

Statistical bulletin

Public sector employment, UK: March 2022

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 March 2022 compared with the previous quarter and the previous year; the increase from a year ago is largely because of the ongoing response of the NHS and the Civil Service to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- There were an estimated 5.74 million employees in the public sector for March 2022, which was 21,000 (0.4%) more than for December 2021 and 67,000 (1.2%) more than for March 2021.
- Employment in central government was an estimated 3.54 million for March 2022, a rise of 20,000 (0.6%) compared with December 2021 and 70,000 (2.0%) compared with March 2021; the main contributors to this increase were the NHS, the Civil Service and local authority schools becoming academies.
- The NHS employed an estimated 1.88 million people in March 2022, an increase of 13,000 (0.7%) compared with December 2021 and an increase of 39,000 (2.1%) compared with March 2021; the ongoing response to the coronavirus pandemic has driven the increase on the previous year.
- There were 511,000 employees in the Civil Service for March 2022, up 4,000 (0.8%) compared with December 2021 and 6,000 (1.2%) more than for March 2021; the Civil Service has continued to increase in employment since June 2016 when the employment was 416,000.
- Employment in local government was an estimated 2.01 million, an increase of 3,000 (0.1%) compared with December 2021 and 5,000 (0.3%) compared with March 2021; increases in employment in the police have driven this.
- Private sector employment was at an estimated 26.97 million for March 2022, an increase of 156,000 (0.6%) compared with December 2021 and an increase of 466,000 (1.8%) compared with March 2021.

2 . Public sector employment data

[Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 14 June 2022

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 14 June 2022

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

3 . Measuring the data

Revisions

For this month's release, we have revised private sector employment and total employment estimates back to March 2020. Labour Force Survey (LFS) responses have been reweighted for periods from January to March 2020 using updated HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Real Time Information (RTI) data. The non-response bias adjustment, previously implemented for England, Wales and Scotland data, has now also been applied to Northern Ireland data. Our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators: 2022 article](#) gives more information on the reweighting exercise.

Coronavirus

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 our 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 28 July 2021

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

[Public sector employment in Scotland](#)

Statistical release | Released 14 June 2022

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 14 June 2022

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.

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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			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		Central government	Local government	Total general government			
		G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
2019	Dec	3,273	2,009	5,282	155	5,437	453
2020	Mar	3,300	2,005	5,305	159	5,464	456
	Jun	3,342	2,001	5,343	207	5,550	459
	Sep	3,351	2,003	5,354	205	5,559	463
	Dec	3,389	2,001	5,390	204	5,594	473
2021	Mar	3,472	2,000	5,472	201	5,673	505
	Jun	3,475	2,001	5,476	198	5,674	498
	Sep	3,498	2,003	5,501	196	5,697	505
	Dec	3,522	2,002 [†]	5,524 [†]	195 [†]	5,719 [†]	507 [†]
2022	Mar	3,542	2,005	5,547	193	5,740	511
<i>Change on quarter:</i>		20	3	23	-2	21	4
<i>Change %:</i>		0.6	0.1	0.4	-1.0	0.4	0.8
<i>Change on year:</i>		70	5	75	-8	67	6
<i>Change %:</i>		2.0	0.3	1.4	-4.0	1.2	1.2

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

† Indicates earliest revision

2 Public sector employment by industry; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work			Other public sector	Total public sector
		Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work		
		G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	G7AU
2019	Dec	35	154	253	1,064	1,487	1,728	212	502	5,437
2020	Mar	36	154	258	1,066	1,485	1,746	210	508	5,464
	Jun	36	156	261	1,073	1,481	1,782	208	556	5,550
	Sep	36	157	263	1,081	1,488	1,775	210	550	5,559
	Dec	35	158	264	1,096	1,487	1,794	210	548	5,594
2021	Mar	35	159	268	1,124 [†]	1,486 [†]	1,839	211	549	5,673
	Jun	34	159	269	1,121	1,491	1,846	208	548	5,674
	Sep	35	159	271	1,128	1,500	1,850	212	545	5,697
	Dec	35	159	270	1,133	1,501	1,865	211	545 [†]	5,719 [†]
2022	Mar	35	157	273	1,141	1,505	1,878	213	539	5,740
<i>Change on quarter:</i>		0	-2	3	8	4	13	2	-6	21
<i>Change %:</i>		0.0	-1.3	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.9	-1.1	0.4
<i>Change on year:</i>		0	-2	5	17	19	39	2	-10	67
<i>Change %:</i>		0.0	-1.3	1.9	1.5	1.3	2.1	0.9	-1.8	1.2

