

Statistical bulletin

Average weekly earnings in Great Britain: December 2021

Estimates of growth in earnings for employees before tax and other deductions from pay.



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- [Vacancies and jobs in the UK](#)
- [Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK](#)

2 . Main points for August to October 2021

- Growth in average total pay (including bonuses) was 4.9% and growth in regular pay (excluding bonuses) was 4.3% among employees in August to October 2021.
- Previous months' strong growth rates were affected upwards by base and compositional effects; these temporary factors have largely worked their way out of the latest growth rates, but a small amount of base effect for certain sectors may still be present.
- In July we published a [blog: How COVID-19 has impacted the Average Weekly Earnings data](#), which explains the complexities of interpreting earnings data.
- In real terms (adjusted for inflation), total and regular pay continues to grow at a faster rate than inflation, at 1.7% for total pay and 1.0% for regular pay.
- Average total pay growth for the private sector was 5.4% in August to October 2021, while for the public sector, it was 2.7%; all sectors saw growth, with the finance and business services sector seeing the largest growth rate at 7.7%.

The estimates in this bulletin come from a survey of businesses. It is not possible to survey every business each month, so these statistics are estimates based on a sample, not precise figures. Estimates are based on all employees on company payrolls, including those who have been furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS).

3 . Analysis of average weekly earnings (AWE)

Figure 1: Average weekly earnings for total pay was £586 and regular pay was £548 in October 2021, showing a steady increase over time (except for early on in the coronavirus pandemic)

Average weekly earnings in Great Britain, seasonally adjusted, January 2000 to October 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey

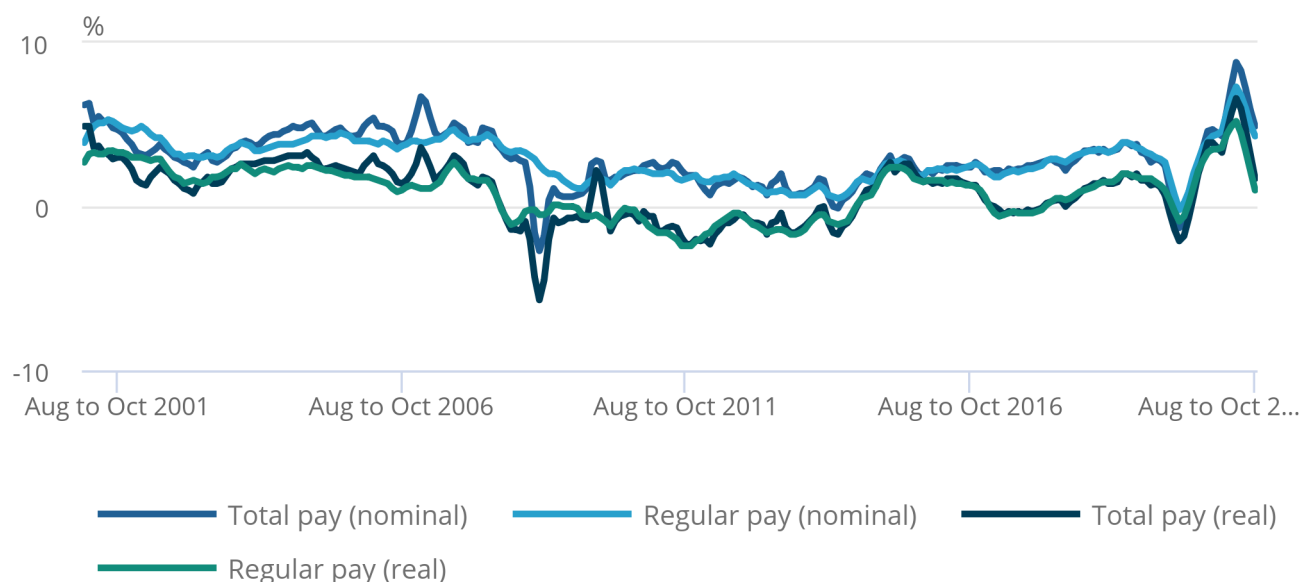
Average weekly earnings were estimated at £586 for total pay, and £548 for regular pay in October 2021. Figure 1 shows that average weekly earnings have steadily increased, with the exception of the early months of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Figure 2: Annual growth in total pay was 4.9% and regular pay was 4.3% in August to October 2021

Average weekly earnings annual growth rates in Great Britain, seasonally adjusted, January to March 2001 to August to October 2021

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The rate of annual pay growth for total pay was 4.9%, and the annual pay growth for regular pay was 4.3% in August to October 2021. Previous months' strong growth rates were affected upwards by base and compositional effects. These temporary factors have largely worked their way out of the latest growth rates, but a small amount of base effect for certain sectors may still be present.

