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	Level ('000)							Rate						
	Level	Change on Jun-Aug 2019		Change on year		Change on Sep-Nov 2008		Rate (%)	Change on Jun-Aug 2019 (%pts)		Change on year (%pts)		Change on Sep-Nov 2008 (%pt)	
Employment* (levels 16+, rates 16-64)														
Scotland	2,654	18	↑	-17	↓	122	↑	74.3	0.0	↔	-1.0	↓	1.0	↑
England	27,872	151	↑	363	↑	2,996	↑	76.8	0.5	↑	0.7	↑	4.2	↑
Wales	1,494	21	↑	-24	↓	134	↑	74.9	0.7	↑	-0.9	↓	6.0	↑
Northern Ireland	881	18	↑	37	↑	94	↑	72.6	1.1	↑	2.7	↑	5.2	↑
UK	32,901	208	↑	359	↑	3,345	↑	76.3	0.5	↑	0.6	↑	4.1	↑
Unemployment** (16+)														
Scotland	105	-7	↓	4	↑	-32	↓	3.8	-0.3	↓	0.2	↑	-1.3	↓
England	1,134	22	↑	-40	↓	-533	↓	3.9	0.1	↑	-0.2	↓	-2.4	↓
Wales	46	-18	↓	-18	↓	-55	↓	3.0	-1.2	↓	-1.1	↓	-3.9	↓
Northern Ireland	21	-5	↓	-10	↓	-15	↓	2.3	-0.6	↓	-1.2	↓	-2.0	↓
UK	1,306	-7	↓	-64	↓	-635	↓	3.8	0.0	↔	-0.2	↓	-2.3	↓

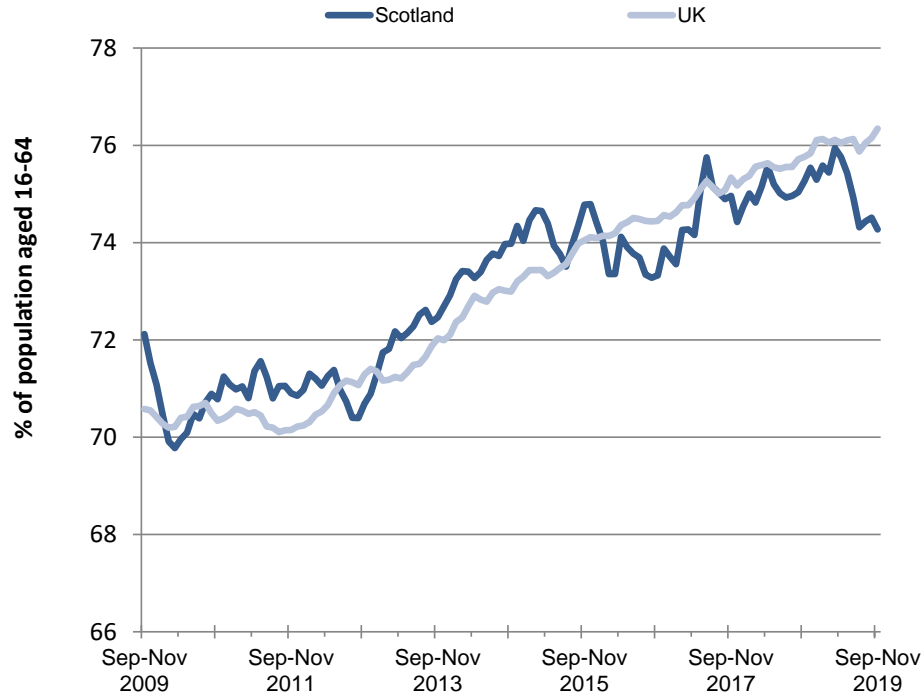
Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Note: *Denominator = all persons aged 16-64 **Denominator = total economically active (16+)

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Chart 1.1: Employment rate (16-64), Scotland and UK
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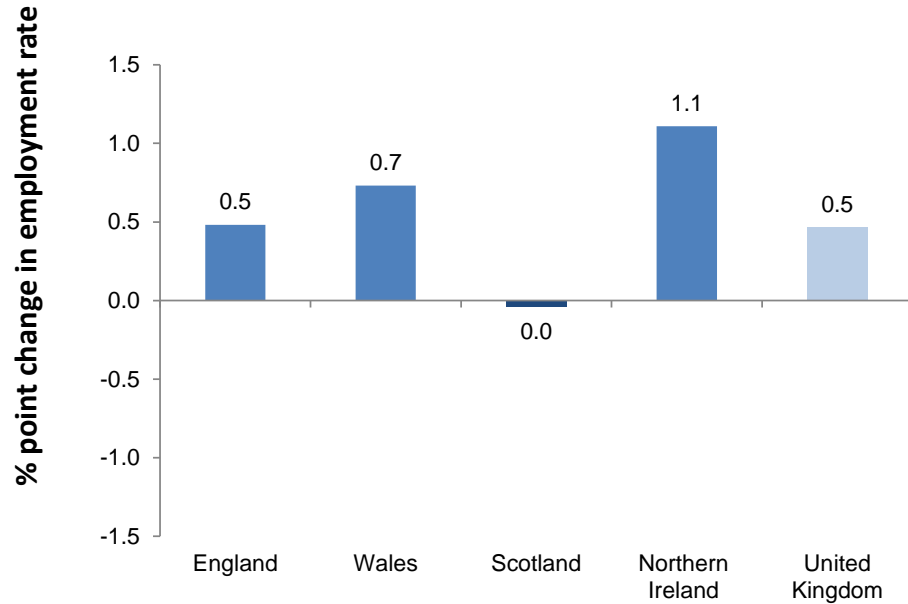
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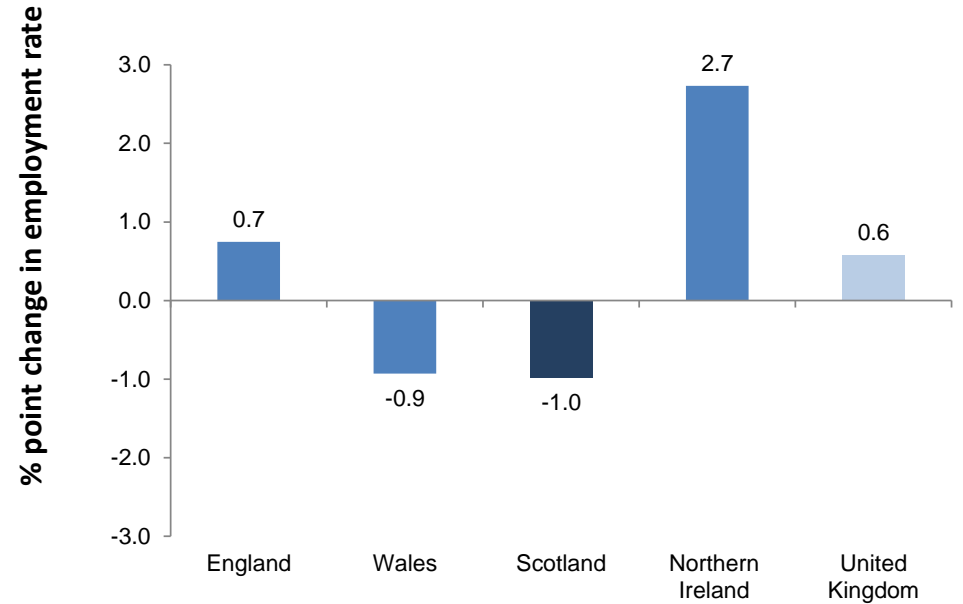
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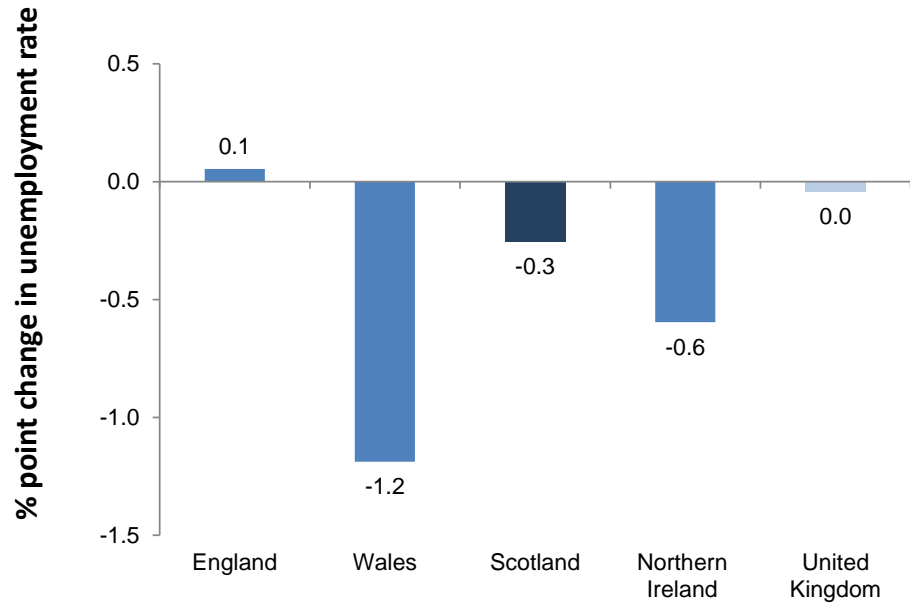


