

COVID-19 Dashboard

Introduction

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This dashboard has been created to track labour market indicators in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report is structured around the impact on businesses, people and the wider economy. We know there is a lag in reporting of traditional economic and labour market indicators. Therefore, in this dashboard we use both real-time and traditional indicators based on quality and timeliness.

COVID-19 cases

The COVID-19 cases in Scotland can be viewed on [this dashboard](#) from Public Health Scotland. The dashboard provides data for Scotland as well as breakdowns by NHS Board and Local Authority.

The global spread of COVID-19 and infection rates can be viewed on [this interactive live map](#) from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (John Hopkins University).

Data considerations

Please refer to the indicator list on page 2 for more information on the content of this report.

Burning Glass Technologies - tipsheet available [here](#)

Burning Glass provides real time data on the number of new online job postings in the labour market. This data provides insight into employer recruitment patterns during the COVID-19 pandemic. As there is a seasonal aspect to the UK labour market, we have provided both long term (same point last year) and short term comparisons (month to month).

Survey data

Business surveys have been conducted to help understand the impact of COVID-19 (for example, the Office of National Statistics Business Impacts of Coronavirus survey).

Traditional Labour Market Indicators

As mentioned, there is a known delay in typical labour market and economic indicators (e.g. unemployment rate, GDP estimates). Therefore, we may not see immediate change in these indicators as a result of the global pandemic. These indicators are provided in this report as a baseline and over time, we expect to see trends emerge.

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Indicator list

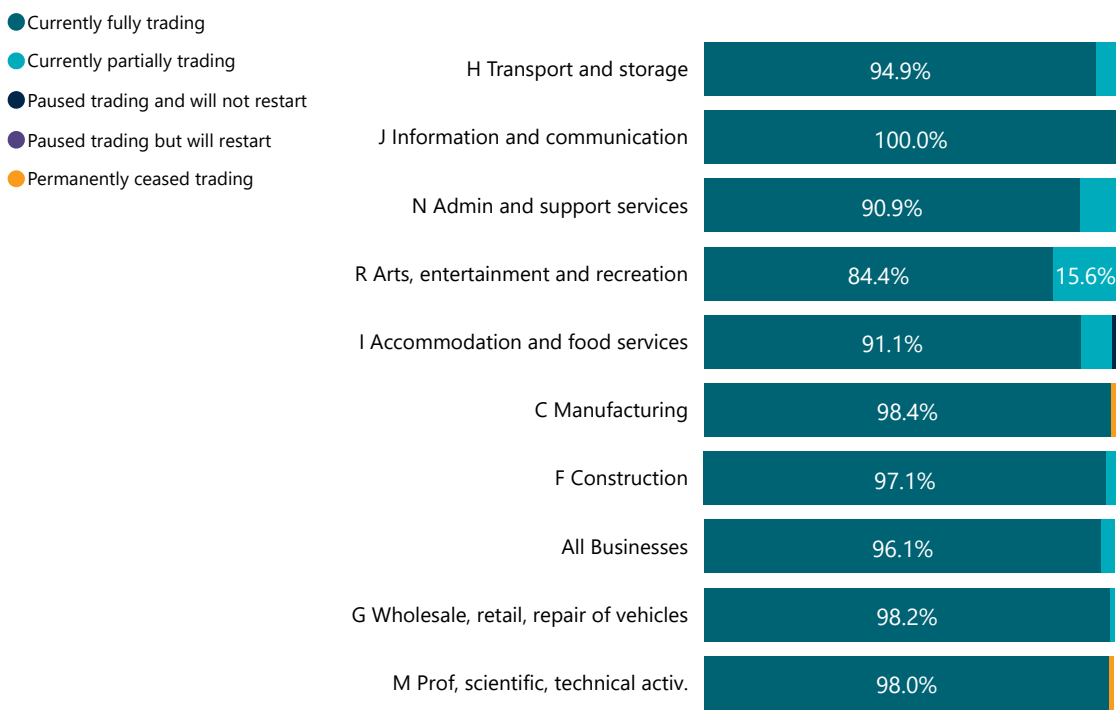
Section	Indicator	Source	Latest update	Next update	Page number	Status
Businesses	Business Insights and Conditions Survey (BICS) weighted Scotland estimates	Scottish Government	22/12/2021	January 2022	1-2	updated
	Job postings (monthly)	Burning Glass Technologies	10/01/2022	February 2022	3-6	updated
	Job postings (weekly)	Burning Glass Technologies	10/01/2022	February 2022	4	updated
People	Unemployment rate (16-24 and 16+)	Labour Force Survey (LFS)	14/12/2021	January 2022	7	updated
	Unemployment rate by region (16+)	Annual Population Survey	12/10/2021	January 2022	7	updated
	People on Universal credit	Department for Work and Pensions	14/12/2021	January 2022	8	updated
	Claims to Universal credit	Department for Work and Pensions	16/11/2021	15/02/2022	8	
	Households on Universal credit	Department for Work and Pensions	16/11/2021	15/02/2022	8	
	Claimant Count	Office for National Statistics (ONS)	14/12/2021	January 2022	9	updated
Wider economy	Monthly Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Scottish Government	22/12/2021	January 2022	10	
	Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Office for National Statistics (ONS)	15/12/2021	February 2022	11	updated
	Purchasing Managers' index	Royal Bank of Scotland	10/01/2022	February 2022	12-13	updated

Trading status

Estimated share of businesses, based on data collected between **29th November 2021 and 12th December 2021**

Other Services, Mining and Quarrying, Education, Health and Social Care, Real Estate and Water Supply have been removed to avoid disclosure, but their totals are included in 'All Industries'.

