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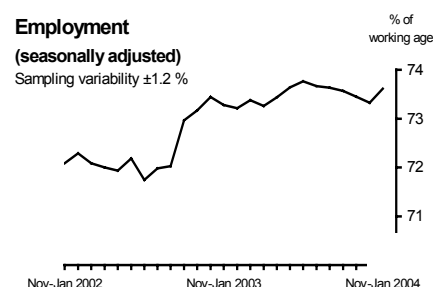
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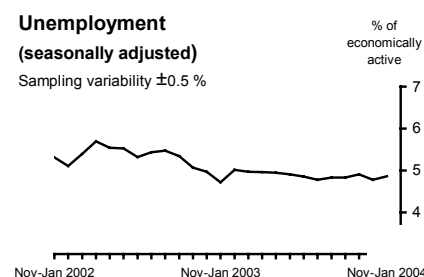
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Labour Force Survey data for the North West indicate that the employment rate is stable and the rate in the latest period is not significantly different from a year ago. The unemployment rate is stable and the latest rate is not significantly different from a year ago.

Data for the three months to January 2004 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 73.6 per cent, up 0.3 percentage points on a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point on a year earlier.



The seasonally adjusted claimant count was down in the year to February 2004.



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		Level (thousands)	Rate (%)	Change on year (level)	Sampling variability (thousands)	Change on year (rate)	Sampling variability (%)
Employment*	Nov-Jan	3,112	73.6	33	± 78	0.3	± 1.5
Unemployment**	Nov-Jan	159	4.9	7	± 23	0.1	± 0.7
Economically active*	Nov-Jan	3,271	77.5	40	± 77	0.5	± 1.4
Economically inactive+ of which:	Nov-Jan	924	22.5	-18	± 75	-0.5	± 1.4
Not wanting a job+	Nov-Jan	716		24	± 68		
Wanting a job+	Nov-Jan	208		-42	± 41		
Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)	Sep 2003	3,237		28	..		
Claimant count	Feb 2004	103.0	3.1 ⁺⁺	-11.4		-0.3	

See background note 2 on sampling variability.

* Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates are 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.

++ Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. For regional claimant count proportions, using resident working age populations see Tables 17 and 18. See note on page 8 for further details.

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From May 2001: vacancy series deferred (see note on page 9).

New this month:

November to January 2004 data: latest three-month average LFS results;

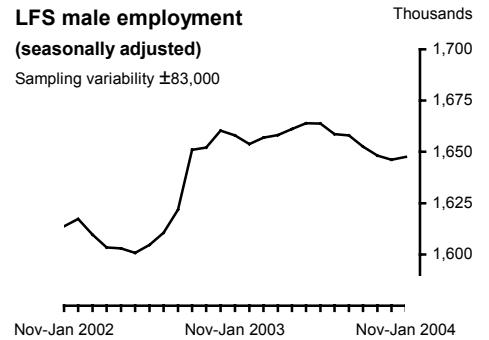
February 2004 data: claimant count.

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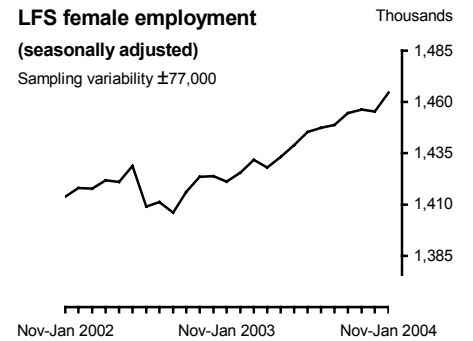


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

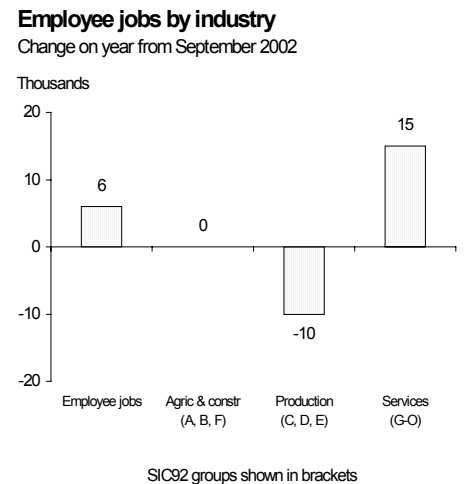
The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 73.6 per cent in the November to January 2004 period, up 0.3 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.11 million in the November to January 2004 period, up 33,000 on the same period a year earlier.



Seasonally adjusted employee jobs figures were down 2,000 in the quarter to September 2003.



Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 6,000 in the year to September 2003. This was mainly due to rises in the services and 'other' industries, partly offset by a fall in manufacturing industries.



Unemployment (table 1)

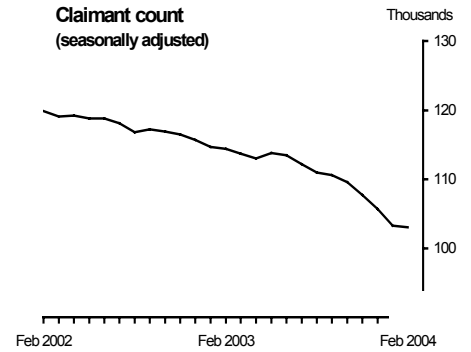
The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.9 per cent in the November to January 2004 period, up 0.1 percentage point on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in November to January 2004 were 5.6 per cent and 4.1 per cent respectively.

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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in February 2004 was 3.1 per cent, unchanged from January 2004, and down 0.3 percentage points since February 2003. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in February 2004 was 103,000, down 300 on January 2004, and down 11,400 since February 2003. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 112,800 in February 2004.



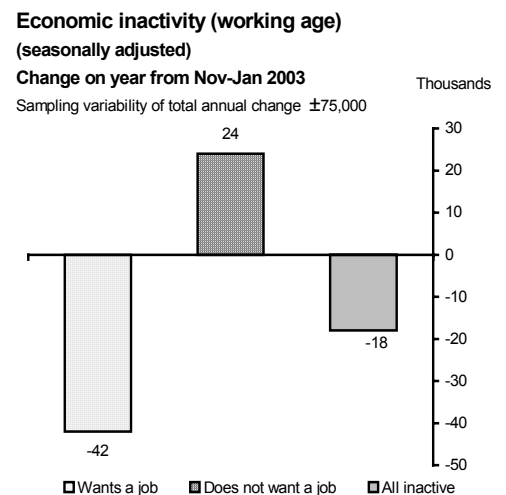
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 34,800 in February 2004, down 2,400 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for all age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically active people in the North West was 3.27 million in the November to January 2004 period.

Economically inactive (tables 1, 10 and 11)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically inactive people in the North West in the November to January 2004 period was 2.04 million, with 924,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was down 18,000.



Vacancies (table 12)

Publication of the seasonally adjusted Jobcentre vacancy series has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct – see note on page 9.

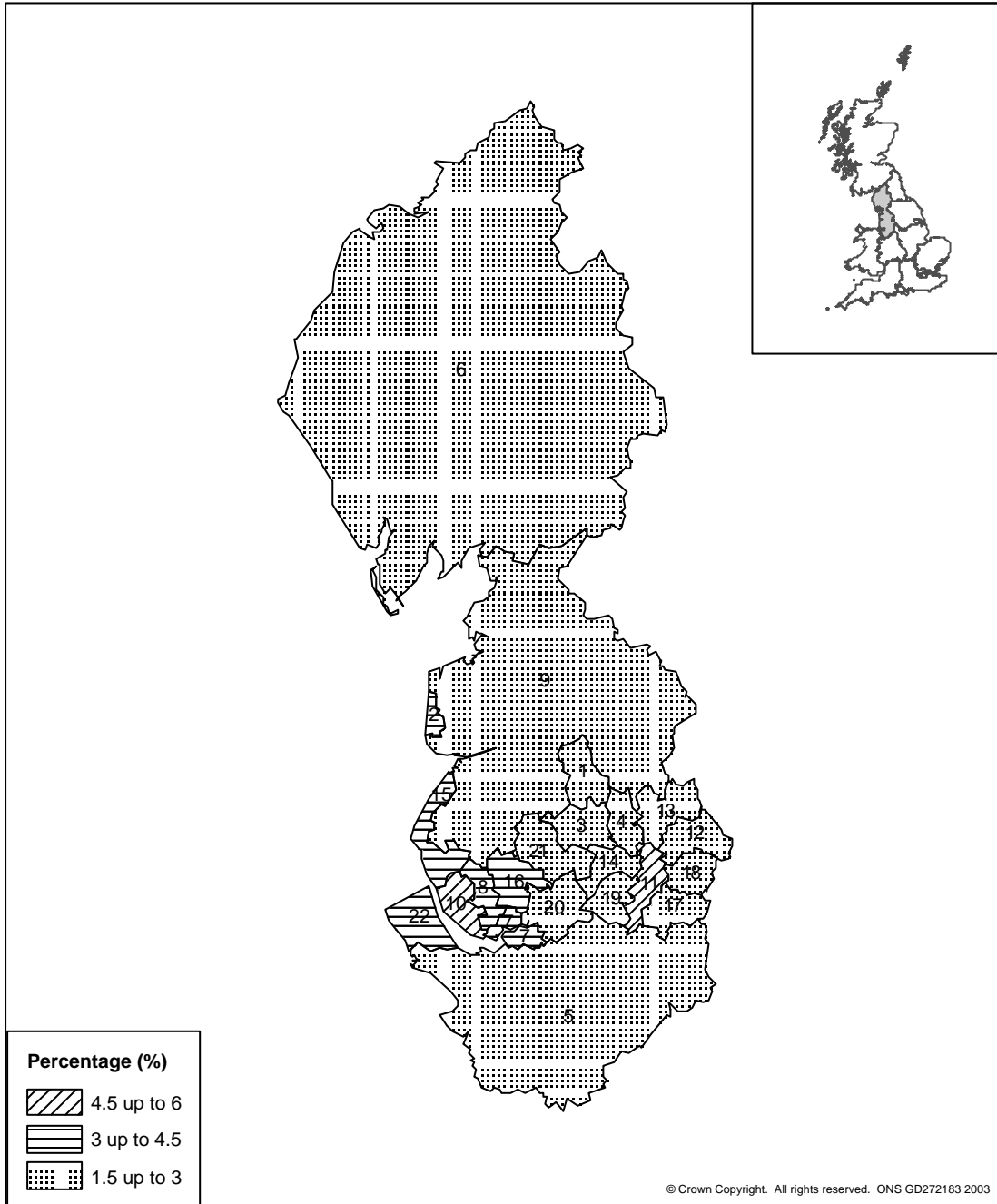
Local area data (table 17)

The claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population was lowest in Ribble Valley, at 0.7 per cent. It was highest in Liverpool, at 5.4 per cent.

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Claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population, by County/UA

February 2004 - North West



1	Blackburn with Darwen UA	2.8%	12	Oldham	2.7%
2	Blackpool UA	3.7%	13	Rochdale	2.9%
3	Bolton	2.5%	14	Salford	2.9%
4	Bury	1.9%	15	Sefton	3.1%
5	Cheshire	1.5%	16	St. Helens	3.1%
6	Cumbria	2.2%	17	Stockport	1.7%
7	Halton UA	3.4%	18	Tameside	2.5%
8	Knowsley	4.4%	19	Trafford	1.9%
9	Lancashire	2.0%	20	Warrington UA	1.8%
10	Liverpool	5.4%	21	Wigan	2.5%
11	Manchester	5.0%	22	Wirral	3.4%

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REVISIONS

Revisions to Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates

This release includes revisions for all UK and regional LFS estimates. These revisions are due to the introduction of LFS survey microdata, for 1992 onwards, that have been weighted to population estimates consistent with the 2001 census. There are also revisions this month to all series as a result of the latest seasonal adjustment review, and the removal of the 'employment edit matrix', which previously reclassified some respondents from self-employment to employees.

Since November 2002 all the LFS time series in the monthly LMS First Release have been interim adjusted to the latest post-2001 Census population estimates. This has met a strong need from key customers for the full set of LFS time series to be consistent with the latest population data.

Until now, the input to the interim LFS system has been LFS microdata weighted on the basis of pre-Census population estimates. For this month's release microdata for the years 1992 to date have been delivered for the first time re-weighted to post-Census population estimates. These are, however, the estimates published by ONS in February and March 2003 not the later revised estimates published in September and October 2003.

Application of LFS interim adjustment method for March 2004

The current LFS series are produced using the interim adjustment procedure applied to the new microdata in order to bring the LFS series into line with the latest September and October 2003 population estimates. The strength of the interim adjustment methodology has been demonstrated by the fact that, despite the very large change to the input microdata, the size of the revisions on the published interim estimates is very small.

Revision to LFS employee and self-employment estimates

Although the impact of the latest revisions on aggregate LFS employment is small, there are larger scale revisions to the component employee and self-employment series. These arise from improvements to the LFS editing procedures, based on the SOC 2000 Occupational Classification, which allow data edits to be removed which previously re-classified some self-employed as employees. The impact of these revisions is larger and the increase in estimates of self-employment is in the range of 180,000 with a compensating decrease for employees.

For further information relating to this change in the editing procedure please see the article published in the September

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2002 edition of Labour Market Trends

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/Labour_market_trends/Introduction_SOC2000_sept2002.pdf

Seasonal Adjustment Review

This release also incorporates the results of the latest regular review of seasonal adjustment of the LFS series. All LFS series have been revised for all periods back to 1992, following evaluation of the seasonality of the LFS series and the methodology used to seasonally adjust them. The object of seasonal adjustment is to separate seasonal movements in each data series, and remove them. External factors, such as legislative or questionnaire changes can affect the ability to isolate the seasonal element of a series and the review takes account of such changes. The impact of the seasonal adjustment review on the data is very small.

Further information relating to these revisions is available on the website www.statistics.gov.uk/ci/article.asp?id=863.

NEXT MONTH

Claimant count

ONS will publish revisions to the seasonally adjusted claimant count series in the next release on 16 April, following the latest annual review. Revisions can be expected to the figures for the past three years. Not seasonally adjusted data are unaffected.

Workforce jobs

As part of the annual benchmarking exercise, employee jobs will be benchmarked next month on to the first results of the Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) for December 2002, together with revised December 2001 figures. Further revisions to earlier years are also included following work on regional accounts and public sector jobs last year.

The self-employed figures included in workforce jobs, which are derived from LFS data, will also be revised next month. This arises from two separate changes. First, the latest Census estimates will be taken on board to be consistent with LFS results being published this month. There is also a change in the editing applied to self-employed data on the LFS; this was described in an article in Labour Market Trends of September 2002.

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/Labour_market_trends/Introduction_SOC2000_sept2002.pdf

SPECIAL

Impact of population revisions on LFS series

Revised national and regional mid-year population estimates for 2001 and 2002 were published by ONS on 26 September 2003, and revised estimates for 1992 to 2000 were published on 23 October 2003.

