

Statistical bulletin

Public sector employment, UK: June 2026

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

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2 . Main points

- Employment in the public sector was estimated at 6.21 million in June 2026, an increase of 11,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2026, and an increase of 33,000 (0.5%) compared with June 2025.
- Of those in employment, it is estimated that 18.0% were employed in the public sector in June 2026; this was unchanged compared with both March 2026 and June 2025.
- Employment in central government was at a record high, at an estimated 4.08 million in June 2026, an increase of 7,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2026 and an increase of 34,000 (0.8%) compared with June 2025; the main contributors to the increase since the previous year were some local authority schools becoming academies and an increase in employment in the Civil Service.
- The Civil Service employed 557,000 people in June 2026, a decrease of 1,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2026, but an increase of 6,000 (1.1%) compared with June 2025; this is the first quarterly decrease since June 2021.
- Employment in the NHS was an estimated 2.07 million in June 2026; this was unchanged compared with March 2026 and a decrease of 1,000 (0.0%) compared with June 2025.
- Employment in local government was an estimated 1.97 million in June 2026; this was an increase of 3,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2026 but a decrease of 2,000 (0.1%) compared with June 2025.
- The estimated transfer of employment from local government to central government because of academy conversions in June 2026 was 3,000 on the quarter, and 21,000 on the year.
- Employment in public corporations was an estimated 160,000 in June 2026, an increase of 1,000 (0.6%) compared with March 2026 and an increase of 1,000 (0.6%) compared with June 2025.

3 . Data on public sector employment

[Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 15 September 2026

Quarterly estimates of UK and regional public sector employment, made up of central government, local government, and public corporations.

[Public sector employment time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: PSE | Released 15 September 2026

Seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted quarterly time series of UK public sector employment, containing the latest estimates.

4 . Data sources and quality

Upcoming revisions to public sector employment

We aim to include scheduled revisions of public sector employment estimates for the entire data series in our next Public sector employment, UK bulletin, publishing on 15 December 2026. Revisions will result from a regular annual review of the seasonal adjustment parameters and from taking on updated sources of additional information. This is an annual process, as outlined in our [PSE QMI](#) and in our [Labour market statistics revisions policy \(PDF, 36.7KB\)](#).

As part of the next edition of our bulletin, we also aim to implement changes in the Civil Service based on recent machinery of government changes, including changes made in the Scottish Civil Service in April 2026.

Review of release times for market sensitive releases

We are reviewing the release times for our market sensitive economic statistics, such as Public sector employment. This review will consider whether the current arrangements continue to best serve the public good, support user needs and align with the principles set out in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#).

We are running [a consultation](#) to gather evidence on the impact of different release times. The consultation asks how you use market-sensitive economic statistics, your views on potential release time options, and any other considerations we should take into account. Please note that this consultation will be closing on Friday 30 October 2026.

Revisions to estimates of total and private sector employment

We have revised Labour Force Survey (LFS) data back to January to March 2020 in this bulletin because of a seasonal adjustment review. This affects the estimates of total and private sector employment from March 2020 onwards. These data are published in Table 5 of our [Public sector employment dataset](#), in which revisions are clearly marked.

Executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies

We collect data from all public bodies set out in our [Public sector classification guide and forward work plan](#) (if they have 20 or more employees), and therefore all executive non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) meeting these criteria are included in our overall public sector employment estimates.

However, our estimates of employment in executive NDPBs in Table 10 of our [accompanying dataset](#) may not include all executive NDPBs included in the overall estimates. We are currently reviewing this methodology and aim to provide data for a definitive list of executive NDPBs shortly.

Labour Force Survey

Estimates of total employment and private sector employment are derived from the LFS as part of this release.

Ongoing challenges with response rates and levels mean that LFS-based labour market statistics will be labelled as "official statistics in development", and we advise caution when using these data until further review. For more information, please see Section 11: Data sources and quality section of our [Employment in the UK: September 2026 bulletin](#).

Sources

Public sector employment (PSE) statistics are derived from a range of sources. The primary source is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), which comprises three separate data collections: the home Civil Service, local authorities in England and Wales, and Great Britain public corporations and non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in our [PSE quality and methodology information \(QMI\)](#).

The QPSES response rate for each separate collection is:

- 100% for Civil Service
- 96% for local authorities
- 95% for public corporations and NDPBs.

Full-time equivalents

While this bulletin focuses on headcount estimates of PSE, full-time equivalent estimates (based on the number of hours worked divided by the standard full-time hours) are available in our [accompanying PSE datasets](#).

Data collected for our public sector employment estimates are collected from a range of providers. These include through Office for National Statistics (ONS) surveys, devolved administration surveys, and admin sources, a full list of which can be found in our [PSE QMI](#).

Data collected through the ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES) ask organisations for total headcount estimates and full-time equivalent (FTE) estimates based on an employee's contracted hours, regardless of contract type. However, some data collected by other agencies include FTE estimates based on an employee's actual worked hours during the survey reference period. We are working with suppliers to investigate the impact and next steps.

Seasonal adjustment

All [PSE data time series](#) in this bulletin, with the exception of the regional series, are seasonally adjusted to aid interpretation. Relationships that hold in the unadjusted series do not necessarily hold for the seasonally adjusted series. For example, total PSE equals the total of all public sector industry estimates before seasonal adjustment, but this is not necessarily true after seasonal adjustment.