Trading status (Scotland level) totals may not sum to 100% due to disclosure control

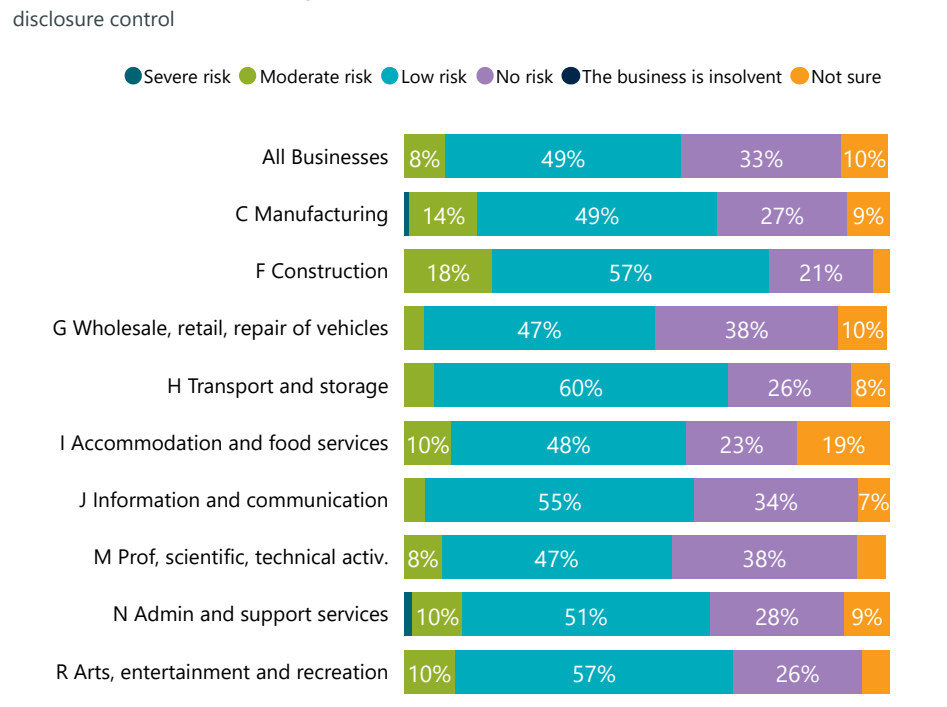


Businesses: Risk of Insolvency

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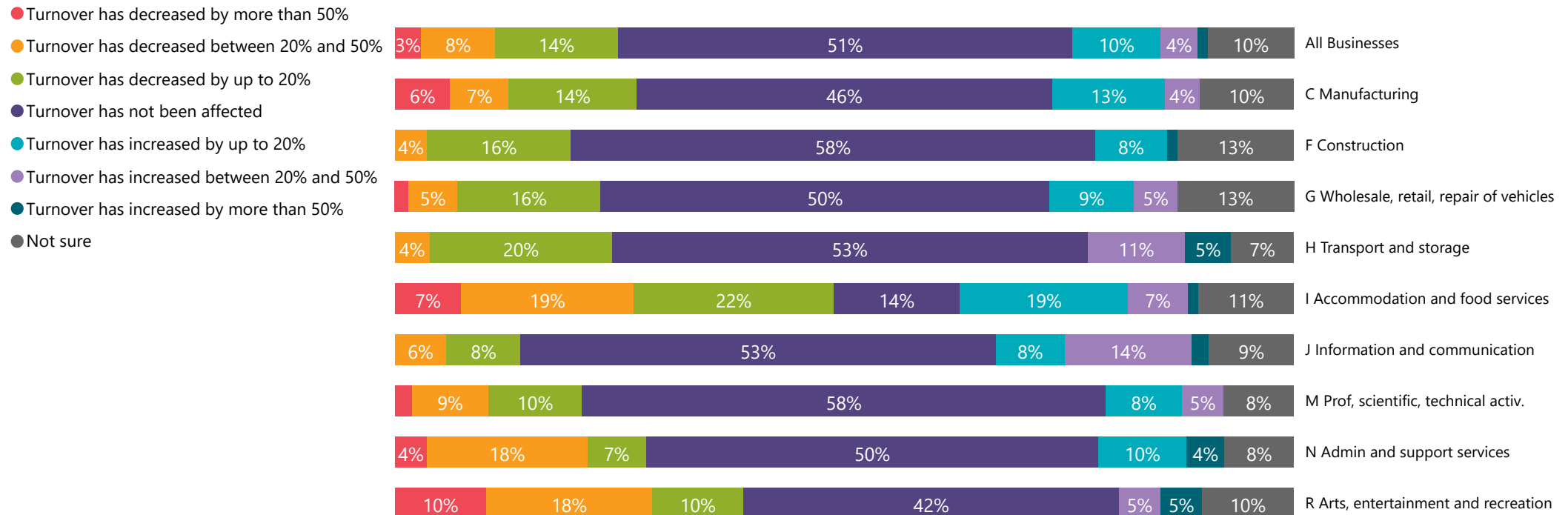
Financial impact

Estimated share of businesses currently trading, based on data collected between **29th November 2021 and 12th December 2021**

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Business Turnover compared to normal expectations (Scotland level):

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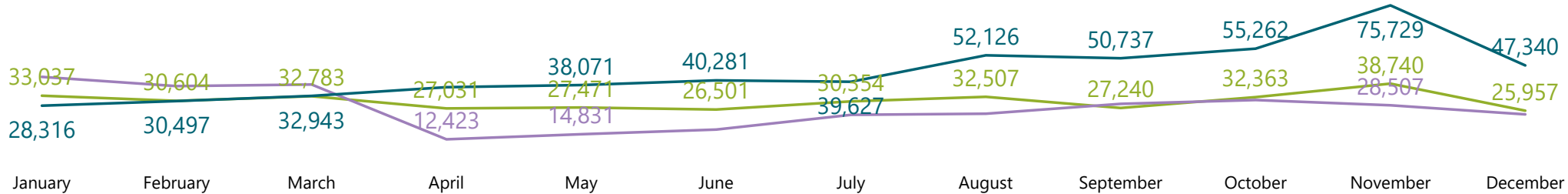
Businesses

Number of New Job Postings in Scotland

— 2019 — 2020 — 2021

There were **24%** more job postings in **December 2021** compared to **March 2020**.

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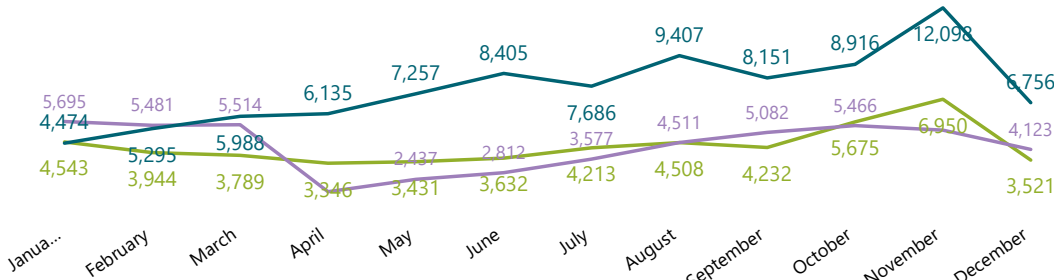
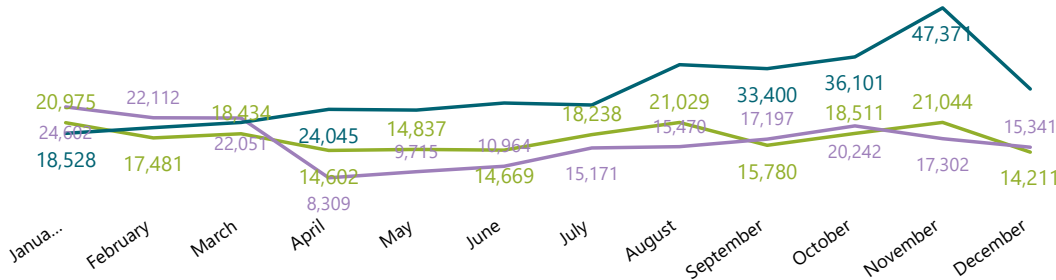


Number of new Permanent Job Postings

— 2019 — 2020 — 2021

Number of new Temporary Job Postings

— 2019 — 2020 — 2021



Permanent job postings increased by **30%** in December 2021 compared to March 2020.

