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	Level ('000)						Rate					
	Level	Change on Sep-Nov 2019		Change on year		Change on Dec-Feb 2008		Rate (%)	Change on Sep-Nov 2019 (%pts)		Change on year (%pts)		Change on Dec-Feb 2008 (%pt)	
Employment* (levels 16+, rates 16-64)														
Scotland	**2,689**	35	↑	1	↑	139	↑	**75.4**	1.1	↑	-0.2	↓	0.9	↑
England	**28,038**	166	↑	371	↑	3,075	↑	**77.0**	0.2	↑	0.6	↑	3.7	↑
Wales	**1,469**	-24	↓	-36	↓	105	↑	**74.0**	-0.9	↓	-1.5	↓	4.7	↑
Northern Ireland	**877**	-4	↓	17	↑	79	↑	**72.5**	-0.1	↓	1.3	↑	3.9	↑
UK	**33,073**	172	↑	352	↑	3,397	↑	**76.6**	0.2	↑	0.4	↑	3.5	↑
Unemployment (16+)**														
Scotland	**105**	-1	↓	12	↑	-26	↓	**3.7**	-0.1	↓	0.4	↑	-1.1	↓
England	**1,181**	47	↑	28	↑	-207	↓	**4.0**	0.1	↑	0.0	↔	-1.2	↓
Wales	**56**	10	↑	-15	↓	-13	↓	**3.7**	0.7	↑	-0.8	↓	-1.1	↓
Northern Ireland	**22**	2	↑	-4	↓	-12	↓	**2.5**	0.2	↑	-0.5	↓	-1.7	↓
UK	**1,364**	58	↑	22	↑	-257	↓	**4.0**	0.1	↑	0.0	↔	-1.2	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS
*Note: *Denominator = all persons aged 16-64 **Denominator = total economically active (16+)*

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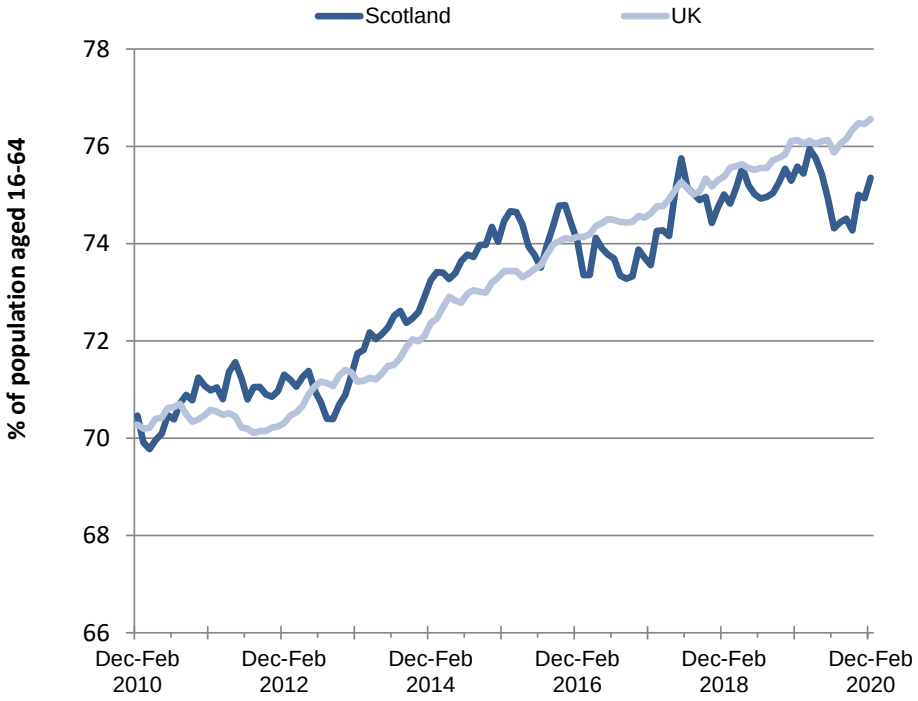

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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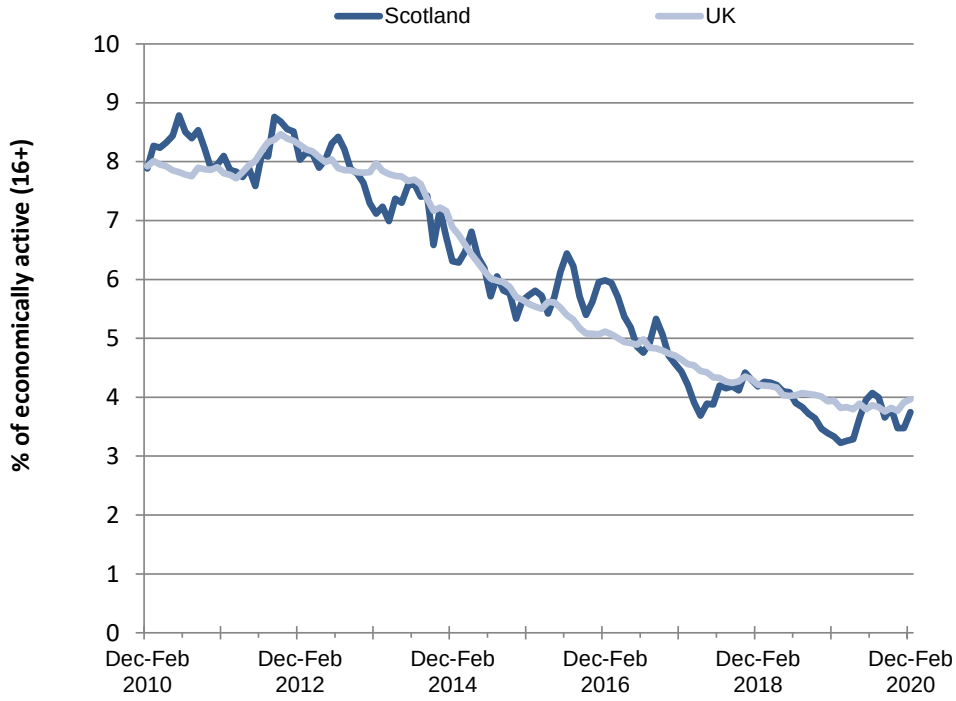

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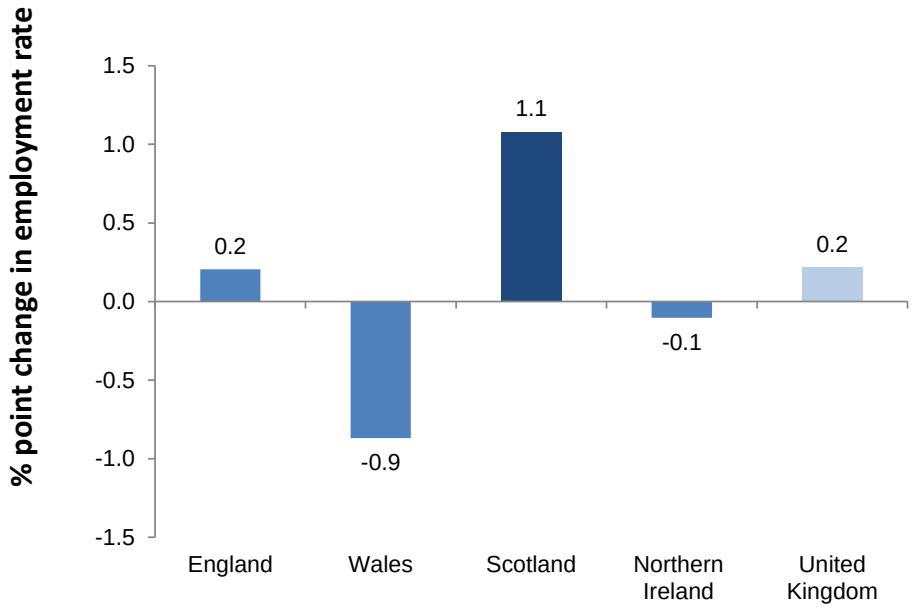

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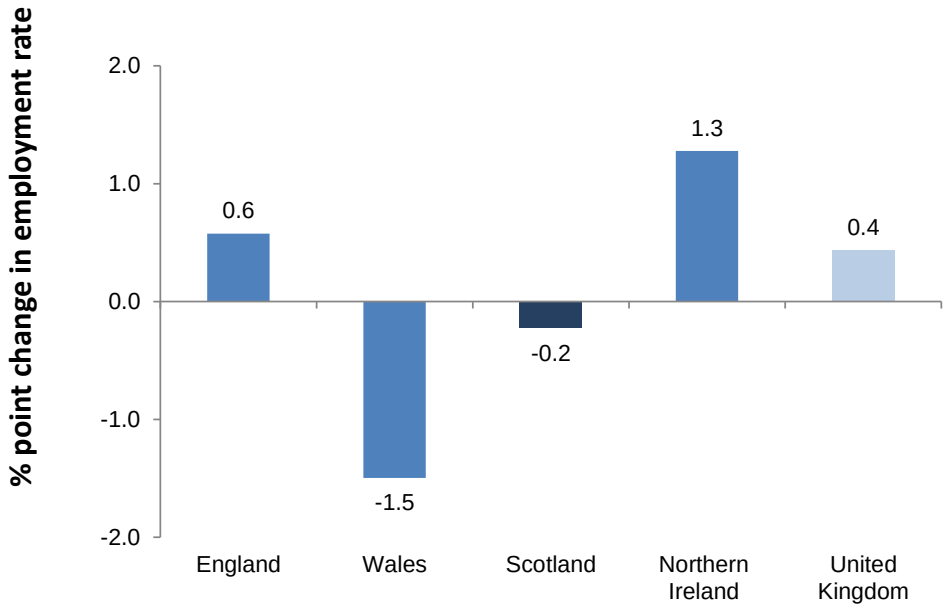

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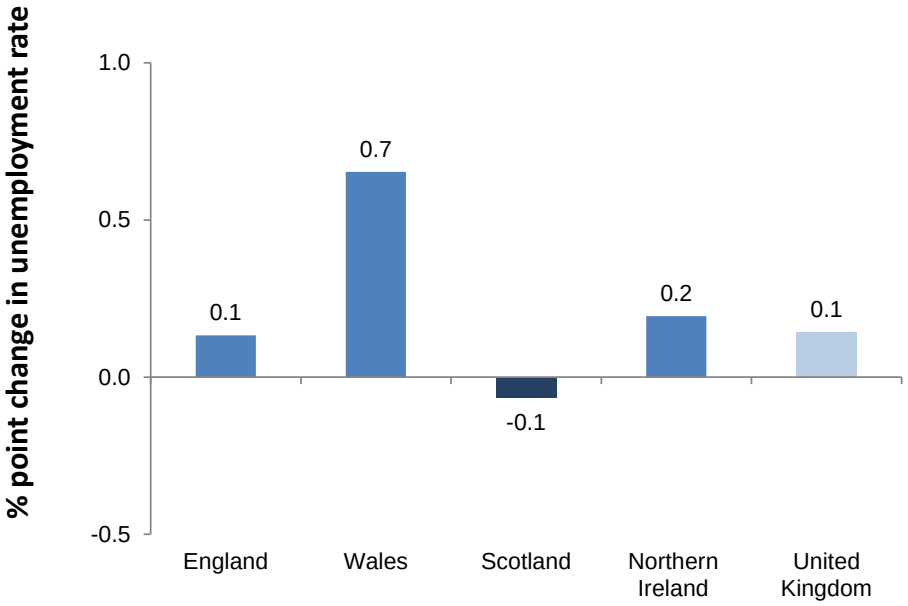

