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The weekly Brexit Watch report monitors the short-term UK macro economic indicators to assess the impact of the referendum vote and the subsequent triggering of Article 50 on UK economy. The report also monitors indicators in 4 manufacturing industries, namely, Electrical (SIC 27), Electronic (SIC 26), Mechanical (SIC 28) and Fabricated Metals (SIC 25).

The emphasis of this report is to monitor what has happened as opposed to what will happen. All the data with exception to exchange rates and OECD Composite indicator come from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

To make it easy to differentiate between trends before and after the referendum vote, each chart has a vertical purple line which marks 23rd of June 2016, the date of the referendum.

The main points at the end of week 33 in 2017 are as follows:

- **Sterling** average rate with **US Dollar** in the first 18 days of August 2017 increased by 0.2% compared to July average, but fell by 2.1% against the **Euro** in the same period.
- **Input prices** increased by 6.5% in July 2017 compared to a year earlier; a drop from 9.9% recorded in June 2017.
- **Consumer price index** grew by 2.6% in the twelve months to July 2017, unchanged from previous month.
- **Index of production** grew by 0.3% in the twelve months to June 2016.
- The first estimate of UK **GDP** growth in the second quarter of 2017 was 0.3%; equivalent to £472.9 billion and a growth of 1.7% compared to 2016 Q2.
- **Unemployment** rate decreased to 4.4% in the three months to June 2017; the lowest rate since May 1975.
- **Retail sales volume** grew by 1.3% in the twelve months to July 2017
- **Business investment** for all industries grew by 0.7% to £43.7 billion in 2017 Q1.
- **Exports** trade in **value** grew by 10.4% in June 2017 to £49.4 billion compared to twelve months earlier and **imports** also grew by 12.1% to £54.0 billion in the same period.
- The **construction output**, at constant prices, grew by 0.9% to £11.5 billion in June 2017 compared twelve months earlier.
- **Turnover** grew across all the four monitored manufacturing industries in June 2017. Compared to twelve months ago, **Electronics** grew by 15.3%, **Electrical** grew by 9.6%, **Mechanical** grew by 7.5% and **Fabricated Metals** grew by 3.6%.

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## Glossary

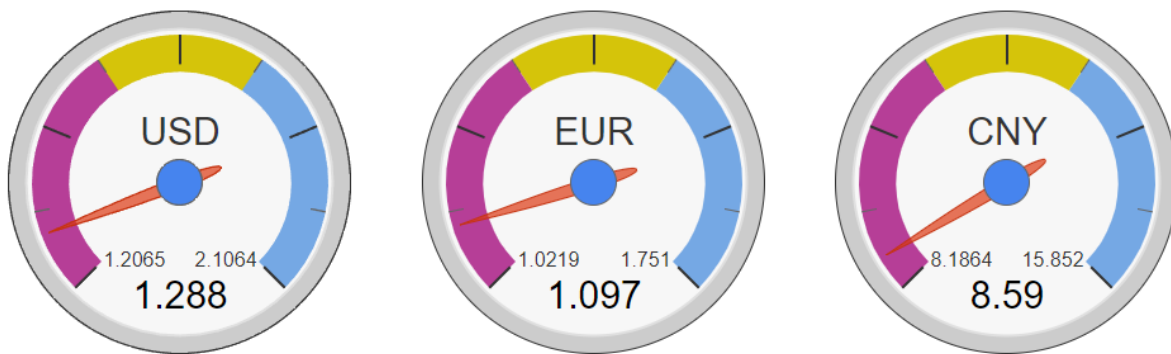
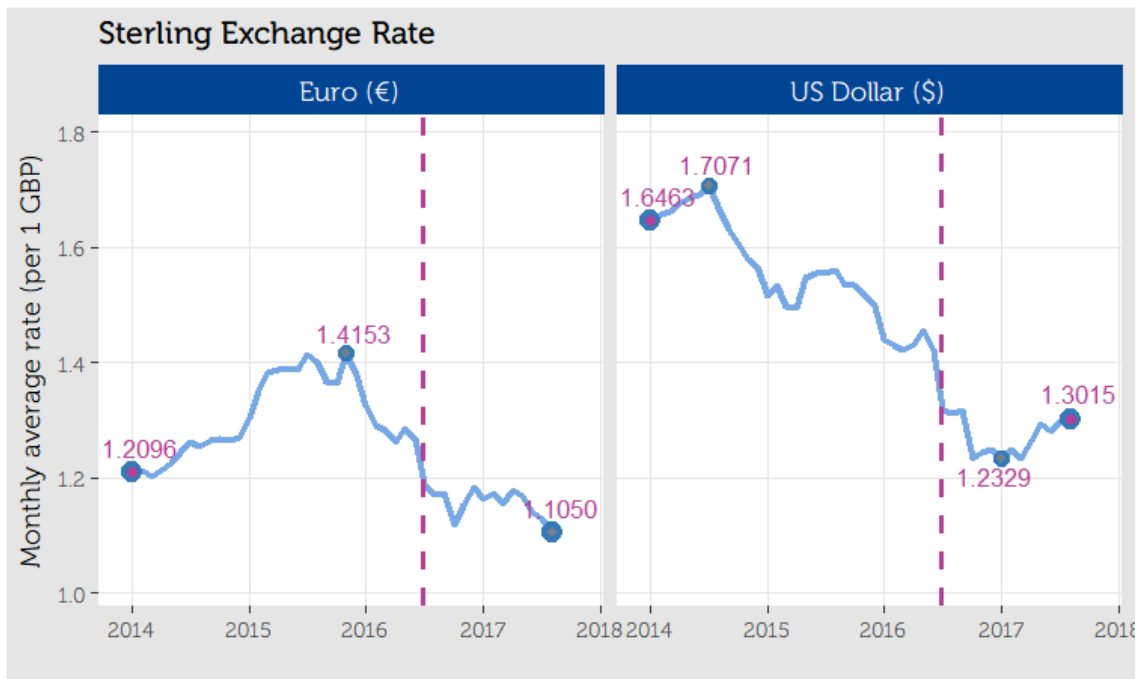
<b>BEAMA</b>	British Electrotechnical & Allied Manufacturers Association	<b>IOP</b>	Index of Production
<b>CESA</b>	Catering Equipment Suppliers Association	<b>IOS</b>	Index of Services
<b>CNY</b>	Chinese Yuan	<b>MAA</b>	Moving Annual Average
<b>CPI</b>	Consumer Price Index	<b>MAT</b>	Moving Annual Total
<b>CPIH</b>	Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs	<b>MTA</b>	The Manufacturing Technologies Association
<b>EAMA</b>	Engineering and Machinery Alliance	<b>NI</b>	Northern Ireland
<b>ECB</b>	European Central Bank	<b>NMI</b>	UK Electronic Systems & Technology Industry
<b>EUR</b>	Euro	<b>OECD</b>	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>G7</b>	Group of seven countries consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK & US	<b>ONS</b>	Office for National Statistics
<b>GAMBICA</b>	Trade Association for Instrumentation, Control, Automation and Laboratory Technology	<b>PPI</b>	Producer Price Index
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product	<b>REA</b>	The Renewable Energy Association
<b>HMRC</b>	HM Revenue & Customs	<b>RPI</b>	Retail Price Index
<b>IOM</b>	Index of Manufacturing	<b>SIC</b>	Standard Industry Classification
		<b>USD</b>	US Dollar
		<b>YOY%</b>	Year on Year or Annual Percentage change

# 1 Exchange Rates

The average Sterling exchange rate with **US Dollar** in the first 18 days of August 2017 increased by 0.2% from July 2017 average to 1.3015. Compared to twelve months earlier, the August 2017 rate was 0.7% lower, but compared to May 2016 (pre-brexit vote) the rate was 10.5% lower.

The average exchange rate for the **Euro** in August 2017 fell by 2.1% from June 2017 average to 1.1050. Compare to twelve months earlier the average rate was 5.5% lower, and 14.1% lower compared to May 2016.

At the end of 2017 week 33, the **US Dollar** was trading at \$ 1.2875/GBP, **Euro** at € 1.0966/GBP and the **Chinese Yuan** at ¥8.5902/GBP.

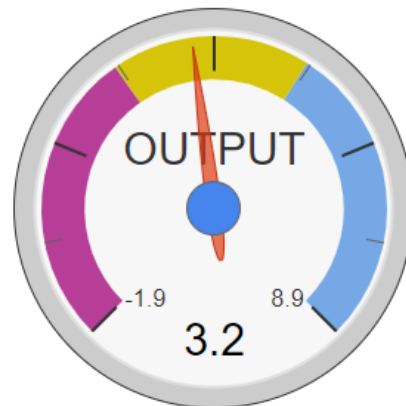
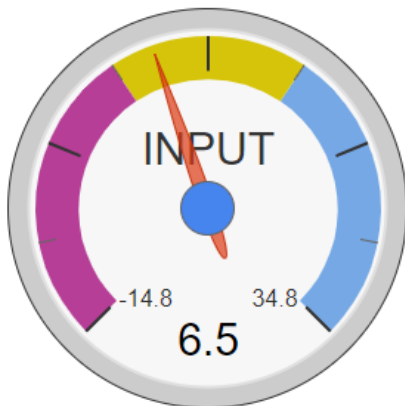
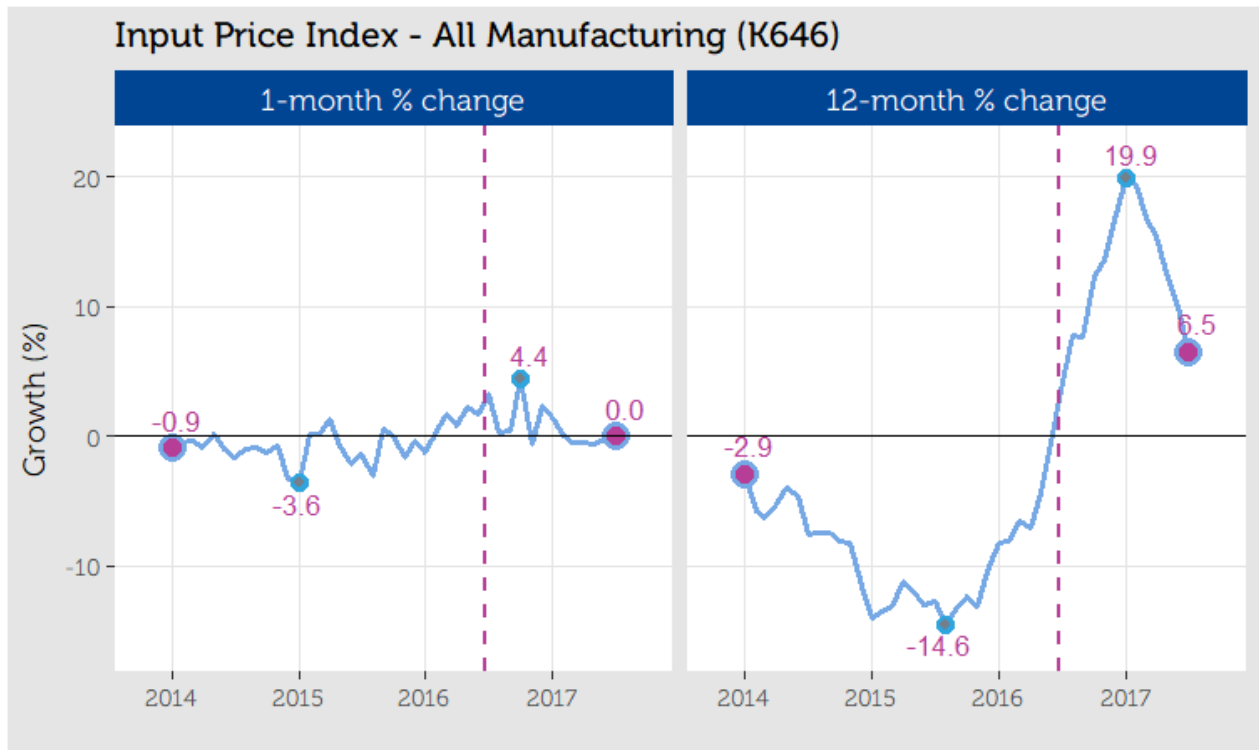


[Gauge charts: Daily exchange rates since January 1999]

## 2 Producer Prices

The **input price** index for all manufacturing remained unchanged between June and July 2017 but grew by 6.5% compared to July 2016. The main contributors were imported metals and home-produce food. It is the 13th successive year on year growth but the lowest 12-month growth since July 2016.

**Factory gate** (Output) prices for all manufacturing rose by 0.1% between June and July 2017 and by 3.2% compared to July 2016.

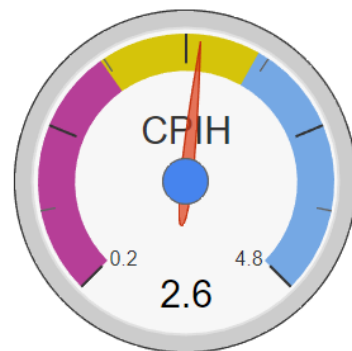
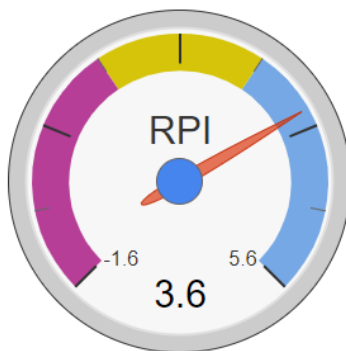
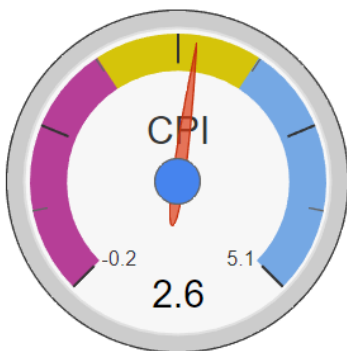
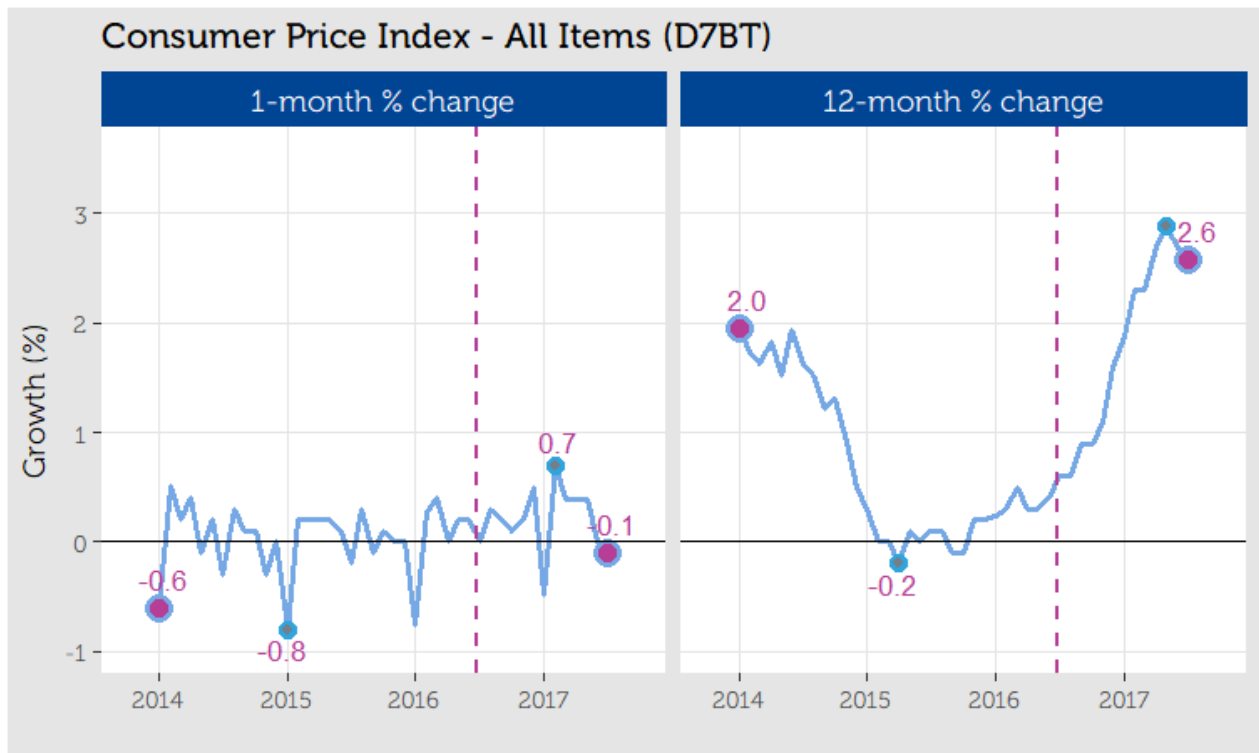


[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2000, INPUT = Input price, OUPUT=Factory gate prices ]

### 3 Consumer Prices

**Consumer price index** fell by 0.1% between June and July 2017, but the 12-month growth remained unchanged at 2.6% from previous month. Falling prices for motor fuels and were offset by range of goods and services including clothing, gas and electricity, food and household goods. It is the 21st successive year on year growth.

The **retail price index** grew by 0.2% between June and July 2017, and by 3.6% compare to a year earlier. It is the 93rd successive year on year growth.



