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	Level	Change on Aug-Oct 2019	Change on year	Change on Nov-Jan 2008	Rate (%)	Change on Aug-Oct 2019 (%pts)	Change on year (%pts)	Change on Nov-Jan 2008 (%pt)
Employment* (levels 16+, rates 16-64)								
Scotland	2,679	31 ↑	3 ↑	132 ↑	74.9	0.4 ↑	-0.4 ↓	0.5 ↑
England	27,952	155 ↑	299 ↑	3,036 ↑	76.9	0.3 ↑	0.5 ↑	3.7 ↑
Wales	1,479	0 ↔	-48 ↓	120 ↑	74.4	0.1 ↑	-1.7 ↓	5.1 ↑
Northern Ireland	875	-3 ↓	18 ↑	83 ↑	72.3	-0.1 ↓	1.3 ↑	4.2 ↑
UK	32,985	184 ↑	271 ↑	3,371 ↑	76.5	0.3 ↑	0.4 ↑	3.5 ↑
Unemployment** (16+)								
Scotland	96	-4 ↓	3 ↑	-37 ↓	3.5	-0.2 ↓	0.1 ↑	-1.5 ↓
England	1,174	69 ↑	29 ↑	-208 ↓	4.0	0.2 ↑	0.1 ↑	-1.2 ↓
Wales	51	-3 ↓	-17 ↓	-16 ↓	3.3	-0.2 ↓	-0.9 ↓	-1.3 ↓
Northern Ireland	22	1 ↑	-10 ↓	-14 ↓	2.4	0.1 ↑	-1.1 ↓	-1.8 ↓
UK	1,343	63 ↑	5 ↑	-274 ↓	3.9	0.2 ↑	0.0 ↔	-1.3 ↓

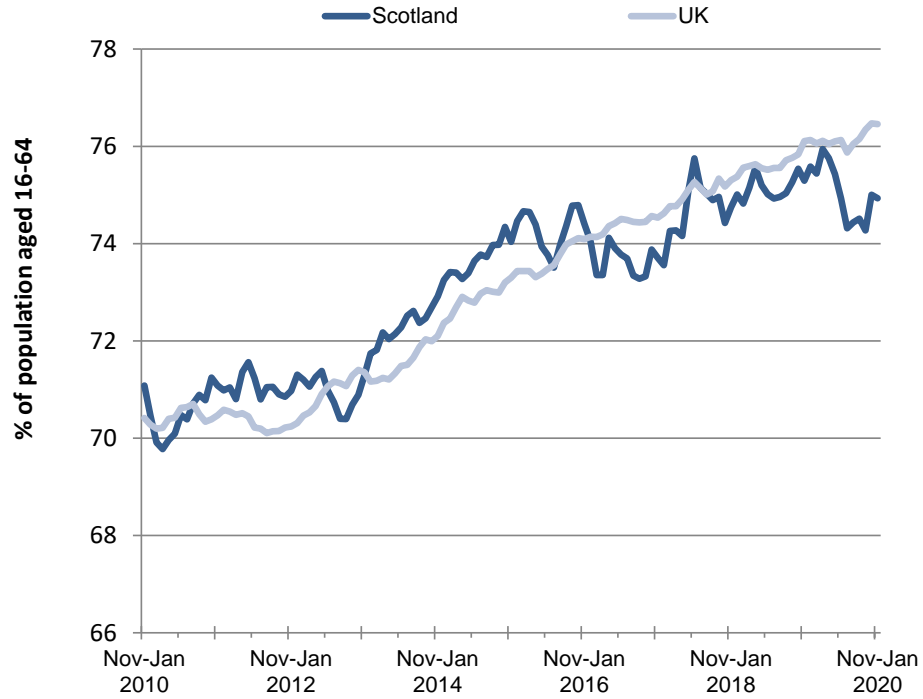
Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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