Then, on 4 November 2003, ONS published new provisional population estimates for Manchester for the years 2001 and 2002. Revised estimates for the North West Region and for England as a whole were also published taking the Manchester revision into account. No revised population estimates for 1992 to 2000 were published at that time, but it is anticipated that the revised series for 1992 to 2000 will be published by ONS during Spring 2004.

In order to maintain consistency in LFS time series, only population data for which consistent back series are available can be taken into account in the LFS estimation process. Therefore, while the population data released in September and October 2003 are used in the LFS interim estimates, the population data revised to allow for the new Manchester figures cannot be taken into account yet. However, when revised population figures for 1992 to 2000 are published, interim revised LFS series for these years will be published as soon as possible after this.

Allowing for the Manchester revision, the 2003 and 2004 estimates used for LFS interim estimation since November 2003 are very close to the new 2002-based projections for these years published by the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) on 18 December 2003.

Future LFS revisions

Future revised population estimates, when accompanied by consistent historical series, will be incorporated as swiftly as possible into revised LFS series using the interim LFS adjustment procedure.

By 2005, it is planned that modernised LFS processing systems will be ready which will enable the new MYE for 2004 to be incorporated into revised LFS microdata much more swiftly than is now possible. The revised LFS time series, taking account of the 2004 MYE, to be released in September 2005 should therefore be produced entirely consistently with the LFS microdata, without the need for any interim adjustment procedure.

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New tables presenting a labour market framework for local areas

In July's release four new tables were introduced (one for each of the four local area geographies: local authorities, parliamentary constituencies, travel-to-work areas and NUTS 3 areas) which present a framework of labour market statistics in order to give a better overall picture of the labour market for the local area. The tables are structured to present indicators on labour supply, labour demand and claimants of the Jobseekers' Allowance (JSA) working age benefit. This structure adheres to the labour accounting system described in the Framework Review of Labour Market Statistics published on 5 August 2002 (see http://www.statistics.gov.uk/methods_quality/quality_review/downloads/LMSFR_Final.doc). A new labour demand indicator, jobs density, is included in these tables. The jobs density is the total number of jobs in the area (including employees, self-employed, government-supported trainees and armed forces personnel) divided by the number of working age residents of the area. The data in the Framework tables are annual, and come from a number of different sources.

As the new Framework tables contain annual Labour Force Survey (LFS) data, the table containing an annual local area LFS summary has been discontinued. Also, the tables giving monthly JSA claimant data have been retained for local authorities and parliamentary constituencies, but have been discontinued for travel-to-work areas and NUTS 3 areas. JSA claimant data for travel-to-work areas and NUTS 3 areas will continue to be available electronically, via Nomis[®].

Claimant count rates

Following the recommendations in the LMS Framework Review, the workplace-based claimant count rates for sub-regional areas have been withdrawn from National Statistics and have ceased to appear in ONS publications. Users wishing to calculate the rates themselves will be able to continue to do so, using information readily accessible via the Nomis[®] website (<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>).

ONS is now publishing local area claimant count figures as a proportion of the resident working age population. Claimant count proportions for local authorities and for NUTS 3 areas are calculated using the revised mid-2001 population estimates published by ONS on 26 September 2003. Comparable figures for countries and regions of the United Kingdom are also published. Claimant count proportions for parliamentary constituencies are based on population data from the 2001 Census by output area, published on 30 June, adjusted to be consistent with the revised official mid-year population estimates.

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Tables 13 to 16: Local labour market indicators

Tables 13 to 16 present a framework of labour market statistics for local areas. Data are presented as indicators of labour supply, labour demand and benefits. This structure adheres to the labour accounting system described in the Framework Review of Labour Market Statistics published on 5 August 2002 (see http://www.statistics.gov.uk/methods_quality/quality_review/downloads/LMSFR_Final.doc).

These tables include data from the annual local area Labour Force Survey. These data are weighted to population estimates which were released in February 2003, not the latest population estimates which were published in September 2003. Interim reweighting of monthly LFS estimates at national and regional level has been applied in order to take account of the revised population data. For the annual local area LFS data such an interim reweighting is not possible. The next reweighting of LFS micro-data will be in 2005, after which all LFS outputs will be consistent with the latest population estimates (see background note 4).

Jobcentre vacancy data

Publication of the Jobcentre vacancy series has been deferred due to distortions to the data as a result of the introduction of Employer Direct by Jobcentre Plus.

A limited range of statistics on Jobcentre Plus vacancies, relating to the inflows of newly-notified vacancies, is now being made available on Nomis[®], though not at this stage as National Statistics. (For further details see the news and research item on page 455 of the September 2002 issue of *Labour Market Trends*.)

The introduction of Employer Direct, a major change which involved transferring the vacancy-taking process from local Jobcentres to regional Customer Service Centres, has substantially affected the vacancy data since May 2001.

In addition, the numbers of notified vacancies appear to be substantially affected by a drive (from April 2003) by Jobcentre Plus to market their services and increase notifications from many employers in chosen sectors. Recent changes in these figures would therefore not necessarily signify developments in the labour market.

ONS and the Department for Work and Pensions are continuing to monitor and review the data with a view to restoring series when it is appropriate to do so.

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Claimant count

The introduction of Joint Claims for Jobseeker's Allowance on 19 March 2001, and its extension on 28 October 2002, means that both members of certain couples are now required to claim JSA jointly and both are required to look for work. The claimant count continues to include all individual claimants, so there are some extra claimants included as a result of these changes.

Since 19 March 2001 Joint Claims for JSA has applied to couples without dependent children where at least one member was born after 19 March 1976 and is aged over 18. Joint Claims was extended on 28 October 2002 to couples without dependent children where at least one member was born after 28 October 1957.

ONS estimates that the introduction of Joint Claims had an initial upward effect on the claimant count, which accumulated between April and August 2001, of some 800 for the North West region at the time (approximately 300 men and 500 women). For the UK overall the initial impact was some 6,500 (approximately 2,200 men and 4,300 women). The total effect of the extension on 28 October has been to add a further estimated 450 claimants (100 men and 350 women) to the count for the North West region between October 2002 and February 2003 and 3,800 for the UK overall (approximately 900 men and 2,900 women).

The extent to which the introduction of Joint Claims may be treated as a discontinuity in the count, following past precedent, is difficult to assess but we will continue to monitor and review the effects. For information about previous treatment of discontinuities in the claimant count see, for example, the article 'Changes to the coverage of the monthly count of claimant unemployment' in *Labour Market Trends*, November 1995, page 398.

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BACKGROUND NOTES

1. More information on the statistics in this release can be found in the *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases*, available from the labour market helpline 020 7533 6094. Information is also available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp>.
2. Some data in this release are based on statistical samples and, as such, are subject to sampling variability. If many samples were drawn, each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the LFS data in this release and in the following table represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value. For more information, see the *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases*.

November to January 2004

Thousands

	Levels			Quarterly changes			Annual changes		
	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit
Employment	3,052	3,112	3,173	-73	5	83	-45	33	111
Employment rate	72.4%	73.6%	74.8%	-1.5%	0.0%	1.6%	-1.2%	0.3%	1.8%
Unemployment	142	159	176	-23	1	25	-17	7	30
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.9%	5.4%	-0.7%	0.0%	0.8%	-0.6%	0.1%	0.9%
Economically active	3,211	1,379	1,417	-71	6	84	-37	40	117
Economic activity rate	76.4%	77.5%	78.6%	-1.4%	0.1%	1.5%	-0.9%	0.5%	1.9%
Economically inactive	865	924	983	-79	-3	73	-94	-18	57

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

November to January 2004

	Employment	Unemployment	Economically Active	Working age Economically Inactive	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate
	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	(%)	(%)
North East	± 34	± 11	± 34	± 35	± 1.8	± 1.0
North West	± 61	± 17	± 60	± 59	± 1.2	± 0.5
Yorks & Humber	± 48	± 15	± 47	± 45	± 1.2	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 39	± 12	± 39	± 44	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 50	± 16	± 49	± 48	± 1.2	± 0.6
East	± 49	± 14	± 49	± 45	± 1.1	± 0.5
London	± 63	± 24	± 61	± 61	± 1.1	± 0.7
South East	± 58	± 16	± 57	± 53	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 49	± 11	± 49	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.4
Wales	± 38	± 11	± 38	± 38	± 1.7	± 0.8
Scotland	± 48	± 16	± 47	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.6

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3. The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.
4. Annual local area data from the LFS are included in Tables 13 to 16. All LFS micro-data have been reweighted to be consistent with post census population estimates, which were published in February 2003. However, during this reweighting exercise, revised population estimates were released, in September 2003. The quarterly, regional LFS data in this release have been interim reweighted to the latest (September 2003) population estimates, but for local area data such an interim reweighting is not possible. The LFS data in Tables 13 to 16 are therefore not consistent with the quarterly LFS data published elsewhere in the release. The next reweighting of LFS micro-data will be in 2005, after which all LFS outputs will be consistent with the latest population estimates (see note on page 7).

The annual LFS database is compiled by taking data from waves one and five of four quarters of the LFS and combining them with an additional sample of interviews. This sample boost was introduced in 2000 and has improved the accuracy of the annual estimates for some local areas in England and all local areas in Wales (a boost was also introduced in Scotland for the 2003/04 survey, and the results of this survey will be published in autumn 2004). There are now different publication thresholds for annual LFS data, depending on the size of the sample boost in the area. The thresholds are six thousand, four thousand, two thousand and as low as one thousand for some areas in Wales. For further information see Volume 6 of the *LFS User Guide*. This guide, along with additional data and further background information, are available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/lfs>. A wide range of annual local area data from the LFS is available free from the Nomis[®] website at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

5. Not seasonally adjusted claimant count and vacancies data are gathered from administrative sources and constitute a complete count. However, seasonally adjusted totals are presented as rounded to the nearest hundred to avoid spurious precision. Any differences between the sum of the rounded seasonally adjusted figures and the UK totals are due to this rounding.
6. Claimant count flows are the number of people joining or leaving the count in the period between the count dates. They are therefore affected by the number of weeks between count dates. To enable comparisons from month to month, the flows figures are standardised to a 4.33-week month before seasonal adjustment.

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7. The number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants can be expressed as a proportion of either (a) the corresponding mid-year estimate (or the latest available mid-year estimate, currently for June 2000) of the workforce jobs in the area plus the number of claimants, or (b) the resident working age population. The number of workforce jobs is mainly collected through postal employer surveys and comprises employee jobs, self-employment jobs, HM armed forces and government-supported trainees and is used to calculate rates for regions and the countries of the UK. For smaller areas, proportions based on the resident working age populations are used.
8. The count of JSA claimants is mostly derived from the Jobcentre Plus computer records. However for various reasons, e.g. when a claimant's National Insurance number is not known, a few claims have to be dealt with manually by local offices. These claims, which amount to less than 1 per cent of the total, are thus counted separately and not analysed in as much detail as the computerised claims. In particular, only the computerised claims are analysed by age and duration on a monthly basis.
9. Travel-to-Work areas (Table 15) are approximations to self-contained labour markets, i.e. areas where people both live and work.
10. NUTS (Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques) (Table 16) was established by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) to provide a uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics. NUTS is a five-level hierarchical classification.
11. The employee jobs series is based on data from employer surveys and is subject to sampling variability. The nature of the survey means that the size of this sampling variability may not be consistent from year to year. Provisionally ONS would expect that the 95 per cent confidence interval would on average be within +/- 6 per cent of the estimate. However, this will vary from region to region.
12. Labour market statistics are compiled from a wide range of sources. Claimant count and Jobcentre vacancy data are provided from the Jobcentre Plus administrative system, workforce jobs are derived from ONS business surveys, other data come from the ONS Labour Force Survey.
13. The Social and Vital Statistics Division of ONS carries out the questionnaire design, sample selection and interviewing for the LFS. Analysis and publication of the results of the survey is undertaken by Labour Market Division. In Northern Ireland, the Labour Force Survey is conducted by the Central Survey Unit.

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14. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of detailed labour market data in a number of formats. In particular, data are available from Nomis[®] at the same time as this release is published. Further data are also published in *Labour Market Trends (LMT)* and the *Labour Force Survey Quarterly Supplement to LMT*.
15. Datasets of selected series can also be viewed by choosing topics within the Labour Market theme on our website (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/labour>).
16. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.
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The following symbols are used in the tables:

..	not available	-	nil or negligible
p	provisional	r	revised
*	grossed up total		
	less than 10,000		

Totals may differ from the sum of components because of rounding or separate adjustment of components.

NATIONAL LABOUR MARKET SUMMARY, BY REGION

Summary of Labour Force Survey data

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey# (November 2003 to January 2004)

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment								
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women			Total		Men		Women		
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
North East	1,998	1,162	74.4	623	539	1,089	69.6	578	73.1	511	66.0	73	6.3	45	7.2	28	5.2			
North West	5,315	3,271	77.5	1,744	1,527	3,112	73.6	1,648	77.0	1,465	70.0	159	4.9	97	5.6	62	4.1			
Yorkshire & the Humber	3,936	2,449	78.3	1,315	1,133	2,326	74.3	1,241	78.1	1,085	70.3	123	5.0	74	5.6	48	4.3			
East Midlands	3,359	2,147	80.1	1,167	980	2,050	76.4	1,108	80.4	942	72.1	97	4.5	59	5.0	38	3.8			
West Midlands	4,180	2,588	78.0	1,425	1,163	2,445	73.6	1,341	78.5	1,104	68.3	143	5.5	85	5.9	59	5.1			
East	4,324	2,841	82.7	1,544	1,298	2,749	80.0	1,493	85.0	1,256	74.6	93	3.3	51	3.3	42	3.2			
London	5,932	3,828	75.4	2,138	1,689	3,563	70.1	1,980	76.4	1,583	63.3	265	6.9	158	7.4	107	6.3			
South East	6,406	4,224	82.4	2,289	1,934	4,064	79.1	2,202	84.3	1,862	73.6	160	3.8	87	3.8	73	3.8			
South West	3,979	2,509	81.6	1,348	1,161	2,439	79.3	1,307	82.8	1,132	75.6	71	2.8	41	3.1	29	2.5			
England	39,428	25,019	79.1	13,594	11,425	23,836	75.3	12,897	79.9	10,939	70.4	1,182	4.7	696	5.1	486	4.3			
Wales	2,320	1,379	75.9	730	649	1,312	72.1	686	74.9	626	69.2	67	4.9	44	6.1	23	3.5			
Scotland	4,045	2,539	78.6	1,344	1,194	2,394	74.1	1,256	77.3	1,138	70.8	145	5.7	88	6.6	57	4.7			
Great Britain	45,792	28,936	78.9	15,669	13,268	27,542	75.0	14,839	79.4	12,703	70.3	1,394	4.8	829	5.3	565	4.3			
N Ireland	1,298	767	71.5	433	334	724	67.4	401	73.7	323	60.8	43	5.6	32	7.4	11	3.2			
United Kingdom	47,090	29,708	78.7	16,104	13,603	28,272	74.8	15,243	79.2	13,029	70.1	1,436	4.8	862	5.3	574	4.2			

