

Statistical bulletin

Public sector employment, UK: June 2023

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



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1 . Main points

- Total public sector employment increased in June 2023 compared with the previous quarter and the previous year; central government is the main contributor to the rise with smaller increases in local government and public corporations.
- There were an estimated 5.87 million employees in the public sector in June 2023, which is 36,000 (0.6%) more than in March 2023 and 133,000 (2.3%) more than in June 2022.
- Employment in central government was an estimated 3.67 million in June 2023, a rise of 30,000 (0.8%) compared with March 2023 and 116,000 (3.3%) compared with June 2022; the main contributors to this increase were the NHS, the Civil Service, and local authority schools becoming academies.
- The NHS employed an estimated 1.96 million people in June 2023, an increase of 21,000 (1.1%) compared with March 2023 and an increase of 78,000 (4.1%) compared with June 2022.
- Employment in local government was an estimated 2.00 million for June 2023, an increase of 4,000 (0.2%) since March 2023 and 10,000 (0.5%) since June 2022; an increase in employment in the police has contributed to the increase from a year ago.
- There were 522,000 employees in the Civil Service in June 2023, up 1,000 (0.2%) compared with March 2023, and up 10,000 (2.0%) compared with June 2022.
- There were an estimated 27.01 million employees in the private sector in June 2023, which is 243,000 (0.9%) fewer than in March 2023 but 3,000 (0.0%) more than in June 2022.

2 . Public sector employment data

[Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 12 September 2023

Quarterly estimates of UK and regional public sector employment made up of central government (including Civil Service), local government and public corporations. The estimates also include a breakdown by industry.

[Public sector employment time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: PSE | Released 12 September 2023

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

3 . Measuring the data

Reclassification of further education institutions in England

On 29 November 2022, we announced the reclassification of further education corporations, sixth form college corporations, and designated institutions in England from the non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) sector to the central government sector. Our [Economic statistics sector classification -- classification update and forward work plan: November 2022 article](#) has more information on this classification decision.

This reclassification will be reflected in the September 2023 public sector employment statistics to be released on 12 December 2023.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Our [Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics article](#) has more information about how labour market sources have been affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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

Impact on production of public sector employment estimates

The collection of the data contained in this release was unaffected by the coronavirus pandemic. Comments provided by survey respondents suggested the estimates were partly affected by coronavirus planning and response.

Sources

The main source of public sector employment (PSE) data is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in our [PSE Quality and Methodology Information \(QMI\)](#).

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](#).

Seasonal adjustment

All [PSE data time series](#) in this release, 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 the PSE datasets](#).

Quality

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

4 . Related links

[Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 2 August 2023

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 12 September 2023

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 12 September 2023

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.

5 . 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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1 Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted							
General government							
		Central government	Local government	Total general government	Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
2021	Mar	3,470	2,001	5,471	201	5,672	505
	Jun	3,475	2,001	5,476	199	5,675	498
	Sep	3,500	2,001	5,501	195	5,696	505
	Dec	3,524	2,000	5,524	195	5,719	507
2022	Mar	3,543	1,997	5,540	193	5,733	512
	Jun	3,551 [†]	1,994 [†]	5,545 [†]	194	5,739 [†]	512
	Sep	3,576	1,995	5,571	198	5,769	513
	Dec	3,608	1,996	5,604	198	5,802	515
2023	Mar	3,637	2,000	5,637	199	5,836	521
	Jun	3,667	2,004	5,671	201	5,872	522
Change on quarter:		30	4	34	2	36	1
Change %:		0.8	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.2
Change on year:		116	10	126	7	133	10
Change %:		3.3	0.5	2.3	3.6	2.3	2.0
					Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics		

