

Statistical bulletin

Index of Services, UK: March 2022

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



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1 . Main points

- Monthly services output fell by 0.2% between February and March 2022, reaching a level that was 1.5% above February 2020, which was the last month of "normal" trading conditions prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- There were falls in 7 of the 14 sectors in the Index of Services during March 2022.
- The largest negative contribution to growth was from wholesale and retail trade, which fell by 2.8%; however, this was offset by human health and social work activities, which grew by 1.5%.
- 8 of the 14 services sub-sectors have now surpassed their February 2020 pre-coronavirus levels, with the largest increase being human health and social work activities (10.7%).
- Services output for Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2022 rose by 0.4%, compared with Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2021; over this period, the largest contributor was information and communication, which grew by 3.6%.
- For further and detailed analysis of the effect on our monthly Index of Services estimate, please see [our GDP monthly estimate, UK: March 2022 article](#) published on 12 May 2022.

2 . Index of Services data

[Index of Services time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 12 May 2022

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 May 2022

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 May 2022

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 May 2022

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 the [Related data page](#).

3 . Measuring the data

Data sources and collection

The Index of Services (IoS) is compiled using data from several different sources:

- Office for National Statistics (ONS) Monthly Business Survey (44.4%)
- ONS Retail Sales Inquiry (6.4%)
- ONS Government Expenditure (20.1%)
- ONS Households' Expenditure (15.3%)
- ONS Finance Expenditure (7.8%)
- Other (5.9%)

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

Data relating to the retail industry are broadly comparable with [our Retail sales, Great Britain: March 2022 bulletin](#), published on 22 April 2022.

For further information on what is included within Other, please see [our GDP\(o\) data sources catalogue dataset](#).

The percentage of each data source is based on its gross value added weight. [Our GDP\(o\) methods and sources pages](#) provide more information on the data that underpin these statistics; of particular note is the GDP(o) data sources catalogue.

From February 2018, value added tax (VAT) data have also been included across 64 production industries for small- and medium-sized businesses. For more information, see [our VAT turnover data in National Accounts: background and methodology release](#).

Quality and 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 QMI release](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Office for National Statistics (ONS') MBS is fully online, meaning that business owners can log on from any location and submit their data at an appropriate time. Most other data in the IoS come from within the ONS and therefore will be less affected than survey data.

Our latest [data and analysis on the impact of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) on the UK economy and population](#) are available on their own web page. This is the hub for all special coronavirus-related publications, including the fortnightly Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS).

The ONS has released a [public statement on COVID-19 and the production of statistics](#). If you have specific queries, you can contact the media relations office by email at media.relations@ons.gov.uk.

Economic statistics governance after EU exit

Following the UK's exit from the EU, new governance arrangements are being put in place that will support the adoption and implementation of high-quality standards for UK economic statistics. These governance arrangements will promote international comparability and add to the credibility and independence of the UK's statistical system.

At the centre of this new governance framework will be the new National Statistician's Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics (NSCASE). NSCASE will support the UK by ensuring its processes for influencing and adopting international statistical standards are world leading. The advice NSCASE provides to the National Statistician will span the full range of domains in economic statistics. This includes the National Accounts, fiscal statistics, prices, trade, and the balance of payments and labour market statistics.

4 . Related links

[Comparing the Office for National Statistics' economic data with IHS Markit and CIPS Purchasing Managers' Index surveys](#)

Article | Released 21 October 2019

A comparison between official estimates of UK output and diffusion indices, looking at the level of correlation between Office for National Statistics data and IHS Markit and Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Purchasing Managers' Indices.

[GDP monthly estimate, UK: March 2022](#)

Bulletin | Released 12 May 2022

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 and includes the Index of Production (IoP), Index of Services (IoS) and construction output in Great Britain.

[Services sector performance, UK: 2008 to 2018](#)

Article | Released 2 April 2019

Changes that have taken place in the UK services sector from 2008 to 2018. The differences between public sector-dominated sections and the rest of the sector, and the individual sections of the services sector, are analysed in depth.

[Index of Production, UK: March 2022](#)

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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.