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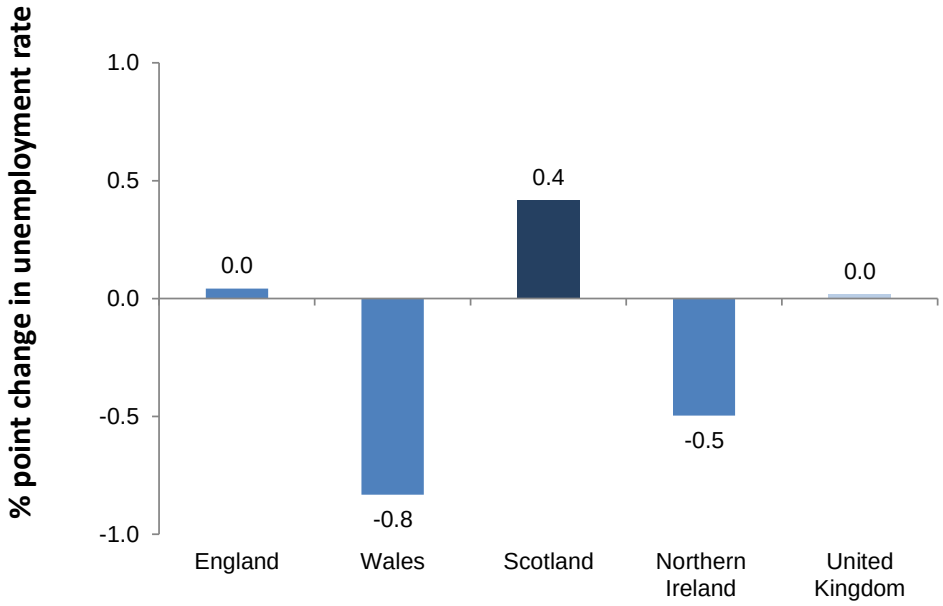

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	Level ('000)					Rate				
	Level	Change on Sep-Nov 2019		Change on year		Change on Dec-Feb 2008		Rate (%)	Change on Sep-Nov 2019 (%pts)		Change on year (%pt)		Change on Dec-Feb 2008 (%pt)	
Economic Activity* (levels 16+, rates 16-64)														
Scotland	**2,793**	34	↑	13	↑	113	↑	**78.4**	1.0	↑	0.1	↑	0.1	↑
England	**29,219**	213	↑	399	↑	2,868	↑	**80.3**	0.3	↑	0.6	↑	2.9	↑
Wales	**1,525**	-15	↓	-51	↓	92	↑	**76.9**	-0.4	↓	-2.3	↓	4.0	↑
Northern Ireland	**899**	-2	↓	13	↑	67	↑	**74.4**	0.0	↔	0.9	↑	2.8	↑
UK	**34,437**	230	↑	374	↑	3,140	↑	**79.8**	0.3	↑	0.4	↑	2.7	↑
Economic Inactivity* (16-64)														
Scotland	**745**	-36	↓	-4	↓	12	↑	**21.6**	-1.0	↓	-0.1	↓	-0.1	↓
England	**6,884**	-107	↓	-194	↓	-645	↓	**19.7**	-0.3	↓	-0.6	↓	-2.9	↓
Wales	**442**	8	↑	43	↑	-78	↓	**23.1**	0.4	↑	2.3	↑	-4.0	↓
Northern Ireland	**299**	0	↔	-11	↓	-25	↓	**25.6**	0.0	↔	-0.9	↓	-2.8	↓
UK	**8,370**	-136	↓	-166	↓	-736	↓	**20.2**	-0.3	↓	-0.4	↓	-2.7	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS
*Note: *Denominator = all aged 16-64*

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Table 1.3: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity rates by gender, Dec-Feb 2020
Seasonally adjusted

	Gender	Scotland			UK		
		Rate (%)	Change on quarter (%pts)	Change on year (%pts)	Rate (%)	Change on quarter (%pts)	Change on year (%pts)
Employment Rate*	People	75.4	1.1 ↑	-0.2 ↓	76.6	0.2 ↑	0.4 ↑
	Men	78.4	0.3 ↑	-1.1 ↓	80.5	0.1 ↑	0.0 ↔
	Women	72.4	1.8 ↑	0.6 ↑	72.7	0.3 ↑	0.9 ↑
Unemployment Rate**	People	3.7	-0.1 ↓	0.4 ↑	4.0	0.1 ↑	0.0 ↔
	Men	3.9	-0.1 ↓	0.1 ↑	4.2	0.2 ↑	0.2 ↑
	Women	3.6	-0.1 ↓	0.8 ↑	3.7	0.1 ↑	-0.1 ↓
Inactivity Rate*	People	21.6	-1.0 ↓	-0.1 ↓	20.2	-0.3 ↓	-0.4 ↓
	Men	18.3	-0.2 ↓	1.0 ↑	15.9	-0.2 ↓	-0.1 ↓
	Women	24.8	-1.8 ↓	-1.2 ↓	24.5	-0.4 ↓	-0.8 ↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS
*Note: * Denominator = population of aged 16-64*
***Denominator = Economically active population*

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Chart 1.7: Employment rate by gender (16-64), Scotland and UK, 1997-2020
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Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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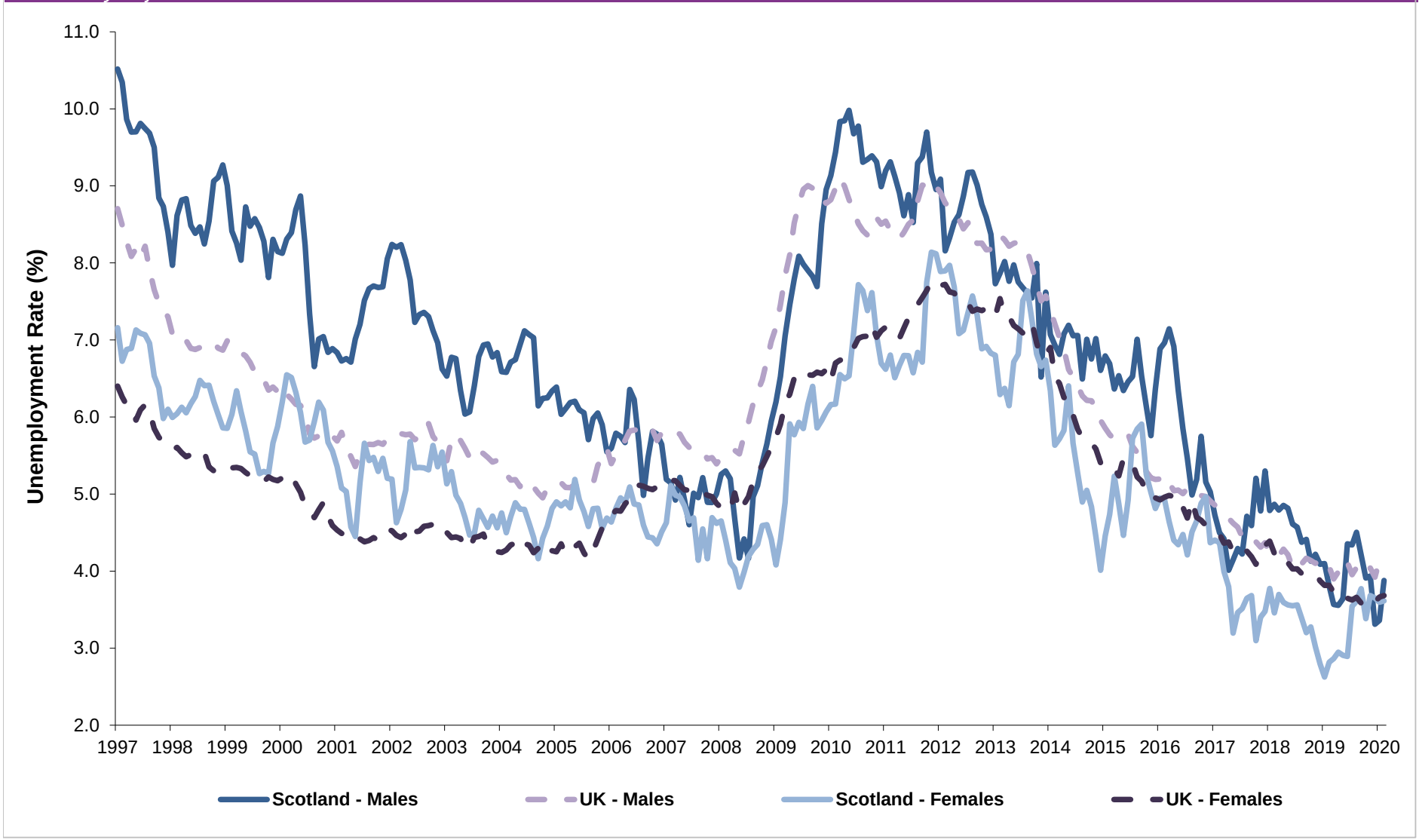

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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	Age Group	Scotland Rate (%)	Scotland Change on year (%pt)	Scotland change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	UK Rate (%)	UK Change on year (%pt)	UK change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009
Employment Rate	16-24	**57.9**	0.7 ↑	0.3 ↑	**54.1**	0.4 ↑	1.8 ↑
	25-34	**81.6**	1.0 ↑	2.0 ↑	**83.8**	0.7 ↑	6.0 ↑
	35-49	**84.0**	0.3 ↑	2.1 ↑	**85.0**	0.4 ↑	3.9 ↑
	50-64	**70.5**	0.9 ↑	6.0 ↑	**72.3**	0.9 ↑	7.8 ↑
	65+	**8.7**	-0.1 ↓	2.2 ↑	**10.7**	0.3 ↑	3.2 ↑
Unemployment Rate	16-24	**8.3**	-1.3 ↓	-8.3 ↓	**11.3**	-0.3 ↓	-7.6 ↓
	25-34	**3.9**	-0.9 ↓	-3.2 ↓	**3.6**	-0.2 ↓	-4.1 ↓
	35-49	**2.5**	-0.4 ↓	-2.2 ↓	**2.5**	-0.3 ↓	-2.9 ↓
	50-64	**2.3**	-0.9 ↓	-2.0 ↓	**2.7**	-0.3 ↓	-1.8 ↓
	65+	*	* -	* -	**1.5**	0.0 ↔	-1.0 ↓
Inactivity Rate	16-24	**36.9**	0.2 ↑	5.9 ↑	**39.0**	-0.3 ↓	3.5 ↑
	25-34	**15.1**	-0.3 ↓	0.7 ↑	**13.1**	-0.5 ↓	-2.7 ↓
	35-49	**13.9**	0.0 ↔	-0.2 ↓	**12.8**	-0.1 ↓	-1.5 ↓
	50-64	**27.8**	-0.2 ↓	-4.7 ↓	**25.7**	-0.8 ↓	-6.7 ↓
	65+	**91.2**	0.2 ↑	-2.2 ↓	**89.1**	-0.3 ↓	-3.1 ↓

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS
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Table 1.4b: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity by age group, Scotland and UK, Labour Force Survey: Dec-Feb 2020 (Official Statistics)
Not seasonally adjusted