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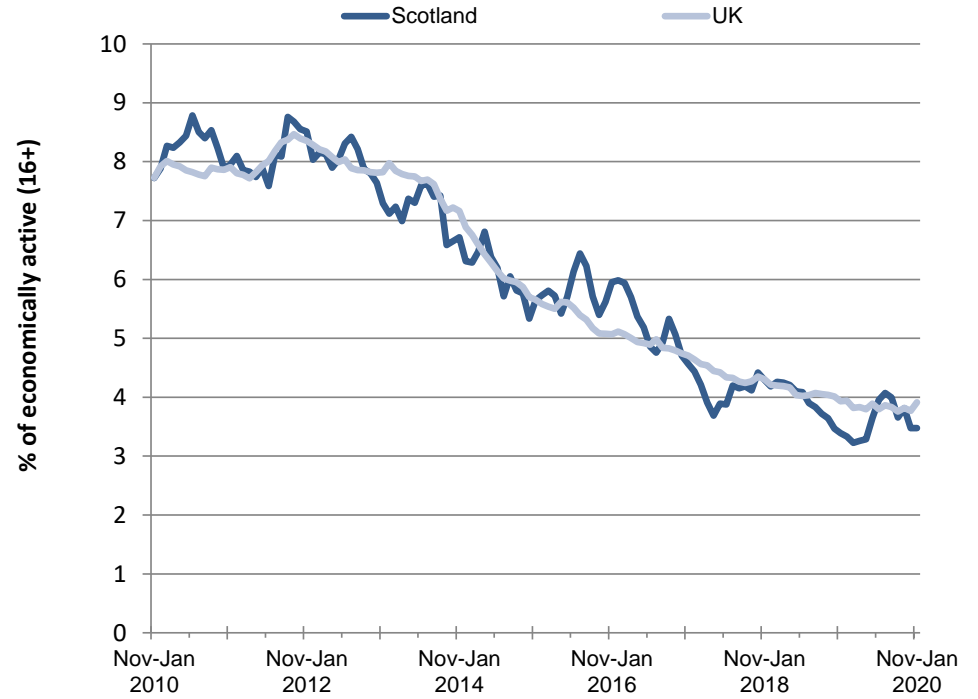
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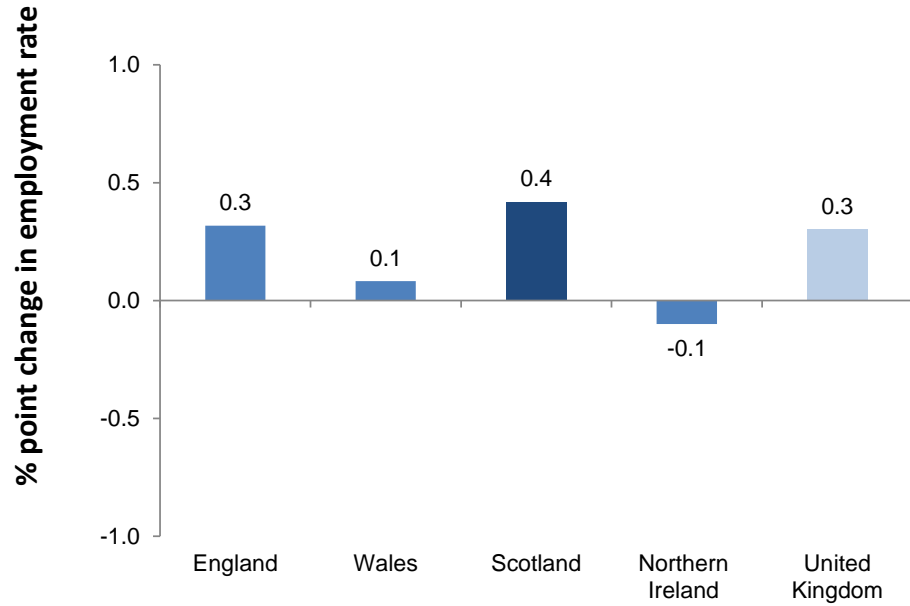
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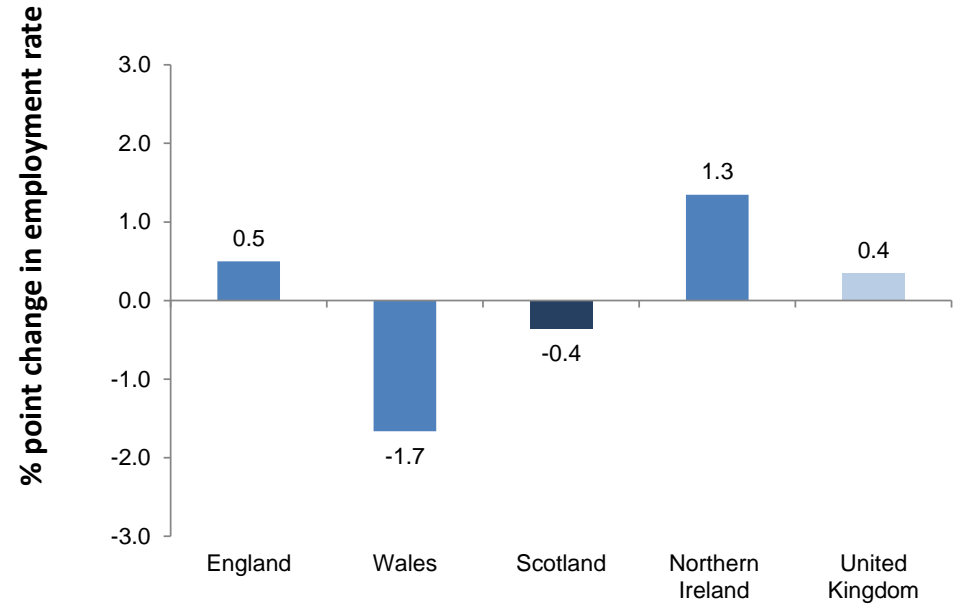
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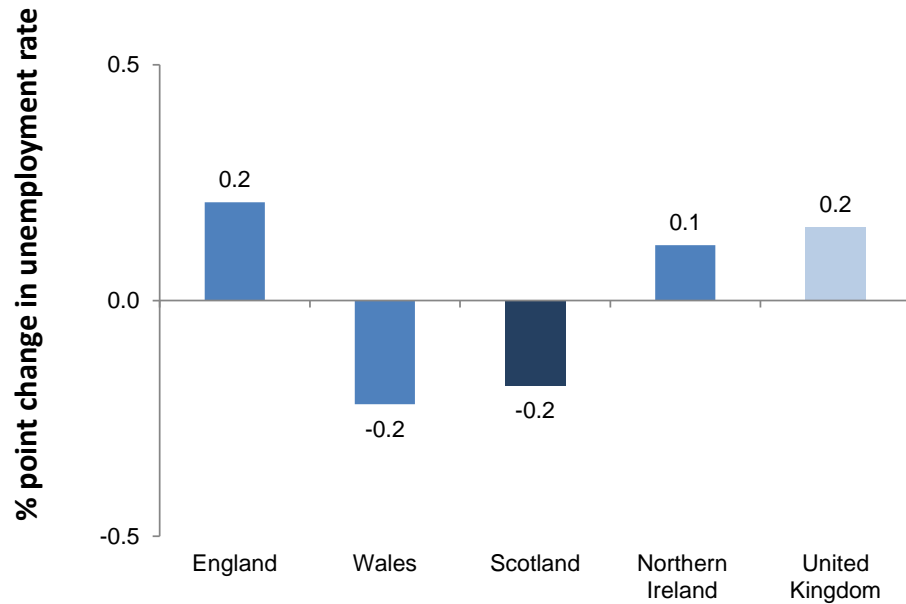


