

Statistical bulletin

Employment in the UK: April 2019

Estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for the UK.



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1 . Other pages in this release

Commentary on topics covered in the previous Labour market statistics bulletin is now split into four separate bulletins. Other commentary from the latest labour market data can be found on the following pages:

- [Labour market overview](#)
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2 . Main points for December 2018 to February 2019

- The UK employment rate was estimated at 76.1%, higher than for a year earlier (75.4%) and the joint-highest figure on record.
- The UK unemployment rate was estimated at 3.9%; it has not been lower since November 1974 to January 1975.
- The UK economic inactivity rate was estimated at 20.7%, lower than for a year earlier (21.2%) and the joint-lowest figure on record.

The data in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households. It is not practical to survey every household each quarter, so these statistics are estimates based on a large sample.

3 . Analysis

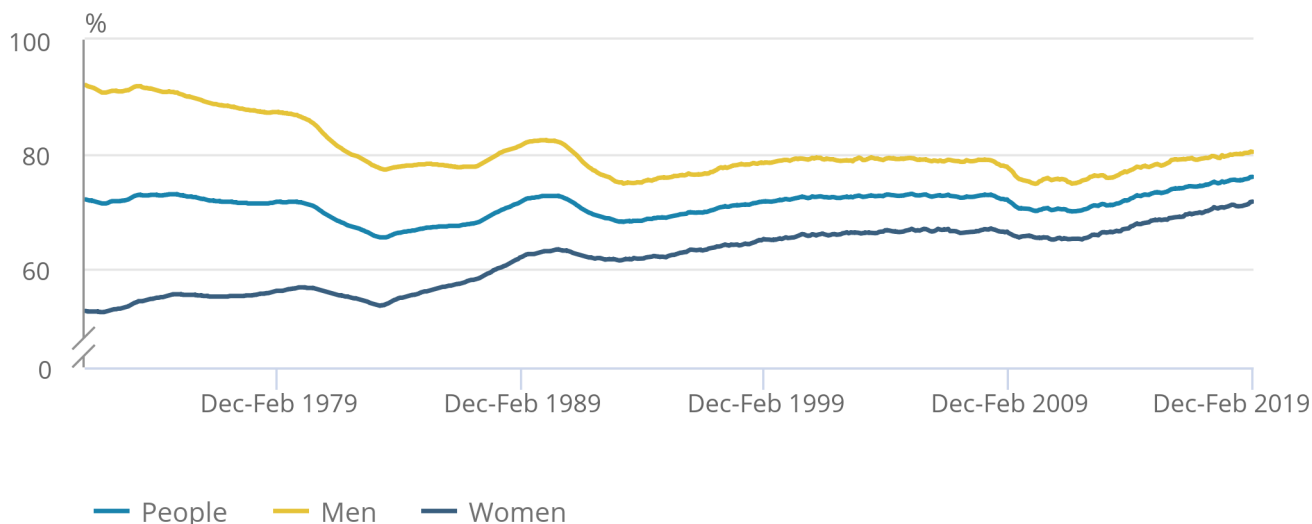
Employment

Figure 1: Overall employment rate was 76.1%, the joint-highest on record

UK employment rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

[Employment](#) measures the number of people aged 16 years and over in paid work. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who are in paid work.

Estimated employment rates for men and women aged between 16 and 64 years have been generally increasing since early 2012. For December 2018 to February 2019, the employment rate:

- for all people was estimated at 76.1%, the joint-highest since comparable records began in 1971
- for men was estimated at 80.5%; it has not been higher since December 1990 to February 1991
- for women was estimated at 71.8%, the joint-highest since comparable records began in 1971

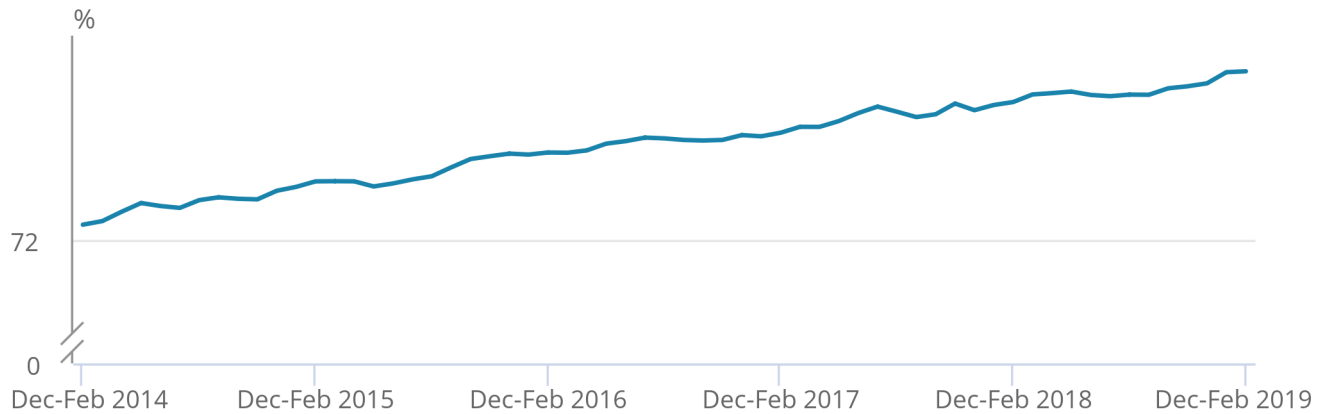
The increase in the employment rate for women in recent years is due partly to changes to the State Pension age for women, resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65 years.

Figure 2: Over the last five years the overall employment rate increased from 72.4% to 76.1%

UK employment rate (all people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, December 2013 to February 2014 to December 2018 to February 2019

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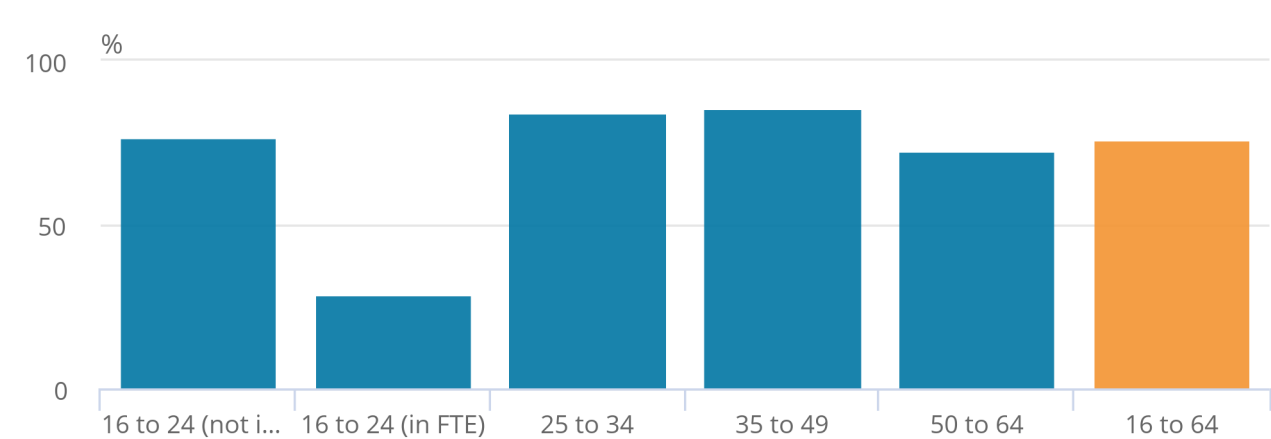
Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Figure 3: The highest employment rate, at 85.3%, was for those aged from 35 to 49 years

UK employment rates by age band, seasonally adjusted, December 2018 to February 2019

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UK employment rates by age band, seasonally adjusted, December 2018 to February 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Notes:

1. FTE means full-time education. The "not in FTE" series includes people in part-time education and/or training.

Looking at the estimates for employment rates by age band for December 2018 to February 2019, the highest were for those aged from 35 to 49 years (85.3%) and for those aged from 25 to 34 years (84.3%).

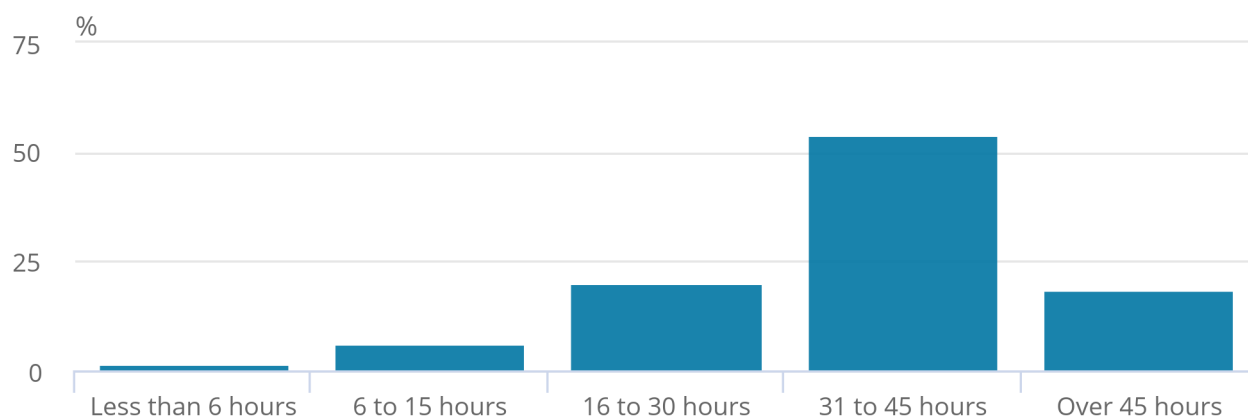
Estimates for December 2018 to February 2019 show 32.72 million people aged 16 years and over in employment, 457,000 more than for a year earlier. This annual increase of 457,000 was due entirely to more people working full-time (up 473,000 on the year to reach 24.15 million). Part-time working showed a small fall of 15,000 on the year to reach 8.57 million.

Figure 4: Over half of all people in employment usually work between 31 and 45 hours per week

Proportion of people in employment by usual weekly hours worked, seasonally adjusted, December 2018 to February 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Looking in more detail at the estimated 32.72 million people in employment for December 2018 to February 2019:

- 53.9% of them usually work between 31 and 45 hours per week
- 18.3% of them usually work over 45 hours per week
- only 1.4% of them usually work less than 6 hours per week

Estimates for December 2018 to February 2019 show that there were:

- 27.71 million paid employees (84.7% of all people in employment), 369,000 more than a year earlier
- 4.83 million self-employed people (14.8% of all people in employment), 76,000 more than a year earlier

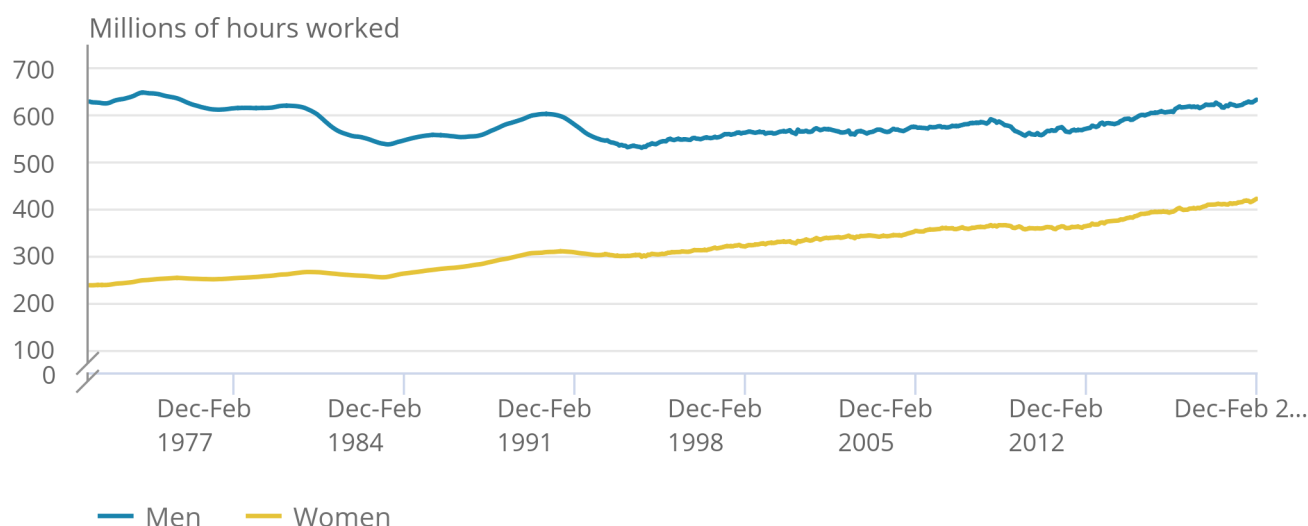
These estimates for paid employees and self-employed people make up over 99% of all people in employment. The total employment figure also includes two other minor categories as explained in the [Guide to labour market statistics](#).

