

OBR Macro Forecasts

Overview

- The economy saw very low growth during 2023
- The war in Ukraine continues to have an impact on energy costs – which remain high
- Inflation is expected to come down in 2024 close to the BoE target of 2.0%, so better news for household budgets
- As we move through 2024 the economy is still under pressure



	2022	2023	2024f	2025f	2026f	2027f	2028f	29-33f
Growth & Consumption								
GDP	4.3%	0.3%	0.8%	1.9%	2.0%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%
Household Consumption	5.0%	0.5%	0.7%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Consumer Price Index	9.1%	7.3%	2.2%	1.5%	1.6%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%
Retail Price Index	11.6%	9.7%	3.1%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%
Labour Market								
Wages & Salaries	7.4%	7.3%	3.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%	3.1%
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9%	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%
Unemployment (millions)	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5