	Age Group	Scotland Rate (%)	Scotland Change on year (%pt)	Scotland Change on 2008 (%pt)	UK Rate (%)	UK Change on year (%pt)	UK Change on 2008 (%pt)
Employment Rate**	16-24	**55.2**	-4.3 ↓	-4.5 ↓	**55.5**	0.4 ↑	-2.1 ↓
	25-34	**82.4**	-2.0 ↓	0.5 ↑	**85.2**	1.1 ↑	4.5 ↑
	35-49	**85.7**	0.7 ↑	0.7 ↑	**85.8**	0.4 ↑	3.4 ↑
	50-64	**70.2**	2.3 ↑	4.4 ↑	**72.5**	0.2 ↑	7.0 ↑
	65+	**9.2**	0.8 ↑	4.6 ↑	**11.3**	0.7 ↑	4.1 ↑
Unemployment Rate***	16-24	**10.4**	3.2 ↑	-2.9 ↓	**11.2**	0.6 ↑	-1.7 ↓
	25-34	**3.5**	0.2 ↑	-0.6 ↓	**3.3**	-0.3 ↓	-1.3 ↓
	35-49	**2.7**	0.8 ↑	-0.5 ↓	**2.5**	-0.1 ↓	-1.0 ↓
	50-64	**2.6**	-0.9 ↓	0.1 ↑	**3.0**	0.2 ↑	0.0 ↔
	65+	*	* -	* -	**2.3**	0.9 ↑	0.4 ↑
Inactivity Rate**	16-24	**38.4**	2.5 ↑	7.3 ↑	**37.5**	-0.8 ↓	3.7 ↑
	25-34	**14.6**	1.9 ↑	0.1 ↑	**11.8**	-0.9 ↓	-3.5 ↓
	35-49	**11.9**	-1.4 ↓	-0.2 ↓	**12.0**	-0.4 ↓	-2.5 ↓
	50-64	**27.9**	-1.6 ↓	-4.7 ↓	**25.2**	-0.3 ↓	-7.2 ↓
	65+	**90.6**	-0.8 ↓	-4.6 ↓	**88.4**	-0.8 ↓	-4.3 ↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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Table 2.1a: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity for 16-24 age group, Scotland and UK, Annual Population Survey (APS): Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

	Level ('000)				Rate			
	Level	Change on year		change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)		change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009
Employment*								
Scotland	**328**	-3	↓	-25 ↓	**57.9**	0.7	↑	0.3 ↑
UK	**3,736**	-17	↓	-57 ↓	**54.1**	0.4	↑	1.8 ↑
ILO Unemployment **								
Scotland	**30**	-5	↓	-41 ↓	**8.3**	-1.3	↓	-8.3 ↓
UK	**477**	-17	↓	-406 ↓	**11.3**	-0.3	↓	-7.6 ↓
Inactivity *								
Scotland	**209**	-3	↓	19 ↑	**36.9**	0.2	↑	5.9 ↑
UK	**2,694**	-52	↓	117 ↑	**39.0**	-0.3	↓	3.5 ↑

Source:Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS
Notes: *denominator = 16-24 population; ** denominator = economically active population aged 16-24

Table 2.1b: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity for 16-24 age group, Scotland and UK, Labour Force Survey (LFS): Dec-Feb 2020
Not seasonally adjusted (Official Statistics)

	Level ('000)				Rate			
	Level	Change on year		Change on 2008	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)		Change on 2008 (%pt)
Employment*								
Scotland	**310**	-30	↓	-51 ↓	**55.2**	-4.3	↓	-4.5 ↓
UK	**3,820**	-9	↓	-330 ↓	**55.5**	0.4	↑	-2.1 ↓
ILO Unemployment **								
Scotland	**36**	10	↑	-19 ↓	**10.4**	3.2	↑	-2.9 ↓
UK	**481**	28	↑	-134 ↓	**11.2**	0.6	↑	-1.7 ↓
Inactivity								
Scotland	**215**	11	↑	28 ↑	**38.4**	2.5	↑	7.3 ↑
UK	**2,581**	-80	↓	146 ↑	**37.5**	-0.8	↓	3.7 ↑

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS), ONS
*rate based on total population aged 16-24
**rate=ILO unemployed/(employed+ ILO unemployed)
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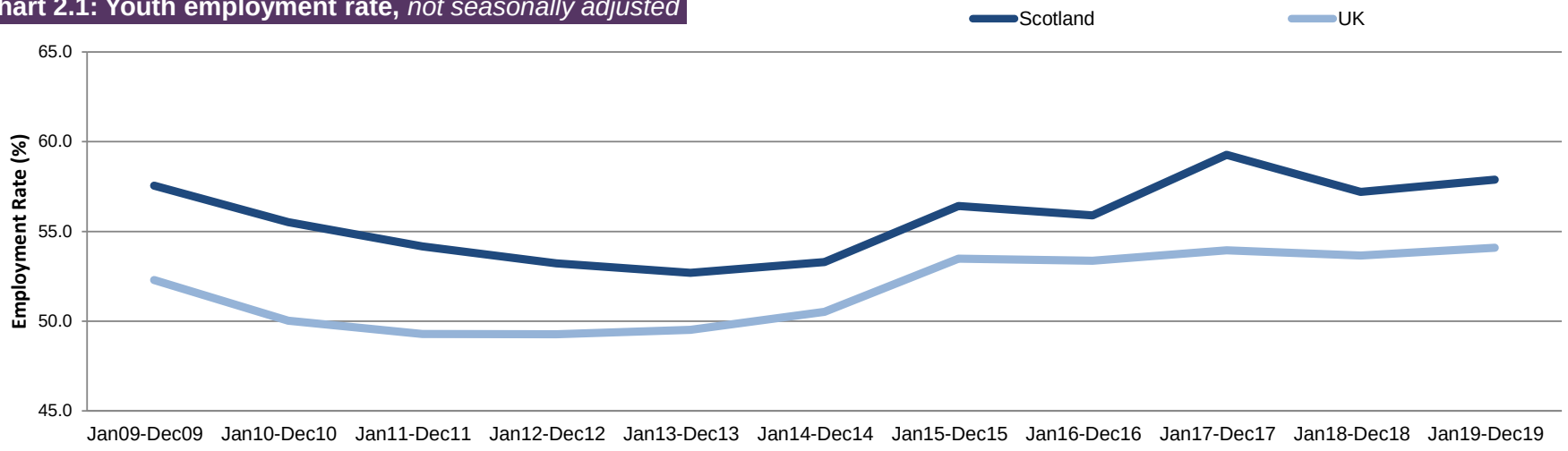

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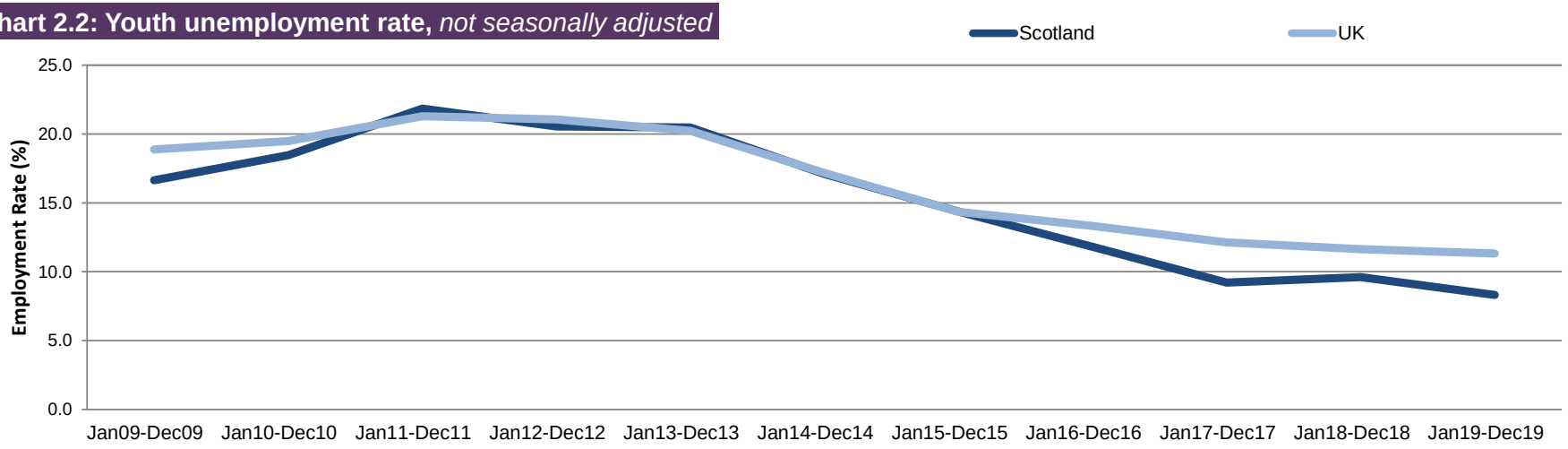

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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Table 2.2: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity for 16-24 age group by gender, Scotland and UK (APS), Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

Scotland

	Level ('000)			Rate		
	Level	Change on year	change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009
Employment*						
Male	**163**	-12 ↓	-12 ↓	**57.4**	-3.1 ↓	-0.2 ↓
Female	**164**	10 ↑	-12 ↓	**58.4**	4.5 ↑	0.9 ↑
ILO Unemployment **						
Male	**18**	0 ↔	-25 ↓	**10.0**	0.5 ↑	-9.7 ↓
Female	**12**	-5 ↓	-16 ↓	**6.6**	-3.2 ↓	-6.8 ↓
Inactivity *						
Male	**103**	7 ↑	17 ↑	**36.3**	3.1 ↑	8.0 ↑
Female	**105**	-10 ↓	2 ↑	**37.5**	-2.8 ↓	3.9 ↑

UK

	Level ('000)			Rate		
	Level	Change on year	change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009
Employment*						
Male	**1,897**	-46 ↓	4 ↑	**53.8**	-0.6 ↓	1.6 ↑
Female	**1,838**	29 ↑	-61 ↓	**54.4**	1.5 ↑	2.0 ↑
ILO Unemployment **						
Male	**288**	11 ↑	-245 ↓	**13.2**	0.7 ↑	-8.8 ↓
Female	**189**	-29 ↓	-161 ↓	**9.3**	-1.4 ↓	-6.2 ↓
Inactivity *						
Male	**1,344**	-10 ↓	143 ↑	**38.1**	0.2 ↑	5.0 ↑
Female	**1,350**	-43 ↓	-27 ↓	**40.0**	-0.7 ↓	2.0 ↑

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS
Notes: *denominator = 16-24 population; ** denominator = economically active population aged 16-24

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Chart 2.3: Youth employment rate by gender

