

Statistical bulletin

# Public sector employment, UK: September 2024

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

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# 1 . Main points

- There were an estimated 6.12 million employees in the public sector in September 2024, an increase of 26,000 (0.4%) compared with June 2024, and an increase of 63,000 (1.0%) compared with September 2023.
- Employment in central government was a record high at an estimated 3.97 million in September 2024, an increase of 28,000 (0.7%) compared with June 2024 and an increase of 113,000 (2.9%) compared with September 2023; the main contributors to this increase were the NHS, some local authority schools becoming academies, and the Civil Service.
- The NHS employed an estimated record high of 2.04 million people in September 2024, an increase of 12,000 (0.6%) compared with June 2024 and an increase of 57,000 (2.9%) compared with September 2023.
- Employment in public corporations was an estimated 157,000 in September 2024, an increase of 4,000 (2.6%) compared with June 2024, but a decrease of 39,000 (19.9%) compared with September 2023; part of the annual decrease is impacted by a reclassification between March 2024 and June 2024.
- Employment in local government was an estimated 1.99 million in September 2024, a decrease of 6,000 (0.3%) compared with June 2024 and a decrease of 11,000 (0.6%) compared with September 2023; some local authority schools becoming academies contributed to this decrease.
- There were 548,000 employees in the Civil Service in September 2024, an increase of 2,000 (0.4%) compared with June 2024 and an increase of 19,000 (3.6%) compared with September 2023.

## Revisions to estimates

In this release we have revised the public sector employment estimates back to June 2012 to incorporate the reclassification of English further education institutions. More details are available in [Section 3: Data sources and quality](#).

# 2 . Data on public sector employment

### [Public sector employment](#)

Dataset | Released 17 December 2024

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 17 December 2024

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

# 3 . Data sources and quality

## Reclassification of further education institutions in England and revisions to public sector employment estimates

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.

For this month's release, we have implemented this reclassification and revised the total public sector, central government, and education quarterly data time series back to June 2012.

Other 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, with revisions from the review producing minor revisions back to 1999.

## Labour Force Survey reweighting and revisions to total and private sector employment estimates

Estimates of total employment and private sector employment derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) have been revised in this release from September 2011 onwards.

We have reweighted LFS estimates to incorporate information on the size and composition of the UK population, based on 2022 mid-year estimates. For England, Wales and Northern Ireland they are projected forward using scaling factors from 2021-based National Population projections, published in January 2024. For Scotland they are projected forward using scaling factors from 2020-based National Population Projections, published in January 2023.

Given time constraints, we have only been able to reweight LFS data from January to March 2019 onwards. Therefore, this reweighting exercise creates a discontinuity between the December 2018 and March 2019 non-seasonally adjusted UK and regional total and private sector series where there will be a step change in LFS estimates. However, we have modelled the seasonally adjusted UK levels of employment back to June to August 2011, to ensure that headline levels of total and private sector employment can be assessed without a discontinuity.

Important note: Reweighting increases the levels of all labour market statuses but does not address issues surrounding increased LFS volatility, resulting from smaller achieved sample sizes. An increased amount of volatility will remain until the recent improvements that have been implemented fully feed through the survey, so we would advise caution when interpreting change in headline rates and recommend using them as part of our suite of labour market indicators, alongside Workforce Jobs, Claimant Count and Pay As You Earn Real Time Information (PAYE RTI) estimates.

These LFS estimates are [official statistics in development](#).

For further information, please see our [Impact of reweighting on Labour Force Survey key indicators article](#).

## Coronavirus

For more information on how labour market data sources were affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, see our [Coronavirus and the effects on UK labour market statistics article](#).

