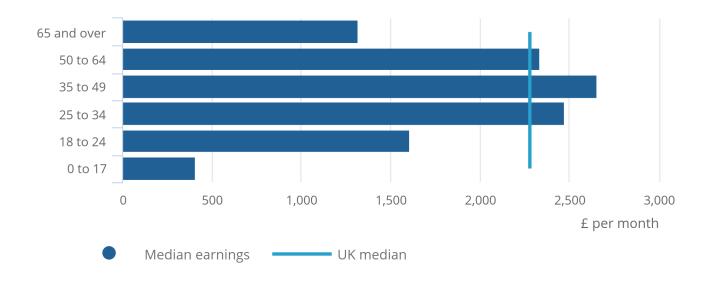
Median pay in October 2023 ranged from £408 for those aged under 18 years to £2,654 for those aged 35 to 49 years (Figure 16). Overall, median pay is higher in the central age bands, of those studied.

Figure 16: Median pay varies by age

Median pay, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023

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Median pay, seasonally adjusted, UK, October 2023



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# 8. Earnings and employment data

#### Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, non-seasonally adjusted

Dataset | Released 14 November 2023

Earnings and employment statistics from Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) (Experimental Statistics), non-seasonally adjusted.

#### Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, revision triangle

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Revisions of earnings and employment statistics from Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) (Experimental Statistics).

#### Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, seasonally adjusted

Dataset | Released 14 November 2023

Earnings and employment statistics from Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) (Experimental Statistics), seasonally adjusted.

# 9. Glossary

#### Median monthly pay

Median monthly pay shows what a person in the middle of all employees would earn each month. The median pay is generally considered to be a more accurate reflection of the "average wage" because it discounts the extremes at either end of the scale.

#### **National Minimum Wage and National Living Wage**

The National Minimum Wage (NMW) is a minimum amount per hour that most workers in the UK are entitled to be payrolled. There are different rates of minimum wage depending on a worker's age and whether they are an apprentice. The NMW applies to employees aged 16 to 24 years. The government's National Living Wage (NLW) was introduced on 1 April 2016 and applies to employees aged 25 years and over. See current and previous rates for the NMW and NLW on the government website.

#### Pay As You Earn

Pay As You Earn (PAYE) is the system employers and pension providers use to take Income Tax and National Insurance contributions before they pay wages or pensions to employees and pensioners. It was introduced in 1944 and is now the way most employees pay Income Tax in the UK. This publication relates to employees only and not pensioners.

# 10. Measuring the data

#### Data source and collection

The data for this release come from HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC's) Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) system. They cover the whole population rather than a sample of people or companies, and they will allow for more detailed estimates of the population. The release is classed as <a href="Experimental Statistics">Experimental Statistics</a> as the methodologies used to produce the statistics are still in their development phase. As a result, the series are subject to revisions.



#### Coverage

This publication covers employees payrolled by employers only. It does not cover self-employment income or income from other sources such as pensions, property rental and investments. Where individuals have multiple sources of income, only income from employers is included.

The figures in this release are for the period July 2014 to October 2023 and are seasonally adjusted.

#### **Upcoming changes**

Following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, a replacement to the Eurostat geographical classification NUTS regions has been created. The UK-managed classification of International Territorial Levels (ITLs) will replace the NUTS classification in future publications.

Please contact us by email if you would like to offer feedback on how the contents can be improved in the future.

#### Methodology

An accompanying article contains more information on the <u>calendarisation and imputation methodologies</u> used in this bulletin, alongside comparisons with other earnings and employment statistics and possible quality improvements in the future.

# 11 . Strengths and limitations

#### Pre-release data

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) grants pre-release access to <u>official statistics</u> publications. As this is a joint release, and in accordance with the HMRC policy, pre-release access has been granted to a number of people to enable the preparation of statistical publications and ministerial briefing. Further details, including a <u>list of those granted access to official statistics by HMRC</u>, can be found on <u>their website</u>.

#### **Experimental Statistics status**

This is a joint experimental release between HMRC and the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The existing monthly publications produced by the ONS remain the primary <u>National Statistics</u> for the labour market. The intention is that these new statistics will also be updated on a monthly basis.

The release is classed as Experimental Statistics as the methodologies used to produce the statistics are still in their development phase. This does not mean that the statistics are of low quality, but it does signify that the statistics are new and still being developed. As the methodologies are refined and improved, there may be revisions to these statistics.

