

Statistical bulletin

## Vacancies and jobs in the UK: November 2019

Estimates of the number of vacancies and jobs for the UK.



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## 1. Other pages in this release

Other commentary from the latest labour market data can be found on the following pages:

- Labour market overview
- Employment in the UK
- Average weekly earnings in Great Britain

## 2. Main points

- While the number of vacancies has been generally increasing since 2012, it has been falling since early 2019.
- For August to October 2019, there were an estimated 800,000 vacancies in the UK, 18,000 fewer than for the three months to July 2019 (this is the ninth consecutive fall on the previous three months) and 53,000 fewer than a year earlier (this is the fifth consecutive annual fall).
- The 53,000 annual fall is the strongest fall since October to December 2009 when there was an annual decrease of 72,000 vacancies compared with the year earlier.
- There were an estimated 136,000 vacancies in the human health and social work sector in August to October 2019; this accounted for 17.0% of all vacancies in the UK.

The data in this bulletin come from surveys of businesses. It is not feasible to survey every business in the UK, so these statistics are estimates based on samples, not precise figures.

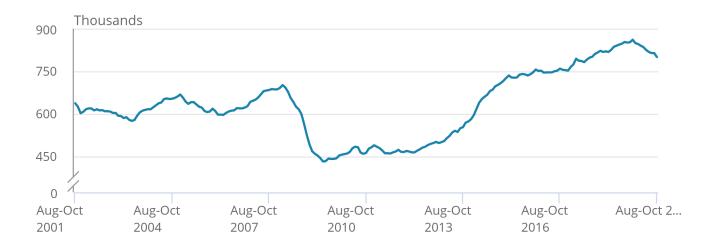
## 3. Analysis of vacancies and jobs

Figure 1: The number of vacancies in the UK has been generally increasing since 2012 although it has been falling since early 2019

Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted, August to October 2001 to August to October 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Vacancy Survey

The estimated <u>number of vacancies</u> in the UK fell sharply during the recession of 2008 to 2009. Since 2012, it has generally increased although it has been falling since early 2019. For August to October 2019, there were an estimated 800,000 vacancies in the UK, 18,000 fewer than for the previous quarter (May to July 2019) and 53,000 fewer than for the previous year.

Figure 2: The vacancy rate for accommodation and food service activities has been consistently higher than for other sectors

Job Vacancies per 100 employee jobs for selected industries in the UK, seasonally adjusted, August to October 2001 to August to October 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Vacancy Survey

#### Notes:

1. The sharp upward movement in the public sector series in early 2011 was due to the recruitment of temporary Census enumerator jobs by the Office for National Statistics.

For August to October 2019 it is estimated that:

- there were 136,000 vacancies in the human health and social work activities sector; this accounted for 17.0% of all vacancies in the UK
- there were 2.7 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs across the economy as a whole
- the sector showing the highest vacancy rate was accommodation and food service activities (4.1 vacancies per 100 employee jobs)
- the sector showing the lowest vacancy rate was construction (1.6 job vacancies per 100 employee jobs)

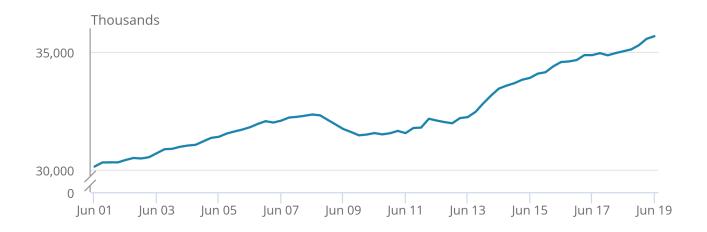
#### Jobs (first published on 10 September 2019)

Figure 3: Between March 2019 and June 2019, the total number of jobs in the UK increased by 114,000 to reach an estimated 35.67 million

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

The <u>number of jobs</u> is not the same as the number of people in employment. This is because a person can have more than one job. Estimates for the number of people in employment are available in <u>Employment in the UK</u>.

The number of jobs has been generally increasing since 2013.

Between March 2019 and June 2019, the total number of jobs in the UK increased by 114,000 to reach an estimated 35.67 million.

