

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: December 2021

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for the UK.



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1 . Other pages in this release

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- [Labour market overview](#)
- [Average weekly earnings in Great Britain](#)
- [Vacancies and jobs in the UK](#)
- [Labour market in the regions of the UK](#)
- [Public sector employment, UK](#)
- [Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK](#)

2 . Main points

- August to October 2021 estimates show a continuing recovery in the labour market, with a quarterly increase in the employment rate, while the unemployment rate decreased.
- Total hours worked increased on the quarter, due to the relaxing of some coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, but are still below pre-coronavirus levels.
- The UK employment rate was estimated at 75.5%, 1.1 percentage points lower than before the coronavirus pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020), but 0.2 percentage points higher than the previous quarter (May to July 2021).
- The UK unemployment rate was estimated at 4.2%, 0.2 percentage points higher than before the pandemic, but 0.4 percentage points lower than the previous quarter.
- The UK economic inactivity rate was estimated at 21.2%, 1.0 percentage point higher than before the pandemic, and 0.1 percentage points higher than the previous quarter.

3 . Coronavirus and measuring the labour market

Latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on interviews that took place from August to October 2021. Many of the government lockdown restrictions had eased prior to this period, however, the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) was withdrawn at the end of September 2021. The CJRS was designed to limit the effect of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the labour market. As such, these estimates are based in part on interviews that took place following the end of the CJRS.

Because of coronavirus and the suspension of face-to-face interviewing, we had to make operational changes to the LFS, which moved to a by-telephone approach. This introduced an increased non-response bias to the survey, which was partially mitigated by the introduction of housing tenure-based weights into the survey in October 2020, as detailed in [Coronavirus and its impact on the Labour Force Survey](#).

However, it was acknowledged that further improvement work was required to deal with the increase in non-response from those with a non-UK country of birth or nationality. As a result, a new [weighting methodology](#) was introduced in July 2021, which calibrates to UK, EU and non-EU-born weighting populations for periods from January to March 2020. The impact on headline measures of rates is relatively small but there is a larger impact on estimates of levels and changes in levels. Further information is available in [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators, UK: 2020](#). All estimates in this release are based on the new methodology.

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- Explore the latest trends in employment, prices and trade in our [economic dashboard](#).
- View [all economic data](#).

4 . Summary

Table 1: August to October 2021 headline measures and changes
UK employment status levels and rates, total weekly hours, and redundancy levels and rates, seasonally adjusted
(unless otherwise stated), August to October 2021

	Level/Rate	Change on quarter	Change on year	Change since December 2019 to February 2020
Employment (000s, aged 16 years and over)	32,506	+149	+193	-567
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	75.5%	+0.2pp	+0.5pp	-1.1pp
Unemployment (000s, aged 16 years and over)	1,423	-127	-295	+59
Unemployment rate (aged 16 years and over)	4.2%	-0.4pp	-0.9pp	+0.2pp
Economically inactive (000s, aged 16 to 64 years)	8,746	+35	+77	+377
Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64 years)	21.2%	+0.1pp	+0.2pp	+1.0pp
Total weekly hours (millions)	1,024.4	+17.6	+74.1	-27.8
Redundancies (000s, aged 16 years and over, not seasonally adjusted)	97	+3	-280	-10
Redundancy rate (per thousand, aged 16 years and over, not seasonally adjusted)	3.5	+0.1	-10.1	-0.4

Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

Figure 1: August to October 2021 estimates show a quarterly increase in the employment and economic inactivity rates, while the unemployment rate decreased

UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity rates, seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2006 and August to October 2021

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During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, there was a decrease in the employment rate and increases in the economic inactivity and unemployment rates for both men and women (Figure 2).

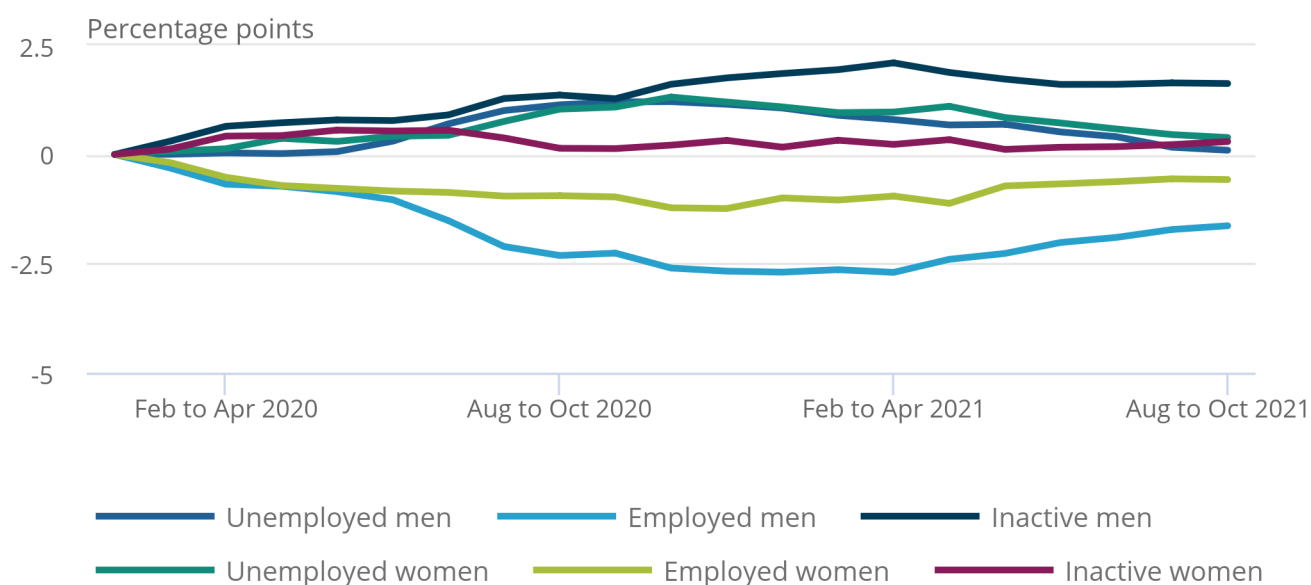
Over the last quarter, which covered the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), there have been increases in the employment rates and decreases in the unemployment rates for both men and women. The quarterly increase in the economic inactivity rate was driven by women, while the inactivity rate for men was largely unchanged and remains above pre-coronavirus rates.

Figure 2: Following large falls over the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the employment rates for men and women continue to show signs of recovery

UK economic status by sex, seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December 2019 to February 2020, for each period up to August to October 2021

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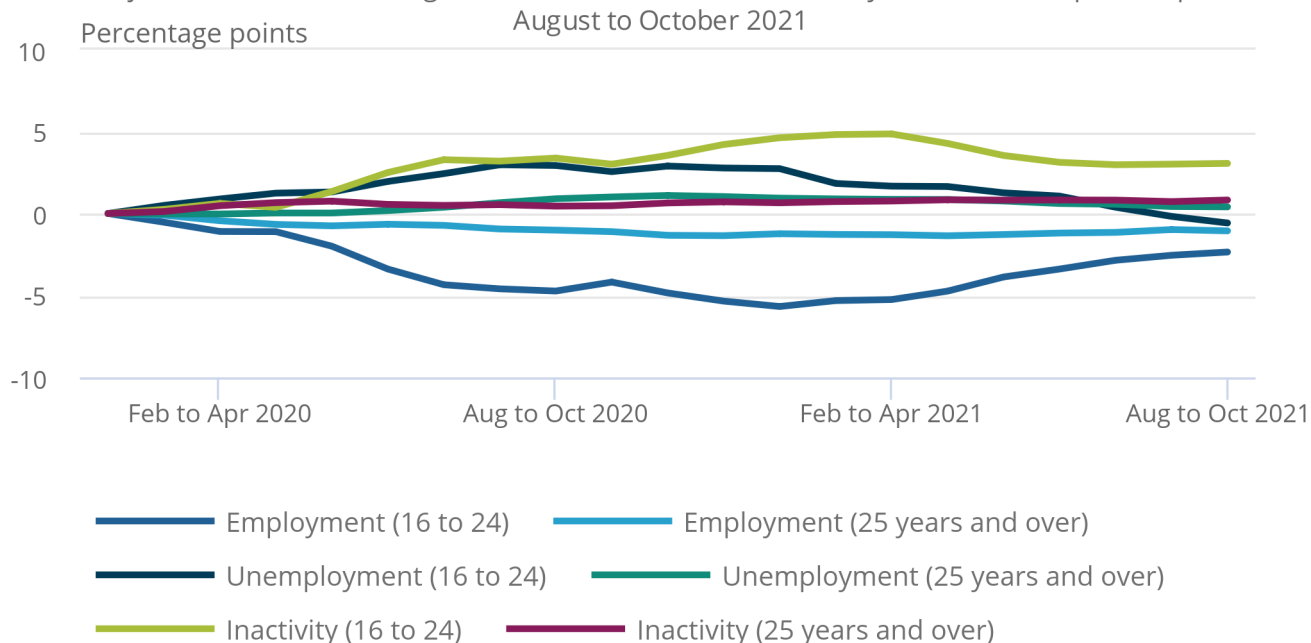
Young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) have been particularly affected by the pandemic, with the employment rate decreasing and the unemployment and economic inactivity rates increasing by more than seen for those aged 25 years and over. Over the last quarter, however, there was an increase in the employment rate and a decrease in the unemployment rate to below pre-coronavirus rates (Figure 3). The inactivity rate for young people also decreased on the quarter.

Figure 3: The employment rate for young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) has increased on the quarter, while the unemployment rate for young people has returned to pre-coronavirus levels

UK economic status rates by age (people aged 16 to 24 years and 25 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from December 2019 to February 2020, for each period up to August to October 2021

Figure 3: The employment rate for young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) has increased on the quarter, while the unemployment rate for young people has returned to pre-coronavirus levels

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

5 . Employment

Following an increase in the [employment](#) rate since early 2012, the rate decreased from the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in December 2019 to February 2020. However, there has been an increase since the end of 2020.

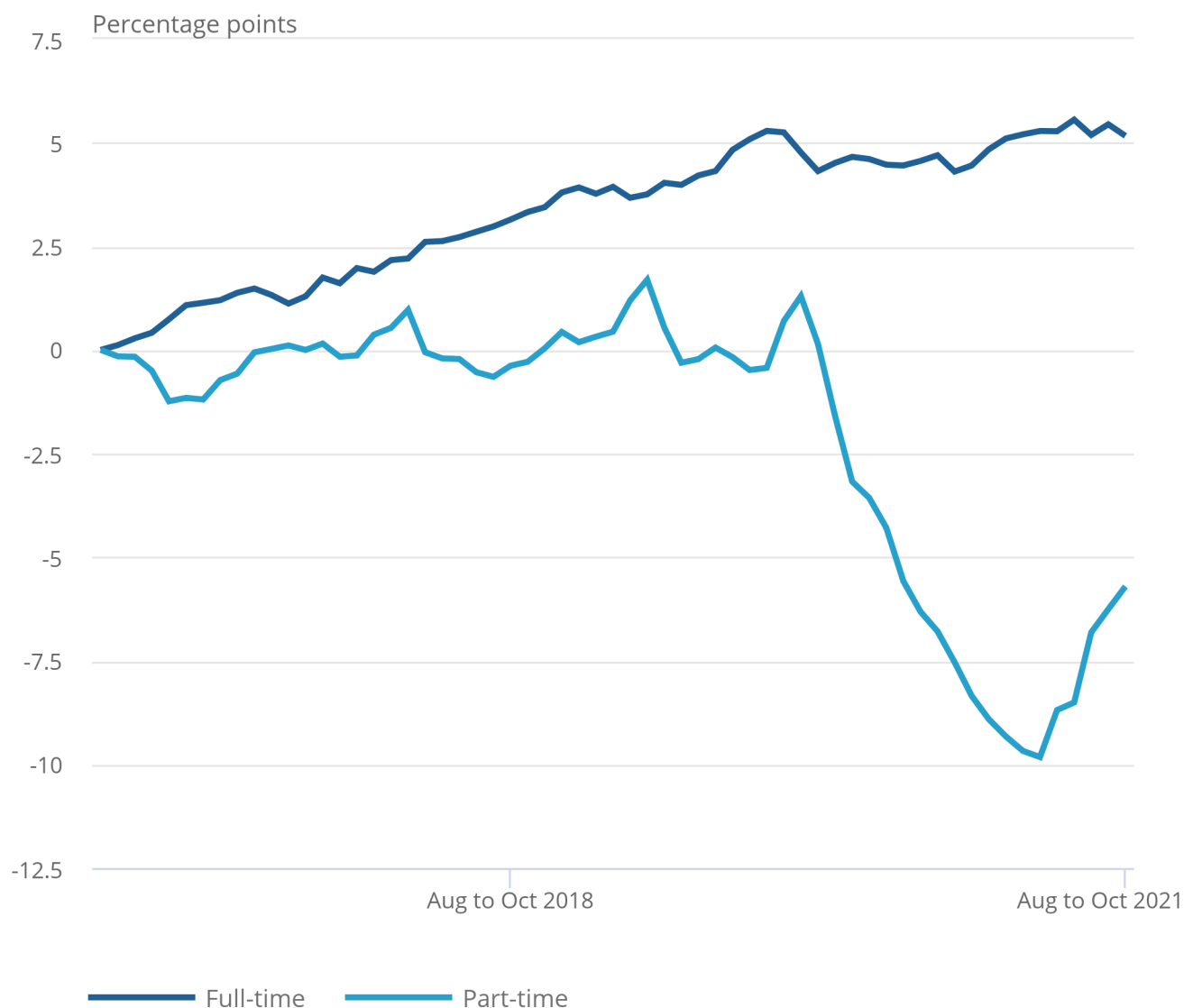
The number of part-time workers decreased strongly during the pandemic, but has been increasing since April to June 2021 (Figure 4), driving the quarterly increase in employment.

