

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: July 2021

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



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Notice

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The effect of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on our capacity means we have reviewed the existing labour market releases and have suspended some publications.

This will protect the delivery and quality of our remaining labour market outputs as well as ensuring we can respond to new demands as a direct result of the coronavirus. More details about the [impact on labour market outputs](#) can be found in our statement.

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

Reweightings

Labour Force Survey (LFS) responses have been [reweighted to new populations](#) derived using growth rates from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Real Time Information (RTI), to allow for different trends during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The reweighting will give improved estimates of both rates and levels.

2 . Main points

- March to May 2021 estimates show a quarterly decrease in the unemployment rate, while both the employment and economic inactivity rates increased.
- Total hours worked increased on the quarter with the relaxation of many coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.
- The UK employment rate was estimated at 74.8%, 1.8 percentage points lower than before the pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020), but 0.1 percentage points higher than the previous quarter (December 2020 to February 2021).
- The UK unemployment rate was estimated at 4.8%, 0.9 percentage points higher than before the pandemic, but 0.2 percentage points lower than the previous quarter.
- The UK economic inactivity rate was estimated at 21.3%, 1.1 percentage points 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 March to May 2021. Many of the Government lockdown restrictions were eased during this period.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) 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](#) has been introduced this month 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.

To coincide with the introduction of this new methodology we also reviewed the impact on the seasonality of the headline measures. As a result, the seasonal factors for actual hours worked series have been revised back to January to March 2020.

More about economy, business and jobs

- All ONS analysis, summarised in our [economy, business and jobs roundup](#).
- Explore the latest trends in employment, prices and trade in our [economic dashboard](#).
- View [all economic data](#).

4 . Summary

Following a period of employment growth and low unemployment, since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the employment rate has generally decreased (down 1.8 percentage points since December 2019 to February 2020) and the unemployment rate increased (up 0.9 percentage points). However, since the end of 2020 they have shown signs of recovery. In the latest period (March to May 2021) there was a quarterly increase in the employment rate of 0.1 percentage points, to 74.8%, and a quarterly decrease in the unemployment rate of 0.2 percentage points, to 4.8%. The economic inactivity rate has increased since December 2019 to February 2020 (up 1.1 percentage points) and is up 0.1 percentage points on the previous quarter, to 21.3% (Figure 1).

Figure 1: March to May 2021 estimates show a quarterly decrease in the unemployment rate, while the employment rate and the economic inactivity rate increased

UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity rates, seasonally adjusted, between March to May 2006 and March to May 2021

[Download the data](#)

In terms of levels, in March to May 2021:

- the estimated number of employed people (aged 16 years and over) was 32.18 million, an increase of 25,000 on the quarter
- the estimated number of unemployed people (aged 16 years and over) was 1.64 million, a decrease of 68,000 on the quarter
- the estimated number of economically inactive people (aged 16 to 64 years) was 8.81 million, an increase of 38,000 on the quarter

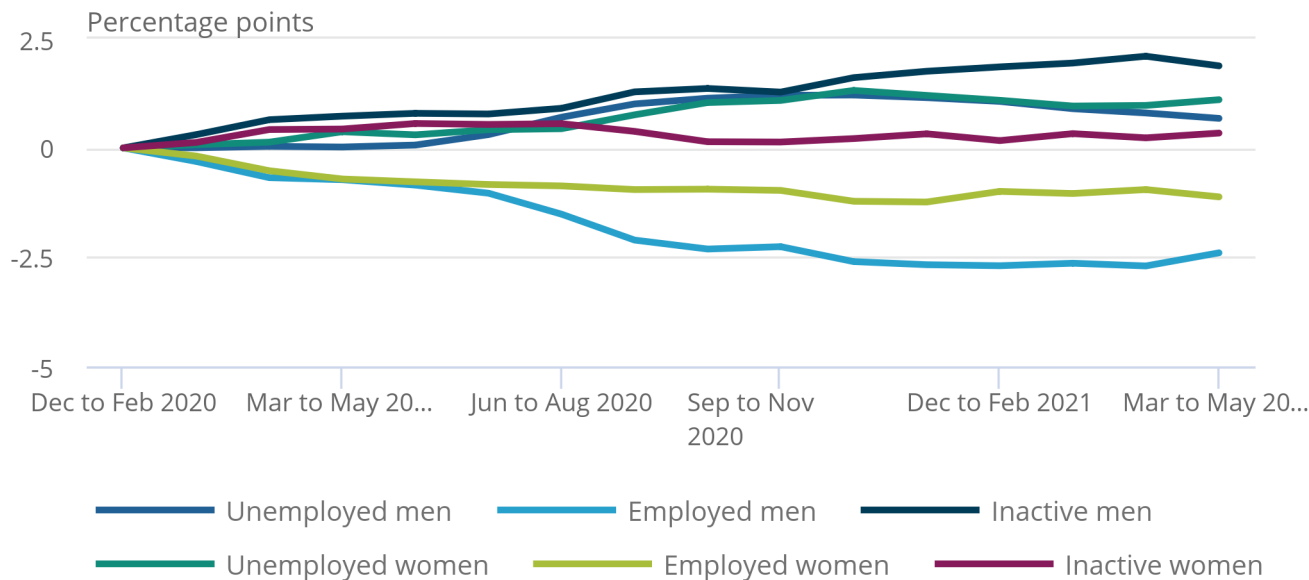
During the pandemic, there was a decrease in the employment rate and an increase in the economic inactivity rate for both men and women. In both cases, the largest change was seen for men. For the unemployment rate, the size of the increase was similar for both men and women (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Following large falls over the pandemic, the employment rate for men shows some initial recovery, while the employment rate for women remains subdued

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

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

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 a stronger increase in the employment rate and a decrease in the unemployment rate for young people (Figure 3).

Figure 3: The unemployment rate for young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) has decreased on the quarter

UK rates by economic status (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 March to May 2021

Figure 3: The unemployment rate for young people (those aged 16 to 24 years) has decreased on the quarter

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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 since the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; however, there was an increase since the end of 2020.

The quarterly increase in employment was mainly driven by an increase in the number of full-time workers, which reached its highest level since before the pandemic. This was partly offset by a decrease in the number of people working part-time, which reached its lowest level since 2009.

Employment by nationality

Estimates for country of birth, nationality, ethnicity and disability have been particularly affected by the introduction of the new weighting methodology so, as part of this release, we are also revising four of our quarterly tables ([A08](#), [A09](#), [EMP06](#) and [A12](#)) for the periods January to March 2020 through to January to March 2021. Our other quarterly tables will be revised in August.

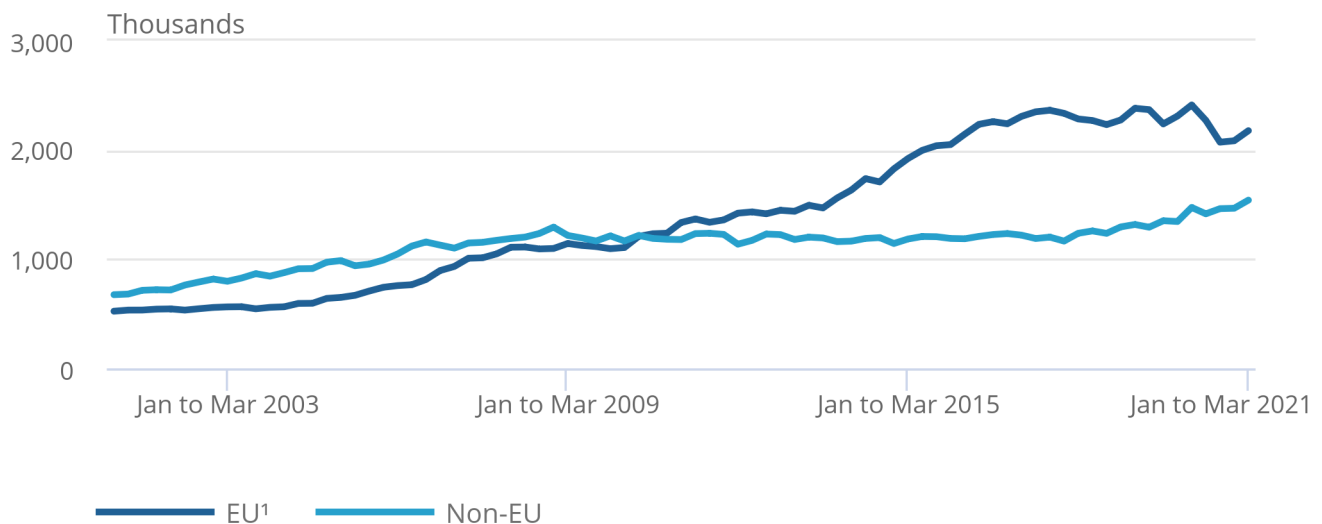
The number of non-UK nationals from the EU working in the UK had increased between 2010 and 2016 and had been largely flat up until January to March 2020 but has decreased since then (Figure 4). Meanwhile, the number of non-UK nationals from outside the EU working in the UK had been largely flat since 2010 and has gradually been increasing since 2017.

Figure 4: In the year to January to March 2021 there was a decrease in the number of non-UK nationals from the EU in employment in the UK

UK employment by nationality (not seasonally adjusted), people aged 16 years and over, between January to March 2001 and January to March 2021

Figure 4: In the year to January to March 2021 there was a decrease in the number of non-UK nationals from the EU in employment in the UK

UK employment by nationality (not seasonally adjusted), people aged 16 years and over, between January to March 2001 and January to March 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. The EU series is based on the current membership of the EU; for example, Poland is included in the EU series throughout the entire time series, although Poland did not join the EU until 2004.

Hours worked

In March to May 2021, [total actual weekly hours worked](#) in the UK increased by 23.3 million hours from the previous quarter, to 981.4 million hours (Figure 5). This coincided with the relaxing of coronavirus lockdown measures, which had stalled the recent recovery in total hours. However, this is still 6.7% below pre-pandemic levels (December 2019 to February 2020).

