

Statistical bulletin

# Employment in the UK: February 2022

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



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# 1 . Other pages in this release

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## 2 . Main points

- October to December 2021 estimates show a continuing recovery in the labour market compared with the previous three-month period (July to September 2021), with an increase in the employment rate and a decrease in the unemployment rate, however, the economic inactivity rate increased on the quarter.
- Total hours worked increased slightly compared with the previous three-month period but are still below pre-coronavirus (COVID-19) levels, despite the loosening of coronavirus restrictions.
- The UK employment rate was estimated at 75.5%, 0.1 percentage points higher than the previous three-month period, but 1.0 percentage points lower than before the coronavirus pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020).
- The UK unemployment rate was estimated at 4.1%, 0.2 percentage points lower than the previous three-month period, but 0.1 percentage points higher than before the coronavirus pandemic.
- The UK economic inactivity rate was estimated at 21.2%, 0.1 percentage points higher than the previous quarter, and 1.0 percentage point higher than before the coronavirus pandemic.

### 3 . Coronavirus and measuring the labour market

Latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on interviews that took place from October to December 2021. Many of the government lockdown restrictions had eased prior to this period, and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) was withdrawn at the end of September 2021. As such, these estimates are based on interviews that took place following the end of the CJRS.

Because of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the suspension of face-to-face interviewing, we had to make operational changes to the LFS, which moved to a by-telephone approach. This introduced an increased non-response bias to the survey, which was partially mitigated by the introduction of housing tenure-based weights into the survey in October 2020, as detailed in [Coronavirus and its impact on the Labour Force Survey](#).

However, it was acknowledged that further improvement work was required to deal with the increase in non-response from those with a non-UK country of birth or nationality. As a result, a new [weighting methodology](#) was introduced in July 2021. Further information is available in [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators, UK: 2020](#). All estimates in this release are based on the new methodology.

We plan to reweight Labour Force Survey (LFS) and Annual Population Survey (APS) datasets that include data from March 2020. We will provide further details on our plans including a timeline in our March Labour Market publication.

### 4 . Summary

Table 1: October to December 2021 headline measures and changes  
UK headline economic status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted (unless stated otherwise), October to December 2021

	Level/Rate	Change from previous three-month period	Change on year	Change since December 2019 to February 2020
<b>Employment (000s, aged 16 years and over)</b>	32,485	-38	+337	-588
<b>Employment rate (aged 16 to 64 years)</b>	75.5%	+0.1pp	+0.9pp	-1.0pp
<b>Unemployment (000s, aged 16 years and over)</b>	1,374	-74	-396	+10
<b>Unemployment rate (aged 16 years and over)</b>	4.1%	-0.2pp	-1.2pp	+0.1pp
<b>Economically inactive (000s, aged 16 to 64 years)</b>	8,764	+31	+36	+394
<b>Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)</b>	21.2%	+0.1pp	+0.1pp	+1.0pp
<b>Total weekly hours (millions)</b>	1,026.7	+0.1	+57.5	-25.5
<b>Redundancies (000s, aged 16 years and over, not seasonally adjusted)</b>	72	-32	-285	-34
<b>Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over, not seasonally adjusted)</b>	2.6	-1.2	-10.3	-1.3

Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

**Figure 1: October to December estimates show an increase in the employment and economic inactivity rates compared with the previous three-month period, while the unemployment rate decreased**

UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity rates, seasonally adjusted, between October to December 2006 and October to December 2021

[Download the data](#)

The increase in the employment rate was driven by the movement of people aged 16 to 64 years from unemployment to employment (Figure 2). Total job-to-job moves also increased to a record high of 988,000, driven by resignations rather than dismissals, during the October to December 2021 period.

## Figure 2: There was a net flow of 193,000 from unemployment to employment

UK flows between employment, unemployment, and economic inactivity, people aged 16 to 64 years, (seasonally adjusted) between July to September 2021 and October to December 2021

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During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, there was a decrease in the employment rate and increases in the economic inactivity and unemployment rates for both men and women (Figure 3).

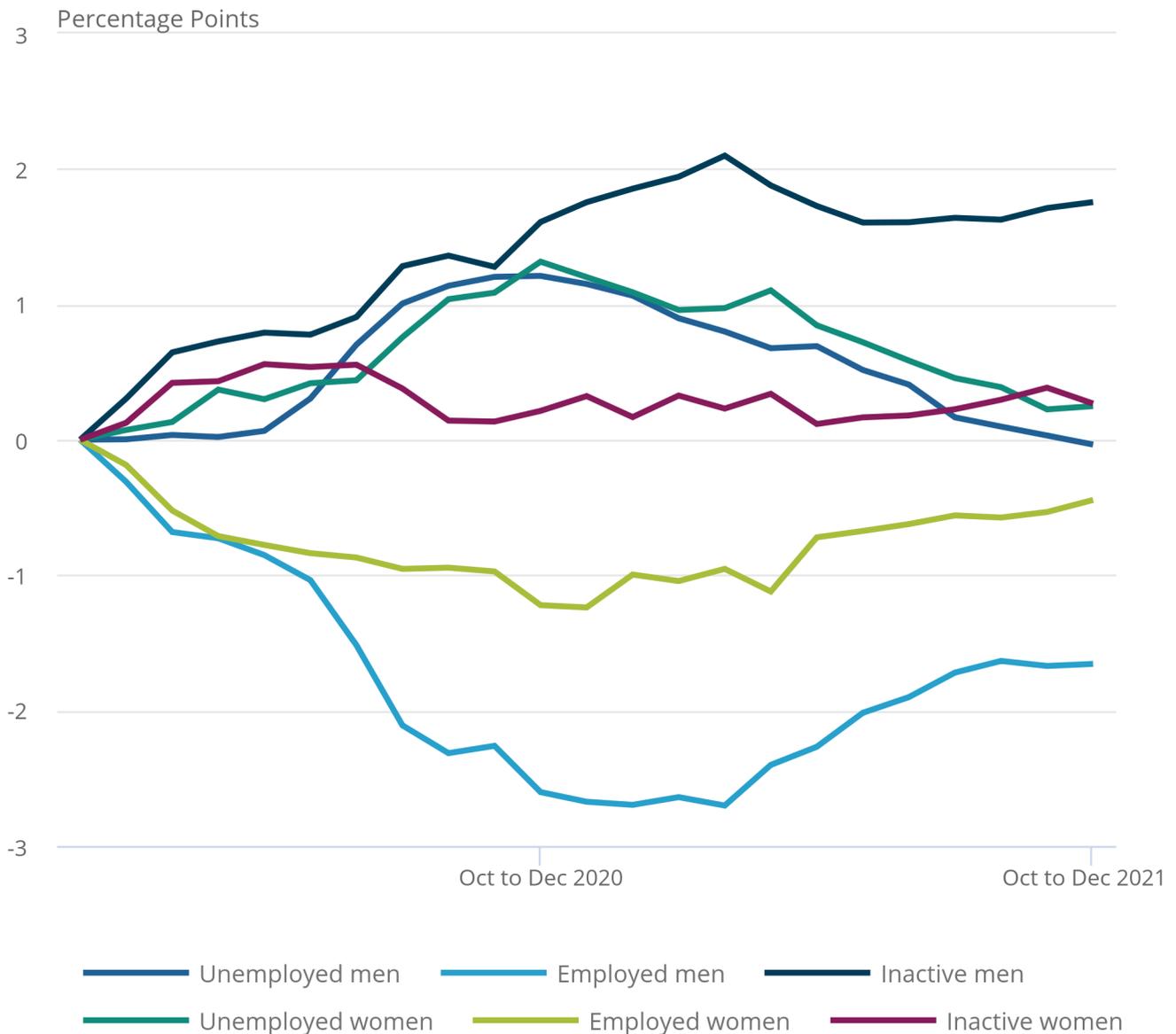
During the latest three-month period, which followed the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), there have been increases in the employment rates and decreases in the unemployment rates for both men and women. The increase in the economic inactivity rate compared with the latest three-month period was driven by men, while the inactivity rate for women was largely unchanged.

**Figure 3: Following large falls over the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the unemployment rates for men and women continue to show signs of recovery**

UK economic status rates by sex, seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December 2019 to February 2020, for each period up to October to December 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

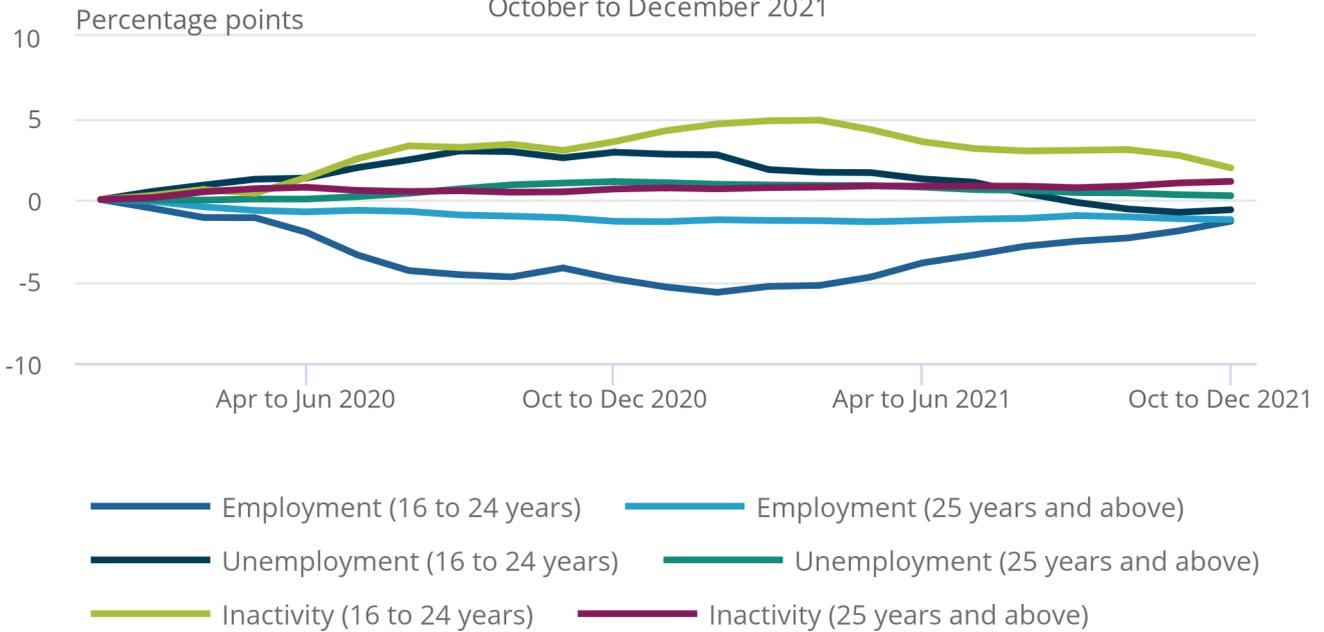
Young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) have been particularly affected by the coronavirus pandemic, with the employment rate decreasing and the unemployment and economic inactivity rates increasing by more than seen for those aged 25 years and over. During the last three-month period, however, there was an increase in the employment rate and a decrease in the unemployment rate for young people to below pre-coronavirus pandemic rates (Figure 4). The inactivity rate for young people also decreased compared with the previous three-month period.