Figure 5: Hours worked by women have increased steadily since records began in 1971

Total weekly hours worked in the UK, seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Since estimates began in 1971, [total hours worked](#) by women have generally increased, reflecting increases in both the employment rate for women and the UK population. In contrast, total hours worked by men have been relatively stable. This is because falls in the employment rate for men have been roughly offset by population increases.

Between December 2017 to February 2018 and December 2018 to February 2019:

- hours worked in the UK increased by 2.1% (to reach 1.05 billion hours)
- the number of people in employment in the UK increased by 1.4% (to reach 32.72 million)

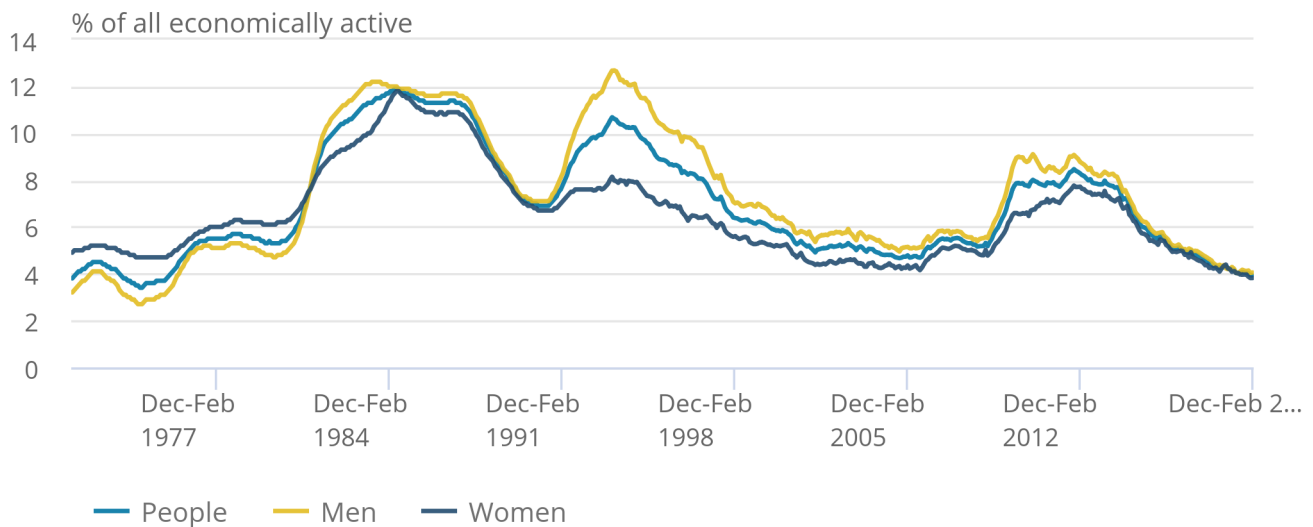
Unemployment

Figure 6: Unemployment rates have been generally falling for the last five years

UK unemployment rates (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

[Unemployment](#) measures people without a job who have been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks. The unemployment rate is the proportion of all employed and unemployed people (not the proportion of the total population) who are unemployed.

Estimated unemployment rates for both men and women aged 16 years and over have been generally falling since late 2013.

For December 2018 to February 2019, the unemployment rate:

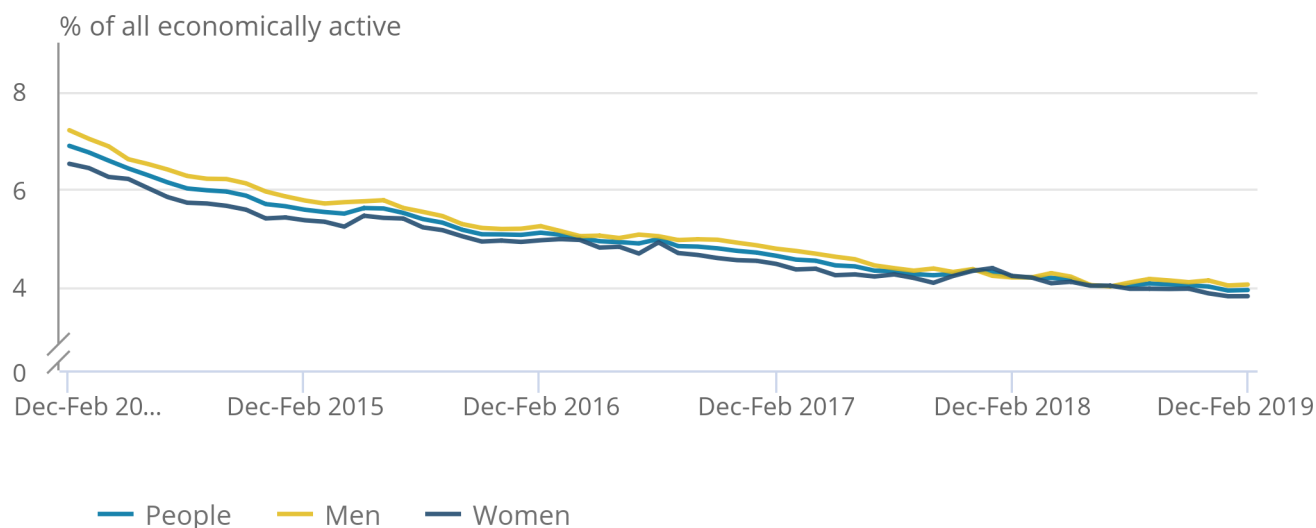
- for everyone was estimated at 3.9%; it has not been lower since November 1974 to January 1975
- for men was estimated at 4.1%
- for women was estimated at 3.8%, the joint-lowest since comparable records began in 1971

Figure 7: Unemployment rates for men and women have been steadily falling for the last five years

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

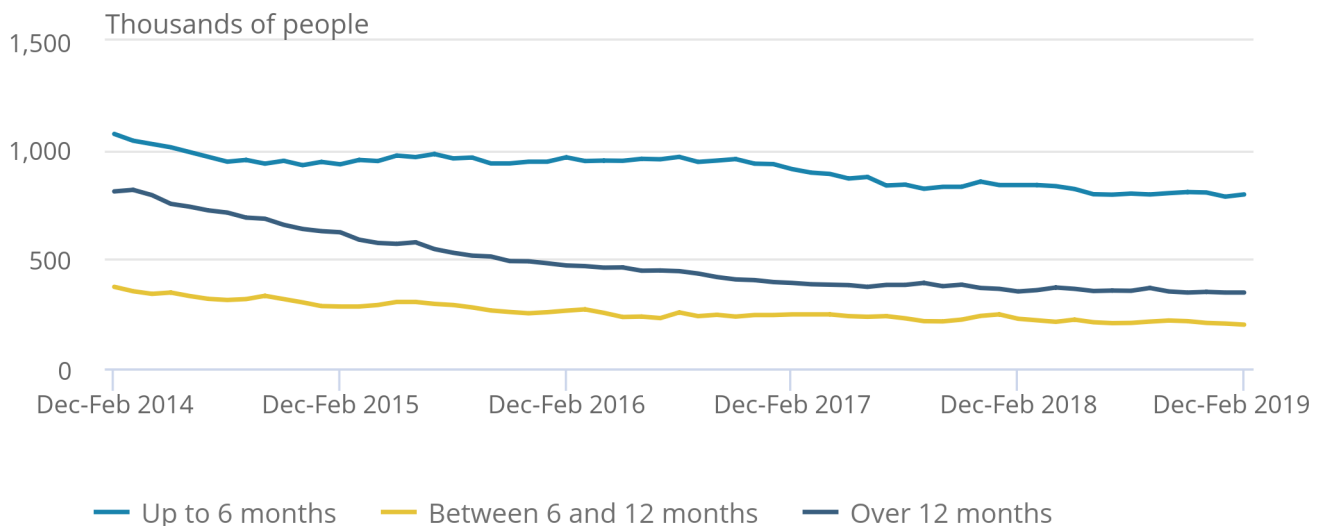
Over the last five years the unemployment rate for men has fallen from 7.2% to 4.1%. The unemployment rate for women has shown a smaller fall over this period – from 6.5% to 3.8%.

Figure 8: Over the last five years long-term unemployment has more than halved

Unemployment in the UK by duration (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, December 2013 to February 2014 to December 2018 to February 2019

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Unemployment in the UK by duration (aged 16 years and over), seasonally adjusted, December 2013 to February 2014 to December 2018 to February 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

For December 2018 to February 2019, an estimated 1.34 million people were unemployed, 76,000 fewer than for a year earlier and 914,000 fewer than for five years earlier. Looking in more detail at this fall of 914,000 unemployed people over the last five years:

- people unemployed for up to 6 months fell by 277,000 to reach 796,000
- people out of work for between 6 and 12 months fell by 173,000 to reach 200,000
- the largest fall was for people unemployed for over one year (down 463,000 to reach 347,000)

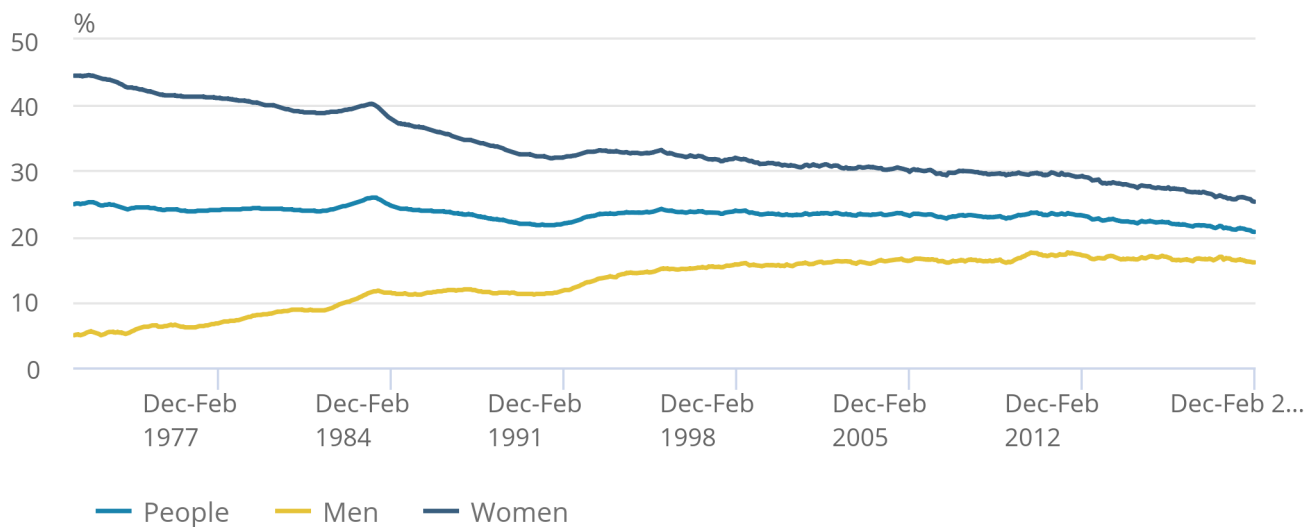
Economic inactivity

Figure 9: Economic inactivity for women has been generally falling since records began in 1971

UK economic inactivity rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019

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UK economic inactivity rates (aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

[Economic inactivity](#) measures people without a job but who are not classed as unemployed because they have not been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and/or they are unable to start work within the next two weeks. Our headline measure of economic inactivity is for those aged from 16 to 64 years.

