

Statistical bulletin

Public sector employment, UK: March 2026

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

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2 . Main points

- Employment in the public sector was estimated at 6.19 million in March 2026, an increase of 2,000 (0.0%) compared with December 2025, and an increase of 37,000 (0.6%) compared with March 2025.
- Of those in employment, it is estimated that 18.0% were employed in the public sector in March 2026; this is unchanged on the quarter from December 2025 and down 0.1 percentage points compared with March 2025.
- Employment in central government was at a record high, at an estimated 4.07 million in March 2026, an increase of 6,000 (0.1%) compared with December 2025 and an increase of 46,000 (1.1%) compared with March 2025; the main contributors to the increase since the previous year were some local authority schools becoming academies, the NHS and the Civil Service.
- The Civil Service employed 558,000 people in March 2026, an increase of 3,000 (0.5%) compared with December 2025, and an increase of 8,000 (1.5%) compared with March 2025.
- Employment in the NHS was an estimated 2.07 million in March 2026; this was a decrease of 1,000 (0.0%) compared with December 2025 but an increase of 6,000 (0.3%) compared with March 2025.
- Employment in local government was at a record low, at an estimated 1.96 million in March 2026; this was a decrease of 3,000 (0.2%) compared with December 2025 and a decrease of 13,000 (0.7%) compared with March 2025.
- The estimated transfer of employment from local government to central government because of academy conversions in March 2026 was 5,000 on the quarter, and 26,000 on the year.
- Employment in public corporations was an estimated 159,000 in March 2026, a decrease of 1,000 (0.6%) compared with December 2025 but an increase of 4,000 (2.6%) compared with March 2025; part of the annual increase is affected by a minor reclassification between March 2025 and June 2025.

3 . Data on public sector employment

[Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 18 June 2026

Quarterly estimates of UK and regional public sector employment, made up of central government, local government, and public corporations.

[Public sector employment time series](#)

Dataset | Dataset ID: PSE | Released 18 June 2026

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

4 . Data sources and quality

Executive non-departmental public bodies

We collect data from all public bodies set out in our [Public sector classification guide and forward work plan](#) (if they have 20 or more employees), and therefore all executive non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs) meeting these criteria are included in our overall public sector employment estimates. However, our estimates of employment in executive NDPBs in Table 10 of our [accompanying Public Sector Employment dataset](#) may not include all executive NDPBs included in the overall estimates. We are currently reviewing this methodology and aim to provide data for a definitive list of executive NDPBs shortly.

Labour Force Survey

Estimates of total employment and private sector employment are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) as part of this release.

Ongoing challenges with response rates and levels mean that LFS-based labour market statistics will be badged as official statistics in development, and we advise caution when using the data, until further review. For more information, please see the Data sources and quality section of our [Employment in the UK: June 2026 bulletin](#).

Sources

Public sector employment (PSE) statistics are derived from a range of sources. The primary source is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES), which comprises three separate data collections: the home Civil Service, local authorities in England and Wales, and Great Britain public corporations and non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in our [PSE quality and methodology information \(QMI\) report](#).

The QPSES response rate for each separate collection is:

- 100% for Civil Service
- 95% for local authorities
- 93% for public corporations and NDPBs

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 our [accompanying PSE datasets](#).

Data collected for our public sector employment estimates are collected from a range of providers. These include through Office for National Statistics (ONS) surveys, devolved administration surveys, and admin sources, a full list of which can be found in our [PSE QMI report](#).

Data collected through the ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey (QPSES) ask organisations for total headcount estimates and full-time equivalent (FTE) estimates based on an employee's contracted hours, regardless of contract type. However, some data collected by other agencies include FTE estimates based on an employee's actual worked hours during the survey reference period. We are working with suppliers to investigate the impact and next steps.

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. This is 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 our accompanying PSE datasets](#).

More quality and methodology information

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

Accredited official statistics

These [accredited official statistics](#) were independently reviewed by the Office for Statistics Regulation in April 2022. They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled "accredited official statistics".

5 . Related links

[Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 30 July 2025

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

[Public sector employment in Scotland](#)

Statistical release | Released 18 June 2026

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 18 June 2026

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 | Released quarterly

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.

6 . Cite this statistical bulletin

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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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Table 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			
Dec 2023	3,896	1,998	5,894	195	6,089	535
Mar 2024	3,926	1,997	5,923	193	6,116	544
Jun 2024	3,947	1,995	5,942	154	6,096	546
Sep 2024	3,978	1,988	5,966	156	6,122	548
Dec 2024	4,003	1,986	5,989	157	6,146	548
Mar 2025 [r]	4,024	1,977	6,001	155	6,156	550
Jun 2025	4,045	1,973	6,018	159	6,177	551
Sep 2025	4,051	1,971	6,022	161	6,183	554
Dec 2025 [r]	4,064	1,967	6,031	160	6,191	555
Mar 2026	4,070	1,964	6,034	159	6,193	558
<i>Change on quarter</i>	6	-3	3	-1	2	3
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	46	-13	33	4	37	8
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	-0.7	0.5	2.6	0.6	1.5