Reclassifications between the public and private sectors

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are complicated by several major reclassifications. This is where bodies employing large numbers of people have moved between the public and private sectors. We produce estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications to help you understand underlying trends in employment. We publish these alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment in Tables 5, 6a, and 7a of our [accompanying datasets](#).

More quality and methodology information

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in our [PSE QMI](#).

Accredited official statistics

These [accredited official statistics](#) were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in April 2022. They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

5 . Related links

[Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 29 July 2026

Detailed information on the UK Civil Service workforce, including pay, diversity, and location. Responsibility for the collection and publication of this annual release was transferred from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) to the Cabinet Office with effect from 1 October 2018.

[Public sector employment in Scotland](#)

Statistical release | Released 15 September 2026

Estimates of public sector employment (PSE) in Scotland, published quarterly by the Scottish Government on the same day as this bulletin.

[Quarterly Employment Survey](#)

Statistical release | Released 15 September 2026

Estimates of short-term employee jobs in Northern Ireland, including public and private sector employment estimates, published by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) on the same day as this bulletin.

[Local government employment](#)

Dataset | Released quarterly

Estimates of employment for each local authority in England and Wales, sourced from the ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), and published quarterly by the Local Government Association.

6 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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These tables show data for the last two years, and to improve the readability of these tables on the printed page, most of the footnotes have been removed. A complete time series including footnotes are available from the PSE Datasets (Excel Spreadsheet) at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/datasets/publicsectoremploymentreferencetable>

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Table 1: Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted						
	General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	Central government	Local government	Total general government			
	G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
Mar 2024	3,926	1,997	5,923	193	6,116	544
Jun 2024	3,947	1,995	5,942	154	6,096	546
Sep 2024	3,978	1,988	5,966	156	6,122	548
Dec 2024	4,003	1,986	5,989	157	6,146	548
Mar 2025	4,024	1,977	6,001	155	6,156	550
Jun 2025 [r]	4,043	1,972	6,015	159	6,174	551
Sep 2025	4,051	1,971	6,022	161	6,183	554
Dec 2025	4,064	1,967	6,031	160	6,191	555
Mar 2026 [r]	4,070	1,967	6,037	159	6,196	558
Jun 2026	4,077	1,970	6,047	160	6,207	557
<i>Change on quarter</i>	7	3	10	1	11	-1
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2	-0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	34	-2	32	1	33	6
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	-0.1	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.1

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

Table 2: Public sector employment by industry; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted									
	Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work				Total public sector
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other public sector	
	G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	
Mar 2024	35	149	282	1,208	1,655	2,017	206	564	6,116
Jun 2024	35	147	282	1,216	1,652	2,027	205	528	6,096
Sep 2024	35	148	282	1,221	1,664	2,041	205	530	6,122
Dec 2024	35	147	282	1,230	1,662	2,053	204	532	6,146
Mar 2025	36	148	282	1,236	1,662	2,062	204	527	6,156
Jun 2025 [r]	35	147	281	1,239	1,664	2,069	203	535	6,174
Sep 2025	35	148	280	1,249	1,665	2,069	201	538	6,183
Dec 2025	35	148	280	1,254	1,662	2,069	202	540	6,191
Mar 2026 [r]	35	149	280	1,260	1,664	2,068	200	538	6,196
Jun 2026	35	149	280	1,270	1,664	2,068	201	540	6,207
Change on quarter	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	2	11
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.2
Change on year	0	2	-1	31	0	-1	-2	5	33
Change %	0.0	1.4	-0.4	2.5	0.0	0	-1.0	0.9	0.5
Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics									

Table 3: Public sector employment by sector classification; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted						
	General government					
	Central government	Local government	Total general government	Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	G7FP	G7FS	G7FV	G7FY	G7G3	G7G6
Mar 2024	3,423	1,576	4,999	184	5,183	511
Jun 2024	3,433	1,576	5,009	147	5,156	513
Sep 2024	3,460	1,574	5,034	149	5,183	515
Dec 2024	3,484	1,571	5,055	149	5,204	514
Mar 2025	3,494	1,568	5,062	147	5,209	516
Jun 2025 [r]	3,512	1,564	5,076	151	5,227	517
Sep 2025	3,519	1,563	5,082	153	5,235	520
Dec 2025	3,530	1,563	5,093	152	5,245	521
Mar 2026 [r]	3,530	1,564	5,094	151	5,245	524
Jun 2026	3,537	1,568	5,105	153	5,258	523
<i>Change on quarter</i>	7	4	11	2	13	-1
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.3	0.2	-0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	25	4	29	2	31	6
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.3	0.6	1.3	0.6	1.2