Figure 4: Part-time workers continue to increase on the quarter following large falls during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

UK employment by full-time and part-time workers (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from August to October 2016, for each period up to August to October 2021

Figure 4: Part-time workers continue to increase on the quarter following large falls during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

UK employment by full-time and part-time workers (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, cumulative change from August to October 2016, for each period up to August to October 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Hours worked

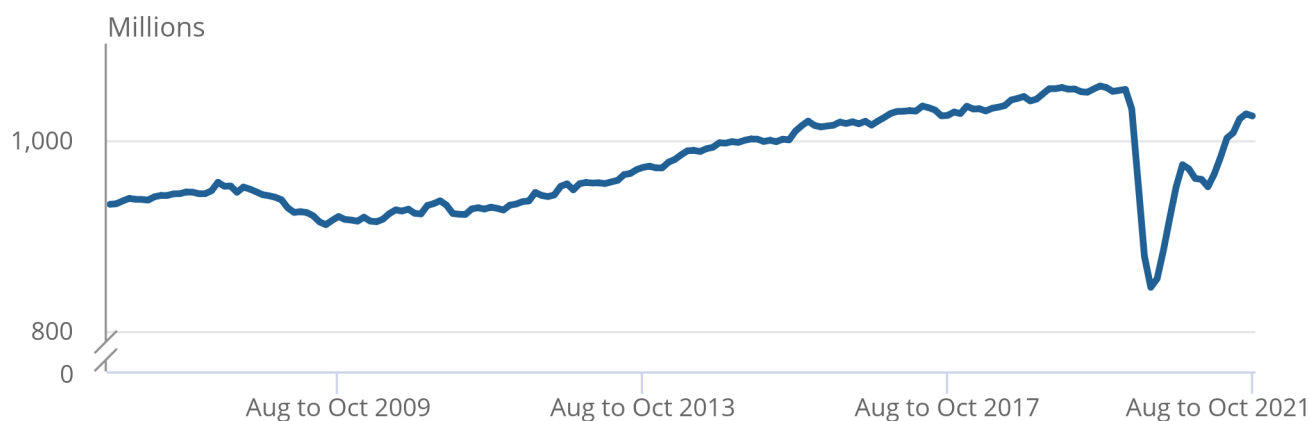
[Total actual weekly hours worked](#) in the UK have been increasing since the relaxation of coronavirus lockdown measures. Total actual weekly hours worked increased by 17.6 million hours on the quarter, to 1.02 billion hours in August to October 2021 (Figure 5). However, this is a smaller increase than in previous periods and is still 27.8 million below pre-coronavirus levels (December 2019 to February 2020).

Figure 5: Total actual weekly hours worked increased on the quarter, reflecting the relaxation of coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions

UK total actual weekly hours worked (people aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2006 and August to October 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

6 . Unemployment

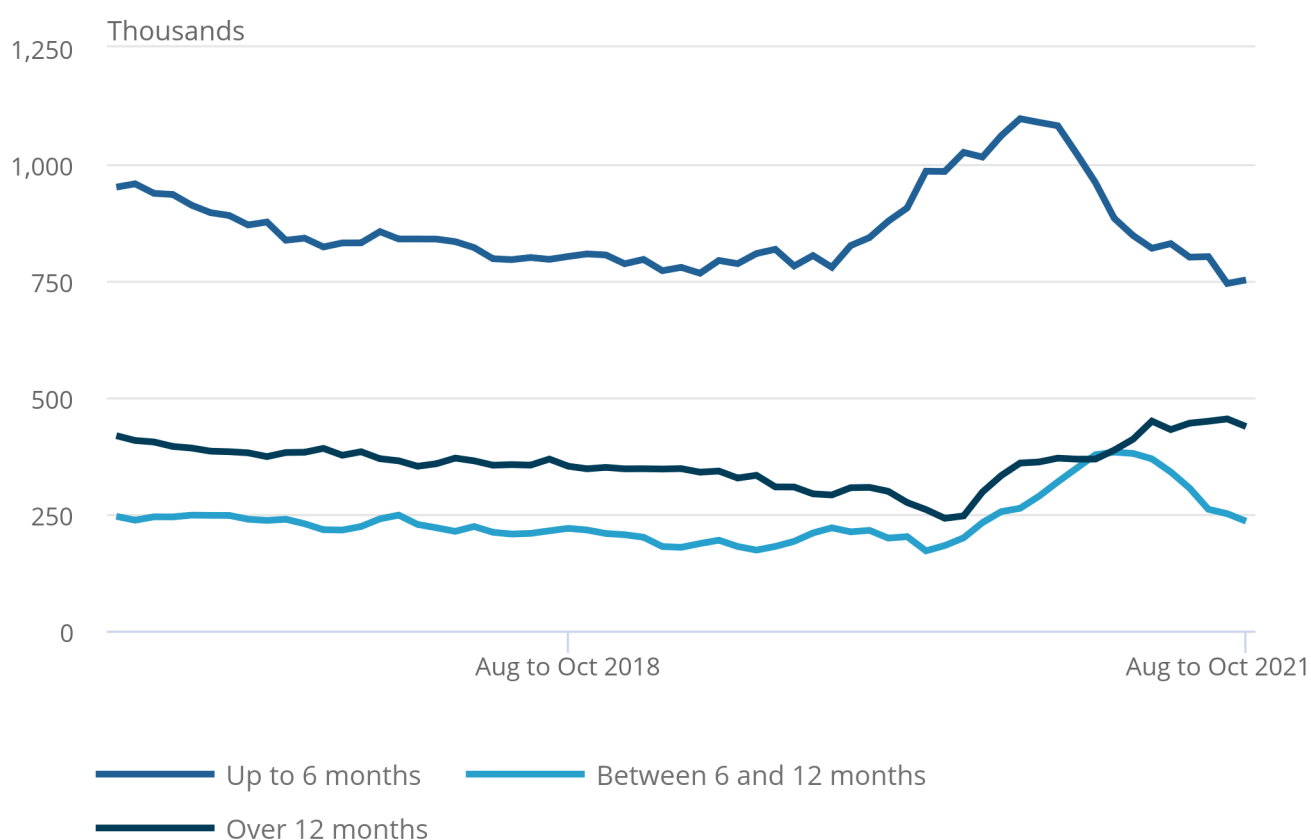
The [unemployment](#) rate had generally been falling since late 2013 up until the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in December 2019 to February 2020. It has increased since then but has fallen since the end of 2020.

Figure 6: The number of people who were unemployed for up to 12 months decreased on the quarter

UK unemployment by duration (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2016 and August to October 2021

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

The quarterly decrease in unemployment was driven by those unemployed for up to 12 months, with those unemployed for up to 6 months decreasing to slightly below pre-coronavirus levels and those unemployed for between 6 and 12 months continuing to decrease from the peak reached in early 2021. Meanwhile, long-term unemployment saw the first quarterly decrease since May to July 2020 (Figure 6).

The Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics)

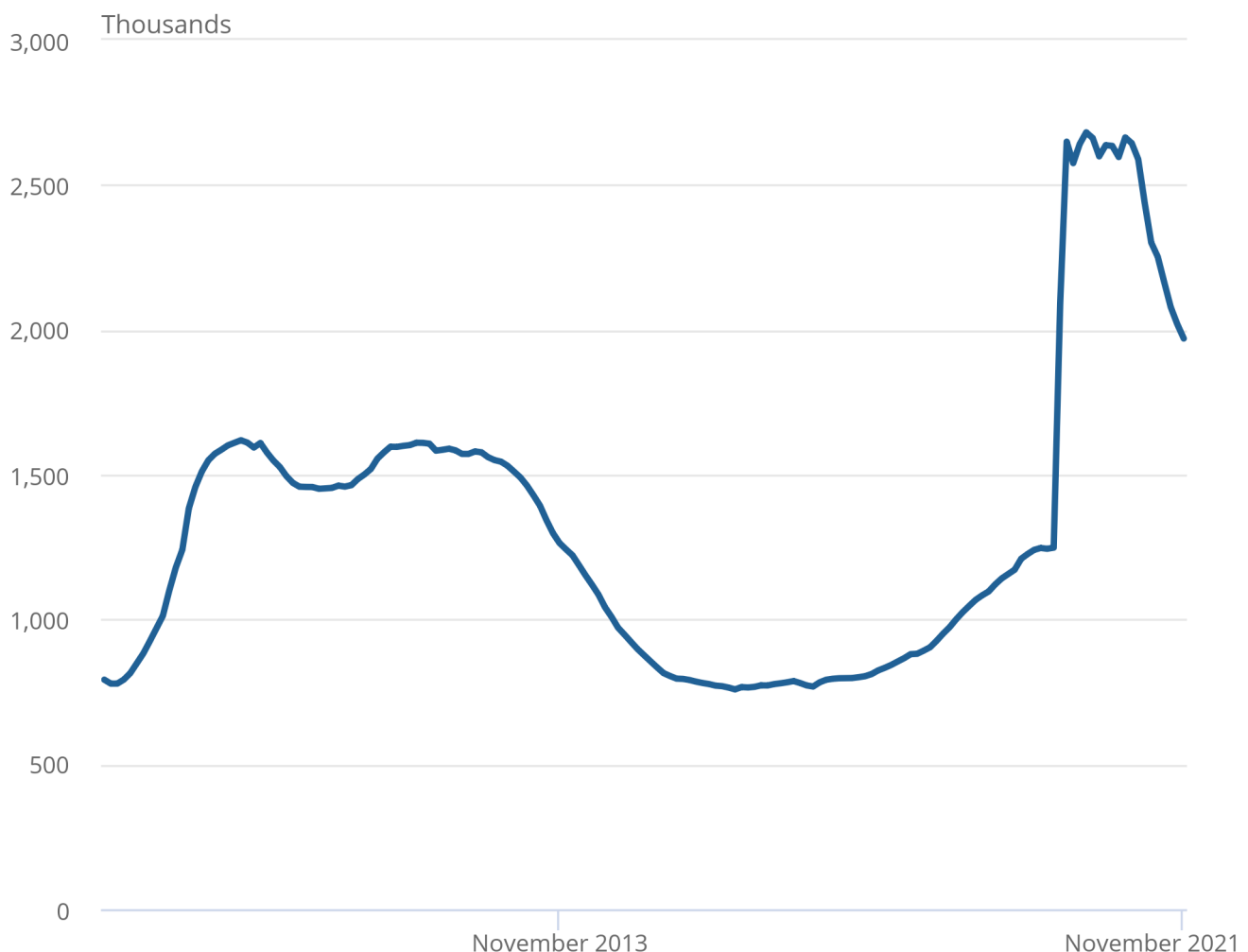
While there is still uncertainty regarding interpreting the [Claimant Count](#), because of the introduction of Universal Credit and the impact of the pandemic (see Section 10), the latest figures for 11 November 2021, which follow the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), continued the pattern of falls since March 2021.

Figure 7: The Claimant Count has continued to decrease following the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

UK Claimant Count, thousands, seasonally adjusted, between January 2008 and November 2021

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UK Claimant Count, thousands, seasonally adjusted, between January 2008 and November 2021



Source: Department for Work and Pensions

7 . Economic inactivity

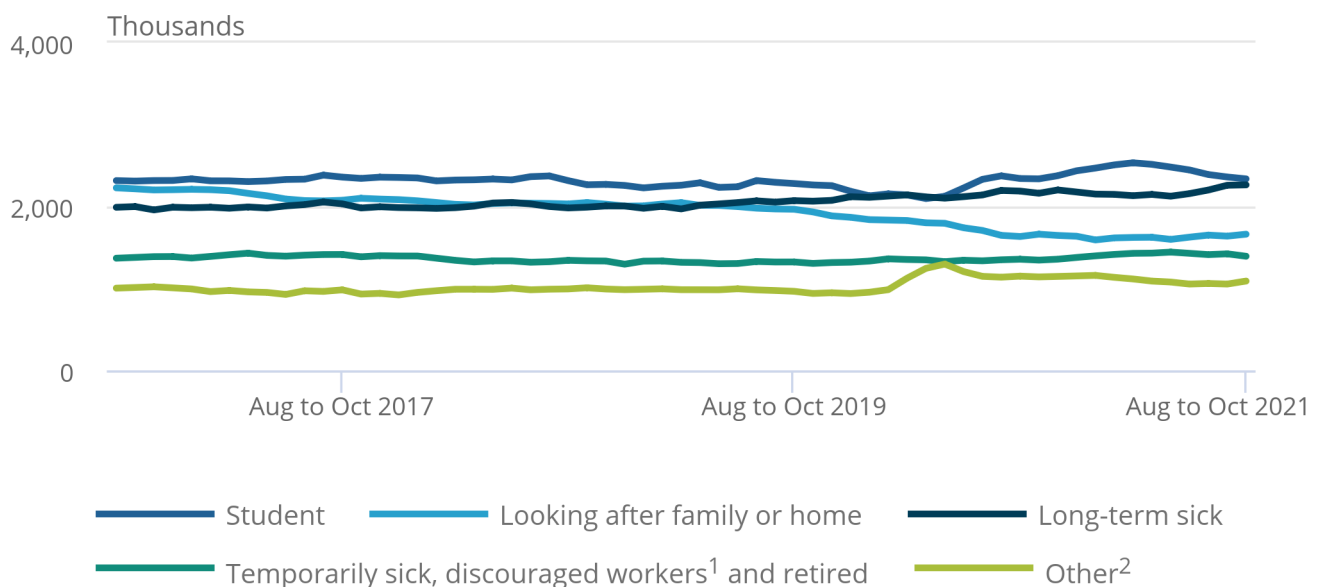
Since comparable records began in 1971, the [economic inactivity](#) rate has generally been falling; however, it increased during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Figure 8: Over the last quarter those who are economically inactive because of long-term sickness or because they are looking after the family or home increased

UK economically inactive by reason (people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2016 and August to October 2021

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UK economically inactive by reason (people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2016 and August to October 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. Discouraged workers are those who are not looking for work because they believe no jobs are available.
2. Other reasons for being economically inactive include those who are waiting for the results of a job application; have not yet started looking for work; do not need or want employment; have given an uncategorised reason for being economically inactive; or have not given a reason for being economically inactive.

