

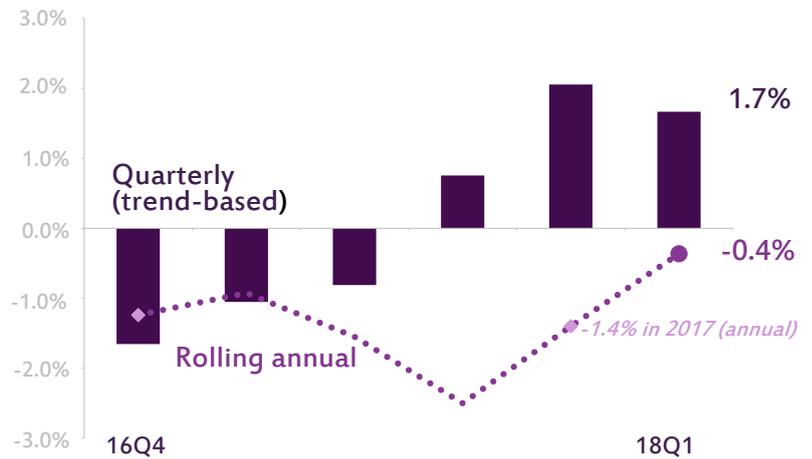
Latest Results

On a rolling annual basis, output per hour worked fell by 0.4% in the twelve months to 2018 Quarter 1.

In 2018 Quarter 1, quarterly growth in output per hour worked was 1.7% compared to 2017 Quarter 4 (trend-based).

In 2017, the latest calendar year for which data are available, productivity fell by 1.4% compared to 2016.

Growth in output per hour worked

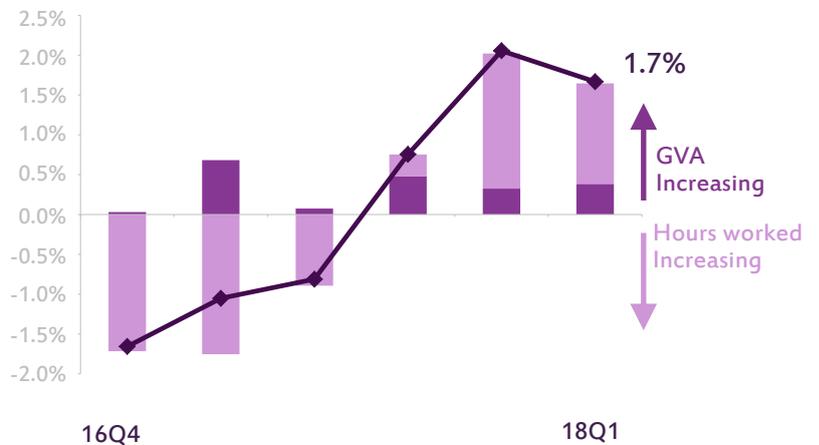


What is driving recent changes in productivity?

Productivity can be simply broken down into growth in output (GVA) *minus* growth in hours worked. Therefore, when output grows more slowly than hours, productivity falls.

In 2018 Q1, the trend in hours decreased by 1.3%, which together with an increase of 0.4% in GVA, resulting in growth of 1.7% in output per hour.

Components of productivity growth (quarterly)



Longer Term Trends

The financial crisis and recession in 2008 had a long term impact on the economy.

From 1998 to 2007, output per hour worked increased by 1.5% per year on average. Since 2007, this average rate has slowed to 0.6% per year.

In 2017, total hours worked exceeded 2007 levels to reach a record high since 1998.

Growth in productivity and its components