**Figure 4: The employment rate for young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) has increased over the latest three-month period, while the unemployment rate for young people is at pre-coronavirus levels**

UK rates by economic status (people aged 16 to 24 years and 25 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December 2019 to February 2020, for each period up to October to December 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

## 5 . Employment

Following an increase in the [employment](#) rate since early 2012, the rate decreased from the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in December 2019 to February 2020. However, there has been an increase since the end of 2020.

The number of part-time employees decreased strongly during the coronavirus pandemic, but has been increasing since April to June 2021 (Figure 5), driving the increase in the employment rate during the latest three-month period. Meanwhile, the number of self-employed workers remains low following decreases through the coronavirus pandemic.

**Figure 5: Part-time employees have begun to recover while self-employment remains low following large falls during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic**

UK employment by full-time employees, part-time employees, and self-employed people (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December to February 2020, for each period up to October to December 2021

Figure 5: Part-time employees have begun to recover while self-employment remains low following large falls during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

UK employment by full-time employees, part-time employees, and self-employed people (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December to February 2020, for each period up to October to December 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

Estimates of flows between employees, the self-employed, and those not in work (either unemployed or economically inactive) show the low level of self-employment is driven by people choosing employee jobs rather than self-employment. In October to December 2021, there was a net flow from self-employment to employees and a net flow from self-employment to not in work (Figure 6). Those who had previously not been in work largely opted for employee jobs, with a flow of 1.07 million from unemployment and economic inactivity to employees. In addition, a record high number remained as employees in October to December 2021.

**Figure 6: Employee jobs are being chosen over self-employment**

UK stocks (aged 16 years and over) and flows (aged 16 to 64) between employees, self-employed, and not in work, not seasonally adjusted, between July to September 2019 and October to December 2019, and between July to September 2021 and October to December 2021

## Notes

1. Those not in work are those who are either unemployed or economically inactive

[Download the data](#)

## Hours worked

[Total actual weekly hours worked](#) in the UK have been increasing since the relaxation of coronavirus lockdown measures. Compared with the previous three-month period, total actual weekly hours worked increased by 0.1 million hours to 1.03 billion hours in October to December 2021 (Figure 7). However, this is still 25.5 million below pre-coronavirus pandemic levels (December 2019 to February 2020).

### Figure 7: Total actual weekly hours worked increased during the latest three-month period

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

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

## 6 . Unemployment

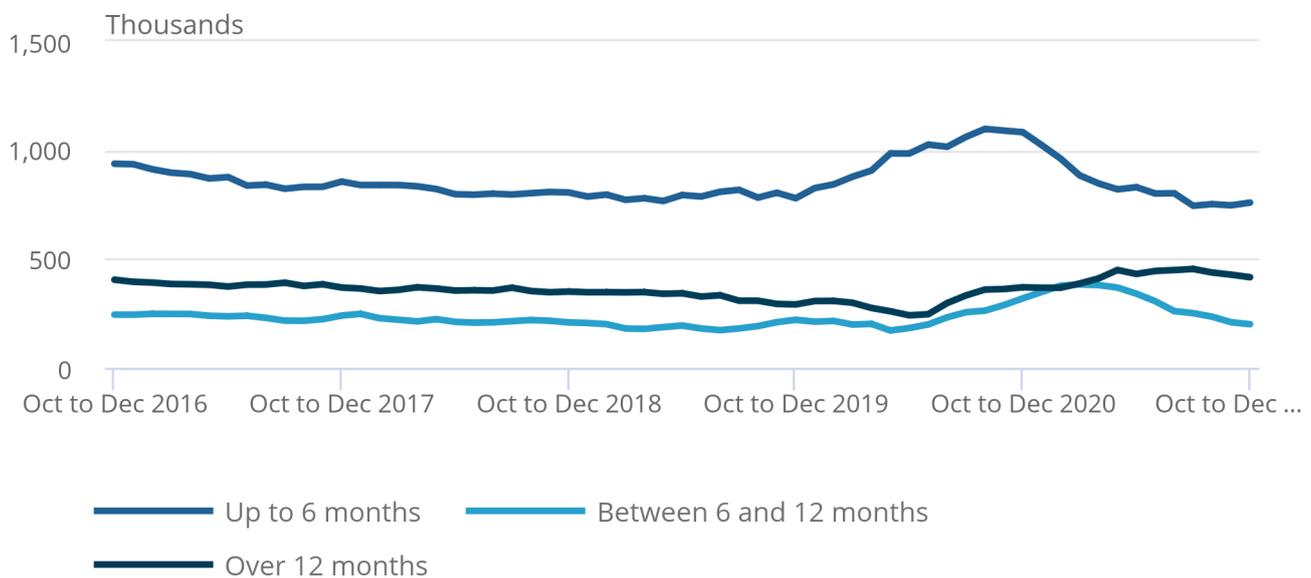
The [unemployment](#) rate had generally been falling since late 2013 up until the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in December 2019 to February 2020. It has increased since then but has fallen since the end of 2020.

**Figure 8: The decrease in unemployment was driven by those unemployed for over 6 months**

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

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



**Source: UK unemployment by duration (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between October to December 2016 and October to December 2021**

The decrease in unemployment over the latest three-month period was driven by those unemployed for over 6 months. Those unemployed for between 6 and 12 months have returned to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels, while those unemployed for over 12 months saw the third consecutive decrease over a three-month period since May to July 2020 (Figure 8). Meanwhile, those unemployed for up to 6 months increased slightly from the previous three-month period but remain below pre-coronavirus pandemic levels.

## 7 . Economic inactivity

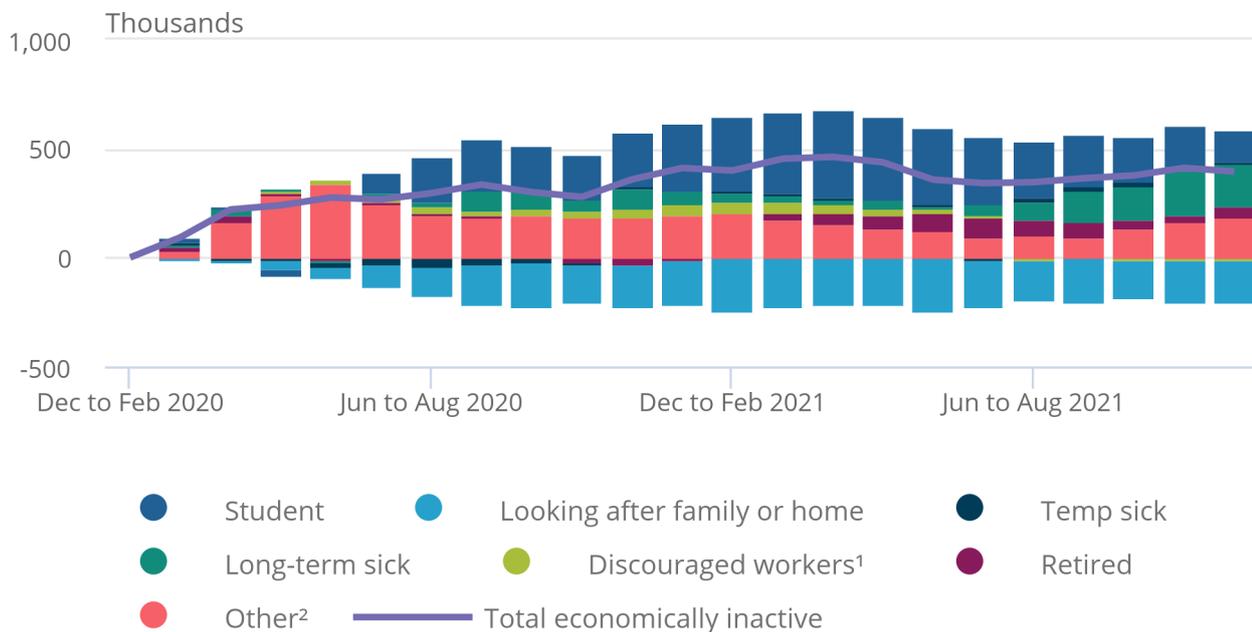
Since comparable records began in 1971, the [economic inactivity](#) rate has generally been falling; however, it increased during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

**Figure 9: The increase in economic inactivity compared with the previous three-month period was driven by those inactive because of long-term sickness and other reasons**

UK Economically inactive people by reason (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December 2019 to February 2020, for each period up to October to December 2021

Figure 9: The increase in economic inactivity compared with the previous three-month period was driven by those inactive because of long-term sickness and other reasons

UK Economically inactive people by reason (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December 2019 to February 2020, for each period up to October to December 2021



Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Notes:

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

The increase in economic inactivity since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020) was largely driven by those who are economically inactive because they are students or for “other” reasons (Figure 9). In the latest three-month period, however, those who are inactive because they are students continued to decrease, while the increase in inactivity compared with the latest three-month period was driven by those who are inactive because of long-term sickness and because of “other” reasons.

The number of economically inactive people who stated that they wanted a job increased in the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic but has fallen since to a record low.

## 8 . Redundancies

In October to December 2021, reports of redundancies in the three months prior to interview decreased by 1.2 per thousand compared with the previous three-month period to a record low of 2.6 per thousand employees (Figure 11).

### Figure 10: The redundancy rate decreased to a record low following the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

UK redundancy rate (people aged 16 years and over), not seasonally adjusted, between October to December 2006 and October to December 2021

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UK redundancy rate (people aged 16 years and over), not seasonally adjusted, between October to December 2006 and October to December 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

#### Notes:

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

From today we have started to publish a [table](#) showing potential redundancies, covering those notified by employers to the Insolvency Service via the "HR1" form, broken down by region and industry.

## 9 . Employment in the UK data

### [Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 15 February 2022

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

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

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 15 February 2022

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

### [Actual weekly hours worked](#)

Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 15 February 2022

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

### [Unemployment by age and duration](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 15 February 2022

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

### [Economic inactivity by reason](#)

Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 15 February 2022

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

## 10 . Glossary

### Actual and usual hours worked

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

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

### Economic inactivity

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

### Employment

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

Workers furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) or those who are self-employed but temporarily not in work, have a reasonable expectation of returning to their jobs after a temporary period of absence. Therefore, they are classified as employed under the International Labour Organization definition.