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

## 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](#).

## 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 [Public sector employment QMI](#).

## 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".

## 4 . Related links

### [Civil Service statistics](#)

Statistical release | Released 31 July 2024

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 17 December 2024

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 17 December 2024

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			Total public corporations	Total public sector	Of which: Civil Service
	Central government	Local government	Total general government			
	G6NQ	G6NT	G6NW	G7AR	G7AU	G7D6
Jun 2022 [r]	3,697	1,993	5,690	190	5,880	512
Sep 2022 [r]	3,711	1,995	5,706	194	5,900	513
Dec 2022 [r]	3,741	1,995	5,736	194	5,930	515
Mar 2023 [r]	3,774	1,999	5,773	193	5,966	521
Jun 2023 [r]	3,808	2,000	5,808	192	6,000	522
Sep 2023 [r]	3,860	1,999	5,859	196	6,055	529
Dec 2023 [r]	3,896	1,998	5,894	196	6,090	535
Mar 2024 [r]	3,927	1,997	5,924	192	6,116	544
Jun 2024 [r]	3,945	1,994	5,939	153	6,092	546
<b>Sep 2024</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>5,961</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>548</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	28	-6	22	4	26	2
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	-0.3	0.4	2.6	0.4	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	113	-11	102	-39	63	19
<i>Change %</i>	2.9	-0.6	1.7	-19.9	1.0	3.6

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

## 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
Jun 2022 [r]	34	157	272	1,143	1,632	1,884	213	547	5,880
Sep 2022 [r]	34	156	274	1,148	1,624	1,899	212	554	5,900
Dec 2022 [r]	34	154	276	1,153	1,628	1,916	211	555	5,930
Mar 2023 [r]	34	153	280	1,159	1,634	1,938	210	555	5,966
Jun 2023 [r]	33	151	280	1,175	1,637	1,963	212	552	6,000
Sep 2023 [r]	34	150	281	1,184	1,657	1,983	209	559	6,055
Dec 2023 [r]	34	149	281	1,196	1,656	2,004	208	562	6,090
Mar 2024 [r]	35	149	282	1,208	1,654	2,017	206	563	6,116
Jun 2024 [r]	35	147	282	1,216	1,654	2,028	205	527	6,092
<b>Sep 2024</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>6,118</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0	0	0	4	4	12	-1	3	26
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.6	-0.5	0.6	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	1	-3	1	36	1	57	-5	-29	63
<i>Change %</i>	2.9	-2	0.4	3.0	0.1	2.9	-2.4	-5.2	1

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

## 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
Jun 2022 [r]	3,216	1,558	4,774	181	4,955	479
Sep 2022 [r]	3,241	1,561	4,802	185	4,987	481
Dec 2022 [r]	3,260	1,562	4,822	185	5,007	483
Mar 2023 [r]	3,291	1,569	4,860	183	5,043	489
Jun 2023 [r]	3,329	1,573	4,902	183	5,085	489
Sep 2023 [r]	3,348	1,575	4,923	187	5,110	496
Dec 2023 [r]	3,393	1,576	4,969	186	5,155	502
Mar 2024 [r]	3,420	1,576	4,996	183	5,179	511
Jun 2024 [r]	3,434	1,576	5,010	145	5,155	513
<b>Sep 2024</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>5,026</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>5,175</b>	<b>515</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	18	-2	16	4	20	2
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	-0.1	0.3	2.8	0.4	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	104	-1	103	-38	65	19
<i>Change %</i>	3.1	-0.1	2.1	-20.3	1.3	3.8

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

## 4 Public sector employment by industry; Full-time equivalent

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Public administration, defence, compulsory social security				Health and social work				Total public sector
	Construction	HM Forces	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other public sector	
	G9BC	G7G9	G7GC	G7GF	G7GI	G7GL	G7GR	G7K2	
Jun 2022 [r]	-	157	262	987	1,214	1,671	162	480	4,955
Sep 2022 [r]	-	156	264	989	1,212	1,689	162	486	4,987
Dec 2022 [r]	-	154	265	996	1,214	1,700	162	487	5,007
Mar 2023 [r]	-	153	270	1,005	1,221	1,720	162	488	5,043
Jun 2023 [r]	-	151	270	1,018	1,227	1,748	163	486	5,085
Sep 2023 [r]	-	150	271	1,023	1,230	1,755	162	490	5,110
Dec 2023 [r]	-	149	272	1,036	1,231	1,786	160	493	5,155
Mar 2024 [r]	-	149	272	1,052	1,229	1,798	160	494	5,179
Jun 2024 [r]	-	147	272	1,057	1,229	1,808	159	460	5,155
<b>Sep 2024</b>	-	<b>147</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>5,175</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-	0	0	1	3	6	0	3	20
<i>Change %</i>	-	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	-	-3	1	35	2	59	-3	-27	65
<i>Change %</i>	-	-2.0	0.4	3.4	0.2	3.4	-1.9	-5.5	1.3

