

Employment in EU regions in 2016

Employment grew in 8 out of 10 EU regions

In 2016, 231 of the EU regions (84%) saw their employment grow in 2016. In 32 other regions, the number of persons employed decreased and in a further 12 employment remained stable.

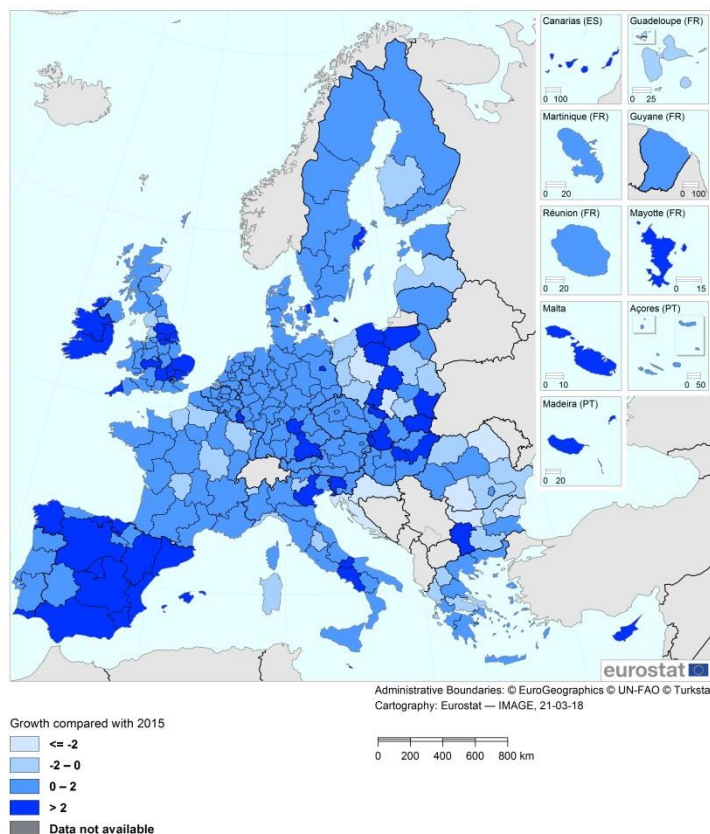
Growth in employment varied widely across the EU regions and within countries. The highest employment growth rates were recorded in Podkarpacie (+7.9%) and Opolskie (+5.9%) in Poland, Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla (+4.8%) in Spain and Pomorskie and Warmińsko-Mazurskie (both +4.7%) in Poland.

At the opposite end of the scale, the biggest decreases in employment were registered in Nord-Est (-3.8%) and Sud-Vest Oltenia (-3.0%) in Romania, Wielkopolskie (-2.5%) in Poland, Severozitochen (-2.3%) in Bulgaria and Śląskie (-2.2%) in Poland.

In the EU as a whole, the employment grew by 1.2% in 2016.

These data on regional employment, compiled on the basis of the National Accounts, are published by **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the European Union.

Employment growth in 2016



Largest employment growth in Podkarpacie

In 21 EU regions, the employment growth exceeded 3%. Six of these regions were located in Poland and in the United Kingdom, two each in Italy and Spain and one each in Hungary, Portugal, Cyprus, Malta and Slovakia. In these regions, employment grew by a total of 604 000 persons.

In 32 EU regions (11% of the regions), the number of employed people decreased in 2016. In 17 of these regions, the number of employed fell by more than 1%. Six of these regions were located in Poland, four in the United Kingdom, three in Romania, two in Bulgaria and one in each Greece and Italy. Employment decreased by 278 000 persons in these twenty regions.

Highest number of employed people per population in Inner London – West

The number of employed people divided by population can indicate different demographic and labour market situations across regions (differences in active population and unemployment rates) and show commuting flows to or from certain regions, as employment statistics are based on the place of work while population data are based on residency. This indicator can help explain some of the variations in GDP per capita.

For the EU as a whole, the employment per population ratio is 45%. In 10 regions, it exceeds 60%, with the highest percentages in Inner London – West (169%), Luxembourg (72%), Prague and Bratislava (both 71%).