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

Table 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		
Dec 2023	34	149	281	1,195	1,657	2,004	208	561	6,089
Mar 2024	35	149	282	1,208	1,655	2,017	206	564	6,116
Jun 2024	35	147	282	1,216	1,652	2,027	205	528	6,096
Sep 2024	35	148	282	1,221	1,664	2,041	205	530	6,122
Dec 2024	35	147	282	1,230	1,662	2,053	204	532	6,146
Mar 2025 [r]	36	148	282	1,236	1,662	2,062	204	527	6,156
Jun 2025	35	147	281	1,240	1,664	2,069	203	535	6,177
Sep 2025	35	148	280	1,249	1,665	2,069	201	538	6,183
Dec 2025 [r]	35	148	280	1,254	1,662	2,069	202	540	6,191
Mar 2026	35	149	280	1,258	1,662	2,068	200	538	6,193
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0	1	0	4	0	-1	-2	-2	2
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-1.0	-0.4	0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-1	1	-2	22	0	6	-4	11	37
<i>Change %</i>	-2.8	0.7	-0.7	1.8	0.0	0.3	-2.0	2.1	0.6

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

Table 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			
Dec 2023	3,390	1,576	4,966	186	5,152	502
Mar 2024	3,423	1,576	4,999	184	5,183	511
Jun 2024	3,433	1,576	5,009	147	5,156	513
Sep 2024	3,460	1,574	5,034	149	5,183	515
Dec 2024	3,484	1,571	5,055	149	5,204	514
Mar 2025 [r]	3,494	1,568	5,062	147	5,209	516
Jun 2025	3,511	1,565	5,076	151	5,227	517
Sep 2025	3,519	1,563	5,082	153	5,235	520
Dec 2025 [r]	3,530	1,563	5,093	152	5,245	521
Mar 2026	3,530	1,562	5,092	151	5,243	524
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	3
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.6
<i>Change on year</i>	36	-6	30	4	34	8
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	-0.4	0.6	2.7	0.7	1.6

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

Table 4: Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

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		
	G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR			G7K2	G7G3
Dec 2023	-	149	272	1,036	1,232	1,783	160	492	5,152
Mar 2024	-	149	272	1,052	1,232	1,799	159	494	5,183
Jun 2024	-	147	271	1,057	1,229	1,805	159	463	5,156
Sep 2024	-	148	272	1,059	1,236	1,818	159	463	5,183
Dec 2024	-	147	273	1,067	1,236	1,829	158	464	5,204
Mar 2025 [r]	-	148	273	1,075	1,237	1,831	159	461	5,209
Jun 2025	-	147	273	1,076	1,238	1,841	157	470	5,227
Sep 2025	-	148	272	1,080	1,237	1,842	156	471	5,235
Dec 2025 [r]	-	148	273	1,087	1,236	1,842	157	471	5,245
Mar 2026	-	149	273	1,094	1,238	1,837	155	471	5,243
Change on quarter	-	1	0	7	2	-5	-2	0	-2
Change %	-	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.2	-0.3	-1.3	0.0	0.0
Change on year	-	1	0	19	1	6	-4	10	34
Change %	-	0.7	0.0	1.8	0.1	0.3	-2.5	2.2	0.7

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

Table 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
Dec 2023	6,089	18.3	27,225	81.7	33,314	5,808	17.4	27,506	82.6
Mar 2024	6,116	18.3	27,228	81.7	33,344	5,838	17.5	27,506	82.5
Jun 2024	6,096	18.1	27,493	81.9	33,589	5,858	17.4	27,731	82.6
Sep 2024	6,122	18.1	27,656	81.9	33,778	5,883	17.4	27,895	82.6
Dec 2024	6,146	18.1	27,776	81.9	33,922	5,901	17.4	28,021	82.6
Mar 2025 [r]	6,156	18.1	27,855	81.9	34,011	5,912	17.4	28,099	82.6
Jun 2025	6,177	18.0	28,066	82.0	34,243	5,931	17.3	28,312	82.7
Sep 2025	6,183	18.1	28,043	81.9	34,226	5,937	17.3	28,289	82.7
Dec 2025 [r]	6,191	18.0	28,119	82.0	34,310	5,942	17.3	28,368	82.7
Mar 2026	6,193	18.0	28,217	82.0	34,410	5,944	17.3	28,466	82.7
Change on quarter	2	0.0	98	0.0	100	2	0.0	98	0.0
Change %	0.0	..	0.3	..	0.3	0.0	..	0.3	..
Change on year	37	-0.1	362	0.1	399	32	-0.1	367	0.1
Change %	0.6	..	1.3	..	1.2	0.5	..	1.3	..