Change on quarter: +

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment								
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women			Total		Men		Women		
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
North East	1	11	0.7	1	9	16	1.0	6	1.1	10	1.0	-5	-0.5	-5	-0.8	0	-0.2			
North West	4	6	0.1	-2	9	5	0.0	-5	-0.2	10	0.3	1	0.0	3	0.2	-1	-0.1			
Yorkshire & the Humber	4	16	0.3	0	15	15	0.3	1	-0.1	14	0.8	0	0.0	-1	-0.1	2	0.1			
East Midlands	6	25	1.0	2	23	21	0.8	1	0.0	20	1.7	4	0.1	1	0.1	3	0.2			
West Midlands	4	1	-0.1	-4	5	9	0.2	2	0.1	7	0.3	-9	-0.3	-6	-0.4	-2	-0.2			
East	9	37	1.0	15	22	55	1.6	27	1.5	27	1.7	-18	-0.7	-12	-0.8	-6	-0.5			
London	15	-21	-0.6	-10	-10	-22	-0.6	-17	-0.8	-5	-0.3	2	0.1	7	0.3	-5	-0.3			
South East	14	18	0.2	13	5	18	0.2	15	0.4	3	-0.1	0	0.0	-2	-0.1	2	0.1			
South West	7	10	0.3	4	6	18	0.7	10	0.5	8	0.8	-8	-0.3	-6	-0.4	-2	-0.2			
England	63	103	0.2	21	82	136	0.3	42	0.2	93	0.5	-33	-0.2	-22	-0.2	-11	-0.1			
Wales	3	-4	-0.3	5	-9	-10	-0.7	-2	-0.2	-8	-1.2	6	0.5	8	1.0	-1	-0.1			
Scotland	1	-7	-0.3	-9	2	-4	-0.2	-4	-0.5	0	0.2	-3	-0.1	-5	-0.4	2	0.2			
Great Britain	67	92	0.2	17	76	122	0.3	36	0.1	85	0.4	-29	-0.1	-20	-0.1	-10	-0.1			
N Ireland	3	-3	-0.6	-4	1	0	-0.4	-3	-1.0	3	0.2	-2	-0.3	0	0.0	-2	-0.6			
United Kingdom	70	88	0.1	11	77	121	0.2	32	0.1	88	0.4	-33	-0.1	-22	-0.1	-11	-0.1			

Change on year:

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment								
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women			Total		Men		Women		
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
North East	3	36	2.1	10	26	38	2.2	15	2.2	23	2.1	-2	-0.4	-4	-0.8	3	0.3			
North West	16	40	0.5	-8	48	33	0.3	-10	-0.7	43	1.4	7	0.1	2	0.2	5	0.2			
Yorkshire & the Humber	16	48	1.0	5	42	40	0.8	5	-0.1	36	1.8	7	0.2	0	0.0	7	0.4			
East Midlands	22	15	0.1	8	7	10	-0.1	1	-0.7	9	0.4	5	0.2	7	0.6	-2	-0.2			
West Midlands	15	-30	-1.0	-9	-20	-22	-0.7	-9	-0.7	-13	-0.8	-8	-0.2	-1	0.0	-7	-0.5			
East	36	57	1.1	24	33	80	1.8	40	1.7	40	1.9	-23	-0.9	-16	-1.1	-7	-0.7			
London	60	38	-0.3	11	27	25	-0.4	5	-0.7	20	-0.2	13	0.3	5	0.2	7	0.3			
South East	55	4	-0.5	7	-3	10	-0.4	15	-0.1	-4	-0.7	-6	-0.2	-8	-0.4	2	0.1			
South West	30	7	-0.5	10	-4	32	0.4	20	0.2	12	0.7	-25	-1.0	-9	-0.7	-16	-1.3			
England	253	214	0.1	58	156	246	0.2	81	0.0	165	0.6	-32	-0.2	-23	-0.2	-9	-0.1			
Wales	10	27	0.6	6	21	24	0.5	0	-0.2	24	1.3	3	0.1	6	0.8	-4	-0.7			
Scotland	5	-1	-0.6	5	-6	3	-0.4	3	-0.2	-1	-0.5	-4	-0.2	1	0.1	-5	-0.4			
Great Britain	268	240	0.1	69	171	273	0.2	85	-0.1	189	0.5	-33	-0.2	-15	-0.1	-18	-0.2			
N Ireland	11	-14	-1.6	-8	-6	-14	-1.7	-14	-2.8	1	-0.4	0	0.0	7	1.7	-7	-2.1			
United Kingdom	280	229	0.0	65	164	262	0.2	72	-0.1	190	0.5	-34	-0.2	-7	-0.1	-26	-0.2			

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

* Denominator = all persons of working age.

** Denominator = Total economically active.

Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

+ Quarter to 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.

Some of the series in this table are available electronically through the ONS Time Series Data service. See background note 1 for further details.

Due to slight methodological differences between the way the national and regional LFS estimates have been interim adjusted for the 2001 Census, there may be small differences between the UK totals and the sum of the regional components.

Data source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

NATIONAL LABOUR MARKET SUMMARY, BY REGION

Summary of other headline indicators

Thousands

	Employer surveys			Jobcentre Plus administrative system						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs** (Sep 2003); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (February 2004); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (February 2004); seasonally adjusted		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men		Women		Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies	Outflow of vacancies	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ⁺	Level	Rate (%) ⁺	Level				Rate (%) ⁺
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
North East	1,090	579	511	48.1	4.3	37.3	6.3	10.8	2.1			
North West	3,237	1,723	1,515	103.0	3.1	78.9	4.4	24.1	1.6			
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,367	1,241	1,125	76.8	3.2	58.3	4.5	18.5	1.6			
East Midlands	1,974	1,012	962	54.7	2.7	40.0	3.7	14.7	1.5			
West Midlands	2,570	1,368	1,202	92.1	3.5	69.5	4.8	22.6	1.8			
East	2,640	1,421	1,218	56.4	2.1	40.7	2.8	15.7	1.3			
London	4,555	2,482	2,073	165.8	3.6	119.2	4.6	46.6	2.2			
South East	4,183	2,198	1,985	73.9	1.7	54.6	2.4	19.3	1.0			
South West	2,440	1,275	1,165	43.9	1.7	32.0	2.4	11.9	1.0			
England	25,054	13,300	11,755	714.7	2.8	530.5	3.8	184.2	1.6			
Wales	1,271	659	611	41.5	3.2	31.4	4.6	10.1	1.6			
Scotland	2,522	1,300	1,222	96.1	3.6	74.1	5.4	22.0	1.8			
Great Britain	28,847	15,259	13,588	852.3	2.9	636.0	4.0	216.3	1.6			
N Ireland	775	411	364	32.9	4.1	24.9	5.6	8.0	2.2			
United Kingdom	29,622	15,670	13,951	885.2	2.9	660.9	4.0	224.3	1.6			

Publication of the jobcentre vacancy statistics has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 9

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer surveys			Jobcentre Plus administrative system						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on Sep 2002); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (Change on January 2004) seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (Change on January 2004) seasonally adjusted		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men		Women		Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies	Outflow of vacancies	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ⁺	Level	Rate (%) ⁺	Level				Rate (%) ⁺
North East	30	21	9	-1.0	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.0			
North West	28	17	11	-0.3	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.4	0.0			
Yorkshire & the Humber	34	24	10	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
East Midlands	8	-13	21	-0.9	0.0	-0.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.0			
West Midlands	6	14	-9	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0			
East	26	27	-1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0			
London	77	53	24	-1.3	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	0.0			
South East	30	14	16	-0.5	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
South West	-14	-15	1	-0.7	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0			
England	222	140	82	-5.7	0.0	-4.9	0.0	-0.8	0.0			
Wales	25	17	9	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0			
Scotland	7	7	0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Great Britain	254	163	91	-6.0	0.0	-5.3	0.0	-0.7	0.0			
N Ireland	18	9	9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0			
United Kingdom	271	172	99	-6.6	0.0	-5.8	0.0	-0.8	0.0			

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

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* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

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

+ Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs. NB these are different from the proportions claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for local areas shown in Table 17 and 18.

See note on page 8 for further details.

Some of the series in this table are available electronically through the ONS Time Series Data service. See background note 1 for further details

The workforce jobs data in this table have not been rebenchmarked to the latest ABI results and do not include the latest LFS estimates - see note on page 6

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

1 Summary of LFS data for November to January 2004

		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
		YCHD	YCHQ	YCJQ	YCMQ	HKMP			YCND	
People	Nov-Jan 2002	5,282	3,198	3,028	170	2,084	60.5	57.3	5.3	39.5
	Nov-Jan 2003	5,299	3,232	3,079	152	2,068	61.0	58.1	4.7	39.0
	Feb-Apr 2003	5,303	3,247	3,086	161	2,056	61.2	58.2	5.0	38.8
	May-Jul 2003	5,307	3,268	3,109	159	2,039	61.6	58.6	4.9	38.4
	Aug-Oct 2003	5,311	3,265	3,107	158	2,046	61.5	58.5	4.8	38.5
	Nov-Jan 2004	5,315	3,271	3,112	159	2,044	61.6	58.6	4.9	38.4
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	6	5	1	-2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.8	-0.1					
<i>Change on year</i>	16	40	33	7	-24	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.6	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	1.2	1.1	4.4	-1.2					
Men	Nov-Jan 2002	2,534	1,719	1,614	105	815	67.8	63.7	6.1	32.2
	Nov-Jan 2003	2,544	1,753	1,658	95	791	68.9	65.2	5.4	31.1
	Feb-Apr 2003	2,546	1,756	1,658	98	790	69.0	65.1	5.6	31.0
	May-Jul 2003	2,548	1,760	1,664	97	788	69.1	65.3	5.5	30.9
	Aug-Oct 2003	2,550	1,747	1,652	94	803	68.5	64.8	5.4	31.5
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,552	1,744	1,648	97	808	68.4	64.6	5.6	31.6
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	-2	-5	3	4	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	2.9	0.5					
<i>Change on year</i>	8	-8	-10	2	17	-0.5	-0.6	0.2	0.5	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	2.4	2.1					
Women	Nov-Jan 2002	2,747	1,479	1,414	65	1,269	53.8	51.5	4.4	46.2
	Nov-Jan 2003	2,756	1,479	1,421	58	1,277	53.7	51.6	3.9	46.3
	Feb-Apr 2003	2,757	1,492	1,428	64	1,266	54.1	51.8	4.3	45.9
	May-Jul 2003	2,759	1,507	1,445	62	1,252	54.6	52.4	4.1	45.4
	Aug-Oct 2003	2,761	1,518	1,455	64	1,243	55.0	52.7	4.2	45.0
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,763	1,527	1,465	62	1,236	55.3	53.0	4.1	44.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	9	10	-1	-7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.3
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.6	0.7	-2.3	-0.5					
<i>Change on year</i>	7	48	43	5	-41	1.6	1.4	0.2	-1.6	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	3.2	3.1	7.9	-3.2					

		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	
			YCID	YCKD	YCOQ	YCNQ	YCNQ	YCKD	YCPD	YCZZ	
People	Nov-Jan 2002	4,081	3,111	2,942	169	971	76.2	72.1	5.4	23.8	
	Nov-Jan 2003	4,094	3,151	3,000	152	942	77.0	73.3	4.8	23.0	
	Feb-Apr 2003	4,096	3,160	3,000	159	936	77.1	73.3	5.0	22.9	
	May-Jul 2003	4,098	3,179	3,023	157	918	77.6	73.8	4.9	22.4	
	Aug-Oct 2003	4,100	3,173	3,016	157	927	77.4	73.6	4.9	22.6	
	Nov-Jan 2004	4,102	3,178	3,019	158	924	77.5	73.6	5.0	22.5	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	5	3	2	-3	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	-0.3						
<i>Change on year</i>	8	26	20	7	-18	0.5	0.3	0.2	-0.5		
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.8	0.7	4.5	-1.9						
Men	Nov-Jan 2002	2,099	1,692	1,588	104	406	80.7	75.7	6.2	19.3	
	Nov-Jan 2003	2,103	1,728	1,634	94	375	82.2	77.7	5.4	17.8	
	Feb-Apr 2003	2,103	1,728	1,632	96	376	82.1	77.6	5.6	17.9	
	May-Jul 2003	2,104	1,733	1,637	95	371	82.4	77.8	5.5	17.6	
	Aug-Oct 2003	2,105	1,717	1,624	93	388	81.6	77.2	5.4	18.4	
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,106	1,718	1,622	96	388	81.6	77.0	5.6	18.4	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	1	-3	3	0	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	0.0	-0.2	3.4	0.1						
<i>Change on year</i>	3	-10	-13	2	13	-0.6	-0.7	0.2	0.6		
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.6	-0.8	2.5	3.6						
Women	Nov-Jan 2002	1,983	1,418	1,354	64	565	71.5	68.3	4.5	28.5	
	Nov-Jan 2003	1,991	1,423	1,365	58	568	71.5	68.6	4.1	28.5	
	Feb-Apr 2003	1,992	1,432	1,369	63	561	71.9	68.7	4.4	28.1	
	May-Jul 2003	1,994	1,447	1,385	61	547	72.6	69.5	4.2	27.4	
	Aug-Oct 2003	1,995	1,456	1,392	64	539	73.0	69.8	4.4	27.0	
	Nov-Jan 2004	1,996	1,460	1,398	62	536	73.1	70.0	4.3	26.9	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	5	6	-2	-3	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.3	0.4	-2.6	-0.6						
<i>Change on year</i>	5	37	32	4	-32	1.7	1.4	0.2	-1.7		
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	2.6	2.4	7.6	-5.6						

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

Data source: Labour Force Survey

The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

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REGIONAL DATA

North West

1a Summary of other headline indicators

(thousands),
seasonally
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Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)			
Levels			
	Total	Males	Females
Sep 00	3,157	1,650	1,507
Sep 01	3,195	1,709	1,486
Sep 02	3,209	1,706	1,503
Dec 02	3,237	1,726	1,511
Mar 03	3,208	1,707	1,501
Jun 03	3,223	1,714	1,508
Sep 03	3,237	1,723	1,515
<i>Change on year</i>	28	17	11
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	1.0	0.8

Claimant count*						
	Levels			Rates (%)**		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
	IBWA	ZMPU	ZMPW	IBWC	ZMPV	ZMPX
2003						
February#	114.4	88.8	25.6	3.5	5.0	1.7
March	113.7	88.1	25.6	3.4	4.9	1.7
April	113.0	87.5	25.5	3.4	4.9	1.7
May	113.8	88.2	25.6	3.4	4.9	1.7
June#	113.5	88.0	25.5	3.4	4.9	1.7
July	112.2	86.9	25.3	3.4	4.9	1.7
August#	111.0	85.7	25.3	3.4	4.8	1.7
September	110.6	85.2	25.4	3.3	4.8	1.7
October	109.6	84.5	25.1	3.3	4.7	1.7
November#	107.7	83.0	24.7	3.3	4.6	1.6
December	105.7	81.4	24.3	3.2	4.5	1.6
2004	(r)					
January	103.3	79.6	23.7	3.1	4.4	1.6
February#	(p) 103.0	78.9	24.1	3.1	4.4	1.6
<i>Change on period</i>	-0.3	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.9	1.7			
<i>Change on year</i>	-11.4	-9.9	-1.5	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-10.0	-11.1	-5.9			

	Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies
	Level	Level
	IBWG	IBWE
2003		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2004		
January		
February		

Publication of these vacancy statistics has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 9.