[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2000; CPIH data starts from Jan 2005 ]

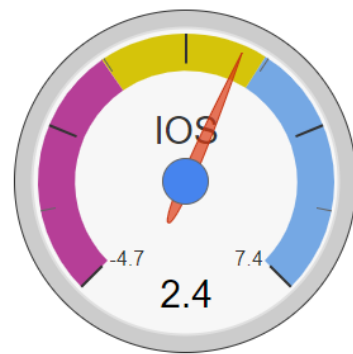
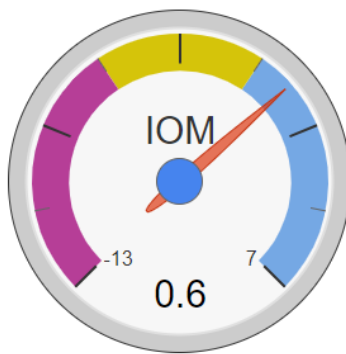
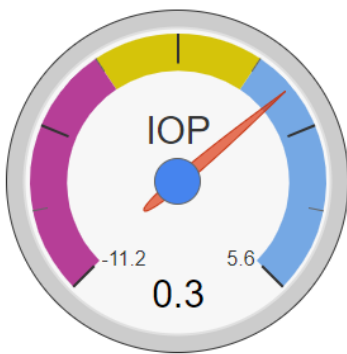
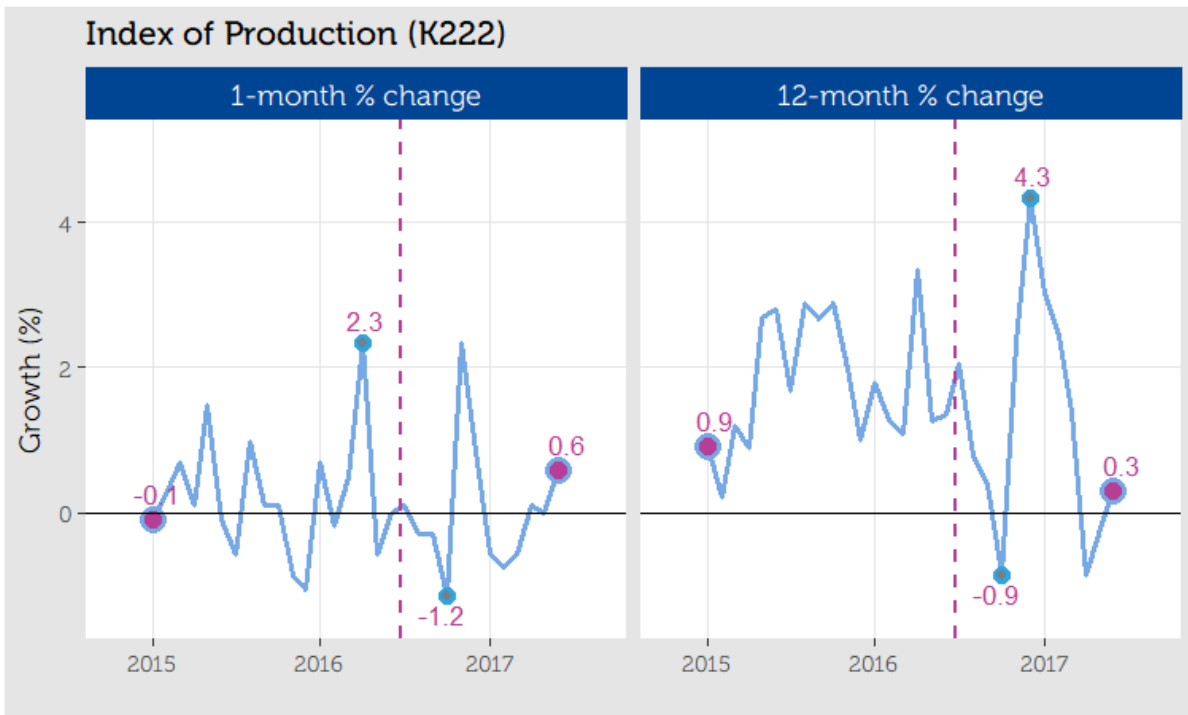


## 4 Production

**Index of production (IOP)** grew by 0.6% in June 2017 compared to May 2017. Compared to June 2016, production also grew by 0.3%. It is the highest 1-month growth since December 2016 and the first year on year growth after 2 successive declines.

**Index of manufacturing (IOM)** remained unchange from May 2017 but grew by 0.6% compared to June 2016.

**Index of services (IOS)** grew by 0.2% between April and May 2017 and also grew by 2.4% compared to May 2016. It is the 88th consecutive annual growth.

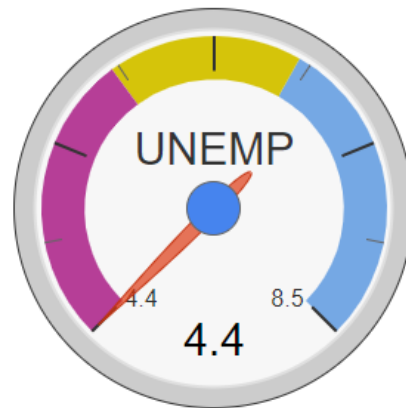
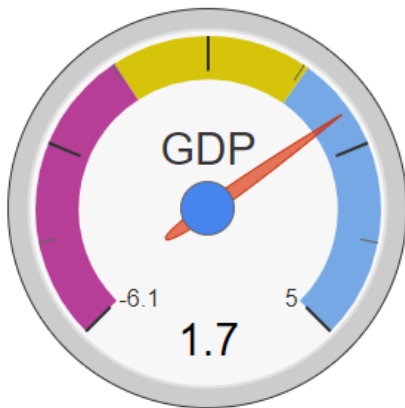
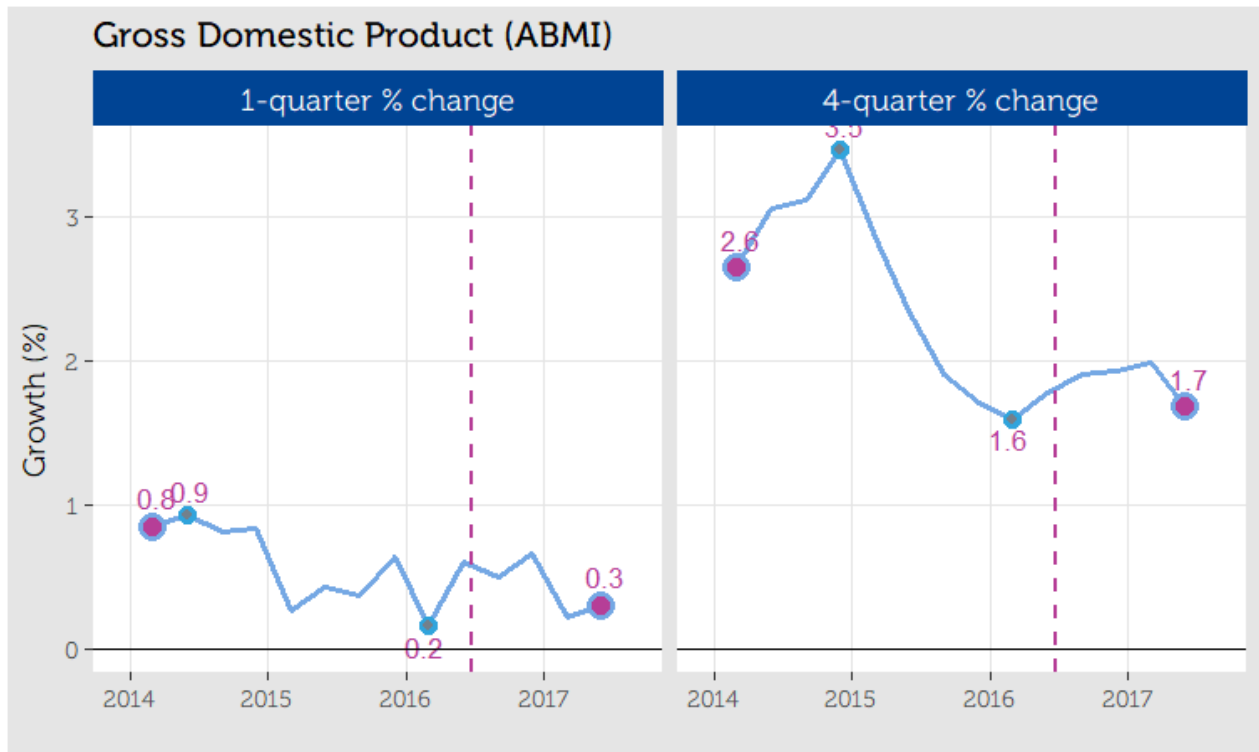


[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2000 ]

## 5 GDP & Unemployment

The preliminary estimate of UK **gross domestic product** (GDP) growth, for 2017 Q2, was 0.3%. It was equivalent to £472,939 million and a growth of 1.7% compared to 2016 Q2. The service sector grew, but both production and construction sectors declined. The main contributors in the service sector were retail trade, distribution and film production.

The number of people in work increased by 125,000 in the three months to June 2017 to 32.07 million. **Unemployment** rate dropped to 4.4%, the lowest since May 1975.

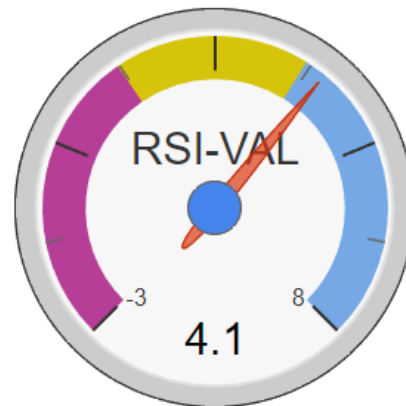
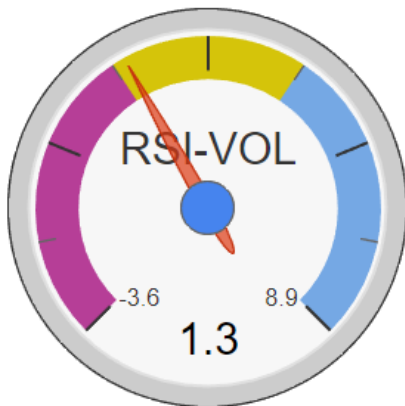
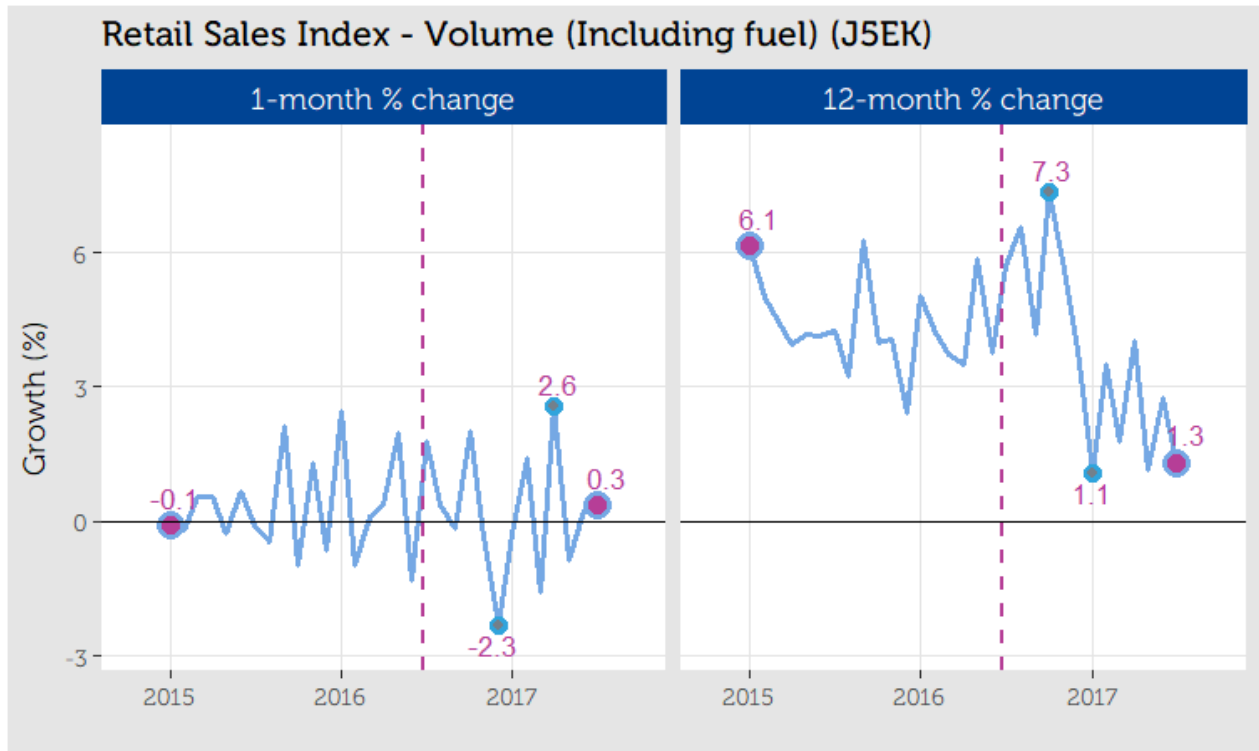


[Gauge Charts: GDP = 4-quarter % change since Jan 2000, UNEMP = Unemployment rate since 2000 ]

## 6 Retail Sales

The **volume of retail sales** (including fuel) grew by 0.3% between June and July 2017, and a growth of 1.3% compared to July 2016. It is the 51st successive year on year growth.

The **value of retail sales** (including fuel) grew by 0.7% between June and July 2017. Compare to a year earlier, retail sales value grew by 4.1%. It is the 19th successive year on year growth.

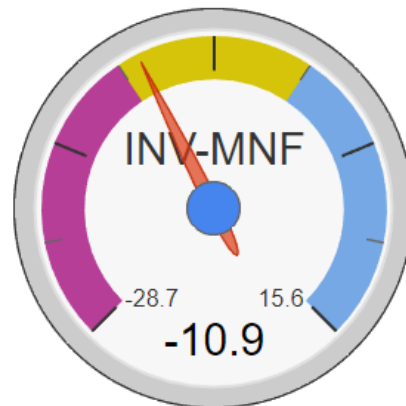
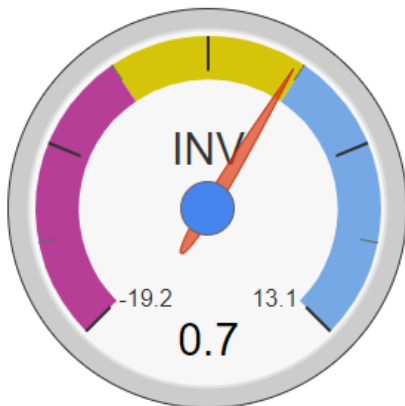
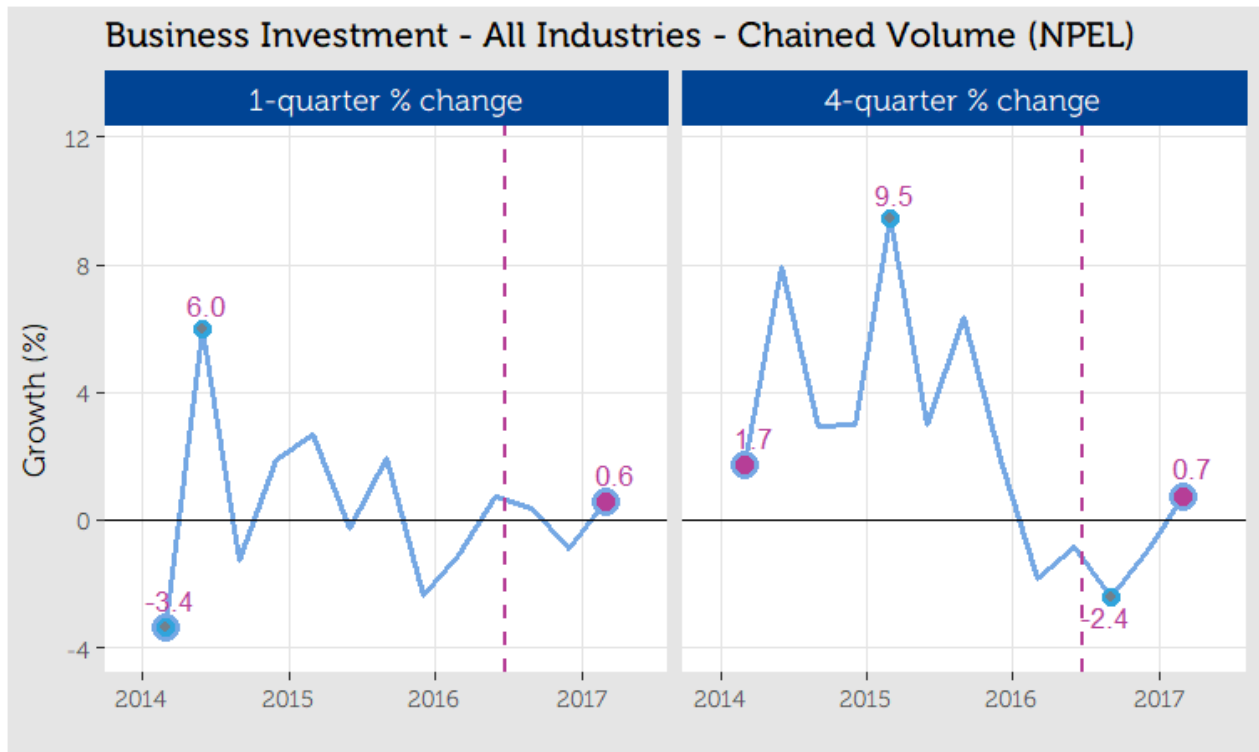


[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2000]

## 7 Business Investment

**Business investment** for all industries (INV), in volume terms, increased by 0.6% to £43.7 billion in 2017 Q1 compared with 2016 Q4. Compared with 2016 Q1, business investment also grew by 0.7%. It is the first year on year growth after 4 successive declines.

Investment in **manufacturing industries** (INV-MNF), in volume terms, increased by 1.7% in 2017 Q1 to £5.2 billion, but fell by 10.9% compared to 2016 Q1. It is the highest 1-year (or 4-quarter) fall since 2009 Q4 and the 7th successive year on year quarterly decline.