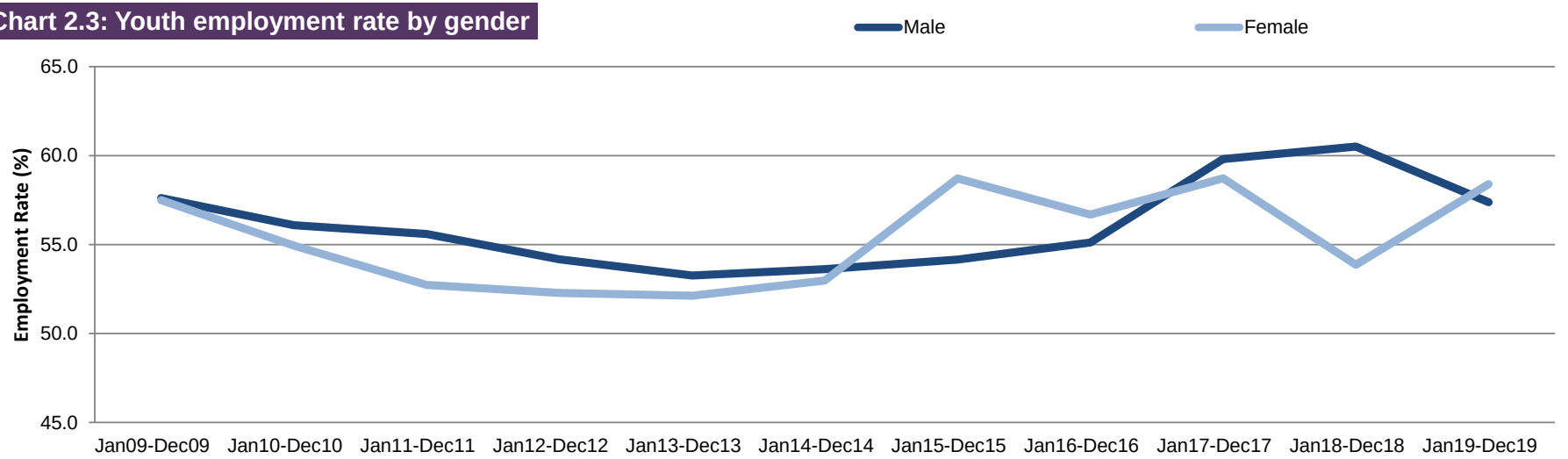
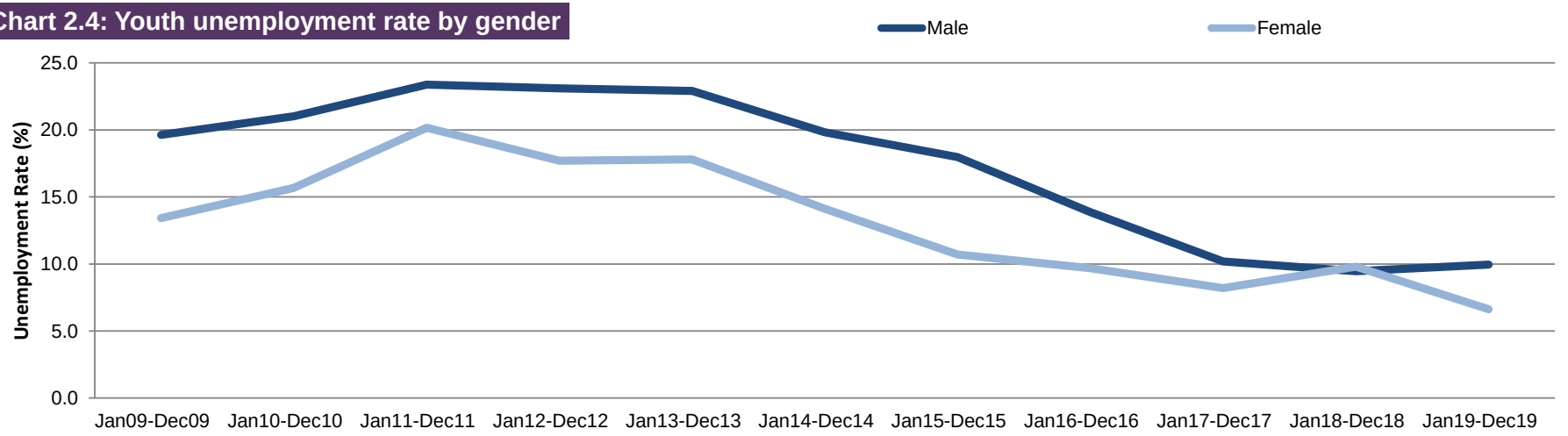


Chart 2.4: Youth unemployment rate by gender



Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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Table 2.3: Youth Unemployment (16-24) by Government Office Region (LFS), Dec-Feb 2020
Not seasonally adjusted (Official Statistics)

	Level (000's)	change on year	change on 2008	Rate (%)	%pt change on year	%pt change on 2008
North West	**32**	8 ↑	5 ↑	**17.0**	3.9 ↑	3.6 ↑
North East	**59**	4 ↑	-23 ↓	**12.0**	0.1 ↑	-2.6 ↓
Yorkshire and The Humber	**46**	3 ↑	-3 ↓	**12.0**	0.6 ↑	0.6 ↑
East Midlands	**42**	3 ↑	-12 ↓	**12.5**	1.3 ↑	-2.4 ↓
West Midlands	**58**	1 ↑	2 ↑	**15.0**	0.1 ↑	1.7 ↑
East	**32**	-1 ↓	-19 ↓	**8.5**	0.1 ↑	-3.3 ↓
South East	**64**	-8 ↓	-38 ↓	**12.7**	-2.5 ↓	-5.6 ↓
London	**53**	7 ↑	-16 ↓	**8.7**	0.8 ↑	-2.0 ↓
South West	**36**	9 ↑	2 ↑	**9.8**	2.8 ↑	1.3 ↑
Wales	**17**	-6 ↓	-8 ↓	**8.5**	-2.1 ↓	-2.7 ↓
Northern Ireland	**7**	-1 ↓	-7 ↓	**5.8**	-1.1 ↓	-4.4 ↓
Scotland	**36**	10 ↑	-19 ↓	**10.4**	3.2 ↑	-2.9 ↓
United Kingdom	**481**	28 ↑	-134 ↓	**11.2**	0.6 ↑	-1.7 ↓
England	**335**	-61 ↓	-187 ↓	**11.6**	0.6 ↑	-1.5 ↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Table 2.4: Youth Employment (16-24) by UK Countries and Regions (LFS), Dec-Feb 2020
Not seasonally adjusted (Official Statistics)

	Level (000's)	change on year	change on 2008	Rate (%)	%pt change on year	%pt change on 2008
North West	**154**	-4 ↓	-16 ↓	**53.4**	-0.6 ↓	-0.9 ↓
North East	**433**	26 ↑	-47 ↓	**56.6**	4.0 ↑	0.0 ↔
Yorkshire and The Humber	**338**	1 ↑	-41 ↓	**55.4**	0.6 ↑	-3.6 ↓
East Midlands	**292**	-17 ↓	-14 ↓	**56.7**	-2.8 ↓	-2.3 ↓
West Midlands	**330**	4 ↑	-34 ↓	**51.6**	1.1 ↑	-4.6 ↓
East	**344**	-11 ↓	-35 ↓	**59.2**	-1.3 ↓	-3.5 ↓
South East	**441**	40 ↑	-13 ↓	**47.8**	4.4 ↑	0.5 ↑
London	**553**	23 ↑	-19 ↓	**61.1**	3.0 ↑	-1.4 ↓
South West	**334**	-35 ↓	-33 ↓	**59.9**	-5.9 ↓	-5.3 ↓
Wales	**182**	-15 ↓	-16 ↓	**53.8**	-3.6 ↓	-1.4 ↓
Northern Ireland	**110**	9 ↑	-10 ↓	**54.9**	5.0 ↑	2.1 ↑
Scotland	**310**	-30 ↓	-51 ↓	**55.2**	-4.3 ↓	-4.5 ↓
United Kingdom	**3,820**	-9 ↓	-330 ↓	**55.5**	0.4 ↑	-2.1 ↓
England	**3,219**	27 ↑	-252 ↓	**55.7**	0.9 ↑	-2.1 ↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Note on data sources: The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of households collected and published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Further information on reliability can be accessed in the ONS publication at:
https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/methodologies/measuringandreportingreliabilityoflabourforcesurveyandannualpopulationsurveyestimates
The Annual Population Survey estimates are classified as National Statistics as they are based on a larger sample size, but are not as current as LFS estimates. Regional estimates for the unemployment rate maybe quite volatile, which needs to be allowed for when considering the pattern of change over time and sample sizes are also smaller for sub groups such as 16-24 year olds which can also affect volatility. Sampling variability information is published at:
https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/samplingvariabilityandrevisionssummaryforregionallabourmarketstatisticss02

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Table 2.5: Employment, unemployment and inactivity levels and rates (aged 16-24 and excluding full-time education), Scotland and UK, 2009-2019 (APS)

Scotland

	Unemployment				Employment				Inactivity			
	All 16-24 (000s)	(excl. FT Ed.) (000s)	All 16-24 (%)	(excl. FT Ed.) (%)	All 16-24 (000s)	(excl. FT Ed.) (000s)	All 16-24 (%)	(excl. FT Ed.) (%)	All 16-24 (000s)	(excl. FT Ed.) (000s)	All 16-24 (%)	(excl. FT Ed.) (%)
Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	70	56	16.6	17.9	352	256	57.6	70.2	190	53	31.0	14.5
Jan 2010 - Dec 2010	78	60	18.5	19.5	343	249	55.5	67.5	197	59	31.9	16.1
Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	95	65	21.8	21.2	339	241	54.2	68.0	192	48	30.7	13.7
Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	86	64	20.5	21.3	331	236	53.2	69.4	206	40	33.0	11.9
Jan 2013 - Dec 2013	84	55	20.5	18.7	326	237	52.7	68.6	209	54	33.7	15.6
Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	67	48	17.1	17.0	326	237	53.3	69.4	219	56	35.7	16.5
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015	58	39	14.4	13.8	344	246	56.4	73.8	208	48	34.1	14.4
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	45	30	11.8	10.7	336	250	55.9	72.6	220	64	36.6	18.7
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	35	24	9.2	8.4	348	261	59.3	77.7	204	51	34.7	15.1
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	35	25	9.6	9.1	330	253	57.2	75.6	212	56	36.7	16.7
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	30	21	8.3	8.1	328	241	57.9	76.7	209	52	36.9	16.5
Change on year (%pt for rate)	*-5*	*-4*	*-1.3*	*-1.0*	*-3*	*-12*	*0.7*	*1.0*	*-3*	*-4*	*0.2*	*-0.2*
change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	*-41*	*-34*	*-8.3*	*-9.7*	*-25*	*-15*	*0.3*	*6.4*	*19*	*-1*	*5.9*	*2.1*

UK

	Unemployment				Employment				Inactivity			
	All 16-24 (000s)	(excl. FT Ed.) (000s)	All 16-24 (%)	(excl. FT Ed.) (%)	All 16-24 (000s)	(excl. FT Ed.) (000s)	All 16-24 (%)	(excl. FT Ed.) (%)	All 16-24 (000s)	(excl. FT Ed.) (000s)	All 16-24 (%)	(excl. FT Ed.) (%)
Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	883	650	18.9	18.2	3,793	2,916	52.3	68.0	2,577	721	35.5	16.8
Jan 2010 - Dec 2010	885	649	19.5	18.7	3,658	2,816	50.0	66.3	2,768	785	37.9	18.5
Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	983	700	21.3	20.1	3,634	2,784	49.3	66.6	2,756	697	37.4	16.7
Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	967	670	21.1	19.4	3,624	2,785	49.3	67.6	2,764	668	37.6	16.2
Jan 2013 - Dec 2013	918	643	20.2	18.6	3,621	2,819	49.5	67.9	2,774	690	37.9	16.6
Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	763	520	17.2	15.5	3,680	2,843	50.5	70.3	2,843	678	39.0	16.8
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015	651	439	14.4	12.8	3,883	2,988	53.5	73.5	2,727	636	37.6	15.6
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	590	389	13.3	11.6	3,836	2,973	53.4	73.5	2,763	683	38.4	16.9
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	527	359	12.1	10.8	3,823	2,951	54.0	74.6	2,735	647	38.6	16.3
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	495	339	11.6	10.4	3,752	2,916	53.7	74.3	2,746	671	39.3	17.1
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	477	343	11.3	10.6	3,736	2,885	54.1	73.9	2,694	676	39.0	17.3
Change on year (%pt for rate)	*-17*	*4*	*-0.3*	*0.2*	*-17*	*-31*	*0.4*	*-0.4*	*-52*	*5*	*-0.3*	*0.2*
change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	*-406*	*-308*	*-7.6*	*-7.6*	*-57*	*-31*	*1.8*	*5.9*	*117*	*-45*	*3.5*	*0.5*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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Table 2.6: 16-24 years in full-time education, Scotland and UK, 2009-2019 (APS)