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

## Redundancies

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

## Unemployment

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

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

## 11 . Measuring the data

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

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

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

### Reweighting

LFS responses published from 15 July 2021 have been reweighted to new populations using growth rates from HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC's) Real Time Information (RTI), to allow for different trends during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators, UK: 2020 article](#) explains the reweighting methodology, which gives improved estimates of both rates and levels.

When the recent weighting methodology for LFS was applied, there was a small error in the calculation of the growth rates used. The impact on LFS economic activity estimates at national level is mostly below 0.1% and the impact on rates is less than 0.02 percentage points.

We plan to reweight Labour Force Survey (LFS) and Annual Population Survey (APS) datasets that include data from March 2020. We will provide further details on our plans including a timeline in our March Labour Market publication.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

View [more information on how labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#).

View a [comparison of our labour market data sources and the main differences](#).

### Making our published spreadsheets accessible

Following the Government Statistical Service (GSS) guidance on [releasing statistics in spreadsheets](#) we will be amending our published tables over the coming months to improve usability, accessibility and machine readability of our published statistics. To help users change to the new formats we will be publishing sample versions of a selection of our tables, and where practical, initially publish the tables in both the new and current formats. If you have any questions or comments, please email [labour.market@ons.gov.uk](mailto:labour.market@ons.gov.uk).

## 12 . Strengths and limitations

## Uncertainty in these data

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

The figures in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), which gathers information from a [sample](#) of households across the UK rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations. Results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons.

The data in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. It is not practical to survey every household each quarter, so these statistics are estimates based on a large sample.

As the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates gets larger. Estimates for small groups, which are based on small subsets of the LFS sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups.

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

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

## Comparability

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

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

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

## 13 . Related links

### [Business insights and impact on the UK economy: 6 January 2022](#)

Bulletin | Released 10 February 2022

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

### [Working and workless households in the UK: July to September 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 1 December 2021

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

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

Bulletin | Released 25 November 2021

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

### [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators, UK: 2020](#)

Article | Released 8 July 2021

Indicative estimates of the LFS reweighting methodology on key indicators for January to March 2020 to October to December 2020.

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

Article | Released 6 May 2020

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

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

Webpage | Updated frequently

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

# Index of Tables

The table below provides an index of the tables appearing in this Statistical Bulletin and it shows how these table numbers match up with the Excel spreadsheet datasets which are available on the website at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/February2022/relate>

Table 17 (International comparisons of employment and unemployment) is temporarily suspended, the data presented is the latest data available on the ONS website however all the data can be found on the Eurostat, OECD, Statistics Canada and US Bureau of Statistics

Table 18 (Labour Disputes) is also temporarily suspended as data collection has ceased for the foreseeable future. The data presented is the latest available.

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4(1)	Public sector employment by industry	<a href="#">Dataset EMP03</a>
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8(1)	Unemployment and economic inactivity by country of birth and nationality	<a href="#">Dataset A12</a>
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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 LFS<sup>1</sup> indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population <sup>1</sup>		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate <sup>4</sup>
	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 to 64	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MG SX	LF2M	LF2S
<b>People</b>								
Oct-Dec 2019	53,415	41,371	32,934	76.5	1,290	3.8	8,478	20.5
Oct-Dec 2020	53,501	41,309	32,149	74.7	1,771	5.2	8,728	21.1
Jan-Mar 2021	53,563	41,322	32,181	74.7	1,653	4.9	8,823	21.4
Apr-Jun 2021	53,558	41,284	32,276	75.1	1,600	4.7	8,727	21.1
Jul-Sep 2021	53,583	41,293	32,523	75.4	1,448	4.3	8,733	21.1
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>53,573</b>	<b>41,285</b>	<b>32,485</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>8,764</b>	<b>21.2</b>
Change on quarter	-10	-8	-38	0.1	-74	-0.2	31	0.1
Change %	0.0	0.0	-0.1		-5.1		0.4	
Change on year	73	-25	337	0.9	-396	-1.2	36	0.1
Change %	0.1	-0.1	1.0		-22.4		0.4	
<b>Men</b>								
	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Oct-Dec 2019	26,158	20,586	17,328	80.6	707	3.9	3,315	16.1
Oct-Dec 2020	26,215	20,563	16,786	77.9	963	5.4	3,606	17.5
Jan-Mar 2021	26,249	20,572	16,772	77.8	903	5.1	3,677	17.9
Apr-Jun 2021	26,250	20,555	16,839	78.2	868	4.9	3,629	17.7
Jul-Sep 2021	26,264	20,560	17,010	78.8	779	4.4	3,612	17.6
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>26,259</b>	<b>20,556</b>	<b>16,970</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>17.7</b>
Change on quarter	-5	-4	-40	0.1	-39	-0.2	23	0.1
Change %	0.0	0.0	-0.2		-5.0		0.6	
Change on year	44	-8	184	0.9	-223	-1.2	29	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.0	1.1		-23.1		0.8	
<b>Women</b>								
	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Oct-Dec 2019	27,258	20,785	15,605	72.4	582	3.6	5,162	24.8
Oct-Dec 2020	27,286	20,746	15,362	71.5	808	5.0	5,122	24.7
Jan-Mar 2021	27,314	20,750	15,409	71.6	750	4.6	5,146	24.8
Apr-Jun 2021	27,308	20,729	15,438	72.0	732	4.5	5,098	24.6
Jul-Sep 2021	27,320	20,733	15,514	72.1	669	4.1	5,121	24.7
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>27,315</b>	<b>20,729</b>	<b>15,515</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>24.7</b>
Change on quarter	-5	-4	2	0.1	-35	-0.2	8	0.0
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.0		-5.2		0.2	
Change on year	29	-17	153	0.8	-173	-1.1	7	0.1
Change %	0.1	-0.1	1.0		-21.5		0.1	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households in the UK.

2. The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.

3. The headline unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people (aged 16+) divided by the economically active population (aged 16+). The economically active population is defined as those in employment plus those who are unemployed.

4. The headline inactivity rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 divided by the population aged 16-64.

### Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity rates

The headline employment and inactivity rates are based on the population aged 16 to 64 but the headline unemployment rate is based on the economically active population aged 16 and over. The employment and inactivity rates for those aged 16 and over are affected by the inclusion of the retired population in the denominators and are therefore less meaningful than the rates for those aged from 16 to 64. However, for the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over, no such effect occurs as the denominator for the unemployment rate is the economically active population which only includes people in work or actively seeking and able to work.

### Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity levels

The headline employment and unemployment levels are for those aged 16 and over; they measure all people in work or actively seeking and able to work. However, the headline inactivity level is for those aged 16 to 64. The inactivity rate for those aged 16 and over is less meaningful as it includes elderly people who have retired from the labour force.



# SUMMARY

## 2(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
<b>People</b>	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAV	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Oct-Dec 2019	7,614	85.0	250	3.2	1,094	12.2	10,921	85.8	271	2.4	1,531	12.0
Oct-Dec 2020	7,526	84.5	334	4.3	1,050	11.8	10,683	84.4	414	3.7	1,564	12.4
Jan-Mar 2021	7,523	84.5	322	4.1	1,059	11.9	10,734	84.8	377	3.4	1,540	12.2
Apr-Jun 2021	7,508	84.5	325	4.2	1,055	11.9	10,746	85.1	371	3.3	1,510	12.0
Jul-Sep 2021	7,515	84.6	287	3.7	1,085	12.2	10,824	85.7	325	2.9	1,477	11.7
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	7,491	84.3	280	3.6	1,114	12.5	10,801	85.6	307	2.8	1,516	12.0
Change on quarter	-24	-0.3	-7	-0.1	29	0.3	-23	-0.2	-18	-0.2	39	0.3
Change %	-0.3		-2.3		2.7		-0.2		-5.5		2.6	
Change on year	-35	-0.2	-55	-0.7	64	0.8	118	1.2	-107	-1.0	-49	-0.3
Change %	-0.5		-16.3		6.1		1.1		-25.9		-3.1	
<b>Men</b>	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Oct-Dec 2019	4,064	90.2	134	3.2	306	6.8	5,734	91.3	130	2.2	419	6.7
Oct-Dec 2020	3,955	88.1	170	4.1	366	8.1	5,582	89.2	200	3.5	476	7.6
Jan-Mar 2021	3,932	87.6	170	4.1	389	8.7	5,637	90.1	183	3.2	434	6.9
Apr-Jun 2021	3,946	88.0	180	4.4	361	8.0	5,623	90.1	182	3.1	439	7.0
Jul-Sep 2021	3,967	88.4	158	3.8	361	8.0	5,625	90.1	164	2.8	455	7.3
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	3,979	88.7	140	3.4	366	8.2	5,624	90.1	152	2.6	465	7.5
Change on quarter	12	0.3	-18	-0.4	5	0.1	0	0.0	-12	-0.2	11	0.2
Change %	0.3		-11.5		1.5		0.0		-7.0		2.3	
Change on year	24	0.7	-30	-0.7	1	0.0	43	0.9	-47	-0.8	-11	-0.2
Change %	0.6		-17.9		0.1		0.8		-23.7		-2.3	
<b>Women</b>	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Oct-Dec 2019	3,550	79.7	116	3.2	788	17.7	5,187	80.5	141	2.6	1,112	17.3
Oct-Dec 2020	3,571	80.8	164	4.4	684	15.5	5,101	79.7	214	4.0	1,088	17.0
Jan-Mar 2021	3,591	81.4	152	4.1	670	15.2	5,098	79.7	194	3.7	1,106	17.3
Apr-Jun 2021	3,562	80.9	146	3.9	694	15.8	5,123	80.2	190	3.6	1,072	16.8
Jul-Sep 2021	3,548	80.6	129	3.5	724	16.5	5,200	81.5	161	3.0	1,022	16.0
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	3,512	79.8	140	3.8	748	17.0	5,177	81.1	155	2.9	1,050	16.5
Change on quarter	-36	-0.8	11	0.3	23	0.5	-23	-0.3	-6	-0.1	28	0.4
Change %	-1.0		8.9		3.2		-0.4		-4.0		2.8	
Change on year	-59	-1.0	-24	-0.6	64	1.5	76	1.5	-60	-1.1	-38	-0.5
Change %	-1.6		-14.7		9.3		1.5		-27.9		-3.5	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
<b>People</b>	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Oct-Dec 2019	9,312	72.7	255	2.7	3,234	25.3	1,297	10.8	33	2.5	10,715	89.0
Oct-Dec 2020	9,169	71.0	396	4.1	3,349	25.9	1,310	10.7	28	2.1	10,853	89.0
Jan-Mar 2021	9,196	71.0	379	4.0	3,376	26.1	1,303	10.6	32	2.4	10,906	89.1
Apr-Jun 2021	9,226	71.1	338	3.5	3,408	26.3	1,283	10.5	36	2.7	10,955	89.3
Jul-Sep 2021	9,205	70.9	327	3.4	3,455	26.6	1,378	11.2	35	2.5	10,879	88.5
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	9,200	70.9	292	3.1	3,492	26.9	1,309	10.7	30	2.3	10,950	89.1
Change on quarter	-5	0.0	-35	-0.4	37	0.3	-69	-0.6	-4	-0.2	71	0.6
Change %	0.0		-10.7		1.1		-5.0		-12.3		0.7	
Change on year	31	-0.1	-104	-1.1	143	1.0	-1	-0.1	2	0.1	96	0.1
Change %	0.3		-26.2		4.3		-0.1		7.1		0.9	
<b>Men</b>	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Oct-Dec 2019	4,842	77.1	137	2.8	1,299	20.7	744	13.3	22	2.8	4,806	86.3
Oct-Dec 2020	4,751	75.1	233	4.7	1,345	21.2	773	13.7	19	2.4	4,859	86.0
Jan-Mar 2021	4,738	74.7	223	4.5	1,385	21.8	760	13.4	21	2.6	4,897	86.3
Apr-Jun 2021	4,767	75.0	194	3.9	1,395	21.9	763	13.4	18	2.4	4,914	86.3
Jul-Sep 2021	4,761	74.8	178	3.6	1,423	22.4	817	14.3	23	2.8	4,863	85.3
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	4,761	74.8	166	3.4	1,434	22.6	768	13.5	22	2.7	4,914	86.2
Change on quarter	0	0.0	-13	-0.3	11	0.2	-50	-0.9	-2	0.0	50	0.9
Change %	0.0		-7.2		0.8		-6.1		-7.7		1.0	
Change on year	10	-0.2	-68	-1.3	90	1.3	-5	-0.2	3	0.3	54	0.2
Change %	0.2		-29.0		6.7		-0.7		13.4		1.1	
<b>Women</b>	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Oct-Dec 2019	4,470	68.5	118	2.6	1,935	29.7	553	8.5	12	2.1	5,908	91.3
Oct-Dec 2020	4,418	67.1	162	3.5	2,004	30.4	537	8.2	9	1.7	5,994	91.7
Jan-Mar 2021	4,458	67.5	156	3.4	1,991	30.1	543	8.3	11	2.0	6,009	91.6
Apr-Jun 2021	4,459	67.4	145	3.1	2,013	30.4	520	7.9	18	3.3	6,041	91.8
Jul-Sep 2021	4,444	67.1	148	3.2	2,032	30.7	560	8.5	11	2.0	6,015	91.3
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	4,439	67.0	126	2.8	2,057	31.1	541	8.2	9	1.6	6,036	91.7
Change on quarter	-5	-0.1	-22	-0.5	25	0.4	-19	-0.3	-2	-0.4	21	0.3
Change %	-0.1		-14.8		1.2		-3.4		-21.9		0.3	
Change on year	21	-0.1	-36	-0.8	53	0.6	4	0.0	-1	-0.1	42	0.0
Change %	0.5		-22.1		2.6		0.8		-6.0		0.7	