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

† Indicates earliest revision

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

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		Central government	Local government	Total general government			
		G7FP	G7FS	G7FV	G7FY	G7G3	G7G6
2019	Dec	2,840	1,544	4,384	146	4,530	421
2020	Mar	2,867	1,544	4,411	149	4,560	423
	Jun	2,911	1,544	4,455	196	4,651	426
	Sep	2,920	1,549	4,469	194	4,663	431
	Dec	2,960	1,551	4,511	193	4,704	441
2021	Mar	3,031 [†]	1,554	4,585 [†]	191	4,776 [†]	468
	Jun	3,035	1,556	4,591	189	4,780	465
	Sep	3,064	1,559	4,623	186	4,809	473
	Dec	3,080	1,559	4,639	186 [†]	4,825	475
2022	Mar	3,100	1,563	4,663	184	4,847	479
<i>Change on quarter:</i>		20	4	24	-2	22	4
<i>Change %:</i>		0.6	0.3	0.5	-1.1	0.5	0.8
<i>Change on year:</i>		69	9	78	-7	71	11
<i>Change %:</i>		2.3	0.6	1.7	-3.7	1.5	2.4

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

† Indicates earliest revision

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
2019 Dec	-	154	243	904	1,098	1,512	159	431	4,530	
2020 Mar	-	154	248	909	1,097	1,532	157	437	4,560	
Jun	-	156	250	914	1,096	1,568	154	485	4,651	
Sep	-	157	252	921	1,105	1,564	158	481	4,663	
Dec	-	158	254	937	1,104	1,585	158	479	4,704	
2021 Mar	-	159	257	967	1,105	1,624 †	159 †	480 †	4,776 †	
Jun	-	159	258	964	1,110	1,625	157	479	4,780	
Sep	-	159	260	968	1,115	1,639	160	477	4,809	
Dec	-	159	260	974 †	1,118	1,648	160	476	4,825	
2022 Mar	-	157	262	987	1,120	1,662	161	472	4,847	
Change on quarter:	-	-2	2	13	2	14	1	-4	22	
Change %:	-	-1.3	0.8	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.6	-0.8	0.5	
Change on year:	-	-2	5	20	15	38	2	-8	71	
Change %:	-	-1.3	1.9	2.1	1.4	2.3	1.3	-1.7	1.5	

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

† Indicates earliest revision

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
2019 Dec	5,437	16.5	27,548	83.5	32,985	5,346	16.2	27,639	83.8
2020 Mar	5,464	16.7	27,315 †	83.3	32,779 †	5,372	16.4	27,407 †	83.6
Jun	5,550	17.1 †	26,999	82.9 †	32,549	5,404	16.6	27,145	83.4
Sep	5,559	17.2	26,750	82.8	32,309	5,420	16.8	26,889	83.2
Dec	5,594	17.4	26,532	82.6	32,126	5,455	17.0	26,671	83.0
2021 Mar	5,673	17.6	26,501	82.4	32,174	5,530 †	17.2	26,644	82.8
Jun	5,674	17.5	26,735	82.5	32,409	5,532	17.1	26,877	82.9
Sep	5,697	17.5	26,886	82.5	32,583	5,559	17.1	27,024	82.9
Dec	5,719 †	17.6	26,811	82.4	32,530	5,583	17.2	26,947	82.8
2022 Mar	5,740	17.5	26,967	82.5	32,707	5,598	17.1	27,109	82.9
Change on quarter:	21	-0.1	156	0.1	177	15	-0.1	162	0.1
Change %:	0.4	..	0.6	..	0.5	0.3	..	0.6	..
Change on year:	67	-0.1	466	0.1	533	68	-0.1	465	0.1
Change %:	1.2	..	1.8	..	1.7	1.2	..	1.7	..