Rather than waiting until the development work has been completed, the statistics are being published now to involve potential users in developing the statistics. We hope that this encourages users to provide us with their thoughts and suggestions on how useful the statistics are and how we can improve them. You can send us your comments by email.

More information about <u>Experimental Statistics</u>, including when they should be used and the differences between them and <u>National Statistics</u>, is available.

In June 2023, the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) published an assessment report of HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and Office for National Statistics (ONS) statistics on earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI). HMRC and the ONS welcome OSR's assessment report and have developed an action plan focusing on the six requirements.

#### Strengths of the data

As Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) data cover the whole population, rather than a sample of people or companies, we are able to use these to produce estimates for geographic areas and other more detailed breakdowns of the population. The methods for producing such breakdowns are under development and we expect to include further statistics in a future release. These statistics can help inform decision-making across the country. They also have the potential to provide more timely estimates than existing measures.

These statistics also have the potential to replace some of those based on surveys, which could reduce the burden on businesses needing to fill in statistical surveys.

#### Industry sector classifications

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Large enterprises that cover multiple SIC codes are classified into a single SIC code based on the relative number of employees in each SIC code. Changes to the proportion of employees across SIC codes in large enterprises can result in the enterprise being reclassified to a different SIC code. To obtain the SIC code we link to the most recent quarterly versions of the IDBR. Once a year when we refresh data for the whole series, the IDBR link is refreshed using the most recent version available, and any reclassifications are then used for the entirety of the data time series until the next year.

This means that sector level time series represent the current employers classified in each sector and are less likely to be distorted by employers being reclassified at the enterprise level because of small changes at the lower unit level. However, it also means that these time series may be revised between publications and, in the historical sections of the time series, employers are classified in sectors that they were not classified in at that point in time. However, this method should minimise discrepancies in the data caused by reclassifications and should more easily allow the tracking of job movements between sectors.

#### Imputation and revisions

RTI data used in this release are extracted in the weeks following the end of the latest reference month. For some individuals this means payments relating to work done in recent reference months are yet to be received. Rather than wait until all payment returns have been received, we produce timelier measures by imputing the values for missing returns.

For the latest reference month around 15% of the data are imputed. We refer to this as the "flash" or "early" estimate in the bulletin, as this figure is the most subject to revision as payment returns are received and the imputed payments replaced with actual data.

From our July 2022 publication, two changes were made to the imputation model. A seasonal factor was incorporated into the imputation model. The model was also made more responsive to recent changes to the labour market that would affect the likelihood of a payment existing. The latter change in particular should reduce the scale of revisions seen to the "flash" estimate, but cannot eliminate revisions completely.

Earlier months also contain some imputed data. Some payment frequencies mean that we have not received the relevant payment data more than a month after the reference period. Also, in some circumstances, returns might be submitted late. Therefore, earlier months are also subject to revision, but these revisions are likely to be much smaller because the level of imputation is smaller. The proportion of imputed data for a reference month two months before data extraction is around 1% to 2% of the data.

For the majority of months, post-flash revisions will occur in small amounts gradually each month as more submissions are received. However, all RTI submissions must be received before the end of the tax year. Therefore, for months close to the end of the tax year these submissions and associated minor revisions that would have accumulated through the year instead need to be received all at once in the final submissions of the tax year. The months of January and February will be most affected by this and see sharper non-flash revisions at the end of the tax year if the imputed submissions are not received by that point. From July 2022, changes were incorporated into the imputation model to try to control for these seasonal differences, as well as other seasonal factors that might affect whether submissions are received through different points of the year.

The seasonal adjustment model will also update each month as the model is refined on the latest data available. These adjustments will appear as revisions in the seasonally adjusted data, and in the supporting seasonally adjusted revisions triangle.

Starting with the December 2020 publication, we introduced a new revisions policy. For each publication, we incorporate new input data only for the current tax year and the previous tax year. Revisions to estimates can potentially be made for up to the last two years as data can continue to be received, though updates to data outside of the most recent tax year are minimal.

Changes to the seasonally adjusted data also occur earlier than this limit, as the seasonal adjustment model is refined. The benefit of introducing this revisions policy is that we can use the processing time saved to produce and publish more detailed breakdowns. We capture any new input data referencing earlier years by incorporating data for the whole time series once a year.