Figure 5: Total actual weekly hours worked increased on the quarter, reflecting the relaxation of coronavirus restrictions

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

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

6 . Unemployment

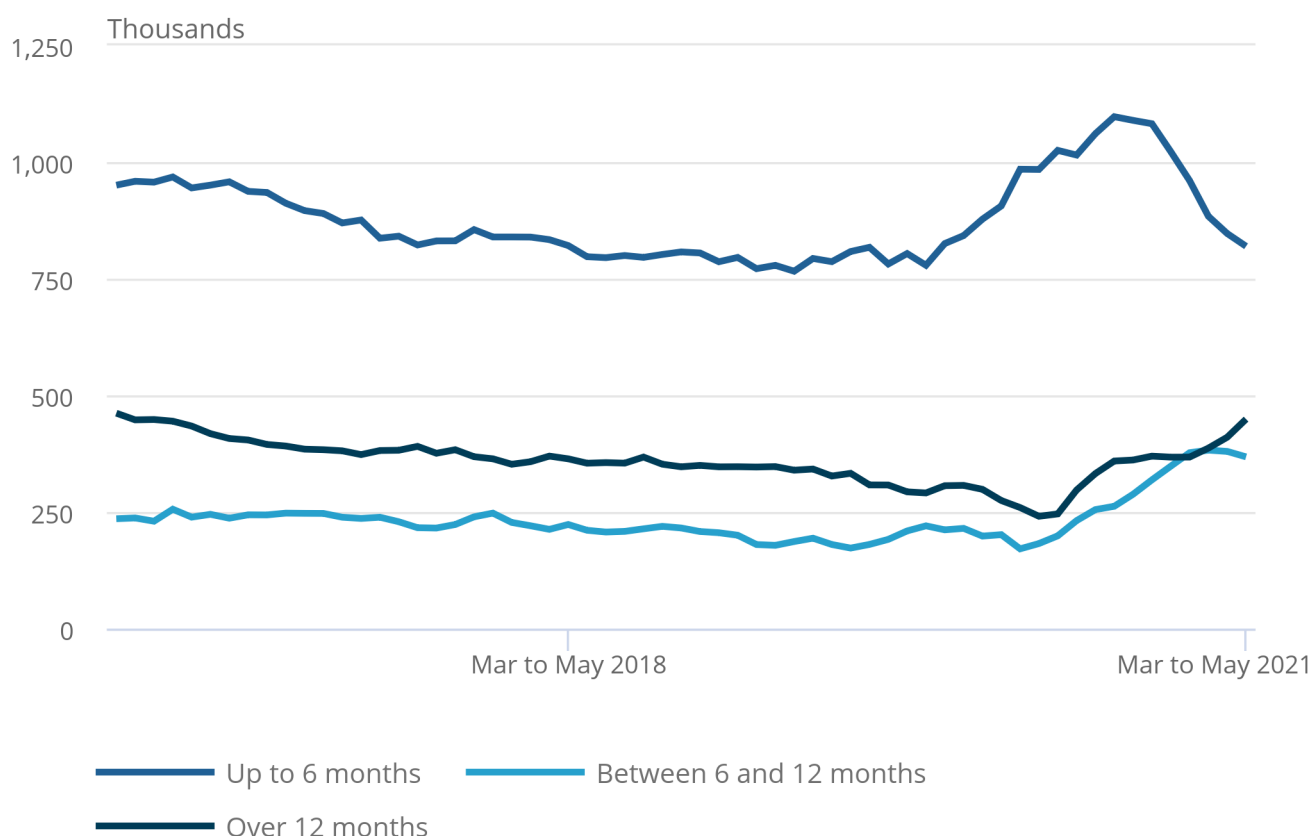
The [unemployment](#) rate had generally been falling since late 2013 up until the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It increased since then but has fallen since the end of 2020.

Figure 6: The number of people in short-term unemployment (those unemployed for up to six months) decreased on the quarter

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

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



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

The quarterly decrease in unemployment was driven by a decrease in short-term unemployment (those unemployed for up to six months), which reached its lowest level since before the pandemic (Figure 6). Meanwhile, the number of people in long-term unemployment (those unemployed for over 12 months) continued to increase and the number of people who had been unemployed for between 6 and 12 months was down slightly on the quarter.

7 . Economic inactivity

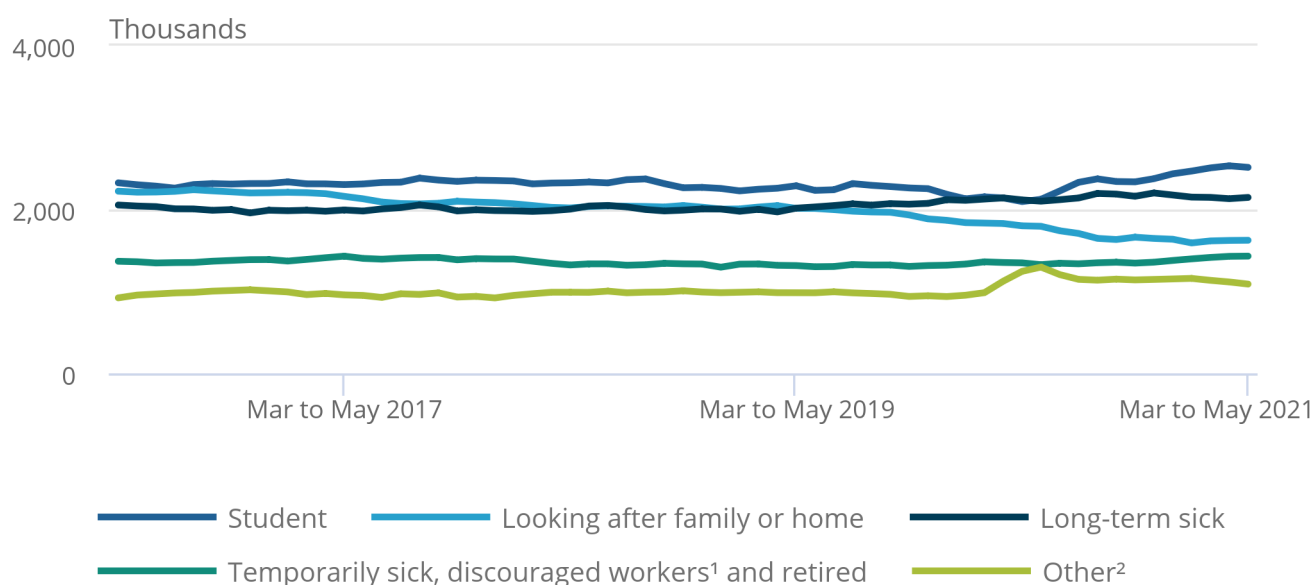
Since comparable records began in 1971, the [economic inactivity](#) rate has generally been falling; however, it has increased during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Figure 7: The number of people who are economically inactive because they are students or because of "other" reasons has increased since the start of the pandemic

Economically inactive people by reason in the UK (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, March to May 2016 to March to May 2021

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Economically inactive people by reason in the UK (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, March to May 2016 to March to May 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.

In terms of reasons for economic inactivity (Figure 7), the increase since the start of the pandemic (December 2019 to February 2020) was largely driven by:

- those who are economically inactive because they are students, although the increase shows signs of easing
- those who are economically inactive because of "other" reasons, although this has decreased slightly since early 2021

This increase was offset somewhat by the large decrease in people who were economically inactive because they were looking after family or home, although the numbers in this category increased slightly in the latest quarter.

8 . Redundancies

In March to May 2021, reports of redundancies in the three months prior to interview decreased by 3.8 per thousand employees on the quarter to 3.8 per thousand employees (Figure 8), similar to pre-pandemic levels.

Figure 8: The redundancy rate has returned to pre-pandemic levels

UK redundancy rate¹, people aged 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted), between March to May 2006 and March to May 2021

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UK redundancy rate¹, people aged 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted), between March to May 2006 and March to May 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. Redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level to the number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.

9 . Employment in the UK data

[Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 15 July 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 15 July 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 15 July 2021

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

[Unemployment by age and duration](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 15 July 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 15 July 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 15 July 2021

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

[Labour Force Survey single month estimates](#)

Dataset X01 | Released 15 July 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 15 July 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 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](#).

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.

Coronavirus

View [more information on how labour market data sources are affected by the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#), published on 6 May 2020.

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

LFS responses have been [reweighted to new populations](#) derived using growth rates from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Real Time Information (RTI), to allow for different trends during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The reweighting will give improved estimates of both rates and levels.

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: 15 July 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 15 July 2021

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

[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.

[Working and workless households in the UK: January to March 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 2 June 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: May 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 27 May 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.

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

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.