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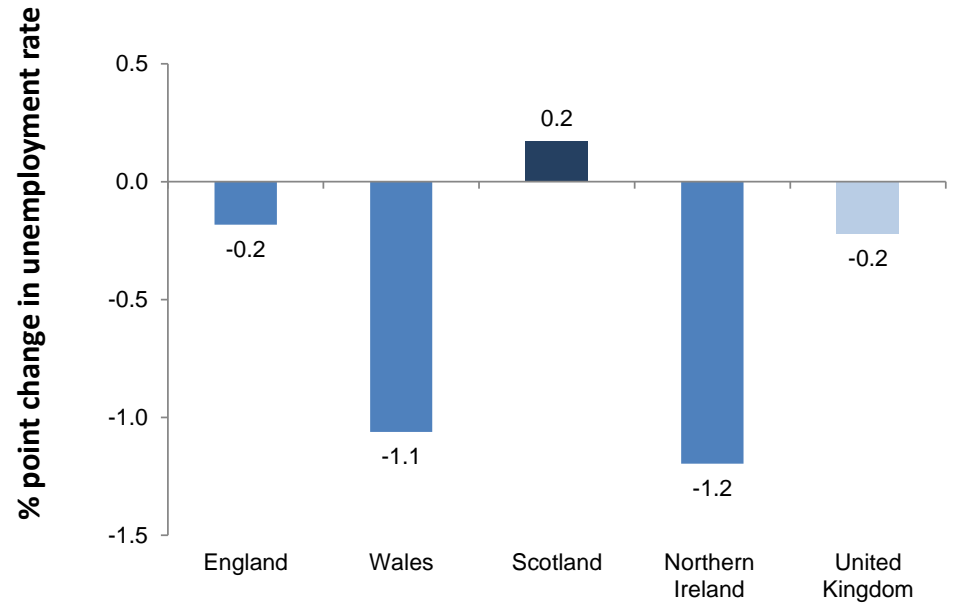
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Table 1.2: Economic activity and inactivity, Sep-Nov 2019
Seasonally adjusted

	Level ('000)							Rate						
	Level	Change on Jun-Aug 2019		Change on year		Change on Sep-Nov 2008		Rate (%)	Change on Jun-Aug 2019 (%pts)		Change on year (%pt)		Change on Sep-Nov 2008 (%pt)	
Economic Activity* (levels 16+, rates 16-64)														
Scotland	2,759	12	↑	-13	↓	89	↑	77.3	-0.2	↓	-0.8	↓	0.0	↔
England	29,006	173	↑	323	↑	2,463	↑	79.9	0.5	↑	0.6	↑	2.5	↑
Wales	1,540	3	↑	-42	↓	79	↑	77.3	-0.2	↓	-1.9	↓	3.2	↑
Northern Ireland	902	13	↑	27	↑	79	↑	74.3	0.7	↑	1.9	↑	3.9	↑
UK	34,207	201	↑	295	↑	2,710	↑	79.4	0.4	↑	0.4	↑	2.3	↑
Economic Inactivity* (16-64)														
Scotland	781	8	↑	28	↑	14	↑	22.7	0.2	↑	0.8	↑	0.0	↔
England	6,991	-174	↓	-187	↓	-544	↓	20.1	-0.5	↓	-0.6	↓	-2.5	↓
Wales	434	3	↑	36	↑	-63	↓	22.7	0.2	↑	1.9	↑	-3.2	↓
Northern Ireland	300	-8	↓	-22	↓	-39	↓	25.7	-0.7	↓	-1.9	↓	-3.9	↓
UK	8,506	-171	↓	-145	↓	-633	↓	20.6	-0.4	↓	-0.4	↓	-2.3	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Note: *Denominator = all aged 16-64

Table 1.3: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity rates by gender, Sep-Nov 2019
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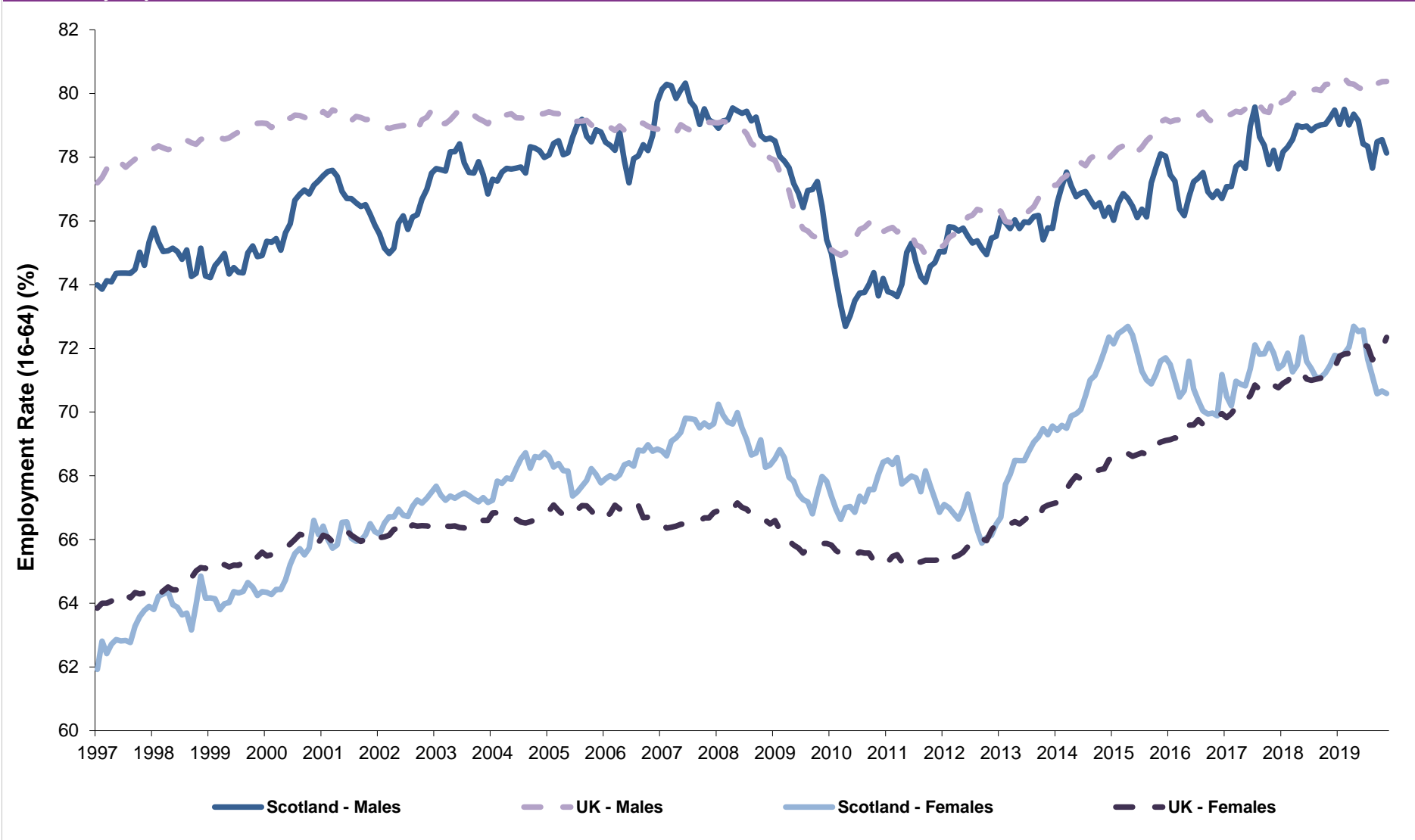
	Gender	Scotland					UK				
		Rate (%)	Change on quarter (%pts)		Change on year (%pts)		Rate (%)	Change on quarter (%pts)		Change on year (%pts)	
Employment Rate*	People	74.3	0.0	↔	-1.0	↓	76.3	0.5	↑	0.6	↑
	Men	78.1	0.5	↑	-1.1	↓	80.4	0.2	↑	0.1	↑
	Women	70.6	-0.5	↓	-0.9	↓	72.3	0.7	↑	1.1	↑
Unemployment Rate**	People	3.8	-0.3	↓	0.2	↑	3.8	0.0	↔	-0.2	↓
	Men	3.9	-0.6	↓	-0.3	↓	4.0	0.0	↔	-0.1	↓
	Women	3.7	0.1	↑	0.7	↑	3.6	-0.1	↓	-0.4	↓
Inactivity Rate*	People	22.7	0.2	↑	0.8	↑	20.6	-0.4	↓	-0.4	↓
	Men	18.6	0.0	↔	1.3	↑	16.2	-0.2	↓	0.0	↔
	Women	26.6	0.4	↑	0.4	↑	24.9	-0.6	↓	-0.8	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Note: * Denominator = population of aged 16-64

