

Statistical bulletin

Index of Services, UK: August 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 for the three months to August 2026 was estimated to have increased by 0.9%, compared with the three months to May 2026.
- In the three months to August 2026, 10 of the 14 sectors saw a rise, with the main positive contributing sectors being “professional, scientific and technical activities” (up by 2.8%), “information and communication” (up by 2.8%), and “administrative, support and service activities” (up by 3.0%).
- In the three months to August 2026, 3 of the 14 sectors saw a fall (one sector saw no growth (0.0%)), with the main negative contributing sector being “wholesale and retail trade” (down by 0.1%).
- Monthly services output was estimated to have had no growth (0.0%) in August 2026; this follows increases in July 2026 (up by 0.5%) and June 2026 (up by 0.5%).
- There were monthly decreases in 9 of the 14 sectors in August 2026, with the largest negative contributions on the month coming from “administrative and support service activities” (down by 1.7%), “accommodation and food service activities” (down by 2.1%), and “transportation and storage” (down by 1.3%).
- There were monthly increases in 4 of the 14 sectors (one sector saw no growth) in August 2026, with the largest positive contributions coming from “wholesale and retail trade” (up by 2.0%) and “professional, scientific and technical activities” (up by 1.5%).

2 . Data on Index of Services

[Index of Services time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 15 October 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 15 October 2026

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

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

Dataset | Released 15 October 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 15 October 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 August 2026

The response rates for August 2026 were 73.8%, based on forms returned. This accounted for 88.7% of total turnover coverage of the sample population. More information is available in 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 (36.0%)
- the ONS Retail Sales Inquiry (4.4%)
- the ONS Government Expenditure (15.9%)
- the ONS Households' Expenditure (12.2%)
- the ONS Finance Expenditure (7.3%)
- the ONS Households and non-profit institutions serving households (1.7%)
- other (1.6%)

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

More information on what is included within "other" is available in 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 methodology](#) provides 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. More information is available in our [Value Added Tax \(VAT\) 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. More information on these is available in 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 [IoS QMI](#).

Accredited official statistics

These [accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in May 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 includes revisions to July 2026 for the first time. It also incorporates revisions from January 1997 to June 2026, in line with our [GDP quarterly national accounts, UK: April to June 2025](#), published on 30 September 2026. This is consistent with Blue Book 2026 and in line with Section 4 of our [National Accounts Revisions Policy: updated January 2026](#).

Table 1 shows the revisions for January to July 2026 to Index of Services and its main sectors against our [previous IoS release](#), published on 11 September 2026.

Table 1: Revisions to month-on-month growth for Index of Services and its sectors

	Sections G & I - Distribution, Hotels and Restaurants		Sections H & J - Transport, Storage and Communications	Sections K to N - Business Services and Finances	Sections O to T - Government and other services
IoS					
Jan 2026	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Feb 2026	0.0	0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.1
Mar 2026	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.6	-0.2
Apr 2026	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
May 2026	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.4
Jun 2026	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Jul 2026	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Index of Services estimate from the Office for National Statistics

Notes

1. Revisions are rounded to one decimal place and calculated based on the one decimal place indexes.
2. Further information on current and past revisions can be found in our [Index of Production revisions triangles dataset](#).

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.

We use the X-13-ARIMA-SEATS approach to seasonal adjustment. Seasonal adjustment parameters are monitored closely and regularly reviewed. More information is available in our [seasonal adjustment methodology](#).

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 August 2026.

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

Since June 2026, we have published non-seasonally adjusted chained volume measure series in our updated [Monthly GDP 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 National Accounts, GDP aggregates are created with indirect seasonal adjustment. Because of processing, which includes 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.

Review of release times for market-sensitive economic statistics

We are reviewing the release times for our market-sensitive economic statistics, such as Index of Services. This review will consider whether the current arrangements continue to best serve the public good, support user needs and align with the principles set out in the Code of Practice for Statistics.

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

4 . Related links

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

Bulletin | Released 15 October 2026

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

[GDP quarterly national accounts, UK: April to June 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 30 September 2026

Revised quarterly estimate of gross domestic product (GDP) for the UK. Uses additional data to provide a more precise indication of economic growth than the first estimate.