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

Table 4: Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted									
	Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Education	Health and social work		Other public sector	Total public sector
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration		National Health Service	Other health and social work		
	G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR	G7K2	G7G3
Mar 2024	-	149	272	1,052	1,232	1,799	159	494	5,183
Jun 2024	-	147	271	1,057	1,229	1,805	159	463	5,156
Sep 2024	-	148	272	1,059	1,236	1,818	159	463	5,183
Dec 2024	-	147	273	1,067	1,236	1,829	158	464	5,204
Mar 2025	-	148	273	1,075	1,237	1,831	159	461	5,209
Jun 2025 [r]	-	147	273	1,076	1,238	1,841	157	470	5,227
Sep 2025	-	148	272	1,080	1,237	1,842	156	471	5,235
Dec 2025	-	148	273	1,087	1,236	1,842	157	471	5,245
Mar 2026 [r]	-	149	273	1,095	1,238	1,837	156	472	5,245
Jun 2026	-	149	273	1,102	1,237	1,839	156	475	5,258
Change on quarter	-	0	0	7	-1	2	0	3	13
Change %	-	0.0	0.0	0.6	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.2
Change on year	-	2	0	26	-1	-2	-1	5	31
Change %	-	1.4	0.0	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	1.1	0.6

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

Table 5: Public and private sector employment; Headcount

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted									
	Public sector		Private sector		Total employment (thousands)	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications	
	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage		Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
Mar 2024 [r]	6,116	18.3	27,239	81.7	33,355	5,838	17.5	27,517	82.5
Jun 2024 [r]	6,096	18.2	27,476	81.8	33,572	5,858	17.4	27,714	82.6
Sep 2024 [r]	6,122	18.1	27,661	81.9	33,783	5,883	17.4	27,900	82.6
Dec 2024 [r]	6,146	18.1	27,788	81.9	33,934	5,901	17.4	28,033	82.6
Mar 2025 [r]	6,156	18.1	27,872	81.9	34,028	5,912	17.4	28,116	82.6
Jun 2025 [r]	6,174	18.0	28,061	82.0	34,235	5,929	17.3	28,306	82.7
Sep 2025 [r]	6,183	18.1	28,039	81.9	34,222	5,937	17.3	28,285	82.7
Dec 2025 [r]	6,191	18.0	28,121	82.0	34,312	5,942	17.3	28,370	82.7
Mar 2026 [r]	6,196	18.0	28,215	82.0	34,411	5,948	17.3	28,463	82.7
Jun 2026	6,207	18.0	28,271	82.0	34,478	5,959	17.3	28,519	82.7
Change on quarter	11	0.0	56	0.0	67	11	0.0	56	0.0
Change %	0.2	..	0.2	..	0.2	0.2	..	0.2	..
Change on year	33	0.0	210	0.0	243	30	0.0	213	0.0
Change %	0.5	..	0.7	..	0.7	0.5	..	0.8	..

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

Table 6: Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)															
	United Kingdom	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	N92000004	S92000003	N92000002
Mar 2024	6,132	6,116	5,893	4,955	269	712	530	394	499	471	841	728	510	330	608	230
Jun 2024	6,088	6,096	5,852	4,927	267	706	527	394	496	469	835	724	509	329	597	226
Sep 2024	6,114	6,122	5,878	4,953	269	712	528	395	501	473	840	727	508	329	596	226
Dec 2024	6,147	6,146	5,908	4,979	271	716	530	397	504	473	845	733	510	331	598	230
Mar 2025	6,171	6,156	5,931	5,000	271	722	532	400	507	473	849	735	511	332	600	231
Jun 2025 [r]	6,168	6,174	5,929	5,001	272	721	532	399	508	474	850	735	510	331	597	232
Sep 2025	6,174	6,183	5,938	5,008	273	723	534	398	509	475	851	733	511	332	598	229
Dec 2025	6,193	6,191	5,953	5,018	273	725	536	398	511	475	852	737	512	333	602	235
Mar 2026 [r]	6,208	6,196	5,968	5,029	274	729	537	398	512	476	850	738	514	335	604	236
Jun 2026	6,202	6,207	5,961	5,023	273	728	536	397	513	475	850	738	513	334	604	238
Change on year:	34	33	32	22	0	8	4	-3	5	1	0	4	3	3	7	6
Change %:	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.8	-0.7	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.1	2.5
% of total employment Jun 2026	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.2	23.0	19.7	19.6	16.8	17.3	15.6	15.6	15.6	16.7	24.1	22.3	26.5

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

Table 6a: Regional public sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)															
	United Kingdom	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	N92000004	S92000003	N92000002
Mar 2024	5,852	5,838	5,614	4,701	258	672	503	378	473	449	796	686	485	325	588	228
Jun 2024	5,850	5,858	5,614	4,703	257	673	502	379	475	450	799	685	485	324	587	226
Sep 2024	5,873	5,883	5,637	4,727	259	678	503	380	478	453	805	687	484	324	586	226
Dec 2024	5,904	5,901	5,665	4,750	261	681	505	382	481	454	809	692	486	326	588	230
Mar 2025	5,926	5,912	5,686	4,770	261	688	506	384	484	454	813	694	487	327	590	231
Jun 2025 [r]	5,922	5,929	5,683	4,770	262	686	507	383	485	455	813	693	486	326	587	232
Sep 2025	5,927	5,937	5,692	4,777	262	689	509	382	486	457	813	692	487	327	588	229
Dec 2025	5,946	5,942	5,705	4,786	262	690	511	381	487	456	815	696	488	328	591	235
Mar 2026 [r]	5,960	5,948	5,719	4,796	263	694	512	381	488	457	813	696	490	330	593	236
Jun 2026	5,953	5,959	5,711	4,789	262	693	511	380	489	456	812	696	490	329	593	238
Change on year:	31	30	28	19	0	6	4	-4	4	1	-1	3	4	3	6	6
Change %:	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.8	-1.0	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.8	0.9	1.1	2.5
% of total employment Jun 2026	17.3	17.3	17.1	16.4	22.1	18.8	18.7	16.1	16.6	15.0	15.0	14.7	15.9	23.7	21.9	26.5