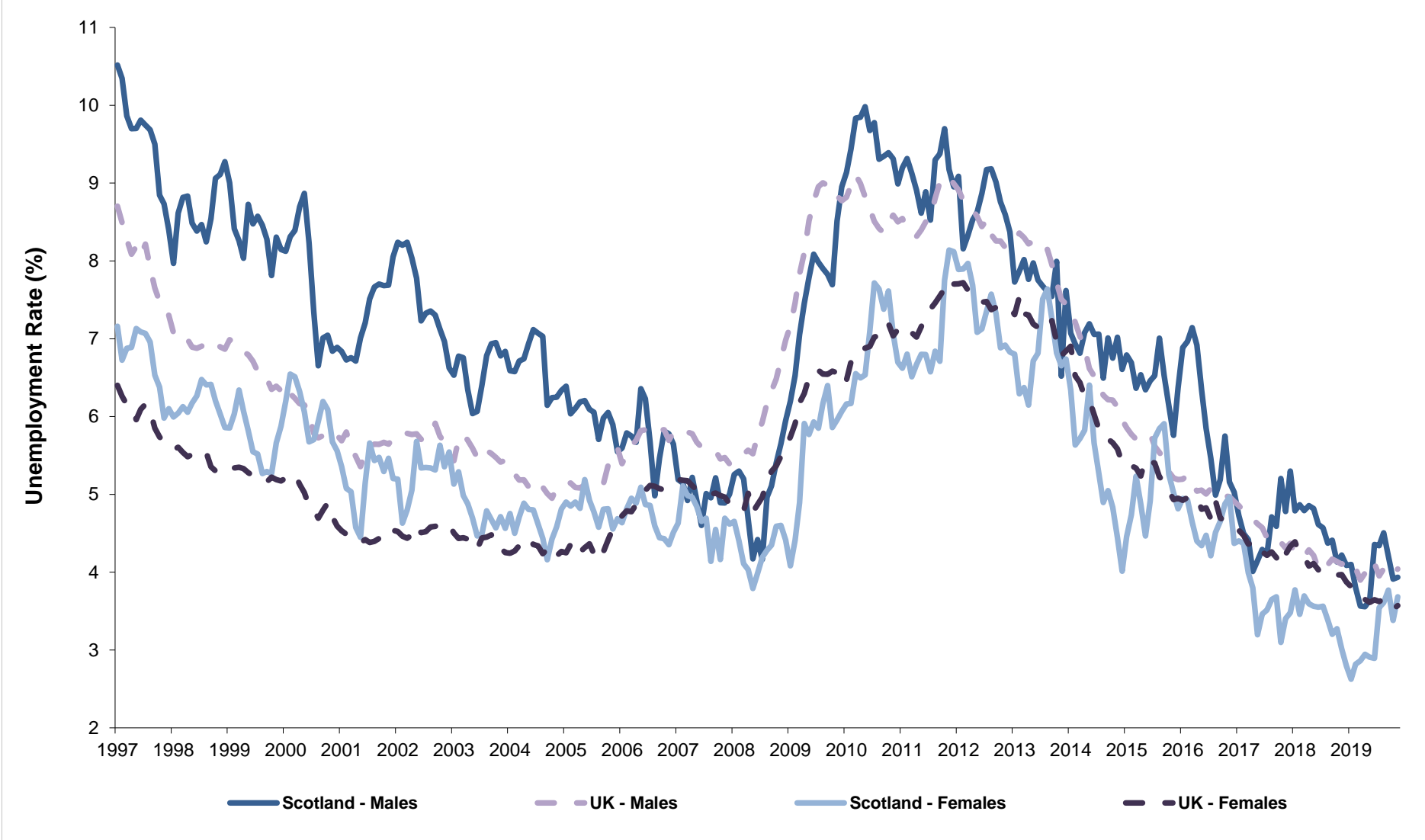
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Chart 1.7: Employment rate by gender (16-64), Scotland and UK, 1997-2019
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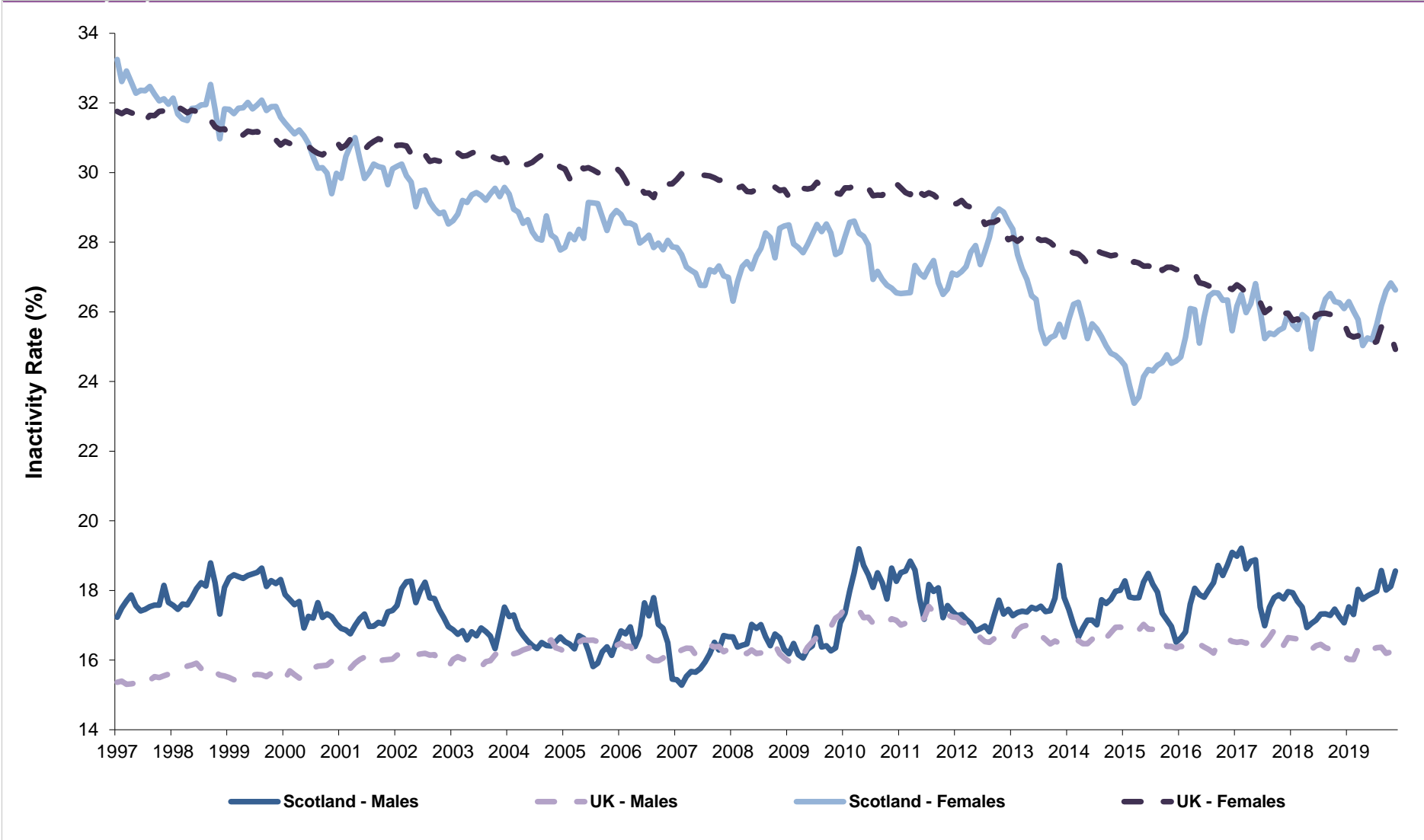
Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Chart 1.8: Unemployment rate by gender (16+), Scotland and UK, 1997-2019
Seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Chart 1.9: Inactivity rate by gender (16-64), Scotland, UK 1997-2019
Seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Table 1.4a: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity by age group, Scotland and UK, Annual Population Survey: Oct 2018 - Sep 2019

	Age Group	Scotland				UK			
		Rate (%)	Change on year (%pt)	change on Oct 2008 - Sep	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pt)	change on Oct 2008 - Sep		
Employment Rate	16-24	59.0	1.2 ↑	0.6 ↑	54.2	0.5 ↑	1.0 ↑		
	25-34	81.9	0.9 ↑	1.8 ↑	83.7	0.6 ↑	5.6 ↑		
	35-49	83.6	0.0 ↔	1.5 ↑	84.9	0.3 ↑	3.7 ↑		
	50-64	70.0	-0.1 ↓	5.4 ↑	72.2	1.0 ↑	7.5 ↑		
	65+	8.6	0.0 ↔	2.0 ↑	10.8	0.5 ↑	3.3 ↑		
Unemployment Rate	16-24	9.1	-0.3 ↓	-7.3 ↓	11.4	-0.2 ↓	-6.7 ↓		
	25-34	4.4	0.2 ↑	-2.0 ↓	3.6	-0.2 ↓	-3.6 ↓		
	35-49	2.6	-0.6 ↓	-1.7 ↓	2.5	-0.3 ↓	-2.7 ↓		
	50-64	2.7	-0.4 ↓	-1.5 ↓	2.8	-0.2 ↓	-1.5 ↓		
	65+	*	*	-	1.4	-0.3 ↓	-1.2 ↓		
Inactivity Rate	16-24	35.0	-1.0 ↓	5.0 ↑	38.8	-0.4 ↓	3.8 ↑		
	25-34	14.4	-1.1 ↓	-0.1 ↓	13.1	-0.4 ↓	-2.6 ↓		
	35-49	14.1	0.3 ↑	-0.1 ↓	13.0	0.0 ↔	-1.4 ↓		
	50-64	28.1	0.4 ↑	-4.6 ↓	25.8	-0.8 ↓	-6.7 ↓		
	65+	91.3	0.0 ↔	-2.0 ↓	89.1	-0.5 ↓	-3.3 ↓		

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: Sep-Nov 2019 (Official Statistics)