	Scotland		UK	
	Level (000s)	% of population (aged 16-24)	Level (000s)	% of population (aged 16-24)
Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	247	40.4	2,942	40.7
Jan 2010 - Dec 2010	248	40.3	3,039	41.7
Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	270	43.2	3,170	43.1
Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	281	45.3	3,199	43.7
Jan 2013 - Dec 2013	270	43.9	3,133	43.0
Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	269	44.0	3,208	44.3
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015	275	45.2	3,171	43.8
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	255	42.6	3,113	43.5
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	249	42.6	3,099	43.9
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	241	41.9	3,032	43.6
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	250	44.3	2,964	43.2
Change on year (%pt for rate)	*9*	*2.5*	*-68*	*-0.4*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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Table 2.7: Levels and proportions (aged 16-24) unemployed and not enrolled in full-time education, Scotland 2009-2019 (APS)

	Total	Male		Female		Unemployed for more than 12 months		Aged between 20 and 24	
	(000s)	(000s)	%	(000s)	%	(000s)	%	(000s)	%
Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	56	35	63.2	20	36.8	12	21.4	32	57.7
Jan 2010 - Dec 2010	60	37	61.8	23	38.2	14	23.7	36	59.7
Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	65	40	61.7	25	38.3	19	28.8	41	63.6
Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	64	40	62.8	24	37.2	20	31.2	39	60.5
Jan 2013 - Dec 2013	55	34	62.0	21	38.0	19	35.3	37	67.1
Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	48	29	60.9	19	39.1	15	30.2	34	71.1
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015	39	27	68.8	12	31.2	9	23.4	22	56.2
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	30	18	59.7	12	40.3	7	24.2	18	59.0
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	24	14	58.1	10	41.9	5	19.9	13	53.4
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	25	14	56.2	11	43.8	5	20.5	15	58.1
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	21	14	64.4	8	35.6	4	17.8	14	67.9
Change on year (%pt for rate)	*-4*	*-1*	*8.2*	*-4*	*-8.2*	*-1*	*-2.7*	*0*	*9.8*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS
Note: Percentages show proportion of total (16-24) unemployed and not in full-time education

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Table 3.1a: Employment rates and levels of the population aged 16-64 by disability status, Scotland 2014-2019 (APS)

	Equality Act Disabled Employment		Not Equality Act Disabled Employment		Disabled Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
Jan - Dec 2014	41.5	251	79.4	2,213	37.9
Jan - Dec 2015	41.9	263	80.3	2,229	38.4
Jan - Dec 2016	42.8	279	80.2	2,217	37.4
Jan - Dec 2017	45.3	297	81.2	2,245	35.9
Jan - Dec 2018	45.6	307	81.1	2,231	35.5
Jan - Dec 2019	49	349	81.6	2,215	32.6
Change on year	*3.4*	*42*	*0.5*	*-17*	*-2.9*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 3.1b: Employment rates and levels of the population aged 16-64 by disability status, Scotland 2013-2019 (LFS)

Not seasonally adjusted

	Equality Act Disabled Employment		Not Equality Act Disabled Employment		Disabled Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
Oct-Dec 2013	41.3	242	79.1	2,223	37.8
Oct-Dec 2014	40.8	236	81.2	2,287	40.3
Oct-Dec 2015	44.7	264	81.3	2,282	36.6
Oct-Dec 2016	41.9	279	81.7	2,250	39.8
Oct-Dec 2017	46.5	299	81.1	2,253	34.6
Oct-Dec 2018	46.1	287	82.1	2,293	36.0
Oct-Dec 2019	50.0	358	81.5	2,207	31.5
Change on year	*3.9*	*70*	*-0.6*	*-86*	*-4.5*

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Questions used to derive current disability status of a person were changed in the April-June 2013 dataset. Subsequent datasets are therefore not directly comparable to equivalent periods in earlier years. See Notes (p36) for further information.

Note on data sources: Labour market estimates for employment, unemployment or inactivity by age from the LFS are classified as exper error for some estimates included in the series (such as estimates for those aged 16/17). However, the LFS data are more timely and upd estimates are classified as National Statistics as they are based on a larger sample size, but are not as current as LFS estimates.

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Table 3.2: Employment rates and levels of the population aged 16-64 by ethnicity and gender, Scotland, 2012 - 2019

Not seasonally adjusted

All

	White Employment		Minority Ethnic Employment		Ethnicity Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
2012	71.0	2,332	59.0	80	12.0
2013	71.3	2,351	56.0	67	15.4
2014	73.2	2,386	60.0	90	13.2
2015	73.7	2,401	58.9	85	14.8
2016	73.8	2,401	57.5	98	16.3
2017	75.0	2,444	60.4	107	14.5
2018	75.1	2,453	55.4	97	19.7
2019	75.7	2,460	59.3	115	16.4
Change on year	*0.7*	*7*	*4.0*	*18*	*-3.3*

Male

	White Employment		Minority Ethnic Employment		Ethnicity Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
2012	74.6	1,196	72.1	49	2.5
2013	74.8	1,202	63.8	39	11.0
2014	76.7	1,221	72.6	53	4.1
2015	76.3	1,214	73.3	51	3.0
2016	77.1	1,228	71.5	58	5.7
2017	78.1	1,243	71.9	63	6.2
2018	78.5	1,256	67.3	55	11.2
2019	78.5	1,250	69.0	61	11.3
Change on year	*0.0*	*-6*	*1.7*	*6*	*-1.7*

Female

	White Employment		Minority Ethnic Employment		Ethnicity Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
2012	67.6	1,136	45.6	31	21.9
2013	68.0	1,149	47.7	28	20.4
2014	69.8	1,165	48.1	37	21.8
2015	71.2	1,187	45.2	33	26.0
2016	70.6	1,173	44.8	40	25.7
2017	72.0	1,200	49.4	44	22.6
2018	71.8	1,197	45.0	42	26.8
2019	73.1	1,210	51.1	54	22.0
Change on year	*1.3*	*13*	*6.1*	*11*	*-4.8*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS (Jan-Dec datasets)

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Table 3.3: Employment patterns, Scotland, Dec-Feb 2020, (Thousands)
Not seasonally adjusted

	Dec-Feb 2020	Change on 2008 (000s)		Change on year (000s)	
Total‡	2,675	131	↑	4	↑
Employees‡	2,333	79	↑	-36	↓
Self employed‡	330	59	↑	43	↑
Unpaid family workers	5	-6	↓	-4	↓
Government-supported training and employment programmes	8	-1	↓	1	↑
Full-time workers	1,962	56	↑	-11	↓
Part-time workers	708	72	↑	17	↑
Workers with second jobs	96	-1	↓	4	↑
Temporary workers	125	16	↑	4	↑
All males in employment					
Total‡	1,361	38	↑	-17	↓
Employees‡	1,148	29	↑	-32	↓
Self employed‡	204	8	↑	12	↑
Unpaid family workers	*	*	▪	*	▪
Government-supported training and employment programmes	7	2	↑	*	▪
Full-time workers	1,192	7	↑	-25	↓
Part-time workers	166	29	↑	9	↑
Workers with second jobs	37	-2	↓	6	↑
Temporary workers	53	3	↑	-3	↓
All females in employment					
Total‡	1,314	93	↑	21	↑
Employees‡	1,185	50	↑	-4	↓
Self employed‡	126	51	↑	31	↑
Unpaid family workers	*	*	▪	*	▪
Government-supported training and employment programmes	*	*	▪	*	▪
Full-time workers	770	49	↑	14	↑
Part-time workers	542	43	↑	8	↑
Workers with second jobs	59	1	↑	-3	↓
Temporary workers	72	13	↑	7	↑

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS
‡ Includes people who did not state whether they worked part-time or full-time.

** Estimate suppressed as below reliability threshold.*

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Table 3.4: Underemployment, Scotland and UK, 2009-2019
Not seasonally adjusted

	UK		Scotland	
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)
Jan - Dec 2009	8.7	2,484	8.5	211
Jan - Dec 2010	9.3	2,678	9.4	232
Jan - Dec 2011	9.7	2,782	9.9	243
Jan - Dec 2012	10.0	2,897	10.0	246
Jan - Dec 2013	10.0	2,937	9.6	237
Jan - Dec 2014	9.2	2,749	8.6	216
Jan - Dec 2015	8.6	2,651	9.2	234
Jan - Dec 2016	8.1	2,521	8.4	214
Jan - Dec 2017	7.8	2,467	8.0	209
Jan - Dec 2018	6.9	2,199	7.4	194
Jan - Dec 2019	7.1	2,272	7.1	187
Change on year (%pt for rate)	*0.1*	*73*	*-0.3*	*-6*
Change on January - December 2009 (%pt for rate)	*-1.6*	*-212*	*-1.4*	*-23*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS
Notes:
1 - Levels and rates based on working population aged 16 and over
2 - Underemployment rate based on those in employment (excludes those who did not respond to underemployment questions)
3 - Underemployment includes:
- those looking for more hours in their current role at same rate of pay
- those looking for an additional job
- those looking for a replacement job with more hours than their current job.

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Table 3.5: Employment rates by highest qualification held and gender, Scotland and UK, Jan 2019 - Dec 2019
Not seasonally adjusted

	Scotland			UK		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Change on year (%pt)		Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Change on year (%pt)	
All						
Degree level and above	84.3	0.2	↑	86.5	0.5	↑
SVQ 4	80.3	1.3	↑	81.3	0.1	↑
SVQ 3	74.0	0.2	↑	76.0	0.7	↑
SVQ 2	68.0	0.2	↑	69.5	0.4	↑
SVQ 1	55.5	-3.0	↓	64.4	1.2	↑
Other qualification	75.1	2.3	↑	75.1	1.6	↑
No qualifications	51.3	1.5	↑	45.9	-0.5	↓
Males						
Degree level and above	86.4	-1.2	↓	89.2	0.0	↔
SVQ 4	83.3	-0.3	↓	85.4	-0.4	↓
SVQ 3	79.2	1.5	↑	79.7	0.5	↑
SVQ 2	71.8	-1.1	↓	74.0	-0.7	↓
SVQ 1	59.5	-3.5	↓	71.5	2.0	↑
Other qualification	81.7	2.8	↑	85.2	2.5	↑
No qualifications	53.2	-1.4	↓	54.0	-1.0	↓
Females						
Degree level and above	82.6	1.5	↑	84.2	0.9	↑
SVQ 4	77.8	2.5	↑	77.8	0.4	↑
SVQ 3	67.2	-1.7	↓	71.5	0.8	↑
SVQ 2	64.9	1.2	↑	65.4	1.3	↑
SVQ 1	51.8	-0.8	↓	56.6	0.5	↑
Other qualification	67.1	1.6	↑	62.3	0.8	↑
No qualifications	49.4	4.3	↑	36.9	-0.1	↓

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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Table 3.6: Levels of unemployment, employment and economic inactivity (All and excluding full-time education), Scotland 2009-2019
Not seasonally adjusted

