

Statistical bulletin

# Vacancies and jobs in the UK: April 2019

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



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# 1 . Other pages in this release

Commentary on topics covered in the previous Labour market statistics bulletin is now split into four separate bulletins. Other commentary from the latest labour market data can be found on the following pages:

- [Labour market overview](#)
- [Employment in the UK](#)
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# 2 . Main points for January to March 2019

- There were an estimated 852,000 job vacancies in the UK, 32,000 more than a year earlier.
- There were an estimated 133,000 vacancies in the human health and social work sector; this sector accounted for 15.6% of all vacancies in the UK.

The data in this bulletin come from surveys of businesses. It is not feasible to survey every business in the UK, so these statistics are estimates based on samples, not precise figures.

# 3 . Analysis

## Vacancies

**Figure 1: The number of vacancies in the UK has been generally increasing since 2012**

Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted, April to June 2001 to January to March 2019

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**Source: Office for National Statistics - Vacancy Survey**

The estimated [number of vacancies](#) in the UK fell sharply during the recession of 2008 to 2009 but has increased steadily since 2012. For January to March 2019, there were an estimated 852,000 vacancies in the UK, 32,000 more than a year earlier.

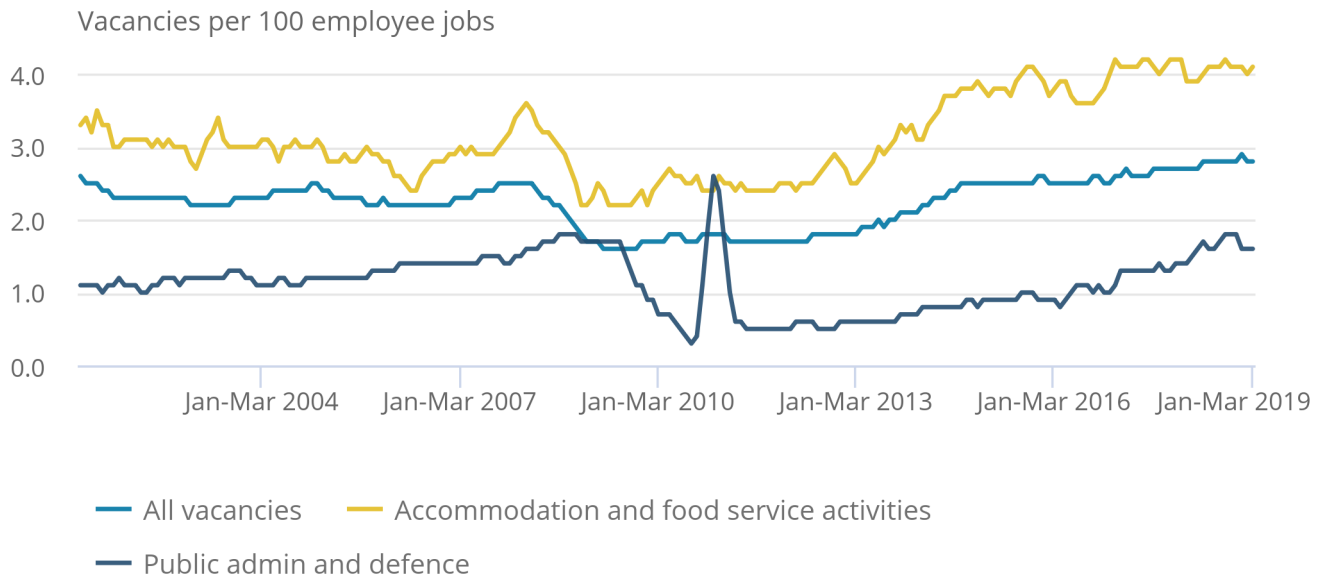
This month, we have revised our estimates of vacancies back to the start of the series in 2001 due to the annual review of the seasonal adjustment process and from taking on board late and corrected information from contributors to the Vacancy Survey.

## Figure 2: The vacancy rate for hotels and restaurants has been consistently higher than for other sectors

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#### Notes:

1. The sharp upward movement in the public sector series in early 2011 was due to the recruitment of temporary census enumerator jobs by the Office for National Statistics.

