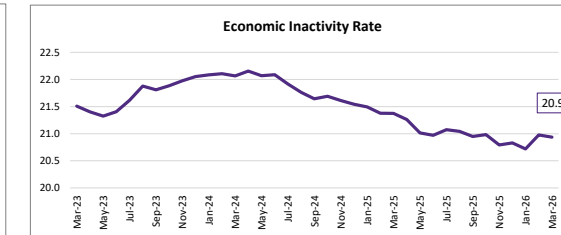
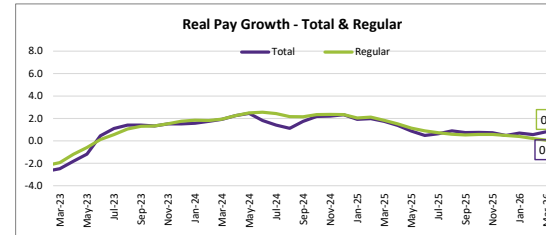
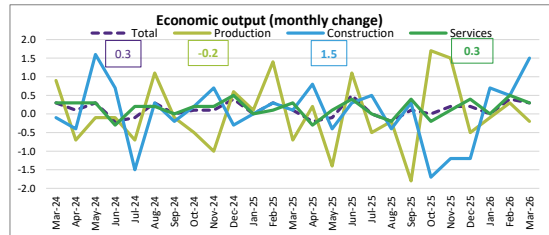
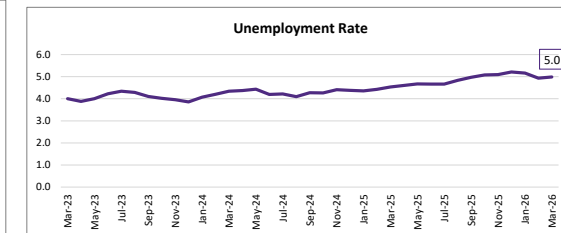
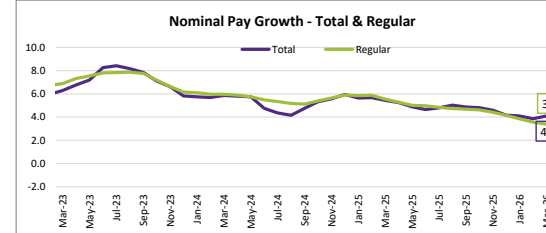
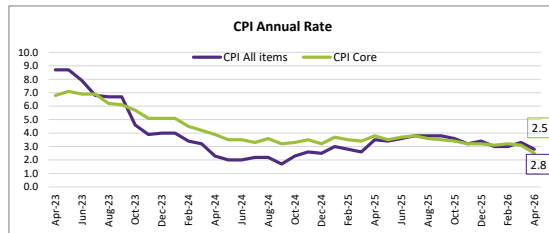
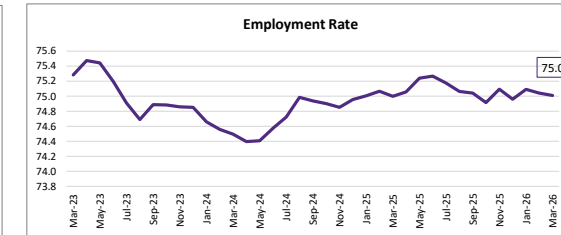
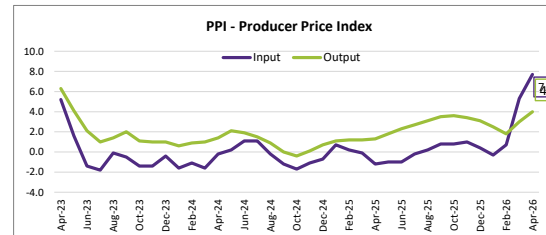
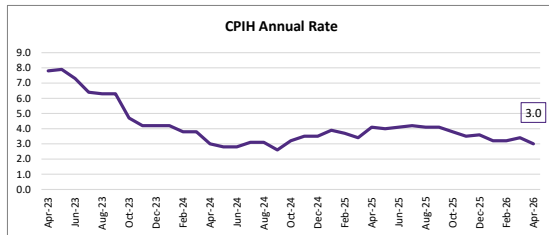
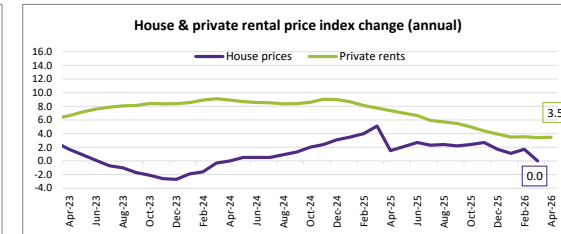
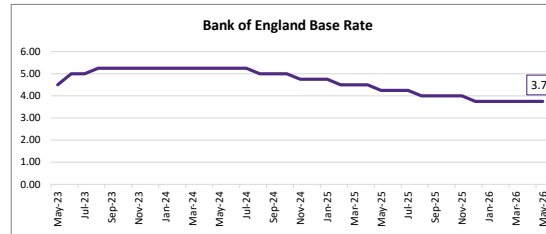