The increase in economic inactivity since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020) was largely driven by those who are economically inactive because they are students or for "other" reasons (Figure 8). While those who are inactive because they are students continued to decrease on the quarter, the quarterly increase in inactivity was driven by those who are inactive because of long-term sickness, those inactive for "other" reasons, those looking after the family or home, and those who are temporarily sick.

The number of economically inactive people who stated that they wanted a job increased in the early stages of the pandemic but has fallen since to a record low.

8 . Redundancies

In August to October 2021, reports of redundancies in the three months prior to interview increased by 0.1 per thousand on the quarter to 3.5 per thousand employees (Figure 9), below pre-coronavirus levels.

Figure 9: The redundancy rate remains at the same level as before the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

UK redundancy rate (people aged 16 years and over), not seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2006 and August to October 2021

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UK redundancy rate (people aged 16 years and over), not seasonally adjusted, between August to October 2006 and August to October 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

9 . Employment in the UK data

[Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates of UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity broken down into age bands.

[Full-time, part-time and temporary workers](#)

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates of UK employment including a breakdown by sex, type of employment, and full-time and part-time working.

[Actual weekly hours worked](#)

Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates for the hours that people in employment work in the UK.

[Unemployment by age and duration](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates of unemployment in the UK including a breakdown by sex, age group and the length of time people are unemployed.

[Economic inactivity by reason](#)

Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 14 December 2021

Estimates of those not in the UK labour force measured by the reasons given for economic inactivity.

[Labour Force Survey sampling variability](#)

Dataset A11 | Released 14 December 2021

Labour Force Survey (LFS) sampling variability (95% confidence intervals).

[Labour Force Survey single month estimates](#)

Dataset X01 | Released 14 December 2021

Labour Force Survey (LFS) single-month estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity have been published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) since 2004. Not designated as National Statistics.

[Labour Force Survey weekly estimates](#)

Dataset X07 | Released 14 December 2021

Labour Force Survey (LFS) weekly estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and hours in the UK. All estimates are calculated from highly experimental weekly Labour Force Survey datasets.

10 . Glossary

Actual and usual hours worked

Statistics for [usual hours worked](#) measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns. For example, a person who usually works 37 hours a week but who was on holiday for a week would be recorded as working zero actual hours for that week, while usual hours would be recorded as 37 hours.

Workers temporarily absent from a job as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic would still be classed as employed; however, they would be employed working no hours. This has directly affected estimates of total actual hours worked during the pandemic. Since the average actual weekly hours are the average of all in employment, those temporarily absent from a job also affected these estimates.

Economic inactivity

People not in the labour force (also known as [economically inactive](#)) are not in employment but do not meet the internationally accepted definition of unemployment because they have not been seeking work within the last four weeks and/or are unable to start work in the next two weeks. The economic inactivity rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are not in the labour force.

Employment

[Employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work or who had a job that they were temporarily away from (for example, because they were on holiday or off sick). This differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged between 16 and 64 years who are in employment.

Workers furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) or those who are self-employed but temporarily not in work, have a reasonable expectation of returning to their jobs after a temporary period of absence. Therefore, they are classified as employed under the International Labour Organization definition.

A more detailed explanation is available in our [Guide to labour market statistics](#).

Claimant Count

The claimant count is an [Experimental Statistic](#) that measures the number of people who are receiving benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Currently the claimant count consists of those receiving Jobseekers' Allowance and Universal Credit claimants in the "searching for work" conditionality group.

Redundancies

The redundancy estimates measure the number of people who were made redundant or who took voluntary redundancy in the three months before the Labour Force Survey interviews; it does not take into consideration planned redundancies.

Unemployment

[Unemployment](#) measures people without a job who have been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks. The unemployment rate is not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (that is, those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed.

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

11 . Measuring the data

This bulletin relies on data collected from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the largest household survey in the UK.

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in the [LFS Quality and Methodology Information \(QMI\) report](#).

The [LFS performance and quality monitoring reports](#) provide data on response rates and other quality-related issues for the LFS.

Reweighting

LFS responses published from 15 July 2021 have been reweighted to new populations using growth rates from HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC's) Real Time Information (RTI), to allow for different trends during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators, UK: 2020 article](#) explains the reweighting methodology, which gives improved estimates of both rates and levels.

When the recent weighting methodology for LFS was applied, there was a small error in the implementation. When calculating three-month averages for the Pay As You Earn (PAYE) RTI the months used were the previous three-month average. For example, for the October to December period, the RTI data used were that for September to November. This led to a slight overestimation of the non-UK population by approximately 0.5%. This represents less than half the size of the sampling variability. The size is roughly the same over the quarters of 2020 and the impact on January to December 2020 Annual Population Survey estimates is about 14,000 for EU born, 25,000 for non-EU born and 39,000 for non-UK born. The impact on LFS economic activity estimates at national level is mostly below 0.1% and the impact on rates is less than 0.02 percentage points.

Coronavirus

View [more information on how labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#).

View a [comparison of our labour market data sources and the main differences](#).

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

12 . Strengths and limitations

Uncertainty in these data

The estimates presented in this bulletin contain [uncertainty](#).

The figures in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), which gathers information from a [sample](#) of households across the UK rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations. Results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons.

The data in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. It is not practical to survey every household each quarter, so these statistics are estimates based on a large sample.

As the number of people available in the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates that we can make from that sample size gets larger. Estimates for small groups (for example, unemployed people aged between 16 and 17 years), which are based on small subsets of the LFS sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups.

In general, changes in the numbers (and especially the rates) reported in this bulletin between three-month periods are small and are not usually greater than the level that can be explained by sampling variability. Short-term movements in reported rates should be considered alongside longer-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in other sources to give a fuller picture.

Information on the quality of estimates is available in our [Labour Force Survey sampling variability](#) table.

Comparability

The data in this bulletin follow internationally accepted definitions specified by the [International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#). This ensures that the estimates for the UK are comparable with those for other countries.

The annual [reconciliation report of job estimates](#) article, which compares the latest workforce jobs series estimates with the equivalent estimates of jobs from the LFS and is usually published every March, has been postponed until we are able to take the latest adjustments to the LFS into account.

Further information is available in [A guide to labour market statistics](#).

13 . Related links

[Business insights and impact on the UK economy: 2 December 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 2 December 2021

The latest indicators and analysis from the Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS), a survey of employers capturing how coronavirus has affected their turnover, workforce prices, trade and business resilience.

[Working and workless households in the UK: July to September 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 1 December 2021

Commentary on quarterly estimates of the economic status of UK households and the people living in them.

[Young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\). UK: November 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 25 November 2021

Quarterly bulletin examining estimates of men and women aged between 16 and 24 years in the UK who are not studying or in employment.

[Labour Force Survey: alternative imputation during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)

Article | Released 2 November 2021

Examines the impact of an alternative imputation methodology, designed to handle the unprecedented labour market circumstances due to the pandemic, on estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, and hours worked.

[Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators. UK: 2020](#)

Article | Released 8 July 2021

Indicative estimates of the LFS reweighting methodology on key indicators for January to March 2020 to October to December 2020.

[Changes to how we estimate the number of people in employment on zero-hours contracts](#)

Article | Released 8 February 2021

Explains the change in methodology following the move to quarterly data collection and assesses the impact of this change on published estimates of people in employment on zero hours contracts.

[Coronavirus and its impact on the Labour Force Survey](#)

Article | Released 13 October 2020

Explains the change that has been made to the Labour Force Survey weighting methodology in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the impact this has had on published estimates.

[Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics](#)

Article | Released 6 May 2020

How the global outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the wider containment efforts is expected to impact upon the UK labour market, providing some of the practical challenges that the Office for National Statistics is likely to face.

[Improvements to the Labour Force Survey longitudinal dataset weighting methodology](#)

Methodology article | Released 21 January 2020

Information about the change that have been made and the impact this has on Labour Force Survey flows estimates in dataset X02, released 18 February 2020.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Webpage | Updated frequently

Latest data and analysis on coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and its effect on the economy and society. Includes recent articles on coronavirus and self-employment in the UK, coronavirus and employment for parents in the UK, and coronavirus and employment for those aged 70 years and over in the UK.

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/December2021/relat>

Table 17 (International comparisons of employment and unemployment) is temporarily suspended, the data presented is the latest data available on the ONS website however all the data can be found on the Eurostat, OECD, Statistics Canada and US Bureau of Statistics

Table 18 (Labour Disputes) is also temporarily suspended as data collection has ceased for the foreseeable future. The data presented is the latest available.

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6 (**)	Workforce jobs by industry	Dataset JOBS02
7	Actual weekly hours worked	Dataset HOUR01 SA
7(1)	Usual weekly hours worked	Dataset HOUR02 SA
NON-UK WORKERS		
8	Employment by country of birth and nationality	Dataset EMP06
8(1)	Unemployment and economic inactivity by country of birth and nationality	Dataset A12
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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>

SUMMARY

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	FS household population							
	Headline indicators							
	Employment				Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴	Level	Rate ⁴
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MG SX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Aug-Oct 2019	53,368	41,355	32,801	76.2	1,281	3.8	8,606	20.8
Aug-Oct 2020	53,517	41,345	32,313	74.9	1,719	5.0	8,670	21.0
Nov-Jan 2021	53,513	41,307	32,113	74.6	1,738	5.1	8,780	21.3
Feb-Apr 2021	53,555	41,305	32,174	74.7	1,637	4.8	8,831	21.4
May-Jul 2021	53,567	41,280	32,357	75.2	1,550	4.6	8,711	21.1
Aug-Oct 2021	53,592	41,300	32,506	75.5	1,423	4.2	8,746	21.2
Change on quarter	25	20	149	0.2	-127	-0.4	35	0.1
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.5		-8.2		0.4	
Change on year	76	-45	193	0.5	-295	-0.9	77	0.2
Change %	0.1	-0.1	0.6		-17.2		0.9	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MG SY	YBSO	YBTM
Aug-Oct 2019	26,132	20,576	17,315	80.4	715	4.0	3,340	16.2
Aug-Oct 2020	26,220	20,580	16,856	78.2	953	5.4	3,558	17.3
Nov-Jan 2021	26,222	20,563	16,754	77.8	950	5.4	3,636	17.7
Feb-Apr 2021	26,246	20,564	16,772	77.8	885	5.0	3,707	18.0
May-Jul 2021	26,256	20,553	16,907	78.5	839	4.7	3,604	17.5
Aug-Oct 2021	26,268	20,563	16,999	78.8	766	4.3	3,610	17.6
Change on quarter	12	10	93	0.4	-73	-0.4	6	0.0
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.5		-8.7		0.2	
Change on year	48	-17	144	0.7	-187	-1.0	52	0.3
Change %	0.2	-0.1	0.9		-19.6		1.5	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Aug-Oct 2019	27,236	20,778	15,487	72.0	566	3.5	5,266	25.3
Aug-Oct 2020	27,297	20,765	15,457	71.7	766	4.7	5,112	24.6
Nov-Jan 2021	27,291	20,744	15,359	71.4	788	4.9	5,144	24.8
Feb-Apr 2021	27,309	20,741	15,402	71.7	752	4.7	5,124	24.7
May-Jul 2021	27,311	20,727	15,450	72.0	711	4.4	5,107	24.6
Aug-Oct 2021	27,324	20,736	15,506	72.1	658	4.1	5,136	24.8
Change on quarter	13	10	56	0.1	-54	-0.3	29	0.1
Change %	0.0	0.0	0.4		-7.5		0.6	
Change on year	28	-29	49	0.4	-108	-0.7	25	0.2
Change %	0.1	-0.1	0.3		-14.1		0.5	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households in the UK.

2. The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.

3. The headline unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people (aged 16+) divided by the economically active population (aged 16+). The economically active population is defined as those in employment plus those who are unemployed.

4. The headline inactivity rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 divided by the population aged 16-64.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity rates

The headline employment and inactivity rates are based on the population aged 16 to 64 but the headline unemployment rate is based on the economically active population aged 16 and over. The employment and inactivity rates for those aged 16 and over are affected by the inclusion of the retired population in the denominators and are therefore less meaningful than the rates for those aged from 16 to 64. However, for the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over, no such effect occurs as the denominator for the unemployment rate is the economically active population which only includes people in work or actively seeking and able to work.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity levels

The headline employment and unemployment levels are for those aged 16 and over; they measure all people in work or actively seeking and able to work. However, the headline inactivity level is for those aged 16 to 64. The inactivity rate for those aged 16 and over is less meaningful as it includes elderly people who have retired from the labour force.