For January to March 2019 it is estimated that:

- there were 2.8 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs across the economy as a whole
- the sectors showing the highest estimated vacancy rates were accommodation and food services, and other service activities (4.1 vacancies per 100 employee jobs)
- the sector showing the lowest estimated vacancy rate was public administration and defence (1.6 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs)

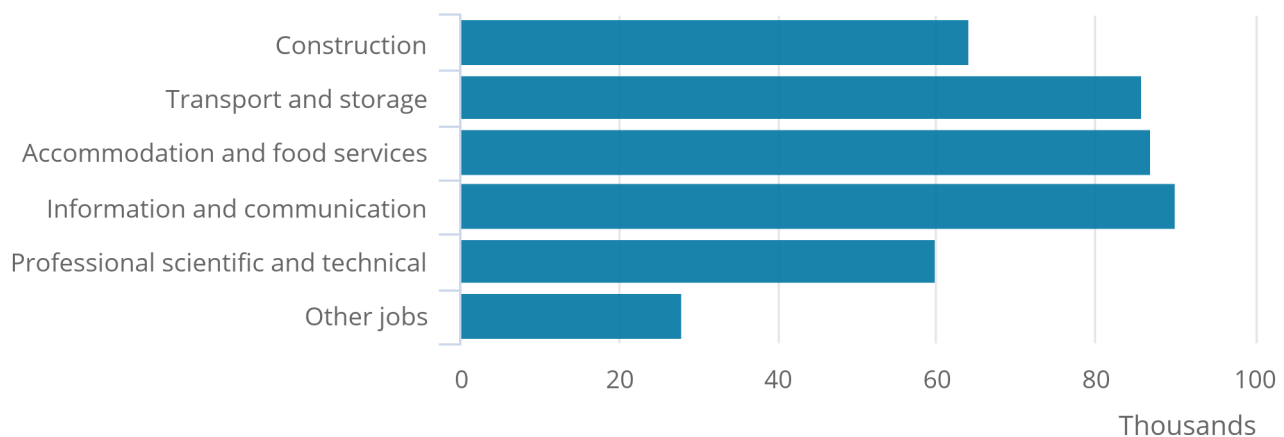
## Jobs (first published on 19 March 2019)

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Changes in the number of jobs in the UK between December 2017 and December 2018, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

The [number of jobs](#) is not the same as the number of people in employment. This is because a person can have more than one job. Estimates for the number of people in employment are available in [Employment in the UK](#).

Between December 2017 and December 2018, the total number of jobs in the UK increased by 415,000 to reach an estimated 35.27 million. The sector showing the largest estimated increase in jobs was information and communication (up 90,000 on the year).

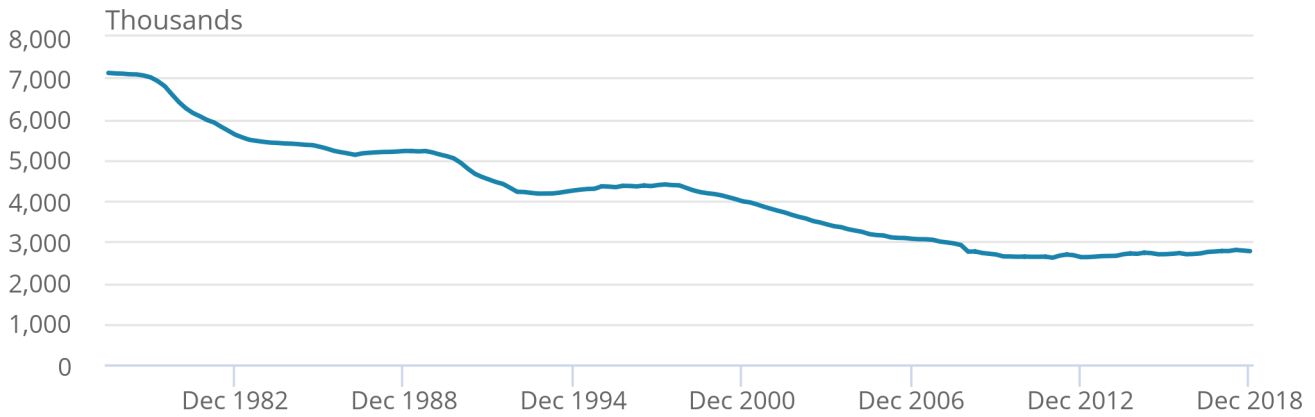
These jobs estimates were first published on 19 March 2019. The jobs estimates will next be updated on 11 June 2019.

**Figure 4: There has been a decline in the number of jobs in manufacturing, mining and quarrying since records began in 1978**

Number of manufacturing, mining and quarrying jobs in the UK, seasonally adjusted, June 1978 to December 2018

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

The number of jobs in the manufacturing, and mining and quarrying sectors fell steadily between 1978 (when comparable records began) and 2008 but has been fairly stable for the last 10 years.