4 Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted									

6 Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	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	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002
2021	Mar	5,683	5,672	5,451	4,561	242	645	485	367	456	438	783	677	468	310	579
	Jun	5,675	5,675	5,443	4,550	243	644	483	365	453	437	782	676	468	310	582
	Sep	5,688	5,696	5,459	4,564	244	648	486	366	453	438	782	677	470	311	584
	Dec	5,719	5,719	5,485	4,583	244	649	489	368	456	439	784	680	474	313	589
2022	Mar	5,747	5,733	5,513	4,602	247	656	495	366	460	439	781	682	476	316	595
	Jun	5,740	5,739	5,506	4,596	247	657	491	367	460	438	779	680	476	316	594
	Sep	5,758	5,769	5,527	4,618	248	661	495	368	462	441	783	682	478	317	592
	Dec	5,799	5,802	5,562	4,647	250	665	497	371	465	443	791	684	481	321	594
2023	Mar	5,849	5,836	5,610	4,689	253	673	501	375	470	446	798	689	485	323	598
	Jun	5,870	5,872	5,632	4,709	254	676	502	377	474	448	803	690	486	324	599
Change on year:		130	133	126	114	7	19	11	10	13	9	24	10	10	7	3
Change %:		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.9	2.9	2.1	3.1	1.5	2.1	2.3	1.3
% of total employment		17.9	17.9	17.7	17.0	20.8	19.6	19.5	16.4	16.7	15.5	15.3	15.7	17.5	22.2	26.8

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

6a Regional public sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	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
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2021	Mar	5,542	5,529	5,311	4,445	240	628	475	361	444	429	754	655	458	306	561
	Jun	5,533	5,539	5,303	4,434	240	627	473	360	441	428	753	654	458	306	564
	Sep	5,547	5,556	5,320	4,448	242	630	476	361	442	429	753	656	460	306	566
	Dec	5,578	5,574	5,346	4,467	242	632	479	363	444	430	755	659	464	308	570
2022	Mar	5,608	5,593	5,375	4,487	245	638	485	361	448	430	752	661	467	312	577
	Jun	5,601	5,606	5,369	4,482	245	640	481	362	449	429	750	659	466	311	576
	Sep	5,619	5,630	5,389	4,504	246	643	485	363	451	432	754	662	469	312	573
	Dec	5,659	5,657	5,424	4,533	248	647	488	365	454	433	763	663	472	316	575
2023	Mar	5,708	5,694	5,472	4,574	251	655	491	369	459	437	769	669	475	318	579
	Jun	5,730	5,735	5,493	4,595	252	658	492	372	462	439	774	671	476	319	579
Change on year:		129	129	124	113	7	18	11	10	13	9	23	12	10	7	3
Change %:		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.2	2.8	3.0	2.2	3.1	1.8	2.1	2.3	1.4
% of total employment		17.4	17.4	17.3	16.6	20.6	19.0	19.1	16.2	16.2	15.2	14.7	15.2	17.2	22.3	26.7

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

7 Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	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
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2021	Mar	26,477	26,502	25,724	22,581	920	2,738	2,061	1,855	2,246	2,331	4,479	3,704	2,247	1,091	587
	Jun	26,718	26,734	25,926	22,764	923	2,750	2,064	1,833	2,306	2,396	4,516	3,692	2,283	1,110	603
	Sep	26,913	26,887	26,085	22,921	919	2,801	2,069	1,860	2,340	2,445	4,451	3,693	2,344	1,099	599
	Dec	26,847	26,811	26,033	22,852	918	2,749	2,026	1,867	2,382	2,487	4,391	3,708	2,325	1,119	593
2022	Mar	26,953	26,974	26,080	22,876	926	2,765	2,051	1,863	2,349	2,477	4,413	3,683	2,348	1,111	614
	Jun	26,998	27,007	26,153	22,956	914	2,789	2,094	1,892	2,351	2,517	4,439	3,650	2,309	1,101	616
	Sep	27,036	27,004	26,199	23,002	911	2,800	2,110	1,891	2,279	2,506	4,423	3,745	2,337	1,078	626
	Dec	27,065	27,037	26,179	22,994	923	2,810	2,108	1,863	2,278	2,488	4,361	3,769	2,393	1,059	628
2023	Mar	27,262	27,253	26,360	23,238	962	2,841	2,092	1,894	2,377	2,479	4,567	3,723	2,302	1,062	636
	Jun	26,993	27,010	26,187	22,985	965	2,780	2,068	1,922	2,370	2,434	4,451	3,712	2,283	1,104	617
Change on year:		-5	3	34	29	51	-10	-26	30	19	-83	12	62	-26	3	2
Change %:		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	5.6	-0.4	-1.3	1.6	0.8	-3.3	0.3	1.7	-1.1	0.3	0.3
% of total employment		82.1	82.1	82.3	83.0	79.2	80.4	80.5	83.6	83.3	84.5	84.7	84.3	82.5	77.3	73.2