In real terms (adjusted for inflation), total pay and regular pay both continue to grow at a faster rate than inflation, at 1.7% and 1.0%, respectively.

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- All ONS analysis, summarised in our [economy, business and jobs roundup](#).
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- View [all economic data](#).

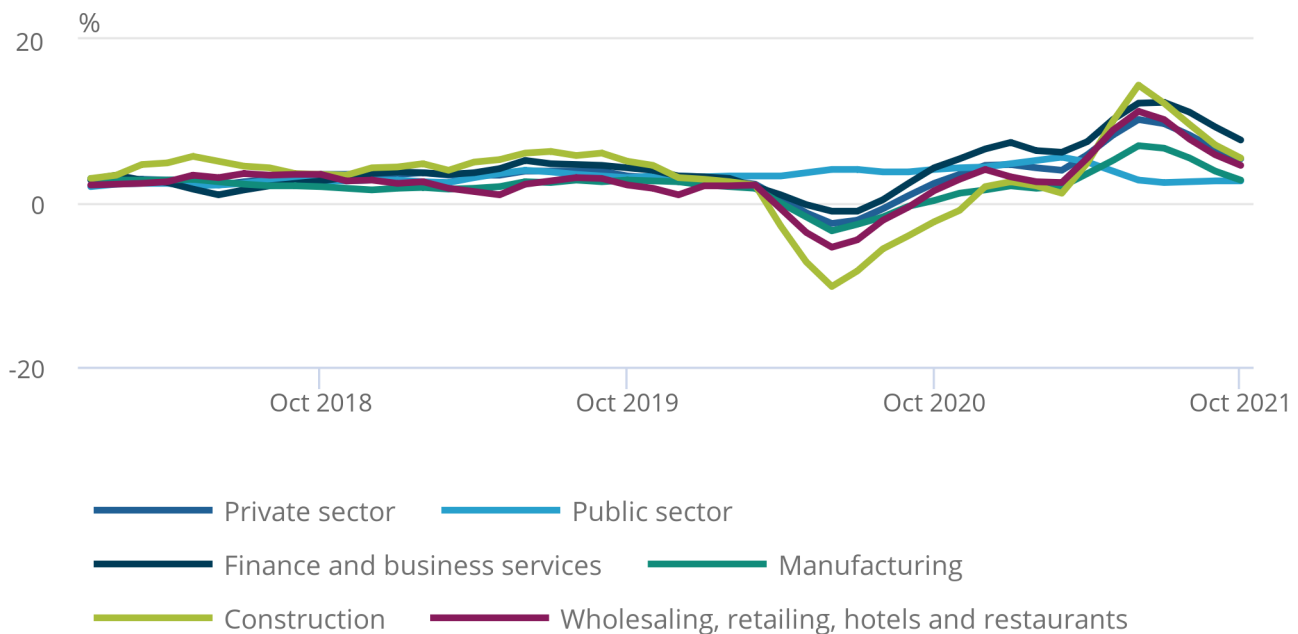
Sector and industry

Figure 3: Pre-coronavirus pandemic sector growth rates were similar, then during the coronavirus pandemic, most sectors saw a decrease in total pay, which recovered in 2021

Average weekly earnings annual growth rates (including bonus by sector) in Great Britain, seasonally adjusted, November 2017 to January 2018 to August to October 2021

Figure 3: Pre-coronavirus pandemic sector growth rates were similar, then during the coronavirus pandemic, most sectors saw a decrease in total pay, which recovered in 2021

Average weekly earnings annual growth rates (including bonus by sector) in Great Britain, seasonally adjusted, November 2017 to January 2018 to August to October 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey

Average total pay growth for the private sector was 5.4% in August to October 2021, while for the public sector it was 2.7%. Since the end of 2019, the public sector generally had stronger growth than the private sector; but since April 2021, the year-on-year comparison with a low base period has meant the private sector now shows stronger growth.

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, each sector had shown similar positive growth. During summer 2020, most sectors' earnings were affected by the coronavirus pandemic; negative pay growth rates were seen when compared with 2019, except for the public sector, which maintained positive growth rates. These annual growth rates returned to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels in early 2021. From April to August 2021, growth rates were inflated, given the comparison with the low base period.

Construction had the largest negative growth rate in June 2020 (negative 10.2%) and the largest growth rates in June 2021 (14.4%). Outside of the public sector, the finance and business services sector had the smallest drop in growth rates in June 2020 (negative 1.0%). However, it was one of the strongest growth sectors in June 2021 (12.2%), and for the latest time period, saw a growth rate of 7.7%.