Temporary job postings increased by **23%** in December 2021 compared to March 2020.

Please note, the sum of temporary and permanent job postings may not add up to total job postings at Scotland level, due to some job postings not specifying the type of job.

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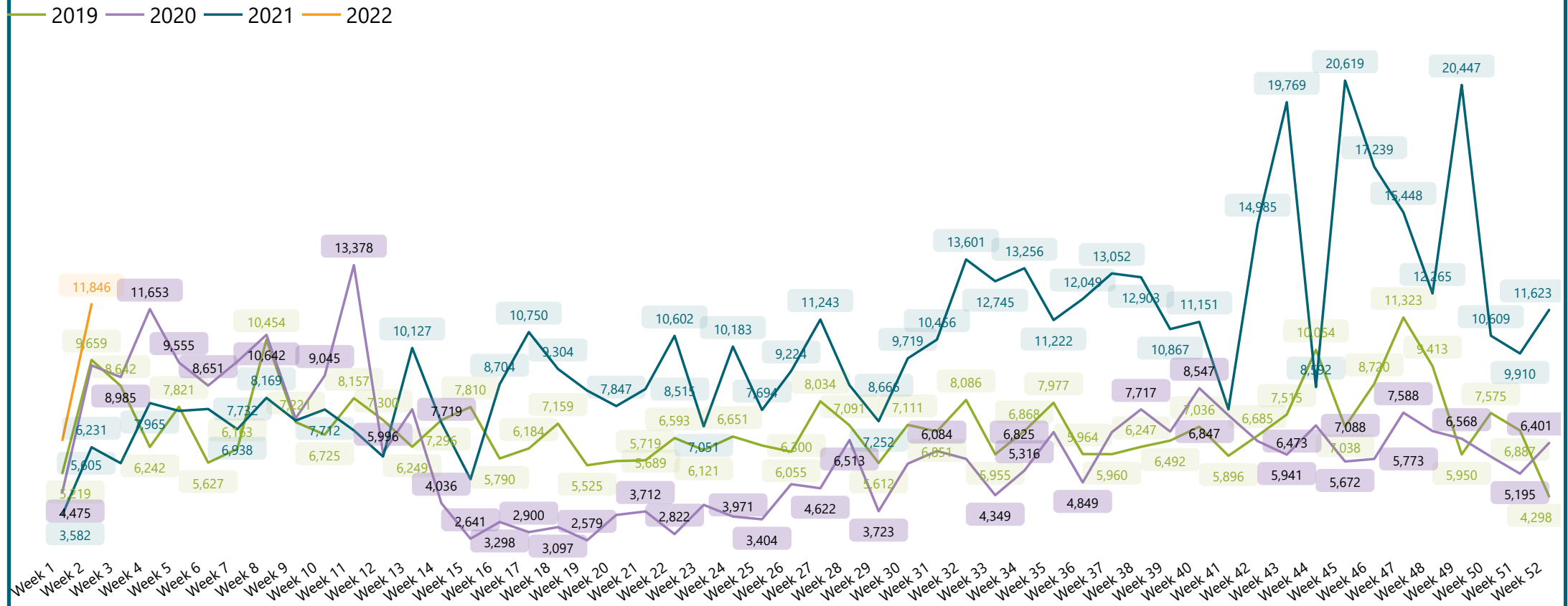
Businesses

Weekly Job Postings in Scotland

Week 1 refers to the first Saturday in January (e.g. 4th January 2020).