### Seasonal adjustment

The seasonal adjustment applied in this bulletin follows established best practice. This approach assumes that any seasonal patterns remain broadly consistent over time. If the seasonal pattern changes in strength, this will be represented as greater volatility in the seasonally adjusted figures. Both the seasonal and non-seasonally adjusted datasets are released alongside this bulletin.

The model for seasonal adjustment is reviewed annually, with new models being applied where possible. The last update to the model has been delayed and is still currently being reviewed.

# Differences compared with the Labour Force Survey and Average Weekly Earnings statistics

Further information about the methodology used and comparisons with the ONS's <u>Labour Force Survey (LFS)</u> and <u>Average Weekly Earnings</u> can be found in <u>New methods for monthly earnings and employment estimates</u> from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI) data: <u>December 2019</u>.

From October 2023, the ONS has been temporarily using growth rates from RTI data to calculate an estimate of employment and the employment rate. This adjusted figure will be used in our <u>November Labour market publication</u>, with the ONS aiming to publish standard LFS figures from December. More information can be found in <u>Labour Force Survey</u>: <u>planned improvements and its reintroduction</u>.

The strengths and weaknesses of these sources and other labour market data sources are shown in our <u>Comparison of labour market data sources methodology</u>, including the advantages of new administrative data sources and limitations of some of our published figures.

# 12. Related links

#### Labour market overview: November 2023

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

#### Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: November 2023

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

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Estimates of the number of vacancies and jobs for the UK.

#### 13. Cite this statistical bulletin

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#### PAYROLLED EMPLOYEES

#### 1 Payrolled employee counts from PAYE RTI

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Source: PAYE RTI

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#### MEDIAN PAY

#### 2 Median monthly pay from PAYE RTI

	UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted
Period	Median pay
October 2014	1,605
October 2015	1,626
October 2016	1,663
October 2017	1,706
October 2018	1,767
October 2019	1,825
October 2020	1,912
October 2021	2,011
October 2022	2,150
November 2022	2,192
December 2022	2,189
January 2023	2,195
February 2023	2,208
March 2023	2,218
April 2023	2,231
May 2023	2,263
June 2023	2,303
July 2023	2,267
August 2023	2,279
September 2023	2,270
October 2023	2,276
Change on year	126
Change %	5.9
<u> </u>	Source: PAYE RTI

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£ per month

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£ per month UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted

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Period	Mean pay
September 2014	2,197
September 2015	2,224
September 2016	2,287
September 2017	2,346
September 2018	2,423
September 2019	2,492
September 2020	2,599
September 2021	2,739
September 2022	2,904
October 2022	2,919
November 2022	2,974
December 2022	2,961
January 2023	2,973
February 2023	3,010
March 2023	3,065
April 2023	3,007
May 2023	3,056
June 2023	3,126
July 2023	3,057
August 2023	3,060
September 2023	3,062
Change on year	158
Change %	5.4
	Source: DAVE DTI

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	UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted
Period	Aggregate pay
September 2014	59,090,179,342
September 2015	61,420,885,523
September 2016	64,002,081,899
September 2017	66,563,401,200
September 2018	69,481,898,881
September 2019	72,171,236,150
September 2020	73,257,898,541
September 2021	79,526,935,083
September 2022	86,393,456,386
October 2022	87,021,914,552
November 2022	88,832,352,903
December 2022	88,556,473,276
January 2023	89,010,735,877
February 2023	90,240,580,258
March 2023	92,049,634,532
April 2023	90,462,545,943
May 2023	92,040,382,543
June 2023	94,264,293,962
July 2023	92,154,067,847
August 2023	92,258,614,387
September 2023	92,399,288,370
Change on year	6,005,831,984
Change %	7
	Source: PAYE RTI