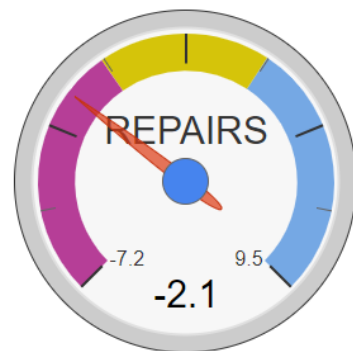
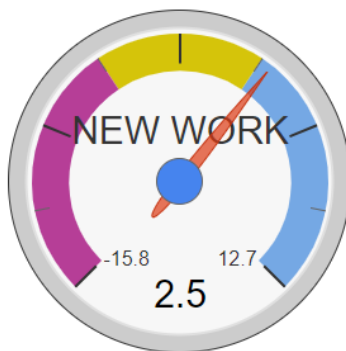
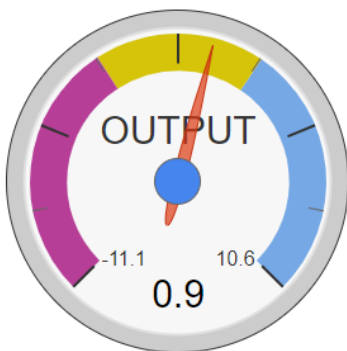
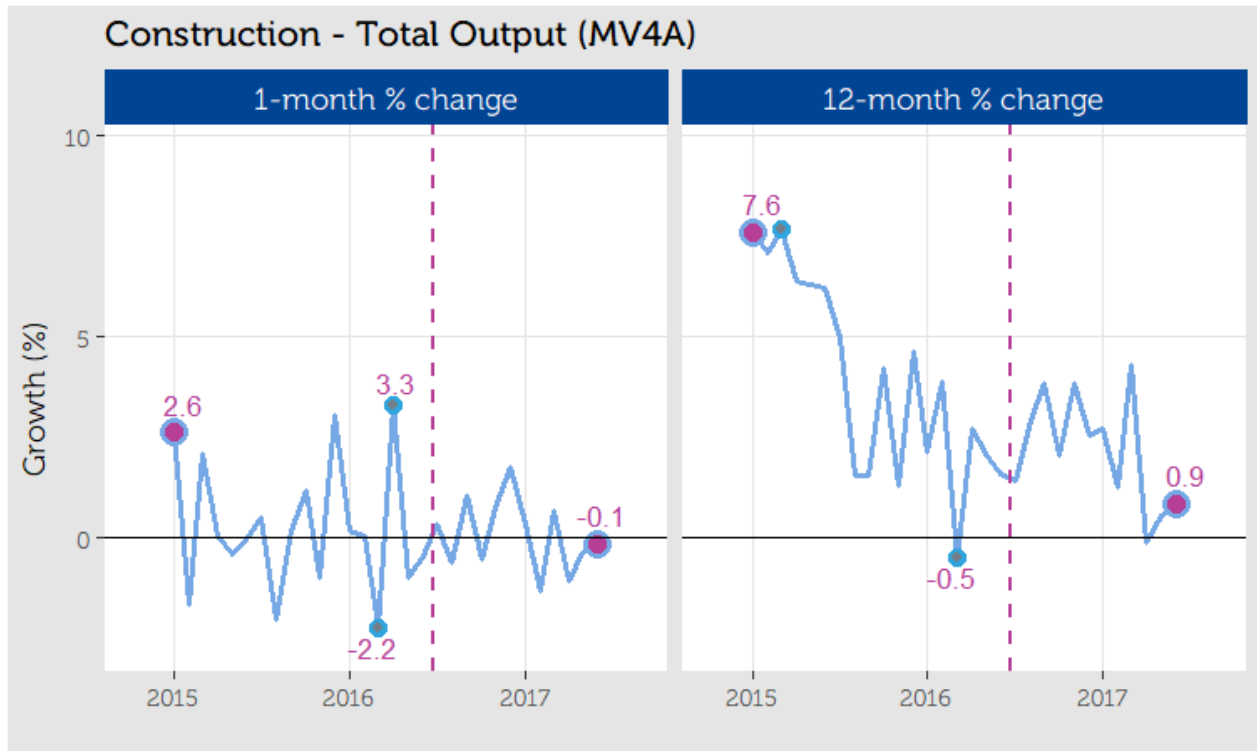


[Gauge Charts: 4-quarter % change since 2007 ]

## 8 Construction

Total **construction output**, at constant prices, fell by 0.1% in June 2017 to £11.5 billion, compared to May 2017; third successive month on month decline. Compared to twelve months earlier, output in June 2017 grew by 0.9%.

**New construction** work, grew by 0.3% to £75 billion in the month of June 2017 but **construction repairs** fell by 1.0% to £4.0 billion in the same period. Compared to twelve months earlier, new construction work grew by 2.5% but repairs fell by 2.1%.



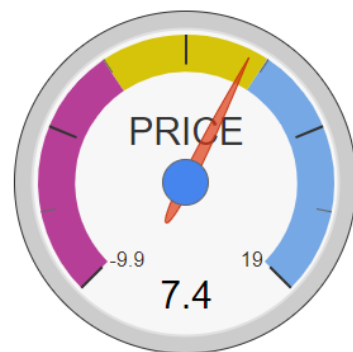
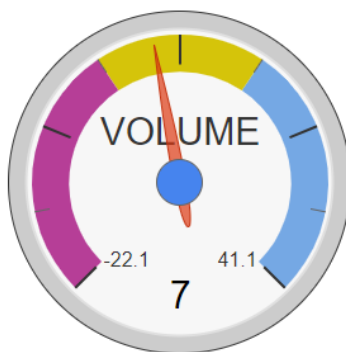
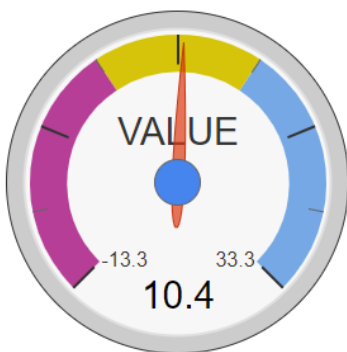
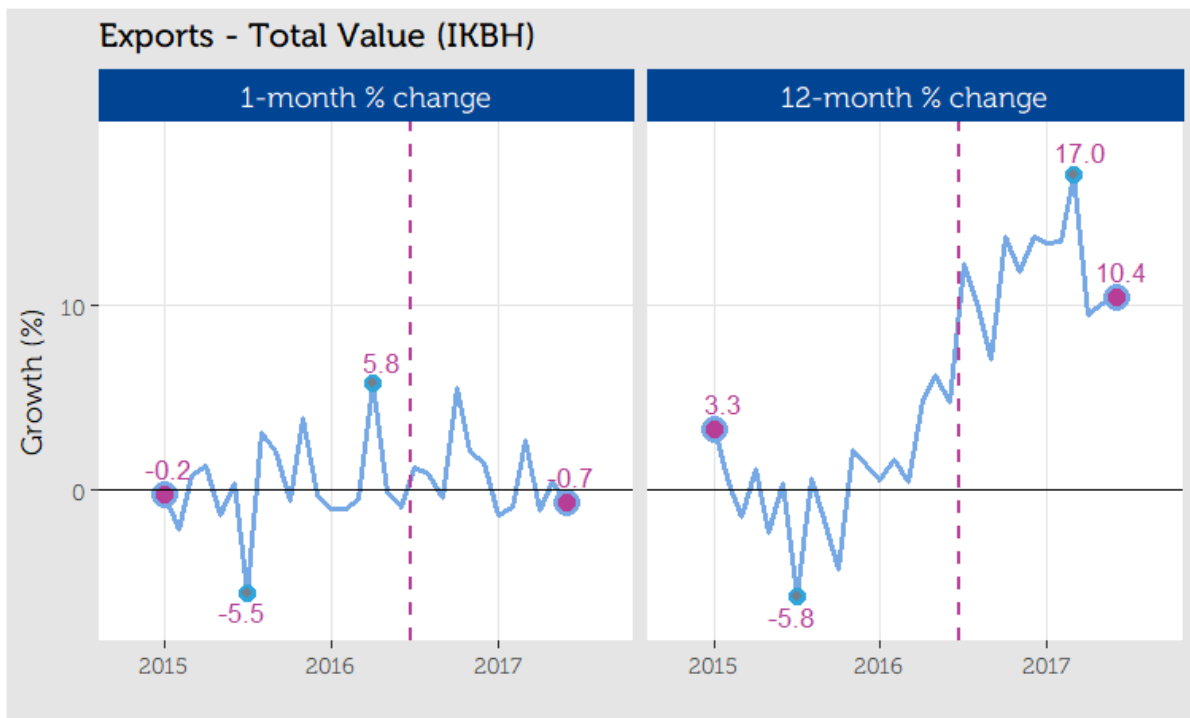
[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2010, OUTPUT = Total Construction Output, NEW WORK = Total Construction New Work, REPAIRS = Total Repairs, Maintenance and Infrastructure]

## 9 UK Trade

### 9.1 Exports

The **value** of UK **exports** fell by 0.7% between May and June 2017 but grew by 10.4% compared to June 2016. Exports of **goods** increased by 12.6% to £ 27.5 billion and exports of **services** increased by 7.7% to £ 21.9 billion in June 2017 compared to 12 months earlier. It is the 20th successive annual growth.

**Volume** of UK **exports** fell by 4.9% in June 2017 compared with May 2017 but compared to a year earlier, export volume grew by 7.0%. It is the 8th successive year on year growth.

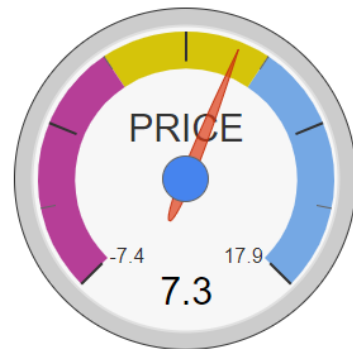
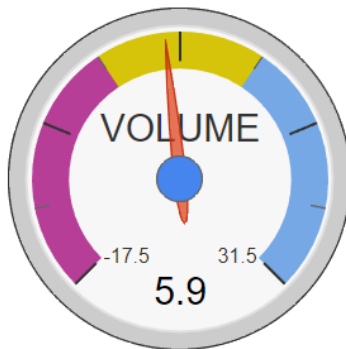
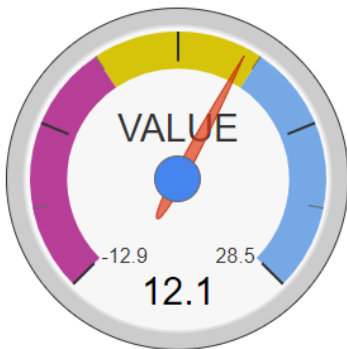
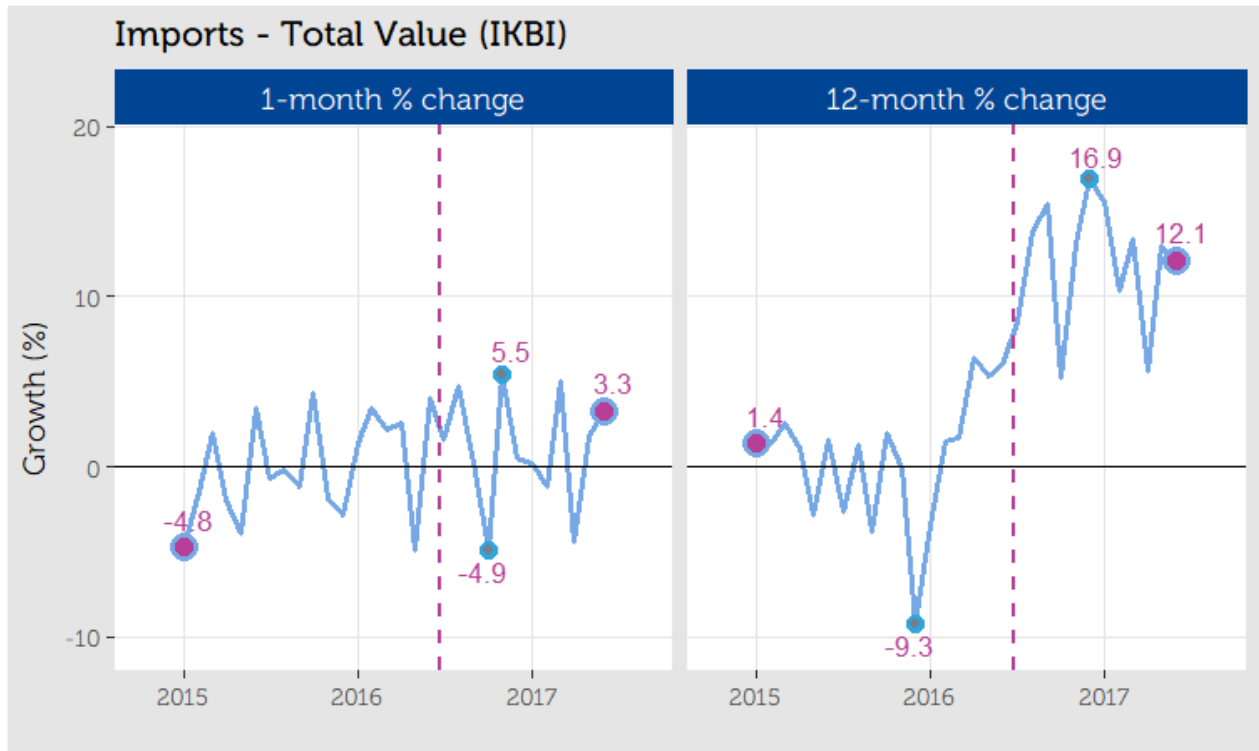


[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2000, VALUE = Total Export Value, VOLUME = Export Volume Index, PRICE = Export Price Index]

## 9.2 Imports

The **value** of UK **imports** grew by 3.3% between May and June 2017. The value of imports in June 2017 was equivalent to £54.0 billion and a growth of by 12.1% compared twelve months earlier. It is the 17th successive annual growth.

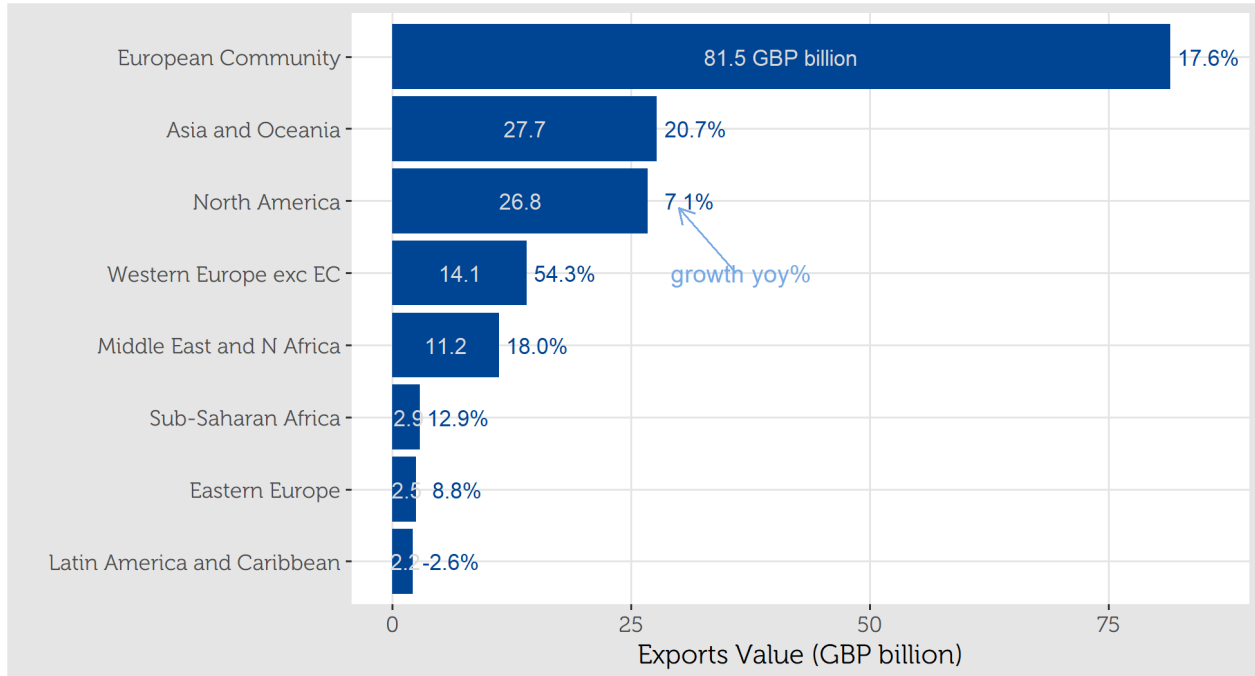
UK **imports** on **volume** basis grew by 1.5% in June compared with May 2017. The volume of imports also grew by 5.9% in June 2017 compared to twelve months earlier. It is the 2nd successive year on year growth.