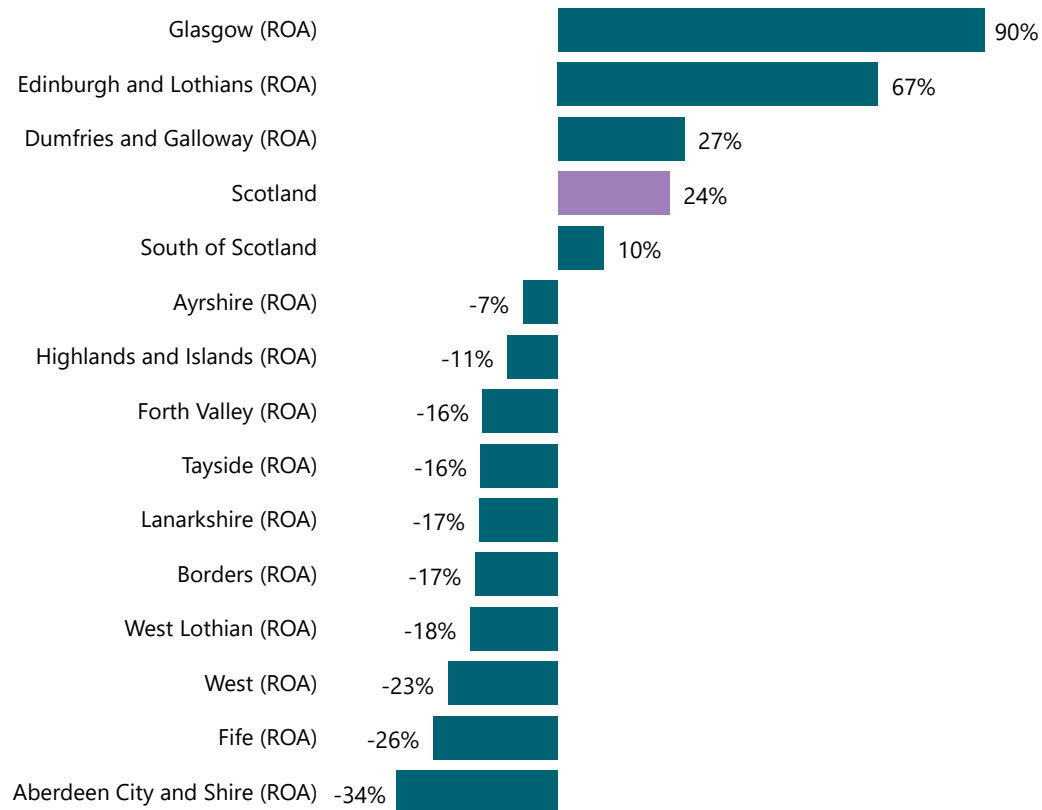
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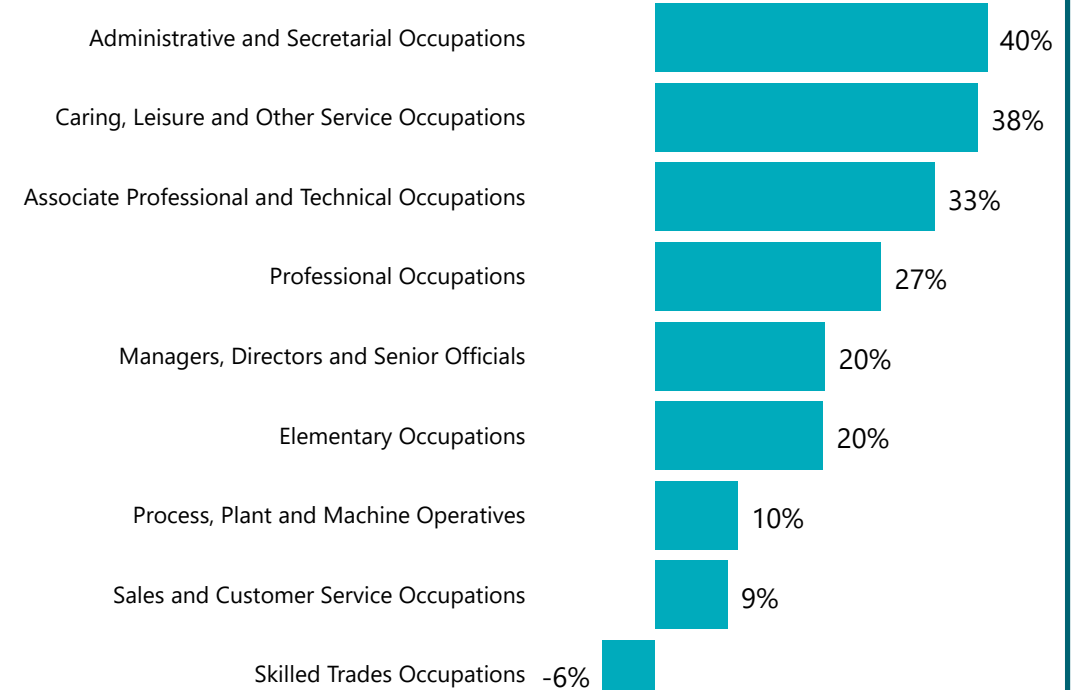
Job Postings: percentage change by region

Longer term change between March 2020 and December 2021



Job Postings: percentage change by occupation

Longer term change between March 2020 and December 2021



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Businesses

The composition of job postings:

Top 10 job postings by occupation (SOC 3 digits) between January to December

Top 10 job postings in 2019

Occupations	Job Postings
213 Information Technology and Telecommunications Professionals	22,401
614 Caring Personal Services	17,134
242 Business, Research and Administrative Professionals	14,849
231 Teaching and Educational Professionals	14,485
223 Nursing and Midwifery Professionals	13,987
712 Sales Related Occupations	13,187
212 Engineering Professionals	12,439
415 Other Administrative Occupations	12,020
927 Other Elementary Services Occupations	11,990
311 Science, Engineering and Production Technicians	11,707

Top 10 job postings in 2020

Occupations	Job Postings
213 Information Technology and Telecommunications Professionals	24,074
614 Caring Personal Services	18,825
223 Nursing and Midwifery Professionals	17,981
231 Teaching and Educational Professionals	14,674
242 Business, Research and Administrative Professionals	13,074
212 Engineering Professionals	10,171
311 Science, Engineering and Production Technicians	9,771
712 Sales Related Occupations	9,556
113 Functional Managers and Directors	9,281
415 Other Administrative Occupations	9,213

Top 10 job postings in 2021

Occupations	Job Postings
213 Information Technology and Telecommunications Professionals	38,211
614 Caring Personal Services	27,895
242 Business, Research and Administrative Professionals	23,206
223 Nursing and Midwifery Professionals	19,586
231 Teaching and Educational Professionals	19,482
415 Other Administrative Occupations	17,939
712 Sales Related Occupations	16,439
311 Science, Engineering and Production Technicians	16,163
113 Functional Managers and Directors	15,884
721 Customer Service Occupations	15,297

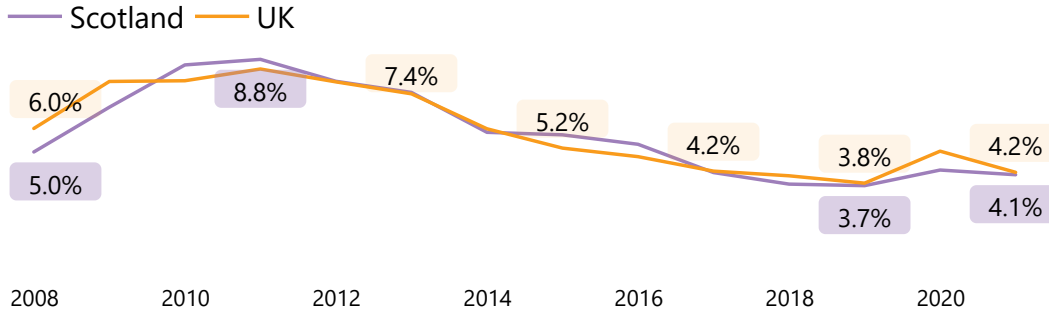
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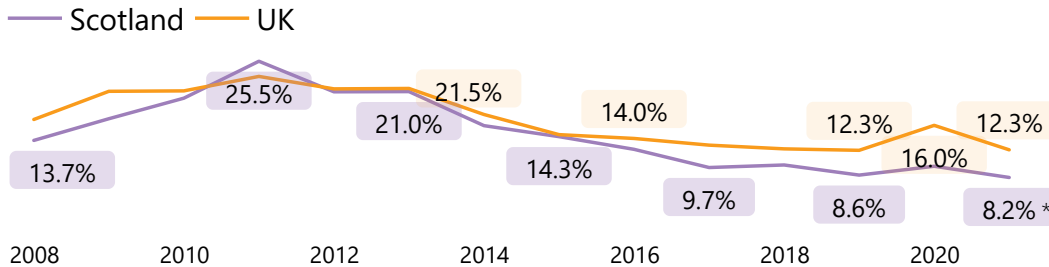
Unemployment rate for Scotland and the UK