Between June 2018 and June 2019, the total number of jobs in the UK increased by 640,000.

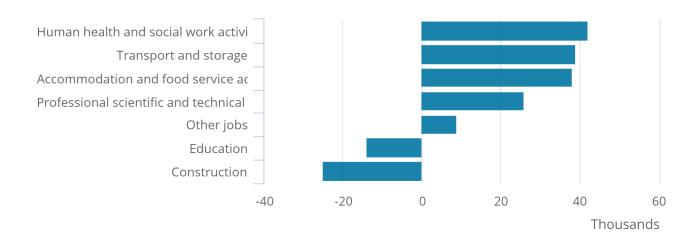
These jobs estimates were first published on 10 September 2019. The jobs estimates will next be updated on 17 December 2019.

Figure 4: The number of human health and social work activity jobs increased by 42,000 between March and June 2019

Changes in the number of jobs in the UK between March and June 2019, seasonally adjusted

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Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

The sector showing the largest estimated quarterly increase in jobs was human health and social work activities (up 42,000 on the quarter).

The sector showing the largest estimated annual increase in jobs was professional, scientific and technical activities (up 183,000 on the year).

## 4. Vacancies and jobs data

#### Vacancies by industry

Dataset VACS02 | Released 12 November 2019

Estimates of vacancies by industry (Standard Industrial Classification 2007).

#### Workforce jobs summary

Dataset JOBS01 | Released 10 September 2019

Estimates of jobs by type of job (employee jobs, self-employment jobs, HM Forces and government-supported trainees).

#### Workforce jobs by industry

Dataset JOBS02 | Released 10 September 2019

Estimates of jobs by industry (Standard Industrial Classification 2007).

Table 1: Sampling variability for estimates of jobs in the UK, thousands, June 2019

UK

	SIC 2007 Section	Estimate for June 2019	Sampling variability of estimate <sup>1</sup>
Α	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	367	±41
В	Mining and quarrying	57	±5
С	Manufacturing	2,732	±39
D	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	141	±11
E	Water supply, sewerage, waste and remediation activities	239	±9
F	Construction	2,369	±59
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4,966	±59
Н	Transport and storage	1,781	±47
1	Accommodation and food service activities	2,489	±55
J	Information and communication	1,625	±48
K	Financial and insurance activities	1,113	±27
L	Real estate activities	572	±36
M	Professional scientific and technical activities	3,156	±75
N	Administrative and support service activities	2,955	±61
0	Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	1,511	±13
Р	Education	2,982	±41
Q	Human health and social work activities	4,538	±65
R	Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,059	±43
S/T	Other service activities and private households	1,010	±43
	All jobs	35,664	±194

Source: Office for National Statistics - Workforce jobs

#### Notes

1. The sampling variability estimates are for 95% confidence intervals and are calculated on data for June 2019 that are not seasonally adjusted. <u>Back to table</u>

More detailed sampling variability information for estimates of jobs is available from <u>Dataset JOBS07</u>.

## 5. Glossary

#### **Jobs**

A job is an activity performed for an employer or customer by a worker in exchange for payment, usually in cash, or in kind, or both. The number of jobs is not the same as the number of people in employment. This is because a person can have more than one job. The number of jobs is the sum of employee jobs from employer surveys, self-employment jobs from the Labour Force Survey, those in HM Forces and government-supported trainees. The number of people in employment is measured by the Labour Force Survey (LFS); these estimates are available in our Employment in the UK release.

#### **Vacancies**

<u>Vacancies</u> are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. The estimates are based on the Vacancy Survey – a survey of businesses designed to provide estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding agriculture, forestry and fishing (a small sector for which the collection of estimates would not be practical).

A more detailed Glossary is available.

## 6. Measuring the data

Estimates of jobs are compiled from a number of sources, including Short Term Employer Surveys (STES), the <u>Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES)</u> and the <u>Labour Force Survey (LFS)</u>. STES is a group of surveys that collect employment and turnover information from private sector businesses. In December of each year, the jobs estimates are "benchmarked" to the latest estimates from the <u>Business Register and Employment Survey</u>.