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

† Indicates earliest revision

6 Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2019 Dec	5,435	5,437	5,206	4,350	235	617	466	353	439	419	739	638	443	295	561	214	
2020 Mar	5,474	5,464	5,246	4,386	235	625	470	354	439	421	747	645	449	297	563	214	
Jun	5,551	5,550	5,319	4,444	237	630	473	356	446	427	761	658	456	303	572	217	
Sep	5,549	5,559	5,322	4,449	237	630	474	357	447	427	760	661	457	302	570	212	
Dec	5,592	5,594	5,360	4,481	237	633	479	359	450	430	766	667	460	306	573	216	
2021 Mar	5,684	5,673	5,451	4,561	242	645	485	367	456	438	783	677	468	310	580	217	
Jun	5,676	5,674	5,444	4,551	243	644	483	365	453	437	782	676	468	310	583	218	
Sep	5,685	5,697	5,456	4,560	244	647	487	366	454	439	783	670	470	311	585	216	
Dec	5,716	5,719	5,482	4,579	244	649	490	368	456	440	786	673	474	313	589	221	
2022 Mar	5,752	5,740	5,516	4,606	246	653	495	368	460	441	791	677	477	316	594	223	
Change on year:	68	67	65	45	4	8	10	2	4	3	7	0	9	6	14	6	
Change %:	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.2	2.0	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.9	-0.1	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.8	
% of total employment	17.6	17.5	17.5	16.8	21.0	19.1	19.4	16.5	16.4	15.1	15.2	15.5	16.9	22.1	22.1	26.6	

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

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2019 Dec	5,347	5,346	5,123	4,284	234	607	461	350	432	414	721	627	439	293	546	209	
2020 Mar	5,380	5,372	5,157	4,312	234	611	462	351	431	416	730	633	445	295	550	209	
Jun	5,407	5,404	5,180	4,329	235	614	464	351	434	417	733	635	446	299	553	212	
Sep	5,409	5,420	5,183	4,334	235	613	465	351	435	418	731	639	447	298	551	211	
Dec	5,452	5,455	5,222	4,366	235	617	469	354	438	421	737	644	450	302	555	214	
2021 Mar	5,543	5,530	5,312	4,445	240	628	475	361	444	429	754	655	458	306	561	215	
Jun	5,535	5,532	5,305	4,434	240	627	473	360	441	428	753	654	458	306	565	216	
Sep	5,544	5,559	5,317	4,444	242	629	476	360	442	430	754	649	460	306	567	214	
Dec	5,575	5,583	5,343	4,463	242	631	480	363	444	431	756	652	464	308	571	219	
2022 Mar	5,612	5,598	5,378	4,492	244	635	485	363	448	432	762	656	467	311	575	221	
Change on year:	69	68	66	47	4	8	10	2	4	3	7	1	9	5	14	6	
Change %:	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.2	2.1	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.1	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.8	
% of total employment	17.2	17.1	17.0	16.3	20.8	18.6	19.0	16.3	15.9	14.8	14.7	15.0	16.5	21.8	21.4	26.4	

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

7 Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2019 Dec	27,597	27,548	26,707	23,500	958	2,917	2,118	1,908	2,355	2,399	4,700	3,761	2,386	1,128	2,079	648	
2020 Mar	27,288	27,315	26,412	23,235	980	2,902	2,100	1,898	2,291	2,377	4,589	3,784	2,315	1,109	2,068	620	
Jun	26,981	26,999	26,186	23,043	953	2,869	2,058	1,852	2,303	2,333	4,639	3,779	2,256	1,089	2,055	613	
Sep	26,777	26,750	25,989	22,829	936	2,793	2,055	1,835	2,337	2,318	4,543	3,747	2,265	1,079	2,080	617	
Dec	26,578	26,532	25,819	22,700	932	2,764	2,041	1,852	2,292	2,364	4,482	3,709	2,265	1,084	2,035	595	
2021 Mar	26,476	26,501	25,723	22,581	920	2,738	2,061	1,855	2,246	2,331	4,479	3,704	2,247	1,091	2,052	587	
Jun	26,717	26,735	25,924	22,763	923	2,750	2,064	1,833	2,306	2,396	4,516	3,692	2,283	1,110	2,051	603	
Sep	26,916	26,886	26,087	22,925	919	2,802	2,068	1,860	2,339	2,444	4,449	3,700	2,344	1,099	2,063	599	
Dec	26,850	26,811	26,036	22,856	918	2,750	2,025	1,867	2,381	2,486	4,390	3,715	2,325	1,119	2,061	594	
2022 Mar	26,948	26,967	26,077	22,871	927	2,768	2,051	1,861	2,350	2,475	4,404	3,688	2,348	1,112	2,094	614	
Change on year:	472	466	354	290	7	30	-10	6	103	144	-75	-16	101	21	43	28	
Change %:	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.7	1.1	-0.5	0.3	4.6	6.2	-1.7	-0.4	4.5	1.9	2.1	4.7	
% of total employment	82.4	82.5	82.5	83.2	79.0	80.9	80.6	83.5	83.6	84.9	84.8	84.5	83.1	77.9	77.9	73.4	

