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The number of people in employment, the number of unemployed people and the number of inactive people of working age have all increased but the corresponding rates are all unchanged. The claimant count has increased. The number of vacancies has fallen. Growth in average earnings, both excluding and including bonuses, has fallen.

In the latest reference period the working age employment rate was 74.9 per cent, unchanged on the previous quarter. The number of people in employment increased by 61,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent, unchanged from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 12,000 over the quarter.

The claimant count was 840,100, up 15,500 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 655,100, down 32,200 from the previous quarter.

The AEI - including bonuses - was 3.8 per cent, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. The AEI - excluding bonuses - was also 3.8 per cent, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous month.

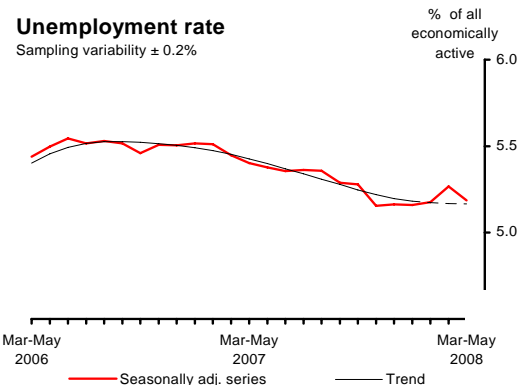
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.3\%$



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.2\%$



UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	Mar-May 08	29,587	74.9	61	0.0	± 98	± 0.3
Unemployment**	Mar-May 08	1,619	5.2	12	0.0	± 62	± 0.2
Economically active*	Mar-May 08	31,206	79.1	73	0.0	± 93	± 0.2
Economically inactive***	Mar-May 08	7,874	20.9	7	0.0	± 85	± 0.2
Claimant count	June 2008	840.1	2.6	15.5	0.0		
Workforce jobs	Mar 2008	31,640		30		..	
Vacancies++	Apr-Jun 08	655.1	2.5	-32.2	-0.1
GB Average earnings							
- including bonuses	Mar-May 08		3.8 [#]		-0.1	$\pm 1.2^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.4^{\#\#\#}$
- excluding bonuses	Mar-May 08		3.8 [#]		-0.1	$\pm 0.7^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.2^{\#\#\#}$

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

Employment (Tables 2 to 4)

The working age employment rate was 74.9 per cent in the three months to May 2008, unchanged from the three months to February 2008 but up 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.59 million in the three months to May 2008, up 61,000 from the three months to February 2008 and up 413,000 on a year earlier.

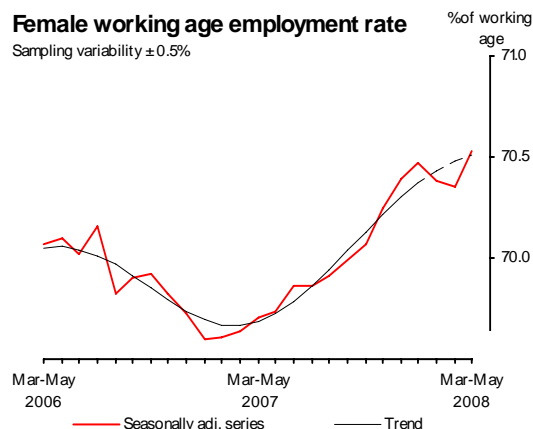
The number of people in full-time employment was 22.09 million in the three months to May 2008, up 79,000 from the three months to February 2008. Of this total, 14.19 million were men, up 44,000 over the quarter, and 7.90 million were women, up 35,000 over the quarter.

The number of people in part-time employment was 7.49 million in the three months to May 2008, down 19,000 from the three months to February 2008. Of this total, 1.77 million were men and 5.72 million were women.

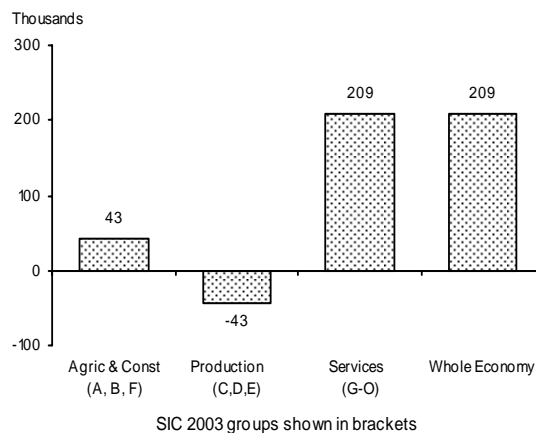
The number of people in public sector employment was 5.76 million in March 2008, down 20,000 from December 2007. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.80 million, up 96,000 from December 2007.

Jobs (tables 5 to 6)

There were 31.64 million workforce jobs in March 2008, up 30,000 over the quarter and up 209,000 on a year earlier. All sectors, except manufacturing, showed increases in jobs over the year. The sector showing the largest annual increase in jobs was finance & business services, which increased by 84,000.



Workforce jobs by industry - March 2008
Change on year from March 2007



Hours (tables 7 and 8)

Total hours worked per week were 945.0 million in the three months to May 2008, up 5.6 million from the three months to February 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to May 2008 were 32.0, up 0.1 from the three months to February 2008.

Unemployment (table 9)

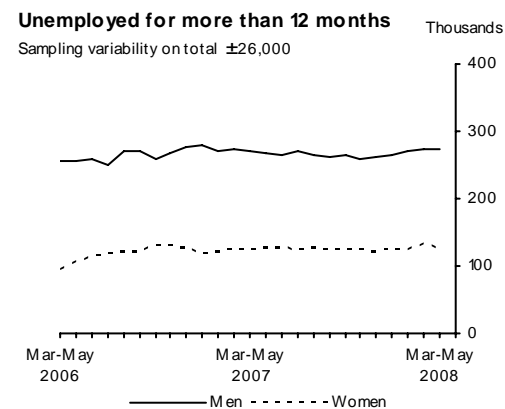
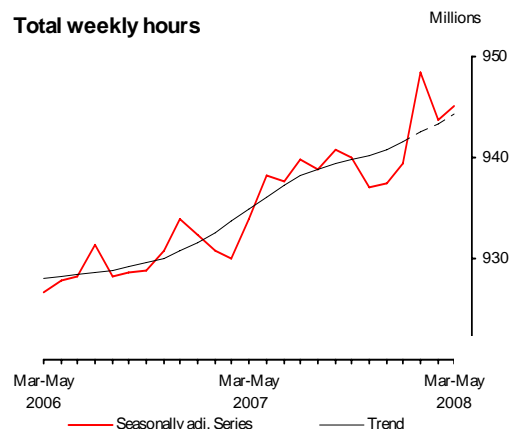
The unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent in the three months to May 2008, unchanged from the three months to February 2008 but down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.62 million in the three months to May 2008, up 12,000 from the three months to February 2008 but down 47,000 from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed men was 940,000 in the three months to May 2008, up 13,000 from the three months to February 2008. The number of unemployed women was 678,000 in the three months to May 2008, virtually unchanged from the three months to February 2008.

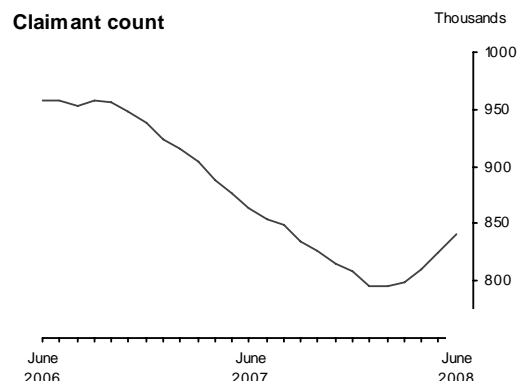
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 401,000 in the three months to May 2008, up 13,000 from the three months to February 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 498,000 in the three months to May 2008, unchanged from the three months to February 2008.



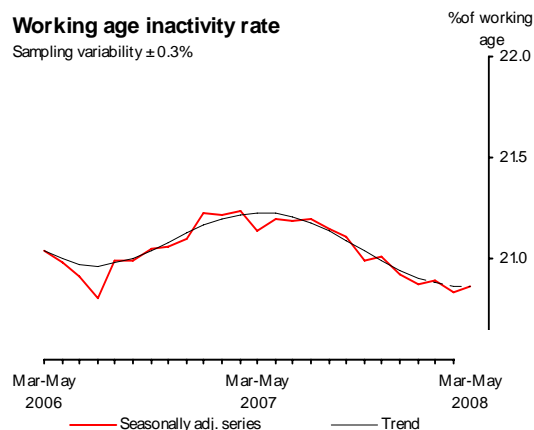
Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in June 2008 was 840,100, up 15,500 on the previous month but down 23,100 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in June 2008 was 2.6 per cent, unchanged from the previous month but down 0.1 percentage point from a year earlier.



Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.9 per cent in the three months to May 2008, unchanged on the three months to February 2008 but down 0.3 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age increased by 7,000 over the quarter but decreased by 60,000 over the year to reach 7.87 million in the three months to May 2008.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to May 2008, whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, increased by 3.8 per cent, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. Including bonuses, the increase was also 3.8 per cent, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. Corresponding figures for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

3.1 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
3.6 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Services

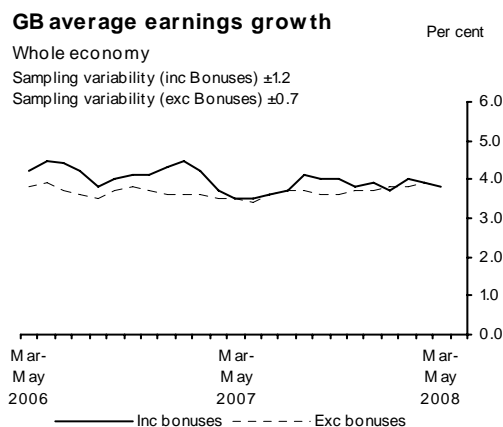
4.1 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
4.2 per cent including bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point.

Public sector

4.0 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
3.5 per cent including bonuses, down 0.4 percentage points.

Private sector

3.8 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
3.9 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.



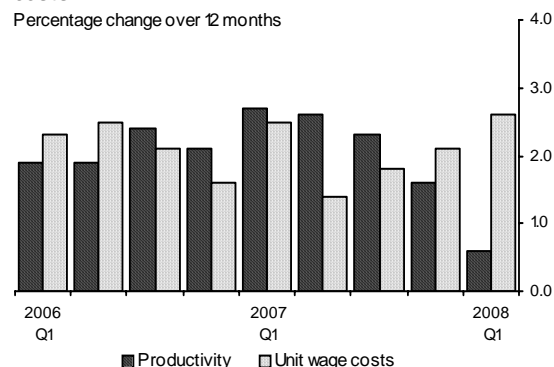
Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 0.6 per cent higher in the first quarter of 2008 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 2.6 per cent over the same period.

Manufacturing productivity rose by 1.8 per cent in the three months to May 2008 compared with a year earlier.

Manufacturing unit wage costs also increased by 1.8 per cent over the year.

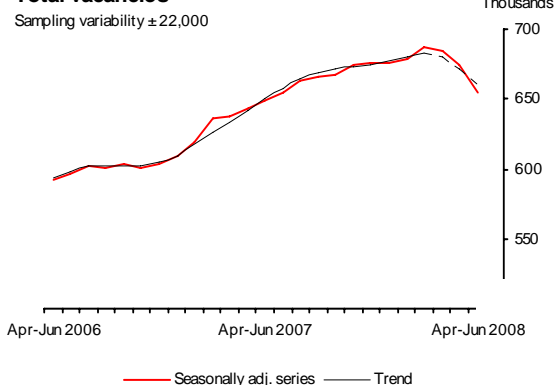
Whole economy productivity & unit wage costs



Production industries employee jobs (table 6)

There were 2.89 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to May 2008, down 36,000 on the same period a year earlier. Mining, energy and water supply industries jobs increased by 5,000 over the same period to reach 170,000.

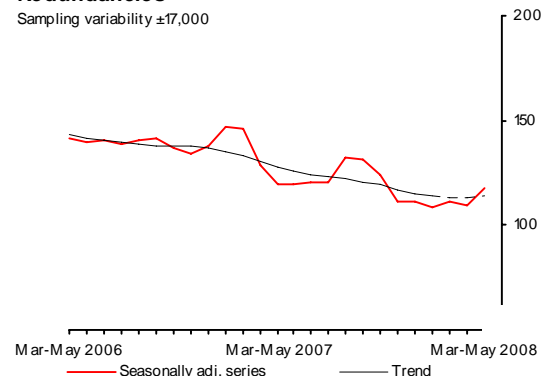
Total vacancies



Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 655,100 job vacancies in the three months to June 2008, down 32,200 from the previous three months but up 5,900 from the same period a year earlier. There were 2.5 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.1 from the previous quarter.

Redundancies



Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to May 2008, 118,000 people reported they had become redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, up 10,000 from the three months to February 2008. The redundancy rate was 4.6 per 1,000 employees, up 0.4 from the three months to February 2008.

Labour disputes (table 20)

In May 2008, there were 2,000 working days lost due to labour disputes. In the twelve months to May 2008, there were 1.02 million working days lost.

BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

There have been some revisions to Workforce Jobs estimates. See notes under THIS MONTH'S RELEASE for further details.

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

Summary Quality Report: A Summary Quality Report for this First Release can be found on the website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1354>

Common pitfalls in interpreting series: Expectations of accuracy and reliability in sample surveys are often too high. Revisions and sampling variability are inevitable consequences of the trade off between timeliness, accuracy and the burden on respondents. Details of sampling variability are included elsewhere in this release.

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of 'errors' in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical 'error' but, in this context, the word refers to the uncertainty in any process or calculation that uses sampling, estimation or modelling. Most revisions reflect either the adoption of new statistical techniques or the incorporation of new information which allows the statistical error of previous estimates to be reduced. Only rarely are there avoidable 'errors' such as human or system failures, and such mistakes are made quite clear when they are discovered and corrected.

RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and AEI data first published from July 2002 to June 2007. The second

table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from September 2000 to June 2005. Spreadsheets giving revisions triangles (real time database) of estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the tables are available on the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1944>.

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	74.9	60	0.00	0.04
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	60	0.01	0.02
Claimant count (000s)	840.1	60	-0.14	2.32
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.8	60	-0.01	0.09

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	31,640	20	568.2*	568.2*

A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if the mean revision is statistically significantly different from zero; this is indicated by an asterisk (*) in the above tables. One major reason for the significant revisions to the workforce jobs estimates is the introduction of the Annual Business Inquiry, which replaced the old Annual Employment Survey in May 2001. This step upwards of around 1 million jobs was widely publicised beforehand.

Labour market statistics are revised in line with the revisions policy, which is published on the National Statistics website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf

More information about the revisions material in this release can also be found on the website at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793>.

THIS MONTH'S RELEASE

Workforce Jobs

Workforce Jobs estimates for March 2008 for agriculture, forestry and fishing were withheld from publication in the June 2008 First Release pending further quality assurance. This quality assurance process has now been completed. Consequently, estimates for agriculture, forestry and fishing for March 2008 are published in this release resulting in a small correction to the whole economy Workforce Jobs estimate. There are also some corrections to the agriculture, forestry and fishing and whole economy Workforce Jobs estimates for December 2007, as the quality assurance process revealed errors in the December 2007 estimates. These corrections have caused minor revisions to

other industrial sectors for the same periods, due to the seasonal adjustment process.

NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

There are no significant changes planned for next month's First Release.

SPECIAL

Population estimates in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) data

On 22 August 2007 ONS published the 2006-based mid-year population estimates for the UK, along with revisions to the mid-year estimates for 2002 to 2005. These were followed by the 2007 Quarter 2 experimental quarterly population estimates for England and Wales on 13 September 2007. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates (from July-September 2000) from the November 2007 First Release. On 23 October 2007 ONS published 2006-based national population projections for the UK and its constituent countries. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates (from July-September 2006) from the December 2007 First Release.

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

Some of the data in this release are based on sample surveys and are therefore subject to sampling variability. The tables below show sampling variabilities for the Labour Force Survey, the Average Earnings Index and the Vacancy Survey. These sampling variability ranges represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value.