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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

Updated with new LFS weighting methodology

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	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	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
People								
Mar-May 2019	53,252	41,317	32,749	76.0	1,292	3.8	8,619	20.9
Mar-May 2020 (r)	53,491	41,390	32,706	75.8	1,415	4.1	8,609	20.8
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	53,503	41,357	32,465	75.4	1,543	4.5	8,665	21.0
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	53,511	41,328	32,304	74.9	1,739	5.1	8,648	20.9
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	53,529	41,308	32,155	74.7	1,705	5.0	8,769	21.2
Mar-May 2021	53,557	41,295	32,180	74.8	1,637	4.8	8,806	21.3
Change on quarter	28	-13	25	0.1	-68	-0.2	38	0.1
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.1		-4.0		0.4	
Change on year	65	-95	-526	-1.0	222	0.7	197	0.5
Change %	0.1	-0.2	-1.6		15.7		2.3	
Men								
	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Mar-May 2019	26,068	20,554	17,280	80.2	712	4.0	3,368	16.4
Mar-May 2020 (r)	26,200	20,598	17,166	79.7	759	4.2	3,431	16.7
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	26,211	20,584	16,995	79.0	879	4.9	3,466	16.8
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	26,219	20,572	16,863	78.2	966	5.4	3,540	17.2
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	26,231	20,564	16,746	77.8	933	5.3	3,657	17.8
Mar-May 2021	26,248	20,559	16,811	78.1	864	4.9	3,661	17.8
Change on quarter	17	-5	65	0.3	-69	-0.4	4	0.0
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.4		-7.4		0.1	
Change on year	48	-39	-354	-1.7	105	0.7	230	1.2
Change %	0.2	-0.2	-2.1		13.9		6.7	
Women								
	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Mar-May 2019	27,184	20,763	15,469	72.0	580	3.6	5,251	25.3
Mar-May 2020 (r)	27,291	20,792	15,540	72.0	656	4.1	5,179	24.9
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	27,292	20,772	15,470	71.8	665	4.1	5,199	25.0
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	27,292	20,756	15,441	71.7	773	4.8	5,108	24.6
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	27,298	20,744	15,409	71.7	772	4.8	5,112	24.6
Mar-May 2021	27,308	20,735	15,369	71.6	772	4.8	5,145	24.8
Change on quarter	11	-8	-40	-0.1	0	0.0	34	0.2
Change %	0.0	0.0	-0.3		0.1		0.7	
Change on year	17	-56	-171	-0.4	116	0.7	-33	-0.1
Change %	0.1	-0.3	-1.1		17.7		-0.6	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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 Updated with new LFS weighting methodology

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
Mar-May 2019	32,749	61.5	1,292	3.8	19,211	36.1	31,421	76.0	1,276	3.9	8,619	20.9
Mar-May 2020 (r)	32,706	61.1	1,415	4.1	19,370	36.2	31,391	75.8	1,390	4.2	8,609	20.8
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	32,465	60.7	1,543	4.5	19,494	36.4	31,171	75.4	1,521	4.7	8,665	21.0
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	32,304	60.4	1,739	5.1	19,468	36.4	30,975	74.9	1,706	5.2	8,648	20.9
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	32,155	60.1	1,705	5.0	19,668	36.7	30,865	74.7	1,674	5.1	8,769	21.2
Mar-May 2021	32,180	60.1	1,637	4.8	19,740	36.9	30,891	74.8	1,598	4.9	8,806	21.3
Change on quarter	25	0.0	-68	-0.2	71	0.1	25	0.1	-76	-0.2	38	0.1
Change %	0.1		-4.0		0.4		0.1		-4.5		0.4	
Change on year	-526	-1.1	222	0.7	369	0.6	-500	-1.0	208	0.7	197	0.5
Change %	-1.6		15.7		1.9		-1.6		15.0		2.3	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Mar-May 2019	17,280	66.3	712	4.0	8,076	31.0	16,482	80.2	704	4.1	3,368	16.4
Mar-May 2020 (r)	17,166	65.5	759	4.2	8,276	31.6	16,427	79.7	741	4.3	3,431	16.7
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	16,995	64.8	879	4.9	8,337	31.8	16,253	79.0	865	5.1	3,466	16.8
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	16,863	64.3	966	5.4	8,390	32.0	16,090	78.2	942	5.5	3,540	17.2
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	16,746	63.8	933	5.3	8,552	32.6	15,995	77.8	912	5.4	3,657	17.8
Mar-May 2021	16,811	64.0	864	4.9	8,573	32.7	16,052	78.1	846	5.0	3,661	17.8
Change on quarter	65	0.2	-69	-0.4	21	0.1	57	0.3	-66	-0.4	4	0.0
Change %	0.4		-7.4		0.2		0.4		-7.2		0.1	
Change on year	-354	-1.5	105	0.7	297	1.1	-375	-1.7	106	0.7	230	1.2
Change %	-2.1		13.9		3.6		-2.3		14.3		6.7	
Women	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Mar-May 2019	15,469	56.9	580	3.6	11,135	41.0	14,940	72.0	573	3.7	5,251	25.3
Mar-May 2020 (r)	15,540	56.9	656	4.1	11,095	40.7	14,964	72.0	649	4.2	5,179	24.9
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	15,470	56.7	665	4.1	11,157	40.9	14,918	71.8	656	4.2	5,199	25.0
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	15,441	56.6	773	4.8	11,078	40.6	14,884	71.7	764	4.9	5,108	24.6
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	15,409	56.4	772	4.8	11,117	40.7	14,871	71.7	761	4.9	5,112	24.6
Mar-May 2021	15,369	56.3	772	4.8	11,167	40.9	14,839	71.6	751	4.8	5,145	24.8
Change on quarter	-40	-0.2	0	0.0	50	0.2	-32	-0.1	-10	-0.1	34	0.2
Change %	-0.3		0.1		0.5		-0.2		-1.3		0.7	
Change on year	-171	-0.7	116	0.7	72	0.2	-125	-0.4	102	0.7	-33	-0.1
Change %	-1.1		17.7		0.7		-0.8		15.8		-0.6	
	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
Mar-May 2019	341	24.5	83	19.6	967	69.5	3,432	62.1	410	10.7	1,687	30.5
Mar-May 2020 (r)	319	22.5	109	25.4	991	69.8	3,424	62.8	454	11.7	1,576	28.9
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	282	19.7	91	24.4	1,056	73.9	3,226	59.5	493	13.3	1,700	31.4
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	244	17.0	81	24.8	1,113	77.4	3,266	60.6	510	13.5	1,618	30.0
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	205	14.2	97	32.0	1,143	79.1	3,195	59.5	484	13.1	1,692	31.5
Mar-May 2021	201	13.9	111	35.5	1,142	78.5	3,256	60.9	428	11.6	1,664	31.1
Change on quarter	-4	-0.4	14	3.5	-2	-0.6	61	1.4	-56	-1.5	-28	-0.4
Change %	-2.0		14.6		-0.1		1.9		-11.5		-1.7	
Change on year	-118	-8.6	2	10.1	151	8.7	-168	-1.9	-26	-0.1	88	2.2
Change %	-36.9		1.8		15.2		-4.9		-5.8		5.6	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Mar-May 2019	156	21.8	47	23.0	511	71.6	1,750	62.0	249	12.5	824	29.2
Mar-May 2020 (r)	153	21.1	65	29.8	508	70.0	1,764	63.3	240	12.0	781	28.0
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	132	18.1	45	25.3	555	75.8	1,647	59.5	311	15.9	808	29.2
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	113	15.3	44	28.2	579	78.7	1,639	59.5	301	15.5	813	29.5
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	92	12.4	44	32.5	604	81.7	1,594	58.2	286	15.2	861	31.4
Mar-May 2021	90	12.0	50	35.6	605	81.3	1,640	60.1	239	12.7	850	31.1
Change on quarter	-2	-0.4	6	3.2	1	-0.4	46	1.9	-47	-2.5	-11	-0.3
Change %	-2.3		12.5		0.1		2.9		-16.4		-1.3	
Change on year	-64	-9.0	-16	5.8	97	11.3	-124	-3.2	-1	0.7	69	3.1
Change %	-41.5		-23.8		19.0		-7.0		-0.5		8.8	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAH	LWFC
Mar-May 2019	186	27.4	36	16.4	457	67.3	1,682	62.2	160	8.7	863	31.9
Mar-May 2020 (r)	166	24.0	44	20.8	483	69.7	1,660	62.2	215	11.4	795	29.8
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	150	21.5	46	23.5	502	71.9	1,579	59.5	182	10.3	892	33.6
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	131	18.7	36	21.7	534	76.1	1,627	61.6	208	11.4	805	30.5
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	114	16.1	53	31.6	539	76.4	1,601	60.9	198	11.0	831	31.6
Mar-May 2021	112	15.8	61	35.4	537	75.6	1,615	61.7	189	10.5	814	31.1
Change on quarter	-2	-0.4	9	3.8	-2	-0.8	15	0.8	-9	-0.5	-17	-0.5
Change %	-1.7		16.4		-0.4		0.9		-4.3		-2.0	
Change on year	-54	-8.2	17	14.5	54	5.9	-44	-0.5	-25	-1.0	20	1.3
Change %	-32.6		40.1		11.2		-2.7		-11.7		2.5	