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# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

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

	All in employment				Full-time and part-time workers <sup>1</sup>								Total Workers with second jobs		
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes <sup>2</sup>		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			
					MGRW	MGRX								YCBS	YCBH
<b>People</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Oct-Dec 2019	32,934	27,726	5,027	126	55	24,416	8,517	20,792	6,934	3,571	1,455	1,165			
Oct-Dec 2020	32,149	27,704	4,319	91	35	24,235	7,914	21,198	6,506	2,984	1,335	1,097			
Jan-Mar 2021	32,181	27,781	4,281	90	29	24,420	7,761	21,381	6,401	2,993	1,287	1,137			
Apr-Jun 2021	32,276	27,879	4,279	85	33	24,461	7,815	21,447	6,432	2,974	1,305	1,166			
Jul-Sep 2021	32,523	28,111	4,277	89	46	24,500	8,024	21,510	6,601	2,950	1,327	1,163			
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>32,485</b>	<b>28,175</b>	<b>4,178</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24,440</b>	<b>8,046</b>	<b>21,532</b>	<b>6,643</b>	<b>2,864</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,167</b>			
Change on quarter	-38	64	-99	-5	2	-60	22	22	43	-85	-14	5			
Change %	-0.1	0.2	-2.3	-5.8	4.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	-2.9	-1.0	0.4			
Change on year	337	471	-141	-6	14	205	132	334	137	-120	-21	71			
Change %	1.0	1.7	-3.3	-7.0	39.5	0.8	1.7	1.6	2.1	-4.0	-1.6	6.5			
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX			
Oct-Dec 2019	17,328	13,929	3,312	61	27	15,108	2,220	12,343	1,585	2,732	590	481			
Oct-Dec 2020	16,786	13,893	2,829	42	22	14,691	2,096	12,413	1,480	2,248	581	457			
Jan-Mar 2021	16,772	13,982	2,730	47	13	14,719	2,053	12,489	1,493	2,206	524	481			
Apr-Jun 2021	16,839	14,024	2,751	48	15	14,743	2,096	12,492	1,532	2,230	521	492			
Jul-Sep 2021	17,010	14,185	2,774	31	20	14,774	2,235	12,508	1,677	2,249	525	483			
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>16,970</b>	<b>14,183</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14,761</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>12,548</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>500</b>			
Change on quarter	-40	-2	-53	14	1	-13	-27	41	-43	-60	7	17			
Change %	-0.2	0.0	-1.9	46.1	6.0	-0.1	-1.2	0.3	-2.6	-2.7	1.4	3.5			
Change on year	184	289	-107	3	-1	71	113	135	154	-59	-49	43			
Change %	1.1	2.1	-3.8	6.5	-3.9	0.5	5.4	1.1	10.4	-2.6	-8.4	9.4			
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY			
Oct-Dec 2019	15,605	13,797	1,715	65	28	9,308	6,297	8,449	5,348	839	876	684			
Oct-Dec 2020	15,362	13,811	1,490	48	13	9,544	5,818	8,784	5,026	736	754	640			
Jan-Mar 2021	15,409	13,799	1,550	43	17	9,701	5,707	8,891	4,907	787	763	656			
Apr-Jun 2021	15,438	13,855	1,528	37	18	9,718	5,719	8,955	4,901	744	784	675			
Jul-Sep 2021	15,514	13,926	1,503	59	27	9,726	5,788	9,002	4,923	700	802	680			
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>15,515</b>	<b>13,992</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9,678</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>8,983</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>688</b>			
Change on quarter	2	66	-46	-19	1	-47	49	-19	86	-25	-21	-12			
Change %	0.0	0.5	-3.1	-33.0	2.6	-0.5	0.8	-0.2	1.7	-3.6	-2.6	-1.8			
Change on year	153	182	-34	-9	15	134	19	199	-17	-61	27	28			
Change %	1.0	1.3	-2.3	-18.8	112.2	1.4	0.3	2.3	-0.3	-8.3	3.6	4.4			
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)				Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) <sup>3</sup>										
	% that could not														
	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 testing	Some other reason	Total <sup>4</sup>	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school			
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
<b>People</b>	YCBZ	YCCX	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ		
Oct-Dec 2019	1,422	5.1	361	25.4	396	113	552	8,389	918	10.9	6,058	291	1,071		
Oct-Dec 2020	1,570	5.7	457	29.1	362	117	633	7,842	1,038	13.2	5,535	267	918		
Jan-Mar 2021	1,550	5.6	512	33.0	350	110	578	7,688	1,031	13.4	5,423	273	886		
Apr-Jun 2021	1,615	5.8	536	33.2	386	101	593	7,737	982	12.7	5,488	264	942		
Jul-Sep 2021	1,678	6.0	502	29.9	420	141	615	7,928	1,002	12.6	5,555	258	1,059		
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>5,560</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>1,160</b>		
Change on quarter	36	0.1	-59	-4.1	41	16	38	29	-100	-1.3	6	15	100		
Change %	2.1	-11.8	-16.8	-16.3	9.7	11.2	6.2	0.4	-10.0	-0.1	0.1	5.7	9.5		
Change on year	144	0.4	-15	-3.3	99	40	20	115	-136	-1.9	26	6	242		
Change %	9.2	0.4	-3.3	-3.3	27.3	33.7	3.2	1.5	-13.1	-1.9	0.5	2.4	26.3		
<b>Men</b>	YCCA	YCCG	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD		
Oct-Dec 2019	672	4.8	180	26.7	175	63	254	2,165	386	17.8	1,243	100	419		
Oct-Dec 2020	732	5.3	241	32.9	144	53	294	2,061	444	21.5	1,121	91	370		
Jan-Mar 2021	719	5.1	241	33.5	167	51	260	2,018	448	22.2	1,106	88	346		
Apr-Jun 2021	741	5.3	255	34.4	173	51	262	2,053	413	20.1	1,159	87	368		
Jul-Sep 2021	742	5.2	229	30.8	180	73	260	2,202	434	19.7	1,213	88	442		
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>466</b>		
Change on quarter	8	0.1	-9	-1.5	8	-4	13	-36	-36	-1.3	-32	5	24		
Change %	1.1	-3.9	-2.7	-4.3	4.3	-5.3	5.1	-1.6	-8.2	-1.1	-2.6	6.1	5.5		
Change on year	18	0.0	-21	-3.6	44	16	-21	105	-46	-3.2	60	2	96		
Change %	2.5	-0.6	-6.6	-10.5	30.5	29.8	-7.0	5.1	-10.4	-3.2	5.4	2.0	25.8		
<b>Women</b>	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD		
Oct-Dec 2019	750	5.4	182	24.2	221	49	298	6,224	533	8.6	4,815	191	652		
Oct-Dec 2020	838	6.1	217	25.9	218	64	339	5,781	594	10.3	4,414	176	548		
Jan-Mar 2021	831	6.0	271	32.6	183	59	318	5,670	583	10.3	4,316	185	540		
Apr-Jun 2021	874	6.3	281	32.2	212	49	331	5,684	569	10.0	4,330	176	573		
Jul-Sep 2021	936	6.7	273	29.2	239	68	355	5,726	568	9.9	4,342	171	617		
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>694</b>		
Change on quarter	27	0.2	-60	-6.1	33	20	25	65	-64	-1.2	38	9	76		
Change %	2.9	-18.5	-33.9	-17.8	13.8	28.8	7.1	1.1	-11.3	-1.3	0.9	5.5	12.4		
Change on year	126	0.8	6	-2.8	55	24	41	10	-90	-1.6	-34	5	146		
Change %	15.0	2.7	0.3	-3.3	25.2	36.8	12.1	0.2	-15.1	-1.8	-2.6	2.6	26.7		

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

- The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.
- 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.
- The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of the other columns in this section of the table.

