

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: March 2019

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

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1 . Other pages in this release

Commentary on topics covered in the previous Labour market statistics bulletin is now split into four separate bulletins. Other commentary from the latest labour market data can be found on the following pages:

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- [Average weekly earnings in Great Britain](#)
- [Jobs and vacancies](#)

2 . Main points for November 2018 to January 2019

- The UK employment rate was estimated at 76.1%, higher than for a year earlier (75.3%) and the highest figure on record.
- The UK unemployment rate was estimated at 3.9%; it has not been lower since November 1974 to January 1975.
- The UK economic inactivity rate was estimated at 20.7%, lower than for a year earlier (21.2%) and the lowest figure on record.

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.

3 . Analysis

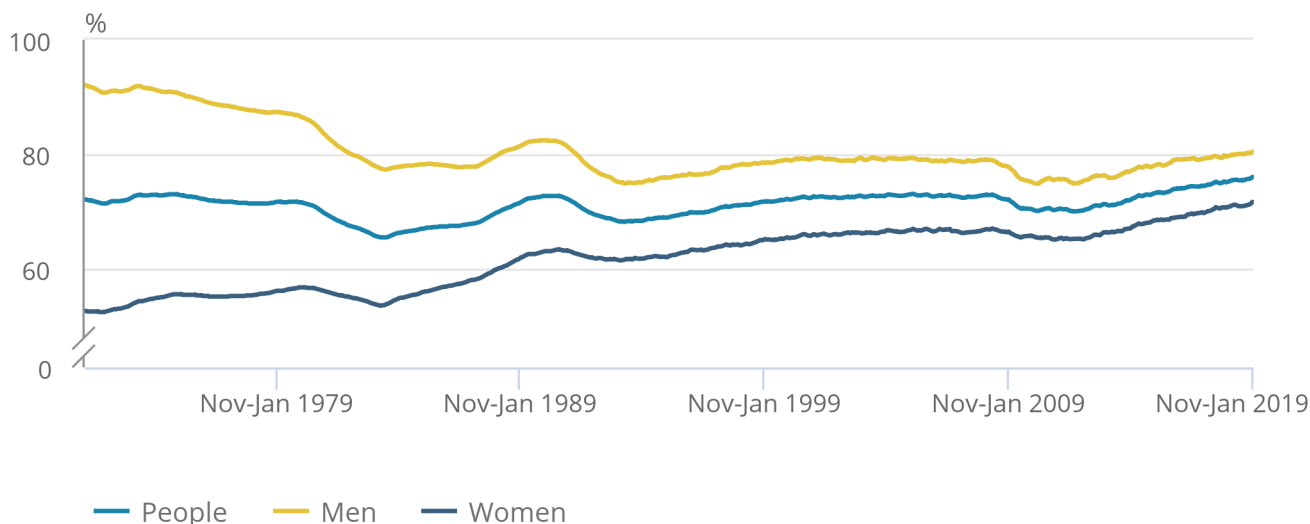
Employment

Figure 1: Overall employment rate reaches new record high of 76.1%

UK employment rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

[Employment](#) measures the number of people aged 16 years and over in paid work. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who are in paid work.

Estimated employment rates for men and women aged between 16 and 64 years have been generally increasing since early 2012. For November 2018 to January 2019, the employment rate:

- for all people was estimated at 76.1%, the highest since comparable records began in 1971
- for men was estimated at 80.5%; it has not been higher since December 1990 to February 1991
- for women was estimated at 71.8%, the highest since comparable records began in 1971

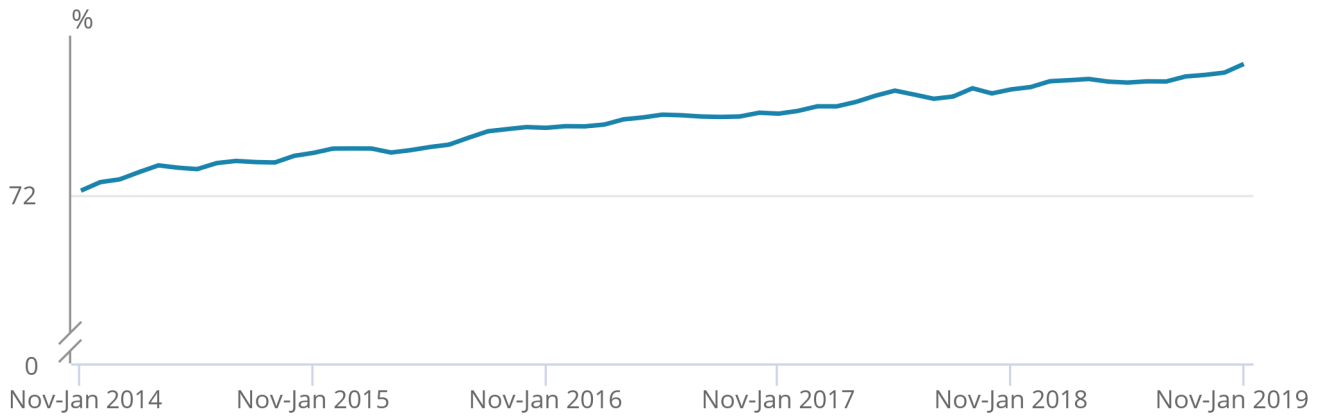
The increase in the employment rate for women in recent years is due partly to changes to the State Pension age for women, resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65 years.

Figure 2: Over the last five years the overall employment rate increased from 72.1% to 76.1%

UK employment rate (all people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, November 2013 to January 2014 to November 2018 to January 2019

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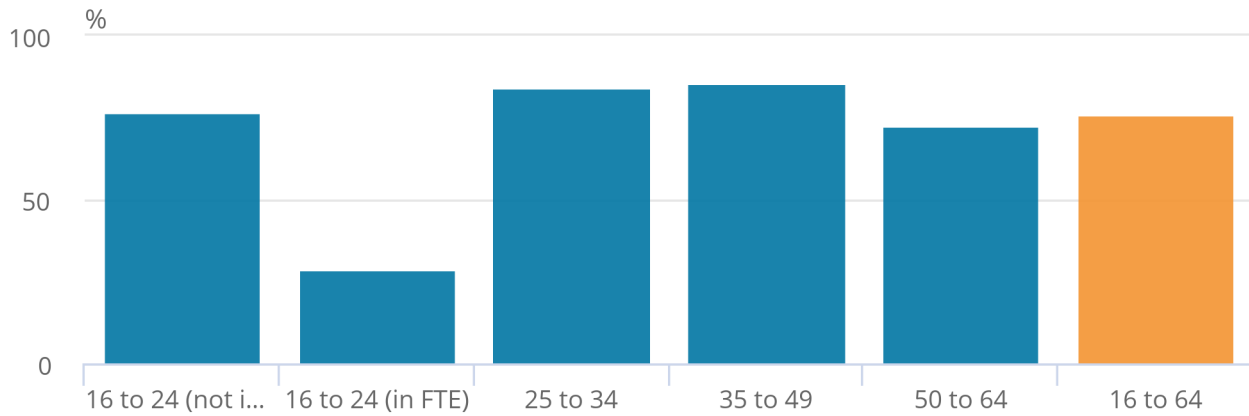
Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Figure 3: The highest employment rate, at 85.4%, was for those aged from 35 to 49 years

UK employment rates by age band, seasonally adjusted, November 2018 to January 2019

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UK employment rates by age band, seasonally adjusted, November 2018 to January 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. FTE means full-time education. The "not in FTE" series includes people in part-time education and/or training.

