

Statistical bulletin

Public sector employment, UK: June 2021

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



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1 . Main points

- Total public sector employment was unchanged in June 2021 compared with March 2021, though has increased from a year ago, largely because of the ongoing response of the National Health Service (NHS) and the Civil Service to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- There were an estimated 5.68 million employees in the public sector for June 2021, an increase of 131,000 (2.4%) compared with June 2020.
- Employment in central government was an estimated 3.47 million for June 2021, a fall of 2,000 (0.1%) compared with March 2021, but a rise of 132,000 (3.9%) compared with June 2020; the main contributors to this increase were the NHS, the Civil Service and local authority schools becoming academies.
- The NHS employed an estimated 1.85 million people in June 2021, an increase of 5,000 (0.3%) compared with March 2021 and an increase of 63,000 (3.5%) compared with June 2020; the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has driven the increase on the previous year.
- Employment in the Home Civil Service decreased in June 2021 compared with March 2021 because of the departure of around 19,000 temporary staff who had been employed to undertake the 2021 Census in England and Wales; this decrease was partly offset by around 7,000 employees in Community Rehabilitation Companies transferring to HM Prison and Probation Service from the private sector.
- There were 498,000 employees in the Home Civil Service for June 2021, a decrease of 7,000 (1.4%) compared with March 2021, but 39,000 (8.5%) more than for June 2020; the increase on the previous year was partly driven by the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Private sector employment was an estimated 26.68 million for June 2021, an increase of 183,000 (0.7%) on March 2021 but a decrease of 333,000 (1.2%) on June 2020.
- Employment in local government was an estimated 2.01 million and little changed on the previous quarter and previous year; this was up 3,000 (0.1%) compared with March 2021 and up 5,000 (0.2%) compared with June 2020.

2 . Public sector employment data

[Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 14 September 2021

Quarterly estimates of UK and regional public sector employment, made up of central government (including Civil Service), local government and public corporations. The estimates also include a breakdown by industry.

[Public sector employment time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: PSE | Released 14 September 2021

Seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted quarterly data time series of UK public sector employment, containing the latest estimates.

3 . Measuring the data

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](#), published on 11 December 2020.

Impact on production of public sector employment estimates

The collection of the data contained in this release was unaffected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Comments provided by survey respondents suggested the estimates were partly affected by coronavirus planning and response.

Sources

The main source of public sector employment (PSE) is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in the [PSE Quality and Methodology Information \(QMI\)](#).

Full-time equivalents

While this bulletin focuses on headcount estimates of PSE, full-time equivalent estimates (based on the number of hours worked divided by the standard full-time hours) are available in the [accompanying PSE datasets](#).

Seasonal adjustment

All [PSE data time series](#) in this release, with the exception of the regional series, are seasonally adjusted to aid interpretation. Relationships that hold in the unadjusted series do not necessarily hold for the seasonally adjusted series. For example, total PSE equals the total of all public sector industry estimates before seasonal adjustment, but this is not necessarily true after seasonal adjustment.

Reclassifications between the public and private sectors

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are complicated by several major reclassifications, where bodies employing large numbers of people have moved between the public and private sectors. We produce estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications to help you understand underlying trends in employment. We publish these alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment in [Tables 5, 6a and 7a of the PSE datasets](#).

Quality

More quality and methodology information on strengths, limitations, appropriate uses, and how the data were created is available in the [Public sector employment QMI](#).

4 . Related links

[EMP13: Employment by industry](#)

Dataset | Released 17 August 2021

Estimates of public and private sector employment sourced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). These estimates differ from our headline estimates of public sector employment derived from the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), because the QPSES estimates follow national accounts definitions of public and private sector employment, whilst the LFS estimates are based on survey respondents' perceptions of whether they are employed in the public or private sector.

[Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 28 July 2021

Detailed information on the UK Civil Service workforce, including on pay, diversity and location. Responsibility for the collection and publication of this annual release was transferred from the ONS to the Cabinet Office with effect from 1 October 2018.

[Public sector employment in Scotland](#)

Statistical release | Released 14 September 2021

Estimates of public sector employment (PSE) in Scotland, published quarterly by the Scottish Government on the same day as this bulletin.

[Quarterly Employment Survey](#)

Statistical release | Released 14 September 2021

Estimates of short-term employee jobs in Northern Ireland, including public and private sector employment estimates, published by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) on the same day as this bulletin.

[Local government employment](#)

Dataset

Estimates of employment for each local authority in England and Wales, sourced from the ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES) and published quarterly by the Local Government Association.