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 7 Actual weekly hours worked

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

Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked

	Total weekly hours (millions) <sup>12</sup>	All workers <sup>1</sup>	Full-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Second Jobs
<b>People</b>	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Oct-Dec 2019	1,050.1	31.9	36.9	16.2	9.8
Oct-Dec 2020	969.2	30.1	34.8	14.8	9.7
Jan-Mar 2021	950.4	29.5	33.7	14.0	9.8
Apr-Jun 2021	1,001.3	31.0	35.5	15.4	10.0
Jul-Sep 2021	1,026.6	31.6	36.0	16.1	9.8
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	1,026.7	31.6	36.2	16.3	10.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.2	3.7
<i>Change on year</i>	57.5	1.5	1.4	1.6	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	5.9	4.8	3.9	10.6	4.5
<b>Men</b>	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Oct-Dec 2019	623.2	36.0	38.6	16.1	10.6
Oct-Dec 2020	566.0	33.7	36.3	14.2	10.1
Jan-Mar 2021	552.3	32.9	34.9	13.3	10.3
Apr-Jun 2021	585.7	34.8	37.1	15.2	10.7
Jul-Sep 2021	597.7	35.1	37.4	15.6	10.5
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	598.1	35.2	37.8	16.1	11.0
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.3	1.1	2.7	4.9
<i>Change on year</i>	32.1	1.5	1.5	1.9	0.9
<i>Change %</i>	5.7	4.5	4.2	13.3	9.1
<b>Women</b>	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Oct-Dec 2019	426.9	27.4	34.2	16.2	9.2
Oct-Dec 2020	403.2	26.2	32.5	15.0	9.5
Jan-Mar 2021	398.1	25.8	31.9	14.3	9.5
Apr-Jun 2021	415.6	26.9	33.1	15.5	9.5
Jul-Sep 2021	428.8	27.6	33.9	16.3	9.3
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	428.6	27.6	33.7	16.4	9.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	0.6	2.4
<i>Change on year</i>	25.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	6.3	5.2	3.6	9.7	0.7

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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 work<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
<b>Oct-Dec 2020</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.9	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.1	3.2	2.2	5.1
6 up to 15 hours	5.8	3.2	8.7	5.1	2.7	7.6	10.6	5.9	19.5
16 up to 30 hours	19.2	10.4	28.9	18.6	8.7	28.5	23.6	18.6	33.1
31 up to 45 hours	57.3	63.6	50.4	60.1	67.4	52.7	39.3	45.0	28.7
Over 45 hours	16.4	21.9	10.4	15.4	20.7	10.1	23.2	28.2	13.6
Total (thousands)	32,149	16,786	15,362	27,704	13,893	13,811	4,319	2,829	1,490
<b>Jul-Sep 2021</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.8	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	3.2	2.0	5.5
6 up to 15 hours	6.0	3.3	9.0	5.4	2.9	7.8	9.7	5.1	18.3
16 up to 30 hours	18.7	10.1	28.1	18.0	8.9	27.2	24.1	17.2	36.8
31 up to 45 hours	57.6	63.6	51.0	60.2	66.7	53.7	40.3	47.4	27.0
Over 45 hours	16.5	22.1	10.3	15.6	20.9	10.2	22.8	28.4	12.4
Total (thousands)	32,523	17,010	15,514	28,111	14,185	13,926	4,277	2,774	1,503
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.8	1.7	0.8	0.5	1.2	3.1	1.6	5.9
6 up to 15 hours	5.9	3.4	8.6	5.3	2.9	7.7	9.9	5.7	17.7
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.1	28.4	18.0	8.6	27.5	24.2	17.1	37.3
31 up to 45 hours	57.7	63.9	51.0	60.4	67.1	53.7	40.2	47.8	25.9
Over 45 hours	16.4	21.9	10.3	15.5	20.8	10.0	22.7	27.8	13.1
Total (thousands)	32,485	16,970	15,515	28,175	14,183	13,992	4,178	2,722	1,456

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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# NON-UK WORKERS

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

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

	United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over) not seasonally adjusted																			Total Non-EU <sup>7</sup>
	Europe									Africa			Asia			America and Oceania				
	Total <sup>1</sup>	UK		Non UK		European Union (EU)					Other Europe (not in EU)	Total Africa	Of which: South Africa	Total Asia	Of which: India	Of which: Pakistan and Bangladesh	Total America and Oceania	Of which: USA	Of which: Australia and New Zealand	
MGTM		JF6F	JF6G	FSC2	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	FSC3	FSC4										FSC5
<b>Levels (aged 16 and over)</b>																				
<b>Country of birth levels</b>	MGTM	JF6F	JF6G	FSC2	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	FSC3	FSC4	FSC5	JJS3	FSC6	JJS7	JJS9	FSC7	JJR7	JJS5	EQ4S	
Oct-Dec 2019	32,983	27,171	5,809	2,704	2,436	1,026	970	400	40	269	937	171	1,544	490	373	624	95	169	3,373	
Oct-Dec 2020	32,187	26,409	5,771	2,434	2,202	1,061	799	299	44	232	996	194	1,593	515	323	748	133	181	3,569	
Jan-Mar 2021	32,181	26,120	6,057	2,590	2,303	1,159	806	297	40	288	1,022	205	1,679	557	369	766	135	146	3,754	
Apr-Jun 2021	32,229	26,257	5,965	2,611	2,342	1,124	864	314	40	269	983	193	1,681	553	381	690	136	157	3,623	
Jul-Sep 2021	32,543	26,637	5,898	2,510	2,232	1,067	805	321	39	278	1,001	215	1,678	577	387	710	136	174	3,866	
Oct-Dec 2021	32,529	26,561	5,965	2,653	2,388	1,170	857	321	40	265	971	223	1,639	544	380	702	144	179	3,577	
Change on year	342	152	194	219	186	109	58	22	-3	33	-25	29	45	29	57	-46	10	-2	8	
Change %	1.1	0.6	3.4	9.0	8.4	10.3	7.3	7.2	-7.2	14.2	-2.5	14.7	2.9	5.6	17.8	-6.1	7.6	-1.2	0.2	
<b>Country of birth rates</b>	LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	FSD5	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	FSD6	FSD7	FSD8	LFN4	FSD9	LFN6	LFN7	FSE2	LFN2	LFN5	EQ52	
Oct-Dec 2019	76.6	76.8	75.6	82.0	83.1	80.9	85.7	82.7	78.0	73.5	74.2	82.3	65.7	78.7	56.7	80.2	79.1	87.8	70.9	
Oct-Dec 2020	74.8	74.9	74.3	78.6	79.2	78.2	78.7	85.8	71.3	72.8	70.0	79.3	69.3	77.4	60.3	78.3	76.7	81.2	71.5	
Jan-Mar 2021	74.7	74.8	74.7	78.6	79.5	78.7	78.9	83.9	82.0	71.9	72.7	78.7	68.7	78.5	60.0	79.3	81.4	82.7	72.0	
Apr-Jun 2021	74.9	75.0	75.1	80.1	81.3	79.0	82.1	87.9	80.4	71.4	73.2	83.8	68.2	79.4	58.9	78.5	77.0	82.7	71.5	
Jul-Sep 2021	75.5	75.5	75.6	81.6	82.5	81.4	82.2	88.8	70.1	75.4	74.8	83.2	67.4	78.9	59.1	78.5	72.9	87.7	71.9	
Oct-Dec 2021	75.7	75.7	75.8	82.6	83.6	82.6	85.2	85.2	69.3	74.8	74.4	85.3	66.5	79.2	55.6	79.2	78.3	88.5	71.3	
Change on year	0.9	0.8	1.5	4.0	4.4	4.3	6.5	-0.6	-2.0	2.0	4.4	6.0	-2.8	1.8	-4.7	0.8	1.5	7.4	-0.1	
<b>Nationality levels</b>	MGTM	JF6H	JF6I	FSC8	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	FSC9	FSC6	FSD2	JJS4	FSD3	JJS8	JJT2	FSD4	JJR8	JJS6	EQ4W	
Oct-Dec 2019	32,983	29,325	3,654	2,439	2,310	994	931	367	17	129	298	68	602	199	126	316	75	107	1,344	
Oct-Dec 2020	32,187	28,634	3,549	2,174	2,083	1,015	768	275	25	91	352	69	584	207	99	439	114	115	1,466	
Jan-Mar 2021	32,181	28,462	3,716	2,308	2,176	1,108	775	263	30	133	339	66	632	229	117	436	127	83	1,540	
Apr-Jun 2021	32,229	28,548	3,676	2,326	2,200	1,070	823	278	30	126	338	62	618	226	123	394	123	79	1,476	
Jul-Sep 2021	32,543	28,928	3,610	2,225	2,080	1,009	753	289	30	145	356	69	632	253	118	397	113	96	1,530	
Oct-Dec 2021	32,529	28,886	3,637	2,283	2,150	1,059	783	283	25	133	331	67	647	251	111	375	112	105	1,487	
Change on year	342	252	88	109	67	44	14	8	0	42	-21	-2	64	44	12	-64	-2	-11	21	
Change %	1.1	0.9	2.5	5.0	3.2	4.3	1.9	2.8	1.6	46.4	-5.9	-3.5	10.9	21.1	12.0	-14.5	-1.6	-9.1	1.5	
<b>Nationality rates</b>	LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	FSE3	EQ54	LFO2	LFO3	EQ55	FSE4	FSE5	FSE6	LFO6	FSE7	LFO8	LFO9	FSE8	LFO4	LFO7	EQ56	
Oct-Dec 2019	76.6	76.7	76.0	81.9	82.4	80.3	85.4	81.0	80.0	73.4	69.0	85.8	60.3	74.6	55.2	78.5	77.2	87.8	66.9	
Oct-Dec 2020	74.8	74.8	75.1	79.0	79.9	77.8	80.4	85.8	92.6	63.3	68.0	84.6	64.3	74.4	58.7	80.3	75.2	84.9	69.2	
Jan-Mar 2021	74.7	74.7	75.3	78.6	79.3	78.1	79.7	82.1	97.0	68.5	71.2	82.9	65.3	74.7	61.3	79.3	75.3	86.2	70.3	
Apr-Jun 2021	74.9	75.0	75.3	79.8	80.6	78.0	82.4	85.4	86.9	67.9	69.8	84.6	62.9	81.2	52.5	78.4	73.9	82.5	68.5	
Jul-Sep 2021	75.5	75.4	76.4	81.5	82.1	80.8	82.2	87.1	80.5	73.9	71.2	78.5	64.3	79.1	53.8	77.3	73.0	87.8	69.7	
Oct-Dec 2021	75.7	75.6	76.3	82.4	83.3	82.6	84.6	83.1	79.1	70.5	69.4	86.3	62.4	75.5	44.9	78.5	74.3	90.6	68.1	
Change on year	0.9	0.9	1.2	3.4	3.4	4.8	4.2	-2.7	-13.5	7.1	1.4	1.7	-1.9	1.1	-13.8	-1.8	-0.9	5.7	-1.1	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