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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
Mar-May 2019	7,570	84.5	248	3.2	1,139	12.7	10,882	85.5	276	2.5	1,577	12.4
Mar-May 2020 (r)	7,591	84.8	277	3.5	1,083	12.1	10,810	85.0	295	2.7	1,612	12.7
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	7,589	85.0	315	4.0	1,028	11.5	10,782	84.9	308	2.8	1,604	12.6
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	7,552	84.7	334	4.2	1,031	11.6	10,713	84.5	401	3.6	1,557	12.3
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	7,573	85.0	301	3.8	1,031	11.6	10,733	84.8	398	3.6	1,522	12.0
Mar-May 2021	7,498	84.3	321	4.1	1,075	12.1	10,744	85.0	383	3.4	1,508	11.9
Change on quarter	-75	-0.7	20	0.3	44	0.5	12	0.2	-14	-0.1	-14	-0.1
Change %	-1.0		6.7		4.2		0.1		-3.6		-0.9	
Change on year	-93	-0.5	44	0.6	-8	0.0	-65	0.0	88	0.8	-105	-0.7
Change %	-1.2		15.8		-0.7		-0.6		29.9		-6.5	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Mar-May 2019	4,061	90.3	139	3.3	298	6.6	5,743	91.3	127	2.2	417	6.6
Mar-May 2020 (r)	4,036	89.6	127	3.0	342	7.6	5,665	90.2	156	2.7	461	7.3
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	4,005	89.0	166	4.0	327	7.3	5,649	90.1	152	2.6	471	7.5
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	3,968	88.3	167	4.0	358	8.0	5,611	89.6	194	3.3	457	7.3
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	3,955	88.1	158	3.8	377	8.4	5,619	89.9	193	3.3	442	7.1
Mar-May 2021	3,943	87.9	172	4.2	372	8.3	5,634	90.2	182	3.1	431	6.9
Change on quarter	-12	-0.2	14	0.3	-5	-0.1	15	0.3	-11	-0.2	-11	-0.2
Change %	-0.3		9.1		-1.4		0.3		-5.7		-2.5	
Change on year	-92	-1.7	46	1.1	30	0.7	-31	0.0	25	0.4	-30	-0.4
Change %	-2.3		36.2		8.8		-0.5		16.3		-6.4	
Women	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Mar-May 2019	3,510	78.7	109	3.0	841	18.9	5,139	79.7	149	2.8	1,160	18.0
Mar-May 2020 (r)	3,555	80.0	150	4.1	741	16.7	5,144	79.9	139	2.6	1,152	17.9
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	3,584	80.8	149	4.0	701	15.8	5,133	79.9	156	2.9	1,133	17.6
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	3,584	81.0	167	4.4	673	15.2	5,102	79.6	207	3.9	1,100	17.2
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	3,618	82.0	143	3.8	654	14.8	5,113	79.9	205	3.9	1,080	16.9
Mar-May 2021	3,555	80.7	148	4.0	703	16.0	5,110	80.0	202	3.8	1,077	16.9
Change on quarter	-63	-1.3	6	0.2	49	1.1	-3	0.1	-3	-0.1	-3	0.0
Change %	-1.7		4.0		7.5		-0.1		-1.6		-0.3	
Change on year	0	0.7	-2	-0.1	-38	-0.7	-34	0.0	63	1.2	-75	-1.0
Change %	0.0		-1.4		-5.2		-0.7		45.3		-6.5	
	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
Mar-May 2019	9,196	72.4	260	2.7	3,249	25.6	1,328	11.1	16	1.2	10,592	88.7
Mar-May 2020 (r)	9,248	72.0	255	2.7	3,348	26.1	1,315	10.9	25	1.9	10,761	88.9
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	9,293	72.1	315	3.3	3,277	25.4	1,294	10.7	22	1.7	10,829	89.2
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	9,200	71.3	380	4.0	3,328	25.8	1,329	10.9	33	2.4	10,820	88.8
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	9,160	70.8	395	4.1	3,381	26.1	1,290	10.6	31	2.4	10,900	89.2
Mar-May 2021	9,191	70.9	355	3.7	3,419	26.4	1,290	10.5	39	2.9	10,933	89.2
Change on quarter	31	0.1	-40	-0.4	38	0.2	0	0.0	8	0.6	33	0.0
Change %	0.3		-10.2		1.1		0.0		24.3		0.3	
Change on year	-57	-1.1	101	1.0	71	0.3	-25	-0.3	13	1.0	172	0.2
Change %	-0.6		39.5		2.1		-1.9		53.2		1.6	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Mar-May 2019	4,772	76.6	142	2.9	1,319	21.2	799	14.5	9	1.1	4,707	85.4
Mar-May 2020 (r)	4,809	76.3	153	3.1	1,339	21.3	739	13.2	18	2.4	4,845	86.5
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	4,820	76.3	191	3.8	1,305	20.7	742	13.2	13	1.7	4,872	86.6
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	4,760	75.2	235	4.7	1,332	21.1	772	13.7	24	3.0	4,850	85.9
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	4,734	74.7	232	4.7	1,373	21.7	752	13.3	21	2.7	4,895	86.4
Mar-May 2021	4,744	74.7	204	4.1	1,404	22.1	760	13.4	18	2.3	4,911	86.3
Change on quarter	10	0.0	-28	-0.5	31	0.4	8	0.1	-3	-0.4	17	0.0
Change %	0.2		-12.0		2.3		1.1		-13.4		0.3	
Change on year	-64	-1.6	51	1.0	65	0.8	21	0.2	0	-0.1	66	-0.1
Change %	-1.3		33.5		4.8		2.8		-1.9		1.4	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Mar-May 2019	4,424	68.4	118	2.6	1,930	29.8	529	8.2	7	1.4	5,884	91.6
Mar-May 2020 (r)	4,439	67.8	102	2.2	2,009	30.7	576	8.9	7	1.2	5,916	91.0
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	4,473	68.1	123	2.7	1,972	30.0	552	8.5	9	1.6	5,958	91.4
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	4,440	67.5	145	3.2	1,996	30.3	557	8.5	9	1.6	5,970	91.3
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	4,425	67.1	163	3.6	2,008	30.4	538	8.2	11	1.9	6,005	91.6
Mar-May 2021	4,447	67.2	151	3.3	2,015	30.5	530	8.1	21	3.8	6,022	91.6
Change on quarter	21	0.2	-12	-0.3	7	0.0	-8	-0.1	10	1.9	17	0.0
Change %	0.5		-7.6		0.4		-1.5		96.9		0.3	
Change on year	7	-0.5	49	1.0	6	-0.2	-46	-0.8	14	2.6	106	0.6
Change %	0.2		48.5		0.3		-8.0		192.7		1.8	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

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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	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Mar-May 2019	32,749	27,626	4,955	127	40	24,088	8,661	20,606	7,020	3,433	1,522	1,153	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	32,706	27,771	4,790	95	50	24,283	8,423	20,879	6,891	3,352	1,438	1,080	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	32,465	27,790	4,538	96	41	24,273	8,192	21,054	6,737	3,166	1,371	1,074	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	32,304	27,744	4,430	89	41	24,326	7,978	21,208	6,536	3,064	1,366	1,101	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	32,155	27,776	4,252	98	29	24,359	7,796	21,359	6,418	2,950	1,302	1,112	
Mar-May 2021	32,180	27,794	4,276	83	27	24,462	7,718	21,416	6,378	3,006	1,271	1,167	
Change on quarter	25	18	24	-15	-2	103	-78	57	-40	55	-31	55	
Change %	0.1	0.1	0.6	-15.1	-5.8	0.4	-1.0	0.3	-0.6	1.9	-2.4	4.9	
Change on year	-526	23	-514	-12	-23	179	-705	537	-514	-346	-168	87	
Change %	-1.6	0.1	-10.7	-13.0	-45.6	0.7	-8.4	2.6	-7.5	-10.3	-11.7	8.1	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Mar-May 2019	17,280	13,897	3,294	66	23	14,961	2,319	12,279	1,618	2,656	638	482	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	17,166	13,967	3,120	50	28	14,974	2,192	12,403	1,564	2,541	579	450	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	16,995	13,985	2,939	46	25	14,835	2,160	12,426	1,559	2,375	564	468	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	16,863	13,938	2,858	38	29	14,764	2,099	12,444	1,495	2,289	569	458	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	16,746	13,952	2,727	55	12	14,658	2,088	12,449	1,503	2,183	544	461	
Mar-May 2021	16,811	14,019	2,743	38	12	14,766	2,046	12,515	1,504	2,229	513	492	
Change on quarter	65	67	16	-17	-1	108	-43	66	1	46	-31	31	
Change %	0.4	0.5	0.6	-31.0	-6.5	0.7	-2.0	0.5	0.1	2.1	-5.7	6.7	
Change on year	-354	52	-377	-12	-17	-209	-146	112	-60	-312	-65	41	
Change %	-2.1	0.4	-12.1	-24.7	-59.3	-1.4	-6.7	0.9	-3.8	-12.3	-11.3	9.1	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Mar-May 2019	15,469	13,729	1,661	61	17	9,126	6,342	8,328	5,402	777	884	671	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	15,540	13,803	1,670	45	22	9,309	6,231	8,476	5,327	810	860	629	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	15,470	13,805	1,599	50	16	9,438	6,032	8,628	5,177	791	808	605	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	15,441	13,806	1,572	51	13	9,562	5,879	8,764	5,042	775	797	642	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	15,409	13,824	1,525	43	17	9,701	5,708	8,910	4,915	768	758	651	
Mar-May 2021	15,369	13,774	1,534	45	16	9,697	5,672	8,901	4,873	776	757	675	
Change on quarter	-40	-50	8	2	-1	-4	-36	-9	-41	9	0	24	
Change %	-0.3	-0.4	0.5	5.2	-5.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	-0.8	1.1	-0.1	3.7	
Change on year	-171	-29	-136	0	-6	388	-559	425	-454	-34	-102	46	
Change %	-1.1	-0.2	-8.2	0.0	-28.1	4.2	-9.0	5.0	-8.5	-4.2	-11.9	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	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Mar-May 2019	1,467	5.3	366	24.9	462	130	510	8,542	931	10.9	6,188	280	1,077
Mar-May 2020 (r)	1,500	5.4	392	26.1	411	117	580	8,330	905	10.9	5,964	298	1,097
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	1,483	5.3	388	26.2	366	111	618	8,108	908	11.2	5,782	282	1,037
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	1,539	5.5	452	29.4	362	118	606	7,902	1,008	12.8	5,588	278	951
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	1,558	5.6	479	30.7	351	123	605	7,719	1,018	13.2	5,458	275	881
Mar-May 2021	1,574	5.7	531	33.8	358	108	576	7,648	1,006	13.1	5,415	253	908
Change on quarter	15	0.1	53	3.0	7	-15	-29	-71	-12	0.0	-43	-22	27
Change %	1.0		11.0		2.1	-12.2	-4.8	-0.9	-1.2		-0.8	-7.9	3.1
Change on year	73	0.3	139	7.6	-53	-9	-4	-681	101	2.3	-549	-45	-189
Change %	4.9		35.5		-12.8	-7.3	-0.8	-8.2	11.2		-9.2	-15.0	-17.2
Men	YCCA		YCCG		YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Mar-May 2019	664	4.8	187	28.2	193	60	224	2,256	404	17.9	1,296	94	436
Mar-May 2020 (r)	695	5.0	193	27.8	173	49	280	2,143	375	17.5	1,196	98	448
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	678	4.9	199	29.3	148	50	282	2,123	386	18.2	1,151	111	426
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	711	5.1	239	33.6	144	53	276	2,064	431	20.9	1,125	100	374
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	718	5.1	238	33.2	156	56	267	2,047	461	22.5	1,113	94	347
Mar-May 2021	743	5.3	266	35.8	161	55	262	2,018	428	21.2	1,137	85	340
Change on quarter	25	0.2	28	2.6	4	-1	-6	-29	-34	-1.3	25	-10	-7
Change %	3.5		11.8		2.6	-2.3	-2.1	-1.4	-7.3		2.2	-10.2	-1.9
Change on year	48	0.3	73	8.0	-12	6	-18	-125	52	3.7	-59	-13	-108
Change %	6.9		37.8		-7.1	11.9	-6.5	-5.8	13.9		-5.0	-13.7	-24.1
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Mar-May 2019	802	5.8	178	22.2	269	70	285	6,286	526	8.4	4,893	186	641
Mar-May 2020 (r)	805	5.8	199	24.7	238	68	300	6,187	529	8.6	4,768	200	649
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	804	5.8	190	23.6	217	61	336	5,985	522	8.7	4,630	171	611
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	828	6.0	213	25.8	218	66	330	5,839	577	9.9	4,463	177	577
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	840	6.1	240	28.6	195	67	338	5,672	557	9.8	4,346	181	535
Mar-May 2021	830	6.0	265	31.9	198	54	314	5,630	578	10.3	4,278	168	568
Change on quarter	-10	0.0	25	3.3	3	-14	-24	-42	21	0.5	-68	-12	34
Change %	-1.2		10.2		1.6	-20.4	-7.1	-0.7	3.8		-1.6	-6.7	6.3
Change on year	25	0.2	66	7.2	-40	-14	14	-556	49	1.7	-490	-31	-81
Change %	3.2		33.3		-16.9	-21.1	4.6	-9.0	9.2		-10.3	-15.6	-12.5