Estimates of vacancies are obtained from the Vacancy Survey, a survey of employers.

The Quality and Methodology Information (QMI) reports for jobs and vacancies pull together important qualitative information on the various dimensions of data quality, as well as providing a summary of methods used to compile the output.

## 7. Strengths and limitations

#### Accuracy of the statistics: estimating and reporting uncertainty

The figures in this bulletin mainly come from surveys of businesses, which gather information from a sample rather than from the whole population. The samples are 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, vacancies in the construction industry), which are based on quite small subsets of the Vacancy Survey sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups (for example, total vacancies in the UK).

In general, short-term changes in the growth rates reported in this bulletin 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.

Sampling variability information for jobs is available in Table 1 in this bulletin and in <u>Dataset JOBS07</u>.

The sampling variability of the three-month average vacancies level is around plus or minus 1.5% of that level.

#### 8. Related links

#### Labour market economic commentary

Article | Released 12 November 2019

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

#### **UK Business Register and Employment Survey**

Bulletin | Released 26 September 2019

Estimates of employee and employment estimates by detailed geography and industry.

#### Public sector employment

Bulletin | Released 10 September 2019

Estimates of people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK

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https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/november2019/relateddata

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<sup>(\*)</sup> Tables 2 and 10 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file have been amalgamated into one spreadsheet (Dataset A05 SA).

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:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/labourmarketstatistics}$ 

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Table JOBS02 provides more detail than Table 6 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

## **EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS**

#### 5 Workforce jobs

(first published on 10 September 2019)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs1	HM Forces	Government- supported trainees1
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Jun 17	34,864	30,115	4,549	156	45
Sep 17	34,948	30,219	4,527	155	46
Dec 17	34,856	30,188	4,483	155	31
Mar 18	34,949	30,271	4,496	154	28
Jun 18	35,028	30,311	4,536	153	28
Sep 18	35,104	30,451	4,477	153	23
Dec 18	35,283	30,521	4,589	152	21
Mar 19 (r)	35,554	30,716	4,657	153	28
Jun 19 (p)	35,667	30,800	4,673	152	42
Change on quarter	114	84	16	-1	14
Change %	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.4	50.6
Change on year	640	490	137	-1	13
Change %	1.8	1.6	3.0	-0.6	47.1

## 6 Workforce jobs by industry (first published on 10 September 2019)

SIC 2007 sections	All jobs A-T	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage	Accommod-ation & food service activities	Information & communic-ation
	DYDC	JWR5	JWR6	JWR7	JWR8	JWR9	JWS2	JWS3	JWS4	JWS5	JWS6
Jun 17	34,864	409	60	2,684	147	218	2,321	5,031	1,727	2,397	1,509
Sep 17	34,948	421	58	2,697	144	221	2,350	4,985	1,694	2,386	1,488
Dec 17	34,856	420	60	2,708	143	228	2,340	4,996	1,680	2,342	1,484
Mar 18	34,949	401	62	2,705	146	225	2,339	4,998	1,678	2,382	1,530
Jun 18	35,028	392	62	2,731	147	226	2,356	4,983	1,705	2,415	1,559
Sep 18	35,104	387	60	2,719	150	226	2,367	4,967	1,708	2,394	1,570
Dec 18	35,283	346	57	2,707	145	232	2,393	4,986	1,762	2,416	1,587
Mar 19 (r)	35,554	359	59	2,734	143	240	2,393	5,005	1,750	2,432	1,614
Jun 19 (p)	35,667	366	57	2,729	141	239	2,369	4,997	1,789	2,470	1,620
Change on quarter	114	7	-2	-5	-2	-1	-25	-8	39	38	7
Change %	0.3	1.8	-3.9	-0.2	-1.4	-0.2	-1.0	-0.2	2.2	1.5	0.4
Change on year	640	-26	-5	-1	-6	14	13	14	84	54	62
Change %	1.8	-6.6	-8.6	0.0	-4.1	6.0	0.6	0.3	4.9	2.2	4.0

