

Statistical bulletin

# Non-financial business economy, UK and regional (Annual Business Survey): 2019 results

Size and growth within the UK and regional non-financial sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey.



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# 1 . Main points

- In 2019, approximate gross value added at basic prices (aGVA) of the UK non-financial business economy was estimated to be £1,313.9 billion; an increase of £42.8 billion (3.4%) compared with 2018.
- The non-financial services sector, which accounted for over half (56.7%) of total aGVA in 2019, increased by £25 billion (3.5%) to £744.4 billion; transport and storage saw the highest increase in aGVA growth at £7.2 billion (8.6%) increasing from £84.4 billion to £91.6 billion.
- Total turnover and purchases of the UK non-financial business economy were estimated to be £4,101.5 billion and £2,761.4 billion respectively; an increase of £70.5 billion (1.7%) and £25.8 billion (0.9%) compared with 2018.
- Out of the 12 [UK regions](#), 8 regions experienced growth in aGVA; the South East experienced the largest increase in aGVA of £17.3 billion to £214.4 billion, which was an increase of 8.8% in 2019.
- West Midlands, Yorkshire and The Humber, Scotland and East Midlands, were the four regions decreasing year-on-year in aGVA; the largest percentage decrease was in West Midlands where aGVA fell by £2.5 billion (2.6%), from £94.5 billion to £92 billion.

## 2 . Annual Business Survey data

### [Non-financial business economy, UK regional results: quality measures](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Annual data on quality measures for business turnover, approximate gross value added (aGVA), purchases and employment costs, from the Annual Business Survey.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK regional results: revisions and change on previous year](#)

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Annual revisions and year-on-year changes to business turnover, approximate gross value added (aGVA) and purchases, from the Annual Business Survey. Standard Industrial Classification 2007 broad industry group by region or country.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK regional results: Sections A to S](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Annual data on business turnover, approximate gross value added (aGVA), purchases and employment costs, from the Annual Business Survey. Two-digit Standard Industrial Classification 2007 group by region or country.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK: changes year-on-year](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Annual revisions and year-on-year changes to business turnover, approximate gross value added (aGVA) and purchases within the UK non-financial business sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey; Standard Industrial Classification 2007 by broad industry group.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK: employment size-band](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Annual data on size and growth within the UK non-financial business sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey, broken down by employment size-bands.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK: quality measures](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Quality measures for annual data on size and growth within the UK non-financial business sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK: retail commodities](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Annual retail business turnover, retail turnover and commodities, from the Annual Business Survey. Three-digit Standard Industrial Classification 2007 group.

### [Non-financial business economy, UK: Sections A to S](#)

Dataset | Released on 24 June 2021

Annual data on size and growth within the UK non-financial business sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey, broken down to four-digit Standard Industrial Classification 2007.

## 3 . Measuring the data

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In 2019, 53% of sampled businesses were included in the final Annual Business Survey (ABS) results. The average response rate in previous years was approximately 75%. The 2019 rate was lower than usual because the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic made it more difficult to contact respondents in order to process survey returns. This means that the estimates in this release are subject to more uncertainty than usual. [Quality measures](#) for the ABS results are available as part of this release.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has released a [public statement](#) on coronavirus and the production of statistics. Email specific queries to the Media Relations Office at: [media.relations@ons.gov.uk](mailto:media.relations@ons.gov.uk).

## Data sources and collection

The ABS is a sample survey of approximately 73,000 businesses across the United Kingdom (UK). The ABS draws its sample from the [Inter-Departmental Business Register \(IDBR\)](#).

## Quality and methodology

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in the [Annual Business Survey \(ABS\) Quality and Methodology Information report](#) and [ABS Technical Report](#) published on the [ABS methodology page](#).

## Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) publishing review

The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) is [undertaking a review](#) into whether the 9:30am release time stated in the Code of Practice for Statistics meets the needs of users. During the pandemic, exemptions were granted to allow the release of market sensitive statistics at 7am. The OSR welcomes views about the release time of official statistics by Friday 25 June 2021, please send comments to: [regulation@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:regulation@statistics.gov.uk).

## 4 . Related links

[Non-financial business economy, UK and regional \(Annual Business Survey\): 2018 revised results](#)

Bulletin | Released 15 May 2020

Size and growth within the UK and regional non-financial sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

[Non-financial business economy, UK \(Annual Business Survey\): 2018 provisional results](#)

Bulletin | Released 7 November 2019

Size and growth within the UK and regional non-financial sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

[Non-financial business economy, UK and regional \(Annual Business Survey\): 2017 revised results](#)

Bulletin | Released 16 May 2019

Size and growth within the UK and regional non-financial sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

### Need an earlier release?

We moved them to [The National Archives](#) website, to keep this website as responsive as possible. Please note: all historical data is still on this website.