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£ per month

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£ per month, 3 month moving average UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted

							tries, seasonally adjusted
Period	10th percentile	25th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile	95th percentile	99th percentile
September 2014	505	887	1,600	2,599	3,920	5,267	10,892
September 2015	521	903	1,619	2,625	3,960	5,337	11,052
September 2016	549	940	1,662	2,671	4,035	5,451	11,334
September 2017	568	972	1,700	2,724	4,117	5,569	11,636
September 2018	593	1,009	1,763	2,809	4,254	5,766	12,028
September 2019	619	1,052	1,824	2,891	4,362	5,936	12,389
September 2020	648	1,094	1,883	2,958	4,474	6,101	12,734
September 2021	675	1,151	1,993	3,128	4,737	6,481	13,591
September 2022	700	1,219	2,127	3,328	5,055	6,899	14,390
October 2022	703	1,226	2,140	3,351	5,090	6,932	14,431
November 2022	709	1,242	2,164	3,383	5,128	6,971	14,481
December 2022	715	1,253	2,179	3,399	5,151	7,004	14,520
January 2023	721	1,263	2,193	3,413	5,173	7,035	14,580
February 2023	725	1,264	2,196	3,415	5,191	7,057	14,623
March 2023	728	1,269	2,204	3,427	5,222	7,107	14,817
April 2023	733	1,278	2,214	3,441	5,252	7,167	14,947
May 2023	740	1,292	2,231	3,460	5,276	7,216	15,112
June 2023	748	1,309	2,261	3,527	5,379	7,297	15,069
July 2023	751	1,317	2,277	3,551	5,397	7,311	15,078
August 2023	751	1,322	2,286	3,567	5,416	7,316	15,052
September 2023	752	1,320	2,277	3,525	5,328	7,269	15,102
Change on year	52	101	150	197	273	370	712
Change %	7.4	8.3	7.1	5.9	5.4	5.4	4.9

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#### EMPLOYEE FLOWS

#### 6 Inflows and outflows from PAYE RTI

	UI	K, all industries, seasonally adjusted
eriod	Inflows	Outflows
eptember 2017	676,869	643,289
eptember 2018	672,937	668,561
eptember 2019	659,501	635,917
eptember 2020	542,581	613,939
eptember 2021	693,111	596,468
eptember 2022	692,575	629,229
ctober 2022	693,762	631,079
ovember 2022	687,572	632,360
ecember 2022	675,137	636,479
nuary 2023	680,816	644,573
ebruary 2023	684,533	649,807
1arch 2023	694,463	635,006
pril 2023	675,502	628,805
lay 2023	667,145	636,572
une 2023	672,656	631,626
ıly 2023	640,290	645,776
ugust 2023	633,128	637,083
eptember 2023	652,927	620,710
hange on year	-39,648	-8,519
hange %	-5.7	-1.4

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#### REGIONAL PAYROLLED EMPLOYEES (NUTS1)