## 4 . Data

### [Vacancies by industry](#)

Dataset VACS02| Released 16 April 2019

Estimates of vacancies by industry (Standard Industrial Classification 2007).

### [Workforce jobs summary](#)

Dataset JOBS01 | Released 19 March 2019

Estimates of jobs by type of job (employee jobs, self-employment jobs, HM Forces and government-supported trainees).

### [Workforce jobs by industry](#)

Dataset JOBS02| Released 19 March 2019

Estimates of jobs by industry (Standard Industrial Classification 2007).

Table 1: Sampling variability for estimates of jobs in the UK, thousands, December 2018

SIC 2007 Section		UK	
		Estimate for December 2018	Sampling variability of estimate 1
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	346	±41
B	Mining and quarrying	57	±8
C	Manufacturing	2,707	±41
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	144	±9
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste and remediation activities	231	±8
F	Construction	2,404	±60
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4,970	±57
H	Transport and storage	1,766	±44
I	Accommodation and food service activities	2,429	±55
J	Information and communication	1,573	±57
K	Financial and insurance activities	1,117	±39
L	Real estate activities	589	±34
M	Professional scientific and technical activities	3,059	±72
N	Administrative and support service activities	2,969	±58
O	Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	1,504	±14
P	Education	2,972	±37
Q	Human health and social work activities	4,423	±60
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,041	±39
S	Other service activities	921	±45
	All jobs	35,271	±194

Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce Jobs

#### Notes

1. The sampling variability estimates are for 95% confidence intervals and are calculated on data for June 2018 that are not seasonally adjusted. [Back to table](#)

More detailed sampling variability information for estimates of jobs is available from [Dataset JOBS07](#).

## 5 . Glossary

### Jobs

A [job](#) is an activity performed for an employer or customer by a worker in exchange for payment, usually in cash, or in kind, or both. The number of jobs is not the same as the number of [people in employment](#). This is because a person can have more than one job. The number of jobs is the sum of employee jobs from employer surveys, self-employment jobs from the Labour Force Survey, those in HM Forces and government-supported trainees. The number of people in employment is measured by the Labour Force Survey (LFS); these estimates are available in our [Employment in the UK](#) release.

### Vacancies

[Vacancies](#) are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. The estimates are based on the Vacancy Survey – a survey of businesses designed to provide estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding agriculture, forestry and fishing (a small sector for which the collection of estimates would not be practical).

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

## 6 . Measuring the data

Estimates of jobs are compiled from a number of sources, including Short Term Employer Surveys (STES), the [Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey \(QPSES\)](#) and the [Labour Force Survey \(LFS\)](#). STES is a group of surveys that collect employment and turnover information from private sector businesses. In December of each year, the jobs estimates are “benchmarked” to the latest estimates from the [Business Register and Employment Survey](#).

Estimates of vacancies are obtained from the [Vacancy Survey](#), a survey of employers.

The Quality and Methodology Information (QMI) reports for [jobs](#) and [vacancies](#) pull together important qualitative information on the various dimensions of data quality, as well as providing a summary of methods used to compile the output.

## 7 . Strengths and limitations

The figures in this bulletin mainly come from surveys of businesses, which gather information from a sample rather than from the whole population. The samples are designed to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations such as time and cost constraints. 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.

As the number of people available in the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates that we can make from that sample size gets larger. Estimates for small groups (for example, vacancies in the construction industry), which are based on quite small subsets of the Vacancy Survey sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups (for example, total vacancies in the UK).



In general, short-term changes in the growth rates reported in this bulletin 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.

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

Sampling variability information for jobs is available in Table 1 in this bulletin and in [Dataset JOBS07](#).

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

## 8 . You might also be interested in

### [Labour market economic commentary](#)

Article | Released 16 April 2019

Additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends.

### [UK Business Register and Employment Survey](#)

Bulletin | Released 27 September 2018

Estimates of employee and employment estimates by detailed geography and industry.

### [Public sector employment](#)

Bulletin | Released 19 March 2019

Estimates of people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK.

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/april2019/relateddata>

The complete set of labour market tables is available from the Labour Market Overview bulletin.