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

Table 6: Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region															
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom (y adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code	K0200001	K0200001	K0300001	E9200001	E1200001	E1200002	E1200003	E1200004	E1200005	E1200006	E1200007	E1200008	E1200009	N9200004	S9200003	N9200002
Dec 2023	6,090	6,089	5,851	4,918	266	709	524	393	494	470	834	722	506	328	605	227
Mar 2024	6,132	6,116	5,893	4,955	269	712	530	394	499	471	841	728	510	330	608	230
Jun 2024	6,088	6,096	5,852	4,927	267	706	527	394	496	469	835	724	509	329	597	226
Sep 2024	6,114	6,122	5,878	4,953	269	712	528	395	501	473	840	727	508	329	596	226
Dec 2024	6,147	6,146	5,908	4,979	271	716	530	397	504	473	845	733	510	331	598	230
Mar 2025 [r]	6,171	6,156	5,931	5,000	271	722	532	400	507	473	849	735	511	332	600	231
Jun 2025	6,168	6,177	5,929	5,001	272	721	532	399	508	474	850	735	510	331	597	232
Sep 2025	6,174	6,183	5,938	5,008	273	723	534	398	509	475	851	733	511	332	598	229
Dec 2025 [r]	6,193	6,191	5,953	5,018	273	725	536	398	511	475	852	737	512	333	602	235
Mar 2026	6,206	6,193	5,965	5,027	274	725	537	398	512	477	853	738	513	334	604	236
Change on year:	35	37	34	28	3	4	5	-2	4	3	4	4	2	2	5	4
Change %:	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.5	1.0	-0.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.9
% of total employment Mar 2026	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.2	22.4	19.1	19.8	16.4	17.6	15.3	16.2	15.5	17.1	23.4	22.7	26.8

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

Table 6a: Regional public sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region															
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom (y adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code	K0200001	K0200001	K0300001	E9200001	E1200001	E1200002	E1200003	E1200004	E1200005	E1200006	E1200007	E1200008	E1200009	N9200004	S9200003	N9200002
Dec 2023	5,812	5,808	5,575	4,665	256	669	498	376	469	448	789	681	481	323	586	225
Mar 2024	5,852	5,838	5,614	4,701	258	672	503	378	473	449	796	686	485	325	588	228
Jun 2024	5,850	5,858	5,614	4,703	257	673	502	379	475	450	799	685	485	324	587	226
Sep 2024	5,873	5,883	5,637	4,727	259	678	503	380	478	453	805	687	484	324	586	226
Dec 2024	5,904	5,901	5,665	4,750	261	681	505	382	481	454	809	692	486	326	588	230
Mar 2025 [r]	5,926	5,912	5,686	4,770	261	688	506	384	484	454	813	694	487	327	590	231
Jun 2025	5,922	5,931	5,683	4,770	262	686	507	383	485	455	813	693	486	326	587	232
Sep 2025	5,927	5,937	5,692	4,777	262	689	509	382	486	457	813	692	487	327	588	229
Dec 2025 [r]	5,946	5,942	5,705	4,786	262	690	511	381	487	456	815	696	488	328	591	235
Mar 2026	5,957	5,944	5,716	4,794	264	690	512	381	488	458	816	697	489	329	594	236
Change on year:	31	32	30	24	3	3	5	-3	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	4
Change %:	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.4	1.1	-0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.9
% of total employment Mar 2026	17.3	17.3	17.2	16.4	21.5	18.2	18.9	15.7	16.8	14.6	15.5	14.6	16.3	23.1	22.3	26.8

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

Table 7: Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region															
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom (y adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code	K0200001	K0200001	K0300001	E9200001	E1200001	E1200002	E1200003	E1200004	E1200005	E1200006	E1200007	E1200008	E1200009	N9200004	S9200003	N9200002
Dec 2023	27,204	27,225	26,290	23,225	921	2,829	2,092	1,911	2,322	2,447	4,469	3,850	2,384	1,073	1,992	650
Mar 2024	27,229	27,228	26,326	23,321	929	2,868	2,121	1,942	2,396	2,425	4,336	3,921	2,384	1,042	1,963	656
Jun 2024	27,497	27,493	26,631	23,539	915	2,911	2,124	1,895	2,377	2,537	4,394	3,949	2,436	1,034	2,057	657
Sep 2024	27,711	27,656	26,837	23,767	910	2,999	2,130	1,944	2,390	2,528	4,498	3,914	2,454	1,036	2,035	647
Dec 2024	27,751	27,776	26,869	23,780	929	3,024	2,124	1,977	2,364	2,503	4,426	3,932	2,499	1,033	2,056	649
Mar 2025 [r]	27,862	27,855	26,993	23,813	903	2,953	2,119	1,975	2,308	2,572	4,438	4,012	2,531	1,090	2,091	647
Jun 2025	28,084	28,066	27,230	24,107	911	2,938	2,179	1,978	2,423	2,568	4,582	3,982	2,547	1,043	2,079	645
Sep 2025	28,087	28,043	27,242	24,089	939	3,009	2,179	1,999	2,401	2,607	4,502	3,931	2,521	1,055	2,098	625
Dec 2025 [r]	28,084	28,119	27,194	24,069	949	3,015	2,171	2,029	2,343	2,666	4,453	3,948	2,495	1,061	2,064	640
Mar 2026	28,205	28,217	27,340	24,192	951	3,063	2,175	2,031	2,395	2,648	4,419	4,025	2,485	1,090	2,058	642
Change on year:	343	362	347	379	47	110	56	56	87	76	-19	13	-47	0	-32	-5
Change %:	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	5.2	3.7	2.6	2.8	3.8	2.9	-0.4	0.3	-1.8	0.0	-1.6	-0.8
% of total employment Mar 2026	82.0	82.0	82.1	82.8	77.6	80.9	80.2	83.6	82.4	84.7	83.8	84.5	82.9	76.6	77.3	73.2