Sampling variability of national Labour Force Survey estimates: March to May 2008

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,587	± 139	61	± 98	413	± 176
Employment rate	74.9%	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.3	0.4	± 0.5
Average weekly hours	32.0	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.2	-0.1	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,619	± 62	12	± 62	-47	± 83
Unemployment rate	5.2%	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,206	± 130	73	± 93	365	± 165
Economic Activity rate	79.1%	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.2	0.3	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,874	± 122	7	± 85	-60	± 155
Economic Inactivity rate	20.9 %	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	118	± 17	10	± 23	-2	± 23

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey estimates: March to May 2008

	Employment Level (000s)	Unemployment Level (000s)	Working age		Working age Employment Rate (%)	Working age Unemployment Rate (%)
			Economically Active Level (000s)	Economically Inactive Level (000s)		
North East	± 37	± 13	± 37	± 37	± 1.9	± 1.1
North West	± 62	± 20	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.6
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 52	± 17	± 51	± 52	± 1.3	± 0.7
East Midlands	± 43	± 15	± 43	± 46	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 54	± 18	± 53	± 54	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 54	± 17	± 53	± 51	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 70	± 26	± 67	± 67	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 63	± 18	± 62	± 57	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 53	± 14	± 52	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 41	± 12	± 40	± 42	± 1.8	± 0.9
Scotland	± 52	± 14	± 51	± 49	± 1.3	± 0.6

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: May 2008

Rates (latest three months on same period a year ago)

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.8	±0.7	3.8	± 1.2
Private sector	3.8	±1.1	3.9	± 1.5
Public sector	4.0	±0.7	3.5	± 1.0
Manufacturing	3.1	±1.2	3.6	± 1.9
Services	4.1	±0.8	4.2	± 1.5
of which:				
Private sector	4.2	±1.1	4.3	± 1.9

¹ The data exclude payments of arrears of pay.

Sampling variability of the Vacancy Survey estimates

These 95 per cent confidence intervals for the Vacancy Survey results are approximate only, especially those for changes over the year which are more difficult to estimate than those for the levels of vacancies. They nevertheless provide useful guidelines as to the precision of the results. Estimates of sampling variability of changes on three months ago are not currently available, but are expected to be rather less than those indicated for changes on the year.

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
April - June 2008 average total vacancies				
Level (000s)	655.1	± 22	5.9	± 18
Vacancy ratio				
(per 100 employee jobs)	2.5	± 0.1	0.0	± 0.1
June 2008 single month estimate				
Level (000s)	638.3	± 38	-28.9	± 30

TRENDS

Trends, shown in some of the charts in this First Release, are estimated using the standard approach adopted by National Statistics based on the results of its short-term trend research project. In this case, the recommended method is to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to the seasonally adjusted series. For more information, see *An Investigation of Trend Estimation Methods*, available from the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (see Background Note 2 below for contact details).

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of labour market data in various formats. Historical time series data can be accessed, free of charge, from the **Labour Market Statistics First Release Historical Supplement** at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS_FR_HS.asp

and from the **Time Series Data** service at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp>.

Regional and local area labour market data are published every month in spreadsheet format and can be accessed from:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15084>

ONS publishes Labour Market Statistics First Releases for the nine English Government Office Regions and for Scotland and Wales on a quarterly basis in February, May, August and November each year. These releases, together with a monthly Northern Ireland release produced by the Northern Ireland Dept. of Enterprise, Trade & Investment, can be accessed from:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms_regional.asp

Further regional and local area labour market data are available from *Nomis*[®] at:

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

Further Labour Force Survey data are also published in the **Labour Force Survey Historical Quarterly Supplement** at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>.

Further labour market data appear in ***Economic and Labour Market Review (ELMR)*** at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/elmr>.

For low cost data tailored to your requirements contact e-Communications (tel: 01329 444366 or email statbase@statistics.gov.uk).

2. Further information on the topics covered in this release is available by contacting the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (tel: 01633 456901 or email labour.market@ons.gov.uk), the Labour Market statisticians (see front page for contact details) or from the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>

3. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the Media Office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.

4. Footnotes to table on front page.

+ See notes on sampling variability.

* Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates for those of working age (16-59/64)

** Levels and rates are for those aged 16 and over. Rate is as a proportion of economically active.

*** Levels and rates are for those of working age

.. Not available.

Percentage change latest three months on previous year.

Sampling variability of percentage change for latest three months on previous year AEI figure

Sampling variability of month on month change in latest three months on previous year AEI figure.

++ Levels are averages for latest three months and rates are ratios of vacancies per 100 employee jobs. Changes are comparisons with three months ago.

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Actual hours worked: *See hours worked.*

Claimant count: The number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits - since October 1996 this has been the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. The seasonally adjusted claimant count series, which goes back to 1971 for the United Kingdom, is estimated on a basis consistent with the current benefits regime, i.e. it has been adjusted for discontinuities in coverage. The non-seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 16 and over while the seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 18 and over. This difference in coverage exists because restricting the seasonally adjusted series to those aged 18 and over was the only realistic way of

maintaining the consistent series back to 1971, following a rule change in 1988 which resulted in most 16-17 year olds becoming ineligible to claim unemployment-related benefits.

Claimant count rate at national or regional level: The number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the sum of claimants and workforce jobs in the country or region.

Earnings: A measure of the money people receive in return for work done, gross of tax. It includes salaries and, unless otherwise stated, bonuses but not unearned income, benefits in kind or arrears of pay. Figures are shown both including and excluding bonuses and are seasonally adjusted.

Economically active: People aged 16 and over who are either in *employment* or *unemployed*.

Economically inactive: People who are neither in *employment* nor *unemployed*. This includes those who want a job but have not been seeking work in the last four weeks, those who want a job and are seeking work but not available to start work, and those who do not want a job.

Employment and jobs: There are two ways of looking at employment: the number of people with jobs, or the number of jobs. The two concepts are not the same as a person can have more than one job.

The number of people with jobs is measured by the *Labour Force Survey* (LFS) and includes people aged 16 or over who did paid work (as an employee or self-employed), those who had a job that they were temporarily away from, those on government-supported training and employment programmes, and those doing unpaid family work.

The number of jobs is measured by Workforce Jobs (WFJ) and is the sum of employee jobs (as measured by surveys of employers), self-employment jobs from the LFS, those in HM Forces, and government-supported trainees. Vacant jobs are not included.

The *Review of Employment and Jobs Statistics* highlighted differences between statistics on jobs produced from household and business surveys, and identified many of the reasons why these differences occur. Following that review, a comparison of estimates of jobs from the LFS and the WFJ series is available from the *Labour Market Overview* document at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1944>

Full-time: In the *Labour Force Survey*, respondents are asked to self-classify their main job as either full-time or part-time. However, people on government supported employment and training programmes that are at college in the reference week are classified, by convention, as part-time. In employer surveys, jobs are generally classified as being part-time if the contracted hours of work are 30 hours or less per week.

Hours worked:

Actual hours worked: Actual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 7, measure how many hours were actually worked. These statistics are affected directly by changes in the number of people in employment and in the number of hours that individuals work. The figures are seasonally adjusted to take account of calendar related absences from work during the reference period. Examples of such absences are public holidays and time off work for family or school holidays. The figures are also affected by other absences from work such as those due to sickness.

The seasonal adjustment of the average hours estimates incorporate adjustments for the timing of Christmas, Easter and other public holidays in relation to the survey reference periods. For example, the data collected for January to March 2008 related to the period 24 December 2007 to 23 March 2008 inclusive and so included the whole of the Christmas and New Year period, plus the first week of Easter. Their inclusion in the January to March 2008 period is known to reduce the average hours worked compared with years when they are not included. The adjustments are estimated using historical data on the impact of each type of calendar effect.

Usual hours worked: Usual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 8, measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns.

Inflows and Outflows: The claimant count records are analysed to provide information about inflows onto the count and outflows from the count on a monthly basis. To make comparisons over time consistent, these figures are standardised to a $4\frac{1}{3}$ week month before seasonal adjustment. These figures for people starting to or ceasing to claim Jobseeker's Allowance can be helpful towards interpreting changes in the claimant count.

Jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Labour Disputes: Disputes connected with terms and conditions of employment. These statistics relate to persons both directly and indirectly involved at the establishments where the disputes occurred. The estimates of stoppages exclude disputes which do not result in a stoppage of work, those involving fewer than ten workers or lasting less than one day unless the total number of working days lost in the dispute is 100 or more.

Labour Force Survey: The main source for information on the labour market in the UK. It is a random household survey of approximately 53,000 households every three months conducted by the Office for National Statistics. As well as private households, the survey includes people living in student residence halls and National Health Service accommodation.

Outflows: See *Inflows and Outflows*.

Part-time: See *Full-time*.

Private sector employment: See *Public sector / private sector employment*.

Productivity: Whole economy output per worker is the ratio of Gross Value Added (GVA) at basic prices and Labour Force Survey total employment. Manufacturing output per filled job is the ratio of manufacturing output (from the Index of Production) and productivity jobs for manufacturing (constrained to LFS jobs at the whole economy level).

Public sector / private sector employment: Public sector employment comprises employment in central government, local government and public corporations as defined for the UK National Accounts. Data are collected from public sector organisations via the *ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employees Survey* and other sources. Employment estimates for the private sector are derived as the difference between *Labour Force Survey* employment estimates for the whole economy and the public sector employment estimates.

Special note: The public sector employment estimates given in Table 4 include a number of workers with a second job in the public sector whose main job is in the private sector or in a separate public sector organisation. The private sector estimate will thus tend to be correspondingly understated by a small percentage.

Rates: Generally the preferred measure of Labour market statistics as they allow changes in the labour market to be interpreted in a wider context by allowing for changes in the overall population.

Redundancies: The number of people, whether working or not working, who reported that they had been made redundant or had taken voluntary redundancy in the month of the reference week or in the two calendar months prior to this.

Sampling variability: Data based on statistical samples are subject to sampling variability. If many samples were drawn, each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the *Labour Force Survey* data in this release, for example, represent 95 per cent confidence intervals; in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value.

Seasonal adjustment: A process of estimating regularly occurring seasonal effects and removing them from the raw data.

Trends: Trends are used to show the long-term movement in a time series.

Unemployment: The number of unemployed people in the UK is measured through the *Labour Force Survey* following the internationally agreed definition recommended by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) – an agency of the United Nations. Unemployed people are:

- without a job, want a job, have actively sought work in the last four weeks and are available to start work in the next two weeks or;

- out of work, have found a job and are waiting to start it in the next two weeks.

Unit wage costs: A measure of the cost of wages and salaries per unit of output.

Usual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

Vacancies: The estimates are based on ONS's Vacancy Survey, a survey of businesses designed to provide comprehensive estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing. Vacancies are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. Further information is available at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=9390>

Workforce jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available from the website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_FR_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf

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p	provisional	..	not available
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SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS data

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over								
	All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People	MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MGSX	YBTC
Mar-May 2006	48,185	30,625	28,959	1,666	17,560	63.6	60.1	5.4	36.4
Mar-May 2007	48,590	30,840	29,174	1,666	17,750	63.5	60.0	5.4	36.5
Jun-Aug 2007	48,694	30,872	29,216	1,656	17,823	63.4	60.0	5.4	36.6
Sep-Nov 2007	48,803	31,020	29,382	1,637	17,783	63.6	60.2	5.3	36.4
Dec-Feb 2008	48,911	31,133	29,526	1,606	17,778	63.7	60.4	5.2	36.3
Mar-May 2008	49,020	31,206	29,587	1,619	17,814	63.7	60.4	5.2	36.3
Change on quarter	109	73	61	12	36	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2				
Change on year	430	365	413	-47	64	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Change %	0.9	1.2	1.4	-2.8	0.4				
Men	MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
Mar-May 2006	23,391	16,585	15,611	974	6,806	70.9	66.7	5.9	29.1
Mar-May 2007	23,618	16,763	15,804	958	6,856	71.0	66.9	5.7	29.0
Jun-Aug 2007	23,676	16,757	15,810	948	6,919	70.8	66.8	5.7	29.2
Sep-Nov 2007	23,735	16,829	15,895	934	6,906	70.9	67.0	5.6	29.1
Dec-Feb 2008	23,794	16,869	15,941	928	6,925	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1
Mar-May 2008	23,853	16,907	15,966	940	6,946	70.9	66.9	5.6	29.1
Change on quarter	59	38	25	13	21	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.4	0.3				
Change on year	235	144	162	-18	90	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Change %	1.0	0.9	1.0	-1.9	1.3				
Women	MGSN	MGSB	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
Mar-May 2006	24,794	14,039	13,348	692	10,754	56.6	53.8	4.9	43.4
Mar-May 2007	24,972	14,078	13,370	708	10,894	56.4	53.5	5.0	43.6
Jun-Aug 2007	25,018	14,114	13,406	708	10,904	56.4	53.6	5.0	43.6
Sep-Nov 2007	25,068	14,191	13,488	703	10,877	56.6	53.8	5.0	43.4
Dec-Feb 2008	25,117	14,263	13,585	679	10,853	56.8	54.1	4.8	43.2
Mar-May 2008	25,167	14,299	13,621	678	10,868	56.8	54.1	4.7	43.2
Change on quarter	50	35	36	0	15	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1				
Change on year	195	221	250	-29	-26	0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.4
Change %	0.8	1.6	1.9	-4.1	-0.2				
	All aged 16 to 59/64								
	All aged 16 to 59/64	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
People	YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGSO	MGSU	YBTI	YBTL
Mar-May 2006	37,319	29,466	27,825	1,640	7,853	79.0	74.6	5.6	21.0
Mar-May 2007	37,539	29,605	27,966	1,639	7,934	78.9	74.5	5.5	21.1
Jun-Aug 2007	37,591	29,623	27,992	1,631	7,968	78.8	74.5	5.5	21.2
Sep-Nov 2007	37,641	29,741	28,124	1,617	7,900	79.0	74.7	5.4	21.0
Dec-Feb 2008	37,691	29,824	28,238	1,587	7,867	79.1	74.9	5.3	20.9
Mar-May 2008	37,741	29,867	28,272	1,595	7,874	79.1	74.9	5.3	20.9
Change on quarter	51	43	35	9	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1				
Change on year	202	262	307	-44	-60	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Change %	0.5	0.9	1.1	-2.7	-0.8				
Men	YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
Mar-May 2006	19,343	16,193	15,229	964	3,150	83.7	78.7	6.0	16.3
Mar-May 2007	19,519	16,352	15,404	948	3,168	83.8	78.9	5.8	16.2
Jun-Aug 2007	19,561	16,333	15,395	938	3,228	83.5	78.7	5.7	16.5
Sep-Nov 2007	19,596	16,407	15,481	926	3,189	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
Dec-Feb 2008	19,631	16,430	15,512	918	3,201	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
Mar-May 2008	19,667	16,453	15,524	929	3,213	83.7	78.9	5.6	16.3
Change on quarter	35	23	12	11	12	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.4				
Change on year	147	101	120	-18	46	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Change %	0.8	0.6	0.8	-1.9	1.4				
Women	YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
Mar-May 2006	17,976	13,273	12,596	676	4,703	73.8	70.1	5.1	26.2
Mar-May 2007	18,020	13,253	12,561	692	4,766	73.5	69.7	5.2	26.5
Jun-Aug 2007	18,030	13,290	12,596	694	4,741	73.7	69.9	5.2	26.3
Sep-Nov 2007	18,045	13,334	12,643	691	4,711	73.9	70.1	5.2	26.1
Dec-Feb 2008	18,059	13,394	12,726	668	4,665	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
Mar-May 2008	18,075	13,414	12,748	666	4,661	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
Change on quarter	15	20	22	-3	-4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Change %	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.1				
Change on year	55	161	187	-26	-106	0.7	0.8	-0.3	-0.7
Change %	0.3	1.2	1.5	-3.8	-2.2				

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+5; 2 = 3+4; 6 = 2/1; 7 = 3/1; 8 = 4/2;
9 = 5/1; 10 = 11+14; 11 = 12+13; 15 = 11/10; 16 = 12/10; 17 = 13/11; 18 = 14/10