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

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** Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. NB these are different from the proportions of the working age populations claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for local areas shown in Tables 17 and 18. See note on page 8 for further details.

Data source: Employer surveys, DfES Training Data System, Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

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

The workforce jobs data in this table have not been rebenchmarked to the latest ABI results and do not include the latest LFS estimates - see note on page 6

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2 Employment by age

North West

(thousands), not 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
Employed									
People	Sep - Nov 2000	3,007	2,928	74	347	738	1,148	620	79
	Sep - Nov 2001	3,018	2,934	80	356	705	1,144	648	85
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,088	3,003	83	394	703	1,152	672	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,077	2,995	69	402	674	1,162	689	81
	Mar - May 2003	3,090	3,004	64	389	677	1,166	708	86
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,102	3,017	66	395	672	1,173	712	84
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,117	3,022	76	398	667	1,190	691	96
<i>Change on year</i>	29	18	-7	4	-36	38	19	11	
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.6	-8.3	1.0	-5.1	3.3	2.8	13.6	
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	1,624	1,599	36	187	404	601	371	25
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,615	1,589	38	182	384	593	392	26
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,658	1,633	38	208	378	611	398	25
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,649	1,626	35	204	371	612	405	23
	Mar - May 2003	1,653	1,625	33	201	366	614	410	28
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,665	1,640	37	206	362	624	411	25
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,655	1,625	36	205	354	625	405	30
<i>Change on year</i>	-4	-8	-2	-2	-24	14	7	4	
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-0.5	-6.3	-1.2	-6.3	2.3	1.8	16.8	
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	1,383	1,329	38	160	334	548	249	54
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,403	1,344	43	174	321	551	256	59
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,429	1,370	45	186	324	541	274	59
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,428	1,369	34	198	303	550	284	58
	Mar - May 2003	1,437	1,379	31	187	311	552	298	58
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,437	1,378	28	189	309	549	301	59
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,462	1,396	40	193	312	565	286	66
<i>Change on year</i>	33	26	-5	6	-12	24	12	7	
<i>Change %</i>	2.3	1.9	-10.1	3.5	-3.7	4.4	4.4	12.2	
Employment rates (%)*									
People	Sep - Nov 2000	57.1	72.0	42.8	64.0	79.0	81.6	61.3	6.6
	Sep - Nov 2001	57.2	71.9	44.7	64.3	78.0	80.5	63.5	7.1
	Sep - Nov 2002	58.3	73.4	45.2	69.0	80.6	80.2	65.3	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	58.0	73.2	37.5	69.8	77.9	80.7	66.9	6.7
	Mar - May 2003	58.3	73.3	35.0	66.9	79.0	80.8	68.6	7.1
	Jun - Aug 2003	58.4	73.6	35.8	67.5	79.0	81.1	68.9	7.0
	Sep - Nov 2003	58.7	73.7	41.3	67.5	79.0	82.1	66.8	7.9
<i>Change on year</i>	0.4	0.3	-3.9	-1.4	-1.6	2.0	1.5	0.9	
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	64.3	76.3	41.2	70.3	87.8	86.5	63.3	5.9
	Sep - Nov 2001	63.8	75.8	41.3	67.0	86.5	84.8	66.4	6.0
	Sep - Nov 2002	65.2	77.7	40.7	73.9	88.9	86.5	66.9	5.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	64.8	77.3	37.3	71.7	87.9	86.4	68.0	5.2
	Mar - May 2003	64.9	77.3	35.9	70.3	87.6	86.6	68.7	6.4
	Jun - Aug 2003	65.3	77.9	40.1	71.1	87.6	87.8	68.7	5.7
	Sep - Nov 2003	64.9	77.2	38.1	70.5	86.4	87.8	67.6	6.7
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.4	-0.5	-2.6	-3.4	-2.5	1.4	0.8	0.9	
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	50.5	67.4	44.6	58.0	70.5	76.8	58.6	7.1
	Sep - Nov 2001	51.1	67.9	48.3	61.7	69.8	76.4	59.5	7.7
	Sep - Nov 2002	51.9	68.9	49.9	64.2	72.7	74.1	63.2	7.7
	Dec - Feb 2003	51.8	68.8	37.6	68.0	68.3	75.2	65.3	7.6
	Mar - May 2003	52.1	69.2	34.1	63.7	70.8	75.2	68.5	7.5
	Jun - Aug 2003	52.1	69.1	31.4	63.9	70.9	74.6	69.1	7.7
	Sep - Nov 2003	52.9	70.0	44.7	64.6	72.0	76.6	65.7	8.6
<i>Change on year</i>	1.1	1.1	-5.2	0.4	-0.7	2.5	2.5	0.9	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

* Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

EMPLOYMENT

North West

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		All in employment					All in employment			
		Total*	Employees*	Self employed*	Unpaid family workers	Government-supported training and employment programmes	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Workers with second jobs	Temporary employees
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People	Sep - Nov 2000	3,007	2,682	302	*	14	2,284	723	102	178
	Sep - Nov 2001	3,018	2,687	313	*	14	2,284	733	96	167
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,088	2,752	315	*	12	2,335	752	123	153
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,077	2,732	329	*	*	2,327	749	111	151
	Mar - May 2003	3,090	2,732	339	*	11	2,313	777	103	134
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,102	2,739	342	10	11	2,320	780	99	153
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,117	2,745	350	11	11	2,329	788	108	174
	<i>Change on year</i>	29	-7	35	*	-1	-6	36	-15	20
	<i>Change %</i>	1.0	-0.2	11.2	*	-5.7	-0.3	4.8	-12.4	13.3
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	1,624	1,385	225	*	10	1,490	134	42	89
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,615	1,362	243	*	*	1,477	138	36	90
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,658	1,408	240	*	*	1,508	150	51	69
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,649	1,394	249	*	*	1,506	142	49	59
	Mar - May 2003	1,653	1,393	252	*	*	1,491	162	48	65
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,665	1,407	250	*	*	1,504	160	46	81
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,655	1,384	261	*	*	1,495	159	44	86
	<i>Change on year</i>	-4	-24	21	*	*	-13	10	-6	16
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-1.7	8.7	*	*	-0.9	6.6	-12.4	23.3
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	1,383	1,297	77	*	*	794	589	60	90
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,403	1,325	70	*	*	807	595	60	77
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,429	1,343	75	*	*	827	602	72	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,428	1,338	80	*	*	820	607	61	92
	Mar - May 2003	1,437	1,339	87	*	*	822	615	55	69
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,437	1,333	92	*	*	816	620	53	72
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,462	1,361	89	*	*	833	628	63	88
	<i>Change on year</i>	33	18	14	*	*	7	26	-9	4
	<i>Change %</i>	2.3	1.3	19.2	*	*	0.8	4.3	-12.4	4.9

		Temporary workers (reasons for temporary working)				Part-time workers (reasons for part-time working)			
		Total**	Could not find permanent job	Did not want a permanent job	Other	Total**	Could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Other
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
People	Sep - Nov 2000	178	60	45	73	711	69	525	113
	Sep - Nov 2001	167	48	32	87	724	79	523	121
	Sep - Nov 2002	153	46	40	67	739	73	540	123
	Dec - Feb 2003	151	41	39	71	739	70	545	123
	Mar - May 2003	134	41	31	62	764	70	565	127
	Jun - Aug 2003	153	39	40	73	770	69	580	118
	Sep - Nov 2003	174	53	44	77	773	83	564	124
	<i>Change on year</i>	20	7	4	9	34	10	24	2
	<i>Change %</i>	13.3	15.0	10.3	13.8	4.6	14.0	4.4	1.4

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

Employees and self-employed

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* Includes people who did not state whether they worked part-time or full-time

** Includes people who did not state their reason for temporary/part-time working

The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, students halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

EMPLOYMENT

4 Civilian workforce jobs

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self- employment jobs	Government- supported trainees
		1	2	3	4
All jobs	Sep 99	3,190	2,838	335	17
	Sep 00	3,157	2,837	304	16
	Sep 01	3,195	2,880	305	9
	Sep 02	3,209	2,873	323	13
	Dec 02	3,237	2,892	332	13
	Mar 03	3,208	2,859	335	13
	Jun 03	3,223	2,871	340	12
	Sep 03	3,237	2,880	343	14
<i>Change on year</i>		28	6	21	1
<i>Change %</i>		0.9	0.2	6.4	9.1
Male jobs	Sep 99	1,694	1,432	253	9
	Sep 00	1,650	1,420	220	10
	Sep 01	1,709	1,467	236	6
	Sep 02	1,706	1,457	241	8
	Dec 02	1,726	1,470	248	8
	Mar 03	1,707	1,452	247	8
	Jun 03	1,714	1,456	251	7
	Sep 03	1,723	1,461	253	8
<i>Change on year</i>		17	4	12	1
<i>Change %</i>		1.0	0.3	4.9	10.3
Female jobs	Sep 99	1,496	1,406	82	8
	Sep 00	1,507	1,417	84	7
	Sep 01	1,486	1,413	69	4
	Sep 02	1,503	1,416	82	5
	Dec 02	1,511	1,422	84	5
	Mar 03	1,501	1,408	88	5
	Jun 03	1,508	1,414	89	5
	Sep 03	1,515	1,419	90	6
<i>Change on year</i>		11	2	9	0
<i>Change %</i>		0.8	0.2	10.7	7.3

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey, DfES

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4

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The Workforce Jobs series measures jobs rather than people, therefore, second self-employment jobs (where the main job is an employee) are now included in this series.

Civilian Workforce Jobs figures come from a variety of sources. Employee Jobs (which is much the largest component of Civilian Workforce Jobs) come from quarterly surveys of employers carried out by Prices & Business Group (PBG) of ONS and Administrative Returns.

Self-employment jobs figures are provided by the LFS and Government-supported trainees figures are provided by ES Training Data Systems.

The data in this table have not been rebench to the latest ABI results and do not include the latest LFS estimates - see note on page 6.

EMPLOYMENT

North West

5 Employee jobs by industry

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

Standard Industrial Classification (1992)

SIC 1992 SECTION		All jobs (seasonally adjusted)	Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	Mining Energy & Water Supplies Industries	Manufacturing Industries	Construction	Service Industries	Other Industries	
		A-O	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-K	L-O	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
All jobs	Sep 00	2,830	2,837	21	19	501	123	1,306	867
	Sep 01	2,874	2,880	15	21	481	148	1,344	871
	Sep 02	2,868	2,873	13	21	463	127	1,359	891
	Dec 02	2,876	2,892	11	21	458	136	1,371	896
	Mar 03	2,876	2,859	12	20	458	131	1,343	895
	Jun 03	2,878	2,871	12	21	454	130	1,358	895
	Sep 03	2,875	2,880	13	21	453	127	1,365	900
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	-2							
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.1							
	<i>Change on year</i>	8	6	0	0	-10	0	6	9
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	2.2	2.2	-2.2	0.0	0.5	1.0
Male jobs	Sep 00	1,421	1,420	14	12	366	104	650	274
	Sep 01	1,466	1,467	9	13	354	128	685	278
	Sep 02	1,457	1,457	9	13	342	111	698	284
	Dec 02	1,459	1,470	8	13	339	120	704	287
	Mar 03	1,460	1,452	8	13	339	115	692	285
	Jun 03	1,462	1,456	8	13	336	114	701	285
	Sep 03	1,461	1,461	9	13	336	110	706	287
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	-1							
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.1							
	<i>Change on year</i>	4	4	0	0	-6	-1	7	3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.3	2.0	0.7	-1.7	-0.8	1.1	1.0
Female jobs	Sep 00	1,410	1,417	7	7	136	18	656	593
	Sep 01	1,408	1,413	5	8	128	20	658	594
	Sep 02	1,411	1,416	4	8	121	16	661	607
	Dec 02	1,418	1,422	3	8	119	16	668	609
	Mar 03	1,416	1,408	4	8	119	16	651	610
	Jun 03	1,416	1,414	4	8	118	17	658	610
	Sep 03	1,415	1,419	4	8	117	17	660	613
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	-1							
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.1							
	<i>Change on year</i>	4	2	0	0	-4	1	-1	6
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	2.6	4.6	-3.5	5.3	-0.2	1.0

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

Source: Employer surveys

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 812318

Employee jobs figures are of a measure of jobs rather than people. For example, if a person holds two jobs, each job will be counted in the employee jobs total.

Employees jobs figures come from quarterly surveys of employers carried out by Prices & Business Group (PBG) of ONS and Administrative returns.

The quarterly employer surveys used to compile employee jobs figures do not collect data by Government Office Regions (GOR). Instead, Annual Business Inquiry (ABI) data are used to pro-rate the totals obtained from the quarterly surveys to generate GOR data. This technique can lead to the sum of the industry figures not matching the "All jobs" total in column 2.

The data in this table have not been rebench to the latest ABI results and do not include the latest LFS estimates - see note on page 6.

