

Statistical bulletin

# Consumer trends, UK: July to September 2022

Household final consumption expenditure (HHFCE) for the UK, as a measure of economic growth. Includes all spending on goods and services by members of UK households.



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# 1 . Main points

- In Quarter 3 (July to Sept) 2022, household spending growth (adjusted for inflation) was negative 1.1% compared with Quarter 2 (Apr to June) 2022; when compared with Quarter 3 2021, household spending increased by positive 1.0%.
- When compared with Quarter 2 2022, the largest negative contribution to growth was from net tourism, which decreased by negative 38%; the second largest negative contribution was from transport, which decreased by negative 2.3%.
- When compared with Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2019 (pre-coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic), household spending decreased by negative 2.9%.

# 2 . Consumer trends data

## [Consumer trends: current price, not seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 22 December 2022

Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, current price, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2022.

## [Consumer trends: current price, seasonally adjusted](#)

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Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, current price, seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2022.

## [Consumer trends: chained volume measure, not seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 22 December 2022

Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, chained volume measure, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2022.

## [Consumer trends: chained volume measure, seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 22 December 2022

Quarterly and annual data on household expenditure in the UK, chained volume measure, seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2022.

## [Consumer trends: implied deflator, not seasonally adjusted](#)

Dataset | Released 22 December 2022

Quarterly and annual data for household expenditure in the UK, implied deflator, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2022.

## [Consumer trends: implied deflator, seasonally adjusted](#)

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Quarterly and annual data for household expenditure in the UK, implied deflator, seasonally adjusted. Estimates are consistent with Blue Book 2022.

## 3 . Measuring the data

The quarterly consumer trends data are typically published around 90 days after the end of the quarter.

This release contains data that are consistent with the UK National Accounts, The Blue Book: 2022, released on 31 October 2022. As such, data for all periods within this release are subject to revision in line with the [National Accounts Revisions Policy](#).

The Blue Book is the UK's annual compendium of national accounts data and incorporates a number of improvements to methods and sources into the UK's National Accounts. Details of improvements introduced in Blue Book 2022, which affect household expenditure and revisions to the previous publication, can be found in the [User guide to consumer trends](#).

The reference year and last base year for all chained volume measure estimates is 2019.

Further information on latest developments and changes implemented in Blue Book 2022 can be found in our article [Proposed changes to be implemented in Blue Book and Pink Book 2022](#).

We have produced an update to the [Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose \(COICOP\) to Classification of Products by Activity \(CPA\) mapper](#) for 2020.

Household final consumption expenditure (HHFCE) includes spending on goods and services, except for:

- buying or extending a house
- investment in valuables (for example, paintings and antiques)
- purchasing second-hand goods

Explanations for these exceptions and the related concepts are available in our [Consumer trends QMI](#).

### Quality

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

### Impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)

From Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2020, estimates of household final consumption expenditure (HHFCE), along with other components of gross domestic product (GDP), are subject to more uncertainty than usual. This is because of the challenges we faced in collecting the data under government-imposed public health restrictions. In the case of HHFCE, these challenges have been compounded by the suspension of data collection for the [International Passenger Survey \(IPS\)](#) between March 2020 and January 2021, and the temporary suspension of the Living Costs and Food survey (LCF) between 16 March and 14 April 2020.

## 4 . Related links

### [GDP quarterly national accounts, UK: July to September 2022](#)

Bulletin | Released 22 December 2022

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.

### [Quarterly sector accounts, UK: July to September 2022](#)

Bulletin | Released 22 December 2022

Detailed estimates of quarterly sector accounts that can be found in the UK Economic Accounts (UKEA).

### [Retail sales, Great Britain: November 2022](#)

Bulletin | Released 16 December 2022

A first estimate of retail sales in volume and value terms, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted.

### [Family spending in the UK: April 2020 to March 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 18 July 2022

Average weekly household expenditure on goods and services in the UK, by age, income, economic status, socio-economic class, household composition and region.

### [Impact of Blue Book 2022 changes on current price and volume estimates of gross domestic product](#)

Article | Released 27 June 2022

Methodological and data improvements that affect current price and chain volume measure of gross domestic product (GDP), 1997 to 2019.

### [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and its effects on household consumption, UK: January 2020 to December 2021](#)

Article | Released 6 April 2022

The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on household final consumption expenditure (HHFCE), as a measure of economic growth. Includes all spending of goods and services by members of UK households.

### [UK National Accounts, The Blue Book: 2022](#)

Article | Released 31 October 2022

National accounts statistics including national and sector accounts, industrial analyses and environmental accounts.

## 5 . Cite this bulletin

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