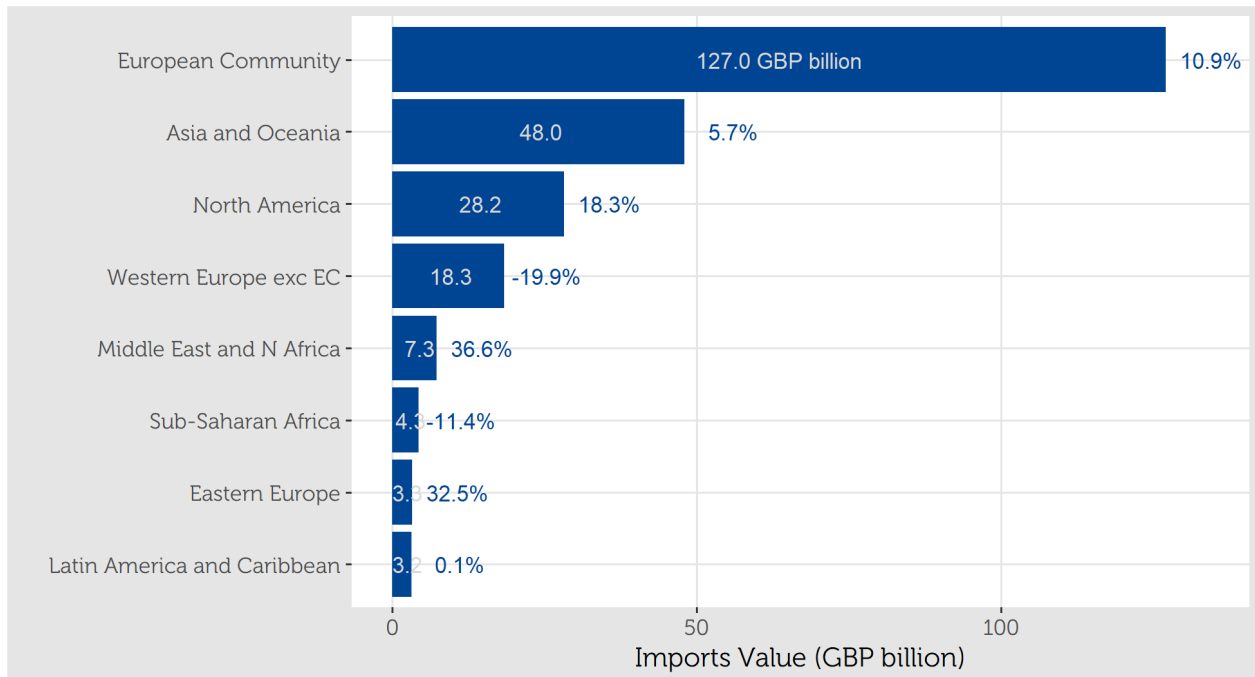
[Gauge Charts: 12-month % change since Jan 2000, VALUE = Total Import Value, VOLUME = Import Volume Index, PRICE = Import Price Index]

### 9.3 Goods Trade: Ranking by Region

#### 9.3.1 Exports - 2017 (Jan - Jun)



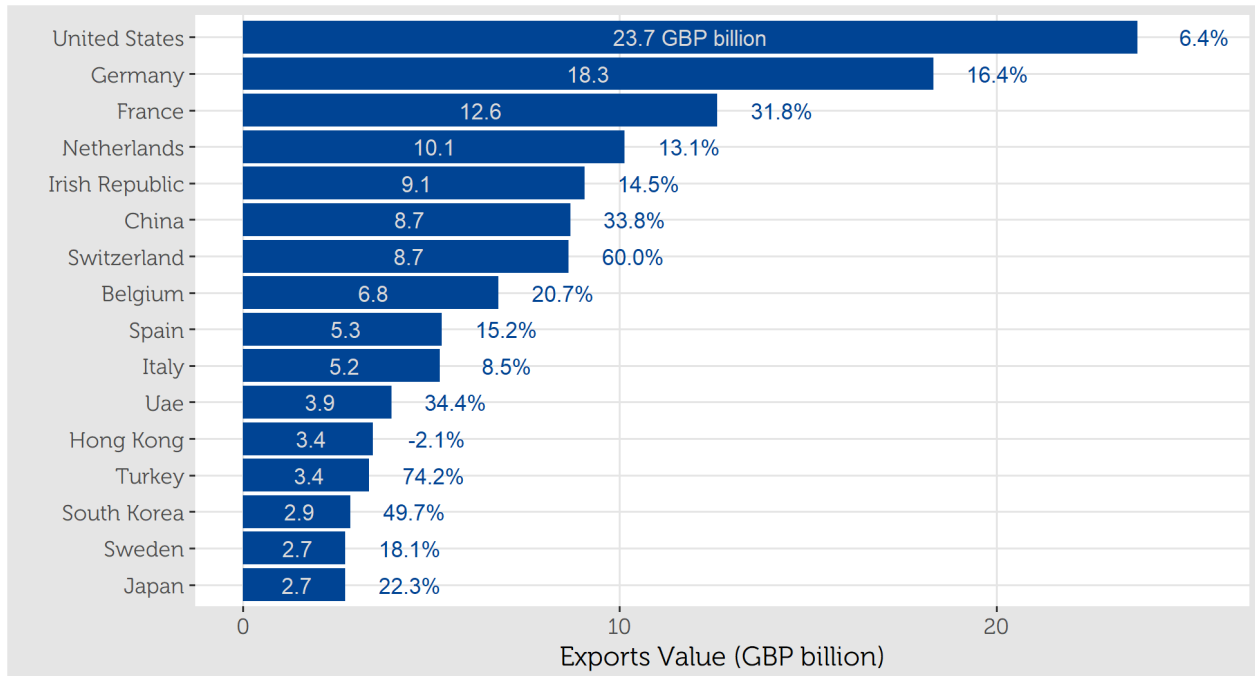
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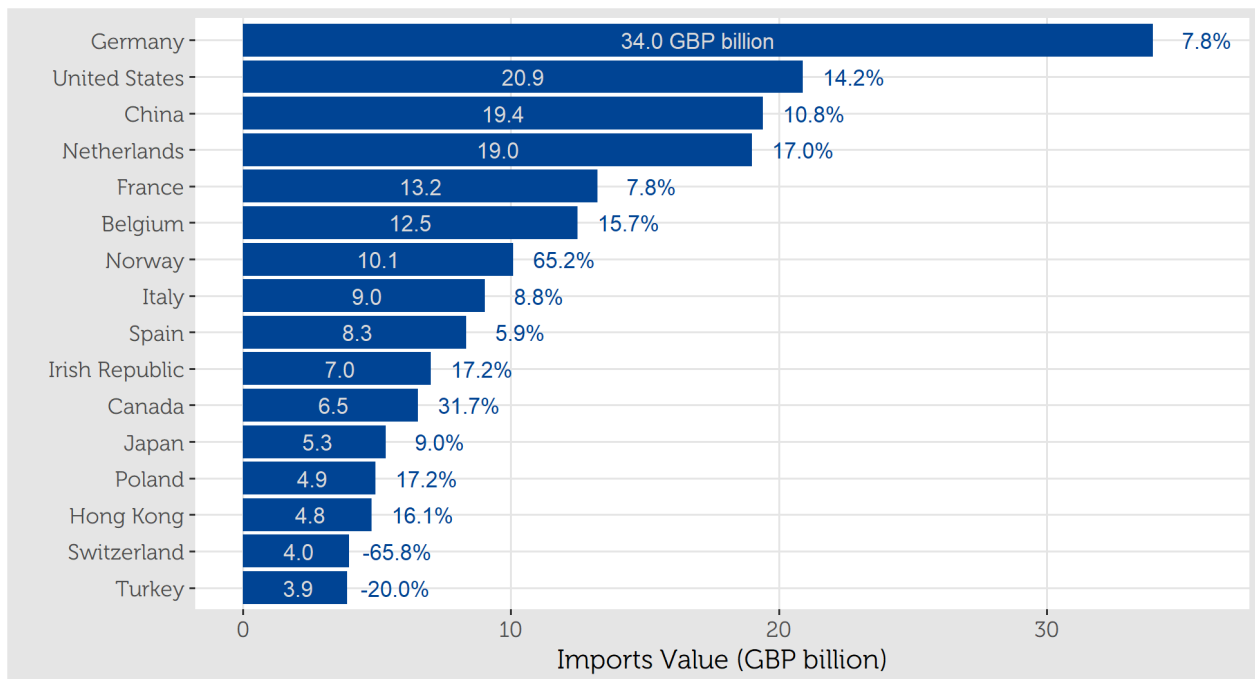


## 9.4 Goods Trade: Ranking by Country - Top 16

### 9.4.1 Exports - 2017 (Jan - Jun)

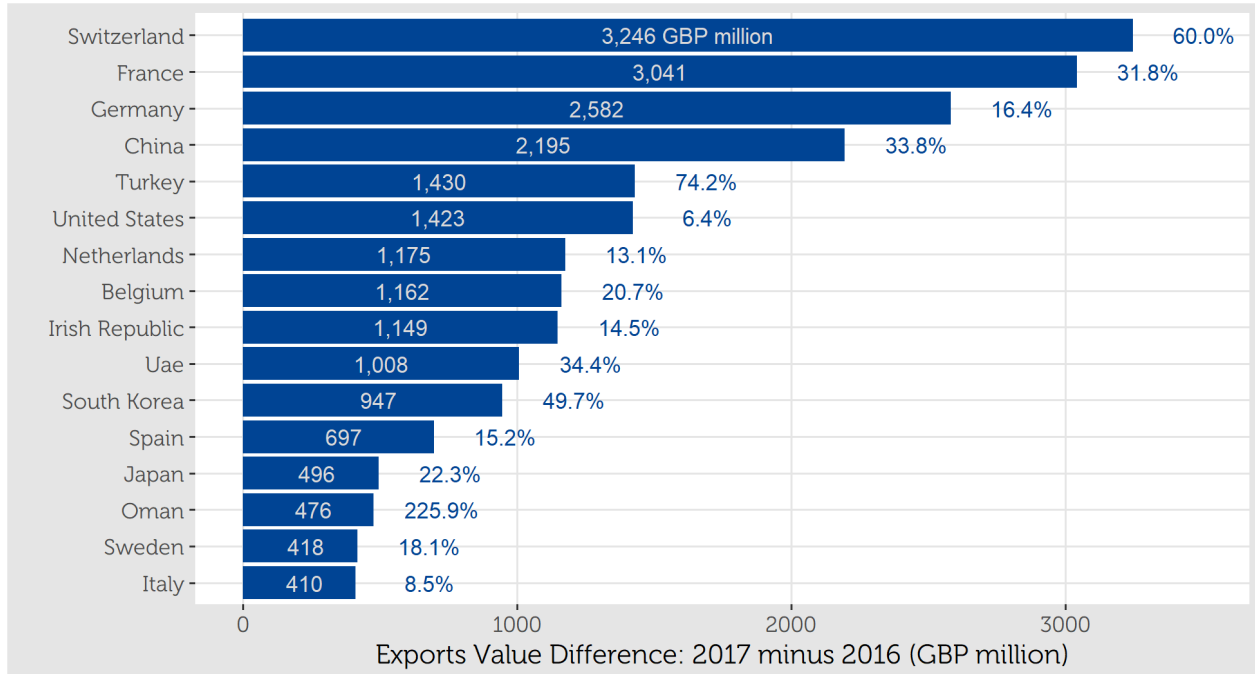


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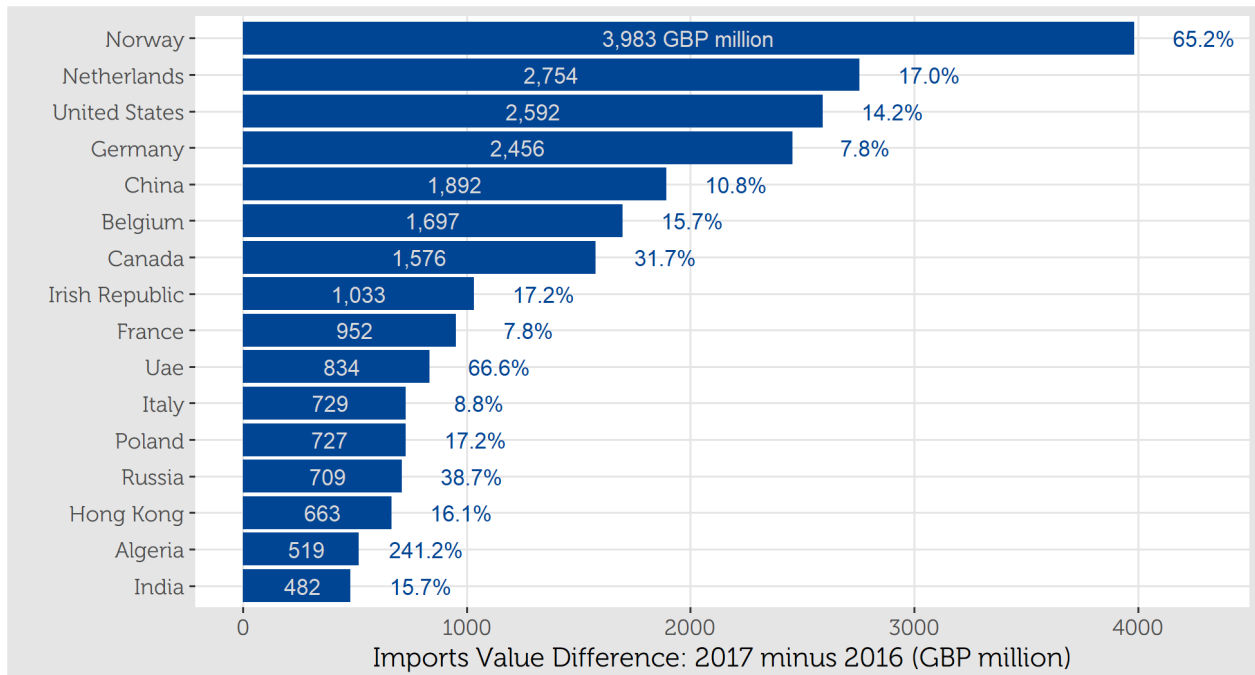