	Financial & insurance activities	Real estate activities	Professional scientific & technical activities	Administrative & support service c activities	security2	Education	activities	Arts, entertainment & recreation	activities by	People employed y households,etc.	Total services
SIC 2007 sections	K	L	M	N	0	P	Q	R	S	T	G-T
	JWS7	JWS8	JWS9	JWT2	JWT3	JWT4	JWT5	JWT6	JWT7	KW78	JWT8
Jun 17	1,121	554	2,978	2,985	1,485	2,923	4,359	987	904	65	29,026
Sep 17	1,107	573	3,009	3,051	1,485	2,932	4,324	1,040	906	74	29,055
Dec 17	1,113	587	2,998	2,996	1,481	2,916	4,373	1,025	908	60	28,957
Mar 18	1,122	586	2,985	2,961	1,486	2,943	4,394	1,019	925	61	29,071
Jun 18	1,110	555	2,973	2,993	1,493	2,946	4,376	1,034	906	68	29,115
Sep 18	1,122	583	3,011	2,988	1,494	2,957	4,423	1,026	891	60	29,196
Dec 18	1,111	580	3,063	2,966	1,504	2,973	4,435	1,045	924	50	29,403
Mar 19 (r)	1,116	566	3,131	2,962	1,512	2,984	4,496	1,063	936	59	29,625
Jun 19 (p)	1,113	572	3,156	2,968	1,510	2,970	4,538	1,053	946	63	29,766
Change on quarter	-3	7	26	6	-1	-14	42	-10	10	4	141
Change %	-0.3	1.2	0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.9	-0.9	1.1	6.4	0.5
Change on year	3	17	183	-25	18	24	162	19	40	-5	651
Change %	0.3	3.1	6.2	-0.8	1.2	0.8	3.7	1.9	4.4	-6.7	2.2

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey and administrative sources

Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For this reason estimates of self-employment jobs and government supported trainee jobs differ from estimates of people in self-employment and in government supported training and employment programmes shown at Table 3. The estimates for government supported trainees shown in this table exclude trainees with contracts of employment as such people are included in the estimates of employee jobs.
 This series is not exclusively a public sector series as it includes some private sector jobs. See table 4 for estimates of public and private sector employment.

## **VACANCIES**

# 19 Vacancies<sup>1</sup> by size of business

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		_		N	umber of employees		
		All Vacancies	1-9	10-49	50-249	250-2499	2500+
		AP2Y	ALY5	ALY6	ALY7	ALY8	ALY9
Levels							
Aug-Oct 2017		801	130	117	122	151	281
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	853	124	131	119	178	302
Sept-Nov 2018		851	122	129	118	181	302
Oct-Dec 2018		852	125	128	118	180	301
Nov-Jan 2019		861	132	129	117	182	301
Dec-Feb 2019		849	130	125	115	179	300
Jan-Mar 2019		846	124	125	116	183	298
Feb-Apr 2019		840	124	120	115	186	295
Mar-May 2019		835	129	116	111	185	293
Apr-Jun 2019		825	118	118	114	183	292
May-Jul 2019	(r)	818	114	119	113	182	291
Jun-Aug 2019	(r)	814	112	120	112	181	290
Jul-Sept 2019	(r)	814	120	122	104	178	289
Aug-Oct 2019	(p)	800	112	118	103	176	291
Change on quarter	*	-18	-2	-1	-10	-6	0
Change %	*	-2.2	-1.5	-0.7	-8.5	-3.1	-0.1
Change on year		-53	-12	-13	-16	-2	-11
Change %		-6.2	-9.8	-10.0	-13.1	-0.8	-3.6

<sup>1.</sup> Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

## 20 Vacancies<sup>1</sup> and Unemployment

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		All Vacancies <sup>1</sup>	Unemployment <sup>2</sup>	Number of unemployed people per vacancy	
		AP2Y	MGSC	JPC5	
Levels					
Jul-Sep 2017		798	1,429	1.8	
Jul-Sep 2018		847	1,377	1.6	
Oct-Dec 2018		852	1,363	1.6	
Jan-Mar 2019		846	1,298	1.5	
Apr-Jun 2019		825	1,329	1.6	
Jul-Sep 2019	(r)	814	1,306	1.6	
hange on quarter		-11	-23	0.0	
Change %		-1.4	-1.8		
Change on year		-34	-72	0.0	
Change %		-4.0	-5.2		

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey/ Labour Force Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

<sup>\*</sup> Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

<sup>1.</sup> Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

<sup>2.</sup> Unemployment estimates are produced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and are always one period behind the ONS Vacancy Survey estimates. This table therefore shows estimates for the same periods as shown in table 1 (which shows LFS estimates).

