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Labour market update: May 2022

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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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Labour market update: May 2022

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 2022

Unemployment (16+)

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

North East	5.0%
London	4.7%
West Midlands	4.6%
North West	4.3%
Yorks. & Hum.	4.0%
England	3.9%
United Kingdom	3.7%
East	3.4%
South East	3.2%
Scotland	3.2%
Wales	3.0%
South West	2.9%
East Midlands	2.7%
N. Ireland	2.3%

Across the UK seasonally adjusted

Employment (16-64)

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

South West	79.1%
South East	78.3%
East	77.9%
West Midlands	76.1%
East Midlands	76.0%
England	75.9%
United Kingdom	75.7%
Scotland	75.6%
London	75.2%
Wales	74.1%
Yorks. & Hum.	73.1%
North West	73.1%
N. Ireland	72.2%
North East	70.9%

Inactivity (16-64)

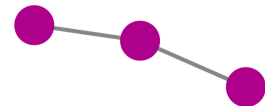
Number of people economically inactive expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

N. Ireland	26.0%
North East	25.2%
Yorks. & Hum.	23.7%
Wales	23.6%
North West	23.5%
Scotland	21.9%
East Midlands	21.9%
United Kingdom	21.4%
England	21.0%
London	21.0%
West Midlands	20.3%
East	19.3%
South East	19.0%
South West	18.5%

Headline figures seasonally adjusted

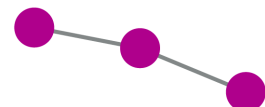
All people

Jan-Mar 2021: 4.4%
Oct-Dec 2021: 4.1%
Jan-Mar 2022: 3.2%



Women

Jan-Mar 2021: 4.4%
Oct-Dec 2021: 3.6%
Jan-Mar 2022: 1.9%

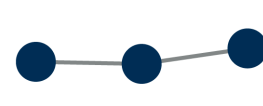


Men

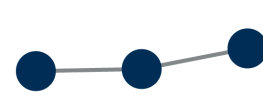
Jan-Mar 2021: 4.4%
Oct-Dec 2021: 4.5%
Jan-Mar 2022: 4.4%



Jan-Mar 2021: 74.3%
Oct-Dec 2021: 74.1%
Jan-Mar 2022: 75.6%



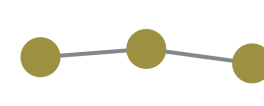
Jan-Mar 2021: 72.0%
Oct-Dec 2021: 72.2%
Jan-Mar 2022: 74.2%



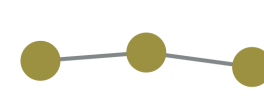
Jan-Mar 2021: 76.7%
Oct-Dec 2021: 76.2%
Jan-Mar 2022: 77.0%



Jan-Mar 2021: 22.2%
Oct-Dec 2021: 22.6%
Jan-Mar 2022: 21.9%



Jan-Mar 2021: 24.6%
Oct-Dec 2021: 25.0%
Jan-Mar 2022: 24.3%



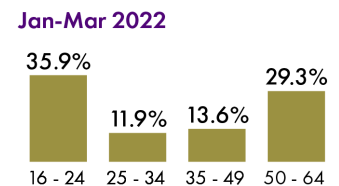
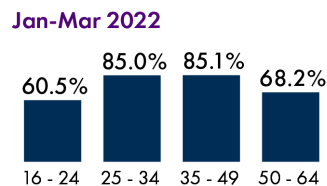
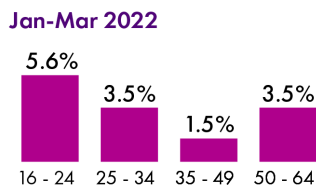
Jan-Mar 2021: 19.7%
Oct-Dec 2021: 20.1%
Jan-Mar 2022: 19.4%