Not seasonally adjusted

	Age Group	Scotland			UK		
		Rate (%)	Change on year (%pt)	Change on 2008 (%pt)	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pt)	Change on 2008 (%pt)
Employment Rate**	16-24	54.5	-6.3 ↓	-4.7 ↓	55.3	-0.6 ↓	-1.3 ↓
	25-34	83.0	-0.9 ↓	3.1 ↑	84.9	1.2 ↑	5.1 ↑
	35-49	84.2	-0.1 ↓	1.1 ↑	85.8	0.5 ↑	3.6 ↑
	50-64	69.3	0.2 ↑	2.9 ↑	72.6	0.7 ↑	7.0 ↑
	65+	9.3	1.7 ↑	3.0 ↑	11.0	0.2 ↑	3.7 ↑
Unemployment Rate***	16-24	9.4	1.0 ↑	-4.5 ↓	11.8	-0.3 ↓	-4.9 ↓
	25-34	3.6	1.0 ↑	-1.8 ↓	3.4	0.0 ↔	-2.1 ↓
	35-49	3.2	0.8 ↑	-0.3 ↓	2.4	-0.3 ↓	-1.7 ↓
	50-64	2.6	-0.9 ↓	0.2 ↑	2.7	-0.2 ↓	-1.0 ↓
	65+	*	*	-	2.0	0.8 ↑	-0.9 ↓
Inactivity Rate**	16-24	39.9	6.2 ↑	8.6 ↑	37.3	0.9 ↑	5.2 ↑
	25-34	13.9	0.0 ↔	-1.7 ↓	12.1	-1.3 ↓	-3.5 ↓
	35-49	12.9	-0.6 ↓	-0.8 ↓	12.2	-0.2 ↓	-2.2 ↓
	50-64	28.9	0.4 ↑	-3.1 ↓	25.4	-0.6 ↓	-6.5 ↓
	65+	90.7	-1.6 ↓	-2.9 ↓	88.8	-0.3 ↓	-3.7 ↓

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): Oct 2018 - Sep 2019

	Level ('000)					Rate				
	Level	Change on year		change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009		Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)		change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	
Employment*										
Scotland	336	0	↔	-21	↓	59.0	1.2	↑	0.6	↑
UK	3,755	-11	↓	-101	↓	54.2	0.5	↑	1.0	↑
ILO Unemployment **										
Scotland	34	-1	↓	-36	↓	9.1	-0.3	↓	-7.3	↓
UK	486	-13	↓	-372	↓	11.4	-0.2	↓	-6.7	↓
Inactivity *										
Scotland	199	-10	↓	16	↑	35.0	-1.0	↓	5.0	↑
UK	2,688	-63	↓	154	↑	38.8	-0.4	↓	3.8	↑

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): Sep-Nov 2019
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	307	-42	↓	-53	↓	54.5	-6.3	↓	-4.7	↓
UK	3,811	-80	↓	-284	↓	55.3	-0.6	↓	-1.3	↓
ILO Unemployment **										
Scotland	32	0	↔	-26	↓	9.4	1.0	↑	-4.5	↓
UK	512	-25	↓	-310	↓	11.8	-0.3	↓	-4.9	↓
Inactivity										
Scotland	224	31	↑	34	↑	39.9	6.2	↑	8.6	↑
UK	2,570	34	↑	249	↑	37.3	0.9	↑	5.2	↑

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS), ONS

*rate based on total population aged 16-24

**rate=ILO unemployed/(employed+ ILO unemployed)

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Chart 2.1: Youth employment rate, *not seasonally adjusted*

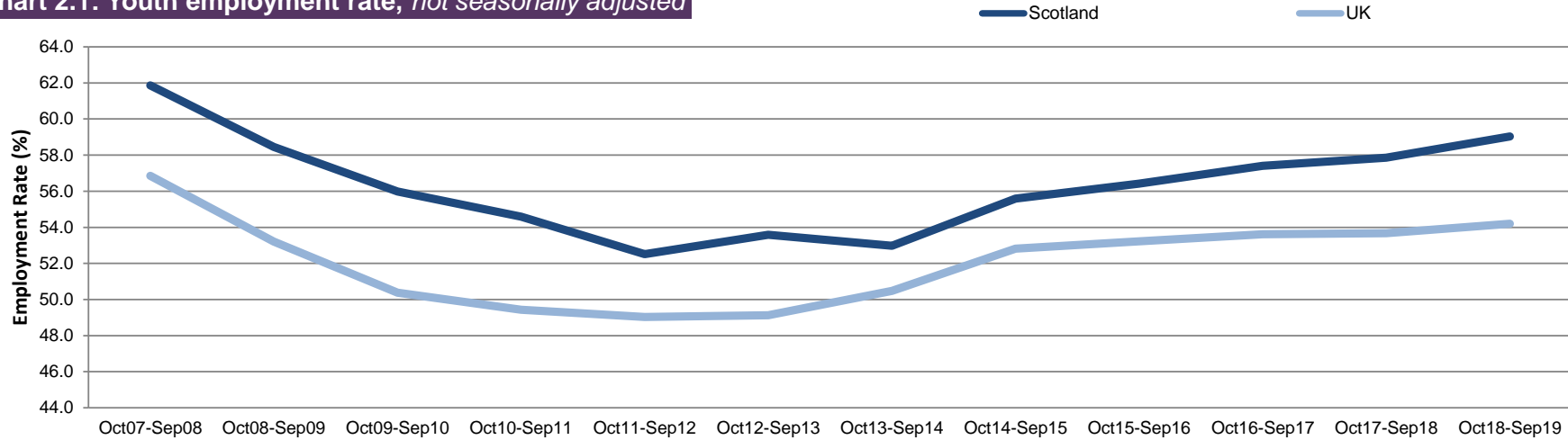
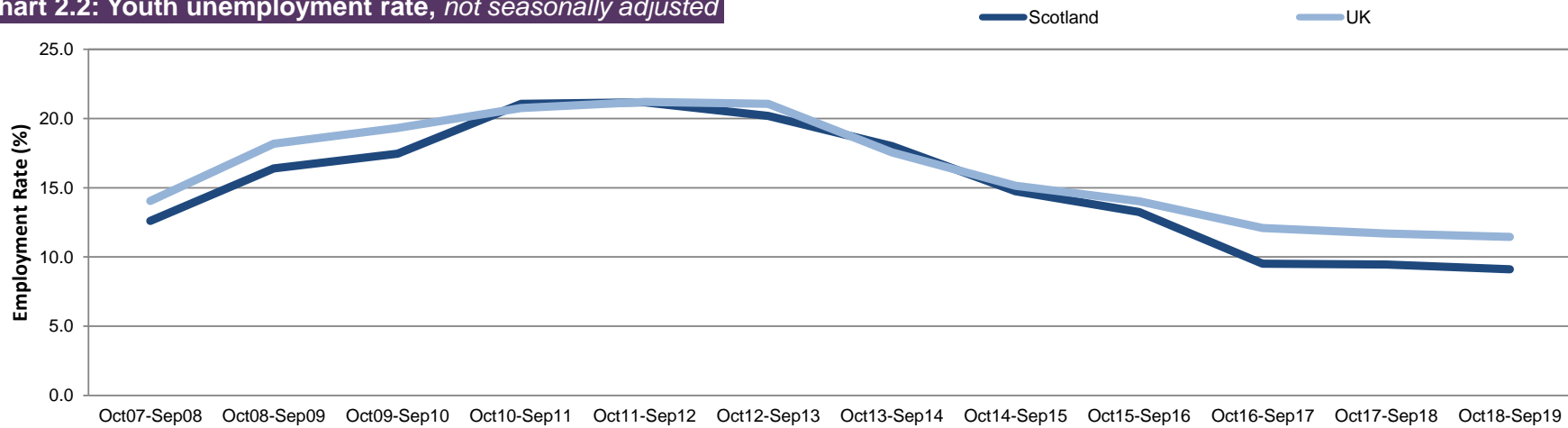


Chart 2.2: Youth unemployment rate, *not seasonally adjusted*



Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 2.2: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity for 16-24 age group by gender, Scotland and UK (APS), Oct 2018 - Sep 2019

Scotland

	Level ('000)				Rate				
	Level	Change on year	change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009			
Employment*									
Male	170	-8 ↓	-8 ↓	59.5	-1.6 ↓	0.9 ↑			
Female	166	8 ↑	-13 ↓	58.6	3.9 ↑	0.3 ↑			
ILO Unemployment **									
Male	20	2 ↑	-23 ↓	10.6	1.2 ↑	-8.9 ↓			
Female	14	-3 ↓	-13 ↓	7.6	-2.0 ↓	-5.6 ↓			
Inactivity *									
Male	96	0 ↔	13 ↑	33.5	0.8 ↑	6.2 ↑			
Female	103	-10 ↓	3 ↑	36.6	-3.0 ↓	3.8 ↑			

UK

	Level ('000)				Rate				
	Level	Change on year	change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	Rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009			
Employment*									
Male	1,901	-50 ↓	-35 ↓	53.7	-0.7 ↓	0.3 ↑			
Female	1,854	39 ↑	-67 ↓	54.7	1.8 ↑	1.7 ↑			
ILO Unemployment **									
Male	294	14 ↑	-221 ↓	13.4	0.8 ↑	-7.6 ↓			
Female	191	-27 ↓	-150 ↓	9.4	-1.4 ↓	-5.7 ↓			
Inactivity *									
Male	1,345	-8 ↓	171 ↑	38.0	0.2 ↑	5.6 ↑			
Female	1,343	-56 ↓	-17 ↓	39.6	-1.1 ↓	2.1 ↑			

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Notes: *denominator = 16-24 population; ** denominator = economically active population aged 16-24

Charts 2.3 and 2.4: Youth employment and unemployment by gender, Scotland (APS)

