

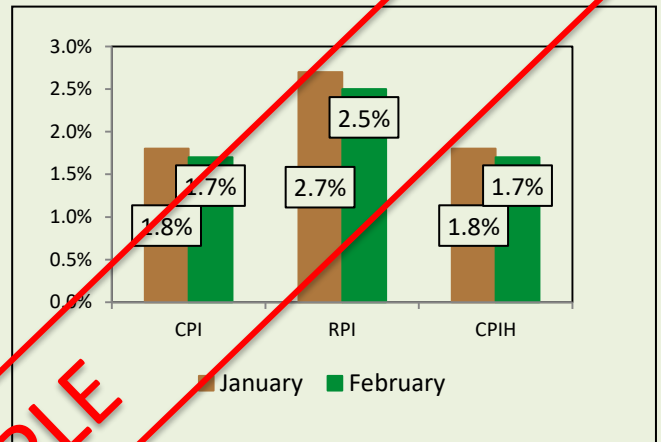
**INFLATION**



**CPI for February 2020 was +1.7% down on +1.8% in January, this in part was helped by falling prices for motor fuels and computer games**

**CPI +1.7%**  
**RPI +2.5%**  
**CPIH +1.7%**

- **CPI annual inflation was +1.7% in February 2020, down vs. +1.8% in January**
  - The largest downward contributions this month came from motor fuels as petrol fell by 2.4p per litre and video games as well as tobacco, furniture, household equipment and some foods and non-alcoholic drinks
  - The largest upward contribution came from restaurants and hotels, as prices rose by +1.6% between January and February
- **RPI annual inflation stands at +2.5% in February 2020, down vs. +2.7% in January**
- **CPIH (includes owner occupiers' housing costs) was +1.7% in February 2020 down vs. +1.8% in January**



**Update**  
February 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

EXAMPLE

**LABOUR MARKET**

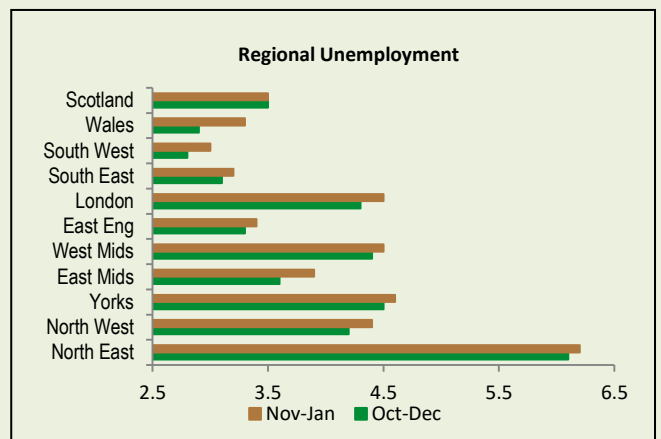


**Latest figures from the ONS shows that the unemployment rate was up slightly at 3.9%, with concerns this may rise further due to the impact of Covid-19**

**Unemployment 3.9%**

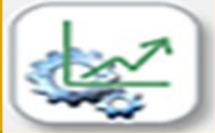
**Pay +3.1%**

- **Nov-Jan employment<sup>1</sup> rate** for those aged from 16 to 64 was **76.5%** up from 76.1% a year ago
  - There were **32.99 million** people in **employment** aged 16+, up 184,000 on the quarter (and up 271,000 on a year ago)
- **Unemployment<sup>1</sup> rate** rose to **3.9%**, up slightly on the quarter and flat on a year ago (3.9%)
  - There were **1.34 million unemployed** people, up 63,000 on the quarter (and up 5,000 on a year earlier)
- **Pay<sup>2</sup> (including bonuses) grew by +3.1%** on a year earlier, private sector pay grew by +3.1% and public sector pay grew by 3.2%
  - Regular pay (ex. bonuses) rose by +3.1% on a year earlier



**Update**  
<sup>1</sup> November to January 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (3 months seasonally adjusted)  
<sup>2</sup> November to January 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (each element is adjusted separately)

**ECONOMIC  
ACTIVITY**



The latest estimate for GDP for the 3-months to January 2020 was **+0.0%**, as growth in Construction, driven by housebuilding, offset declines elsewhere

**GDP +0.0%**

**Trade (£9.35BN)**

➤ The latest estimate for **UK GDP<sup>1</sup>** for the **3-months to January 2020** was **+0.0%**

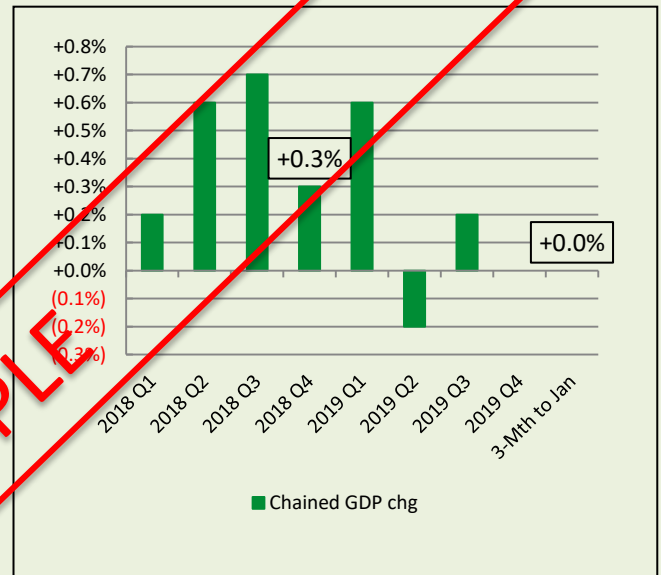
- Production industries output was **down (1.0%)** with **Manufacturing down (1.2%)**, **Electricity & Gas was down (1.2%)** with **Water & Sewage up +1.0%** and **Mining & Quarrying down (2.9%)**
- **Construction was up +1.4%**
- **Service industries output was flat +0.0%**

➤ UK's 3-monthly **balance of trade<sup>2</sup>** to **December** was **(£9.35bn)** compared to **(£31.31bn)** to October

- The **surplus in goods** was **+£13.98bn** compared to a deficit of **(£5.56bn)** in the previous 3 months, with a **surplus in services** of **+£23.33bn** up vs. **+£25.75bn** in the previous 3 months

➤ Public sector **net borrowing<sup>3</sup>** in February 2020 was in surplus of **+£0.3bn**, £0.3bn less than February 2019

- Public sector **net debt** (excluding public sector banks) was **(£1,791.5bn)** by the end of February 2020, **equivalent to 79.1% of GDP**



**Update**

<sup>1</sup> 3-Mth to Jan-20 – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

<sup>2</sup> January 2020 – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

<sup>3</sup> February 2020 – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Historical data may be subject to revision

Source: Office of National Statistics

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