SUMMARY

2(1) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 16 and over						Aged 16-64					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Aug-Oct 2019	32,801	61.5	1,281	3.8	19,286	36.1	31,493	76.2	1,256	3.8	8,606	20.8
Aug-Oct 2020	32,313	60.4	1,719	5.0	19,486	36.4	30,982	74.9	1,693	5.2	8,670	21.0
Nov-Jan 2021	32,113	60.0	1,738	5.1	19,662	36.7	30,820	74.6	1,708	5.2	8,780	21.3
Feb-Apr 2021	32,174	60.1	1,637	4.8	19,744	36.9	30,871	74.7	1,602	4.9	8,831	21.4
May-Jul 2021	32,357	60.4	1,550	4.6	19,660	36.7	31,051	75.2	1,518	4.7	8,711	21.1
Aug-Oct 2021	32,506	60.7	1,423	4.2	19,663	36.7	31,165	75.5	1,388	4.3	8,746	21.2
Change on quarter	149	0.2	-127	-0.4	3	0.0	114	0.2	-130	-0.4	35	0.1
Change %	0.5		-8.2		0.0		0.4		-8.6		0.4	
Change on year	193	0.3	-295	-0.9	178	0.3	183	0.5	-305	-0.9	77	0.2
Change %	0.6		-17.2		0.9		0.6		-18.0		0.9	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Aug-Oct 2019	17,315	66.3	715	4.0	8,103	31.0	16,538	80.4	699	4.1	3,340	16.2
Aug-Oct 2020	16,856	64.3	953	5.4	8,411	32.1	16,085	78.2	936	5.5	3,558	17.3
Nov-Jan 2021	16,754	63.9	950	5.4	8,518	32.5	15,999	77.8	928	5.5	3,636	17.7
Feb-Apr 2021	16,772	63.9	885	5.0	8,589	32.7	15,994	77.8	863	5.1	3,707	18.0
May-Jul 2021	16,907	64.4	839	4.7	8,510	32.4	16,126	78.5	823	4.9	3,604	17.5
Aug-Oct 2021	16,999	64.7	766	4.3	8,503	32.4	16,213	78.8	741	4.4	3,610	17.6
Change on quarter	93	0.3	-73	-0.4	-7	0.0	87	0.4	-83	-0.5	6	0.0
Change %	0.5		-8.7		-0.1		0.5		-10.0		0.2	
Change on year	144	0.4	-187	-1.0	91	0.3	127	0.7	-195	-1.1	52	0.3
Change %	0.9		-19.6		1.1		0.8		-20.9		1.5	
Women	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Aug-Oct 2019	15,487	56.9	566	3.5	11,184	41.1	14,955	72.0	557	3.6	5,266	25.3
Aug-Oct 2020	15,457	56.6	766	4.7	11,074	40.6	14,897	71.7	757	4.8	5,112	24.6
Nov-Jan 2021	15,359	56.3	788	4.9	11,144	40.8	14,821	71.4	780	5.0	5,144	24.8
Feb-Apr 2021	15,402	56.4	752	4.7	11,155	40.8	14,878	71.7	739	4.7	5,124	24.7
May-Jul 2021	15,450	56.6	711	4.4	11,150	40.8	14,925	72.0	694	4.4	5,107	24.6
Aug-Oct 2021	15,506	56.7	658	4.1	11,160	40.8	14,953	72.1	647	4.1	5,136	24.8
Change on quarter	56	0.2	-54	-0.3	11	0.0	28	0.1	-47	-0.3	29	0.1
Change %	0.4		-7.5		0.1		0.2		-6.8		0.6	
Change on year	49	0.1	-108	-0.7	86	0.3	56	0.4	-110	-0.7	25	0.2
Change %	0.3		-14.1		0.8		0.4		-14.5		0.5	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Aug-Oct 2019	348	24.9	87	20.0	965	68.9	3,411	62.1	386	10.2	1,699	30.9
Aug-Oct 2020	247	17.2	93	27.3	1,095	76.3	3,229	59.8	510	13.6	1,664	30.8
Nov-Jan 2021	227	15.7	89	28.1	1,127	78.1	3,198	59.5	497	13.5	1,682	31.3
Feb-Apr 2021	196	13.5	94	32.5	1,161	80.0	3,229	60.3	441	12.0	1,686	31.5
May-Jul 2021	265	18.1	119	30.9	1,076	73.7	3,279	61.5	406	11.0	1,647	30.9
Aug-Oct 2021	326	22.3	95	22.5	1,039	71.2	3,290	61.7	364	10.0	1,681	31.5
Change on quarter	61	4.2	-24	-8.4	-37	-2.6	11	0.2	-42	-1.1	34	0.6
Change %	23.2		-20.1		-3.4		0.3		-10.4		2.1	
Change on year	79	5.1	2	-4.8	-56	-5.2	60	1.9	-146	-3.7	16	0.7
Change %	32.1		2.1		-5.1		1.9		-28.6		1.0	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Aug-Oct 2019	157	21.9	52	25.1	508	70.8	1,767	63.0	225	11.3	813	29.0
Aug-Oct 2020	113	15.4	46	29.1	575	78.2	1,621	58.8	309	16.0	828	30.0
Nov-Jan 2021	104	14.1	43	29.1	592	80.2	1,609	58.6	294	15.5	841	30.6
Feb-Apr 2021	88	11.8	41	32.1	614	82.6	1,606	58.8	260	13.9	867	31.7
May-Jul 2021	114	15.3	59	34.1	574	76.8	1,651	60.7	231	12.3	838	30.8
Aug-Oct 2021	151	20.2	46	23.3	551	73.7	1,676	61.6	210	11.1	836	30.7
Change on quarter	37	4.9	-13	-10.9	-23	-3.1	25	0.9	-21	-1.1	-2	-0.1
Change %	32.2		-22.6		-4.0		1.5		-9.2		-0.3	
Change on year	37	4.7	-1	-5.8	-24	-4.5	55	2.8	-100	-4.9	8	0.7
Change %	32.9		-1.6		-4.2		3.4		-32.2		0.9	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAC	LWFC
Aug-Oct 2019	191	28.0	35	15.3	457	66.9	1,643	61.1	160	8.9	886	32.9
Aug-Oct 2020	133	19.0	46	25.8	520	74.3	1,608	60.8	200	11.1	836	31.6
Nov-Jan 2021	123	17.5	46	27.3	535	76.0	1,589	60.3	203	11.3	841	31.9
Feb-Apr 2021	108	15.3	53	32.8	547	77.3	1,623	61.9	181	10.0	819	31.2
May-Jul 2021	151	21.2	59	28.3	502	70.5	1,627	62.3	175	9.7	809	31.0
Aug-Oct 2021	175	24.6	49	21.9	488	68.5	1,613	61.8	154	8.7	845	32.3
Change on quarter	25	3.4	-10	-6.4	-14	-2.0	-14	-0.6	-21	-1.0	36	1.4
Change %	16.3		-17.5		-2.8		-0.8		-12.0		4.4	
Change on year	42	5.6	3	-3.9	-32	-5.8	5	0.9	-46	-2.3	9	0.7
Change %	31.5		5.9		-6.2		0.3		-23.0		1.0	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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SUMMARY

2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAV	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Aug-Oct 2019	7,591	84.7	257	3.3	1,111	12.4	10,892	85.6	260	2.3	1,573	12.4
Aug-Oct 2020	7,554	84.7	348	4.4	1,021	11.4	10,757	84.8	362	3.3	1,562	12.3
Nov-Jan 2021	7,530	84.5	324	4.1	1,052	11.8	10,690	84.5	404	3.6	1,562	12.3
Feb-Apr 2021	7,521	84.5	328	4.2	1,048	11.8	10,739	84.9	383	3.4	1,520	12.0
May-Jul 2021	7,504	84.5	316	4.0	1,065	12.0	10,768	85.3	355	3.2	1,499	11.9
Aug-Oct 2021	7,511	84.5	288	3.7	1,089	12.3	10,826	85.7	312	2.8	1,490	11.8
Change on quarter	8	0.0	-27	-0.3	24	0.3	58	0.4	-44	-0.4	-8	-0.1
Change %	0.1		-8.7		2.3		0.5		-12.3		-0.6	
Change on year	-43	-0.2	-60	-0.7	68	0.8	69	0.9	-51	-0.5	-71	-0.5
Change %	-0.6		-17.2		6.7		0.6		-14.0		-4.6	
Men	YBTU	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Aug-Oct 2019	4,055	90.1	142	3.4	306	6.8	5,758	91.6	120	2.0	406	6.5
Aug-Oct 2020	3,972	88.3	170	4.1	354	7.9	5,634	89.9	173	3.0	460	7.3
Nov-Jan 2021	3,944	87.8	166	4.0	381	8.5	5,585	89.3	200	3.5	470	7.5
Feb-Apr 2021	3,929	87.5	178	4.3	381	8.5	5,636	90.2	181	3.1	433	6.9
May-Jul 2021	3,948	88.0	175	4.3	362	8.1	5,636	90.3	176	3.0	429	6.9
Aug-Oct 2021	3,992	89.0	148	3.6	346	7.7	5,626	90.1	156	2.7	462	7.4
Change on quarter	45	1.0	-27	-0.7	-15	-0.3	-10	-0.2	-20	-0.3	33	0.5
Change %	1.1		-15.5		-4.2		-0.2		-11.3		7.6	
Change on year	21	0.6	-22	-0.5	-7	-0.2	-8	0.2	-17	-0.3	2	0.1
Change %	0.5		-12.9		-2.1		-0.1		-9.7		0.5	
Women	YBTU	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Aug-Oct 2019	3,536	79.3	115	3.2	805	18.1	5,134	79.7	140	2.6	1,166	18.1
Aug-Oct 2020	3,582	80.9	178	4.7	667	15.1	5,123	79.9	189	3.6	1,102	17.2
Nov-Jan 2021	3,586	81.2	159	4.2	672	15.2	5,105	79.8	204	3.8	1,092	17.1
Feb-Apr 2021	3,592	81.5	151	4.0	667	15.1	5,103	79.8	203	3.8	1,087	17.0
May-Jul 2021	3,556	80.8	140	3.8	703	16.0	5,133	80.4	179	3.4	1,069	16.8
Aug-Oct 2021	3,519	79.9	140	3.8	743	16.9	5,200	81.5	155	2.9	1,028	16.1
Change on quarter	-37	-0.9	0	0.0	39	0.9	68	1.0	-24	-0.5	-41	-0.7
Change %	-1.0		-0.2		5.6		1.3		-13.2		-3.8	
Change on year	-63	-1.0	-38	-0.9	75	1.8	77	1.6	-34	-0.7	-74	-1.1
Change %	-1.8		-21.3		11.3		1.5		-17.9		-6.7	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Aug-Oct 2019	9,250	72.4	267	2.8	3,257	25.5	1,309	10.9	24	1.8	10,681	88.9
Aug-Oct 2020	9,195	71.3	380	4.0	3,328	25.8	1,331	10.9	25	1.9	10,816	88.9
Nov-Jan 2021	9,174	71.0	393	4.1	3,357	26.0	1,294	10.6	30	2.3	10,882	89.2
Feb-Apr 2021	9,185	70.9	356	3.7	3,416	26.4	1,303	10.6	34	2.6	10,912	89.1
May-Jul 2021	9,236	71.1	322	3.4	3,425	26.4	1,306	10.6	33	2.4	10,949	89.1
Aug-Oct 2021	9,212	70.9	329	3.4	3,447	26.5	1,340	10.9	36	2.6	10,917	88.8
Change on quarter	-24	-0.2	7	0.1	23	0.2	35	0.3	3	0.1	-32	-0.3
Change %	-0.3		2.2		0.7		2.7		9.1		-0.3	
Change on year	18	-0.3	-51	-0.5	120	0.8	10	0.0	10	0.7	101	-0.1
Change %	0.2		-13.5		3.6		0.7		39.8		0.9	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Aug-Oct 2019	4,800	76.6	159	3.2	1,306	20.8	777	14.0	16	2.0	4,763	85.7
Aug-Oct 2020	4,745	75.0	237	4.8	1,342	21.2	770	13.7	17	2.1	4,853	86.0
Nov-Jan 2021	4,756	75.1	225	4.5	1,353	21.4	756	13.4	21	2.8	4,882	86.3
Feb-Apr 2021	4,734	74.6	203	4.1	1,412	22.2	779	13.7	22	2.8	4,882	85.9
May-Jul 2021	4,777	75.1	182	3.7	1,402	22.0	781	13.7	16	2.0	4,906	86.0
Aug-Oct 2021	4,768	74.9	181	3.6	1,415	22.2	787	13.8	25	3.1	4,893	85.8
Change on quarter	-10	-0.2	-1	0.0	14	0.2	6	0.1	9	1.1	-13	-0.3
Change %	-0.2		-0.5		1.0		0.8		59.9		-0.3	
Change on year	22	-0.1	-56	-1.1	73	1.0	16	0.1	8	0.9	40	-0.3
Change %	0.5		-23.8		5.4		2.1		48.9		0.8	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Aug-Oct 2019	4,450	68.4	107	2.4	1,951	30.0	531	8.2	9	1.6	5,918	91.6
Aug-Oct 2020	4,449	67.6	143	3.1	1,985	30.2	560	8.6	9	1.5	5,963	91.3
Nov-Jan 2021	4,418	67.0	168	3.7	2,005	30.4	538	8.2	9	1.6	6,000	91.6
Feb-Apr 2021	4,451	67.4	152	3.3	2,004	30.3	525	8.0	12	2.3	6,031	91.8
May-Jul 2021	4,459	67.3	140	3.1	2,023	30.6	525	8.0	17	3.1	6,043	91.8
Aug-Oct 2021	4,445	67.1	149	3.2	2,032	30.7	553	8.4	11	1.9	6,024	91.4
Change on quarter	-14	-0.2	8	0.2	9	0.1	28	0.4	-6	-1.3	-19	-0.3
Change %	-0.3		5.8		0.4		5.4		-37.7		-0.3	
Change on year	-5	-0.6	5	0.1	47	0.5	-7	-0.2	2	0.4	61	0.1
Change %	-0.1		3.6		2.3		-1.2		22.3		1.0	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over)
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							
	Total	Employees	Self-employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes ²	Total people working full-time	total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time	Total Workers with second jobs	
People	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRU	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Aug-Oct 2019	32,801	27,660	4,960	126	55	24,238	8,564	20,712	6,948	3,483	1,477	1,139	
Aug-Oct 2020	32,313	27,742	4,429	102	39	24,294	8,018	21,122	6,619	3,116	1,313	1,082	
Nov-Jan 2021	32,113	27,675	4,309	92	38	24,269	7,844	21,221	6,454	2,995	1,314	1,104	
Feb-Apr 2021	32,174	27,789	4,278	82	24	24,443	7,731	21,422	6,367	2,983	1,295	1,152	
May-Jul 2021	32,357	27,918	4,325	75	39	24,526	7,831	21,491	6,427	2,994	1,331	1,175	
Aug-Oct 2021	32,506	28,084	4,274	101	47	24,435	8,071	21,440	6,644	2,955	1,319	1,147	
Change on quarter	149	166	-51	26	8	-91	240	-51	217	-39	-12	-28	
Change %	0.5	0.6	-1.2	35.3	20.6	-0.4	3.1	-0.2	3.4	-1.3	-0.9	-2.4	
Change on year	193	343	-156	-1	8	141	52	317	25	-162	6	65	
Change %	0.6	1.2	-3.5	-1.4	19.7	0.6	0.6	1.5	0.4	-5.2	0.5	6.0	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRV	MGRY	YCBF	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBX	
Aug-Oct 2019	17,315	13,926	3,295	63	30	15,063	2,251	12,336	1,591	2,701	594	486	
Aug-Oct 2020	16,856	13,919	2,870	40	27	14,762	2,094	12,397	1,522	2,334	537	455	
Nov-Jan 2021	16,754	13,881	2,808	45	20	14,676	2,079	12,405	1,477	2,242	565	444	
Feb-Apr 2021	16,772	13,986	2,736	40	10	14,742	2,030	12,508	1,477	2,214	523	491	
May-Jul 2021	16,907	14,079	2,768	40	20	14,769	2,138	12,508	1,571	2,238	530	490	
Aug-Oct 2021	16,999	14,162	2,780	38	19	14,760	2,240	12,487	1,675	2,256	524	474	
Change on quarter	93	83	12	-1	-1	-9	102	-21	104	18	-6	-16	
Change %	0.5	0.6	0.4	-2.7	-3.2	-0.1	4.8	-0.2	6.6	0.8	-1.2	-3.3	
Change on year	144	243	-90	-2	-8	-2	146	90	153	-78	-13	19	
Change %	0.9	1.7	-3.2	-4.1	-29.2	0.0	7.0	0.7	10.0	-3.3	-2.4	4.2	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Aug-Oct 2019	15,487	13,734	1,665	63	25	9,174	6,313	8,376	5,358	782	883	652	
Aug-Oct 2020	15,457	13,823	1,559	62	13	9,533	5,924	8,726	5,097	783	776	627	
Nov-Jan 2021	15,359	13,793	1,501	47	18	9,593	5,766	8,816	4,977	752	749	660	
Feb-Apr 2021	15,402	13,803	1,542	42	15	9,702	5,700	8,914	4,889	769	773	662	
May-Jul 2021	15,450	13,839	1,557	35	19	9,757	5,693	8,983	4,856	756	801	685	
Aug-Oct 2021	15,506	13,922	1,494	62	28	9,676	5,831	8,953	4,969	699	795	673	
Change on quarter	56	83	-63	27	9	-82	138	-31	114	-57	-6	-12	
Change %	0.4	0.6	-4.0	78.1	44.7	-8.8	2.4	-0.3	2.3	-7.6	-0.7	-1.7	
Change on year	49	99	-66	0	16	143	-94	227	-128	-84	19	46	
Change %	0.3	0.7	-4.2	0.3	124.7	1.5	-1.6	2.6	-2.5	-10.8	2.4	7.3	
Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)													
Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³													
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total ⁴	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Student or at school	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Aug-Oct 2019	1,423	5.1	364	25.6	370	131	557	8,425	875	10.4	6,122	275	1,095
Aug-Oct 2020	1,522	5.5	409	26.9	369	120	624	7,932	968	12.2	5,635	273	981
Nov-Jan 2021	1,561	5.6	477	30.6	345	116	623	7,768	1,017	13.1	5,487	266	910
Feb-Apr 2021	1,582	5.7	511	32.3	363	107	600	7,662	1,030	13.4	5,429	261	869
May-Jul 2021	1,636	5.9	526	32.1	393	120	598	7,758	980	12.6	5,477	258	990
Aug-Oct 2021	1,682	6.0	500	29.7	424	149	609	7,963	987	12.4	5,591	271	1,057
Change on quarter	45	0.1	-26	-2.4	31	29	11	205	7	-0.2	114	12	67
Change %	2.8		-5.0		7.9	24.5	1.9	2.6	0.7		2.1	4.8	6.8
Change on year	159	0.5	90	2.8	55	29	-15	31	20	0.2	-44	-2	76
Change %	10.5		22.1		14.8	24.5	-2.4	0.4	2.0		-0.8	-0.8	7.8
Men	YCCA	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCDH	YCDK	
Aug-Oct 2019	673	4.8	186	27.7	158	69	259	2,184	374	17.1	1,262	89	437
Aug-Oct 2020	699	5.0	216	30.9	145	52	286	2,059	400	19.4	1,135	99	386
Nov-Jan 2021	715	5.2	244	34.0	137	55	280	2,042	441	21.6	1,106	90	372
Feb-Apr 2021	733	5.2	240	32.7	171	48	273	2,000	431	21.5	1,118	88	329
May-Jul 2021	744	5.3	245	33.0	170	63	266	2,101	409	19.4	1,184	88	402
Aug-Oct 2021	738	5.2	234	31.7	181	70	253	2,199	429	19.5	1,202	96	445
Change on quarter	-6	-0.1	-11	-1.2	11	6	-12	97	20	0.1	18	8	43
Change %	-0.8		-4.4		6.4	10.3	-4.6	4.6	4.9		1.5	8.5	10.8
Change on year	39	0.2	18	0.8	36	18	-33	140	29	0.1	67	-4	59
Change %	5.6		8.5		24.8	34.2	-11.4	6.8	7.2		5.9	-3.7	15.3
Women	YCCB	YCCD	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCP	YCCW	YCCZ	YCCD	YCCD	YCDI	YCDL
Aug-Oct 2019	750	5.5	178	23.7	212	62	298	6,241	501	8.0	4,860	186	658
Aug-Oct 2020	824	6.0	193	23.5	224	68	338	5,874	567	9.7	4,500	174	595
Nov-Jan 2021	845	6.1	234	27.6	207	61	344	5,726	576	10.1	4,381	176	538
Feb-Apr 2021	849	6.2	272	32.0	192	59	327	5,662	599	10.6	4,310	173	540
May-Jul 2021	893	6.5	281	31.5	222	57	332	5,657	571	10.1	4,293	170	589
Aug-Oct 2021	944	6.8	265	28.1	243	80	356	5,765	558	9.7	4,389	175	612
Change on quarter	51	0.3	-16	-3.3	20	23	23	108	-13	-0.4	96	5	23
Change %	5.7		-5.5		9.1	40.2	7.1	1.9	-2.3		2.2	2.9	4.0
Change on year	120	0.8	72	4.7	19	12	18	-109	-9	0.0	-111	1	17
Change %	14.6		37.4		8.3	17.2	5.2	-1.9	-1.6		-2.5	0.8	2.9