#### **VACANCIES**

## 21 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

		All vacancies <sup>1</sup>	Mining & quarrying	Manu- facturing	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply <sup>2</sup>	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	Transport & storage	Accommoda- tion & food service activities	Information & communica- tion
SIC 2007 sections	_	B-S	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J
		AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
<b>_evels (thousands)</b> Aug-Oct 2017	)	801	1	54	4	4	31	144	32	90	42
-	(-)	853	1	61	3	4	26	138	40	94	47
Aug-Oct 2018 Sept-Nov 2018	(r)	851	1	61	3	4	26	139	40	92	50
Oct-Dec 2018		852	1	62	3	4	27	139	39	93	51
Nov-Jan 2019		861	i	64	3	4	29	138	43	91	53
Dec-Feb 2019		849	1	61	3	4	28	138	44	89	52
lan-Mar 2019		846	1	61	3	4	28	138	43	92	50
eb-Apr 2019		840	2	56	4	4	27	138	42	93	48
Mar-May 2019		835	2	57	4	4	27	136	42	93	47
Apr-Jun 2019		825	2	56	4	4	27	134	41	89	44
May-Jul 2019	(r)	818	2	54	3	4	25	135	38	90	43
lun-Aug 2019	(r)	814	2	54	3	4	24	129	35	94	43
Jul-Sept 2019	(r)	814	2	52	3	3	25	132	33	95	44
Aug-Oct 2019	(p)	800	2	51	3	4	25	129	32	93	44
Change on quarter		-18	0	-3	0	-1	0	-6	-6	4	1
Change %	*	-2.2	-6.3	-4.8	-8.8	-18.2	-1.2	-4.4	-16.1	4.0	2.1
Change on year		-53	0	-10	0	0	-2	-9	-8	-1	-4
Change %		-6.2	25.0	-16.8	-3.1	-10.0	-5.7	-6.6	-20.8	-0.6	-7.4
/i 100		AP2Z	JPA2	JPA3	JPA4	JPA5	JPA6	JPA7	JPA8	JPA9	JPB2
/acancies per 100 of Aug-Oct 2017	employe	ee jobs 2.7	1.7	2.2	3.1	1.7	2.1	3.1	2.2	4.0	3.2
lug-Oct 2018	(r)	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.3	1.9	1.7	3.0	2.8	4.2	3.5
ept-Nov 2018	(1)	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.7	3.0	2.8	4.1	3.7
Oct-Dec 2018		2.8	2.6	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.8	3.0	2.7	4.1	3.7
lov-Jan 2019		2.9	2.6	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.9	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.8
Dec-Feb 2019		2.8	2.6	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	3.0	3.1	3.9	3.8
an-Mar 2019		2.8	2.8	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.6
eb-Apr 2019		2.8	3.0	2.2	2.6	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	4.1	3.5
Mar-May 2019		2.8	3.2	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.9	4.1	3.4
pr-Jun 2019		2.7	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.0	1.8	2.9	2.9	4.0	3.3
May-Jul 2019	(r)	2.7	3.2	2.1	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.9	2.7	4.0	3.2
un-Aug 2019	(r)	2.7	3.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.8	2.5	4.2	3.1
ul-Sept 2019	(r)	2.7	3.2	2.1	2.2	1.5	1.7	2.9	2.3	4.2	3.2
Aug-Oct 2019	(p)	2.7	3.0	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.6	2.8	2.2	4.1	3.2
Change on quarter	•	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.1
Change on year		-0.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.3

