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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
Mar-May 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	6.5%
North East	5.8%
West Midlands	5.7%
Yorks. & Hum	5.0%
England	5.0%
North West	4.9%
East Midlands	4.9%
United Kingdom	4.8%
Scotland	4.4%
South East	4.1%
East	4.0%
Wales	3.9%
South West	3.7%
N. Ireland	3.6%

Employment (16-64)

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

South East	77.7%
East	77.6%
South West	77.0%
England	75.1%
East Midlands	74.8%
United Kingdom	74.8%
London	74.5%
Scotland	74.0%
West Midlands	74.0%
Wales	73.6%
North West	73.0%
Yorks. & Hum	72.9%
North East	72.0%
N. Ireland	70.3%

Inactivity (16-64)

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

N. Ireland	27.1%
North East	23.6%
Wales	23.4%
Yorks. & Hum	23.2%
North West	23.2%
Scotland	22.6%
West Midlands	21.4%
United Kingdom	21.3%
East Midlands	21.3%
England	20.9%
London	20.2%
South West	20.0%
East	19.1%
South East	18.9%

Headline figures seasonally adjusted

All people

	Mar-May 2020	Dec-Feb 2021	Mar-May 2021
Unemployment	4.5%	4.6%	4.4%
Employment	73.7%	74.4%	74.0%
Inactivity	22.7%	22.0%	22.6%

Women

Unemployment	4.4%	4.4%	3.8%
Employment	71.4%	72.8%	72.4%
Inactivity	25.3%	23.8%	24.7%

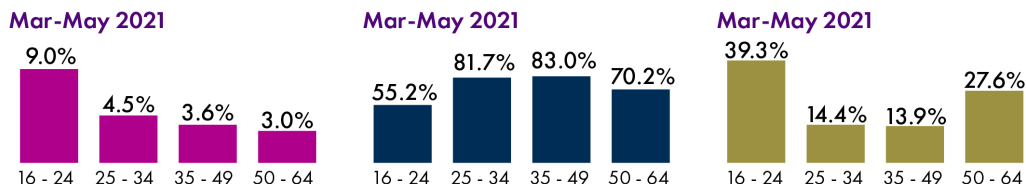
Men

Unemployment	4.6%	4.7%	5.0%
Employment	76.1%	76.0%	75.6%
Inactivity	20.1%	20.1%	20.4%

Age

Not seasonally adjusted

(Not designated as National Statistics)



Source: Labour market overview: July 2021 and Labour market in the regions of the UK: July 2021

Unemployment rates by Scottish Parliament constituency and region

All data is for - Jan 2020-Dec 2020

Central Scotland

Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	9.2%
Airdrie & Shotts	6.6%
Coatbridge & Chryston	6.6%
East Kilbride	6.3%
Falkirk West	5.5%
Central Scotland	5.2%
Falkirk East	4.4%
Scotland	4.3%
Uddingston & Bellshill	4.0%
Hamilton, Larkhall & Stonehouse	3.1%
Motherwell & Wishaw	N/A

Glasgow

Glasgow Maryhill & Springburn	8.8%
Glasgow Pollok	6.9%
Glasgow	4.3%
Scotland	4.3%
Glasgow Cathcart	2.9%
Glasgow Anniesland	N/A
Glasgow Southside	N/A
Glasgow Shettleston	N/A
Glasgow Provan	N/A
Rutherglen	N/A
Glasgow Kelvin	N/A

Highlands & Islands

Skye, Lochaber & Badenoch	5.0%
Scotland	4.3%
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	3.7%
Moray	2.7%
Highlands & Islands	2.5%
Argyll & Bute	2.2%
Shetland Islands	N/A
Caithness, Sutherland & Ross	N/A
Inverness & Nairn	N/A
Orkney Islands	N/A

Lothian

Edinburgh Pentlands	6.7%
Edinburgh Central	6.6%
Scotland	4.3%
Edinburgh Eastern	3.9%
Lothian	3.8%
Midlothian North & Musselburgh	3.7%
Almond Valley	3.6%
Edinburgh Northern & Leith	3.0%
Linlithgow	2.7%
Edinburgh Western	N/A
Edinburgh Southern	N/A

Mid Scotland & Fife

North East Fife	11.4%
Cowdenbeath	8.6%
Perthshire South & Kinross	6.3%
Kirkcaldy	5.3%
Mid Scotland & Fife	5.3%
Clackmannanshire & Dunblane	4.9%
Scotland	4.3%
Perthshire North	3.3%
Stirling	3.0%
Dunfermline	2.7%
Mid Fife & Glenrothes	N/A

North East

Aberdeen South & North Kincardine	7.7%
Dundee City West	7.6%
Aberdeen Donside	6.4%
Aberdeen Central	5.5%
North East Scotland	4.8%
Dundee City East	4.4%
Scotland	4.3%
Anas South	4.0%
Banffshire & Buchan Coast	3.5%
Aberdeenshire West	3.1%
Aberdeenshire East	3.0%
Anas North & Mearns	1.8%

South Scotland

Galloway & West Dumfries	8.1%
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	6.1%
Scotland	4.3%
Ayr	4.1%
Dumfriesshire	3.9%
South Scotland	3.6%
Kilmarnock & Irvine Valley	3.4%
East Lothian	3.3%
Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale	1.3%
Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire	N/A
Clydesdale	N/A

West Scotland

Paisley	8.8%
Cunninghame South	6.6%
Greenock & Inverclyde	5.7%
Clydebank & Milngavie	4.5%
West Scotland	4.3%
Scotland	4.3%
Cunninghame North	3.9%
Dumbarton	3.3%
Eastwood	2.7%
Renfrewshire North & West	2.6%
Renfrewshire South	2.4%
Strathkelvin & Bearsden	2.3%

*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
South East	77.7	4.1	18.9
East	77.6	4.0	19.1
South West	77.0	3.7	20.0
England	75.1	5.0	20.9
East Midlands	74.8	4.9	21.3
United Kingdom	74.8	4.8	21.3
London	74.5	6.5	20.2
Scotland	74.0	4.4	22.6
West Midlands	74.0	5.7	21.4
Wales	73.6	3.9	23.4
North West	73.0	4.9	23.2
Yorkshire and The Humber	72.9	5.0	23.2
North East	72.0	5.8	23.6
Northern Ireland	70.3	3.6	27.1

Source: [Labour market overview: July 2021](#)

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

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.5	4.6	4.4
Employment	73.7	74.4	74.0
Inactivity	22.7	22.0	22.6

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: July 2021](#)

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

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.4	4.4	3.8
Employment	71.4	72.8	72.4
Inactivity	25.3	23.8	24.7

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: July 2021](#)

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

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.6	4.7	5.0
Employment	76.1	76.0	75.6
Inactivity	20.1	20.1	20.4

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: July 2021](#)

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

	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64
Employment	55.2	81.7	83.0	70.2
Unemployment	9.0	4.5	3.6	3.0
Inactivity	39.3	14.4	13.9	27.6

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: July 2021](#)

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