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

Table 7a: Regional private sector employment excluding effects of major reclassifications

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

All employees	Region															
	United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)	United Kingdom (y adjusted)	Great Britain	England	North East	North West	Yorkshire and The Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Area Code	K0200001	K0200001	K0300001	E9200001	E1200001	E1200002	E1200003	E1200004	E1200005	E1200006	E1200007	E1200008	E1200009	N9200004	S9200003	N9200002
Dec 2023	27,482	27,506	26,567	23,478	931	2,869	2,118	1,927	2,347	2,470	4,514	3,891	2,409	1,078	2,012	651
Mar 2024	27,509	27,506	26,605	23,575	939	2,908	2,147	1,958	2,421	2,448	4,382	3,963	2,409	1,047	1,983	657
Jun 2024	27,735	27,731	26,869	23,763	926	2,945	2,149	1,910	2,399	2,556	4,429	3,989	2,460	1,039	2,067	657
Sep 2024	27,952	27,895	27,078	23,993	921	3,033	2,154	1,960	2,413	2,548	4,434	3,954	2,478	1,041	2,044	647
Dec 2024	27,994	28,021	27,112	24,008	940	3,059	2,149	1,993	2,387	2,521	4,463	3,973	2,524	1,038	2,066	649
Mar 2025 [r]	28,107	28,099	27,237	24,042	914	2,987	2,145	1,991	2,331	2,591	4,475	4,053	2,556	1,095	2,101	647
Jun 2025	28,330	28,312	27,476	24,338	922	2,972	2,205	1,994	2,445	2,587	4,619	4,023	2,571	1,048	2,090	645
Sep 2025	28,334	28,289	27,489	24,320	950	3,043	2,204	2,015	2,424	2,626	4,540	3,972	2,545	1,060	2,109	625
Dec 2025 [r]	28,331	28,368	27,442	24,302	959	3,050	2,197	2,046	2,366	2,685	4,490	3,989	2,519	1,066	2,074	640
Mar 2026	28,454	28,466	27,589	24,425	961	3,098	2,200	2,048	2,419	2,667	4,457	4,067	2,509	1,095	2,068	642
Change on year:	347	367	351	383	47	111	56	57	88	76	-18	14	-47	0	-32	-5
Change %:	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	5.2	3.7	2.6	2.8	3.8	2.9	-0.4	0.3	-1.8	0.0	-1.5	-0.8
% of total employment Mar 2026	82.7	82.7	82.8	83.6	78.5	81.8	81.1	84.3	83.2	85.4	84.5	85.4	83.7	76.9	77.7	73.2