Interpreting average earnings - base and compositional effects

Interpreting average earnings data over the last year has been difficult. In July, we published a [blog: How COVID-19 has impacted the Average Weekly Earnings data](#), which explains the complexities of interpreting these data.

There were temporary factors that we refer to as base and compositional effects, which increased the headline growth rate in earnings above the underlying rate. These temporary factors have largely worked their way out of the latest growth rates, but a small amount of base effect for certain sectors may still be present.

The base effect refers to the comparison with the low base periods between April and August 2020, when earnings were mostly affected by the coronavirus pandemic and negative pay growth rates were seen. However, over the last two months, the base effect has been reducing. As with September, the base effect in October is minimal for most sectors. Some base effect is still seen in the construction sector, mainly in August and September. Some base effect can also be seen to a smaller degree in manufacturing and wholesaling, retailing, hotels and restaurants for August. Therefore, a small amount of inflation will be present for the August to October 2021 growth rates, but not to the degree we have previously seen.

The composition effect is where pay growth has been affected by a changing composition of employee jobs, which has increased average pay and needs to be considered when interpreting average pay growth. This is explained further in the [Measuring the data section](#).

As reported over the past few months, the compositional effect has been reducing. We are now comparing the composition of the workforce with months well-after the initial shock of the coronavirus pandemic, which was when the composition of the workforce was most effected. The latest data show that there is no additional compositional effect given the two time periods we are comparing. We will continue to monitor this effect and develop our methods over the next few months.

Given the recent reduction in the base effect and the changes in the compositional effect, we have not provided an underlying range for the August to October 2021 growth rate, given the underlying range was always a temporary measure based on experimental methods. However, there may still be a small amount of base effect present for certain sectors.

As discussed in previous releases, the pattern of pay growth was also affected by the proportion of employees who were furloughed, and the extent to which employers have topped up payments received for those employees under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The scheme ended at the end of September 2021, with 1.1 million people reported to be on the scheme at that time. The latest [HM Revenue and Customs \(HMRC\) published CJRS statistics \(4 November 2021\)](#) are available.

4 . Average weekly earnings data

[Average weekly earnings](#)

Dataset EARN01 | Released 14 December 2021

Headline estimates of earnings growth in Great Britain (seasonally adjusted).

[Average weekly earnings by sector](#)

Dataset EARN02 | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates of earnings in Great Britain broken down to show the effects of changes in wages and the effects of changes in the composition of employment (not seasonally adjusted).

[Average weekly earnings by industry](#)

Dataset EARN03 | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates of earnings in Great Britain broken down by detailed industrial sector (not seasonally adjusted).

5 . Glossary

Average Weekly Earnings (AWE)

[Average Weekly Earnings \(AWE\)](#) is the lead monthly measure of average weekly earnings per employee. It is calculated using information based on the Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey (MWSS), which samples around 9,000 employers in Great Britain.

The estimates are not just a measure of pay rises. They do not, for example, adjust for changes in the proportion of the workforce who work full-time or part-time, or other compositional changes within the workforce. The estimates do not include earnings of self-employed people.

Estimates are available for both total pay (which includes bonus payments) and regular pay (which excludes bonus payments). Estimates are available in both nominal terms (not adjusted for inflation) and real terms (adjusted for inflation).

Estimates of pay growth are also published using HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC) data in [Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK](#).

The HMRC estimates are presented in median pay-terms, but they also include mean pay, as does AWE. There are some differences between the sources, most notably that the HMRC estimates include any redundancy payments that are made through payroll. Further detail is provided in a [Comparison of labour market sources, published 11 December 2020](#).

Bonus

A bonus is a form of reward or recognition granted by an employer. When an employee receives a bonus payment, there is no expectation or assumption that the bonus will be used to cover any specific expense. The value and timing of a bonus payment can be at the discretion of the employer or stipulated in workplace agreements.

Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs

As of 21 March 2017, the [Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs \(CPIH\)](#) became our lead measure of inflation. It is our most comprehensive measure of UK consumer price inflation.

Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey

The Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey (MWSS) is a survey through which we collect information on wages and salaries. It is distributed monthly to around 9,000 employers, covering around 12.8 million employees.

A [more detailed glossary](#) is available.

6 . Measuring the data

The survey response rate was 79%; this was slightly lower than the 83% target in the months prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Compositional effect

The change in pay growth has been affected by a changing composition of employee jobs, where we have seen a fall in the number and proportion of lower-paid employee jobs. This changing composition naturally increases average pay and needs to be kept in mind when interpreting average pay growth. Changes in the profile of employee jobs in the economy will affect average pay growth; a decrease in employee numbers in jobs that have lower pay can have an upward effect on average pay, and the other way around.