# NON-UK WORKERS

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

United Kingdom (thousands of people) not seasonally adjusted

	Unemployment (all aged 16 and over)					Economically inactive (all aged from 16 to 64)										
	Total <sup>1</sup>	UK	Non-UK	EU27 <sup>2</sup>	Non-EU	Total <sup>1</sup>		UK		Non-UK		EU27 <sup>2</sup>		Non-EU		
						All economically inactive	Of which: Students <sup>3</sup>	All economically inactive	Of which: Students <sup>3</sup>	All economically inactive	Of which: Students <sup>3</sup>	All economically inactive	Of which: Students <sup>3</sup>	All economically inactive	Of which: Students <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Levels (thousands of people)</b>																
<b>Country of birth levels</b>																
	MGTP	DSWD	DT35	DT3F	DTKB	LF9L	LF9W	DTLK	DYUP	DYUR	DYVR	DYVZ	DYWL	DYWR	DZ37	
Oct-Dec 2019	1,268	1,030	237	85	152	8,450	2,223	6,844	1,769	1,596	455	403	130	1,193	325	
Oct-Dec 2020	1,773	1,325	448	148	300	8,677	2,357	7,155	1,901	1,501	456	419	172	1,083	284	
Jan-Mar 2021	1,635	1,198	437	161	276	8,843	2,614	7,251	2,098	1,567	511	422	210	1,145	301	
Apr-Jun 2021	1,524	1,165	358	101	259	8,855	2,567	7,251	2,078	1,573	486	430	184	1,143	302	
Jul-Sep 2021	1,515	1,159	356	87	269	8,647	2,179	7,118	1,787	1,506	382	379	119	1,126	273	
Oct-Dec 2021	1,373	1,042	331	68	263	8,707	2,243	7,153	1,833	1,527	410	391	126	1,136	284	
Change on year	-400	-284	-116	-80	-36	30	-115	-2	-68	26	-46	-28	-46	54	0	
Change %	-22.6	-21.4	-26.0	-54.0	-12.2	0.3	-4.9	0.0	-3.6	1.7	-10.0	-6.6	-26.6	4.9	0.0	
<b>Country of birth rates</b>																
	MGUK	DT2W	DT3B	DTJG	DTKD	CRZK	DYTD	DYUT	DYUS	DYVU	DYWA	DYWM	DYWS	DZGD		
Oct-Dec 2019	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.4	4.3	20.4	20.2	21.3	14.0	14.0	25.9					
Oct-Dec 2020	5.2	4.8	7.2	6.3	7.7	21.0	21.2	19.9	15.4	14.9	22.4					
Jan-Mar 2021	4.8	4.4	6.7	6.5	6.8	21.4	21.7	19.9	14.9	15.2	23.3					
Apr-Jun 2021	4.5	4.2	5.7	4.1	6.6	21.4	21.6	20.4	14.4	15.2	22.8					
Jul-Sep 2021	4.4	4.2	5.7	3.8	6.8	20.9	21.1	19.9	14.4	15.2	22.8					
Oct-Dec 2021	4.0	3.8	5.3	2.8	6.9	21.1	21.3	20.0	14.0	14.0	23.4					
Change on year	-1.2	-1.0	-1.9	-3.5	-0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	-1.3	0.9						
<b>Nationality levels</b>																
	MGTP	DSWE	DT39	DTG9	DTKC	LF9L	LF9W	DYTC	DYUQ	DYUS	DYVU	DYWA	DYWM	DYWS	DZGD	
Oct-Dec 2019	1,268	1,102	165	87	79	8,450	2,223	7,456	1,900	976	323	398	143	578	180	
Oct-Dec 2020	1,773	1,483	290	141	149	8,677	2,357	7,788	2,061	866	293	376	157	490	136	
Jan-Mar 2021	1,635	1,356	277	160	118	8,843	2,614	7,896	2,265	920	346	400	193	519	152	
Apr-Jun 2021	1,524	1,296	227	103	124	8,855	2,567	7,855	2,223	965	341	418	184	547	157	
Jul-Sep 2021	1,515	1,299	214	82	133	8,647	2,179	7,733	1,923	890	255	367	124	523	131	
Oct-Dec 2021	1,373	1,163	209	69	139	8,707	2,243	7,774	1,971	906	272	356	124	550	147	
Change on year	-400	-320	-82	-72	-10	30	-115	-14	-90	39	-21	-20	-32	60	11	
Change %	-22.6	-21.6	-28.2	-50.8	-6.8	0.3	-4.9	-0.2	-4.4	4.6	-7.2	-5.4	-20.6	12.2	8.3	
<b>Nationality rates</b>																
	MGUK	DT2Z	DT3D	DTKA	DTLH	CRZK	DYUQ	DYUJ	DYUW	DYWE	DZ36					
Oct-Dec 2019	3.7	3.6	4.3	3.6	5.5	20.4	20.4	20.6	14.4	14.4	29.1					
Oct-Dec 2020	5.2	4.9	7.6	6.3	9.2	21.0	21.3	18.6	14.6	14.6	23.6					
Jan-Mar 2021	4.8	4.5	6.9	6.8	7.1	21.4	21.7	19.0	14.8	14.8	24.2					
Apr-Jun 2021	4.5	4.3	5.8	4.5	7.7	21.4	21.6	20.1	15.5	15.5	25.8					
Jul-Sep 2021	4.4	4.3	5.6	3.8	8.0	20.9	21.1	19.1	14.7	14.7	24.2					
Oct-Dec 2021	4.0	3.9	5.4	3.1	8.6	21.1	21.3	19.3	14.0	14.0	25.5					
Change on year	-1.2	-1.1	-2.1	-3.2	-0.7	0.1	0.0	0.6	-0.6	0.9						

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

2. This series consists of all 27 EU member states.

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 (%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBVG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF21	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Oct-Dec 2019	1,290	3.8	779	220	291	22.5	163	1,257	3.8	763	210	284	22.6	155
Oct-Dec 2020	1,771	5.2	1,082	319	370	20.9	196	1,742	5.3	1,070	312	360	20.7	187
Jan-Mar 2021	1,653	4.9	884	382	387	23.4	197	1,621	5.0	873	375	374	23.0	190
Apr-Jun 2021	1,600	4.7	829	340	431	26.9	190	1,564	4.8	819	332	413	26.4	179
Jul-Sep 2021	1,448	4.3	744	251	454	31.3	208	1,414	4.3	737	244	433	30.6	201
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	1,374	4.1	759	200	416	30.3	201	1,344	4.1	745	194	404	30.1	191
Change on quarter	-74	-0.2	15	-51	-38	-1.1	-7	-70	-0.2	9	-50	-28	-0.5	-10
Change %	-5.1		2.0	-20.2	-8.3		-3.2	-4.9		1.2	-20.4	-6.6		-4.9
Change on year	-396	-1.2	-324	-119	46	9.4	5	-398	-1.2	-324	-118	44	9.4	4
Change %	-22.4		-29.9	-37.3	12.5		2.7	-22.9		-30.3	-37.7	12.2		2.1
<b>Men</b>	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBYW
Oct-Dec 2019	707	3.9	407	127	173	24.5	96	686	4.0	398	117	171	24.9	93
Oct-Dec 2020	963	5.4	579	166	218	22.6	122	944	5.6	573	161	209	22.2	113
Jan-Mar 2021	903	5.1	448	209	246	27.3	134	883	5.2	445	203	235	26.6	128
Apr-Jun 2021	868	4.9	418	182	268	30.9	124	850	5.0	414	176	261	30.7	121
Jul-Sep 2021	779	4.4	355	141	282	36.2	137	755	4.5	350	137	268	35.5	133
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	740	4.2	378	97	265	35.8	131	718	4.2	369	93	256	35.7	123
Change on quarter	-39	-0.2	23	-45	-17	-0.4	-6	-37	-0.2	19	-44	-12	0.1	-11
Change %	-5.0		6.4	-31.6	-6.0		-4.5	-4.9		5.4	-32.1	-4.6		-8.0
Change on year	-223	-1.2	-201	-70	48	13.2	10	-225	-1.3	-204	-68	47	13.5	9
Change %	-23.1		-34.7	-41.9	21.9		8.0	-23.9		-35.6	-42.4	22.5		8.3
<b>Women</b>	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Oct-Dec 2019	582	3.6	372	94	117	20.1	67	571	3.7	365	93	113	19.8	62
Oct-Dec 2020	808	5.0	503	152	152	18.8	74	799	5.1	497	151	151	18.9	74
Jan-Mar 2021	750	4.6	436	173	140	18.7	63	739	4.7	428	172	139	18.8	62
Apr-Jun 2021	732	4.5	411	158	163	22.2	66	714	4.6	406	156	152	21.3	58
Jul-Sep 2021	669	4.1	399	109	172	25.6	70	658	4.2	387	107	164	25.0	68
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	635	3.9	380	103	151	23.8	70	626	4.0	376	101	148	23.7	68
Change on quarter	-35	-0.2	-8	-6	-21	-1.9	0	-32	-0.2	-10	-6	-16	-1.3	1
Change %	-5.2		-2.1	-5.5	-12.1		-0.7	-4.9		-2.7	-5.6	-9.8		1.1
Change on year	-173	-1.1	-123	-49	-1	4.9	-4	-173	-1.1	-120	-49	-3	4.7	-6
Change %	-21.5		-24.4	-32.2	-0.9		-5.8	-21.6		-24.3	-32.8	-2.0		-7.5
	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	YBWH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXN	YBXP	YBVN	YBVO	YBXS	YBXV	YBXV	YBYB	YBYE
Oct-Dec 2019	98	22.5	80	14	3	3.3	*	383	10.0	256	71	56	14.6	21
Oct-Dec 2020	82	25.7	55	22	5	6.0	*	516	13.8	342	88	86	16.6	36
Jan-Mar 2021	87	30.2	61	14	12	13.7	*	455	12.4	267	89	99	21.6	36
Apr-Jun 2021	124	33.9	94	16	14	11.1	*	406	11.0	231	91	85	20.9	26
Jul-Sep 2021	96	23.0	76	13	7	7.3	*	379	10.4	236	66	77	20.3	18
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	92	20.7	71	16	5	5.8	*	373	10.1	245	39	88	23.6	22
Change on quarter	-4	-2.3	-6	3	-2	-1.5	*	-6	-0.3	10	-27	11	3.4	4
Change %	-4.1		-7.4	25.8	-23.8		*	-1.6		4.1	-40.8	14.6		21.5
Change on year	11	-5.0	16	-5	0	-0.2	*	-143	-3.7	-97	-49	3	7.1	-14
Change %	13.1		28.3	-24.6	8.9		*	-27.8		-28.3	-55.6	3.1		-38.6
<b>Men</b>	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBKK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Oct-Dec 2019	57	27.2	47	7	3	4.6	*	228	11.3	144	47	37	16.3	13
Oct-Dec 2020	41	27.1	29	10	*	*	*	300	15.6	190	56	54	17.9	22
Jan-Mar 2021	37	29.0	28	6	3	8.9	*	269	14.3	148	54	67	25.0	25
Apr-Jun 2021	57	36.5	43	8	6	10.4	*	238	12.7	132	52	53	22.4	15
Jul-Sep 2021	49	25.4	38	6	4	9.1	*	206	10.8	115	43	48	23.4	10
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	42	20.7	31	7	4	9.3	*	218	11.5	135	27	56	25.8	14
Change on quarter	-7	-4.7	-7	1	-1	0.2	*	12	0.7	20	-16	8	2.4	4
Change %	-13.7		-19.2	20.2	-12.3		*	5.8		17.7	-38.0	16.5		39.8
Change on year	1	-6.4	2	-3	*	*	*	-81	-4.1	-54	-29	2	7.8	-8
Change %	3.5		7.9	-25.7	*	*	*	-27.1		-28.6	-52.4	4.6		-35.7
<b>Women</b>	YBVJ	YBVM	YBFX	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVS	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Oct-Dec 2019	41	18.2	33	7	*	*	*	155	8.5	112	24	19	12.1	8
Oct-Dec 2020	41	24.5	26	12	3	6.6	*	217	11.9	153	32	32	14.6	14
Jan-Mar 2021	50	31.1	34	8	9	17.3	*	186	10.4	120	35	31	16.8	12
Apr-Jun 2021	66	31.9	51	7	8	11.7	*	168	9.3	98	38	31	18.7	11
Jul-Sep 2021	47	20.9	38	7	3	5.4	*	173	9.8	121	23	29	16.6	8
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	50	20.7	40	9	*	*	*	155	8.5	110	13	32	20.6	8
Change on quarter	3	-0.2	2	2	*	*	*	-18	-1.3	-11	-11	3	4.1	0
Change %	5.8		4.6	30.8	*	*	*	-10.6		-8.9	-46.0	11.5		-0.9
Change on year	9	-3.8	13	-3	*	*	*	-62	-3.3	-43	-20	0	6.0	-6
Change %	22.7		50.7	-23.7	*	*	*	-28.7		-27.9	-61.0	0.4		-43.1