		Financial & insurance activities	Real estate activities <sup>2</sup>	Professional scientific & technical activities	Administrative & support service activities	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health & social work activities	Arts, entertainment & recreation	Other service activities	Total services
SIC 2007 sections		K	L	М	N	0	Р	Q	R	s	G-S
	_	JP9Q	JP9R	JP9S	JP9T	JP9U	JP9V	JP9W	JP9X	JP9Y	JP9Z
Levels (thousands) Aug-Oct 2017	)	39	9	71	50	17	52	124	18	21	709
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	38	11	81	57	24	50	131	20	26	758
Sept-Nov 2018	. ,	38	12	79	54	24	50	130	23	25	756
Oct-Dec 2018		38	13	77	52	23	51	131	23	25	754
Nov-Jan 2019		37	15	80	53	21	49	132	23	25	759
Dec-Feb 2019		36	14	81	50	20	50	132	22	25	751
Jan-Mar 2019		34	12	80	49	20	51	134	23	23	749
Feb-Apr 2019		34	11	79	51	21	52	135	22	21	747
Mar-May 2019		33	10	79	50	22	52	136	21	21	742
Apr-Jun 2019	(-)	34 33	12 11	78 79	50	22 22	53 52	137	20 23	19 19	733 730
May-Jul 2019 Jun-Aug 2019	(r) (r)	33	11	79 79	48 52	22	52 51	138 137	23	19	730 728
Jul-Sept 2019	(r)	32	10	81	54	22	49	137	20	20	729
Aug-Oct 2019	(p)	31	11	82	53	24	48	136	17	18	717
Change on quarter	*	-2	0	3	5	1	-4	-3	-6	-1	-14
Change %	*	-6.0	0.9	3.7	9.7	6.3	-4 -7.3	-3 -1.9	-25.3	-4.3	-1.8
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Change on year		-6 10.5	-1 -5.3	0 0.2	-4 -7.2	0 -0.4	-2 -3.2	4 3.4	-3	-8	-41 -5.4
Change %		-16.5	-5.3	0.2	-1.2	-0.4	-3.2	3.4	-16.4	-31.3	-5.4
		JPB3	JPB4	JPB5	JPB6	JPB7	JPB8	JPB9	JPC2	JPC3	JPC4
Vacancies per 100	employ		4.0					0.4	0.4	0.4	
Aug-Oct 2017		3.7	1.9	2.9	1.9	1.4	1.9	3.1	2.4	3.4	2.8
Aug-Oct 2018	(r)	3.6	2.2	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.9	3.2	2.6	4.3	2.9
Sept-Nov 2018		3.6	2.4	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	3.2	3.0	4.2	2.9
Oct-Dec 2018		3.7	2.6	3.1	2.0	1.8	1.9	3.2	2.9	4.1	2.9
Nov-Jan 2019 Dec-Feb 2019		3.6 3.4	2.9 2.8	3.2 3.2	2.0 1.9	1.6 1.5	1.8 1.9	3.3 3.3	3.0 2.8	4.2 4.1	2.9 2.9
Jan-Mar 2019		3.2	2.3	3.2	1.9	1.6	1.9	3.3	3.0	3.9	2.9
Feb-Apr 2019		3.2	2.1	3.2	1.9	1.7	1.9	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.9
Mar-May 2019		3.2	2.0	3.2	1.9	1.7	1.9	3.4	2.7	3.4	2.9
Apr-Jun 2019		3.2	2.3	3.1	1.9	1.7	2.0	3.4	2.6	3.2	2.8
May-Jul 2019	(r)	3.2	2.1	3.1	1.8	1.7	2.0	3.4	2.9	3.1	2.8
Jun-Aug 2019	(r)	3.2	2.1	3.1	2.0	1.7	1.9	3.4	2.9	3.1	2.8
Jul-Sept 2019	(r)	3.1	1.9	3.2	2.1	1.7	1.8	3.4	2.6	3.3	2.8
Aug-Oct 2019	(p)	3.0	2.1	3.2	2.0	1.8	1.8	3.3	2.2	3.0	2.8
Change on quarter	*	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1
Change on year		-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	-1.4	-0.2
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Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

<sup>1.</sup> Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.
2. Not seasonally adjusted. These series do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series. Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gov.uk, 01633 456777

<sup>\*</sup> Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.