#### 7 Regional payrolled employees from PAYE RTI

										UK, all indu	stries, seasona	Ily adjusted
			Yorkshire									
Period	North East	North West	and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
October 2014	1,033,941	2,926,432	2,161,767	1,967,040	2,309,765	2,564,235	3,709,090	3,809,453	2,253,537	1,190,104	2,306,494	678,047
October 2015	1,052,526	3,005,109	2,209,891	2,024,081	2,387,034	2,643,800	3,870,077	3,915,246	2,312,246	1,213,039	2,342,634	699,857
October 2016	1,056,923	3,037,289	2,236,094	2,054,996	2,422,611	2,687,641	3,932,381	3,964,478	2,345,370	1,225,498	2,346,404	709,105
October 2017	1,065,796	3,088,145	2,265,572	2,088,236	2,455,459	2,724,844	3,999,763	4,012,678	2,375,052	1,242,737	2,364,044	724,218
October 2018	1,069,054	3,125,040	2,289,461	2,110,621	2,480,084	2,752,987	4,058,923	4,053,076	2,396,405	1,256,219	2,373,649	739,916
October 2019	1,073,027	3,150,354	2,311,496	2,126,301	2,491,896	2,783,716	4,133,685	4,091,946	2,417,917	1,261,473	2,383,052	748,979
October 2020	1,051,938	3,084,637	2,259,600	2,079,011	2,424,067	2,714,649	3,943,272	3,978,724	2,355,891	1,232,164	2,306,913	737,894
October 2021	1,089,227	3,193,849	2,332,069	2,139,412	2,507,493	2,787,960	4,090,734	4,095,442	2,425,679	1,271,214	2,378,726	762,944
October 2022	1,110,812	3,256,813	2,379,562	2,182,423	2,568,082	2,847,580	4,273,280	4,203,228	2,478,815	1,301,502	2,429,103	781,737
November 2022	1,112,920	3,264,060	2,382,700	2,187,072	2,572,793	2,852,387	4,284,538	4,210,348	2,482,989	1,302,397	2,433,079	782,864
December 2022	1,114,972	3,267,566	2,385,200	2,189,829	2,576,896	2,855,711	4,295,048	4,214,154	2,485,061	1,303,365	2,434,616	784,388
January 2023	1,114,931	3,271,459	2,387,014	2,191,244	2,579,252	2,860,204	4,307,461	4,220,361	2,488,336	1,303,352	2,435,188	784,245
February 2023	1,115,527	3,273,966	2,386,709	2,192,557	2,580,875	2,865,417	4,316,634	4,227,152	2,491,499	1,305,396	2,436,499	785,543
March 2023	1,118,016	3,279,148	2,389,035	2,196,571	2,585,033	2,872,788	4,328,898	4,235,057	2,494,766	1,308,806	2,439,885	789,230
April 2023	1,120,474	3,287,939	2,394,906	2,200,649	2,591,834	2,877,562	4,326,409	4,239,923	2,503,694	1,312,145	2,440,489	787,905
May 2023	1,121,440	3,291,928	2,397,190	2,203,663	2,597,112	2,880,064	4,328,741	4,247,571	2,503,538	1,314,369	2,440,449	788,437
June 2023	1,122,920	3,294,914	2,399,096	2,206,352	2,600,703	2,884,222	4,334,974	4,254,186	2,507,619	1,316,011	2,445,378	789,158
July 2023	1,122,554	3,292,876	2,399,182	2,204,153	2,601,324	2,884,994	4,332,441	4,255,172	2,506,374	1,314,504	2,446,521	789,953
August 2023	1,121,418	3,291,762	2,397,381	2,203,343	2,601,051	2,885,492	4,330,780	4,256,181	2,507,099	1,312,517	2,447,331	791,736
September 2023	1,122,831	3,295,420	2,399,011	2,205,739	2,605,185	2,889,377	4,331,099	4,261,966	2,509,803	1,313,267	2,449,726	794,885
October 2023	1,124,951	3,298,145	2,401,728	2,206,976	2,606,900	2,891,990	4,333,207	4,269,057	2,514,596	1,313,854	2,452,055	797,434
Change on year	14,139	41,332	22,166	24,553	38,818	44,410	59,927	65,829	35,781	12,352	22,952	15,697
Change %	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	0.9	0.9	2

Source: PAYE RTI

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Payrolled employees

£ per month
UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted

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Period	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
October 2014	1,533	1,518	1,502	1,516	1,521	1,643	1,931	1,722	1,506	1,502	1,650	1,494
October 2015	1,538	1,533	1,520	1,530	1,542	1,667	1,959	1,746	1,525	1,524	1,668	1,496
October 2016	1,570	1,571	1,550	1,567	1,584	1,701	2,011	1,783	1,561	1,558	1,696	1,523
October 2017	1,607	1,617	1,593	1,615	1,627	1,759	2,070	1,836	1,612	1,599	1,736	1,565
October 2018	1,662	1,676	1,645	1,675	1,681	1,818	2,136	1,894	1,669	1,663	1,783	1,631
October 2019	1,715	1,730	1,697	1,725	1,730	1,880	2,202	1,958	1,724	1,710	1,857	1,692
October 2020	1,790	1,815	1,782	1,808	1,809	1,970	2,311	2,041	1,811	1,812	1,941	1,778
October 2021	1,863	1,894	1,863	1,908	1,896	2,078	2,437	2,152	1,902	1,876	2,035	1,857
October 2022	2,015	2,039	2,001	2,039	2,029	2,218	2,593	2,300	2,047	2,023	2,164	1,982
November 2022	2,069	2,086	2,042	2,077	2,082	2,256	2,626	2,325	2,096	2,092	2,234	2,009
December 2022	2,051	2,076	2,035	2,073	2,061	2,255	2,636	2,342	2,086	2,063	2,205	2,011
January 2023	2,049	2,078	2,037	2,074	2,070	2,258	2,645	2,339	2,086	2,054	2,222	2,035
February 2023	2,056	2,082	2,047	2,084	2,080	2,271	2,653	2,350	2,100	2,076	2,252	2,051
March 2023	2,068	2,094	2,053	2,092	2,089	2,285	2,658	2,367	2,119	2,097	2,250	2,115
April 2023	2,088	2,110	2,079	2,115	2,111	2,292	2,663	2,366	2,125	2,107	2,277	2,055
May 2023	2,119	2,148	2,109	2,142	2,136	2,333	2,701	2,412	2,166	2,131	2,281	2,081
June 2023	2,179	2,194	2,156	2,192	2,184	2,372	2,737	2,457	2,209	2,167	2,297	2,100
July 2023	2,127	2,160	2,116	2,158	2,148	2,332	2,719	2,412	2,156	2,166	2,294	2,088
August 2023	2,135	2,164	2,117	2,165	2,155	2,342	2,719	2,426	2,175	2,147	2,304	2,096
September 2023	2,122	2,160	2,103	2,155	2,150	2,334	2,708	2,416	2,166	2,137	2,320	2,098
October 2023	2,130	2,161	2,115	2,162	2,154	2,341	2,711	2,423	2,174	2,144	2,309	2,100
Change on year	115	122	114	123	125	123	118	123	127	121	145	118
Change %	5.7	6	5.7	6	6.2	5.5	4.6	5.3	6.2	6	6.7	6

