

Statistical bulletin

# Public sector employment, UK: September 2022

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



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# 1 . Main points

- Total public sector employment increased in September 2022 compared with the previous quarter and the previous year; the increase from a year ago is partly because of the response of the NHS and the Civil Service to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- There were an estimated 5.77 million employees in the public sector in September 2022, which was 28,000 (0.5%) more than in June 2022 and 73,000 (1.3%) more than in September 2021.
- Employment in central government was an estimated 3.57 million for September 2022, a rise of 22,000 (0.6%) compared with June 2022, and 74,000 (2.1%) compared with September 2021; the main contributors to this increase were the NHS, the Civil Service, and local authority schools becoming academies.
- The NHS employed an estimated 1.90 million people in September 2022, an increase of 12,000 (0.6%) compared with June 2022 and an increase of 47,000 (2.5%) compared with September 2021; the ongoing response to the coronavirus pandemic has driven the increase on the previous year.
- Employment in local government was an estimated 2.00 million for September 2022, an increase of 3,000 (0.2%) since June 2022, but a decrease of 3,000 (0.1%) since September 2021.
- There were 513,000 employees in the Civil Service in September 2022, up 1,000 (0.2%) compared with June 2022, and up 8,000 (1.6%) compared with September 2021.
- Private sector employment was at an estimated 27.00 million for September 2022, slightly lower than for June 2022 by 1,000 (0.0%), but higher than for September 2021 by 117,000 (0.4%).

## 2 . Public sector employment data

### [Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 13 December 2022

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 13 December 2022

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

## 3 . Measuring the data

### Revisions

For this month's release, revisions have been made to the public sector employment estimates back to the start of the quarterly data time series in 1999. We also reviewed the seasonal adjustment process for the public sector employment data series.

## Reclassification of further education institutions in England

On 29 November 2022, we announced the reclassification of further education corporations, sixth form college corporations, and designated institutions in England from the non-profit institutions serving households (NPISH) sector to the central government sector. Our [Economic statistics sector classification – classification update and forward work plan: November 2022 article](#) has more information on this classification decision.

This reclassification is not yet reflected in the latest public sector employment statistics but will be implemented in due course and announced three months before implementation.

## Coronavirus

Our [Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics article](#) has more information about how labour market sources have been affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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

## Impact on production of public sector employment estimates

The collection of the data contained in this release was unaffected by the coronavirus 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) data is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey, which is supplemented by data from external sources. Further information can be found in our [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 our [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. 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 the PSE datasets](#).

## Quality

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

## 4 . Related links

### [Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 27 July 2022

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 13 December 2022

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 13 December 2022

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.

## 5 . 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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1 Public sector employment by sector classification; Headcount

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted							
General government							
	Central government	Local government	Total general government	Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service	
	G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6	
2020	Jun	3,343	2,001	5,344	207	5,551	459
	Sep	3,351	2,003	5,354	205	5,559	463
	Dec	3,389	2,000	5,389	203	5,592	473
2021	Mar	3,470	2,001	5,471	201	5,672	505
	Jun	3,475	2,001	5,476	199	5,675	498
	Sep	3,500	2,001	5,501	195	5,696	505
2022	Dec	3,525	2,000	5,525	195	5,720	507
	Mar	3,545	1,997	5,542	193	5,735	512
	Jun	3,552	1,995	5,547	194	5,741	512
	Sep	3,574	1,998	5,572	197	5,769	513
Change on quarter:		22	3	25	3	28	1
Change %:		0.6	0.2	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.2
Change on year:		74	-3	71	2	73	8
Change %:		2.1	-0.1	1.3	1.0	1.3	1.6
				Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey; Office for National Statistics			