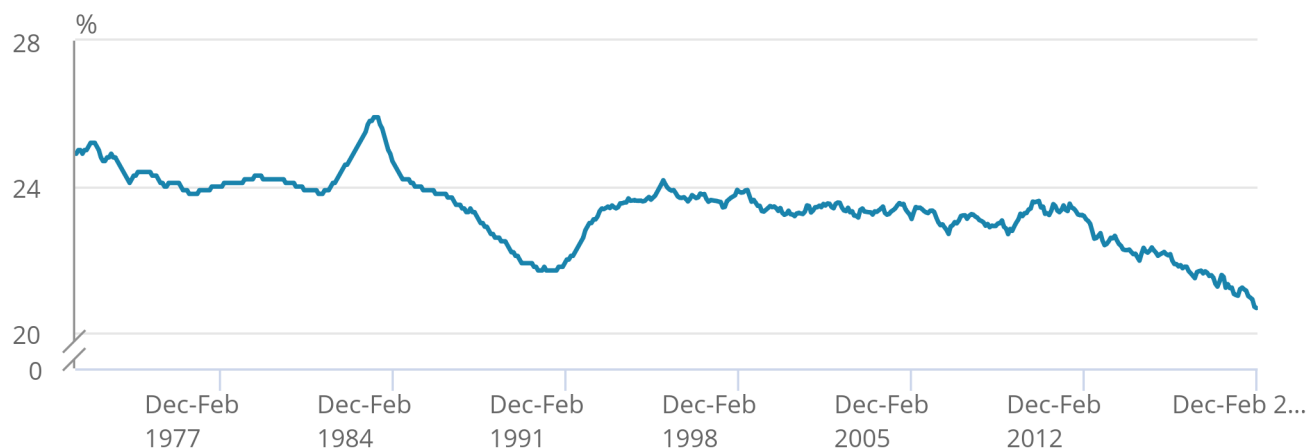
Since comparable records began in 1971, the economic inactivity rate for all people aged from 16 to 64 years has been generally falling (although it increased during recessions). This is due to a gradual fall in the economic inactivity rate for women.

Figure 10: Overall inactivity rate for people aged from 16 to 64 years was 20.7%, the joint-lowest on record

UK economic inactivity rate (all people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019

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UK economic inactivity rate (all people aged 16 to 64 years), seasonally adjusted, January to March 1971 to December 2018 to February 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

For people aged from 16 to 64 years for December 2018 to February 2019, the economic inactivity rate:

- for all people was estimated at 20.7%, the joint-lowest figure since comparable records began in 1971
- for men was estimated at 16.0%; it has not been lower since May to July 2003
- for women was estimated at 25.3%, the joint-lowest figure since comparable records began in 1971

Estimates for December 2018 to February 2019 showed 8.54 million people aged from 16 to 64 years not in the labour force (economically inactive). This was:

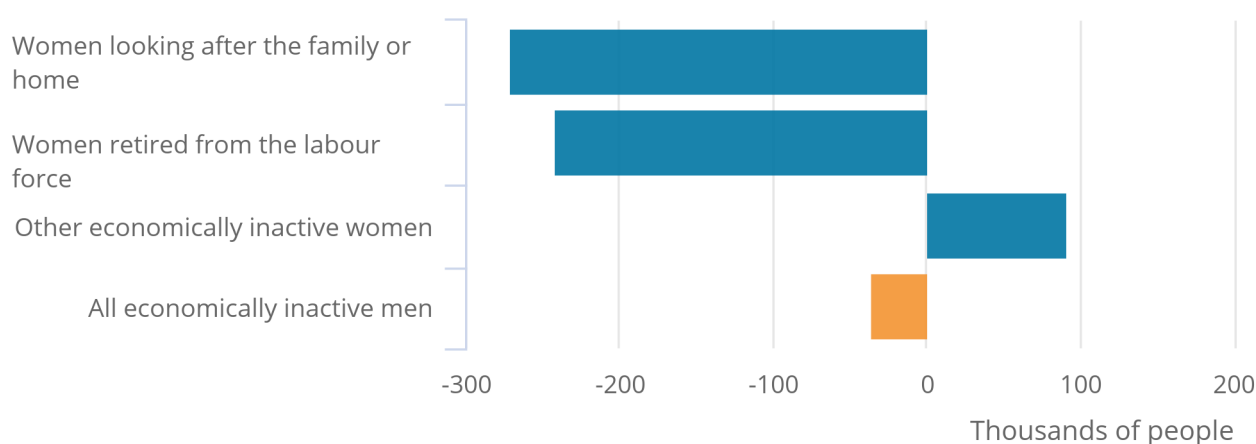
- 213,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 456,000 fewer than for five years earlier
- the lowest since January to March 1993

Figure 11: More women in the labour force is the main cause of the fall in economic inactivity

Changes in the number of economically inactive people (aged 16 to 64 years) in the UK, seasonally adjusted, between December 2013 to February 2014 and December 2018 to February 2019

Figure 11: More women in the labour force is the main cause of the fall in economic inactivity

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Source: Office for National Statistics – Labour Force Survey

Looking in more detail at the estimated fall of 456,000 in economic inactivity over the last five years, the categories showing the largest falls were:

- women looking after the family or home (down 271,000)
- women taking early retirement (down 242,000)

This reflects ongoing changes to the State Pension age, resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65 years, as well as more women in younger age groups participating in the labour market.

4 . Data

The data in this bulletin follow internationally accepted definitions specified by the [International Labour Organisation](#). This ensures that the estimates for the UK are comparable with those for other countries.

[Employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#)

Dataset A05 SA | Released 16 April 2019

Estimates of UK employment, unemployment and economic inactivity broken down into age bands.

[Full-time, part-time and temporary workers](#)

Dataset EMP01 SA | Released 16 April 2019

Estimates of UK employment including a breakdown by sex, type of employment and full-time and part-time working.

[Actual weekly hours worked](#)

Dataset HOUR01 SA | Released 16 April 2019

Estimates for the hours that people in employment work in the UK.

[Unemployment by age and duration](#)

Dataset UNEM01 SA | Released 16 April 2019

Estimates of unemployment in the UK including a breakdown by sex, age group and the length of time people are unemployed.

[Economic inactivity by reason](#)

Dataset INAC01 SA | Released 16 April 2019

Estimates of those not in the UK labour force measured by the reasons given for inactivity.

Table 1: Summary of UK employment estimates for December 2018 to February 2019, seasonally adjusted

	Estimate (seasonally adjusted)	Sampling variability of estimate (1)	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter (1)	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year (1)
Employment (thousands of people aged 16 years and over)	32,721	± 173	179	± 149	457	± 233
Employment rate (% , aged 16 to 64 years)	76.1%	± 0.4	0.4	± 0.3	0.8	± 0.5
Unemployment (thousands of people aged 16 years and over)	1,343	± 69	-27	± 75	-76	± 96
Unemployment rate (% , aged 16 years and over)	3.9%	± 0.2	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.3
Economically inactive (thousands of people aged 16 to 64 years)	8,536	± 153	-114	± 133	-213	± 205
Economic inactivity rate (% , aged 16 to 64 years)	20.7%	± 0.4	-0.3	± 0.3	-0.6	± 0.5

Source: Office for National Statistics - Labour Force Survey

Notes

1. The sampling variability estimates are for 95% confidence intervals and are calculated on data that are not seasonally adjusted. [Back to table](#)

5 . Glossary

Actual and usual hours worked

Statistics for [usual hours worked](#) measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with [actual hours worked](#), they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns. For example, a person who usually works 37 hours a week but who was on holiday for a particular week would be recorded as working zero actual hours for that week while usual hours would be recorded as 37.

Economic inactivity

People not in the labour force (also known as [economically inactive](#)) are not in employment but do not meet the internationally accepted definition of unemployment because they have not been seeking work within the last four weeks and/or they are unable to start work in the next two weeks. The economic inactivity rate is the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who are not in the labour force.

Employment

[Employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work and differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. The employment rate is the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 years who are in paid work. A more detailed explanation is available in our [Guide to labour market statistics](#).

Unemployment

[Unemployment](#) measures people without a job who have been actively seeking work within the last four weeks and are available to start work within the next two weeks. The unemployment rate is not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed.

A more detailed [Glossary](#) is available.

6 . Measuring the data

This bulletin relies on data collected from the [Labour Force Survey](#), the largest household survey in the UK.

The [Quality and Methodology Information \(QMI\)](#) report pulls together important qualitative information on the various dimensions of data quality, as well as providing a summary of the methods used to compile the output.

The [Labour Force Survey performance and quality monitoring reports](#) provide data on response rates and other quality-related issues for the Labour Force Survey.

7 . Strengths and limitations

The figures in this bulletin come from the Labour Force Survey, which gathers information from a sample of households across the UK rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations such as time and cost constraints. Results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons.

As the number of people available in the sample gets smaller, the variability of the estimates that we can make from that sample size gets larger. Estimates for small groups (for example, unemployed people aged from 16 to 17 years), which are based on quite small subsets of the Labour Force Survey sample, are less reliable and tend to be more volatile than for larger aggregated groups (for example, the total number of unemployed people).

In general, changes in the numbers (and especially the rates) reported in this bulletin between three-month periods are small and are not usually greater than the level that can be explained by sampling variability. Short-term movements in reported rates should be considered alongside longer-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in other sources to give a fuller picture.

Further information is available in [A guide to labour market statistics](#).

8 . You might also be interested in

[Labour market economic commentary](#)

Article | Released 16 April 2019

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

[Regional labour market statistics in the UK](#)

Bulletin | Released 16 April 2019

Regional, local authority and Parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics.

[Public sector employment](#)

Bulletin | Released 19 March 2019

Quarterly estimates of the number of people employed in the public and private sectors in the UK. The public sector comprises central government, local government and public corporations.

[Young people not in education, employment or training](#)

Bulletin | Released 28 February 2019

Quarterly bulletin examining estimates of men and women aged 16 to 24 years in the UK who are not studying or in employment.

[Working and workless households in the UK](#)

Bulletin | Released 6 March 2019

Commentary on quarterly estimates of the economic status of UK households and the people living in them.