## 9.5 Goods Trade: Growth Ranking by Country - Top 16

### 9.5.1 Exports Value Growth - 2017 (Jan - Jun)

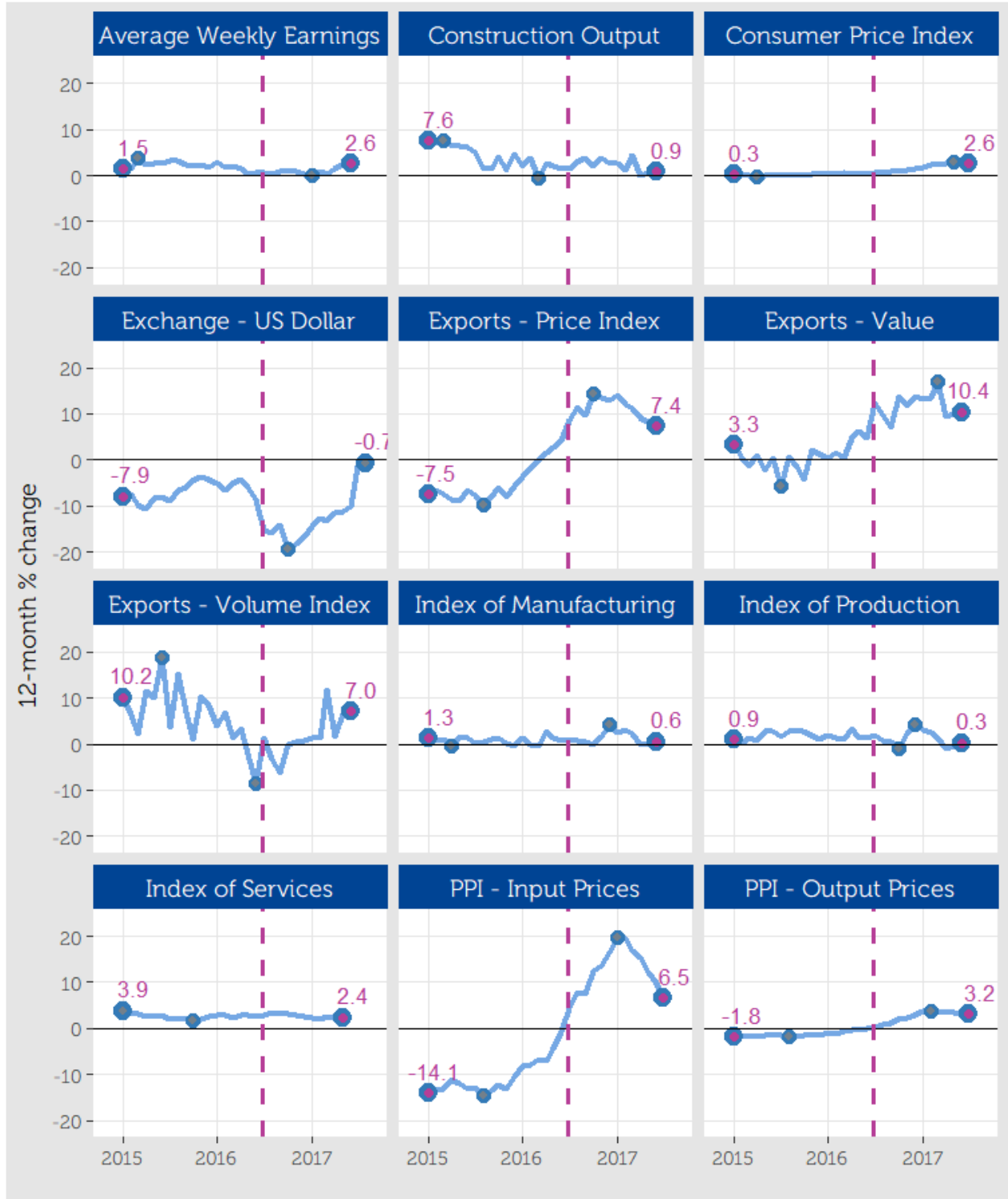


### 9.5.2 Imports Value Growth - 2017 (Jan - Jun)

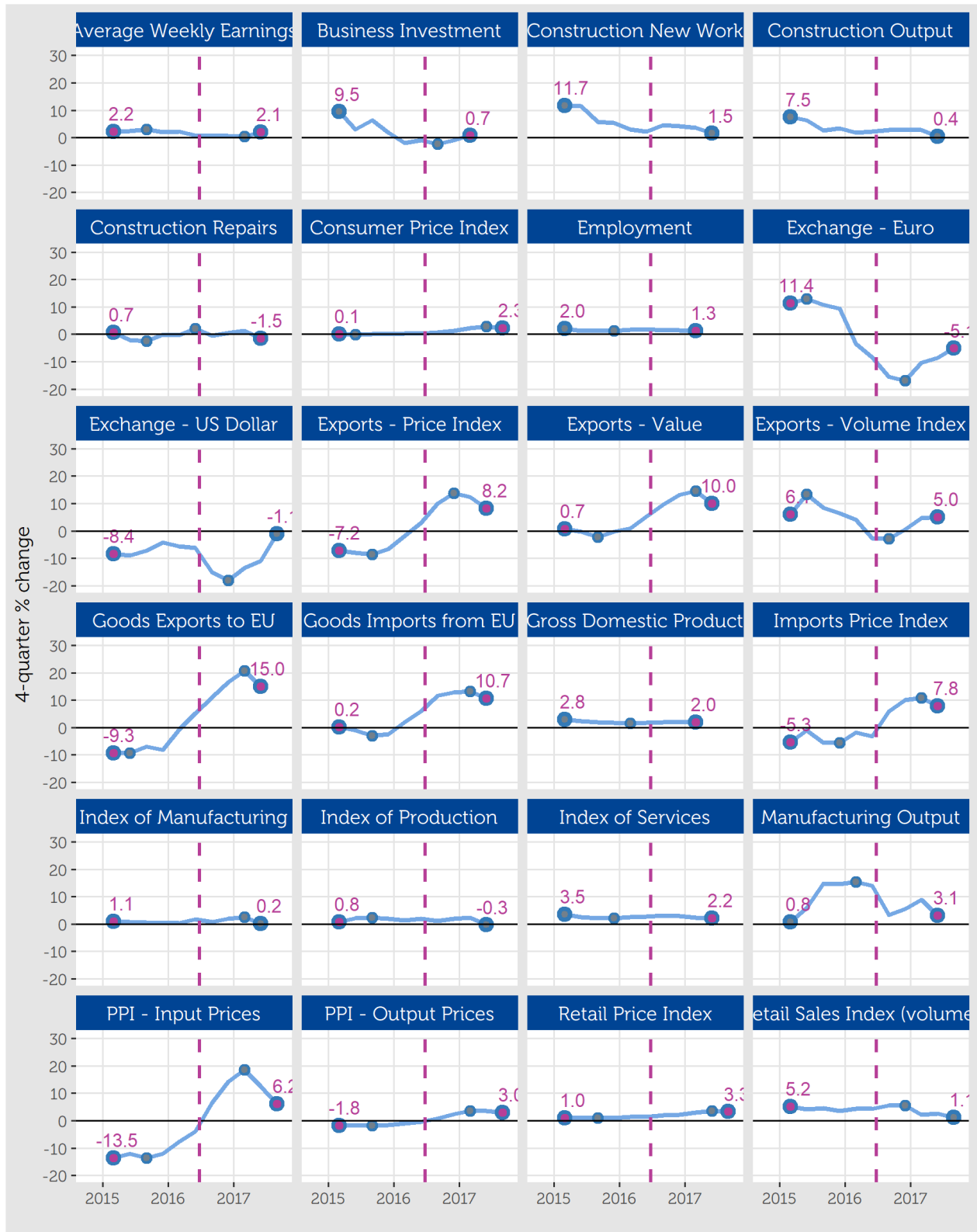


# 10 Economy At a Glance

## 10.1 Growth: 12-month % growth

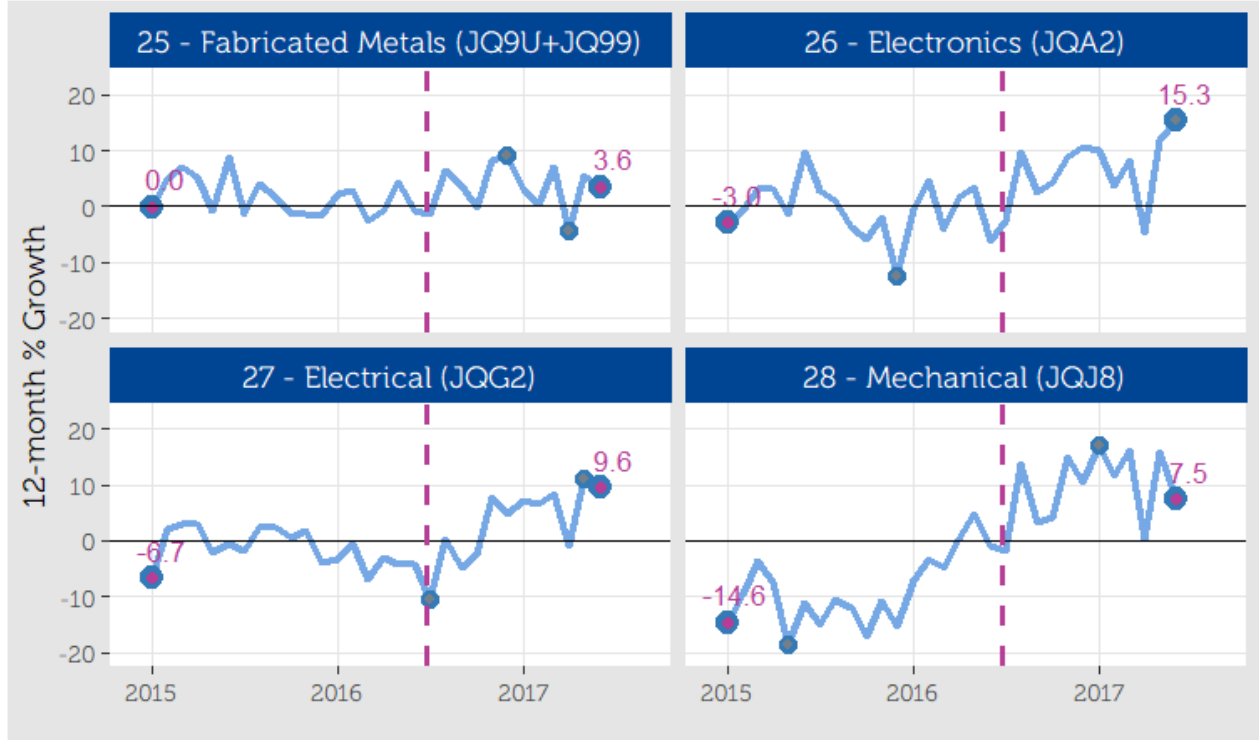
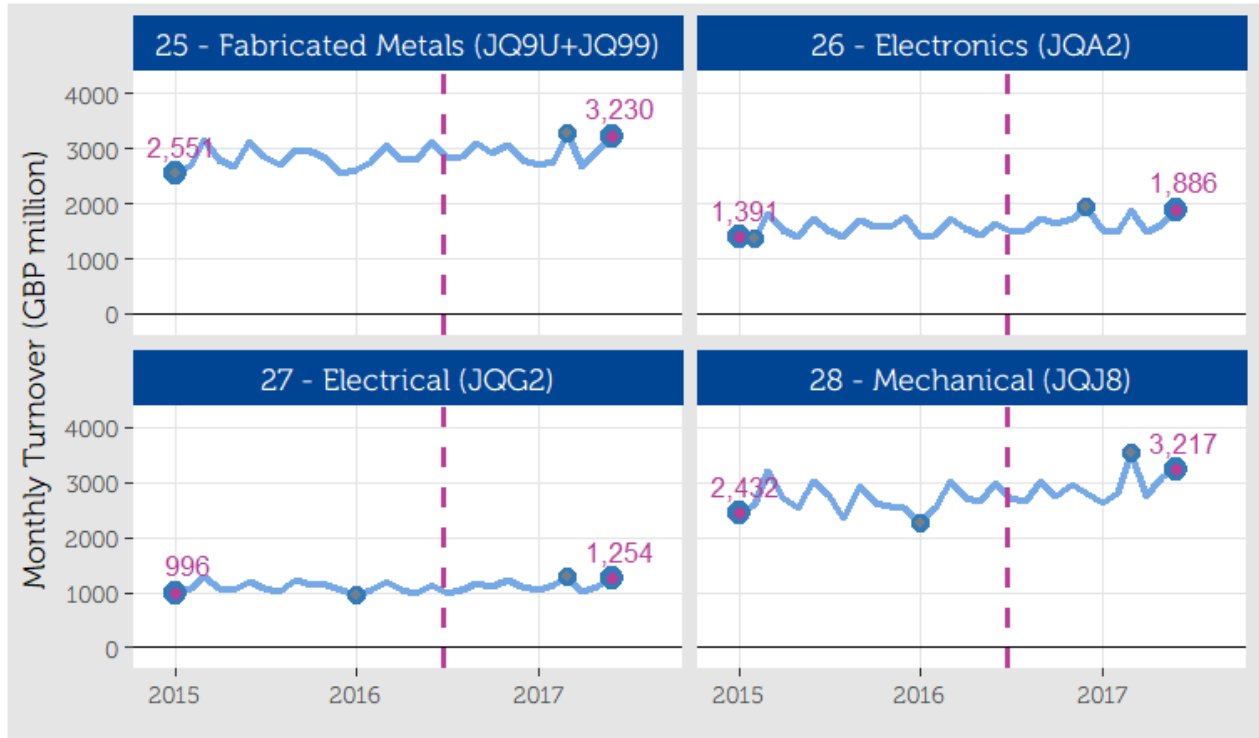


## 10.2 Growth: 4-quarter % growth

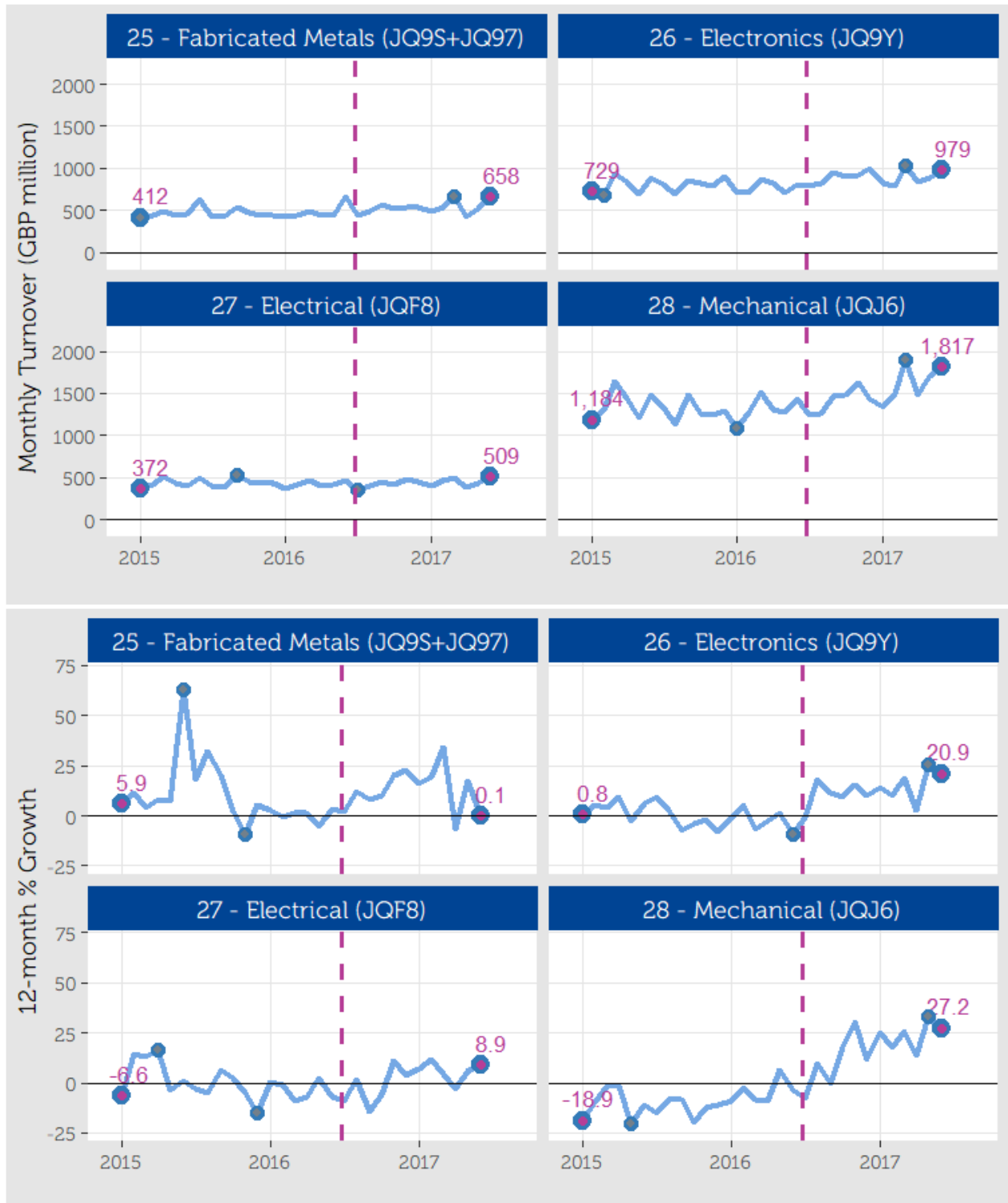


# 11 Industry Level Indicators

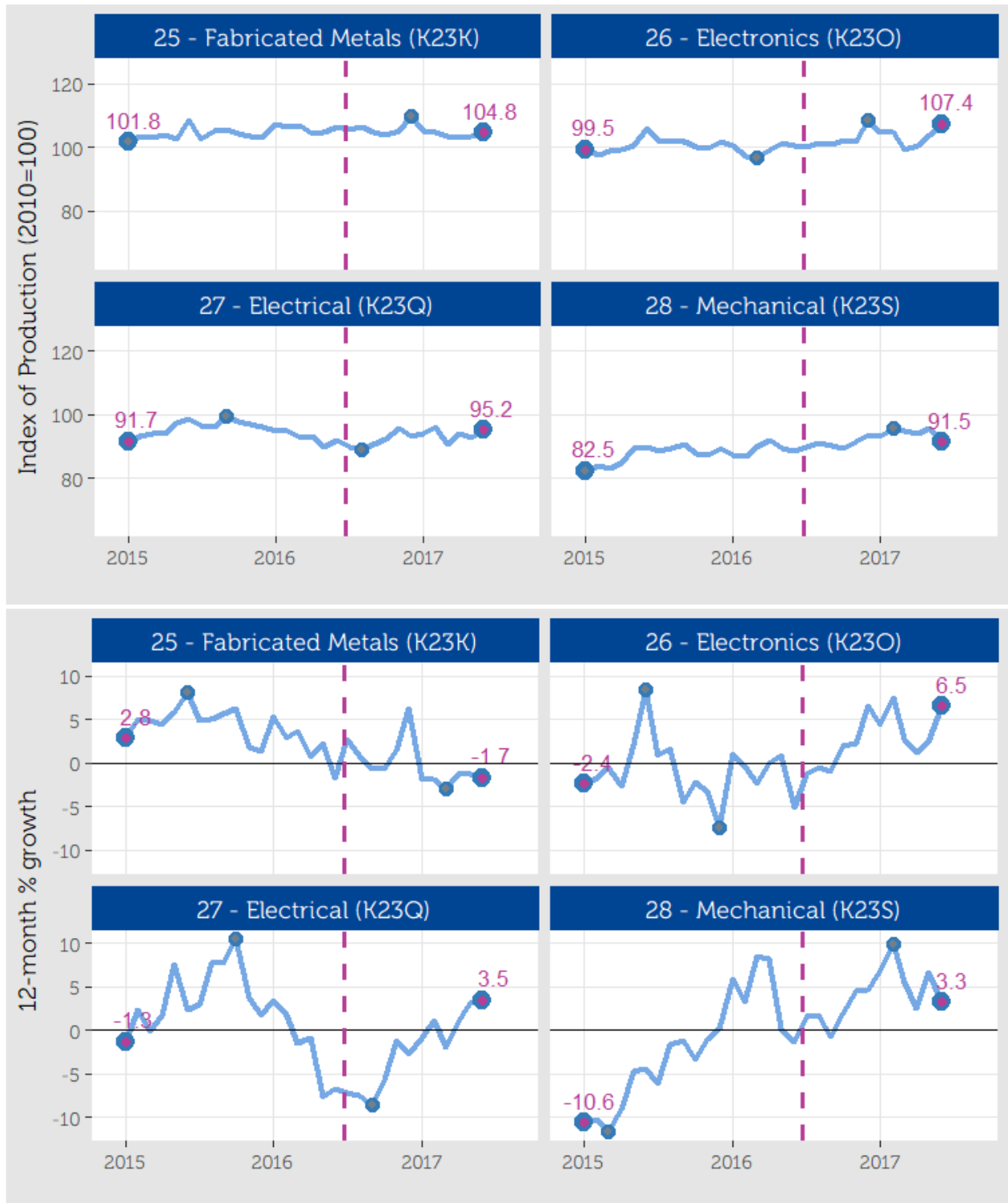
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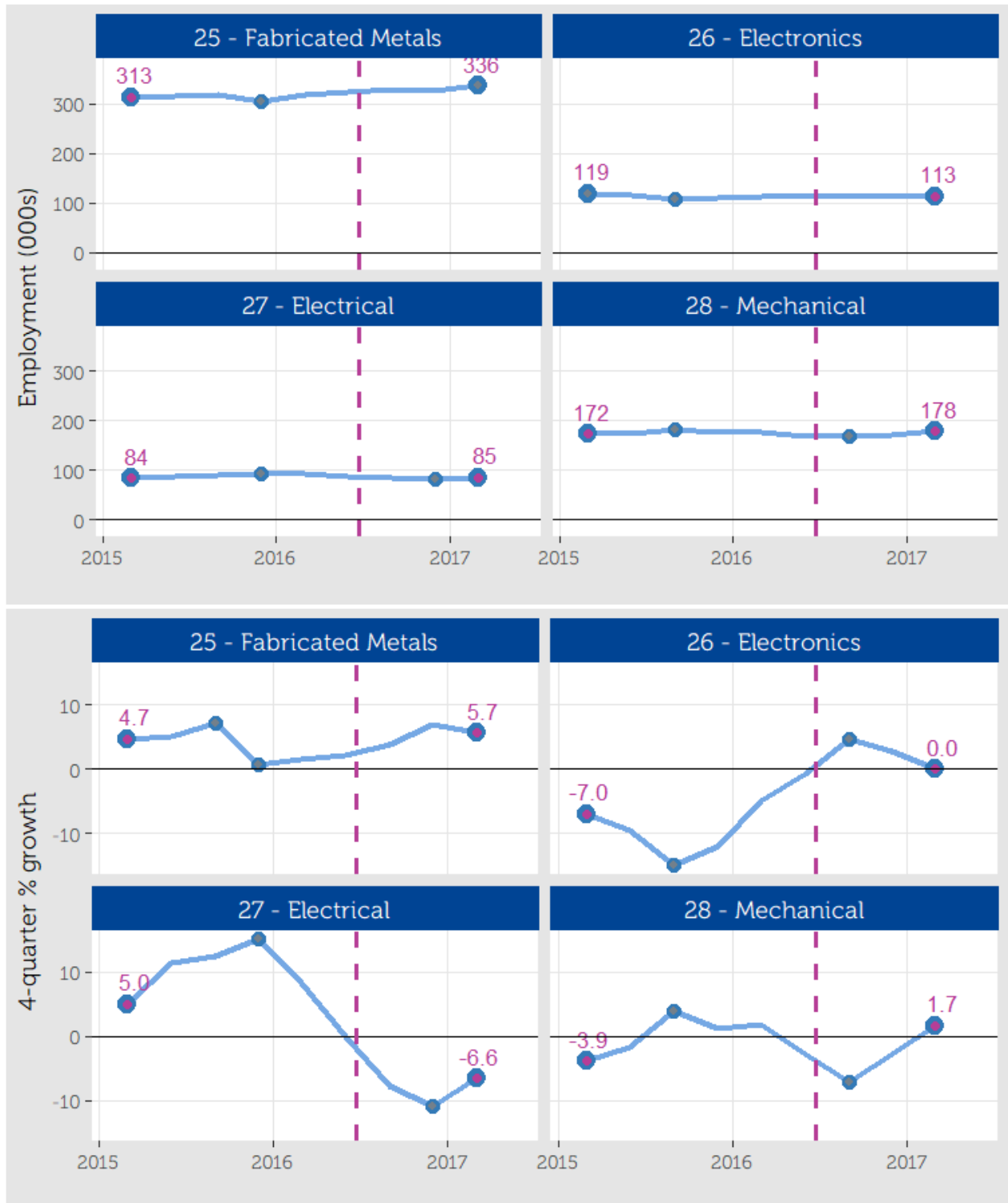
## 11.2 Exports