4 Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted										

6 Regional public sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
Region																
All employees																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally 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	K02000001	K02000001	K03000001	E92000001	E12000001	E12000002	E12000003	E12000004	E12000005	E12000006	E12000007	E12000008	E12000009	W92000004	S92000003	N92000002
2020 Jun	5,550	5,551	5,318	4,444	237	630	473	356	446	427	761	658	456	303	571	217
Sep	5,548	5,559	5,321	4,449	237	630	474	357	447	427	760	661	457	302	569	212
Dec	5,591	5,592	5,359	4,481	237	633	479	359	450	430	766	667	460	306	573	216
2021 Mar	5,683	5,672	5,451	4,561	242	645	485	367	456	438	783	677	468	310	579	217
Jun	5,675	5,675	5,443	4,550	243	644	483	365	453	437	782	676	468	310	582	218
Sep	5,688	5,696	5,459	4,564	244	648	486	366	453	438	782	677	470	311	584	216
Dec	5,719	5,720	5,485	4,583	244	649	489	368	456	439	784	680	474	313	588	221
2022 Mar	5,747	5,735	5,513	4,602	247	656	495	366	460	439	781	682	476	316	595	223
Jun	5,740	5,741	5,506	4,596	247	657	491	367	460	438	779	680	476	316	594	223
Sep	5,760	5,769	5,529	4,618	248	662	495	368	462	440	783	682	478	317	593	221
Change on year:	72.0	73.0	70.0	55.0	4.0	14.0	9.0	3.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	9.0	5.0
Change %:	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.5	2.2	1.9	0.7	1.9	0.5	0.1	0.8	1.7	2.0	1.5	2.4
% of total employment	17.6	17.6	17.4	16.7	21.4	19.1	19.0	16.3	16.9	14.9	15.0	15.4	17.0	22.7	21.9	26.1

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																
Region																
All employees																
	United Kingdom	United Kingdom (seasonally 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
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2020 Jun	5,407	5,412	5,180	4,329	235	614	464	351	434	417	733	635	446	299	553	212
Sep	5,408	5,418	5,182	4,334	235	613	465	351	435	418	731	639	447	298	551	211
Dec	5,451	5,449	5,221	4,366	235	617	469	354	438	421	737	644	450	302	554	214
2021 Mar	5,542	5,529	5,311	4,445	240	628	475	361	444	429	754	655	458	306	561	215
Jun	5,533	5,539	5,303	4,434	240	627	473	360	441	428	753	654	458	306	564	216
Sep	5,547	5,556	5,320	4,448	242	630	476	361	442	429	753	656	460	306	566	214
Dec	5,578	5,575	5,346	4,467	242	632	479	363	444	430	755	659	464	308	570	219
2022 Mar	5,608	5,595	5,375	4,487	245	638	485	361	448	430	752	661	467	312	577	222
Jun	5,601	5,608	5,369	4,482	245	640	481	362	449	429	750	659	466	311	576	222
Sep	5,621	5,630	5,392	4,505	246	644	485	363	451	431	754	662	469	312	575	219
Change on year:	74.0	74.0	72.0	57.0	4.0	14.0	9.0	3.0	9.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	8.0	6.0	9.0	5.0
Change %:	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	2.2	2.0	0.7	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.9	1.8	2.0	1.6	2.4
% of total employment	17.1	17.2	17.0	16.3	21.2	18.6	18.6	16.1	16.4	14.6	14.5	14.9	16.6	22.4	21.2	25.9