		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
2019 weights		1000	169	129	426	276
		S2KU	S2MV	KI7B	KI7L	KI7T
2017		96.9	100.7	86.7	99.3	96
2018		98.5	99.4	94.9	99.8	97.5
2019		100	100	100	100	100
2020		91.3	84.7	90	94.6	90.6
2021		98.2	95.1	96.2	97.9	101.1
2021	Q1	92.6	80.7	91.7	96.8	93.8
	Q2	98.7	98.2	95.1	97.2	102.7
	Q3	99.9	101.4	97.3	98	102.9
	Q4	101.4	100.2	100.8	99.7	105
2022	Q1	101.8	99.4	104.1	100.1	104.8
2021	Jan	91.3	78.9	91.5	96	91.4
	Feb	92	80.7	91	96.4	92.3
	Mar	94.6	82.4	92.7	98	97.7
	Apr	97.8	94.2	95	96.8	102.3
	May	98.5	99.3	94.7	96.6	102.7
	Jun	99.7	101.1	95.5	98.1	103.2
	Jul	99.5	100.3	96.7	97.2	103.4
	Aug	99.6	102.2	97.7	97.6	101.7
	Sep	100.5	101.7	97.5	99.1	103.6
	Oct	101.1	101.8	99.6	98.9	104.4
	Nov	101.8	101.9	101.3	99.9	105
	Dec	101.4	97	101.4	100.3	105.6
2022	Jan	101.9	99.6	104.1	99.9	105.2
	Feb	101.9	100.1	104.3	100.2	104.2
	Mar	101.7	98.4	103.9	100.2	104.8
Percentage change, latest year on previous year		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2017		2.4	2.7	3.5	1.8	2.7
2018		1.6	-1.4	9.5	0.5	1.5
2019		1.6	0.6	5.4	0.2	2.6
2020		-8.7	-15.3	-10	-5.4	-9.4
2021		7.5	12.4	6.9	3.5	11.6
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2021	Jan	-9.4	-21.4	-7.4	-4.3	-10.4
	Feb	-8.2	-19	-7.6	-3.7	-9.2
	Mar	2.5	-2.2	-1	0.5	10.4
	Apr	27.3	82.5	19.3	9.2	41.4
	May	26.1	69.9	19	9.1	40.6
	Jun	17.7	30.9	12.5	7.2	31.2
	Jul	9	10.4	8.2	4.6	15.4
	Aug	6.4	5.2	9.3	4.7	8.4
	Sep	6	8.1	8.4	4.2	6.4
	Oct	5.8	9.6	7.8	3.4	6.8
	Nov	9.7	23.1	10.4	4.9	9.8
	Dec	7.4	12	10.5	4.1	8.7
2022	Jan	11.6	26.3	13.7	4.1	15.1
	Feb	10.8	24	14.6	3.9	12.9
	Mar	7.5	19.4	12.1	2.2	7.3

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.

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Percentage change, latest month on previous month						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2021	Jan	-3.3	-8.9	-0.2	-0.4	-5.9
	Feb	0.8	2.3	-0.6	0.5	1
	Mar	2.9	2.1	1.8	1.6	5.8
	Apr	3.3	14.3	2.6	-1.2	4.8
	May	0.7	5.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.3
	Jun	1.3	1.9	0.9	1.6	0.5
	Jul	-0.3	-0.8	1.2	-0.9	0.2
	Aug	0.1	1.9	1.1	0.4	-1.7
	Sep	0.9	-0.5	-0.2	1.4	1.9
	Oct	0.5	0.1	2.2	-0.1	0.8
	Nov	0.7	0.1	1.7	1	0.6
	Dec	-0.4	-4.8	0.1	0.4	0.5
2022	Jan	0.5	2.7	2.7	-0.4	-0.3
	Feb	0	0.4	0.2	0.3	-1
	Mar	-0.2	-1.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.6
Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago						
		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R
2021	Jan	-7.7	-17.2	-7.8	-4.3	-6.9
	Feb	-7.9	-17.9	-7.7	-4	-8
	Mar	-5.2	-14.9	-5.4	-2.5	-3.7
	Apr	5.6	9.3	2.5	1.7	11.4
	May	17.7	42	11.7	6.1	29.4
	Jun	23.5	57.3	16.8	8.5	37.6
	Jul	17.1	32.7	13	7	28.2
	Aug	10.8	14.5	10	5.5	17.6
	Sep	7.1	7.8	8.6	4.5	9.9
	Oct	6.1	7.6	8.5	4.1	7.2
	Nov	7.2	13.2	8.9	4.2	7.7
	Dec	7.7	14.6	9.5	4.1	8.4
2022	Jan	9.6	20.2	11.5	4.4	11.1
	Feb	9.9	20.5	12.9	4	12.2
	Mar	9.9	23.2	13.5	3.4	11.7
Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months						
		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S
2021	Jan	-1.9	-12.6	1.2	1.3	-1.6
	Feb	-1.9	-8.7	0	1	-3.4
	Mar	-1.6	-7.7	-0.3	1.1	-3.1
	Apr	2.2	3.6	1.3	1.3	2.9
	May	4.8	12	3	0.9	7.8
	Jun	6.5	21.7	3.7	0.4	9.5
	Jul	4.7	16.9	2.9	0.2	5.8
	Aug	2.7	10.1	2.7	0.5	1.9
	Sep	1.2	3.2	2.3	0.8	0.1
	Oct	1.2	1.7	2.8	1.2	0.1
	Nov	1.5	0.6	2.9	1.7	1.5
	Dec	1.5	-1.2	3.6	1.8	2
2022	Jan	1.3	-2.3	4	1.5	2
	Feb	0.6	-2.8	3.8	0.9	0.7
	Mar	0.4	-0.8	3.3	0.4	-0.2

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