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

7a Regional private sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
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All employees																
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2021	Mar	26,618	26,645	25,863	22,697	922	2,756	2,071	1,860	2,258	2,340	4,508	3,726	2,257	1,095	588
	Jun	26,860	26,870	26,065	22,880	925	2,767	2,074	1,839	2,318	2,405	4,546	3,713	2,293	1,114	605
	Sep	27,054	27,027	26,224	23,037	921	2,819	2,079	1,865	2,351	2,455	4,480	3,715	2,353	1,104	601
	Dec	26,988	26,956	26,172	22,968	920	2,767	2,036	1,872	2,394	2,497	4,420	3,729	2,334	1,124	595
2022	Mar	27,092	27,114	26,218	22,990	928	2,783	2,061	1,868	2,361	2,486	4,442	3,704	2,358	1,116	616
	Jun	27,137	27,140	26,290	23,070	916	2,807	2,104	1,897	2,363	2,526	4,467	3,671	2,318	1,106	617
	Sep	27,175	27,143	26,337	23,117	913	2,818	2,120	1,897	2,290	2,515	4,452	3,766	2,347	1,083	628
	Dec	27,205	27,182	26,317	23,109	925	2,828	2,118	1,868	2,290	2,497	4,390	3,789	2,402	1,064	629
2023	Mar	27,403	27,395	26,498	23,352	964	2,859	2,102	1,899	2,388	2,488	4,596	3,743	2,312	1,067	637
	Jun	27,133	27,147	26,326	23,099	967	2,798	2,078	1,927	2,381	2,443	4,480	3,732	2,293	1,109	619
Change on year:		-4	7	36	29	51	-9	-26	30	19	-83	13	61	-26	3	1
Change %:		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	5.6	-0.3	-1.3	1.6	0.8	-3.3	0.3	1.7	-1.1	0.3	0.2
% of total employment		82.6	82.6	82.7	83.4	79.4	81.0	80.9	83.8	83.8	84.8	85.3	84.8	82.8	77.7	73.3

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

8 Civil Service employment by department ^{1 2}

Headcount, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted									
	June 2023						March 2023	Change on Quarter	
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,310	280	3,580	5,090	2,020	7,110	10,700	10,530	170
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ³	6,740	550	7,290	5,770	1,610	7,380	14,670	14,350	320
Cabinet Office	2,640	140	2,780	2,690	490	3,180	5,950	5,910	50
Other Cabinet Office agencies	1,860	30	1,900	1,990	150	2,130	4,030	4,280	-250
Charity Commission	180	20	190	220	70	290	480	480	10
Competition and Markets Authority	430	30	470	390	90	480	940	900	40
Defence	32,660	1,860	34,520	19,630	4,400	24,030	58,550	58,550	..
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ³	870	20	890	940	110	1,050	1,940	1,920	30
Education	3,040	140	3,180	3,800	1,000	4,800	7,980	8,360	-380
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,080	390	5,470	5,310	1,790	7,100	12,570	12,690	-110
Estyn	50	10	50	50	20	70	120	120	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	280	10	290	210	20	230	520	510	10
Food Standards Agency	750	70	810	640	80	730	1,540	1,550	-20
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,280	130	4,410	3,750	430	4,180	8,590	8,320	270
Health and Social Care	3,130	220	3,350	4,940	1,080	6,020	9,370	9,370	..
HM Land Registry	2,110	460	2,570	2,370	1,610	3,980	6,550	6,680	-130
HM Revenue and Customs	30,130	3,530	33,660	24,490	12,330	36,820	70,480	71,600	-1,110
HM Treasury	1,340	70	1,420	1,200	190	1,390	2,800	2,720	80
Chancellor's other departments	230	20	240	130	40	170	410	430	-20
Home Office	18,290	1,580	19,870	15,910	5,600	21,510	41,380	40,760	620
International Trade ³	1,780	30	1,820	1,600	140	1,740	3,560	3,530	30
Justice	35,080	3,830	38,900	41,750	11,560	53,320	92,220	91,380	840
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,820	180	1,990	1,730	450	2,180	4,170	4,160	10
The National Archives	250	10	270	260	60	310	580	560	20
National Crime Agency	2,900	130	3,040	2,140	410	2,550	5,590	5,570	20
Northern Ireland Office	80	0	80	90	10	90	170	170	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	610	30	640	1,190	210	1,400	2,040	2,020	20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	820	20	850	630	80	710	1,560	1,450	110
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	10	120	180	30	210	330	330	..
Office of Rail and Road	180	20	200	140	30	160	370	370	-10
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	..	50	70	10	90	130	130	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	0	30	10	..	20	40	50	..
Ofwat	130	10	140	110	20	130	280	260	10
Transport	7,730	880	8,600	4,930	2,390	7,320	15,920	15,840	80
UK Statistics Authority	2,030	500	2,530	2,140	1,190	3,330	5,860	5,990	-130
UK Supreme Court	30	..	30	20	10	30	60	40	20
Work and Pensions	27,430	4,620	32,040	30,010	26,000	56,010	88,050	87,620	440
Central Government Departments Total	198,420	19,820	218,240	186,520	75,740	262,250	480,490	479,460	1,030
Scottish Government	11,210	1,110	12,320	11,650	3,320	14,970	27,280	27,240	40
Welsh Government	2,190	230	2,420	2,680	940	3,620	6,040	6,030	10
TOTAL	211,820	21,150	232,970	200,840	80,000	280,840	513,810	512,730	1,080