Labour Force Survey
August - October
Updated monthly

Unemployment rate for 16+



Unemployment rate for 16-24

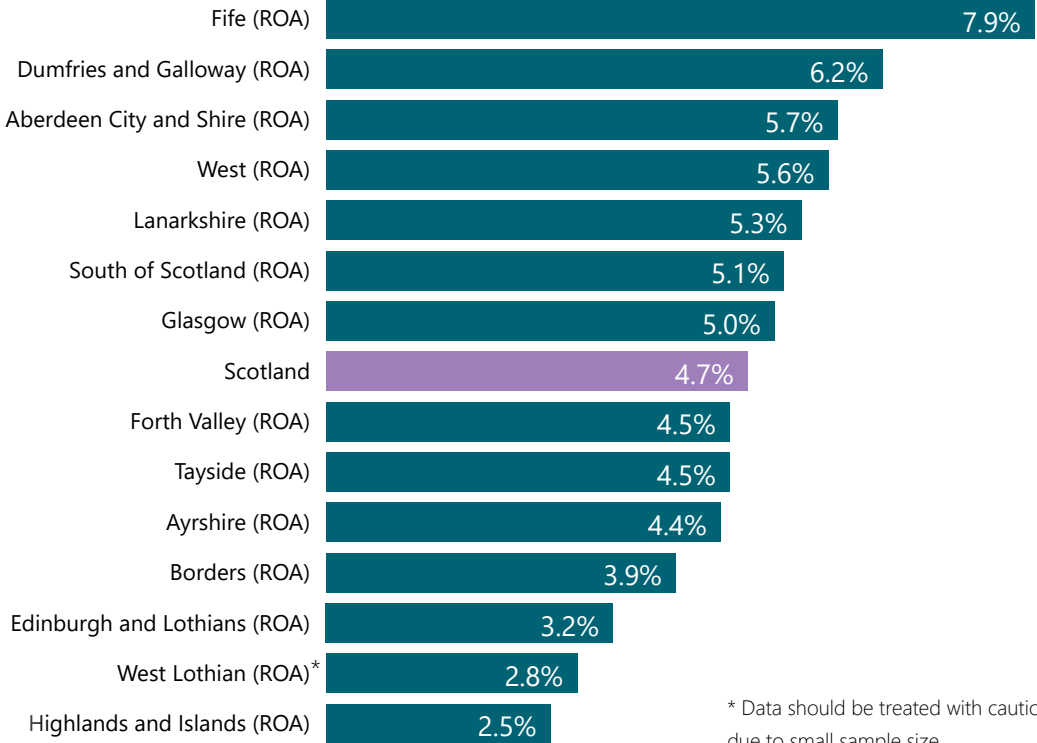


* Data should be treated with caution due to small sample size.

Unemployment rate by region (16+, Scotland)

Annual Population Survey
July 2020 - June 2021
Updated quarterly

Unemployment rate for 16-24 year olds is not included due to small sample sizes in some regions.



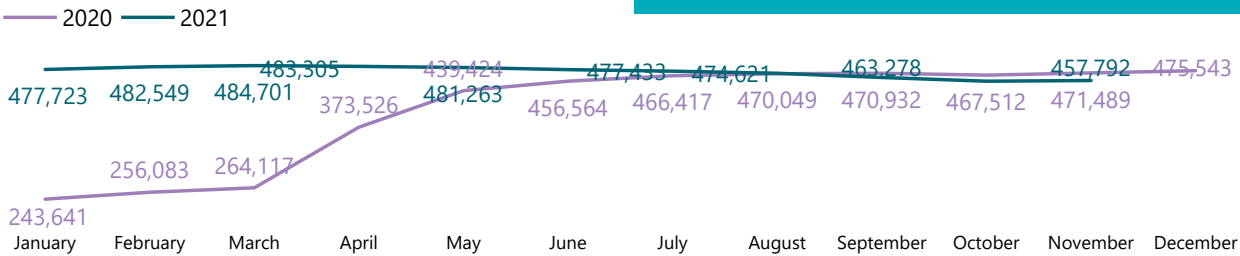
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Universal Credit in Scotland

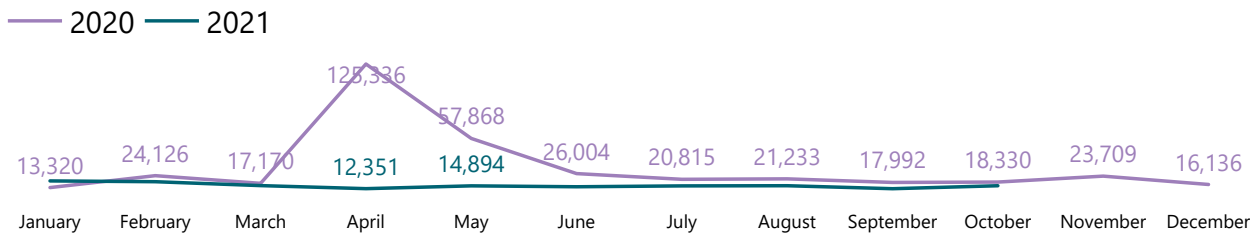
People on Universal Credit in Scotland



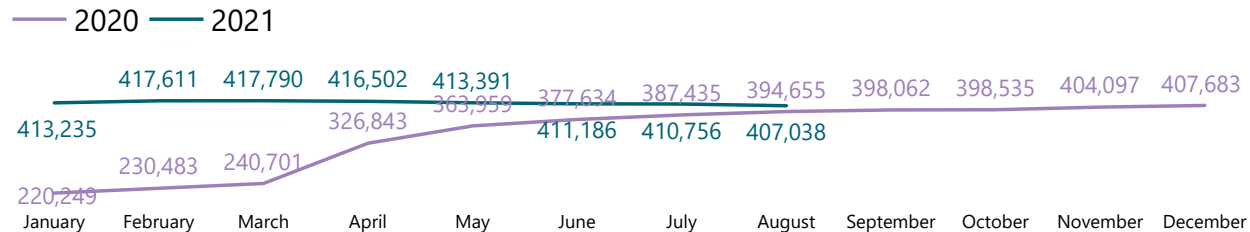
In Scotland, there were **73%** more people on Universal Credit in **November 2021** compared to March 2020.

