

Labour Force Survey September–November 2019

74.3%

no
change

since
Jun-Aug
2019

of people aged
16 to 64 were
in employment



3.8%

down

0.3
%pt

since
Jun-Aug
2019

of people
economically
active (16 +)
were unemployed



22.7%

Up

0.2
%pt

since
Jun-Aug
2019

of people aged
16 to 64 were
economically
inactive

Inactivity rate

Employment rate

Unemployment rate

This note summarises employment, unemployment and economic Inactivity sourced from the Labour Force Survey for Scotland and the UK. These are classed as National Statistics.

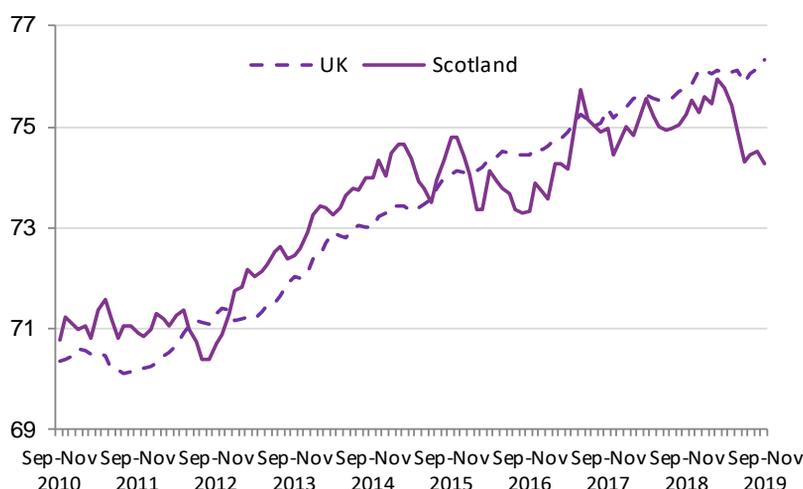
This release follows the ONS monthly release of [Regional Labour market Statistics in the UK](#)

This month data are presented for the 3 months to November 2019, compared with the quarter before (June to August 2019) and compared with a year before (September to November 2018). Please note percentage point changes are based on unrounded data.

Employment rate (16-64 years) (%)

The employment rate in Scotland was 74.3 per cent. This is no change on the quarter and 1.0 percentage points down on the year.

The UK employment rate was 76.3 per cent. This is 0.5 percentage points up on the quarter and 0.6 percentage points up on the year.



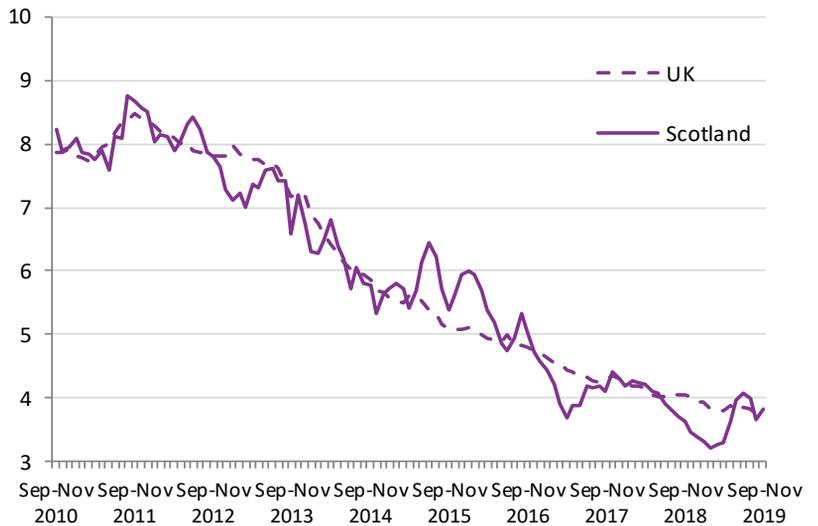
Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS, Seasonally adjusted

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The unemployment rate in Scotland was 3.8 per cent. This is 0.3 percentage points down on the quarter and 0.2 percentage points up on the year.

The UK unemployment rate was 3.8 per cent. This is no change on the quarter and 0.2 percentage points down on the year.