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

Table 7: Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)															
	United Kingdom	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	N92000004	S92000003	N92000002
Mar 2024	27,229	27,239	26,326	23,321	929	2,868	2,121	1,942	2,396	2,425	4,336	3,921	2,384	1,042	1,963	656
Jun 2024	27,497	27,476	26,631	23,539	915	2,911	2,124	1,895	2,377	2,537	4,394	3,949	2,436	1,034	2,057	657
Sep 2024	27,711	27,661	26,837	23,767	910	2,999	2,130	1,944	2,390	2,528	4,498	3,914	2,454	1,036	2,035	647
Dec 2024	27,751	27,788	26,869	23,780	929	3,024	2,124	1,977	2,364	2,503	4,426	3,932	2,499	1,033	2,056	649
Mar 2025	27,862	27,872	26,993	23,813	903	2,953	2,119	1,975	2,308	2,572	4,438	4,012	2,531	1,090	2,091	647
Jun 2025 [r]	28,084	28,061	27,230	24,107	911	2,938	2,179	1,978	2,423	2,568	4,582	3,982	2,547	1,043	2,079	645
Sep 2025	28,087	28,039	27,242	24,089	939	3,009	2,179	1,999	2,401	2,607	4,502	3,931	2,521	1,055	2,098	625
Dec 2025	28,084	28,121	27,194	24,069	949	3,015	2,171	2,029	2,343	2,666	4,453	3,948	2,495	1,061	2,064	640
Mar 2026 [r]	28,203	28,215	27,337	24,190	951	3,059	2,175	2,031	2,395	2,648	4,422	4,025	2,484	1,089	2,058	642
Jun 2026	28,285	28,271	27,414	24,249	947	3,092	2,197	2,040	2,390	2,622	4,459	4,000	2,502	1,142	2,022	647
Change on year:	201	210	184	142	36	154	17	62	-32	54	-122	18	-45	99	-57	2
Change %:	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	3.9	5.2	0.8	3.2	-1.3	2.1	-2.7	0.4	-1.8	9.5	-2.7	0.4
% of total employment Jun 2026	82.0	82.0	82.1	82.8	77.0	80.3	80.4	83.2	82.7	84.4	84.4	84.4	83.3	75.9	77.7	73.5

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

Table 7a: Regional private sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)															
	United Kingdom	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	
Area Code	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	N92000004	S92000003	N92000002
Mar 2024	27,509	27,517	26,605	23,575	939	2,908	2,147	1,958	2,421	2,448	4,382	3,963	2,409	1,047	1,983	657
Jun 2024	27,735	27,714	26,869	23,763	926	2,945	2,149	1,910	2,399	2,556	4,429	3,989	2,460	1,039	2,067	657
Sep 2024	27,952	27,900	27,078	23,993	921	3,033	2,154	1,960	2,413	2,548	4,534	3,954	2,478	1,041	2,044	647
Dec 2024	27,994	28,033	27,112	24,008	940	3,059	2,149	1,993	2,387	2,521	4,463	3,973	2,524	1,038	2,066	649
Mar 2025	28,107	28,116	27,237	24,042	914	2,987	2,145	1,991	2,331	2,591	4,475	4,053	2,556	1,095	2,101	647
Jun 2025 [r]	28,330	28,306	27,476	24,338	922	2,972	2,205	1,994	2,445	2,587	4,619	4,023	2,571	1,048	2,090	645
Sep 2025	28,334	28,285	27,489	24,320	950	3,043	2,204	2,015	2,424	2,626	4,540	3,972	2,545	1,060	2,109	625
Dec 2025	28,331	28,370	27,442	24,302	959	3,050	2,197	2,046	2,366	2,685	4,490	3,989	2,519	1,066	2,074	640
Mar 2026 [r]	28,451	28,463	27,586	24,423	961	3,094	2,200	2,047	2,419	2,667	4,459	4,067	2,508	1,094	2,069	642
Jun 2026	28,534	28,519	27,663	24,483	958	3,127	2,222	2,057	2,414	2,641	4,497	4,041	2,525	1,148	2,033	647
Change on year:	204	213	187	145	36	155	17	63	-31	54	-122	18	-46	99	-57	2
Change %:	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	3.9	5.2	0.8	3.2	-1.3	2.1	-2.6	0.4	-1.8	9.5	-2.7	0.4
% of total employment Jun 2026	82.7	82.7	82.9	83.6	77.9	81.2	81.3	83.9	83.4	85.0	85.0	85.3	84.1	76.3	78.1	73.5