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

Table 8: Civil Service employment by department, headcount ^{1 2}

	Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted								Change on Quarter
	March 2026						December 2025		
	Male			Female			Total	Total	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,550	365	3,915	6,130	2,160	8,285	12,200	12,020	180
Business and Trade	5,105	315	5,420	4,900	1,175	6,075	11,495	11,410	85
Cabinet Office	2,360	125	2,480	2,510	390	2,905	5,385	5,535	-150
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,320	45	2,370	2,275	145	2,420	4,790	4,840	-55
Charity Commission	165	15	180	190	70	260	440	440	0
Competition and Markets Authority	445	35	480	425	80	505	985	1,000	-15
Culture, Media and Sport	430	10	440	595	95	690	1,130	1,125	5
Defence	30,970	1,975	32,945	19,285	4,540	23,825	56,775	56,960	-185
Education	2,935	205	3,140	3,725	1,165	4,890	8,030	8,035	-5
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,245	110	2,355	2,145	335	2,480	4,830	4,940	-110
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,205	435	5,640	5,545	1,860	7,400	13,040	13,140	-100
Estyn	45	10	55	65	15	85	140	140	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	320	5	325	225	30	255	580	570	10
Food Standards Agency	695	85	780	695	110	805	1,585	1,575	10
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,355	105	4,460	3,820	430	4,250	8,710	8,805	-95
Health and Social Care	3,455	205	3,660	5,480	1,220	6,700	10,360	10,570	-210
HM Land Registry	2,240	525	2,765	2,460	1,880	4,340	7,105	7,050	50
HM Revenue and Customs	32,025	3,865	35,890	26,060	12,490	38,545	74,435	73,285	1,150
HM Treasury	1,310	70	1,385	1,185	210	1,395	2,780	2,825	-45
Chancellor's other departments	270	20	290	175	45	220	510	495	15
Home Office	21,765	2,055	23,820	19,820	6,750	26,565	50,390	50,175	215
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,125	190	2,315	2,025	560	2,585	4,900	5,025	-125
Justice	36,695	4,165	40,860	43,885	12,365	56,250	97,110	95,800	1,310
The National Archives	260	15	280	260	80	340	620	600	20
National Crime Agency	2,915	180	3,095	2,365	505	2,870	5,965	5,945	20
Northern Ireland Office	50	..	50	70	10	80	130	130	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	620	45	665	1,270	250	1,520	2,180	2,085	95
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,130	35	1,165	925	115	1,045	2,210	2,170	40
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	10	115	180	30	210	325	330	-5
Office of Rail and Road	200	20	215	135	25	160	375	375	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	55	..	60	65	20	85	140	135	5
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	0	25	20	..	20	45	45	..
Ofwat	200	10	210	195	25	220	435	420	15
Science, Innovation and Technology	4,060	450	4,510	3,235	770	4,005	8,515	8,310	210
Transport	7,950	1,025	8,970	5,175	2,350	7,525	16,495	16,265	230
UK Statistics Authority	2,080	555	2,635	1,975	1,225	3,200	5,835	5,730	105
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	..	25	45	45	..
Work and Pensions	31,345	5,300	36,645	32,665	26,415	59,080	95,725	95,595	130
Central Government Departments Total	212,045	22,580	234,625	202,170	79,945	282,115	516,740	513,940	2,800
Scottish Government	11,785	1,175	12,960	12,455	3,470	15,925	28,885	28,690	195
Welsh Government	2,155	240	2,395	2,830	945	3,775	6,165	6,105	65
TOTAL	225,985	23,995	249,980	217,455	84,360	301,815	551,795	548,735	3,055

	Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted								Change on Quarter
	March 2026						December 2025		
	Male			Female			Total	Total	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	60	..	60	140	10	150	210	190	20
Business and Trade	50	0	50	35	..	40	90	100	-10
Cabinet Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..
Other Cabinet Office agencies	15	0	15	10	0	10	25	20	5
Charity Commission	0	0	0	..	0	..	..	..	0
Competition and Markets Authority	..	..	5	..	..	..	10	5	..
Culture, Media and Sport	10	0	10	10	0	10	20	25	-5
Defence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	15	..	20	40	..	45	65	60	5
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	25	..	25	45	5	50	75	115	-40
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	0	10	5	..	10	15	15	..
Food Standards Agency	..	0	..	10	0	10	15	25	-5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	80	..	80	95	5	100	180	175	5
Health and Social Care	115	..	125	200	30	230	350	250	100
HM Land Registry	20	0	20	25	0	25	45	15	30
HM Revenue and Customs	600	15	615	415	40	455	1,070	1,040	35
HM Treasury	5	0	5	..	..	5	10	10	..
Chancellor's other departments	..	..	..	5	..	10	10	..	10
Home Office	460	15	475	540	65	605	1,080	1,030	50
Housing, Communities and Local Government	10	0	10	15	0	15	25	25	..
Justice	135	15	150	260	50	310	460	450	10
The National Archives	..	0	..	25	5	30	35	70	-35
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	15	0	15	10	..	15	30	30	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	5	0	5	10	..	15	20	15	5
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	55	0	55	45	5	50	105	105	0
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	0	..	5	0	5	10	10	0
Office of Rail and Road	..	0	..	..	0	..	5	5	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ofwat	20	0	20	20	..	25	45	45	..
Science, Innovation and Technology	..	0	..	5	0	5	10	10	0
Transport	90	..	95	50	5	60	155	145	5
UK Statistics Authority	25	60	85	15	45	60	145	140	5
UK Supreme Court	5	0	5	5	..	5	10	10	0
Work and Pensions	570	10	585	575	40	620	1,200	1,495	-295
Central Government Departments Total	2,425	135	2,560	2,645	325	2,970	5,530	5,640	-110
Scottish Government	115	15	130	150	20	170	295	330	-35
Welsh Government	5	0	5	5	..	10	15	15	..
TOTAL	2,545	150	2,695	2,800	345	3,145	5,840	5,985	-145

	Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted								Change on Quarter
	March 2026						December 2025		
	Male			Female			Total	Total	
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	228,530	24,145	252,675	220,255	84,705	304,960	557,635	554,720	2,915

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

1 Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, 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.

