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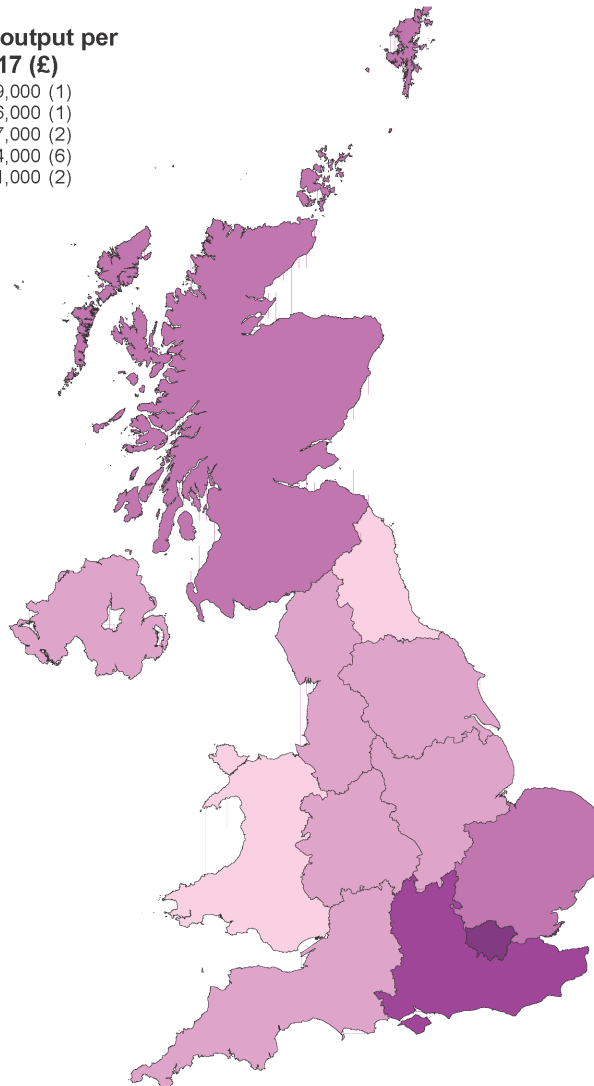
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Economic output per head in 2017 (£)

- 46,000 to 49,000 (1)
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What's in this briefing?

This briefing contains key economic data for the regions and countries of the UK, compared to the national average. Summary tables comparing the regional/country data is also provided, along with some charts showing differences between the regions/countries for selected data.

The majority of these data are from official sources – the Office for National Statistics (ONS) or government departments. The forecasts for economic growth are from [Oxford Economics](#), an economic consultancy.

The variables included are:

- Overall economic output and output per head
- Economic growth
- Forecast economic growth
- Employment levels and rates
- Unemployment levels and rates
- Average earnings
- Jobs in manufacturing
- Employment in the public sector
- Average house prices and annual change
- Public sector revenue and expenditure per head
- Median income tax paid
- Number of businesses and new businesses created

More detailed information regarding employment, unemployment and pay by UK region and country can be found in the Library's briefing [Labour market statistics: UK regions and countries](#).

For analysis of national economic data and topical issues, see the Library's topic page "[Economic situation](#)". This includes regular updates to 21 Key Economic Indicator briefings. A [monthly summary](#) of developments in the UK economy is also available.

The Library updates its [UK economy dashboard](#) when key economic data are published. The dashboard includes topics such as economic growth, inflation, unemployment and the public finances.