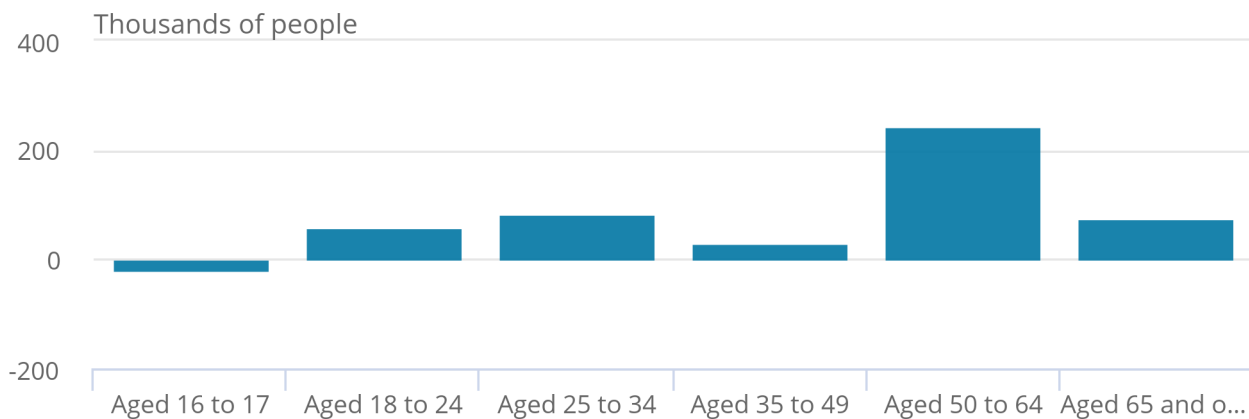
Looking at the estimates for employment rates by age band for November 2018 to January 2019, the highest were for those aged from 35 to 49 years (85.4%) and for those aged from 25 to 34 years (84.2%).

Figure 4: The increase in the number of people in work mainly occurred among those aged 50 to 64 years

Changes in numbers of people in employment, seasonally adjusted, between November 2017 to January 2018 and November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Estimates for November 2018 to January 2019 show 32.71 million people aged 16 years and over in employment, 473,000 more than for a year earlier. This estimated annual increase of 473,000 was due mainly to more people working full-time (up 424,000 on the year to reach 24.12 million). Part-time working also contributed, with an increase of 49,000 on the year to reach 8.60 million.

Estimates for November 2018 to January 2019 show that there were:

- 27.70 million paid employees (84.7% of all people in employment), 424,000 more than a year earlier
- 4.84 million self-employed people (14.8% of all people in employment), 65,000 more than a year earlier

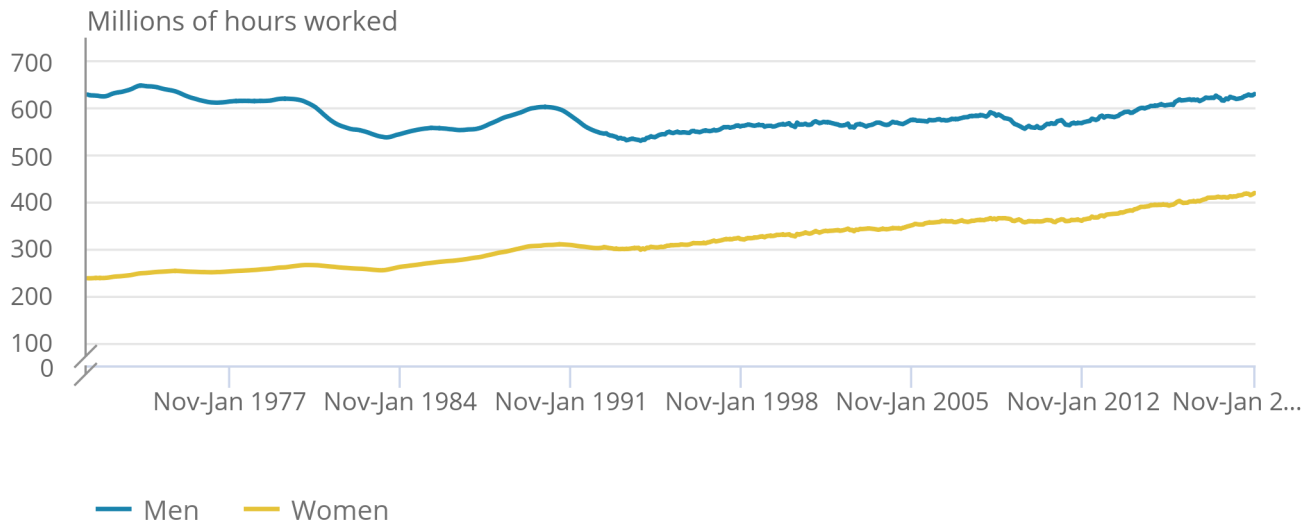
These estimates for paid employees and self-employed people make up over 99% of all people in employment. The total employment figure also includes two other minor categories as explained in the [Guide to labour market statistics](#).

Figure 5: Hours worked by women have increased steadily since records began in 1971

Total weekly hours worked in the UK, seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Since estimates began in 1971, [total hours worked](#) by women have generally increased, reflecting increases in the employment rate for women and increases in the UK population. In contrast, total hours worked by men have been relatively stable. This is because falls in the employment rate for men have been roughly offset by population increases.

Between November 2017 to January 2018 and November 2018 to January 2019:

- hours worked in the UK increased by 1.2% (to reach 1.05 billion hours)
- the number of people in employment in the UK increased by 1.5% (to reach 32.71 million)

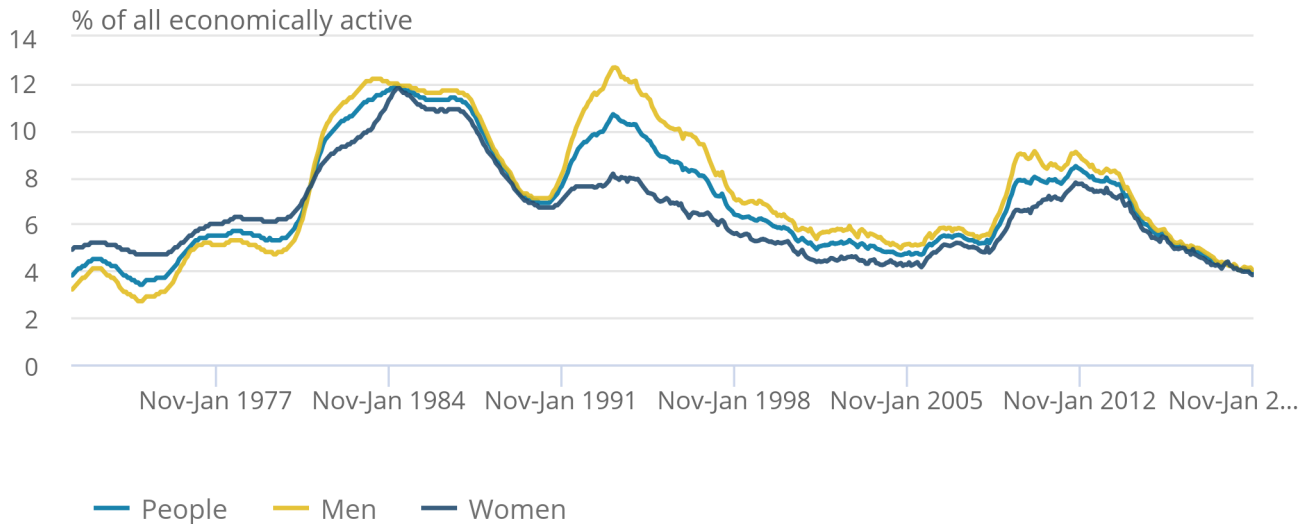
Unemployment

Figure 6: Unemployment rates have been generally falling for the last five years

UK unemployment rates (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

[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 the proportion of all employed and unemployed people (not the proportion of the total population) who are unemployed.