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Payrolled employees

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Period	October 2022	October 2023	Change on year	Change %
Tees Valley and Durham	498,436	503,988	5,552	1.1
Northumberland and Tyne and Wear	612,376	620,963	8,587	1.4
Cumbria	220,929	224,198	3,269	1.5
Greater Manchester	1,266,935	1,283,308	16,373	1.3
Lancashire	653,376	661,303	7,927	1.2
Cheshire	444,529	450,266	5,737	1.3
Merseyside	671,043	679,071	8,028	1.2
East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	409,667	412,389	2,722	0.7
North Yorkshire	362,576	366,826	4,250	1.2
South Yorkshire	595,075	599,340	4,265	0.7
West Yorkshire	1,012,243	1,023,173	10,930	1.1
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	971,953	983,468	11,515	1.2
Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire	879,328	889,202	9,874	1.1
Lincolnshire	331,142	334,306	3,164	1
Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire	627,521	635,013	7,492	1.2
Shropshire and Staffordshire	720,489	730,528	10,039	1.4
West Midlands (county)	1,220,073	1,241,359	21,286	1.7
East Anglia	1,127,587	1,142,334	14,747	1.3
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	890,418	906,192	15,774	1.8
Essex	829,575	843,463	13,888	1.7
Inner London - West	548,838	543,305	-5,533	-1
Inner London - East	1,215,326	1,226,809	11,483	0.9
Outer London - East and North East	883,914	904,481	20,567	2.3
Outer London - South	617,194	627,861	10,667	1.7
Outer London - West and North West	1,008,008	1,030,751	22,743	2.3
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire	1,204,483	1,225,282	20,799	1.7
Surrey, East and West Sussex	1,289,895	1,309,218	19,323	1.5
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	901,211	913,914	12,703	1.4
Kent	807,639	820,644	13,005	1.6
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area	1,182,663	1,199,584	16,921	1.4
Dorset and Somerset	569,185	577,569	8,384	1.5
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	227,515	230,600	3,085	1.4
Devon	499,453	506,842	7,389	1.5
West Wales and The Valleys	791,240	798,889	7,649	1
East Wales	510,261	514,965	4,704	0.9
North Eastern Scotland	228,264	230,417	2,153	0.9
Highlands and Islands	204,754	206,510	1,756	0.9
Eastern Scotland	904,771	916,302	11,531	1.3
West Central Scotland	686,167	690,418	4,251	0.6
Southern Scotland	405,146	408,408	3,262	0.8
Northern Ireland	781,737	797,434	15,697	2