Index of Tables

The table below provides an index of the tables appearing in this Statistical Bulletin and it shows how these table numbers match up with the Excel spreadsheet datasets which are available on the website at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/april2019/relateddata>

The complete set of labour market tables is available from the Labour Market Overview bulletin.

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

(**) Table JOBS02 provides more detail than Table 6 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

The following symbols are used in the tables: p provisional, r revised, .. Not available, * suppressed due to small sample size.

The four-character identification codes appearing in the tables are the ONS references for the data series appearing in the Labour Market Statistics dataset which is available on the website at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/labourmarketstatistics>

SUMMARY

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

		LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
				Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
				Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
				All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
		MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MG SX	LF2M	LF2S
People									
	Dec-Feb 2017	52,626	41,115	31,860	74.6	1,550	4.6	8,897	21.6
	Dec-Feb 2018	52,906	41,212	32,264	75.4	1,419	4.2	8,749	21.2
	Mar-May 2018	52,978	41,236	32,395	75.6	1,408	4.2	8,662	21.0
	Jun-Aug 2018	53,047	41,258	32,410	75.6	1,363	4.0	8,740	21.2
	Sep-Nov 2018	53,116	41,277	32,542	75.8	1,370	4.0	8,650	21.0
	Dec-Feb 2019	53,184	41,297	32,721	76.1	1,343	3.9	8,536	20.7
	Change on quarter	68	20	179	0.4	-27	-0.1	-114	-0.3
	Change %	0.1	0.0	0.5		-2.0		-1.3	
	Change on year	278	85	457	0.8	-76	-0.3	-213	-0.6
	Change %	0.5	0.2	1.4		-5.4		-2.4	
Men		MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MG SV	MGSD	MG SY	YBSO	YBTM
	Dec-Feb 2017	25,719	20,429	16,922	79.3	851	4.8	3,377	16.5
	Dec-Feb 2018	25,874	20,487	17,090	79.8	749	4.2	3,403	16.6
	Mar-May 2018	25,916	20,503	17,138	80.1	754	4.2	3,343	16.3
	Jun-Aug 2018	25,956	20,517	17,176	80.1	733	4.1	3,356	16.4
	Sep-Nov 2018	25,994	20,530	17,274	80.3	739	4.1	3,314	16.1
	Dec-Feb 2019	26,031	20,542	17,311	80.5	731	4.1	3,290	16.0
	Change on quarter	37	12	37	0.2	-7	0.0	-24	-0.1
	Change %	0.1	0.1	0.2		-1.0		-0.7	
	Change on year	157	55	221	0.7	-18	-0.1	-113	-0.6
	Change %	0.6	0.3	1.3		-2.4		-3.3	
Women		MG SN	LF2P	MG SB	LF25	MG SE	MG SZ	LF2N	LF2T
	Dec-Feb 2017	26,907	20,685	14,938	70.0	700	4.5	5,520	26.7
	Dec-Feb 2018	27,031	20,725	15,173	71.0	670	4.2	5,347	25.8
	Mar-May 2018	27,062	20,733	15,257	71.2	654	4.1	5,319	25.7
	Jun-Aug 2018	27,091	20,740	15,235	71.0	629	4.0	5,384	26.0
	Sep-Nov 2018	27,122	20,748	15,268	71.3	631	4.0	5,336	25.7
	Dec-Feb 2019	27,153	20,756	15,409	71.8	611	3.8	5,246	25.3
	Change on quarter	31	8	142	0.6	-20	-0.2	-90	-0.4
	Change %	0.1	0.0	0.9		-3.1		-1.7	
	Change on year	122	31	236	0.8	-59	-0.4	-100	-0.5
	Change %	0.5	0.1	1.6		-8.8		-1.9	

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households in the UK.

2. The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.

3. The headline unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people (aged 16+) divided by the economically active population (aged 16+). The economically active population is defined as those in employment plus those who are unemployed.

4. The headline inactivity rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 divided by the population aged 16 to 64.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity rates

The headline employment and inactivity rates are based on the population aged 16 to 64 but the headline unemployment rate is based on the economically active population aged 16 and over. The employment and inactivity rates for those aged 16 and over are affected by the inclusion of the retired population in the denominators and are therefore less meaningful than the rates for those aged from 16 to 64. However, for the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over, no such effect occurs as the denominator for the unemployment rate is the economically active population which only includes people in work or actively seeking and able to work.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity levels

The headline employment and unemployment levels are for those aged 16 and over; they measure all people in work or actively seeking and able to work. However, the headline inactivity level is for those aged 16 to 64. The inactivity rate for those aged 16 and over is less meaningful as it includes elderly people who have retired from the labour force.

SUMMARY

2(1) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

		Aged 16 and over						Aged 16-64					
		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
		Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
		MGRZ	MGRS	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
People	Dec-Feb 2017	31,860	60.5	1,550	4.6	19,216	36.5	30,681	74.6	1,537	4.8	8,897	21.6
	Dec-Feb 2018	32,264	61.0	1,419	4.2	19,223	36.3	31,064	75.4	1,399	4.3	8,749	21.2
	Mar-May 2018	32,395	61.1	1,408	4.2	19,175	36.2	31,188	75.6	1,386	4.3	8,662	21.0
	Jun-Aug 2018	32,410	61.1	1,363	4.0	19,274	36.3	31,173	75.6	1,345	4.1	8,740	21.2
	Sep-Nov 2018	32,542	61.3	1,370	4.0	19,203	36.2	31,272	75.8	1,355	4.2	8,650	21.0
	Dec-Feb 2019	32,721	61.5	1,343	3.9	19,120	36.0	31,438	76.1	1,323	4.0	8,536	20.7
	Change on quarter	179	0.3	-27	-0.1	-83	-0.2	166	0.4	-32	-0.1	-114	-0.3
	Change %	0.5		-2.0		-0.4		0.5		-2.4		-1.3	
	Change on year	457	0.5	-76	-0.3	-102	-0.4	375	0.8	-77	-0.3	-213	-0.6
	Change %	1.4		-5.4		-0.5		1.2		-5.5		-2.4	
Men		MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
	Dec-Feb 2017	16,922	65.8	851	4.8	7,947	30.9	16,210	79.3	842	4.9	3,377	16.5
	Dec-Feb 2018	17,090	66.1	749	4.2	8,035	31.1	16,351	79.8	733	4.3	3,403	16.6
	Mar-May 2018	17,138	66.1	754	4.2	8,024	31.0	16,418	80.1	742	4.3	3,343	16.3
	Jun-Aug 2018	17,176	66.2	733	4.1	8,047	31.0	16,441	80.1	721	4.2	3,356	16.4
	Sep-Nov 2018	17,274	66.5	739	4.1	7,980	30.7	16,486	80.3	730	4.2	3,314	16.1
	Dec-Feb 2019	17,311	66.5	731	4.1	7,988	30.7	16,532	80.5	719	4.2	3,290	16.0
	Change on quarter	37	0.0	-7	0.0	8	0.0	46	0.2	-10	-0.1	-24	-0.1
	Change %	0.2		-1.0		0.1		0.3		-1.4		-0.7	
	Change on year	221	0.5	-18	-0.1	-47	-0.4	181	0.7	-14	-0.1	-113	-0.6
	Change %	1.3		-2.4		-0.6		1.1		-1.9		-3.3	
Women		MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
	Dec-Feb 2017	14,938	55.5	700	4.5	11,269	41.9	14,471	70.0	695	4.6	5,520	26.7
	Dec-Feb 2018	15,173	56.1	670	4.2	11,188	41.4	14,713	71.0	666	4.3	5,347	25.8
	Mar-May 2018	15,257	56.4	654	4.1	11,151	41.2	14,769	71.2	644	4.2	5,319	25.7
	Jun-Aug 2018	15,235	56.2	629	4.0	11,228	41.4	14,732	71.0	624	4.1	5,384	26.0
	Sep-Nov 2018	15,268	56.3	631	4.0	11,223	41.4	14,786	71.3	626	4.1	5,336	25.7
	Dec-Feb 2019	15,409	56.8	611	3.8	11,132	41.0	14,906	71.8	603	3.9	5,246	25.3
	Change on quarter	142	0.5	-20	-0.2	-91	-0.4	121	0.6	-22	-0.2	-90	-0.4
	Change %	0.9		-3.1		-0.8		0.8		-3.6		-1.7	
	Change on year	236	0.6	-59	-0.4	-56	-0.4	194	0.8	-63	-0.4	-100	-0.5
	Change %	1.6		-8.8		-0.5		1.3		-9.4		-1.9	
		Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
		Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
		YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
People	Dec-Feb 2017	372	25.8	125	25.1	944	65.5	3,539	62.2	432	10.9	1,718	30.2
	Dec-Feb 2018	344	24.4	127	27.0	936	66.5	3,474	61.8	396	10.2	1,755	31.2
	Mar-May 2018	356	25.4	108	23.4	935	66.8	3,475	61.9	412	10.6	1,723	30.7
	Jun-Aug 2018	337	24.2	94	21.9	961	69.0	3,490	62.4	373	9.6	1,730	30.9
	Sep-Nov 2018	313	22.5	103	24.8	977	70.1	3,541	63.6	408	10.3	1,622	29.1
	Dec-Feb 2019	332	23.8	88	21.0	972	69.8	3,528	63.6	404	10.3	1,618	29.1
	Change on quarter	19	1.4	-15	-3.8	-4	-0.3	-13	0.0	-4	-0.1	-5	0.0
	Change %	6.0		-14.6		-0.4		-0.4		-0.9		-0.3	
	Change on year	-12	-0.6	-39	-6.0	36	3.3	54	1.8	9	0.1	-137	-2.1
	Change %	-3.5		-30.7		3.9		1.6		2.2		-7.8	
Men		YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
	Dec-Feb 2017	175	23.8	63	26.3	500	67.7	1,825	63.0	269	12.8	805	27.8
	Dec-Feb 2018	163	22.7	61	27.0	496	68.9	1,788	62.3	229	11.3	854	29.8
	Mar-May 2018	177	24.7	55	23.9	484	67.5	1,809	63.1	240	11.7	815	28.5
	Jun-Aug 2018	168	23.6	49	22.4	496	69.6	1,825	63.9	211	10.4	821	28.7
	Sep-Nov 2018	148	20.8	53	26.4	512	71.8	1,853	65.1	236	11.3	756	26.6
	Dec-Feb 2019	161	22.6	50	23.8	502	70.3	1,813	64.0	248	12.0	773	27.3
	Change on quarter	13	1.8	-3	-2.5	-11	-1.5	-40	-1.2	12	0.7	17	0.7
	Change %	8.8		-4.9		-2.1		-2.2		5.0		2.3	
	Change on year	-2	-0.1	-10	-3.2	5	1.4	25	1.7	20	0.7	-81	-2.5
	Change %	-1.5		-16.8		1.0		1.4		8.5		-9.5	
Women		YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAH	LWFC
	Dec-Feb 2017	196	27.9	62	24.0	444	63.2	1,714	61.4	163	8.7	912	32.7
	Dec-Feb 2018	180	26.3	67	27.0	439	64.0	1,686	61.2	167	9.0	900	32.7
	Mar-May 2018	179	26.2	53	22.9	451	66.1	1,666	60.7	171	9.3	908	33.1
	Jun-Aug 2018	169	24.9	46	21.4	465	68.4	1,665	60.9	162	8.8	909	33.2
	Sep-Nov 2018	165	24.3	50	23.4	465	68.3	1,688	61.9	172	9.2	866	31.8
	Dec-Feb 2019	171	25.1	38	18.1	471	69.3	1,715	63.2	156	8.3	844	31.1
	Change on quarter	6	0.9	-13	-5.3	6	1.0	27	1.2	-15	-0.9	-22	-0.7
	Change %	3.5		-24.9		1.3		1.6		-9.0		-2.5	
	Change on year	-10	-1.1	-29	-8.9	31	5.3	29	1.9	-11	-0.7	-56	-1.6
	Change %	-5.4		-43.3		7.1		1.7		-6.6		-6.2	