Chart 2.3: Youth employment rate by gender

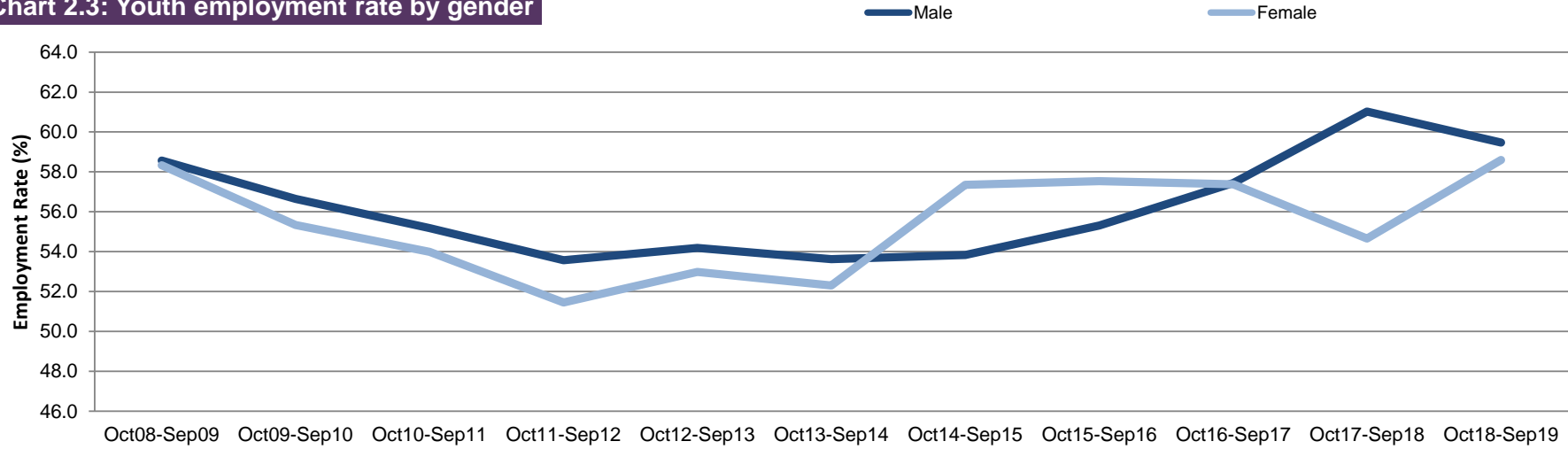
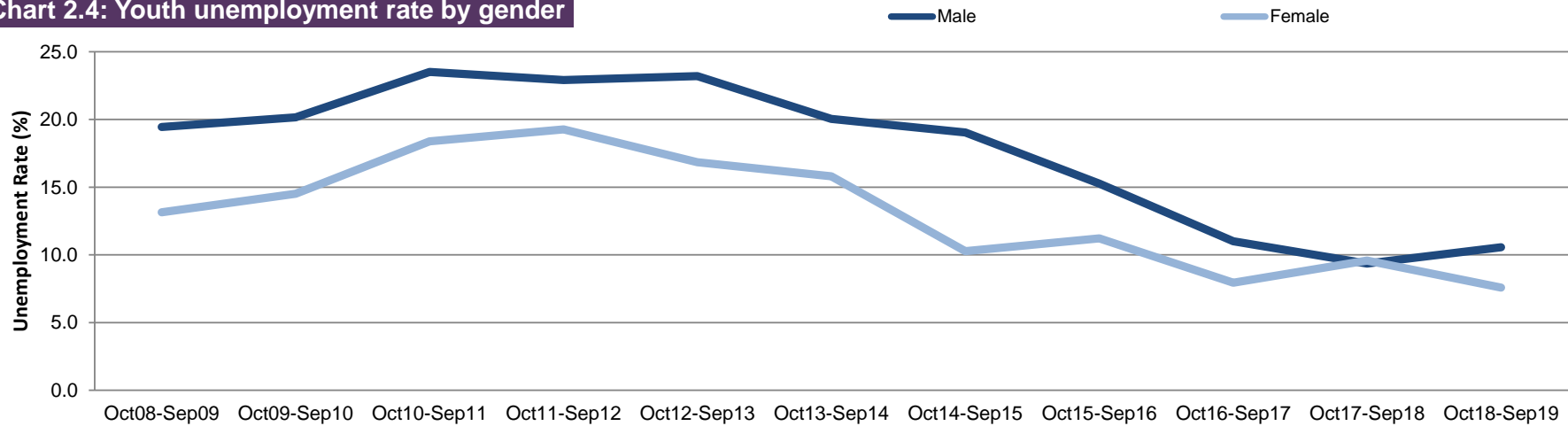


Chart 2.4: Youth unemployment rate by gender



Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 2.3: Youth Unemployment (16-24) by Government Office Region (LFS), Sep-Nov 2019
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	69	15	↑	-50	↓	13.6	2.4	↑	-7.6	↓
North East	27	-5	↓	-17	↓	15.5	-2.0	↓	-5.0	↓
Yorkshire and The Humber	47	-6	↓	-34	↓	12.4	-1.5	↓	-5.8	↓
East Midlands	39	-8	↓	-7	↓	11.4	-1.9	↓	-1.4	↓
West Midlands	58	0	↔	-25	↓	14.4	-0.7	↓	-4.9	↓
East	37	-6	↓	-27	↓	9.8	-0.8	↓	-4.7	↓
South East	62	0	↔	-31	↓	10.1	0.1	↑	-3.8	↓
London	85	2	↑	-34	↓	17.3	0.5	↑	-3.7	↓
South West	36	0	↔	-13	↓	9.7	0.7	↑	-1.5	↓
Wales	13	-15	↓	-37	↓	6.1	-5.3	↓	-14.5	↓
Northern Ireland	7	-2	↓	-10	↓	5.8	-2.7	↓	-6.7	↓
Scotland	32	0	↔	-26	↓	9.4	1.0	↑	-4.5	↓
United Kingdom	512	-25	↓	-310	↓	11.8	-0.3	↓	-4.9	↓
England	460	-9	↓	-237	↓	12.6	-0.1	↓	-4.3	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Table 2.4: Youth Employment (16-24) by UK Countries and Regions (LFS), Sep-Nov 2019
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	435	7	↑	-7	↓	56.8	1.7	↑	4.7	↑
North East	145	-5	↓	-23	↓	50.3	-1.2	↓	-3.2	↓
Yorkshire and The Humber	330	4	↑	-30	↓	54.1	1.2	↑	-1.9	↓
East Midlands	302	-5	↓	-14	↓	58.6	-0.2	↓	-2.0	↓
West Midlands	346	18	↑	-1	↓	54.1	3.4	↑	0.9	↑
East	343	-19	↓	-37	↓	58.8	-2.6	↓	-3.5	↓
South East	554	-6	↓	-23	↓	61.1	-0.1	↓	-1.5	↓
London	406	-3	↓	-41	↓	44.0	-0.3	↓	-2.3	↓
South West	337	-27	↓	-52	↓	60.3	-4.3	↓	-8.6	↓
Wales	194	-17	↓	5	↑	57.4	-4.1	↓	4.9	↑
Northern Ireland	111	15	↑	-8	↓	55.5	7.9	↑	2.9	↑
Scotland	307	-42	↓	-53	↓	54.5	-6.3	↓	-4.7	↓
United Kingdom	3,811	-80	↓	-284	↓	55.3	-0.6	↓	-1.3	↓
England	3,198	-36	↓	-227	↓	55.2	-0.1	↓	-1.5	↓

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/measuringandreportingreliabilityoflabourforcesurveyandannualpopulationurveyestimates>

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/samplingvariabilityandrevisionsummaryforregionallabourmarketstatistics02>

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.) (%)
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	70	54	16.4	17.1	357	264	58.4	71.3	184	52	30.1	14.0
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	73	56	17.5	18.5	345	249	56.0	68.1	198	60	32.2	16.5
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	91	65	21.1	21.1	340	242	54.6	68.3	192	47	30.9	13.3
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	88	65	21.2	21.9	327	231	52.5	67.9	208	45	33.4	13.1
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	84	56	20.2	18.7	332	243	53.6	69.7	203	50	32.9	14.2
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	71	49	18.0	17.1	325	235	53.0	69.6	217	54	35.4	16.0
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	59	40	14.8	14.3	339	240	55.6	72.5	212	51	34.8	15.3
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	52	35	13.2	12.1	340	255	56.4	73.3	211	58	35.0	16.6
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	36	26	9.5	9.1	339	255	57.4	76.0	216	55	36.6	16.3
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	35	23	9.5	8.2	335	255	57.9	76.5	209	56	36.1	16.7
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	34	25	9.1	9.1	336	252	59.0	76.5	199	52	35.0	15.9
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-1	2	-0.3	0.9	0	-3	1.2	0.0	-10	-3	-1.0	-0.8
<i>change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009</i>	-36	-29	-7.3	-8.0	-21	-12	0.6	5.2	16	0	5.0	1.9

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.) (%)
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	857	634	18.2	17.5	3,857	2,987	53.2	69.0	2,534	707	35.0	16.3
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	880	641	19.3	18.5	3,676	2,820	50.4	66.8	2,741	763	37.6	18.1
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	953	683	20.8	19.7	3,636	2,784	49.4	66.4	2,768	728	37.6	17.4
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	971	686	21.2	19.9	3,608	2,767	49.0	67.1	2,780	672	37.8	16.3
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	960	668	21.1	19.3	3,597	2,799	49.1	67.4	2,766	689	37.8	16.6
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	783	534	17.5	15.8	3,681	2,847	50.5	70.3	2,829	671	38.8	16.6
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	685	468	15.2	13.6	3,838	2,962	52.8	72.9	2,743	636	37.8	15.6
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	626	417	14.0	12.3	3,835	2,978	53.2	73.1	2,746	681	38.1	16.7
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	525	350	12.1	10.6	3,813	2,939	53.6	74.6	2,773	653	39.0	16.6
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	499	338	11.7	10.3	3,766	2,930	53.7	74.3	2,751	676	39.2	17.1
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	486	348	11.4	10.7	3,755	2,902	54.2	74.1	2,688	668	38.8	17.0
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-13	10	-0.2	0.4	-11	-28	0.5	-0.2	-63	-8	-0.4	-0.1
<i>change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009</i>	-372	-286	-6.7	-6.8	-101	-86	1.0	5.1	154	-39	3.8	0.7