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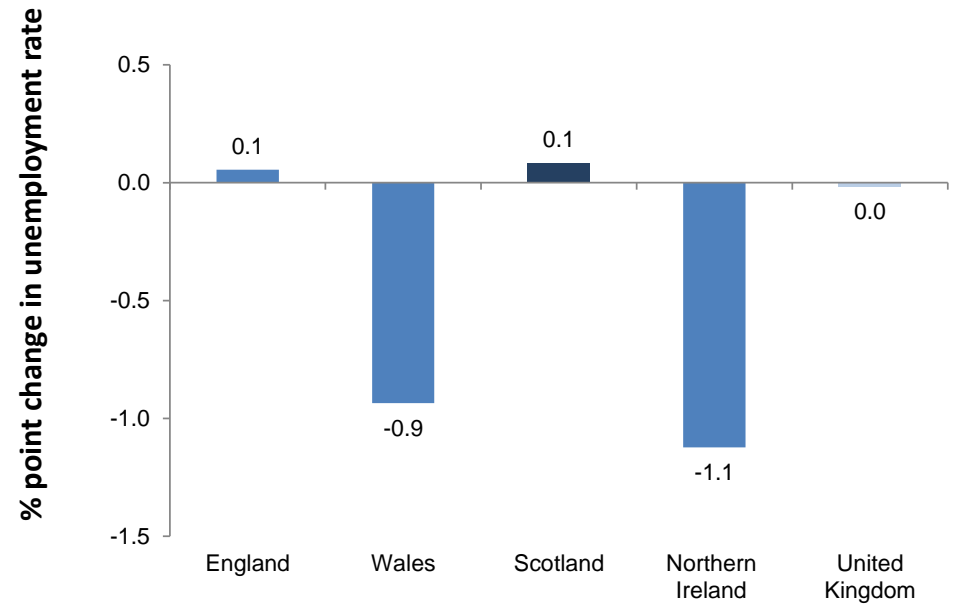
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Table 1.2: Economic activity and inactivity, Nov-Jan 2020
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	Level ('000)							Rate						
	Level	Change on Aug-Oct 2019		Change on year		Change on Nov-Jan 2008		Rate (%)	Change on Aug-Oct 2019 (%pts)		Change on year (%pt)		Change on Nov-Jan 2008 (%pt)	
Economic Activity* (levels 16+, rates 16-64)														
Scotland	2,775	27	↑	5	↑	95	↑	77.7	0.3	↑	-0.3	↓	-0.7	↓
England	29,126	224	↑	328	↑	2,828	↑	80.1	0.5	↑	0.5	↑	2.9	↑
Wales	1,530	-4	↓	-65	↓	105	↑	77.0	-0.1	↓	-2.5	↓	4.3	↑
Northern Ireland	897	-2	↓	8	↑	69	↑	74.1	0.0	↔	0.5	↑	2.9	↑
UK	34,328	246	↑	276	↑	3,097	↑	79.6	0.4	↑	0.3	↑	2.6	↑
Economic Inactivity* (16-64)														
Scotland	767	-10	↓	10	↑	40	↑	22.3	-0.3	↓	0.3	↑	0.7	↑
England	6,922	-167	↓	-170	↓	-637	↓	19.9	-0.5	↓	-0.5	↓	-2.9	↓
Wales	439	2	↑	48	↑	-82	↓	23.0	0.1	↑	2.5	↑	-4.3	↓
Northern Ireland	302	0	↔	-6	↓	-26	↓	25.9	0.0	↔	-0.5	↓	-2.9	↓
UK	8,431	-175	↓	-118	↓	-706	↓	20.4	-0.4	↓	-0.3	↓	-2.6	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Note: *Denominator = all aged 16-64

Table 1.3: Employment, ILO unemployment and inactivity rates by gender, Nov-Jan 2020
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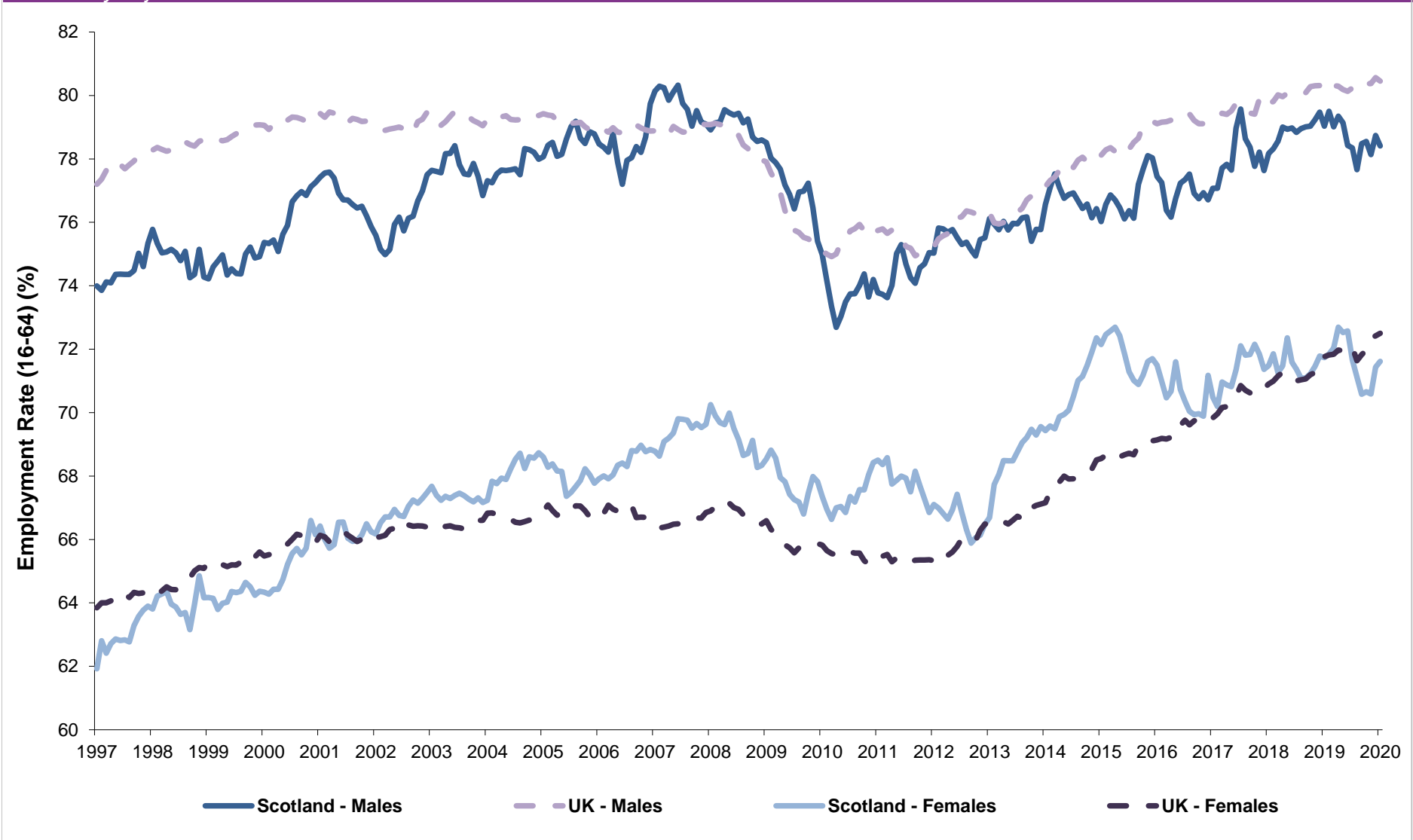
	Gender	Scotland					UK				
		Rate (%)	Change on quarter (%pts)		Change on year (%pts)		Rate (%)	Change on quarter (%pts)		Change on year (%pts)	
Employment Rate*	People	74.9	0.4	↑	-0.4	↓	76.5	0.3	↑	0.4	↑
	Men	78.4	-0.1	↓	-0.6	↓	80.4	0.1	↑	0.0	↔
	Women	71.6	1.0	↑	-0.1	↓	72.5	0.5	↑	0.7	↑
Unemployment Rate**	People	3.5	-0.2	↓	0.1	↑	3.9	0.2	↑	0.0	↔
	Men	3.4	-0.6	↓	-0.7	↓	4.1	0.2	↑	0.1	↑
	Women	3.6	0.2	↑	1.0	↑	3.7	0.1	↑	-0.2	↓
Inactivity Rate*	People	22.3	-0.3	↓	0.3	↑	20.4	-0.4	↓	-0.3	↓
	Men	18.8	0.7	↑	1.3	↑	16.0	-0.2	↓	0.0	↔
	Women	25.6	-1.2	↓	-0.7	↓	24.7	-0.7	↓	-0.7	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Note: * Denominator = population of aged 16-64

