

Statistical bulletin

Index of Services, UK: April 2026

Movements in the volume of output for the UK services industries. Figures are seasonally adjusted.

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1 . Main points

- Services output in the three months to April 2026 was estimated to have increased by 0.8% compared with the three months to January 2026; this follows 0.8% growth in the three months to March 2026.
- 12 of the 14 sectors saw a rise in the three months to April 2026, with the main positive contributing sectors being “information and communication” (up 1.7%), “wholesale and retail trade” (up 1.2%) and “professional, scientific and technical activities” (up 1.3%).
- Of the 2 remaining sectors in the three months to April 2026, there was a fall in “arts, entertainment and recreation” (down 0.5%), whereas “administrative and support service activities” had no growth (0.0%).
- Monthly services output was estimated to have decreased by 0.2% in April 2026; this is the first fall in the monthly data series since October 2025 (down 0.2%).
- There were monthly decreases in 8 of the 14 sectors in April 2026; the largest negative contributions on the month came from “administrative and support service activities” (down 2.2%), “arts, entertainment and recreation” (down 4.3%) and “wholesale and retail trade” (down 0.4%); overall some of these falls are likely to be attributed to the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East affecting UK-based businesses.
- There were monthly increases in 5 of the 14 sectors (1 industry saw no growth) in April 2026, with “information and communication” (up 1.1%) and “transport and storage” (up 1.4%) providing the largest positive contributions.

2 . Data on Index of Services

[Index of Services time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 12 June 2026

Monthly movements in output for the services industries: distribution, hotels and restaurants; transport, storage and communication; business services and finance; and government and other services.

[Monthly Business Survey turnover of services industries](#)

Dataset | Released 12 June 2026

Monthly Business Survey services industries’ total turnover; current price and non-seasonally adjusted, UK.

[Index of Services, main components and sectors to four decimal places](#)

Dataset | Released 12 June 2026

Monthly historical movements in output for services and their industry components, by chained volume indices of gross value added, UK.

[Index of Services revisions triangles](#)

Dataset | Released 12 June 2026

Monthly chained volume indices in gross value added for services and its main components.

All data related to the Index of Services are available on our [Related data page](#).

3 . Data sources and quality

Response rates for April 2026

The response rates for April 2026 were 70.2% based on forms returned. This accounted for 84.3% of total turnover coverage of the sample population. For further information, see our [Current and historical Monthly Business Survey \(MBS\) \(services\) response rates dataset](#).

Data sources and collection

The Index of Services (IoS) is compiled using data from several different sources (share of overall economy based on latest gross value added (GVA) weights). These include the:

- Office for National Statistics (ONS) MBS (34.9%)
- ONS Retail Sales Inquiry (4.8%)
- ONS Government Expenditure (15.3%)
- ONS Households' Expenditure (11.2%)
- ONS Finance Expenditure (8.0%)
- ONS Households and non-profit institutions serving households (1.9%)
- Other (3.6%)

The MBS data are published alongside this release in our [MBS turnover of services industries dataset](#).

For further information on what is included within "other", please see our [Gross domestic product \(GDP\(o\)\) data sources catalogue](#).

The percentage of each data source is based on their gross value added weight.

Our [IoS methods and sources pages](#) provide more information on the data that underpin these statistics; of particular note is our GDP(o) data sources catalogue.

Value Added Tax (VAT) data are also included for small and medium-sized businesses to help inform estimates. For more information, see our [VAT turnover data in National Accounts: background and methodology](#).

Quality and methodology

The data reported in IoS bulletins and datasets are estimates that are subject to uncertainty, for example, sampling variability and non-sampling error. For more information on these, see Section 2 of our [Uncertainty and how we measure it for our surveys methodology](#).

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

Accredited official statistics

These [accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in April 2014](#). They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

Revisions to Index of Services

This release gives data for April 2026 for the first time, with no other periods open for revision.

In our next IoS publication on 16 July 2026, we will open for revision back to January 2024. This release will incorporate the revisions from our [GDP quarterly national accounts, UK bulletin](#), to be published on 30 June 2026.

Seasonal adjustment

The monthly estimates of IoS are seasonally adjusted. Seasonal adjustment is the process of removing the variations associated with the time of year, or the arrangement of the calendar, from a data time series.