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS, Jul-Jun datasets

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)
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	240	39.3	2,896	40.1
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	250	40.6	3,051	41.9
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	268	43.1	3,141	42.8
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	281	45.3	3,201	43.7
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	268	43.5	3,139	43.0
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	276	45.0	3,210	44.2
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	278	45.6	3,173	43.8
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	253	42.1	3,103	43.2
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	254	43.1	3,136	44.3
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	245	42.4	3,043	43.6
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	239	42.0	2,970	43.1
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-7	-0.3	-73	-0.4

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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)	%
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	54	35	63.5	20	36.5	11	20.1	33	61.0
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	56	35	62.6	21	37.4	15	27.1	31	55.6
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	65	41	62.5	24	37.5	19	29.1	41	63.4
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	65	39	60.6	25	39.4	18	28.1	41	63.1
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	56	37	65.3	19	34.7	19	33.2	37	65.2
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	49	29	59.6	20	40.4	15	30.1	34	69.6
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	40	29	72.4	11	27.6	11	27.0	23	58.3
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	35	21	60.1	14	39.9	9	25.5	21	59.1
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	26	15	58.8	11	41.2	5	20.5	15	57.6
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	23	13	56.1	10	43.9	4	19.7	12	54.9
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	25	16	62.3	9	37.7	5	18.0	16	62.9
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	2	3	6.0	-1	-6.2	0	-1.7	3	8.1

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Note: Percentages show proportion of total (16-24) unemployed and not in full-time education

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)	
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	40.9	249	79.1	2,206	38.2
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	41.7	255	80.0	2,234	38.3
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	42.9	277	79.9	2,211	37.1
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	43.8	286	81.0	2,243	37.1
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	46.8	315	81.2	2,232	34.3
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	47.8	329	81.6	2,231	33.9
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>-0.5</i>

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)	
Jul-Sep 2013	42.0	252	79.6	2,232	37.6
Jul-Sep 2014	41.9	241	80.8	2,271	38.9
Jul-Sep 2015	43.6	267	81.1	2,263	37.5
Jul-Sep 2016	41.9	287	81.8	2,235	40.0
Jul-Sep 2017	46.0	290	82.2	2,296	36.2
Jul-Sep 2018	47.3	311	82.2	2,274	34.8
Jul-Sep 2019	49.9	345	81.1	2,216	31.3
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-58</i>	<i>-3.6</i>

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 expert error for some estimates included in the series (such as estimates for those aged 16/17). However, the LFS data are more timely and up to date estimates are classified as National Statistics as they are based on a larger sample size, but are not as current as LFS estimates.

Table 3.2: Employment rates and levels of the population aged 16-64 by ethnicity and gender, Scotland 2013-2019
Not seasonally adjusted

All

	White Employment		Minority Ethnic Employment		Ethnicity Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	71.1	2,337	55.7	72	15.5
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	72.7	2,383	62.4	83	10.3
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	73.7	2,407	57.1	82	16.6
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	73.7	2,385	57.5	103	16.2
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	74.7	2,432	58.7	104	15.9
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	75.1	2,461	58.0	96	17.2
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	75.6	2,455	60.6	118	15
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>-2.1</i>

Male

	White Employment		Minority Ethnic Employment		Ethnicity Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	74.5	1,196	66.7	42	7.8
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	76.3	1,220	72.8	48	3.5
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	76.6	1,220	69.6	50	7.0
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	77.0	1,219	70.5	60	6.5
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	77.5	1,234	71.8	62	5.8
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	78.7	1,260	69.7	55	9.0
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	78.6	1,249	69.7	64	8.9
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-11</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>-0.1</i>

Female

	White Employment		Minority Ethnic Employment		Ethnicity Employment Rate Gap (%pt)
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)	
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	67.9	1,141	44.9	30	22.9
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	69.2	1,162	52.0	34	17.2
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	71.0	1,187	44.7	32	26.3
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	70.5	1,166	45.5	42	25.0
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	71.9	1,198	46.4	42	25.5
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	71.8	1,200	47.4	41	24.3
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	72.8	1,206	52.5	54	20.2
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>-4.1</i>

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 3.3: Employment patterns, Scotland, Sep-Nov 2019, (Thousands)
Not seasonally adjusted

	Sep-Nov 2019	Change on 2008 (000s)			Change on year (000s)	
Total‡	2,651	116	↑	-21	↓	
Employees‡	2,305	61	↑	-45	↓	
Self employed‡	323	45	↑	19	↑	
Unpaid family workers	17	11	↑	5	↑	
Government-supported training and employment programmes	6	-1	↓	0	↔	
Full-time workers	1,941	20	↑	-14	↓	
Part-time workers	705	94	↑	-1	↓	
Workers with second jobs	103	8	↑	12	↑	
Temporary workers	131	10	↑	8	↑	
All males in employment						
Total‡	1,368	33	↑	-11	↓	
Employees‡	1,151	21	↑	-14	↓	
Self employed‡	204	7	↑	-4	↓	
Unpaid family workers	10	*	■	*	■	
Government-supported training and employment programmes	*	*	■	*	■	
Full-time workers	1,182	-12	↓	-20	↓	
Part-time workers	183	43	↑	14	↑	
Workers with second jobs	49	7	↑	10	↑	
Temporary workers	63	6	↑	4	↑	
All females in employment						
Total‡	1,283	83	↑	-10	↓	
Employees‡	1,154	40	↑	-31	↓	
Self employed‡	119	38	↑	23	↑	
Unpaid family workers	8	*	■	-1	↓	
Government-supported training and employment programmes	*	*	■	*	■	
Full-time workers	759	32	↑	7	↑	
Part-time workers	522	50	↑	-15	↓	
Workers with second jobs	54	0	↔	2	↑	
Temporary workers	68	5	↑	4	↑	

Source: Labour Force Survey, Sep-Nov 2019, ONS

‡ Includes people who did not state whether they worked part-time or full-time.

* Estimate suppressed as below reliability threshold.

Table 3.4: Underemployment, Scotland and UK, 2008-2019

Not seasonally adjusted

	UK		Scotland	
	Rate	Level (000s)	Rate	Level (000s)
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	7.9	2,256	7.5	185
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	8.6	2,471	8.8	214
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	9.0	2,573	9.2	225
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	10.0	2,889	10.1	247
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	10.0	2,927	9.4	229
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	9.4	2,805	9.1	229
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	8.7	2,663	8.8	225
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	8.4	2,594	8.9	227
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	7.8	2,462	8.0	209
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	7.2	2,272	7.7	202
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	7.0	2,235	7.1	187
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-0.2	-37	-0.6	-15
<i>Change on October 2008 - September 2009 (%pt for rate)</i>	-0.9	-22	-0.4	2

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.

Table 3.5: Employment rates by highest qualification held and gender, Scotland and UK, Oct 2018 - Sep 2019
Not seasonally adjusted

	Scotland			UK		
	Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	Change on year (%pt)		Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	Change on year (%pt)	
All						
Degree level and above	84.4	0.5	↑	86.6	0.6	↑
SVQ 4	79.8	0.3	↑	81.2	0.4	↑
SVQ 3	75.0	1.1	↑	76.1	0.7	↑
SVQ 2	67.5	-1.4	↓	69.2	-0.5	↓
SVQ 1	56.7	-5.5	↓	64.4	1.6	↑
Other qualification	74.9	2.7	↑	74.9	1.4	↑
No qualifications	51.1	1.2	↑	46.2	-0.1	↓
Males						
Degree level and above	86.3	-1.2	↓	89.4	0.2	↑
SVQ 4	82.8	-1.2	↓	85.4	-0.3	↓
SVQ 3	79.7	1.7	↑	79.6	0.2	↑
SVQ 2	71.6	-2.0	↓	74.3	-0.6	↓
SVQ 1	60.9	-7.7	↓	72.0	2.6	↑
Other qualification	82.9	5.2	↑	84.5	1.5	↑
No qualifications	54.6	-0.3	↓	54.4	-0.2	↓
Females						
Degree level and above	82.8	1.8	↑	84.1	1.1	↑
SVQ 4	77.4	1.6	↑	77.7	0.9	↑
SVQ 3	68.9	0.2	↑	71.9	1.3	↑
SVQ 2	64.0	-0.9	↓	64.6	-0.4	↓
SVQ 1	52.6	-0.2	↓	55.9	0.4	↑
Other qualification	65.4	-0.2	↓	62.7	1.6	↑
No qualifications	47.6	2.6	↑	36.9	-0.5	↓

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 3.6: Levels of unemployment, employment and economic inactivity (All and excluding full-time education), Scotland 2008-2019
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.)
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	3,390	3,096	175	156	2,453	2,335	762	604
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	3,407	3,094	200	178	2,420	2,296	787	620
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	3,428	3,108	215	185	2,418	2,295	796	628
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	3,424	3,091	214	187	2,418	2,298	792	606
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	3,417	3,092	209	178	2,410	2,300	799	615
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	3,415	3,081	176	150	2,468	2,348	771	582
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	3,422	3,079	163	140	2,500	2,372	759	566
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	3,432	3,126	132	112	2,500	2,391	801	623
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	3,439	3,128	117	104	2,540	2,429	783	595
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	3,442	3,128	114	98	2,558	2,450	770	579
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	3,442	3,135	106	94	2,574	2,454	763	587
<i>Change on year</i>	0	8	-8	-4	16	4	-7	7
<i>Change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009</i>	52	40	-69	-62	121	119	0	-17