On the other hand, in 11 regions, the employment per population ratio is below 33%. The lowest percentages are in the French overseas departments of Mayotte (19%), Guyane (21%) and Guadeloupe (29%), in Sicilia (30%) in Italy and Outer London - East & North East (31%) in the United Kingdom.

Geographical information

These data are based on the **Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) 2013** as set out in Commission Regulation (EU) No 1319/2013 of 9 December 2013. NUTS 2013 provides a uniform, consistent breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics for the EU.

Level 2 of the nomenclature has 276 regions: Belgium (11), Bulgaria (6), the Czech Republic (8), Denmark (5), Germany (38), Ireland (2), Greece (13), Spain (19), France (27), Croatia (2), Italy (21), Hungary (7), the Netherlands (12), Austria (9), Poland (16), Portugal (7), Romania (8), Slovenia (2), Slovakia (4), Finland (5), Sweden (8) and the United Kingdom (40). Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg and Malta are all considered as single regions at NUTS 2 level.

Methods and definitions

Employment is defined as the number of people engaged in productive activities in an economy. The concept includes both employees and the self-employed and covers both the residents and the non-residents working in the country.

More detailed data by NUTS 3 area and 10 NACE economic activities is available up to the year 2015 at Eurostat's database.

Country notes

Austria: Data based on jobs, not persons.

Croatia: Data not available.

For more information

Overview of NUTS classification of regions

Eurostat website section dedicated to regional data

Eurostat website section dedicated to employment data in national accounts

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Region (NUTS 2013)	Employment 1000 persons	Change in persons 2016/2015	Change in % 2016/2015	Employment/ Population
EU	232 143	2 818	1.2	45
BELGIUM	4 658	58	1.3	41
<i>Bruxelles-Cap. / Brussel Hfdst.</i>	695	4	0.6	58
Vlaams Gewest	2 720	39	1.5	42
Prov. Antwerpen	805	9	1.1	44
Prov. Limburg (BE)	341	5	1.5	39
Prov. Oost-Vlaanderen	597	10	1.6	40
Prov. Vlaams Brabant	454	7	1.5	40
Prov. West-Vlaanderen	524	9	1.7	44
Région Wallonne	1 242	15	1.2	34
Prov. Brabant Wallon	161	2	1.4	40
Prov. Hainaut	432	4	0.9	32
Prov. Liège	384	5	1.2	35
Prov. Luxembourg (BE)	95	1	1.4	34
Prov. Namur	169	3	1.7	34
<i>Extra-regio*</i>	2	-1		
BULGARIA	3 463	17	0.5	49
Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria	1 559	-9	-0.6	44
Severozapaden	295	-6	-2.0	38
Severen tsentralen	363	-2	-0.6	45
Severoiztochen	428	-10	-2.3	45
Yugoiztochen	473	9	2.0	45
Yugozapadna i Yuzhna Tsentralna Bulgaria	1 905	26	1.4	54
Yugozapaden	1 254	30	2.4	59
Yuzhen tsentralen	650	-4	-0.6	45
CZECH REPUBLIC	5 249	67	1.3	50
Praha	905	3	0.3	71
Střední Čechy	583	10	1.7	44
Jihozápad	591	5	0.9	49
Severozápad	497	6	1.2	44
Severovýchod	706	6	0.9	47
Jihovýchod	832	9	1.1	49
Střední Morava	579	11	1.9	48
Moravskoslezsko	556	15	2.8	46
DENMARK	2 877	48	1.7	50
Hovedstaden	1 045	21	2.1	58
Sjaelland	323	4	1.3	39
Syddanmark	580	9	1.6	48
Midtjylland	644	12	1.9	50
Nordjylland	278	4	1.5	47
<i>Extra-regio*</i>	7	-1		