The unemployment rates for both men and women aged 16 years and over have been generally falling since late 2013.

For November 2018 to January 2019, the unemployment rate:

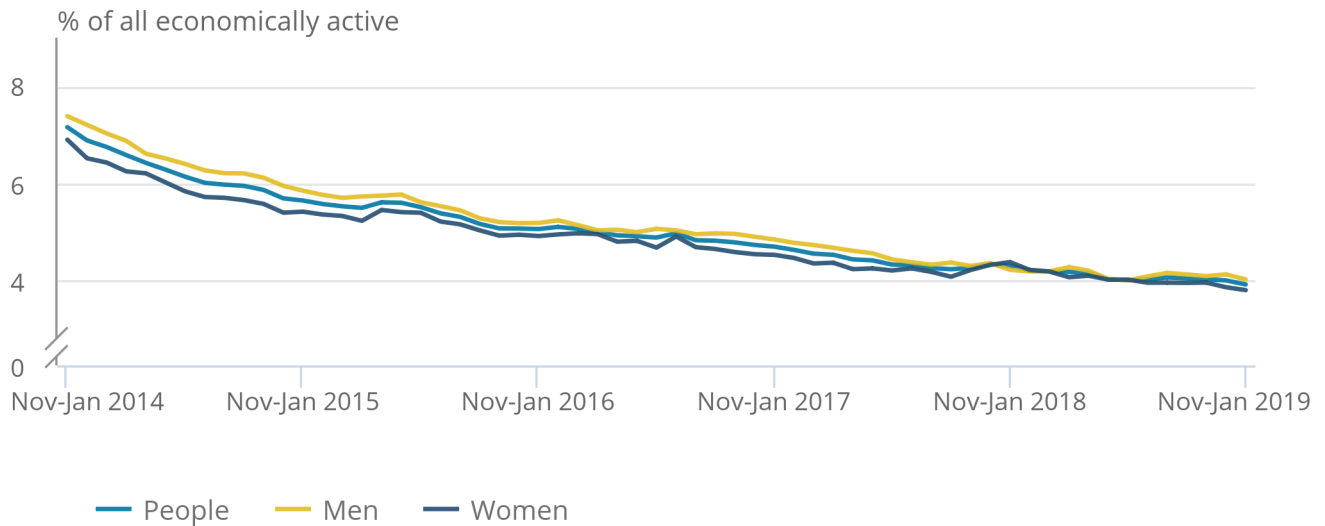
- for everyone was estimated at 3.9%; it has not been lower since November 1974 to January 1975
- for men was estimated at 4.0%; it has not been lower since April to June 1975
- for women was estimated at 3.8%, the lowest since comparable records began in 1971

Figure 7: Unemployment rates for men and women have been steadily falling for the last five years

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Over the last five years the estimated unemployment rate for men has fallen from 7.4% to 4.0%. The estimated unemployment rate for women has shown a smaller fall over this period – from 6.9% to 3.8%.

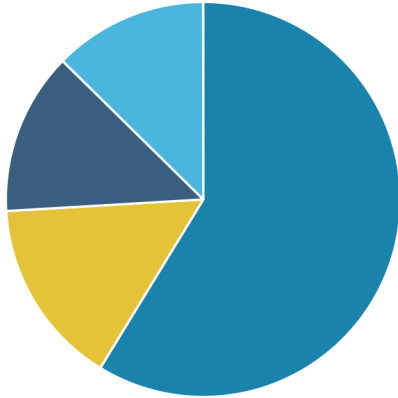
For November 2018 to January 2019, an estimated 1.34 million people were unemployed, 112,000 fewer than for a year earlier. There have not been fewer unemployed people in the UK since October to December 1975.

Figure 8: Over half of all unemployed people had been out of work for less than six months

UK unemployment by duration (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

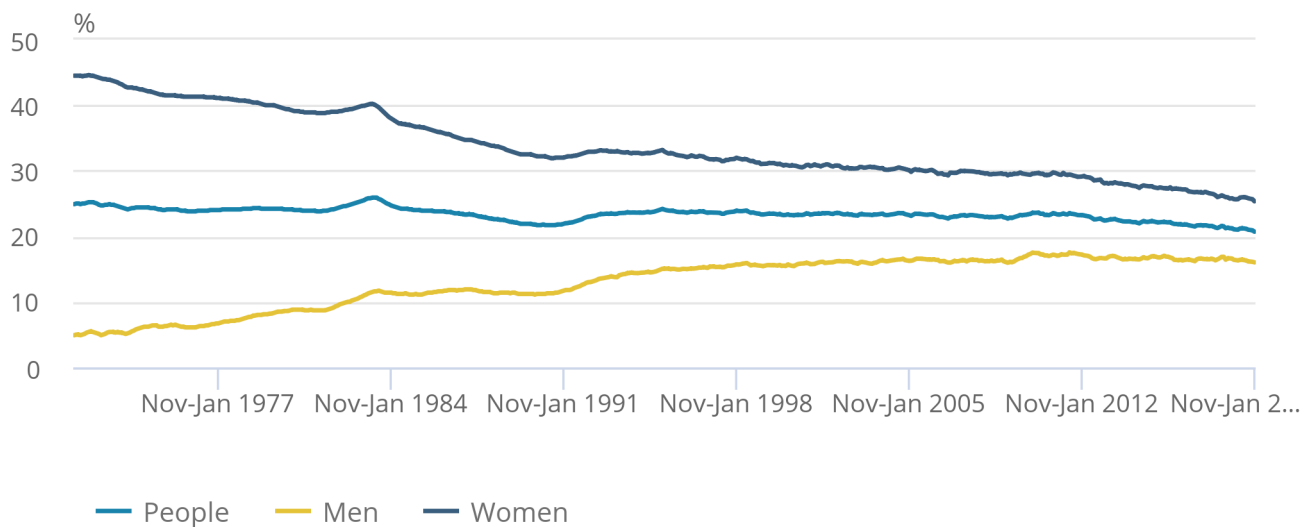
Economic inactivity

Figure 9: Economic inactivity for women has been generally falling since records began in 1971

UK economic inactivity rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to November 2018 to January 2019

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UK economic inactivity rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to November 2018 to January 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

[Economic inactivity](#) measures people without a job but who are not classed as unemployed because they have not been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and/or they are unable to start work within the next two weeks. Our headline measure of economic inactivity is for those aged from 16 to 64 years.

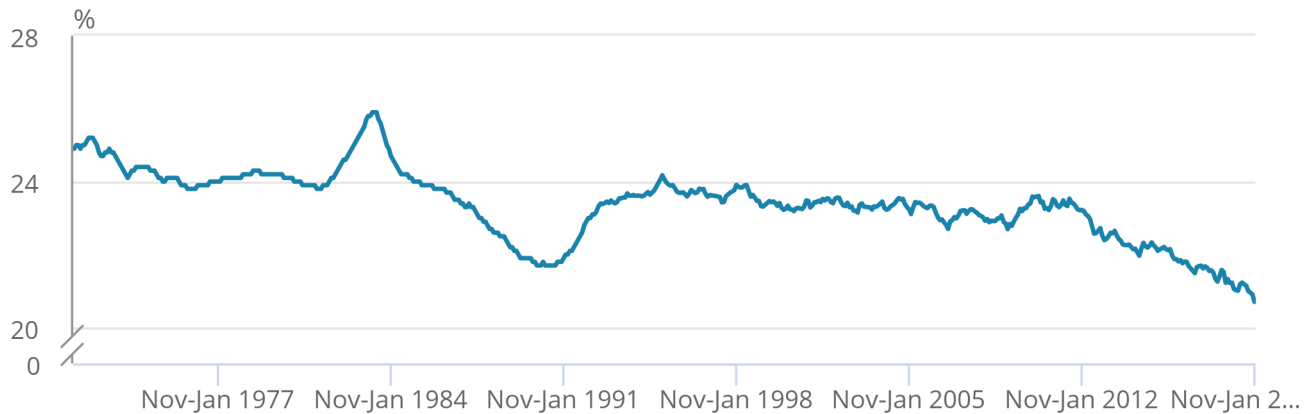
Since comparable records began in 1971, the economic inactivity rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years has been generally falling (although it increased during recessions). This is due to a gradual fall in the economic inactivity rate for women.