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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: 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.)
Oct 2008 - Sep 2009	6.7	6.3	72.3	75.4	22.5	19.5
Oct 2009 - Sep 2010	7.6	7.2	71.0	74.2	23.1	20.0
Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	8.2	7.5	70.5	73.8	23.2	20.2
Oct 2011 - Sep 2012	8.1	7.5	70.6	74.3	23.1	19.6
Oct 2012 - Sep 2013	8.0	7.2	70.5	74.4	23.4	19.9
Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	6.7	6.0	72.3	76.2	22.6	18.9
Oct 2014 - Sep 2015	6.1	5.6	73.1	77.1	22.2	18.4
Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	5.0	4.5	72.8	76.5	23.3	19.9
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	4.4	4.1	73.8	77.7	22.8	19.0
Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	4.3	3.9	74.3	78.3	22.4	18.5
Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	4.0	3.7	74.8	78.3	22.2	18.7
<i>%pt change on year</i>	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
<i>%pt change on Oct 2008 - Sep 2009</i>	-2.7	-2.6	2.4	2.8	-0.3	-0.8

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Notes:

1. The unemployment rate is calculated for those aged 16+. Employment and inactivity rates are for ages 16-64.

Table 4.1: Unemployment by duration, Annual Population Survey, Oct 2018 - Sep 2019

Not seasonally adjusted

	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	63	-2 ↓	-3.5 ↓	-41 ↓	-39.2 ↓	823	-1 ↓	-0.2 ↓	-526 ↓	-39.0 ↓
Over 6 and up to 12 months	14	-3 ↓	-18.4 ↓	-16 ↓	-53.6 ↓	181	-23 ↓	-11.3 ↓	-226 ↓	-55.5 ↓
Over 1 year up to 2 years	12	-1 ↓	-6.5 ↓	-10 ↓	-44.8 ↓	162	2 ↑	1.4 ↑	-147 ↓	-47.5 ↓
2 years or more	18	-1 ↓	-3.2 ↓	-2 ↓	-8.9 ↓	151	-47 ↓	-23.7 ↓	-71 ↓	-32.1 ↓

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Note: Levels based on persons aged 16 and over

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

	Oct 2018-Sep 2019		Change on year			Change on Oct 2008-Sep 2009				
	Rate	Level	Rate (%pt)	Level Change		Rate (%pt)	Level Change			
Aberdeen City	3.6	4,900	-1.0	↓	-1,000	↓	-0.4	↓	-100	↓
Aberdeenshire	2.6	3,600	-0.3	↓	-400	↓	-0.1	↓	-100	↓
Angus	3.5	2,000	-0.1	↓	-100	↓	-1.9	↓	-1,100	↓
Argyll and Bute	3.3	1,300	0.4	↑	100	↑	-2.6	↓	-1,200	↓
City of Edinburgh	2.9	8,300	-1.0	↓	-2,900	↓	-3.0	↓	-6,700	↓
Clackmannanshire	4.0	1,000	-0.9	↓	-200	↓	-3.9	↓	-1,000	↓
Dumfries and Galloway	3.2	2,300	-0.1	↓	0	↔	-2.5	↓	-1,900	↓
Dundee City	6.1	4,300	-0.1	↓	-100	↓	-2.4	↓	-1,800	↓
East Ayrshire	5.1	3,000	-0.9	↓	-400	↓	-3.8	↓	-2,400	↓
East Dunbartonshire	2.9	1,500	-0.5	↓	-300	↓	-2.7	↓	-1,400	↓
East Lothian	3.0	1,600	-1.1	↓	-700	↓	-1.8	↓	-800	↓
East Renfrewshire	3.1	1,400	-0.3	↓	-100	↓	-1.9	↓	-800	↓
Falkirk	4.2	3,300	0.3	↑	100	↑	-2.5	↓	-2,000	↓
Fife	4.6	8,200	0.3	↑	300	↑	-3.1	↓	-5,900	↓
Glasgow City	5.2	16,400	-0.3	↓	-500	↓	-4.6	↓	-11,400	↓
Highland	2.8	3,500	-0.5	↓	-700	↓	-1.4	↓	-1,700	↓
Inverclyde	5.2	1,900	0.0	↔	-100	↓	-3.7	↓	-1,500	↓
Midlothian	3.2	1,500	-0.4	↓	-200	↓	-2.9	↓	-1,100	↓
Moray	3.7	1,800	0.0	↔	100	↑	-0.8	↓	-400	↓
Na h-Eileanan Siar	2.6	400	0.0	↔	100	↑	-3.1	↓	-400	↓
North Ayrshire	6.0	3,800	0.2	↑	200	↑	-4.2	↓	-2,800	↓
North Lanarkshire	4.6	8,000	0.3	↑	300	↑	-3.4	↓	-5,800	↓
Orkney Islands	2.0	200	0.2	↑	0	↔	-0.5	↓	-100	↓
Perth and Kinross	2.7	2,200	-0.3	↓	-100	↓	-1.3	↓	-700	↓
Renfrewshire	4.1	3,800	-0.5	↓	-400	↓	-3.1	↓	-2,600	↓
Scottish Borders	3.5	2,000	0.4	↑	300	↑	-1.7	↓	-1,000	↓
Shetland Islands	1.9	300	-0.3	↓	0	↔	-0.7	↓	0	↔
South Ayrshire	4.2	2,200	-0.5	↓	-100	↓	-2.7	↓	-1,600	↓
South Lanarkshire	3.7	5,900	-0.4	↓	-900	↓	-2.8	↓	-4,500	↓
Stirling	3.8	1,800	-0.4	↓	-100	↓	-2.7	↓	-1,100	↓
West Dunbartonshire	4.7	2,100	-0.1	↓	0	↔	-4.4	↓	-2,000	↓
West Lothian	3.2	3,000	-0.7	↓	-600	↓	-3.4	↓	-3,000	↓
Scotland	3.9	107,500	-0.3	↓	-8,400	↓	-2.7	↓	-69,000	↓

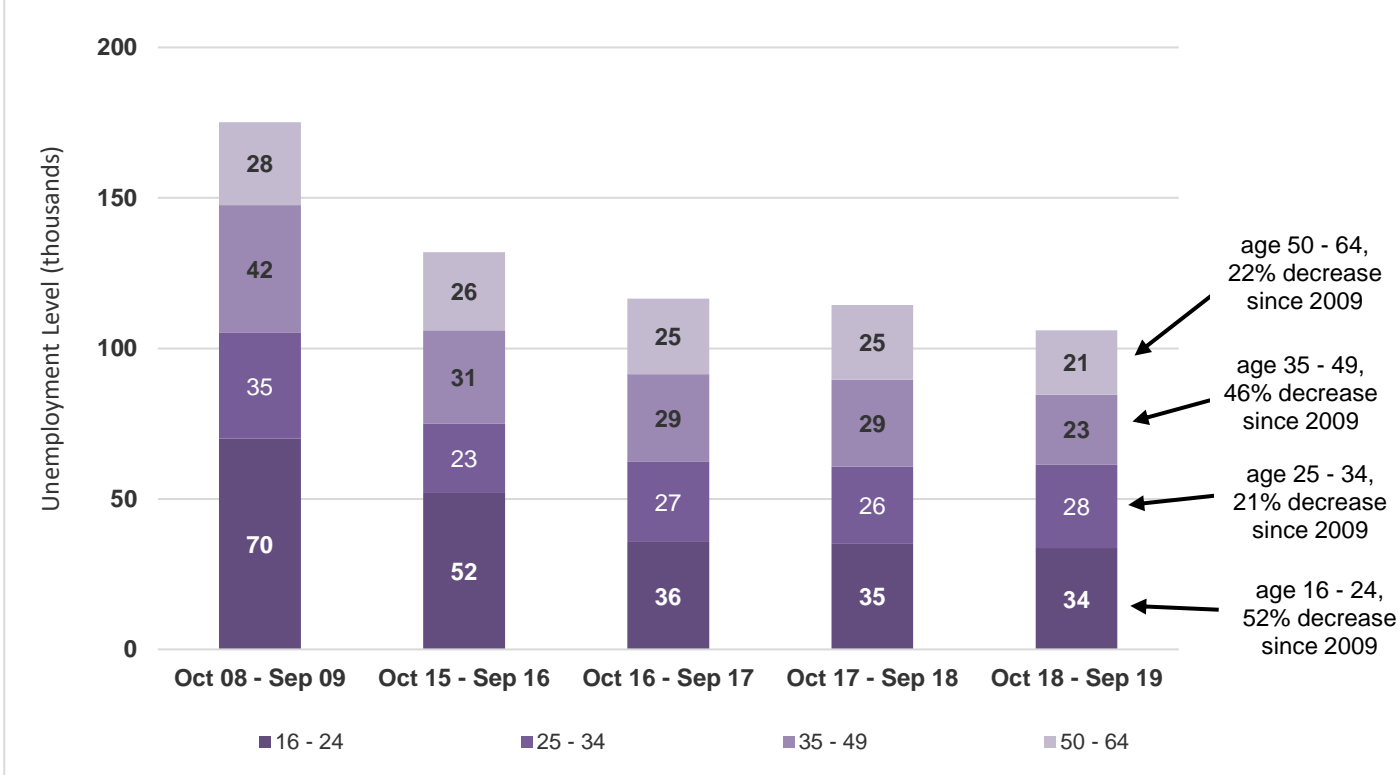
Sources: Annual Population Survey (ONS), Claimant Count (ONS)

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.