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

## 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
Jun 2022 [r]	5,880	17.9	27,038	82.1	32,918	5,609	17.0	27,309	83.0
Sep 2022 [r]	5,900	17.9	27,068	82.1	32,968	5,625	17.1	27,343	82.9
Dec 2022 [r]	5,930	17.9	27,234	82.1	33,164	5,653	17.0	27,511	83.0
Mar 2023 [r]	5,966	17.8	27,510	82.2	33,476	5,689	17.0	27,787	83.0
Jun 2023 [r]	6,000	18.0	27,283	82.0	33,283	5,728	17.2	27,555	82.8
Sep 2023 [r]	6,055	18.1	27,306	81.9	33,361	5,777	17.3	27,584	82.7
Dec 2023 [r]	6,090	18.3	27,233	81.7	33,323	5,809	17.4	27,514	82.6
Mar 2024 [r]	6,116	18.3	27,232	81.7	33,348	5,835	17.5	27,513	82.5
Jun 2024 [r]	6,092	18.1	27,505	81.9	33,597	5,860	17.4	27,737	82.6
<b>Sep 2024</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>27,652</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>33,770</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>27,895</b>	<b>82.6</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	26	0.0	147	0.0	173	15	0.0	158	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	..	0.5	..	0.5	0.3	..	0.6	..
<i>Change on year</i>	63	0.0	346	0.0	409	98	0.1	311	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	..	1.3	..	1.2	1.7	..	1.1	..

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





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

Headcount, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	September 2024						Total	June 2024	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
<b>Permanent Employees</b>									
Attorney General's departments	3,345	320	3,665	5,330	2,060	7,390	11,055	10,995	65
Business and Trade	4,515	275	4,785	4,285	1,020	5,305	10,095	9,770	320
Cabinet Office	2,975	160	3,135	3,130	515	3,645	6,780	6,640	140
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,090	40	2,130	2,100	165	2,260	4,395	4,130	265
Charity Commission	170	15	185	210	70	275	460	460	..
Competition and Markets Authority	530	35	565	480	95	575	1,140	1,080	60
Culture, Media and Sport	385	15	400	475	100	575	970	990	-20
Defence	32,275	1,790	34,065	19,815	4,445	24,260	58,325	58,950	-625
Education	3,065	170	3,235	3,890	1,115	5,005	8,240	8,365	-130
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,185	90	2,275	2,005	285	2,295	4,570	4,440	125
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,505	485	5,990	5,950	1,990	7,945	13,930	13,840	95
Estyn	50	10	60	70	15	85	145	140	5
Export Credits Guarantee Department	295	5	305	210	35	245	545	545	..
Food Standards Agency	705	75	780	690	95	785	1,560	1,560	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,560	130	4,690	4,070	450	4,525	9,210	9,105	105
Health and Social Care	3,465	245	3,710	5,505	1,205	6,710	10,420	10,130	295
HM Land Registry	2,185	510	2,695	2,415	1,795	4,210	6,900	6,905	..
HM Revenue and Customs	29,700	3,705	33,400	23,855	12,240	36,095	69,495	69,155	345
HM Treasury	1,310	75	1,380	1,160	195	1,355	2,735	2,695	40
Chancellor's other departments	245	20	260	155	50	205	465	460	..
Home Office	21,845	1,775	23,620	19,595	6,280	25,880	49,500	49,410	90
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>3</sup>	2,180	185	2,360	2,090	535	2,625	4,990	4,820	165
Justice	36,575	4,015	40,590	43,180	11,995	55,175	95,770	95,150	615
The National Archives	250	10	260	235	60	295	555	545	10
National Crime Agency	3,000	165	3,170	2,380	430	2,810	5,980	5,890	90
Northern Ireland Office	75	..	80	85	..	90	165	170	-5
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	580	40	625	1,125	230	1,355	1,975	1,990	-10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,135	35	1,170	945	95	1,040	2,205	2,040	165
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	110	10	120	195	35	230	350	350	..
Office of Rail and Road	190	20	210	145	25	170	380	375	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	..	50	65	15	85	135	135	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	0	30	15	..	20	50	50	..
Ofwat	175	10	190	170	30	200	385	355	30
Science, Innovation and Technology	3,360	380	3,740	2,600	660	3,265	7,005	6,860	150
Transport	7,860	960	8,815	5,195	2,450	7,645	16,460	16,500	-35
UK Statistics Authority	1,830	530	2,360	1,840	1,135	2,975	5,335	5,380	-50
UK Supreme Court	20	0	20	20	..	25	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	30,675	4,880	35,555	32,850	26,155	59,005	94,560	94,125	435
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>209,485</b>	<b>21,180</b>	<b>230,665</b>	<b>198,540</b>	<b>78,080</b>	<b>276,620</b>	<b>507,285</b>	<b>504,540</b>	<b>2,745</b>
Scottish Government	11,585	1,180	12,765	12,025	3,445	15,470	28,235	27,945	295
Welsh Government	2,085	225	2,310	2,685	910	3,595	5,905	6,035	-130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223,155</b>	<b>22,585</b>	<b>245,740</b>	<b>213,250</b>	<b>82,435</b>	<b>295,685</b>	<b>541,425</b>	<b>538,520</b>	<b>2,905</b>