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<b>EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS</b>		
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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>

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 5 Workforce jobs

(first published on 19 March 2019)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs 1	Employee jobs 2	Self-employment jobs <sup>1</sup> 3	HM Forces 4	Government-supported trainees <sup>1</sup> 5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Dec 16	34,654	29,909	4,532	157	56
Mar 17	34,865	30,144	4,502	157	61
Jun 17	34,864	30,115	4,549	156	45
Sep 17	34,948	30,219	4,527	155	46
Dec 17	34,856	30,188	4,483	155	31
Mar 18	34,949	30,271	4,496	154	28
Jun 18	35,028	30,311	4,536	153	28
Sep 18	35,104	30,451	4,477	153	23
<b>Dec 18 (p)</b>	<b>35,271</b>	<b>30,510</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>21</b>
Change on quarter	167	59	111	-1	-2
Change %	0.5	0.2	2.5	-0.7	-7.6
Change on year	415	322	106	-3	-10
Change %	1.2	1.1	2.4	-2.2	-31.3

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

See footnotes under table 6

## 6 Workforce jobs by industry (first published on 19 March 2019)

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All jobs A-T	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities E	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage H	Accommodation & food service activities I	Information & communication J
	DYDC	JWR5	JWR6	JWR7	JWR8	JWR9	JWS2	JWS3	JWS4	JWS5	JWS6
Dec 16	34,654	422	61	2,634	145	213	2,249	4,989	1,717	2,372	1,424
Mar 17	34,865	427	57	2,652	144	216	2,328	5,009	1,735	2,378	1,468
Jun 17	34,864	409	60	2,684	147	218	2,321	5,031	1,727	2,397	1,509
Sep 17	34,948	421	58	2,697	144	221	2,350	4,985	1,694	2,386	1,488
Dec 17	34,856	420	60	2,708	143	228	2,340	4,996	1,680	2,342	1,484
Mar 18	34,949	401	62	2,705	146	225	2,339	4,998	1,678	2,382	1,530
Jun 18	35,028	392	62	2,731	147	226	2,356	4,983	1,705	2,415	1,559
Sep 18	35,104	387	60	2,719	150	226	2,367	4,967	1,708	2,394	1,570
<b>Dec 18 (p)</b>	<b>35,271</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>4,970</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>2,429</b>	<b>1,573</b>
Change on quarter	167	-41	-2	-11	-5	5	37	3	58	35	3
Change %	0.5	-10.6	-4.2	-0.4	-3.6	2.1	1.6	0.1	3.4	1.5	0.2
Change on year	415	-74	-2	-1	1	2	64	-26	86	87	90
Change %	1.2	-17.6	-4.1	0.0	0.6	1.0	2.7	-0.5	5.1	3.7	6.0
SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities K	Real estate activities L	Professional scientific & technical activities M	Administrative & support service activities N	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security <sup>2</sup> O	Education P	Human health & social work activities Q	Arts, entertainment & recreation R	Other service activities S	People employed by households etc. T	Total services G-T
	JWS7	JWS8	JWS9	JWT2	JWT3	JWT4	JWT5	JWT6	JWT7	KW78	JWT8
Dec 16	1,121	554	3,049	2,974	1,469	2,969	4,277	1,027	916	71	28,929
Mar 17	1,116	584	3,029	2,984	1,467	2,940	4,335	1,015	913	67	29,040
Jun 17	1,121	554	2,978	2,985	1,485	2,923	4,359	987	904	65	29,026
Sep 17	1,107	573	3,009	3,051	1,485	2,932	4,324	1,040	906	74	29,055
Dec 17	1,113	587	2,998	2,996	1,481	2,916	4,373	1,025	908	60	28,957
Mar 18	1,122	586	2,985	2,961	1,486	2,943	4,394	1,019	925	61	29,071
Jun 18	1,110	555	2,973	2,993	1,493	2,946	4,376	1,034	906	68	29,115
Sep 18	1,122	583	3,011	2,988	1,494	2,957	4,423	1,026	891	60	29,196
<b>Dec 18 (p)</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>4,423</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>29,382</b>
Change on quarter	-6	7	48	-19	9	15	0	15	30	-10	186
Change %	-0.5	1.1	1.6	-0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	1.4	3.3	-16.4	0.6
Change on year	4	2	60	-26	23	56	50	16	13	-10	425
Change %	0.4	0.4	2.0	-0.9	1.5	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.4	-16.5	1.5

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey and administrative sources