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These tables show data for the last two years, and to improve the readability of these tables on the printed page, most of the footnotes have been removed. A complete time series including footnotes are available from the PSE Datasets (Excel Spreadsheet) at: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/datasets/publicsectoremploymentreferencetable>

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1 Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		Central government	Local government	Total general government			
		G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
2019	Mar	3,197	2,025	5,222	153	5,375	446
	Jun	3,218	2,021	5,239	154	5,393	448
	Sep	3,245	2,017	5,262	155	5,417	451
	Dec	3,270	2,011	5,281	154	5,435	453
2020	Mar	3,299	2,011	5,310	154	5,464	456
	Jun	3,342 †	2,006	5,348 †	202	5,550 †	459
	Sep	3,354	2,012	5,366	199	5,565	463
	Dec	3,391	2,009	5,400	198	5,598	473
2021	Mar	3,476	2,008 †	5,484	197	5,681	505
	Jun	3,474	2,011	5,485	196	5,681	498
Change on quarter:		-2	3	1	-1	0	-7
Change %:		-0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-1.4
Change on year:		132	5	137	-6	131	39
Change %:		3.9	0.2	2.6	-3.0	2.4	8.5

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

2 Public sector employment by industry; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work			Other public sector	Total public sector
		Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work		
		G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	G7AU
2019	Mar	36	153	249	1,050	1,493	1,683	214	498	5,375
	Jun	36	152	249	1,054	1,495	1,695	215	498	5,393
	Sep	35	153	252	1,055	1,492	1,711	214	507	5,417
	Dec	35	153	253	1,064	1,487	1,727	212	502	5,435
2020	Mar	36	155	258	1,067	1,486	1,744	210	506	5,464
	Jun	36	156	261	1,072 †	1,482	1,782	208	553 †	5,550 †
	Sep	36	157	264	1,083	1,494	1,776	210	546	5,565
	Dec	35	157	264	1,097	1,493	1,792	211	544	5,598
2021	Mar	35	159 †	268 †	1,128	1,494 †	1,840	211	544	5,681
	Jun	35	159	269	1,122	1,499	1,845	210	543	5,681
Change on quarter:		0	0	1	-6	5	5	-1	-1	0
Change %:		0.0	0.0	0.4	-0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.0
Change on year:		-1	3	8	50	17	63	2	-10	131
Change %:		-2.8	1.9	3.1	4.7	1.1	3.5	1.0	-1.8	2.4

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

3 Public sector employment by sector classification; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		General government			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
		Central government	Local government	Total general government			
		G7FP	G7FS	G7FV	G7FY	G7G3	G7G6
2019	Mar	2,774	1,550	4,324	144	4,468	414
	Jun	2,791	1,550	4,341	145	4,486	416
	Sep	2,817	1,547	4,364	146	4,510	419
	Dec	2,838	1,545	4,383	145	4,528	421
2020	Mar	2,865	1,547	4,412	145	4,557	423
	Jun	2,907 †	1,547 †	4,454 †	191	4,645 †	426
	Sep	2,919	1,553	4,472	188	4,660	431
	Dec	2,958	1,554	4,512	188	4,700	441
2021	Mar	3,033	1,558	4,591	188	4,779	468
	Jun	3,028	1,562	4,590	187	4,777	465
Change on quarter:		-5	4	-1	-1	-2	-3
Change %:		-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.6
Change on year:		121	15	136	-4	132	39
Change %:		4.2	1.0	3.1	-2.1	2.8	9.2

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

4 Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Education	Health and social work		Other public sector	Total public sector
		Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration		National Health Service	Other health and social work		
		G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR	G7K2	G7G3
2019	Mar	-	153	238	893	1,100	1,473	159	426	4,468
	Jun	-	152	238	896	1,103	1,483	161	428	4,486
	Sep	-	153	241	896	1,100	1,498	159	434	4,510
	Dec	-	153	243	904	1,098	1,512	158	431	4,528
2020	Mar	-	155	248	910	1,097	1,531	157	434	4,557
	Jun	-	156	250	914	1,097 †	1,569	155 †	480	4,645 †
	Sep	-	157	253	921	1,104	1,564	157	474	4,660
	Dec	-	157	254	938	1,105	1,585	158	475	4,700
2021	Mar	-	159 †	257 †	967	1,107	1,623 †	159	475	4,779
	Jun	-	159	258	966	1,113	1,626	158	474	4,777
Change on quarter:		-	0	1	-1	6	3	-1	-1	-2
Change %:		-	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.0
Change on year:		-	3	8	52	16	57	3	-6	132
Change %:		-	1.9	3.2	5.7	1.5	3.6	1.9	-1.3	2.8