7 Actual weekly hours worked

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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
Mar-May 2019	1,052.4	32.1	37.4	16.3	9.6
Mar-May 2020 (r)	877.6	26.8	31.6	12.6	9.1
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	884.1	27.2	32.1	12.9	9.3
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	973.4	30.1	34.7	14.7	9.8
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	958.2	29.8	34.2	14.3	9.8
Mar-May 2021	981.4	30.5	35.0	14.9	10.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	23.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	2.4	2.3	2.1	4.4	3.5
<i>Change on year</i>	103.8	3.7	3.4	2.3	1.1
<i>Change %</i>	11.8	13.6	10.8	18.3	12.1
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Mar-May 2019	626.3	36.2	39.0	16.2	10.7
Mar-May 2020 (r)	513.7	29.9	32.5	12.2	10.3
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	527.0	31.0	33.7	12.9	10.4
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	569.0	33.7	36.2	14.4	10.5
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	556.8	33.3	35.6	13.4	10.2
Mar-May 2021	574.7	34.2	36.5	14.8	10.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	17.9	0.9	0.9	1.4	0.6
<i>Change %</i>	3.2	2.8	2.4	10.4	5.4
<i>Change on year</i>	61.0	4.3	3.9	2.6	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	11.9	14.2	12.1	20.9	4.8
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Mar-May 2019	426.1	27.5	34.7	16.4	8.8
Mar-May 2020 (r)	364.0	23.4	30.0	12.7	8.2
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	357.1	23.1	29.5	12.9	8.5
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	404.4	26.2	32.5	14.8	9.3
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	401.4	26.0	32.2	14.6	9.5
Mar-May 2021	406.7	26.5	32.7	15.0	9.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.6	1.5	2.4	1.9
<i>Change on year</i>	42.8	3.0	2.7	2.2	1.5
<i>Change %</i>	11.7	13.0	9.0	17.5	18.6

Source: Labour Force Survey

1 Main and second job

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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
Mar-May 2020 (r)									
Less than 6 Hours	1.3	0.9	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	3.4	1.8	6.5
6 up to 15 hours	6.2	3.3	9.4	5.7	2.9	8.5	8.6	4.5	16.3
16 up to 30 hours	19.3	9.8	29.7	18.7	8.3	29.2	23.0	16.7	34.7
31 up to 45 hours	55.7	62.1	48.5	58.4	65.5	51.1	40.3	47.4	27.2
Over 45 hours	17.5	23.8	10.5	16.4	22.7	10.0	24.6	29.6	15.2
Total (thousands)	32,706	17,166	15,540	27,771	13,967	13,803	4,790	3,120	1,670
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)									
Less than 6 Hours	1.2	0.8	1.6	0.8	0.5	1.1	3.0	1.8	5.3
6 up to 15 hours	5.7	3.2	8.4	5.0	2.6	7.5	9.7	5.8	16.8
16 up to 30 hours	19.0	10.2	28.5	18.3	8.9	27.8	23.8	17.3	35.4
31 up to 45 hours	57.6	63.8	51.0	60.4	67.3	53.4	40.1	46.0	29.5
Over 45 hours	16.5	22.0	10.5	15.5	20.8	10.2	23.3	29.1	13.0
Total (thousands)	32,155	16,746	15,409	27,776	13,952	13,824	4,252	2,727	1,525
Mar-May 2021									
Less than 6 Hours	1.1	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.1	2.9	1.7	5.0
6 up to 15 hours	5.7	3.2	8.6	5.1	2.6	7.7	9.2	5.4	15.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	10.0	28.4	18.0	8.5	27.6	24.2	17.5	36.2
31 up to 45 hours	57.8	63.9	51.2	60.5	67.1	53.7	41.2	47.7	29.7
Over 45 hours	16.5	22.2	10.2	15.6	21.2	9.9	22.5	27.7	13.2
Total (thousands)	32,180	16,811	15,369	27,794	14,019	13,774	4,276	2,743	1,534

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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 Africa	Of which: South Africa	Total Asia	Of which: India	Of which: Pakistan and Bangladesh	Total America and Oceania	Of which: USA	Of which: Australia and New Zealand	Total Non-EU ⁷
	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)									
Levels (aged 16 and over)																			
Country of birth levels	MGTM	JF6F	JF6G	FSC2	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	FSC3	FSC4	FSC5	JJS3	FSC6	JJS7	JJS9	FSC7	JJR7	JJS5	EQ4S
Jan-Mar 2019	32,641	26,838	5,796	2,666	2,420	994	947	438	41	246	933	200	1,536	452	366	662	108	139	3,376
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	33,008	26,813	6,186	2,803	2,497	1,049	986	424	38	307	998	196	1,710	568	393	675	99	183	3,689
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	32,547	26,587	5,944	2,682	2,380	1,061	890	386	43	302	957	171	1,608	556	380	697	102	165	3,564
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	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 (r)	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 (r)	32,181	26,120	6,057	2,590	2,303	1,159	806	297	40	288	1,022	205	1,679	557	369	766	135	146	3,754
Change on year	-827	-693	-129	-213	-194	111	-179	-127	1	-19	24	9	-31	-11	-24	91	36	-37	65
Change %	-2.5	-2.6	-2.1	-7.6	-7.8	10.5	-18.2	-29.9	3.7	-6.2	2.4	4.6	-1.8	-2.0	-6.0	13.4	36.6	-20.2	1.8
Country of birth rates	LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	FSD5	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	FSD6	FSD7	FSD8	LFN4	FSD9	LFN6	LFN7	FSE2	LFN2	LFN5	EQ52
Jan-Mar 2019	75.9	76.3	74.6	81.8	82.8	80.1	85.1	84.6	79.1	72.7	73.1	88.2	64.6	75.3	57.6	77.8	78.4	84.7	69.7
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	76.3	76.4	76.1	82.1	83.1	80.7	85.5	83.8	79.1	75.2	75.1	86.9	66.8	78.7	56.8	81.5	76.7	87.7	72.0
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	75.6	75.6	75.7	80.7	81.5	80.1	82.7	83.0	77.4	74.9	74.0	82.5	67.8	78.0	60.1	80.6	81.1	83.7	72.2
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	75.0	75.1	75.0	79.9	81.1	80.8	80.0	86.3	70.5	72.5	71.2	81.6	69.5	76.2	57.9	77.9	82.5	76.3	71.8
Oct - Dec 2020 (r)	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	78.3	76.7	81.2	71.5
Jan - Mar 2021 (r)	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	79.3	81.4	82.7	72.0
Change on year	-1.6	-1.6	-1.5	-3.6	-3.6	-2.0	-6.6	0.1	2.9	-3.3	-2.4	-8.2	1.9	-0.2	3.3	-2.1	4.6	-4.9	-0.1
Nationality levels	MGTM	JF6H	JF6I	FSC8	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	FSC9	FSCE	FSD2	JJS4	FSD3	JJS8	JJT2	FSD4	JJR8	JJS6	EQ4W
Jan-Mar 2019	32,641	28,943	3,698	2,513	2,381	1,018	925	423	16	132	273	71	597	182	115	315	101	75	1,317
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	33,008	29,113	3,884	2,550	2,411	1,052	944	399	16	138	321	71	665	236	123	349	74	122	1,473
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	32,547	28,844	3,685	2,380	2,270	1,038	852	362	17	110	325	68	632	241	138	347	82	110	1,415
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	32,351	28,817	3,533	2,183	2,071	983	790	280	18	112	374	81	604	217	114	373	92	101	1,462
Oct - Dec 2020 (r)	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 (r)	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
Change on year	-827	-651	-169	-241	-235	56	-170	-136	14	-6	18	-5	-33	-7	-5	88	53	-40	67
Change %	-2.5	-2.2	-4.3	-9.5	-9.8	5.3	-18.0	-34.0	86.0	-4.2	5.6	-7.4	-5.0	-3.1	-4.4	25.1	71.5	-32.4	4.5
Nationality rates	LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	FSE3	EQ54	LFO2	LFO3	EQ55	FSE4	FSE5	FSE6	LFO6	FSE7	LFO8	LFO9	FSE8	LFO4	LFO7	EQ56
Jan-Mar 2019	75.9	76.1	75.3	82.1	82.7	79.9	85.0	84.9	75.0	72.9	68.8	91.4	57.2	70.6	50.9	76.9	78.3	82.7	64.8
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	76.3	76.4	76.3	82.0	82.7	80.4	85.1	83.4	77.1	72.3	66.9	90.8	62.3	77.3	53.3	80.1	73.0	86.6	67.8
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	75.6	75.6	75.8	81.0	81.7	79.9	83.8	82.3	75.1	68.3	67.0	93.1	62.9	77.2	56.7	80.6	74.4	87.8	67.9
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	75.0	75.0	75.9	80.5	81.4	79.7	81.9	85.2	95.4	66.9	68.0	88.3	65.5	74.1	57.2	79.4	77.9	80.0	69.3
Oct - Dec 2020 (r)	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	58.7	80.3	75.2	84.9	69.2
Jan - Mar 2021 (r)	74.7	74.7	75.3	78.6	79.3	78.1	79.7	82.1	97.0	68.5	71.2	82.9	65.3	74.7	61.3	79.3	75.3	86.2	70.3
Change on year	-1.6	-1.7	-1.0	-3.4	-3.4	-2.3	-5.5	-1.3	19.9	-3.7	4.3	-7.8	2.9	-2.5	8.0	-0.9	2.3	-0.4	2.6