	June 2023						March 2023	Change on Quarter	
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	60	10	60	130	10	140	210	200	..
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ³	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	40	..
Cabinet Office	..	0	..	..	0	..	10	10	..
Other Cabinet Office agencies	10	0	10	10	..	10	20	40	-10
Charity Commission	..	..	..	10	0	10	10	20	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	10	..	10	..	..	10	20	10	10
Defence	40	..	50	10	..	20	60	40	20
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ³	10	0	10	20	0	20	30	20	10
Education	40	..	40	60	10	80	120	140	-20
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	160	10	170	190	30	220	380	390	-10
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	..
Food Standards Agency	..	10	10	10	..	10	10	20	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	220	..	220	210	..	210	430	500	-70
Health and Social Care	230	30	250	370	80	450	710	890	-190
HM Land Registry	..	0	..	..	..	..	10	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	480	10	490	290	30	320	800	790	20
HM Treasury	30	..	30	20	..	20	50	30	20
Chancellor's other departments	..	0	..	..	..	10	10	..	10
Home Office	720	500	1,220	920	310	1,230	2,460	2,370	90
International Trade ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	250	40	290	500	120	620	920	880	30
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	10	0	10	..	0	..	10	20	-10
The National Archives	10	..	10	10	10	20	30	30	..
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	-10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	80	..	80	70	..	80	160	130	20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	10	0	10	10	..	10	20	20	0
Office of Rail and Road	..	0	..	0	..	..	10	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	..	0	..	0	0	0	..	0	..
Ofwat	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Transport	230	20	250	120	40	160	410	580	-170
UK Statistics Authority	50	80	130	30	70	90	220	140	80
UK Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	-20
Work and Pensions	90	..	90	70	10	80	170	160	20
Central Government Departments Total	2,760	720	3,480	3,110	750	3,850	7,330	7,530	-200
Scottish Government	180	30	210	150	40	190	390	380	20
Welsh Government	10	..	10	20	..	20	20	20	..
TOTAL	2,940	740	3,690	3,280	780	4,060	7,750	7,940	-190

	June 2023						March 2023	Change on Quarter	
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	214,770	21,890	236,660	204,120	80,780	284,900	521,560	520,660	890

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

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8 ..continued, Civil Service employment by department