# CUMBRIA ECONOMIC SCORECARD



## National Economy Indicators - May 2026

Latest Indicators			
CPIH	3.0	Nominal total pay	4.1
CPI	2.8	Nominal regular pay	3.4
Economic Output	0.3	Real total pay	0.8
BoE Base rate	3.75	Real regular pay	0.1
Producer prices - input	7.7	Employment Rate	75.0
Producer prices - output	4.0	Unemployment Rate	5.0
House prices	0.0	Inactivity Rate	20.9



**Glossary**

CPIH - Consumer Prices Index including owner occupier's housing costs  
 CPI - Consumer Prices Index (used in the government's target for inflation)  
 Output - Gross domestic Product at constant prices  
 Base Rate - price the Bank of England charges banks and financial institutions for loans  
 Input Prices - price of materials and fuels bought by manufacturers for processing  
 Output Prices - amount received by UK producers for the goods they sell to the domestic market  
 Sources: Office for National Statistics, Bank of England, HM Land Registry

Total pay - pay including bonuses / Regular Pay - pay not including bonuses  
 Real pay - adjusted for inflation  
 Employment Rate - % population aged 16-64 in paid work  
 Unemployment Rate - % economically active without a job and seeking a job  
 Economic Inactivity Rate - % population aged 16-64 not in employment and not seeking employment  
 House Price Change (not seasonally adjusted)

## Local Economy Indicators - May 2026



These indicators have been selected to provide headline monitoring of trends in the Cumbrian economy. Some indicators are available on a monthly basis, others only quarterly or annually. More detailed information and additional indicators are available in the monthly Economy Tracker available on request from [ginny.murphy@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:ginny.murphy@cumberland.gov.uk)

**KEY :** Shading in value columns indicates whether the latest value in the local area is better (green), similar (amber) or worse (red) than the national average.

Change arrows show whether the value has increased or decreased from the previous measurement period - the nature of the indicator should be taken into account when assessing whether this indicates improvement or deterioration.