SUMMARY

2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

		Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
		Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
		YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAI	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBG	LWFG
People	Dec-Feb 2017	7,280	82.2	340	4.5	1,237	14.0	10,786	83.9	349	3.1	1,717	13.4
	Dec-Feb 2018	7,436	83.5	293	3.8	1,177	13.2	10,889	85.1	309	2.8	1,601	12.5
	Mar-May 2018	7,459	83.6	285	3.7	1,174	13.2	10,901	85.3	301	2.7	1,583	12.4
	Jun-Aug 2018	7,435	83.3	296	3.8	1,198	13.4	10,861	85.0	298	2.7	1,613	12.6
	Sep-Nov 2018	7,478	83.7	269	3.5	1,192	13.3	10,871	85.2	306	2.7	1,583	12.4
	Dec-Feb 2019	7,543	84.3	269	3.4	1,136	12.7	10,876	85.3	292	2.6	1,579	12.4
	Change on quarter	65	0.6	0	0.0	-56	-0.6	5	0.1	-14	-0.1	-4	0.0
	Change %	0.9		0.2		-4.7		0.0		-4.6		-0.3	
	Change on year	107	0.8	-24	-0.3	-41	-0.5	-13	0.2	-17	-0.1	-21	-0.1
	Change %	1.4		-8.0		-3.5		-0.1		-5.5		-1.3	
Men		YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBG	LWFH
	Dec-Feb 2017	3,911	88.5	179	4.4	329	7.5	5,721	90.2	162	2.7	461	7.3
	Dec-Feb 2018	4,009	90.0	142	3.4	303	6.8	5,736	90.8	146	2.5	435	6.9
	Mar-May 2018	4,010	89.8	150	3.6	305	6.8	5,738	90.9	137	2.3	435	6.9
	Jun-Aug 2018	3,996	89.3	155	3.7	324	7.2	5,721	90.7	157	2.7	426	6.8
	Sep-Nov 2018	4,028	89.9	148	3.5	307	6.8	5,727	90.9	146	2.5	426	6.8
	Dec-Feb 2019	4,050	90.2	141	3.4	299	6.7	5,738	91.2	131	2.2	425	6.7
	Change on quarter	22	0.3	-7	-0.2	-8	-0.2	11	0.3	-16	-0.3	-1	0.0
	Change %	0.6		-4.5		-2.7		0.2		-10.6		-0.3	
	Change on year	41	0.2	-1	0.0	-5	-0.2	3	0.4	-16	-0.3	-10	-0.1
	Change %	1.0		-0.5		-1.5		0.0		-10.7		-2.4	
Women		YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBG	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBG	LWFI
	Dec-Feb 2017	3,369	75.9	161	4.6	907	20.4	5,064	77.8	187	3.6	1,256	19.3
	Dec-Feb 2018	3,427	77.0	151	4.2	874	19.6	5,153	79.5	163	3.1	1,166	18.0
	Mar-May 2018	3,449	77.5	135	3.8	869	19.5	5,162	79.7	164	3.1	1,148	17.7
	Jun-Aug 2018	3,439	77.2	141	3.9	875	19.6	5,140	79.5	141	2.7	1,187	18.3
	Sep-Nov 2018	3,451	77.4	121	3.4	885	19.9	5,144	79.6	160	3.0	1,158	17.9
	Dec-Feb 2019	3,493	78.3	128	3.5	837	18.8	5,138	79.6	161	3.0	1,155	17.9
	Change on quarter	42	0.9	7	0.1	-48	-1.1	-6	0.0	1	0.0	-3	0.0
	Change %	1.2		5.9		-5.4		-0.1		0.9		-0.2	
	Change on year	66	1.4	-23	-0.7	-36	-0.8	-15	0.1	-1	0.0	-11	-0.1
	Change %	1.9		-15.1		-4.2		-0.3		-0.9		-0.9	
		Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
		Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
		LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
People	Dec-Feb 2017	8,705	70.9	291	3.2	3,282	26.7	1,179	10.2	14	1.2	10,319	89.6
	Dec-Feb 2018	8,921	71.5	274	3.0	3,281	26.3	1,200	10.3	20	1.6	10,474	89.6
	Mar-May 2018	8,997	71.8	280	3.0	3,246	25.9	1,207	10.3	22	1.8	10,512	89.5
	Jun-Aug 2018	9,049	72.0	283	3.0	3,236	25.7	1,237	10.5	18	1.4	10,535	89.4
	Sep-Nov 2018	9,069	71.9	269	2.9	3,276	26.0	1,270	10.7	15	1.1	10,553	89.1
	Dec-Feb 2019	9,159	72.4	269	2.9	3,231	25.5	1,282	10.8	20	1.5	10,584	89.0
	Change on quarter	90	0.5	0	0.0	-45	-0.4	12	0.1	5	0.4	31	-0.1
	Change %	1.0		0.0		-1.4		0.9		36.6		0.3	
	Change on year	238	0.9	-5	-0.1	-50	-0.8	82	0.5	0	-0.1	111	-0.5
	Change %	2.7		-2.0		-1.5		6.9		0.9		1.1	
Men		MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
	Dec-Feb 2017	4,578	75.9	170	3.6	1,281	21.3	711	13.4	8	1.2	4,570	86.4
	Dec-Feb 2018	4,655	76.0	156	3.2	1,314	21.5	739	13.7	16	2.1	4,632	86.0
	Mar-May 2018	4,684	76.2	159	3.3	1,304	21.2	720	13.3	12	1.7	4,681	86.5
	Jun-Aug 2018	4,731	76.7	149	3.1	1,288	20.9	735	13.5	12	1.6	4,691	86.3
	Sep-Nov 2018	4,731	76.4	146	3.0	1,313	21.2	788	14.4	9	1.2	4,666	85.4
	Dec-Feb 2019	4,770	76.8	149	3.0	1,292	20.8	779	14.2	12	1.5	4,698	85.6
	Change on quarter	39	0.4	3	0.0	-21	-0.4	-9	-0.2	3	0.3	32	0.2
	Change %	0.8		2.0		-1.6		-1.1		28.9		0.7	
	Change on year	115	0.8	-7	-0.2	-22	-0.6	40	0.5	-4	-0.6	66	-0.4
	Change %	2.5		-4.4		-1.6		5.4		-23.6		1.4	
Women		LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
	Dec-Feb 2017	4,127	66.1	121	2.8	2,000	32.0	467	7.5	5	1.1	5,749	92.4
	Dec-Feb 2018	4,266	67.2	118	2.7	1,967	31.0	461	7.3	*	*	5,841	92.6
	Mar-May 2018	4,314	67.6	121	2.7	1,942	30.5	487	7.7	10	2.0	5,832	92.1
	Jun-Aug 2018	4,319	67.5	134	3.0	1,948	30.4	502	7.9	5	1.0	5,844	92.0
	Sep-Nov 2018	4,339	67.5	123	2.8	1,963	30.6	482	7.6	5	1.1	5,887	92.3
	Dec-Feb 2019	4,390	68.1	120	2.7	1,939	30.1	503	7.9	8	1.6	5,886	92.0
	Change on quarter	51	0.5	-3	-0.1	-24	-0.5	21	0.3	3	0.5	0	-0.3
	Change %	1.2		-2.4		-1.2		4.3		49.8		0.0	
	Change on year	123	0.9	1	0.0	-28	-0.9	42	0.6	*	*	45	-0.6
	Change %	2.9		1.2		-1.4		9.2		*		0.8	

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time & temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