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

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2019 Dec	27,685	27,639	26,791	23,566	959	2,927	2,123	1,911	2,362	2,404	4,718	3,772	2,390	1,130	2,094	653	
2020 Mar	27,382	27,407	26,501	23,309	982	2,916	2,108	1,902	2,299	2,382	4,606	3,795	2,319	1,111	2,081	625	
Jun	27,125	27,145	26,325	23,158	955	2,886	2,067	1,857	2,315	2,343	4,668	3,802	2,266	1,093	2,074	618	
Sep	26,917	26,889	26,127	22,945	938	2,810	2,065	1,841	2,349	2,328	4,571	3,769	2,275	1,083	2,099	618	
Dec	26,718	26,671	25,957	22,815	934	2,780	2,050	1,857	2,304	2,373	4,511	3,731	2,275	1,088	2,054	597	
2021 Mar	26,617	26,644	25,863	22,697	922	2,756	2,071	1,860	2,258	2,340	4,508	3,726	2,257	1,095	2,070	588	
Jun	26,858	26,877	26,064	22,880	925	2,767	2,074	1,838	2,318	2,405	4,546	3,713	2,293	1,114	2,070	604	
Sep	27,057	27,024	26,227	23,041	921	2,820	2,078	1,865	2,351	2,454	4,479	3,721	2,353	1,104	2,082	600	
Dec	26,991	26,947	26,175	22,972	920	2,767	2,035	1,872	2,393	2,495	4,419	3,736	2,334	1,124	2,079	595	
2022 Mar	27,088	27,109	26,215	22,985	929	2,786	2,061	1,866	2,361	2,484	4,432	3,708	2,357	1,116	2,113	616	
Change on year:	471	465	352	288	6	30	-10	6	103	144	-75	-17	101	22	43	28	
Change %:	1.8	1.7	1.4	1.3	0.7	1.1	-0.5	0.3	4.6	6.2	-1.7	-0.5	4.5	2.0	2.1	4.7	
% of total employment	82.8	82.9	83.0	83.7	79.2	81.4	81.0	83.7	84.1	85.2	85.3	85.0	83.5	78.2	78.6	73.6	

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

	March 2022						Total	December 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,170	280	3,450	4,470	2,010	6,470	9,920	9,730	190
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,490	510	6,990	5,490	1,520	7,010	14,010	13,980	20
Cabinet Office	4,460	130	4,590	4,760	570	5,330	9,920	10,210	-290
Other Cabinet Office agencies	520	10	540	470	70	540	1,080	1,050	30
Charity Commission	160	10	170	220	60	280	450	430	20
Competition and Markets Authority	400	30	430	340	90	430	850	850	10
Defence	33,200	1,670	34,870	18,930	4,210	23,140	58,010	58,090	-80
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	890	20	910	970	110	1,080	1,990	1,930	60
Education	3,320	150	3,470	4,050	1,020	5,070	8,540	8,290	250
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,090	390	5,480	5,350	1,760	7,110	12,590	12,060	530
Estyn	40	10	50	50	20	70	110	110	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	270	10	270	190	20	210	480	460	20
Food Standards Agency	740	60	800	560	70	640	1,430	1,380	50
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,080	140	4,220	3,550	430	3,980	8,200	8,240	-40
Health and Social Care	3,110	200	3,310	4,930	1,020	5,950	9,260	9,440	-180
HM Land Registry	2,190	420	2,620	2,410	1,600	4,010	6,620	6,710	-90
HM Revenue and Customs	30,110	3,660	33,770	24,470	12,710	37,180	70,950	68,470	2,480
HM Treasury	1,320	60	1,380	1,160	200	1,360	2,730	2,720	20
Chancellor's other departments	220	20	240	140	50	180	420	420	..
Home Office	15,680	1,440	17,110	13,200	5,350	18,540	35,650	35,050	610
International Trade	1,450	30	1,480	1,300	80	1,380	2,860	2,790	70
Justice	33,540	3,490	37,030	38,000	11,040	49,040	86,070	85,390	690
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,860	170	2,030	1,700	390	2,090	4,120	3,890	230
The National Archives	240	20	260	250	50	290	560	550	10
National Crime Agency	2,960	100	3,050	2,090	400	2,490	5,550	5,540	10
Northern Ireland Office	80	0	80	100	10	100	190	180	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	560	30	590	990	210	1,210	1,800	1,770	30
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	640	10	650	480	70	550	1,200	1,160	40
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	..	110	140	30	170	280	280	..
Office of Rail and Road	180	20	200	120	30	150	350	340	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	..	50	70	10	80	130	140	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	0	30	20	10	20	50	40	..
Ofwat	120	10	120	100	30	130	250	250	0
Transport	7,730	830	8,570	4,820	2,500	7,320	15,880	15,640	240
UK Statistics Authority	1,890	560	2,460	2,040	1,280	3,320	5,780	5,640	140
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	27,060	4,570	31,630	30,110	27,290	57,400	89,030	87,880	1,150
Central Government Departments Total	193,970	19,030	213,000	178,040	76,290	254,330	467,330	461,130	6,200
Scottish Government	10,570	950	11,520	10,390	2,910	13,300	24,820	23,860	960
Welsh Government	2,200	200	2,400	2,590	940	3,530	5,940	5,900	30
TOTAL	206,750	20,180	226,920	191,020	80,140	271,160	498,080	490,890	7,190