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6 Actual weekly hours of work

not seasonally adjusted

		Average actual weekly hours of work				
		Total weekly hours (millions)	All workers*	Full-time**	Part-time**	Workers with second jobs
		1	2	3	4	5
People	Sep - Nov 2000	100	33.4	38.2	17.0	8.7
	Sep - Nov 2001	99	32.9	37.7	16.7	10.0
	Sep - Nov 2002	103	33.3	38.1	16.7	9.9
	Dec - Feb 2003	94	30.5	34.8	15.9	8.8
	Mar - May 2003	100	32.3	37.2	16.3	8.7
	Jun - Aug 2003	98	31.6	36.5	16.0	10.1
	Sep - Nov 2003	101	32.5	37.6	16.3	9.8
	<i>Change on year</i>	-1	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0	-2.3	-1.4	-2.4	-0.5	
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	62	38.3	40.0	16.1	8.3
	Sep - Nov 2001	61	37.5	39.2	15.6	9.6
	Sep - Nov 2002	63	38.2	40.0	16.5	10.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	57	34.7	36.1	16.4	9.1
	Mar - May 2003	61	36.8	38.7	16.3	9.0
	Jun - Aug 2003	61	36.4	38.3	16.5	10.3
	Sep - Nov 2003	62	37.5	39.4	16.1	10.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	-1	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0	-2.0	-1.4	-2.6	0.7	
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	38	27.7	34.9	17.2	8.9
	Sep - Nov 2001	39	27.7	34.9	16.9	10.3
	Sep - Nov 2002	39	27.5	34.7	16.7	9.2
	Dec - Feb 2003	37	25.8	32.5	15.8	8.7
	Mar - May 2003	39	27.1	34.5	16.4	8.4
	Jun - Aug 2003	37	26.0	33.1	15.8	9.9
	Sep - Nov 2003	39	26.9	34.2	16.3	9.1
	<i>Change on year</i>	0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0	-2.3	-1.2	-2.4	-1.5	

* main and second jobs

Source: Labour Force Survey

** main jobs only

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The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

7 Claimant count* levels and rates

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Claimant count		Inflows (standardised**)	Outflows (standardised**)	Claimant count (not seasonally adjusted)	
		Level	Rate (%) ^{##}	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ^{##}
		1	2	3	4	5	6
People	2003	IBWA	IBWC			IBWB	IBWD
	February#	114.4	3.5	28.6	28.7	124.5	3.8
	March	113.7	3.4	28.2	28.7	121.1	3.7
	April	113.0	3.4	28.2	29.2	117.5	3.5
	May	113.8	3.4	28.0	27.9	115.7	3.5
	June#	113.5	3.4	28.7	28.7	112.8	3.4
	July	112.2	3.4	27.4	28.4	113.7	3.4
	August#	111.0	3.4	27.0	28.2	113.2	3.4
	September	110.6	3.3	27.2	28.3	108.9	3.3
	October	109.6	3.3	26.7	27.7	104.0	3.1
	November#	107.7	3.3	26.1	27.7	101.9	3.1
	December	105.7	3.2	26.0	27.7	103.2	3.1
	2004						
	January (r)	103.3	3.1	25.4	26.1	112.0	3.4
	February# (p)	103.0	3.1	26.0	26.3	112.8	3.4
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-0.3	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.3		2.4	0.8	0.7	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-11.4	-0.3	-2.6	-2.4	-11.8	-0.4
	<i>Change %</i>	-10.0		-9.1	-8.4	-9.4	
	Men	2003	ZMPU	ZMPV			
February#		88.8	5.0	21.1	21.2	96.8	5.4
March		88.1	4.9	20.7	21.2	94.1	5.3
April		87.5	4.9	20.7	21.7	91.1	5.1
May		88.2	4.9	20.6	20.5	89.9	5.0
June#		88.0	4.9	21.2	21.2	87.5	4.9
July		86.9	4.9	20.1	21.1	86.8	4.8
August#		85.7	4.8	19.8	20.8	85.4	4.8
September		85.2	4.8	19.8	20.8	82.4	4.6
October		84.5	4.7	19.5	20.3	79.3	4.4
November#		83.0	4.6	19.1	20.3	78.3	4.4
December		81.4	4.5	19.0	20.3	79.8	4.5
2004							
January (r)		79.6	4.4	18.7	19.0	86.6	4.8
February# (p)		78.9	4.4	19.0	19.6	86.6	4.8
<i>Change on mth</i>		-0.7	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9		1.6	3.2	0.0		
<i>Change on year</i>	-9.9	-0.6	-2.1	-1.6	-10.2	-0.6	
<i>Change %</i>	-11.1		-10.0	-7.5	-10.6		
Women	2003	ZMPW	ZMPX				
	February#	25.6	1.7	7.5	7.5	27.7	1.8
	March	25.6	1.7	7.5	7.5	27.0	1.8
	April	25.5	1.7	7.5	7.5	26.4	1.7
	May	25.6	1.7	7.4	7.4	25.8	1.7
	June#	25.5	1.7	7.5	7.5	25.3	1.7
	July	25.3	1.7	7.3	7.3	26.9	1.8
	August#	25.3	1.7	7.2	7.4	27.8	1.8
	September	25.4	1.7	7.4	7.5	26.5	1.7
	October	25.1	1.7	7.2	7.4	24.8	1.6
	November#	24.7	1.6	7.0	7.4	23.6	1.6
	December	24.3	1.6	7.0	7.4	23.4	1.5
	2004						
	January (r)	23.7	1.6	6.7	7.1	25.4	1.7
	February# (p)	24.1	1.6	7.0	6.7	26.2	1.7
	<i>Change on mth</i>	0.4	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.8	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.7		4.5	-5.6	3.2		
<i>Change on year</i>	-1.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.8	-1.5	-0.1	
<i>Change %</i>	-5.9		-6.7	-10.7	-5.5		

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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^{##} Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. NB these are different from the proportions of the working age populations claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for local areas shown in Tables 17 and 18. See note on page 8 for further details.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4.33 week month but not seasonally adjusted, for February 2004 were 29,446 in total,

21,467 for men and 7,979 for women. The corresponding outflow figures were 21,264 men and 7,127 women.

** Flow figures are collected for 4 or 5 week periods between count dates; the figures are then converted to a standard 4 1/3 week month

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

8(1) Claimant count* by age and duration - computerised claims only

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

	All ages							18-24					
	All computerised claims		Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People													
Feb 02#	130.2	129.0	87.7	20.4	20.9	16.2	8.4	37.6	31.4	5.5	0.7	1.8	0.1
Feb 03#	124.5	123.3	86.0	19.6	17.7	14.4	6.3	37.2	31.4	4.9	0.9	2.3	0.1
Mar 03	121.1	120.0	82.5	20.0	17.5	14.6	6.2	36.3	30.2	5.2	0.9	2.4	0.1
Apr 03	117.5	116.5	79.2	20.1	17.2	14.7	6.1	34.7	28.6	5.2	0.8	2.4	0.1
May 03	115.7	114.5	76.4	20.9	17.2	15.0	6.0	33.9	27.5	5.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
Jun 03#	112.8	111.7	73.8	21.1	16.9	15.1	5.8	32.9	26.4	5.6	0.8	2.5	0.1
Jul 03	113.7	112.6	75.6	20.2	16.8	14.9	5.7	34.4	28.2	5.3	0.9	2.6	0.1
Aug 03#	113.2	112.2	75.4	20.1	16.7	14.8	5.6	35.2	28.9	5.4	0.9	2.5	0.1
Sep 03	108.9	107.9	72.1	19.3	16.5	15.3	5.6	33.7	27.7	5.1	0.9	2.6	0.1
Oct 03	104.0	103.1	68.8	18.2	16.1	15.6	5.4	31.3	25.9	4.6	0.8	2.6	0.1
Nov 03#	101.9	100.9	68.1	17.0	15.8	15.7	5.3	29.9	25.1	4.1	0.8	2.6	0.1
Dec 03	103.2	102.3	69.9	16.7	15.8	15.4	5.2	30.2	25.5	3.9	0.8	2.5	0.1
Jan 04	112.0	111.0	76.9	18.0	16.2	14.6	5.2	33.2	28.0	4.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
Feb 04#	112.8	111.8	78.3	17.5	16.1	14.4	5.0	34.8	29.5	4.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
Change on year	-11.8	-11.5	-7.7	-2.1	-1.7	0.0	-1.3	-2.4	-1.9	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Change %	-9.4	-9.3	-8.9	-10.9	-9.5		-20.8	-6.4	-6.0	-9.4	-3.9		81.7
Men													
Feb 02#	101.7	100.8	66.8	16.3	17.8	17.6	7.2	27.1	22.8	3.9	0.5	1.7	0.0
Feb 03#	96.8	95.8	65.2	15.7	14.9	15.6	5.5	26.7	22.6	3.5	0.6	2.2	0.0
Mar 03	94.1	93.3	62.6	15.9	14.7	15.8	5.3	26.1	21.8	3.7	0.6	2.3	0.1
Apr 03	91.1	90.3	59.9	15.9	14.5	16.0	5.2	24.9	20.6	3.7	0.6	2.3	0.1
May 03	89.9	89.0	57.9	16.6	14.5	16.3	5.1	24.4	19.8	4.0	0.6	2.3	0.1
Jun 03#	87.5	86.6	55.6	16.8	14.3	16.5	5.0	23.6	18.9	4.1	0.6	2.4	0.1
Jul 03	86.8	86.0	55.8	16.1	14.1	16.4	4.9	24.0	19.6	3.9	0.6	2.5	0.1
Aug 03#	85.4	84.6	54.7	15.9	14.0	16.5	4.8	24.3	19.8	3.9	0.6	2.4	0.1
Sep 03	82.4	81.7	52.6	15.3	13.8	16.9	4.7	23.4	19.0	3.7	0.6	2.5	0.1
Oct 03	79.3	78.5	50.7	14.4	13.5	17.2	4.6	21.8	18.0	3.3	0.6	2.6	0.1
Nov 03#	78.3	77.5	50.9	13.4	13.2	17.1	4.5	21.1	17.6	2.9	0.5	2.5	0.1
Dec 03	79.8	79.1	52.7	13.2	13.2	16.7	4.4	21.5	18.1	2.9	0.5	2.4	0.1
Jan 04	86.6	85.9	58.1	14.3	13.5	15.7	4.4	23.8	19.9	3.2	0.6	2.4	0.1
Feb 04#	86.6	85.9	58.7	13.8	13.4	15.6	4.2	24.7	20.9	3.2	0.6	2.4	0.1
Change on year	-10.2	-10.0	-6.5	-1.8	-1.6	0.0	-1.2	-2.0	-1.7	-0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0
Change %	-10.6	-10.4	-10.0	-11.7	-10.5		-22.5	-7.3	-7.4	-8.0	0.7		76.1
Women													
Feb 02#	28.5	28.2	20.9	4.1	3.1	11.1	1.1	10.5	8.6	1.6	0.2	2.1	0.0
Feb 03#	27.7	27.5	20.8	3.9	2.8	10.2	0.9	10.5	8.8	1.4	0.3	2.7	0.0
Mar 03	27.0	26.7	19.9	4.1	2.7	10.2	0.9	10.2	8.4	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
Apr 03	26.4	26.1	19.3	4.1	2.7	10.2	0.9	9.8	8.1	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
May 03	25.8	25.5	18.5	4.3	2.7	10.4	0.8	9.5	7.7	1.6	0.3	2.9	0.0
Jun 03#	25.3	25.1	18.2	4.3	2.6	10.3	0.8	9.3	7.5	1.5	0.2	2.6	0.0
Jul 03	26.9	26.6	19.7	4.2	2.7	10.1	0.8	10.4	8.6	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
Aug 03#	27.8	27.5	20.7	4.2	2.7	9.7	0.8	10.9	9.1	1.5	0.3	2.6	0.0
Sep 03	26.5	26.3	19.6	4.0	2.7	10.3	0.8	10.3	8.7	1.4	0.3	2.8	0.1
Oct 03	24.8	24.5	18.1	3.8	2.6	10.7	0.8	9.5	8.0	1.3	0.3	2.7	0.1
Nov 03#	23.6	23.4	17.2	3.5	2.6	11.1	0.8	8.9	7.5	1.1	0.2	2.8	0.0
Dec 03	23.4	23.2	17.1	3.4	2.6	11.2	0.8	8.7	7.4	1.0	0.2	2.8	0.0
Jan 04	25.4	25.1	18.7	3.7	2.7	10.7	0.8	9.5	8.0	1.2	0.2	2.6	0.0
Feb 04#	26.2	25.9	19.6	3.6	2.7	10.3	0.8	10.1	8.6	1.2	0.2	2.4	0.0
Change on year	-1.5	-1.5	-1.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Change %	-5.5	-5.6	-5.5	-7.4	-3.9		-10.4	-4.1	-2.4	-12.7	-13.6		92.0

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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

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

Only computerised claims are analysed by age and duration on a monthly basis. These figures therefore differ in total from those given in Table 7. The latter include clerically processed claims which currently amount to less than 1 per cent of the total claimant count. See background note 6.

