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Labour market update: May 2021

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This infographic looks at the latest labour market data for Scotland from the Office for National Statistics.



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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 Jan-Mar 2021	Uner	nployr (16+)	nent	Em	ploym (16-64)	ent	Ir	nactivi (16-64)	Y
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Headline figures seasonally adjusted	Jan-Mar 2020	Oct-Dec 2020	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2020	Oct-Dec 2020	Jan-Mar 2021	Jan-Mar 2020	Oct-Dec 2020	Jan-Mar 2021
All people	4.2%	4.5%	4.3%	74.5%	73.7%	74.4%	22.2%	22.8%	22.2%
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Women	4.2%	3.5%	4.3%	71.8%	71.9%	72.2%	25.0%	25.5%	24.5%
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Men	4.2%	5.4%	4.2%	77.3%	75.6%	76.7%	19.3%	20.0%	19.8%
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(Not designated as National Statistics)		.3% 3.7%			5 - 34 35 - 4	49 50-64		3.0% 12.6 5 - 34 35 - 4	

Source: Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2021

Employment rates by Scottish Parliament constituency and region All data is for - Jan 2020 to Dec 2020

80.5%

77.6%

74.9%

74.3%

74.3%

73.5%

72.9%

72.7%

72.5%

69.9%

60.4%

85.1% 78.2% 74.8% 74.2% 74.0% 73.6% 73.5% 73.0% 71.3% 65.5% 59.0%

81.0% 76.8% 76.6% 75.4% 73.8% 73.7% 73.5% 72.7% 71.5% 69.9% 65.7%

Central Scotland

Hamilton, Larkhall & Stonehouse
Falkirk West
Motherwell & Wishaw
Uddingston & Bellshill
Coatbridge & Chryston
Scotland
Central Scotland
Falkirk East
Airdrie & Shotts
East Kilbride
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth

Highlands & Islands

Inverness & Nairn	83.7%
Orkney Islands	82.4%
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	81.0%
Argyll & Bute	77.8%
Highlands & Islands	77.5%
Moray	75.9%
Shetland Islands	75.2%
Caithness, Sutherland & Ross	74.7%
Scotland	73.5%
Skye, Lochaber & Badenoch	72.7%

Mid Scotland & Fife

Dunfermline	
Perthshire North	
Mid Fife & Glenrothes	
Clackmannanshire & Dunblane	
Stirling	
Perthshire South & Kinrossshire	
Scotland	
Mid Scotland & Fife	
North East Fife	
Cowdenbeath	
Kirkcaldy	

South Scotland

Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale
Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire
Clydesdale
East Lothian
South Scotland
Kilmarnock & Irvine Valley
Scotland
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley
Ayr
Dumfriesshire
Galloway & West Dumfries

Glasgow **Glasgow** Cathcart 82.3% Glasgow Kelvin 80.1% Rutherglen 79.6% Glasgow Provan 77.8% Glasgow Shettleston 73.9% 73.5% Scotland

Glasgow	70.6%
Glasgow Pollok	66.8%
Glasgow Maryhill & Springburn	58.2%
Glasgow Anniesland	57.5%
Glasgow Southside	55.7%

Lothian

Edinburgh Northern & Leith	77.4%
Midlothian North & Musselburgh	76.0%
Linlithgow	75.6%
Edinburgh Western	75.0%
Edinburgh Southern	74.8%
Lothian	74.4%
Edinburgh Pentlands	73.7%
Scotland	73.5%
Almond Valley	73.5%
Edinburgh Eastern	71.5%
Edinburgh Central	70.0%

North East

,	Banffshire & Buchan Coast	79.7%
,	Angus North & Mearns	77.2%
,	Aberdeenshire East	77.0%
	Aberdeenshire West	76.8%
,	North East Scotland	74.3%
)	Aberdeen Donside	74.3%
)	Dundee City East	74.2%
)	Scotland	73.5%
)	Aberdeen Central	73.3%
)	Angus South	73.1%
,	Aberdeen South & North Kincardine	70.1%
,	Dundee City West	69.2%

West Scotland

Renfrewshire No	rth & West	81.7%
Strathkelvin & Be	arsden	76.9%
Renfrewshire Sou	Jth	75.9%
Dumbarton		75.5%
Eastwood		74.7%
Scotland		73.5%
Cunninghame N	orth	73.2%
West Scotland		72.8%
Paisley		70.7%
Clydebank & Mi	Ingavie	69.8%
Greenock & Inve	erclyde	67.8%
Cunninghame So	outh	62.2%

*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.

Source: Annual population survey via Nomis

Data

Table 1: labour market indicators	s rates by nation and region of the UK (%)
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	Employment	Unemployment	Inactivity
London	74.8	6.8	19.7
West Midlands	74.2	5.7	21.3
North East	72.2	5.4	23.5
North West	73.5	5.0	22.6
England	75.5	4.9	20.6
East Midlands	75.3	4.9	20.8
United Kingdom	75.2	4.8	21.0
Yorkshire and The Humber	73.7	4.6	22.6
Wales	74.0	4.4	22.5
Scotland	74.4	4.3	22.2
South West	76.7	3.9	20.0
East	78.0	3.9	18.8
Northern Ireland	69.1	3.6	28.3
South East	78.5	3.4	18.7

Source: UK labour market: May 2021

Table 2: labour market indicators rates for all people in Scotland (%)

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest Quarter
Unemployment	4.2	4.5	4.3
Employment	74.5	73.7	74.4
Inactivity	22.2	22.8	22.2

Source: Labour market in the regions of the UK; May 2021

Table 3: labour market indicators rates for women in Scotland (%)

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest Quarter
Unemployment	4.2	3.5	4.3
Employment	71.8	71.9	72.2
Inactivity	25.0	25.5	24.5

Source: Labour market in the regions of the UK; May 2021

Table 4: labour market indicators rates for men in Scotland (%)

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest Quarter
Unemployment	4.2	5.4	4.2
Employment	77.3	75.6	76.7
Inactivity	19.3	20.0	19.8

Source: Labour market in the regions of the UK; May 2021

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Table 5: labour market indicators rates by age in Scotland (%)

	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64
Employment	54.5	84.2	84.2	68.9
Unemployment	8.0	3.3	3.7	4.1
Inactivity	40.8	13.0	12.6	28.1

Source: Labour market in the regions of the UK; May 2021

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