	March 2022						Total	December 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	70	..	80	200	10	210	290	330	-40
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	20	20
Cabinet Office	..	0	..	10	0	10	10	20	..
Other Cabinet Office agencies	20	0	20	30	..	30	50	50	..
Charity Commission	..	10	10	..	10	10	20	30	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	..	0	..	10	0	10	10	10	..
Defence	150	..	160	40	..	40	200	80	110
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	30	0	30	40	..	40	70	80	-10
Education	60	..	70	120	30	150	210	190	20
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	70	10	80	80	20	100	180	210	-30
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	..
Food Standards Agency	10	10	20	10	..	10	30	20	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	10	..	20	30	..	30	40	30	10
Health and Social Care	750	90	840	1,400	300	1,710	2,540	2,900	-360
HM Land Registry	10	0	10	..	0	..	10	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	240	10	250	160	10	170	420	270	150
HM Treasury	10	10	20	10	10	20	30	40	..
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	0
Home Office	170	390	550	190	140	330	890	860	30
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	400	50	450	790	110	910	1,350	1,800	-450
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	20	0	20	30	..	30	50	40	10
The National Archives	10	..	10	10	..	10	20	10	10
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	..	0	..	..	..	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	10	0	10	30	..	40	40	10	30
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	70	..	80	80	..	80	150	130	20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	..	..	10	0	10	10	10	..
Office of Rail and Road	0	0	0	..	0	..	..	..	0
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	0	0	0	0
Ofwat	..	0	..	10	0	10	10	10	..
Transport	320	20	340	160	40	200	550	380	170
UK Statistics Authority	60	..	60	40	10	50	110	120	-20
UK Supreme Court	10	0	10	10	..	10	10	10	0
Work and Pensions	2,080	40	2,120	2,730	280	3,010	5,120	8,210	-3,090
Central Government Departments Total	4,590	640	5,240	6,240	1,000	7,230	12,470	15,900	-3,430
Scottish Government	180	40	210	240	70	300	510	530	-20
Welsh Government	10	..	20	20	..	20	30	50	-20
TOTAL	4,780	680	5,460	6,490	1,060	7,550	13,020	16,480	-3,470

	March 2022						Total	December 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	211,530	20,860	232,380	197,510	81,200	278,720	511,100	507,370	3,730

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

- Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by ".". Data not available are represented by "-".
- Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