	Totals		Unemployment		Employment		Inactivity	
	All (16-64)	(excl. FT Ed.)	All	(excl. FT Ed.)	All	(excl. FT Ed.)	All	(excl. FT Ed.)
Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	3,394	3,088	184	166	2,443	2,322	767	600
Jan 2010 - Dec 2010	3,412	3,107	204	181	2,423	2,302	785	623
Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	3,434	3,111	219	186	2,420	2,298	795	627
Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	3,420	3,087	214	188	2,412	2,292	794	607
Jan 2013 - Dec 2013	3,416	3,086	207	175	2,419	2,306	790	605
Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	3,415	3,088	167	145	2,478	2,361	769	582
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015	3,424	3,083	158	135	2,502	2,375	764	574
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	3,435	3,130	129	111	2,507	2,398	799	620
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	3,441	3,129	110	96	2,554	2,441	777	592
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	3,443	3,133	115	101	2,550	2,444	778	588
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	3,442	3,120	95	84	2,575	2,452	773	585
Change on year	*0*	*-13*	*-21*	*-17*	*25*	*7*	*-5*	*-3*
Change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	*48*	*32*	*-90*	*-82*	*132*	*129*	*6*	*-15*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS (Jan-Dec datasets)
Notes:
1. Levels rounded to nearest thousand
2. Estimates exclude those whose current educational status was unknown
3. Total for All 16-64 year olds includes those whose current educational status was unknown
4. Levels of employment and unemployment are for all aged 16+. Levels of inactivity are for all aged 16-64.
Caution: A correction has been made to inactivity levels (all and excluding full-time education) (September 2020)

Table 3.6b (cont'd): Rates of unemployment, employment and economic inactivity (All and excluding full-time education), Scotland 2008-2019
Not seasonally adjusted

	Unemployment Rate		Employment Rate		Inactivity Rate	
	All	(excl. FT Ed.)	All	(excl. FT Ed.)	All	(excl. FT Ed.)
Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	7.0	6.7	72.0	75.2	22.6	19.4
Jan 2010 - Dec 2010	7.8	7.3	71.0	74.1	23.0	20.1
Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	8.3	7.5	70.5	73.9	23.1	20.2
Jan 2012 - Dec 2012	8.1	7.6	70.5	74.3	23.2	19.7
Jan 2013 - Dec 2013	7.9	7.1	70.8	74.7	23.1	19.6
Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	6.3	5.8	72.6	76.4	22.5	18.9
Jan 2015 - Dec 2015	5.9	5.4	73.1	77.0	22.3	18.6
Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	4.9	4.4	73.0	76.6	23.3	19.8
Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	4.1	3.8	74.2	78.0	22.6	18.9
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	4.3	4.0	74.1	78.0	22.6	18.8
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	3.5	3.3	74.8	78.6	22.5	18.7
%pt change on year	*-0.8*	*-0.6*	*0.7*	*0.6*	*-0.1*	*0.0*
%pt change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009	*-3.5*	*-3.4*	*2.8*	*3.4*	*-0.1*	*-0.7*

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS (Jan-Dec datasets)
Notes:
1. The unemployment rate is calculated for those aged 16+. Employment and inactivity rates are for ages 16-64.

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Table 4.1: Unemployment by duration, Annual Population Survey, Jan 2019 - Dec 2019
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	Scotland					UK				
	Level (000s)	Change on year	% Change on year	Change on 2008	% Change on 2008	Level (000s)	Change on year	% Change on year	Change on 2008	% Change on 2008
Up to 6 months	**56**	-12 ↓	-17.3 ↓	-46 ↓	-45.2 ↓	**798**	-45 ↓	-5.4 ↓	-554 ↓	-41.0 ↓
Over 6 and up to 12 months	**12**	-6 ↓	-33.5 ↓	-25 ↓	-67.6 ↓	**190**	-2 ↓	-1.0 ↓	-264 ↓	-58.2 ↓
Over 1 year up to 2 years	**13**	1 ↑	5.5 ↑	-14 ↓	-52.1 ↓	**163**	4 ↑	2.2 ↑	-190 ↓	-53.8 ↓
2 years or more	**15**	-3 ↓	-16.9 ↓	-5 ↓	-24.4 ↓	**154**	-36 ↓	-19.2 ↓	-80 ↓	-34.1 ↓

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS
Note: Levels based on persons aged 16 and over

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Table 4.2: Model-based unemployment levels and rates by local authority
Not seasonally adjusted

	Jan 2019-Dec 2019		Change on year		Change on Jan 2009-Dec 2009	
	Rate	Level	Rate (%pt)	Level Change	Rate (%pt)	Level Change
Aberdeen City	3.1	4,100	-2.0 ↓	-2,300 ↓	-0.9 ↓	-1,000 ↓
Aberdeenshire	2.3	3,300	-0.5 ↓	-700 ↓	-0.5 ↓	-500 ↓
Angus	3.2	1,800	-0.5 ↓	-300 ↓	-2.2 ↓	-1,300 ↓
Argyll and Bute	2.9	1,200	0.0 ↔	0 ↔	-2.8 ↓	-1,300 ↓
City of Edinburgh	2.6	7,200	-1.4 ↓	-4,600 ↓	-3.7 ↓	-8,500 ↓
Clackmannanshire	3.3	800	-1.2 ↓	-300 ↓	-5.0 ↓	-1,300 ↓
Dumfries and Galloway	3.2	2,200	0.2 ↑	100 ↑	-2.3 ↓	-1,900 ↓
Dundee City	5.4	3,800	-1.1 ↓	-800 ↓	-3.6 ↓	-2,700 ↓
East Ayrshire	4.5	2,700	-1.3 ↓	-600 ↓	-5.2 ↓	-3,100 ↓
East Dunbartonshire	2.6	1,400	-0.5 ↓	-300 ↓	-3.3 ↓	-1,700 ↓
East Lothian	2.7	1,500	-0.7 ↓	-400 ↓	-2.5 ↓	-1,100 ↓
East Renfrewshire	2.7	1,200	-0.7 ↓	-300 ↓	-2.8 ↓	-1,200 ↓
Falkirk	3.7	3,000	-0.1 ↓	-100 ↓	-3.5 ↓	-2,700 ↓
Fife	4.1	7,300	-0.4 ↓	-1,100 ↓	-3.9 ↓	-7,500 ↓
Glasgow City	4.7	14,500	-1.2 ↓	-3,300 ↓	-5.8 ↓	-14,600 ↓
Highland	2.8	3,300	-0.2 ↓	-400 ↓	-1.4 ↓	-2,000 ↓
Inverclyde	4.8	1,700	-0.5 ↓	-300 ↓	-4.4 ↓	-1,900 ↓
Midlothian	2.7	1,300	-1.0 ↓	-400 ↓	-3.7 ↓	-1,400 ↓
Moray	3.2	1,600	-0.5 ↓	-100 ↓	-1.2 ↓	-600 ↓
Na h-Eileanan Siar	2.4	300	-0.2 ↓	0 ↔	-3.7 ↓	-500 ↓
North Ayrshire	5.3	3,300	-0.4 ↓	-300 ↓	-5.2 ↓	-3,500 ↓
North Lanarkshire	4.1	7,100	-0.3 ↓	-700 ↓	-4.3 ↓	-7,700 ↓
Orkney Islands	1.9	200	0.1 ↑	0 ↔	-0.4 ↓	-100 ↓
Perth and Kinross	2.3	1,900	-0.8 ↓	-400 ↓	-1.8 ↓	-1,000 ↓
Renfrewshire	3.7	3,400	-1.0 ↓	-900 ↓	-4.0 ↓	-3,400 ↓
Scottish Borders	3.0	1,700	-0.2 ↓	0 ↔	-2.1 ↓	-1,200 ↓
Shetland Islands	2.2	300	0.1 ↑	0 ↔	-0.5 ↓	-100 ↓
South Ayrshire	3.7	1,900	-0.6 ↓	-300 ↓	-3.8 ↓	-2,200 ↓
South Lanarkshire	3.2	5,100	-0.9 ↓	-1,700 ↓	-4.1 ↓	-6,700 ↓
Stirling	3.8	1,800	-0.1 ↓	0 ↔	-3.2 ↓	-1,300 ↓
West Dunbartonshire	4.4	2,000	-0.2 ↓	0 ↔	-5.2 ↓	-2,300 ↓
West Lothian	2.9	2,800	-1.1 ↓	-900 ↓	-4.2 ↓	-3,700 ↓
Scotland	**3.5**	**95,800**	**-0.8** ↓	**-21,400** ↓	**-3.4** ↓	**-89,900** ↓

Sources: Annual Population Survey (ONS), Claimant Count (ONS)
Notes:
*** Estimate and confidence interval unreliable since the group sample size is small (3-9).**
1. Levels rounded to the nearest hundred.
2. Proportions are calculated on unrounded figures.
3. Totals may not equal the sum of individual parts due to rounding.

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Chart 4.3: ILO unemployment levels by age-group (16-64), Scotland
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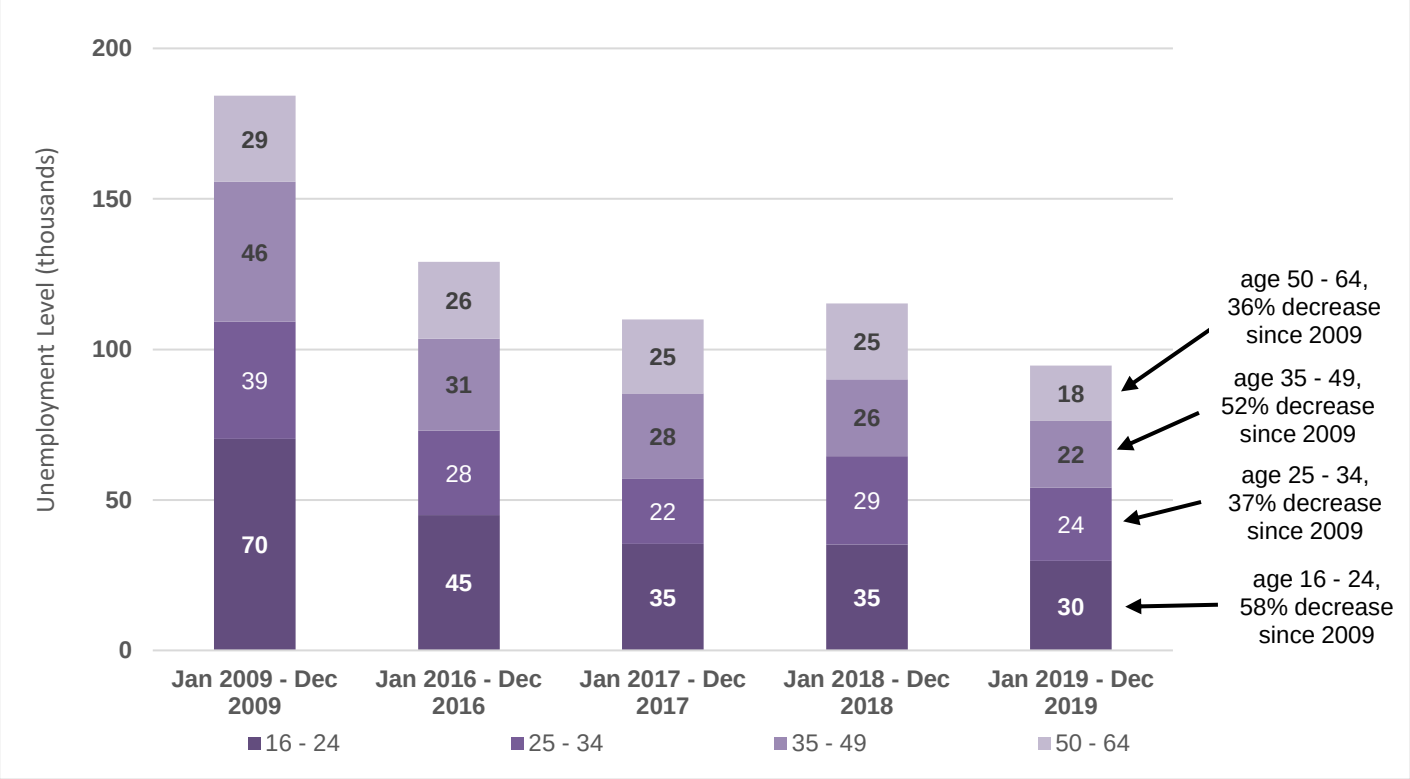