Full-time equivalents, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted

	June 2023			March 2023	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Permanent Employees					
Attorney General's departments	3,500	6,530	10,030	9,870	160
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ³	7,130	6,920	14,050	13,740	310
Cabinet Office	2,740	3,040	5,780	5,730	40
Other Cabinet Office agencies	1,890	2,100	3,980	4,230	-250
Charity Commission	190	270	460	460	..
Competition and Markets Authority	460	450	910	870	40
Defence	33,850	22,720	56,570	56,640	-70
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ³	890	1,020	1,910	1,880	30
Education	3,150	4,560	7,710	8,050	-340
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,360	6,600	11,970	12,090	-120
Estyn	50	70	120	110	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	280	230	510	500	10
Food Standards Agency	790	700	1,490	1,510	-20
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,360	4,050	8,410	8,140	270
Health and Social Care	3,290	5,710	9,000	8,990	10
HM Land Registry	2,410	3,520	5,930	6,060	-130
HM Revenue and Customs	32,540	33,080	65,630	66,700	-1,070
HM Treasury	1,390	1,330	2,730	2,650	80
Chancellor's other departments	240	160	400	410	-10
Home Office	19,380	19,840	39,210	38,580	630
International Trade ³	1,810	1,700	3,510	3,480	30
Justice	37,240	49,240	86,480	85,710	760
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,940	2,060	4,000	4,000	..
The National Archives	260	290	560	540	20
National Crime Agency	2,990	2,440	5,430	5,410	10
Northern Ireland Office	80	90	170	170	-10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	630	1,340	1,980	1,960	20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	840	690	1,530	1,420	110
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	120	200	320	320	..
Office of Rail and Road	200	160	350	360	-10
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	80	130	130	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	20	40	40	..
Ofwat	140	130	270	250	10
Transport	8,310	6,510	14,820	14,750	80
UK Statistics Authority	2,350	2,960	5,320	5,390	-80
UK Supreme Court	30	30	60	40	20
Work and Pensions	30,690	48,200	78,890	78,460	430
Central Government Departments Total	211,570	239,040	450,620	449,630	980
Scottish Government	11,910	14,020	25,930	25,890	30
Welsh Government	2,340	3,360	5,700	5,700	10
TOTAL	225,830	256,420	482,240	481,220	1,020

	June 2023			March 2023	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Temporary/Casual Employees					
Attorney General's departments	60	140	200	200	..
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ³	20	20	40	40	..
Cabinet Office	..	..	10	10	..
Other Cabinet Office agencies	10	10	20	30	-10
Charity Commission	..	10	10	20	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	10	10	20	10	10
Defence	50	10	60	40	20
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ³	10	20	30	20	10
Education	40	80	120	140	-20
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	160	210	370	380	-10
Estyn	0	0	0	..	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	..	10	10	10	..
Food Standards Agency	10	10	10	20	-10
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	220	210	430	490	-70
Health and Social Care	240	420	660	830	-180
HM Land Registry	..	..	10	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	480	310	790	770	20
HM Treasury	30	20	50	30	20
Chancellor's other departments	..	10	10	..	10
Home Office	940	1,080	2,020	2,000	20
International Trade ³	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	270	570	850	800	50
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	10	..	10	20	-10
The National Archives	10	10	20	20	..
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	..	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	10	10	10	-10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	80	80	160	130	20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	10	10	20	20	0
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	10	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	..	0	..	0	..
Ofwat	0	..	..	..	..
Transport	240	150	390	550	-160
UK Statistics Authority	100	70	170	120	50
UK Supreme Court	0	0	0	20	-20
Work and Pensions	90	80	170	150	20
Central Government Departments Total	3,110	3,540	6,650	6,900	-250
Scottish Government	200	180	370	360	10
Welsh Government	10	20	20	20	0
TOTAL	3,310	3,730	7,050	7,280	-240

	June 2023			March 2023	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
All Employees	229,140	260,150	489,280	488,490	790