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

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

# VACANCIES

## 19 Vacancies<sup>1</sup> by size of business

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		All Vacancies AP2Y	Number of employees				
			1-9	10-49	50-249	250-2499	2500+
			ALY5	ALY6	ALY7	ALY8	ALY9
<b>Levels</b>							
Jan-Mar 2017	(r)	774	131	114	111	147	272
Jan-Mar 2018	(r)	820	126	115	123	162	295
Feb-Apr 2018	(r)	817	124	115	120	163	295
Mar-May 2018	(r)	825	129	116	120	167	294
Apr-Jun 2018	(r)	835	133	120	120	170	293
May-Jul 2018	(r)	837	132	119	120	173	294
Jun-Aug 2018	(r)	842	129	122	120	176	296
Jul-Sep 2018	(r)	845	128	124	120	175	299
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	852	124	131	118	177	302
Sep-Nov 2018	(r)	851	122	129	118	181	302
Oct-Dec 2018	(r)	852	125	128	118	180	301
Nov-Jan 2019	(r)	864	132	130	118	182	301
Dec-Feb 2019	(r)	854	132	126	116	178	302
<b>Jan-Mar 2019</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>301</b>
Change on quarter	*	0	1	-2	-2	3	-1
Change %	*	0.0	0.7	-1.4	-1.4	1.5	-0.2
Change on year		32	0	11	-6	21	6
Change %		3.9	-0.1	9.4	-5.0	13.0	2.0

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: [vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk](mailto:vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk), 01633 456777

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

## 20 Vacancies<sup>1</sup> and Unemployment

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		All Vacancies <sup>1</sup> AP2Y	Unemployment <sup>2</sup> MGSC	Number of unemployed people per vacancy JPC5
<b>Levels</b>				
Dec-Feb 2017	(r)	765	1,550	2.0
Dec-Feb 2018	(r)	818	1,419	1.7
Mar-May 2018	(r)	825	1,408	1.7
Jun-Aug 2018	(r)	842	1,363	1.6
Sep-Nov 2018	(r)	851	1,370	1.6
<b>Dec-Feb 2019</b>	<b>(r)</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Change on quarter		3	-27	0.0
Change %		0.3	-2.0	
Change on year		36	-76	-0.2
Change %		4.4	-5.4	

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey/ Labour Force Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: [vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk](mailto:vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk), 01633 456777

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

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

# VACANCIES

## 21 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections		All vacancies <sup>1</sup>	Mining & quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply <sup>2</sup>	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	Transport & storage	Accommodation & food service activities	Information & communication
		B-S	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Levels (thousands)		AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
Jan-Mar 2017	(r)	774	1	51	4	5	28	135	30	92	40
Jan-Mar 2018	(r)	820	1	58	4	4	22	136	43	89	45
Feb-Apr 2018	(r)	817	1	61	3	5	23	135	42	87	46
Mar-May 2018	(r)	825	1	60	3	4	23	133	40	88	47
Apr-Jun 2018	(r)	835	1	60	4	4	26	130	41	91	47
May-Jul 2018	(r)	837	1	59	4	4	26	132	41	93	47
Jun-Aug 2018	(r)	842	1	61	4	4	27	135	40	93	46
Jul-Sep 2018	(r)	845	1	61	3	4	26	138	41	93	48
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	852	1	61	3	4	26	138	39	94	48
Sep-Nov 2018	(r)	851	1	61	3	4	26	139	40	92	50
Oct-Dec 2018	(r)	852	1	62	3	4	27	139	39	93	51
Nov-Jan 2019	(r)	864	1	65	3	4	29	139	44	92	53
Dec-Feb 2019	(r)	854	1	62	3	4	28	138	44	91	52
<b>Jan-Mar 2019</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>49</b>
Change on quarter	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	-2
Change %	*	0.0	7.7	-0.2	9.7	2.6	-0.4	-0.1	12.8	0.9	-2.9
Change on year		32	1	3	0	0	5	3	1	4	4
Change %		3.9	55.6	5.7	-8.1	-4.8	21.1	2.2	3.3	4.9	9.5
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs		AP2Z	JPA2	JPA3	JPA4	JPA5	JPA6	JPA7	JPA8	JPA9	JPB2
Jan-Mar 2017	(r)	2.6	1.7	2.0	3.1	2.1	1.9	2.9	2.1	4.1	3.1
Jan-Mar 2018	(r)	2.7	1.8	2.3	2.7	1.9	1.5	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.3
Feb-Apr 2018	(r)	2.7	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.1	1.6	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.4
Mar-May 2018	(r)	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	2.9	2.8	3.9	3.4
Apr-Jun 2018	(r)	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.0	1.7	2.8	2.9	4.0	3.5
May-Jul 2018	(r)	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.9	4.1	3.5
Jun-Aug 2018	(r)	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.9	2.8	4.1	3.3
Jul-Sep 2018	(r)	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.7	3.0	2.9	4.1	3.5
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.7	3.0	2.7	4.2	3.5
Sep-Nov 2018	(r)	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.8	3.0	2.8	4.1	3.7
Oct-Dec 2018	(r)	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	3.0	2.7	4.1	3.7
Nov-Jan 2019	(r)	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.8
Dec-Feb 2019	(r)	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.1	4.0	3.8
<b>Jan-Mar 2019</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Change on quarter	*	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.1
Change on year		0.1	1.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3

