

Statistical bulletin

Index of Services, UK: May 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 May 2026 was estimated to have increased by 0.7% compared with the three months to February 2026; this follows 0.9% growth in the three months to April 2026.
- 12 of the 14 sectors saw a rise in the three months to May 2026, with the main positive contributing sectors being "information and communication" (up 2.5%), and "professional, scientific and technical activities" (up 1.8%).
- There was a fall in the remaining 2 sectors, with the largest being "administrative and support service activities" (down 1.1%).
- Monthly services output was estimated to have increased by 0.3% in May 2026; this follows a small fall in April 2026 (down 0.1%), and a rise in March 2026 (up 0.3%).
- There were monthly increases in 7 of the 14 sectors in May 2026; the largest positive contribution on the month came from "professional, scientific and technical activities" (up 1.8%).
- There were monthly decreases in 6 of the 14 sectors (1 industry saw no growth) in May 2026, with "information and communication" (down 0.5%) providing the largest negative contributions.

2 . Data on Index of Services

[Index of Services time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: IOS1 | Released 16 July 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 16 July 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 16 July 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 16 July 2026

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

[GDP monthly estimate \(incorporating the Index of Services and Index of Production\) - customise my data](#)

Dataset | Released 16 July 2026

Customise My Data (CMD) is our way of providing filterable, explorable data suitable to individual user needs.

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

3 . Data sources and quality

Response rates for May 2026

The response rates for May 2026 were 74.2% based on forms returned. This accounted for 88.2% of total turnover coverage of the sample population. For further information, see our [Current and historical Monthly Business Survey \(services\) 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) Monthly Business Survey (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 our IoS bulletins and datasets are estimates that are subject to uncertainty, for example, sampling variability and non-sampling error. For more information, 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 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 May 2026 for the first time. We are open to revisions from January 2024. This includes the revisions published in our [GDP quarterly national accounts, UK: January to March 2026 bulletin](#), as well as further revisions because of improved seasonal adjustment and data sources.

In our next IoS publication, on 13 August 2026, we will open for revision back to April 2026. Please see our [National Accounts Revisions Policy: updated January 2026](#) for further details.

Table 1 shows the revisions from the current release against the previous IoS release (April 2026), published on 12 June 2026.

Table 1: Revisions to month-on-month growth for IoS and its sectors
Percentage growth, January 2024 to April 2026, UK

Date	IoS	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
Jan 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Feb 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mar 2024	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apr 2024	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
May 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Jun 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jul 2024	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Aug 2024	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Sep 2024	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Oct 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nov 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dec 2024	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jan 2025	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Feb 2025	0.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Mar 2025	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Apr 2025	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.1
May 2025	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Jun 2025	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Jul 2025	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Aug 2025	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
Sep 2025	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Oct 2025	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Nov 2025	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Dec 2025	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Jan 2026	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Feb 2026	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Mar 2026	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Apr 2026	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.2

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.

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](#).

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 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 May 2026.

This topic is explored further in our [How the ONS assesses statistical outputs for residual seasonality methodology](#), published on 12 May 2026.

Since May 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, 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: May 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 16 July 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: January to March 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 30 June 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: May 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 16 July 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: May 2026](#)