Figure 10: Overall economic inactivity rate reaches new record low of 20.7%

UK economic inactivity rate (all people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

For people aged from 16 to 64 years for November 2018 to January 2019, the economic inactivity rate:

- for all people was estimated at 20.7%, the lowest figure since comparable records began in 1971
- for men was estimated at 16.0%; it has not been lower since May to July 2003
- for women was estimated at 25.3%, the lowest figure since comparable records began in 1971

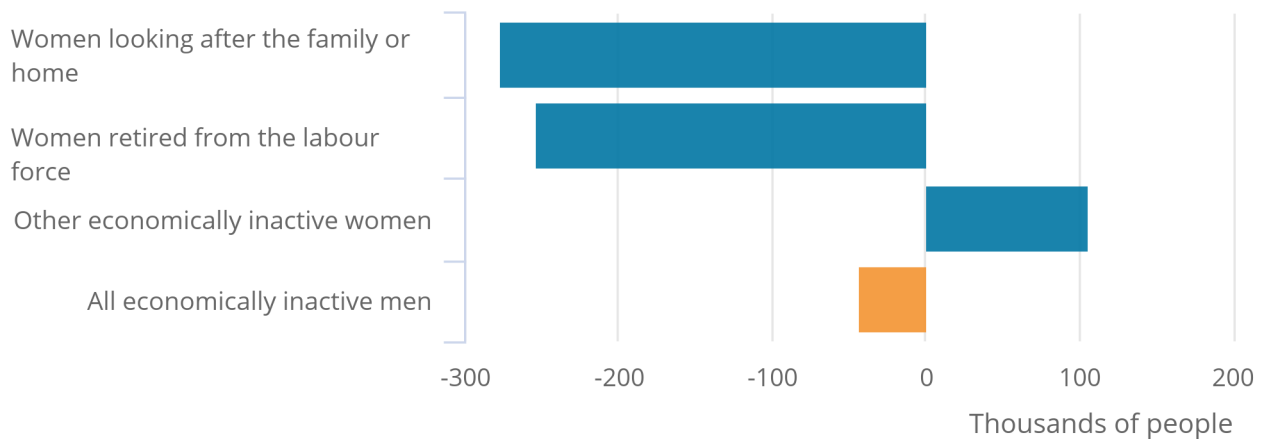
Estimates for November 2018 to January 2019 showed 8.55 million people aged from 16 to 64 years not in the labour force (economically inactive), 194,000 fewer than for a year earlier and the lowest since January to March 1993. Of these, 3.29 million were men (116,000 fewer than for a year earlier) and 5.26 million were women (78,000 fewer than for a year earlier).

Figure 11: More women in the labour force is the main cause of the fall in economic inactivity

Changes in the number of economically inactive people (aged 16 to 64 years) in the UK, seasonally adjusted, between November 2013 to January 2014 and November 2018 to January 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Looking now at changes in economic inactivity over the five-year period between November 2013 to January 2014 and November 2018 to January 2019, the categories showing the largest falls in the estimates were women looking after the family or home (down 277,000) and women taking early retirement (down 253,000). This reflects ongoing changes to the State Pension age, resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65 years, as well as more women in younger age groups participating in the labour market.

4 . Data

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

[Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 19 March 2019

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

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

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 19 March 2019

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 19 March 2019

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

[Unemployment by age and duration](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 19 March 2019

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 19 March 2019

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

Table 1: Summary of UK employment estimates for November 2018 to January 2019, seasonally adjusted

	Estimate (seasonally adjusted)	Sampling variability of estimate (1)	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter (1)	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year (1)
Employment (thousands of people aged 16 years and over)	32,714	± 175	222	± 149	473	± 234
Employment rate (%, aged 16 to 64 years)	76.1%	± 0.4	0.4	± 0.3	0.8	± 0.5
Unemployment (thousands of people aged 16 years and over)	1,338	± 69	-35	± 76	-112	± 96
Unemployment rate (%, aged 16 years and over)	3.9%	± 0.2	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.4	± 0.3
Economically inactive (thousands of people aged 16 to 64 years)	8,549	± 154	-117	± 133	-194	± 205
Economic inactivity rate (%, aged 16 to 64 years)	20.7%	± 0.4	-0.3	± 0.3	-0.5	± 0.5

Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes

1. The sampling variability estimates are for 95% confidence intervals and are calculated on data that are not seasonally adjusted. [Back to table](#)

5 . Glossary

Employment

[Employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work and differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who are in paid work.

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 (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed.

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 they are unable to start work in the next two weeks. The economic inactivity rate is the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who are not in the labour force.

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

6 . Measuring the data

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

The [Quality and Methodology Information \(QMI\)](#) report pulls together important qualitative information on the various dimensions of data quality, as well as providing a summary of the methods used to compile the output.

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

7 . Strengths and limitations

The figures in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, 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 such as time and cost constraints. 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.

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 from 16 to 17 years), which are based on quite small subsets of the Labour Force Survey sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups (for example, the total number of unemployed people).

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.

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

8 . You might also be interested in

[Labour market economic commentary](#)

Article | Released 19 March 2019

Additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends.

[Regional labour market statistics in the UK](#)

Bulletin | Released 19 March 2019

Regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics.

[Public sector employment](#)

Bulletin | Released 19 March 2019

Quarterly estimates of the number of people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK. The public sector comprises central government, local government and public corporations.

[Young people not in education, employment or training](#)

Bulletin | Released 28 February 2019

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

[Working and workless households in the UK](#)

Bulletin | Released 6 March 2019

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

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/march2019/relateddata>

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

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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

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	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								
Nov-Jan 2017	52,603	41,106	31,847	74.5	1,573	4.7	8,910	21.7
Nov-Jan 2018	52,881	41,204	32,241	75.3	1,451	4.3	8,742	21.2
Feb-Apr 2018	52,953	41,227	32,389	75.6	1,416	4.2	8,668	21.0
May-Jul 2018	53,025	41,251	32,408	75.5	1,358	4.0	8,758	21.2
Aug-Oct 2018	53,093	41,271	32,492	75.7	1,373	4.1	8,666	21.0
Nov-Jan 2019	53,161	41,291	32,714	76.1	1,338	3.9	8,549	20.7
Change on quarter	68	20	222	0.4	-35	-0.1	-117	-0.3
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.7		-2.5		-1.3	
Change on year	280	87	473	0.8	-112	-0.4	-194	-0.5
Change %	0.5	0.2	1.5		-7.7		-2.2	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Nov-Jan 2017	25,707	20,425	16,926	79.3	864	4.9	3,372	16.5
Nov-Jan 2018	25,860	20,482	17,091	79.8	755	4.2	3,406	16.6
Feb-Apr 2018	25,902	20,497	17,128	80.0	767	4.3	3,354	16.4
May-Jul 2018	25,944	20,514	17,175	80.1	718	4.0	3,375	16.5
Aug-Oct 2018	25,981	20,526	17,240	80.3	744	4.1	3,314	16.1
Nov-Jan 2019	26,019	20,538	17,317	80.5	728	4.0	3,290	16.0
Change on quarter	38	12	77	0.2	-16	-0.1	-24	-0.1
Change %	0.1	0.1	0.4		-2.2		-0.7	
Change on year	158	56	226	0.7	-27	-0.2	-116	-0.6
Change %	0.6	0.3	1.3		-3.6		-3.4	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Nov-Jan 2017	26,896	20,681	14,921	69.8	709	4.5	5,538	26.8
Nov-Jan 2018	27,021	20,722	15,150	70.9	696	4.4	5,337	25.8
Feb-Apr 2018	27,051	20,730	15,261	71.3	649	4.1	5,313	25.6
May-Jul 2018	27,081	20,738	15,233	71.0	640	4.0	5,383	26.0
Aug-Oct 2018	27,112	20,745	15,252	71.2	629	4.0	5,351	25.8
Nov-Jan 2019	27,143	20,753	15,396	71.8	611	3.8	5,259	25.3
Change on quarter	31	8	144	0.6	-19	-0.1	-92	-0.5
Change %	0.1	0.0	0.9		-3.0		-1.7	
Change on year	122	31	246	0.9	-85	-0.6	-78	-0.4
Change %	0.5	0.1	1.6		-12.2		-1.5	