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EU	232 143	2 818	1.2	45
GERMANY	43 638	581	1.3	53
<i>Baden-Württemberg</i>	6 166	87	1.4	56
Stuttgart	2 369	36	1.5	58
Karlsruhe	1 548	18	1.2	56
Freiburg	1 221	15	1.2	55
Tübingen	1 028	18	1.8	56
<i>Bavarn</i>	7 405	131	1.8	57
Oberbayern	2 782	60	2.2	60
Niederbayern	664	11	1.6	55
Oberpfalz	627	12	2.0	57
Oberfranken	581	4	0.7	55
Mittelfranken	1 026	21	2.1	59
Unterfranken	718	8	1.2	55
Schwaben	1 007	14	1.4	54
<i>Berlin</i>	1 894	51	2.8	53
<i>Brandenburg</i>	1 102	19	1.7	44
<i>Bremen</i>	425	5	1.3	63
<i>Hamburg</i>	1 226	22	1.9	68
<i>Hessen</i>	3 380	44	1.3	55
Darmstadt	2 220	34	1.5	56
Gießen	514	5	1.0	50
Kassel	645	6	0.9	53
<i>Mecklenburg-Vorpommern</i>	745	1	0.1	46
<i>Niedersachsen</i>	4 007	49	1.2	50
Braunschweig	819	4	0.5	51
Hannover	1 117	16	1.5	52
Lüneburg	734	9	1.3	43
Weser-Ems	1 338	19	1.4	53
<i>Nordrhein-Westfalen</i>	9 293	97	1.1	52
Düsseldorf	2 739	24	0.9	53
Köln	2 370	42	1.8	54
Münster	1 279	8	0.6	49
Detmold	1 095	13	1.2	53
Arnsberg	1 810	9	0.5	50
<i>Rheinland-Pfalz</i>	2 002	15	0.8	49
Koblenz	738	4	0.6	49
Trier	261	2	0.8	50
Rheinhessen-Pfalz	1 003	9	0.9	49
<i>Saarland</i>	525	6	1.1	53
<i>Sachsen</i>	2 035	21	1.1	50
Dresden	801	9	1.1	50
Chemnitz	711	4	0.6	49
Leipzig	524	8	1.6	51
<i>Sachsen-Anhalt</i>	1 009	5	0.5	45
<i>Schleswig-Holstein</i>	1 379	24	1.8	48
<i>Thüringen</i>	1 045	3	0.3	48
ESTONIA	625	2	0.3	47
IRELAND	2 045	56	2.8	44
Border, Midland & Western	482	13	2.8	39
Southern & Eastern	1 563	43	2.8	45
GREECE	4 083	19	0.5	38
<i>Voreia Ellada</i>	1 071	4	0.4	35
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	210	0	0.1	35
Kentriki Makedonia	654	5	0.8	35
Dytiki Makedonia	90	0	-0.3	33
Ipeiros	116	-1	-0.7	35
<i>Kentriki Ellada</i>	984	2	0.2	36
Thessalia	263	2	0.7	36
Ionia Nisia	83	-1	-1.4	40
Dytiki Ellada	230	1	0.6	34
Sterea Ellada	193	-1	-0.5	35
Peloponnisos	216	1	0.5	37
<i>Attiki</i>	1 566	9	0.6	41
<i>Nisia Aigaiou, Kriti</i>	462	4	0.8	39
Voreio Aigaio	69	0	0.1	34
Notio Aigaio	146	1	0.6	43
Kriti	247	3	1.2	39