		All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹							Total workers with second jobs
		Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes ²	Total people working full-time	Total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time		
People		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
		MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRU	MGRW	YCBF	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
	Dec-Feb 2017	31,860	26,853	4,802	116	90	23,407	8,453	19,893	6,960	3,443	1,359	1,111	
	Dec-Feb 2018	32,264	27,342	4,756	108	57	23,673	8,590	20,311	7,031	3,314	1,442	1,152	
	Mar-May 2018	32,395	27,438	4,788	119	50	23,841	8,554	20,435	7,004	3,354	1,434	1,113	
	Jun-Aug 2018	32,410	27,479	4,768	118	45	23,898	8,513	20,531	6,949	3,326	1,442	1,123	
	Sep-Nov 2018	32,542	27,532	4,856	106	49	24,008	8,534	20,579	6,953	3,390	1,465	1,117	
	Dec-Feb 2019	32,721	27,711	4,833	134	43	24,146	8,575	20,684	7,027	3,414	1,418	1,129	
	Change on quarter	179	179	-23	28	-5	138	41	105	74	24	-47	13	
	Change %	0.5	0.6	-0.5	26.2	-10.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.1	0.7	-3.2	1.1	
	Change on year	457	369	76	26	-14	473	-15	372	-4	100	-24	-23	
	Change %	1.4	1.3	1.6	24.4	-24.3	2.0	-0.2	1.8	-0.1	3.0	-1.7	-2.0	
Men		MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBJ	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
	Dec-Feb 2017	16,922	13,601	3,216	52	53	14,683	2,239	11,971	1,630	2,666	549	478	
	Dec-Feb 2018	17,090	13,878	3,137	44	31	14,816	2,274	12,205	1,673	2,584	554	493	
	Mar-May 2018	17,138	13,881	3,179	50	28	14,884	2,254	12,236	1,645	2,618	561	469	
	Jun-Aug 2018	17,176	13,916	3,176	57	27	14,904	2,272	12,286	1,629	2,596	580	468	
	Sep-Nov 2018	17,274	13,963	3,230	49	32	14,990	2,284	12,327	1,636	2,641	590	475	
	Dec-Feb 2019	17,311	13,969	3,258	61	24	15,052	2,259	12,353	1,616	2,673	584	472	
	Change on quarter	37	6	27	12	-8	62	-25	26	-20	33	-5	-3	
	Change %	0.2	0.0	0.8	24.1	-26.0	0.4	-1.1	0.2	-1.2	1.2	-0.9	-0.6	
	Change on year	221	91	120	17	-7	236	-15	148	-57	90	30	-20	
	Change %	1.3	0.7	3.8	37.5	-22.7	1.6	-0.7	1.2	-3.4	3.5	5.5	-4.1	
Women		MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
	Dec-Feb 2017	14,938	13,251	1,586	64	38	8,724	6,214	7,922	5,330	776	810	633	
	Dec-Feb 2018	15,173	13,465	1,619	63	27	8,857	6,317	8,106	5,358	730	889	660	
	Mar-May 2018	15,257	13,557	1,609	69	22	8,957	6,300	8,199	5,359	736	873	644	
	Jun-Aug 2018	15,235	13,564	1,592	61	18	8,993	6,241	8,244	5,319	730	862	655	
	Sep-Nov 2018	15,268	13,569	1,625	57	16	9,018	6,250	8,252	5,317	750	876	641	
	Dec-Feb 2019	15,409	13,742	1,575	73	20	9,093	6,316	8,331	5,411	741	834	657	
	Change on quarter	142	173	-50	16	3	76	66	78	94	-9	-41	16	
	Change %	0.9	1.3	-3.1	28.0	20.3	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.8	-1.2	-4.7	2.5	
	Change on year	236	277	-44	10	-7	237	-1	224	53	10	-54	-3	
	Change %	1.6	2.1	-2.7	15.2	-26.2	2.7	0.0	2.8	1.0	1.4	-6.1	-0.4	
Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)														
Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³														
		Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason			Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
		Total						Total ⁴						
People		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
	Dec-Feb 2017	1,603	6.0	444	27.7	411	113	634	8,319	1,038	12.5	5,829	258	1,120
	Dec-Feb 2018	1,559	5.7	452	29.0	432	157	518	8,474	1,014	12.0	6,037	249	1,121
	Mar-May 2018	1,557	5.7	439	28.2	432	148	538	8,437	983	11.7	6,041	264	1,096
	Jun-Aug 2018	1,522	5.5	407	26.7	443	124	548	8,390	937	11.2	6,004	272	1,113
	Sep-Nov 2018	1,532	5.6	408	26.7	448	119	557	8,418	883	10.5	6,090	270	1,109
	Dec-Feb 2019	1,545	5.6	408	26.4	453	136	548	8,446	950	11.2	6,094	262	1,069
	Change on quarter	13	0.0	0	-0.2	5	17	-8	27	67	0.8	5	-7	-40
	Change %	0.8		0.0		1.1	14.0	-1.5	0.3	7.6		0.1	-2.8	-3.6
	Change on year	-14	-0.1	-44	-2.6	21	-21	30	-28	-64	-0.7	58	13	-52
	Change %	-0.9		-9.6		5.0	-13.6	5.8	-0.3	-6.3		1.0	5.3	-4.6
Men		YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
	Dec-Feb 2017	735	5.4	219	29.8	179	49	288	2,179	443	20.3	1,131	102	479
	Dec-Feb 2018	745	5.4	235	31.5	189	79	242	2,227	467	21.0	1,184	80	473
	Mar-May 2018	742	5.3	232	31.3	189	76	245	2,206	446	20.2	1,165	93	481
	Jun-Aug 2018	733	5.3	217	29.6	205	59	252	2,209	427	19.3	1,180	92	484
	Sep-Nov 2018	732	5.2	213	29.1	202	61	256	2,225	397	17.8	1,229	93	485
	Dec-Feb 2019	707	5.1	216	30.5	181	71	239	2,200	414	18.8	1,229	95	433
	Change on quarter	-25	-0.2	3	1.5	-21	9	-17	-25	17	1.0	0	1	-52
	Change %	-3.5		1.4		-10.2	15.3	-6.7	-1.1	4.3		0.0	1.3	-10.7
	Change on year	-38	-0.3	-19	-1.0	-7	-9	-3	-27	-54	-2.2	45	15	-41
	Change %	-5.2		-8.2		-3.9	-11.2	-1.2	-1.2	-11.5		3.8	18.6	-8.6
Women		YCCB	YCCF	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCS	YCCV	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
	Dec-Feb 2017	867	6.5	225	25.9	233	64	346	6,139	595	9.7	4,698	156	641
	Dec-Feb 2018	814	6.0	217	26.6	243	78	276	6,247	547	8.7	4,853	169	648
	Mar-May 2018	815	6.0	207	25.4	243	72	294	6,231	537	8.6	4,875	171	615
	Jun-Aug 2018	789	5.8	190	24.0	238	65	296	6,181	510	8.3	4,824	180	629
	Sep-Nov 2018	800	5.9	196	24.4	246	58	301	6,193	486	7.8	4,861	176	624
	Dec-Feb 2019	839	6.1	193	23.0	272	65	309	6,246	536	8.6	4,866	168	637
	Change on quarter	38	0.2	-3	-1.5	26	7	9	53	50	0.7	4	-9	12
	Change %	4.8		-1.6		10.4	12.6	2.9	0.9	10.3		0.1	-4.9	2.0
	Change on year	25	0.1	-24	-3.7	29	-12	33	-1	-11	-0.2	13	-2	-11
	Change %	3.1		-11.2		11.9	-16.0	11.8	0.0	-2.0		0.3	-1.0	-1.7

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=9+11; 14=13/2; 16=15/13; 22=21/20

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

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2. This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training.

3. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees recorded in columns 13 to 19.

4. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of columns 21, 23, 24 and 25.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

7 Actual weekly hours worked

United Kingdom (hours worked by people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked			
		All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
		YBUS	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
People					
Dec-Feb 2017	1,029.1	32.3	37.6	16.4	9.8
Dec-Feb 2018	1,031.7	32.0	37.2	16.3	9.9
Mar-May 2018	1,032.5	31.9	37.0	16.3	10.1
Jun-Aug 2018	1,041.1	32.1	37.3	16.3	9.8
Sep-Nov 2018	1,040.1	32.0	37.1	16.3	9.7
Dec-Feb 2019	1,052.9	32.2	37.4	16.3	9.7
Change on quarter	12.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Change %	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.1	-0.5
Change on year	21.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2
Change %	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.0	-2.1
Men					
	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Dec-Feb 2017	621.2	36.7	39.5	16.5	11.1
Dec-Feb 2018	621.9	36.4	39.1	16.2	10.9
Mar-May 2018	619.5	36.1	38.9	15.9	11.2
Jun-Aug 2018	624.8	36.4	39.1	16.2	10.7
Sep-Nov 2018	626.7	36.3	39.0	16.3	10.6
Dec-Feb 2019	632.3	36.5	39.2	16.4	10.5
Change on quarter	5.7	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Change %	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.1	-0.3
Change on year	10.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.4
Change %	1.7	0.4	0.3	1.0	-3.5
Women					
	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Dec-Feb 2017	407.9	27.3	34.5	16.3	8.8
Dec-Feb 2018	409.8	27.0	33.9	16.3	9.1
Mar-May 2018	412.9	27.1	33.9	16.5	9.3
Jun-Aug 2018	416.4	27.3	34.4	16.4	9.2
Sep-Nov 2018	413.4	27.1	34.0	16.2	9.1
Dec-Feb 2019	420.6	27.3	34.3	16.3	9.1
Change on quarter	7.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Change %	1.7	0.8	1.0	0.1	-0.4
Change on year	10.8	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Change %	2.6	1.1	1.3	-0.3	-0.7

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. Main and second job.
2. Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.
3. Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

7(1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Dec-Feb 2018									
Less than 6 Hours	1.3	0.8	1.8	0.9	0.6	1.2	3.0	1.6	5.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.6	3.5	10.0	6.0	3.1	9.0	8.8	4.4	17.4
16 up to 30 hours	19.9	10.1	30.9	19.4	8.8	30.3	22.9	15.5	37.2
31 up to 45 hours	53.6	59.5	47.0	56.2	62.6	49.6	39.0	45.8	25.7
Over 45 hours	18.7	26.1	10.3	17.5	24.8	9.9	26.3	32.7	14.0
Total (thousands)	32,264	17,090	15,173	27,342	13,878	13,465	4,756	3,137	1,619
Sep-Nov 2018									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	2.0	0.9	0.5	1.3	3.6	2.1	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.5	9.6	5.7	3.0	8.5	9.4	5.0	18.3
16 up to 30 hours	19.8	10.2	30.6	19.4	8.9	30.2	22.7	16.1	35.9
31 up to 45 hours	54.3	60.0	47.8	57.0	63.3	50.5	39.2	46.3	25.2
Over 45 hours	18.1	25.4	10.0	17.0	24.3	9.5	25.1	30.5	14.3
Total (thousands)	32,542	17,274	15,268	27,532	13,963	13,569	4,856	3,230	1,625
Dec-Feb 2019									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	1.9	0.9	0.6	1.3	3.2	1.8	6.1
6 up to 15 hours	6.3	3.3	9.5	5.6	2.8	8.5	8.9	4.7	17.6
16 up to 30 hours	20.1	10.4	30.9	19.6	8.9	30.5	23.2	16.8	36.5
31 up to 45 hours	53.9	59.6	47.6	56.7	63.0	50.3	38.8	45.5	24.8
Over 45 hours	18.3	25.8	10.0	17.1	24.7	9.5	25.9	31.2	15.0
Total (thousands)	32,721	17,311	15,409	27,711	13,969	13,742	4,833	3,258	1,575