8 ..continued, Civil Service employment by department

Full-time equivalents, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted

	March 2022			December 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
	Permanent Employees				
Attorney General's departments	3,360	5,890	9,250	9,070	180
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,840	6,590	13,430	13,390	40
Cabinet Office	4,560	5,180	9,730	10,020	-280
Other Cabinet Office agencies	530	520	1,050	1,030	30
Charity Commission	170	260	430	410	20
Competition and Markets Authority	420	400	820	820	10
Defence	34,260	21,830	56,090	56,150	-60
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	900	1,050	1,960	1,900	60
Education	3,440	4,810	8,240	8,000	240
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,370	6,610	11,980	11,470	510
Estyn	50	60	110	110	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	270	210	480	460	20
Food Standards Agency	780	620	1,390	1,340	50
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,160	3,850	8,010	8,060	-40
Health and Social Care	3,250	5,630	8,880	8,960	-80
HM Land Registry	2,480	3,560	6,030	6,120	-90
HM Revenue and Customs	32,610	33,300	65,910	63,380	2,540
HM Treasury	1,360	1,300	2,660	2,640	10
Chancellor's other departments	230	160	390	400	-10
Home Office	16,670	16,950	33,620	33,020	600
International Trade	1,470	1,360	2,830	2,760	70
Justice	35,510	45,150	80,660	79,970	700
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,980	1,990	3,960	3,750	210
The National Archives	260	280	540	530	10
National Crime Agency	3,020	2,380	5,410	5,400	10
Northern Ireland Office	80	100	180	180	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	580	1,150	1,730	1,700	30
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	650	530	1,180	1,140	40
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	160	270	270	0
Office of Rail and Road	190	140	330	330	..
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	120	120	240	240	0
Transport	8,280	6,470	14,760	14,510	240
UK Statistics Authority	2,260	2,920	5,170	5,050	120
UK Supreme Court	20	20	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	30,330	49,300	79,620	78,430	1,200
Central Government Departments Total	206,640	230,910	437,550	431,180	6,370
Scottish Government	11,150	12,460	23,610	22,660	950
Welsh Government	2,340	3,270	5,610	5,580	30
TOTAL	220,130	246,640	466,770	459,420	7,360

	March 2022			December 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
	Temporary/Casual Employees				
Attorney General's departments	70	210	280	330	-40
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	20	20	40	20	20
Cabinet Office	..	10	10	20	..
Other Cabinet Office agencies	20	30	50	50	..
Charity Commission	10	10	20	30	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	..	10	10	10	..
Defence	150	40	190	80	110
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	30	40	70	80	-10
Education	60	140	200	190	20
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	70	100	170	200	-30
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	..	10	10	10	..
Food Standards Agency	10	10	20	20	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	20	30	40	30	10
Health and Social Care	790	1,550	2,340	2,680	-340
HM Land Registry	10	..	10	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	240	170	410	260	150
HM Treasury	10	10	30	30	-10
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	..	..	0
Home Office	350	260	610	410	200
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	430	860	1,290	1,710	-420
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	20	30	40	40	..
The National Archives	10	10	20	10	10
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	..	..	..	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	10	30	40	10	30
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	80	80	150	130	20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	10	10	10	..
Office of Rail and Road	0	..	..	..	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0
Ofwat	..	10	10	10	..
Transport	330	190	530	360	160
UK Statistics Authority	60	40	100	120	-20
UK Supreme Court	10	10	10	10	..
Work and Pensions	2,110	2,930	5,030	8,070	-3,040
Central Government Departments Total	4,920	6,840	11,760	14,940	-3,180
Scottish Government	190	280	480	500	-30
Welsh Government	10	20	30	50	-20
TOTAL	5,130	7,140	12,270	15,490	-3,230

	March 2022			December 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
	All Employees	225,260	253,780	479,040	474,900	4,140

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

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, 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.