Age

Not seasonally adjusted

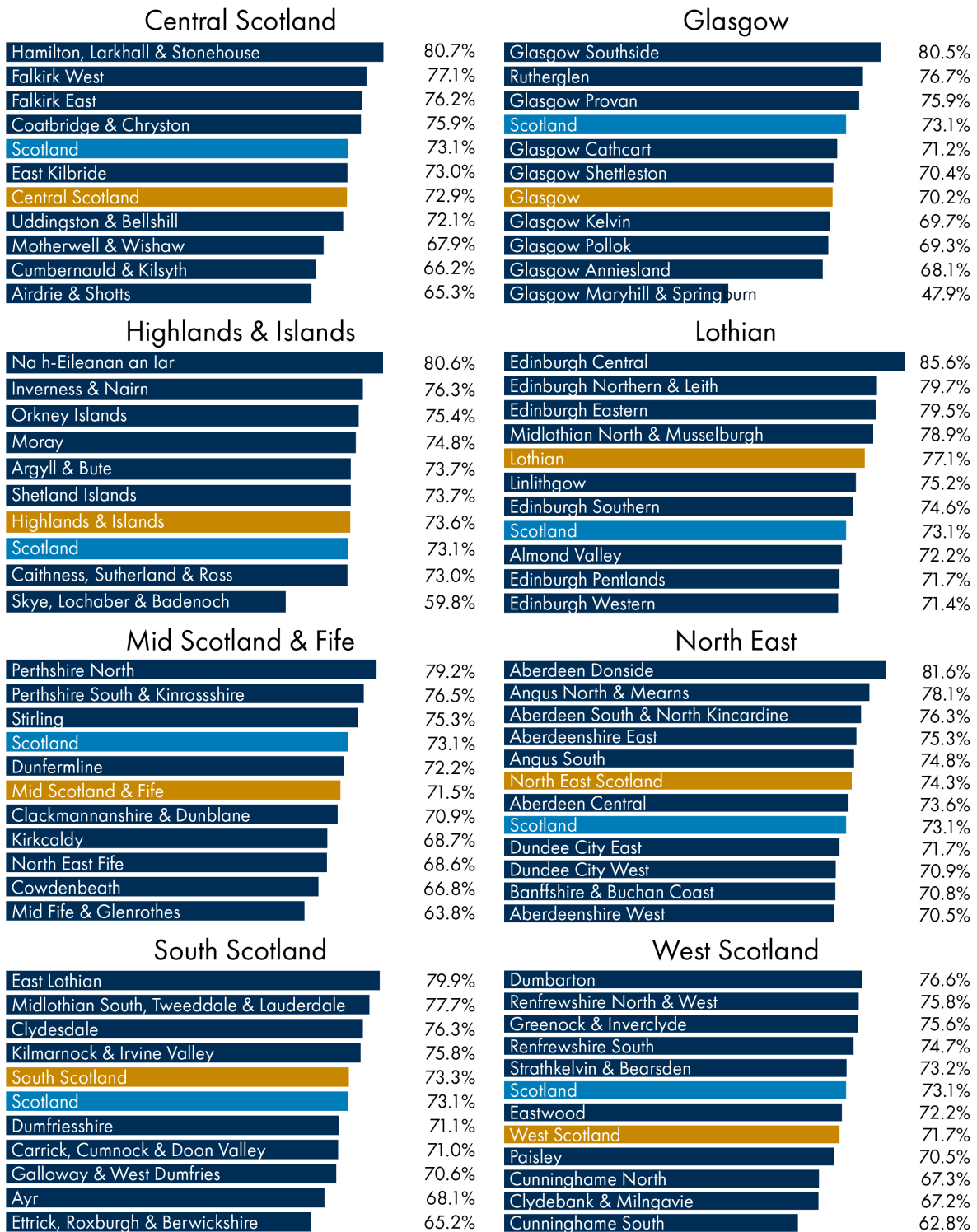
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Source: UK labour market: May 2022 and Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2022

Employment rates by Scottish Parliament constituency and region

All data is for - Jan 2021 to Dec 2021



*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.
 *The data for constituencies should be used with caution due to uncertainty of the data at smaller geographies

Source: [nomis](#)

Data

Table 1: labour market indicators rates by nation and region of the UK (%)

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Economically inactive
United Kingdom	75.7	3.7	21.4
England	75.9	3.9	21.0
North East	70.9	5.0	25.2
North West	73.1	4.3	23.5
Yorkshire and The Humber	73.1	4.0	23.7
East Midlands	76.0	2.7	21.9
West Midlands	76.1	4.6	20.3
East	77.9	3.4	19.3
London	75.2	4.7	21.0
South East	78.3	3.2	19.0
South West	79.1	2.9	18.5
Wales	74.1	3.0	23.6
Scotland	75.6	3.2	21.9
Northern Ireland	72.2	2.3	26.0

Source: [UK labour market: May 2022](#)

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

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.4	4.1	3.2
Employment	74.3	74.1	75.6
Inactivity	22.2	22.6	21.9

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2022](#)

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

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.4	3.6	1.9
Employment	72.0	72.2	74.2
Inactivity	24.6	25.0	24.3

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK : May 2022](#)

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

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.4	4.5	4.4
Employment	76.7	76.2	77.0
Inactivity	19.7	20.1	19.4

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2022](#)

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

	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64
Employment	60.5	85.0	85.1	68.2
Unemployment	5.6	3.5	1.5	3.5
Inactivity	35.9	11.9	13.6	29.3

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2022](#)

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