As such, we can consider the compositional effects from three angles:

- Labour Force Survey data highlight a decrease in the number of part-time jobs (which have lower pay) and jobs in lower-paying sectors
- changing distribution of jobs between industries, provided in [Dataset EARN02: Average weekly earnings by sector](#), affecting average pay growth by 0.0%
- [HM Revenue and Customs \(HMRC\) Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK: November 2020](#) inflows and outflows data indicate a fall in new entrants to the labour market, who are lower paid than average

These three compositional analyses are not mutually exclusive, and do not necessarily consider all the compositional effects that have an impact on average pay. However, they do indicate that a proportion of estimated pay growth is because of recent changes in employee job profiles. We plan to conduct more detailed analysis on the impact of compositional factors.

More information on the compositional effect on the data is available in the [April 2021 edition of this release](#).

Sampling variability for average weekly earnings single month growth rates in percentage points is also available in the [April 2021 edition of this release](#).

For more information on how labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus pandemic, see the article [Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics, published 6 May 2020](#). This article details some of the challenges that we have faced in producing estimates at this time.

Our article [Comparison of labour market data sources \(published 11 December 2020\)](#), discusses some of the main differences between our data sources.

More information on measuring the data is available in the [April 2021 edition of this release](#).

Consultation on the Code of Practice for Statistics - proposed change to 9:30am release practice

On behalf of the UK Statistics Authority, the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) is conducting a [consultation on the Code of Practice for Statistics, proposing changes to the 9:30am release practice](#). Please send comments by 21 December 2021 to regulation@statistics.gov.uk.

7 . Strengths and limitations

Information on the strengths and limitations of this bulletin is available in the [April 2021 edition of this release](#), in [A guide to labour market statistics](#), and in [A guide to sources of data on earnings and income](#).

8 . Related links

[Employee earnings in the UK: 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 26 October 2021

Measures of employee earnings, using data from the Annual Survey for Hours and Earnings (ASHE).

[Low and high pay in the UK: 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 26 October 2021

The distribution of hourly earnings of high-paid, low-paid jobs and jobs paid below the national minimum wage.

[Gender pay gap in the UK: 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 26 October 2021

Differences in pay between men and women by age, region, full-time and part-time, and occupation.

[Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK: December 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 14 December 2021

Experimental monthly estimates of paid employees and their pay from HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC) Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Real Time Information (RTI) data.

[Comparison of labour market sources](#)

Article | Released 11 December 2020

The strengths and weaknesses of the main data sources we use to produce the labour market figures, including the advantages of new administrative data sources and limitations of some of our published figures.

[Index of labour costs per hour, UK: July to September 2020](#)

Bulletin | Released 15 December 2020

Changes in the costs of employing labour, analysed by sector and industry. Experimental Statistic.

Index of Tables

The table below provides an index of the tables appearing in this Statistical Bulletin and it shows how these table numbers match up with the Excel spreadsheet datasets which are available on the website at:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/june2019/relateddata>

The complete set of labour market tables is available from the Labour Market Overview bulletin.

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5	Workforce jobs summary	Dataset JOBS01
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(*) Tables 2 and 10 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file have been amalgamated into one spreadsheet (Dataset A05 SA).

(**) Table JOBS02 provides more detail than Table 6 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

The following symbols are used in the tables: p provisional, r revised, .. Not available, * suppressed due to small sample size.
The four-character identification codes appearing in the tables are the ONS references for the data series appearing in the Labour Market Statistics dataset which is available on the website at:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/labourmarketstatistics>