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

Table 8: Civil Service employment by department, headcount ^{1 2}

Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted									
	June 2026						March 2026	Change on Quarter	
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,560	365	3,925	6,235	2,175	8,410	12,335	12,200	135
Business and Trade	4,960	285	5,245	4,775	1,140	5,915	11,160	11,495	-335
Cabinet Office	2,290	125	2,415	2,440	385	2,825	5,240	5,385	-145
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,330	65	2,395	2,255	210	2,465	4,860	4,790	75
Charity Commission	185	20	205	215	80	290	495	440	55
Competition and Markets Authority	440	35	475	415	80	495	970	985	-10
Culture, Media and Sport	420	10	430	600	95	695	1,125	1,130	-5
Defence	30,525	1,990	32,515	19,115	4,560	23,675	56,185	56,775	-590
Education	2,785	185	2,970	3,475	1,125	4,600	7,570	8,030	-460
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,230	105	2,335	2,160	330	2,490	4,830	4,830	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,270	440	5,705	5,625	1,885	7,510	13,215	13,040	175
Estyn	45	10	60	70	15	85	145	140	5
Export Credits Guarantee Department	325	5	330	230	30	255	585	580	10
Food Standards Agency	690	85	775	705	105	815	1,590	1,585	5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,315	100	4,420	3,785	430	4,215	8,635	8,710	-75
Health and Social Care	3,430	220	3,650	5,450	1,265	6,715	10,365	10,360	5
HM Land Registry	2,265	530	2,795	2,465	1,920	4,385	7,180	7,105	75
HM Revenue and Customs	32,460	3,870	36,330	26,370	12,465	38,840	75,165	74,435	730
HM Treasury	1,260	70	1,330	1,120	195	1,320	2,650	2,780	-130
Chancellor's other departments	275	20	290	180	45	225	520	510	10
Home Office	21,655	2,115	23,775	19,690	6,755	26,445	50,220	50,390	-170
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,100	180	2,280	2,005	535	2,545	4,825	4,900	-75
Justice	37,200	4,230	41,430	44,465	12,445	56,910	98,340	97,110	1,230
The National Archives	265	15	280	260	70	335	615	620	-5
National Crime Agency	2,985	175	3,165	2,420	530	2,950	6,115	5,965	145
Northern Ireland Office	45	..	45	70	10	80	125	130	-5
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	645	40	685	1,340	255	1,595	2,285	2,180	105
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,145	35	1,180	945	120	1,065	2,250	2,210	40
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	5	115	175	30	205	325	325	0
Office of Rail and Road	200	20	220	140	20	160	380	375	5
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	55	..	55	60	15	75	135	140	-10
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	0	25	20	..	25	45	45	0
Ofwat	225	10	235	220	30	250	490	435	55
Science, Innovation and Technology	4,080	470	4,545	3,290	780	4,070	8,615	8,515	100
Transport	7,865	1,005	8,870	5,155	2,345	7,500	16,370	16,495	-125
UK Statistics Authority	2,115	540	2,655	2,010	1,230	3,240	5,895	5,835	60
UK Supreme Court	25	0	25	25	..	30	55	45	15
Work and Pensions	31,095	5,295	36,395	32,250	26,190	58,440	94,830	95,725	-895
Central Government Departments Total	211,890	22,695	234,585	202,225	79,910	282,135	516,720	516,740	-20
Scottish Government	11,730	1,170	12,900	12,380	3,440	15,820	28,715	28,885	-170
Welsh Government	2,220	230	2,450	2,895	970	3,865	6,310	6,165	145
TOTAL	225,840	24,090	249,930	217,500	84,315	301,820	551,750	551,795	-45

	June 2026						March 2026	Change on Quarter	
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	60	0	60	160	15	175	230	210	20
Business and Trade	45	..	50	35	..	40	90	90	0
Cabinet Office	..	..	..	5	..	10	15	0	15
Other Cabinet Office agencies	15	0	15	15	0	15	30	25	5
Charity Commission	..	0	..	..	..	..	5	..	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	0	..	5	..	5	10	10	0
Culture, Media and Sport	10	0	10	5	0	5	15	20	-5
Defence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	30	..	30	55	5	60	95	65	30
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	45	5	50	75	10	85	135	75	60
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	0	10	5	0	5	15	15	0
Food Standards Agency	5	0	5	15	0	15	20	15	5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	70	..	75	85	..	85	160	160	0
Health and Social Care	115	5	120	205	25	230	350	350	0
HM Land Registry	20	..	20	25	0	25	45	45	0
HM Revenue and Customs	410	10	420	290	20	315	735	1,070	-340
HM Treasury	5	0	5	..	..	5	10	10	0
Chancellor's other departments	0	..	..	..	..	..	5	10	-5
Home Office	430	15	445	505	55	555	1,000	1,080	-80
Housing, Communities and Local Government	20	0	20	20	0	20	35	25	15
Justice	160	15	175	305	40	350	525	460	65
The National Archives	..	..	5	15	10	25	30	35	-5
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	15	0	15	15	..	15	30	30	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	5	0	5	5	..	10	15	20	-5
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	45	0	45	40	..	45	90	105	-15
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	0	..	..	0	..	5	10	-5
Office of Rail and Road	..	0	..	..	0	..	..	5	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ofwat	..	0	..	..	..	..	5	45	-40
Science, Innovation and Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	-10
Transport	125	5	130	65	10	70	200	155	45
UK Statistics Authority	30	55	85	15	35	50	135	145	-10
UK Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	-10
Work and Pensions	525	5	530	510	35	545	1,075	1,200	-125
Central Government Departments Total	2,210	120	2,335	2,495	285	2,780	5,115	5,530	-415
Scottish Government	120	15	130	145	15	160	295	295	0
Welsh Government	5	..	5	10	0	10	15	15	0
TOTAL	2,335	135	2,470	2,645	300	2,950	5,420	5,840	-420

	June 2026						March 2026	Change on Quarter	
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	228,175	24,230	252,405	220,150	84,620	304,765	557,170	557,635	-465

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

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "...". Data not available are represented by "-".

