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An overview of the latest labour market statistics for Scotland.



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Labour market update: October 2020

This update provides an overview of the Scottish labour market from the latest regional labour market statistics and UK labour market statistics published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Data covers
Jun-Aug 2020

Unemployment (16+)

Number of unemployed individuals as a proportion of the total number of economically active people (unemployed + employed).

Across the UK
seasonally adjusted

North East	6.6%
London	5.3%
West Midlands	4.6%
England	4.5%
Scotland	4.5%
UK	4.5%
East Midlands	4.4%
North West	4.3%
Yorks. & Hum.	4.2%
East	4.1%
South West	4.1%
South East	4.1%
Wales	3.8%
N. Ireland	3.7%

Employment (16-64)

Number of people in employment expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

South East	79.1%
East	77.4%
South West	76.7%
London	76.1%
England	76.0%
UK	75.6%
East Midlands	75.4%
North West	75.2%
West Midlands	74.5%
Yorks. & Hum.	74.1%
Scotland	73.9%
Wales	72.7%
North East	71.8%
N. Ireland	70.6%

Inactivity (16-64)

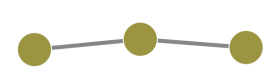
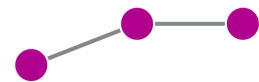
Number of people economically inactive expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

N. Ireland	26.6%
Wales	24.4%
North East	22.9%
Yorks. & Hum.	22.6%
Scotland	22.6%
West Midlands	21.8%
North West	21.3%
East Midlands	21.0%
UK	20.8%
England	20.3%
South West	19.8%
London	19.8%
East	19.1%
South East	17.4%

Headline figures seasonally adjusted

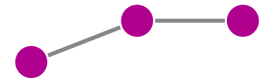
All people

	Jun-Aug 2019	Feb-Apr 2020	Jun-Aug 2020		Jun-Aug 2019	Feb-Apr 2020	Jun-Aug 2020		Jun-Aug 2019	Feb-Apr 2020	Jun-Aug 2020
Unemployment	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	Employment	74.3%	73.5%	73.9%	Inactivity	22.5%	23.0%	22.6%



Women

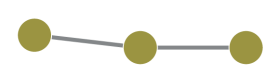
Unemployment	3.6%	4.4%	4.4%
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Employment	71.1%	71.1%	71.2%
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Inactivity	26.2%	25.6%	25.6%
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Men

Unemployment	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%
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Employment	77.7%	75.9%	76.7%
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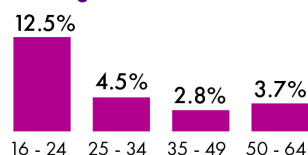


Inactivity	18.6%	20.3%	19.4%
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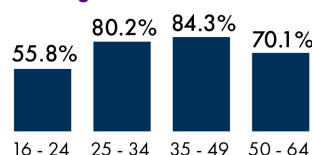


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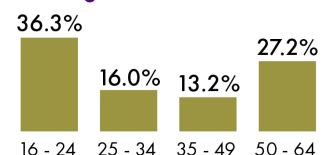
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UK labour market: September 2020 and Labour market in the regions of the UK: September 2020

Unemployment rates by Scottish Parliament constituency and region

All data is for - Jul 2019-Jun 2020

Central Scotland

Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	12.5%
Coatbridge & Chryston	7.3%
Falkirk West	5.7%
Central Scotland	4.7%
Uddingston & Bellshill	3.8%
Airdrie & Shotts	3.4%
Scotland	3.3%
Motherwell & Wishaw	3.0%
Falkirk East	2.9%
East Kilbride	N/A
Hamilton, Larkhall & Stonehouse	N/A

Glasgow

Glas. Maryhill & Springb.	6.5%
Glasgow Southside	6.2%
Glasgow Cathcart	4.4%
Glasgow Kelvin	3.8%
Glasgow	3.7%
Scotland	3.3%
Glasgow Pollok	2.9%
Glasgow Anniesland	N/A
Glasgow Provan	N/A
Glasgow Shettleston	N/A
Rutherglen	N/A

Highlands & Islands

Caithness, Sutherland & Ross	4.8%
Scotland	3.3%
Skye, Lochaber & Badenoch	3.2%
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	2.6%
Moray	2.4%
Argyll & Bute	2.1%
Highlands & Islands	2.1%
Inverness & Nairn	N/A
Shetland Islands	N/A
Orkney Islands	N/A