Unemployment rate (16 years and above) (%)

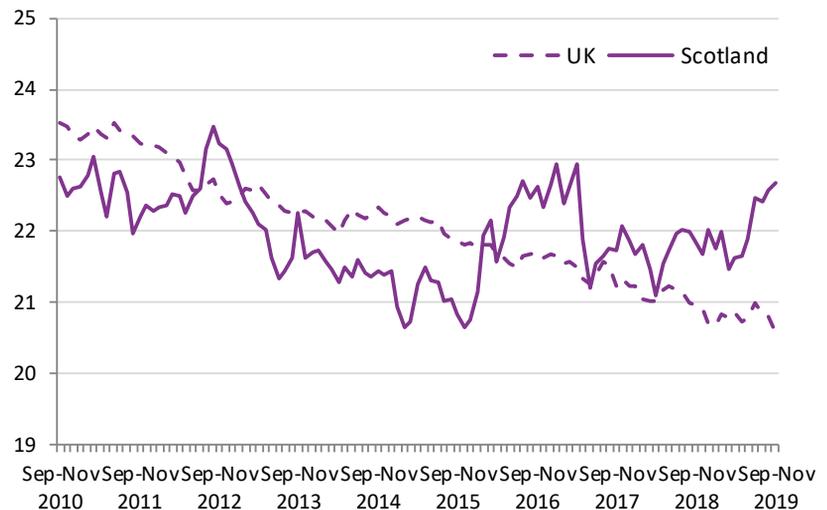


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The inactivity rate in Scotland was 22.7 per cent. This is 0.2 percentage points up on the quarter and 0.8 percentage points up on the year.

The UK inactivity rate was 20.6 per cent. This is 0.4 percentage points down on the quarter and 0.4 percentage points down on the year.

Inactivity rate (16-64 years) (%)



Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS, Seasonally adjusted

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Employment rate (%) | Change on quarter*



Unemployment rate (%) | Change on quarter*



*percentage point

Labour market statistics, Scotland and UK for Sep to Nov 2019

	Percentage point			Level (000's)		
	Rate (%)	Change on quarter Jun-Aug 2019	Change on year Sep-Nov 2018	Level ('000)	Change on quarter Jun-Aug 2019	Change on year Sep-Nov 2018
Employment¹						
Scotland	74.3	0.0	-1.0	2,654	18	-17
UK	76.3	0.5	0.6	32,901	208	359
Unemployment²						
Scotland	3.8	-0.3	0.2	105	-7	4
UK	3.8	0.0	-0.2	1,306	-7	-64
Inactivity³						
Scotland	22.7	0.2	0.8	781	8	28
UK	20.6	-0.4	-0.4	8,506	-171	-145

Labour market statistics for women Scotland and UK, Sep to Nov 2019

	Percentage point			Level (000's)		
	Rate (%)	Change on quarter Jun-Aug 2019	Change on year Sep-Nov 2018	Level ('000)	Change on quarter Jun-Aug 2019	Change on year Sep-Nov 2018
Employment¹						
Scotland	70.6	-0.5	-0.9	1,283	0	-7
UK	72.3	0.7	1.1	15,584	148	317
Unemployment²						
Scotland	3.7	0.1	0.7	49	1	9
UK	3.6	-0.1	-0.4	577	-9	-54
Inactivity³						
Scotland	26.6	0.4	0.4	469	8	6
UK	24.9	-0.6	-0.8	5,180	-131	-157

Source: Labour Force Survey, Seasonally adjusted

Note: Levels: 1,2: All persons aged 16+; 3.: All persons aged 16-64. Rates: denominator: 1,3: all persons 16-64 years; 2: economically active 16+.

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Labour market statistics for men, Scotland and UK Sep to Nov 2019

	Percentage point			Level (000's)		
	Rate (%)	Change on quarter	Change on year	Level ('000)	Change on quarter	Change on year
		Jun-Aug 2019	Sep-Nov 2018		Jun-Aug 2019	Sep-Nov 2018
Employment¹						
Scotland	78.1	0.5	-1.1	1,371	18	-10
UK	80.4	0.2	0.1	17,317	60	42
Unemployment²						
Scotland	3.9	-0.6	-0.3	56	-8	-5
UK	4.0	0.0	-0.1	729	2	-10
Inactivity³						
Scotland	18.6	0.0	1.3	312	0	22
UK	16.2	-0.2	0.0	3,326	-40	12

Source: Labour Force Survey, Seasonally adjusted

Note: Levels: 1,2: All persons aged 16+; 3.: All persons aged 16-64. Rates: Denominator: 1,3: all persons 16-64 years; 2. economically active 16+.

Source of information

Information presented are sourced from the Labour Force Survey, a survey of households collected and published by the Office for National Statistics. Further information on reliability can be accessed in the ONS publication at [link](#)

ONS note Regional estimates for the unemployment rate are quite volatile, which needs to be allowed for when considering the pattern of change over time. Sampling variability information is published at [link](#):

Where can labour market data for Scotland be accessed

Labour Force information for Scotland is also published on [nomisweb](#)

Where can youth labour market data (16-24 years) for Scotland be accessed

Latest Labour market information for young people 16-24 years for Scotland, sourced from the Annual Population Survey (October 2018 to September 2019), is published in a [quarterly release](#).

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