IoS estimates, as for many data time series, are difficult to analyse using raw data because seasonal effects dominate short-term movements. Identifying and removing the seasonal component leaves the trend and irregular components.

The ONS uses the X-13-ARIMA-SEATS approach to seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment parameters are monitored closely and regularly reviewed. For more information, please see our [seasonal adjustment methodology page](#).

In our IoS estimates, seasonal adjustment is applied at the industry level and the seasonally adjusted series are aggregated to create estimates by sector and total IoS output. As part of our quality assurance approach, [residual seasonality checks](#) are regularly completed by our time series analysis team on both the directly seasonally adjusted series and also the indirectly derived aggregate time series.

Based on our quality assurance as part of this publication, there is no statistically significant residual seasonality in our aggregate estimates for IoS in the period from January 1997 to April 2026.

This topic is explored further in our [article on assessing residual seasonality](#), published on 12 May 2026.

We have published non-seasonally adjusted chained volume measure series in our updated [low level industry dataset](#). There are conceptual differences between indirect and direct seasonal adjustment. Indirect seasonal adjustment is the sum of the directly seasonally adjusted component series, typically chosen at an optimal level and depending on user needs. For the UK National Accounts, GDP aggregates are created with indirect seasonal adjustment. Because of processing, including benchmarking and chain-linking, direct seasonal adjustment of the non-seasonally adjusted GDP aggregate will not give the same results as the indirect seasonally adjusted output.

4 . Related links

[GDP monthly estimate, UK: April 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 12 June 2026

Gross domestic product (GDP) measures the value of goods and services produced in the UK. It estimates the size of and growth in the economy.

[GDP first quarterly estimate, UK: January to March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 14 May 2026

First quarterly estimate of gross domestic product (GDP). Contains current and constant price data on the value of goods and services to indicate the economic performance of the UK.

[Index of Production, UK: April 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 12 June 2026

Movements in the volume of production for the UK production industries: manufacturing, mining and quarrying, energy supply, and water and waste management. Figures are seasonally adjusted.

[Producer price inflation, UK: April 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 20 May 2026

Changes in the prices of goods bought and sold by UK manufacturers, including price indices of materials and fuels purchased (input prices), and factory gate prices (output prices).

5 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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		Industry sections (SIC2007)				
		Total service industries	Distribution hotels and restaurants	Transport, storage and communication	Business services and finance	Government and other services
Section		G-T	G and I	H and J	K-N	O-T
2022 weights		1000	163	122	438	277
		S2KU	S2MV	KI7B	KI7L	KI7T
	2021	93.5	97.7	83.2	96.8	90.9
	2022	99.1	102.3	94.6	100.9	96.6
	2023	100	100	100	100	100
	2024	101.4	99.4	104.8	100.6	102.2
	2025	103	100.1	109.7	101.4	104.2
2025	Q1	102.6	100.5	108.1	101.4	103.4
	Q2	102.8	99.8	109.2	101.3	104.1
	Q3	103.1	99.9	110.2	101.5	104.5
	Q4	103.3	100.1	111.3	101.4	104.8
2026	Q1	104.1	101.9	112.8	101.8	105.3
2025	Feb	102.6	100.3	108.2	101.5	103.2
	Mar	102.9	101.6	108.9	101.3	103.5
	Apr	102.6	100.3	108.2	101.1	103.9
	May	102.7	99.6	109.6	101.2	104.1
	Jun	103.1	99.6	110	101.7	104.4
	Jul	103.1	100.1	109.9	101.5	104.6
	Aug	102.9	99	110.1	101.4	104.5
	Sep	103.3	100.6	110.5	101.6	104.5
	Oct	103.1	99.6	110.3	101.3	104.8
	Nov	103.2	99.8	111.1	101.3	104.8
	Dec	103.6	100.9	112.5	101.5	104.8
2026	Jan	103.7	101.7	112.3	101.2	105.1
	Feb	104.1	102	112.5	102	105.2
	Mar	104.5	102.1	113.6	102.2	105.6
	Apr	104.3	101.9	114.9	101.8	105.2
Percentage change, latest year on previous year						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
	2021	9.8	12.8	8.9	5.8	14.7
	2022	6	4.8	13.7	4.2	6.2
	2023	0.9	-2.3	5.7	-0.9	3.5
	2024	1.4	-0.6	4.8	0.6	2.2
	2025	1.6	0.7	4.7	0.8	1.9
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago						
		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2025	Feb	1.9	1.1	5.3	1.3	1.9
	Mar	2	2.6	5.7	0.8	1.8
	Apr	1.4	1.8	2.5	0.6	1.9
	May	1.2	-0.9	4.3	0.4	2.2
	Jun	1.9	0.5	4.5	1.1	2.6
	Jul	1.7	0.5	3.9	1.2	2.3
	Aug	1.3	-0.1	4.2	0.7	1.8
	Sep	1.7	2	5.5	0.7	1.5
	Oct	1.3	0.5	4.2	0.4	1.9
	Nov	1.2	-0.1	4.6	0.5	1.5
	Dec	1.2	0.4	5.5	0.1	1.3
2026	Jan	1.2	2	4.7	-0.2	1.4
	Feb	1.5	1.7	4	0.5	2
	Mar	1.5	0.5	4.3	0.8	2
	Apr	1.7	1.6	6.2	0.7	1.3