2 Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

Full-time equivalents, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted					
	June 2026			March 2026	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Permanent Employees					
Attorney General's departments	3,815	7,780	11,595	11,470	125
Business and Trade	5,165	5,595	10,760	11,070	-310
Cabinet Office	2,370	2,725	5,095	5,240	-145
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,365	2,405	4,770	4,735	35
Charity Commission	200	270	465	415	50
Competition and Markets Authority	470	480	945	960	-10
Culture, Media and Sport	430	665	1,095	1,100	-5
Defence	31,795	22,325	54,120	54,705	-585
Education	2,930	4,320	7,245	7,695	-445
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,315	2,410	4,725	4,725	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,585	6,995	12,580	12,410	170
Estyn	55	80	135	130	5
Export Credits Guarantee Department	330	250	575	570	10
Food Standards Agency	745	785	1,535	1,525	5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,380	4,090	8,470	8,550	-80
Health and Social Care	3,590	6,380	9,970	9,970	0
HM Land Registry	2,610	3,810	6,425	6,365	60
HM Revenue and Customs	35,095	35,060	70,150	69,400	750
HM Treasury	1,310	1,265	2,575	2,700	-120
Chancellor's other departments	290	215	505	495	10
Home Office	23,110	24,470	47,585	47,765	-185
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,235	2,415	4,650	4,710	-60
Justice	39,610	52,555	92,170	90,990	1,175
The National Archives	275	305	580	580	..
National Crime Agency	3,105	2,810	5,920	5,775	145
Northern Ireland Office	45	75	120	125	-5
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	675	1,530	2,205	2,105	100
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,170	1,040	2,210	2,175	35
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	115	200	315	315	..
Office of Rail and Road	210	155	365	365	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	55	75	130	135	-5
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	25	45	45	..
Ofwat	235	245	480	425	55
Science, Innovation and Technology	4,425	3,870	8,295	8,210	90
Transport	8,535	6,730	15,270	15,375	-110
UK Statistics Authority	2,470	2,865	5,335	5,270	65
UK Supreme Court	25	30	55	40	10
Work and Pensions	34,775	50,455	85,235	86,030	-800
Central Government Departments Total	226,935	257,760	484,695	484,675	20
Scottish Government	12,435	14,845	27,280	27,475	-195
Welsh Government	2,370	3,590	5,960	5,820	145
TOTAL	241,745	276,195	517,935	517,970	-35
	June 2026			March 2026	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Temporary/Casual Employees					
Attorney General's departments	60	170	230	210	20
Business and Trade	45	40	85	90	-10
Cabinet Office	..	5	10	0	10
Other Cabinet Office agencies	15	15	30	25	5
Charity Commission	..	..	5	..	..
Competition and Markets Authority	..	5	10	10	..
Culture, Media and Sport	10	5	15	20	-5
Defence	0	0	0	0	0
Education	30	60	90	60	30
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	45	85	130	75	60
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	5	15	15	..
Food Standards Agency	5	15	20	15	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	75	85	160	180	-20
Health and Social Care	120	220	340	340	0
HM Land Registry	20	25	40	45	-5
HM Revenue and Customs	415	305	725	1,055	-330
HM Treasury	5	5	10	10	..
Chancellor's other departments	0	..	..	10	-5
Home Office	440	545	985	1,055	-75
Housing, Communities and Local Government	20	20	35	25	15