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

2 Employment by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) & 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
In Employment									
People		MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
	Mar-May 2006	28,959	27,825	565	3,590	6,286	10,957	6,428	1,133
	Mar-May 2007	29,174	27,966	533	3,637	6,272	11,028	6,496	1,209
	Jun-Aug 2007	29,216	27,992	529	3,645	6,277	11,033	6,507	1,224
	Sep-Nov 2007	29,382	28,124	545	3,678	6,279	11,056	6,566	1,258
	Dec-Feb 2008	29,526	28,238	548	3,686	6,336	11,075	6,593	1,289
	Mar-May 2008	29,587	28,272	548	3,701	6,332	11,102	6,590	1,315
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	61	35	0	15	-4	27	-3	26
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	-0.1	0.2	0.0	2.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	413	307	15	64	60	74	94	106
	<i>Change %</i>	1.4	1.1	2.8	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.4	8.8
Men		MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
	Mar-May 2006	15,611	15,229	260	1,884	3,429	5,823	3,833	382
	Mar-May 2007	15,804	15,404	253	1,938	3,454	5,883	3,876	400
	Jun-Aug 2007	15,810	15,395	255	1,922	3,456	5,875	3,887	414
	Sep-Nov 2007	15,895	15,481	271	1,938	3,451	5,890	3,930	414
	Dec-Feb 2008	15,941	15,512	269	1,937	3,476	5,880	3,949	430
	Mar-May 2008	15,966	15,524	259	1,952	3,461	5,897	3,956	442
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	25	12	-11	15	-15	17	7	13
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	-4.0	0.8	-0.4	0.3	0.2	2.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	162	120	5	14	7	13	80	43
	<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.8	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	2.1	10.7
Women		MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
	Mar-May 2006	13,348	12,596	305	1,706	2,857	5,134	2,594	752
	Mar-May 2007	13,370	12,561	280	1,699	2,818	5,144	2,620	809
	Jun-Aug 2007	13,406	12,596	274	1,722	2,821	5,158	2,621	810
	Sep-Nov 2007	13,488	12,643	274	1,740	2,828	5,167	2,635	844
	Dec-Feb 2008	13,585	12,726	278	1,750	2,860	5,195	2,643	859
	Mar-May 2008	13,621	12,748	289	1,750	2,870	5,205	2,634	872
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	36	22	11	0	11	10	-9	13
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	4.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.4	1.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	250	187	9	50	53	61	14	63
	<i>Change %</i>	1.9	1.5	3.3	3.0	1.9	1.2	0.5	7.8
Employment rates (%)¹									
People		MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
	Mar-May 2006	60.1	74.6	36.0	65.3	80.3	82.3	70.5	10.4
	Mar-May 2007	60.0	74.5	33.6	64.7	80.4	82.3	71.1	10.9
	Jun-Aug 2007	60.0	74.5	33.3	64.5	80.5	82.2	71.2	11.0
	Sep-Nov 2007	60.2	74.7	34.4	64.9	80.4	82.4	71.8	11.3
	Dec-Feb 2008	60.4	74.9	34.5	64.8	80.9	82.5	72.0	11.5
	Mar-May 2008	60.4	74.9	34.6	64.7	80.7	82.6	71.9	11.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7
Men		MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
	Mar-May 2006	66.7	78.7	32.3	67.6	88.3	88.5	72.5	9.4
	Mar-May 2007	66.9	78.9	31.0	67.9	89.1	88.9	72.4	9.8
	Jun-Aug 2007	66.8	78.7	31.2	66.9	89.1	88.7	72.4	10.1
	Sep-Nov 2007	67.0	79.0	33.2	67.2	88.8	88.9	73.1	10.0
	Dec-Feb 2008	67.0	79.0	33.0	66.9	89.2	88.7	73.2	10.3
	Mar-May 2008	66.9	78.9	31.8	67.1	88.6	88.9	73.2	10.6
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3	0.2	-0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.2
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.0	0.0	0.8	-0.8	-0.4	0.0	0.7	0.8
Women		MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
	Mar-May 2006	53.8	70.1	39.9	63.0	72.5	76.2	67.8	11.0
	Mar-May 2007	53.5	69.7	36.4	61.5	71.9	75.8	69.2	11.6
	Jun-Aug 2007	53.6	69.9	35.6	62.0	72.0	75.9	69.4	11.6
	Sep-Nov 2007	53.8	70.1	35.6	62.4	72.1	76.0	69.9	12.0
	Dec-Feb 2008	54.1	70.5	36.1	62.6	72.7	76.4	70.2	12.2
	Mar-May 2008	54.1	70.5	37.6	62.3	72.9	76.5	70.1	12.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.0	0.1	1.4	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.7

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+8; 2 = 3+4+5+6+7

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment ¹		Employees ¹		Self-employed ¹			Workers with second jobs
	Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRW	MGRV	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Mar-May 2006	28,959	25,078	3,697	88	97	21,647	7,312	18,741	6,336	2,844	853	1,022	
Mar-May 2007	29,174	25,171	3,794	103	105	21,776	7,398	18,815	6,356	2,895	900	1,096	
Jun-Aug 2007	29,216	25,186	3,812	103	115	21,801	7,415	18,853	6,333	2,886	926	1,106	
Sep-Nov 2007	29,382	25,345	3,826	102	108	21,923	7,459	18,966	6,379	2,893	933	1,111	
Dec-Feb 2008	29,526	25,441	3,861	108	117	22,015	7,512	19,014	6,427	2,927	934	1,125	
Mar-May 2008	29,587	25,501	3,850	116	120	22,094	7,493	19,097	6,404	2,926	924	1,116	
Change on quarter	61	60	-10	8	3	79	-19	84	-24	-1	-9	-9	
Change %	0.2	0.2	-0.3	7.8	2.2	0.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	0.0	-1.0	-0.8	
Change on year	413	329	56	13	14	318	95	282	48	31	25	19	
Change %	1.4	1.3	1.5	12.7	13.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.1	2.7	1.8	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Mar-May 2006	15,611	12,831	2,689	34	57	13,950	1,661	11,563	1,268	2,347	342	435	
Mar-May 2007	15,804	12,945	2,760	40	59	14,081	1,723	11,662	1,283	2,380	380	457	
Jun-Aug 2007	15,810	12,942	2,764	40	64	14,068	1,741	11,650	1,292	2,381	382	451	
Sep-Nov 2007	15,895	13,024	2,771	38	61	14,124	1,770	11,708	1,317	2,377	394	452	
Dec-Feb 2008	15,941	13,029	2,800	38	74	14,150	1,791	11,691	1,337	2,411	389	460	
Mar-May 2008	15,966	13,058	2,799	41	69	14,194	1,772	11,745	1,313	2,405	394	458	
Change on quarter	25	29	-2	3	-5	44	-19	53	-24	-7	5	-1	
Change %	0.2	0.2	-0.1	7.1	-7.2	0.3	-1.1	0.5	-1.8	-0.3	1.2	-0.3	
Change on year	162	112	39	2	10	113	49	82	30	25	14	1	
Change %	1.0	0.9	1.4	3.9	16.2	0.8	2.8	0.7	2.3	1.0	3.6	0.2	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Mar-May 2006	13,348	12,246	1,008	54	40	7,698	5,650	7,178	5,068	497	511	587	
Mar-May 2007	13,370	12,226	1,034	63	46	7,695	5,675	7,153	5,073	515	520	639	
Jun-Aug 2007	13,406	12,244	1,048	64	51	7,732	5,674	7,203	5,041	504	544	655	
Sep-Nov 2007	13,488	12,321	1,056	65	47	7,799	5,689	7,258	5,063	516	540	659	
Dec-Feb 2008	13,585	12,412	1,060	69	43	7,865	5,720	7,322	5,090	516	545	665	
Mar-May 2008	13,621	12,443	1,052	75	51	7,900	5,721	7,352	5,091	521	530	657	
Change on quarter	36	31	-8	6	8	35	1	30	0	6	-14	-8	
Change %	0.3	0.2	-0.8	8.1	18.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.1	-2.6	-1.2	
Change on year	250	217	17	12	5	205	46	199	18	6	11	18	
Change %	1.9	1.8	1.7	18.2	10.1	2.7	0.8	2.8	0.3	1.3	2.1	2.9	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ²							
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total ³	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Mar-May 2006	1,482	5.9	369	24.9	417	113	584	7,190	611	8.5	5,207	170	1,160
Mar-May 2007	1,521	6.0	408	26.8	428	97	588	7,256	685	9.4	5,218	176	1,145
Jun-Aug 2007	1,480	5.9	401	27.1	414	89	577	7,259	696	9.6	5,219	169	1,141
Sep-Nov 2007	1,471	5.8	378	25.7	432	85	577	7,313	692	9.5	5,267	171	1,150
Dec-Feb 2008	1,442	5.7	367	25.5	427	79	569	7,361	727	9.9	5,250	173	1,170
Mar-May 2008	1,431	5.6	358	25.0	417	79	578	7,328	672	9.2	5,254	192	1,163
Change on quarter	-11	-0.1	-10	-0.5	-10	0	9	-33	-54	-0.7	4	20	-6
Change %	-0.7	-0.1	-2.6	-2.3	-2.3	-0.1	1.5	-0.4	-7.5	-0.3	0.1	11.3	-0.5
Change on year	-90	-0.4	-50	-1.8	-11	-19	-10	72	-13	-0.3	36	16	18
Change %	-5.9	-0.4	-12.3	-2.6	-2.6	-19.3	-1.8	1.0	-1.9	-0.3	0.7	9.2	1.6
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Mar-May 2006	673	5.2	188	28.0	177	55	253	1,610	251	15.6	774	74	501
Mar-May 2007	706	5.5	221	31.2	178	43	265	1,663	281	16.9	802	76	494
Jun-Aug 2007	694	5.4	217	31.2	183	39	255	1,674	292	17.4	822	71	477
Sep-Nov 2007	683	5.2	200	29.3	191	43	248	1,711	284	16.6	831	71	510
Dec-Feb 2008	668	5.1	188	28.1	185	41	254	1,726	291	16.9	854	67	501
Mar-May 2008	659	5.0	181	27.5	175	43	260	1,707	271	15.9	857	76	486
Change on quarter	-9	-0.1	-7	-0.6	-10	2	5	-19	-20	-1.0	3	9	-15
Change %	-1.3	-0.1	-3.5	-2.2	-5.2	4.7	2.2	-1.1	-6.8	-0.3	0.3	14.1	-3.0
Change on year	-47	-0.4	-39	-3.7	-3	0	-5	44	-9	-1.0	55	-1	-8
Change %	-6.7	-0.4	-17.9	-2.6	-1.7	-0.2	-1.8	2.6	-3.2	-1.0	6.9	-0.8	-1.7
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCS	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDE	YCDI	YCDL
Mar-May 2006	809	6.6	180	22.3	240	58	331	5,579	361	6.5	4,433	96	660
Mar-May 2007	815	6.7	187	22.9	250	54	324	5,593	405	7.2	4,416	100	652
Jun-Aug 2007	786	6.4	184	23.4	230	50	322	5,585	404	7.2	4,397	98	664
Sep-Nov 2007	789	6.4	177	22.5	241	42	329	5,602	408	7.3	4,435	100	639
Dec-Feb 2008	774	6.2	179	23.2	243	38	315	5,635	435	7.7	4,396	106	669
Mar-May 2008	772	6.2	176	22.8	242	36	318	5,621	401	7.1	4,397	116	678
Change on quarter	-2	0.0	-3	-0.3	0	-2	3	-14	-35	-0.6	1	10	9
Change %	-0.3	0.0	-1.7	-0.1	-0.1	-5.4	1.1	-0.2	-7.9	-0.3	0.0	9.6	1.3
Change on year	-43	-0.5	-11	-0.1	-8	-19	-6	28	-4	-0.1	-19	17	26
Change %	-5.3	-0.5	-5.7	-0.1	-3.2	-34.4	-1.7	0.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	16.9	4.0

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=9+11; 14=13/2; 16=15/13; 22=21/20

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification

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2. Employees and Self-employed.

3. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of columns 21, 23, 24 and 2

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definition:

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom
(thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Public sector ^{1 2 3}		Private sector ⁴		Total employment ^{5 6}
	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)	(000s)
	1	2	3	4	5
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO
Mar 06	5,832	20.1	23,164	79.9	28,996
Jun 06	5,818	20.0	23,211	80.0	29,029
Sep 06	5,807	20.0	23,265	80.0	29,072
Dec 06	5,801	19.9	23,290	80.1	29,091
Mar 07	5,797	19.9	23,311	80.1	29,108
Jun 07	5,785	19.8	23,420	80.2	29,205
Sep 07	5,771	19.7	23,546	80.3	29,317
Dec 07	5,778	19.6	23,700	80.4	29,478
Mar 08	5,758	19.5	23,796	80.5	29,554
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-20	-0.1	96	0.1	76
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3		0.4		0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-39	-0.4	485	0.4	446
<i>Change %</i>	-0.7		2.1		1.5

Relationship between columns: 2 = 1/5*100; 3 = 5-1; 4 = 3/5*100;

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions. Enquiries 01633 456756
2. Estimates for Northern Ireland included in the UK total are sourced from the Quarterly Employment Survey and are based on jobs rather than employees.
3. Estimates from December 2007 are based partly on projections.
4. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.
5. LFS data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.
6. Labour Force Survey employment; all aged 16 and over.

5(1) Workforce jobs^{1 2}

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs ²	Employee jobs ²	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Mar 06	31,276	26,901	4,092	205	77
Jun 06	31,294	26,953	4,072	203	65
Sep 06	31,312	26,907	4,146	203	56
Dec 06	31,412	26,974	4,181	202	55
Mar 07	31,431	26,989	4,190	199	53
Jun 07	31,536	27,068	4,216	197	55
Sep 07	31,607	27,128	4,232	195	53
Dec 07 (r)	31,611	27,144	4,221	194	52
Mar 08 (r)	31,640	27,181	4,216	194	50
<i>Change on quarter</i>	30	37	-6	-1	-1
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-2.6
<i>Change on year</i>	209	192	25	-6	-3
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.7	0.6	-2.8	-5.6

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+3+4+5

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1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For example, if a person holds two jobs, each job will be counted in the Workforce Jobs total. For this reason, self-employment Jobs (which come from LFS) will not equal the figures for self-employed persons from the LFS. Workforce Jobs figures come from a variety of sources, and where possible, from the employer rather than the individual. Employee Jobs (which is the largest component of Workforce Jobs) come from quarter surveys of employers carried out by ONS, and administrative sources. Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

HM Forces figures are provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

2. There is a discontinuity in the employee jobs series between December 2005 and September 2006 due to improvements to the annual benchmark. Further information is available at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/Statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=9765>

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

5(2) Workforce jobs^{1 2} by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections											Total services G-O
	All jobs A-O	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A,B	Mining, energy & water supply industries C,E	Manufacturing industries D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comms. I	Finance & Business Services J-K	Education, health and public admin ³ L-N	Other services O	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
All jobs	DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
Mar 06	31,276	449	166	3,286	2,149	7,042	1,874	6,391	7,942	1,977	25,225
Jun 06	31,294	438	172	3,261	2,165	7,021	1,864	6,415	7,962	1,995	25,258
Sep 06	31,312	445	174	3,241	2,189	6,994	1,850	6,449	7,958	2,012	25,263
Dec 06	31,412	454	177	3,224	2,215	7,014	1,853	6,503	7,967	2,004	25,342
Mar 07	31,431	427	180	3,213	2,215	7,033	1,831	6,544	7,987	2,001	25,397
Jun 07	31,536	447	181	3,199	2,230	7,070	1,835	6,593	7,980	2,001	25,478
Sep 07	31,607	447	182	3,201	2,227	7,074	1,836	6,656	7,980	2,005	25,551
Dec 07 (r)	31,611	445	184	3,172	2,210	7,117	1,853	6,648	7,989	1,993	25,600
Mar 08 (r)	31,640	463	189	3,161	2,222	7,117	1,849	6,628	7,991	2,020	25,606
Change on quarter	30	18	5	-11	11	0	-4	-20	2	27	6
Change %	0.1	4.0	2.8	-0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	1.4	0.0
Change on year	209	36	9	-52	7	83	18	84	4	19	209
Change %	0.7	8.5	5.1	-1.6	0.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.8
Male jobs	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMG	LOMJ
Mar 06	16,651	337	124	2,461	1,922	3,454	1,430	3,571	2,393	961	11,808
Jun 06	16,668	330	128	2,435	1,929	3,447	1,421	3,601	2,401	976	11,845
Sep 06	16,688	337	131	2,419	1,951	3,438	1,403	3,614	2,403	993	11,851
Dec 06	16,748	333	135	2,408	1,976	3,458	1,394	3,637	2,411	998	11,897
Mar 07	16,737	308	137	2,400	1,994	3,478	1,385	3,629	2,412	994	11,898
Jun 07	16,775	325	136	2,395	2,005	3,490	1,381	3,641	2,412	989	11,914
Sep 07	16,825	331	135	2,397	2,009	3,484	1,389	3,693	2,403	984	11,953
Dec 07 (r)	16,790	319	138	2,375	1,992	3,518	1,404	3,678	2,403	963	11,965
Mar 08 (r)	16,816	327	142	2,363	1,999	3,517	1,405	3,676	2,401	986	11,985
Change on quarter	26	8	4	-13	7	0	2	-2	-3	23	20
Change %	0.2	2.6	2.6	-0.5	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	2.4	0.2
Change on year	79	19	5	-37	4	40	20	47	-11	-8	88
Change %	0.5	6.3	3.6	-1.6	0.2	1.1	1.5	1.3	-0.5	-0.8	0.7
Female jobs	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Mar 06	14,624	112	42	825	227	3,589	444	2,820	5,549	1,016	13,418
Jun 06	14,625	108	44	826	236	3,575	443	2,815	5,561	1,019	13,413
Sep 06	14,624	108	43	822	238	3,556	448	2,835	5,555	1,019	13,413
Dec 06	14,664	121	42	816	239	3,557	459	2,866	5,557	1,006	13,445
Mar 07	14,695	119	43	813	221	3,556	446	2,915	5,575	1,007	13,499
Jun 07	14,762	122	45	804	225	3,580	454	2,952	5,568	1,011	13,565
Sep 07	14,782	115	46	804	219	3,590	447	2,963	5,577	1,021	13,598
Dec 07 (r)	14,821	126	46	796	219	3,599	450	2,970	5,585	1,030	13,634
Mar 08 (r)	14,825	136	47	798	223	3,599	444	2,952	5,591	1,034	13,621
Change on quarter	4	10	2	2	4	0	-6	-17	5	4	-14
Change %	0.0	7.7	3.6	0.2	2.0	0.0	-1.3	-0.6	0.1	0.4	-0.1
Change on year	130	17	4	-14	2	43	-2	38	15	27	121
Change %	0.9	14.2	9.9	-1.8	0.9	1.2	-0.5	1.3	0.3	2.7	0.9

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5+11; 11=6+7+8+9+10

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Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

HM Forces figures are provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)

Government-supported trainees are provided from administrative sources.