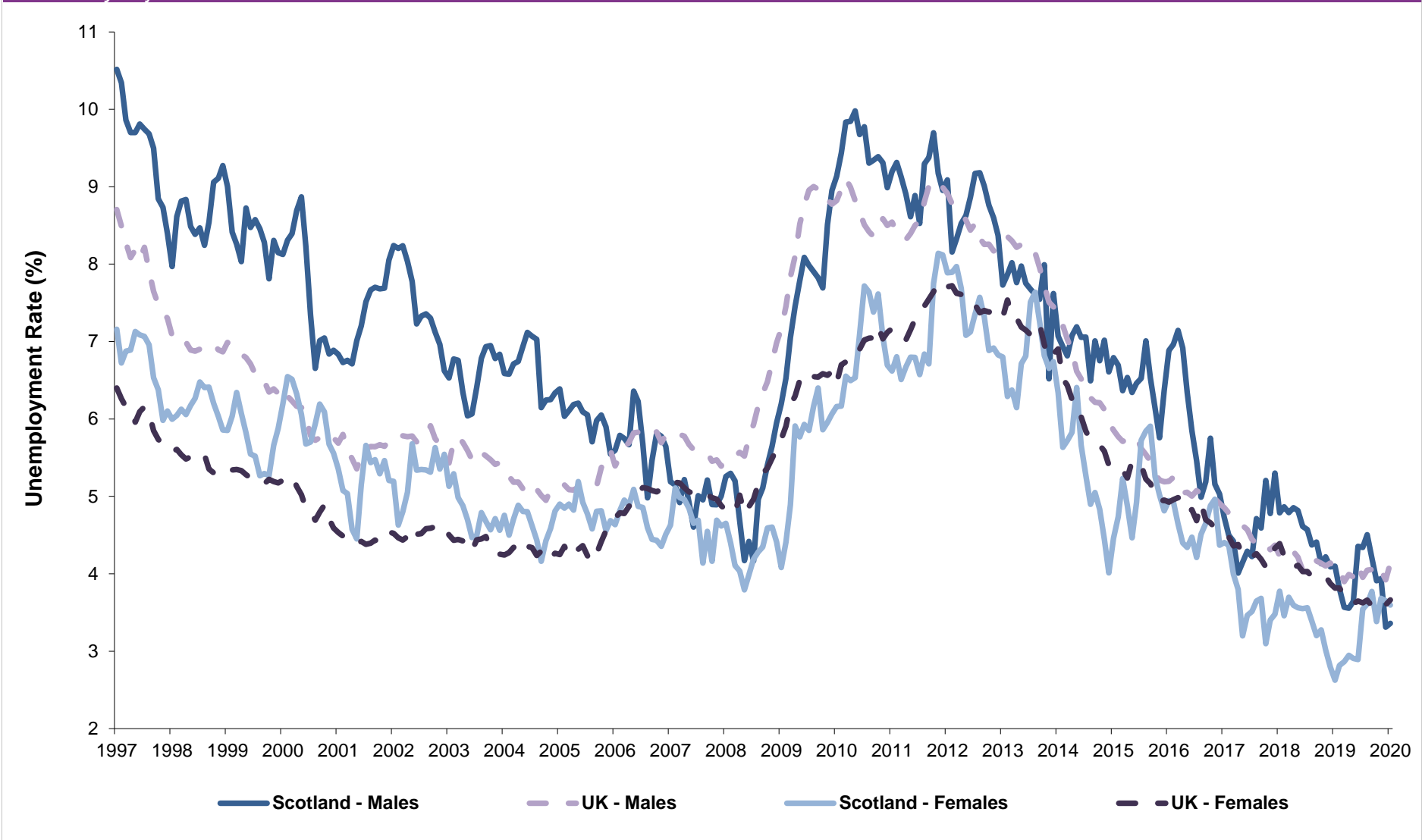
**Denominator = Economically active population

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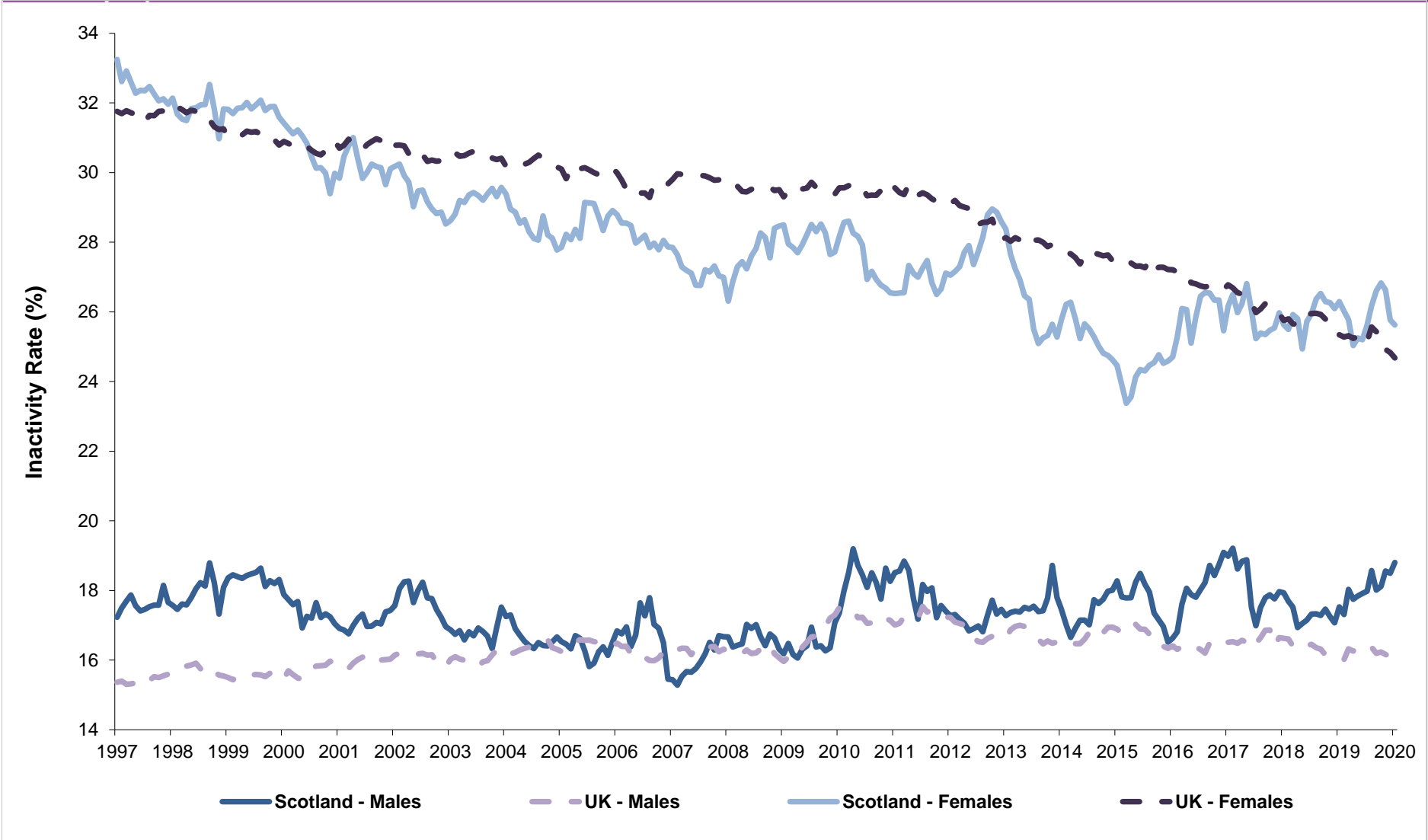
Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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Seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Chart 1.9: Inactivity rate by gender (16-64), Scotland, UK 1997-2020
Seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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