9 Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	March 2022		December 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Attorney General's departments						
Attorney General's Office	50	40	50	50	..	..
Crown Prosecution Service	7,040	6,570	6,890	6,420	150	150
Government Legal Department	2,630	2,450	2,630	2,450	..	..
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	30	30	30	30	..	0
Serious Fraud Office	460	450	470	460	-10	-10
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy						
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,010	5,880	5,930	5,800	80	80
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,030	960	1,040	970	-20	-20
Companies House	1,180	1,090	1,160	1,070	20	20
The Insolvency Service	1,720	1,640	1,740	1,660	-20	-20
Intellectual Property Office	1,720	1,620	1,680	1,590	30	30
Met Office	2,130	2,020	2,190	2,050	-50	-30
UK Space Agency	260	260	260	260	0	..
Cabinet Office						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) ²	9,930	9,750	10,220	10,030	-290	-290
Other Cabinet Office agencies						
Crown Commercial Service	810	790	820	800	..	-10
Government Property Agency	310	310	280	280	30	30
Charity Commission						
Charity Commission	470	450	460	440	10	10
Competition and Markets Authority						
Competition and Markets Authority	870	840	860	830	10	10
Defence						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	39,140	37,870	39,150	37,850	-20	20
Defence Electronics and Components Agency	440	420	430	410	..	10
Defence Equipment and Support	10,740	10,360	10,720	10,360	20	..
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,600	4,450	4,600	4,450	0	0
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,380	2,320	2,380	2,320	0	0
UK Hydrographic Office	910	870	880	850	20	20
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport						
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	2,060	2,020	2,010	1,970	50	50
Education						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	6,350	6,120	6,170	5,950	180	170
Education and Skills Funding Agency	1,910	1,850	1,840	1,780	70	60
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education	280	280	270	270	10	10
Standards and Testing Agency	130	120	120	110	10	10
Teaching Regulation Agency	80	80	80	80	..	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	6,490	6,270	6,300	6,070	200	190
Animal and Plant Health Agency	2,890	2,740	2,740	2,600	150	140
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	650	620	630	600	20	20
Rural Payments Agency	2,560	2,360	2,430	2,230	130	130
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	170	170	160	160	10	10
Estyn						
Estyn	110	110	110	110	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	500	490	480	470	20	20
Food Standards Agency						
Food Standards Agency	1,460	1,420	1,400	1,360	50	50
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	7,080	6,940	7,110	6,970	-40	-30
FCDO Services	1,080	1,040	1,080	1,040	..	..
Wilton Park Executive Agency	80	80	80	70	..	..
Health and Social Care						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	4,110	4,010	4,260	4,040	-150	-30
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,080	1,050	1,260	1,220	-180	-170
UK Health Security Agency	6,610	6,160	6,820	6,380	-210	-220
HM Land Registry						
HM Land Registry	6,630	6,040	6,720	6,130	-90	-90
HM Revenue and Customs						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	67,510	62,710	64,920	60,060	2,590	2,650
Valuation Office Agency	3,860	3,610	3,820	3,570	40	40
HM Treasury						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,090	2,050	2,080	2,040	10	10
Government Internal Audit Agency	460	440	460	440	0	0
National Infrastructure Commission	50	50	50	50	..	..
Office for Budget Responsibility	40	40	40	40	-10	-10
UK Debt Management Office	120	120	110	110	..	10
Chancellor's other departments						
Government Actuary's Department	220	210	230	210	..	..
National Savings and Investments	200	190	190	190	10	-10
Home Office						
Home Office	36,540	34,230	35,900	33,430	640	800
International Trade						
Department for International Trade	2,860	2,830	2,790	2,760	70	70