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 to 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
	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
People												
Nov-Jan 2017	31,847	60.5	1,573	4.7	19,183	36.5	30,639	74.5	1,557	4.8	8,910	21.7
Nov-Jan 2018	32,241	61.0	1,451	4.3	19,190	36.3	31,028	75.3	1,434	4.4	8,742	21.2
Feb-Apr 2018	32,389	61.2	1,416	4.2	19,148	36.2	31,165	75.6	1,394	4.3	8,668	21.0
May-Jul 2018	32,408	61.1	1,358	4.0	19,260	36.3	31,153	75.5	1,341	4.1	8,758	21.2
Aug-Oct 2018	32,492	61.2	1,373	4.1	19,227	36.2	31,247	75.7	1,358	4.2	8,666	21.0
Nov-Jan 2019	32,714	61.5	1,338	3.9	19,109	35.9	31,425	76.1	1,317	4.0	8,549	20.7
Change on quarter	222	0.3	-35	-0.1	-118	-0.3	178	0.4	-41	-0.1	-117	-0.3
Change %	0.7		-2.5		-0.6		0.6		-3.0		-1.3	
Change on year	473	0.6	-112	-0.4	-80	-0.3	397	0.8	-116	-0.4	-194	-0.5
Change %	1.5		-7.7		-0.4		1.3		-8.1		-2.2	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Nov-Jan 2017	16,926	65.8	864	4.9	7,917	30.8	16,198	79.3	855	5.0	3,372	16.5
Nov-Jan 2018	17,091	66.1	755	4.2	8,014	31.0	16,335	79.8	741	4.3	3,406	16.6
Feb-Apr 2018	17,128	66.1	767	4.3	8,007	30.9	16,390	80.0	753	4.4	3,354	16.4
May-Jul 2018	17,175	66.2	718	4.0	8,051	31.0	16,429	80.1	709	4.1	3,375	16.5
Aug-Oct 2018	17,240	66.4	744	4.1	7,997	30.8	16,478	80.3	734	4.3	3,314	16.1
Nov-Jan 2019	17,317	66.6	728	4.0	7,973	30.6	16,532	80.5	716	4.1	3,290	16.0
Change on quarter	77	0.2	-16	-0.1	-23	-0.1	55	0.2	-18	-0.1	-24	-0.1
Change %	0.4		-2.2		-0.3		0.3		-2.5		-0.7	
Change on year	226	0.5	-27	-0.2	-41	-0.3	197	0.7	-25	-0.2	-116	-0.6
Change %	1.3		-3.6		-0.5		1.2		-3.4		-3.4	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Nov-Jan 2017	14,921	55.5	709	4.5	11,265	41.9	14,441	69.8	702	4.6	5,538	26.8
Nov-Jan 2018	15,150	56.1	696	4.4	11,175	41.4	14,692	70.9	693	4.5	5,337	25.8
Feb-Apr 2018	15,261	56.4	649	4.1	11,141	41.2	14,775	71.3	641	4.2	5,313	25.6
May-Jul 2018	15,233	56.2	640	4.0	11,208	41.4	14,723	71.0	632	4.1	5,383	26.0
Aug-Oct 2018	15,252	56.3	629	4.0	11,231	41.4	14,769	71.2	625	4.1	5,351	25.8
Nov-Jan 2019	15,396	56.7	611	3.8	11,136	41.0	14,892	71.8	602	3.9	5,259	25.3
Change on quarter	144	0.5	-19	-0.1	-95	-0.4	123	0.6	-23	-0.2	-92	-0.5
Change %	0.9		-3.0		-0.8		0.8		-3.7		-1.7	
Change on year	246	0.7	-85	-0.6	-40	-0.3	200	0.9	-91	-0.6	-78	-0.4
Change %	1.6		-12.2		-0.4		1.4		-13.2		-1.5	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
People												
Nov-Jan 2017	377	26.1	113	23.0	953	66.0	3,540	62.2	438	11.0	1,717	30.2
Nov-Jan 2018	337	23.9	125	27.1	947	67.2	3,480	61.8	410	10.5	1,740	30.9
Feb-Apr 2018	348	24.8	114	24.7	940	67.1	3,504	62.4	401	10.3	1,709	30.4
May-Jul 2018	348	25.0	100	22.4	945	67.8	3,487	62.3	389	10.0	1,724	30.8
Aug-Oct 2018	321	23.1	95	22.8	977	70.1	3,513	63.0	400	10.2	1,665	29.8
Nov-Jan 2019	318	22.9	91	22.2	984	70.6	3,540	63.7	409	10.4	1,608	28.9
Change on quarter	-3	-0.2	-4	-0.7	7	0.5	27	0.7	9	0.1	-57	-0.9
Change %	-0.9		-4.6		0.7		0.8		2.3		-3.4	
Change on year	-19	-1.1	-35	-5.0	36	3.4	60	1.9	0	-0.2	-132	-2.0
Change %	-5.6		-27.8		3.8		1.7		-0.1		-7.6	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Nov-Jan 2017	177	23.9	65	27.0	497	67.2	1,821	62.8	270	12.9	810	27.9
Nov-Jan 2018	162	22.5	62	27.6	497	68.9	1,790	62.3	231	11.4	852	29.7
Feb-Apr 2018	170	23.7	59	25.6	489	68.2	1,812	63.2	233	11.4	821	28.6
May-Jul 2018	174	24.3	49	22.1	490	68.7	1,822	63.7	223	10.9	815	28.5
Aug-Oct 2018	155	21.7	55	26.1	503	70.6	1,847	64.8	231	11.1	771	27.1
Nov-Jan 2019	154	21.6	48	23.6	511	71.7	1,827	64.4	250	12.0	761	26.8
Change on quarter	-1	-0.1	-7	-2.5	8	1.1	-20	-0.4	19	0.9	-10	-0.3
Change %	-0.5		-13.0		1.6		-1.1		8.1		-1.3	
Change on year	-8	-0.9	-14	-4.0	14	2.8	37	2.1	19	0.6	-91	-2.8
Change %	-5.1		-23.1		2.7		2.1		8.1		-10.7	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Nov-Jan 2017	200	28.5	48	19.2	456	64.8	1,718	61.5	168	8.9	907	32.5
Nov-Jan 2018	175	25.4	63	26.7	450	65.4	1,690	61.3	178	9.5	888	32.2
Feb-Apr 2018	178	26.0	56	23.8	451	65.9	1,692	61.6	168	9.0	888	32.3
May-Jul 2018	175	25.7	51	22.6	455	66.8	1,665	60.8	166	9.0	909	33.2
Aug-Oct 2018	166	24.5	40	19.5	473	69.6	1,666	61.1	169	9.2	894	32.8
Nov-Jan 2019	164	24.1	43	20.8	472	69.5	1,713	63.0	159	8.5	847	31.1
Change on quarter	-2	-0.3	3	1.3	-1	-0.1	46	1.9	-10	-0.7	-47	-1.6
Change %	-1.4		6.7		-0.2		2.8		-5.7		-5.3	
Change on year	-11	-1.2	-21	-5.9	23	4.1	23	1.7	-19	-1.0	-41	-1.1
Change %	-6.0		-32.3		5.0		1.3		-10.6		-4.6	

