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An overview of the latest labour market statistics for Scotland.



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Labour market update: September 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
May-Jul 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	5.2%
London	5.0%
Scotland	4.6%
East Midlands	4.4%
West Midlands	4.4%
England	4.1%
United Kingdom	4.1%
Yorks. & The Hum.	4.0%
South West	3.8%
East	3.7%
North West	3.5%
South East	3.5%
Wales	3.1%
N. Ireland	2.9%

Employment (16-64)

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

South East	79.6%
East	78.2%
South West	77.8%
London	77.0%
England	77.0%
East Midlands	77.0%
United Kingdom	76.5%
North West	76.1%
West Midlands	75.2%
Yorks. & The Hum.	74.8%
Wales	74.7%
North East	74.6%
Scotland	74.3%
N. Ireland	71.5%

Inactivity (16-64)

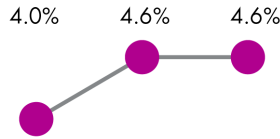
Number of people economically inactive expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

N. Ireland	26.3%
Wales	22.9%
Yorks. & The Hum.	22.0%
Scotland	22.0%
North East	21.4%
West Midlands	21.3%
North West	21.0%
United Kingdom	20.2%
England	19.6%
East Midlands	19.4%
South West	19.0%
London	18.9%
East	18.6%
South East	17.4%

Headline figures seasonally adjusted

All people

May-Jul 2019	Feb-Apr 2020	May-Jul 2020
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Women

May-Jul 2019	Feb-Apr 2020	May-Jul 2020
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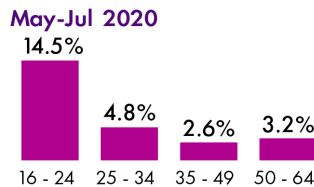
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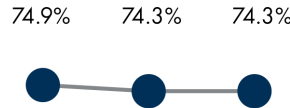


Age Not seasonally adjusted

(Not designated as National Statistics)



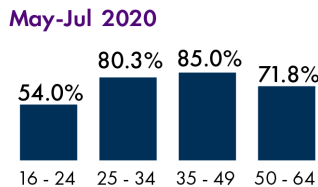
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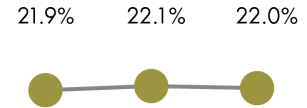
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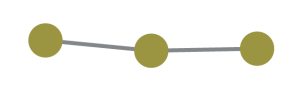
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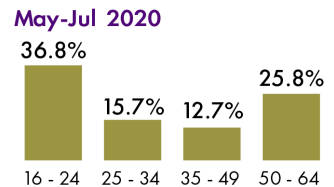
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Data

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

	Unemployment (16+)	Employment (16-64)	Inactivity (16-64)
United Kingdom	4.1	76.5	20.2
England	4.1	77.0	19.6
North East	5.2	74.6	21.4
North West	3.5	76.1	21.0
Yorkshire and The Humber	4.0	74.8	22.0
East Midlands	4.4	77.0	19.4
West Midlands	4.4	75.2	21.3
East	3.7	78.2	18.6
London	5.0	77.0	18.9
South East	3.5	79.6	17.4
South West	3.8	77.8	19.0
Wales	3.1	74.7	22.9
Scotland	4.6	74.3	22.0
Northern Ireland	2.9	71.5	26.3

[UK labour market: September 2020](#)

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

	Current quarter	Previous quarter	Same quarter last year
Unemployment (16+)	4.6	4.6	4.0
Employment (16-64)	74.3	74.3	74.9
Inactivity (16-64)	22	22.1	21.9

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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+)	4.2	4.5	3.5
Employment (16-64)	71.6	71.5	71.7
Inactivity (16-64)	25.2	25.1	25.6

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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+)	5.1	4.6	4.3
Employment (16-64)	77.2	77.2	78.3
Inactivity (16-64)	18.6	19	18

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Table 5: Unemployment, employment and inactivity rates for women - May to July 2020

	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64
Unemployment	14.5	4.8	2.6	3.2
Employment	54.0	80.3	85.0	71.8
Inactivity	36.8	15.7	12.7	25.8

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