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

Note: When comparing quarterly changes ONS recommends comparing with the previous non-overlapping 3-month average time period (eg, compare Apr-Jun with Jan-Mar, not with Mar-May).

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.
2. This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training.
3. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees.
4. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of the other columns in this section of the table.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

7 Actual weekly hours worked

United Kingdom (hours worked by people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked

	Total weekly hours (millions) ¹²	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Aug-Oct 2019	1,055.7	32.2	37.3	16.4	9.8
Aug-Oct 2020	950.4	29.4	34.1	14.7	9.6
Nov-Jan 2021	959.0	29.9	34.4	14.4	9.9
Feb-Apr 2021	963.6	29.9	34.2	14.4	9.8
May-Jul 2021	1,006.8	31.1	35.7	15.4	9.9
Aug-Oct 2021	1,024.4	31.5	36.0	16.2	10.0
<i>Change on quarter</i>	17.6	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.3	0.8	4.8	0.9
<i>Change on year</i>	74.1	2.1	1.9	1.5	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	7.8	7.2	5.6	10.4	3.8
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Aug-Oct 2019	628.3	36.3	39.0	16.2	10.6
Aug-Oct 2020	560.1	33.2	35.7	14.7	10.5
Nov-Jan 2021	558.6	33.3	35.8	13.7	10.5
Feb-Apr 2021	560.1	33.4	35.5	13.6	10.2
May-Jul 2021	584.5	34.6	37.1	15.2	10.5
Aug-Oct 2021	595.0	35.0	37.3	16.0	10.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	10.5	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.8	1.2	0.6	5.7	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	35.0	1.8	1.6	1.3	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	6.2	5.3	4.5	9.0	0.2
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Aug-Oct 2019	427.4	27.6	34.7	16.4	9.2
Aug-Oct 2020	390.3	25.3	31.5	14.6	9.0
Nov-Jan 2021	400.4	26.1	32.3	14.7	9.5
Feb-Apr 2021	403.5	26.2	32.3	14.6	9.6
May-Jul 2021	422.3	27.3	33.5	15.5	9.5
Aug-Oct 2021	429.4	27.7	33.9	16.2	9.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	7.1	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.3	1.1	4.4	1.5
<i>Change on year</i>	39.1	2.4	2.3	1.6	0.6
<i>Change %</i>	10.0	9.7	7.4	10.9	6.9

1 Main and second job

2 Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.

3 Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

7 (1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Aug-Oct 2020									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.8	1.7	0.9	0.5	1.2	2.8	1.5	5.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.0	3.3	9.0	5.4	2.8	8.0	9.6	5.2	17.6
16 up to 30 hours	19.1	10.1	29.0	18.5	8.6	28.4	23.8	18.0	34.4
31 up to 45 hours	57.2	63.5	50.4	60.0	67.0	52.9	40.4	46.7	28.7
Over 45 hours	16.4	22.3	9.9	15.3	21.1	9.5	23.5	28.6	14.0
Total (thousands)	32,313	16,856	15,457	27,742	13,919	13,823	4,429	2,870	1,559
May-Jul 2021									
Less than 6 Hours	1.1	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.0	2.8	1.7	4.8
6 up to 15 hours	5.9	3.3	8.8	5.3	2.8	7.8	9.7	5.4	17.3
16 up to 30 hours	18.6	10.0	28.0	17.8	8.6	27.1	24.3	17.5	36.3
31 up to 45 hours	58.0	63.9	51.5	60.6	67.1	54.0	41.3	48.3	28.8
Over 45 hours	16.4	22.0	10.3	15.6	21.0	10.0	21.9	27.1	12.7
Total (thousands)	32,357	16,907	15,450	27,918	14,079	13,839	4,325	2,768	1,557
Aug-Oct 2021									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.8	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.0	3.1	1.7	5.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.0	3.3	8.8	5.3	2.9	7.8	9.6	5.1	18.1
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.2	28.3	18.1	8.8	27.5	24.2	17.3	37.0
31 up to 45 hours	57.6	63.6	51.0	60.3	66.7	53.7	40.6	48.0	26.9
Over 45 hours	16.4	22.1	10.2	15.6	21.0	10.1	22.5	27.9	12.4
Total (thousands)	32,506	16,999	15,506	28,084	14,162	13,922	4,274	2,780	1,494

¹ Total usual weekly hours worked by people aged 16 and over in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