1. Total usual weekly hours worked by people aged 16 and over in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16-64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	MGSC	MG SX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
People														
Dec-Feb 2017	1,550	4.6	912	247	391	25.2	211	1,537	4.8	902	246	389	25.3	208
Dec-Feb 2018	1,419	4.2	839	227	352	24.8	184	1,399	4.3	828	222	349	24.9	183
Mar-May 2018	1,408	4.2	821	223	364	25.8	192	1,386	4.3	810	220	357	25.7	191
Jun-Aug 2018	1,363	4.0	800	208	355	26.0	196	1,345	4.1	792	205	348	25.9	195
Sep-Nov 2018	1,370	4.0	807	216	347	25.3	172	1,355	4.2	795	212	348	25.7	170
Dec-Feb 2019	1,343	3.9	796	200	347	25.8	173	1,323	4.0	786	196	340	25.7	169
Change on quarter	-27	-0.1	-12	-16	0	0.5	1	-32	-0.1	-9	-16	-8	0.0	-1
Change %	-2.0		-1.5	-7.2	0.0		0.6	-2.4		-1.1	-7.4	-2.3		-0.7
Change on year	-76	-0.3	-44	-27	-5	1.0	-11	-77	-0.3	-42	-26	-9	0.8	-14
Change %	-5.4		-5.2	-12.0	-1.5		-6.2	-5.5		-5.1	-11.7	-2.5		-7.4
Men														
	MGSD	MG SY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Dec-Feb 2017	851	4.8	483	128	239	28.1	146	842	4.9	477	127	237	28.2	146
Dec-Feb 2018	749	4.2	408	132	209	27.9	119	733	4.3	399	129	205	27.9	119
Mar-May 2018	754	4.2	421	120	213	28.2	112	742	4.3	413	117	212	28.5	112
Jun-Aug 2018	733	4.1	407	110	217	29.6	117	721	4.2	401	108	212	29.4	116
Sep-Nov 2018	739	4.1	403	124	212	28.6	113	730	4.2	395	121	214	29.3	112
Dec-Feb 2019	731	4.1	399	118	215	29.4	114	719	4.2	396	116	208	28.9	111
Change on quarter	-7	0.0	-5	-6	3	0.7	0	-10	-0.1	1	-5	-6	-0.4	-1
Change %	-1.0		-1.2	-4.7	1.5		0.3	-1.4		0.2	-4.2	-2.7		-1.2
Change on year	-18	-0.1	-9	-14	6	1.5	-6	-14	-0.1	-4	-13	3	1.0	-8
Change %	-2.4		-2.3	-10.8	2.8		-4.7	-1.9		-0.9	-10.4	1.5		-6.5
Women														
	MGSE	MG SZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Dec-Feb 2017	700	4.5	429	119	152	21.7	64	695	4.6	424	118	152	21.9	63
Dec-Feb 2018	670	4.2	432	95	143	21.4	65	666	4.3	429	93	144	21.7	64
Mar-May 2018	654	4.1	400	103	151	23.1	80	644	4.2	397	102	145	22.5	79
Jun-Aug 2018	629	4.0	393	99	138	21.9	79	624	4.1	391	97	136	21.7	79
Sep-Nov 2018	631	4.0	404	92	135	21.4	58	626	4.1	400	91	135	21.5	58
Dec-Feb 2019	611	3.8	397	82	132	21.6	59	603	3.9	390	80	132	22.0	58
Change on quarter	-20	-0.2	-7	-10	-3	0.2	1	-22	-0.2	-10	-11	-2	0.4	0
Change %	-3.1		-1.7	-10.6	-2.2		1.2	-3.6		-2.4	-11.7	-1.7		0.2
Change on year	-59	-0.4	-35	-13	-11	0.2	-6	-63	-0.4	-38	-13	-12	0.3	-6
Change %	-8.8		-8.0	-13.8	-7.8		-9.0	-9.4		-9.0	-13.5	-8.2		-9.1
	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
People														
Dec-Feb 2017	125	25.1	99	19	7	5.3	*	432	10.9	284	74	75	17.3	34
Dec-Feb 2018	127	27.0	102	20	5	4.1	*	396	10.2	270	60	66	16.7	25
Mar-May 2018	108	23.4	86	14	8	7.3	*	412	10.6	273	66	73	17.7	31
Jun-Aug 2018	94	21.9	73	16	6	6.5	*	373	9.6	247	61	65	17.6	21
Sep-Nov 2018	103	24.8	83	17	*	*	*	408	10.3	271	64	73	17.8	25
Dec-Feb 2019	88	21.0	69	12	7	8.1	*	404	10.3	276	66	63	15.6	16
Change on quarter	-15	-3.8	-13	-5	*	*	*	-4	-0.1	5	1	-10	-2.2	-9
Change %	-14.6		-15.9	-30.7	*		*	-0.9		1.7	2.0	-13.2		-35.1
Change on year	-39	-6.0	-33	-8	2	4.0	*	9	0.1	6	6	-3	-1.1	-8
Change %	-30.7		-32.1	-41.5	37.7		*	2.2		2.1	9.8	-4.6		-33.7
Men														
	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Dec-Feb 2017	63	26.3	50	9	*	*	*	269	12.8	170	47	52	19.4	25
Dec-Feb 2018	61	27.0	48	11	*	*	*	229	11.3	143	41	45	19.5	19
Mar-May 2018	55	23.9	41	10	5	8.4	*	240	11.7	152	40	48	19.9	19
Jun-Aug 2018	49	22.4	35	8	5	9.6	*	211	10.4	133	35	43	20.2	13
Sep-Nov 2018	53	26.4	40	10	*	*	*	236	11.3	145	38	54	22.8	22
Dec-Feb 2019	50	23.8	38	7	6	11.4	*	248	12.0	162	43	43	17.3	13
Change on quarter	-3	-2.5	-2	-3	*	*	*	12	0.7	18	5	-11	-5.5	-8
Change %	-4.9		-5.6	-31.8	*		*	5.0		12.2	13.4	-20.3		-39.3
Change on year	-10	-3.2	-10	-4	*	*	*	20	0.7	19	2	-2	-2.2	-6
Change %	-16.8		-20.9	-39.3	*		*	8.5		13.2	5.7	-4.0		-31.3
Women														
	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Dec-Feb 2017	62	24.0	49	9	*	*	*	163	8.7	114	27	23	13.8	9
Dec-Feb 2018	67	27.0	54	9	*	*	*	167	9.0	126	19	22	12.9	6
Mar-May 2018	53	22.9	45	5	*	*	*	171	9.3	121	25	25	14.4	12
Jun-Aug 2018	46	21.4	37	7	*	*	*	162	8.8	113	26	23	14.2	7
Sep-Nov 2018	50	23.4	42	7	*	*	*	172	9.2	126	26	19	11.0	*
Dec-Feb 2019	38	18.1	32	5	*	*	*	156	8.3	113	22	20	13.0	*
Change on quarter	-13	-5.3	-11	-2	*	*	*	-15	-0.9	-13	-4	1	2.0	*
Change %	-24.9		-25.6	-29.1	*		*	-9.0		-10.3	-14.5	7.2		*
Change on year	-29	-8.9	-23	-4	*	*	*	-11	-0.7	-13	3	-1	0.1	*
Change %	-43.3		-41.9	-44.3	*		*	-6.6		-10.4	18.4	-6.0		*

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12; 15=17+18+19; 22=24+25+26.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
People														
Dec-Feb 2017	689	3.7	384	109	197	28.6	106	305	3.0	145	46	113	37.2	71
Dec-Feb 2018	602	3.2	329	97	176	29.2	91	294	2.8	138	51	105	35.7	69
Mar-May 2018	586	3.1	323	93	170	29.0	95	302	2.9	139	49	113	37.5	66
Jun-Aug 2018	595	3.1	331	86	178	30.0	108	301	2.8	149	47	105	34.8	66
Sep-Nov 2018	575	3.0	326	91	158	27.4	77	284	2.7	128	44	112	39.6	68
Dec-Feb 2019	561	3.0	322	83	156	27.8	85	289	2.7	128	40	121	41.8	71
Change on quarter	-14	-0.1	-4	-8	-2	0.3	8	5	0.0	1	-4	9	2.2	3
Change %	-2.4		-1.3	-8.3	-1.2		9.7	1.9		0.7	-9.3	7.6		4.5
Change on year	-41	-0.2	-7	-13	-20	-1.4	-6	-5	-0.1	-10	-12	16	6.1	3
Change %	-6.7		-2.2	-13.9	-11.4		-7.0	-1.8		-6.9	-22.5	15.0		3.9
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Dec-Feb 2017	341	3.4	181	45	115	33.7	78	179	3.3	83	27	69	38.5	44
Dec-Feb 2018	288	2.9	143	50	95	32.9	53	172	3.1	73	30	68	39.6	47
Mar-May 2018	287	2.9	151	44	92	31.9	53	171	3.1	77	25	69	40.1	41
Jun-Aug 2018	312	3.1	164	41	108	34.5	70	162	2.9	74	25	62	38.5	34
Sep-Nov 2018	294	2.9	154	52	87	29.7	51	155	2.7	64	24	67	43.4	40
Dec-Feb 2019	272	2.7	138	44	89	32.9	58	161	2.8	60	24	77	47.7	42
Change on quarter	-22	-0.2	-16	-8	2	3.1	6	6	0.1	-4	0	9	4.3	3
Change %	-7.5		-10.4	-15.4	2.2		12.3	3.6		-6.4	1.5	13.9		6.5
Change on year	-16	-0.2	-5	-6	-5	0.0	4	-11	-0.3	-13	-6	9	8.1	-5
Change %	-5.7		-3.4	-12.0	-5.7		7.7	-6.2		-18.1	-20.4	12.9		-9.6
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Dec-Feb 2017	348	4.0	202	64	82	23.5	28	126	2.7	63	19	44	35.3	27
Dec-Feb 2018	314	3.5	186	46	81	25.8	38	123	2.5	65	21	37	30.2	22
Mar-May 2018	299	3.4	172	49	78	26.2	42	131	2.6	62	24	45	34.1	25
Jun-Aug 2018	282	3.2	167	45	70	25.0	39	139	2.8	75	21	43	30.6	32
Sep-Nov 2018	281	3.2	172	38	70	25.0	26	128	2.6	63	20	45	35.0	29
Dec-Feb 2019	289	3.2	184	39	66	22.9	27	128	2.5	68	16	44	34.4	29
Change on quarter	9	0.1	12	1	-4	-2.1	1	0	0.0	5	-4	-1	-0.6	0
Change %	3.0		6.9	1.4	-5.5		4.7	-0.2		7.8	-22.0	-1.8		1.7
Change on year	-24	-0.3	-2	-7	-15	-2.9	-10	5	0.0	4	-5	7	4.2	7
Change %	-7.7		-1.3	-15.9	-17.9		-27.7	4.3		5.8	-25.6	18.9		32.9

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically active levels								
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Dec-Feb 2017	33,410	32,218	496	3,971	7,620	11,134	8,996	1,192
Dec-Feb 2018	33,683	32,463	471	3,870	7,729	11,198	9,195	1,220
Mar-May 2018	33,803	32,574	464	3,886	7,744	11,202	9,277	1,229
Jun-Aug 2018	33,773	32,518	432	3,863	7,731	11,160	9,333	1,255
Sep-Nov 2018	33,912	32,627	416	3,949	7,747	11,177	9,338	1,285
Dec-Feb 2019	34,063	32,761	420	3,933	7,812	11,168	9,428	1,302
Change on quarter	151	134	4	-16	65	-9	90	17
Change %	0.4	0.4	0.9	-0.4	0.8	-0.1	1.0	1.4
Change on year	381	298	-51	63	83	-30	233	83
Change %	1.1	0.9	-10.9	1.6	1.1	-0.3	2.5	6.8
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Dec-Feb 2017	17,772	17,053	238	2,093	4,090	5,883	4,748	720
Dec-Feb 2018	17,839	17,084	224	2,017	4,151	5,882	4,811	755
Mar-May 2018	17,892	17,160	232	2,049	4,160	5,876	4,843	732
Jun-Aug 2018	17,909	17,162	217	2,035	4,151	5,878	4,880	747
Sep-Nov 2018	18,013	17,216	201	2,090	4,176	5,873	4,877	797
Dec-Feb 2019	18,043	17,252	211	2,061	4,191	5,869	4,919	791
Change on quarter	30	36	10	-28	16	-4	42	-6
Change %	0.2	0.2	5.2	-1.3	0.4	-0.1	0.9	-0.8
Change on year	203	167	-13	45	40	-13	108	36
Change %	1.1	1.0	-5.6	2.2	1.0	-0.2	2.2	4.8
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Dec-Feb 2017	15,638	15,165	258	1,878	3,530	5,251	4,248	473
Dec-Feb 2018	15,843	15,378	247	1,853	3,578	5,316	4,385	465
Mar-May 2018	15,911	15,414	232	1,837	3,584	5,327	4,434	497
Jun-Aug 2018	15,864	15,356	215	1,827	3,580	5,281	4,453	508
Sep-Nov 2018	15,899	15,411	215	1,860	3,571	5,303	4,461	488
Dec-Feb 2019	16,021	15,509	209	1,871	3,621	5,299	4,509	511
Change on quarter	122	98	-7	12	49	-4	48	24
Change %	0.8	0.6	-3.1	0.6	1.4	-0.1	1.1	4.8
Change on year	177	131	-39	18	43	-17	125	46
Change %	1.1	0.9	-15.6	1.0	1.2	-0.3	2.8	9.9

Economic activity rates (%)¹

People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2	
Dec-Feb 2017	63.5	78.4	34.5	69.8	86.0	86.6	73.3	10.4	
Dec-Feb 2018	63.7	78.8	33.5	68.8	86.8	87.5	73.7	10.4	
Mar-May 2018	63.8	79.0	33.2	69.3	86.8	87.6	74.1	10.5	
Jun-Aug 2018	63.7	78.8	31.0	69.1	86.6	87.4	74.3	10.6	
Sep-Nov 2018	63.8	79.0	29.9	70.9	86.7	87.6	74.0	10.9	
Dec-Feb 2019	64.0	79.3	30.2	70.9	87.3	87.6	74.5	11.0	
Change on quarter	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.1	
Change on year	0.4	0.6	-3.3	2.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.5	
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT	
Dec-Feb 2017	69.1	83.5	32.3	72.2	92.5	92.7	78.7	13.6	
Dec-Feb 2018	68.9	83.4	31.1	70.2	93.2	93.1	78.5	14.0	
Mar-May 2018	69.0	83.7	32.5	71.5	93.2	93.1	78.8	13.5	
Jun-Aug 2018	69.0	83.6	30.4	71.3	92.8	93.2	79.1	13.7	
Sep-Nov 2018	69.3	83.9	28.2	73.4	93.2	93.2	78.8	14.6	
Dec-Feb 2019	69.3	84.0	29.7	72.7	93.3	93.3	79.2	14.4	
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	1.5	-0.7	0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.2	
Change on year	0.4	0.6	-1.4	2.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4	
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3	
Dec-Feb 2017	58.1	73.3	36.8	67.3	79.6	80.7	68.0	7.6	
Dec-Feb 2018	58.6	74.2	36.0	67.3	80.4	82.0	69.0	7.4	
Mar-May 2018	58.8	74.3	33.9	66.9	80.5	82.3	69.5	7.9	
Jun-Aug 2018	58.6	74.0	31.6	66.8	80.4	81.7	69.6	8.0	
Sep-Nov 2018	58.6	74.3	31.7	68.2	80.1	82.1	69.4	7.7	
Dec-Feb 2019	59.0	74.7	30.7	68.9	81.2	82.1	69.9	8.0	
Change on quarter	0.4	0.4	-1.0	0.7	1.1	0.0	0.5	0.3	
Change on year	0.4	0.5	-5.3	1.6	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.6	

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+8; 2=3+4+5+6+7.