1 The IOS output is designated as a National Statistic.

2 Indices reflect values measured at basic prices, which exclude "taxes less subsidies on products".

3 Estimates cannot be regarded as accurate to the last digit shown.

4 Any apparent inconsistencies between the index numbers and the percentage changes shown in these tables are due to rounding.

5 A complete run of data is available on the ONS website as a [Time series dataset](#)

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Percentage change, latest month on previous month						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2025	Feb	0.1	0.6	0.9	0.1	-0.4
	Mar	0.3	1.3	0.7	-0.2	0.3
	Apr	-0.3	-1.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.4
	May	0.1	-0.7	1.3	0	0.2
	Jun	0.4	0	0.4	0.5	0.3
	Jul	0	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
	Aug	-0.2	-1.1	0.1	0	-0.1
	Sep	0.4	1.7	0.4	0.1	0
	Oct	-0.2	-1	-0.2	-0.2	0.3
	Nov	0.1	0.2	0.8	-0.1	0
	Dec	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.3	-0.1
2026	Jan	0	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.3
	Feb	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.1
	Mar	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.3
	Apr	-0.2	-0.2	1.2	-0.4	-0.4
Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago						
		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R
2025	Feb	2.2	1	5.7	1.5	2.6
	Mar	2	1.1	5.7	1.2	2.1
	Apr	1.8	1.8	4.5	0.9	1.9
	May	1.5	1.2	4.1	0.6	1.9
	Jun	1.5	0.5	3.8	0.7	2.2
	Jul	1.6	0.1	4.2	0.9	2.4
	Aug	1.6	0.3	4.2	1	2.3
	Sep	1.6	0.8	4.5	0.9	1.9
	Oct	1.5	0.8	4.6	0.6	1.7
	Nov	1.4	0.8	4.8	0.5	1.6
	Dec	1.2	0.3	4.8	0.3	1.6
2026	Jan	1.2	0.8	5	0.1	1.4
	Feb	1.3	1.4	4.8	0.1	1.6
	Mar	1.4	1.4	4.3	0.4	1.8
	Apr	1.6	1.3	4.8	0.7	1.7
Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months						
		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S
2025	Feb	0.7	1	1.6	0.6	0.4
	Mar	0.6	0.7	1.8	0.4	0.3
	Apr	0.4	0.7	1.6	0.1	0.1
	May	0.2	0.3	1.4	-0.3	0.4
	Jun	0.2	-0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.7
	Jul	0.3	-0.9	1.3	0.1	0.8
	Aug	0.3	-0.9	1	0.3	0.7
	Sep	0.3	0	0.9	0.2	0.4
	Oct	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0	0.3
	Nov	0.1	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.2
	Dec	0.2	0.2	1	-0.1	0.3
2026	Jan	0.4	1.1	1.5	-0.1	0.3
	Feb	0.6	1.6	1.6	0.2	0.3
	Mar	0.8	1.8	1.3	0.4	0.5
	Apr	0.8	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.4

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