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

8(2) Claimant count* by age and duration - computerised claims only

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6	All over 12 months	% claiming	All over 24 months	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6	All over 12 months	% claiming	All over 24 months
			and up to 12 months		for over 12 months				and up to 12 months		for over 12 months	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People												
Feb 02#	70.2	43.4	12.0	14.8	21.1	5.3	19.1	10.8	2.9	5.4	28.2	3.0
Feb 03#	65.7	42.2	11.8	11.7	17.8	3.5	18.4	10.4	2.7	5.2	28.3	2.8
Mar 03	63.9	40.5	12.0	11.5	17.9	3.4	17.8	9.8	2.8	5.1	28.8	2.8
Apr 03	62.3	39.1	12.0	11.2	18.0	3.3	17.6	9.7	2.8	5.1	28.8	2.7
May 03	61.6	38.0	12.4	11.3	18.3	3.2	17.2	9.2	2.9	5.1	29.5	2.7
Jun 03#	60.2	36.8	12.4	11.0	18.3	3.0	16.8	8.8	2.9	5.0	30.0	2.7
Jul 03	59.8	36.9	11.9	10.9	18.3	2.9	16.7	8.9	2.9	5.0	30.0	2.7
Aug 03#	58.9	36.3	11.8	10.8	18.3	2.8	16.5	8.7	2.8	5.0	30.3	2.7
Sep 03	56.8	34.8	11.3	10.7	18.8	2.7	16.0	8.3	2.7	4.9	30.9	2.7
Oct 03	54.8	33.5	10.9	10.4	19.0	2.6	15.6	8.0	2.6	4.9	31.4	2.6
Nov 03#	54.0	33.5	10.3	10.2	18.8	2.5	15.6	8.3	2.5	4.9	31.3	2.6
Dec 03	55.0	34.6	10.3	10.2	18.5	2.4	15.7	8.5	2.4	4.8	30.8	2.6
Jan 04	59.3	38.0	10.8	10.4	17.6	2.4	17.0	9.5	2.6	4.9	28.9	2.6
Feb 04#	58.4	37.7	10.4	10.3	17.7	2.3	16.6	9.3	2.5	4.9	29.3	2.6
Change on year	-7.3	-4.5	-1.4	-1.3	-0.1	-1.1	-1.7	-1.2	-0.3	-0.3	1.1	-0.2
Change %	-11.1	-10.8	-12.1	-11.5		-32.9	-9.4	-11.2	-9.2	-5.9		-8.5
Men												
Feb 02#	57.7	34.7	10.1	12.9	22.3	4.7	14.7	8.1	2.2	4.4	30.0	2.5
Feb 03#	53.8	33.7	10.0	10.1	18.7	3.0	14.2	7.8	2.1	4.3	30.1	2.4
Mar 03	52.4	32.4	10.1	9.9	18.9	2.9	13.7	7.3	2.1	4.2	30.9	2.4
Apr 03	50.9	31.1	10.0	9.7	19.1	2.8	13.5	7.2	2.2	4.2	31.0	2.3
May 03	50.3	30.2	10.4	9.7	19.3	2.8	13.3	6.8	2.2	4.2	31.8	2.3
Jun 03#	49.1	29.2	10.4	9.5	19.4	2.6	12.9	6.5	2.2	4.2	32.3	2.3
Jul 03	48.3	28.9	10.0	9.4	19.5	2.6	12.8	6.4	2.2	4.1	32.3	2.3
Aug 03#	47.1	28.0	9.8	9.3	19.7	2.4	12.3	6.1	2.1	4.1	33.2	2.3
Sep 03	45.5	26.9	9.4	9.2	20.1	2.4	12.0	5.9	2.1	4.0	33.7	2.3
Oct 03	44.1	26.2	9.0	8.9	20.2	2.3	11.8	5.8	2.0	4.0	33.8	2.2
Nov 03#	43.8	26.5	8.5	8.7	19.9	2.2	12.0	6.1	1.9	4.0	33.4	2.2
Dec 03	44.8	27.6	8.5	8.7	19.4	2.1	12.1	6.3	1.9	4.0	32.8	2.2
Jan 04	48.3	30.3	9.0	8.9	18.4	2.1	13.0	7.1	2.0	4.0	30.7	2.2
Feb 04#	47.4	29.9	8.7	8.8	18.6	2.0	12.7	6.9	1.9	4.0	31.2	2.2
Change on year	-6.4	-3.8	-1.4	-1.3	-0.1	-1.0	-1.5	-0.9	-0.2	-0.3	1.0	-0.2
Change %	-11.9	-11.3	-13.5	-12.6		-34.4	-10.3	-12.1	-9.8	-7.1		-9.3
Women												
Feb 02#	12.4	8.7	1.8	1.9	15.5	0.7	4.4	2.8	0.7	1.0	22.1	0.5
Feb 03#	11.9	8.5	1.8	1.6	13.3	0.4	4.2	2.6	0.7	0.9	21.9	0.4
Mar 03	11.5	8.1	1.9	1.5	13.4	0.4	4.1	2.5	0.7	0.9	21.7	0.4
Apr 03	11.4	8.0	1.9	1.5	13.2	0.4	4.0	2.5	0.7	0.9	21.6	0.4
May 03	11.3	7.7	2.0	1.5	13.5	0.4	3.9	2.4	0.7	0.9	21.9	0.4
Jun 03#	11.2	7.6	2.0	1.5	13.3	0.4	3.8	2.3	0.7	0.9	22.3	0.4
Jul 03	11.5	8.0	2.0	1.5	13.2	0.4	4.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	22.5	0.4
Aug 03#	11.8	8.3	2.0	1.5	12.7	0.3	4.1	2.6	0.7	0.9	21.7	0.4
Sep 03	11.3	7.8	1.9	1.5	13.4	0.4	4.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	22.5	0.4
Oct 03	10.6	7.3	1.9	1.5	13.9	0.4	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.8	0.4
Nov 03#	10.2	7.0	1.8	1.5	14.3	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	24.4	0.4
Dec 03	10.2	6.9	1.8	1.5	14.4	0.3	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	24.2	0.4
Jan 04	11.0	7.7	1.8	1.5	14.0	0.3	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	23.0	0.4
Feb 04#	11.0	7.8	1.7	1.5	13.8	0.3	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	23.4	0.4
Change on year	-0.9	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0
Change %	-7.4	-8.6	-4.4	-4.1		-22.6	-6.4	-8.4	-7.1	-0.2		-4.0

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

Relationship between columns: 14=15+16+17; 20=21+22=23

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

9 Economic activity by age

North West

(thousands), not 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
Economically active									
People	Sep - Nov 2000	3,181	3,100	99	387	783	1,187	645	80
	Sep - Nov 2001	3,192	3,106	103	399	748	1,186	670	86
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,253	3,168	106	433	738	1,198	694	85
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,232	3,150	91	441	710	1,197	710	83
	Mar - May 2003	3,245	3,157	84	428	712	1,206	727	88
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,269	3,182	93	443	707	1,204	735	87
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,278	3,182	97	443	703	1,224	713	97
	<i>Change on year</i>	25	13	-8	10	-34	26	20	12
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.4	-7.9	2.4	-4.6	2.2	2.9	13.9	
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	1,727	1,702	49	208	431	625	389	26
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,722	1,695	51	208	412	620	405	27
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,761	1,735	52	233	396	641	413	25
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,747	1,723	49	231	390	631	421	24
	Mar - May 2003	1,748	1,719	42	228	385	638	425	30
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,762	1,735	53	229	381	643	429	27
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,752	1,721	48	235	372	644	423	31
	<i>Change on year</i>	-8	-14	-5	1	-24	3	10	6
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	-0.8	-8.9	0.6	-6.0	0.4	2.4	21.9	
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	1,453	1,398	50	178	351	562	257	55
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,470	1,411	52	191	336	566	266	59
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,493	1,433	53	200	342	557	280	60
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,485	1,427	41	210	321	567	288	58
	Mar - May 2003	1,496	1,438	41	200	327	567	302	58
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,507	1,447	40	214	326	561	306	60
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,526	1,460	50	209	331	581	290	66
	<i>Change on year</i>	34	27	-4	9	-11	23	10	6
<i>Change %</i>	2.3	1.9	-6.9	4.4	-3.1	4.2	3.5	10.4	
Economic activity rates (%)*									
People	Sep - Nov 2000	60.4	76.2	56.9	71.3	83.8	84.3	63.9	6.7
	Sep - Nov 2001	60.5	76.1	57.4	72.0	82.8	83.4	65.7	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2002	61.4	77.4	57.6	75.9	84.6	83.4	67.4	7.1
	Dec - Feb 2003	61.0	76.9	49.5	76.6	82.2	83.1	68.9	6.9
	Mar - May 2003	61.2	77.1	45.8	73.7	83.1	83.5	70.5	7.3
	Jun - Aug 2003	61.6	77.6	50.7	75.6	83.2	83.3	71.1	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2003	61.7	77.6	52.9	75.3	83.3	84.5	69.0	8.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	0.2	-4.7	-0.6	-1.3	1.1	1.6	0.9
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	68.5	81.3	55.3	78.4	93.8	90.0	66.3	6.0
	Sep - Nov 2001	68.0	80.8	55.6	76.6	92.8	88.5	68.5	6.2
	Sep - Nov 2002	69.3	82.5	55.8	82.9	93.0	90.7	69.4	5.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	68.7	81.9	52.9	81.5	92.4	89.1	70.7	5.5
	Mar - May 2003	68.7	81.7	45.5	79.5	92.3	90.0	71.2	6.7
	Jun - Aug 2003	69.1	82.4	56.4	79.1	92.1	90.6	71.8	6.0
	Sep - Nov 2003	68.7	81.8	50.8	80.6	90.7	90.5	70.7	7.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.6	-0.8	-5.0	-2.3	-2.2	-0.2	1.2	1.2
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	53.0	70.9	58.5	64.5	74.1	78.8	60.5	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2001	53.5	71.2	59.3	67.7	73.1	78.4	61.8	7.7
	Sep - Nov 2002	54.2	72.0	59.4	69.0	76.6	76.3	64.6	7.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	53.9	71.6	45.9	71.9	72.4	77.4	66.3	7.6
	Mar - May 2003	54.2	72.2	46.2	68.0	74.3	77.3	69.4	7.6
	Jun - Aug 2003	54.6	72.6	44.8	72.2	74.8	76.2	70.2	7.8
	Sep - Nov 2003	55.3	73.2	55.0	70.1	76.3	78.7	66.6	8.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.1	1.2	-4.4	1.1	-0.3	2.4	2.0	0.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

* Denominator = all persons in relevant age group

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The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic inactivity by age

North West

(thousands), not 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
Economically inactive									
People	Sep - Nov 2000	2,082	967	75	156	152	220	365	1,115
	Sep - Nov 2001	2,087	973	77	155	156	236	350	1,114
	Sep - Nov 2002	2,044	924	78	138	134	239	335	1,120
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,068	945	93	135	154	243	321	1,124
	Mar - May 2003	2,060	940	99	153	145	237	305	1,120
	Jun - Aug 2003	2,040	916	90	143	143	242	299	1,123
	Sep - Nov 2003	2,034	919	87	146	141	225	321	1,115
	<i>Change on year</i>	-10	-5	9	8	7	-14	-14	-5
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	-0.5	11.4	5.7	4.9	-6.0	-4.2	-0.4
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	796	392	39	57	28	70	198	404
	Sep - Nov 2001	811	403	41	64	32	80	186	408
	Sep - Nov 2002	782	367	41	48	30	66	182	415
	Dec - Feb 2003	797	380	44	53	32	77	174	417
	Mar - May 2003	798	385	51	59	32	71	172	413
	Jun - Aug 2003	787	369	41	60	33	67	169	418
	Sep - Nov 2003	798	384	46	57	38	68	175	415
	<i>Change on year</i>	17	17	5	9	8	2	-6	0
	<i>Change %</i>	2.1	4.6	11.6	17.8	27.1	2.7	-3.4	0.0
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	1,286	575	35	98	123	151	168	711
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,276	571	36	91	124	156	164	706
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,262	557	36	90	104	173	154	705
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,271	565	49	82	122	166	146	707
	Mar - May 2003	1,262	555	48	94	113	167	133	707
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,253	547	50	82	110	175	130	706
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,235	535	41	89	103	157	146	700
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-22	4	-1	-2	-16	-8	-5
	<i>Change %</i>	-2.1	-4.0	11.3	-0.7	-1.5	-9.2	-5.2	-0.6

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

North West

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Breakdown of total aged 16-59/64										
		Total aged 16 & over	Total aged 16-59/64	Does not want job	Wants a job	Wants job but not seeking in last 4 weeks						
						Total	Availability to start work in next 2 weeks			Reasons for not seeking		
							Available	Not available	Long-term sick	Looking after family /home	Students	Other [#]
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
People	Sep - Nov 2000	2,082	967	720	248	231	74	158	100	59	20	52
	Sep - Nov 2001	2,087	973	716	257	238	65	173	97	73	25	43
	Sep - Nov 2002	2,044	924	663	261	239	65	174	98	72	28	41
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,068	945	698	246	227	69	158	95	71	22	39
	Mar - May 2003	2,060	940	712	228	208	57	151	87	57	28	37
	Jun - Aug 2003	2,040	916	686	230	205	65	140	82	63	22	39
	Sep - Nov 2003	2,034	919	705	214	198	65	133	78	54	21	46
	<i>Change on year</i>	-10	-5	43	-48	-41	0	-41	-20	-18	-8	5
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	-0.5	6.4	-18.2	-17.2	-0.7	-23.4	-20.2	-25.5	-27.1	11.3	
Men	Sep - Nov 2000	796	392	280	112	103	34	70	59	*	11	25
	Sep - Nov 2001	811	403	293	109	98	29	69	52	*	13	25
	Sep - Nov 2002	782	367	256	111	103	31	72	57	*	17	21
	Dec - Feb 2003	797	380	281	99	94	28	65	54	10	*	20
	Mar - May 2003	798	385	286	98	90	25	65	50	*	14	19
	Jun - Aug 2003	787	369	270	100	87	30	58	49	*	14	19
	Sep - Nov 2003	798	384	288	96	89	28	60	45	*	13	22
	<i>Change on year</i>	17	17	32	-15	-14	-2	-12	-12	*	-4	1
<i>Change %</i>	2.1	4.6	12.4	-13.4	-13.6	-6.6	-16.5	-21.0	*	-22.2	6.8	
Women	Sep - Nov 2000	1,286	575	439	136	128	40	88	41	51	*	27
	Sep - Nov 2001	1,276	571	422	148	140	36	104	45	64	12	18
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,262	557	406	151	137	35	102	41	64	12	20
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,271	565	417	148	133	41	92	41	61	12	19
	Mar - May 2003	1,262	555	426	129	118	31	87	37	50	14	18
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,253	547	416	131	117	35	82	33	57	*	19
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,235	535	417	118	110	36	73	33	45	*	23
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-22	11	-33	-27	2	-29	-8	-19	*	3
<i>Change %</i>	-2.1	-4.0	2.7	-21.8	-20.0	4.4	-28.2	-19.2	-29.3	*	16.0	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

other includes discouraged workers

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The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.

VACANCIES

12 Jobcentre vacancies

North West

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Vacancies Notified		Vacancies unfilled		Vacancy outflow		Of which: Vacancies filled by Jobcentres	
	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2002	IBWG		IBWE		IBWH		IBWI	
February								
2003								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
2004								
January								
February								
	Publication of these vacancy statistics has been deferred.							
	Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 9							
	Change on year							
	Change on year %							

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system
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	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###		
	16-59/64 (000s)	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**	
		Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
		1	2	3	4	5	6				
United Kingdom total	36,354	26,589	74.1	1,450	5.0	7,856	21.9	982,997	2.7	29,954	0.82
Regional total	4,105	2,893	71.2	162	5.2	1,009	24.8	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Blackburn with Darwen UA	83	53	65.3	4	7.0	24	29.7	2,807	3.4	68	0.83
Blackpool UA	83	60	74.2	2	3.4	19	23.1	3,189	3.8	72	0.87
Halton UA	74	48	65.3	4	7.0	22	29.7	2,918	3.9	58	0.78
Warrington UA	119	89	75.6	4	3.9	25	21.3	2,431	2.0	118	0.99
Cheshire	410	312	78.6	10	2.9	87	21.4	6,869	1.7	351	0.86
Chester	73	54	75.7	*	*	15	20.8	1,180	1.6	77	1.05
Congleton	57	44	77.7	*	*	11	20.2	781	1.4	38	0.67
Crewe and Nantwich	67	52	76.6	*	*	15	22.2	1,307	1.9	57	0.83
Ellesmere Port and Neston	49	38	78.3	*	*	9	18.7	1,036	2.1	35	0.72
Macclesfield	90	71	79.7	*	*	17	18.8	1,066	1.2	95	1.04
Vale Royal	75	53	71.0	*	*	20	26.8	1,499	2.0	52	0.69
Cumbria	292	208	77.0	15	6.6	67	23.0	7,755	5.4	214	0.73
Allerdale	56	39	71.0	*	*	12	21.9	1,842	3.3	37	0.64
Barrow-in-Furness	43	29	67.2	*	*	11	26.8	1,397	3.3	26	0.60
Carlisle	61	46	75.0	*	*	13	20.6	1,695	2.8	52	0.85
Copeland	42	28	66.9	*	*	11	27.7	1,813	4.3	28	0.66
Eden	30	24	80.8	*	*	*	*	337	1.1	25	0.81
South Lakeland	60	42	71.5	*	*	14	24.4	671	1.1	48	0.80
Bolton	159	116	73.2	6	5.1	36	22.9	4,536	2.8	119	0.75
Bury	110	80	72.4	4	5.1	26	23.6	2,019	1.8	67	0.61
Manchester	256	150	60.2	15	9.1	84	33.8	13,166	5.2	327	1.28
Oldham	132	95	72.2	5	4.7	32	24.3	3,993	3.0	91	0.69
Rochdale	126	89	71.6	5	4.9	30	24.6	3,818	3.0	83	0.66
Salford	133	89	67.9	6	6.4	36	27.4	3,788	2.9	116	0.87
Stockport	172	137	79.8	*	*	32	18.6	2,940	1.7	130	0.75
Tameside	130	100	76.6	5	4.5	26	19.7	3,201	2.5	80	0.62
Trafford	128	98	76.5	4	3.6	26	20.6	2,774	2.2	136	1.06
Wigan	188	142	75.7	5	3.3	41	21.7	4,798	2.5	113	0.60
Lancashire	685	498	76.3	21	3.8	161	23.7	14,718	2.1	525	0.76
Burnley	54	36	66.6	*	*	17	31.7	1,187	2.2	40	0.75
Chorley	64	49	79.0	*	*	12	19.9	1,067	1.7	42	0.66
Fylde	41	30	73.9	*	*	10	23.8	475	1.1	46	1.10
Hyndburn	49	35	71.8	*	*	12	25.5	930	1.9	31	0.64
Lancaster	82	57	70.5	*	*	19	23.9	2,503	3.1	60	0.73
Pendle	53	39	73.2	*	*	13	25.1	1,281	2.4	36	0.68
Preston	82	54	67.7	*	*	23	28.9	2,441	3.0	90	1.10
Ribble Valley	33	26	79.8	*	*	7	20.2	258	0.8	29	0.87
Rossendale	40	33	81.9	*	*	6	16.3	725	1.8	28	0.70
South Ribble	64	50	78.6	*	*	12	18.5	797	1.2	44	0.68
West Lancashire	66	47	71.6	*	*	15	22.8	1,905	2.9	47	0.68