Summary tables and charts

Economic statistics, summary comparison									
Latest available figures			UK	England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland	North East	North West
Population	2019, millions		66.8	56.3	5.5	3.2	1.9	2.7	7.3
Total output (GDP)	2018, £ billions		2,140	1,839	161	75	49	63	207
Total output (GDP) per head	2018, £		32,216	32,857	29,660	23,866	25,981	23,569	28,449
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real % change		1.9%	2.1%	1.5%	1.7%	1.7%	0.5%	1.7%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*									
2020	% change on year		-11.0%	-11.0%	-10.5%	-11.5%	-10.6%	-11.7%	-11.2%
2019-30**	Average annual % change		1.3%	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%	1.1%	0.8%	1.1%
Unemployment rate	May - July 2020, %		4.1%	4.1%	4.6%	3.1%	2.9%	5.2%	3.5%
Employment rate	May - July 2020, %		76.5%	77.0%	74.3%	74.7%	71.5%	74.6%	76.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees		585	591	578	541	535	531	556
Jobs in manufacturing sector	Apr - June 2020, % of all jobs		7.5%	7.3%	6.9%	10.3%	10.2%	9.0%	8.9%
Employment in public sector	Apr - June 2020, % of all jobs		16.7%	15.8%	21.2%	21.4%	25.4%	19.6%	17.6%
House Prices	June 2020, average (£)		238,000	254,000	157,000	168,000	141,000	132,000	171,000
	% change on year		2.7%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	0.3%	2.9%	4.3%
Net fiscal balance per head***	2018/19, £		-623	-89	-2,482	-4,307	-4,996	-4,064	-2,780
Number of businesses	2019, thousands		5,868	5,188	334	222	124	152	579
Annual % change in businesses	2019, % change on year		3.5%	3.7%	0.8%	11.9%	-6.4%	-6.9%	6.2%

* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average; ***A fiscal surplus is shown with a '+', a deficit with a '-'

Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources

Economic statistics, summary comparison

Latest available figures

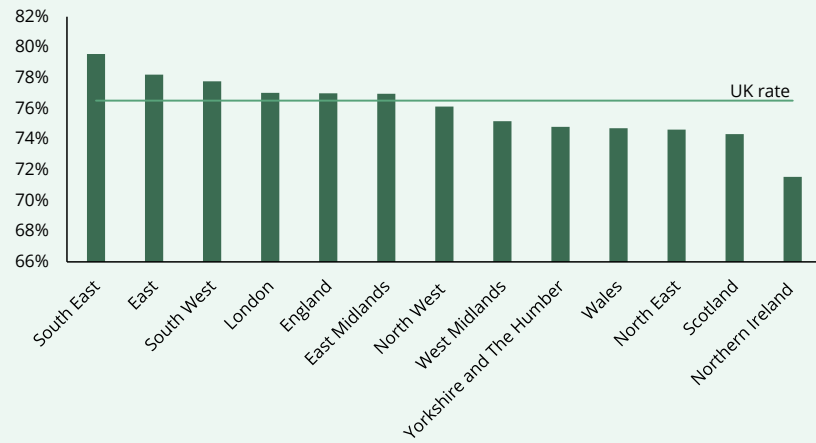
		UK	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West
Population	2019, millions	66.8	5.5	4.8	5.9	6.2	9.0	9.2	5.6
Total output (GDP)	2018, £ billions	2,140	142	125	160	186	487	311	158
Total output (GDP) per head	2018, £	32,216	25,859	25,946	27,087	30,069	54,686	34,083	28,231
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real % change	1.9%	1.3%	1.7%	2.5%	2.3%	3.1%	1.6%	1.6%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*									
2020	% change on year	-11.0%	-12.0%	-11.4%	-13.2%	-11.5%	-9.8%	-10.7%	-11.5%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.3%	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	1.7%	1.4%	1.1%
Unemployment rate	May - July 2020, %	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%	4.4%	3.7%	5.0%	3.5%	3.8%
Employment rate	May - July 2020, %	76.5%	74.8%	77.0%	75.2%	78.2%	77.0%	79.6%	77.8%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	585	540	547	551	610	699	636	561
Jobs in manufacturing sector	Apr - June 2020, % of all jobs	7.5%	10.5%	11.8%	10.3%	7.0%	2.3%	5.9%	8.0%
Employment in public sector	Apr - June 2020, % of all jobs	16.7%	18.3%	15.8%	16.0%	15.3%	13.7%	14.5%	16.4%
House Prices	June 2020, average (£)	238,000	169,000	201,000	205,000	296,000	490,000	328,000	263,000
	% change on year	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	3.0%	2.0%	3.6%	1.6%	4.3%
Net fiscal balance per head***	2018/19, £	-623	-2,090	-1,323	-2,545	+661	+4,350	+2,375	-999
Number of businesses	2019, thousands	5,868	429	356	480	599	1,092	940	562
Annual % change in businesses	2019, % change on year	3.5%	7.0%	-3.1%	7.0%	6.0%	-0.4%	7.6%	2.8%

* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average; ***A fiscal surplus is shown with a '+', a deficit with a '-'

Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources

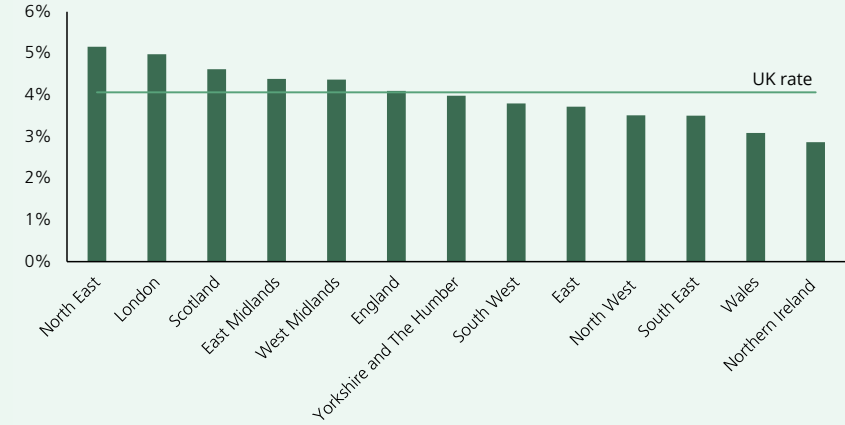
Employment rate, May - July 2020

% of 16-64 year olds in work



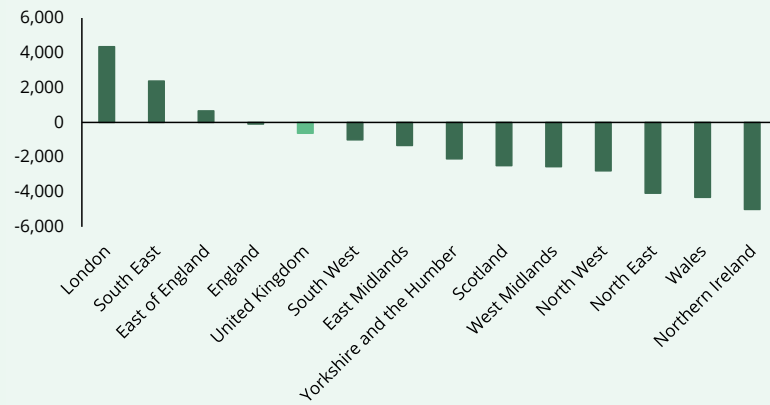
Unemployment rate, May - July 2020

%



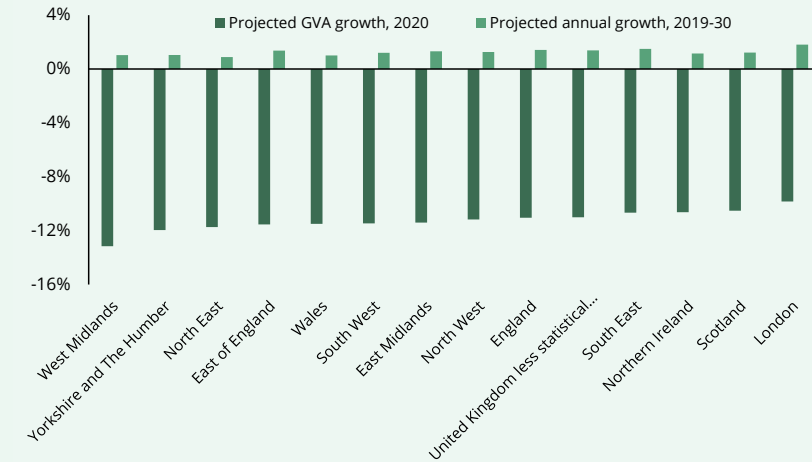
Net fiscal balance per head

2018/19, £



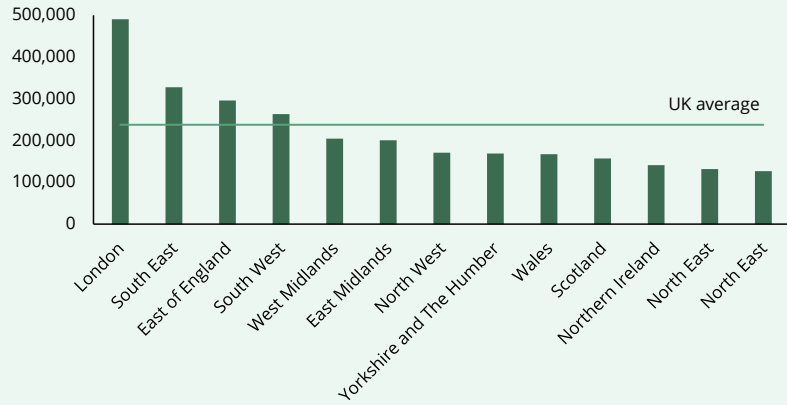
Forecast economic growth, 2020 and 2019-30

