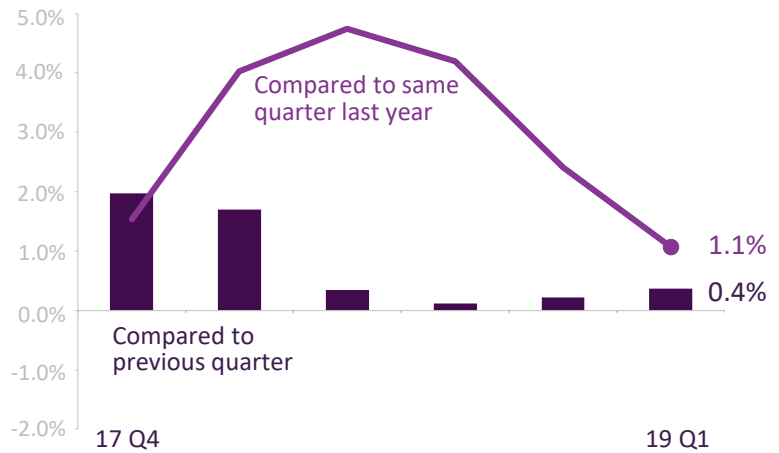


## Latest Results

In 2019 Quarter 1, labour productivity in Scotland, measured by output per hour worked, increased by 1.1% compared to the same quarter last year.

Compared to the previous quarter, labour productivity is estimated to have grown by 0.4% in 2019 Quarter 1, following growth of 0.2% in the previous quarter.

## Growth in output per hour worked



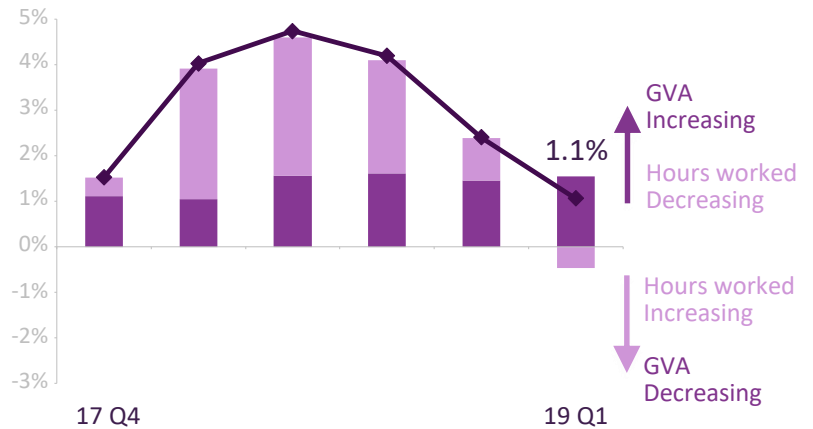
## What is driving recent changes in productivity?

Productivity can be simply broken down into growth in output (GVA) *minus* growth in hours worked†. Therefore, when output grows faster than hours, productivity increases.

Between 2018 Q1 and 2019 Q1, output per hour increased by 1.1% as GVA growth (1.5%) outweighed a rise in the total number of hours worked (0.5%).

† Components may not sum to total due to rounding

## Components of productivity growth



## Longer Term Trends

The financial crisis and recession in 2008 had a long term impact on the economy.

From 1998 to 2007, output per hour worked increased by 1.5% per year on average. Since 2007, this average rate has slowed to 1.0% per year.

In 2018, total hours worked remained below 2007 levels.

## Growth in productivity and its components

