

KS601UK - Economic activity

Overview

Table population	All usual residents aged 16 to 74
Reference	KS601UK
Source	Census 2011
Keywords	Economic activity, Economically active, Economically inactive, Employed (in employment), Employee, Full-time working, Long-term unemployed, Main job, Part-time working, Self-employed, Students, Schoolchildren, Unemployed, Usual Resident
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Units	Persons
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Dataset metadata

This table provides information that classifies usual residents aged 16 to 74 by economic activity, for United Kingdom as at census day, 27 March 2011. It also provides additional information about the unemployed population (including full-time students), with estimates of the number of long-term unemployed, those who have never worked, and the classification of unemployed by key age groups.

The category 'Carried out voluntary work: Aged 16-74 years' only applicable in Northern Ireland is not included in this table.

Statistical Disclosure Control

In order to protect against disclosure of personal information from the 2011 Census, there has been swapping of records in the Census database between different geographic areas, and so some counts will be affected. In the main, the greatest effects will be at the lowest geographies, since the record swapping is targeted towards those households with unusual characteristics in small areas.

More details on the ONS Census disclosure control strategy may be found on the [Statistical Disclosure Control](#) page on the ONS web site.

Variables

geography

The following types of geography are available:

2011 scottish datazones, 2011 scottish intermediate zones, 2011 census frozen wards, 2011 NI small areas, Northern Ireland local government districts (as of 2014), 2011 scottish council areas, 2011 super output areas - middle layer, 2011 super output areas - lower layer, 2011 output areas, scottish data zones, northern ireland - super output areas, local enterprise partnerships (as of April 2017), parliamentary constituencies 2010, local authorities: county / unitary (prior to April 2015), local authorities: district / unitary (prior to April 2015), regions, countries

Economic Activity

Economic activity relates to whether or not a person who was working or looking for work in the week before census.

Rather than a simple indicator of whether or not someone was currently in employment, it provides a measure of whether or not a person was an active participant in the labour market.

A person's economic activity is derived from their 'Activity last week'. This is an indicator of their status or availability for employment - whether employed, actively looking for work, waiting to start a new job, available to start a new job, or their status if not employed or not seeking employment. Additional information included in the economic activity classification is also derived from information about the number of hours a person works and their type of employment - whether employed or self-employed.

The census concept of economic activity is compatible with the standard for economic status defined by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). It is one of a number of definitions used internationally to produce accurate and comparable statistics on employment, unemployment and economic status.

The following Economic Activity are available:

- | All usual residents aged 16 to 74
- | Economically active
- | In employment
- | Employee: Part-time
- | Employee: Full-time
- | Self-employed
- | Unemployed
- | Full-time student
- | Economically Inactive
- | Retired
- | Student (including full-time students)
- | Looking after home or family
- | Long-term sick or disabled
- | Other
- | Unemployed: Age 16 to 24
- | Unemployed: Age 50 to 74
- | Unemployed: Never worked
- | Long-term unemployed