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. The total series includes people who do not state their country of birth or nationality. The total levels series MGTM 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 Updated with new LFS weighting methodology

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
Jan-Mar 2019	1,292	1,013	279	84	195	8,663	2,373	6,992	1,851	1,654	521	409	159	1,245	362
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	1,358	1,066	293	92	200	8,482	2,262	6,854	1,804	1,603	457	407	139	1,196	319
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	1,341	1,052	290	111	179	8,772	2,216	7,172	1,800	1,570	414	421	130	1,149	284
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	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 (r)	1,773	1,325	448	148	300	8,677	2,357	7,155	1,901	1,501	456	419	172	1,083	284
Jan - Mar 2021 (r)	1,635	1,198	437	161	276	8,843	2,614	7,251	2,098	1,567	511	422	210	1,145	301
Change on year	277	133	144	69	75	361	352	397	295	-36	54	15	72	-52	-18
Change %	20.4	12.4	49.3	74.7	37.7	4.3	15.6	5.8	16.3	-2.3	11.8	3.8	51.6	-4.3	-5.5
Country of birth rates	MGUK	DT2W	DT3B	DTJG	DTKD	CRZK		DYTD		DYUT		DYWD		DYWT	
Jan-Mar 2019	3.8	3.6	4.6	3.4	5.5	21.0		20.8		21.8		14.3		26.3	
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	4.0	3.8	4.5	3.6	5.2	20.5		20.5		20.3		13.8		24.1	
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	4.0	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	21.2		21.3		20.6		14.6		24.1	
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	5.1	4.7	6.7	6.1	7.1	20.8		21.1		19.5		13.7		22.6	
Oct - Dec 2020 (r)	5.2	4.8	7.2	6.3	7.7	21.0		21.2		19.9		15.4		22.4	
Jan - Mar 2021 (r)	4.8	4.4	6.7	6.5	6.8	21.4		21.7		19.9		14.9		22.7	
Change on year	0.9 #	0.6 #	2.2 #	3.0 #	1.7 #	0.9	#	1.2	#	-0.4	#	1.0	#	-1.3	
Nationality levels	MGTP	DSWE	DT39	DTG9	DTKC	LF9L	LF9W	DYTC	DYUQ	DYUS	DYVU	DYWA	DYWM	DYWS	DZGD
Jan-Mar 2019	1,292	1,107	185	86	99	8,663	2,373	7,631	1,982	1,018	390	409	166	609	223
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	1,358	1,154	204	89	115	8,482	2,262	7,468	1,941	986	318	408	146	578	172
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	1,341	1,142	199	93	106	8,772	2,216	7,780	1,925	964	287	408	130	556	156
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	1,730	1,466	264	123	141	8,619	2,196	7,751	1,926	844	267	346	123	497	144
Oct - Dec 2020 (r)	1,773	1,483	290	141	149	8,677	2,357	7,788	2,061	866	293	376	157	490	136
Jan - Mar 2021 (r)	1,635	1,356	277	160	118	8,843	2,614	7,896	2,265	920	346	400	193	519	152
Change on year	277	202	73	70	3	361	352	428	324	-67	28	-8	47	-59	-19
Change %	20.4	17.5	36.0	78.6	2.7	4.3	15.6	5.7	16.7	-6.8	8.8	-1.9	32.2	-10.2	-11.2
Nationality rates	MGUK	DT2Z	DT3D	DTKA	DTLH	CRZK		DYUO		DYJU		DYWE		DZ36	
Jan-Mar 2019	3.8	3.7	4.8	3.5	7.0	21.0		20.9		21.0		14.4		30.3	
Jan-Mar 2020 (r)	4.0	3.8	5.0	3.6	7.2	20.5		20.5		19.7		14.2		26.9	
Apr-Jun 2020 (r)	4.0	3.8	5.1	3.9	7.0	21.2		21.3		20.1		14.9		27.0	
Jul - Sep 2020 (r)	5.1	4.8	7.0	5.6	8.8	20.8		21.1		18.4		13.8		23.9	
Oct - Dec 2020 (r)	5.2	4.9	7.6	6.3	9.2	21.0		21.3		18.6		14.6		23.6	
Jan - Mar 2021 (r)	4.8	4.5	6.9	6.8	7.1	21.4		21.7		19.0		14.8		24.2	
Change on year	0.9 #	0.7 #	2.0 #	3.3 #	-0.1 #	0.9	#	1.1	#	-0.7	#	0.6	#	-2.7	

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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.

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Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted														
	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 64						
	Over 6							Over 6						
	and up to 12 months							and up to 12 months						
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Up to 6 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Up to 6 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
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Mar-May 2019	1,292	3.8	766	187	340	26.3	173	1,276	3.9	760	184	332	26.0	168
Mar-May 2020 (r)	1,415	4.1	985	171	259	18.3	125	1,390	4.2	973	167	249	17.9	119
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	1,543	4.5	1,015	231	297	19.2	153	1,521	4.7	1,006	227	288	19.0	150
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	1,739	5.1	1,089	288	361	20.8	193	1,706	5.2	1,078	282	346	20.3	179
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	1,705	5.0	960	377	368	21.6	189	1,674	5.1	946	371	357	21.3	181
Mar-May 2021	1,637	4.8	819	368	449	27.4	204	1,598	4.9	812	361	425	26.6	189
Change on quarter	-68	-0.2	-141	-9	81	5.9	14	-76	-0.2	-134	-10	68	5.3	8
Change %	-4.0		-14.7	-2.3	22.1		7.6	-4.5		-14.2	-2.7	19.1		4.5
Change on year	222	0.7	-165	197	190	9.1	78	208	0.7	-161	194	176	8.7	70
Change %	15.7		-16.8	115.4	73.1		62.7	15.0		-16.6	115.8	70.5		59.1
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWY	YBXB
Mar-May 2019	712	4.0	395	107	211	29.6	109	704	4.1	391	105	208	29.5	109
Mar-May 2020 (r)	759	4.2	498	102	159	20.9	81	741	4.3	489	100	151	20.4	76
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	879	4.9	560	133	185	21.1	106	865	5.1	559	130	176	20.4	104
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	966	5.4	597	148	221	22.9	124	942	5.5	591	144	207	22.0	110
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	933	5.3	500	201	231	24.8	129	912	5.4	494	197	222	24.3	121
Mar-May 2021	864	4.9	396	202	267	30.8	127	846	5.0	393	196	258	30.4	124
Change on quarter	-69	-0.4	-104	0	35	6.0	-2	-66	-0.4	-101	-1	36	6.2	2
Change %	-7.4		-20.9	0.2	15.2		-1.5	-7.2		-20.4	-0.7	16.3		1.9
Change on year	105	0.7	-102	100	108	9.9	47	106	0.7	-96	95	106	10.0	47
Change %	13.9		-20.5	97.7	67.9		57.9	14.3		-19.6	95.1	70.2		62.3
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Mar-May 2019	580	3.6	371	80	129	22.2	63	573	3.7	368	80	125	21.7	60
Mar-May 2020 (r)	656	4.1	487	69	101	15.3	44	649	4.2	484	67	98	15.1	43
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	665	4.1	455	98	112	16.8	47	656	4.2	446	97	112	17.1	46
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	773	4.8	493	140	140	18.1	69	764	4.9	487	138	138	18.1	69
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	772	4.8	460	176	136	17.6	60	761	4.9	452	174	135	17.8	60
Mar-May 2021	772	4.8	423	166	182	23.6	76	751	4.8	419	165	168	22.3	66
Change on quarter	0	0.0	-36	-9	46	6.0	16	-10	-0.1	-34	-8	32	4.5	6
Change %	0.1		-7.9	-5.3	33.9		26.9	-1.3		-7.4	-4.9	23.7		9.6
Change on year	116	0.7	-63	98	82	8.3	32	102	0.7	-65	98	69	7.2	23
Change %	17.7		-13.0	141.5	81.3		71.5	15.8		-13.5	146.7	70.8		53.4
	16-17							18-24						
	Over 6							Over 6						
	and up to 12 months							and up to 12 months						
	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Up to 6 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Up to 6 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
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Mar-May 2019	83	19.6	66	11	7	8.1	*	410	10.7	273	67	70	17.0	17
Mar-May 2020 (r)	109	25.4	84	18	7	6.0	*	454	11.7	344	52	59	12.9	11
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	91	24.4	63	24	4	4.2	*	493	13.3	354	56	82	16.7	31
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	81	24.8	56	21	4	5.2	*	510	13.5	343	75	91	17.9	33
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	97	32.0	68	18	10	10.4	*	484	13.1	290	101	92	19.0	34
Mar-May 2021	111	35.5	80	16	14	13.0	*	428	11.6	241	96	92	21.4	30
Change on quarter	14	3.5	12	-2	4	2.6	*	-56	-1.5	-49	-6	0	2.4	-4
Change %	14.6		17.7	-12.7	43.5		*	-11.5		-17.1	-5.6	-0.4		-12.4
Change on year	2	10.1	-3	-3	8	7.0	*	-26	-0.1	-103	44	33	8.5	19
Change %	1.8		-4.0	-13.7	119.8		*	-5.8		-30.0	83.9	56.2		175.2
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Mar-May 2019	47	23.0	38	4	4	9.4	*	249	12.5	156	43	50	20.1	13
Mar-May 2020 (r)	65	29.8	50	11	4	6.4	*	240	12.0	169	32	39	16.1	8
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	45	25.3	32	12	*	*	*	311	15.9	216	38	57	18.4	26
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	44	28.2	32	10	*	*	*	301	15.5	197	43	61	20.1	24
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	44	32.5	32	9	3	6.2	*	286	15.2	162	65	59	20.5	22
Mar-May 2021	50	35.6	35	10	5	9.7	*	239	12.7	129	57	52	21.7	16
Change on quarter	6	3.2	3	1	2	3.6	*	-47	-2.5	-32	-8	-7	1.2	-5
Change %	12.5		7.8	9.9	77.5		*	-16.4		-19.9	-12.2	-11.4		-25.2
Change on year	-16	5.8	-15	-1	1	3.3	*	-1	0.7	-39	25	13	5.6	9
Change %	-23.8		-30.7	-7.0	15.6		*	-0.5		-23.3	78.0	34.0		112.5
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Mar-May 2019	36	16.4	28	6	2	6.5	*	160	8.7	117	24	20	12.3	4
Mar-May 2020 (r)	44	20.8	34	8	2	5.4	*	215	11.4	175	20	20	9.3	3
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	46	23.5	31	13	*	*	*	182	10.3	138	19	25	13.8	5
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	36	21.7	24	10	*	*	*	208	11.4	146	32	31	14.7	10
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	53	31.6	36	9	7	13.9	*	198	11.0	128	36	33	16.9	13
Mar-May 2021	61	35.4	46	6	10	15.6	*	189	10.5	111	38	40	21.0	14
Change on quarter	9	3.8	10	-3	2	1.7	*	-9	-0.5	-17	2	6	4.1	1
Change %	16.4		26.5	-35.2	30.9		*	-4.3		-13.4	6.4	19.0		9.3
Change on year	17	14.5	12	-2	7	10.2	*	-25	-1.0	-64	19	20	11.7	11
Change %	40.1		36.0	-23.1	302.5		*	-11.7		-36.4	93.5	99.2		318.5