9 Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	March 2022		December 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Justice						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	6,220	6,060	6,040	5,890	180	170
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	320	300	320	300	..	..
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,260	14,730	16,430	14,880	-180	-150
HM Prison and Probation Service	62,020	58,440	61,800	58,210	210	230
Legal Aid Agency	1,170	1,100	1,190	1,110	-10	-10
Office of the Public Guardian	1,440	1,330	1,400	1,290	40	40
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities						
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (excluding agencies) ²	3,310	3,230	3,080	3,010	230	220
Planning Inspectorate	820	730	810	740	10	-10
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	40	40	40	40	..	..
The National Archives						
The National Archives	580	550	560	540	10	10
National Crime Agency						
National Crime Agency	5,550	5,410	5,540	5,400	10	10
Northern Ireland Office						
Northern Ireland Office	190	190	190	180	..	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	1,840	1,770	1,780	1,710	60	60
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,350	1,330	1,290	1,270	60	60
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	290	280	290	280	..	..
Office of Rail and Road						
Office of Rail and Road	350	340	350	340	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotl)	130	130	140	130	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	50	40	40	40	..	..
Ofwat						
Ofwat	260	250	260	250	..	..
Transport						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,670	3,570	3,620	3,520	40	50
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,390	5,660	6,110	5,400	280	270
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	4,930	4,650	4,850	4,580	70	70
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,240	1,200	1,230	1,190	10	10
Vehicle Certification Agency	210	200	200	190	..	..
UK Statistics Authority						
UK Statistics Authority	5,880	5,270	5,760	5,160	120	110
UK Supreme Court						
UK Supreme Court	50	50	60	50	..	..
Work and Pensions						
Department for Work and Pensions	91,450	82,100	93,430	84,000	-1,980	-1,900
Health and Safety Executive	2,710	2,560	2,660	2,500	50	50
Scottish Government						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	8,850	8,500	8,630	8,290	210	210
Accountant in Bankruptcy	110	100	110	100	..	..
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,360	2,220	2,260	2,120	100	90
Disclosure Scotland	360	340	330	310	20	20
Education Scotland	330	320	330	310	10	10
Food Standards Scotland	310	300	300	290	10	10
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,010	970	990	950	20	20
National Records of Scotland	460	430	450	430	..	..
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	40	50	40	-10	..
Registers of Scotland	1,180	1,130	1,140	1,090	40	40
Revenue Scotland	80	80	80	80	0	0
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	1,910	1,740	1,950	1,770	-40	-20
Scottish Fiscal Commission	30	20	30	20	0	0
Scottish Forestry	190	180	190	180	10	10
Scottish Housing Regulator	50	50	50	50	0	0
Scottish Prison Service	4,570	4,280	4,550	4,270	20	20
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	310	280	310	280	0	..
Social Security Scotland	2,450	2,380	1,920	1,860	530	520
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	230	220	230	220	..	..
Transport Scotland	530	510	520	500	10	10
Welsh Government						
Welsh Government	5,890	5,570	5,880	5,550	10	10
Welsh Revenue Authority	80	80	80	80	..	..
Total employment	511,100	479,040	507,370	474,900	3,730	4,140

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

¹ Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by "..".

² Around 170 staff transferred from the Cabinet Office to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (excluding agencies).

10 Employment in Executive NDPBs ^{1 2 3}

Permanent Employees	March 2022		December 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	11,800	11,410	11,780	11,400	30	10
Cabinet Office	750	710	770	730	-20	-20
Defence	470	400	460	400	10	..
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	11,080	10,190	10,890	10,030	190	160
Education	4,740	4,540	4,690	4,490	50	50
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	15,350	14,420	14,800	13,880	550	540
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,240	1,200	1,290	1,250	-40	-50
Health and Social Care	16,340	15,610	15,820	15,110	510	500
Home Office	2,540	2,390	2,500	2,350	40	30
Justice	2,650	2,520	2,620	2,490	30	30
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,400	1,380	1,410	1,390	-10	-10
Transport	2,310	2,270	2,260	2,220	50	50
Work and Pensions	1,220	1,180	1,160	1,130	50	50
Central Government Departments Total	71,890	68,210	70,450	66,850	1,430	1,350
Scottish Government	11,420	10,500	11,370	10,430	50	70
Welsh Assembly	3,380	3,120	3,340	3,090	40	30
TOTAL	86,680	81,830	85,160	80,370	1,520	1,460

Temporary Employees	March 2022		December 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	120	110	170	170	-50	-50
Cabinet Office	30	30	0	0	30	30
Defence	140	30	120	20	20	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	1,680	640	1,630	650	50	-20
Education	130	130	170	170	-40	-40
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	700	640	730	670	-30	-30
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health and Social Care	2,280	1,670	2,200	1,530	70	140
Home Office	90	70	80	70	..	..
Justice	70	70	70	70	..	..
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	130	120	130	120	..	..
Transport	20	20	20	20	-10	-10
Work and Pensions	40	40	80	80	-40	-40
Central Government Departments Total	5,430	3,560	5,420	3,560	10	-10
Scottish Government	610	540	620	550	-10	-10
Welsh Assembly	540	280	510	250	30	40
TOTAL	6,580	4,380	6,550	4,370	40	20

All NDPB Employees	93,270	86,210	91,710	84,740	1,560	1,480
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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.

11 Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Headcount	Full-time equivalent
2019	Dec	603	456
2020	Mar	606	459
	Jun	611	462
	Sep	614	467
	Dec	617	469
2021	Mar	622	472
	Jun	629	477
	Sep	633	481
	Dec	636	482
2022	Mar	640	486
<i>Change on quarter</i>		4	4
<i>Change %</i>		0.6	0.8
<i>Change on year</i>		18	14
<i>Change %</i>		2.9	3.0

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>