2 Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	June 2026		March 2026		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Attorney General's departments						
Attorney General's Office	70	70	65	65	..	5
Crown Prosecution Service	8,425	7,900	8,315	7,800	110	105
Government Legal Department	3,445	3,235	3,390	3,180	60	55
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	30	30	30	30	0	0
Serious Fraud Office	600	585	615	605	-15	-15
Business and Trade						
Department for Business and Trade (excluding agencies)	5,300	5,220	5,915	5,805	-615	-585
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,180	1,090	1,160	1,070	15	20
Companies House	2,440	2,330	2,425	2,310	20	20
Fair Work Agency ²	150	145	0	0	150	145
The Insolvency Service	2,175	2,065	2,085	1,975	90	90
Cabinet Office						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) ³	5,255	5,105	5,385	5,240	-130	-135
Other Cabinet Office agencies						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	1,950	1,950	2,065	2,065	-115	-115
Government Commercial Agency ^{3,4}	815	760	690	675	125	85
Government Commercial Organisation	1,650	1,620	1,580	1,555	70	70
Government Property Agency	480	470	475	470	..	..
Charity Commission						
Charity Commission	500	470	445	420	55	55
Competition and Markets Authority						
Competition and Markets Authority	980	955	990	965	-10	-10
Culture, Media and Sport						
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	1,140	1,110	1,150	1,120	-10	-10
Defence						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	36,155	34,855	36,460	35,155	-300	-300
Defence Equipment and Support	10,160	9,710	10,340	9,890	-180	-180
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,730	4,535	4,795	4,600	-65	-65
Royal Fleet Auxiliary	1,685	1,685	1,685	1,685	..	..
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,500	2,420	2,535	2,455	-35	-35
UK Hydrographic Office	955	910	965	920	-10	-10
Education						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	7,445	7,135	7,640	7,320	-190	-185
Standards and Testing Agency	140	130	140	135	..	..
Teaching Regulation Agency	75	70	80	75	..	..
Energy Security and Net Zero						
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	4,830	4,720	4,830	4,725	..	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies) ⁵	6,675	6,440	6,340	6,115	335	325
Animal and Plant Health Agency	3,345	3,175	3,365	3,195	-20	-20
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	645	605	640	605	..	0
Rural Payments Agency ⁷	2,480	2,290	2,570	2,375	-90	-85
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	205	205	200	195	5	5
Estyn						
Estyn	145	135	140	130	..	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	600	590	595	585	5	10
Food Standards Agency						
Food Standards Agency	1,610	1,550	1,600	1,540	10	10
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	7,495	7,385	7,620	7,500	-120	-115
FCDO Services	1,205	1,170	1,185	1,150	20	20
Wilton Park Executive Agency	90	75	90	80	..	-5
Health and Social Care						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,180	3,080	3,275	3,170	-95	-90
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,655	1,615	1,620	1,580	35	35
UK Health Security Agency	5,885	5,615	5,820	5,560	65	55
HM Land Registry						
HM Land Registry	7,220	6,465	7,150	6,410	75	55
HM Revenue and Customs						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	71,545	66,785	71,210	66,415	335	365
HMRC Valuation Office ⁶	4,355	4,090	4,300	4,040	55	50
HM Treasury						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,065	2,020	2,175	2,125	-110	-105
Government Internal Audit Agency	420	395	435	410	-15	-15
Office for Budget Responsibility	60	55	55	55	..	..
UK Debt Management Office	120	120	125	120	..	..
Chancellor's other departments						
Government Actuary's Department	245	230	245	230	..	..
National Savings and Investments	280	280	280	275	..	..
Home Office						
Home Office	51,220	48,565	51,470	48,825	-245	-255
Housing, Communities and Local Government						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies)	3,720	3,615	3,780	3,665	-60	-50
Planning Inspectorate	1,090	1,020	1,090	1,015	..	..
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	50	50	..	..
Justice						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	8,390	8,165	8,385	8,150	10	10
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	380	350	385	355	..	..
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,730	15,185	16,455	14,910	275	275
HM Prison and Probation Service	70,105	65,945	69,145	65,040	960	905

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	June 2026		March 2026		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Legal Aid Agency	1,385	1,285	1,350	1,250	30	35
Office of the Public Guardian	1,875	1,735	1,845	1,710	25	25
The National Archives						
The National Archives	645	605	650	615	-5	-5
National Crime Agency						
National Crime Agency	6,115	5,920	5,965	5,775	145	145
Northern Ireland Office						
Northern Ireland Office	155	150	160	155	-5	-5
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	2,295	2,215	2,200	2,120	95	95
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	2,335	2,300	2,315	2,280	25	20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	330	320	335	325	..	..
Office of Rail and Road						
Office of Rail and Road	380	370	380	370	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotlan	135	130	145	140	-10	-10
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	45	45	45	45	..	..
Ofwat						
Ofwat	495	485	480	470	15	15
Science, Innovation and Technology						
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (excluding agencies) ^{7 8}	4,300	4,210	3,650	3,570	655	640
Building Digital UK ⁷	0	0	245	245	-245	-245
Intellectual Property Office	1,775	1,680	1,770	1,675	5	..
Met Office	2,535	2,405	2,535	2,410	..	-5
UK Space Agency ⁸	0	0	320	315	-320	-315
Transport						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,255	3,175	3,420	3,340	-170	-165
Active Travel England	110	105	105	105	..	..
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,205	5,585	6,185	5,560	20	25
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	5,375	5,025	5,350	4,990	25	35
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,350	1,305	1,315	1,270	35	35
Vehicle Certification Agency	280	265	275	260	..	..
UK Statistics Authority						
UK Statistics Authority	6,030	5,435	5,980	5,370	50	65
UK Supreme Court						
UK Supreme Court	55	55	55	55	..	..
Work and Pensions						
Department for Work and Pensions (excluding agencies)	92,890	83,440	93,655	84,110	-765	-670
Health and Safety Executive	2,760	2,615	3,270	3,110	-510	-495
Skills England ⁹	255	245	235	225	20	20
Scottish Government						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	8,935	8,565	9,015	8,640	-75	-75
Accountant in Bankruptcy	105	90	105	95	..	..
Consumer Scotland	40	40	40	40	..	..
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,760	2,625	2,735	2,595	25	25
Disclosure Scotland	370	350	375	350	-5	..
Education Scotland	235	225	370	360	-135	-135
Food Standards Scotland	295	285	290	280	..	..
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,100	1,050	1,095	1,055	..	-5
National Records of Scotland	455	425	450	420	5	5
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	40	40	35	..	..
Registers of Scotland	1,175	1,130	1,180	1,135	-5	-5
Revenue Scotland	110	110	110	105	..	..
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	2,075	1,910	2,095	1,925	-20	-15
Scottish Fiscal Commission	25	25	25	25	..	..
Scottish Forestry	255	250	255	245	..	..
Scottish Housing Regulator	55	50	55	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	5,235	4,905	5,195	4,895	40	10
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	435	410	435	405	..	..
Social Security Scotland	4,460	4,250	4,475	4,275	-20	-25
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	235	225	240	230	..	..
Transport Scotland	615	595	605	590	10	10
Welsh Government						
Welsh Government (excluding agencies)	6,195	5,850	6,055	5,710	140	140
Welsh Revenue Authority	130	125	125	125	..	..
Total employment	557,170	523,185	557,635	523,635	-465	-450