Table 8: Civil Service employment by department, full-time equivalents

	Full-time equivalents, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted				
	March 2026			December 2025	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Permanent Employees					
Attorney General's departments	3,805	7,665	11,470	11,290	180
Business and Trade	5,325	5,745	11,070	10,990	80
Cabinet Office	2,440	2,800	5,240	5,390	-150
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,355	2,385	4,735	4,780	-45
Charity Commission	175	240	415	415	..
Competition and Markets Authority	475	485	960	975	-15
Culture, Media and Sport	440	660	1,100	1,095	5
Defence	32,230	22,480	54,705	54,890	-185
Education	3,090	4,600	7,695	7,700	-10
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,330	2,395	4,725	4,830	-105
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,520	6,895	12,410	12,490	-75
Estyn	55	75	130	130	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	325	245	570	560	10
Food Standards Agency	750	775	1,525	1,520	5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,420	4,130	8,550	8,640	-90
Health and Social Care	3,605	6,365	9,970	10,170	-205
HM Land Registry	2,585	3,780	6,365	6,325	40
HM Revenue and Customs	34,650	34,750	69,400	68,290	1,115
HM Treasury	1,360	1,335	2,700	2,745	-45
Chancellor's other departments	285	210	495	480	15
Home Office	23,175	24,590	47,765	47,575	190
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,265	2,445	4,710	4,830	-120
Justice	39,065	51,925	90,990	89,710	1,280
The National Archives	275	310	580	565	20
National Crime Agency	3,035	2,740	5,775	5,755	20
Northern Ireland Office	50	80	125	125	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	650	1,450	2,105	2,010	95
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,155	1,015	2,175	2,135	40
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	115	200	315	325	-10
Office of Rail and Road	210	155	365	365	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	60	80	135	130	5
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	25	20	45	45	..
Ofwat	205	215	425	410	15
Science, Innovation and Technology	4,395	3,815	8,210	8,010	200
Transport	8,630	6,745	15,375	15,155	225
UK Statistics Authority	2,440	2,825	5,270	5,165	105
UK Supreme Court	20	25	40	45	..
Work and Pensions	35,030	51,005	86,030	85,975	60
Central Government Departments Total	227,015	257,665	484,675	482,030	2,650
Scottish Government	12,520	14,955	27,475	27,295	180
Welsh Government	2,310	3,510	5,820	5,755	65
TOTAL	241,845	276,125	517,970	515,075	2,895
Temporary/Casual Employees					
Attorney General's departments	60	150	210	185	20
Business and Trade	50	40	90	100	-10
Cabinet Office	0	0	0	..	..
Other Cabinet Office agencies	15	10	25	20	5
Charity Commission	0	..	..	..	0
Competition and Markets Authority	5	..	10	5	..
Culture, Media and Sport	10	10	20	25	..
Defence	0	0	0	0	0
Education	20	45	60	60	..
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	25	45	75	110	-35
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	10	15	15	..
Food Standards Agency	..	10	15	20	-5
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	80	100	180	175	5
Health and Social Care	120	220	340	240	100
HM Land Registry	20	25	45	15	30
HM Revenue and Customs	610	445	1,055	1,025	30
HM Treasury	5	5	10	10	0
Chancellor's other departments	..	5	10	..	10
Home Office	470	585	1,055	1,005	55
Housing, Communities and Local Government	10	15	25	25	..
Justice	140	290	430	420	10
The National Archives	..	30	30	70	-40
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	15	15	30	30	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	5	15	20	15	5
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	55	50	105	105	..
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	5	10	10	..
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	5	5	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	..	..	0	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0
Ofwat	20	25	45	45	..
Science, Innovation and Technology	..	5	10	10	0
Transport	95	55	150	145	5
UK Statistics Authority	60	40	100	105	..
UK Supreme Court	5	5	10	10	0
Work and Pensions	580	610	1,190	1,475	-290
Central Government Departments Total	2,505	2,865	5,370	5,475	-105
Scottish Government	120	160	285	305	-20
Welsh Government	5	10	15	15	..
TOTAL	2,635	3,035	5,670	5,795	-125
All Employees					
	244,480	279,160	523,635	520,860	2,770