	Age Group	Scotland					UK				
		Rate (%)	Change on year (%pt)	change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009		Rate (%)	Change on year (%pt)	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: Nov-Jan 2020 (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	56.7	-2.4	↓	-3.9	↓	55.9	0.2	↑	-2.7	↓
	25-34	82.4	-1.6	↓	0.4	↑	85.1	0.9	↑	4.5	↑
	35-49	84.8	-0.5	↓	-0.5	↓	85.8	0.2	↑	3.4	↑
	50-64	69.3	1.2	↑	3.9	↑	72.6	0.3	↑	7.2	↑
	65+	9.4	1.7	↑	5.0	↑	11.1	0.3	↑	4.0	↑
Unemployment Rate***	16-24	7.4	0.0	↔	-6.1	↓	11.2	0.4	↑	-1.7	↓
	25-34	3.4	-0.5	↓	-0.5	↓	3.2	0.0	↔	-1.2	↓
	35-49	3.2	1.5	↑	0.2	↑	2.4	-0.1	↓	-1.1	↓
	50-64	2.5	-0.8	↓	0.2	↑	2.8	-0.1	↓	-0.1	↓
	65+	*	*	-	*	-	2.4	0.8	↑	0.9	↑
Inactivity Rate**	16-24	38.7	2.6	↑	8.8	↑	37.0	-0.5	↓	4.3	↑
	25-34	14.8	2.1	↑	0.0	↔	12.1	-0.8	↓	-3.6	↓
	35-49	12.4	-0.7	↓	0.4	↑	12.1	-0.2	↓	-2.5	↓
	50-64	28.9	-0.7	↓	-4.1	↓	25.3	-0.3	↓	-7.3	↓
	65+	90.5	-1.6	↓	-4.9	↓	88.6	-0.4	↓	-4.2	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

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	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): Nov-Jan 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	319	-19	↓	-47	↓	56.7	-2.4	↓	-3.9	↓
UK	3,851	-22	↓	-364	↓	55.9	0.2	↑	-2.7	↓
ILO Unemployment **										
Scotland	26	-2	↓	-32	↓	7.4	0.0	↔	-6.1	↓
UK	485	14	↑	-140	↓	11.2	0.4	↑	-1.7	↓
Inactivity										
Scotland	217	11	↑	37	↑	38.7	2.6	↑	8.8	↑
UK	2,549	-57	↓	197	↑	37.0	-0.5	↓	4.3	↑

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS), ONS

*rate based on total population aged 16-24

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

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Charts 2.1 and 2.2: Youth employment and unemployment, Scotland and UK (APS)

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

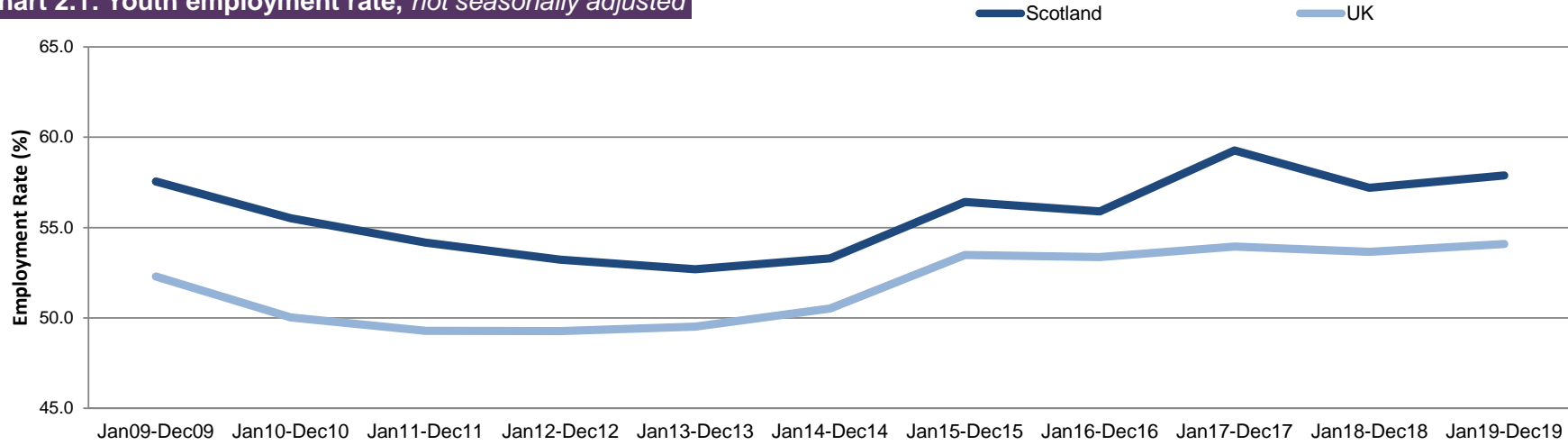
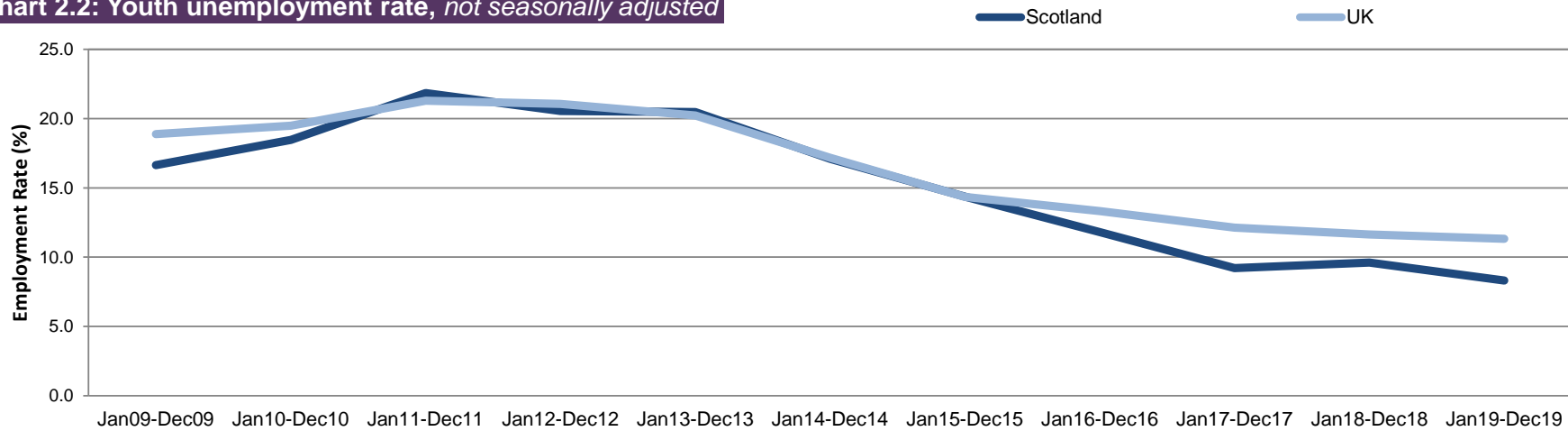