NON-UK WORKERS

8(1) Employment levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

		United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over) not seasonally adjusted																			
		Europe										Africa		Asia		America and Oceania					
		European Union (EU)																			
		Total ¹	UK	Non UK	Total Europe	Total EU (EU27) ²	EU14 ³	EU8 ⁴	EU2 ⁵	Other EU ⁶	Other Europe (Not in EU)	Total Africa	Of which: South Africa	Total Asia	Of which: India	Of which: Pakistan and Bangla- South	Total America and Oceania	Of which: USA	Of which: Australia and New Zealand	Total Non-EU ⁷	
Levels (aged 16 and over)																					
Country of birth levels		MGMT	JF8F	JF8G	FSC2	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	FSC3	FSC4	FSC5	JJS3	FSC6	JJS7	JJS9	FSC7	JJR7	JJS5	EQ4S	
Jul-Sep 2019		32,802	27,028	5,770	2,630	2,368	1,020	953	356	40	261	962	176	1,532	483	373	646	93	166	3,401	
Jul-Sep 2020		32,351	26,543	5,792	2,470	2,169	1,018	812	304	36	301	1,045	194	1,563	514	322	715	115	165	3,623	
Oct-Dec 2020		32,187	26,409	5,771	2,434	2,202	1,061	799	299	44	232	996	194	1,593	515	323	748	133	181	3,569	
Jan-Mar 2021		32,181	26,120	6,067	2,590	2,303	1,159	806	297	40	288	1,022	205	1,679	557	369	766	135	146	3,754	
Apr-Jun 2021		32,229	26,257	5,965	2,611	2,342	1,124	864	314	40	269	983	193	1,681	553	381	690	136	157	3,623	
Jul-Sep 2021		32,543	26,637	5,898	2,510	2,232	1,067	805	321	39	278	1,001	215	1,678	577	387	710	136	174	3,666	
Change on year		191	94	106	40	63	49	-7	17	3	-23	-44	20	115	64	65	-5	22	8	43	
Change %		0.6	0.4	1.8	1.6	2.9	4.9	-0.8	5.5	9.5	-7.6	-4.2	10.3	7.3	12.4	20.3	-0.7	18.8	5.0	1.2	
Country of birth rates		LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	FSD5	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	FSD6	FSD7	FSD8	LFN4	FSD9	LFN6	LFN7	FSE2	LFN2	LFN5	EQ5Z	
Jul-Sep 2019		76.2	76.3	75.6	82.5	83.3	80.6	86.1	84.6	76.0	76.1	74.9	84.9	65.4	77.0	57.9	79.2	78.2	88.8	71.0	
Jul-Sep 2020		75.0	75.1	75.0	79.9	81.1	80.8	86.3	86.3	70.5	72.5	71.2	81.8	69.5	78.2	57.9	77.9	82.5	76.3	71.8	
Oct-Dec 2020		74.8	74.9	74.3	78.6	79.2	78.2	78.7	85.8	71.3	72.8	70.0	79.3	69.3	77.4	60.3	76.3	76.7	81.2	71.5	
Jan-Mar 2021		74.7	74.8	74.7	78.6	79.5	78.7	78.9	83.9	82.0	71.9	72.7	78.7	68.7	78.5	60.0	76.3	81.4	82.7	72.0	
Apr-Jun 2021		74.9	75.0	75.1	80.1	81.3	79.0	82.1	87.9	80.4	71.4	73.2	83.8	68.2	79.4	58.9	76.5	77.0	82.7	71.5	
Jul-Sep 2021		75.5	75.5	75.6	81.6	82.5	81.4	82.2	88.8	70.1	75.4	74.8	83.2	67.4	78.9	59.1	76.5	72.9	87.7	71.9	
Change on year		0.4	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.4	0.6	2.2	2.4	-0.5	2.9	3.5	1.6	-2.1	2.8	1.2	0.6	-9.6	11.4	0.1	
Nationality levels		MGMT	JF8H	JF8I	FSC8	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	FSC9	FSC6	FSD2	JJS4	FSD3	JJS8	JJT2	FSD4	JJR8	JJS6	EQ4W	
Jul-Sep 2019		32,802	29,209	3,589	2,367	2,236	961	903	333	21	129	297	56	599	210	126	326	68	107	1,351	
Jul-Sep 2020		32,351	28,817	3,533	2,183	2,071	963	790	280	18	112	374	81	604	217	114	373	92	101	1,462	
Oct-Dec 2020		32,187	28,634	3,549	2,174	2,083	1,015	768	275	25	91	352	69	584	207	99	439	114	115	1,466	
Jan-Mar 2021		32,181	28,462	3,716	2,308	2,176	1,108	775	263	30	133	339	66	632	229	117	436	127	83	1,540	
Apr-Jun 2021		32,229	28,548	3,676	2,336	2,200	1,070	823	278	30	126	338	62	618	226	123	394	123	79	1,476	
Jul-Sep 2021		32,543	28,928	3,610	2,225	2,080	1,009	753	289	30	145	356	69	632	253	118	397	113	96	1,530	
Change on year		191	112	78	43	10	26	-37	9	12	33	-17	-11	28	36	4	24	21	-4	68	
Change %		0.6	0.4	2.2	2.0	0.5	2.7	-4.7	3.2	63.4	29.8	-4.6	-14.2	4.6	16.5	3.7	6.5	23.0	-4.1	4.7	
Nationality rates		LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	FSE3	EQ54	LFQ2	LFQ3	EQ55	FSE4	FSE5	FSE6	LFQ6	FSE7	LFQ8	LFQ9	FSE8	LFQ4	LFQ7	EQ56	
Jul-Sep 2019		76.2	76.2	76.2	82.5	82.8	80.3	85.5	83.5	83.7	76.3	71.8	87.1	59.4	73.1	55.4	78.1	74.2	92.0	67.2	
Jul-Sep 2020		75.0	75.0	75.9	80.5	81.4	79.7	81.9	85.2	97.0	66.9	68.0	88.3	65.5	74.1	57.2	79.4	77.9	80.0	69.3	
Oct-Dec 2020		74.8	74.8	75.1	79.0	79.9	77.8	80.4	85.8	92.6	63.3	68.0	84.6	64.3	74.4	56.7	80.3	75.2	84.9	69.2	
Jan-Mar 2021		74.7	74.7	75.3	78.6	79.3	78.1	79.7	82.1	95.4	68.5	71.2	82.9	65.3	74.7	61.3	79.3	79.3	86.2	70.3	
Apr-Jun 2021		74.9	75.0	75.3	79.8	80.6	78.0	82.4	85.4	86.9	67.9	69.8	84.6	62.9	81.2	52.5	78.4	73.9	82.5	68.5	
Jul-Sep 2021		75.5	75.4	76.4	81.5	82.1	80.8	82.2	87.1	80.5	73.9	71.2	78.5	64.3	79.1	53.8	77.3	73.0	87.8	69.7	
Change on year		0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.9	-14.8	7.0	3.2	-9.7	-1.2	5.0	-3.4	-2.1	-4.9	7.8	0.4	

1. The total series includes people who do not state their country of birth or nationality. The total levels series MGMT does not therefore equal the sum of the "UK" and "Non-UK" series.

2. This series consists of all 27 EU member states excluding the UK. This series equals the sum of EU14, EU8, EU2 and Other EU.

3. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

4. Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

5. Romania and Bulgaria.

6. Cyprus, Malta and Croatia.

7. Total Non-EU equals the sum of Other Europe, Total Africa, Total Asia and Total America and Oceania.

The estimates shown in this table relate to the number of people in employment and should not be used as a proxy for flows of foreign migrants into the UK.

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NON-UK WORKERS

8(2) Unemployment and economic inactivity levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands of people) not seasonally adjusted

	Unemployment (all aged 16 and over)					Economically inactive (all aged from 16 to 64)									
	Total ¹	UK	Non-UK	EU27 ²	Non-EU	Total ¹		UK		Non-UK		EU27 ²		Non-EU	
						All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³	All econom- ically inactive	Of which: Students ³
Levels (thousands of people)															
Country of birth levels	MGTP	DSWD	DT35	DT3F	DTKB	LF9L	LF9W	DTLK	DYUP	DYUR	DYVR	DYVZ	DYWL	DYWR	DZ37
Jul-Sep 2019	1,374	1,115	259	72	187	8,503	2,089	6,933	1,687	1,556	401	395	125	1,161	276
Jul-Sep 2020	1,730	1,313	416	140	276	8,619	2,196	7,131	1,776	1,466	419	360	116	1,106	303
Oct-Dec 2020	1,773	1,325	448	148	300	8,677	2,357	7,155	1,901	1,501	456	419	172	1,063	284
Jan-Mar 2021	1,635	1,198	437	161	276	8,843	2,614	7,251	2,098	1,567	511	422	210	1,145	301
Apr-Jun 2021	1,524	1,165	358	101	258	8,855	2,567	7,251	2,078	1,573	486	430	184	1,143	302
Jul-Sep 2021	1,515	1,159	356	87	269	8,647	2,179	7,118	1,787	1,506	392	379	119	1,126	273
Change on year	-215	-155	-60	-53	-7	28	-17	-13	11	40	-27	19	3	21	-30
Change %	-12.4	-11.8	-14.4	-37.6	-2.6	0.3	-0.8	-0.2	0.6	2.7	-6.4	5.3	2.5	1.9	-9.8
Country of birth rates	MGUK	DT2W	DT3B	DTJG	DTKD	CR2K		DYTD		DYUT		DYWD		DYWT	
Jul-Sep 2019	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.0	5.2	20.6		20.5		20.9		14.1		25.0	
Jul-Sep 2020	5.1	4.7	6.7	6.1	7.1	20.8		21.1		19.5		13.7		22.6	
Oct-Dec 2020	5.2	4.8	7.2	6.3	7.7	21.0		21.2		19.9		13.4		22.4	
Jan-Mar 2021	4.8	4.4	6.7	6.5	6.8	21.4		21.7		19.9		14.9		22.7	
Apr-Jun 2021	4.5	4.2	5.7	4.1	6.6	21.4		21.6		20.4		15.2		23.3	
Jul-Sep 2021	4.4	4.2	5.7	3.8	6.8	20.9		21.1		19.9		14.4		22.8	
Change on year	-0.6	-0.5	-1.0	-2.3	-0.2	0.1		0.0		0.4		0.7		0.2	
Nationality levels	MGTP	DSWE	DT39	DTG9	DTKC	LF9L	LF9W	DYTC	DYUQ	DYUS	DYVU	DYWA	DYWM	DYWS	DZGD
Jul-Sep 2019	1,374	1,206	168	76	92	8,503	2,089	7,546	1,801	940	287	382	125	558	162
Jul-Sep 2020	1,730	1,466	264	123	141	8,619	2,196	7,751	1,926	844	267	346	123	497	144
Oct-Dec 2020	1,773	1,483	290	141	149	8,677	2,357	7,788	2,061	866	293	376	157	490	136
Jan-Mar 2021	1,635	1,356	277	160	118	8,843	2,614	7,896	2,265	920	346	400	193	519	152
Apr-Jun 2021	1,524	1,296	227	103	124	8,855	2,567	7,855	2,223	965	341	418	184	547	157
Jul-Sep 2021	1,515	1,299	214	82	133	8,647	2,179	7,733	1,923	890	255	367	124	523	131
Change on year	-215	-167	-49	-42	-8	28	-17	-18	-3	47	-12	21	1	26	-13
Change %	-12.4	-11.4	-18.7	-33.8	-5.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	5.5	-4.3	6.0	0.9	5.2	-8.8
Nationality rates	MGUK	DTZZ	DT3D	DTKA	DTLH	CR2K		DYUO		DYUU		DYWE		DZ36	
Jul-Sep 2019	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.3	6.4	20.6		20.6		20.2		14.4		28.1	
Jul-Sep 2020	5.1	4.8	7.0	5.6	8.8	20.8		21.1		18.4		13.8		23.9	
Oct-Dec 2020	5.2	4.9	7.6	6.3	9.2	21.0		21.3		18.6		14.6		23.6	
Jan-Mar 2021	4.8	4.5	6.9	6.8	7.1	21.4		21.7		19.0		14.8		24.2	
Apr-Jun 2021	4.5	4.3	5.8	4.5	7.7	21.4		21.6		20.1		15.5		25.8	
Jul-Sep 2021	4.4	4.3	5.6	3.8	8.0	20.9		21.1		19.1		14.7		24.2	
Change on year	-0.6	-0.5	-1.3	-1.8	-0.8	0.1		0.0		0.8		0.9		0.3	

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1. The total series includes people who do not state their country of birth or nationality. The total levels series therefore do not equal the sum of the "UK" and "Non-UK" series.
2. This series consists of all 27 EU member states excluding the UK.
3. This series consists of those people whose main reason for being economically inactive was because they were students. It does not include all students as some students will be included in the employment and unemployment estimates.