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	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###		
	16-59/64 (000s)	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**	
		Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
		1	2	3	4	5	6				
Wyre	59	43	72.3	*	*	14	23.9	1,149	1.9	36	0.60
Knowsley	91	54	60.6	6	9.2	30	33.2	5,103	5.6	59	0.65
Liverpool	276	161	59.5	19	10.5	90	33.3	16,846	6.1	232	0.84
St. Helens	108	76	71.1	5	5.6	26	24.7	3,974	3.7	63	0.59
Sefton	164	112	68.8	6	5.0	44	27.4	6,130	3.7	110	0.67
Wirral	183	127	70.1	9	6.6	45	24.8	7,665	4.2	112	0.61

Relationship between columns: 9=8/1; 11=10/1.

Source: Labour Force Survey, Jobcentre Plus administrative system, Annual Business Inquiry

+ Official mid-2001 estimate of the resident population.

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++ LFS data relate to the period March 2001 to February 2002. LFS sample covers working age (16-59/64) population living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. The LFS data in this table are consistent with population estimates released in February 2003, not the latest population estimates published in September 2003 - see note on page 9.

+++ Unemployment rates calculated as percentage of 16+ economically active population.

Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance. Average for January 2001 to December 2001.

Percentage of resident working age population of area. NB these are different from the national and regional claimant rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See note on page 8 for further details.

Labour demand includes jobs and vacancies - data on vacancies will be included here when they become available for local areas.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

** Jobs data are for 2001, and are mainly employees from the Annual Business Inquiry which refers to December of each year; they also include self-employed, HM Forces and government-supported trainees. Jobs densities are calculated as the number of jobs per resident of working age (16-59/64).

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14 2001 local labour market indicators by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits			Labour demand###	
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**		
			16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
United Kingdom total	36,354	26,589	74.1	1,450	5.0	7,856	21.9	982,997	2.7	29,954	0.82
Regional total	4,105	2,893	71.2	162	5.2	1,009	24.8	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Altrincham & Sale West	..	44	78.8	*	*	11	19.0	789	1.4	44	0.81
Ashton under Lyne	..	47	74.4	*	*	13	20.3	1,657	2.8	40	0.68
Barrow & Furness	..	36	67.9	*	*	14	26.9	1,605	3.1	32	0.61
Birkenhead	..	30	64.8	*	*	13	28.0	3,026	6.6	38	0.84
Blackburn	..	38	61.8	3	6.8	21	33.6	2,263	3.8	56	0.94
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	..	43	72.8	*	*	14	23.4	1,701	3.2	38	0.71
Blackpool South	..	40	72.7	2	3.9	13	24.3	2,295	4.0	51	0.91
Bolton North East	..	39	70.1	*	*	14	25.1	1,718	3.2	36	0.68
Bolton South East	..	32	69.0	*	*	12	26.1	1,982	3.6	54	0.99
Bolton West	..	45	79.8	*	*	10	17.9	836	1.6	29	0.56
Bootle	..	25	55.5	*	*	17	37.4	2,873	6.4	38	0.84
Burnley	..	36	66.6	*	*	17	31.7	1,187	2.2	40	0.75
Bury North	..	41	72.1	*	*	14	23.8	1,001	1.8	42	0.75
Bury South	..	38	72.7	2	4.9	12	23.5	1,019	1.9	24	0.45
Carlisle	..	36	76.8	*	*	9	19.0	1,456	3.2	44	0.95
Cheadle	..	41	81.5	*	*	9	18.1	529	1.0	36	0.70
Chester, City of	..	41	74.9	*	*	12	22.3	1,014	1.8	69	1.24
Chorley	..	49	79.0	*	*	12	19.9	1,067	1.7	42	0.66
Congleton	..	44	77.7	*	*	11	20.2	781	1.4	38	0.67
Copeland	..	28	66.9	*	*	11	27.7	1,813	4.3	28	0.66
Crewe & Nantwich	..	44	75.7	*	*	13	22.9	1,231	2.2	46	0.82
Crosby	..	34	76.9	*	*	10	21.6	1,243	2.9	22	0.51
Denton & Reddish	..	45	79.5	*	*	10	17.8	1,178	2.2	30	0.55
Eccles	..	43	74.1	2	4.5	13	22.3	1,334	2.4	39	0.70
Eddisbury	..	40	74.2	*	*	12	22.3	899	1.6	36	0.66
Ellesmere Port & Neston	..	41	78.8	*	*	9	17.6	1,088	2.0	37	0.69
Fylde	..	38	72.0	*	*	13	24.6	715	1.3	50	0.93
Halton	..	34	65.8	3	7.7	15	28.6	1,887	3.8	34	0.68
Hazel Grove	..	40	79.0	*	*	10	19.5	704	1.4	27	0.56
Heywood & Middleton	..	43	74.3	2	3.7	13	22.7	1,680	2.8	37	0.62
Hyndburn	..	38	71.9	*	*	13	25.2	1,047	1.9	36	0.66
Knowsley North & Sefton East	..	35	63.8	3	7.7	17	30.9	2,532	4.5	37	0.66
Knowsley South	..	37	63.6	3	7.9	18	30.7	3,116	5.3	33	0.56
Lancaster & Wyre	..	43	75.2	*	*	13	22.1	1,062	1.7	48	0.78
Leigh	..	41	75.8	*	*	12	21.6	1,479	2.6	34	0.60
Liverpool, Garston	..	34	67.5	*	*	15	29.7	2,364	4.7	28	0.56
Liverpool, Riverside	..	26	49.2	*	*	21	40.9	4,425	7.0	124	1.98
Liverpool, Walton	..	30	57.7	6	15.7	16	31.3	3,538	6.7	34	0.65
Liverpool, Wavertree	..	31	59.0	*	*	17	33.0	3,108	5.5	32	0.57
Liverpool, West Derby	..	40	63.5	*	*	20	31.8	3,412	6.3	13	0.24
Macclesfield	..	43	82.6	*	*	8	16.3	643	1.2	48	0.87
Makerfield	..	43	71.7	*	*	16	26.2	1,282	2.3	25	0.46
Manchester, Blackley	..	26	55.1	4	12.3	18	37.0	2,440	5.3	34	0.74
Manchester, Central	..	32	57.5	4	10.5	20	36.0	4,158	7.4	195	3.48
Manchester, Gorton	..	26	53.3	*	*	19	40.2	3,017	5.5	20	0.37
Manchester, Withington	..	40	68.5	*	*	16	28.3	1,846	3.1	31	0.53
Morecambe & Lunesdale	..	33	67.8	*	*	12	25.0	1,765	3.5	29	0.57
Oldham East & Saddleworth	..	50	78.2	*	*	13	19.9	1,559	2.5	32	0.51
Oldham West & Royton	..	37	66.5	*	*	16	29.0	2,033	3.5	53	0.90
Pendle	..	39	73.2	*	*	13	25.1	1,281	2.4	36	0.68
Penrith & The Border	..	38	77.2	*	*	9	18.8	725	1.4	36	0.69
Preston	..	35	65.4	*	*	17	31.8	2,118	3.4	82	1.33
Ribble Valley	..	49	78.5	*	*	13	20.4	510	0.9	48	0.84
Rochdale	..	39	67.2	3	6.7	16	27.9	2,034	3.5	43	0.73
Rossendale & Darwen	..	45	80.5	2	3.8	9	16.3	1,151	2.0	35	0.61
Salford	..	23	53.3	3	12.5	16	39.0	1,646	3.6	63	1.37

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	not seasonally adjusted										
	Population+	Labour supply					Working age benefits			Labour demand###	
	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**		
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
South Ribble	..	45	79.7	*	*	10	17.6	763	1.3	33	0.57
Southport	..	34	70.7	*	*	13	26.1	1,469	2.9	38	0.74
St. Helens North	..	44	74.1	*	*	13	22.3	1,764	3.2	24	0.42
St. Helens South	..	32	67.3	2	6.8	13	27.8	2,209	4.3	39	0.76
Stalybridge & Hyde	..	37	76.9	*	*	10	20.1	1,348	2.5	29	0.55
Stockport	..	40	78.5	*	*	10	19.2	1,232	2.3	56	1.04
Stretford & Urmston	..	42	72.8	2	5.2	13	23.2	1,712	3.1	79	1.43
Tatton	..	35	74.9	*	*	11	23.3	600	1.3	54	1.13
Wallasey	..	28	64.9	*	*	12	27.2	2,423	4.9	26	0.52
Warrington North	..	42	75.3	*	*	12	22.2	1,363	2.3	56	0.94
Warrington South	..	47	76.1	*	*	13	20.1	1,067	1.8	62	1.04
Weaver Vale	..	39	68.1	*	*	17	29.9	1,643	3.0	48	0.87
West Lancashire	..	41	70.4	*	*	13	23.1	1,787	3.1	41	0.72
Westmorland & Lonsdale	..	35	71.6	*	*	12	23.9	463	0.9	41	0.82
Wigan	..	35	77.2	*	*	9	20.5	1,444	2.9	42	0.85
Wirral South	..	34	77.0	*	*	9	20.7	1,008	2.3	26	0.61
Wirral West	..	35	73.5	*	*	11	23.2	1,208	2.8	21	0.47
Workington	..	35	70.0	*	*	11	22.1	1,693	3.4	32	0.66
Worsley	..	45	79.1	*	*	10	17.4	1,400	2.5	24	0.43
Wythenshawe & Sale East	..	39	70.7	*	*	13	24.1	1,979	3.4	59	1.03

Relationship between columns: 9=8/1; 11=10/1.

Source: Labour Force Survey, Jobcentre Plus administrative system, Annual Business Inquiry

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Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance. Average for January 2001 to December 2001.

Percentage of resident working age population of the area. The population denominators are based on output area data from the 2001 Census. NB these percentages are different from the national and regional claimant rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See note on page 8 for further details.

Labour demand includes jobs and vacancies - data on vacancies will be included here when they become available for local areas.

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

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North West

15 2001 local labour market indicators by Travel-to-Work Area

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###		
	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**		
	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
United Kingdom total	36,354	26,589	74.1	1,450	5.0	7,856	21.9	982,997	2.7	29,954	0.82
Regional total	4,105	2,893	71.2	162	5.2	1,009	24.8	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Appleby	..	6	73.2	*	*	*	*	76	0.9	5	0.63
Barrow-in-Furness	..	39	74.0	*	*	15	26.0	1,641	2.9	34	0.61
Blackburn	..	134	75.2	6	4.3	46	24.8	4,502	2.4	144	0.78
Blackpool	..	129	76.8	5	3.7	41	23.2	4,747	2.7	146	0.84
Bolton	..	125	76.7	7	4.9	40	23.3	5,097	2.9	128	0.73
Burnley	..	40	66.8	*	*	20	33.2	1,261	2.1	44	0.73
Carlisle	..	51	79.4	*	*	14	20.6	1,866	2.7	56	0.81
Crewe	..	112	75.6	*	*	37	24.4	2,998	1.9	126	0.80
Kendal	..	24	74.3	*	*	9	25.7	329	1.0	27	0.79
Keswick	..	*	*	*	*	*	*	57	1.0	5	0.82
Lancaster and Morecambe	..	60	75.8	*	*	21	24.2	2,564	2.8	67	0.74
Liverpool	..	371	69.3	34	8.3	179	30.7	30,008	5.1	436	0.74
Manchester	..	888	76.1	47	4.9	293	23.9	34,778	2.8	1,090	0.88
Nelson and Colne	..	37	77.2	*	*	11	22.8	1,233	2.5	35	0.71
Penrith	..	17	88.3	*	*	*	*	216	1.1	18	0.91
Preston	..	161	77.5	*	*	48	22.5	4,414	2.0	183	0.82
Rochdale	..	72	75.6	4	4.8	24	24.4	3,009	2.9	68	0.66
Warrington	..	148	76.1	7	4.7	49	23.9	5,499	2.7	183	0.90
Whitehaven	..	27	73.0	*	*	11	27.0	1,754	4.3	27	0.67
Wigan and St. Helens	..	192	75.9	9	4.2	64	24.1	7,876	3.0	169	0.63
Windermere	..	8	78.5	*	*	*	*	90	0.8	11	0.97
Wirral and Chester	..	219	77.1	14	5.7	69	22.9	9,881	3.2	223	0.73
Workington	..	32	76.7	*	*	11	23.3	1,678	3.8	28	0.63

Relationship between columns: 9=8/1; 11=10/1.