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

Bulletin | Released 15 October 2026

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

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

Bulletin | Released 16 September 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
2024 weights		1000	150	125	447	277
		S2KU	S2MV	KI7B	KI7L	KI7T
2021		92.5	101.1	80.4	96.2	88.3
2022		97.8	105.4	92.2	99.5	93.7
2023		98.7	103.6	96.8	98.7	96.9
2024		100	100	100	100	100
2025		101.2	100.1	103.6	100.5	101.7
2025	Q2	101	99.9	103.4	100.4	101.4
	Q3	101.4	100.2	104.2	100.6	101.9
	Q4	101.3	99.8	104.6	100.4	102.2
2026	Q1	102.1	101.2	105.8	101.1	102.6
	Q2	102.7	101.2	107.4	101.8	103
2025	Jun	101.2	100	104	100.7	101.5
	Jul	101.4	100.3	104	100.8	101.8
	Aug	101.2	99.5	104.1	100.5	101.9
	Sep	101.5	100.8	104.5	100.7	102
	Oct	101.2	99.4	104	100.5	102.2
	Nov	101.2	99.6	104.3	100.2	102.2
	Dec	101.6	100.4	105.6	100.6	102.1
2026	Jan	101.6	100.7	105.7	100.3	102.4
	Feb	102.1	101.4	105.4	101.1	102.5
	Mar	102.6	101.4	106.1	101.9	102.7
	Apr	102.4	101.3	107.6	101.2	102.6
	May	102.6	101.2	106.7	101.7	103
	Jun	103.1	101	108	102.3	103.4
	Jul	103.7	100.7	109.6	102.9	103.7
	Aug	103.7	101.8	108.8	103.1	103.3
Percentage change, latest year on previous year						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2021		9.6	11	10.5	5.6	14.9
2022		5.7	4.3	14.7	3.4	6.2
2023		0.9	-1.6	5	-0.9	3.4
2024		1.3	-3.5	3.3	1.4	3.2
2025		1.2	0.1	3.6	0.5	1.7
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago						
		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2025	Jun	1.4	0.1	3.4	0.8	2.1
	Jul	1.3	0.2	3.3	0.9	1.8
	Aug	1.1	0.5	3.6	0.4	1.3
	Sep	1.2	1.6	4.7	0.2	1
	Oct	0.9	0.7	3.2	-0.1	1.6
	Nov	0.7	0.3	3.3	-0.2	1.3
	Dec	0.7	-0.3	4.5	-0.3	1.2
2026	Jan	0.8	1.3	4.3	-0.5	1.2
	Feb	1.2	1.1	2.9	0.4	1.7
	Mar	1.4	-0.1	2.6	1.4	1.5
	Apr	1.5	1.1	5.1	0.9	1.2
	May	1.7	1.7	2.8	1.4	1.6
	Jun	1.9	1.1	3.9	1.6	1.8
	Jul	2.2	0.4	5.4	2.2	1.8
	Aug	2.4	2.3	4.5	2.5	1.4

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.

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Sources: For further information on these data please telephone 01633 456387; fax 01633 455300 or e-mail ios.enquiries@ons.gov.uk

IOS1**IOS: Index of Services¹**
Chained volume indices of gross value added^{2,3,4}

seasonally adjusted 2024 = 100

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	Jul	0.2	0.4	0	0.1	0.3
	Aug	-0.2	-0.8	0	-0.2	0.1
	Sep	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
	Oct	-0.3	-1.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.3
	Nov	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
	Dec	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.4	0
2026	Jan	0	0.3	0.1	-0.3	0.3
	Feb	0.5	0.7	-0.3	0.8	0.1
	Mar	0.5	-0.1	0.7	0.8	0.2
	Apr	-0.2	0	1.4	-0.7	-0.1
	May	0.2	-0.1	-0.8	0.5	0.4
	Jun	0.5	-0.1	1.3	0.6	0.4
	Jul	0.5	-0.3	1.5	0.6	0.3
	Aug	0	1.1	-0.8	0.1	-0.4
Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago						
		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R
2025	Jun	1	-0.2	2.7	0.5	1.9
	Jul	1.1	-0.5	3.4	0.6	1.9
	Aug	1.3	0.3	3.4	0.7	1.7
	Sep	1.2	0.8	3.9	0.5	1.4
	Oct	1.1	0.9	3.8	0.2	1.3
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	May	1.5	0.9	3.5	1.2	1.4
	Jun	1.7	1.3	3.9	1.3	1.5
	Jul	1.9	1	4.1	1.7	1.7
	Aug	2.2	1.2	4.6	2.1	1.7
Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months						
		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S
2025	Jun	0	-0.5	0.9	-0.2	0.3
	Jul	0.2	-0.8	1.1	0.1	0.4
	Aug	0.3	-0.5	0.8	0.3	0.4
	Sep	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.4
	Oct	0.1	0	0.3	0	0.5
	Nov	0	0	0.2	-0.2	0.4
	Dec	0	-0.4	0.4	-0.2	0.3
2026	Jan	0.2	0.3	1	-0.2	0.2
	Feb	0.5	0.9	1.3	0.2	0.2
	Mar	0.7	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.4
	Apr	0.9	1.2	1.1	1	0.4
	May	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.4
	Jun	0.6	0	1.6	0.7	0.4
	Jul	0.7	-0.4	1.6	0.9	0.7
	Aug	0.9	-0.1	1.9	1.1	0.7

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