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16-64							All aged 65+																			
	All		Rate(%) ¹		Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months		All over 24 months		All		Rate (%) ¹		Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months		All over 24 months											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24										
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWX							
Aug-Oct 2019	1,281	3.8	782	191	308	24.0	158	1,256	3.8	771	187	299	23.8	151	715	4.0	413	108	193	27.0	102	699	4.1	407	104	188	26.9	98						
Aug-Oct 2020	1,719	5.0	1,097	262	359	20.9	186	1,693	5.2	1,091	257	345	20.4	176	953	5.4	582	146	224	23.5	123	936	5.5	581	144	211	22.5	112						
Nov-Jan 2021	1,738	5.1	1,022	348	367	21.1	194	1,708	5.2	1,011	343	354	20.7	185	950	5.4	541	188	220	23.2	124	928	5.5	534	184	210	22.6	115						
Feb-Apr 2021	1,637	4.8	847	380	410	25.1	199	1,602	4.9	837	372	393	24.5	192	885	5.0	423	207	255	28.9	133	863	5.1	419	201	242	28.1	127						
May-Jul 2021	1,550	4.6	800	305	445	28.7	193	1,518	4.7	793	298	426	28.1	180	839	4.7	404	161	274	32.7	125	823	4.9	399	158	266	32.3	121						
Aug-Oct 2021	1,423	4.2	752	234	437	30.7	206	1,388	4.3	741	230	416	30.0	196	766	4.3	366	127	273	35.6	137	741	4.4	358	124	258	34.8	130						
Change on quarter	-127	-0.4	-49	-71	-7	2.0	13	-130	-0.4	-52	-68	-10	1.9	16	-73	-0.4	-38	-34	-1	3.0	12	-83	-0.5	-41	-34	-8	2.5	9						
Change %	-8.2		-6.1	-23.2	-1.6		6.7	-8.6		-6.6	-22.8	-2.3		8.9	-8.7		-9.4	-21.1	-0.5		9.7	-10.0		-10.3	-21.2	-3.1		7.6						
Change on year	-295	-0.9	-346	-28	78	9.8	19	-305	-0.9	-350	-27	72	9.6	20	-187	-1.0	-217	-19	49	12.1	14	-195	-1.1	-223	-20	47	12.3	18						
Change %	-17.2		-31.5	-10.6	21.8		10.3	-18.0		-32.1	-10.5	20.7		11.6	-19.6		-37.2	-13.0	21.7		11.7	-20.9		-38.3	-13.6	22.2		15.9						
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39						
Aug-Oct 2019	566	3.5	368	83	115	20.3	56	557	3.6	364	83	111	19.9	53	766	4.7	515	116	135	17.6	64	757	4.8	510	113	134	17.7	63						
Aug-Oct 2020	766	4.7	515	116	135	17.6	64	757	4.8	510	113	134	17.7	63	788	4.9	482	160	147	18.7	70	780	5.0	476	159	144	18.5	70						
Nov-Jan 2021	788	4.9	482	160	147	18.7	70	780	5.0	476	159	144	18.5	70	752	4.7	424	173	155	20.6	66	739	4.7	418	171	151	20.4	65						
Feb-Apr 2021	752	4.7	424	173	155	20.6	66	739	4.7	418	171	151	20.4	65	711	4.4	397	144	171	24.0	68	694	4.4	394	140	160	23.1	59						
May-Jul 2021	711	4.4	397	144	171	24.0	68	694	4.4	394	140	160	23.1	59	658	4.1	386	107	165	25.0	69	647	4.1	383	106	159	24.5	66						
Aug-Oct 2021	658	4.1	386	107	165	25.0	69	647	4.1	383	106	159	24.5	66	-54	-0.3	-11	-37	-6	1.0	1	-47	-0.3	-11	-34	-2	1.4	7						
Change on quarter	-54	-0.3	-11	-37	-6	1.0	1	-47	-0.3	-11	-34	-2	1.4	7	-7.5		-2.7	-25.6	-3.5		1.2	-6.8		-2.8	-24.5	-1.1		11.5						
Change %	-7.5		-2.7	-25.6	-3.5		1.2	-6.8		-2.8	-24.5	-1.1		11.5	-108	-0.7	-129	-9	30	7.4	5	-110	-0.7	-127	-7	25	6.8	3						
Change on year	-108	-0.7	-129	-9	30	7.4	5	-110	-0.7	-127	-7	25	6.8	3	-14.1		-25.0	-7.5	21.9		7.5	-14.5		-24.9	-6.6	18.5		4.1						
Change %	-14.1		-25.0	-7.5	21.9		7.5	-14.5		-24.9	-6.6	18.5		4.1	16-17										18-24									
	All		Rate (%) ¹		Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months		All over 24 months		All		Rate (%) ¹		Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months		All over 24 months											
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38										
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBKY	YBYB	YBYE	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBKY	YBYB	YBYE						
Aug-Oct 2019	87	20.0	70	13	4	4.5	*	386	10.2	266	58	61	15.9	16	87	20.0	70	13	4	4.5	*	386	10.2	266	58	61	15.9	16						
Aug-Oct 2020	93	27.3	66	20	6	6.7	*	510	13.6	351	63	95	18.7	40	93	27.3	66	20	6	6.7	*	510	13.6	351	63	95	18.7	40						
Nov-Jan 2021	89	28.1	59	23	7	7.4	*	497	13.5	311	96	91	18.3	35	89	28.1	59	23	7	7.4	*	497	13.5	311	96	91	18.3	35						
Feb-Apr 2021	94	32.5	66	14	14	15.1	*	441	12.0	250	93	97	22.1	30	94	32.5	66	14	14	15.1	*	441	12.0	250	93	97	22.1	30						
May-Jul 2021	119	30.9	92	15	11	9.6	*	406	11.0	239	81	86	21.2	24	119	30.9	92	15	11	9.6	*	406	11.0	239	81	86	21.2	24						
Aug-Oct 2021	95	22.5	76	13	6	6.0	*	364	10.0	227	56	81	22.2	23	-24	-8.4	-16	-2	-6	-3.6	*	-42	-1.1	-13	-24	-5	1.0	-2						
Change on quarter	-24	-8.4	-16	-2	-6	-3.6	*	-42	-1.1	-13	-24	-5	1.0	-2	-20.1		-17.7	-11.4	-50.4		*	-10.4		-5.3	-30.2	-6.1		-6.9						
Change %	-20.1		-17.7	-11.4	-50.4		*	-10.4		-5.3	-30.2	-6.1		-6.9	2	-4.8	10	-7	-1	-0.8	*	-146	-3.7	-124	-7	-14	3.5	-17						
Change on year	2	-4.8	10	-7	-1	-0.8	*	-146	-3.7	-124	-7	-14	3.5	-17	2.1		14.9	-35.7	-9.5		*	-28.6		-35.4	-10.7	-15.1		-43.3						
Change %	2.1		14.9	-35.7	-9.5		*	-28.6		-35.4	-10.7	-15.1		-43.3	Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF					
Aug-Oct 2019	52	25.1	43	7	3	4.9	*	225	11.3	144	37	44	19.6	11	52	25.1	43	7	3	4.9	*	225	11.3	144	37	44	19.6	11						
Aug-Oct 2020	46	29.1	33	11	3	5.7	*	309	16.0	207	38	64	20.8	31	46	29.1	33	11	3	5.7	*	309	16.0	207	38	64	20.8	31						
Nov-Jan 2021	43	29.1	30	10	*	*	*	294	15.5	169	63	62	21.1	23	43	29.1	30	10	*	*	*	294	15.5	169	63	62	21.1	23						
Feb-Apr 2021	41	32.1	30	8	4	9.0	*	260	13.9	143	60	57	21.9	18	41	32.1	30	8	4	9.0	*	260	13.9	143	60	57	21.9	18						
May-Jul 2021	59	34.1	46	8	6	9.8	*	231	12.3	133	43	55	23.8	12	59	34.1	46	8	6	9.8	*	231	12.3	133	43	55	23.8	12						
Aug-Oct 2021	46	23.3	37	5	4	8.5	*	210	11.1	124	36	50	23.9	14	-13	-10.9	-9	-2	-2	-1.3	*	-21	-1.1	-9	-7	-5	0.1	2						
Change on quarter	-13	-10.9	-9	-2	-2	-1.3	*	-21	-1.1	-9	-7	-5	0.1	2	-22.6		-19.8	-31.3	-32.6		*	-9.2		-6.7	-17.1	-8.9		17.3						
Change %	-22.6		-19.8	-31.3	-32.6		*	-9.2		-6.7	-17.1	-8.9		17.3	-1	-5.8	3	-5	1	2.8	*	-100	-4.9	-83	-2	-14	3.1	-17						
Change on year	-1	-5.8	3	-5	1	2.8	*	-100	-4.9	-83	-2	-14	3.1	-17	-1.6		10.4	-50.6	46.4		*	-32.2		-40.1	-6.3	-22.1		-54.1						
Change %	-1.6		10.4	-50.6	46.4		*	-32.2		-40.1	-6.3	-22.1		-54.1	Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG						
Aug-Oct 2019	35	15.3	28	6	*	*	*	160	8.9	121	22	17	10.8	5	35	15.3	28	6	*	*	*	160	8.9	121	22	17	10.8	5						
Aug-Oct 2020	46	25.8	33	10	4	7.7	*	200	11.1	145	25	31	15.5	9	46	25.8	33	10	4	7.7	*	200	11.1	145	25	31	15.5	9						
Nov-Jan 2021	46	27.3	29	13	4	9.2	*	203	11.3	142	32	29	14.2	12	46	27.3	29	13	4	9.2	*	203	11.3	142	32	29	14.2	12						
Feb-Apr 2021	53	32.8	36	6	10	19.9	*	181	10.0	108	33	40	22.3	12	53	32.8	36	6	10	19.9	*	181	10.0	108	33	40	22.3	12						
May-Jul 2021	49	28.3	47	7	6	9.4	*	175	9.7	107	37	31	17.8	12	49	28.3	47	7	6	9.4	*	175	9.7	107	37	31	17.8	12						
Aug-Oct 2021	49	21.9	39	8	*	*	*	154	8.7	103	20	31	20.0	9	-10	-6.4	-7	1	*	*	*	-21	-1.0	-4	-17	0	2.2	-4						
Change on quarter	-10	-6.4	-7	1	*	*	*	-21	-1.0	-4	-17	0	2.2	-4	-17.5		-15.6	10.0	*		*	-12.0		-3.5	-45.6	-1.0		-30.5						
Change %	-17.5		-15.6	10.0	*		*	-12.0		-3.5	-45.6	-1.0		-30.5	3	-3.9	6	-2	*	*	*	-46	-2.3	-41	-4	0	4.5	-1						
Change on year	3	-3.9	6	-2	*	*	*	-46	-2.3																									

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Note: When comparing quarterly changes ONS recommends comparing with the previous non-overlapping 3-month average time period (eg, compare Apr-Jun with Jan-Mar, not with Mar-May).

¹ Denominator = economically active for that age group.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over								
			Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		All over 24 months				Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months		All over 24 months	
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months			% over 12 months		All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months			% over 12 months			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI		
Aug-Oct 2019	517	2.7	300	76	140	27.2	74	291	2.7	145	44	102	35.0	67		
Aug-Oct 2020	710	3.7	471	105	134	18.9	67	406	3.7	209	73	123	30.3	79		
Nov-Jan 2021	728	3.8	430	153	145	19.9	77	423	3.9	222	76	125	29.6	82		
Feb-Apr 2021	712	3.8	364	182	166	23.4	86	390	3.6	167	91	132	33.9	80		
May-Jul 2021	671	3.5	335	140	196	29.3	76	355	3.3	134	70	151	42.5	93		
Aug-Oct 2021	600	3.2	303	99	198	33.0	98	365	3.3	146	66	153	41.9	86		
Change on quarter	-71	-0.4	-32	-41	1	3.7	22	10	0.1	12	-4	2	-0.6	-7		
Change %	-10.6		-9.5	-29.1	0.7		29.0	2.8		9.0	-6.0	1.5		-7.7		
Change on year	-110	-0.6	-168	-6	63	14.1	30	-41	-0.4	-64	-7	30	11.6	6		
Change %	-15.5		-35.6	-5.9	47.2		45.2	-10.2		-30.4	-10.1	24.2		8.1		
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZI		
Aug-Oct 2019	262	2.6	144	36	82	31.3	47	175	3.0	83	28	64	36.7	44		
Aug-Oct 2020	343	3.5	224	53	67	19.4	35	254	4.4	118	45	91	35.7	57		
Nov-Jan 2021	366	3.7	226	68	71	19.5	45	247	4.3	115	47	85	34.3	56		
Feb-Apr 2021	359	3.6	169	87	102	28.5	57	225	3.9	81	52	93	41.1	57		
May-Jul 2021	352	3.5	163	67	121	34.5	54	197	3.4	62	44	92	46.5	59		
Aug-Oct 2021	305	3.1	133	53	119	39.0	64	206	3.6	73	33	100	48.6	58		
Change on quarter	-47	-0.5	-31	-14	-3	4.5	10	8	0.1	11	-11	8	2.1	0		
Change %	-13.4		-18.8	-20.6	-2.2		19.3	4.2		17.3	-24.1	8.9		-0.6		
Change on year	-39	-0.4	-92	0	52	19.7	30	-48	-0.8	-46	-12	9	12.9	1		
Change %	-11.3		-40.8	0.9	78.7		85.0	-19.0		-38.7	-26.1	10.2		2.3		
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK		
Aug-Oct 2019	255	2.9	157	40	58	22.9	27	116	2.3	62	16	38	32.5	23		
Aug-Oct 2020	367	4.0	246	53	68	18.5	33	152	2.9	91	29	32	21.3	22		
Nov-Jan 2021	363	4.0	204	85	74	20.3	32	176	3.4	107	29	40	22.9	26		
Feb-Apr 2021	353	3.9	194	95	64	18.2	29	165	3.2	86	38	40	24.2	24		
May-Jul 2021	319	3.5	172	73	75	23.5	22	157	3.1	72	27	59	37.4	34		
Aug-Oct 2021	295	3.3	170	46	79	26.7	34	159	3.1	73	33	53	33.3	27		
Change on quarter	-24	-0.3	-1	-27	4	3.3	12	2	0.0	1	6	-6	-4.1	-7		
Change %	-7.5		-0.6	-37.0	5.5		52.8	1.1		1.9	23.5	-10.1		-20.1		
Change on year	-72	-0.8	-76	-7	11	8.2	1	7	0.1	-18	4	21	11.9	5		
Change %	-19.5		-30.8	-12.8	16.3		2.8	4.6		-19.5	14.7	63.2		23.0		

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

Note: When comparing quarterly changes ONS recommends comparing with the previous non-overlapping 3-month average time period (eg, compare Apr-Jun with Jan-Mar, not with Mar-May).

¹ Denominator = economically active for that age group.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
Economically active	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Aug-Oct 2019	34,082	32,749	435	3,796	7,848	11,152	9,517	1,333
Aug-Oct 2020	34,031	32,675	340	3,739	7,902	11,119	9,575	1,356
Nov-Jan 2021	33,851	32,527	316	3,696	7,854	11,094	9,567	1,324
Feb-Apr 2021	33,811	32,474	290	3,670	7,850	11,123	9,541	1,337
May-Jul 2021	33,907	32,569	383	3,685	7,820	11,124	9,558	1,338
Aug-Oct 2021	33,929	32,553	421	3,653	7,800	11,138	9,541	1,376
Change on quarter	22	-16	38	-31	-20	14	-16	38
Change %	0.1	0.0	9.8	-0.9	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	2.8
Change on year	-102	-122	81	-85	-103	19	-34	20
Change %	-0.3	-0.4	23.9	-2.3	-1.3	0.2	-0.4	1.5
Men	MMSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Aug-Oct 2019	18,029	17,236	209	1,993	4,197	5,878	4,959	793
Aug-Oct 2020	17,809	17,022	160	1,930	4,142	5,807	4,982	787
Nov-Jan 2021	17,704	16,927	146	1,904	4,109	5,785	4,982	777
Feb-Apr 2021	17,657	16,857	129	1,866	4,107	5,817	4,937	801
May-Jul 2021	17,746	16,949	173	1,883	4,123	5,812	4,959	796
Aug-Oct 2021	17,765	16,953	197	1,886	4,141	5,782	4,948	812
Change on quarter	20	4	23	3	17	-30	-11	16
Change %	0.1	0.0	13.5	0.2	0.4	-0.5	-0.2	2.0
Change on year	-44	-68	37	-45	-1	-25	-34	25
Change %	-0.2	-0.4	22.9	-2.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.7	3.1
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZO	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Aug-Oct 2019	16,053	15,513	226	1,803	3,651	5,274	4,558	540
Aug-Oct 2020	16,222	15,654	180	1,808	3,760	5,312	4,593	569
Nov-Jan 2021	16,148	15,600	169	1,792	3,745	5,309	4,586	547
Feb-Apr 2021	16,154	15,617	161	1,804	3,743	5,306	4,604	537
May-Jul 2021	16,162	15,619	210	1,802	3,696	5,312	4,599	542
Aug-Oct 2021	16,164	15,600	224	1,768	3,659	5,356	4,593	564
Change on quarter	2	-20	14	-35	-37	44	-6	22
Change %	0.0	-0.1	6.8	-1.9	-1.0	0.8	-0.1	4.0
Change on year	-58	-54	45	-41	-101	43	0	-5
Change %	-0.4	-0.3	24.9	-2.3	-2.7	0.8	0.0	-0.9