People on Universal Credit DWP accessed via DWP Stat Xplore

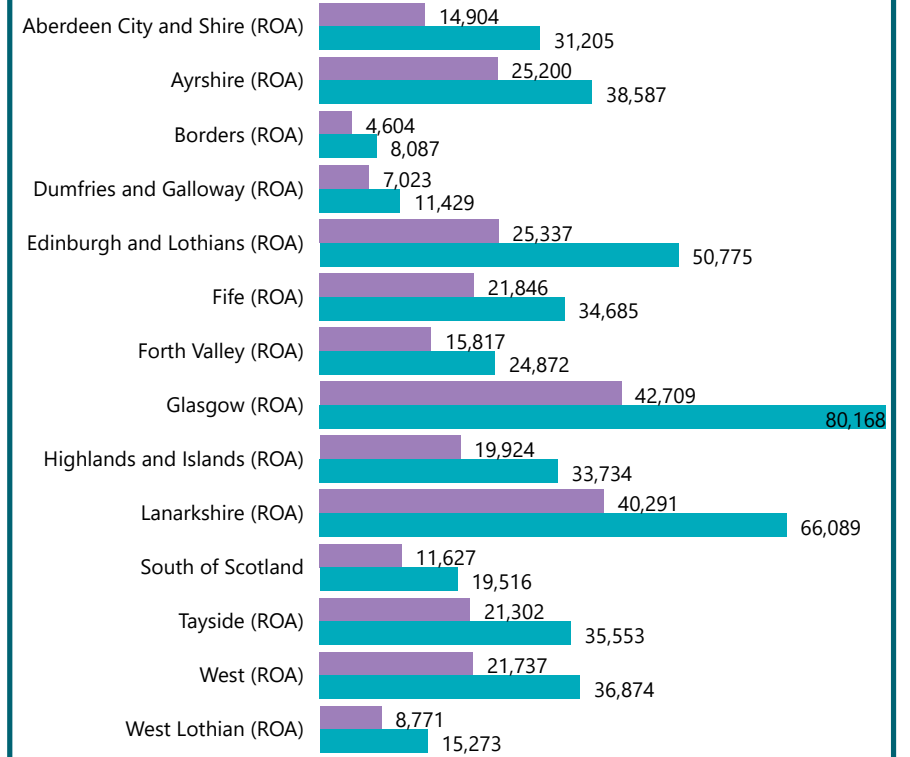
Claims made to Universal Credit in Scotland



Households on Universal Credit in Scotland



People on Universal Credit by region



● March 2020 ● November 2021

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People

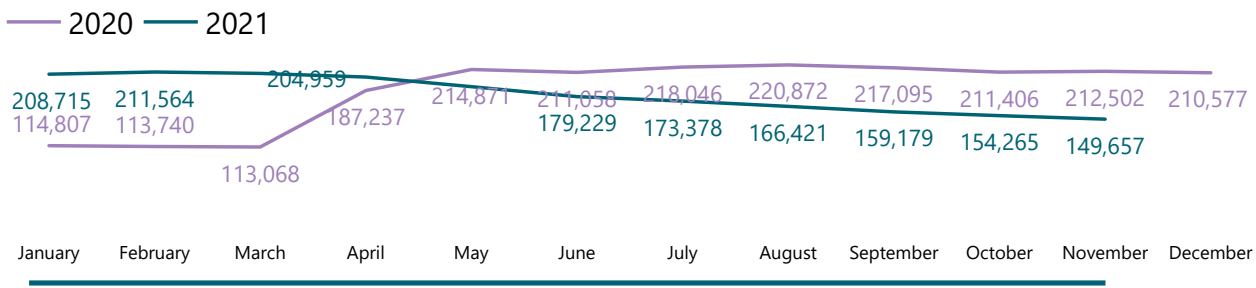
Claimant count

This experimental series counts the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit and are required to seek work and be available for work.

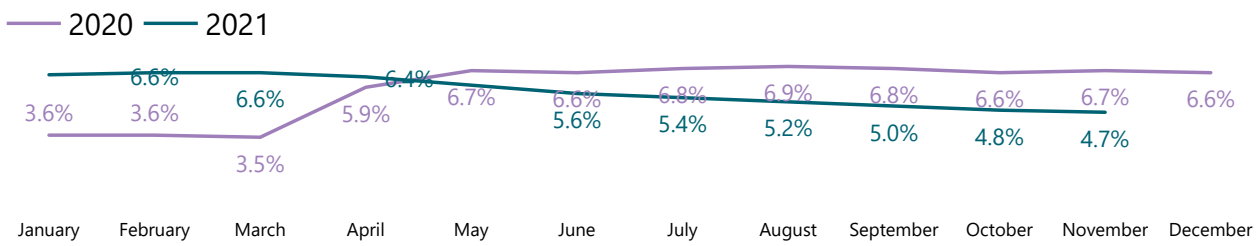
Claimant Count
Office for National Statistics
accessed via Nomis

In Scotland, there were **32%** more claimants in **November 2021** compared to March 2020.

Claimant count for Scotland (seasonally adjusted)

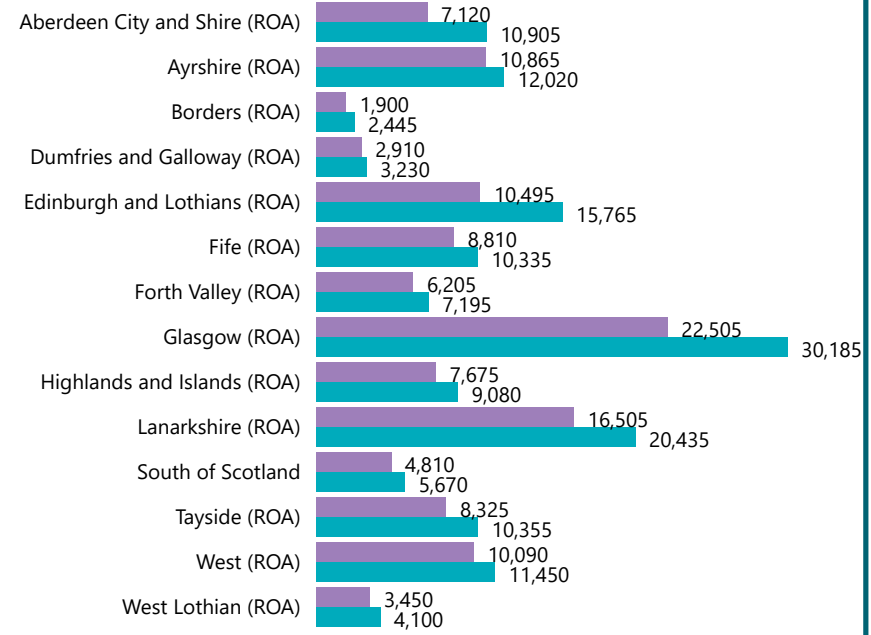


Claimant count rate for Scotland (workforce based rates)



Workplace-based proportions express the number of claimants in an area as a percentage of workforce jobs plus claimants.