	September 2024						Total	June 2024	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
<b>Temporary/Casual Employees</b>									
Attorney General's departments	85	5	90	155	10	165	255	305	-50
Business and Trade	35	..	35	40	..	45	80	65	15
Cabinet Office	..	0	..	0	0	0	..	20	-15
Other Cabinet Office agencies	..	0	..	5	..	10	10	10	..
Charity Commission	..	0	..	..	0	..	..	5	..
Competition and Markets Authority	15	0	15	10	..	10	25	25	0
Culture, Media and Sport	5	0	5	15	..	15	20	20	0
Defence	10	..	10	..	..	5	20	20	0
Education	40	0	40	65	10	75	115	135	-25
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	65	10	75	90	20	110	185	275	-90
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	0	10	5	0	5	15	15	..
Food Standards Agency	10	0	10	20	..	20	30	35	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	195	..	195	150	5	160	355	365	-10
Health and Social Care	150	30	180	220	55	275	455	540	-85
HM Land Registry	..	0	..	..	..	5	5	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	230	5	235	105	5	110	345	335	10
HM Treasury	15	0	15	10	..	10	30	40	-10
Chancellor's other departments	0	..	..	0	..	..	..	5	..
Home Office	735	380	1,115	1,030	210	1,240	2,355	2,665	-310
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>3</sup>	10	0	10	10	0	10	20	25	..
Justice	245	25	275	490	80	570	845	920	-75
The National Archives	15	20	35	20	..	25	60	30	30
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	..	5	5	10	15	5	10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	45	..	45	50	..	50	100	120	-20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	..	..	5	10	..	10	15	15	..
Office of Rail and Road	..	0	..	..	0	..	..	5	..
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	..	10	0	10	15	5	10
Science, Innovation and Technology	10	0	10	20	0	20	30	35	..
Transport	90	10	100	55	20	70	170	150	20
UK Statistics Authority	30	..	30	10	..	10	45	50	-5
UK Supreme Court	10	0	10	5	..	10	15	15	..
Work and Pensions	440	10	450	485	50	535	980	1,095	-115
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>3,595</b>	<b>6,615</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>-745</b>
Scottish Government	155	15	170	150	30	180	345	355	-5
Welsh Government	5	..	5	10	..	10	15	30	-15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>7,745</b>	<b>-765</b>

	September 2024						Total	June 2024	Change on Quarter
	Male			Female					
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total			
<b>All Employees</b>	<b>225,825</b>	<b>23,110</b>	<b>248,935</b>	<b>216,505</b>	<b>82,970</b>	<b>299,470</b>	<b>548,405</b>	<b>546,265</b>	<b>2,140</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> Numbers are rounded to the nearest five, and numbers less than five are represented by "..". Data not available are represented by "-".

<sup>2</sup> Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.

<sup>3</sup> The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities reverted to its previous name, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 8 July 2024.