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# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over										
	All	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) <sup>1</sup>	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			
<b>People</b>	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI				
Oct-Dec 2019	521	2.7	299	86	136	26.2	78	288	2.6	144	49	95	33.1	65				
Oct-Dec 2020	749	3.9	462	133	154	20.6	82	424	3.9	223	76	125	29.5	78				
Jan-Mar 2021	700	3.7	372	187	141	20.1	77	411	3.8	182	93	136	33.0	81				
Apr-Jun 2021	697	3.7	358	151	187	26.9	77	374	3.4	147	82	145	38.8	87				
Jul-Sep 2021	612	3.2	288	110	213	34.9	101	361	3.3	144	61	157	43.4	90				
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>77</b>				
Change on quarter	-25	-0.1	21	-21	-25	-2.8	1	-39	-0.3	-10	-6	-22	-1.7	-13				
Change %	-4.0		7.3	-18.6	-11.7		1.3	-10.8		-7.2	-10.4	-14.3		-14.9				
Change on year	-162	-0.8	-153	-43	34	11.5	20	-102	-0.9	-90	-21	9	12.1	-1				
Change %	-21.6		-33.1	-32.5	22.3		23.7	-24.0		-40.1	-28.0	7.2		-1.6				
<b>Men</b>	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ				
Oct-Dec 2019	265	2.6	145	44	76	28.7	44	159	2.8	72	29	58	36.4	39				
Oct-Dec 2020	370	3.7	243	56	71	19.3	46	252	4.4	117	45	90	35.7	54				
Jan-Mar 2021	353	3.6	179	90	84	23.7	52	243	4.2	93	58	92	37.7	56				
Apr-Jun 2021	361	3.6	175	72	115	31.8	49	212	3.7	68	50	94	44.4	60				
Jul-Sep 2021	322	3.2	132	59	131	40.6	68	202	3.5	69	33	99	49.0	59				
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>51</b>				
Change on quarter	-30	-0.3	7	-19	-18	-2.1	-2	-15	-0.2	2	-11	-6	0.5	-8				
Change %	-9.2		5.4	-31.9	-13.9		-3.5	-7.2		3.5	-32.2	-6.3		-14.2				
Change on year	-78	-0.8	-103	-16	41	19.2	20	-65	-1.1	-45	-22	2	13.7	-3				
Change %	-21.0		-42.5	-28.0	57.4		43.6	-25.8		-38.6	-49.6	2.7		-5.7				
<b>Women</b>	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK				
Oct-Dec 2019	257	2.9	154	42	60	23.5	33	130	2.5	72	20	37	28.9	26				
Oct-Dec 2020	379	4.2	219	78	83	21.8	37	172	3.3	106	31	35	20.5	24				
Jan-Mar 2021	346	3.8	193	96	57	16.4	25	168	3.2	89	34	44	26.2	25				
Apr-Jun 2021	336	3.7	184	79	73	21.6	28	162	3.2	79	33	51	31.4	28				
Jul-Sep 2021	290	3.2	155	52	83	28.5	33	160	3.1	75	27	58	36.2	31				
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>26</b>				
Change on quarter	5	0.1	14	-2	-7	-2.8	4	-24	-0.4	-13	4	-16	-5.4	-5				
Change %	1.7		8.8	-3.6	-8.3		11.2	-15.3		-17.2	16.5	-27.9		-16.2				
Change on year	-84	-0.9	-49	-28	-7	3.9	0	-36	-0.7	-44	1	7	10.4	2				
Change %	-22.2		-22.6	-35.7	-8.2		-1.1	-21.3		-41.7	3.9	18.6		7.5				

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
<b>Economically active</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>People</b>	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Oct-Dec 2019	34,223	32,894	434	3,837	7,863	11,192	9,567	1,330
Oct-Dec 2020	33,919	32,581	317	3,742	7,860	11,097	9,565	1,338
Jan-Mar 2021	33,834	32,499	288	3,678	7,846	11,112	9,576	1,335
Apr-Jun 2021	33,876	32,557	364	3,678	7,833	11,118	9,564	1,319
Jul-Sep 2021	33,972	32,559	419	3,658	7,802	11,149	9,531	1,412
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>33,860</b>	<b>32,521</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>3,703</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>11,108</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>1,339</b>
Change on quarter	-112	-39	27	45	-30	-41	-39	-73
Change %	-0.3	-0.1	6.5	1.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-5.2
Change on year	-59	-60	129	-39	-89	11	-73	1
Change %	-0.2	-0.2	40.7	-1.0	-1.1	0.1	-0.8	0.1
<b>Men</b>	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Oct-Dec 2019	18,036	17,270	208	2,020	4,198	5,865	4,979	765
Oct-Dec 2020	17,749	16,957	150	1,915	4,125	5,782	4,984	792
Jan-Mar 2021	17,675	16,895	128	1,884	4,102	5,820	4,961	780
Apr-Jun 2021	17,707	16,926	157	1,878	4,125	5,805	4,961	781
Jul-Sep 2021	17,788	16,948	192	1,902	4,125	5,788	4,939	841
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>17,710</b>	<b>16,920</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>4,119</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>789</b>
Change on quarter	-79	-27	11	-8	-6	-12	-13	-51
Change %	-0.4	-0.2	5.9	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-6.1
Change on year	-39	-36	53	-21	-6	-5	-58	-3
Change %	-0.2	-0.2	35.4	-1.1	-0.2	-0.1	-1.2	-0.3
<b>Women</b>	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Oct-Dec 2019	16,188	15,623	226	1,816	3,665	5,328	4,588	564
Oct-Dec 2020	16,170	15,624	167	1,826	3,735	5,315	4,580	546
Jan-Mar 2021	16,158	15,604	160	1,794	3,744	5,292	4,614	554
Apr-Jun 2021	16,169	15,632	207	1,801	3,708	5,312	4,603	538
Jul-Sep 2021	16,183	15,612	227	1,755	3,676	5,361	4,592	572
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>16,150</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>3,652</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>4,566</b>	<b>550</b>
Change on quarter	-33	-12	16	53	-24	-29	-27	-22
Change %	-0.2	-0.1	7.0	3.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.6	-3.8
Change on year	-20	-24	76	-18	-83	16	-15	4
Change %	-0.1	-0.2	45.5	-1.0	-2.2	0.3	-0.3	0.7
<b>Economic activity rates (%)</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Oct-Dec 2019	64.1	79.5	30.8	70.0	87.8	88.0	74.7	11.0
Oct-Dec 2020	63.4	78.9	22.0	69.5	88.2	87.6	74.1	11.0
Jan-Mar 2021	63.2	78.6	19.9	68.6	88.1	87.8	73.9	10.9
Apr-Jun 2021	63.3	78.9	25.0	68.9	88.1	88.0	73.7	10.7
Jul-Sep 2021	63.4	78.9	28.7	68.6	87.8	88.3	73.4	11.5
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.1	1.9	0.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6
Change on year	-0.2	-0.1	8.5	-0.1	-0.8	0.3	-1.0	-0.1
<b>Men</b>	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Oct-Dec 2019	69.0	83.9	28.9	72.2	93.2	93.3	79.3	13.7
Oct-Dec 2020	67.7	82.5	20.4	69.7	91.9	92.4	78.8	14.0
Jan-Mar 2021	67.3	82.1	17.3	68.8	91.3	93.1	78.2	13.7
Apr-Jun 2021	67.5	82.3	21.1	68.9	92.0	93.0	78.1	13.7
Jul-Sep 2021	67.7	82.4	25.8	69.9	92.0	92.7	77.6	14.7
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Change on quarter	-0.3	-0.1	1.5	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9
Change on year	-0.3	-0.1	6.9	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-1.3	-0.2
<b>Women</b>	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Oct-Dec 2019	59.4	75.2	32.9	67.7	82.3	82.7	70.3	8.7
Oct-Dec 2020	59.3	75.3	23.7	69.3	84.5	83.0	69.6	8.3
Jan-Mar 2021	59.2	75.2	22.7	68.3	84.8	82.7	69.9	8.4
Apr-Jun 2021	59.2	75.4	29.1	68.9	84.2	83.2	69.6	8.2
Jul-Sep 2021	59.2	75.3	31.8	67.2	83.5	84.0	69.3	8.7
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	0.0	2.2	2.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
Change on year	-0.1	-0.1	10.3	-0.1	-1.5	0.5	-0.6	0.0