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13 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - total pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)										Great Britain, seasonally adjusted									
Whole Economy (100%) ²						Private sector (82%) ²			Public sector (18%) ²										
		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year				Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					
			Single month	3 month average ³					Single month	3 month average ³				Single month	3 month average ³				
		KAB9	KAC2	KAC3				KAC4	KAC5	KAC6			KAC7	KAC8	KAC9				
Oct 19		542	2.4	3.3				540	2.1	3.3			547	3.2	3.1				
Aug 20	(r)	550	2.0	0.1				549	1.4	-0.7			566	3.9	3.8				
Sep 20	(r)	558	2.3	1.4				554	2.1	0.9			570	4.5	3.8				
Oct 20	(r)	563	3.8	2.7				560	3.7	2.4			570	4.1	4.1				
Nov 20		567	4.7	3.6 (r)				565	4.6	3.5			573	4.5	4.3 (r)				
Dec 20		569	5.3	4.6				570	5.6	4.6			574	4.5	4.4				
Jan 21		568	4.2	4.7				566	3.9	4.7			578	5.3	4.8				
Feb 21		567	3.9	4.5				563	3.5	4.3			584	5.9	5.2				
Mar 21		568	4.8	4.3				563	4.6	4.0			582	5.5	5.6				
Apr 21		572	8.7	5.8				571	9.8	5.9			581	3.6	5.0				
May 21		575	8.9	7.4				574	10.4	8.3			582	2.6	3.9				
Jun 21		577	8.8	8.8				577	10.5	10.2			581	2.1	2.8				
Jul 21		579	7.2	8.3				580	8.2	9.7			580	2.8	2.5				
Aug 21	(r)	582	5.7	7.2				583	6.3	8.3			582	2.8	2.6				
Sep 21	(r)	584	4.7	5.9				584	5.3	6.6			584	2.3	2.7				
Oct 21	(p)	586	4.2	4.9				585	4.5	5.4			586	2.9	2.7				
Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ²										Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ²						
		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year				Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					
			Single month	3 month average ³					Single month	3 month average ³				Single month	3 month average ³				
		K5BZ	K5C2	K5C3				K5C4	K5C5	K5C6			KAD8	KAD9	KAE2				
Oct 19		526	2.1	3.2				695	3.3	4.3			543	3.3	3.2				
Aug 20	(r)	539	2.5	0.8				722	3.6	0.4			561	3.9	3.9				
Sep 20	(r)	545	3.3	2.0				727	3.8	2.4			566	4.5	3.8				
Oct 20	(r)	549	4.5	3.5				734	5.5	4.3			565	4.0	4.1				
Nov 20		553	5.3	4.4				743	6.9	5.4 (r)			569	4.6	4.3 (r)				
Dec 20		555	5.8	5.2				744	7.4	6.6 (r)			570	4.5	4.4				
Jan 21		555	4.8	5.3				750	7.9	7.4			574	5.4	4.8				
Feb 21		554	4.5	5.0				722	3.9	6.4			580	6.0	5.3				
Mar 21		551	5.2	4.8				732	6.9	6.2			578	5.6	5.6				
Apr 21		561	8.6	6.1				764	11.7	7.5			577	3.8	5.1				
May 21		564	9.0	7.6				766	12.1	10.2			579	2.7	4.0				
Jun 21		566	8.8	8.8				768	12.9	12.2			578	2.6	3.0				
Jul 21		568	7.6	8.5				776	12.0	12.3			576	2.9	2.7				
Aug 21	(r)	571	6.0	7.5				783	8.5	11.1			577	2.9	2.8				
Sep 21	(r)	572	5.0	6.2				782	7.6	9.3			580	2.4	2.7				
Oct 21	(p)	575	4.6	5.2				785	7.0	7.7			582	3.0	2.8				
Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²										Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²						
		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year				Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					
			Single month	3 month average ³					Single month	3 month average ³				Single month	3 month average ³				
		K5CA	K5CB	K5CC				K5CD	K5CE	K5CF			K5CG	K5CH	K5CI				
Oct 19		621	2.7	2.8				650	4.1	5.1			359	0.3	2.2				
Aug 20		619	-0.2	-1.7				635	-2.8	-5.6			365	-0.1	-2.1				
Sep 20	(r)	621	0.5	-0.4				633	-4.0	-4.0			368	0.5	-0.5				
Oct 20	(r)	624	0.6	0.3				650	0.0	-2.3			374	4.1	1.5				
Nov 20		636	2.5	1.2				656	1.4	-0.9 (r)			375	4.1	2.9				
Dec 20		631	1.8	1.6				676	4.7	2.0 (r)			376	4.2	4.1 (r)				
Jan 21		631	1.8	2.1				663	1.7	2.6			374	1.3	3.2				
Feb 21		632	1.9	1.8				650	-0.2	2.1			372	2.3	2.6				
Mar 21		630	2.3	2.0				649	1.9	1.2			374	3.9	2.5				
Apr 21		633	6.9	3.6				660	13.9	4.9			375	10.5	5.5				
May 21		634	6.6	5.2				664	15.0	10.0			379	12.7	8.9				
Jun 21		637	7.4	7.0				675	14.3	14.4			382	10.5	11.2				
Jul 21		643	6.0	6.7				669	7.7	12.2			383	7.6	10.2				
Aug 21		639	3.1	5.5				680	7.2	9.6			385	5.3	7.8 (r)				
Sep 21	(r)	638	2.8	3.9				674	6.4	7.1			386	5.0	5.9				
Oct 21	(p)	640	2.5	2.8				669	2.9	5.5			387	3.5	4.6				