%, Oxford Economics forecasts, real terms



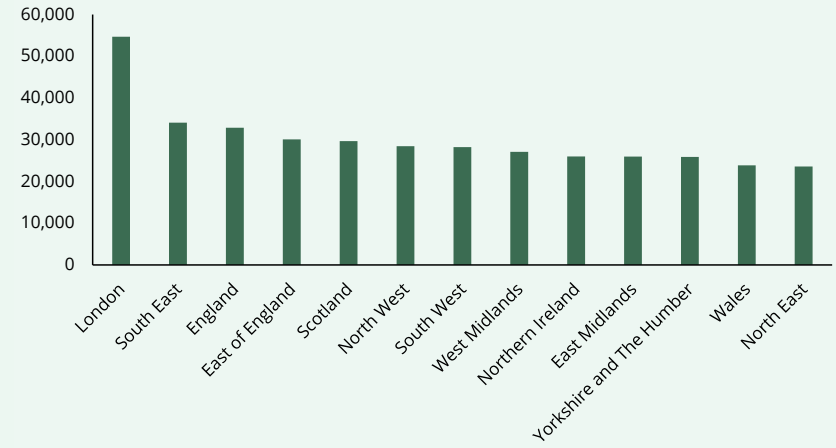
Average house prices

June 2020, £



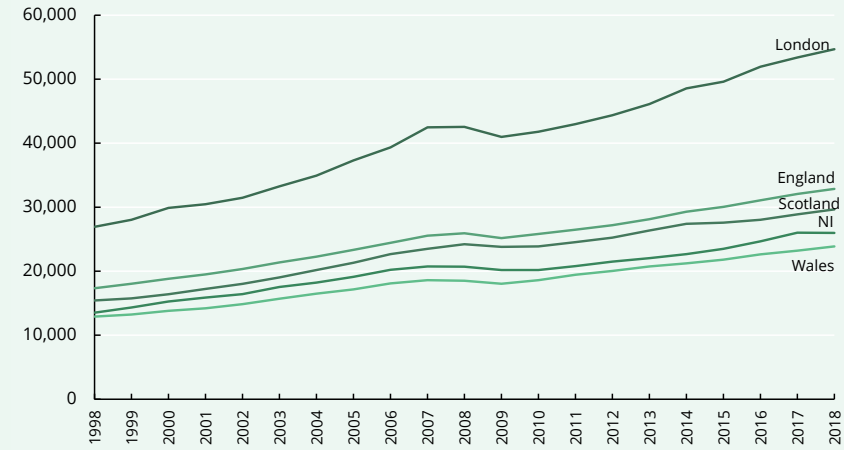
GVA per head

2018, £



GVA per head

1998-2018, £



1. North East

		North East	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	2.7	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	63	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	23,569	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	0.5%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.7%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	0.8%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	1,251	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	74.6%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	68	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	5.2%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	531	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	9.0%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	19.6%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	132,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.9%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	9,495	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	13,560	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-4,064	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	152	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	-6.9%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average			
Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

2. North West

		North West	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	7.3	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	207	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	28,449	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.7%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.2%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.1%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	3,539	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	76.1%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	129	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	3.5%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	556	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	8.9%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	17.6%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	171,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	4.3%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	10,159	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	12,939	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-2,780	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	579	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	6.2%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

3. Yorkshire and the Humber

		Yorkshire and The Humber	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	5.5	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	142	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	25,859	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.3%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-12.0%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	0.9%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	2,609	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	74.8%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	108	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	4.0%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	540	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	10.5%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	18.3%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	169,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.7%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	10,188	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	12,278	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-2,090	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	429	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	7.0%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

4. East Midlands

		East Midlands	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	4.8	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	125	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	25,946	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.7%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.4%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.2%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	2,365	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	77.0%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	109	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	4.4%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	547	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	11.8%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	15.8%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	201,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.6%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	10,461	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	11,784	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-1,323	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	356	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	-3.1%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

5. West Midlands

		West Midlands	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	5.9	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	160	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	27,087	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	2.5%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-13.2%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	0.9%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	2,825	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	75.2%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	129	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	4.4%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	551	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	10.3%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	16.0%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	205,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	3.0%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	9,959	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	12,503	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-2,545	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	480	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	7.0%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

6. East of England