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United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	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
	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
People														
Mar-May 2019	524	2.8	299	68	156	29.8	93	275	2.6	128	41	107	38.7	63
Mar-May 2020 (r)	572	3.0	400	60	112	19.6	61	280	2.6	158	40	82	29.3	54
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	622	3.3	418	95	109	17.6	51	337	3.1	180	56	101	30.1	72
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	735	3.9	466	128	141	19.2	79	413	3.8	225	64	125	30.2	81
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	698	3.7	394	164	139	20.0	74	427	3.9	207	93	126	29.6	81
Mar-May 2021	704	3.7	347	169	188	26.7	82	394	3.6	151	87	155	39.4	90
Change on quarter	6	0.0	-47	5	48	6.7	9	-33	-0.3	-56	-6	29	9.8	9
Change %	0.8		-12.0	2.9	34.8		11.6	-7.7		-27.0	-6.0	22.9		11.2
Change on year	132	0.7	-53	109	76	7.1	22	114	1.0	-6	47	73	10.1	36
Change %	23.1		-13.2	181.2	67.3		35.8	40.7		-4.0	117.0	89.2		66.8
Men	YBYF	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBYU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Mar-May 2019	266	2.6	140	36	90	33.7	59	150	2.6	61	23	66	44.2	38
Mar-May 2020 (r)	283	2.8	188	36	59	20.8	35	171	3.0	91	23	57	33.4	38
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	318	3.2	211	50	58	18.1	33	204	3.5	101	34	69	33.8	47
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	362	3.6	236	57	69	19.0	43	259	4.5	131	38	90	34.7	57
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	351	3.5	202	68	81	23.0	50	253	4.4	104	59	89	35.4	58
Mar-May 2021	354	3.6	159	83	112	31.6	53	222	3.9	73	51	98	44.2	57
Change on quarter	3	0.0	-43	15	31	8.6	3	-31	-0.5	-31	-8	9	8.7	-1
Change %	0.9		-21.4	22.6	38.8		6.7	-12.1		-30.2	-13.2	9.5		-1.5
Change on year	71	0.7	-29	47	53	10.8	18	51	0.9	-19	29	41	10.7	19
Change %	25.2		-15.2	128.2	90.4		50.8	29.8		-20.4	126.3	71.5		50.5
Women	YBYG	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBYV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Mar-May 2019	258	2.9	159	32	67	25.8	35	125	2.5	67	18	40	32.2	25
Mar-May 2020 (r)	289	3.2	212	24	53	18.5	26	109	2.1	66	18	25	22.8	16
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	304	3.4	207	45	52	17.0	18	133	2.6	78	22	32	24.5	25
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	374	4.1	230	71	73	19.4	36	155	3.0	93	27	35	22.6	24
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	347	3.8	192	96	59	16.9	24	174	3.4	103	34	37	21.1	23
Mar-May 2021	350	3.9	188	86	76	21.7	30	172	3.3	79	36	57	33.2	32
Change on quarter	2	0.1	-4	-11	17	4.8	5	-2	0.0	-25	2	20	12.1	10
Change %	0.7		-2.2	-11.0	29.3		21.6	-1.2		-23.9	6.5	55.5		43.9
Change on year	61	0.7	-24	62	22	3.2	4	63	1.2	12	19	32	10.4	17
Change %	21.0		-11.3	262.6	42.0		15.3	58.0		18.5	104.9	130.1		106.1

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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
Mar-May 2019	34,041	32,698	425	3,842	7,818	11,157	9,455	1,343
Mar-May 2020 (r)	34,121	32,781	428	3,878	7,867	11,105	9,503	1,340
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	34,008	32,692	373	3,719	7,903	11,090	9,608	1,316
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	34,043	32,681	324	3,776	7,886	11,114	9,581	1,362
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	33,860	32,539	302	3,679	7,873	11,130	9,555	1,321
Mar-May 2021	33,817	32,488	312	3,684	7,818	11,128	9,546	1,329
Change on quarter	-43	-51	10	5	-55	-2	-9	7
Change %	-0.1	-0.2	3.3	0.1	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	0.6
Change on year	-304	-292	-116	-194	-49	23	44	-12
Change %	-0.9	-0.9	-27.0	-5.0	-0.6	0.2	0.5	-0.9
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Mar-May 2019	17,993	17,185	202	2,000	4,200	5,870	4,914	807
Mar-May 2020 (r)	17,925	17,167	218	2,004	4,162	5,822	4,962	757
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	17,873	17,119	177	1,958	4,171	5,801	5,012	755
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	17,829	17,032	157	1,940	4,135	5,805	4,995	796
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	17,679	16,907	136	1,880	4,113	5,812	4,966	772
Mar-May 2021	17,676	16,898	139	1,879	4,116	5,816	4,949	777
Change on quarter	-3	-9	3	-1	3	4	-18	5
Change %	0.0	-0.1	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.7
Change on year	-249	-269	-79	-125	-47	-6	-13	20
Change %	-1.4	-1.6	-36.3	-6.2	-1.1	-0.1	-0.3	2.7
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Mar-May 2019	16,048	15,512	222	1,842	3,619	5,287	4,542	536
Mar-May 2020 (r)	16,196	15,613	210	1,874	3,705	5,283	4,541	583
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	16,135	15,573	196	1,761	3,733	5,288	4,596	562
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	16,214	15,648	167	1,836	3,751	5,309	4,586	566
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	16,181	15,632	166	1,799	3,760	5,318	4,589	549
Mar-May 2021	16,141	15,590	173	1,805	3,703	5,312	4,598	551
Change on quarter	-40	-42	7	6	-57	-6	9	2
Change %	-0.2	-0.3	4.0	0.3	-1.5	-0.1	0.2	0.4
Change on year	-55	-23	-37	-69	-2	29	57	-32
Change %	-0.3	-0.1	-17.5	-3.7	-0.1	0.5	1.2	-5.5

Economic activity rates (%)¹

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Mar-May 2019	63.9	79.1	30.5	69.5	87.3	87.6	74.4	11.3
Mar-May 2020 (r)	63.8	79.2	30.2	71.1	87.9	87.3	73.9	11.1
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	63.6	79.0	26.1	68.6	88.5	87.4	74.6	10.8
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	63.6	79.1	22.6	70.0	88.4	87.7	74.2	11.2
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	63.3	78.8	20.9	68.5	88.4	88.0	73.9	10.8
Mar-May 2021	63.1	78.7	21.5	68.9	87.9	88.1	73.6	10.8
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0
Change on year	-0.6	-0.5	-8.7	-2.2	0.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.2
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Mar-May 2019	69.0	83.6	28.4	70.8	93.4	93.4	78.8	14.6
Mar-May 2020 (r)	68.4	83.3	30.0	72.0	92.4	92.7	78.7	13.5
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	68.2	83.2	24.2	70.8	92.7	92.5	79.3	13.4
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	68.0	82.8	21.3	70.5	92.0	92.7	78.9	14.1
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	67.4	82.2	18.3	68.6	91.6	92.9	78.3	13.6
Mar-May 2021	67.3	82.2	18.7	68.9	91.7	93.1	77.9	13.7
Change on quarter	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.4	0.0
Change on year	-1.1	-1.2	-11.3	-3.1	-0.7	0.4	-0.8	0.1
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Mar-May 2019	59.0	74.7	32.7	68.1	81.1	82.0	70.2	8.4
Mar-May 2020 (r)	59.3	75.1	30.3	70.2	83.3	82.1	69.3	9.0
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	59.1	75.0	28.1	66.4	84.2	82.4	70.0	8.6
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	59.4	75.4	23.9	69.5	84.8	82.8	69.7	8.7
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	59.3	75.4	23.6	68.4	85.2	83.1	69.6	8.4
Mar-May 2021	59.1	75.2	24.4	68.9	84.0	83.1	69.5	8.4
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	0.5	-1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	-0.2	0.1	-5.9	-1.3	0.7	1.0	0.2	-0.6