Bulletin | Released 17 June 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	104.7	100.7	102.1
2025		102.8	100.1	109.4	101.4	103.9
2025	Q1	102.6	100.6	108	101.4	103.3
	Q2	102.8	99.9	109	101.4	103.9
	Q3	103	100	109.9	101.5	104.1
	Q4	103	99.9	110.8	101.3	104.2
2026	Q1	103.8	101.5	112.3	101.8	104.7
2025	Mar	102.8	101.7	108.9	101.3	103.3
	Apr	102.5	100.4	107.7	101.2	103.7
	May	102.7	99.7	109.4	101.3	103.8
	Jun	103	99.7	109.8	101.7	104.1
	Jul	103	100.2	109.6	101.6	104.1
	Aug	102.7	99.1	109.8	101.4	104
	Sep	103.1	100.6	110.4	101.5	104
	Oct	102.9	99.4	110.1	101.3	104.3
	Nov	102.9	99.6	110.7	101.2	104.2
	Dec	103.3	100.7	111.8	101.5	104.1
2026	Jan	103.4	101.1	111.8	101.2	104.5
	Feb	103.9	101.6	112.2	102	104.7
	Mar	104.2	101.8	113.1	102.3	105
	Apr	104.1	101.6	114.9	101.7	104.8
	May	104.4	101.6	114.5	102.3	105.1
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	4.7	0.7	2.1
2025		1.5	0.7	4.5	0.7	1.7
Percentage change, latest month on same month a year ago						
		S26Q	S28R	KI7A	KI7I	KI7Q
2025	Mar	1.9	2.8	5.6	0.7	1.7
	Apr	1.3	1.9	2.2	0.6	1.7
	May	1.2	-0.8	4.2	0.5	2
	Jun	1.8	0.6	4.5	1.2	2.4
	Jul	1.7	0.5	3.8	1.2	2.1
	Aug	1.2	0	4.1	0.6	1.5
	Sep	1.6	1.9	5.6	0.7	1.2
	Oct	1.1	0.4	4.2	0.3	1.5
	Nov	1	-0.4	4.3	0.4	1.1
	Dec	0.9	0.1	4.9	0.1	0.9
2026	Jan	1	1.5	4.4	-0.2	1
	Feb	1.4	1.2	3.8	0.6	1.6
	Mar	1.4	0.1	3.9	1	1.6
	Apr	1.6	1.2	6.7	0.5	1.1
	May	1.7	1.9	4.7	1.1	1.2

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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2022 weights		1000	163	122	438	277
Percentage change, latest month on previous month						
		S222	S243	KI77	KI7G	KI7O
2025	Mar	0.3	1.3	0.8	-0.1	0.3
	Apr	-0.3	-1.3	-1.1	0	0.3
	May	0.1	-0.7	1.5	0	0.2
	Jun	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3
	Jul	0	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0
	Aug	-0.2	-1.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
	Sep	0.4	1.5	0.6	0.1	0
	Oct	-0.3	-1.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.2
	Nov	0	0.1	0.6	0	-0.1
	Dec	0.4	1.1	1	0.3	-0.1
2026	Jan	0	0.5	0	-0.3	0.3
	Feb	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2
	Mar	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.4
	Apr	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	-0.5	-0.2
	May	0.3	0	-0.3	0.6	0.2
Percentage change, latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago						
		S2G6	S2I7	KI7C	KI7J	KI7R
2025	Mar	1.9	1.2	5.6	1.1	2
	Apr	1.7	2	4.3	0.8	1.8
	May	1.5	1.3	4	0.6	1.8
	Jun	1.4	0.6	3.6	0.7	2.1
	Jul	1.5	0.1	4.2	0.9	2.2
	Aug	1.6	0.4	4.1	1	2
	Sep	1.5	0.8	4.5	0.8	1.6
	Oct	1.3	0.8	4.6	0.5	1.4
	Nov	1.2	0.6	4.7	0.5	1.3
	Dec	1	0	4.5	0.3	1.2
2026	Jan	0.9	0.4	4.5	0.1	1
	Feb	1.1	1	4.3	0.2	1.1
	Mar	1.2	0.9	4	0.5	1.4
	Apr	1.4	0.8	4.8	0.7	1.4
	May	1.5	1.1	5.1	0.8	1.3
Percentage change, latest 3 months on previous 3 months						
		S2BG	S2DH	KI7D	KI7K	KI7S
2025	Mar	0.6	0.7	1.8	0.3	0.3
	Apr	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.1	0.1
	May	0.3	0.4	1.3	-0.2	0.4
	Jun	0.2	-0.6	0.9	0	0.6
	Jul	0.3	-1	1.3	0.2	0.7
	Aug	0.2	-0.9	1	0.3	0.4
	Sep	0.2	0	0.9	0.1	0.2
	Oct	0	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.1
	Nov	0	0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.1
	Dec	0.1	0	0.8	-0.2	0.1
2026	Jan	0.3	0.8	1.2	-0.1	0.1
	Feb	0.5	1.3	1.4	0.2	0.2
	Mar	0.8	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.5
	Apr	0.9	1.2	1.8	0.7	0.5
	May	0.7	0.5	2	0.5	0.5

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