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This article continues the quarterly Regional Economic Indicators series previously published in Economic Trends, primarily based on the same information sources. The new Focus section brings a more detailed perspective to a specific issue. In this edition, it extends onto a time series, some past analysis that helps understand the factors that contribute to the differences in regions' performance, based on an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development methodology. The headline indicators provide the underlying picture of regional economic performance, productivity and welfare. The indicators that drive productivity are also discussed and labour market figures included as before. This article covers the nine English Government Office Regions, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales; the European Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics level 1 regions of the United Kingdom. The term 'region' is used for convenience.

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