### 11.3 Index of Production



### 11.4 Employment (excluding Self-Employment)





## 12 Growth Cycles

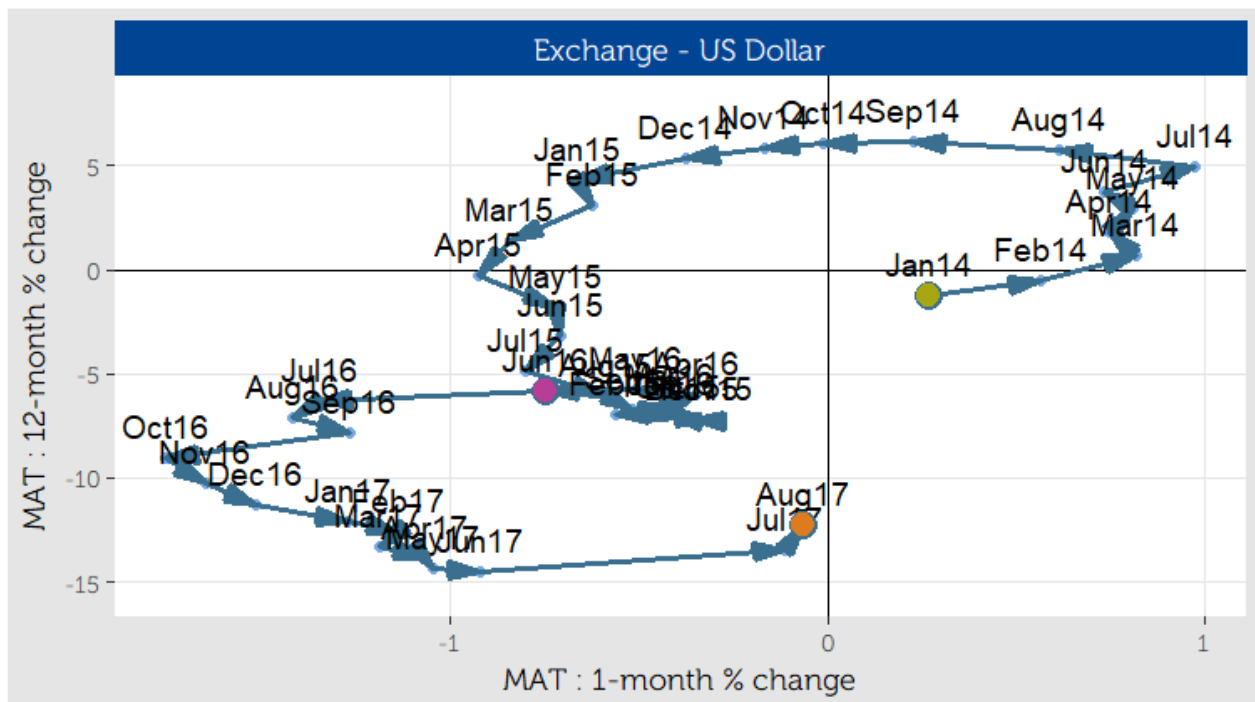
### 12.1 About Growth Cycles

Growth cycle, plots the annual growth of an indicator against the 1-month ( or 1-quarter) growth. This put the indicator in one of 4 main quadrants:

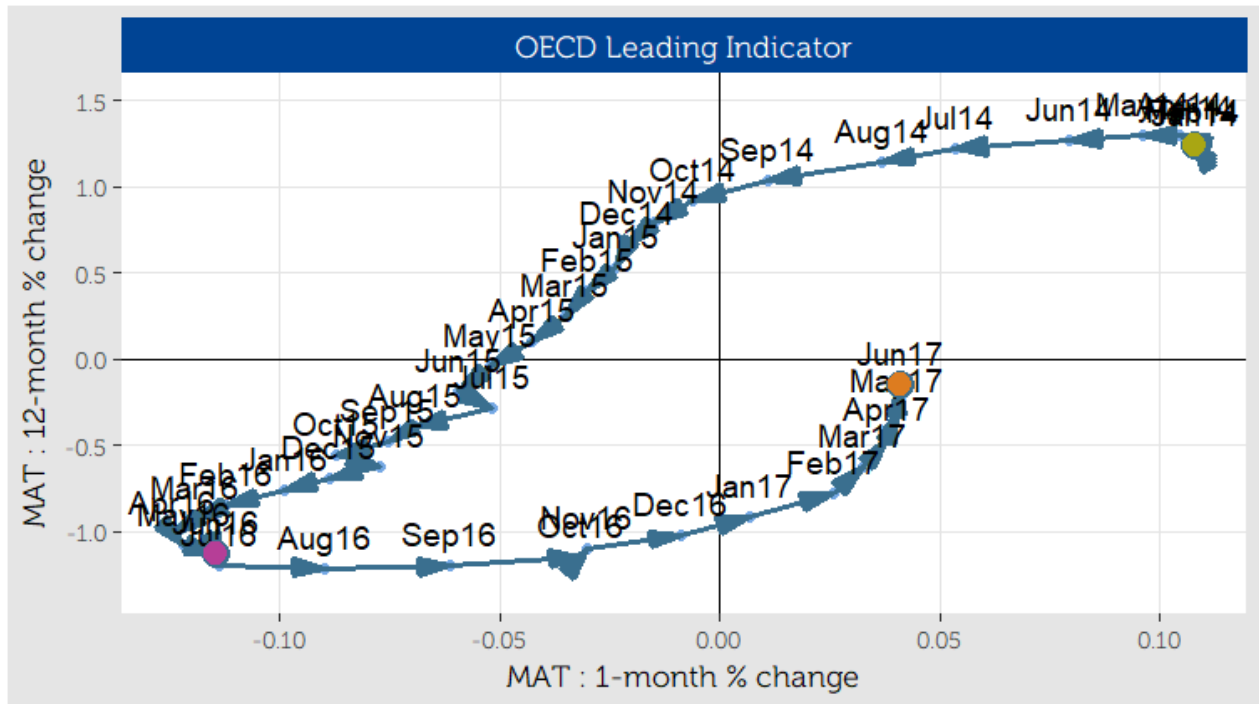
- Quadrant 1: increased compared to previous month (or quarter) and also increased compared previous year - **expansion**
- Quadrant 2: increased compared to previous month (or quarter) but decreased compared to previous year - **recovery**
- Quadrant 3: decreased compared to previous month (or quarter) and also decreased compared to previous year - **contraction**
- Quadrant 4: decreased compared to previous month (or quarter) but increased compared previous year - **slowing down**

Where an indicator is heading to is found by connecting indicator's position over a period of time. Using Moving Annual Total (MAT) helps to remove seasonal effect inherent in most indicators. This section show Growth Cycle plots of 6 selected indicators. The starting point is marked with green circle (●); purple circle (●) for referendum date and orange circle (●) for the current state.

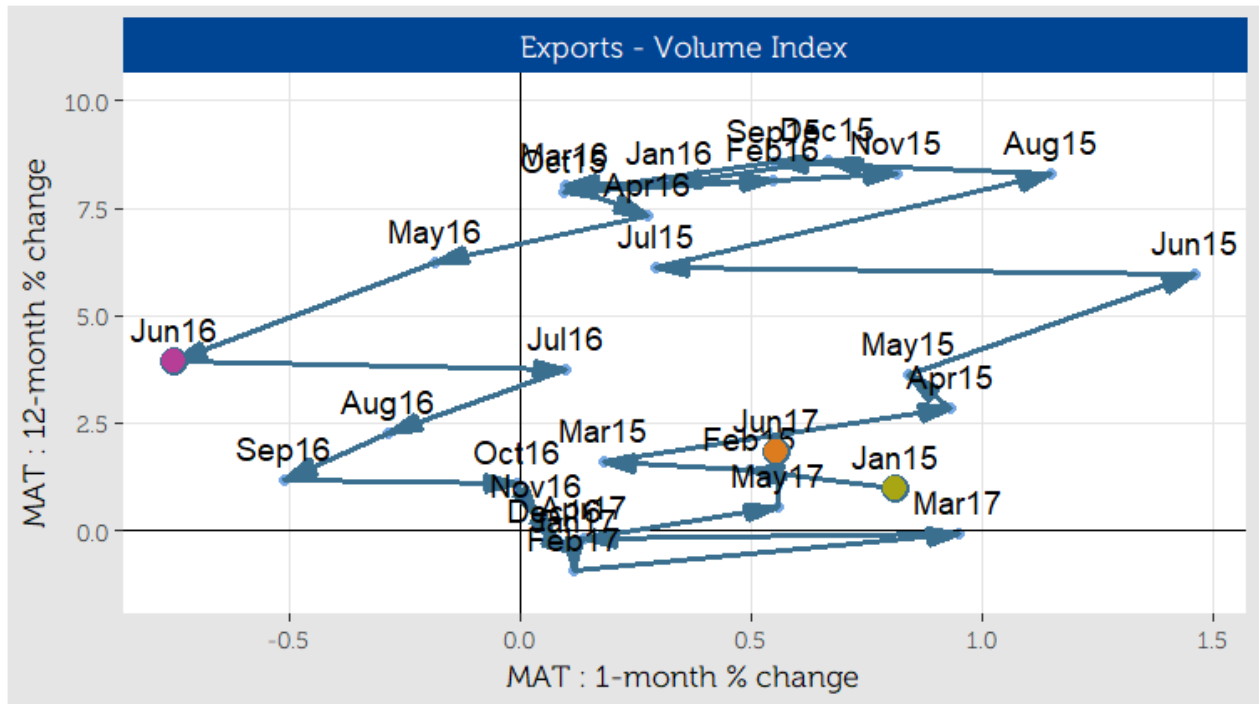
### 12.2 Exchange Rate (USD)



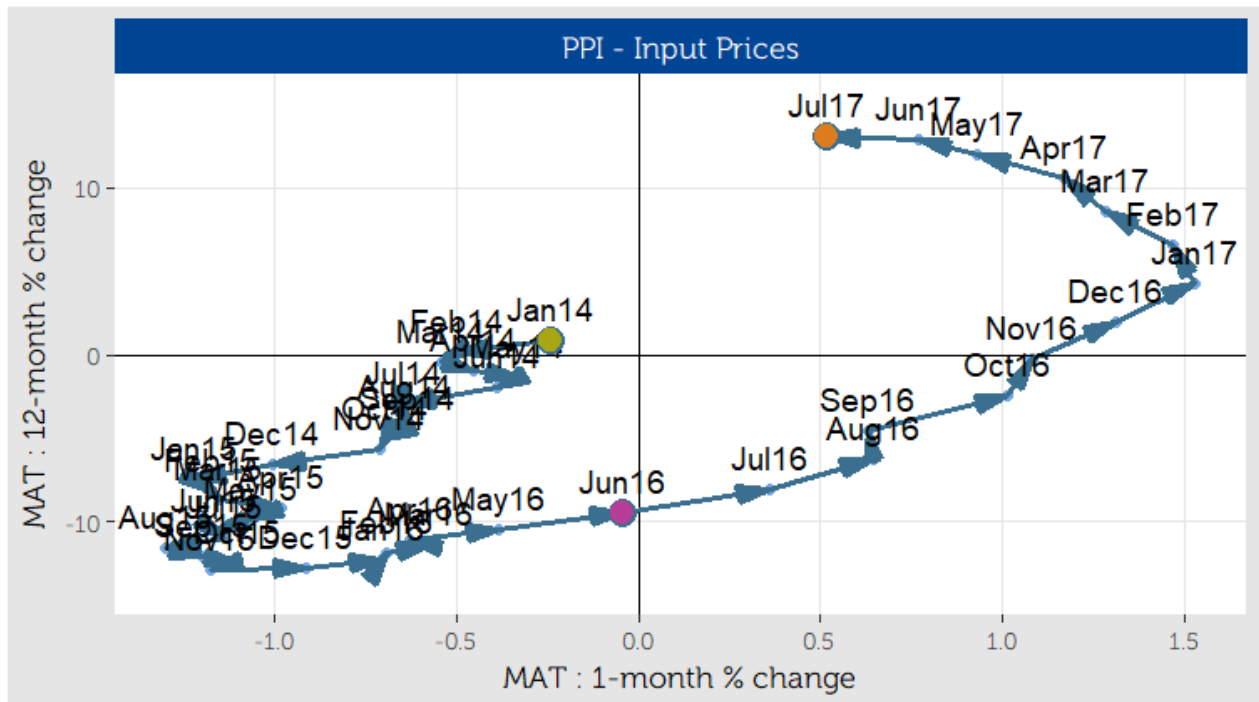
### 12.3 OECD Composite Leading Indicator - UK



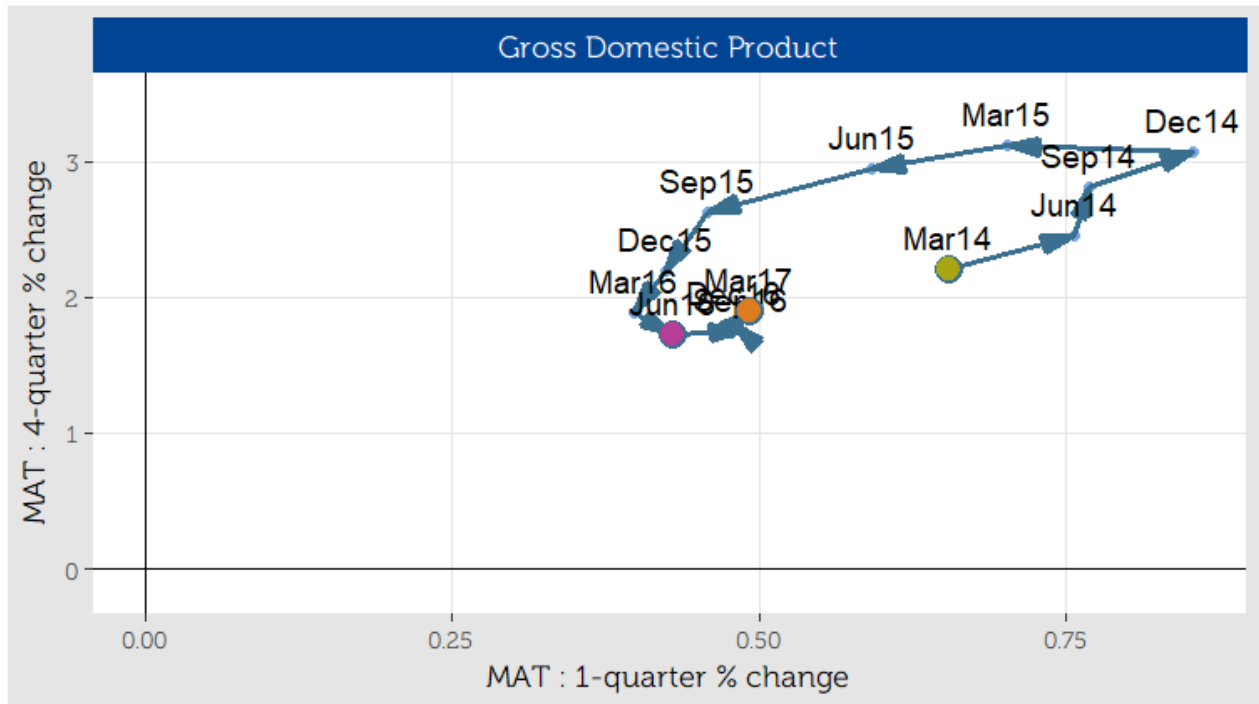
### 12.5 Exports - Volume Index (BQKU)



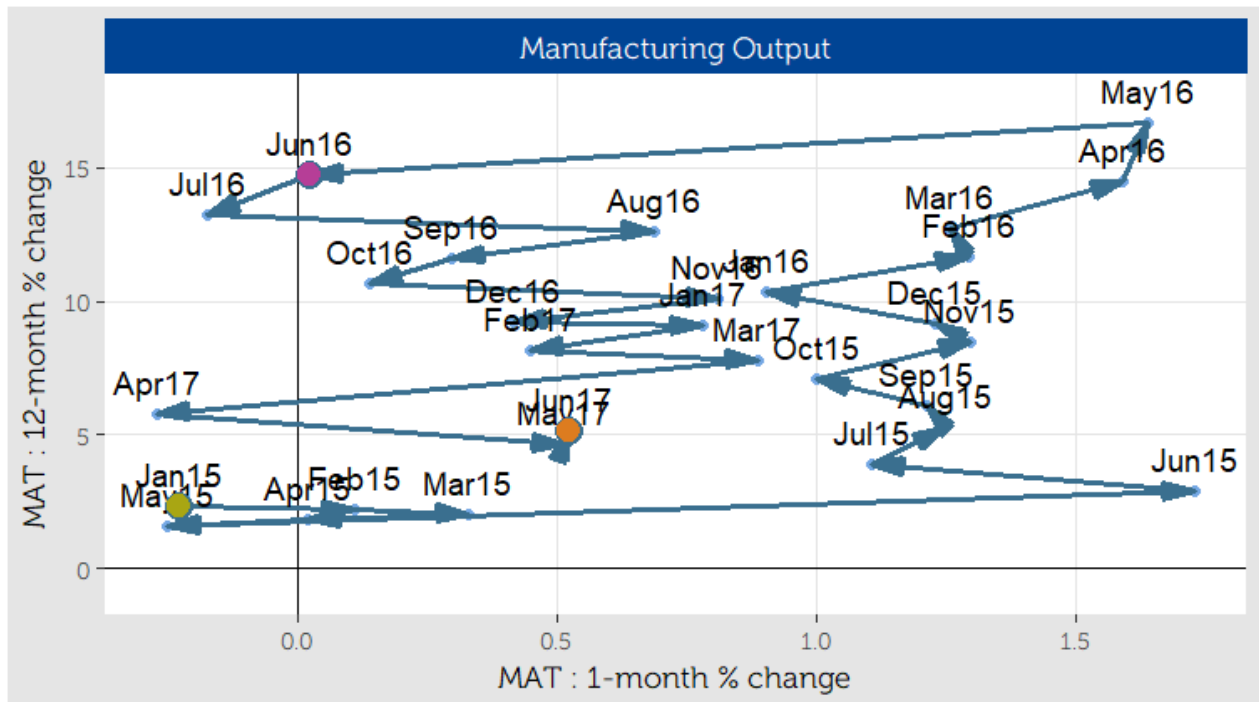
### 12.6 Input Prices (K646)



