

Table 11 Office for Budget Responsibility March 2021 Economic Outlook

Percentage change on a year earlier (unless otherwise stated)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Outturn				Forecasts					
Gross Domestic Product at constant prices	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.4	-9.9	4.0	7.3	1.7	1.6	1.7
Expenditure components of GDP										
Domestic Demand	2.2	1.2	1.3	1.6	-10.5	7.6	7.3	1.4	1.5	1.8
Household consumption ¹	2.9	1.8	1.6	1.1	-11.0	2.9	11.1	1.2	1.8	1.3
General government consumption	0.8	-0.1	0.4	4.0	-5.7	12.0	1.4	0.8	2.3	2.1
Fixed Investment	1.8	3.3	-0.2	1.5	-8.7	3.7	10.8	2.6	-0.5	3.3
Business	-0.5	1.8	-1.5	1.1	-10.7	-2.2	16.6	3.0	-2.3	5.1
General government	1.3	1.7	1.3	4.0	3.8	17.8	4.2	1.9	1.4	1.2
Private dwellings	7.6	8.1	6.5	1.2	-11.7	6.1	4.9	2.3	1.9	1.4
Exports of goods and services	2.3	-0.5	1.2	2.7	-16.7	0.2	8.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.5
Imports of goods and services	4.8	5.7	2.0	2.7	-18.1	12.5	8.1	-0.7	-0.5	0.0
Inflation										
CPI (Consumer Price Index)	1.1	2.8	2.5	1.8	0.9	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
RPI (Retail Price Index)	2.1	3.7	3.3	2.6	1.5	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.0
GDP deflator at market prices	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.1	5.9	1.1	-1.4	1.7	2.1	2.1
Labour market										
Employment (millions)	31.7	32.1	32.4	32.8	32.7	32.3	32.4	32.8	33.1	33.2
Wages and salaries	4.0	4.0	4.8	3.7	1.7	1.4	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.6
Average earnings ²	2.9	2.7	3.3	3.0	1.1	1.9	2.7	2.2	2.8	3.5
LFS unemployment (percentage)	4.9	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.5	5.6	5.9	5.1	4.5	4.4
Household sector										
Real household disposable income	0.2	-0.2	2.4	1.8	-0.6	-0.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5
Savings ratio (level, percentage)	7.1	4.5	5.8	6.5	16.8	14.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.0
House prices	7.0	4.6	3.2	1.0	3.4	5.1	-1.7	0.8	3.9	4.3
Fiscal aggregates (Percentage of GDP) ³										
Public sector net borrowing	2.3	1.9	1.8	2.6	16.9	10.3	4.5	3.5	2.9	2.8
Public sector net debt	85.3	85.0	80.6	84.4	100.2	107.4	109.0	109.7	106.2	103.8
General government net borrowing ⁴	2.4	2.0	1.8	2.8	17.1	10.6	4.5	3.5	3.1	3.1
General government gross debt ⁴	86.5	85.6	84.1	84.4	107.6	107.2	107.8	109.3	110.0	110.4

Source: OBR Economic and Fiscal Outlook Report, Fiscal Sustainability Report and supplementary tables.

Notes: 1. Includes households and non-profit institutions serving households.

2. Wages and salaries divided by employees.

3. Fiscal aggregates are for the financial year (i.e. 2016 is 2016/17).

4. General government borrowing and debt measures on a Maastricht basis.

5. Claimant count is no longer reported or projected by OBR and so is omitted from this table.