2. There is a discontinuity in the employee jobs series between December 2005 and September 2006 due to improvements to the annual benchmark. Further information can be found at

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/Statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=9765>

3. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

6 Production industries employee jobs¹

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels YEJ	Latest 3 months averages LOMM	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJK	Levels YEJL	Latest 3 months averages LOMN	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJM
May 06	159	158	0.3	2,980	2,989	-4.6
May 07	166	165	4.8	2,920	2,921	-2.3
Jun 07	167	166	4.4	2,917	2,919	-2.1
Jul 07	166	166	4.3	2,912	2,916	-1.9
Aug 07	165	166	4.0	2,911	2,913	-1.7
Sep 07	167	166	3.8	2,913	2,912	-1.4
Oct 07	167	166	3.5	2,910	2,911	-1.2
Nov 07	167	167	3.2	2,907	2,910	-1.1
Dec 07	170	168	3.0	2,906	2,907	-1.0
Jan 08	169	169	3.2	2,896	2,903	-1.0
Feb 08	169	169	3.4	2,893	2,898	-1.0
Mar 08	171	170	3.4	2,888	2,892	-1.1
Apr 08	170	170	3.2	2,883	2,888	-1.1
May 08	170	170	3.1	2,884	2,885	-1.2

Source: Employer surveys

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<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/Statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=9765>

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Mar-May 2006	926.6	32.0	37.1	15.7	9.4
Mar-May 2007	933.9	32.1	37.2	15.6	9.4
Jun-Aug 2007	939.8	32.2	37.4	15.7	9.3
Sep-Nov 2007	939.9	32.0	37.2	15.5	9.8
Dec-Feb 2008	939.5	31.9	36.9	15.5	9.6
Mar-May 2008	945.0	32.0	37.0	15.5	10.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	5.0
<i>Change on year</i>	11.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.6
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	6.8
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Mar-May 2006	571.3	36.7	38.8	15.5	10.0
Mar-May 2007	579.9	36.8	39.0	15.5	10.4
Jun-Aug 2007	581.6	36.8	39.2	15.4	10.5
Sep-Nov 2007	582.8	36.7	39.0	15.2	10.9
Dec-Feb 2008	580.8	36.5	38.8	15.2	10.7
Mar-May 2008	584.5	36.6	38.9	15.4	11.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	3.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.4	7.2
<i>Change on year</i>	4.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	10.5
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Mar-May 2006	355.3	26.7	34.0	15.7	8.9
Mar-May 2007	354.0	26.5	33.9	15.6	8.7
Jun-Aug 2007	358.2	26.8	34.2	15.7	8.5
Sep-Nov 2007	357.1	26.5	33.7	15.6	9.0
Dec-Feb 2008	358.6	26.4	33.6	15.6	8.8
Mar-May 2008	360.5	26.5	33.7	15.6	9.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.3	3.2
<i>Change on year</i>	6.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	1.8	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	4.0

1. Main and second job.

2. Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.

3. Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definitions.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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8 Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Mar-May 2007									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.9	1.4	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.1	11.2	6.7	3.0	10.7	7.1	3.4	17.1
16 up to 30 hours	17.8	7.7	29.7	17.8	6.6	29.5	17.9	12.4	32.3
31 up to 45 hours	53.4	58.7	47.2	55.6	61.7	49.1	39.7	44.5	27.1
Over 45 hours	20.5	29.7	9.6	18.8	28.1	9.1	32.4	38.3	16.7
Total (thousands)	29,174	15,804	13,370	25,171	12,945	12,226	3,794	2,760	1,034
Dec-Feb 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.7	1.4	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.9	3.3	11.0	6.6	3.2	10.3	8.1	3.7	19.6
16 up to 30 hours	17.8	7.9	29.5	17.9	6.8	29.6	17.0	12.2	29.8
31 up to 45 hours	53.1	57.9	47.5	55.2	60.7	49.3	40.0	44.6	27.9
Over 45 hours	20.8	30.2	9.7	19.2	28.6	9.2	32.1	38.1	16.3
Total (thousands)	29,526	15,941	13,585	25,441	13,029	12,412	3,861	2,800	1,060
Mar-May 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.9	1.5	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.3	10.9	6.5	3.1	10.1	7.9	3.9	18.6
16 up to 30 hours	17.9	7.9	29.7	18.0	6.9	29.7	17.3	12.4	30.2
31 up to 45 hours	53.4	58.5	47.6	55.5	61.4	49.4	40.4	45.0	27.9
Over 45 hours	20.4	29.5	9.6	18.8	28.0	9.1	31.6	37.1	16.9
Total (thousands)	29,587	15,966	13,621	25,501	13,058	12,443	3,850	2,799	1,052

1. Total usual weekly hours worked in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWV	YBXA
Mar-May 2006	1,666	5.4	1,017	297	351	21.1	168	1,640	5.6	1,003	293	344	21.0	163
Mar-May 2007	1,666	5.4	999	272	395	23.7	177	1,639	5.5	984	269	386	23.6	172
Jun-Aug 2007	1,656	5.4	995	266	395	23.8	178	1,631	5.5	982	264	385	23.6	173
Sep-Nov 2007	1,637	5.3	989	262	386	23.6	176	1,617	5.4	976	259	382	23.6	172
Dec-Feb 2008	1,606	5.2	950	268	388	24.2	188	1,587	5.3	940	264	382	24.1	184
Mar-May 2008	1,619	5.2	955	262	401	24.8	187	1,595	5.3	941	259	396	24.8	184
Change on quarter	12	0.0	5	-5	13	0.6	-1	9	0.0	0	-6	14	0.7	0
Change %	0.8		0.5	-2.0	3.3		-0.4	0.5		0.0	-2.2	3.7		-0.2
Change on year	-47	-0.2	-44	-9	6	1.0	10	-44	-0.2	-44	-10	10	1.3	12
Change %	-2.8		-4.4	-3.4	1.4		5.8	-2.7		-4.5	-3.7	2.5		7.2
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Mar-May 2006	974	5.9	545	173	256	26.3	125	964	6.0	540	171	253	26.2	122
Mar-May 2007	958	5.7	523	163	272	28.3	126	948	5.8	519	162	267	28.1	123
Jun-Aug 2007	948	5.7	523	155	270	28.5	127	938	5.7	518	155	265	28.3	124
Sep-Nov 2007	934	5.6	515	155	264	28.3	129	926	5.6	511	154	262	28.2	127
Dec-Feb 2008	928	5.5	504	157	266	28.7	139	918	5.6	501	155	262	28.5	137
Mar-May 2008	940	5.6	515	153	273	29.1	134	929	5.6	509	150	270	29.1	133
Change on quarter	13	0.1	10	-5	7	0.4	-5	11	0.1	8	-5	8	0.6	-4
Change %	1.4		2.0	-3.0	2.7		-3.5	1.2		1.5	-3.2	3.2		-2.8
Change on year	-18	-0.2	-9	-11	2	0.7	8	-18	-0.1	-10	-12	4	1.0	10
Change %	-1.9		-1.7	-6.7	0.6		6.3	-1.9		-1.9	-7.4	1.4		7.9
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWP	YBWT	YBWW	YBWW	YBXC
Mar-May 2006	692	4.9	472	124	95	13.8	42	676	5.1	463	122	92	13.6	41
Mar-May 2007	708	5.0	476	108	124	17.5	50	692	5.2	466	107	120	17.3	48
Jun-Aug 2007	708	5.0	472	111	125	17.6	52	694	5.2	464	109	120	17.3	49
Sep-Nov 2007	703	5.0	474	107	122	17.4	46	691	5.2	465	105	120	17.4	45
Dec-Feb 2008	679	4.8	446	111	122	18.0	49	668	5.0	439	109	120	17.9	47
Mar-May 2008	678	4.7	441	110	128	18.8	53	666	5.0	432	109	125	18.8	51
Change on quarter	0	0.0	-5	-1	6	0.8	4	-3	0.0	-7	-1	5	0.9	4
Change %	0.0		-1.2	-0.6	4.5		8.3	-0.4		-1.7	-0.7	4.6		7.6
Change on year	-29	-0.3	-35	2	4	1.3	2	-26	-0.3	-34	2	6	1.5	3
Change %	-4.1		-7.3	1.5	3.2		4.5	-3.8		-7.3	1.8	4.8		5.5

	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Mar-May 2006	181	24.3	131	39	12	6.6	*	501	12.2	340	82	79	15.7	33
Mar-May 2007	190	26.2	149	25	16	8.2	*	523	12.6	345	89	89	17.0	29
Jun-Aug 2007	206	28.0	153	35	18	8.9	*	508	12.2	342	74	93	18.3	36
Sep-Nov 2007	195	26.3	144	36	15	7.5	*	507	12.1	342	71	95	18.7	34
Dec-Feb 2008	174	24.1	127	33	14	8.1	*	498	11.9	329	75	94	18.9	39
Mar-May 2008	183	25.1	135	35	13	7.3	*	498	11.9	323	70	105	21.0	39
Change on quarter	10	1.0	8	2	-1	-0.9	*	0	0.0	-6	-5	10	2.1	0
Change %	5.5		6.3	7.6	-5.8		*	0.0		-1.7	-6.5	11.1		-0.1
Change on year	-6	-1.2	-14	10	-2	-0.9	*	-25	-0.7	-21	-20	16	4.1	11
Change %	-3.3		-9.3	38.6	-14.2		*	-4.8		-6.2	-22.0	18.1		37.1
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Mar-May 2006	111	30.0	78	25	*	*	*	301	13.8	192	49	60	20.0	29
Mar-May 2007	107	29.7	82	14	11	9.8	*	312	13.9	189	60	64	20.4	22
Jun-Aug 2007	114	30.8	82	20	11	9.6	*	310	13.9	194	49	67	21.7	28
Sep-Nov 2007	111	29.0	78	22	10	9.4	*	303	13.5	192	44	67	22.2	28
Dec-Feb 2008	101	27.2	69	22	*	*	*	307	13.7	190	45	72	23.4	36
Mar-May 2008	102	28.2	75	18	*	*	*	306	13.5	186	47	73	23.9	32
Change on quarter	1	1.1	6	-4	*	*	*	-1	-0.1	-4	1	1	0.5	-4
Change %	1.2		8.5	-18.9	*	*	*	-0.3		-1.9	2.8	2.0		-12.1
Change on year	-5	-1.4	-7	3	*	*	*	-6	-0.3	-3	-13	10	3.5	9
Change %	-4.7		-8.0	22.7	*	*	*	-2.0		-1.4	-22.0	15.0		41.1
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Mar-May 2006	70	18.7	53	13	*	*	*	200	10.5	148	33	19	9.3	*
Mar-May 2007	83	22.8	67	11	*	*	*	211	11.0	156	30	25	12.0	*
Jun-Aug 2007	92	25.2	70	15	*	*	*	199	10.4	148	25	26	12.9	*
Sep-Nov 2007	84	23.6	65	15	*	*	*	204	10.5	150	27	27	13.4	*
Dec-Feb 2008	73	20.8	58	11	*	*	*	191	9.8	139	29	23	11.9	*
Mar-May 2008	82	22.0	60	17	*	*	*	192	9.9	137	23	32	16.5	*
Change on quarter	8	1.2	2	7	*	*	*	1	0.0	-2	-6	9	4.6	*
Change %	11.5		3.6	60.7	*	*	*	0.5		-1.5	-20.8	39.8		*
Change on year	-1	-0.8	-7	7	*	*	*	-19	-1.1	-19	-7	6	4.5	*
Change %	-1.5		-10.9	59.4	*	*	*	-8.9		-12.0	-22.1	25.7		*

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12; 15=17+18+19; 22=24+25+26.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Mar-May 2006	745	4.1	426	139	180	24.1	84	239	3.1	121	37	80	33.7	51
Mar-May 2007	704	3.9	391	116	197	28.0	96	250	3.1	114	41	94	37.8	51
Jun-Aug 2007	700	3.9	387	119	194	27.8	93	241	3.0	114	38	89	36.9	50
Sep-Nov 2007	696	3.9	386	118	191	27.5	93	240	3.0	118	36	86	35.7	47
Dec-Feb 2008	698	3.9	385	121	192	27.5	98	236	2.9	109	40	87	37.0	49
Mar-May 2008	710	3.9	392	121	197	27.8	96	227	2.8	105	37	85	37.7	52
Change on quarter	12	0.1	7	0	5	0.3	-3	-9	-0.1	-4	-3	-2	0.7	3
Change %	1.8		1.9	-0.1	2.7		-2.8	-4.0		-4.1	-7.4	-2.2		5.4
Change on year	7	0.0	1	5	1	-0.2	-1	-23	-0.3	-10	-4	-9	-0.2	1
Change %	0.9		0.3	4.0	0.4		-0.6	-9.1		-8.4	-10.1	-9.5		2.1
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Mar-May 2006	415	4.3	214	75	126	30.3	57	147	3.4	62	24	61	41.5	40
Mar-May 2007	379	3.9	185	66	128	33.8	66	161	3.6	68	23	70	43.3	37
Jun-Aug 2007	370	3.8	180	62	128	34.6	63	154	3.5	66	24	64	41.2	37
Sep-Nov 2007	365	3.8	179	62	124	33.9	64	156	3.5	66	27	63	40.5	35
Dec-Feb 2008	366	3.8	184	61	122	33.2	64	154	3.4	62	29	63	41.2	38
Mar-May 2008	380	3.9	192	62	125	33.0	63	152	3.4	61	26	66	43.2	40
Change on quarter	14	0.1	9	1	4	-0.2	-2	-1	0.0	-1	-3	3	2.1	2
Change %	3.8		4.8	2.1	3.2		-2.7	-0.8		-1.3	-10.8	4.1		4.4
Change on year	1	0.0	7	-3	-3	-0.8	-4	-8	-0.3	-7	2	-4	0.0	2
Change %	0.3		4.0	-5.2	-2.1		-5.6	-5.1		-10.4	10.3	-5.1		6.1
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Mar-May 2006	330	4.0	212	64	54	16.4	27	92	2.7	59	13	19	21.1	10
Mar-May 2007	325	3.9	206	50	69	21.1	30	89	2.5	47	17	25	28.0	13
Jun-Aug 2007	330	4.0	207	57	66	20.0	30	86	2.5	47	14	25	29.3	13
Sep-Nov 2007	331	4.0	207	56	68	20.5	29	84	2.4	52	*	23	27.0	12
Dec-Feb 2008	332	4.0	201	60	71	21.3	34	83	2.3	48	11	24	29.2	11
Mar-May 2008	330	3.9	200	58	72	21.8	33	74	2.1	44	11	20	26.3	12
Change on quarter	-2	0.0	-2	-1	1	0.5	-1	-8	-0.2	-4	0	-5	-3.0	1
Change %	-0.5		-0.7	-2.4	1.9		-2.9	-9.8		-7.7	1.7	-18.9		8.6
Change on year	5	0.0	-6	8	3	0.7	3	-15	-0.4	-3	-7	-5	-1.8	-1
Change %	1.6		-3.0	16.1	5.0		10.4	-16.3		-5.6	-37.3	-21.6		-9.3