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£ per month

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Tees Valley and Durham	2,004	2,126	122	6.1
Northumberland and Tyne and Wear	2,024	2,141	117	5.8
Cumbria	2,017	2,141	124	6.1
Greater Manchester	2,053	2,159	106	5.2
Lancashire	1,947	2,085	138	7.1
Cheshire	2,151	2,278	127	5.9
Merseyside	2,039	2,171	132	6.5
East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire	1,955	2,079	124	6.3
North Yorkshire	2,012	2,135	123	6.1
South Yorkshire	1,983	2,103	120	6.1
West Yorkshire	2,023	2,135	112	5.5
Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire	2,041	2,157	116	5.7
Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire	2,074	2,196	122	5.9
Lincolnshire	1,958	2,106	148	7.6
Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire	2,127	2,264	137	6.4
Shropshire and Staffordshire	2,026	2,147	121	6
West Midlands (county)	1,986	2,112	126	6.3
East Anglia	2,106	2,224	118	5.6
Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire	2,370	2,489	119	5
Essex	2,261	2,383	122	5.4
Inner London - West	3,219	3,361	142	4.4
Inner London - East	2,648	2,772	124	4.7
Outer London - East and North East	2,369	2,491	122	5.1
Outer London - South	2,632	2,761	129	4.9
Outer London - West and North West	2,421	2,521	100	4.1
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire	2,456	2,569	113	4.6
Surrey, East and West Sussex	2,304	2,425	121	5.3
Hampshire and Isle of Wight	2,193	2,321	128	5.8
Kent	2,200	2,333	133	6
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area	2,173	2,304	131	6
Dorset and Somerset	2,004	2,127	123	6.1
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	1,852	1,987	135	7.3
Devon	1,939	2,060	121	6.2
West Wales and The Valleys	1,989	2,113	124	6.2
East Wales	2,089	2,200	111	5.3
North Eastern Scotland	2,284	2,430	146	6.4
Highlands and Islands	2,061	2,205	144	7
Eastern Scotland	2,178	2,327	149	6.8
West Central Scotland	2,172	2,311	139	6.4
Southern Scotland	2,117	2,249	132	6.2
Northern Ireland	1,982	2,100	118	6

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#### INDUSTRY PAYROLLED EMPLOYEES

#### 11 Industry payrolled employees from PAYE RTI

			,	rolled employees
			UK, all industries, se	asonally adjusted
Period	October 2022	October 2023	Change on year	Change %
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	191,371	192,142	771	0.4
Mining and quarrying	52,057	53,035	978	1.9
Manufacturing	2,360,719	2,350,327	-10,392	-0.4
Energy production and supply	104,648	114,385	9,737	9.3
Water supply, sewerage and waste	185,268	190,165	4,897	2.6
Construction	1,317,533	1,309,195	-8,338	-0.6
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	4,382,669	4,366,206	-16,463	-0.4
Transportation and storage	1,368,092	1,367,385	-707	-0.1
Accommodation and food service activities	2,154,156	2,163,547	9,391	0.4
Information and communication	1,324,593	1,319,907	-4,686	-0.4
Finance and insurance	1,069,262	1,115,886	46,624	4.4
Real estate	445,883	450,623	4,740	1.1
Professional, scientific and technical	2,385,756	2,423,448	37,692	1.6
Administrative and support services	2,510,425	2,488,286	-22,139	-0.9
Public administration and defence; social security	1,444,578	1,471,199	26,621	1.8
Education	3,170,268	3,235,029	64,761	2
Health and social work	4,101,686	4,323,129	221,443	5.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	596,978	624,896	27,918	4.7
Other service activities	534,036	541,283	7,247	1.4
Households and Extraterritorial	112,958	110,825	-2,133	-1.9

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#### **INDUSTRY MEDIAN PAY**

#### 12 Industry median monthly pay from PAYE RTI

			UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted		
Period	October 2022	October 2023	Change on year	Change %	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,915	2,044	129	6.7	
Mining and quarrying	4,282	4,412	130	3	
Manufacturing	2,561	2,704	143	5.6	
Energy production and supply	3,906	4,049	143	3.7	
Water supply, sewerage and waste	2,733	2,887	154	5.6	
Construction	2,375	2,501	126	5.3	
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	1,688	1,827	139	8.2	
Transportation and storage	2,497	2,663	166	6.6	
Accommodation and food service activities	1,108	1,173	65	5.9	
Information and communication	3,465	3,598	133	3.8	
Finance and insurance	3,605	3,749	144	4	
Real estate	2,232	2,330	98	4.4	
Professional, scientific and technical	2,790	2,939	149	5.3	
Administrative and support services	1,883	1,999	116	6.2	
Public administration and defence; social security	2,762	2,909	147	5.3	
Education	2,152	2,261	109	5.1	
Health and social work	2,065	2,210	145	7	
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,451	1,523	72	5	
Other service activities	1,578	1,708	130	8.2	
Households and Extraterritorial	1,057	1,112	55	5.2	