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

7 Regional private sector employment

Headcount (thousands), not seasonally adjusted																
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2020 Jun	26,982	26,998	26,187	23,043	953	2,869	2,058	1,852	2,303	2,333	4,639	3,779	2,256	1,089	2,056	613
Sep	26,778	26,750	25,989	22,829	936	2,793	2,055	1,835	2,337	2,318	4,543	3,747	2,265	1,079	2,081	617
Dec	26,579	26,534	25,820	22,700	932	2,764	2,041	1,852	2,292	2,364	4,482	3,709	2,265	1,084	2,036	595
2021 Mar	26,477	26,502	25,724	22,581	920	2,738	2,061	1,855	2,246	2,331	4,479	3,704	2,247	1,091	2,052	587
Jun	26,718	26,734	25,926	22,764	923	2,750	2,064	1,833	2,306	2,396	4,516	3,692	2,283	1,110	2,052	603
Sep	26,913	26,887	26,085	22,921	919	2,801	2,069	1,860	2,340	2,445	4,451	3,693	2,344	1,099	2,064	599
Dec	26,847	26,810	26,033	22,852	918	2,749	2,026	1,867	2,382	2,487	4,391	3,708	2,325	1,119	2,062	594
2022 Mar	26,953	26,972	26,080	22,875	926	2,765	2,051	1,863	2,349	2,477	4,413	3,683	2,348	1,111	2,093	614
Jun	26,998	27,005	26,153	22,956	914	2,789	2,094	1,892	2,351	2,517	4,439	3,650	2,309	1,101	2,096	616
Sep	27,034	27,004	26,198	23,002	911	2,799	2,110	1,892	2,279	2,506	4,424	3,745	2,337	1,078	2,117	626
Change on year:	121	117	113	81	-8	-2	41	32	-61	60	-27	52	-6	-21	53	27
Change %:	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	2.0	1.7	-2.6	2.5	-0.6	1.4	-0.3	-1.9	2.5	4.6
% of total employment	82.4	82.4	82.6	83.3	78.6	80.9	81.0	83.7	83.1	85.1	85.0	84.6	83.0	77.3	78.1	73.9

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																
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2020 Jun	27,125	27,137	26,325	23,158	955	2,886	2,067	1,857	2,315	2,343	4,668	3,802	2,266	1,093	2,074	618
Sep	26,918	26,891	26,128	22,945	938	2,810	2,065	1,841	2,349	2,328	4,571	3,769	2,275	1,083	2,100	618
Dec	26,719	26,677	25,958	22,815	934	2,780	2,050	1,857	2,304	2,373	4,511	3,731	2,275	1,088	2,054	597
2021 Mar	26,618	26,645	25,863	22,697	922	2,756	2,071	1,860	2,258	2,340	4,508	3,726	2,257	1,095	2,071	588
Jun	26,860	26,870	26,065	22,880	925	2,767	2,074	1,839	2,318	2,405	4,546	3,713	2,293	1,114	2,071	605
Sep	27,054	27,027	26,224	23,037	921	2,819	2,079	1,865	2,351	2,455	4,480	3,715	2,353	1,104	2,083	601
Dec	26,988	26,955	26,172	22,968	920	2,767	2,036	1,872	2,394	2,497	4,420	3,729	2,334	1,124	2,080	595
2022 Mar	27,092	27,112	26,218	22,990	928	2,783	2,061	1,868	2,361	2,486	4,442	3,704	2,358	1,116	2,112	616
Jun	27,137	27,138	26,290	23,070	916	2,807	2,104	1,897	2,363	2,526	4,467	3,671	2,318	1,106	2,114	617
Sep	27,173	27,143	26,335	23,116	913	2,816	2,120	1,897	2,291	2,515	4,452	3,766	2,347	1,083	2,135	628
Change on year:	119	116	111	79	-8	-2	41	32	-61	60	-28	51	-7	-21	53	27
Change %:	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.8	-0.1	2.0	1.7	-2.6	2.5	-0.6	1.4	-0.3	-1.9	2.5	4.5
% of total employment	82.9	82.8	83.0	83.7	78.8	81.4	81.4	83.9	83.6	85.4	85.5	85.1	83.4	77.6	78.8	74.1

