

The ONS Monthly Digest

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Cost of Living latest insights

The annual inflation rate slowed to 6.4% in the year to July 2023, down from 7.3% in June and a peak of 9.6% in October 2022.

It follows the largest monthly fall in gas prices since at least 1988, largely because of the lowering of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) price cap in July.

[Read the latest cost of living insights](#)

In case you missed it



How does home ownership, health and more differ across society?

Protected characteristics like age, sex and disability can all affect people's lives in different ways.

Our new analysis looks at different people's housing, health, education, and employment, and how they can help us understand equality in society.

Explore what life in 2021 looked like for different people in England and Wales by trying this Census quiz.

[Try the quiz](#)

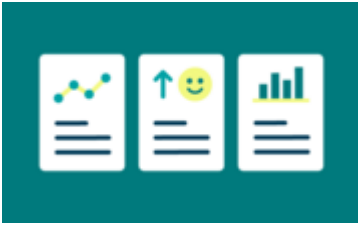


How qualified are the people in my industry?

There was a wide variation in qualification levels held by workers in different industries, according to Census 2021 data.

The professional and scientific, information and communication, and education sectors had the most highly qualified workforces, while agriculture, forestry and fishing, and transport and storage had the lowest qualification levels.

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Measuring National Well-being

Our new UK Measures of National Well-being dashboard is a visual overview of how people in the UK are faring across 10 domains of national well-being.

It brings together the latest data on how people in the UK are doing as individuals, communities, and a nation.

[Explore the dashboard](#)

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