Claimant count by region (not seasonally adjusted)



● March 2020 ● November 2021

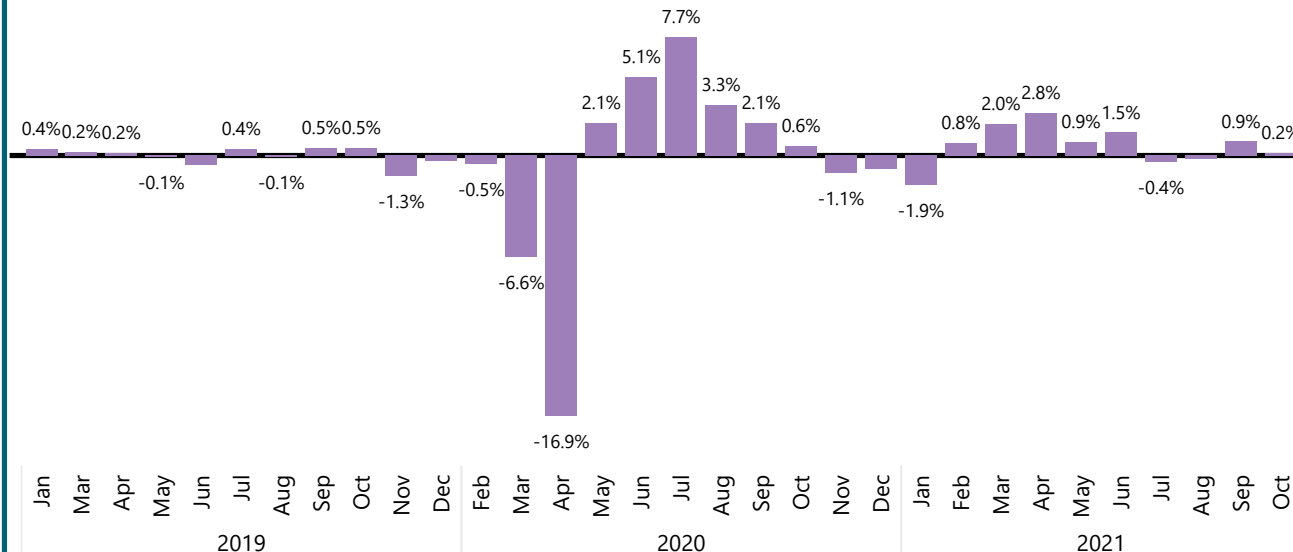
Monthly Gross Domestic Product

Scotland's provisional monthly gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 0.2% in real terms during October 2021 compared to September 2021.

Output is now 0.4% above the levels seen in February 2020, prior to the initial lockdown and associated restrictions.

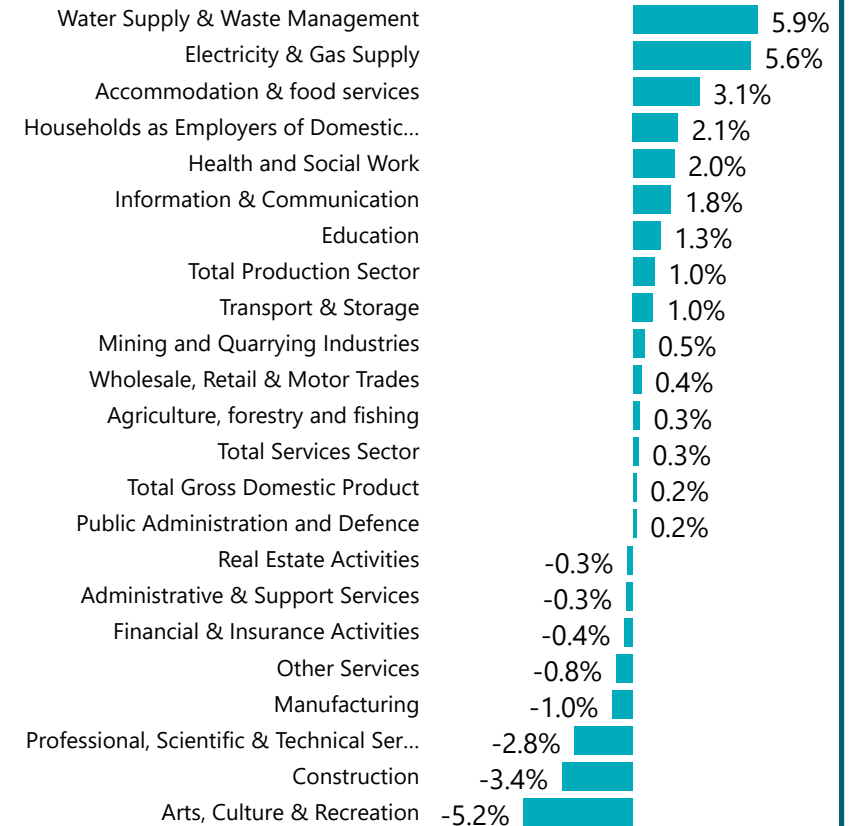
Scotland's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) monthly percentage change

Comparison between latest month and previous month



Scotland's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) monthly percentage change (October 2021)

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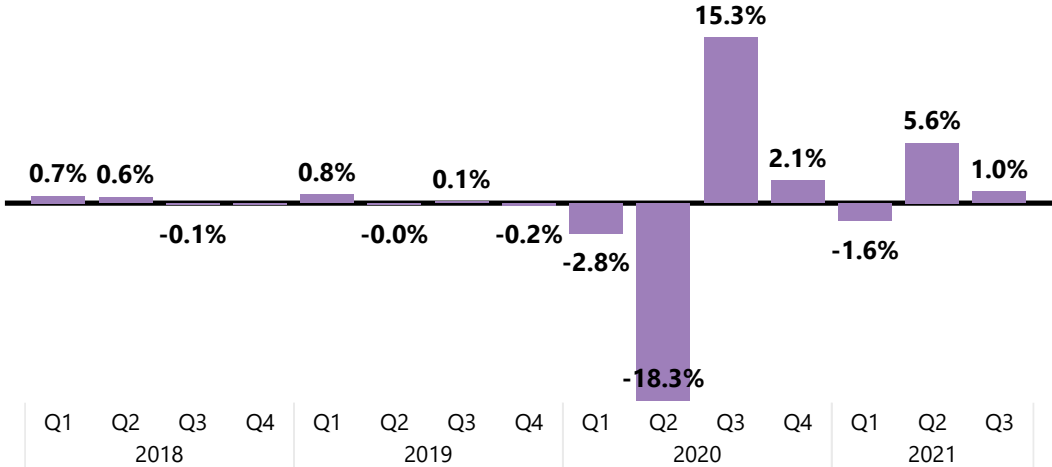
Wider Economy

Quarterly Gross Domestic Product

Scotland's gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 1.0% in real terms during the third quarter of 2021 (July to September). GDP in the UK grew by 1.3% over the same quarter.