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



8 Civil Service employment by department <sup>1 2</sup>

Headcount, Great Britain, not seasonally adjusted									
	September 2022							June 2022	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Permanent Employees									
Attorney General's departments	3,200	270	3,470	4,750	1,980	6,730	10,200	10,050	150
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,470	520	6,990	5,520	1,500	7,020	14,010	13,930	80
Cabinet Office	2,800	120	2,930	2,950	500	3,450	6,380	6,560	-190
Other Cabinet Office agencies	1,980	30	2,010	2,050	150	2,200	4,210	4,020	200
Charity Commission	180	10	190	240	60	290	480	450	30
Competition and Markets Authority	420	30	450	360	90	450	890	890	10
Defence	32,740	1,690	34,430	19,130	4,110	23,240	57,670	57,400	270
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	890	20	910	950	110	1,060	1,970	1,970	..
Education	3,290	150	3,440	4,020	1,040	5,060	8,510	8,580	-80
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,140	390	5,530	5,490	1,770	7,260	12,790	12,760	30
Estyn	50	10	50	50	20	70	120	110	10
Export Credits Guarantee Department	270	10	280	210	20	230	500	490	10
Food Standards Agency	750	70	820	610	80	690	1,510	1,470	40
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,160	140	4,300	3,560	440	4,000	8,300	8,340	-40
Health and Social Care	3,130	230	3,360	4,730	1,120	5,850	9,200	9,210	-10
HM Land Registry	2,200	440	2,640	2,470	1,610	4,080	6,720	6,590	120
HM Revenue and Customs	30,470	3,520	34,000	24,860	12,530	37,390	71,390	70,930	460
HM Treasury	1,320	60	1,380	1,160	190	1,350	2,730	2,730	..
Chancellor's other departments	230	20	240	130	50	180	430	420	10
Home Office	16,470	1,460	17,940	14,160	5,310	19,460	37,400	36,520	880
International Trade	1,720	40	1,760	1,530	140	1,670	3,430	3,000	430
Justice	33,580	3,630	37,210	39,370	11,070	50,440	87,650	86,370	1,280
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,930	170	2,100	1,800	420	2,220	4,320	4,260	60
The National Archives	240	10	260	250	50	300	550	560	-10
National Crime Agency	2,930	110	3,040	2,100	410	2,510	5,550	5,520	40
Northern Ireland Office	90	0	90	90	10	100	180	190	-10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	590	30	620	1,120	200	1,320	1,940	1,810	130
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	710	20	720	530	80	610	1,330	1,260	70
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	120	10	120	170	30	200	320	300	20
Office of Rail and Road	190	20	200	130	30	160	360	360	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	0	50	70	10	80	120	110	10
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	0	30	20	..	20	50	50	..
Ofwat	120	10	130	110	30	140	270	240	30
Transport	7,710	830	8,540	4,930	2,440	7,370	15,900	15,990	-80
UK Statistics Authority	1,900	540	2,440	2,050	1,230	3,280	5,710	5,790	-80
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	27,250	4,560	31,810	30,270	26,750	57,020	88,830	88,380	450
Central Government Departments Total	195,320	19,150	214,460	181,920	75,560	257,490	471,950	467,650	4,300
Scottish Government	11,140	1,010	12,150	11,360	3,140	14,500	26,650	25,760	890
Welsh Government	2,200	210	2,410	2,630	920	3,550	5,950	5,920	40
TOTAL	208,650	20,360	229,020	195,910	79,620	275,540	504,550	499,330	5,230

	September 2022							June 2022	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
Temporary/Casual Employees									
Attorney General's departments	80	..	80	180	10	190	260	200	70
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	20	0	20	20	..	20	40	70	-30
Cabinet Office	10	..	10	20	0	20	30	10	20
Other Cabinet Office agencies	20	0	20	30	..	30	50	40	..
Charity Commission	..	..	10	10	..	10	10	20	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	10	0	10	10	..	10	20	20	..
Defence	20	..	20	..	..	10	30	30	..
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	10	0	10	30	0	30	40	50	-10
Education	60	..	70	110	20	130	200	210	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	160	10	160	140	30	170	340	210	130
Estyn	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	0	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	..	0	..	10	..	10	10	10	10
Food Standards Agency	..	10	10	10	..	10	20	30	-10
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	20	..	30	40	0	40	70	60	10
Health and Social Care	340	50	390	650	140	790	1,180	1,820	-640
HM Land Registry	10	..	10	0	..	..	10	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	370	20	380	270	30	310	690	560	130
HM Treasury	20	..	20	20	..	20	40	30	10
Chancellor's other departments	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	0	..
Home Office	430	560	990	470	230	700	1,690	1,220	470
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	300	40	340	630	90	730	1,060	1,240	-180
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	30	0	30	20	..	20	50	50	..
The National Archives	10	..	10	10	..	10	20	20	..
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	0	0	..	0	..	..	0	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	0	..	..	..	..	10	20	-20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	70	..	70	80	..	80	150	150	..
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	0	..	10	..	10	20	20	..
Office of Rail and Road	..	0	..	..	0	..	..	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..
Ofwat	..	0	..	..	0	..	10	10	..
Transport	350	30	390	200	60	250	640	580	60
UK Statistics Authority	50	50	100	30	50	90	180	120	70
UK Supreme Court	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	10	..
Work and Pensions	300	20	320	320	50	360	680	3,520	-2,840
Central Government Departments Total	2,700	790	3,490	3,320	740	4,060	7,540	10,320	-2,770
Scottish Government	210	30	240	210	60	270	510	1,940	-1,420
Welsh Government	10	..	20	10	..	20	30	30	..
TOTAL	2,920	830	3,750	3,540	800	4,340	8,090	12,280	-4,190