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14 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - bonus pay

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

Whole Economy (100%) ¹				Private sector (82%) ²			Public sector (18%) ²		
Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		
	Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²	
KAF4	KAF5	KAF6	KAF7	KAF8	KAF9	KAG2	KAG3	KAG4	
Oct 19	32	-16.4	-3.1	38	-16.4	-2.6	2	-40.6	-34.0
Aug 20 (r)	32	0.9	-15.5	39	1.6	-14.7	1	-24.4	-41.8
Sep 20 (r)	32	-12.1	-11.5	39	-9.9	-9.4	2	-13.0	-45.2
Oct 20 (r)	34	7.0	-2.0	41	7.7	-0.6	2	52.2	2.6
Nov 20	38	21.5	4.5 (r)	46	20.5	5.4 (r)	5	168.8	67.4 (r)
Dec 20	36	20.3	16.2 (r)	43	20.1	16.0	3	92.0	107.4 (r)
Jan 21	35	2.4	14.3	42	4.1	14.7	2	-41.1	40.4
Feb 21	31	-4.4	5.7	37	-4.1	6.4	5	115.9	33.6
Mar 21	33	4.1	0.7	40	5.8	2.0	2	34.5	22.7
Apr 21	35	33.4	9.6	43	34.6	10.7	2	-10.3	48.8
May 21	36	45.2	25.7	44	45.8	27.0	4	78.7	34.6
Jun 21	36	48.8	42.3	44	54.3	44.5	2	-18.8	16.7
Jul 21	36	38.1	43.9	46	39.6	46.2	2	3.1	22.4
Aug 21 (r)	40	23.2	35.4	48	24.3	37.9	1	-5.4	-8.2
Sep 21 (r)	39	20.4	26.5	47	21.3	27.8	3	65.6	23.0
Oct 21 (p)	38	12.8	18.7	46	12.8	19.3	2	1.0	19.8

Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ¹				Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ²		
Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		
	Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²	
K5CS	K5CT	K5CU	K5CV	K5CW	K5CX	KAH3	KAH4	KAH5	
Oct 19	32	-19.4	-4.7	73	-14.2	-0.9	1	-39.7	-32.3
Aug 20 (r)	33	2.4	-15.3	77	-4.7	-21.2	1	-11.9	-41.7
Sep 20 (r)	34	-7.9	-10.4	79	-7.7	-13.1	1	-14.2	-44.1
Oct 20 (r)	35	9.2	0.9	89	21.4	2.2	1	48.2	5.4
Nov 20	40	20.5	6.7 (r)	109	36.2	15.9 (r)	3	161.2	63.6 (r)
Dec 20	38	21.9	17.2 (r)	91	20.8	26.4 (r)	2	76.4	98.2 (r)
Jan 21	36	2.7	14.6	90	12.0	23.0	1	-35.5	42.7
Feb 21	31	-4.7	6.2	69	-10.7	7.3	7	325.5	107.2
Mar 21	33	4.7	0.9	76	2.4	1.4	2	65.6	104.7
Apr 21	37	34.7	10.3	98	41.7	10.1	1	-4.9	144.8
May 21	38	48.6	27.6	99	40.6	27.7	2	73.8	42.0
Jun 21	37	45.9	42.9	87	49.8	43.7	2	50.2	37.3
Jul 21	39	40.9	45.1	92	50.3	46.5	1	18.5	49.0
Aug 21 (r)	41	23.4	35.6	100	30.1	42.2	1	-6.6	22.3
Sep 21 (r)	40	17.9	26.5	99	25.8	34.2	2	57.2	24.9
Oct 21 (p)	39	11.1	17.3	98	9.9	21.4	1	1.0	16.6

Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²				Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ¹			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²		
Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		
	Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²	
K5D3	K5D4	K5D5	K5D6	K5D7	K5D8	K5D9	K5DA	K5DB	
Oct 19	26	3.2	4.1	29	-10.5	-6.0	21	-14.2	-2.5
Aug 20 (r)	25	-5.7	-22.0	24	-16.4	-20.7	21	-1.2	-11.1
Sep 20 (r)	23	-6.7	-11.4	20	-42.0	-25.5	21	-8.7	-6.6
Oct 20 (r)	18	-31.8	-14.9	28	-1.8	-21.5	23	11.4	0.3
Nov 20	37	49.9	2.8 (r)	31	11.8	-12.9 (r)	24	17.3	6.2 (r)
Dec 20	23	-7.7	2.4 (r)	37	35.3	14.8 (r)	23	9.9	12.8
Jan 21	25	2.9	14.7	36	10.2	18.6	24	0.6	8.8
Feb 21	26	7.5	0.8	28	-16.1	8.3	20	-3.3	2.3
Mar 21	25	-1.9	2.8	29	0.3	-2.0	22	11.4	2.7
Apr 21	25	11.0	5.3	29	82.5	9.9	23	44.8	15.4
May 21	25	8.5	5.6	29	87.9	44.6	23	64.3	37.0
Jun 21	28	67.0	24.8	39	114.9	96.0	35	85.2	66.1
Jul 21	38	81.1	49.5	30	7.4	59.0	30	56.6	69.0
Aug 21 (r)	26	3.3	46.2	41	73.3	57.4	27	26.5	55.0
Sep 21 (r)	22	-2.7	24.9	35	73.4	47.6	26	24.6	35.4
Oct 21 (p)	26	45.6	12.7	30	6.2	47.1	25	7.6	19.1