**Table 8: ..continued, Civil Service employment by department**

Full-time equivalents, United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	September 2024			June 2024	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>Permanent Employees</b>					
Attorney General's departments	3,570	6,795	10,365	10,305	60
Business and Trade	4,705	5,020	9,720	9,420	300
Cabinet Office	3,090	3,505	6,595	6,455	140
Other Cabinet Office agencies	2,120	2,215	4,335	4,075	260
Charity Commission	180	260	435	435	..
Competition and Markets Authority	555	550	1,105	1,045	60
Culture, Media and Sport	395	545	940	960	-20
Defence	33,425	22,945	56,365	56,975	-610
Education	3,195	4,725	7,920	8,050	-130
Energy Security and Net Zero	2,255	2,220	4,475	4,355	120
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	5,855	7,395	13,250	13,180	70
Estyn	55	80	135	130	5
Export Credits Guarantee Department	300	235	535	535	..
Food Standards Agency	750	760	1,510	1,510	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	4,640	4,390	9,030	8,925	105
Health and Social Care	3,640	6,365	10,005	9,715	285
HM Land Registry	2,520	3,690	6,210	6,230	-20
HM Revenue and Customs	32,225	32,370	64,595	64,280	315
HM Treasury	1,360	1,300	2,655	2,610	45
Chancellor's other departments	260	190	450	450	..
Home Office	23,065	24,020	47,085	47,030	50
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>3</sup>	2,310	2,490	4,800	4,645	160
Justice	38,855	50,915	89,770	89,175	595
The National Archives	260	280	540	525	15
National Crime Agency	3,110	2,690	5,800	5,715	85
Northern Ireland Office	75	85	165	170	-5
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	615	1,290	1,905	1,915	-10
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	1,160	1,020	2,180	2,015	165
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	115	225	340	335	..
Office of Rail and Road	205	160	365	360	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland	50	80	130	130	..
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	30	20	45	50	..
Ofwat	185	190	375	345	30
Science, Innovation and Technology	3,640	3,090	6,730	6,595	135
Transport	8,490	6,830	15,320	15,360	-40
UK Statistics Authority	2,170	2,620	4,790	4,850	-55
UK Supreme Court	20	20	40	40	..
Work and Pensions	34,085	51,100	85,185	84,830	355
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>223,530</b>	<b>252,680</b>	<b>476,210</b>	<b>473,745</b>	<b>2,465</b>
Scottish Government	12,340	14,495	26,830	26,550	280
Welsh Government	2,240	3,345	5,580	5,700	-120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238,105</b>	<b>270,515</b>	<b>508,620</b>	<b>505,995</b>	<b>2,625</b>

	September 2024			June 2024	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>Temporary/Casual Employees</b>					
Attorney General's departments	85	165	250	300	-50
Business and Trade	35	40	80	65	15
Cabinet Office	..	0	..	20	-15
Other Cabinet Office agencies	..	10	10	10	..
Charity Commission	..	..	..	5	..
Competition and Markets Authority	15	10	20	20	0
Culture, Media and Sport	5	15	20	20	0
Defence	10	5	20	20	0
Education	40	70	110	130	-25
Energy Security and Net Zero	0	0	0	0	0
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	75	100	175	255	-80
Estyn	0	0	0	0	0
Export Credits Guarantee Department	10	5	15	15	..
Food Standards Agency	10	20	30	35	..
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	195	155	350	365	-15
Health and Social Care	165	250	415	495	-75
HM Land Registry	..	..	5	10	..
HM Revenue and Customs	230	110	340	335	10
HM Treasury	15	10	30	40	-10
Chancellor's other departments	0	0	0	0	0
Home Office	905	1,135	2,040	2,320	-280
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>3</sup>	10	10	20	25	..
Justice	260	535	795	870	-75
The National Archives	15	20	40	30	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	15	5	5
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	45	50	100	115	-20
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	5	10	15	15	..
Office of Rail and Road	..	..	..	5	..
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	15	5	10
Science, Innovation and Technology	10	20	30	30	..
Transport	95	65	160	140	20
UK Statistics Authority	30	10	40	50	-10
UK Supreme Court	10	10	15	15	..
Work and Pensions	445	520	965	1,080	-115
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>6,845</b>	<b>-725</b>
Scottish Government	160	170	330	340	-10
Welsh Government	5	10	15	30	-10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>6,465</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>-750</b>

	September 2024			June 2024	Change on Quarter
	Male	Female	Total	Total	Total
<b>All Employees</b>	<b>241,010</b>	<b>274,075</b>	<b>515,085</b>	<b>513,200</b>	<b>1,885</b>

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

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- Department totals include Executive Agencies, Ministerial and Non-Ministerial Departments.
- The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities reverted to its previous name, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 8 July 2024.