	September 2022							June 2022	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female			Total	Total	Total
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
All Employees	211,570	21,190	232,760	199,460	80,420	279,880	512,640	511,610	1,030

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

	September 2022			June 2022	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Permanent Employees					
Attorney General's departments	3,390	6,160	9,550	9,390	160
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	6,840	6,600	13,430	13,350	80
Cabinet Office	2,890	3,310	6,200	6,380	-190
Other Cabinet Office agencies	1,990	2,160	4,160	3,970	180
Charity Commission	190	280	460	430	30
Competition and Markets Authority	440	420	870	860	10
Defence	33,820	22,020	55,840	55,550	290
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	910	1,030	1,940	1,940	..
Education	3,410	4,800	8,210	8,290	-80
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,420	6,760	12,180	12,160	20
Estyn	50	60	110	110	10
Export Credits Guarantee Department	270	220	490	480	10
Food Standards Agency	790	670	1,460	1,430	40
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,250	3,860	8,110	8,160	-40
Health and Social Care	3,290	5,520	8,810	8,820	-20
HM Land Registry	2,490	3,620	6,110	6,000	110
HM Revenue and Customs	32,890	33,590	66,470	65,960	520
HM Treasury	1,360	1,290	2,650	2,650	..
Chancellor's other departments	240	170	410	400	10
Home Office	17,480	17,880	35,360	34,480	890
International Trade	1,750	1,630	3,380	2,960	420
Justice	35,630	46,540	82,170	80,930	1,240
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	2,050	2,110	4,160	4,110	60
The National Archives	250	280	530	540	-10
National Crime Agency	3,010	2,400	5,400	5,370	30
Northern Ireland Office	90	90	180	190	-10
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	610	1,260	1,880	1,740	130
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	720	590	1,310	1,240	70
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	120	190	310	290	20
Office of Rail and Road	200	150	350	350	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	70	120	110	10
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	20	50	50	..
Ofwat	130	130	260	240	20
Transport	8,260	6,550	14,810	14,880	-70
UK Statistics Authority	2,250	2,890	5,140	5,180	-50
UK Supreme Court	20	20	40	40	0
Work and Pensions	30,480	49,010	79,500	79,020	480
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>208,050</b>	<b>234,350</b>	<b>442,400</b>	<b>438,030</b>	<b>4,370</b>
Scottish Government	11,760	13,600	25,360	24,520	840
Welsh Government	2,340	3,290	5,630	5,590	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>222,150</b>	<b>251,240</b>	<b>473,390</b>	<b>468,140</b>	<b>5,240</b>

