

Economic Insights: COVID-19

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Government response



United Kingdom government response

Updated Government measures:

• The Treasury has launched two new job support schemes, replacing the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme at the end of October

Other developments:

- England introduced a three-tiered local lockdown system from October 13th to unify the approach
- The government will up the grants given to firms forced to close due to restrictions to £3,000 each month
- The NHS launched its Test and Trace app on September 24th after long delays



Economic indicators



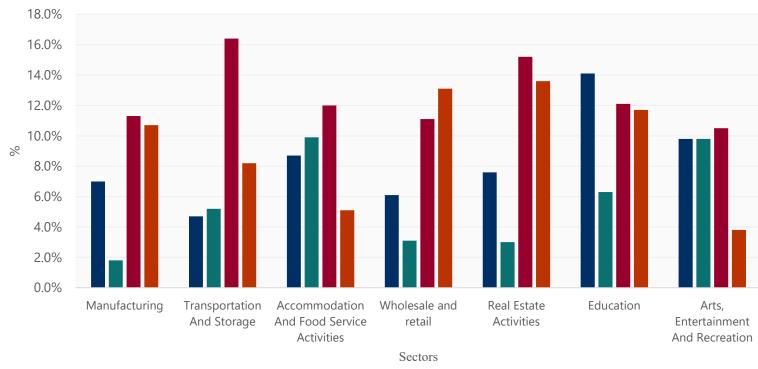
Operating Costs

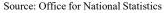
Key trends

- The transportation and storage sector has the highest rate of respondents reporting no profit in the two weeks through July 26
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation, and Accommodation and Food Service sectors are facing unstable cost structures

Operating costs vs Revenue

Survey respondents from the Wholesale and Retail sector are showing stable cost structures







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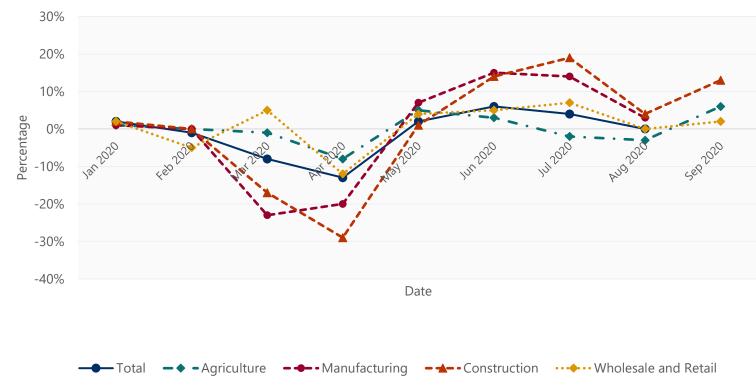
VAT returns

Key trends

- Total reported turnover growth was flat in August
- Agriculture has been comparatively unaffected
- All major sectors saw limited turnover growth in August
- Preliminary data for September indicates robustt economic activity

VAT returns - reported turnover

Graph showing month-on-month change in reported turnover from VAT returns





Retailing



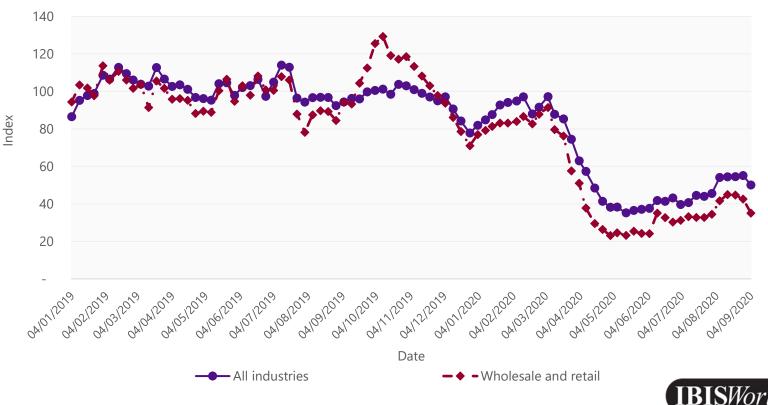
Retailing sector

Online job adverts

Point-in-time proportional number of job adverts

Key facts

- Proportion of furloughed workers is at just 4%
- Number of online job adverts fell in September
- Many high street retailers are cutting jobs as consumers favour online shopping
- Out-of-town retail parks and shopping centres have seen a pick up in demand



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