

Statistical bulletin

Non-financial business economy, UK (Annual Business Survey): 2023 results

Size and growth within the UK non-financial sectors, as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

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Correction

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Our Non-financial business economy, UK (Annual Business Survey): 2023 results contain a processing error affecting all measures in this release. This happened because of a methods problem in the system used to collect and process the business survey data.

While it is too soon to calculate the overall impact, our current assessment is that we expect approximate Gross Value Added (aGVA) to be revised upwards by around 0.7%, for 2023 only.

This correction has no impact on any GDP estimates.

We apologise for this error. We will provide further information as soon as possible.

18 September 2025 10:00

We have corrected our Non-financial business economy, UK (Annual Business Survey): 2023 results which contained a processing error affecting all measures in this release. This happened because of a methods problem in the system used to collect and process the business survey data.

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1 . Main points

- In 2023, approximate gross value added at basic prices (aGVA) of the UK non-financial business economy was estimated to be £1,663.4 billion; an increase of £66.7 billion (4.2%) compared with 2022.
- The non-financial services sector, which accounted for over half (57.5%) of total aGVA in 2023, increased by £61.9 billion (6.9%) to £955.8 billion; professional, scientific and technical activities saw the largest increase in aGVA of £13.8 billion (6.1%) increasing from £228.0 billion to £241.8 billion.
- Total turnover and purchases of the UK non-financial business economy were estimated to be £5,049.6 billion and £3,379.7 billion respectively; an increase of £108.3 billion (2.2%) and an increase of £18.5 billion (0.6%) compared with 2022.

2 . Data on non-financial business economy

[Non-financial business economy, UK: changes year on year](#)

Dataset | Released 10 April 2025

Annual revisions and year-on-year changes to business turnover, approximate gross value added (aGVA) and purchases within the UK non-financial business sectors, as measured by the Annual Business Survey; Standard Industrial Classification 2007 by broad industry group.

[Non-financial business economy, UK: quality measures](#)

Dataset | Released 10 April 2025

Quality measures for annual data on size and growth within the UK non-financial business sectors, as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

[Non-financial business economy, UK: Sections A to S](#)

Dataset | Released 10 April 2025

Annual data on size and growth within the UK non-financial business sectors, as measured by the Annual Business Survey, by four-digit Standard Industrial Classification 2007.

[Non-financial business economy, UK: employment size-band](#)

Dataset | Released 10 April 2025

Annual data on size and growth within the UK non-financial business sectors, as measured by the Annual Business Survey, broken down by employment size-bands.

[Non-financial business economy, UK: retail commodities](#)

Dataset | Released 10 April 2025

Annual retail business turnover, retail turnover and commodities, from the Annual Business Survey. Three-digit Standard Industrial Classification 2007 group.

3 . Data sources and quality

72.14% of sampled businesses were included in the final Annual Business Survey (ABS) results in 2023. Quality measures for the ABS results are available in our [Non-financial business economy, UK: quality measures dataset](#).

Employment data

The employment data have been removed from this publication. These data can be found in our [Employees in Great Britain: 2023 bulletin](#). This bulletin includes data from the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES), downloaded from the [Nomis web portal](#).

Data sources and collection

The ABS is a sample survey of approximately 73,000 businesses across the UK. The ABS draws its sample from the [Inter-Departmental Business Register \(IDBR\)](#).

Quality and methodology

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

Accessibility of ABS output datasets

We have reviewed the new accessibility of datasets legislation and updated all datasets in this release. Feedback or questions on the new layout can be emailed to ABAPS@ons.gov.uk.

4 . Related links

[Non-financial business economy, regional \(Annual Business Survey\): 2022 results](#)

Bulletin | Released 24 June 2024

Size and growth within the UK and regional non-financial sectors as measured by the Annual Business Survey.

[Foreign-owned businesses in the UK: business count, turnover and aGVA, from the Annual Business Survey](#)

Dataset | Released 6 July 2023

Annual estimates of foreign-owned businesses by industry group, section, employment and turnover group, and country breakdown.

[Firm-level labour productivity measures from the Annual Business Survey, UK: 1998 to 2019](#)

Article | Released 7 March 2022

Labour productivity firm-level experimental statistics using the Annual Business Survey. Covering non-financial business economy for the UK, 1998 to 2019.

5 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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