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS (Jan-Dec datasets)

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Table 5.1a: Alternative Claimant Count levels, February 2020 - (Experimental Data)

	Level	Change on previous month	Change on previous year	Change on February 2013
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)
Scotland	**111**	0 ↔	-1 ↓	-78 ↓
England	**1,115**	9 ↑	53 ↑	-760 ↓
Wales	**63**	0 ↔	1 ↑	-50 ↓
N Ireland	**32**	0 ↔	-3 ↓	-51 ↓
UK	**1,322**	9 ↑	49 ↑	-940 ↓

Table 5.1b: Alternative Claimant Count rates, February 2020 - (Experimental Data)

	Rate	Change on previous month	Change on previous year	Change on February 2013
	(%)	(%pts)	(%pts)	(%pts)
Scotland	**3.2**	0.0 ↔	0.0 ↔	-2.3 ↓
England	**3.2**	0.0 ↔	0.1 ↑	-2.3 ↓
Wales	**3.3**	0.0 ↔	0.1 ↑	-2.6 ↓
N Ireland	**2.7**	0.0 ↔	-0.3 ↓	-4.4 ↓
UK	**3.2**	0.0 ↔	0.1 ↑	-2.4 ↓

Source: Alternative Claimant Count, DWP, seasonally adjusted

Notes:

1. Levels rounded to nearest 1000.
2. The Alternative Claimant Count is the total number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. This comprises those claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit (under the Searching for Work conditionality) along with estimates of additional claimants who would have been searching for work under Universal Credit had it existed over the entire period since 2013.
3. The Alternative Claimant Count publication is available online at (based on 'Table 2_region')
   https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/alternative-claimant-count-statistics-january-2013-to-february-2020

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Table 5.2: Alternative Claimant Count by local authority (Experimental data)
not seasonally adjusted

	February 2020 Total Claimants	% Change on year		Alternative Claimant Count rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	
Aberdeen City	4,416	6.4	↑	2.8	0.2	↑
Aberdeenshire	3,068	-0.8	↓	1.9	0.0	↔
Angus	2,070	-9.4	↓	3.0	-0.3	↓
Argyll and Bute	1,495	-2.9	↓	2.9	-0.1	↓
City of Edinburgh	7,717	7.9	↑	2.1	0.2	↑
Clackmannanshire	1,342	-4.4	↓	4.2	-0.2	↓
Dumfries and Galloway	2,871	3.1	↑	3.3	0.1	↑
Dundee City	4,380	-2.9	↓	4.4	-0.1	↓
East Ayrshire	3,572	-6.6	↓	4.7	-0.3	↓
East Dunbartonshire	1,198	-1.6	↓	1.8	0.0	↔
East Lothian	1,705	-4.1	↓	2.6	-0.1	↓
East Renfrewshire	993	-1.1	↓	1.7	0.0	↔
Falkirk	3,291	-5.2	↓	3.2	-0.2	↓
Fife	8,780	-4.2	↓	3.8	-0.2	↓
Glasgow City	20,366	4.4	↑	4.6	0.2	↑
Highland	3,351	-8.6	↓	2.3	-0.2	↓
Inverclyde	2,022	-9.0	↓	4.1	-0.4	↓
Midlothian	1,409	0.1	↑	2.5	0.0	↔
Moray	1,593	-7.2	↓	2.7	-0.2	↓
Na h-Eileanan Siar	418	3.5	↑	2.7	0.1	↑
North Ayrshire	4,413	-4.9	↓	5.4	-0.3	↓
North Lanarkshire	7,844	-6.8	↓	3.6	-0.3	↓
Orkney Islands	195	-13.3	↓	1.5	-0.2	↓
Perth and Kinross	1,896	3.9	↑	2.1	0.1	↑
Renfrewshire	3,862	-5.6	↓	3.4	-0.2	↓
Scottish Borders	1,912	0.1	↑	2.8	0.0	↔
Shetland Islands	251	17.8	↑	1.8	0.3	↑
South Ayrshire	2,773	-0.6	↓	4.2	0.0	↔
South Lanarkshire	6,467	-4.0	↓	3.2	-0.1	↓
Stirling	1,525	-1.7	↓	2.5	0.0	↔
West Dunbartonshire	2,791	0.4	↑	4.9	0.0	↔
West Lothian	3,455	0.7	↑	3.0	0.0	↔
Scotland	**111,251**	**-1.3**	↓	**3.2**	**0.0**	↔

Source: Alternative Claimant Count, DWP

Notes:

1. The Alternative Claimant Count is the total number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. This comprises those claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit (under the Searching for Work conditionality) along with estimates of additional claimants who would have been searching for work under Universal Credit had it existed over the entire period since 2013.

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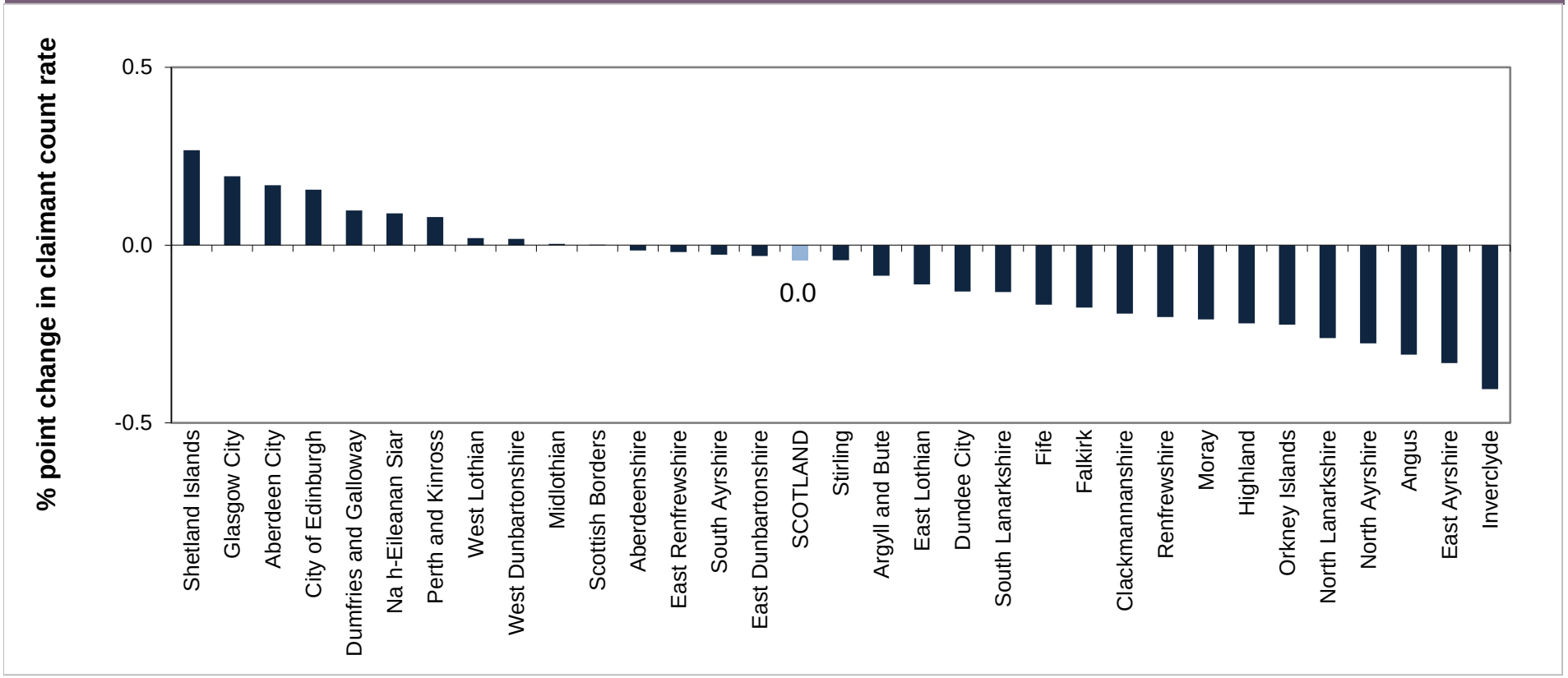
Chart 5.1: Change in Alternative Claimant Count rate by local authority (February 2019 to February 2020)



Source: Alternative Claimant Count, DWP

Note: Alternative Claimant Count rates are based on unrounded data. Chart labels are rounded to one decimal place.

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Table 5.3: 16-24 Alternative Claimant Count levels and rates, Scotland and UK (Experimental data)

	Scotland		UK	
	Level	Rate (%)	Level	Rate (%)
February 2019	19,529	3.4	198,455	2.8
February 2020	20,015	3.4	221,064	3.1
Change on year (rate as %pt)	486	0.1	22,609	0.3

Source: Alternative Claimant Count, DWP

Table 5.4: 16-24 Alternative Claimant Count levels and rates by gender, Scotland (Experimental data)

	Male		Female	
	Level	Rate (%)	Level	Rate (%)
February 2019	12,181	4.1	7,343	2.6
February 2020	12,691	4.3	7,327	2.6
Change on year (rate as %pt)	510	0.2	-16	0.0

Source: Alternative Claimant Count, DWP

Notes:

1. The Alternative Claimant Count is the total number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. This comprises those claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit (under the Searching for Work conditionality) along with estimates of additional claimants who would have been searching for work under Universal Credit had it existed over the entire period since 2013.
2. Claimant count rates are residency-based and are expressed as a proportion of the population aged 16-24. The rates for November 2018 and November 2019 are calculated

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Table 5.5: 16-24 Alternative Claimant Count levels and rates by Local Authority (Experimental data)

	Level			Rate		
	February 2020	Change on year		February 2020	Change on year (%pts)	
Scotland	**20,015**	**486**	↑	**3.4**	**0.1**	↑
Local Authority Area						
Aberdeen City	791	162	↑	2.9	0.6	↑
Aberdeenshire	588	49	↑	2.5	0.2	↑
Angus	408	-76	↓	3.7	-0.7	↓
Argyll and Bute	223	9	↑	2.7	0.1	↑
City of Edinburgh	1,029	180	↑	1.6	0.3	↑
Clackmannanshire	308	2	↑	5.9	0.0	↔
Dumfries and Galloway	524	36	↑	3.9	0.3	↑
Dundee City	880	-7	↓	4.3	0.0	↔
East Ayrshire	670	-48	↓	5.6	-0.4	↓
East Dunbartonshire	227	18	↑	2.1	0.2	↑
East Lothian	293	-15	↓	2.9	-0.1	↓
East Renfrewshire	167	-10	↓	1.7	-0.1	↓
Falkirk	641	-33	↓	4.1	-0.2	↓
Fife	1,629	-85	↓	4.0	-0.2	↓
Glasgow City	3,134	443	↑	3.9	0.6	↑
Highland	560	-58	↓	2.6	-0.3	↓
Inverclyde	428	-2	↓	5.5	0.0	↔
Midlothian	282	6	↑	3.2	0.1	↑
Moray	310	-60	↓	3.3	-0.6	↓
Na h-Eileanan Siar	52	-7	↓	2.4	-0.3	↓
North Ayrshire	791	-76	↓	5.7	-0.5	↓
North Lanarkshire	1,436	-94	↓	4.0	-0.3	↓
Orkney Islands	31	-14	↓	1.6	-0.7	↓
Perth and Kinross	319	-9	↓	2.3	-0.1	↓
Renfrewshire	677	78	↑	3.7	0.4	↑
Scottish Borders	367	17	↑	3.6	0.2	↑
Shetland Islands	51	12	↑	2.3	0.5	↑
South Ayrshire	543	33	↑	5.2	0.3	↑
South Lanarkshire	1,153	-53	↓	3.7	-0.2	↓
Stirling	295	-18	↓	2.3	-0.1	↓
West Dunbartonshire	513	83	↑	5.7	0.9	↑
West Lothian	680	12	↑	3.7	0.1	↑

Source: Alternative Claimant Count, DWP

Notes:

1. The Alternative Claimant Count is the total number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. This comprises those claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit (under the Searching for Work conditionality) along with estimates of additional claimants who would have been searching for work under Universal Credit had it existed over the entire period since 2013.
2. Claimant count rates are residency-based and are expressed as a proportion of the population aged 16-24. The rates for November 2018 and November 2019 are calculated using the mid-2018 population estimates.