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#### PAYROLLED EMPLOYEES BY AGE

#### 13 Payrolled employees by age from PAYE RTI

					Pa	ayrolled employees
					UK, all industries, seasonally adjusted	
Period	0 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 and over
October 2014	406,063	3,511,721	6,387,534	9,165,556	6,617,752	821,278
October 2015	436,557	3,619,302	6,593,787	9,305,771	6,883,136	836,986
October 2016	440,604	3,605,167	6,699,932	9,340,807	7,083,049	849,232
October 2017	441,400	3,591,453	6,786,118	9,390,722	7,323,898	872,951
October 2018	438,683	3,566,508	6,834,548	9,428,415	7,537,034	900,247
October 2019	431,466	3,514,678	6,870,829	9,456,402	7,717,788	982,679
October 2020	293,263	3,189,723	6,661,533	9,321,622	7,719,276	983,343
October 2021	474,259	3,427,352	6,785,399	9,456,943	7,907,685	1,023,110
October 2022	526,160	3,489,903	6,965,916	9,677,466	8,070,357	1,083,134
November 2022	524,847	3,484,528	6,978,766	9,696,471	8,088,159	1,095,377
December 2022	523,720	3,480,901	6,987,543	9,713,238	8,100,404	1,101,000
January 2023	525,143	3,478,413	6,998,224	9,730,591	8,104,191	1,106,487
February 2023	528,576	3,481,664	7,003,992	9,742,289	8,107,986	1,113,268
March 2023	531,710	3,487,801	7,018,627	9,762,194	8,115,330	1,121,571
April 2023	529,188	3,500,539	7,029,140	9,779,782	8,119,241	1,126,039
May 2023	524,108	3,500,396	7,038,314	9,792,257	8,126,742	1,132,685
June 2023	519,773	3,499,343	7,049,553	9,810,855	8,136,797	1,139,211
July 2023	512,691	3,486,929	7,053,165	9,819,945	8,136,242	1,141,072
August 2023	503,767	3,474,461	7,057,876	9,829,005	8,136,015	1,144,965
September 2023	500,228	3,487,130	7,062,187	9,839,390	8,138,542	1,150,830
October 2023	492,506	3,522,583	7,067,894	9,839,269	8,130,498	1,158,144
Change on year	-33,654	32,680	101,978	161,803	60,141	75,010
Change %	-6.4	0.9	1.5	1.7	0.7	6.9
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Period	0 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 and over
October 2014	274	1,089	1,735	1,909	1,726	734
October 2015	289	1,134	1,763	1,930	1,739	756
October 2016	295	1,174	1,807	1,966	1,764	786
October 2017	302	1,217	1,861	2,015	1,795	819
October 2018	316	1,268	1,929	2,075	1,841	867
October 2019	324	1,319	2,002	2,133	1,889	958
October 2020	362	1,357	2,065	2,218	1,960	1,056
October 2021	402	1,421	2,184	2,359	2,066	1,126
October 2022	413	1,533	2,352	2,528	2,200	1,218
November 2022	414	1,548	2,379	2,584	2,276	1,253
December 2022	415	1,554	2,387	2,565	2,247	1,250
January 2023	409	1,558	2,388	2,562	2,239	1,252
February 2023	412	1,577	2,401	2,574	2,252	1,263
March 2023	409	1,584	2,417	2,590	2,266	1,265
April 2023	411	1,595	2,421	2,608	2,284	1,275
May 2023	415	1,613	2,454	2,632	2,314	1,300
June 2023	411	1,619	2,510	2,706	2,375	1,331
July 2023	410	1,617	2,460	2,643	2,330	1,309
August 2023	408	1,624	2,467	2,648	2,333	1,311
September 2023	411	1,620	2,461	2,652	2,335	1,315
October 2023	408	1,605	2,470	2,654	2,334	1,318
Change on year	-5	72	118	126	134	100
Change %	-1.2	4.7	5	5	6.1	8.2

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