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

5 Public and private sector employment; Headcount

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

		Public sector		Private sector		Total employment (thousands)	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications	
		Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage		Headcount (thousands)	Percentage	Headcount (thousands)	Percentage
		G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
2019	Mar	5,375	16.4	27,371	83.6	32,746	5,285	16.1	27,461	83.9
	Jun	5,393	16.5	27,384	83.5	32,777	5,303	16.2	27,474	83.8
	Sep	5,417	16.5	27,384	83.5	32,801	5,330	16.2	27,471	83.8
	Dec	5,435	16.5	27,550	83.5	32,985	5,346	16.2	27,639	83.8
2020	Mar	5,464	16.7	27,345	83.3	32,809	5,372	16.4	27,437	83.6
	Jun	5,550 †	17.0 †	27,009 †	83.0 †	32,559	5,409 †	16.6	27,150 †	83.4
	Sep	5,565	17.2	26,748	82.8	32,313	5,431	16.8	26,882	83.2
	Dec	5,598	17.4	26,515	82.6	32,113	5,465	17.0	26,648	83.0
2021	Mar	5,681	17.7	26,493	82.3	32,174	5,545	17.2	26,629	82.8
	Jun	5,681	17.6	26,676	82.4	32,357	5,544	17.1	26,813	82.9
Change on quarter:		0	-0.1	183	0.1	183	-1	-0.1	184	0.1
Change %:		0.0	..	0.7	..	0.6	0.0	..	0.7	..
Change on year:		131	0.6	-333	-0.6	-202	135	0.5	-337	-0.5
Change %:		2.4	..	-1.2	..	-0.6	2.5	..	-1.2	..

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

† Indicates earliest revision

6 Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002	
2019 Mar	5,385	5,375	5,157	4,308	230	612	462	348	437	417	735	631	436	293	555	212	
Jun	5,391	5,393	5,162	4,311	231	611	464	351	436	417	732	633	436	293	558	213	
Sep	5,408	5,417	5,183	4,329	233	616	464	352	438	419	735	635	439	294	560	211	
Dec	5,436	5,435	5,207	4,351	235	617	466	353	439	419	739	638	443	295	561	214	
2020 Mar	5,475	5,464	5,247	4,387	236	623	469	354	443	422	747	645	447	297	563	214	
Jun	5,551	5,550	5,320	4,445	238	629	471	357	450	428	762	658	453	303	572	217	
Sep	5,552	5,565	5,326	4,454	238	629	473	358	451	428	761	661	456	302	570	211	
Dec	5,596	5,598	5,366	4,487	239	633	477	360	454	431	767	668	458	306	573	215	
2021 Mar	5,687	5,681	5,453	4,562	243	644	483	368	461	439	780	677	466	311	580	217	
Jun	5,684	5,681	5,449	4,555	242	643	482	369	461	438	781	675	465	311	583	218	
Change on year:	133	131	129	110	4	14	10	12	11	11	19	18	12	9	11	1	
Change %:	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	1.7	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.8	1.9	0.6	
% of total employment	17.6	17.6	17.4	16.7	20.8	19.0	18.9	16.8	16.7	15.5	14.8	15.5	17.0	21.9	22.2	25.8	

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics

6a Regional public sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
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2019 Mar	5,296	5,285	5,073	4,239	228	600	456	344	429	412	718	619	431	291	543	207	
Jun	5,302	5,303	5,078	4,245	230	601	458	348	429	412	713	622	432	291	542	208	
Sep	5,319	5,330	5,099	4,263	232	605	458	349	431	414	717	624	434	292	544	206	
Dec	5,348	5,346	5,124	4,285	234	607	461	350	433	414	721	627	439	293	546	209	
2020 Mar	5,386	5,372	5,163	4,318	235	612	463	351	436	416	730	633	442	295	550	209	
Jun	5,413	5,409	5,187	4,335	237	615	464	351	438	418	733	635	443	298	553	212	
Sep	5,417	5,431	5,193	4,344	237	614	466	352	439	419	732	639	446	298	551	210	
Dec	5,462	5,465	5,234	4,377	237	619	470	355	442	422	738	645	448	301	555	214	
2021 Mar	5,553	5,545	5,320	4,452	242	630	476	363	449	430	751	655	456	307	561	215	
Jun	5,549	5,544	5,317	4,446	241	628	474	363	449	429	751	654	456	307	565	216	
Change on year:	136	135	130	110	4	14	10	12	11	11	18	19	12	8	11	4	
Change %:	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.7	2.2	2.2	3.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.0	2.1	
% of total employment	17.2	17.1	17.0	16.3	20.7	18.6	18.7	16.5	16.3	15.2	14.2	15.0	16.6	21.6	21.5	25.6	