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

7 Actual weekly hours worked

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

People	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked				
		All workers ¹		Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
		YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Nov-Jan 2017	1,027.0	32.2	37.6	16.3	9.7	
Nov-Jan 2018	1,034.6	32.1	37.3	16.2	9.9	
Feb-Apr 2018	1,029.6	31.8	36.9	16.3	10.0	
May-Jul 2018	1,035.2	31.9	37.1	16.2	10.1	
Aug-Oct 2018	1,044.8	32.2	37.3	16.3	9.7	
Nov-Jan 2019	1,047.5	32.0	37.2	16.2	9.7	
Change on quarter	2.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	
Change %	0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-0.1	
Change on year	12.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	
Change %	1.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-1.7	
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF	
Nov-Jan 2017	622.0	36.7	39.5	16.4	10.9	
Nov-Jan 2018	623.5	36.5	39.3	15.9	10.8	
Feb-Apr 2018	618.9	36.1	38.9	15.9	11.1	
May-Jul 2018	621.5	36.2	39.0	15.9	11.1	
Aug-Oct 2018	628.4	36.5	39.1	16.3	10.6	
Nov-Jan 2019	629.5	36.4	39.1	16.3	10.4	
Change on quarter	1.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
Change %	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-1.0	
Change on year	5.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	
Change %	1.0	-0.4	-0.5	2.3	-3.6	
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG	
Nov-Jan 2017	405.0	27.1	34.4	16.3	8.9	
Nov-Jan 2018	411.1	27.1	34.1	16.3	9.1	
Feb-Apr 2018	410.6	26.9	33.7	16.5	9.2	
May-Jul 2018	413.8	27.2	34.1	16.3	9.3	
Aug-Oct 2018	416.4	27.3	34.2	16.4	9.1	
Nov-Jan 2019	418.0	27.2	34.1	16.2	9.1	
Change on quarter	1.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	
Change %	0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-1.2	0.4	
Change on year	7.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	
Change %	1.7	0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.1	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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
Nov-Jan 2018									
Less than 6 Hours	1.3	0.9	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.1	3.1	1.8	5.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.5	3.6	9.8	6.0	3.3	8.8	8.7	4.4	17.4
16 up to 30 hours	19.9	10.0	31.2	19.5	8.7	30.5	22.5	15.0	37.3
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	59.4	47.0	56.2	62.6	49.6	39.2	45.9	25.8
Over 45 hours	18.7	26.2	10.4	17.4	24.7	10.0	26.5	32.9	13.9
Total (thousands)	32,241	17,091	15,150	27,279	13,828	13,451	4,773	3,169	1,605
Aug-Oct 2018									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.3	3.4	1.9	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.5	9.6	5.8	3.1	8.6	9.0	4.6	17.9
16 up to 30 hours	19.8	10.2	30.6	19.3	8.9	30.0	22.9	15.9	37.0
31 up to 45 hours	54.2	59.9	47.8	57.0	63.2	50.6	39.0	46.3	24.3
Over 45 hours	18.2	25.5	10.0	17.0	24.3	9.5	25.7	31.3	14.5
Total (thousands)	32,492	17,240	15,252	27,550	13,953	13,597	4,778	3,200	1,579
Nov-Jan 2019									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	2.0	0.9	0.6	1.3	3.3	1.7	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.5	9.5	5.7	3.1	8.5	9.2	4.9	18.0
16 up to 30 hours	20.1	10.4	31.1	19.7	8.9	30.6	22.9	16.4	36.0
31 up to 45 hours	54.1	59.9	47.6	56.7	63.1	50.3	39.5	46.4	25.4
Over 45 hours	18.1	25.4	9.9	17.0	24.4	9.4	25.2	30.6	14.2
Total (thousands)	32,714	17,317	15,396	27,703	13,995	13,708	4,839	3,243	1,596

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

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

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
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Nov-Jan 2017	717	3.8	417	104	196	27.3	104	306	3.0	150	45	110	36.1	70
Nov-Jan 2018	612	3.2	328	110	175	28.5	88	303	2.9	138	52	114	37.4	75
Feb-Apr 2018	592	3.1	326	94	172	29.1	99	309	2.9	146	45	118	38.2	74
May-Jul 2018	593	3.1	332	84	178	30.0	103	275	2.6	131	46	99	36.0	61
Aug-Oct 2018	596	3.1	335	91	170	28.5	92	282	2.7	127	45	110	38.8	67
Nov-Jan 2019	546	2.9	306	85	154	28.3	84	293	2.7	136	43	114	38.8	66
Change on quarter	-50	-0.3	-29	-6	-15	-0.1	-9	10	0.1	8	-2	4	0.0	-1
Change %	-8.4		-8.6	-6.6	-8.9		-9.3	3.7		6.5	-4.5	3.8		-1.8
Change on year	-67	-0.4	-22	-25	-20	-0.2	-4	-11	-0.2	-2	-9	0	1.4	-10
Change %	-10.9		-6.6	-22.6	-11.5		-5.1	-3.5		-1.3	-17.1	0.1		-12.7
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Nov-Jan 2017	354	3.6	200	41	113	32.0	76	174	3.2	77	25	72	41.3	46
Nov-Jan 2018	287	2.9	140	55	93	32.2	50	174	3.1	68	32	74	42.5	50
Feb-Apr 2018	295	2.9	153	47	95	32.3	58	180	3.2	83	26	72	39.8	44
May-Jul 2018	301	3.0	158	39	105	34.7	68	145	2.6	63	25	57	39.3	33
Aug-Oct 2018	303	3.0	156	50	97	32.0	58	155	2.8	66	23	66	42.7	38
Nov-Jan 2019	265	2.6	130	48	86	32.5	57	165	2.9	71	25	69	41.7	38
Change on quarter	-38	-0.4	-25	-1	-11	0.5	-2	10	0.1	5	2	3	-1.0	0
Change %	-12.4		-16.3	-2.8	-11.1		-2.8	6.4		8.1	8.4	4.0		-1.1
Change on year	-22	-0.2	-10	-6	-6	0.3	7	-9	-0.2	3	-7	-5	-0.7	-13
Change %	-7.8		-7.0	-11.5	-7.0		14.0	-5.2		4.5	-22.0	-6.8		-24.9
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Nov-Jan 2017	363	4.1	217	63	82	22.6	28	131	2.8	72	21	38	29.2	24
Nov-Jan 2018	325	3.6	188	55	82	25.2	38	129	2.7	70	20	39	30.6	25
Feb-Apr 2018	297	3.3	173	47	77	25.9	41	129	2.6	63	20	46	36.0	30
May-Jul 2018	292	3.3	173	45	74	25.3	35	131	2.6	68	21	42	32.4	27
Aug-Oct 2018	293	3.3	179	41	73	24.8	34	127	2.6	62	22	43	34.0	29
Nov-Jan 2019	281	3.2	176	37	68	24.3	27	127	2.5	65	18	45	35.1	28
Change on quarter	-12	-0.1	-4	-5	-4	-0.4	-7	1	0.0	3	-4	2	1.1	-1
Change %	-4.2		-2.0	-11.3	-5.9		-20.6	0.4		4.9	-18.1	3.5		-2.7
Change on year	-44	-0.5	-12	-19	-14	-0.9	-11	-2	-0.1	-5	-2	5	4.5	3
Change %	-13.6		-6.4	-33.6	-16.6		-29.8	-1.2		-7.0	-9.2	13.2		12.1