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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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 for work								
			Student	after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers ¹	Retired	Other ²	Does not want job	Wants a job
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2	
Mar-May 2019	8,619	2,289	2,014	165	2,016	31	1,120	984	6,776	1,844	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	8,609	2,097	1,801	171	2,118	45	1,133	1,245	6,423	2,186	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	8,665	2,332	1,708	138	2,141	59	1,140	1,147	6,661	2,004	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	8,648	2,338	1,662	169	2,162	72	1,105	1,141	6,706	1,941	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	8,769	2,469	1,592	180	2,151	92	1,125	1,159	6,857	1,912	
Mar-May 2021	8,806	2,514	1,624	177	2,147	69	1,185	1,090	6,988	1,818	
Change on quarter	38	45	32	-3	-4	-24	60	-69	131	-94	
Change %	0.4	1.8	2.0	-1.9	-0.2	-25.6	5.4	-6.0	1.9	-4.9	
Change on year	197	417	-176	6	30	23	52	-156	565	-368	
Change %	2.3	19.9	-9.8	3.7	1.4	51.4	4.6	-12.5	8.8	-16.8	
Men	YBSO	BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD	
Mar-May 2019	3,368	1,168	224	86	948	20	500	422	2,618	751	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	3,431	1,052	240	84	947	26	517	565	2,464	967	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	3,466	1,168	242	63	968	35	504	484	2,640	825	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	3,540	1,167	239	76	1,038	43	467	509	2,681	859	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	3,657	1,265	222	83	1,004	57	496	531	2,809	848	
Mar-May 2021	3,661	1,297	217	82	1,010	37	540	479	2,865	796	
Change on quarter	4	32	-5	-1	6	-20	44	-52	56	-52	
Change %	0.1	2.5	-2.5	-0.9	0.6	-34.6	8.9	-9.9	2.0	-6.1	
Change on year	230	245	-24	-2	63	12	23	-86	401	-171	
Change %	6.7	23.3	-9.8	-2.4	6.7	45.1	4.4	-15.3	16.3	-17.7	
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5	
Mar-May 2019	5,251	1,122	1,790	78	1,069	11	619	562	4,158	1,093	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	5,179	1,045	1,560	87	1,170	20	616	680	3,959	1,219	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	5,199	1,164	1,466	75	1,173	24	635	663	4,021	1,178	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	5,108	1,170	1,423	93	1,124	29	637	631	4,026	1,082	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	5,112	1,204	1,370	98	1,147	35	630	628	4,048	1,064	
Mar-May 2021	5,145	1,218	1,407	95	1,137	31	646	611	4,123	1,022	
Change on quarter	34	13	38	-3	-10	-4	16	-17	76	-42	
Change %	0.7	1.1	2.8	-2.6	-0.9	-11.2	2.6	-2.7	1.9	-3.9	
Change on year	-33	172	-153	8	-33	12	30	-69	164	-197	
Change %	-0.6	16.5	-9.8	9.6	-2.9	59.5	4.8	-10.2	4.1	-16.2	
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)											
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F	
Mar-May 2019	100.0	26.6	23.4	1.9	23.4	0.4	13.0	11.4	78.6	21.4	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	100.0	24.4	20.9	2.0	24.6	0.5	13.2	14.5	74.6	25.4	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	100.0	26.9	19.7	1.6	24.7	0.7	13.2	13.2	76.9	23.1	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	100.0	27.0	19.2	2.0	25.0	0.8	12.8	13.2	77.6	22.4	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	100.0	28.2	18.2	2.1	24.5	1.1	12.8	13.2	78.2	21.8	
Mar-May 2021	100.0	28.6	18.4	2.0	24.4	0.8	13.5	12.4	79.4	20.6	
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT	
Mar-May 2019	100.0	34.7	6.6	2.6	28.1	0.6	14.9	12.5	77.7	22.3	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	100.0	30.7	7.0	2.4	27.6	0.7	15.1	16.5	71.8	28.2	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	100.0	33.7	7.0	1.8	27.9	1.0	14.6	14.0	76.2	23.8	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	100.0	33.0	6.8	2.1	29.3	1.2	13.2	14.4	75.7	24.3	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	100.0	34.6	6.1	2.3	27.5	1.6	13.6	14.5	76.8	23.2	
Mar-May 2021	100.0	35.4	5.9	2.2	27.6	1.0	14.7	13.1	78.3	21.7	
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G	
Mar-May 2019	100.0	21.4	34.1	1.5	20.4	0.2	11.8	10.7	79.2	20.8	
Mar-May 2020 (r)	100.0	20.2	30.1	1.7	22.6	0.4	11.9	13.1	76.5	23.5	
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	100.0	22.4	28.2	1.4	22.6	0.5	12.2	12.8	77.3	22.7	
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	100.0	22.9	27.9	1.8	22.0	0.6	12.5	12.4	78.8	21.2	
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	100.0	23.6	26.8	1.9	22.4	0.7	12.3	12.3	79.2	20.8	
Mar-May 2021	100.0	23.7	27.4	1.8	22.1	0.6	12.5	11.9	80.1	19.9	

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 uncategorised reason for being economically inactive, or (v) have not given a reason for being economically inactive.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY Updated with new LFS weighting methodology

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

Mar-May 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	Economically inactive	Total	Employed ²	Unemployed ²	Economically inactive	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Levels

People												
16-17	1,454	201	111	1,142	1,311	153	88	1,069	143	48	22	73
18-24	5,348	3,256	428	1,664	1,888	593	94	1,201	3,460	2,663	335	462
16-24	6,801	3,457	539	2,805	3,198	746	182	2,270	3,603	2,711	357	535
Men												
16-17	744	90	50	605	664	60	36	569	80	30	14	36
18-24	2,729	1,640	239	850	904	237	42	625	1,825	1,403	197	225
16-24	3,473	1,730	288	1,455	1,568	297	77	1,194	1,905	1,433	211	261
Women												
16-17	710	112	61	537	646	94	53	500	63	18	8	37
18-24	2,619	1,615	189	814	984	356	52	577	1,635	1,260	137	237
16-24	3,328	1,727	251	1,351	1,630	449	105	1,077	1,698	1,278	146	274

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	8	-4	14	-2	0	-4	8	-4	8	0	6	2
18-24	-23	61	-56	-28	28	4	-25	49	-51	57	-31	-77
16-24	-14	57	-41	-30	28	0	-17	45	-43	57	-25	-75
Men												
16-17	4	-2	6	1	-2	-6	1	3	7	4	5	-2
18-24	-12	46	-47	-11	44	13	-7	38	-56	33	-39	-49
16-24	-8	44	-41	-11	41	7	-7	41	-49	37	-35	-51
Women												
16-17	4	-2	9	-2	3	2	7	-7	1	-4	1	4
18-24	-11	15	-9	-17	-16	-9	-17	11	5	24	9	-28
16-24	-6	13	0	-19	-13	-7	-10	5	6	20	10	-24

Rates(%)³

People											
16-17	13.9	35.5	78.5	11.7	36.6	81.6	33.6	31.8	50.7		
18-24	60.9	11.6	31.1	31.4	13.6	63.6	77.0	11.2	13.4		
16-24	50.8	13.5	41.2	23.3	19.6	71.0	75.2	11.6	14.8		
Men											
16-17	12.0	35.6	81.3	9.0	37.4	85.6	37.4	31.8	45.1		
18-24	60.1	12.7	31.1	26.3	14.9	69.1	76.9	12.3	12.3		
16-24	49.8	14.3	41.9	18.9	20.6	76.1	75.2	12.8	13.7		
Women											
16-17	15.8	35.4	75.6	14.5	36.0	77.4	28.8	31.7	57.8		
18-24	61.7	10.5	31.1	36.1	12.7	58.6	77.1	9.8	14.5		
16-24	51.9	12.7	40.6	27.6	18.9	66.0	75.3	10.2	16.1		

Changes on quarter

People											
16-17	-0.4	3.5	-0.6	-0.3	2.8	-0.3	-2.1	6.2	-1.3		
18-24	1.4	-1.5	-0.4	-0.3	-3.1	1.7	2.7	-1.1	-2.0		
16-24	0.9	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2	-1.4	0.8	2.4	-0.9	-1.9		
Men											
16-17	-0.4	3.2	-0.4	-0.9	2.8	0.7	2.1	5.3	-6.8		
18-24	1.9	-2.5	-0.3	0.2	-3.0	0.9	4.0	-2.4	-2.2		
16-24	1.4	-2.1	-0.2	0.0	-1.8	0.6	3.8	-2.1	-2.3		
Women											
16-17	-0.4	3.8	-0.8	0.3	2.9	-1.4	-7.3	7.3	5.6		
18-24	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-3.2	2.0	1.2	0.4	-1.8		
16-24	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	-1.2	0.8	0.9	0.5	-1.5		

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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/peoplenotinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainingneet/latest>

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

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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
Mar-May 2019	101	3.6	55	4.0	45	3.3
Mar-May 2020 (r)	115	4.1	64	4.6	51	3.7
Jun-Aug 2020 (r)	229	8.3	128	9.2	102	7.4
Sep-Nov 2020 (r)	402	14.5	217	15.5	185	13.4
Dec-Feb 2021 (r)	209	7.5	110	7.9	99	7.2
Mar-May 2021	104	3.8	61	4.4	43	3.1
Change on quarter	-105	-3.8	-49	-3.5	-56	-4.1
Change %	-50.1		-44.3		-56.6	
Change on year	-11	-0.4	-3	-0.2	-8	-0.6
Change %	-9.5		-4.3		-16.0	

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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.