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics

7 Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)				North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
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2019 Mar	27,310	27,371	26,466	23,205	937	2,861	2,112	1,892	2,306	2,469	4,526	3,704	2,397	1,140	2,121	639	
Jun	27,374	27,384	26,513	23,264	942	2,821	2,126	1,897	2,366	2,488	4,478	3,744	2,401	1,142	2,107	639	
Sep	27,407	27,384	26,534	23,353	954	2,893	2,139	1,904	2,359	2,405	4,602	3,720	2,375	1,125	2,056	641	
Dec	27,596	27,550	26,706	23,499	958	2,917	2,118	1,908	2,354	2,399	4,700	3,761	2,386	1,128	2,079	648	
2020 Mar	27,332	27,345	26,448	23,265	982	2,907	2,105	1,902	2,292	2,378	4,582	3,792	2,324	1,110	2,073	628	
Jun	26,991	27,009	26,186	23,042	953	2,877	2,058	1,850	2,299	2,333	4,630	3,781	2,262	1,089	2,055	620	
Sep	26,758	26,748	25,952	22,797	933	2,792	2,055	1,834	2,331	2,312	4,534	3,743	2,261	1,079	2,076	632	
Dec	26,570	26,515	25,781	22,666	928	2,760	2,042	1,850	2,285	2,361	4,475	3,702	2,264	1,085	2,030	623	
2021 Mar	26,492	26,493	25,711	22,569	920	2,737	2,063	1,853	2,243	2,332	4,476	3,698	2,248	1,091	2,051	617	
Jun	26,661	26,676	25,848	22,694	921	2,744	2,061	1,827	2,293	2,390	4,500	3,678	2,280	1,107	2,047	627	
Change on year:	-330	-333	-338	-348	-32	-132	3	-23	-7	58	-129	-103	18	18	-8	7	
Change %:	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.5	-3.3	-4.6	0.1	-1.3	-0.3	2.5	-2.8	-2.7	0.8	1.6	-0.4	1.1	
% of total employment	82.4	82.4	82.6	83.3	79.2	81.0	81.1	83.2	83.3	84.5	85.2	84.5	83.0	78.1	77.8	74.2	

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

7a Regional private sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region																
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2019 Mar	27,399	27,461	26,550	23,274	939	2,873	2,118	1,896	2,313	2,474	4,544	3,716	2,402	1,142	2,133	644	
Jun	27,463	27,474	26,596	23,330	944	2,831	2,132	1,900	2,373	2,493	4,497	3,755	2,405	1,144	2,123	644	
Sep	27,496	27,471	26,618	23,419	955	2,903	2,145	1,907	2,366	2,410	4,621	3,731	2,380	1,127	2,072	646	
Dec	27,684	27,639	26,790	23,565	959	2,927	2,123	1,911	2,361	2,404	4,718	3,772	2,390	1,130	2,094	653	
2020 Mar	27,421	27,437	26,532	23,333	983	2,919	2,111	1,905	2,299	2,384	4,600	3,803	2,328	1,113	2,086	633	
Jun	27,129	27,150	26,319	23,152	954	2,891	2,065	1,855	2,311	2,342	4,659	3,804	2,272	1,093	2,074	625	
Sep	26,893	26,882	26,085	22,907	935	2,806	2,062	1,839	2,343	2,321	4,563	3,766	2,271	1,084	2,094	633	
Dec	26,704	26,648	25,914	22,776	929	2,774	2,049	1,855	2,297	2,370	4,503	3,725	2,274	1,089	2,049	625	
2021 Mar	26,626	26,629	25,843	22,679	921	2,751	2,070	1,858	2,254	2,341	4,505	3,720	2,257	1,095	2,069	618	
Jun	26,796	26,813	25,981	22,804	923	2,759	2,068	1,832	2,304	2,400	4,530	3,699	2,289	1,111	2,066	629	
Change on year:	-333	-337	-338	-348	-32	-132	3	-23	-7	57	-129	-104	18	18	-8	3	
Change %:	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.5	-3.3	-4.6	0.1	-1.3	-0.3	2.5	-2.8	-2.7	0.8	1.7	-0.4	0.5	
% of total employment	82.8	82.9	83.0	83.7	79.3	81.4	81.3	83.5	83.7	84.8	85.8	85.0	83.4	78.4	78.5	74.4	

Sources: Labour Force Survey and estimates from public sector organisations; Office for National Statistics