		East of England	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	6.2	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	186	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	30,069	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	2.3%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.5%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.2%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	3,109	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	78.2%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	120	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	3.7%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	610	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	7.0%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	15.3%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	296,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.0%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	12,433	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	11,772	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	661	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	599	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	6.0%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

7. London

		London	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	9.0	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	487	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	54,686	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	3.1%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-9.8%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.7%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	4,880	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	77.0%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	256	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	5.0%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	699	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	2.3%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	13.7%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	490,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	3.6%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	18,177	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	13,826	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	4,350	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	1,092	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	-0.4%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

8. South East

		South East	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	9.2	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	311	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	34,083	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.6%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-10.7%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.4%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	4,655	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	79.6%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	169	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	3.5%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	636	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	5.9%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	14.5%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	328,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	1.6%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	14,341	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	11,967	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	2,375	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	940	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	7.6%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

9. South West

		South West	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	5.6	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	158	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	28,231	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.6%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.5%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.1%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	2,743	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	77.8%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	108	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	3.8%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	561	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	8.0%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	16.4%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	263,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	4.3%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	11,406	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	12,405	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-999	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	562	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	2.8%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

10. England

		England	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	56.3	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	1,839	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	32,857	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	2.1%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.0%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.3%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	27,975	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	77.0%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	1,196	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	4.1%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	591	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	7.3%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	15.8%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	254,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.8%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	12,470	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	12,559	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-89	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	5,188	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	3.7%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

11. Wales

		Wales	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	3.2	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	75	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	23,866	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.7%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-11.5%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	0.9%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	1,485	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	74.7%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	47	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	3.1%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	541	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	10.3%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	21.4%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	168,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.7%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	9,391	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	13,698	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-4,307	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	222	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	11.9%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