Scotland's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Quarterly percentage change

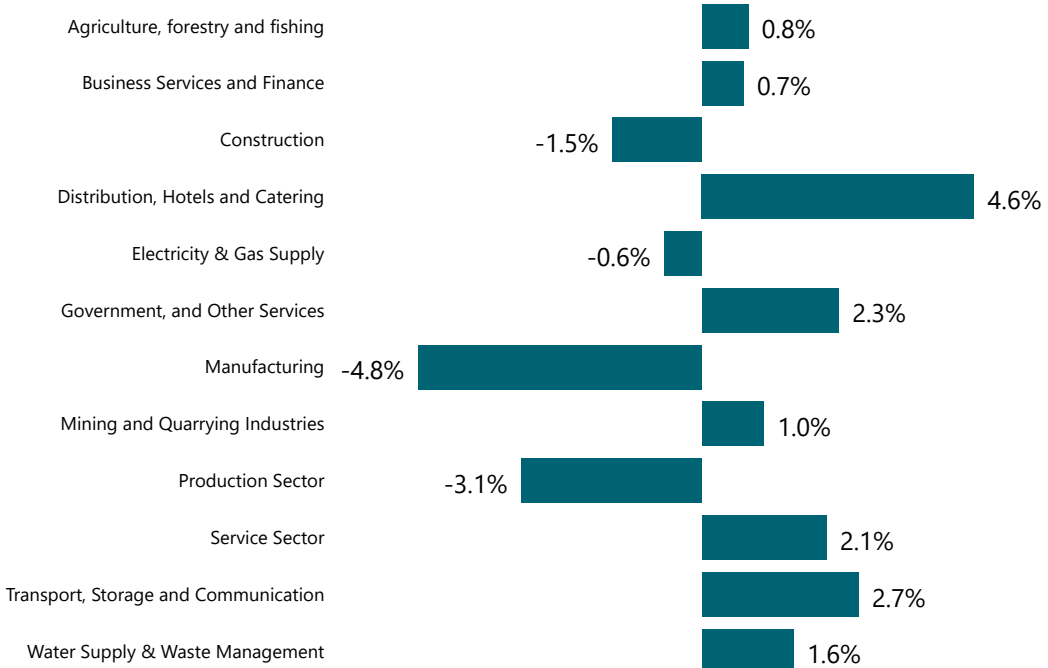
Comparison between latest quarter and previous quarter



Quarterly Gross Domestic Product
 Scottish Government
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Scotland's GDP percentage change by sector (Q3, 2021)

Comparison between latest quarter and previous quarter



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Purchasing Managers' Index

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

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[Graph taken from PMI by IHS Markit report](#)

Business Activity Index

sa, >50 = growth since previous month

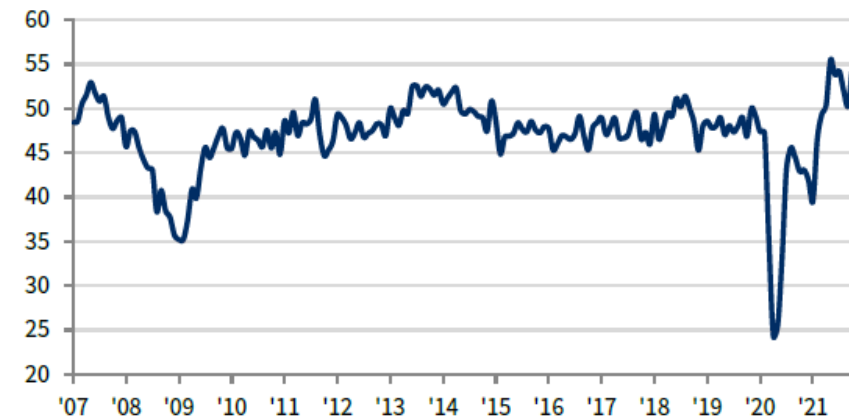


Scotland's Business Activity Index increased in the ten months prior to December 2021. However, growth slowed in December following the introduction of restrictions and increased business uncertainty (November - 55.9, December - 52.7).

PMI By IHS Markit

Accessed on 10th January [here](#)

Outstanding Business Index



Scotland's Outstanding Business Index showed signs of capacity pressures in Scottish private sector firms in December. Strong sales and supply issues were stated as the main reasons for capacity pressures. The rate of backlog accumulation was slowest since September.

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Future Activity Index

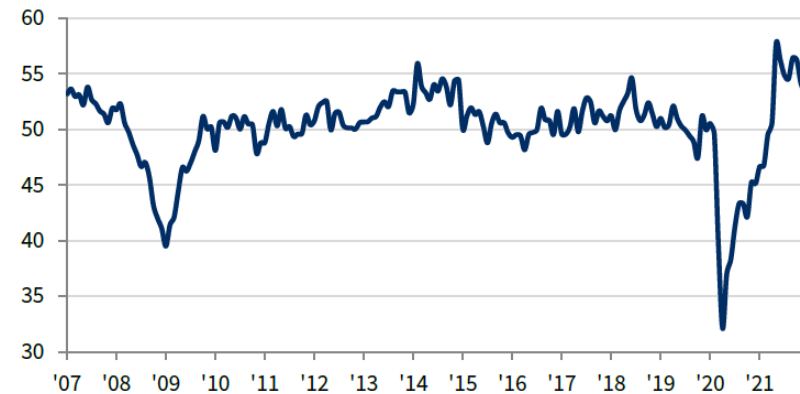
sa, >50 = growth since previous month



The Future Activity Index remained elevated in December. Scottish private sector companies remained highly optimistic of greater business activity over the next 12 months in December. Confidence was attributed to strong demand and hopes that the Brexit and COVID-19 issues will diminish.

Employment Index

sa, >50 = growth since previous month



A ninth successive monthly rise in workforce numbers at Scottish private sector firms was recorded in December. However, the rate of job creation was slowest since April. Businesses were taking additional workers due to increased activity requirements and strong sales pipeline.