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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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+
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically active levels								
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Nov-Jan 2017	33,421	32,196	490	3,977	7,614	11,140	8,975	1,224
Nov-Jan 2018	33,692	32,461	463	3,890	7,744	11,185	9,181	1,231
Feb-Apr 2018	33,805	32,560	462	3,905	7,731	11,202	9,260	1,245
May-Jul 2018	33,765	32,494	449	3,875	7,727	11,170	9,273	1,272
Aug-Oct 2018	33,865	32,605	416	3,913	7,759	11,183	9,332	1,260
Nov-Jan 2019	34,052	32,742	409	3,949	7,792	11,181	9,411	1,310
Change on quarter	187	137	-7	36	32	-2	78	50
Change %	0.6	0.4	-1.8	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.8	3.9
Change on year	360	281	-54	60	48	-4	230	79
Change %	1.1	0.9	-11.6	1.5	0.6	0.0	2.5	6.5
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Nov-Jan 2017	17,790	17,053	242	2,091	4,101	5,875	4,743	737
Nov-Jan 2018	17,846	17,076	224	2,021	4,150	5,873	4,807	771
Feb-Apr 2018	17,895	17,143	228	2,046	4,155	5,874	4,840	752
May-Jul 2018	17,893	17,139	223	2,045	4,155	5,870	4,846	754
Aug-Oct 2018	17,984	17,211	210	2,078	4,167	5,881	4,875	773
Nov-Jan 2019	18,045	17,248	202	2,077	4,183	5,881	4,904	797
Change on quarter	61	37	-8	-1	17	0	29	24
Change %	0.3	0.2	-3.8	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.6	3.2
Change on year	199	172	-23	56	34	8	97	27
Change %	1.1	1.0	-10.1	2.8	0.8	0.1	2.0	3.5
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Nov-Jan 2017	15,630	15,143	248	1,886	3,513	5,265	4,231	487
Nov-Jan 2018	15,846	15,385	238	1,868	3,594	5,312	4,373	460
Feb-Apr 2018	15,910	15,417	234	1,860	3,576	5,328	4,420	493
May-Jul 2018	15,873	15,355	226	1,830	3,572	5,300	4,427	518
Aug-Oct 2018	15,881	15,394	207	1,835	3,593	5,302	4,457	487
Nov-Jan 2019	16,007	15,494	207	1,872	3,609	5,300	4,506	513
Change on quarter	126	100	0	37	16	-2	49	25
Change %	0.8	0.7	0.2	2.0	0.4	0.0	1.1	5.2
Change on year	161	109	-31	4	15	-12	133	53
Change %	1.0	0.7	-13.0	0.2	0.4	-0.2	3.0	11.4
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Nov-Jan 2017	63.5	78.3	34.0	69.8	86.0	86.7	73.2	10.6
Nov-Jan 2018	63.7	78.8	32.8	69.1	87.0	87.4	73.7	10.5
Feb-Apr 2018	63.8	79.0	32.9	69.6	86.7	87.6	74.0	10.6
May-Jul 2018	63.7	78.8	32.2	69.2	86.6	87.4	73.9	10.8
Aug-Oct 2018	63.8	79.0	29.9	70.2	86.8	87.6	74.1	10.7
Nov-Jan 2019	64.1	79.3	29.4	71.1	87.1	87.7	74.4	11.0
Change on quarter	0.3	0.3	-0.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
Change on year	0.3	0.5	-3.4	2.0	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.5
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Nov-Jan 2017	69.2	83.5	32.8	72.1	92.8	92.6	78.8	14.0
Nov-Jan 2018	69.0	83.4	31.1	70.3	93.2	92.9	78.6	14.3
Feb-Apr 2018	69.1	83.6	31.8	71.4	93.1	93.1	78.8	13.9
May-Jul 2018	69.0	83.5	31.3	71.5	92.9	93.1	78.6	13.9
Aug-Oct 2018	69.2	83.9	29.4	72.9	93.0	93.3	78.9	14.2
Nov-Jan 2019	69.4	84.0	28.3	73.2	93.2	93.4	79.1	14.5
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
Change on year	0.3	0.6	-2.8	2.8	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.2
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Nov-Jan 2017	58.1	73.2	35.2	67.5	79.2	80.9	67.8	7.8
Nov-Jan 2018	58.6	74.2	34.6	67.8	80.7	81.9	68.9	7.3
Feb-Apr 2018	58.8	74.4	34.1	67.7	80.3	82.3	69.4	7.8
May-Jul 2018	58.6	74.0	33.2	66.8	80.2	81.9	69.3	8.2
Aug-Oct 2018	58.6	74.2	30.4	67.2	80.6	82.0	69.5	7.7
Nov-Jan 2019	59.0	74.7	30.5	68.9	81.0	82.1	70.0	8.0
Change on quarter	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.6	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4
Change on year	0.3	0.4	-4.1	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.7