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

	September 2024		June 2024		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	45	45	55	50	-5	-5
Crown Prosecution Service	7,575	7,090	7,665	7,180	-90	-90
Government Legal Department	3,135	2,935	3,040	2,845	95	90
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate	20	20	20	20	..	..
Serious Fraud Office	535	525	520	510	15	15
<b>Business and Trade</b>						
Department for Business and Trade (excluding agencies)	5,715	5,615	5,575	5,480	140	135
Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service	1,065	980	1,060	980	5	..
Companies House	1,635	1,540	1,475	1,385	165	155
The Insolvency Service	1,760	1,665	1,730	1,645	30	20
<b>Cabinet Office</b>						
Cabinet Office (excluding agencies)	6,780	6,595	6,660	6,475	125	120
<b>Other Cabinet Office agencies</b>						
Central Civil Service Fast Stream	1,810	1,810	1,565	1,560	250	250
Crown Commercial Service	695	665	670	650	20	15
Government Commercial Organisation	1,525	1,500	1,515	1,495	5	10
Government Property Agency	375	370	390	385	-15	-15
<b>Charity Commission</b>						
Charity Commission	465	440	465	440	..	..
<b>Competition and Markets Authority</b>						
Competition and Markets Authority	1,160	1,125	1,105	1,070	60	60
<b>Culture, Media and Sport</b>						
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (excluding agencies)	990	960	1,010	975	-20	-20
<b>Defence</b>						
Ministry of Defence (excluding trading funds)	36,940	35,715	37,330	36,100	-390	-385
Defence Equipment and Support	11,210	10,770	11,340	10,895	-130	-130
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory	5,140	4,960	5,230	5,045	-90	-85
Royal Fleet Auxiliary	1,635	1,635	1,655	1,655	-20	-20
Submarine Delivery Agency	2,430	2,360	2,395	2,325	35	35
UK Hydrographic Office	990	945	1,020	975	-30	-25
<b>Education</b>						
Department for Education (excluding agencies)	7,115	6,835	7,235	6,955	-120	-120
Education and Skills Funding Agency	715	690	740	715	-25	-25
Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education	280	275	290	285	-10	-10
Standards and Testing Agency	140	135	135	130	..	..
Teaching Regulation Agency	100	95	100	95	0	0
<b>Energy Security and Net Zero</b>						
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	4,570	4,475	4,440	4,355	125	120
<b>Environment, Food and Rural Affairs</b>						
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (excluding agencies)	7,030	6,785	7,140	6,895	-110	-110
Animal and Plant Health Agency	3,300	3,125	3,225	3,060	75	65
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science	650	615	655	615	..	..
Rural Payments Agency	2,955	2,720	2,920	2,695	35	25
Veterinary Medicines Directorate	180	175	175	170	..	..
<b>Estyn</b>						
Estyn	145	135	140	130	5	5
<b>Export Credits Guarantee Department</b>						
Export Credits Guarantee Department	560	550	560	550	..	..
<b>Food Standards Agency</b>						
Food Standards Agency	1,590	1,540	1,595	1,545	..	..
<b>Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office</b>						
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (excluding agencies)	8,265	8,130	8,190	8,055	80	80
FCDO Services	1,205	1,165	1,195	1,150	15	15
Wilton Park Executive Agency	90	85	90	85	..	..
<b>Health and Social Care</b>						
Department of Health and Social Care (excluding agencies)	3,545	3,430	3,405	3,295	140	140
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency	1,400	1,370	1,350	1,315	50	50
UK Health Security Agency	5,930	5,620	5,910	5,600	20	20
<b>HM Land Registry</b>						
HM Land Registry	6,910	6,215	6,915	6,240	-5	-25
<b>HM Revenue and Customs</b>						
HM Revenue and Customs (excluding agencies)	65,850	61,190	65,520	60,885	330	305
Valuation Office Agency	3,995	3,745	3,970	3,725	25	20
<b>HM Treasury</b>						
HM Treasury (excluding agencies)	2,050	2,010	1,990	1,945	60	65
Government Internal Audit Agency	495	460	500	465	-10	-5
National Infrastructure Commission	45	45	45	45	0	0
Office for Budget Responsibility	50	50	50	50	..	..
UK Debt Management Office	125	120	145	145	-20	-25
<b>Chancellor's other departments</b>						
Government Actuary's Department	225	210	225	210	..	..
National Savings and Investments	245	240	240	240	..	..
<b>Home Office</b>						
Home Office	51,855	49,120	52,075	49,350	-220	-230
<b>Housing, Communities and Local Government</b>						
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (excluding agencies) <sup>2</sup>	3,990	3,880	3,840	3,740	150	140
Planning Inspectorate	970	895	960	880	10	10
Queen Elizabeth II Centre	50	50	50	50	..	..
<b>Justice</b>						
Ministry of Justice (excluding agencies)	8,010	7,805	7,825	7,625	185	180
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	325	300	325	300	0	0