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

- Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "..". Data not available are represented by "...".
- Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	March 2026		December 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Attorney General's departments						
Attorney General's Office	65	65	65	65	..	0
Crown Prosecution Service	8,315	7,800	8,155	7,640	160	160
Government Legal Department	3,390	3,180	3,345	3,140	45	40
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	30	30	25	25	..	..
Serious Fraud Office	615	605	620	605	..	..
Business and Trade						
Department for Business and Trade (excluding agencies)	5,915	5,805	6,045	5,935	-130	-130
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,160	1,070	1,145	1,055	15	15
Companies House	2,425	2,310	2,325	2,210	100	95
The Insolvency Service	2,085	1,975	1,995	1,890	90	85
Cabinet Office						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) ²	5,385	5,240	5,535	5,390	-150	-150
Other Cabinet Office agencies						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	2,065	2,065	2,145	2,140	-75	-75
Crown Commercial Service	690	675	725	700	-35	-25
Government Commercial Organisation	1,580	1,555	1,540	1,515	40	40
Government Property Agency	475	470	450	445	25	25
Charity Commission						
Charity Commission	445	420	445	420	0	..
Competition and Markets Authority						
Competition and Markets Authority	990	965	1,005	980	-15	-10
Culture, Media and Sport						
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	1,150	1,120	1,150	1,115	..	..
Defence						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	36,460	35,155	36,435	35,135	25	20
Defence Equipment and Support	10,340	9,890	10,505	10,050	-165	-160
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,795	4,600	4,865	4,675	-70	-75
Royal Fleet Auxiliary	1,685	1,685	1,665	1,665	15	15
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,535	2,455	2,530	2,450	5	..
UK Hydrographic Office	965	920	960	915	..	..
Education						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	7,640	7,320	7,620	7,310	15	15
Skills England	235	225	255	245	-20	-20
Standards and Testing Agency	140	135	140	135	..	..
Teaching Regulation Agency	80	75	80	75	..	..
Energy Security and Net Zero						
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	4,830	4,725	4,940	4,830	-110	-105
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	6,340	6,115	6,340	6,110	..	..
Animal and Plant Health Agency	3,365	3,195	3,340	3,170	25	25
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	640	605	645	610	..	..
Rural Payments Agency	2,570	2,375	2,735	2,510	-170	-135
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	200	195	195	195	..	..
Estyn						
Estyn	140	130	140	130	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	595	585	585	575	10	10
Food Standards Agency						
Food Standards Agency	1,600	1,540	1,600	1,545	..	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	7,620	7,500	7,705	7,585	-90	-85
FCDO Services	1,185	1,150	1,180	1,145	..	5
Wilton Park Executive Agency	90	80	90	85	..	..
Health and Social Care						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,275	3,170	3,425	3,315	-150	-145
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,620	1,580	1,590	1,550	30	30
UK Health Security Agency	5,820	5,560	5,810	5,545	10	15
HM Land Registry						
HM Land Registry	7,150	6,410	7,070	6,340	80	70
HM Revenue and Customs						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	71,210	66,415	70,060	65,310	1,145	1,110
Valuation Office Agency	4,300	4,040	4,265	4,005	35	35
HM Treasury						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,175	2,125	2,215	2,165	-40	-40
Government Internal Audit Agency	435	410	445	415	-10	-5
Office for Budget Responsibility	55	55	55	55	..	..
UK Debt Management Office	125	120	120	120	..	..
Chancellor's other departments						
Government Actuary's Department	245	230	225	215	15	15
National Savings and Investments	280	275	270	270	5	5
Home Office						
Home Office	51,470	48,825	51,205	48,580	265	245
Housing, Communities and Local Government						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies)	3,780	3,665	3,920	3,800	-140	-130
Planning Inspectorate	1,090	1,015	1,080	1,005	10	10
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	50	50	..	..
Justice						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	8,385	8,150	8,340	8,115	40	40
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	385	355	375	345	10	10
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,455	14,910	16,100	14,575	350	335
HM Prison and Probation Service	69,145	65,040	68,210	64,115	935	925

Table 9: Civil Service employment by department and agency ¹

	March 2026		December 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Legal Aid Agency	1,350	1,250	1,375	1,270	-20	-20
Office of the Public Guardian	1,845	1,710	1,850	1,710	..	0
The National Archives						
The National Archives	650	615	670	635	-20	-20
National Crime Agency						
National Crime Agency	5,965	5,775	5,945	5,755	20	20
Northern Ireland Office						
Northern Ireland Office	160	155	160	155	0	0
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	2,200	2,120	2,100	2,020	100	100
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	2,315	2,280	2,275	2,240	40	40
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	335	325	345	335	-10	-10
Office of Rail and Road						
Office of Rail and Road	380	370	380	370	..	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotlan	145	140	135	130	10	10
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	45	45	45	45	..	..
Owat						
Owat	480	470	465	455	15	15
Science, Innovation and Technology						
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (excluding agencies) ²	3,650	3,570	3,485	3,410	165	160
Building Digital UK	245	245	255	250	-5	-5
Intellectual Property Office	1,770	1,675	1,745	1,650	30	25
Met Office	2,535	2,410	2,515	2,390	20	20
UK Space Agency	320	315	320	315	0	0
Transport						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,420	3,340	3,435	3,355	-15	-15
Active Travel England	105	105	95	95	10	10
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,185	5,560	6,055	5,425	130	135
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	5,350	4,990	5,250	4,910	100	85
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,315	1,270	1,285	1,245	25	30
Vehicle Certification Agency	275	260	285	275	-10	-15
UK Statistics Authority						
UK Statistics Authority	5,980	5,370	5,875	5,270	105	100
UK Supreme Court						
UK Supreme Court	55	55	55	55	..	..
Work and Pensions						
Department for Work and Pensions (excluding agencies)	93,655	84,110	93,860	84,375	-200	-265
Health and Safety Executive	3,270	3,110	3,235	3,075	35	35
Scottish Government						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	9,015	8,640	9,205	8,840	-195	-200
Accountant in Bankruptcy	105	95	105	95	..	..
Consumer Scotland	40	40	45	40	..	..
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,735	2,595	2,685	2,545	50	50
Disclosure Scotland	375	350	380	360	-5	-5
Education Scotland	370	360	375	365	..	..
Food Standards Scotland	290	280	285	275	5	5
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,095	1,055	1,095	1,045	..	5
National Records of Scotland	450	420	430	400	20	20
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	35	40	35	0	0
Registers of Scotland	1,180	1,135	1,155	1,110	25	25
Revenue Scotland	110	105	105	105	..	..
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	2,095	1,925	2,090	1,925	..	..
Scottish Fiscal Commission	25	25	25	25	..	..
Scottish Forestry	255	245	250	240	5	5
Scottish Housing Regulator	55	50	55	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	5,195	4,895	5,115	4,810	80	85
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	435	405	410	380	25	25
Social Security Scotland	4,475	4,275	4,330	4,140	145	135
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	240	230	240	230	..	..
Transport Scotland	605	590	595	580	5	5
Welsh Government						
Welsh Government (excluding agencies)	6,055	5,710	6,005	5,655	55	55
Welsh Revenue Authority	125	125	115	115	10	10
Total employment	557,635	523,635	554,720	520,860	2,915	2,770