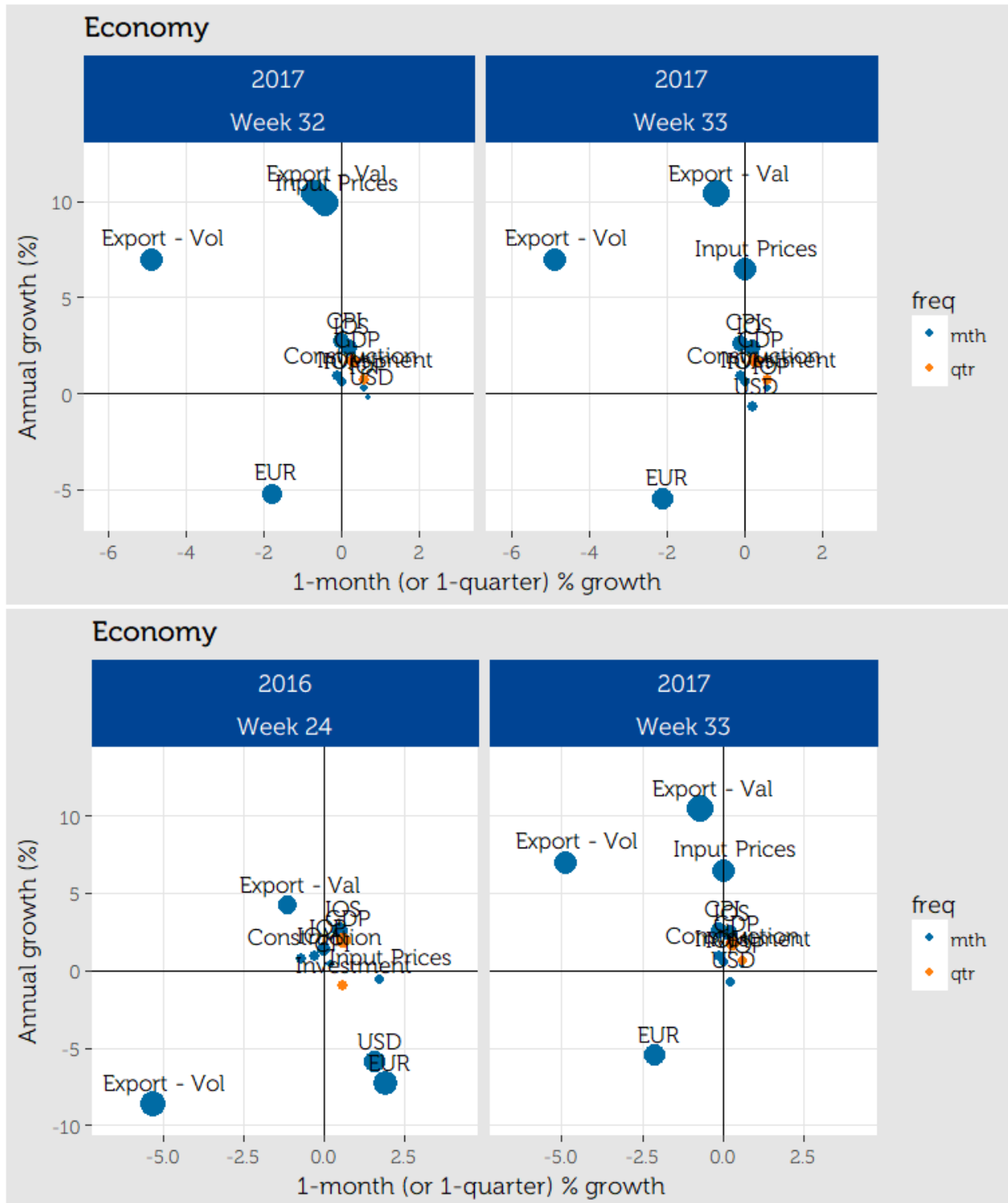
### 12.7 Gross Domestic Product - GDP (ABMI-UKEA)



### 12.8 Manufacturing Output (JT27)



## 12.9 Current State

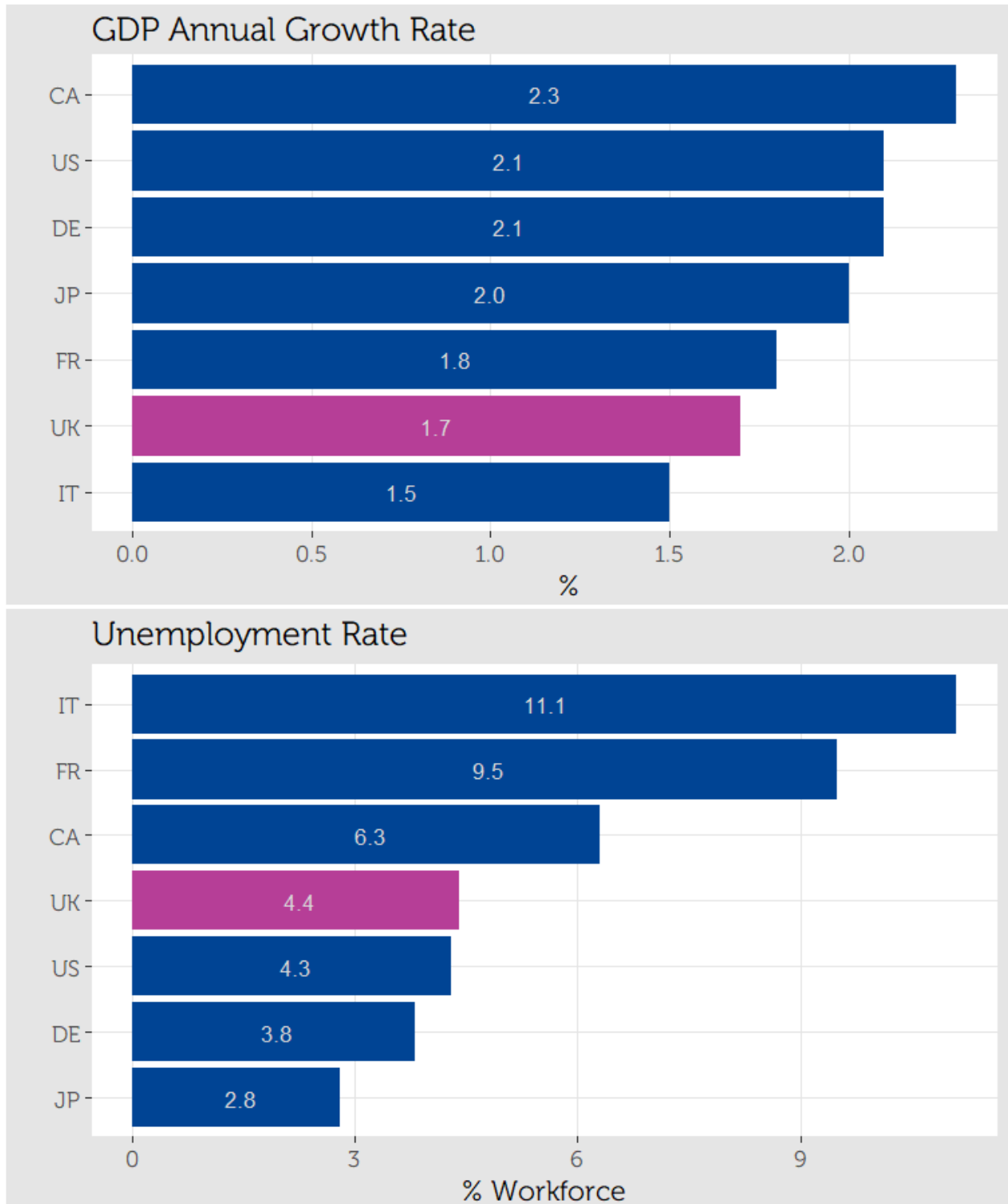


**Top:** Indicators growth - Current week versus previous week.

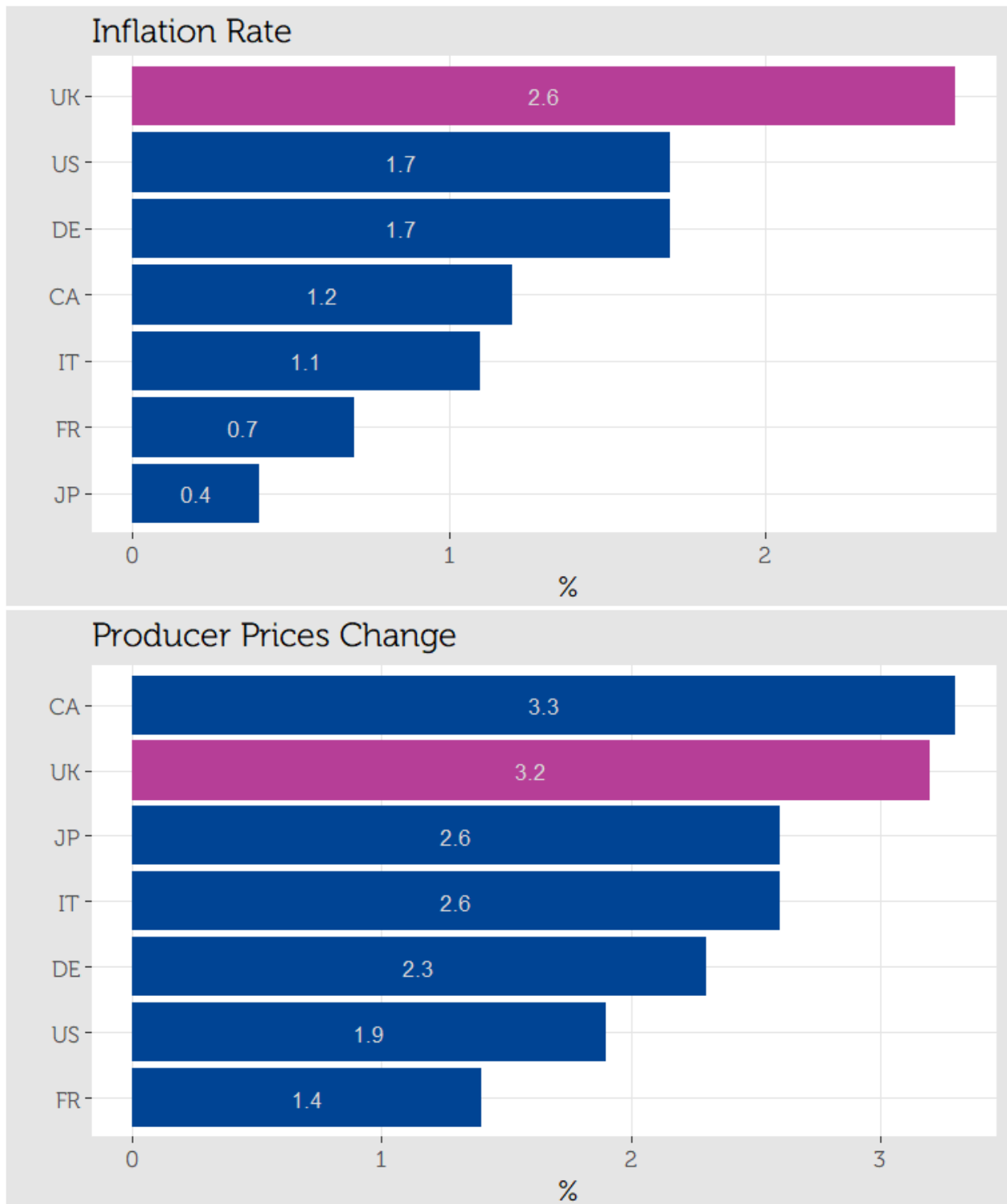
**Bottom:** Indicators Growth - Before Referendum vote versus current week