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

	September 2024		June 2024		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
HM Courts and Tribunals Service	15,845	14,330	15,965	14,445	-120	-115
HM Prison and Probation Service	69,265	65,200	68,825	64,780	440	420
Legal Aid Agency	1,305	1,205	1,295	1,200	10	5
Office of the Public Guardian	1,865	1,725	1,835	1,700	25	30
<b>The National Archives</b>						
The National Archives	615	580	580	555	35	25
<b>National Crime Agency</b>						
National Crime Agency	5,980	5,800	5,890	5,715	90	85
<b>Northern Ireland Office</b>						
Northern Ireland Office	165	165	170	170	-5	-5
<b>Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills</b>						
Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills	1,990	1,915	1,995	1,920	..	-5
<b>Office of Gas and Electricity Markets</b>						
Office of Gas and Electricity Markets	2,305	2,275	2,160	2,130	145	145
<b>Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation</b>						
Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	365	355	365	355	..	..
<b>Office of Rail and Road</b>						
Office of Rail and Road	380	370	380	365	..	..
<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 Scotland)	135	130	135	130	..	..
<b>Office of the Secretary of State for Wales</b>						
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales	50	45	50	50	..	..
<b>Ofwat</b>						
Ofwat	400	385	360	350	40	35
<b>Science, Innovation and Technology</b>						
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (excluding agencies)	2,235	2,190	2,165	2,120	75	70
Building Digital UK	255	250	255	250	..	0
Intellectual Property Office	1,760	1,665	1,765	1,670	-5	-5
Met Office	2,455	2,330	2,385	2,265	75	70
UK Space Agency	325	320	320	315	..	..
<b>Transport</b>						
Department for Transport (excluding agencies)	3,930	3,815	3,895	3,785	35	30
Active Travel England	90	85	90	85	..	0
Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency	6,270	5,605	6,305	5,640	-40	-40
Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	4,840	4,525	4,850	4,535	-10	-10
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	1,265	1,225	1,275	1,230	-10	-10
Vehicle Certification Agency	240	230	230	220	10	10
<b>UK Statistics Authority</b>						
UK Statistics Authority	5,375	4,835	5,430	4,900	-55	-65
<b>UK Supreme Court</b>						
UK Supreme Court	60	55	60	55	0	0
<b>Work and Pensions</b>						
Department for Work and Pensions (excluding agencies)	92,490	83,250	92,160	83,000	330	250
Health and Safety Executive	3,055	2,900	3,065	2,910	-10	-10
<b>Scottish Government</b>						
Scottish Government (excluding agencies)	9,390	9,015	9,285	8,910	105	105
Accountant in Bankruptcy	120	110	120	110	..	0
Consumer Scotland	35	35	35	35	..	0
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal	2,490	2,355	2,505	2,370	-15	-15
Disclosure Scotland	370	355	375	355	..	..
Education Scotland	355	345	360	345	..	..
Food Standards Scotland	285	275	280	270	5	5
Forestry and Land Scotland	1,105	1,055	1,120	1,070	-15	-15
National Records of Scotland	430	400	420	390	10	10
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	40	40	45	40	..	..
Registers of Scotland	1,145	1,095	1,145	1,095	..	..
Revenue Scotland	95	90	95	90	..	..
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service	2,065	1,900	2,035	1,870	30	30
Scottish Fiscal Commission	25	25	25	25	..	..
Scottish Forestry	240	230	230	220	10	10
Scottish Housing Regulator	55	55	55	55	0	0
Scottish Prison Service	5,040	4,745	4,995	4,700	50	40
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	370	340	365	340	5	..
Social Security Scotland	4,100	3,910	4,005	3,820	95	85
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	250	240	260	250	-10	-10
Transport Scotland	570	555	555	540	15	15
<b>Welsh Government</b>						
Welsh Government (excluding agencies)	5,830	5,505	5,980	5,645	-150	-140
Welsh Revenue Authority	95	95	85	85	10	10
<b>Total employment</b>	<b>548,405</b>	<b>515,085</b>	<b>546,265</b>	<b>513,200</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>1,885</b>