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Table 6.1a: Claimant Count levels, March 2020 - (Experimental Data)

	Level	Change on previous month	Change on previous year	Change on March 2013
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)
Scotland	**112**	0 ↔	8 ↑	-25 ↓
England	**1,046**	12 ↑	171 ↑	-206 ↓
Wales	**59**	0 ↔	7 ↑	-19 ↓
N Ireland	**30**	0 ↔	0 ↔	-35 ↓
UK	**1,247**	12 ↑	186 ↑	-284 ↓

Table 6.1b: Claimant Count rates, March 2020 - (Experimental Data)

	Rate	Change on previous month	Change on previous year	Change on March 2013
	(%)	(%pts)	(%pts)	(%pts)
Scotland	**4.0**	0.0 ↔	0.3 ↑	-1.0 ↓
England	**3.4**	0.0 ↔	0.6 ↑	-1.0 ↓
Wales	**3.9**	0.0 ↔	0.5 ↑	-1.5 ↓
N Ireland	**3.2**	0.0 ↔	0.1 ↑	-4.0 ↓
UK	**3.5**	0.0 ↔	0.5 ↑	-1.1 ↓

Source: Claimant Count, ONS (seasonally adjusted)

Notes:

1. Levels rounded to nearest 1000.
2. The Claimant Count rate is calculated as a proportion of the resident population, aged 16-64, based on the Mid-year population estimates for 2018.
3. Claimant count rates are workplace based.

ONS have removed the Claimant Count series from the UK and Regional Statistical Bulletins as it may now be providing a misleading representation of the UK labour market. Claimant Count data continues to be available as datasets on the ONS website and via NOMIS. **See Notes (page 37) for further information.**

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Table 6.2: Claimant Count by local authority (Experimental data)
not seasonally adjusted

	March 2020 Total Claimants	% Change on year		Claimant Count rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	
Aberdeen City	4,180	23.9	↑	2.7	0.5	↑
Aberdeenshire	2,980	14.0	↑	1.8	0.2	↑
Angus	2,015	-8.8	↓	2.9	-0.3	↓
Argyll and Bute	1,515	10.5	↑	3.0	0.3	↑
City of Edinburgh	7,320	32.4	↑	2.0	0.5	↑
Clackmannanshire	1,365	-0.9	↓	4.2	0.0	↔
Dumfries and Galloway	2,920	10.7	↑	3.3	0.3	↑
Dundee City	4,455	-4.3	↓	4.5	-0.2	↓
East Ayrshire	3,640	-4.7	↓	4.8	-0.2	↓
East Dunbartonshire	1,245	2.6	↑	1.9	0.0	↔
East Lothian	1,715	-9.2	↓	2.6	-0.3	↓
East Renfrewshire	970	15.8	↑	1.7	0.2	↑
Falkirk	3,335	-4.1	↓	3.3	-0.1	↓
Fife	8,860	-2.9	↓	3.8	-0.1	↓
Glasgow City	20,455	27.1	↑	4.6	1.0	↑
Highland	3,680	-4.2	↓	2.6	-0.1	↓
Inverclyde	2,220	-10.9	↓	4.5	-0.6	↓
Midlothian	1,495	2.4	↑	2.6	0.1	↑
Moray	1,575	2.9	↑	2.7	0.1	↑
Na h-Eileanan Siar	470	33.0	↑	3.0	0.7	↑
North Ayrshire	4,500	-3.3	↓	5.5	-0.2	↓
North Lanarkshire	8,275	-2.9	↓	3.8	-0.1	↓
Orkney Islands	200	4.1	↑	1.5	0.1	↑
Perth and Kinross	1,860	5.9	↑	2.0	0.1	↑
Renfrewshire	4,025	8.6	↑	3.5	0.3	↑
Scottish Borders	1,905	9.5	↑	2.8	0.2	↑
Shetland Islands	265	38.7	↑	1.9	0.5	↑
South Ayrshire	2,765	4.7	↑	4.1	0.2	↑
South Lanarkshire	7,085	-2.4	↓	3.5	-0.1	↓
Stirling	1,545	0.1	↑	2.5	0.0	↔
West Dunbartonshire	2,890	23.0	↑	5.1	0.9	↑
West Lothian	3,460	4.5	↑	3.0	0.1	↑
Scotland	**115,185**	**6.9**	↑	**3.3**	**0.2**	↑

Source: Claimant Count, ONS

Notes:

1. Levels rounded to nearest 5.
2. The Claimant Count rate is calculated as a proportion of the resident population, aged 16-64, based on the Mid-year population estimates for 2018.

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Table 6.3: 16-24 Claimant Count levels and rates, Scotland and UK (Experimental data)

	Scotland		UK	
	Level	Rate (%)	Level	Rate (%)
March 2019	20,940	3.6	208,190	2.9
March 2020	22,340	3.8	242,960	3.4
Change on year (rate as %pt)	1,400	0.2	34,770	0.5

Source: Claimant Count, ONS

Table 6.4: 16-24 Claimant Count levels and rates by gender, Scotland (Experimental data)

	Male		Female	
	Level	Rate (%)	Level	Rate (%)
March 2019	13,335	4.5	7,605	2.7
March 2020	14,300	4.8	8,045	2.8
Change on year (rate as %pt)	960	0.3	440	0.2

Source: Claimant Count, ONS

Notes:

1. Levels rounded to nearest 5.
2. The Claimant Count rate is calculated as a proportion of the resident population, aged 16-24, based on the Mid-year population estimates for 2018.

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Table 6.5: 16-24 Claimant Count levels and rates by Local Authority, March 2020 (Experimental data)

	Level			Rate		
	March 2020	Change on year		March 2020	Change on year (%pts)	
Scotland	**22,340**	**1,400**	↑	**3.8**	**0.2**	↑
Local Authority Area						
Aberdeen City	820	250	↑	3.0	0.9	↑
Aberdeenshire	670	70	↑	2.8	0.3	↑
Angus	430	-115	↓	3.9	-1.0	↓
Argyll and Bute	250	20	↑	3.0	0.2	↑
City of Edinburgh	1,125	285	↑	1.7	0.4	↑
Clackmannanshire	345	0	↔	6.6	0.0	↔
Dumfries and Galloway	600	60	↑	4.5	0.4	↑
Dundee City	985	20	↑	4.8	0.1	↑
East Ayrshire	715	-65	↓	5.9	-0.5	↓
East Dunbartonshire	250	15	↑	2.4	0.1	↑
East Lothian	330	-10	↓	3.3	-0.1	↓
East Renfrewshire	185	10	↑	1.9	0.1	↑
Falkirk	685	-40	↓	4.4	-0.2	↓
Fife	1,855	-70	↓	4.6	-0.2	↓
Glasgow City	3,445	800	↑	4.3	1.0	↑
Highland	675	-25	↓	3.1	-0.1	↓
Inverclyde	445	-60	↓	5.7	-0.8	↓
Midlothian	330	20	↑	3.8	0.3	↑
Moray	350	-15	↓	3.7	-0.2	↓
Na h-Eileanan Siar	65	-5	↓	3.0	-0.2	↓
North Ayrshire	870	-50	↓	6.3	-0.4	↓
North Lanarkshire	1,650	-50	↓	4.6	-0.1	↓
Orkney Islands	45	-10	↓	2.4	-0.5	↓
Perth and Kinross	360	-20	↓	2.5	-0.1	↓
Renfrewshire	765	140	↑	4.2	0.7	↑
Scottish Borders	430	50	↑	4.2	0.5	↑
Shetland Islands	60	15	↑	2.7	0.9	↑
South Ayrshire	575	15	↑	5.5	0.1	↑
South Lanarkshire	1,365	-35	↓	4.3	-0.1	↓
Stirling	325	-15	↓	2.6	-0.1	↓
West Dunbartonshire	565	165	↑	6.3	1.9	↑
West Lothian	775	50	↑	4.2	0.3	↑

Source: Claimant Count, ONS

Notes:

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Alternative Claimant Count

The Alternative Claimant Count measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. Previously, the Claimant Count was simply the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

- Since the introduction of Universal Credit in April 2013, Universal Credit claimants who meet the 'Searching for Work' conditionality have been added to overall Claimant Count figures. By bringing more people within the coverage of the Claimant Count, total numbers may rise irrespective of economic performance.
- ONS has withdrawn Claimant Count data from Labour Market Statistics bulletins, stating that it was no longer a reliable economic indicator and could be a misleading representation of changes in the labour market. The Alternative Claimant Count is intended to provide a consistent claimant unemployment series and thus a better indicator of local labour market change over time.
- The new Alternative Claimant Count is not directly comparable to the Claimant Count figures previously published.

Statistics for this new measure are published quarterly by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). They are available by calendar month at national and local authority level and can be broken down by gender, age group and type of benefit claimed. Tables C1 to C5 show experimental Alternative Claimant Count data published by DWP and are updated quarterly. The most recent data was published on 21 April 2020. Further information on this measure can be found at the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/alternative-claimant-count-statistics-january-2013-to-february-2020

Claimant Count

The Claimant Count measures the number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed:

- between January 1971 (when comparable estimates start) and September 1996, it is an estimate of the number of people who would have claimed unemployment-related benefits if Jobseeker's Allowance had existed at that time.
- between October 1996 and April 2013, the Claimant Count is a count of the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).
- between May 2013 and October 2013, the Claimant Count includes all claimants of Universal Credit (including those who were in work) as well as all JSA claimants
- from November 2013, the Claimant Count includes all out of work Universal Credit claimants as well as all JSA claimants .
- From April 2015 onwards the claimant count includes those claimants of Universal Credit who are required to search for work, i.e. within the Searching for Work conditionality regime as defined by the Department for Work & Pensions as well as all JSA claimants

The information for March 2020 is for number of claimants on the 12th of March 2020.

Measures of disability

In the April-June 2013 dataset, and subsequent datasets, questions used to derive current disability status of a person were changed. Estimates are now based on the core definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010, as specified in the Government Statistical Service (GSS) Harmonised Standards for Questions on disability.

- The definition includes people with a health condition or illness lasting 12 months or more that reduces their ability to carry out day-to-day activities.
- The definition excludes certain non-core groups covered by the Equality Act, such as those with progressive or past conditions that do not currently limit their activities, and conditions that only limit their activities without medication or treatment.
- Respondents are now asked to take into account any medication that they are currently taking when previously they were asked to consider their day-to-day activities without the use of medication.

The introduction of this new definition has created a discontinuity in the series and estimates are not directly comparable with earlier periods

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Further information

Further Labour Market information can be obtained from the following sites/sources.

Scottish Government Labour Market Statistics:

https://www.gov.scot/collections/labour-market-statistics/

Scottish Government Open Data:

https://statistics.gov.scot/home

ONS:

Labour Market Statistics Theme page

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Labour+Market

Regional Labour Market Statistics
https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/previousReleases

NOMIS:

Online database for official labour market statistics

https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/default.asp

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