

STATISTICS FACT SHEET

The Basics

- The employment rate in Scotland was 71.8 % for January to March 2013 compared with the English rate of 71.6% for the same period. It also represents a rise of 0.4% from the first quarter of 2012.
- There were 2,505,000 people in employment in Scotland during the first quarter of 2013.

Public Sector

- As at March 2013 there were 581,300 people employed in the public sector in Scotland accounting for approximately 23.2% of total employment. This represented a decrease of 8,300 (1.4%) from the first quarter of 2012.
- The UK regions with the highest proportions of their total employment in the public sector were Northern Ireland (28.1%), Wales (25.6%) and Scotland (23.2%). North East (22.7%) and Yorkshire and The Humber (20.7%) were the English regions with the highest proportion of their total employment in the public sector, with London (16.6%), East of England (16.7%) and South East (16.7%) having the lowest proportion.
- Of the 581,300 people employed in the public sector in Scotland, 83.9% (487,800) is accounted for by public sector employment devolved to Scotland and 16.1% (93,500) relates to reserved public sector employment.
- There was a decrease, from the first quarter of 2012, in employment in the devolved public sector, apparently driven by a decrease of 5,500 in employment in local government over the year. Over the same period employment in the NHS increased by 2,200.

Private Sector

- As at December 2012 there were 1,888,100 people employed by the Private sector employment in Scotland, accounting for approximately 76.5% of all those in employment.
- As at March 2012, there were an estimated 341,360 private sector enterprises operating in Scotland. The vast majority of these enterprises (98.3%) were small (0 to 49 employees) and employed 42.2% of all private sector employees.
- The 2,250 large (250+ employees) enterprises operating in Scotland, as at March 2012, accounted for 45.5% of private sector employment and 62.3% of private sector turnover.

Foreign Ownership

- As at March 2012, registered private sector enterprises with ultimate ownership outside Scotland (Rest of the UK or Abroad owned) represented 3% of enterprises and accounted for 35% of employment and 55.4% of turnover. Within the band of large firms they represented 82.7% of enterprises and accounted for 63.3% of employment and 75.8% of turnover.

Financial sector

- As at Jan 2013, Scotland's financial sector employed 84,800 people directly (3% of all of Scottish employment) and a further 100,000 indirectly.
- Scottish jobs account for 24% of all of the UK's employment in life assurance and 13% of all banking employment (compared to a population share of 8.4%).

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