Chart 2.2: Youth unemployment rate, *not seasonally adjusted*



Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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

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

Chart 2.3: Youth employment rate by gender

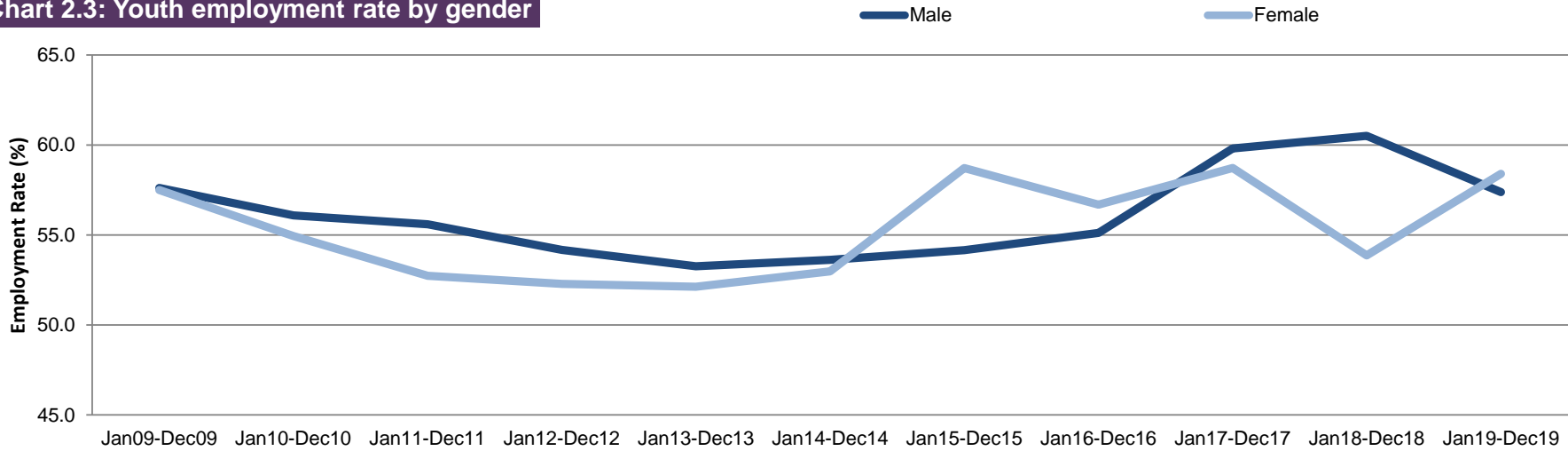
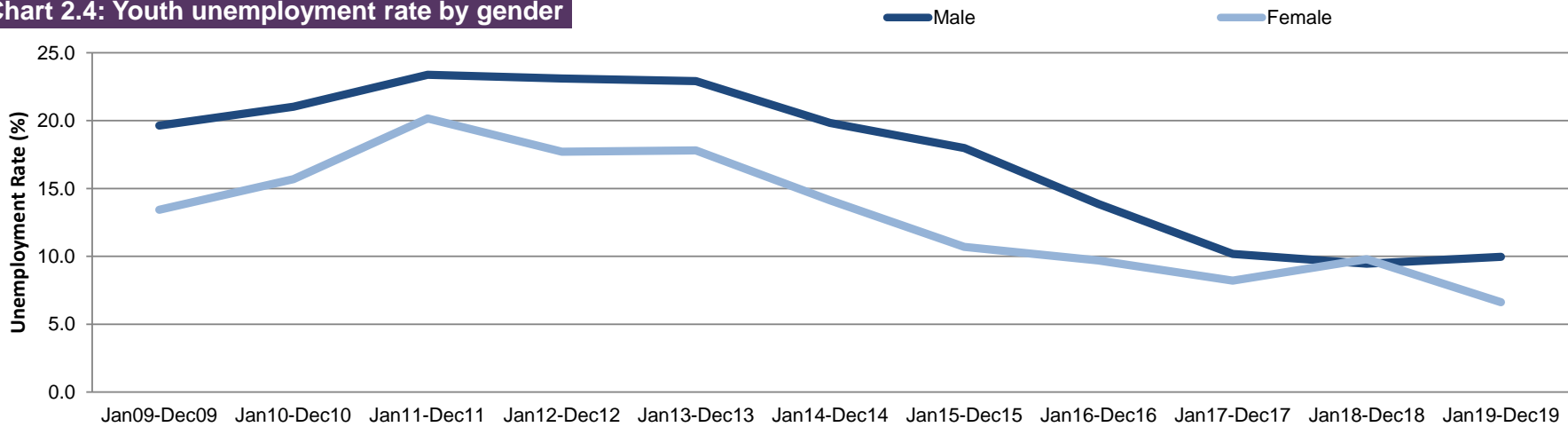