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

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- 2 Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.
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9 Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	June 2023		March 2023		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Attorney General's departments						
Attorney General's Office	50	50	50	50	..	..
Crown Prosecution Service	7,660	7,180	7,520	7,040	140	140
Government Legal Department	2,700	2,520	2,680	2,500	30	30
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	30	30	30	30	..	..
Serious Fraud Office	460	460	460	450	..	10
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ²						
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ²	6,580	6,440	6,290	6,150	290	290
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	990	910	1,010	930	-30	-20
Companies House	1,270	1,190	1,210	1,130	60	60
The Insolvency Service	1,650	1,570	1,650	1,570	0	..
Intellectual Property Office	1,690	1,600	1,700	1,610	-10	-10
Met Office	2,250	2,120	2,260	2,130	-10	-10
UK Space Agency	280	280	270	260	10	10
Cabinet Office						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies)	5,960	5,780	5,910	5,740	40	40
Other Cabinet Office agencies						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	1,500	1,500	1,660	1,660	-160	-170
Crown Commercial Service	740	720	770	740	-20	-20
Government Commercial Organisation	1,410	1,400	1,490	1,470	-80	-80
Government Property Agency	400	390	390	390	..	..
Charity Commission						
Charity Commission	490	470	500	480	-10	-10
Competition and Markets Authority						
Competition and Markets Authority	960	930	910	880	50	50
Defence						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds) ^{3 4}	37,590	36,350	38,700	37,490	-1,110	-1,130
Defence Electronics and Components Agency	430	400	440	410	-10	-10
Defence Equipment and Support	10,640	10,230	10,750	10,370	-110	-140
Defence Nuclear Organisation ³	0	0	580	580	-580	-580
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	5,140	4,960	5,080	4,900	70	70
Royal Fleet Auxiliary ⁴	1,700	1,700	0	0	1,700	1,700
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,150	2,090	2,100	2,040	50	40
UK Hydrographic Office	950	900	940	900	10	..
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ²						
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies) ²	1,730	1,700	1,700	1,670	30	30
Building Digital UK	240	240	230	230	10	10
Education						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	6,830	6,590	7,170	6,910	-350	-320
Education and Skills Funding Agency	730	710	770	750	-50	-40
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education	330	330	340	330	..	..
Standards and Testing Agency	130	120	130	130	..	..
Teaching Regulation Agency	90	80	90	80	..	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	6,310	6,090	6,340	6,120	-30	-30
Animal and Plant Health Agency	3,040	2,890	3,100	2,950	-60	-60
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	650	610	660	620	-10	-10
Rural Payments Agency	2,790	2,580	2,830	2,610	-40	-30
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	170	170	160	160	10	10
Estyn						
Estyn	120	120	120	120	0	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	530	520	520	520	10	10
Food Standards Agency						
Food Standards Agency	1,550	1,510	1,570	1,530	-20	-20
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	7,800	7,670	7,600	7,470	200	200
FCDO Services	1,130	1,090	1,130	1,080	..	10
Wilton Park Executive Agency	90	80	90	80	..	..
Health and Social Care						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,460	3,340	3,670	3,540	-210	-200
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,210	1,180	1,180	1,150	30	30
UK Health Security Agency	5,410	5,130	5,420	5,130	-10	0
HM Land Registry						
HM Land Registry	6,560	5,940	6,690	6,070	-140	-130
HM Revenue and Customs						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	67,350	62,740	68,400	63,740	-1,050	-1,000
Valuation Office Agency	3,930	3,680	3,990	3,730	-50	-50
HM Treasury						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,080	2,040	2,050	2,010	40	40
Government Internal Audit Agency	530	500	490	460	40	30
National Infrastructure Commission	50	50	50	50	..	..
Office for Budget Responsibility	50	50	50	50	0	0
UK Debt Management Office	150	150	120	120	30	30
Chancellor's other departments						
Government Actuary's Department	210	200	220	200	-10	..
National Savings and Investments	210	210	210	210	..	..

9 Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	June 2023		March 2023		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Home Office						
Home Office	43,830	41,230	43,130	40,590	700	650
International Trade ²						
Department for International Trade ²	3,560	3,510	3,530	3,480	30	30
Justice						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	7,220	7,030	7,150	6,970	70	60
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	330	310	340	310	-10	-10
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,010	14,480	15,900	14,370	110	110
HM Prison and Probation Service	66,670	62,800	66,030	62,220	640	580
Legal Aid Agency	1,180	1,100	1,190	1,110	..	..
Office of the Public Guardian	1,730	1,610	1,660	1,540	80	70
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities						
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (excluding agencies)	3,230	3,140	3,250	3,170	-20	-30
Planning Inspectorate	900	820	890	810	20	20
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	40	40	..	..
The National Archives						
The National Archives	610	580	590	560	20	20
National Crime Agency						
National Crime Agency	5,590	5,430	5,570	5,410	20	10
Northern Ireland Office						
Northern Ireland Office	170	170	170	170	-10	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	2,050	1,980	2,040	1,970	20	20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,710	1,690	1,580	1,560	130	130
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	350	340	350	330	..	..
Office of Rail and Road						
Office of Rail and Road	370	360	370	360	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotland)	130	130	130	130	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	50	40	50	40	0	0
Ofwat						
Ofwat	280	270	270	260	10	10
Transport						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,860	3,760	3,830	3,730	30	30
Active Travel England	70	70	50	50	20	20
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,090	5,420	6,230	5,540	-140	-120
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	4,880	4,590	4,900	4,610	-20	-30
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,230	1,190	1,200	1,170	30	20
Vehicle Certification Agency	210	200	210	200	-10	..
UK Statistics Authority						
UK Statistics Authority	6,080	5,490	6,130	5,510	-50	-30
UK Supreme Court						
UK Supreme Court	60	60	60	50	..	..
Work and Pensions						
Department for Work and Pensions	85,350	76,330	84,940	75,930	400	390
Health and Safety Executive	2,880	2,730	2,830	2,680	50	50
Scottish Government						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	9,110	8,740	9,170	8,800	-60	-60
Accountant in Bankruptcy	130	120	120	110	..	..
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,460	2,320	2,440	2,300	20	10
Disclosure Scotland	370	350	370	350	..	..
Education Scotland	360	350	360	350	..	..
Food Standards Scotland	280	270	290	280	-10	-10
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,140	1,090	1,110	1,070	30	20
National Records of Scotland	460	430	460	430	0	0
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	40	40	40	0	0
Registers of Scotland	1,180	1,130	1,180	1,140	-10	-10
Revenue Scotland	90	80	90	80	0	0
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	1,990	1,810	1,960	1,790	30	20
Scottish Fiscal Commission	30	30	30	30	0	0
Scottish Forestry	230	220	220	210	10	10
Scottish Housing Regulator	50	50	50	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	4,580	4,290	4,540	4,260	40	30
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	370	350	370	340	..	..
Social Security Scotland	4,040	3,860	4,030	3,850	10	10
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	280	280	260	250	20	20
Transport Scotland	520	510	530	520	-10	-10
Welsh Government						
Welsh Government	5,980	5,640	5,970	5,640	10	0
Welsh Revenue Authority	90	80	80	80	10	10
Total employment						
	521,560	489,280	520,660	488,490	890	790