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 to 64	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)							Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
		Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job ¹
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Dec-Feb 2017	8,897	2,337	2,210	161	1,985	39	1,171	994	6,758	2,138
Dec-Feb 2018	8,749	2,348	2,070	202	1,984	38	1,155	952	6,688	2,061
Mar-May 2018	8,662	2,326	2,019	169	2,004	28	1,126	990	6,722	1,940
Jun-Aug 2018	8,740	2,364	2,041	168	2,032	31	1,120	983	6,832	1,907
Sep-Nov 2018	8,650	2,265	2,048	179	1,992	35	1,123	1,008	6,799	1,851
Dec-Feb 2019	8,536	2,227	2,008	189	1,979	33	1,111	990	6,707	1,830
Change on quarter	-114	-38	-41	11	-13	-3	-12	-18	-92	-22
Change %	-1.3	-1.7	-2.0	5.9	-0.7	-7.7	-1.0	-1.8	-1.4	-1.2
Change on year	-213	-121	-62	-13	-5	-6	-44	38	19	-232
Change %	-2.4	-5.2	-3.0	-6.4	-0.3	-14.8	-3.8	4.0	0.3	-11.2
Men	YBSO	BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Dec-Feb 2017	3,377	1,179	257	71	953	21	461	434	2,509	867
Dec-Feb 2018	3,403	1,190	247	96	953	21	473	423	2,544	858
Mar-May 2018	3,343	1,150	233	82	974	17	460	426	2,535	808
Jun-Aug 2018	3,356	1,179	221	76	995	17	455	412	2,576	780
Sep-Nov 2018	3,314	1,133	228	84	948	24	475	423	2,566	747
Dec-Feb 2019	3,290	1,122	212	94	939	22	491	409	2,557	733
Change on quarter	-24	-11	-16	11	-9	-1	16	-13	-10	-14
Change %	-0.7	-0.9	-6.9	12.8	-1.0	-6.2	3.3	-3.1	-0.4	-1.9
Change on year	-113	-68	-35	-1	-14	1	18	-14	12	-125
Change %	-3.3	-5.7	-14.1	-1.5	-1.5	5.4	3.8	-3.3	0.5	-14.5
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Dec-Feb 2017	5,520	1,158	1,953	89	1,032	18	710	559	4,249	1,271
Dec-Feb 2018	5,347	1,159	1,823	106	1,030	17	682	529	4,143	1,203
Mar-May 2018	5,319	1,176	1,785	87	1,030	11	666	564	4,187	1,132
Jun-Aug 2018	5,384	1,186	1,820	92	1,037	14	665	571	4,256	1,128
Sep-Nov 2018	5,336	1,133	1,820	95	1,043	11	648	585	4,232	1,104
Dec-Feb 2019	5,246	1,105	1,796	95	1,039	10	620	580	4,150	1,096
Change on quarter	-90	-28	-25	0	-4	-1	-28	-5	-83	-8
Change %	-1.7	-2.4	-1.4	-0.2	-0.4	-10.7	-4.3	-0.9	-1.9	-0.7
Change on year	-100	-54	-27	-12	9	-7	-62	52	6	-107
Change %	-1.9	-4.6	-1.5	-10.8	0.9	-40.0	-9.1	9.8	0.2	-8.9
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Dec-Feb 2017	100	26.3	24.8	1.8	22.3	0.4	13.2	11.2	76.0	24.0
Dec-Feb 2018	100	26.8	23.7	2.3	22.7	0.4	13.2	10.9	76.4	23.6
Mar-May 2018	100	26.9	23.3	1.9	23.1	0.3	13.0	11.4	77.6	22.4
Jun-Aug 2018	100	27.1	23.3	1.9	23.2	0.4	12.8	11.3	78.2	21.8
Sep-Nov 2018	100	26.2	23.7	2.1	23.0	0.4	13.0	11.7	78.6	21.4
Dec-Feb 2019	100	26.1	23.5	2.2	23.2	0.4	13.0	11.6	78.6	21.4
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Dec-Feb 2017	100	34.9	7.6	2.1	28.2	0.6	13.7	12.9	74.3	25.7
Dec-Feb 2018	100	35.0	7.2	2.8	28.0	0.6	13.9	12.4	74.8	25.2
Mar-May 2018	100	34.4	7.0	2.5	29.1	0.5	13.8	12.8	75.8	24.2
Jun-Aug 2018	100	35.1	6.6	2.3	29.7	0.5	13.6	12.3	76.8	23.2
Sep-Nov 2018	100	34.2	6.9	2.5	28.6	0.7	14.3	12.8	77.4	22.6
Dec-Feb 2019	100	34.1	6.4	2.9	28.5	0.7	14.9	12.4	77.7	22.3
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Dec-Feb 2017	100	21.0	35.4	1.6	18.7	0.3	12.9	10.1	77.0	23.0
Dec-Feb 2018	100	21.7	34.1	2.0	19.3	0.3	12.8	9.9	77.5	22.5
Mar-May 2018	100	22.1	33.6	1.6	19.4	0.2	12.5	10.6	78.7	21.3
Jun-Aug 2018	100	22.0	33.8	1.7	19.3	0.3	12.3	10.6	79.1	20.9
Sep-Nov 2018	100	21.2	34.1	1.8	19.5	0.2	12.1	11.0	79.3	20.7
Dec-Feb 2019	100	21.1	34.2	1.8	19.8	0.2	11.8	11.1	79.1	20.9

Relationship between columns : 1=2+3+4+5+6+7+8; 1=9+10.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

1. This series comprises those who say they would like a regular paid job, but who do not meet the internationally agreed definition of unemployment because they have not been looking for work in the last four weeks and/or they were unable to start working within two weeks.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12 Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of people aged from 16 to 24

December 2018 to February 2019

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 to 24				In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) ¹			
	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Total	Employed ²	Unemployed ²	Economically inactive	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Levels

People

16-17	1,392	332	88	972	1,215	248	67	899	178	83	21	73
18-24	5,550	3,528	404	1,618	1,813	613	81	1,120	3,737	2,915	324	498
16-24	6,943	3,860	493	2,590	3,028	862	148	2,019	3,915	2,999	345	571

Men

16-17	713	161	50	502	613	115	37	461	100	46	13	41
18-24	2,835	1,813	248	773	881	254	51	576	1,954	1,559	198	197
16-24	3,548	1,974	299	1,275	1,494	369	88	1,038	2,053	1,605	211	237

Women

16-17	679	171	38	471	601	134	30	438	78	37	8	33
18-24	2,716	1,715	156	844	932	359	30	543	1,783	1,356	126	301
16-24	3,395	1,886	194	1,315	1,534	493	60	981	1,861	1,393	134	334

Changes on quarter (changes since September to November 2018)

People

16-17	-1	19	-15	-4	-11	-1	-7	-3	10	20	-8	-1
18-24	-21	-13	-4	-5	-8	-22	-21	35	-13	10	17	-39
16-24	-22	6	-19	-9	-19	-23	-28	32	-2	29	9	-41

Men

16-17	0	13	-3	-11	-16	0	0	-16	16	13	-3	6
18-24	-11	-40	12	17	-19	-28	-10	19	8	-12	22	-2
16-24	-11	-27	9	7	-35	-28	-10	2	24	1	19	4

Women

16-17	0	6	-13	6	5	-1	-7	14	-6	7	-5	-7
18-24	-10	27	-15	-22	11	5	-11	16	-21	22	-5	-38
16-24	-11	33	-28	-16	16	4	-18	29	-26	29	-10	-45

Rates(%)³

People

16-17	23.8	21.0	69.8	20.5	21.3	74.0	46.8	20.2	41.3
18-24	63.6	10.3	29.1	33.8	11.6	61.7	78.0	10.0	13.3
16-24	55.6	11.3	37.3	28.5	14.6	66.7	76.6	10.3	14.6

Men

16-17	22.6	23.8	70.3	18.7	24.6	75.2	46.5	21.8	40.6
18-24	64.0	12.0	27.3	28.8	16.6	65.4	79.8	11.3	10.1
16-24	55.6	13.1	35.9	24.7	19.3	69.4	78.2	11.6	11.6

Women

16-17	25.1	18.1	69.3	22.3	18.1	72.8	47.3	18.2	42.2
18-24	63.2	8.3	31.1	38.5	7.7	58.3	76.0	8.5	16.9
16-24	55.6	9.3	38.7	32.1	10.8	64.0	74.8	8.8	17.9

Changes on quarter (changes since September to November 2018)

People

16-17	1.4	-3.8	-0.3	0.1	-1.6	0.4	9.0	-11.4	-3.4
18-24	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-1.1	-2.1	2.2	0.5	0.5	-1.0
16-24	0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-1.9	1.5	0.8	0.2	-1.0

Men

16-17	1.8	-2.5	-1.5	0.5	0.2	-0.7	6.7	-10.6	-0.6
18-24	-1.2	0.7	0.7	-2.5	-1.1	3.5	-1.0	1.2	-0.1
16-24	-0.6	0.5	0.3	-1.2	-0.5	1.7	-0.9	0.9	0.1

Women

16-17	0.9	-5.3	1.0	-0.4	-3.4	1.7	11.4	-12.5	-6.0
18-24	1.2	-0.9	-0.7	0.2	-2.6	1.0	2.1	-0.4	-1.9
16-24	1.1	-1.4	-0.3	0.0	-2.9	1.3	2.6	-0.8	-2.1

Relationship between columns: 1=5+9; 2=6+10; 3=7+11.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gov.uk

1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who were not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table. Estimates of young people who were NEET are published separately at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainingneet/latest>

2. People in full-time education are employed if they have a part-time job or unemployed if they are looking for part-time employment.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployment.

REDUNDANCIES

22 Redundancies levels and rates¹

United Kingdom, (seasonally adjusted)

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Dec-Feb 2017	106	3.9	66	4.8	40	3.0
Dec-Feb 2018	97	3.6	55	4.0	42	3.1
Mar-May 2018	95	3.5	49	3.6	46	3.4
Jun-Aug 2018	90	3.3	49	3.5	40	3.0
Sep-Nov 2018	91	3.3	46	3.3	45	3.4
Dec-Feb 2019	88	3.2	56	4.0	32	2.4
Change on quarter	-3	-0.1	10	0.7	-13	-1.0
Change %	-3.7		22.2		-29.6	
Change on year	-10	-0.4	0	0.0	-10	-0.8
Change %	-9.9		0.4		-23.6	

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1. The redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the seasonally adjusted number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.