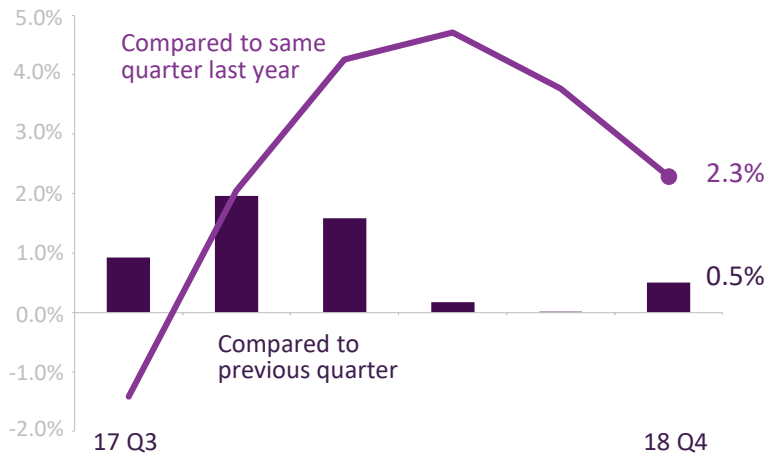


Latest Results

In 2018 Quarter 4, labour productivity in Scotland, measured by output per hour worked, increased by 2.3% compared to the same quarter last year.

Compared to the previous quarter, labour productivity is estimated to have grown by 0.5% in 2018 Quarter 4, following zero growth (0.0%) in the previous quarter.

Growth in output per hour worked

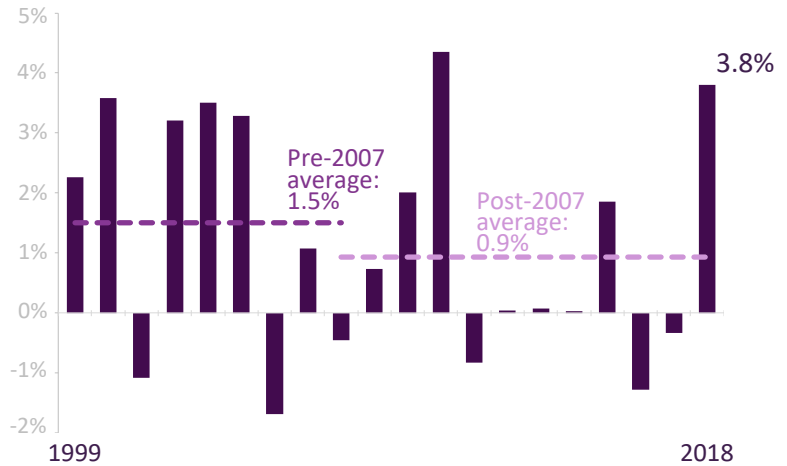


Annual Productivity

In 2018, annual productivity increased by 3.8% compared to 2017, following a decline in each of the previous two years.

Annual productivity growth can vary widely from year to year, but looking over the longer term it has grown by an average of 0.9% per year since the onset of the recession. Prior to this, from 1998 to 2007, output per hour worked increased by 1.5% per year on average.

Long term trends in annual productivity growth



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 faster than hours, productivity increases.

In 2018 Quarter 4, output per hour increased by 0.5% due to a combination of rising GVA (0.3%) and a fall in the number of hours worked (0.2%).

Components of productivity growth (quarterly)