Chart 2.4: Youth unemployment rate by gender



Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

Table 2.3: Youth Unemployment (16-24) by Government Office Region (LFS), Nov-Jan 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	70	19	↑	-8	↓	14.0	2.8	↑	0.3	↑
North East	34	11	↑	7	↑	18.4	6.2	↑	5.0	↑
Yorkshire and The Humber	45	-1	↓	-7	↓	12.1	-0.1	↓	0.3	↑
East Midlands	42	-2	↓	-8	↓	12.1	-0.8	↓	-1.8	↓
West Midlands	55	-3	↓	4	↑	14.1	-0.6	↓	1.8	↑
East	37	2	↑	-10	↓	9.7	1.0	↑	-0.9	↓
South East	57	8	↑	-25	↓	9.2	0.7	↑	-3.3	↓
London	68	-4	↓	-38	↓	13.7	-0.6	↓	-5.1	↓
South West	32	0	↔	-1	↓	8.4	0.3	↑	0.2	↑
Wales	14	-9	↓	-12	↓	6.8	-3.1	↓	-4.4	↓
Northern Ireland	6	-4	↓	-9	↓	5.0	-4.2	↓	-6.4	↓
Scotland	26	-2	↓	-32	↓	7.4	0.0	↔	-6.1	↓
United Kingdom	485	14	↑	-140	↓	11.2	0.4	↑	-1.7	↓
England	440	29	↑	-87	↓	12.0	0.7	↑	-1.0	↓

Source: Labour Force Survey, ONS

Table 2.4: Youth Employment (16-24) by UK Countries and Regions (LFS), Nov-Jan 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	434	25	↑	-62	↓	56.8	3.9	↑	-1.8	↓
North East	150	-14	↓	-22	↓	52.1	-4.2	↓	-3.0	↓
Yorkshire and The Humber	325	-5	↓	-63	↓	53.1	-0.4	↓	-7.2	↓
East Midlands	305	7	↑	-6	↓	59.2	2.0	↑	-0.8	↓
West Midlands	336	-5	↓	-31	↓	52.5	-0.3	↓	-4.2	↓
East	341	-20	↓	-51	↓	58.5	-2.8	↓	-6.5	↓
South East	564	32	↑	-12	↓	62.3	4.0	↑	-0.7	↓
London	427	-4	↓	-29	↓	46.3	-0.4	↓	-1.3	↓
South West	349	-15	↓	-19	↓	62.7	-2.1	↓	-2.8	↓
Wales	189	-17	↓	-16	↓	55.8	-4.0	↓	-1.2	↓
Northern Ireland	113	13	↑	-6	↓	56.4	6.9	↑	3.9	↑
Scotland	319	-19	↓	-47	↓	56.7	-2.4	↓	-3.9	↓
United Kingdom	3,851	-22	↓	-364	↓	55.9	0.2	↑	-2.7	↓
England	3,231	1	↑	-295	↓	55.8	0.5	↑	-2.9	↓

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.) (%)
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
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-5	-4	-1.3	-1.0	-3	-12	0.7	1.0	-3	-4	0.2	-0.2
<i>change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009</i>	-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
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-17	4	-0.3	0.2	-17	-31	0.4	-0.4	-52	5	-0.3	0.2
<i>change on Jan 2009 - Dec 2009</i>	-406	-308	-7.6	-7.6	-57	-31	1.8	5.9	117	-45	3.5	0.5

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

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
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	9	2.5	-68	-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)	%
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
<i>Change on year (%pt for rate)</i>	-4	-1	8.0	-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)	
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)	
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
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-86</i>	<i>-4.5</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, Nov-Jan 2020, (Thousands)
Not seasonally adjusted

	Nov-Jan 2020	Change on 2008 (000s)			Change on year (000s)	
Total‡	2,667	120	↑	2	↑	
Employees‡	2,321	57	↑	-33	↓	
Self employed‡	327	61	↑	33	↑	
Unpaid family workers	11	2	↑	1	↑	
Government-supported training and employment programmes	8	-1	↓	1	↑	
Full-time workers	1,972	62	↑	6	↑	
Part-time workers	689	54	↑	1	↑	
Workers with second jobs	94	-2	↓	0	↔	
Temporary workers	134	26	↑	15	↑	
All males in employment						
Total‡	1,364	41	↑	-9	↓	
Employees‡	1,145	19	↑	-18	↓	
Self employed‡	208	18	↑	3	↑	
Unpaid family workers	*	*	■	*	■	
Government-supported training and employment programmes	7	*	■	*	■	
Full-time workers	1,192	6	↑	-12	↓	
Part-time workers	169	32	↑	7	↑	
Workers with second jobs	39	0	↔	3	↑	
Temporary workers	60	4	↑	6	↑	
All females in employment						
Total‡	1,303	79	↑	11	↑	
Employees‡	1,176	38	↑	-16	↓	
Self employed‡	119	44	↑	29	↑	
Unpaid family workers	6	0	↔	0	↔	
Government-supported training and employment programmes	*	*	■	*	■	
Full-time workers	781	56	↑	18	↑	
Part-time workers	520	22	↑	-6	↓	
Workers with second jobs	55	-1	↓	-3	↓	
Temporary workers	74	22	↑	9	↑	

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.

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 3.6a: 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	↓