## 13 G7 Indicators (Latest)

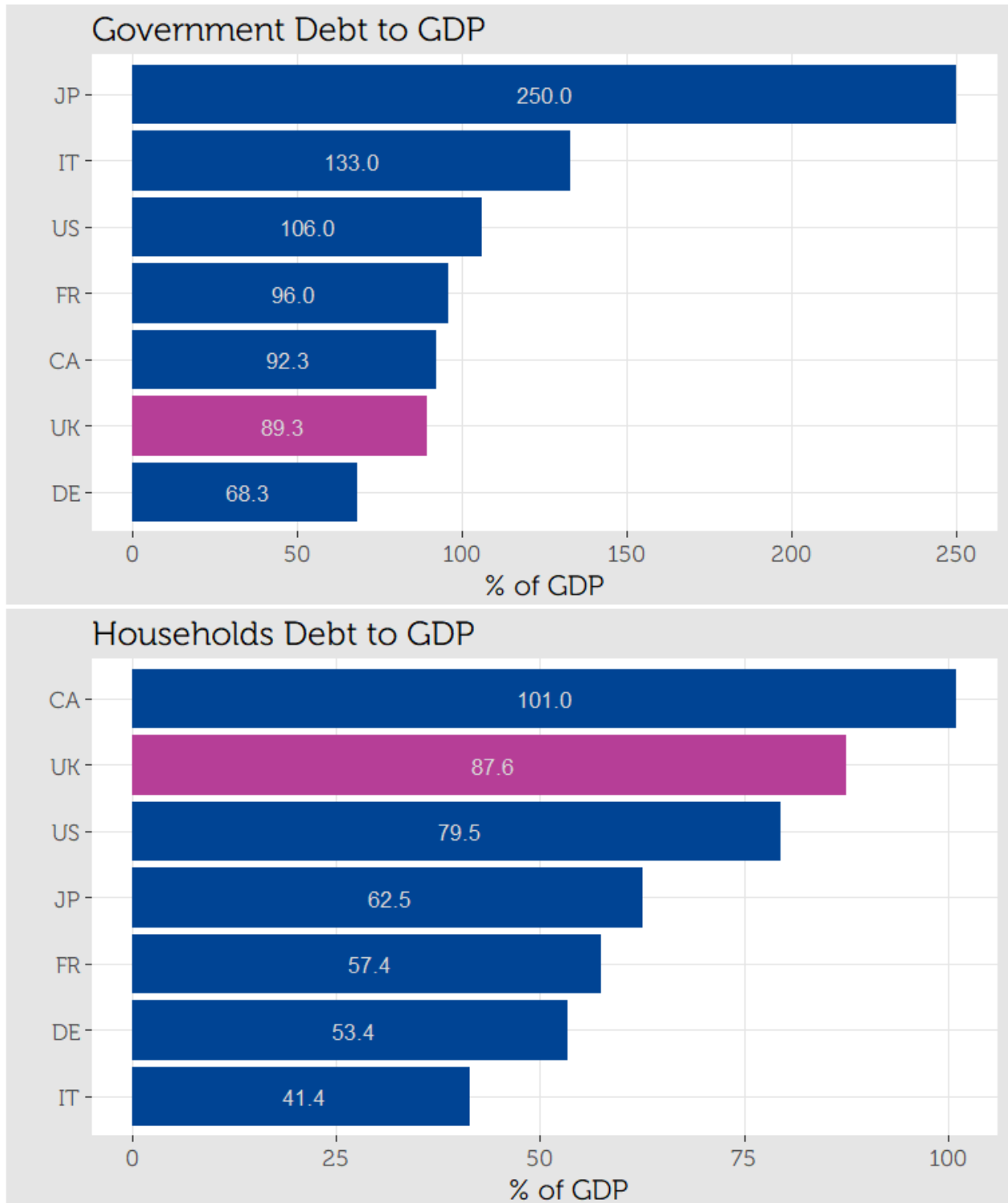
### 13.1 GDP & Unemployment



### 13.2 Inflation & Producer Prices

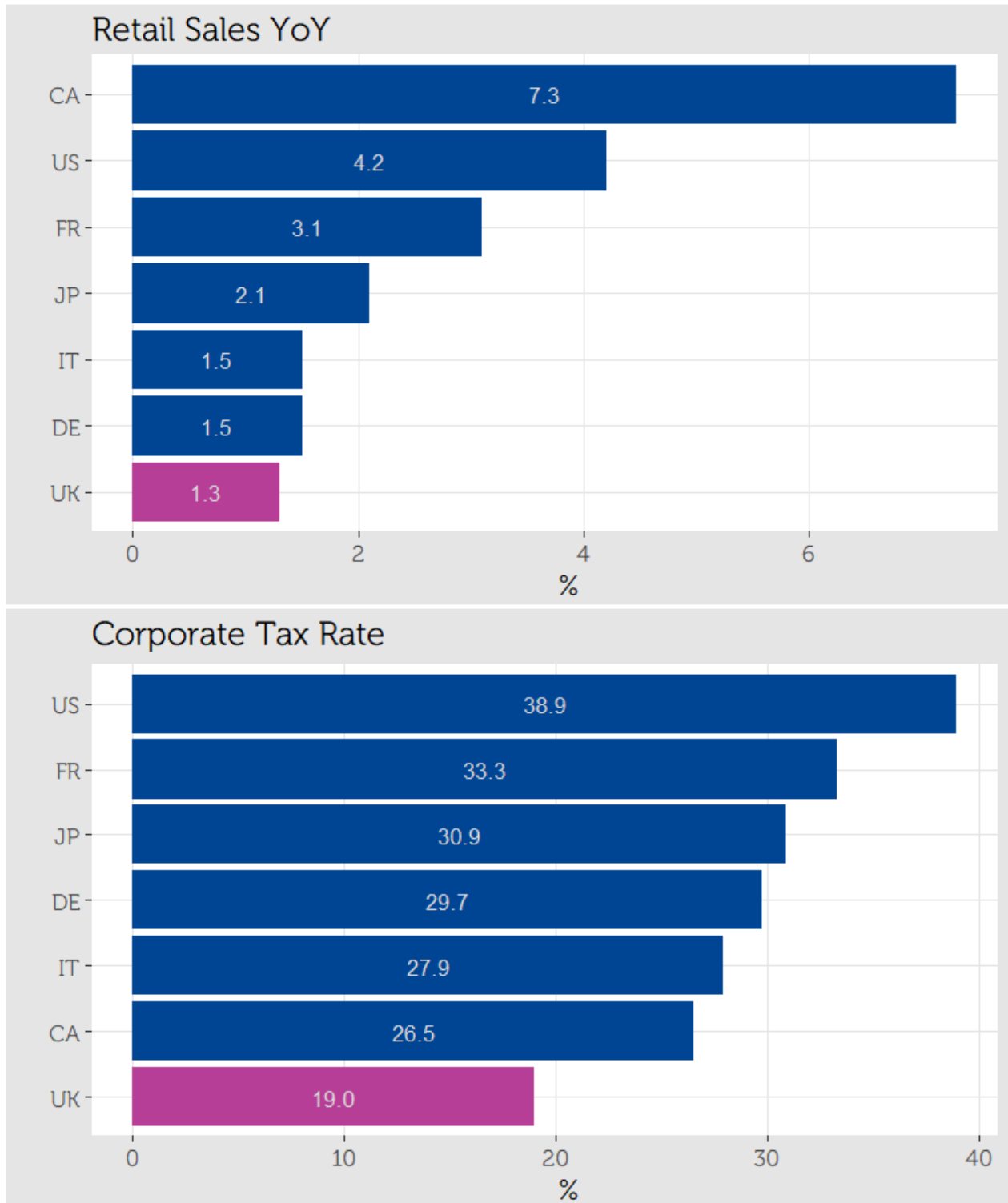


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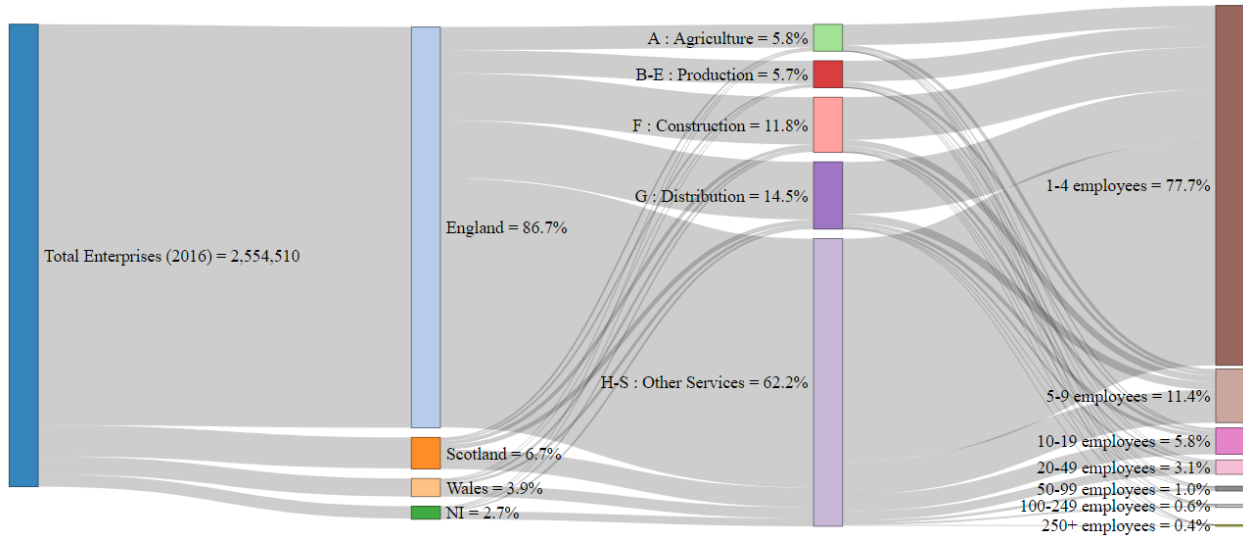
### 13.4 Retail Sales & Corporate Tax



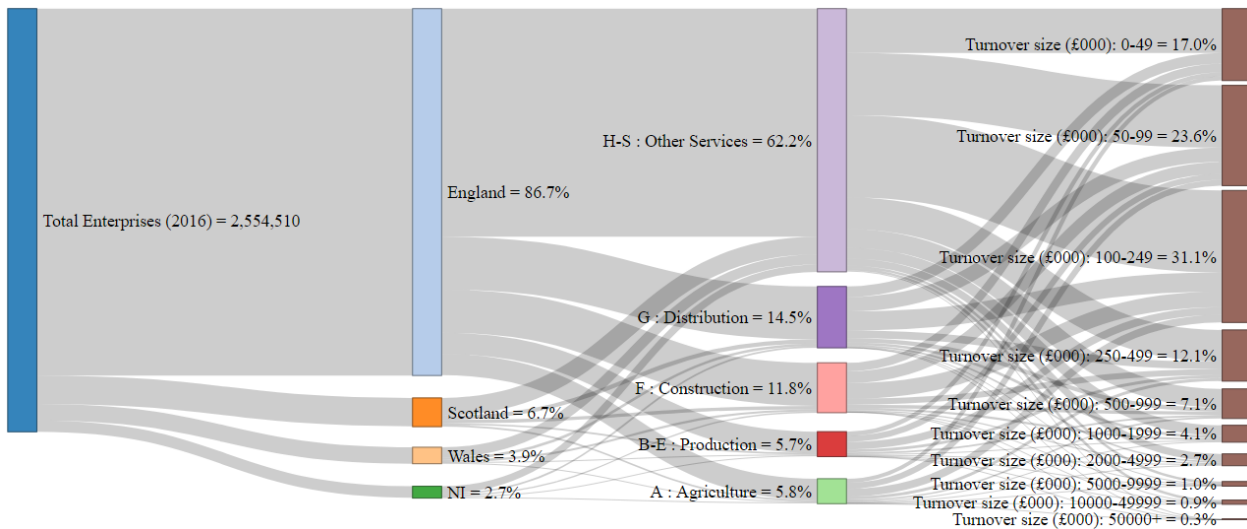
# Appendices

## A UK Businesses: Activity, Size & Location

### A.1 Enterprises by Employment Size Band

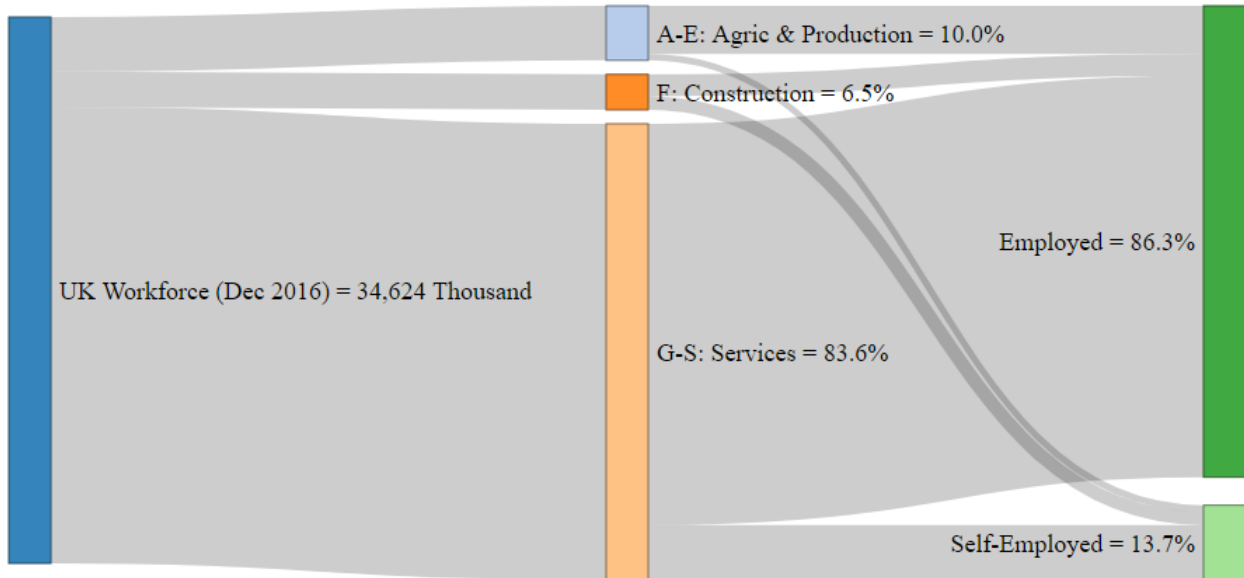


### A.2 Enterprises by Turnover Size Band

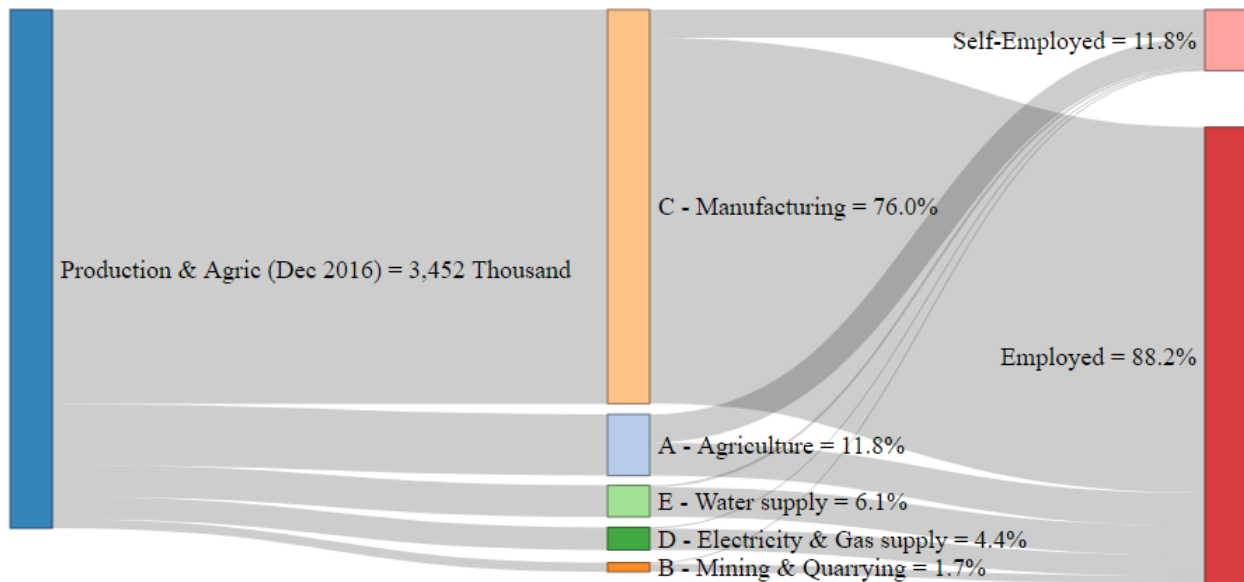


## B UK Employment Structure

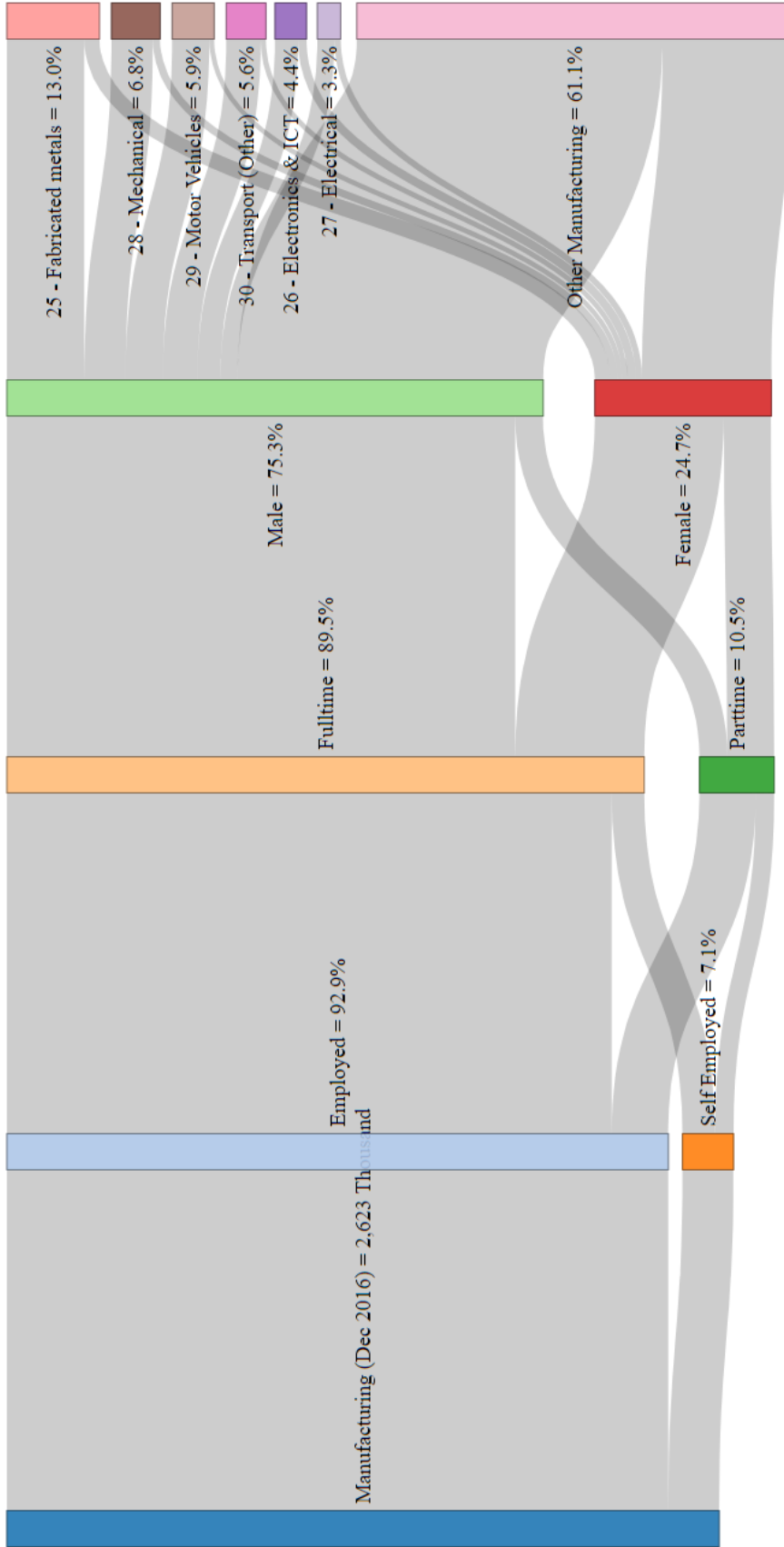
### B.1 UK Workforce



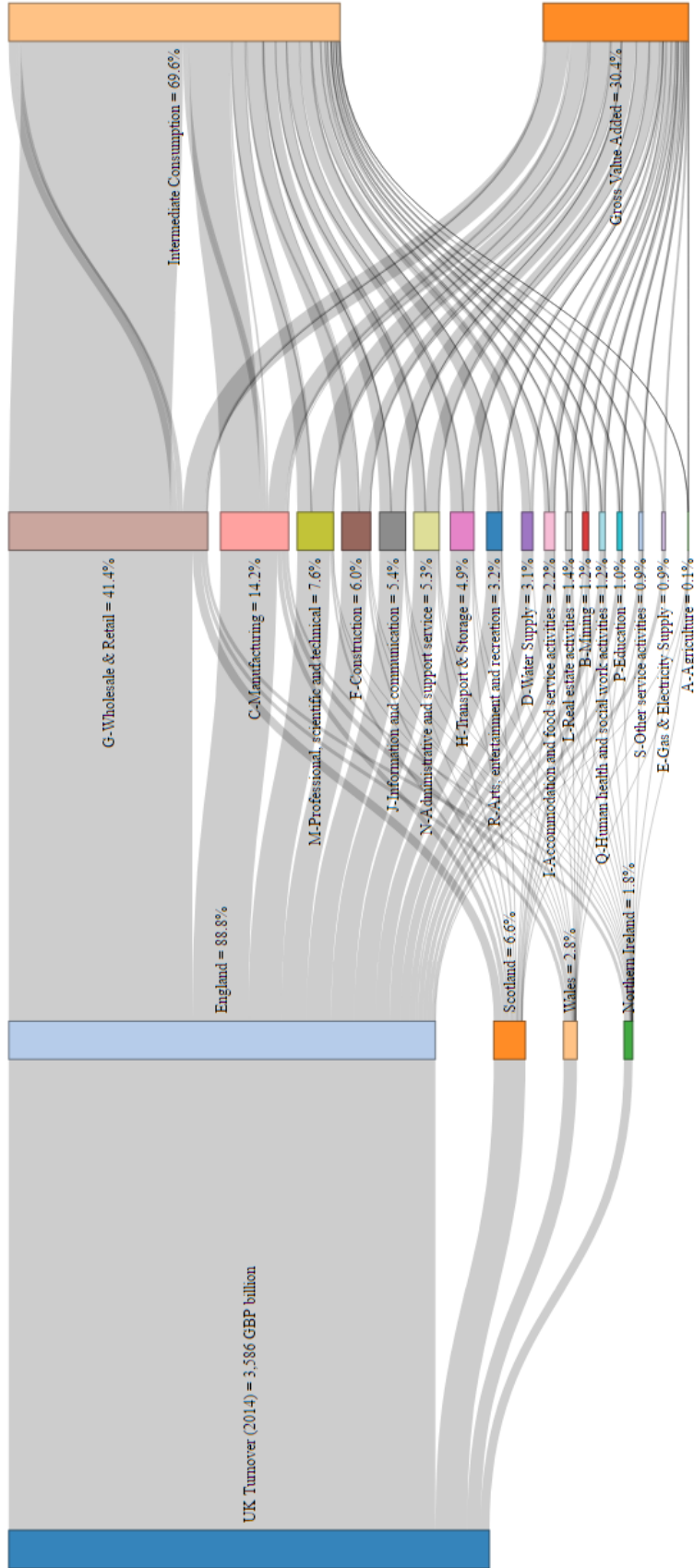
### B.2 UK Production & Agriculture Workforce



### B.3 UK Manufacturing Workforce



# C UK Industrial Output by Region



Excludes **K** (Financial & Insurance Activities) and **O** (Public Administration & Defence)

## D Data sources

- ONS
  - Producer Prices : <http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices>
  - Consumer Prices: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices>
  - GDP: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/grossdomesticproductgdp>
  - Retail Sales: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/retailindustry>
  - Business Investment: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/grossdomesticproductgdp>
  - Employment :<http://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket>
  - Production :<http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy>
  - Exports :<http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments>
  - Turnover:<http://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade>
  - Annual Business Survey :<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade>
  - Construction: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade>
- HMRC
  - UK Trade: <https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/BuildYourOwnTables>
- ECB
  - Exchange rate: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/exchange/eurofxref>
- OECD & Trading Economics
  - UK composite indicator <http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx>
  - G7 Indicators : <https://tradingeconomics.com/>

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