8 Civil Service employment by department ^{1 2}

Headcount, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted

	June 2021						Total	March 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,090	270	3,360	4,210	1,960	6,170	9,520	9,480	50
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,330	480	6,810	5,200	1,500	6,700	13,510	13,160	350
Cabinet Office	4,280	130	4,410	4,490	550	5,050	9,460	9,430	30
Other Cabinet Office agencies	470	10	480	420	70	490	970	960	10
Charity Commission	160	20	170	190	70	250	430	440	-20
Competition and Markets Authority	390	20	410	340	90	430	840	840	0
Defence	33,300	1,720	35,020	18,640	4,400	23,040	58,060	57,950	110
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	790	20	810	850	100	940	1,750	1,690	60
Education	3,120	130	3,240	3,670	900	4,590	7,840	7,690	150
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	4,510	330	4,840	4,520	1,630	6,140	10,980	10,710	280
Estyn	40	10	50	50	20	70	110	110	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	240	..	250	150	10	170	410	390	20
Food Standards Agency	730	50	780	480	60	540	1,320	1,290	30
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,220	130	4,350	3,720	430	4,140	8,490	8,570	-80
Health and Social Care	3,330	300	3,630	5,300	1,490	6,790	10,420	9,830	590
HM Land Registry	2,150	410	2,560	2,270	1,560	3,830	6,390	6,330	60
HM Revenue and Customs	27,610	3,840	31,460	21,800	13,330	35,130	66,590	66,260	330
HM Treasury	1,310	50	1,360	1,140	180	1,320	2,680	2,670	10
Chancellor's other departments	210	20	220	130	40	170	390	400	-10
Home Office	15,130	1,540	16,670	12,500	5,520	18,020	34,690	34,600	90
Housing, Communities and Local Government	1,600	150	1,750	1,380	350	1,730	3,480	3,360	130
International Trade	1,270	20	1,290	1,070	60	1,140	2,430	2,690	-260
Justice	33,640	3,420	37,060	36,330	11,450	47,780	84,830	77,380	7,450
The National Archives	230	20	250	240	50	290	540	530	10
National Crime Agency	2,990	90	3,070	2,100	390	2,490	5,560	5,480	80
Northern Ireland Office	70	..	70	90	10	100	170	160	10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	560	30	590	980	200	1,180	1,760	1,780	-20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	550	10	570	420	60	480	1,040	1,010	30
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	100	..	110	120	30	150	250	240	10
Office of Rail and Road	170	20	190	110	30	140	320	330	-10
Ofwat	110	10	110	110	30	140	250	250	..
Scotland Office	50	..	50	80	10	80	140	140	0
Transport	7,710	830	8,540	4,610	2,480	7,100	15,640	15,620	20
UK Statistics Authority	1,800	580	2,380	1,930	1,190	3,120	5,510	5,400	110
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	10	30	40	40	..
Wales Office	30	0	30	10	..	10	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	23,150	4,530	27,680	25,990	27,370	53,360	81,030	81,740	-700
Central Government Departments Total	185,450	19,170	204,620	165,610	77,630	243,240	447,860	438,970	8,890
Scottish Government	9,650	940	10,590	8,910	2,700	11,600	22,190	21,790	400
Welsh Government	2,170	170	2,340	2,480	920	3,400	5,740	5,710	30
TOTAL	197,270	20,280	217,550	177,000	81,240	258,250	475,790	466,480	9,320

	June 2021						Total	March 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	110	10	120	260	10	270	390	360	30
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	10	0	10	10	..	10	20	20	0
Cabinet Office	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	30	-20
Other Cabinet Office agencies	30	..	30	30	..	30	60	50	20
Charity Commission	..	0	..	0	..	..	10	30	-30
Competition and Markets Authority	10	0	10	..	0	..	10	10	..
Defence	70	..	70	20	..	20	90	70	20
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	30	0	30	30	..	30	70	80	-10
Education	30	..	30	50	20	70	110	180	-70
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	150	10	160	190	30	220	380	410	-30
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	0	10	10	..	10	10	10	10
Food Standards Agency	..	10	10	..	..	10	20	20	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	20	10	30	10	..	20	40	50	-10
Health and Social Care	540	100	640	980	330	1,310	1,950	1,930	30
HM Land Registry	10	..	10	10	..	20	30	50	-20
HM Revenue and Customs	140	10	150	60	10	70	220	220	0
HM Treasury	10	0	10	10	..	20	30	20	10
Chancellor's other departments	..	0	..	10	0	10	10	10	..
Home Office	130	240	370	140	60	200	580	690	-120
Housing, Communities and Local Government	10	..	10	20	..	20	30	40	-20
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	710	50	760	1,300	160	1,460	2,220	1,970	250
The National Archives	..	..	10	10	..	10	10	20	..
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	80	..	80	70	..	70	150	170	-20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	10	..	10	20	..	20	30	20	10
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	..	..	0	..	10	..	..
Ofwat	..	0	..	..	0	..	10	..	..
Scotland Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport	170	30	200	130	50	190	380	370	20
UK Statistics Authority	220	..	220	170	10	180	400	19,460	-19,060
UK Supreme Court	10	0	10	10	..	10	10	10	0
Wales Office	..	0	..	..	0	..	10	..	..
Work and Pensions	5,780	100	5,880	7,550	850	8,400	14,280	11,790	2,490
Central Government Departments Total	8,310	570	8,880	11,110	1,580	12,700	21,580	38,100	-16,530
Scottish Government	200	20	220	200	60	260	480	450	30
Welsh Government	10	10	20	30	10	40	60	60	..
TOTAL	8,520	600	9,120	11,350	1,650	12,990	22,110	38,620	-16,500

	June 2021						Total	March 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	205,780	20,890	226,670	188,350	82,890	271,240	497,910	505,090	-7,190

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

¹ Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by ".". Data not available are represented by "..".

² Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

8 ..continued, Civil Service employment by department

Full-time equivalents, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted

	June 2021			March 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Permanent Employees					
Attorney General's departments	3,280	5,590	8,870	8,820	50
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,660	6,270	12,930	12,590	340
Cabinet Office	4,380	4,900	9,270	9,250	30
Other Cabinet Office agencies	480	470	940	930	10
Charity Commission	170	240	410	420	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	400	410	810	810	0
Defence	34,410	21,710	56,120	56,020	100
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	800	920	1,720	1,660	60
Education	3,220	4,350	7,570	7,430	140
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	4,740	5,670	10,420	10,150	270
Estyn	50	60	100	100	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	250	160	410	390	20
Food Standards Agency	760	520	1,280	1,260	30
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,300	4,010	8,310	8,390	-80
Health and Social Care	3,560	6,390	9,950	9,390	560
HM Land Registry	2,430	3,390	5,810	5,750	70
HM Revenue and Customs	30,240	31,020	61,270	60,860	410
HM Treasury	1,350	1,260	2,610	2,600	10
Chancellor's other departments	220	160	380	390	-10
Home Office	16,190	16,350	32,540	32,410	130
Housing, Communities and Local Government	1,710	1,640	3,350	3,220	130
International Trade	1,290	1,120	2,400	2,660	-260
Justice	35,580	43,750	79,340	72,490	6,850
The National Archives	250	270	520	500	10
National Crime Agency	3,050	2,380	5,420	5,350	70
Northern Ireland Office	70	90	170	160	10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	580	1,120	1,700	1,720	-20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	560	460	1,020	990	30
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	100	140	240	230	10
Office of Rail and Road	180	130	310	320	-10
Ofwat	110	130	240	240	..
Scotland Office	50	80	130	130	..
Transport	8,270	6,250	14,520	14,490	30
UK Statistics Authority	2,170	2,740	4,910	4,810	100
UK Supreme Court	20	20	40	40	..
Wales Office	30	10	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	26,400	45,280	71,670	72,260	-590
Central Government Departments Total	198,290	219,450	417,740	409,250	8,490
Scottish Government	10,220	10,810	21,030	20,630	400
Welsh Government	2,290	3,150	5,430	5,410	30
TOTAL	210,790	233,410	444,200	435,280	8,920

	June 2021			March 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Temporary/Casual Employees					
Attorney General's departments	120	270	380	350	30
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	10	10	20	20	..
Cabinet Office	10	10	10	30	-20
Other Cabinet Office agencies	30	30	60	40	20
Charity Commission	..	..	10	30	-30
Competition and Markets Authority	10	..	10	10	..
Defence	70	20	90	70	20
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	30	30	70	80	-10
Education	30	70	100	180	-70
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	160	210	370	400	-30
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	10	10	10	10
Food Standards Agency	10	10	20	20	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	20	10	40	50	-10
Health and Social Care	590	1,150	1,740	1,660	80
HM Land Registry	10	20	30	50	-20
HM Revenue and Customs	150	70	210	210	10
HM Treasury	10	20	30	20	10
Chancellor's other departments	..	10	10	10	..
Home Office	160	160	320	400	-80
Housing, Communities and Local Government	10	20	30	40	-20
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	730	1,400	2,130	1,880	250
The National Archives	..	10	10	10	..
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	0	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	10	10	10	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	80	70	150	170	-20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	10	20	30	20	10
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	10	..	..
Ofwat	..	..	10	..	..
Scotland Office	0	0	0	0	0
Transport	190	160	350	330	20
UK Statistics Authority	220	170	400	14,690	-14,290
UK Supreme Court	10	10	10	10	0
Wales Office	..	..	10	..	..
Work and Pensions	5,850	8,150	13,990	11,570	2,420
Central Government Departments Total	8,540	12,110	20,650	32,370	-11,720
Scottish Government	210	240	450	420	30
Welsh Government	20	40	50	50	..
TOTAL	8,770	12,390	21,150	32,850	-11,700

	June 2021			March 2021	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
All Employees	219,560	245,800	465,350	468,130	-2,780

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by ".". Data not available are represented by "..".