SIC 2007 sections		Financial & insurance activities	Real estate activities <sup>2</sup>	Professional scientific & technical activities	Administrative & support service activities	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health & social work activities	Arts, entertainment & recreation	Other service activities	Total services
		K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	G-S
Levels (thousands)		JP9Q	JP9R	JP9S	JP9T	JP9U	JP9V	JP9W	JP9X	JP9Y	JP9Z
Jan-Mar 2017	(r)	34	13	65	54	16	52	119	15	20	685
Jan-Mar 2018	(r)	40	11	74	54	18	48	128	21	24	730
Feb-Apr 2018	(r)	40	10	75	54	20	46	126	21	23	724
Mar-May 2018	(r)	39	11	77	54	21	48	130	22	25	734
Apr-Jun 2018	(r)	38	10	75	55	21	48	132	24	27	740
May-Jul 2018	(r)	38	11	72	56	21	51	133	21	27	743
Jun-Aug 2018	(r)	39	11	75	57	21	50	134	19	27	745
Jul-Sep 2018	(r)	38	12	78	58	22	50	130	17	26	750
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	38	11	82	58	24	49	131	20	26	756
Sep-Nov 2018	(r)	38	12	79	54	24	50	130	23	25	756
Oct-Dec 2018	(r)	38	13	77	52	23	51	131	23	25	754
Nov-Jan 2019	(r)	37	15	80	53	21	49	132	23	25	761
Dec-Feb 2019	(r)	36	14	80	51	20	50	132	22	25	755
<b>Jan-Mar 2019</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>754</b>
Change on quarter	*	-4	-1	1	-1	-3	0	3	1	0	0
Change %	*	-9.5	-10.4	1.4	-2.5	-11.6	0.8	1.9	3.1	-0.8	-0.1
Change on year		-5	2	5	-3	3	3	5	2	1	24
Change %		-13.6	14.3	6.1	-6.3	15.1	7.1	3.6	8.9	4.2	3.3
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs		JPB3	JPB4	JPB5	JPB6	JPB7	JPB8	JPB9	JPC2	JPC3	JPC4
Jan-Mar 2017	(r)	3.2	2.6	2.6	2.0	1.3	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.3	2.7
Jan-Mar 2018	(r)	3.8	2.1	3.0	2.1	1.4	1.8	3.2	2.8	3.9	2.8
Feb-Apr 2018	(r)	3.8	1.9	3.0	2.0	1.5	1.7	3.1	2.8	3.8	2.8
Mar-May 2018	(r)	3.7	2.2	3.1	2.1	1.6	1.8	3.2	2.9	4.2	2.9
Apr-Jun 2018	(r)	3.7	1.9	3.0	2.1	1.7	1.8	3.3	3.1	4.4	2.9
May-Jul 2018	(r)	3.7	2.1	2.9	2.1	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.8	4.4	2.9
Jun-Aug 2018	(r)	3.7	2.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	1.9	3.3	2.4	4.5	2.9
Jul-Sep 2018	(r)	3.6	2.3	3.1	2.2	1.7	1.9	3.2	2.3	4.3	2.9
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	3.6	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.8	1.8	3.2	2.6	4.3	2.9
Sep-Nov 2018	(r)	3.6	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	3.2	3.0	4.2	2.9
Oct-Dec 2018	(r)	3.7	2.6	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	2.9	4.1	2.9
Nov-Jan 2019	(r)	3.6	2.9	3.2	2.0	1.6	1.9	3.3	3.0	4.2	3.0
Dec-Feb 2019	(r)	3.4	2.8	3.2	2.0	1.6	1.9	3.2	2.8	4.2	2.9
<b>Jan-Mar 2019</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Change on quarter	*	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Change on year		-0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

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

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

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