

Unrounding of Labour Force Survey data

From 17/09/2018, counts from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) headline indicator dataset on Nomis will be presented as unrounded data.

Prior to this date all jobs figures from this dataset were presented rounded to the nearest 1,000. This previous presentation is consistent with presentation tables in the ONS labour market releases.

However, users have pointed out that using rounded data extracted from Nomis for further calculations means that calculations of changes and rates may not be consistent with those published by ONS, based on unrounded data. Therefore in response to this user demand and in agreement with ONS, the figures will in future be presented unrounded.

Although the figures will be presented as unrounded, this should not be considered to indicate any increased accuracy in the figures compared to the previously unrounded estimates. The figures remain subject to the same level of sampling variability as the previously unrounded estimates.

Further information regarding the quality of LFS regional estimates can be found on this ONS webpage

The dataset affected by this change is: [labour force survey - national and regional - headline indicators \(seasonally adjusted\)](#)