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

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

² Around 60 FTE staff transferred from the Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) on 1st February 2026.

Table 10: Employment in Executive NDPBs ^{1 2 3}

Permanent Employees	March 2026		December 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	640	620	670	630	-30	-20
Cabinet Office	180	180	180	170	..	..
Culture, Media and Sport	11,550	10,640	11,470	10,570	80	60
Defence	560	440	550	430	10	10
Education	5,190	4,980	5,120	4,920	60	60
Energy Security and Net Zero	5,070	4,940	5,080	4,950	-10	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	18,860	17,780	18,690	17,650	160	130
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,060	1,010	1,060	1,010	..	..
Health and Social Care	18,800	17,330	18,820	17,350	-20	-10
Home Office	2,870	2,670	2,870	2,670	..	0
Housing, Communities and Local Government	2,550	2,500	2,470	2,420	90	80
Justice	2,800	2,670	2,740	2,610	60	60
Science, Innovation and Technology	9,390	9,050	9,640	9,290	-250	-230
Transport	2,550	2,510	2,570	2,530	-20	-20
Work and Pensions	2,070	2,010	1,970	1,910	110	100
Central Government Departments Total	84,140	79,320	83,900	79,110	240	210
Scottish Government	11,610	10,670	11,730	10,650	-130	20
Welsh Government	3,590	3,330	3,610	3,350	-20	-10
TOTAL	99,340	93,320	99,240	93,110	100	220

Temporary Employees	March 2026		December 2025		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	20	20	10	10	10	10
Cabinet Office	..	..	..	..	0	0
Culture, Media and Sport	1,470	580	1,500	610	-40	-30
Defence	60	20	60	20	..	..
Education	190	180	120	110	70	70
Energy Security and Net Zero	90	90	80	80	10	10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ⁴	660	610	660	620	..	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	0	0	..	..
Health and Social Care	1,470	890	1,480	930	-10	-40
Home Office	80	70	70	70	10	..
Housing, Communities and Local Government	130	130	130	130	..	..
Justice	80	70	80	80	-10	-10
Science, Innovation and Technology	100	100	150	150	-40	-40
Transport	40	40	30	30	10	10
Work and Pensions	100	100	100	100	..	..
Central Government Departments Total	4,490	2,910	4,470	2,910	30	-10
Scottish Government	540	440	470	400	70	50
Welsh Government	690	370	680	330	20	40
TOTAL	5,720	3,720	5,610	3,640	110	80

All NDPB Employees	105,060	97,040	104,850	96,740	210	300
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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.

5. We collect data from all public bodies set out in the Public sector classification guide (if they have 20 or more employees) and therefore all executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) meeting this criteria are included in our overall public sector employment estimates. However, our estimates of employment in executive NDPBs in this table may not include all executive NDPBs included in the overall estimates. We are currently reviewing this methodology and aim to provide data for an exhaustive list of executive NDPBs shortly.

Table 11: Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted		
	Headcount	Full-time equivalent
Dec 2023	683	510
Mar 2024	690	515
Jun 2024	700	522
Sep 2024	713	531
Dec 2024	720	536
Mar 2025	728	542
Jun 2025	736	547
Sep 2025	745	553
Dec 2025	749	556
Mar 2026	754	559
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5	3
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	26	17
<i>Change %</i>	3.6	3.1

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>