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
	BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People						
2007						
June #	863.2	2.7	205.6	215.9	855.6	2.6
July	853.8	2.6	209.0	218.2	854.1	2.6
August	848.6	2.6	208.9	214.9	857.1	2.7
September #	835.0	2.6	206.9	219.7	827.9	2.6
October	826.1	2.6	201.9	213.6	801.0	2.5
November	814.4	2.5	203.0	213.7	785.8	2.4
December #	807.7	2.5	201.8	208.1	790.4	2.4
2008						
January	794.9	2.5	201.4	211.7	830.5	2.6
February #	795.5	2.5	205.0	208.0	848.9	2.6
March	799.1	2.5	204.5	202.3	842.8	2.6
April	810.3	2.5	217.0	206.8	835.2	2.6
May (r)	824.6	2.6	217.4	204.2	831.9	2.6
June # (p)	840.1	2.6	226.9	208.5	835.3	2.6
<i>Change on month</i>	15.5	0.0	9.5	4.3	3.5	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.9		4.4	2.1	0.4	
<i>Change on year</i>	-23.1	-0.1	21.3	-7.4	-20.3	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-2.7		10.4	-3.4	-2.4	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men						
2007						
June #	629.5	3.6	144.0	151.5	624.1	3.6
July	623.5	3.6	146.6	152.8	617.7	3.6
August	619.8	3.6	146.6	151.0	614.2	3.5
September #	609.7	3.5	145.1	155.0	593.3	3.4
October	602.9	3.5	141.9	150.2	577.0	3.3
November	594.0	3.4	142.5	150.8	569.8	3.3
December #	589.4	3.4	141.8	146.2	580.4	3.3
2008						
January	579.4	3.3	141.6	149.1	610.1	3.5
February #	581.0	3.3	144.8	146.4	622.8	3.6
March	583.9	3.4	144.2	142.8	618.7	3.6
April	592.3	3.4	152.6	145.8	611.7	3.5
May (r)	602.9	3.5	153.4	142.7	610.1	3.5
June # (p)	614.1	3.5	159.7	146.5	610.7	3.5
<i>Change on month</i>	11.2	0.1	6.3	3.8	0.6	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.9		4.1	2.7	0.1	
<i>Change on year</i>	-15.4	-0.1	15.7	-5.0	-13.4	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-2.4		10.9	-3.3	-2.1	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women						
2007						
June #	233.7	1.6	61.6	64.4	231.6	1.5
July	230.3	1.5	62.4	65.4	236.5	1.6
August	228.8	1.5	62.3	63.9	242.9	1.6
September #	225.3	1.5	61.8	64.7	234.6	1.6
October	223.2	1.5	60.0	63.4	224.0	1.5
November	220.4	1.5	60.5	62.9	215.9	1.4
December #	218.3	1.5	60.0	61.9	210.0	1.4
2008						
January	215.5	1.4	59.8	62.6	220.4	1.5
February #	214.5	1.4	60.2	61.6	226.1	1.5
March	215.2	1.4	60.3	59.5	224.2	1.5
April	218.0	1.5	64.4	61.0	223.5	1.5
May (r)	221.7	1.5	64.0	61.5	221.8	1.5
June # (p)	226.0	1.5	67.2	62.0	224.6	1.5
<i>Change on month</i>	4.3	0.0	3.2	0.5	2.8	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.9		5.0	0.8	1.3	
<i>Change on year</i>	-7.7	-0.1	5.6	-2.4	-7.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-3.3		9.1	-3.7	-3.0	

1. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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3. Flow figures are collected for 4 or 5 week periods between count dates; the figures are then converted to a standard 4¹/₃ week month.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4¹/₃ week month but not seasonally adjusted, for June 2008 were 222,100 in total;

156,300 men and 65,800 women. The corresponding outflow figures were 217,200 in total; 154,600 men and 62,600 women. Non-seasonally adjusted claimant flows for earlier months are available from Nomis® at: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>

Months where there are 5 weeks between count dates. All the rest are 4 week periods.

CLAIMANT COUNT

11(1) Claimant count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+ ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
2007													
June #	863.2	860.1	565.8	148.4	145.9	17.0	43.8	262.6	217.1	37.2	8.3	3.2	1.6
July	853.8	853.5	565.4	145.5	142.6	16.7	43.4	259.3	215.2	36.2	7.9	3.0	1.6
August	848.6	845.2	564.4	142.5	138.3	16.4	42.5	256.3	213.6	35.1	7.6	3.0	1.6
September #	835.0	832.4	560.4	138.4	133.6	16.0	41.3	253.3	212.5	33.7	7.1	2.8	1.5
October	826.1	821.3	558.5	134.2	128.6	15.7	40.0	249.6	210.7	32.2	6.7	2.7	1.5
November	814.4	811.4	554.5	132.4	124.5	15.3	38.6	247.0	208.8	31.4	6.8	2.8	1.7
December #	807.7	802.5	552.3	131.2	119.0	14.8	36.0	246.1	208.5	31.0	6.6	2.7	1.6
2008													
January	794.9	794.0	547.7	130.1	116.2	14.6	34.6	243.5	206.2	30.7	6.6	2.7	1.6
February #	795.5	792.9	552.3	129.4	111.2	14.0	32.1	244.1	207.4	30.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
March	799.1	796.1	557.3	130.6	108.2	13.6	30.4	245.6	207.9	31.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
April	810.3	807.9	572.1	130.4	105.4	13.0	29.3	249.3	212.5	30.8	6.0	2.4	1.6
May	(r) 824.6	821.3	587.3	131.0	103.0	12.5	27.8	253.8	217.4	30.7	5.7	2.2	1.5
June #	(p) 840.1	835.6	602.8	131.0	101.8	12.2	26.6	258.7	222.8	30.2	5.7	2.2	1.5
Change on month	15.5	14.3	15.5	0.0	-1.2	-0.4	-1.2	4.9	5.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	1.9	1.7	2.6	0.0	-1.2	-4.3	1.9	2.5	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Change on year	-23.1	-24.5	37.0	-17.4	-44.1	-4.8	-17.2	-3.9	5.7	-7.0	-2.6	-1.0	-0.1
Change %	-2.7	-2.8	6.5	-11.7	-30.2	-39.3	-1.5	2.6	-18.8	-31.3	-6.3		
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2007													
June #	629.5	627.5	401.4	111.0	115.1	18.3	35.2	176.9	145.8	25.3	5.8	3.3	1.2
July	623.5	624.1	402.7	108.8	112.6	18.0	34.8	175.2	145.1	24.5	5.6	3.2	1.2
August	619.8	617.4	402.1	106.4	108.9	17.6	34.1	172.8	143.8	23.7	5.3	3.1	1.2
September #	609.7	607.8	399.3	103.4	105.1	17.3	33.1	170.9	143.3	22.7	4.9	2.9	1.1
October	602.9	599.7	398.2	100.3	101.2	16.9	32.0	168.3	141.9	21.7	4.7	2.8	1.1
November	594.0	591.7	395.1	98.9	97.7	16.5	30.8	166.2	140.4	21.1	4.7	2.8	1.2
December #	589.4	585.6	394.2	98.2	93.2	15.9	28.6	165.7	140.3	20.9	4.5	2.7	1.1
2008													
January	579.4	579.4	391.2	97.4	90.8	15.7	27.4	164.0	138.9	20.7	4.4	2.7	1.1
February #	581.0	579.1	395.4	96.9	86.8	15.0	25.4	164.6	139.9	20.5	4.2	2.6	1.1
March	583.9	581.9	399.6	97.8	84.5	14.5	24.1	166.0	140.7	21.1	4.2	2.5	1.1
April	592.3	590.6	410.2	98.1	82.3	13.9	23.2	169.0	144.2	20.8	4.0	2.4	1.1
May	(r) 602.9	600.5	421.5	98.7	80.3	13.4	22.0	172.2	147.6	20.8	3.8	2.2	1.0
June #	(p) 614.1	610.9	432.7	98.8	79.4	13.0	21.0	175.6	151.3	20.5	3.8	2.2	1.0
Change on month	11.2	10.4	11.2	0.1	-0.9	-0.4	-1.0	3.4	3.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	1.9	1.7	2.7	0.1	-1.1	-4.5	2.0	2.5	-1.4	0.0	0.0		
Change on year	-15.4	-16.6	31.3	-12.2	-35.7	-5.3	-14.2	-1.3	5.5	-4.8	-2.0	-1.1	-0.2
Change %	-2.4	-2.6	7.8	-11.0	-31.0	-40.3	-0.7	3.8	-19.0	-34.5	-16.7		
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJG	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLJQ	JLJR	JLJS	JLJT
2007													
June #	233.7	232.6	164.4	37.4	30.8	13.2	8.6	85.7	71.3	11.9	2.5	2.9	0.4
July	230.3	229.4	162.7	36.7	30.0	13.1	8.6	84.1	70.1	11.7	2.3	2.7	0.4
August	228.8	227.8	162.3	36.1	29.4	12.9	8.4	83.5	69.8	11.4	2.3	2.8	0.4
September #	225.3	224.6	161.1	35.0	28.5	12.7	8.2	82.4	69.2	11.0	2.2	2.7	0.4
October	223.2	221.6	160.3	33.9	27.4	12.4	8.0	81.3	68.8	10.5	2.0	2.5	0.4
November	220.4	219.7	159.4	33.5	26.8	12.2	7.8	80.8	68.4	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
December #	218.3	216.9	158.1	33.0	25.8	11.9	7.4	80.4	68.2	10.1	2.1	2.6	0.5
2008													
January	215.5	214.6	156.5	32.7	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.3	10.0	2.2	2.8	0.5
February #	214.5	213.8	156.9	32.5	24.4	11.4	6.7	79.5	67.5	9.9	2.1	2.6	0.5
March	215.2	214.2	157.7	32.8	23.7	11.1	6.3	79.6	67.2	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
April	218.0	217.3	161.9	32.3	23.1	10.6	6.1	80.3	68.3	10.0	2.0	2.5	0.5
May	(r) 221.7	220.8	165.8	32.3	22.7	10.3	5.8	81.6	69.8	9.9	1.9	2.3	0.5
June #	(p) 226.0	224.7	170.1	32.2	22.4	10.0	5.6	83.1	71.5	9.7	1.9	2.3	0.5
Change on month	4.3	3.9	4.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	1.5	1.7	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	1.9	1.8	2.6	-0.3	-1.3	-3.4	1.8	2.4	-2.0	0.0	0.0		
Change on year	-7.7	-7.9	5.7	-5.2	-8.4	-3.3	-3.0	-2.6	0.2	-2.2	-0.6	-0.6	0.1
Change %	-3.3	-3.4	3.5	-13.9	-27.3	-34.9	-3.0	0.3	-18.5	-24.0	25.0		

Relationship between columns: 2= 3+4+5; 6= 5/2; 8= 9+10+11; 12= 11/8.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

11(2) Claimant count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JLJU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
People												
2007												
June #	455.8	277.7	88.1	90.0	19.7	18.0	141.7	71.0	23.1	47.6	33.6	24.2
July	453.7	279.3	86.5	87.9	19.4	17.7	140.5	70.9	22.8	46.8	33.3	24.1
August	449.6	279.4	85.1	85.1	18.9	17.2	139.3	71.4	22.3	45.6	32.7	23.7
September #	443.3	277.6	83.0	82.7	18.7	16.9	135.8	70.3	21.7	43.8	32.3	22.9
October	438.1	276.8	81.0	80.3	18.3	16.7	133.6	71.0	21.0	41.6	31.1	21.8
November	434.1	275.3	80.3	78.5	18.1	16.4	130.3	70.4	20.7	39.2	30.1	20.5
December #	429.9	273.7	80.0	76.2	17.7	16.0	126.5	70.1	20.2	36.2	28.6	18.4
2008												
January	426.0	271.7	79.5	74.8	17.6	15.7	124.5	69.8	19.9	34.8	28.0	17.3
February #	426.1	273.6	79.6	72.9	17.1	15.4	122.7	71.3	19.4	32.0	26.1	15.1
March	427.8	276.3	79.8	71.7	16.8	15.0	122.7	73.1	19.4	30.2	24.6	13.8
April	434.4	283.6	80.1	70.7	16.3	14.9	124.2	76.0	19.5	28.7	23.1	12.8
May (r)	441.5	290.9	80.6	70.0	15.9	14.5	126.0	79.0	19.7	27.3	21.7	11.8
June # (p)	448.8	298.1	80.9	69.8	15.6	14.2	128.1	81.9	19.9	26.3	20.5	10.9
Change on month	7.3	7.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	2.1	2.9	0.2	-1.0	-1.1	-0.9
Change %	1.7	2.5	0.4	-0.3		-2.1	1.7	3.7	1.0	-3.7		-7.6
Change on year	-7.0	20.4	-7.2	-20.2	-4.2	-3.8	-13.6	10.9	-3.2	-21.3	-13.1	-13.3
Change %	-1.5	7.3	-8.2	-22.4		-21.1	-9.6	15.4	-13.9	-44.7		-55.0
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2007												
June #	350.7	208.7	69.3	72.7	20.7	14.8	99.9	46.9	16.4	36.6	36.6	19.2
July	349.8	210.7	68.1	71.0	20.3	14.5	99.1	46.9	16.2	36.0	36.3	19.1
August	346.5	210.9	67.0	68.6	19.8	14.1	98.1	47.4	15.7	35.0	35.7	18.8
September #	341.6	209.7	65.3	66.6	19.5	13.8	95.3	46.3	15.4	33.6	35.3	18.2
October	337.7	209.3	63.8	64.6	19.1	13.6	93.7	47.0	14.8	31.9	34.0	17.3
November	334.5	208.3	63.2	63.0	18.8	13.3	91.0	46.4	14.6	30.0	33.0	16.3
December #	331.7	207.5	63.1	61.1	18.4	13.0	88.2	46.4	14.2	27.6	31.3	14.5
2008												
January	328.5	205.9	62.7	59.9	18.2	12.7	86.9	46.4	14.0	26.5	30.5	13.6
February #	328.7	207.7	62.7	58.3	17.7	12.4	85.8	47.8	13.7	24.3	28.3	11.9
March	330.5	210.0	63.1	57.4	17.4	12.1	85.4	48.9	13.6	22.9	26.8	10.9
April	335.3	215.2	63.5	56.6	16.9	12.0	86.3	50.8	13.8	21.7	25.1	10.1
May (r)	340.7	220.8	63.9	56.0	16.4	11.7	87.6	53.1	14.0	20.5	23.4	9.3
June # (p)	345.9	226.0	64.1	55.8	16.1	11.4	89.4	55.4	14.2	19.8	22.1	8.6
Change on month	5.2	5.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	1.8	2.3	0.2	-0.7	-1.3	-0.7
Change %	1.5	2.4	0.3	-0.4		-2.6	2.1	4.3	1.4	-3.4		-7.5
Change on year	-4.8	17.3	-5.2	-16.9	-4.6	-3.4	-10.5	8.5	-2.2	-16.8	-14.5	-10.6
Change %	-1.4	8.3	-7.5	-23.2		-23.0	-10.5	18.1	-13.6	-45.9		-55.2
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2007												
June #	105.1	69.0	18.8	17.3	16.5	3.2	41.8	24.1	6.7	11.0	26.3	5.0
July	103.9	68.6	18.4	16.9	16.3	3.2	41.4	24.0	6.6	10.8	26.1	5.0
August	103.1	68.5	18.1	16.5	16.0	3.1	41.2	24.0	6.6	10.6	25.7	4.9
September #	101.7	67.9	17.7	16.1	15.8	3.1	40.5	24.0	6.3	10.2	25.2	4.7
October	100.4	67.5	17.2	15.7	15.6	3.1	39.9	24.0	6.2	9.7	24.3	4.5
November	99.6	67.0	17.1	15.5	15.6	3.1	39.3	24.0	6.1	9.2	23.4	4.2
December #	98.2	66.2	16.9	15.1	15.4	3.0	38.3	23.7	6.0	8.6	22.5	3.9
2008												
January	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.6	23.4	5.9	8.3	22.1	3.7
February #	97.4	65.9	16.9	14.6	15.0	3.0	36.9	23.5	5.7	7.7	20.9	3.2
March	97.3	66.3	16.7	14.3	14.7	2.9	37.3	24.2	5.8	7.3	19.6	2.9
April	99.1	68.4	16.6	14.1	14.2	2.9	37.9	25.2	5.7	7.0	18.5	2.7
May (r)	100.8	70.1	16.7	14.0	13.9	2.8	38.4	25.9	5.7	6.8	17.7	2.5
June # (p)	102.9	72.1	16.8	14.0	13.6	2.8	38.7	26.5	5.7	6.5	16.8	2.3
Change on month	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.9	-0.2
Change %	2.1	2.9	0.6	0.0		0.0	0.8	2.3	0.0	-4.4		-8.0
Change on year	-2.2	3.1	-2.0	-3.3	-2.9	-0.4	-3.1	2.4	-1.0	-4.5	-9.5	-2.7
Change %	-2.1	4.5	-10.6	-19.1		-12.5	-7.4	10.0	-14.9	-40.9		-54.0