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Region (NUTS 2013)	Employment	Change in persons	Change in %	Employment/ Population
EU	232 143	2 818	1.2	45
SPAIN	18 988	466	2.5	41
Noroeste	1 672	35	2.1	39
Galicia	1 063	24	2.3	39
Principado de Asturias	388	6	1.5	37
Cantabria	221	5	2.4	38
Noreste	2 020	46	2.4	46
País Vasco	1 015	24	2.5	47
Comunidad Foral de Navarra	295	5	1.9	46
La Rioja	133	2	1.5	43
Aragón	577	15	2.6	44
Comunidad de Madrid	3 273	68	2.1	51
Centro (ES)	2 024	47	2.4	36
Castilla y León	975	24	2.5	40
Castilla-La Mancha	698	17	2.5	34
Extremadura	351	6	1.6	32
Este	5 738	157	2.8	43
Cataluña	3 386	90	2.7	46
Comunidad Valenciana	1 857	48	2.7	38
Illes Balears	495	18	3.8	43
Sur	3 459	94	2.8	34
Andalucía	2 826	75	2.7	34
Región de Murcia	575	17	3.0	39
Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta	30	1	2.4	35
Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla	29	1	4.8	34
Canarias	789	21	2.7	37
Extra-regio*	13	0		
FRANCE	27 612	178	0.6	41
Île de France	6 284	47	0.8	52
Bassin parisien	4 088	6	0.1	38
Champagne-Ardenne	519	1	0.2	39
Picardie	656	0	0.0	34
Haute-Normandie	697	-2	-0.3	37
Centre	999	6	0.6	39
Basse-Normandie	576	2	0.3	39
Bourgogne	640	-1	-0.1	39
Nord-Pas-de-Calais	1 527	8	0.5	37
Est	2 021	3	0.1	37
Lorraine	820	0	0.0	35
Alsace	765	1	0.2	41
Franche-Comté	436	1	0.3	37
Ouest	3 584	31	0.9	40
Pays de la Loire	1 554	19	1.3	41
Bretagne	1 331	10	0.7	40
Poitou-Charentes	699	2	0.2	39
Sud-ouest	2 935	33	1.1	41
Aquitaine	1 393	16	1.1	41
Midi-Pyrénées	1 264	18	1.4	42
Limousin	277	0	0.0	38
Centre-est	3 335	22	0.7	42
Rhône-Alpes	2 803	21	0.8	43
Auvergne	532	1	0.3	39
Méditerranée	3 197	25	0.8	39
Languedoc-Roussillon	1 007	12	1.2	36
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	2 065	13	0.6	41
Corse	124	1	0.9	37
Départements d'Outre-Mer	642	3	0.5	29
Guadeloupe	125	0	-0.1	29
Martinique	133	0	0.1	35
Guyane	56	0	0.2	21
La Réunion	282	2	0.7	33
Mayotte	46	1	2.4	19
CROATIA	1599	5	0.3	38
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Kontinentalna Hrvatska	:	:	:	:

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EU	232 143	2 818	1.2	45
ITALY	24 809	312	1.3	41
<i>Nord Ovest</i>	7 272	73	1.0	45
Piemonte	1 870	21	1.1	43
Valle d'Aosta / Vallée d'Aoste	61	0	-0.2	48
Liguria	659	-5	-0.7	42
Lombardia	4 683	57	1.2	47
<i>Nord Est</i>	5 405	92	1.7	46
Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano / Bozen	282	5	1.7	54
Provincia Autonoma di Trento	252	-1	-0.4	47
Veneto	2 228	46	2.1	45
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	535	2	0.3	44
Emilia-Romagna	2 108	40	1.9	47
<i>Centro (IT)</i>	5 282	31	0.6	44
Toscana	1 649	9	0.5	44
Umbria	357	-6	-1.5	40
Marche	646	1	0.2	42
Lazio	2 630	27	1.0	45
<i>Sud</i>	4 723	107	2.3	34
Abruzzo	521	3	0.5	39
Molise	112	5	4.4	36
Campania	1 890	66	3.6	32
Puglia	1 365	25	1.9	34
Basilicata	200	3	1.5	35
Calabria	635	6	1.0	32
<i>Isole</i>	2 120	9	0.4	32
Sicilia	1 531	12	0.8	30
Sardegna	589	-3	-0.6	36
<i>Extra-regio*</i>	8	0		
CYPRUS	380	12	3.1	45
LATVIA	886	-3	-0.3	45
LITHUANIA	1 361	27	2.0	47
LUXEMBOURG (GRAND-DUCHY)	418	12	3.0	72
HUNGARY	4 429	114	2.6	45
<i>Közép Magyarország</i>	1 911	84	4.6	64
<i>Dunántúl</i>	1 192	15	1.2	41
Közép Dunántúl	438	2	0.5	41
Nyugat Dunántúl	442	8	1.9	45
Dél Dunántúl	312	4	1.4	35
<i>Alföld es Észak</i>	1 326	15	1.2	34
Észak Magyarország	371	1	0.4	32
Észak-Alföld	499	10	2.1	34
Dél-Alföld	456	4	0.8	36
MALTA	203	7	3.7	46
NETHERLANDS	8 901	95	1.1	52
<i>Noord-Nederland</i>	810	7	0.8	47
Groningen	280	3	1.0	48
Friesland (NL)	301	2	0.7	47
Drenthe	229	2	0.9	47
<i>Oost-Nederland</i>	1 790	17	1.0	50
Overijssel	591	6	0.9	52
Gelderland	1 027	10	1.0	50
Flevoland	172	2	1.1	42
<i>West-Nederland</i>	4 361	48	1.1	54
Utrecht	738	8	1.0	58
Noord-Holland	1 623	20	1.2	58
Zuid-Holland	1 820	20	1.1	50
Zeeland	181	1	0.8	47
<i>Zuid-Nederland</i>	1 934	23	1.2	53
Noord-Brabant	1 373	17	1.2	55
Limburg (NL)	561	6	1.2	50
<i>Extra-regio*</i>	7	0		