	September 2022			June 2022	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
Temporary/Casual Employees					
Attorney General's departments	80	180	260	190	70
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	20	20	40	70	-30
Cabinet Office	10	20	30	10	20
Other Cabinet Office agencies	20	30	50	40	..
Charity Commission	..	10	10	20	-10
Competition and Markets Authority	10	10	20	20	..
Defence	20	10	30	30	..
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	10	30	40	50	-10
Education	70	120	190	200	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	160	160	330	200	130
Estyn	0	..	..	0	..
Export Credits Guarantee Department	..	10	10	..	10
Food Standards Agency	10	10	20	30	-10
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	20	40	70	60	10
Health and Social Care	370	730	1,100	1,680	-580
HM Land Registry	10	..	10	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	380	300	670	550	130
HM Treasury	20	20	40	30	10
Chancellor's other departments	0	..	..	0	..
Home Office	690	590	1,280	880	400
International Trade	0	0	0	0	0
Justice	320	690	1,010	1,190	-190
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	30	20	50	40	..
The National Archives	10	10	20	20	..
National Crime Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Office	0	..	..	0	..
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	..	..	10	20	-20
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	70	80	150	150	..
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	10	20	20	..
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	..	..	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	0	0	0	..	..
Ofwat	..	..	10	10	..
Transport	370	230	610	550	60
UK Statistics Authority	80	70	150	110	40
UK Supreme Court	10	10	10	10	..
Work and Pensions	310	350	660	3,450	-2,780
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,760</b>	<b>6,850</b>	<b>9,610</b>	<b>-2,760</b>
Scottish Government	230	250	480	1,450	-970
Welsh Government	10	20	30	30	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>11,090</b>	<b>-3,730</b>

	September 2022			June 2022	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>All Employees</b>	<b>225,490</b>	<b>255,260</b>	<b>480,740</b>	<b>479,230</b>	<b>1,510</b>

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 <sup>1</sup>

	September 2022		June 2022		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
<b>Attorney General's departments</b>						
Attorney General's Office	50	50	50	50	..	..
Crown Prosecution Service	7,300	6,830	7,120	6,640	180	190
Government Legal Department	2,640	2,460	2,600	2,420	40	40
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	30	30	30	30	..	0
Serious Fraud Office	450	440	460	440	-10	-10
<b>Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</b>						
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	5,890	5,770	5,900	5,780	-10	-10
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,020	950	1,020	950	..	..
Companies House	1,220	1,140	1,220	1,140	..	10
The Insolvency Service	1,660	1,580	1,680	1,600	-30	-30
Intellectual Property Office	1,720	1,630	1,730	1,640	-10	-10
Met Office	2,280	2,150	2,190	2,070	80	80
UK Space Agency	260	260	260	250	10	10
<b>Cabinet Office</b>						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies) <sup>2</sup>	6,400	6,230	6,570	6,390	-170	-170
<b>Other Cabinet Office agencies</b>						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	1,620	1,620	1,560	1,560	60	60
Crown Commercial Service	820	800	810	790	20	10
Government Commercial Organisation <sup>2</sup>	1,470	1,460	1,370	1,350	110	100
Government Property Agency	340	340	330	320	20	10
<b>Charity Commission</b>						
Charity Commission	500	470	480	450	20	20
<b>Competition and Markets Authority</b>						
Competition and Markets Authority	910	880	900	880	10	10
<b>Defence</b>						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	38,380	37,200	38,460	37,260	-90	-70
Defence Electronics and Components Agency	430	410	430	400	10	10
Defence Equipment and Support	10,570	10,210	10,490	10,120	90	90
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	4,930	4,760	4,760	4,590	170	170
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,480	2,420	2,380	2,330	90	90
UK Hydrographic Office	910	870	910	870	..	..
<b>Digital, Culture, Media and Sport</b>						
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	1,790	1,760	1,810	1,770	-10	-10
Building Digital UK	210	210	220	210	..	..
<b>Education</b>						
Department for Education (excluding agencies) <sup>3</sup>	7,390	7,130	6,380	6,160	1,000	970
Education and Skills Funding Agency <sup>3</sup>	810	790	1,910	1,840	-1,090	-1,060
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education	280	280	280	270	..	..
Standards and Testing Agency	140	130	140	130	0	0
Teaching Regulation Agency	80	80	80	80	..	..
<b>Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	6,510	6,290	6,530	6,310	-20	-20
Animal and Plant Health Agency	2,960	2,820	2,930	2,780	30	30
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	670	640	670	640	..	0
Rural Payments Agency	2,810	2,590	2,660	2,460	140	130
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	170	170	170	170	..	..
<b>Estyn</b>						
Estyn	120	120	110	110	10	10
<b>Export Credits Guarantee Department</b>						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	510	500	500	490	20	20
<b>Food Standards Agency</b>						
Food Standards Agency	1,530	1,480	1,500	1,450	30	30
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office</b>						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	7,190	7,060	7,260	7,120	-60	-60
FCDO Services	1,100	1,050	1,070	1,030	30	30
Wilton Park Executive Agency	80	70	80	70	..	..
<b>Health and Social Care</b>						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	4,020	3,870	4,040	3,920	-20	-40
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,020	990	1,070	1,040	-50	-50
UK Health Security Agency	5,350	5,040	5,930	5,550	-580	-510
<b>HM Land Registry</b>						
HM Land Registry	6,720	6,120	6,600	6,010	120	110
<b>HM Revenue and Customs</b>						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	68,120	63,450	67,710	62,970	410	470
Valuation Office Agency	3,960	3,700	3,780	3,530	180	170
<b>HM Treasury</b>						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,080	2,040	2,070	2,020	20	20
Government Internal Audit Agency	470	450	470	450	0	..
National Infrastructure Commission	50	40	50	50	..	..
Office for Budget Responsibility	40	40	50	50	..	..
UK Debt Management Office	120	110	120	120	..	..
<b>Chancellor's other departments</b>						
Government Actuary's Department	220	210	220	210	0	..
National Savings and Investments	210	210	200	200	10	10
<b>Home Office</b>						
Home Office	39,090	36,640	37,730	35,350	1,360	1,290