Relationship between columns: 14 = 15+16+17; 18 = 17/14; 20 = 21+22+23; 24 = 23/20.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(1) Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
Economically active								
People	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
Mar-May 2006	30,625	29,466	746	4,091	6,611	11,377	6,641	1,159
Mar-May 2007	30,840	29,605	723	4,160	6,586	11,417	6,719	1,235
Jun-Aug 2007	30,872	29,623	735	4,153	6,578	11,433	6,724	1,249
Sep-Nov 2007	31,020	29,741	740	4,185	6,568	11,463	6,785	1,279
Dec-Feb 2008	31,133	29,824	722	4,185	6,634	11,475	6,809	1,308
Mar-May 2008	31,206	29,867	731	4,199	6,652	11,492	6,793	1,338
Change on quarter	73	43	10	15	17	18	-16	30
Change %	0.2	0.1	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2	2.3
Change on year	365	262	9	39	66	75	74	103
Change %	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	8.3
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Mar-May 2006	16,585	16,193	371	2,185	3,611	6,056	3,970	392
Mar-May 2007	16,763	16,352	360	2,250	3,625	6,091	4,026	411
Jun-Aug 2007	16,757	16,333	369	2,232	3,619	6,082	4,031	425
Sep-Nov 2007	16,829	16,407	382	2,241	3,612	6,094	4,078	422
Dec-Feb 2008	16,869	16,430	370	2,244	3,639	6,084	4,094	439
Mar-May 2008	16,907	16,453	360	2,257	3,637	6,101	4,097	453
Change on quarter	38	23	-10	14	-1	17	4	14
Change %	0.2	0.1	-2.6	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	3.3
Change on year	144	101	0	7	12	9	72	43
Change %	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.8	10.4
Women	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Mar-May 2006	14,039	13,273	375	1,906	3,000	5,321	2,671	767
Mar-May 2007	14,078	13,253	363	1,910	2,961	5,326	2,693	824
Jun-Aug 2007	14,114	13,290	366	1,921	2,959	5,350	2,693	824
Sep-Nov 2007	14,191	13,334	358	1,943	2,956	5,369	2,707	857
Dec-Feb 2008	14,263	13,394	351	1,941	2,996	5,391	2,716	869
Mar-May 2008	14,299	13,414	371	1,942	3,014	5,391	2,696	885
Change on quarter	35	20	20	1	18	0	-20	16
Change %	0.2	0.1	5.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	-0.7	1.8
Change on year	221	161	8	32	53	65	3	60
Change %	1.6	1.2	2.2	1.7	1.8	1.2	0.1	7.3
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Mar-May 2006	63.6	79.0	47.6	74.5	84.5	85.4	72.9	10.7
Mar-May 2007	63.5	78.9	45.6	74.0	84.5	85.2	73.6	11.2
Jun-Aug 2007	63.4	78.8	46.3	73.5	84.4	85.2	73.6	11.2
Sep-Nov 2007	63.6	79.0	46.6	73.8	84.1	85.4	74.2	11.5
Dec-Feb 2008	63.7	79.1	45.5	73.5	84.8	85.5	74.4	11.7
Mar-May 2008	63.7	79.1	46.2	73.5	84.8	85.6	74.1	11.9
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Change on year	0.2	0.3	0.6	-0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Mar-May 2006	70.9	83.7	46.1	78.4	92.9	92.0	75.1	9.7
Mar-May 2007	71.0	83.8	44.1	78.8	93.5	92.0	75.2	10.0
Jun-Aug 2007	70.8	83.5	45.1	77.7	93.3	91.8	75.1	10.3
Sep-Nov 2007	70.9	83.7	46.8	77.7	92.9	91.9	75.8	10.2
Dec-Feb 2008	70.9	83.7	45.4	77.5	93.4	91.8	75.9	10.5
Mar-May 2008	70.9	83.7	44.3	77.6	93.2	92.0	75.8	10.8
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-1.1	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3
Change on year	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-1.2	-0.3	0.0	0.6	0.8
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Mar-May 2006	56.6	73.8	49.1	70.4	76.2	79.0	69.8	11.2
Mar-May 2007	56.4	73.5	47.2	69.1	75.6	78.5	71.2	11.9
Jun-Aug 2007	56.4	73.7	47.6	69.2	75.5	78.8	71.3	11.8
Sep-Nov 2007	56.6	73.9	46.5	69.8	75.3	79.0	71.8	12.2
Dec-Feb 2008	56.8	74.2	45.6	69.4	76.2	79.3	72.1	12.3
Mar-May 2008	56.8	74.2	48.2	69.2	76.5	79.3	71.7	12.5
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	2.5	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.2
Change on year	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+8; 2=3+4+5+6+7.

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey

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The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definition

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically inactive								
People	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAI	YCBG	MGWA	MGWD
Mar-May 2006	17,560	7,853	823	1,404	1,213	1,940	2,473	9,707
Mar-May 2007	17,750	7,934	863	1,459	1,210	1,986	2,416	9,816
Jun-Aug 2007	17,823	7,968	853	1,494	1,219	1,986	2,417	9,855
Sep-Nov 2007	17,783	7,900	847	1,485	1,245	1,960	2,364	9,883
Dec-Feb 2008	17,778	7,867	864	1,509	1,193	1,953	2,347	9,912
Mar-May 2008	17,814	7,874	853	1,517	1,192	1,940	2,372	9,940
Change on quarter	36	7	-11	9	-2	-13	25	28
Change %	0.2	0.1	-1.3	0.6	-0.1	-0.7	1.0	0.3
Change on year	64	-60	-10	59	-18	-46	-44	124
Change %	0.4	-0.8	-1.2	4.0	-1.5	-2.3	-1.8	1.3
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Mar-May 2006	6,806	3,150	434	601	274	525	1,316	3,656
Mar-May 2007	6,856	3,168	457	605	253	528	1,324	3,688
Jun-Aug 2007	6,919	3,228	449	640	261	543	1,335	3,691
Sep-Nov 2007	6,906	3,189	435	643	276	534	1,301	3,717
Dec-Feb 2008	6,925	3,201	445	653	258	547	1,299	3,724
Mar-May 2008	6,946	3,213	454	652	267	532	1,308	3,733
Change on quarter	21	12	8	-1	9	-15	10	9
Change %	0.3	0.4	1.9	-0.1	3.6	-2.7	0.8	0.2
Change on year	90	46	-3	47	14	4	-16	45
Change %	1.3	1.4	-0.6	7.8	5.4	0.7	-1.2	1.2
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Mar-May 2006	10,754	4,703	389	803	939	1,415	1,157	6,051
Mar-May 2007	10,894	4,766	406	853	957	1,458	1,092	6,128
Jun-Aug 2007	10,904	4,741	404	855	958	1,442	1,082	6,164
Sep-Nov 2007	10,877	4,711	412	842	968	1,426	1,063	6,166
Dec-Feb 2008	10,853	4,665	419	855	936	1,406	1,049	6,188
Mar-May 2008	10,868	4,661	399	865	925	1,409	1,064	6,207
Change on quarter	15	-4	-20	9	-11	2	15	19
Change %	0.1	-0.1	-4.7	1.1	-1.2	0.2	1.4	0.3
Change on year	-26	-106	-7	11	-32	-50	-28	80
Change %	-0.2	-2.2	-1.8	1.3	-3.3	-3.4	-2.6	1.3
Economic inactivity rates (%)¹								
People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Mar-May 2006	36.4	21.0	52.4	25.5	15.5	14.6	27.1	89.3
Mar-May 2007	36.5	21.1	54.4	26.0	15.5	14.8	26.4	88.8
Jun-Aug 2007	36.6	21.2	53.7	26.5	15.6	14.8	26.4	88.8
Sep-Nov 2007	36.4	21.0	53.4	26.2	15.9	14.6	25.8	88.5
Dec-Feb 2008	36.3	20.9	54.5	26.5	15.2	14.5	25.6	88.3
Mar-May 2008	36.3	20.9	53.8	26.5	15.2	14.4	25.9	88.1
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Change on year	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	0.6	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Mar-May 2006	29.1	16.3	53.9	21.6	7.1	8.0	24.9	90.3
Mar-May 2007	29.0	16.2	55.9	21.2	6.5	8.0	24.8	90.0
Jun-Aug 2007	29.2	16.5	54.9	22.3	6.7	8.2	24.9	89.7
Sep-Nov 2007	29.1	16.3	53.2	22.3	7.1	8.1	24.2	89.8
Dec-Feb 2008	29.1	16.3	54.6	22.5	6.6	8.2	24.1	89.5
Mar-May 2008	29.1	16.3	55.7	22.4	6.8	8.0	24.2	89.2
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	1.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.3
Change on year	0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.2	0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.8
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Mar-May 2006	43.4	26.2	50.9	29.6	23.8	21.0	30.2	88.8
Mar-May 2007	43.6	26.5	52.8	30.9	24.4	21.5	28.8	88.1
Jun-Aug 2007	43.6	26.3	52.4	30.8	24.5	21.2	28.7	88.2
Sep-Nov 2007	43.4	26.1	53.5	30.2	24.7	21.0	28.2	87.8
Dec-Feb 2008	43.2	25.8	54.4	30.6	23.8	20.7	27.9	87.7
Mar-May 2008	43.2	25.8	51.8	30.8	23.5	20.7	28.3	87.5
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-2.5	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.2
Change on year	-0.4	-0.7	-1.0	-0.1	-0.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+8; 2 = 3+4+5+6+7.

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC
Mar-May 2006	7,853	1,851	2,306	184	2,079	36	584	814	5,791	2,062
Mar-May 2007	7,934	1,889	2,344	201	2,037	35	603	826	5,826	2,108
Jun-Aug 2007	7,968	1,932	2,313	193	2,039	40	627	824	5,886	2,082
Sep-Nov 2007	7,900	1,938	2,291	190	2,022	39	602	818	5,806	2,094
Dec-Feb 2008	7,867	1,972	2,262	182	2,027	37	603	784	5,751	2,115
Mar-May 2008	7,874	1,937	2,292	180	2,013	40	598	814	5,723	2,151
Change on quarter	7	-34	31	-2	-14	2	-5	30	-28	36
Change %	0.1	-1.7	1.4	-1.1	-0.7	6.4	-0.8	3.8	-0.5	1.7
Change on year	-60	49	-51	-21	-23	5	-5	-13	-103	43
Change %	-0.8	2.6	-2.2	-10.5	-1.1	13.7	-0.9	-1.5	-1.8	2.0
Men	YBSO	BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Mar-May 2006	3,150	917	194	93	1,125	25	424	371	2,267	883
Mar-May 2007	3,168	940	201	98	1,127	22	439	342	2,268	899
Jun-Aug 2007	3,228	966	190	90	1,132	23	467	360	2,340	887
Sep-Nov 2007	3,189	963	194	97	1,121	20	441	352	2,305	884
Dec-Feb 2008	3,201	992	189	92	1,128	17	437	345	2,297	904
Mar-May 2008	3,213	991	199	88	1,115	22	438	360	2,295	918
Change on quarter	12	-1	10	-4	-13	5	1	15	-2	14
Change %	0.4	-0.1	5.1	-4.8	-1.2	29.2	0.3	4.3	-0.1	1.5
Change on year	46	52	-3	-10	-12	0	0	18	27	19
Change %	1.4	5.5	-1.3	-10.2	-1.0	0.8	-0.1	5.4	1.2	2.1
Women	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEEB	YBWB	YBWE
Mar-May 2006	4,703	934	2,112	90	953	11	160	443	3,524	1,179
Mar-May 2007	4,766	949	2,142	103	910	13	165	485	3,558	1,208
Jun-Aug 2007	4,741	965	2,123	103	908	17	160	464	3,546	1,195
Sep-Nov 2007	4,711	975	2,097	93	901	18	161	465	3,501	1,210
Dec-Feb 2008	4,665	979	2,072	90	899	20	166	439	3,454	1,211
Mar-May 2008	4,661	946	2,094	92	898	18	160	454	3,428	1,233
Change on quarter	-4	-33	21	2	-1	-3	-6	15	-26	22
Change %	-0.1	-3.4	1.0	2.6	-0.1	-13.0	-3.7	3.4	-0.8	1.8
Change on year	-106	-3	-49	-11	-12	5	-5	-31	-130	24
Change %	-2.2	-0.3	-2.3	-10.7	-1.3	35.8	-3.0	-6.4	-3.6	2.0
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
People	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
Mar-May 2006	100	23.6	29.4	2.3	26.5	0.5	7.4	10.4	73.7	26.3
Mar-May 2007	100	23.8	29.5	2.5	25.7	0.4	7.6	10.4	73.4	26.6
Jun-Aug 2007	100	24.2	29.0	2.4	25.6	0.5	7.9	10.3	73.9	26.1
Sep-Nov 2007	100	24.5	29.0	2.4	25.6	0.5	7.6	10.3	73.5	26.5
Dec-Feb 2008	100	25.1	28.7	2.3	25.8	0.5	7.7	10.0	73.1	26.9
Mar-May 2008	100	24.6	29.1	2.3	25.6	0.5	7.6	10.3	72.7	27.3
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEB	BEEQ	BEEB	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Mar-May 2006	100	29.1	6.2	3.0	35.7	0.8	13.5	11.8	72.0	28.0
Mar-May 2007	100	29.7	6.4	3.1	35.6	0.7	13.8	10.8	71.6	28.4
Jun-Aug 2007	100	29.9	5.9	2.8	35.1	0.7	14.5	11.1	72.5	27.5
Sep-Nov 2007	100	30.2	6.1	3.0	35.2	0.6	13.8	11.1	72.3	27.7
Dec-Feb 2008	100	31.0	5.9	2.9	35.2	0.5	13.7	10.8	71.8	28.2
Mar-May 2008	100	30.8	6.2	2.7	34.7	0.7	13.6	11.2	71.4	28.6
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Mar-May 2006	100	19.9	44.9	1.9	20.3	0.2	3.4	9.4	74.9	25.1
Mar-May 2007	100	19.9	44.9	2.2	19.1	0.3	3.5	10.2	74.6	25.4
Jun-Aug 2007	100	20.4	44.8	2.2	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.8	74.8	25.2
Sep-Nov 2007	100	20.7	44.5	2.0	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.9	74.3	25.7
Dec-Feb 2008	100	21.0	44.4	1.9	19.3	0.4	3.6	9.4	74.0	26.0
Mar-May 2008	100	20.3	44.9	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.7	73.6	26.4

Relationship between columns : 1=2+3+4+5+6+7+8; 1=9+10.