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EU	232 143	2 818	1.2	45
AUSTRIA	4 591	68	1.5	53
<i>Ostösterreich</i>	1 925	29	1.5	51
Burgenland	127	1	0.9	44
Niederösterreich	755	11	1.5	45
Wien	1 043	17	1.6	56
<i>Südösterreich</i>	924	12	1.3	51
Kärnten	277	2	0.7	49
Steiermark	648	10	1.5	52
<i>Westösterreich</i>	1 741	28	1.6	55
Oberösterreich	791	12	1.5	54
Salzburg	328	4	1.3	60
Tirol	421	8	2.0	57
Vorarlberg	201	4	1.8	52
<i>Extra-regio*</i>	1	0		
POLAND	16 061	91	0.6	42
<i>Region Centralny</i>	4 002	26	0.6	51
Łódzkie	1 279	40	3.2	51
Mazowieckie	2 723	-14	-0.5	51
<i>Region Południowy</i>	2 975	-41	-1.3	37
Małopolskie	1 258	-1	-0.1	37
Śląskie	1 717	-39	-2.2	38
<i>Region Wschodni</i>	2 931	50	1.7	44
Lubelskie	1 004	-19	-1.8	47
Podkarpackie	857	63	7.9	40
Świętokrzyskie	584	1	0.1	47
Podlaskie	486	5	1.0	41
<i>Region Północno-Zachodni</i>	2 190	-48	-2.1	35
Wielkopolskie	1 267	-33	-2.5	36
Zachodniopomorskie	534	-8	-1.5	31
Lubuskie	390	-7	-1.8	38
<i>Region Południowo-Zachodni</i>	1 495	2	0.2	38
Dolnośląskie	1 099	-20	-1.8	38
Opolskie	396	22	5.9	40
<i>Region Północny</i>	2 468	102	4.3	42
Kujawsko-Pomorskie	869	30	3.5	42
Warmińsko-Mazurskie	574	26	4.7	40
Pomorskie	1 026	46	4.7	44
PORTUGAL	4 651	75	1.6	45
<i>Continente</i>	4 428	71	1.6	45
Norte	1 602	28	1.8	45
Algarve	202	9	4.6	46
Centro (PT)	999	14	1.4	44
Area Metropolitana de Lisboa	1 336	16	1.2	47
Alentejo	289	3	1.2	40
<i>Região Autónoma dos Açores</i>	108	1	1.0	44
<i>Região Autónoma da Madeira</i>	111	3	2.6	43
<i>Extra-regio*</i>	3	0		
ROMANIA	8 449	-77	-0.9	43
<i>Macroregiunea Unu</i>	2 052	6	0.3	42
Nord-Vest	1 145	-3	-0.2	44
Centru	908	8	0.9	39
<i>Macroregiunea Doi</i>	2 503	-70	-2.7	44
Nord-Est	1 537	-61	-3.8	47
Sud-Est	966	-10	-1.0	39
<i>Macroregiunea Trei</i>	2 375	4	0.2	45
Sud - Muntenia	1 187	-19	-1.6	39
București - Ilfov	1 188	23	2.0	52
<i>Macroregiunea Patru</i>	1 518	-17	-1.1	40
Sud-Vest Oltenia	785	-24	-3.0	40
Vest	733	8	1.1	41
SLOVENIA	960	18	1.9	46
Vzhodna Slovenija	453	5	1.0	42
Zahodna Slovenija	506	14	2.8	52
SLOVAKIA	2 321	54	2.4	43
Bratislavský kraj	452	15	3.5	71
Západné Slovensko	782	17	2.2	43
Stredné Slovensko	541	10	1.9	40
Východné Slovensko	546	12	2.2	34