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+8; 2=3+4+5+6+7.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)								Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	All aged 16 to 64								Does not want a job	Wants a job ¹
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Nov-Jan 2017	8,910	2,318	2,205	158	1,991	37	1,194	1,007	6,731	2,179
Nov-Jan 2018	8,742	2,354	2,084	205	1,987	36	1,156	921	6,720	2,023
Feb-Apr 2018	8,668	2,323	2,027	180	1,986	31	1,133	990	6,694	1,974
May-Jul 2018	8,758	2,325	2,044	174	2,049	31	1,132	1,004	6,818	1,939
Aug-Oct 2018	8,666	2,316	2,031	170	1,983	34	1,139	994	6,793	1,873
Nov-Jan 2019	8,549	2,257	2,005	173	2,006	33	1,089	985	6,733	1,816
Change on quarter	-117	-58	-26	4	23	-1	-50	-9	-60	-57
Change %	-1.3	-2.5	-1.3	2.2	1.2	-3.0	-4.4	-0.9	-0.9	-3.0
Change on year	-194	-97	-79	-31	19	-3	-66	64	13	-207
Change %	-2.2	-4.1	-3.8	-15.3	1.0	-7.1	-5.7	6.9	0.2	-10.2
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Nov-Jan 2017	3,372	1,171	252	74	955	21	466	434	2,502	870
Nov-Jan 2018	3,406	1,180	252	102	961	22	469	421	2,558	848
Feb-Apr 2018	3,354	1,165	233	85	960	16	465	429	2,520	834
May-Jul 2018	3,375	1,135	224	80	1,023	18	461	434	2,573	802
Aug-Oct 2018	3,314	1,152	221	79	953	24	467	417	2,556	759
Nov-Jan 2019	3,290	1,141	215	87	951	21	477	398	2,547	743
Change on quarter	-24	-11	-7	8	-2	-4	10	-19	-9	-16
Change %	-0.7	-1.0	-3.0	10.7	-0.2	-15.1	2.1	-4.6	-0.3	-2.1
Change on year	-116	-39	-37	-14	-10	-1	8	-23	-11	-105
Change %	-3.4	-3.3	-14.8	-14.2	-1.0	-3.6	1.7	-5.5	-0.4	-12.4
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Nov-Jan 2017	5,538	1,147	1,953	84	1,036	16	729	573	4,228	1,309
Nov-Jan 2018	5,337	1,175	1,832	103	1,026	14	687	500	4,162	1,174
Feb-Apr 2018	5,313	1,157	1,793	94	1,025	15	668	561	4,174	1,140
May-Jul 2018	5,383	1,189	1,820	94	1,027	13	671	570	4,245	1,137
Aug-Oct 2018	5,351	1,163	1,810	91	1,029	10	672	576	4,237	1,114
Nov-Jan 2019	5,259	1,116	1,790	86	1,054	12	613	587	4,186	1,073
Change on quarter	-92	-47	-19	-5	25	3	-59	10	-51	-41
Change %	-1.7	-4.0	-1.1	-5.3	2.4	27.4	-8.8	1.8	-1.2	-3.7
Change on year	-78	-59	-42	-17	29	-2	-75	87	24	-102
Change %	-1.5	-5.0	-2.3	-16.5	2.8	-12.2	-10.8	17.4	0.6	-8.7
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Nov-Jan 2017	100	26.0	24.7	1.8	22.3	0.4	13.4	11.3	75.5	24.5
Nov-Jan 2018	100	26.9	23.8	2.3	22.7	0.4	13.2	10.5	76.9	23.1
Feb-Apr 2018	100	26.8	23.4	2.1	22.9	0.4	13.1	11.4	77.2	22.8
May-Jul 2018	100	26.5	23.3	2.0	23.4	0.4	12.9	11.5	77.9	22.1
Aug-Oct 2018	100	26.7	23.4	2.0	22.9	0.4	13.1	11.5	78.4	21.6
Nov-Jan 2019	100	26.4	23.5	2.0	23.5	0.4	12.7	11.5	78.8	21.2
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Nov-Jan 2017	100	34.7	7.5	2.2	28.3	0.6	13.8	12.9	74.2	25.8
Nov-Jan 2018	100	34.6	7.4	3.0	28.2	0.6	13.8	12.4	75.1	24.9
Feb-Apr 2018	100	34.7	7.0	2.5	28.6	0.5	13.9	12.8	75.1	24.9
May-Jul 2018	100	33.6	6.6	2.4	30.3	0.5	13.6	12.9	76.2	23.8
Aug-Oct 2018	100	34.8	6.7	2.4	28.8	0.7	14.1	12.6	77.1	22.9
Nov-Jan 2019	100	34.7	6.5	2.7	28.9	0.6	14.5	12.1	77.4	22.6
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Nov-Jan 2017	100	20.7	35.3	1.5	18.7	0.3	13.2	10.3	76.4	23.6
Nov-Jan 2018	100	22.0	34.3	1.9	19.2	0.3	12.9	9.4	78.0	22.0
Feb-Apr 2018	100	21.8	33.8	1.8	19.3	0.3	12.6	10.6	78.6	21.4
May-Jul 2018	100	22.1	33.8	1.7	19.1	0.2	12.5	10.6	78.9	21.1
Aug-Oct 2018	100	21.7	33.8	1.7	19.2	0.2	12.6	10.8	79.2	20.8
Nov-Jan 2019	100	21.2	34.0	1.6	20.1	0.2	11.7	11.2	79.6	20.4

Relationship between columns : 1=2+3+4+5+6+7+8; 9=1+10.

Source: Labour Force Survey
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1. This series comprises those who say they would like a regular paid job, but who do not meet the internationally agreed definition of unemployment because they have not been looking for work in the last four weeks and/or they were unable to start working within two weeks.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

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

November 2018 to January 2019

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	1,392	318	91	984	1,215	245	67	903	177	73	23	81
18-24	5,557	3,540	409	1,608	1,817	622	84	1,111	3,740	2,918	325	497
16-24	6,950	3,858	500	2,592	3,033	867	152	2,014	3,917	2,991	348	578
Men												
16-17	713	154	48	511	619	115	35	469	94	39	13	42
18-24	2,838	1,827	250	761	885	264	49	572	1,954	1,564	201	189
16-24	3,551	1,981	298	1,272	1,504	379	84	1,041	2,047	1,603	214	231
Women												
16-17	680	164	43	472	596	130	33	434	83	34	10	39
18-24	2,719	1,713	159	847	933	358	35	539	1,786	1,354	124	308
16-24	3,399	1,877	202	1,319	1,529	488	68	973	1,870	1,389	135	347
Changes on quarter (changes since August to October 2018)												
People												
16-17	0	-3	-4	7	-11	-8	-5	2	11	5	1	5
18-24	-21	27	9	-57	-52	-23	-15	-14	31	50	24	-43
16-24	-22	24	5	-50	-63	-31	-20	-12	41	54	25	-38
Men												
16-17	0	-1	-7	8	-6	-2	-4	0	6	1	-3	8
18-24	-11	-20	19	-10	-30	-22	-6	-2	19	2	25	-8
16-24	-11	-20	12	-2	-37	-24	-10	-3	26	3	22	0
Women												
16-17	0	-2	3	-1	-5	-6	-1	2	4	4	4	-3
18-24	-10	46	-10	-47	-22	-1	-9	-11	11	47	0	-36
16-24	-11	44	-7	-48	-26	-7	-10	-9	16	51	3	-39
Rates(%)³												
People												
16-17		22.9	22.2	70.6		20.2	21.6	74.3		41.2	24.2	45.7
18-24		63.7	10.4	28.9		34.2	11.9	61.1		78.0	10.0	13.3
16-24		55.5	11.5	37.3		28.6	14.9	66.4		76.4	10.4	14.7
Men												
16-17		21.6	23.6	71.7		18.6	23.2	75.7		41.4	24.8	45.0
18-24		64.4	12.0	26.8		29.8	15.7	64.7		80.0	11.4	9.7
16-24		55.8	13.1	35.8		25.2	18.2	69.2		78.3	11.8	11.3
Women												
16-17		24.1	20.8	69.5		21.8	20.0	72.7		40.9	23.4	46.5
18-24		63.0	8.5	31.1		38.4	8.9	57.8		75.8	8.4	17.2
16-24		55.2	9.7	38.8		31.9	12.2	63.6		74.3	8.8	18.5
Changes on quarter (changes since August to October 2018)												
People												
16-17		-0.2	-0.7	0.5		-0.4	-0.8	0.8		0.1	-0.5	0.2
18-24		0.7	0.1	-0.9		-0.3	-1.4	1.0		0.7	0.5	-1.3
16-24		0.5	0.0	-0.6		-0.4	-1.2	1.0		0.6	0.5	-1.1
Men												
16-17		-0.1	-2.5	1.1		-0.1	-1.9	0.7		-1.9	-4.3	6.0
18-24		-0.4	0.9	-0.3		-1.4	-0.4	1.9		-0.7	1.2	-0.5
16-24		-0.4	0.6	0.0		-0.9	-0.8	1.5		-0.8	1.1	-0.1
Women												
16-17		-0.3	1.3	-0.1		-0.8	0.3	0.9		2.3	5.1	-6.1
18-24		1.9	-0.7	-1.6		0.8	-2.1	0.1		2.2	-0.3	-2.1
16-24		1.5	-0.5	-1.3		0.1	-1.4	0.5		2.1	-0.1	-2.2

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/peopleinwork/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

22 Redundancies levels and rates¹

United Kingdom, (seasonally adjusted)

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Nov-Jan 2017	117	4.3	75	5.5	42	3.1
Nov-Jan 2018	102	3.8	61	4.5	41	3.1
Feb-Apr 2018	108	4.0	58	4.2	49	3.7
May-Jul 2018	87	3.2	43	3.1	44	3.3
Aug-Oct 2018	83	3.0	46	3.3	37	2.7
Nov-Jan 2019	91	3.3	53	3.8	38	2.8
Change on quarter	8	0.3	7	0.5	1	0.1
Change %	9.7		15.8		2.3	
Change on year	-11	-0.5	-8	-0.7	-3	-0.3
Change %	-10.9		-12.9		-7.8	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. 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.