Economic activity rates (%)

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Aug-Oct 2019	63.9	79.2	31.1	69.1	87.6	87.6	74.5	11.1
Aug-Oct 2020	63.6	79.0	23.7	69.2	88.6	87.7	74.2	11.1
Nov-Jan 2021	63.3	78.7	21.9	68.7	88.2	87.7	74.0	10.8
Feb-Apr 2021	63.1	78.6	20.0	68.5	88.2	88.0	73.6	10.9
May-Jul 2021	63.3	78.9	26.3	69.1	88.0	88.1	73.6	10.9
Aug-Oct 2021	63.3	78.8	28.8	68.5	87.7	88.2	73.5	11.2
Change on quarter	0.0	-0.1	2.6	-0.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.3
Change on year	-0.3	-0.2	5.2	-0.7	-0.8	0.5	-0.8	0.1
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Aug-Oct 2019	69.0	83.8	29.2	71.0	93.2	93.5	79.2	14.3
Aug-Oct 2020	67.9	82.7	21.8	70.0	92.1	92.7	78.8	14.0
Nov-Jan 2021	67.5	82.3	19.8	69.4	91.5	92.5	78.6	13.7
Feb-Apr 2021	67.3	82.0	17.4	68.3	91.5	93.1	77.8	14.1
May-Jul 2021	67.6	82.5	23.2	69.2	91.9	93.1	78.0	14.0
Aug-Oct 2021	67.6	82.4	26.3	69.3	92.3	92.6	77.8	14.2
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.3
Change on year	-0.3	-0.3	4.5	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	-1.0	0.3
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Aug-Oct 2019	58.9	74.7	33.1	67.1	81.9	81.9	70.0	8.4
Aug-Oct 2020	59.4	75.4	25.7	68.4	84.9	82.8	69.8	8.7
Nov-Jan 2021	59.2	75.2	24.0	68.1	84.8	82.9	69.6	8.4
Feb-Apr 2021	59.2	75.3	22.7	68.8	84.9	83.0	69.7	8.2
May-Jul 2021	59.2	75.4	29.5	69.0	84.0	83.2	69.4	8.2
Aug-Oct 2021	59.2	75.2	31.5	67.7	83.1	83.9	69.3	8.6
Change on quarter	0.0	-0.1	2.0	-1.4	-0.9	0.7	-0.1	0.3
Change on year	-0.3	-0.2	5.8	-0.7	-1.8	1.1	-0.5	-0.1

Data source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Total aged 16-64									
	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)								Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	Looking after Student family / home		Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers ¹	Retired	Other ²	Does not want job	Wants a job	
	1	2								
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Aug-Oct 2019	8,606	2,280	1,966	174	2,072	32	1,117	965	6,767	1,839
Aug-Oct 2020	8,670	2,342	1,634	162	2,188	65	1,129	1,150	6,709	1,961
Nov-Jan 2021	8,780	2,436	1,637	175	2,177	84	1,118	1,153	6,852	1,928
Feb-Apr 2021	8,831	2,533	1,622	183	2,132	74	1,171	1,115	6,964	1,867
May-Jul 2021	8,711	2,446	1,626	170	2,158	46	1,213	1,053	6,984	1,727
Aug-Oct 2021	8,746	2,337	1,662	199	2,264	30	1,163	1,090	7,037	1,709
Change on quarter	35	-108	36	30	107	-16	-50	37	54	-18
Change %	0.4	-4.4	2.2	17.4	4.9	-33.9	-4.1	3.5	0.8	-1.1
Change on year	77	-4	28	37	76	-34	34	-60	329	-252
Change %	0.9	-0.2	1.7	23.1	3.5	-53.1	3.0	-5.2	4.9	-12.9
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Aug-Oct 2019	3,340	1,142	235	75	961	18	506	403	2,590	750
Aug-Oct 2020	3,558	1,175	234	83	1,023	42	490	510	2,679	879
Nov-Jan 2021	3,636	1,242	238	77	1,016	51	486	527	2,788	848
Feb-Apr 2021	3,707	1,315	203	86	1,016	44	532	512	2,884	823
May-Jul 2021	3,604	1,255	233	84	994	22	555	463	2,839	764
Aug-Oct 2021	3,610	1,187	247	106	1,054	16	525	475	2,824	786
Change on quarter	6	-67	14	22	61	-5	-30	12	-15	21
Change %	0.2	-5.4	5.9	26.6	6.1	-25.0	-5.4	2.5	-0.5	2.8
Change on year	52	12	13	23	31	-26	34	-35	145	-93
Change %	1.5	1.0	5.4	27.2	3.1	-62.0	7.0	-6.9	5.4	-10.6
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Aug-Oct 2019	5,266	1,139	1,731	100	1,111	14	611	561	4,177	1,089
Aug-Oct 2020	5,112	1,167	1,400	79	1,165	22	639	640	4,029	1,082
Nov-Jan 2021	5,144	1,194	1,399	99	1,161	34	632	625	4,064	1,080
Feb-Apr 2021	5,124	1,218	1,420	98	1,116	30	639	604	4,080	1,044
May-Jul 2021	5,107	1,191	1,393	86	1,164	24	658	590	4,144	963
Aug-Oct 2021	5,136	1,150	1,415	94	1,210	14	638	615	4,213	923
Change on quarter	29	-41	22	7	46	-10	-20	25	69	-40
Change %	0.6	-3.4	1.6	8.6	3.9	-41.8	-3.0	4.2	1.7	-4.1
Change on year	25	-16	15	15	45	-8	-1	-25	184	-159
Change %	0.5	-1.4	1.1	18.8	3.8	-36.3	-0.1	-3.9	4.6	-14.7
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Aug-Oct 2019	100.0	26.5	22.8	2.0	24.1	0.4	13.0	11.2	78.6	21.4
Aug-Oct 2020	100.0	27.0	18.8	1.9	25.2	0.7	13.0	13.3	77.4	22.6
Nov-Jan 2021	100.0	27.7	18.6	2.0	24.8	1.0	12.7	13.1	78.0	22.0
Feb-Apr 2021	100.0	28.7	18.4	2.1	24.1	0.8	13.3	12.6	78.9	21.1
May-Jul 2021	100.0	28.1	18.7	1.9	24.8	0.5	13.9	12.1	80.2	19.8
Aug-Oct 2021	100.0	26.7	19.0	2.3	25.9	0.3	13.3	12.5	80.5	19.5
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEH	BEEQ	BEEU	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Aug-Oct 2019	100.0	34.2	7.0	2.2	28.8	0.5	15.1	12.1	77.5	22.5
Aug-Oct 2020	100.0	33.0	6.6	2.3	28.8	1.2	13.8	14.3	75.3	24.7
Nov-Jan 2021	100.0	34.1	6.5	2.1	27.9	1.4	13.4	14.5	76.7	23.3
Feb-Apr 2021	100.0	35.5	5.5	2.3	27.4	1.2	14.4	13.8	77.8	22.2
May-Jul 2021	100.0	34.8	6.5	2.3	27.6	0.6	15.4	12.8	78.8	21.2
Aug-Oct 2021	100.0	32.9	6.8	2.9	29.2	0.4	14.5	13.2	78.2	21.8
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Aug-Oct 2019	100.0	21.6	32.9	1.9	21.1	0.3	11.6	10.7	79.3	20.7
Aug-Oct 2020	100.0	22.8	27.4	1.5	22.8	0.4	12.5	12.5	78.8	21.2
Nov-Jan 2021	100.0	23.2	27.2	1.9	22.6	0.7	12.3	12.2	79.0	21.0
Feb-Apr 2021	100.0	23.8	27.7	1.9	21.8	0.6	12.5	11.8	79.6	20.4
May-Jul 2021	100.0	23.3	27.3	1.7	22.8	0.5	12.9	11.6	81.1	18.9
Aug-Oct 2021	100.0	22.4	27.6	1.8	23.6	0.3	12.4	12.0	82.0	18.0

Data Source: Labour Force Survey.

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1. Discouraged workers are those who are not looking for work because they believe no jobs are available.

2. Other reasons include people who (i) are waiting the results of a job application, (ii) have not yet started looking for work, (iii) do not need or want employment, (iv) have given an uncatagorised reason for being economically inactive, or (v) have not given a reason for being economically inactive.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12 Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of people aged from 16 to 24

Aug-Oct 2021

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

All aged 16 to 24				In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) ¹			
Total	Employed	unemployed	ally inactive	Total	Employed ²	unemployed ²	ally inactive	Total	Employed	unemployed	ally inactive
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Levels

People

16-17	1,460	326	95	1,039	1,316	272	77	967	144	54	18	72
18-24	5,334	3,290	364	1,681	1,898	664	89	1,145	3,436	2,625	275	536
16-24	6,794	3,616	459	2,720	3,214	936	166	2,112	3,580	2,680	292	608

Men

16-17	747	151	46	551	664	118	35	512	83	33	11	39
18-24	2,722	1,676	210	836	902	298	41	564	1,819	1,379	169	272
16-24	3,469	1,827	256	1,386	1,566	415	75	1,075	1,903	1,412	180	311

Women

16-17	713	175	49	488	652	154	43	455	61	21	6	33
18-24	2,613	1,613	154	845	996	367	48	581	1,617	1,247	106	264
16-24	3,325	1,789	203	1,333	1,648	521	91	1,037	1,677	1,268	112	297

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	1	61	-24	-37	-4	56	-18	-42	4	5	-6	5
18-24	3	11	-42	34	-14	45	-23	-36	17	-34	-19	69
16-24	3	72	-66	-3	-18	101	-41	-77	21	-28	-25	74

Men

16-17	0	37	-13	-23	-2	36	-9	-29	2	1	-4	6
18-24	1	25	-21	-2	-18	40	-14	-45	20	-16	-7	43
16-24	2	61	-35	-25	-20	76	-23	-74	22	-15	-12	49

Women

16-17	0	25	-10	-14	-2	20	-9	-13	3	5	-1	-1
18-24	1	-14	-21	36	4	4	-9	9	-3	-18	-12	27
16-24	2	11	-31	22	2	24	-18	-4	-1	-13	-13	26

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	22.3	22.5	71.2	20.6	22.1	73.5	37.9	24.5	49.8
18-24	61.7	10.0	31.5	35.0	11.8	60.3	76.4	9.5	15.6
16-24	53.2	11.3	40.0	29.1	15.1	65.7	74.9	9.8	17.0

Men

16-17	20.2	23.3	73.7	17.7	22.7	77.1	39.9	25.2	46.6
18-24	61.6	11.1	30.7	33.0	12.1	62.5	75.8	10.9	14.9
16-24	52.7	12.3	40.0	26.5	15.4	68.7	74.2	11.3	16.3

Women

16-17	24.6	21.9	68.5	23.6	21.6	69.8	35.1	23.4	54.2
18-24	61.8	8.7	32.3	36.8	11.6	58.3	77.1	7.8	16.3
16-24	53.8	10.2	40.1	31.6	14.8	62.9	75.6	8.1	17.7

Changes on quarter

People

16-17	4.2	-8.4	-2.6	4.3	-8.5	-3.0	2.6	-7.7	1.9
18-24	0.2	-1.1	0.6	2.6	-3.5	-1.4	-1.4	-0.5	2.0
16-24	1.0	-1.6	-0.1	3.3	-4.8	-2.0	-1.2	-0.6	2.0

Men

16-17	4.9	-10.9	-3.1	5.5	-12.1	-4.2	-0.3	-7.2	6.0
18-24	0.9	-1.1	-0.1	5.0	-5.4	-3.6	-1.7	-0.3	2.2
16-24	1.7	-1.8	-0.7	5.1	-7.1	-3.8	-1.7	-0.5	2.4

Women

16-17	3.4	-6.4	-2.0	3.1	-6.2	-1.7	6.6	-8.6	-3.9
18-24	-0.6	-1.0	1.4	0.3	-2.1	0.7	-1.0	-0.7	1.7
16-24	0.3	-1.5	0.6	1.4	-3.2	-0.3	-0.8	-0.8	1.5

Relationship between columns: 1=5+9; 2=6+10; 3=7+11.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who were not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table. Estimates of young people who were NEET are published separately at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortraini>

2. People in full-time education are employed if they have a part-time job or unemployed if they are looking for part-time employment.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployment.

REDUNDANCIES

22 Redundancies: level¹ and rates²

United Kingdom

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²	Level (000s) ¹	Rate ²
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Aug-Oct 2019	118	4.3	62	4.5	56	4.1
Aug-Oct 2020	377	13.6	194	13.8	183	13.3
Nov-Jan 2021	318	11.5	179	12.9	139	10.0
Feb-Apr 2021	109	4.0	62	4.5	47	3.4
May-Jul 2021	94	3.4	53	3.8	41	3.0
Aug-Oct 2021	97	3.5	45	3.2	52	3.7
Change on quarter	3	0.1	-7	-0.5	10	0.7
Change %	3.3		-13.4		24.4	
Change on year	-280	-10.1	-149	-10.6	-131	-9.6
Change %	-74.3		-76.6		-71.8	

Data source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

1. The redundancy level is the number of people who were made redundant in the three months prior to interview. The figure is not seasonally adjusted.

2. The redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the seasonally adjusted number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.