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FINLAND	2 517	13	0.5	46
Manner-Suomi	2 497	12	0.5	46
Länsi-Suomi	604	0	0.0	44
Helsinki-Uusimaa	863	10	1.1	53
Etelä-Suomi	493	2	0.5	43
Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi	537	1	0.1	41
Åland	18	0	0.7	63
Extra-regio*	1	0		
SWEDEN	4 890	83	1.7	49
Östra Sverige	2 034	40	2.0	52
Stockholm	1 280	27	2.2	57
Östra Mellansverige	755	13	1.8	46
Södra Sverige	2 065	36	1.8	48
Småland med öarna	415	8	2.0	49
Sydsverige	674	10	1.5	46
Västsverige	976	19	2.0	49
Norra Sverige	791	7	0.9	46
Norra Mellansverige	368	2	0.5	44
Mellersta Norrland	173	1	0.6	46
Övre Norrland	249	3	1.2	48
Extra-regio*	1	0		
UNITED KINGDOM	31 780	474	1.5	48
North East (England)	1 105	-6	-0.5	42
Tees Valley & Durham	455	-8	-1.7	38
Northumberland and Tyne & Wear	650	2	0.3	45
North West (England)	3 314	1	0.0	46
Cumbria	247	-3	-1.2	50
Greater Manchester	1 297	14	1.1	47
Lancashire	650	-8	-1.2	44
Cheshire	496	1	0.2	54
Merseyside	624	-3	-0.5	41
Yorkshire & the Humber	2 549	88	3.6	47
East Yorkshire & Northern Lincolnshire	405	17	4.4	44
North Yorkshire	441	18	4.3	54
South Yorkshire	595	23	4.0	43
West Yorkshire	1 108	30	2.8	48
East Midlands (England)	2 137	22	1.0	45
Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire	968	3	0.3	44
Leicestershire, Rutland & Northamptonshire	859	17	2.0	48
Lincolnshire	311	4	1.3	42
West Midlands (England)	2 643	37	1.4	46
Herefordshire, Worcestershire & Warwickshire	660	20	3.1	50
Shropshire & Staffordshire	709	5	0.7	44
West Midlands	1 274	12	1.0	44
East of England	2 883	77	2.7	47
East Anglia	1 194	24	2.1	48
Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire	923	37	4.2	50
Essex	766	16	2.1	43
London	5 310	105	2.0	60
Inner London - West	1 959	48	2.5	169
Inner London - East	1 313	17	1.3	55
Outer London - East & North East	586	7	1.2	31
Outer London - South	491	7	1.4	38
Outer London - West & North West	962	26	2.8	46
South East (England)	4 506	75	1.7	50
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire	1 368	45	3.4	58
Surrey, East & West Sussex	1 405	23	1.7	49
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	967	5	0.5	49
Kent	767	3	0.4	42
South West (England)	2 674	39	1.5	48
Gloucestershire, Wiltshire & Bristol/Bath area	1 270	24	1.9	52
Dorset & Somerset	604	10	1.7	46
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	248	5	2.1	45
Devon	553	2	0.4	47
Wales	1 338	8	0.6	43
West Wales & The Valleys	774	4	0.5	40
East Wales	565	5	0.9	49
Scotland	2 522	11	0.4	47
Eastern Scotland	954	7	0.7	46
South Western Scotland	1 064	10	0.9	45
North Eastern Scotland	281	-6	-2.1	57
Highlands & Islands	224	1	0.4	48
Northern Ireland	797	15	1.9	43

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