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

March to May 2008

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economically active			Total in employment			Unemployed			Economically inactive		
	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Levels

People												
16-17	731	271	460	548	194	354	183	78	105	853	138	715
18-24	4,199	3,482	717	3,701	3,069	633	498	413	85	1,517	616	901
all under 25	4,930	3,753	1,177	4,249	3,262	987	681	491	190	2,370	755	1,615
Men												
16-17	360	158	202	259	112	146	102	46	56	454	78	376
18-24	2,257	1,931	326	1,952	1,671	280	306	260	46	652	172	480
all under 25	2,618	2,090	528	2,210	1,784	426	408	306	102	1,106	250	857
Women												
16-17	371	113	258	289	81	208	82	32	49	399	61	338
18-24	1,942	1,550	391	1,750	1,397	352	192	153	39	865	444	421
all under 25	2,313	1,664	649	2,039	1,478	561	274	186	88	1,264	505	759

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	10	13	-3	0	9	-9	10	4	5	-11	14	-25
18-24	15	21	-7	15	13	2	0	8	-8	9	17	-8
all under 25	24	34	-10	15	22	-7	10	13	-3	-3	30	-33
Men												
16-17	-10	0	-10	-11	0	-11	1	0	1	8	10	-2
18-24	14	21	-8	15	13	2	-1	9	-10	-1	-9	8
all under 25	4	21	-18	4	12	-9	0	9	-9	8	1	6
Women												
16-17	20	13	6	11	9	2	8	4	4	-20	4	-23
18-24	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	26	-16
all under 25	20	13	7	11	9	2	9	4	6	-10	29	-40

Rates(%)³

People												
16-17	46.2	66.3	39.2	34.6	47.3	30.2	25.1	28.7	22.9	53.8	33.7	60.8
18-24	73.5	85.0	44.3	64.7	74.9	39.1	11.9	11.9	11.8	26.5	15.0	55.7
all under 25	67.5	83.3	42.1	58.2	72.4	35.3	13.8	13.1	16.1	32.5	16.7	57.9
Men												
16-17	44.3	67.1	35.0	31.8	47.7	25.3	28.2	28.9	27.7	55.7	32.9	65.0
18-24	77.6	91.8	40.4	67.1	79.5	34.7	13.5	13.5	14.1	22.4	8.2	59.6
all under 25	70.3	89.3	38.1	59.3	76.3	30.8	15.6	14.6	19.3	29.7	10.7	61.9
Women												
16-17	48.2	65.2	43.2	37.6	46.7	34.9	22.0	28.4	19.2	51.8	34.8	56.8
18-24	69.2	77.7	48.2	62.3	70.0	43.4	9.9	9.9	9.9	30.8	22.3	51.8
all under 25	64.7	76.7	46.1	57.0	68.2	39.8	11.8	11.2	13.6	35.3	23.3	53.9

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	0.7	-1.2	0.6	0.0	-1.1	0.0	1.0	0.2	1.3	-0.7	1.2	-0.6
18-24	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.5	0.0	0.2	-1.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
all under 25	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.3
Men												
16-17	-1.1	-3.0	-1.0	-1.3	-2.3	-1.3	1.1	0.2	1.7	1.1	3.0	1.0
18-24	0.1	0.5	-1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.3	-2.6	-0.1	-0.5	1.0
all under 25	-0.1	0.1	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.3	-1.0	0.1	-0.1	1.0
Women												
16-17	2.5	1.4	2.2	1.4	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.3	1.2	-2.5	-1.4	-2.2
18-24	-0.2	-1.0	1.0	-0.2	-0.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	1.0	-1.0
all under 25	0.4	-0.9	1.5	0.1	-0.9	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.7	-0.4	0.9	-1.5

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3; 4=5+6; 7=8+9; 10=11+12.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who are not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table.

2. In full-time education.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployed

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definition

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

15 Average Earnings - including bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMQ	LNMU	LNNC	LNKY	LNKZ	LNNB	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
May 06	126.0	4.3	4.2	125.1	4.7	4.4	129.4	3.7	3.9
Mar 07 (r)	129.2	3.2	4.2	128.7	3.5	4.5	132.7	3.1	3.0
Apr 07 (r)	130.1	3.6	3.7	129.4	3.7	4.0	133.0	3.1	3.0
May 07 (r)	130.8	3.8	3.5	130.2	4.0	3.7	133.4	3.1	3.1
Jun 07	131.1	3.2	3.5	130.5	3.2	3.7 (r)	133.7	3.1	3.1
Jul 07	131.5	3.8	3.6 (r)	131.0	4.2	3.8 (r)	134.0	2.5	2.9 (r)
Aug 07	132.1	4.2	3.7	131.7	4.4	3.9	134.4	3.2	2.9
Sep 07	132.7	4.2	4.1	132.2	4.4	4.3	135.0	3.2	3.0
Oct 07	132.7	3.7	4.0	132.1	3.8	4.2	135.3	3.2	3.2
Nov 07	133.2	4.2	4.0	132.8	4.3	4.2	135.8	3.4	3.3
Dec 07	133.7	3.7	3.8	133.1	3.8	4.0	136.3	3.3	3.3
Jan 08	134.4	3.8	3.9	133.8	3.9	4.0	136.9	3.6	3.5
Feb 08	135.4	3.6	3.7	134.8	3.5	3.7	137.5	4.2	3.7
Mar 08 (r)	135.2	4.6	4.0	134.8	4.7	4.0	137.6	3.7	3.8
Apr 08 (r)	134.7	3.5	3.9	134.2	3.7	3.9	138.1	3.8	3.9
May 08 (p)	135.2	3.3	3.8	134.6	3.4	3.9	137.5	3.1	3.5
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMR	LNMV	LNNB	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
May 06	125.2	5.7	5.5	126.2	4.2	4.1	125.0	4.6	4.3
Mar 07 (r)	129.3	3.4	3.5	129.3	2.6	4.2	128.2	2.7	4.7
Apr 07 (r)	130.2	3.2	3.4	130.4	3.9	3.7	129.5	4.0	4.0
May 07 (r)	130.6	4.4	3.6	131.1	3.9	3.5	130.2	4.2	3.6
Jun 07	131.2	3.9	3.8	131.1	3.2	3.7 (r)	130.4	3.2	3.8 (r)
Jul 07	131.1	4.3	4.2	131.8	3.8	3.6 (r)	131.1	4.2	3.9 (r)
Aug 07	130.9	2.8	3.6	132.6	4.6	3.9	131.9	5.0	4.1
Sep 07	131.1	2.2	3.1	133.2	4.5	4.3	132.6	4.9	4.7
Oct 07	131.6	2.5	2.5	133.1	4.0	4.3	132.3	4.1	4.7
Nov 07	132.6	3.5	2.8	133.6	4.2	4.2	132.8	4.4	4.5
Dec 07	133.2	4.2	3.4	133.9	3.6	3.9	133.1	3.7	4.1
Jan 08	133.3	3.8	3.8	134.8	4.0	3.9	134.1	4.1	4.1
Feb 08	133.1	3.2	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.8	135.5	3.7	3.8
Mar 08 (r)	135.3	4.6	3.9	135.7	5.0	4.3	135.1	5.4	4.4
Apr 08 (r)	134.0	2.9	3.6	135.6	4.0	4.3	134.8	4.1	4.4
May 08 (p)	134.9	3.3	3.6	135.6	3.5	4.2	134.9	3.6	4.3

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

2. The 3 month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted index values for the last 3 months compared with the same period a year ago.

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 456120

A more detailed level of industry breakdown can be obtained from the Employment and Earnings dataset, which is available from the Time Series Data facility on the National Statistics website (see Background Note 1). This more detailed breakdown is only available non seasonally adjusted.

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQDW	JQDX	JQDY	JQEC	JQED	JQEE	JQDZ	JQEA	JQEB
May 06	126.5	3.9	3.8	126.1	4.3	4.0	128.6	2.4	3.0
Mar 07 (r)	130.2	3.7	3.6	129.6	3.9	3.8	132.1	3.0	3.0
Apr 07 (r)	130.4	3.3	3.5	129.9	3.4	3.7	132.1	3.2	3.0
May 07 (r)	131.0	3.5	3.5	130.5	3.6	3.6	132.9	3.3	3.2
Jun 07	131.3	3.5	3.4 (r)	131.0	3.6	3.5	133.0	3.0	3.2
Jul 07	131.7	3.7	3.6	131.4	4.0	3.7	133.4	2.8	3.0
Aug 07	132.3	3.8	3.7	131.9	3.9	3.8	134.1	3.5	3.1
Sep 07	132.6	3.5	3.7	132.1	3.6	3.8	134.6	3.4	3.2
Oct 07	133.0	3.5	3.6	132.5	3.5	3.7	135.1	3.5	3.5
Nov 07	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.4	3.4	3.4
Dec 07	133.8	3.7	3.7	133.3	3.7	3.7	136.1	3.7	3.6
Jan 08	134.1	3.6	3.7	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.4	3.5	3.6
Feb 08	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.3	3.9	3.7	137.0	4.2	3.8
Mar 08	135.2	3.8	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.3	3.9	3.9
Apr 08 (r)	135.5	4.0	3.9	135.0	3.9	3.9	137.7	4.2	4.1
May 08 (p)	135.7	3.6	3.8	135.2	3.6	3.8	137.9	3.8	4.0

	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQEF	JQEG	JQEH	JQEL	JQEM	JQEN	JQEO	JQEP	JQEQ
May 06	126.0	4.9	4.7	126.7	3.7	3.5	126.0	4.1	3.7
Mar 07 (r)	130.0	4.0	3.8	130.4	3.6	3.7	129.6	3.8	4.0
Apr 07 (r)	130.7	4.0	3.9	130.5	3.3	3.6	129.9	3.4	3.8
May 07 (r)	130.8	3.8	3.9	131.3	3.6	3.5	130.8	3.8	3.7
Jun 07	131.3	3.8	3.8	131.7	3.6	3.5 (r)	131.3	3.9	3.7 (r)
Jul 07	131.6	4.1	3.9	132.1	3.8	3.7	131.7	4.1	4.0 (r)
Aug 07	131.9	3.7	3.9	132.7	4.0	3.8	132.2	4.2	4.1
Sep 07	132.1	3.2	3.7	133.0	3.7	3.8	132.5	3.9	4.1
Oct 07	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.5	3.6	3.8	132.9	3.7	3.9
Nov 07	133.2	3.7	3.5	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.4	4.0	3.9
Dec 07	133.5	3.9	3.7	134.3	3.9	3.8	133.7	3.9	3.9
Jan 08	133.7	3.7	3.8	134.7	3.8	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08	134.0	3.5	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.7	4.1	4.0
Mar 08 (r)	134.4	3.4	3.5	135.9	4.3	4.0	135.4	4.4	4.1
Apr 08 (r)	134.3	2.8	3.2	136.1	4.3	4.2	135.5	4.3	4.3
May 08 (p)	134.7	3.0	3.1	136.2	3.8	4.1	135.7	3.8	4.2

For footnotes and contact details - see Table 15.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

17 Productivity and unit wage costs

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy		Manufacturing			
	Unit Wage Costs	Output per Worker	Unit Wage Costs		Output per filled job	
			% changes year on year		% changes year on year	
	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average
LOJE	A4YN	LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV	
May 06			0.8	0.4	4.9	5.0
May 07			1.0 (r)	0.1	3.3	3.5 (r)
Jun 07			0.7 (r)	0.2	3.2	3.6
Jul 07			0.9	0.9	3.3 (r)	3.3
Aug 07			-0.1	0.5	2.8 (r)	3.1 (r)
Sep 07			0.7 (r)	0.5	1.5 (r)	2.6
Oct 07			0.4	0.4 (r)	2.1	2.2
Nov 07			1.4	0.8	2.1	1.9 (r)
Dec 07			1.9	1.2	2.2 (r)	2.1 (r)
Jan 08			1.4 (r)	1.6	2.4	2.2
Feb 08			-0.3 (r)	1.0	3.5	2.7
Mar 08			2.5 (r)	1.2	2.1	2.6
Apr 08			1.2 (r)	1.1	1.7	2.4
May 08			1.7	1.8	1.5	1.8
2006 Q1	2.3	1.9				
2006 Q2	2.5	1.9 (r)				
2006 Q3	2.1	2.4				
2006 Q4	1.6	2.1				
2007 Q1	2.5	2.7 (r)				
2007 Q2	1.4	2.6 (r)				
2007 Q3	1.8	2.3				
2007 Q4 (r)	2.1	1.6				

Sources: Whole Economy - National Accounts and Productivity Jobs

Manufacturing - Index of Production, Productivity Jobs and Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey

Productivity and Unit Wage Costs enquiries: 01633 456720

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18(1) Regional labour market summary

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey¹ (March to May 2008)

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active			Employment						Unemployment					
	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	2,074	1,243	75.6	663	580	1,152	70.0	613	72.3	539	67.4	91	7.3	50	7.5	41	7.0
North West	5,498	3,387	77.3	1,830	1,556	3,181	72.5	1,697	75.1	1,484	69.6	206	6.1	133	7.3	73	4.7
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,175	2,604	77.7	1,426	1,178	2,460	73.3	1,337	77.3	1,123	68.8	144	5.5	88	6.2	55	4.7
East Midlands	3,561	2,285	80.2	1,247	1,037	2,157	75.5	1,176	79.2	980	71.5	128	5.6	71	5.7	57	5.5
West Midlands	4,286	2,661	77.9	1,460	1,202	2,496	72.8	1,352	76.7	1,143	68.5	166	6.2	107	7.4	58	4.9
East	4,546	2,965	81.8	1,605	1,360	2,833	78.1	1,534	82.3	1,299	73.4	132	4.4	71	4.4	61	4.5
London	6,095	4,047	76.8	2,262	1,786	3,786	71.8	2,113	78.8	1,673	64.2	261	6.5	149	6.6	113	6.3
South East	6,639	4,412	82.9	2,350	2,062	4,241	79.6	2,266	84.1	1,975	74.9	171	3.9	84	3.6	87	4.2
South West	4,193	2,676	82.4	1,440	1,236	2,571	79.1	1,380	82.5	1,190	75.4	105	3.9	59	4.1	46	3.7
England	41,069	26,279	79.4	14,282	11,997	24,876	75.0	13,469	79.2	11,407	70.4	1,403	5.3	813	5.7	591	4.9
Wales	2,404	1,435	76.4	775	660	1,359	72.3	730	75.5	629	68.7	76	5.3	45	5.8	31	4.7
Scotland	4,179	2,659	80.1	1,394	1,265	2,554	76.8	1,336	79.3	1,218	74.2	105	4.0	59	4.2	47	3.7
Great Britain	47,651	30,373	79.3	16,451	13,922	28,789	75.0	15,535	79.0	13,254	70.7	1,584	5.2	916	5.6	668	4.8
Northern Ireland	1,369	832	73.9	455	377	798	70.7	431	75.2	367	66.0	34	4.1	24	5.3	10	2.7
United Kingdom	49,020	31,206	79.1	16,907	14,299	29,587	74.9	15,966	78.9	13,621	70.5	1,619	5.2	940	5.6	678	4.7

Change on quarter:⁴

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active			Employment						Unemployment					
	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
North East	3	6	-0.1	-2	8	-11	-1.0	-8	-1.5	-3	-0.6	17	1.3	6	1.0	10	1.7
North West	8	-4	-0.2	-5	1	-10	-0.2	-11	-0.7	1	0.2	5	0.2	6	0.3	-1	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	12	-4	-0.2	0	-4	-16	-0.6	-6	-0.5	-10	-0.7	12	0.5	6	0.4	6	0.5
East Midlands	11	-6	-0.5	4	-9	-6	-0.5	0	-0.2	-6	-0.9	0	0.0	4	0.3	-4	-0.3
West Midlands	5	-17	-0.7	-5	-12	-22	-0.9	-16	-1.2	-7	-0.5	5	0.2	10	0.7	-5	-0.4
East	13	11	-0.1	0	11	14	0.0	6	-0.1	8	0.0	-3	-0.1	-6	-0.4	3	0.2
London	15	39	0.6	20	19	45	0.8	21	0.7	24	0.9	-6	-0.2	-2	-0.1	-5	-0.3
South East	16	15	0.1	0	15	23	0.3	8	0.2	15	0.4	-8	-0.2	-8	-0.3	0	0.0
South West	11	9	0.2	8	1	-1	0.0	4	0.0	-4	-0.1	10	0.4	5	0.3	5	0.4
England	94	50	0.0	19	30	18	-0.1	-2	-0.2	20	0.0	32	0.1	21	0.1	11	0.1
Wales	5	24	1.2	19	4	17	0.9	11	1.0	7	0.7	6	0.4	9	1.0	-2	-0.4
Scotland	6	-9	-0.5	-5	-4	16	0.3	13	0.6	2	-0.1	-25	-0.9	-18	-1.3	-7	-0.5
Great Britain	105	64	0.0	34	30	51	0.0	22	-0.1	29	0.0	13	0.0	12	0.1	1	0.0
Northern Ireland	4	9	0.8	4	5	10	0.9	3	0.5	7	1.3	-1	-0.2	1	0.1	-2	-0.5
United Kingdom	109	73	0.0	38	35	61	0.0	25	-0.1	36	0.1	12	0.0	13	0.1	0	0.0

Change on year:

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active			Employment						Unemployment					
	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
North East	13	3	-0.8	-15	19	-7	-1.4	-12	-2.9	5	0.2	11	0.9	-3	-0.3	14	2.3
North West	31	-15	-0.4	-7	-8	-24	-0.6	-18	-1.2	-7	0.0	9	0.3	11	0.6	-2	-0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	46	50	0.2	22	27	51	0.3	22	0.3	29	0.2	-1	-0.2	0	-0.1	-1	-0.2
East Midlands	42	28	-0.1	13	14	19	-0.5	3	-1.3	15	0.4	9	0.3	10	0.7	-1	-0.2
West Midlands	22	3	0.0	2	2	18	0.3	-3	-0.3	20	1.1	-14	-0.5	5	0.3	-19	-1.6
East	51	54	0.5	-6	60	53	0.5	-5	-1.3	58	2.4	1	0.0	-1	0.0	2	-0.1
London	57	118	1.4	61	57	142	1.9	73	1.8	69	2.0	-24	-0.8	-12	-0.7	-12	-0.9
South East	62	69	0.7	25	44	82	1.0	51	1.4	32	0.6	-14	-0.4	-25	-1.1	12	0.5
South West	46	62	1.0	49	13	59	1.0	44	1.4	15	0.6	3	0.0	5	0.2	-2	-0.2
England	370	372	0.4	145	227	392	0.5	155	0.1	237	0.9	-20	-0.2	-10	-0.1	-10	-0.2
Wales	19	6	0.0	10	-4	8	0.2	9	0.0	-1	0.3	-3	-0.2	1	0.0	-3	-0.5
Scotland	26	-17	-0.7	-15	-2	8	0.1	-3	-0.5	11	0.7	-25	-0.9	-12	-0.8	-13	-1.0
Great Britain	415	361	0.3	139	221	408	0.4	161	0.0	247	0.9	-47	-0.2	-21	-0.2	-26	-0.3
Northern Ireland	15	5	-0.3	5	0	5	-0.3	2	-0.1	3	-0.5	0	-0.1	3	0.6	-3	-0.9
United Kingdom	430	365	0.3	144	221	413	0.4	162	0.0	250	0.8	-47	-0.2	-18	-0.2	-29	-0.3

Relationship between columns: 2= 4+5 = 6+12; 6= 8+10; 12= 14+16.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

4. Quarter on quarter changes at regional level are particularly subject to sampling variability and should be interpreted in the context of changes over several quarters rather than in isolation.

