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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

Unemployment (16+)

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

Across the UK seasonally adjusted

London	6.8%
West Midlands	5.7%
North East	5.4%
North West	5.0%
England	4.9%
East Midlands	4.9%
United Kingdom	4.8%
Yorks. & Hum.	4.6%
Wales	4.4%
Scotland	4.3%
South West	3.9%
East	3.9%
N. Ireland	3.6%
South East	3.4%

Employment (16-64)

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

South East	78.5%
East	78.0%
South West	76.7%
England	75.5%
East Midlands	75.3%
United Kingdom	75.2%
London	74.8%
Scotland	74.4%
West Midlands	74.2%
Wales	74.0%
Yorks. & Hum.	73.7%
North West	73.5%
North East	72.2%
N. Ireland	69.1%

Inactivity (16-64)

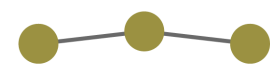
Number of people economically inactive expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

N. Ireland	28.3%
North East	23.5%
Yorks. & Hum.	22.6%
North West	22.6%
Wales	22.5%
Scotland	22.2%
West Midlands	21.3%
United Kingdom	21.0%
East Midlands	20.8%
England	20.6%
South West	20.0%
London	19.7%
East	18.8%
South East	18.7%

Headline figures seasonally adjusted

All people

	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%



Women

Unemployment	4.2%	3.5%	4.3%
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Employment	71.8%	71.9%	72.2%
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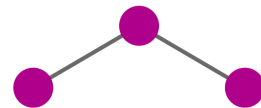


Inactivity	25.0%	25.5%	24.5%
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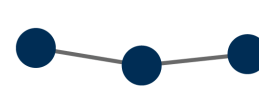


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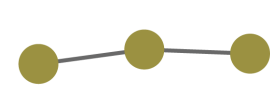
Unemployment	4.2%	5.4%	4.2%
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Employment	77.3%	75.6%	76.7%
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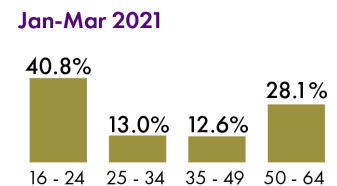
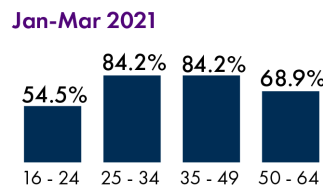
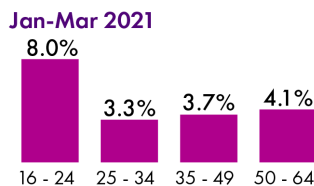
Inactivity	19.3%	20.0%	19.8%
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Age

Not seasonally adjusted

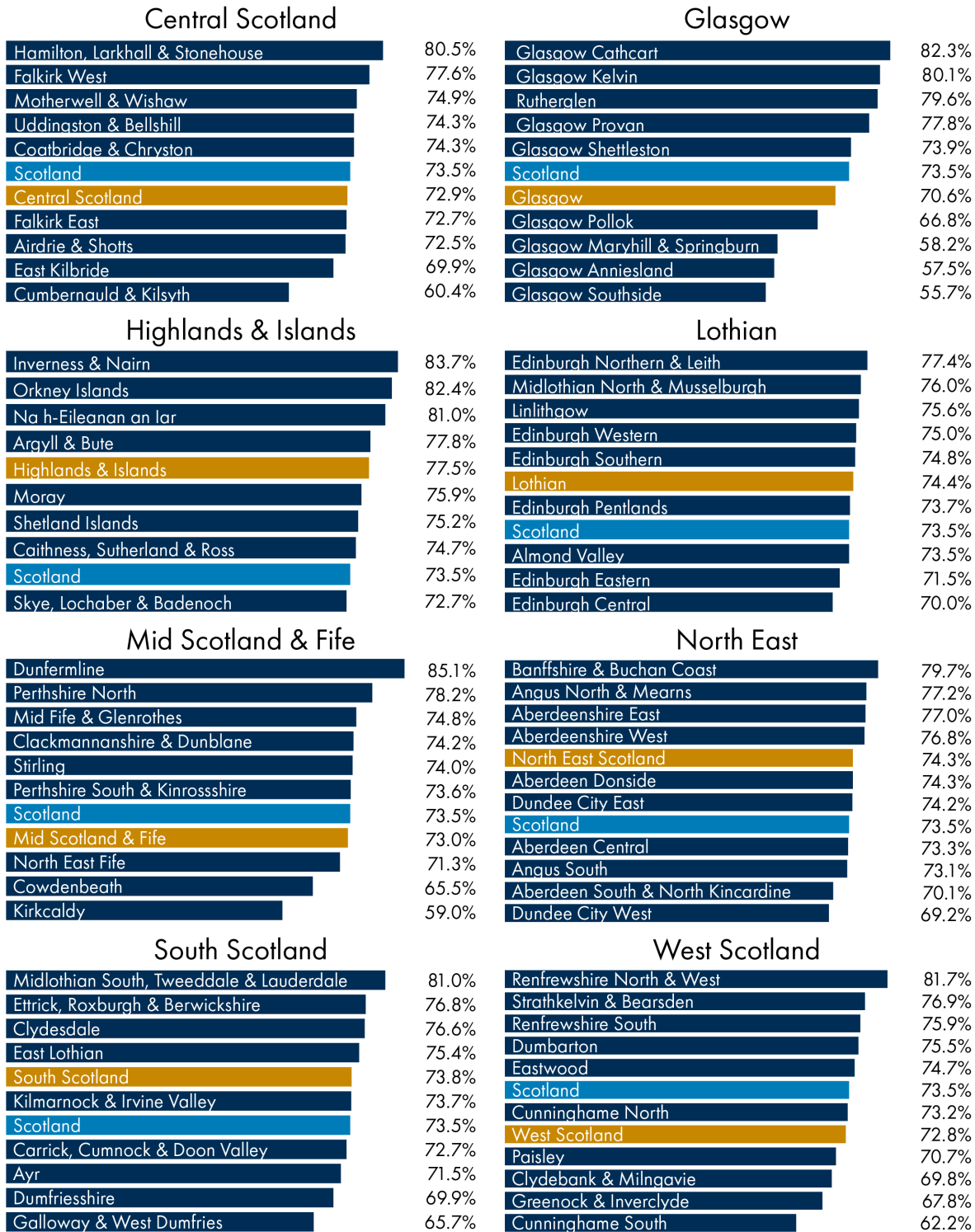
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Source: Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2021

Employment rates by Scottish Parliament constituency and region

All data is for - Jan 2020 to Dec 2020



*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 rates by nation and region of the UK (%)

	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](#)

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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