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Labour market update: May 2023

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This infographic looks at the latest labour market data for Scotland from the Office for National Statistics.



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Labour market update: May 2023

This update provides an overview of the Scottish labour market from the latest regional labour market statistics and UK labour market statistics published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Data covers
Jan-Mar 2023

Unemployment (16+)

Number of unemployed individuals as a proportion of the total number of economically active people (unemployed + employed).

Across the UK seasonally adjusted

West Midlands	5.1%
London	4.7%
Wales	4.6%
North East	4.2%
East	4.0%
England	4.0%
Yorks. & Humb.	3.9%
United Kingdom	3.9%
South East	3.7%
East Midlands	3.7%
North West	3.3%
Scotland	3.1%
South West	2.5%
N. Ireland	2.5%

Employment (16-64)

Number of people in employment expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

South East	78.8%
South West	78.8%
East	78.7%
England	76.3%
United Kingdom	75.9%
East Midlands	75.6%
London	75.4%
Scotland	75.3%
North West	74.9%
Yorks. & Humb.	74.8%
West Midlands	74.2%
North East	73.7%
N. Ireland	72.0%
Wales	71.5%

Inactivity (16-64)

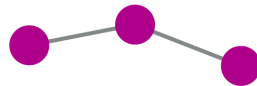
Number of people economically inactive expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

N. Ireland	26.1%
Wales	24.9%
North East	22.9%
North West	22.6%
Scotland	22.2%
Yorks. & Humb.	22.2%
West Midlands	21.9%
East Midlands	21.4%
United Kingdom	21.0%
London	20.9%
England	20.5%
South West	19.1%
South East	18.0%
East	17.9%

Headline figures seasonally adjusted

All people

Jan-Mar 2023: 3.2%
Oct-Dec 2022: 3.3%
Jan-Mar 2023: 3.1%



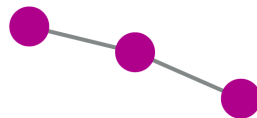
Women

Jan-Mar 2023: 1.9%
Oct-Dec 2022: 2.6%
Jan-Mar 2023: 3.2%



Men

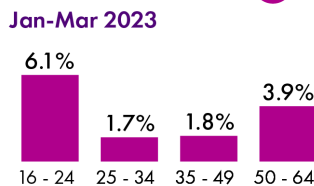
Jan-Mar 2023: 4.4%
Oct-Dec 2022: 3.9%
Jan-Mar 2023: 3.0%



Age

Not seasonally adjusted

(Not designated as National Statistics)



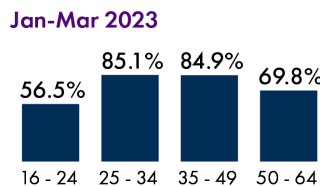
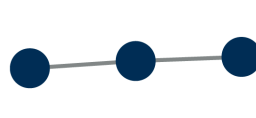
Jan-Mar 2022: 75.5%
Oct-Dec 2022: 76.6%
Jan-Mar 2023: 75.3%



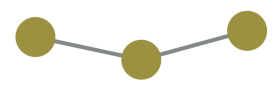
Jan-Mar 2023: 74.2%
Oct-Dec 2022: 75.6%
Jan-Mar 2023: 72.8%



Jan-Mar 2023: 76.9%
Oct-Dec 2022: 77.6%
Jan-Mar 2023: 78.0%



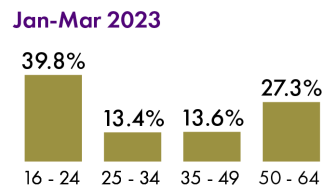
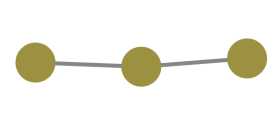
Jan-Mar 2022: 21.9%
Oct-Dec 2022: 20.8%
Jan-Mar 2023: 22.2%