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definitions.

Further regional and local area Labour Market statistics are available. See Background Note 1 for details.

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18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (March 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (June 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men		Women		
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
North East	1,183	617	567	50.0	4.1	37.5	5.7	12.5	2.2
North West	3,385	1,788	1,596	111.7	3.2	83.9	4.4	27.8	1.7
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,547	1,345	1,202	81.3	3.1	60.3	4.2	21.0	1.7
East Midlands	2,138	1,148	990	56.5	2.6	41.1	3.4	15.4	1.5
West Midlands	2,688	1,426	1,262	99.4	3.6	73.2	4.8	26.2	2.0
East	2,812	1,486	1,326	58.3	2.0	41.8	2.7	16.5	1.2
London	4,700	2,581	2,118	131.1	2.7	90.4	3.4	40.7	1.9
South East	4,347	2,277	2,071	69.6	1.6	50.0	2.1	19.6	0.9
South West	2,652	1,365	1,287	41.4	1.5	29.8	2.1	11.6	0.9
England	26,451	14,033	12,418	699.3	2.6	508.0	3.5	191.3	1.5
Wales	1,369	713	656	41.8	2.9	31.2	4.0	10.6	1.6
Scotland	2,689	1,395	1,294	73.3	2.7	55.0	3.8	18.3	1.4
Great Britain	30,509	16,142	14,368	814.4	2.6	594.2	3.5	220.2	1.5
Northern Ireland	845	450	395	25.7	3.0	19.9	4.2	5.8	1.5
United Kingdom	31,355	16,592	14,763	840.1	2.6	614.1	3.5	226.0	1.5

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on March 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on May 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men		Women		
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
North East	15	3	12	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0
North West	11	-4	14	1.7	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	8	3	5	2.2	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.1
East Midlands	-9	-7	-2	1.3	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
West Midlands	4	8	-3	1.7	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.4	0.0
East	21	-4	25	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
London	45	28	17	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0
South East	56	25	31	1.7	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.0
South West	58	36	23	1.2	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.0
England	209	88	121	12.3	0.0	8.8	0.1	3.5	0.0
Wales	-18	-7	-11	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0
Scotland	37	16	20	1.8	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.5	0.0
Great Britain	228	98	130	14.9	0.0	10.7	0.1	4.2	0.0
Northern Ireland	1	-3	4	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
United Kingdom	230	95	135	15.5	0.0	11.2	0.1	4.3	0.0

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+3; 4 = 6+8.

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1. Workforce jobs are tabulated by region of workplace. Claimant count is tabulated by region of claimant's residence.

2. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

Further regional and local area Labour Market statistics are available. See Background Note 1 for details.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT: 1 July 2008 (seasonally adjusted)					
	Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on period %	Change on year %		
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)					
Austria	YXSN	Jan-Mar 08	71.0	0.7	Austria	ZXDS	May 08	4.1	0.0	-0.3
Belgium	YXSO	Oct-Dec 07	62.7	0.6	Belgium	ZXDI	May 08	6.7	-0.1	-1.1
Bulgaria	A495	Oct-Dec 07	62.9	3.1	Bulgaria	A492	May 08	5.7	0.0	-1.4
Cyprus	A4AC	Oct-Dec 07	71.5	1.1	Cyprus	A4AN	May 08	3.5	-0.1	-0.6
Czech Republic	A4AD	Oct-Dec 07	66.5	0.9	Czech Republic	A4AO	May 08	4.4	0.0	-1.1
Denmark	YXSP	Jan-Mar 08	77.0	0.3	Denmark	ZXDJ	May 08	2.7	0.0	-1.1
Estonia	A4AE	Jan-Mar 08	69.5	0.9	Estonia	A4AP	May 08	4.1	-0.1	-0.9
Finland	YXSQ	Oct-Dec 07	69.9	0.9	Finland	ZXDU	May 08	6.1	-0.1	-0.8
France	YXSR	Jan-Mar 08	64.8	1.0	France	ZXDN	May 08	7.4	-0.1	-1.0
Germany	YXSS	Oct-Dec 07	70.0	1.7	Germany	ZXDK	May 08	7.4	0.0	-1.1
Greece	YXST	Jan-Mar 08	61.3	0.5	Greece	ZXDL	2008 Q1	7.8	-0.2	-0.8
Hungary	A4AF	Oct-Dec 07	57.1	-0.5	Hungary	A4AQ	May 08	7.6	0.0	0.5
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 07	69.0	0.3	Ireland	ZXDO	May 08	6.0	0.2	1.2
Italy	YXSV	Oct-Dec 07	58.7	0.2	Italy	ZXDP	2008 Q1	6.5	0.2	0.5
Latvia	A4AG	Oct-Dec 07	70.3	2.9	Latvia	A4AR	May 08	5.6	0.1	-0.3
Lithuania	A4AH	Jan-Mar 08	63.9	0.0	Lithuania	A4AS	May 08	4.3	-0.1	0.1
Luxembourg	YXSW	Jan-Mar 08	62.6	-1.3	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	May 08	4.2	0.0	0.1
Malta	A4AI	Oct-Dec 07	55.7	0.6	Malta	A4AT	May 08	5.8	0.1	-0.7
Netherlands	YXSX	Jan-Mar 08	76.4	1.4	Netherlands	ZXDR	May 08	2.9	0.0	-0.4
Poland	A4AJ	Oct-Dec 07	58.1	2.4	Poland	A4AU	May 08	7.5	-0.1	-2.3
Portugal	YXSX	Jan-Mar 08	68.1	0.7	Portugal	ZXDT	May 08	7.5	0.1	-0.6
Romania	A494	Oct-Dec 07	57.9	0.5	Romania	A48Z	2008 Q1	6.0	-0.2	-0.6
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Oct-Dec 07	61.6	1.4	Slovak Republic	A4AV	May 08	10.5	0.0	-0.8
Slovenia	A4AL	Oct-Dec 07	67.7	1.7	Slovenia	A4AW	May 08	4.3	0.0	-0.5
Spain	YXSZ	Jan-Mar 08	65.1	0.0	Spain	ZXDM	May 08	9.9	0.3	1.8
Sweden	YXTA	Oct-Dec 07	74.0	0.8	Sweden	ZXDV	May 08	5.2	-0.2	-1.1
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Oct-Dec 07	71.7	0.2	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	Mar 08	5.2	0.1	-0.2
Total EU⁵	A496	Oct-Dec 07	65.7	0.9	Total EU⁵	A493	May 08	6.8	0.1	-0.4
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Oct-Dec 07	66.0	0.9	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	May 08	7.2	0.0	-0.3
As published by national statistical offices					As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Apr-Jun 08	74.3	0.3	Canada	ZXDZ	Jun 08	6.2	0.1	0.1
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Jan-Mar 08	70.0	0.3	Japan	ZXDY	May 08	4.0	0.0	0.2
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Mar-May 08	74.9	0.4	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	Mar-May 08	5.2	0.0	-0.2
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Apr-Jun 08	71.4	-0.4	United States	ZXDZ	Jun 08	5.5	0.0	0.9

Sources: Eurostat, StatsBLS, StatCan and Stat.go.JP.
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1. The UK employment rate shown in the lower part of the table - as published by the Office for National Statistics - is seasonally adjusted; all other employment rates are unadjusted.

2. All employment rates for EU countries published by EUROSTAT (including the rate for the UK) are based on the population aged 15-64. The rates for Canada and Japan are also based on the population aged 15-64, but the rate for the US is for those aged 16-64. The employment rate for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics is based on the working age population aged 16-64 (men) and 16-59 (women) and therefore takes account of both the current school leaving age and state pension ages.

3. Unemployment rates published by EUROSTAT for most EU countries (but not for the UK), are calculated by extrapolating from the most recent LFS data using monthly registered unemployment data. A standard population basis (15-74) is used by EUROSTAT except for Spain and the UK (16-74). The unemployment rate for the US is based on those aged 16 and over, but the rates for Canada and Japan are for those aged 15 and over. All unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.

4. The unemployment rate for the UK published by EUROSTAT is based on the population aged 16-74 whilst the unemployment rate for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics is based on those aged 16 and over. There are other minor definitional differences.

5. The "Total EU" series consists of all 27 EU countries. The Eurozone series consists of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain.

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost (thousands)		Workers involved (thousands) ¹
		BBFW	BLUU	
2006	May	83	17	50
2007	May	111	13	124
	Jun	90	20	99
	Jul	187	26	96
	Aug	87	27	82
	Sep	8	20	8
	Oct	327	24	297
	Nov	17	10	5
	Dec	68	6	43
2008	Jan (p)	4	10	3
	Feb (p)	12	10	14
	Mar (p)	67	9	39
	Apr (p)	145 (r)	21 (r)	153 (r)
	May (p)	2	11	2
Cumulative totals 12 months to:				
May 08	(p)	1,015	152	638
May 07	(r)	353	142	313

Data source: ONS Labour Disputes Inquiry
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1. The latest 12 month cumulative totals for these columns will not necessarily equal the sum of the 12 months as some disputes continue for over one month. These disputes appear in each month's data, but only once in the total.

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates	Average for three months ending in month shown	
		Level	Level	Vacancy ratio ²
		AP2X	AP2Y	AP2Z
2006	Jun	597.5	592.6	2.3
2007	Jun (r)	667.2	649.2	2.5
	Jul	669.8	655.2	2.5
	Aug	657.8	663.3	2.5
	Sep	670.0	666.0	2.6
	Oct	673.8	667.8	2.6
	Nov	679.6	674.7	2.6
	Dec	675.3	675.6	2.6
2008	Jan	675.9	676.1	2.6
	Feb	688.6	678.5	2.6
	Mar (r)	691.3	687.3	2.6
	Apr (r)	670.3	684.6	2.6
	May (r)	661.1	675.1	2.6
	Jun (p)	638.3	655.1	2.5
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>		-53.0	-32.2	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>		-7.7	-4.7	
<i>Change on year</i>		-28.9	5.9	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		-4.3	0.9	

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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The three month averages shown differ slightly from the corresponding averages of individual monthly estimates. This is because the two series have been seasonally adjusted independently.

22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Averages for 3 months ending

SIC2003 sections	All vacancies ¹ C-O	Energy and water ² C, E	Manu- facturing D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comm- unications I	Finance & business services J-K	Education, health & public admin ³ L-N	Other services ² O	Total services G-O	
											AP2Y
Levels (thousands)											
Jun 06		592.6	4.2	49.6	19.0	165.0	39.5	153.9	130.7	30.7	519.8
Jun 07	(r)	649.2	4.0	52.2	19.3	186.4	43.0	171.3	140.0	33.1	573.8
Jul 07		655.2	4.0	54.0	21.4	184.1	44.0	172.6	141.7	33.2	575.6
Aug 07		663.3	4.0	54.9	22.8	186.3	46.2	175.6	144.1	29.3	581.5
Sep 07		666.0	4.0	56.6	24.1	183.5	49.6	172.1	145.0	31.1	581.3
Oct 07		667.8	3.9	57.1	23.8	183.8	48.7	169.3	149.0	32.2	583.0
Nov 07		674.7	3.9	56.4	23.6	186.2	48.0	169.4	153.7	33.7	591.0
Dec 07		675.6	3.9	57.0	23.3	190.2	47.5	170.0	155.4	28.2	591.3
Jan 08		676.1	4.2	57.9	22.8	195.6	46.7	169.1	153.7	26.2	591.3
Feb 08		678.5	4.7	57.8	23.5	196.5	46.3	168.4	152.5	28.8	592.5
Mar 08	(r)	687.3	4.9	57.2	23.4	198.6	47.4	166.3	154.4	35.2	601.9
Apr 08	(r)	684.6	5.2	55.1	24.1	196.6	46.4	165.3	156.3	35.7	600.3
May 08	(r)	675.1	5.1	54.3	23.4	190.0	46.5	162.0	157.8	35.9	592.2
Jun 08	(p)	655.1	4.9	54.8	22.4	182.1	45.5	157.3	156.8	31.3	573.0
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>		-32.2	0.0	-2.4	-1.0	-16.5	-1.9	-9.0	2.4	-3.9	-28.9
<i>Change %</i>		-4.7	0.0	-4.2	-4.3	-8.3	-4.0	-5.4	1.6	-11.1	-4.8
<i>Change on year</i>		5.9	0.9	2.6	3.1	-4.3	2.5	-14.0	16.8	-1.8	-0.8
<i>Change %</i>		0.9	22.5	5.0	16.1	-2.3	5.8	-8.2	12.0	-5.4	-0.1
Ratio per 100 employee jobs											
Jun 06		2.3	2.4	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.5	3.0	1.9	2.2	2.4
Jun 07	(r)	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.5	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Jul 07		2.5	2.3	1.7	1.7	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Aug 07		2.5	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.7
Sep 07		2.6	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	2.1	2.3	2.7
Oct 07		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.2	2.3	2.7
Nov 07		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.8
Dec 07		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.8
Jan 08		2.6	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	1.9	2.8
Feb 08		2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.8
Mar 08	(r)	2.6	2.8	1.7	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Apr 08	(r)	2.6	2.9	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
May 08	(r)	2.6	2.9	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.8
Jun 08	(p)	2.5	2.8	1.7	1.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.7
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>		-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.1
<i>Change on year</i>		0.0	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.0

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

2. Not seasonally adjusted. 'Energy and water' and 'Other services' do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series.

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies: levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Mar-May 2006	141	5.7	95	7.4	46	3.8
Mar-May 2007	120	4.8	80	6.2	40	3.2
Jun-Aug 2007	120	4.8	69	5.4	51	4.1
Sep-Nov 2007	124	4.9	71	5.5	53	4.3
Dec-Feb 2008	108	4.3	71	5.4	38	3.0
Mar-May 2008	118	4.6	72	5.5	46	3.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0.6</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>9.2</i>		<i>2.3</i>		<i>22.0</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-1.3</i>		<i>-9.8</i>		<i>15.8</i>	

1. The redundancy rate is based on the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.

Source: Labour Force Survey
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The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definitions.

24 Redundancies by industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	All redundancies ²	Agriculture, fishing, energy & water (A-C,E)	Manufacturing industries (D)	Construction (F)	Distribution, hotels and restaurants (G,H)	Transport and communication (I)	Finance and business services (J-K)	Education, health & public administration ³ (L-N)	Total services ⁴ (G-O)
People	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Jan-Mar 2006	148	*	38	21	31	13	25	*	84
Jan-Mar 2007	153	*	41	17	36	10	28	11	93
Apr-Jun 2007	116	*	30	10	25	10	18	13	72
Jul-Sep 2007	128	*	37	*	27	10	31	14	82
Oct-Dec 2007	110	*	28	10	24	*	23	11	71
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-33</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-11</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-16</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-20</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-21.6</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-28.1</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-43.4</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-10.1</i>	<i>-4.1</i>	<i>-21.1</i>

1. Further redundancy data are available at: www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474

Source: Labour Force Survey

2. The level of each industry may not sum to the total as all redundancies includes those people who did not state their industry.

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

4. Other Services are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable redundancy estimates.

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