Chart 4.3: ILO unemployment levels by age-group (16-64), Scotland
Not seasonally adjusted



Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 5.1: Alternative Claimant Count data for November 2019 (Experimental data)

	Level	Change on previous month	Change on previous year	Change on November 2013
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)
Scotland	112	1 ↑	-1 ↓	-57 ↓
UK	1,311	12 ↑	52 ↑	-679 ↓

Source: *Alternative Claimant Count, DWP, seasonally adjusted*

Notes:

1. Data 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-november-2019>

Table 5.2: Alternative Claimant Count by local authority (Experimental data)

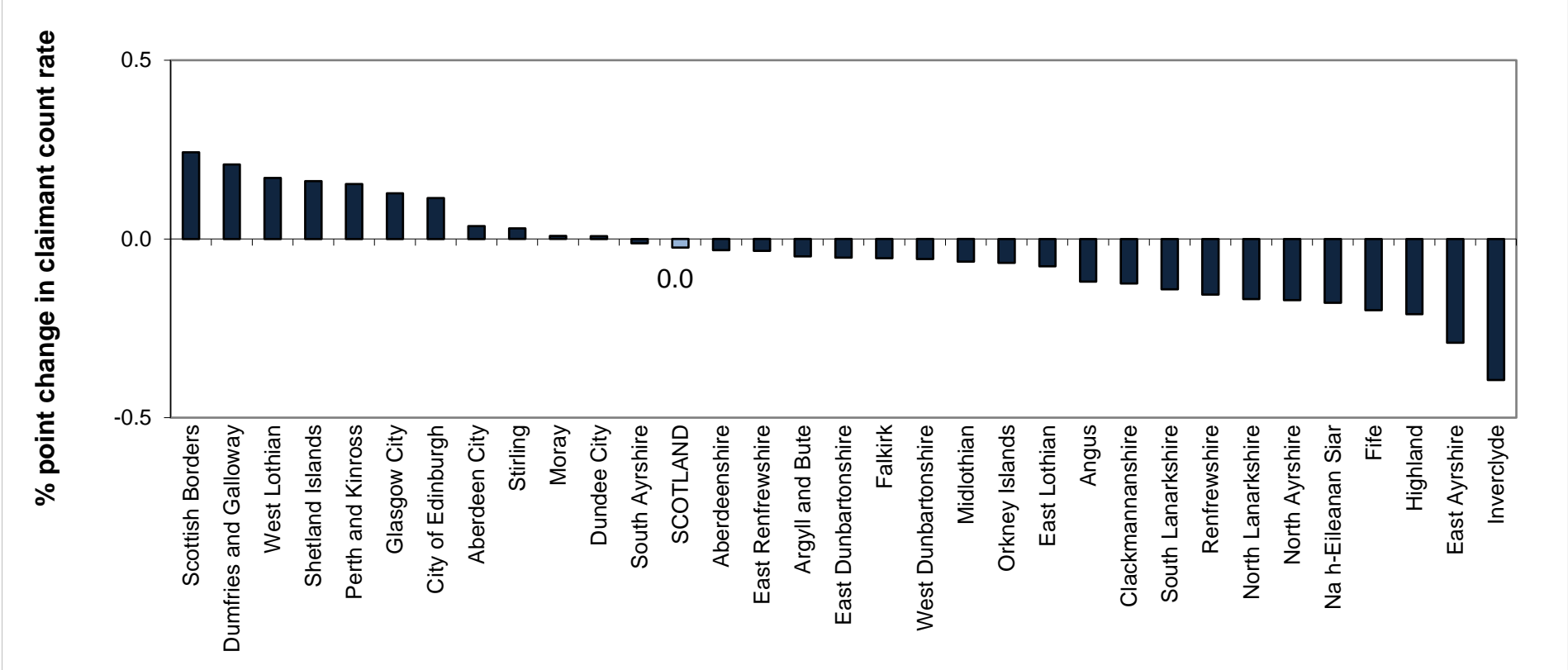
	November 2019 Total Claimants	% Change on year		Alternative Claimant Count rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	
Aberdeen City	4,158	1.4	↑	2.6	0.0	↔
Aberdeenshire	2,895	-1.7	↓	1.8	0.0	↔
Angus	2,010	-4.0	↓	2.9	-0.1	↓
Argyll and Bute	1,342	-1.8	↓	2.6	0.0	↔
City of Edinburgh	7,366	6.0	↑	2.0	0.1	↑
Clackmannanshire	1,277	-3.0	↓	4.0	-0.1	↓
Dumfries and Galloway	2,675	7.3	↑	3.1	0.2	↑
Dundee City	4,255	0.2	↑	4.3	0.0	↔
East Ayrshire	3,451	-6.0	↓	4.5	-0.3	↓
East Dunbartonshire	1,150	-2.9	↓	1.8	-0.1	↓
East Lothian	1,617	-3.0	↓	2.5	-0.1	↓
East Renfrewshire	981	-1.9	↓	1.7	0.0	↔
Falkirk	3,095	-1.7	↓	3.0	-0.1	↓
Fife	8,331	-5.3	↓	3.6	-0.2	↓
Glasgow City	19,412	3.0	↑	4.4	0.1	↑
Highland	3,016	-9.1	↓	2.1	-0.2	↓
Inverclyde	1,944	-9.1	↓	4.0	-0.4	↓
Midlothian	1,345	-2.6	↓	2.4	-0.1	↓
Moray	1,467	0.3	↑	2.5	0.0	↔
Na h-Eileanan Siar	345	-7.5	↓	2.2	-0.2	↓
North Ayrshire	4,289	-3.2	↓	5.2	-0.2	↓
North Lanarkshire	7,604	-4.6	↓	3.5	-0.2	↓
Orkney Islands	163	-5.2	↓	1.2	-0.1	↓
Perth and Kinross	1,765	8.7	↑	1.9	0.2	↑
Renfrewshire	3,711	-4.6	↓	3.2	-0.2	↓
Scottish Borders	1,839	9.9	↑	2.7	0.2	↑
Shetland Islands	219	11.7	↑	1.5	0.2	↑
South Ayrshire	2,593	-0.3	↓	3.9	0.0	↔
South Lanarkshire	6,144	-4.4	↓	3.0	-0.1	↓
Stirling	1,442	1.3	↑	2.4	0.0	↔
West Dunbartonshire	2,663	-1.2	↓	4.7	-0.1	↓
West Lothian	3,244	6.5	↑	2.8	0.2	↑
Scotland	107,811	-0.8	↓	3.1	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.

Chart 5.1: Change in Alternative Claimant Count rate by local authority (November 2018 to November 2019)



Source: *Alternative Claimant Count, DWP*

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

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

	Scotland		UK	
	Level	Rate (%)	Level	Rate (%)
November 2018	18,137	3.1	187,749	2.6
November 2019	19,116	3.3	211,808	3.0
Change on year (rate as %pt)	979	0.2	24,059	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 (%)
November 2018	11,021	3.7	7,108	2.5
November 2019	11,938	4.0	7,175	2.5
Change on year (rate as %pt)	917	0.3	67	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

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

	Level		Rate	
	November 2019	Change on year	November 2019	Change on year (%pts)
Scotland	19,116	979	3.3	0.2
<i>Local Authority Area</i>				
Aberdeen City	745	130	2.7	0.5
Aberdeenshire	579	101	2.5	0.4
Angus	405	-30	3.7	-0.3
Argyll and Bute	190	19	2.3	0.2
City of Edinburgh	997	202	1.5	0.3
Clackmannanshire	294	11	5.7	0.2
Dumfries and Galloway	478	80	3.6	0.6
Dundee City	838	63	4.1	0.3
East Ayrshire	663	-29	5.5	-0.2
East Dunbartonshire	231	29	2.2	0.3
East Lothian	288	-4	2.9	0.0
East Renfrewshire	163	-4	1.7	0.0
Falkirk	612	12	3.9	0.1
Fife	1,562	-126	3.9	-0.3
Glasgow City	3,001	432	3.8	0.5
Highland	500	-77	2.3	-0.4
Inverclyde	404	2	5.2	0.0
Midlothian	267	-19	3.1	-0.2
Moray	277	-9	3.0	-0.1
Na h-Eileanan Siar	33	-15	1.5	-0.7
North Ayrshire	807	-44	5.8	-0.3
North Lanarkshire	1,375	-39	3.8	-0.1
Orkney Islands	29	4	1.5	0.2
Perth and Kinross	314	12	2.2	0.1
Renfrewshire	655	111	3.6	0.6
Scottish Borders	348	34	3.4	0.3
Shetland Islands	48	18	2.2	0.8
South Ayrshire	475	-10	4.5	-0.1
South Lanarkshire	1,137	-57	3.6	-0.2
Stirling	296	18	2.3	0.1
West Dunbartonshire	485	74	5.4	0.8
West Lothian	621	98	3.3	0.5

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

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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 were added to the overall Claimant Count. As more people are therefore brought within the coverage of the Claimant Count, total numbers are set to rise, irrespective of economic performance.
- As a result, ONS withdrew the Claimant Count 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 on the 21st January 2020. The information and further background to this measure can be found at the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alternative-claimant-count-statistics-january-2013-to-november-2019/alternative-claimant-count-statistics-january-2013-to-november-2019#regional-level>

This information will be updated quarterly.

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

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/regionalabourmarket/previousReleases>

NOMIS:

Online database for official labour market statistics

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

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