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

¹ Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "..".² The Fair Work Agency launched as an executive agency of the Department for Business and Trade on 7 April 2026.³ Around 60 staff transferred from the Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) to the Government Commercial Agency between March and June 2026.⁴ The Crown Commercial Service became the Government Commercial Agency on 1 April 2026.⁵ Around 70 staff transferred from the Rural Payments Agency to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies) between March and June 2026.⁶ On 1 April 2026, the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) integrated into HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) as HMRC Valuation Office. As staff remain on distinct payroll arrangements pending the transition to the HMRC payroll, HMRC Valuation Office will continue to be reported separately under the HMRC hierarchy.⁷ Building Digital UK (BDUK) has integrated into the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) (excluding agencies), and BDUK employees transferred to the DSIT payroll in March 2026.⁸ The UK Space Agency (UKSA) has integrated into the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) (excluding agencies), and UKSA employees transferred to the DSIT payroll in March 2026.⁹ On 1 April 2026, Skills England transferred from the Department for Education (excluding agencies) to the Department for Work and Pensions (excluding agencies).

Table 10: Employment in Executive NDPBs ^{1 2 3}

Permanent Employees	June 2026		March 2026		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	660	630	640	620	20	20
Cabinet Office	180	170	180	180	..	..
Culture, Media and Sport	11,480	10,510	11,560	10,650	-80	-140
Defence	540	430	560	440	-20	-10
Education	5,190	4,970	5,190	4,980	..	-10
Energy Security and Net Zero	5,070	4,930	5,070	4,940	-10	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	18,900	17,820	18,860	17,780	40	40
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,060	1,010	1,060	1,010	0	..
Health and Social Care	17,960	16,550	18,800	17,330	-840	-780
Home Office	2,780	2,590	2,870	2,670	-90	-80
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,570	2,520	2,560	2,510	10	10
Justice	2,840	2,710	2,800	2,670	50	40
Science, Innovation and Technology	9,320	8,990	9,390	9,050	-70	-70
Transport	2,550	2,500	2,550	2,510	..	..
Work and Pensions	2,280	2,190	2,070	2,010	210	180
Central Government Departments Total	83,380	78,530	84,150	79,340	-770	-810
Scottish Government	11,580	10,780	11,610	10,670	-20	100
Welsh Government	3,570	3,310	3,580	3,320	-20	-10
TOTAL	98,530	92,610	99,330	93,330	-800	-720

Temporary Employees	June 2026		March 2026		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	10	10	20	20	-20	-20
Cabinet Office	..	..	..	..	..	..
Culture, Media and Sport	1,600	640	1,440	560	160	80
Defence	70	20	60	20	10	..
Education	190	180	190	180	..	..
Energy Security and Net Zero	80	80	90	90	-10	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	640	580	660	610	-20	-30
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	..	..	0	0
Health and Social Care	1,580	990	1,470	890	110	100
Home Office	90	70	80	70	10	10
Housing, Communities and Local Government	130	130	130	130	..	..
Justice	70	70	80	70	..	..
Science, Innovation and Technology	140	140	100	100	40	40
Transport	40	40	40	40	..	..
Work and Pensions	80	80	100	100	-30	-30
Central Government Departments Total	4,710	3,030	4,470	2,890	240	140
Scottish Government	610	530	540	440	70	80
Welsh Government	740	410	710	380	30	30
TOTAL	6,060	3,970	5,710	3,710	350	260

All NDPB Employees	104,590	96,580	105,040	97,040	-460	-460
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Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1. Includes Executive NDPBs with an employment of greater than 20.

2. Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten.

3. These figures do not include employees of ACAS, Health and Safety Executive, Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education, Office for Budget Responsibility. These are Crown NDPBs, the employees of which are included as part of Civil Service headcounts.

4. Environment Agency includes all regional divisions.

5. We collect data from all public bodies set out in the Public sector classification guide (if they have 20 or more employees) and therefore all executive Non-Departmental (NDPBs) meeting this criteria are included in our overall public sector employment estimates. However, our estimates of employment in executive NDPBs in this table are not all executive NDPBs included in the overall estimates. We are currently reviewing this methodology and aim to provide data for an exhaustive list of executive NDPBs in the future.

Table 11: Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted		
	Headcount	Full-time equivalent
Mar 2024	690	515
Jun 2024	700	522
Sep 2024	713	531
Dec 2024	720	536
Mar 2025	728	542
Jun 2025	736	547
Sep 2025	745	553
Dec 2025	749	556
Mar 2026	754	559
Jun 2026	757	562
<i>Change on quarter</i>	3	3
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	21	15
<i>Change %</i>	2.9	2.7

Source: Office for National Statistics

1. Estimates of employment in academies are derived by matching the monthly Open Academies dataset with the annual School Workforce Census, both published by the Department for Education.
2. More detailed statistics on academies are available from the Department for Education <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-workforce>