Source: Labour Force Survey, Jobcentre Plus administrative system, Annual Business Inquiry

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North West

16 2001 local labour market indicators by NUTS 3 area

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###			
			Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#			
			Total	Rate (%)	Total	Rate (%)	Total	Rate (%)	Level (number)	% 16-59/64##	Total**	Jobs Density Ratio 16-59/64***
	16-59/64	16-59/64	16-59/64	16-59/64	16+	(%)+++	16-59/64	16-59/64				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
United Kingdom total	36,354	26,589	74.1	1,450	5.0	7,856	21.9	982,997	2.7	29,954	0.82	
Regional total	4,105	2,893	71.2	162	5.2	1,009	24.8	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79	
Cumbria												
West Cumbria	141	96	68.6	9	8.4	35	25.1	5,052	3.6	90	0.64	
East Cumbria	151	112	74.8	6	5.1	31	21.0	2,703	1.8	124	0.82	
Cheshire												
Halton & Warrington	193	137	71.7	7	5.0	47	24.5	5,348	2.8	176	0.91	
Cheshire CC	410	312	76.5	10	2.9	87	21.4	6,869	1.7	351	0.86	
Greater Manchester												
Greater Manchester South	819	573	70.8	33	5.3	204	25.2	25,869	3.2	789	0.96	
Greater Manchester North	716	521	73.3	25	4.5	165	23.2	19,164	2.7	472	0.66	
Lancashire												
Blackburn with Darwen	83	53	65.3	4	7.0	24	29.7	2,807	3.4	68	0.83	
Blackpool	83	60	74.2	2	3.4	19	23.1	3,189	3.8	72	0.87	
Lancashire CC	686	498	73.3	21	3.8	161	23.7	14,718	2.1	525	0.76	
Merseyside												
East Merseyside	198	131	66.3	10	7.1	56	28.5	9,077	4.6	122	0.62	
Liverpool	276	161	59.5	19	10.5	90	33.3	16,846	6.1	232	0.84	
Sefton	164	112	68.8	6	5.0	44	27.4	6,130	3.7	110	0.67	
Wirral	183	127	70.1	9	6.6	45	24.8	7,665	4.2	111	0.61	

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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

17 Claimant count* by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop [#]			Levels			Percentage [#]		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
United Kingdom total	716,545	240,459	957,004	3.8	1.4	2.6	-47,367	-8,457	-55,824	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Regional total	86,574	26,204	112,778	4.1	1.3	2.7	-10,224	-1,532	-11,756	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Blackburn with Darwen UA	1,764	522	2,286	4.1	1.3	2.8	-81	-35	-116	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Blackpool UA	2,422	632	3,054	5.6	1.6	3.7	-377	-150	-527	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6
Halton UA	1,873	618	2,491	5.0	1.7	3.4	-549	-88	-637	-1.5	-0.2	-0.9
Warrington UA	1,669	509	2,178	2.7	0.9	1.8	-292	-112	-404	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Cheshire	4,677	1,520	6,197	2.2	0.8	1.5	-381	-76	-457	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Chester	871	284	1,155	2.3	0.8	1.6	-22	11	-11	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Congleton	501	177	678	1.7	0.7	1.2	-117	-35	-152	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Crewe and Nantwich	873	303	1,176	2.5	0.9	1.7	0	-13	-13	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ellesmere Port and Neston	679	194	873	2.7	0.8	1.8	-83	-30	-113	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Macclesfield	786	243	1,029	1.7	0.6	1.1	-12	17	5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vale Royal	967	319	1,286	2.5	0.9	1.7	-147	-26	-173	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Cumbria	4,870	1,526	6,396	3.2	1.1	2.2	-630	-244	-874	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Allerdale	1,059	346	1,405	3.6	1.3	2.5	-203	-69	-272	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Barrow-in-Furness	1,036	243	1,279	4.6	1.2	3.0	-19	-33	-52	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Carlisle	1,038	353	1,391	3.3	1.2	2.3	-177	-78	-255	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4
Copeland	1,078	326	1,404	4.8	1.7	3.3	-196	-35	-231	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Eden	172	73	245	1.1	0.5	0.8	-23	-6	-29	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
South Lakeland	487	185	672	1.6	0.6	1.1	-12	-23	-35	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Bolton	3,103	936	4,039	3.8	1.2	2.5	-360	-63	-423	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Bury	1,552	528	2,080	2.7	1.0	1.9	-152	43	-109	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Manchester	9,965	2,704	12,669	7.5	2.2	5.0	-1,258	-191	-1,449	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6
Oldham	2,769	810	3,579	4.1	1.3	2.7	-395	-119	-514	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Rochdale	2,764	858	3,622	4.3	1.4	2.9	-467	-35	-502	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Salford	2,993	812	3,805	4.3	1.3	2.9	-220	-55	-275	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Stockport	2,230	728	2,958	2.5	0.9	1.7	-215	32	-183	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Tameside	2,401	812	3,213	3.6	1.3	2.5	-252	9	-243	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Trafford	1,839	590	2,429	2.8	0.9	1.9	-247	-9	-256	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Wigan	3,588	1,141	4,729	3.7	1.3	2.5	-266	-31	-297	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Lancashire	10,247	3,316	13,563	2.9	1.0	2.0	-890	-135	-1,025	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Burnley	788	250	1,038	2.9	1.0	1.9	-106	-39	-145	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Chorley	699	247	946	2.1	0.8	1.5	-98	-29	-127	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Fylde	391	127	518	1.8	0.6	1.2	23	24	47	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hyndburn	751	241	992	3.0	1.0	2.0	-29	-61	-90	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
Lancaster	1,610	519	2,129	3.9	1.3	2.6	-290	-19	-309	-0.7	0.0	-0.4
Pendle	775	288	1,063	2.8	1.1	2.0	-105	-18	-123	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Preston	1,826	502	2,328	4.3	1.3	2.9	-21	42	21	0.0	0.1	0.0
Ribble Valley	156	59	215	0.9	0.4	0.7	-16	12	-4	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Rossendale	468	201	669	2.3	1.0	1.7	-82	10	-72	-0.4	0.1	-0.2
South Ribble	627	195	822	1.9	0.6	1.3	-14	-8	-22	0.0	0.0	0.0
West Lancashire	1,354	448	1,802	4.0	1.4	2.7	-125	-33	-158	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Wyre	802	239	1,041	2.6	0.8	1.8	-27	-16	-43	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Knowsley	3,046	915	3,961	6.7	2.0	4.4	-456	-83	-539	-1.0	-0.2	-0.6
Liverpool	11,552	3,332	14,884	8.3	2.4	5.4	-1,108	15	-1,093	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
St. Helens	2,522	776	3,298	4.5	1.5	3.1	-463	-144	-607	-0.8	-0.3	-0.6
Sefton	3,908	1,151	5,059	4.7	1.4	3.1	-522	-21	-543	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
Wirral	4,820	1,468	6,288	5.3	1.6	3.4	-643	-40	-683	-0.7	0.0	-0.4

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Relationship between columns = 3=1+2; 9=7+8

Percentages of resident working age population of area. NB these are different from the national and regional claimant count rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See note on page 8 for further details.

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop [#]			Levels			Percentage [#]		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
United Kingdom total	716,545	240,459	957,004	3.8	1.4	2.6	-47,367	-8,457	-55,824	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Regional total	86,574	26,204	112,778	4.1	1.3	2.7	-10,224	-1,532	-11,756	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Altrincham & Sale West	526	208	734	1.9	0.8	1.3	-69	14	-55	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Ashton under Lyne	1,188	358	1,546	3.9	1.2	2.6	-195	-36	-231	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Barrow & Furness	1,223	299	1,522	4.5	1.2	2.9	-9	-42	-51	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
Birkenhead	1,965	575	2,540	8.8	2.5	5.6	-271	25	-246	-1.2	0.1	-0.5
Blackburn	1,401	387	1,788	4.5	1.4	3.0	-121	-47	-168	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	1,227	332	1,559	4.4	1.3	2.9	-130	-40	-170	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Blackpool South	1,762	468	2,230	6.0	1.7	3.9	-301	-120	-421	-1.0	-0.4	-0.7
Bolton North East	1,178	345	1,523	4.3	1.3	2.9	-167	-27	-194	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Bolton South East	1,334	385	1,719	4.7	1.5	3.2	-100	-40	-140	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Bolton West	591	206	797	2.2	0.8	1.5	-93	4	-89	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Bootle	1,941	565	2,506	8.7	2.5	5.6	-234	45	-189	-1.1	0.2	-0.4
Burnley	788	250	1,038	2.9	1.0	1.9	-106	-39	-145	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Bury North	832	269	1,101	2.8	1.0	1.9	-47	32	-15	-0.2	0.1	0.0
Bury South	720	259	979	2.6	1.0	1.8	-105	11	-94	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Carlisle	904	300	1,204	3.8	1.3	2.6	-161	-64	-225	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Cheadle	369	136	505	1.4	0.5	1.0	-78	-11	-89	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Chester, City of	773	228	1,001	2.7	0.8	1.8	-8	14	6	0.0	0.1	0.0
Chorley	699	247	946	2.1	0.8	1.5	-98	-29	-127	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Congleton	501	177	678	1.7	0.7	1.2	-117	-35	-152	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Copeland	1,078	326	1,404	4.8	1.7	3.3	-196	-35	-231	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Crewe & Nantwich	829	280	1,109	2.8	1.0	2.0	4	-10	-6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Crosby	819	248	1,067	3.8	1.2	2.5	-90	-11	-101	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Denton & Reddish	905	344	1,249	3.2	1.3	2.3	-135	36	-99	-0.5	0.1	-0.2
Eccles	1,058	319	1,377	3.6	1.2	2.5	-88	6	-82	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Eddisbury	506	211	717	1.8	0.8	1.3	-127	-31	-158	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Ellesmere Port & Neston	705	208	913	2.6	0.8	1.7	-86	-28	-114	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Fylde	554	179	733	2.0	0.7	1.4	4	18	22	0.0	0.1	0.0
Halton	1,225	395	1,620	4.8	1.6	3.2	-348	-71	-419	-1.4	-0.3	-0.8
Hazel Grove	474	170	644	1.9	0.7	1.3	-60	12	-48	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Heywood & Middleton	1,059	354	1,413	3.5	1.2	2.4	-272	-33	-305	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5
Hyndburn	842	267	1,109	3.0	1.0	2.0	-21	-57	-78	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Knowsley North & Sefton East	1,562	504	2,066	5.5	1.8	3.6	-193	-25	-218	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Knowsley South	1,823	533	2,356	6.1	1.8	4.0	-310	-76	-386	-1.0	-0.3	-0.7
Lancaster & Wyre	653	198	851	2.1	0.7	1.4	-40	-19	-59	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Leigh	1,106	350	1,456	3.7	1.3	2.5	-77	-33	-110	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Liverpool, Garston	1,582	483	2,065	6.2	2.0	4.1	-213	11	-202	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Liverpool, Riverside	3,211	856	4,067	10.1	2.8	6.5	-181	32	-149	-0.6	0.1	-0.2
Liverpool, Walton	2,329	697	3,026	8.6	2.7	5.8	-343	2	-341	-1.3	0.0	-0.6
Liverpool, Wavertree	2,156	628	2,784	7.6	2.2	4.9	-196	11	-185	-0.7	0.0	-0.3
Liverpool, West Derby	2,274	668	2,942	8.4	2.5	5.4	-175	-41	-216	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Macclesfield	485	123	608	1.7	0.5	1.1	7	9	16	0.0	0.0	0.0
Makerfield	1,014	294	1,308	3.5	1.1	2.3	-40	4	-36	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Manchester, Blackley	1,930	517	2,447	7.9	2.4	5.3	-368	-59	-427	-1.5	-0.3	-0.9
Manchester, Central	3,169	822	3,991	10.6	3.1	7.1	-322	-29	-351	-1.1	-0.1	-0.6
Manchester, Gorton	2,246	624	2,870	7.9	2.4	5.2	-341	-62	-403	-1.2	-0.2	-0.7
Manchester, Withington	1,352	395	1,747	4.4	1.4	3.0	-116	-69	-185	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Morecambe & Lunesdale	1,180	389	1,569	4.5	1.6	3.1	-229	-3	-232	-0.9	0.0	-0.5
Oldham East & Saddleworth	1,055	315	1,370	3.3	1.0	2.2	-189	-54	-243	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Oldham West & Royton	1,469	418	1,887	4.9	1.5	3.2	-144	-29	-173	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 FEBRUARY 2004						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop [#]			Levels			Percentage [#]		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pendle	775	288	1,063	2.8	1.1	2.0	-105	-18	-123	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Penrith & The Border	393	156	549	1.4	0.6	1.1	-62	-25	-87	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Preston	1,609	427	2,036	5.1	1.4	3.3	-7	38	31	0.0	0.1	0.1
Ribble Valley	327	121	448	1.1	0.4	0.8	-23	18	-5	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Rochdale	1,617	479	2,096	5.3	1.7	3.6	-178	-5	-183	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
Rossendale & Darwen	740	310	1,050	2.5	1.1	1.8	-50	18	-32	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Salford	1,397	309	1,706	5.7	1.5	3.7	-80	-41	-121	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
South Ribble	627	188	815	2.1	0.7	1.4	11	-10	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Southport	809	216	1,025	3.1	0.9	2.0	-151	-37	-188	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
St. Helens North	1,127	363	1,490	3.9	1.3	2.7	-175	-72	-247	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4
St. Helens South	1,395	413	1,808	5.3	1.6	3.5	-288	-72	-360	-1.1	-0.3	-0.7
Stalybridge & Hyde	1,012	356	1,368	3.7	1.4	2.6	-32	18	-14	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Stockport	1,016	278	1,294	3.7	1.1	2.4	-46	-11	-57	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Stretford & Urmston	1,127	325	1,452	4.0	1.2	2.6	-157	-30	-187	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Tatton	457	167	624	1.9	0.7	1.3	9	8	17	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wallasey	1,535	448	1,983	6.1	1.8	4.0	-172	-19	-191	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Warrington North	969	291	1,260	3.1	1.0	2.1	-142	-43	-185	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Warrington South	700	218	918	2.3	0.8	1.5	-150	-69	-219	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Weaver Vale	1,069	349	1,418	3.8	1.3	2.6	-264	-20	-284	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5
West Lancashire	1,249	419	1,668	4.3	1.5	2.9	-132	-30	-162	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Westmorland & Lonsdale	300	129	429	1.1	0.5	0.8	-22	-14	-36	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Wigan	1,022	335	1,357	3.9	1.4	2.7	-120	-6	-126	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
Wirral South	614	208	822	2.8	1.0	1.9	-107	-14	-121	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Wirral West	706	237	943	3.2	1.1	2.1	-93	-32	-125	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Workington	972	316	1,288	3.8	1.3	2.6	-180	-64	-244	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Worsley	984	346	1,330	3.4	1.3	2.4	-81	-16	-97	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Wythenshawe & Sale East	1,454	403	1,857	5.0	1.4	3.2	-132	35	-97	-0.5	0.1	-0.2

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

Relationship between columns = 3=1+2; 9=7+8

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[#] Percentages of resident working age population of area. The population denominators are based on output area data from the 2001 Census. NB these percentages are different from the national and regional claimant count rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See note on page 8 for further details.