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64									
	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)								Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers <sup>1</sup>	Retired	Other <sup>2</sup>	Does not want job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>People</b>	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LF18	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Oct-Dec 2019	8,478	2,255	1,885	160	2,075	33	1,123	947	6,605	1,873
Oct-Dec 2020	8,728	2,376	1,647	188	2,202	75	1,094	1,146	6,778	1,950
Jan-Mar 2021	8,823	2,508	1,617	180	2,148	81	1,154	1,135	6,927	1,896
Apr-Jun 2021	8,727	2,481	1,599	182	2,126	59	1,202	1,078	6,956	1,771
Jul-Sep 2021	8,733	2,360	1,638	199	2,259	35	1,188	1,053	7,009	1,724
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	8,764	2,281	1,653	183	2,312	24	1,171	1,141	7,074	1,690
Change on quarter	31	-79	15	-16	53	-11	-18	88	65	-34
Change %	0.4	-3.4	0.9	-8.2	2.3	-31.8	-1.5	8.3	0.9	-2.0
Change on year	36	-95	6	-6	110	-51	77	-6	296	-260
Change %	0.4	-4.0	0.4	-2.9	5.0	-68.0	7.0	-0.5	4.4	-13.3
<b>Men</b>	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Oct-Dec 2019	3,315	1,141	225	64	964	20	501	399	2,552	763
Oct-Dec 2020	3,606	1,205	237	84	1,040	46	474	520	2,751	855
Jan-Mar 2021	3,677	1,284	208	87	1,013	47	513	524	2,847	830
Apr-Jun 2021	3,629	1,277	223	88	989	29	545	479	2,846	783
Jul-Sep 2021	3,612	1,190	233	101	1,067	18	541	461	2,818	794
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	3,635	1,166	253	93	1,071	11	535	506	2,845	790
Change on quarter	23	-24	19	-8	3	-7	-6	45	27	-4
Change %	0.6	-2.0	8.2	-7.7	0.3	-38.8	-1.2	9.8	1.0	-0.5
Change on year	29	-39	15	9	31	-35	61	-13	94	-65
Change %	0.8	-3.2	6.5	11.1	3.0	-75.8	12.9	-2.6	3.4	-7.6
<b>Women</b>	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Oct-Dec 2019	5,162	1,113	1,660	96	1,111	13	621	548	4,052	1,110
Oct-Dec 2020	5,122	1,171	1,410	104	1,162	28	621	627	4,027	1,095
Jan-Mar 2021	5,146	1,225	1,408	93	1,135	34	641	612	4,080	1,066
Apr-Jun 2021	5,098	1,204	1,376	94	1,137	30	658	599	4,109	988
Jul-Sep 2021	5,121	1,170	1,405	98	1,192	17	647	592	4,192	929
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	5,129	1,115	1,400	89	1,241	13	636	634	4,229	900
Change on quarter	8	-56	-4	-8	49	-4	-11	43	37	-30
Change %	0.2	-4.8	-0.3	-8.6	4.1	-24.0	-1.8	7.2	0.9	-3.2
Change on year	7	-56	-9	-15	79	-16	16	8	202	-195
Change %	0.1	-4.8	-0.6	-14.2	6.8	-55.2	2.5	1.2	5.0	-17.8
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
<b>People</b>	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Oct-Dec 2019	100.0	26.6	22.2	1.9	24.5	0.4	13.2	11.2	77.9	22.1
Oct-Dec 2020	100.0	27.2	18.9	2.2	25.2	0.9	12.5	13.1	77.7	22.3
Jan-Mar 2021	100.0	28.4	18.3	2.0	24.3	0.9	13.1	12.9	78.5	21.5
Apr-Jun 2021	100.0	28.4	18.3	2.1	24.4	0.7	13.8	12.3	79.7	20.3
Jul-Sep 2021	100.0	27.0	18.8	2.3	25.9	0.4	13.6	12.1	80.3	19.7
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	100.0	26.0	18.9	2.1	26.4	0.3	13.4	13.0	80.7	19.3
<b>Men</b>	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Oct-Dec 2019	100.0	34.4	6.8	1.9	29.1	0.6	15.1	12.0	77.0	23.0
Oct-Dec 2020	100.0	33.4	6.6	2.3	28.8	1.3	13.1	14.4	76.3	23.7
Jan-Mar 2021	100.0	34.9	5.7	2.4	27.6	1.3	14.0	14.2	77.4	22.6
Apr-Jun 2021	100.0	35.2	6.1	2.4	27.2	0.8	15.0	13.2	78.4	21.6
Jul-Sep 2021	100.0	32.9	6.5	2.8	29.6	0.5	15.0	12.8	78.0	22.0
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	100.0	32.1	6.9	2.6	29.5	0.3	14.7	13.9	78.3	21.7
<b>Women</b>	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Oct-Dec 2019	100.0	21.6	32.2	1.9	21.5	0.2	12.0	10.6	78.5	21.5
Oct-Dec 2020	100.0	22.9	27.5	2.0	22.7	0.5	12.1	12.2	78.6	21.4
Jan-Mar 2021	100.0	23.8	27.4	1.8	22.0	0.7	12.5	11.9	79.3	20.7
Apr-Jun 2021	100.0	23.6	27.0	1.8	22.3	0.6	12.9	11.7	80.6	19.4
Jul-Sep 2021	100.0	22.9	27.4	1.9	23.3	0.3	12.6	11.6	81.9	18.1
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	100.0	21.7	27.3	1.7	24.2	0.2	12.4	12.4	82.5	17.5

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

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

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

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

# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

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

Oct-Dec 2021

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 to 24											
	In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) <sup>1</sup>							
	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Total	Employed <sup>2</sup>	Unemployed <sup>2</sup>	Economically inactive	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<b>Levels</b>												
<b>People</b>												
16-17	1,459	354	92	1,013	1,305	298	74	933	154	56	18	80
18-24	5,332	3,330	373	1,630	1,900	707	94	1,098	3,432	2,623	278	531
16-24	6,792	3,684	465	2,643	3,205	1,005	169	2,031	3,587	2,678	297	612
<b>Men</b>												
16-17	747	161	42	543	652	129	31	492	95	33	11	51
18-24	2,721	1,676	218	826	904	309	47	549	1,817	1,368	172	277
16-24	3,467	1,838	261	1,369	1,556	437	78	1,041	1,911	1,400	183	329
<b>Women</b>												
16-17	712	192	50	470	653	169	43	441	59	23	8	29
18-24	2,612	1,654	155	804	996	399	48	550	1,616	1,255	107	254
16-24	3,324	1,846	205	1,273	1,649	568	90	990	1,675	1,278	114	283
<b>Changes on quarter</b>												
<b>People</b>												
16-17	0	31	-4	-27	-17	32	-7	-43	17	-1	3	16
18-24	-1	51	-6	-46	-2	59	0	-61	1	-8	-6	15
16-24	-1	82	-10	-73	-19	91	-7	-104	18	-9	-4	31
<b>Men</b>												
16-17	0	18	-7	-11	-8	23	-3	-28	8	-5	-4	17
18-24	0	-20	12	7	3	16	7	-20	-4	-36	5	27
16-24	-1	-2	5	-4	-5	40	4	-48	4	-41	1	44
<b>Women</b>												
16-17	0	13	3	-16	-10	9	-4	-15	9	4	7	-1
18-24	-1	71	-18	-53	-5	42	-7	-41	4	28	-12	-12
16-24	-1	84	-15	-69	-15	52	-11	-56	14	32	-5	-14
<b>Rates(%)<sup>3</sup></b>												
<b>People</b>												
16-17		24.3	20.7	69.4		22.9	19.9	71.5		36.1	24.7	52.1
18-24		62.4	10.1	30.6		37.2	11.8	57.8		76.4	9.6	15.5
16-24		54.2	11.2	38.9		31.4	14.4	63.4		74.7	10.0	17.1
<b>Men</b>												
16-17		21.6	20.7	72.7		19.7	19.7	75.4		34.5	24.7	54.2
18-24		61.6	11.5	30.4		34.1	13.1	60.7		75.3	11.2	15.3
16-24		53.0	12.4	39.5		28.1	15.2	66.9		73.3	11.5	17.2
<b>Women</b>												
16-17		27.0	20.7	65.9		26.0	20.1	67.5		38.7	24.6	48.7
18-24		63.3	8.5	30.8		40.0	10.7	55.2		77.7	7.8	15.7
16-24		55.5	10.0	38.3		34.4	13.7	60.1		76.3	8.2	16.9
<b>Changes on quarter</b>												
<b>People</b>												
16-17		2.1	-2.3	-1.9		2.8	-3.4	-2.3		-5.5	3.2	5.0
18-24		1.0	-0.3	-0.9		3.1	-0.9	-3.1		-0.2	-0.2	0.4
16-24		1.2	-0.4	-1.1		3.0	-1.7	-2.8		-0.6	-0.1	0.8
<b>Men</b>												
16-17		2.4	-4.7	-1.5		3.7	-4.8	-3.4		-9.0	-3.3	14.7
18-24		-0.7	0.7	0.3		1.7	1.1	-2.4		-1.8	0.6	1.5
16-24		0.0	0.2	-0.1		2.6	-0.5	-2.9		-2.3	0.4	2.3
<b>Women</b>												
16-17		1.8	-0.2	-2.2		1.8	-2.4	-1.3		0.4	20.7	-11.4
18-24		2.7	-1.3	-2.0		4.4	-2.5	-3.8		1.6	-1.0	-0.8
16-24		2.5	-1.1	-2.1		3.4	-2.6	-2.8		1.3	-0.5	-1.0

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/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.

# REDUNDANCIES

## 22 Redundancies: level<sup>1</sup> and rates<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>	Level (000s) <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Oct-Dec 2019	109	3.9	63	4.6	45	3.3
Oct-Dec 2020	357	12.9	205	14.7	152	11.0
Jan-Mar 2021	151	5.5	77	5.5	74	5.4
Apr-Jun 2021	99	3.6	57	4.1	42	3.0
Jul-Sep 2021	104	3.7	49	3.5	55	4.0
<b>Oct-Dec 2021</b>	72	2.6	44	3.1	28	2.0
Change on quarter	-32	-1.2	-4	-0.3	-28	-2.0
Change %	-30.5		-8.7		-49.7	
Change on year	-285	-10.3	-161	-11.6	-124	-9.0
Change %	-79.8		-78.3		-81.7	

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

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