12. Scotland

		Scotland	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	5.5	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	161	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	29,660	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.5%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-10.5%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.1%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	2,650	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	74.3%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	128	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	4.6%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	578	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	6.9%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	21.2%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	157,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	2.8%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	12,015	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	14,497	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-2,482	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	334	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	0.8%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

13. Northern Ireland

		Northern Ireland	UK
Population			
2019 mid-year estimates	Millions	1.9	66.8
Economy			
Total output (GDP), 2018	£ billions	49	2,140
Total output (GDP) per head, 2018	£	25,981	32,216
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18**	Annual ave real terms % ch.	1.7%	1.9%
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)*			
2020	% change on year	-10.6%	-11.0%
2019-30**	Average annual % change	1.1%	1.3%
Labour market, May - July 2020			
Employment level	Thousands	870	32,979
Employment rate	% of population aged 16-64	71.5%	76.5%
Unemployment level	Thousands	26	1,398
Unemployment rate	% of economically active	2.9%	4.1%
Median weekly earnings, 2019	£, full time employees	535	585
Industries - employment, April - June 2020			
Manufacturing	% of total jobs	10.2%	7.5%
Public sector	% of total employment	25.4%	16.7%
House prices, June 2020			
Average	£	141,000	238,000
Annual change	% change on year	0.3%	2.7%
Fiscal indicators, 2018/19			
Public sector revenue per head	£	9,825	12,213
Public sector expenditure per head	£	14,821	12,835
Net fiscal balance per head	£ ('+' is surplus; '-' is deficit)	-4,996	-623
Businesses			
Number of businesses, 2019	Thousands	124	5,868
Annual % change in businesses, 2019	% change on year	-6.4%	3.5%
* Forecasts from Oxford Economics (Aug 2020); ** Annual ave growth is a compound average Sources: See section 14. Notes and Sources			

14. Notes and Sources

	Notes	Source
Population		
Mid-year estimates	Millions	ONS, Mid-year population estimates, via NOMIS
Economy		
Total output (GDP)	Latest year data is available	ONS, Regional economic activity by GDP
Total output (GDP) per head	Latest year data is available	ONS, Regional economic activity by GDP
Economic Growth (GDP), 2010-18	Annual average real terms % change (compound ave)	ONS, Regional economic activity by GDP
Forecast economic growth (GVA, real terms)		
2020	% change on year	Oxford Economic, UK Regional Economic Outlook
2019-30	Average annual % change (compound average)	Oxford Economic, UK Regional Economic Outlook
Labour market		
Employment level	All ages	ONS, Labour Market Statistics, Table A07
Employment rate	% of all 16-64 year olds in work	ONS, Labour Market Statistics, Table A07
Unemployment level	All economically active people over 16 out of work	ONS, Labour Market Statistics, Table A07
Unemployment rate	% of economically active people unemployed	ONS, Labour Market Statistics, Table A07
Median weekly earnings	Gross earnings of full time employees (excludes self-emp.)	ONS, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, via NOMIS
Industries - employment		
Manufacturing	% of all workforce jobs in manufacturing	ONS, Labour Market Statistics, Table JOBS05, via NOMIS
Public sector	% of total employment in public sector	ONS, Public Sector Employment, Table 6
House prices		
Average	Mix-adjusted ave price - all dwellings - not seasonally adj.	ONS, House Price Index, Table 2
Annual change	Mix-adjusted % change on year	ONS, House Price Index, Table 1
Fiscal indicators		
Public sector revenue per head	£	ONS, Country and Regional Public Sector Finances Table S5
Public sector expenditure per head	£	ONS, Country and Regional Public Sector Finances Table S6
Net fiscal balance per head	£	ONS, Country and Regional Public Sector Finances Table S4
Businesses		
Number of businesses	All businesses	BEIS, Business Population Estimates, Table 26
Annual % change in businesses	All businesses	BEIS, Business Population Estimates, Table 26

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