Lothian

Edinburgh Eastern	4.8%
Edinburgh Central	4.7%
Almond Valley	3.9%
Edinburgh Northern & Leith	3.8%
Scotland	3.3%
Lothian	3.0%
Linlithgow	2.3%
Midlothian North & Musselburgh	2.0%
Edinburgh Southern	N/A
Edinburgh Pentlands	N/A
Edinburgh Western	N/A

Mid Scotland & Fife

Kirkcaldy	8.7%
Perthshire South & Kinrossshire	4.5%
Cowdenbeath	4.3%
Mid Scotland & Fife	4.0%
Dunfermline	3.4%
Scotland	3.3%
Perthshire North	3.1%
Clackmannanshire & Dunblane	2.8%
Stirling	1.8%
Mid Fife & Glenrothes	N/A
North East Fife	N/A

North East

Aberdeen S. & N. Kincardine	4.3%
Dundee City West	3.7%
Scotland	3.3%
Dundee City East	3.3%
Aberdeenshire West	2.8%
Aberdeen Central	2.7%
North East Scotland	2.5%
Banffshire & Buchan Coast	2.0%
Angus North & Mearns	1.8%
Angus South	1.3%
Aberdeen Donside	N/A
Aberdeenshire East	N/A

South Scotland

Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	4.8%
Ayr	4.3%
Scotland	3.3%
Kilmarnock & Irvine Valley	2.9%
South Scotland	2.4%
Galloway & West Dumfries	2.3%
Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale	1.8%
East Lothian	1.3%
Clydesdale	N/A
Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire	N/A
Dumfriesshire	N/A

West Scotland

Cunningham South	5.9%
Paisley	5.9%
Cunningham North	5.2%
Greenock & Inverclyde	4.6%
Dumbarton	4.3%
West Scotland	3.7%
Scotland	3.3%
Renfrewshire North & West	3.2%
Clydebank & Milngavie	2.7%
Renfrewshire South	2.6%
Eastwood	1.8%
Strathkelvin & Bearsden	1.5%

*This data is from the resident analysis of the APS, meaning the rate is for those who live in the constituency.

*The Scotland rate used for this data is different from the earlier quoted figure as it covers a different time period.

Annual Population Survey via nomis

The constituency data is available on [the Scottish Parliament website](https://www.scottish.parliament.uk/).

Data

Table 1: Unemployment, employment and inactivity rates by nation and region of the UK

	Unemployment (16+) %	Employment (16-64) %	Inactivity (16-64) %
United Kingdom	4.5	75.6	20.8
England	4.5	76.0	20.3
North East	6.6	71.8	22.9
North West	4.3	75.2	21.3
Yorkshire and The Humber	4.2	74.1	22.6
East Midlands	4.4	75.4	21.0
West Midlands	4.6	74.5	21.8
East	4.1	77.4	19.1
London	5.3	76.1	19.8
South East	4.1	79.1	17.4
South West	4.1	76.7	19.8
Wales	3.8	72.7	24.4
Scotland	4.5	73.9	22.6
Northern Ireland	3.7	70.6	26.6

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Table 2: Overall unemployment, employment and inactivity rate - May to July 2020

	Current quarter	Previous quarter	Same quarter last year
Unemployment (16+)	4.5	4.5	4.1
Employment (16-64)	73.9	73.5	74.3
Inactivity (16-64)	22.6	23.0	22.5

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Table 3: Unemployment, employment and inactivity rates for women - May to July 2020

	Current quarter	Previous quarter	Same quarter last year
Unemployment (16+)	4.4	4.4	3.6
Employment (16-64)	74.4	74.4	73.8
Inactivity (16-64)	25.6	25.6	26.2

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Table 4: Unemployment, employment and inactivity rates for men - May to July 2020

Men	Current quarter	Previous quarter	Same quarter last year
Unemployment (16+)	4.6	4.6	4.5
Employment (16-64)	76.7	75.9	77.7
Inactivity (16-64)	19.4	20.3	18.6

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Table 5: Unemployment, employment and inactivity rates by age - May to July 2020

	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64
Unemployment	12.5	4.5	2.8	3.7
Employment	55.8	80.2	84.3	70.1
Inactivity	36.3	16.0	13.2	27.2

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