9 Civil Service employment by department and agency <sup>1</sup>

	September 2022		June 2022		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
<b>International Trade</b>						
Department for International Trade	3,430	3,380	3,000	2,960	430	420
<b>Justice</b>						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	6,730	6,560	6,390	6,230	340	330
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	310	290	310	290	..	..
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	16,050	14,530	16,340	14,830	-300	-300
HM Prison and Probation Service	62,960	59,310	61,950	58,340	1,010	970
Legal Aid Agency	1,140	1,070	1,160	1,080	-10	-10
Office of the Public Guardian	1,530	1,410	1,460	1,350	70	60
<b>Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</b>						
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (excluding agencies)	3,490	3,400	3,440	3,360	40	40
Planning Inspectorate	840	770	820	750	20	20
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	40	40	40	40	..	0
<b>The National Archives</b>						
The National Archives	570	550	580	560	-10	-10
<b>National Crime Agency</b>						
National Crime Agency	5,550	5,400	5,520	5,370	40	30
<b>Northern Ireland Office</b>						
Northern Ireland Office	180	180	190	190	-10	-10
<b>Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills</b>						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	1,950	1,880	1,830	1,770	120	120
<b>Office of Gas and Electricity Markets</b>						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,480	1,450	1,410	1,390	70	70
<b>Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation</b>						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	340	330	320	310	20	20
<b>Office of Rail and Road</b>						
Office of Rail and Road	370	350	370	350	..	0
<b>Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland</b>						
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland (incl. Office of the Advocate General for Scotl	120	120	110	110	10	10
<b>Office of the Secretary of State for Wales</b>						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	50	50	50	50	0	..
<b>Ofwat</b>						
Ofwat	270	270	250	240	20	20
<b>Transport</b>						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,800	3,710	3,800	3,700	..	10
Active Travel England <sup>4</sup>	20	20	0	0	20	20
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,440	5,730	6,430	5,720	10	10
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	4,870	4,600	4,900	4,620	-20	-20
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,200	1,160	1,230	1,190	-30	-30
Vehicle Certification Agency	210	200	210	200	..	..
<b>UK Statistics Authority</b>						
UK Statistics Authority	5,890	5,290	5,900	5,290	-10	-10
<b>UK Supreme Court</b>						
UK Supreme Court	60	50	50	50	..	..
<b>Work and Pensions</b>						
Department for Work and Pensions	86,790	77,590	89,200	79,910	-2,410	-2,330
Health and Safety Executive	2,720	2,570	2,700	2,550	20	20
<b>Scottish Government</b>						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	9,150	8,790	9,020	8,670	130	120
Accountant in Bankruptcy	120	110	110	100	10	10
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,410	2,280	2,400	2,260	10	10
Disclosure Scotland	360	340	370	350	..	..
Education Scotland	340	330	340	330	10	..
Food Standards Scotland	290	280	300	290	-10	-10
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,080	1,040	1,050	1,010	30	30
National Records of Scotland	450	430	460	430	-10	..
NRS Census Field	0	0	1,380	920	-1,380	-920
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	40	40	40	0	..
Registers of Scotland	1,180	1,130	1,190	1,140	-10	-10
Revenue Scotland	80	80	80	80	0	0
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	1,920	1,750	1,900	1,730	30	20
Scottish Fiscal Commission	30	30	30	20	..	..
Scottish Forestry	210	200	200	190	10	10
Scottish Housing Regulator	50	50	50	50	..	..
Scottish Prison Service	4,520	4,240	4,530	4,240	..	..
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	320	300	310	290	10	10
Social Security Scotland	3,800	3,660	3,160	3,060	640	600
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	250	240	260	250	-10	-10
Transport Scotland	550	530	530	510	20	20
<b>Welsh Government</b>						
Welsh Government	5,900	5,580	5,860	5,540	40	40
Welsh Revenue Authority	80	80	80	80	..	..
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>512,640</b>	<b>480,740</b>	<b>511,610</b>	<b>479,230</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>1,510</b>