Jan-Mar 2023: 24.3%
Oct-Dec 2022: 22.3%
Jan-Mar 2023: 24.8%



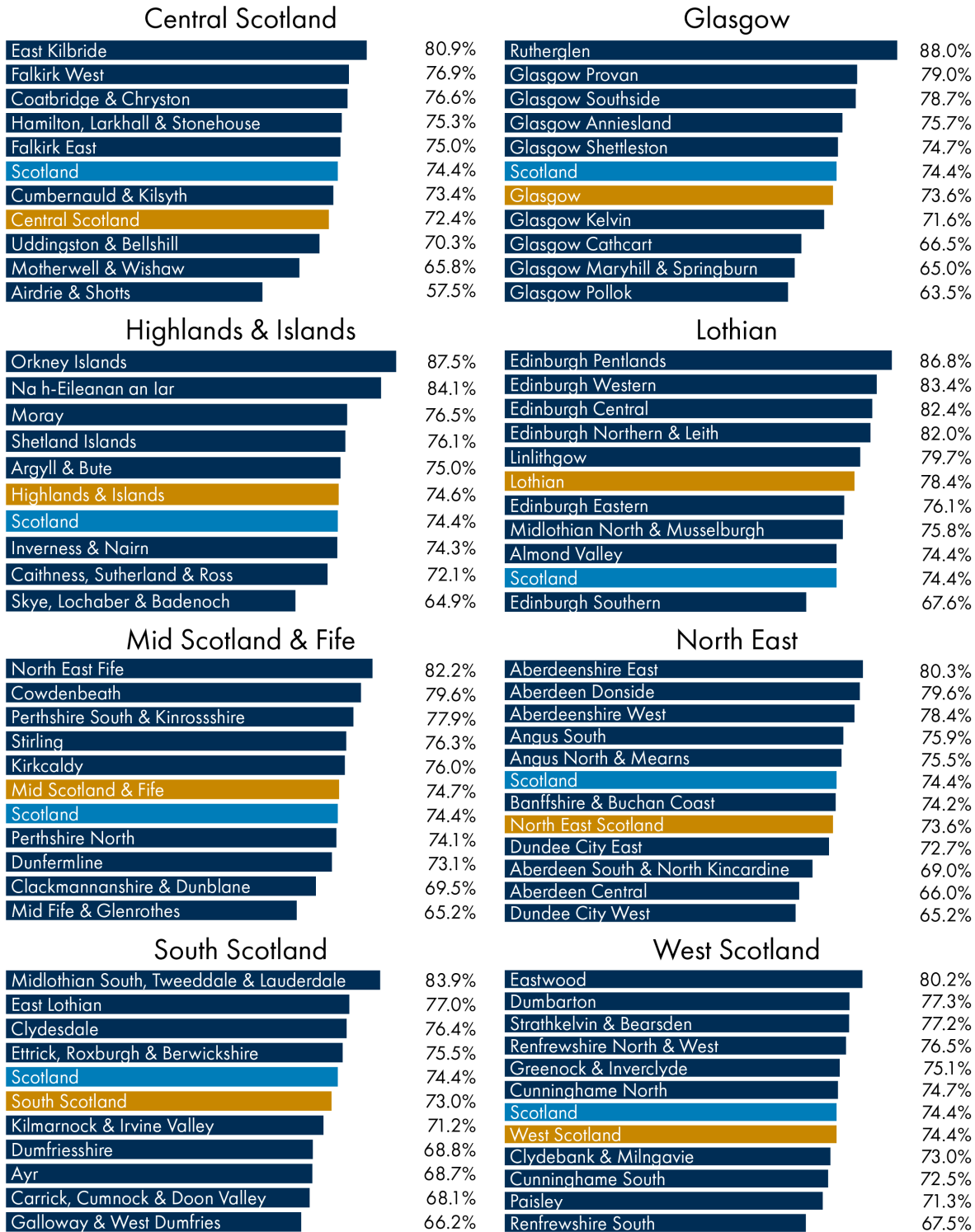
Jan-Mar 2023: 19.4%
Oct-Dec 2022: 19.2%
Jan-Mar 2023: 19.6%



Source: UK labour market: May 2023 and Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2023

Employment rates by Scottish Parliament constituency and region

All data is for - Jan 2022 to Dec 2022



*This data is from the resident analysis of the APS, meaning the rate is for those who live in the constituency.
 *The Scotland rate used for this data is different from the earlier quoted figure as it covers a different time period.
 *The data for constituencies should be used with caution due to uncertainty of the data at smaller geographies

Source: [nomis](#)

Data

Table 1: labour market indicators rates by nation and region of the UK (%)

Area	Employment	Unemployment	Economically inactive
United Kingdom	75.9	3.9	21.0
England	76.3	4.0	20.5
North East	73.7	4.2	22.9
North West	74.9	3.3	22.6
Yorkshire and The Humber	74.8	3.9	22.2
East Midlands	75.6	3.7	21.4
West Midlands	74.2	5.1	21.9
East	78.7	4.0	17.9
London	75.4	4.7	20.9
South East	78.8	3.7	18.0
South West	78.8	2.5	19.1
Wales	71.5	4.6	24.9
Scotland	75.3	3.1	22.2
Northern Ireland	72.0	2.5	26.1

Source: [UK labour market: May 2023](#)

Table 2: labour market indicators rates for all people in Scotland (%)

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	3.2	3.3	3.1
Employment	75.5	76.6	75.3
Inactivity	21.9	20.8	22.2

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2023](#)

Table 3: labour market indicators rates for women in Scotland (%)

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	1.9	2.6	3.2
Employment	74.2	75.6	72.8
Inactivity	24.3	22.3	24.8

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2023](#)

Table 4: labour market indicators rates for men in Scotland (%)

	Same quarter previous year	Previous quarter	Latest quarter
Unemployment	4.4	3.9	3.0
Employment	76.9	77.6	78.0
Inactivity	19.4	19.2	19.6

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2023](#)

Table 5: labour market indicators rates by age in Scotland (%)

	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64
Employment	56.5	85.1	84.9	69.8
Unemployment	6.1	1.7	1.8	3.9
Inactivity	39.8	13.4	13.6	27.3

Source: [Labour market in the regions of the UK: May 2023](#)

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