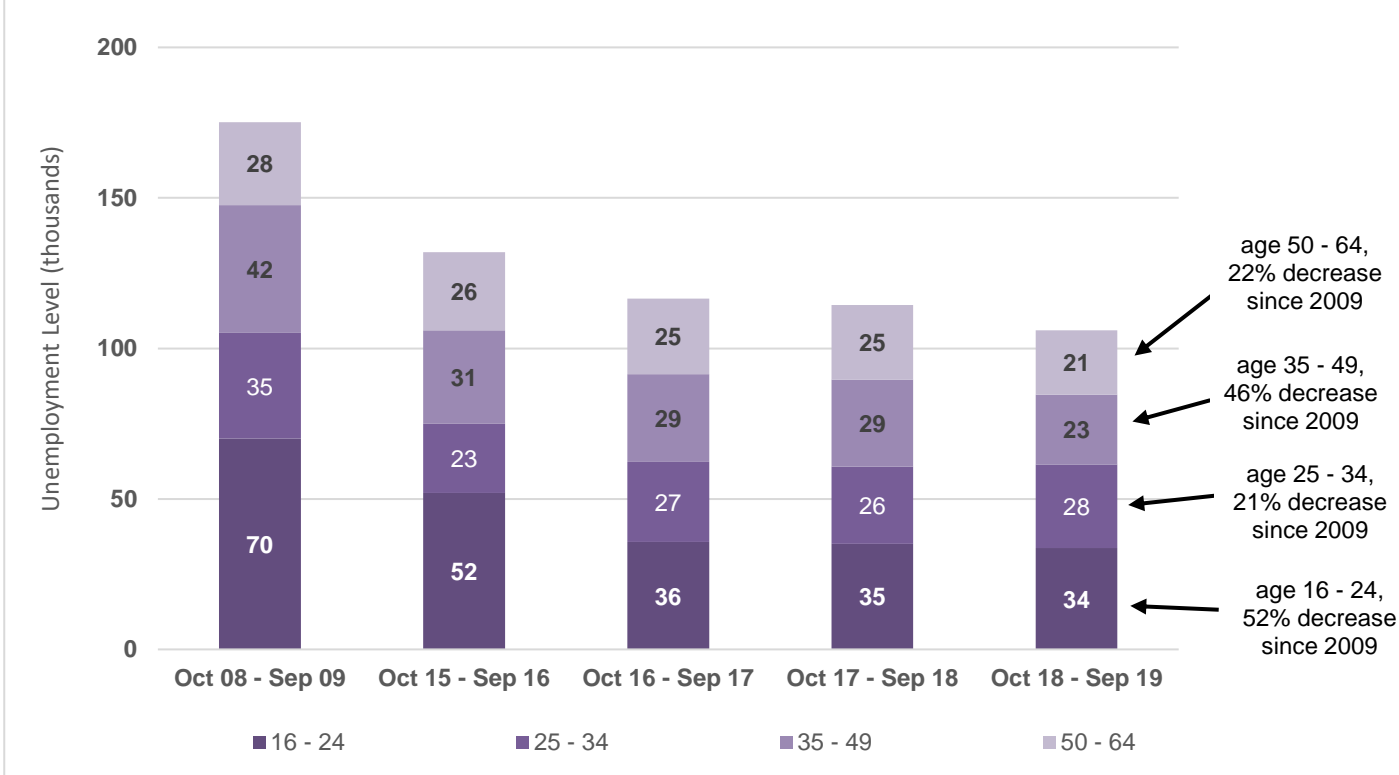
Sources: Annual Population Survey (ONS), Claimant Count (ONS)

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	↓
England	1,101	11	↑	55	↑	-539	↓
Wales	64	1	↑	2	↑	-37	↓
N Ireland	34	0	↔	-4	↓	-44	↓
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)
not seasonally adjusted

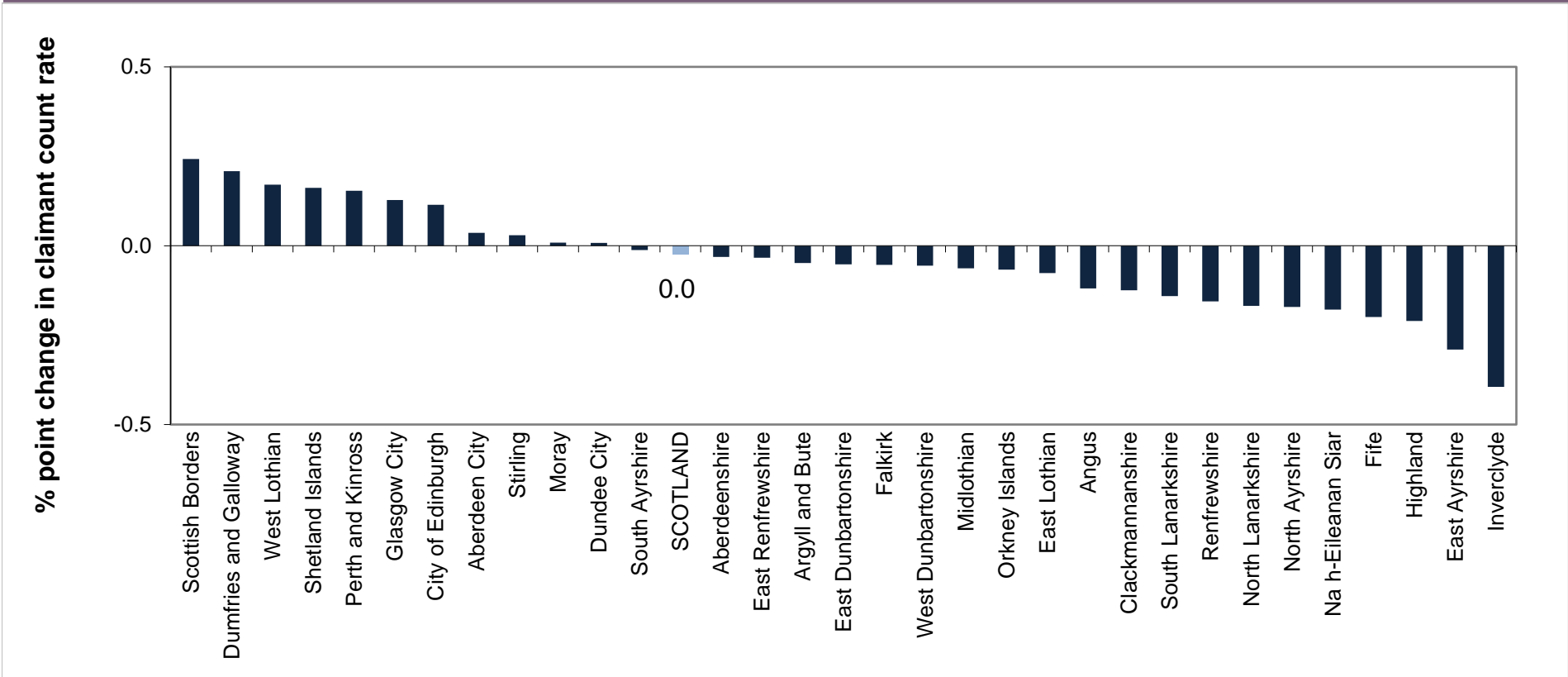
	November 2019 Total Claimants	% Change on year		Alternative Claimant Count rate (%)	Change on year (%pts)	
Aberdeen City	4,158	1.4	↑	2.6	0.0	↔
Aberdeenshire	2,895	-1.7	↓	1.8	0.0	↔
Angus	2,010	-4.0	↓	2.9	-0.1	↓
Argyll and Bute	1,342	-1.8	↓	2.6	0.0	↔
City of Edinburgh	7,366	6.0	↑	2.0	0.1	↑
Clackmannanshire	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	111,764	-0.8	↓	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.

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	187,800	2.6
November 2019	19,116	3.3	211,850	3.0
Change on year (rate as %pt)	979	0.2	24,050	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 November 2018 and November 2019 are calculated using the mid-2018 population estimates.

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 on disabled people within Scotland can be found in 'Disabled people in the labour market in Scotland: 2018'

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/disabled-people-labour-market-scotland-2018/>

Further information

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

Labour Market Trends: March 2020

Updated key monthly trends can be found at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/labour-market-trends-march-2020/>

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?nsc1=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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