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 Government Commercial Organisation is reported separately of Cabinet Office for the first time in this release.  
3 Transfer of around 1,000 staff from Education and Skills Funding Agency to the Department for Education (excluding agencies) between June and September 2022.  
4 Active Travel England, a new executive agency of the Department for Transport, is reported for the first time in this release.

## 10 Employment in Executive NDPBs <sup>1 2 3</sup>

Permanent Employees	September 2022		June 2022		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	11,900	11,500	11,720	11,330	180	170
Cabinet Office	740	690	740	700	..	..
Defence	500	440	490	420	20	20
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	10,900	9,980	10,910	10,010	-10	-30
Education	4,800	4,590	4,800	4,600	-10	-10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	16,070	15,090	15,660	14,700	410	390
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,090	1,060	1,180	1,150	-90	-90
Health and Social Care	16,700	15,950	16,520	15,790	180	160
Home Office	2,650	2,490	2,570	2,410	80	80
Justice	2,680	2,540	2,660	2,520	20	20
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	1,350	1,330	1,370	1,350	-20	-20
Transport	2,310	2,270	2,290	2,250	20	20
Work and Pensions	1,260	1,230	1,250	1,220	10	10
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>72,960</b>	<b>69,170</b>	<b>72,160</b>	<b>68,430</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>740</b>
Scottish Government	11,410	10,600	11,430	10,620	-20	-20
Welsh Assembly	3,420	3,170	3,440	3,190	-20	-20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,790</b>	<b>82,940</b>	<b>87,030</b>	<b>82,240</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>710</b>

  

Temporary Employees	September 2022		June 2022		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	120	110	120	120	..	..
Cabinet Office	20	20	30	30	-10	-10
Defence	150	10	160	20	-10	-10
Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	1,780	850	1,630	650	140	200
Education	160	160	120	120	40	40
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	760	680	750	680	..	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	..	..	0	0
Health and Social Care	3,180	1,910	3,100	1,860	80	50
Home Office	100	70	100	80	-10	-10
Justice	70	70	80	70	..	..
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	130	120	120	110	10	10
Transport	10	10	10	10	..	..
Work and Pensions	80	80	60	60	20	20
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>6,290</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>290</b>
Scottish Government	760	680	790	710	-30	-30
Welsh Assembly	580	300	510	230	70	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>7,580</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>330</b>

  

<b>All NDPB Employees</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>88,030</b>	<b>94,610</b>	<b>86,990</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>1,040</b>
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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
2020	Jun	611	462
	Sep	614	467
	Dec	617	469
2021	Mar	622	472
	Jun	628	477
	Sep	631	483
	Dec	633	484
2022	Mar	638	488
	Jun	641	490
	Sep	646	494
Change on quarter		5	4
Change %		0.8	0.8
Change on year		15	11
Change %		2.4	2.3

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>