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

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

<sup>2</sup> The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities reverted to its previous name, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 8 July 2024.

**Table 10: Employment in Executive NDPBs** <sup>1 2 3</sup>

Permanent Employees	September 2024		June 2024		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	620	590	610	590	10	10
Cabinet Office	200	180	200	190	-10	-10
Culture, Media and Sport	11,670	10,670	11,590	10,600	80	70
Defence	580	460	600	460	-20	..
Education	5,020	4,820	5,010	4,810	10	10
Energy Security and Net Zero	4,770	4,650	4,620	4,510	150	140
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	18,720	17,670	18,560	17,530	160	150
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	1,200	1,160	1,200	1,160	..	..
Health and Social Care	18,420	16,990	18,320	16,860	100	130
Home Office	2,790	2,580	2,790	2,570	..	10
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>5</sup>	2,040	2,000	1,970	1,940	60	60
Justice	2,720	2,580	2,720	2,590	10	-10
Science, Innovation and Technology	9,550	9,190	9,370	9,030	170	170
Transport	2,680	2,640	2,670	2,630	10	20
Work and Pensions	1,750	1,680	1,760	1,700	-20	-20
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>82,720</b>	<b>77,860</b>	<b>82,010</b>	<b>77,140</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>720</b>
Scottish Government	11,680	10,900	11,640	10,850	40	40
Welsh Government	3,620	3,360	3,590	3,330	30	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98,020</b>	<b>92,120</b>	<b>97,240</b>	<b>91,330</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>790</b>

  

Temporary Employees	September 2024		June 2024		Change on Quarter	
	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Business and Trade	20	20	30	30	-10	-10
Cabinet Office	10	10	10	10	..	..
Culture, Media and Sport	1,480	580	1,500	580	-20	10
Defence	60	30	50	20	10	..
Education	90	90	120	120	-30	-30
Energy Security and Net Zero	60	60	50	50	10	10
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs <sup>4</sup>	810	720	910	820	-100	-100
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	..	..	..	..	..	..
Health and Social Care	1,650	1,070	1,900	1,310	-260	-240
Home Office	50	50	50	40	10	10
Housing, Communities and Local Government <sup>5</sup>	130	80	120	70	10	10
Justice	80	80	70	70	10	10
Science, Innovation and Technology	150	150	170	160	-20	-10
Transport	20	20	20	20	..	..
Work and Pensions	70	70	60	60	10	10
<b>Central Government Departments Total</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>3,030</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>-380</b>	<b>-330</b>
Scottish Government	730	640	840	740	-120	-100
Welsh Government	480	160	470	160	10	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>6,390</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>-490</b>	<b>-420</b>

  

<b>All NDPB Employees</b>	<b>103,920</b>	<b>95,950</b>	<b>103,630</b>	<b>95,590</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>370</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.

5. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities reverted to its previous name, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, on 8 July 2024.

## 11 Employment in Academies

England (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

	Headcount	Full-time equivalent
Jun 2022	641	490
Sep 2022	641	494
Dec 2022	645	497
Mar 2023	649	499
Jun 2023	654	503
Sep 2023 [r]	677	506
Dec 2023 [r]	683	510
Mar 2024 [r]	690	515
Jun 2024 [r]	700	522
<b>Sep 2024</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>529</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>4.5</i>

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>