2 Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

9 Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	June 2021		March 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Attorney General's departments						
Attorney General's Office	50	50	50	50	..	..
Crown Prosecution Service	6,820	6,340	6,750	6,270	70	70
Government Legal Department	2,540	2,370	2,530	2,360	10	10
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	20	20	30	20	..	..
Serious Fraud Office	480	470	490	480	-10	-10
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy						
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	5,520	5,410	5,330	5,210	200	200
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,070	1,000	1,060	990	20	10
Companies House	1,090	1,010	1,090	1,010	..	..
The Insolvency Service	1,790	1,700	1,810	1,730	-20	-20
Intellectual Property Office	1,620	1,530	1,520	1,440	90	90
Met Office	2,170	2,040	2,120	1,990	50	50
UK Space Agency	260	260	250	250	10	10
Cabinet Office						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies)	9,470	9,290	9,460	9,280	10	10
Other Cabinet Office agencies						
Crown Commercial Service	800	780	790	770	10	10
Government Property Agency	230	230	220	210	20	20
Charity Commission						
Charity Commission	430	410	480	450	-40	-40
Competition and Markets Authority						
Competition and Markets Authority	850	820	850	820	..	..
Defence						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	39,580	38,260	39,440	38,130	140	130
Defence Electronics and Components Agency	430	410	440	410	-10	-10
Defence Equipment and Support	10,680	10,320	10,740	10,380	-60	-60
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,410	4,260	4,420	4,270	-20	-10
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,220	2,170	2,160	2,110	60	60
UK Hydrographic Office	840	800	840	800	0	0
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport						
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	1,820	1,790	1,770	1,740	50	50
Education						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	5,770	5,560	5,650	5,440	130	120
Education and Skills Funding Agency	1,800	1,740	1,810	1,760	-10	-10
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education	240	230	210	210	20	20
Standards and Testing Agency	70	60	130	120	-60	-60
Teaching Regulation Agency	70	70	70	70	..	..
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	5,710	5,510	5,470	5,270	230	230
Animal and Plant Health Agency	2,670	2,520	2,680	2,530	-10	-10
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	630	590	620	580	10	10
Rural Payments Agency	2,200	2,010	2,190	2,000	10	10
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	170	160	170	160	..	..
Estyn						
Estyn	110	100	110	100	..	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	430	420	400	390	30	30
Food Standards Agency						
Food Standards Agency	1,330	1,300	1,310	1,280	20	20
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	7,390	7,250	7,460	7,320	-70	-70
FCDO Services	1,060	1,020	1,080	1,040	-20	-20
Wilton Park Executive Agency	80	70	90	80	-10	-10
Health and Social Care						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,940	3,840	3,520	3,440	420	410
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,350	1,300	1,340	1,300	..	..
Public Health England	7,090	6,550	6,890	6,320	200	230
HM Land Registry						
HM Land Registry	6,420	5,840	6,380	5,790	40	50
HM Revenue and Customs						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	63,140	58,070	62,940	57,790	200	290
Valuation Office Agency	3,670	3,410	3,540	3,280	130	130
HM Treasury						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,060	2,010	2,040	1,990	20	20
Government Internal Audit Agency	450	430	460	440	-10	-10
National Infrastructure Commission	40	40	40	40	..	..
Office for Budget Responsibility	40	40	40	40	..	..
UK Debt Management Office	120	110	110	110	..	..
Chancellor's other departments						
Government Actuary's Department	200	190	210	200	..	..
National Savings and Investments	200	200	200	200	..	..
Home Office						
Home Office	35,270	32,860	35,300	32,810	-30	50
Housing, Communities and Local Government						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies)	2,630	2,570	2,500	2,440	130	130
Planning Inspectorate	840	770	860	780	-20	-10
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	40	40	40	40	0	0

9 Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	June 2021		March 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
International Trade						
Department for International Trade	2,430	2,400	2,690	2,660	-260	-260
Justice						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies) ²	5,820	5,660	5,470	5,320	350	340
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	290	270	300	280	-10	-10
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,670	15,080	16,660	15,060	10	30
HM Prison and Probation Service ^{2 3}	61,700	58,050	54,300	51,270	7,400	6,790
Legal Aid Agency	1,170	1,100	1,190	1,120	-20	-20
Office of the Public Guardian	1,400	1,290	1,430	1,320	-30	-30
The National Archives						
The National Archives	550	530	540	520	10	10
National Crime Agency						
National Crime Agency	5,560	5,420	5,480	5,350	80	70
Northern Ireland Office						
Northern Ireland Office	170	170	160	160	10	10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	1,770	1,710	1,790	1,720	-10	-10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,190	1,170	1,180	1,160	10	10
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	280	270	260	250	20	20
Office of Rail and Road						
Office of Rail and Road	330	320	330	320	..	..
Ofwat						
Ofwat	250	240	250	240	..	..
Scotland Office						
Scotland Office (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotland)	140	130	140	130	0	..
Transport						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,600	3,510	3,520	3,420	90	90
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,160	5,430	6,230	5,490	-70	-60
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	4,830	4,550	4,790	4,520	40	30
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,230	1,180	1,230	1,180	..	..
Vehicle Certification Agency	210	200	220	210	-10	-10
UK Statistics Authority						
UK Statistics Authority	5,680	5,080	5,550	4,960	130	120
Census Field ⁴	230	230	19,310	14,540	-19,080	-14,310
UK Supreme Court						
UK Supreme Court	50	50	60	50	..	..
Wales Office						
Wales Office	50	40	40	40	..	..
Work and Pensions						
Department for Work and Pensions	92,690	83,200	90,950	81,420	1,740	1,790
Health and Safety Executive	2,620	2,470	2,580	2,420	50	50
Scottish Government						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	8,000	7,670	7,820	7,490	190	190
Accountant in Bankruptcy	110	100	120	100	..	..
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,080	1,940	2,020	1,880	60	60
Disclosure Scotland	330	310	310	290	20	20
Education Scotland	310	300	320	300	..	..
Food Standards Scotland	260	260	250	240	10	10
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,000	970	990	960	10	10
National Records of Scotland	440	410	440	410	..	..
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	50	50	50	50	0	..
Registers of Scotland	1,160	1,110	1,170	1,110	-10	-10
Revenue Scotland	70	70	60	50	10	10
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	1,800	1,640	1,800	1,640	..	10
Scottish Fiscal Commission	20	20	20	20	..	..
Scottish Forestry	190	180	190	180	-10	..
Scottish Housing Regulator	50	50	50	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	4,530	4,240	4,490	4,210	40	40
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	280	250	290	260	-10	-10
Social Security Scotland	1,240	1,210	1,140	1,100	110	100
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	250	240	240	230	10	10
Transport Scotland	500	480	490	480	..	..
Welsh Government						
Welsh Government	5,730	5,420	5,700	5,390	20	20
Welsh Revenue Authority	70	70	70	70	..	..
Total employment	497,910	465,350	505,090	468,130	-7,190	-2,780

Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

¹ Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten, and numbers less than five are represented by "..".

² Around 150 staff moved from HM Prison and Probation Service to the Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies).

³ Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) - circa 7,000 staff - joined HM Prison and Probation Service on 26 June 2021.

⁴ Census Field staff (not recruited through UKSA) are included from September 2020.

10 Employment in Executive NDPBs ^{1 2 3}

Permanent Employees	June 2021		March 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	11,420	11,040	11,430	11,040	..	..
Cabinet Office	770	720	810	750	-40	-30
Defence	470	410	460	400	10	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	10,890	10,050	11,290	10,310	-400	-260
Education	4,650	4,450	4,610	4,410	40	40
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	14,620	13,710	14,790	13,870	-170	-160
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,330	1,290	1,340	1,300	-20	-20
Health and Social Care	12,850	12,300	14,430	13,830	-1,580	-1,530
Home Office	2,460	2,290	2,480	2,310	-20	-20
Housing, Communities and Local Government	1,400	1,370	1,380	1,350	20	20
Justice	2,540	2,410	2,510	2,380	30	30
Transport	2,120	2,080	2,050	2,000	70	70
Work and Pensions	1,100	1,070	1,100	1,070	..	..
Central Government Departments Total	66,620	63,190	68,670	65,020	-2,060	-1,830
Scottish Government	11,440	10,450	11,430	10,440	..	20
Welsh Assembly	3,340	3,070	3,340	3,080	-10	-10
TOTAL	81,390	76,720	83,450	78,540	-2,060	-1,820

Temporary Employees	June 2021		March 2021		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	140	140	130	130	10	10
Cabinet Office	20	20	60	60	-50	-50
Defence	90	20	90	10	10	10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	1,330	530	1,260	470	70	60
Education	120	120	170	170	-40	-50
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	730	650	670	600	60	60
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health and Social Care	1,210	1,070	1,540	1,090	-330	-30
Home Office	70	50	50	40	20	10
Housing, Communities and Local Government	120	120	140	130	-10	-10
Justice	70	60	80	80	-10	-20
Transport	20	20	20	20	0	0
Work and Pensions	100	90	100	90	..	..
Central Government Departments Total	4,020	2,900	4,290	2,900	-270	..
Scottish Government	640	530	590	490	50	30
Welsh Assembly	470	230	510	220	-50	10
TOTAL	5,120	3,660	5,390	3,610	-270	40

All NDPB Employees	86,500	80,370	88,840	82,150	-2,330	-1,780
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Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, Office for National Statistics

1 Includes Executive NDPBs with an employment of greater than 20.

2 Numbers are rounded to the nearest ten.

3 These figures do not include employees of ACAS, Health and Safety Executive, Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education, Office for Budget Responsibility. These are Crown NDPBs, the employees of which are included as part of Civil Service headcounts.

4 Environment Agency includes all regional divisions.

11 Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Headcount	Full-time equivalent
2019	Mar	580	439
	Jun	591	447
	Sep	597	452
	Dec	603	456
2020	Mar	606	459
	Jun	611	462
	Sep	616	465
	Dec	621	469
2021	Mar	626	473
	Jun	633	477
<i>Change on quarter</i>		7	4
<i>Change %</i>		1.1	0.8
<i>Change on year</i>		22	15
<i>Change %</i>		3.6	3.2

Source: Office for National Statistics

1. Estimates of employment in academies are derived by matching the monthly Open Academies dataset with the annual School Workforce Census, both published by the Department for Education.
2. More detailed statistics on academies are available from the Department for Education: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-school-workforce>