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1. The figure in brackets is the percentage of whole economy employment in that sector or industry for the latest time period.

2. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

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15 Average Weekly Earnings (nominal) - regular pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

Whole Economy (100%) ²				Private sector (82%) ²				Public sector (18%) ²								
		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year			Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year			Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					
			Single month		3 month average ³			Single month	3 month average ³			Single month	3 month average ³			
		KAI7	KAI8	KAI9				KAJ2	KAJ3	KAJ4				KAJ5	KAJ6	KAJ7
Oct 19		509	3.2	3.5				501	3.2	3.5				546	3.3	3.3
Aug 20	(r)	518	2.0	0.9				508	1.5	0.1				564	3.9	4.1
Sep 20	(r)	524	3.0	2.0				514	2.6	1.4				568	4.4	4.1
Oct 20	(r)	528	3.5	2.8				518	3.4	2.5				567	3.9	4.1
Nov 20		531	4.2	3.6				522	4.0	3.3				570	4.3	4.2
Dec 20		534	4.4	4.0 (r)				525	4.4	3.9				571	4.4	4.2
Jan 21		533	4.3	4.3				523	3.9	4.1				577	5.5	4.7
Feb 21		535	4.5	4.4				525	4.1	4.1				580	5.7	5.2
Mar 21		536	4.9	4.6				526	4.7	4.2				579	5.3	5.5
Apr 21		540	7.5	5.7				531	8.4	5.7				579	3.7	4.9
May 21		540	7.4	6.6				532	8.6	7.2				579	2.2	3.7
Jun 21		541	7.1	7.3				533	8.2	8.4				579	2.3	2.7
Jul 21		542	5.9	6.8				534	6.7	7.8				578	2.8	2.4
Aug 21		544	5.0	6.0				536	5.5	6.8				579 (r)	2.8	2.6
Sep 21	(r)	545	4.1	5.0				537	4.5	5.5				581	2.3	2.6
Oct 21	(p)	548	3.8	4.3				539	4.1	4.7				584	2.9	2.7
Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ²				Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (22%) ²				Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ²								
		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year			Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year			Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					
			Single month		3 month average ³			Single month	3 month average ³			Single month	3 month average ³			
		K5DL	K5DM	K5DN				K5DO	K5DP	K5DQ				KAK6	KAK7	KAK8
Oct 19		493	3.2	3.5				618	4.5	4.6				542	3.4	3.4
Aug 20		504	2.6	1.6				641	4.5	2.3				560	3.9 (r)	4.1
Sep 20	(r)	510	3.6	2.6				645	4.6	3.7				565	4.4	4.1
Oct 20		514	4.2	3.5				647 (r)	4.7	4.6				564	4.0	4.1
Nov 20		518	4.9	4.2				652	5.7	5.0				567	4.4	4.3
Dec 20		519	4.9	4.6 (r)				655	5.8	5.4				568	4.4	4.2 (r)
Jan 21		520	4.9	4.9				660	7.3	6.2				574	5.6	4.8
Feb 21		521	5.2	5.0				661	6.7	6.6				577	5.8	5.2
Mar 21		522	5.5	5.2				663	7.4	7.1				576	5.4	5.6
Apr 21		526	7.5	6.0				676	10.0	8.0				576	3.8	5.0
May 21		526	7.3	6.7				676	10.0	9.1				576	2.3	3.8
Jun 21		527	7.0	7.3				679	10.3	10.1				576	2.4	2.8
Jul 21		529	6.2	6.8				685	9.8	10.0				575	2.9	2.5
Aug 21	(r)	531	5.3	6.2				689	7.5	9.2				576	2.9	2.7
Sep 21	(r)	533	4.4	5.3				686	6.4	7.9				578	2.4	2.7
Oct 21	(p)	535	4.2	4.6				691	6.8	6.9				581	3.0	2.8
Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²				Construction, SIC 2007 section F (5%) ²				Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²								
		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year			Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year			Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year					
			Single month		3 month average ³			Single month	3 month average ³			Single month	3 month average ³			
		K5DU	K5DV	K5DW				K5DX	K5DY	K5DZ				K5E2	K5E3	K5E4
Oct 19		595	2.8	2.8				621	5.1	5.4				338	1.3	2.5
Aug 20	(r)	592	-0.1	-0.9				608	-2.5	-5.1				343	0.0	-1.6
Sep 20	(r)	595	0.5	-0.1				617	-1.0	-2.8				347	0.8	-0.2
Oct 20	(r)	602	1.3	0.5				622	0.3	-1.1				350	3.6	1.5
Nov 20		605	1.5	1.1				625	0.9	0.0				351	3.4	2.6 (r)
Dec 20		609	2.4	1.7				632	2.6	1.3				353	3.9	3.6 (r)
Jan 21		605	1.8	1.9				628	1.4	1.6				348	1.3	2.9
Feb 21		606	1.7	1.9				622	0.5	1.5				352	2.6	2.6
Mar 21		606	2.7	2.1				624	2.0	1.3				352	3.1	2.3
Apr 21		608	6.7	3.7				632	12.2	4.7				352	8.6	4.7
May 21		609	6.6	5.3				635	13.4	9.0				355	9.7	7.1
Jun 21		609	5.6	6.3				637	11.5	12.4				354	7.5	8.6
Jul 21		608	3.9	5.3				638	7.7	10.8				356	5.6	7.6
Aug 21		610	3.1	4.2				642	5.7	8.2				357	4.2 (r)	5.8
Sep 21	(r)	612	2.8	3.3				638	3.4	5.5				361	4.2	4.7
Oct 21	(p)	613	1.8	2.6				641	3.0	4.0				362	3.2	3.9