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

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³ Due to internal organisational changes the Defence Nuclear Organisation is now included as part of the Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds).

⁴ Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) is now reported separately from the main department, the Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds). This is to align with other official statistics which show RFA as a budgetary area.

10 Employment in Executive NDPBs ^{1 2 3}

Permanent Employees	June 2023		March 2023		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ⁵	11,920	11,520	11,830	11,430	90	90
Cabinet Office	760	710	750	700	20	10
Defence	590	450	580	450	10	..
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ⁵	11,600	10,630	11,490	10,530	110	100
Education	5,140	4,930	5,050	4,840	100	100
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	17,720	16,700	17,490	16,430	230	270
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,120	1,080	1,100	1,070	20	10
Health and Social Care	18,630	17,220	16,380	15,660	2,260	1,560
Home Office	2,820	2,350	2,750	2,590	70	-230
Justice	2,670	2,540	2,670	2,530	0	..
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,620	1,600	1,580	1,550	40	50
Transport	2,420	2,380	2,380	2,330	50	50
Work and Pensions	1,760	1,690	1,680	1,620	80	70
Central Government Departments Total	78,770	73,810	75,700	71,740	3,060	2,070
Scottish Government	11,580	10,770	11,570	10,680	..	90
Welsh Assembly	3,650	3,370	3,620	3,340	20	40
TOTAL	93,990	87,960	90,900	85,760	3,090	2,200

Temporary Employees	June 2023		March 2023		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ⁵	160	150	160	160	..	..
Cabinet Office	20	20	30	30	-20	-10
Defence	60	20	60	20	-10	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport ⁵	1,230	560	1,230	540	10	30
Education	130	130	130	120	..	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	810	730	770	700	40	30
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	0	0	..	..	..	..
Health and Social Care	3,560	2,760	2,790	2,060	780	700
Home Office	70	50	130	90	-60	-40
Justice	60	50	60	60	..	-10
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	150	100	150	100	..	..
Transport	20	20	20	20	0	..
Work and Pensions	90	90	190	190	-110	-100
Central Government Departments Total	6,350	4,680	5,720	4,080	630	590
Scottish Government	770	680	640	580	130	110
Welsh Assembly	490	230	490	230	..	..
TOTAL	7,610	5,590	6,850	4,890	750	700

All NDPB Employees	101,590	93,540	97,750	90,650	3,840	2,900
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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.

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11 Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted			
		Headcount	Full-time equivalent
2021	Mar	622	472
	Jun	628	477
	Sep	631	483
	Dec	633	484
2022	Mar	638	488
	Jun	641	490
	Sep	646	494
	Dec	650	496
2023	Mar	654	499
	Jun	659	503
Change on quarter		5	4
Change %		0.8	0.8
Change on year		18	13
Change %		2.8	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>