MONTHLY INDICATORS	Date	Cumbria		Cumberland		Westmorland & Furness		National	
		Value	Change	Value	Change	Value	Change	Value	Change
<i>(change is from previous month)</i>									
Payrolled employees (resident, seasonally adjusted)	Apr 26 <i>(unitaries Feb 26)</i>	223,556	↓ -0.7%	126,237	↑ 0.2%	99,814	↑ 0.2%	30,181,659	↓ -0.3%
Payrolled earnings (monthly median, seasonally adjusted)	Apr-26	£2,523	↑ 0.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	£2,627	↑ 0.6%
Payrolled earnings (monthly mean, seasonally adjusted)	Mar 26 <i>(unitaries Jan 26)</i>	£3,031	↑ 1.0%	£3,028	↑ 2.4%	£2,918	↑ 2.1%	£3,470	↑ 0.2%
Active Job postings	Apr-26	8,495	↓ -10.5%	4,210	↓ -18.9%	4,285	↓ -0.5%	1,554,060	↓ -3.6%
Claimant count (number)	Apr-26	6,705	↑ 0.3%	4,235	↑ 1.4%	2,470	↓ -1.8%	1,709,725	↑ 0.9%
Claimant count (rate)		2.2%	→ 0.0	2.5%	→ 0.0	1.8%	↓ -0.1	3.9%	→ 0.0
Active business count (on FAME database)	Apr-26	30,199	↓ -0.7%	14,568	↓ -0.6%	15,631	↓ -0.8%	6,676,255	↓ -0.1%
% Growing firms (10% emp or turnover)	Apr-26	5.6%	↑ 0.1	6.0%	↑ 0.1	5.3%	↑ 0.1	4.8%	→ 0.0
Firms with high risk credit score	Apr-26	678	↓ -0.4%	342	→ 0.0%	336	↓ -0.9%	234,525	↓ -0.4%
% Firms with high risk credit score (as % of those with a score)		4.2%	→ 0.0	4.5%	→ 0.0	3.9%	→ 0.0	6.8%	→ 0.0
Average House Price Index (monthly change)	Mar-26	n/a	n/a	£169,707	↓ -0.3%	£221,588	↑ 0.3%	£268,132	↓ -0.4%
Private Rents Price Index (monthly change)	Apr-26	n/a	n/a	£662	↑ 0.5%	£801	↑ 0.5%	£1,381	↑ 0.3%
QUARTERLY INDICATORS	Date	Cumbria		Cumberland		Westmorland & Furness		National	
<i>(change is from previous quarter)</i>									
Employment rate (16-64 yr olds)	Dec-25	78.7%	↓ -1.4	76.7%	↓ -2.1	81.3%	↓ -0.5	75.5%	→ 0.0
Economic inactivity rate (16-64 yr olds)	Dec-25	19.2%	↑ 0.6	20.5%	↑ 1.4	17.6%	↓ -0.3	20.9%	↓ -0.2
ANNUAL INDICATORS	Date	Cumbria		Cumberland		Westmorland & Furness		National	
<i>(change is from previous year)</i>									
VAT / PAYE Enterprises	2025	22,005	↓ -3.0%	10,550	↓ -6.0%	11,455	↓ -0.1%	2,734,615	↑ 0.4%
Total Gross Value Added (GVA) (2022 constant prices)	2023	£13,870m	↑ 1.0%	£6,715m	↑ 0.2%	£7,136m	↑ 1.4%	£2,238,442	↑ 0.4%
GVA per filled job (current prices, smoothed)	2023	£54,964	↑ 4.4%	£49,203	↑ 4.2%	£61,788	↑ 4.7%	£66,402	↑ 3.4%
GVA per hour worked (current prices, smoothed)	2023	£36.30	↑ 4.4%	£32.10	↑ 5.1%	£41.40	↑ 3.5%	£41.90	↑ 2.2%
Annual median weekly full time pay (workplace)	2025	£792.00	↑ 8.7%	£811.10	↑ 7.4%	£767.90	↑ 7.8%	£766.60	↑ 5.3%
Annual employment (workplace)	2024 (provisional*)	249,500	↑ 0.2%	133,500	↑ 1.1%	116,000	↓ -0.9%	32,401,000	↑ 0.5%
% working age qualified to RQF level 4+	2025	40.2%	↑ 1.4	36.3%	↑ 1.1	45.2%	↑ 1.8	48.4%	↑ 1.3
% working age with below RQF level 2 (inc none/other)	2025	12.0%	↑ 0.5	15.1%	↑ 2.9	8.1%	↓ -2.3	13.1%	↓ -0.4

Sources: HMRC, Lightcast™, FAME, HM Land Registry, ONS - Claimant Count, Annual Population Survey, Regional Economic Activity, Annual Survey of Hours & Earnings, UK Business Counts, Business Register Employment Survey.  
 \* Cumberland and Cumbria counts have been reduced by 5,500 due to an error identified in the provisional 2024 release.