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16 Average Weekly Earnings - real and nominal¹

Great Britain whole economy, seasonally adjusted

Total pay (including bonuses) ¹						
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ³		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2015 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	A3WX	A3WV	A3WW
Oct 19	542	2.4	3.3	502	0.9	1.6
Aug 20	550	2.0 (r)	0.1	508	1.6	-0.7
Sep 20 (r)	558	2.3	1.4	512	1.4	0.6
Oct 20 (r)	563	3.8	2.7	518	3.1	2.0
Nov 20	567	4.7	3.6 (r)	521	4.1	2.9
Dec 20	569	5.3	4.6	523	4.4	3.9 (r)
Jan 21	568	4.2	4.7	519	3.3	3.9
Feb 21	567	3.9	4.5	518	3.2	3.6
Mar 21	568	4.8	4.3	513	3.5	3.3
Apr 21	572	8.7	5.8	521	6.8	4.5
May 21	575	8.9	7.4	521	6.6	5.7
Jun 21	577	8.8	8.8	520	6.4	6.6
Jul 21	579	7.2	8.3	521	5.1	6.0
Aug 21	582	5.7	7.2	521	2.7	4.7
Sep 21 (r)	584	4.7	5.9	521	1.8	3.2
Oct 21 (p)	586	4.2	4.9	520	0.5	1.7

Regular pay (excluding bonuses)						
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ³		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2015 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	A2FC	A2F9	A2FA
Oct 19	509	3.2	3.5	471	1.6	1.7
Aug 20 (r)	518	2.0	0.9	478	1.5	0.2
Sep 20 (r)	524	3.0	2.0	481	2.1	1.2
Oct 20	528	3.5 (r)	2.8	484	2.8	2.2
Nov 20	531	4.2	3.6	488	3.5	2.8
Dec 20	534	4.4	4.0 (r)	489	3.6	3.3
Jan 21	533	4.3	4.3	487	3.3	3.5
Feb 21	535	4.5	4.4	488	3.7	3.5
Mar 21	536	4.9	4.6	489	3.9	3.6
Apr 21	540	7.5	5.7	491	5.8	4.4
May 21	540	7.4	6.6	489	5.1	4.9
Jun 21	541	7.1	7.3	488	4.6	5.2
Jul 21	542	5.9	6.8	488	3.8	4.5
Aug 21	544	5.0	6.0	487	1.8	3.4
Sep 21 (r)	545	4.1	5.0	486	1.1	2.2
Oct 21 (p)	548	3.8	4.3	484	0.0	1.0

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1. Estimates of total pay include bonuses but exclude arrears of pay.

2. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

3. Estimates of real earnings are calculated by deflating the nominal earnings estimates by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH), our preferred measure of consumer price inflation.