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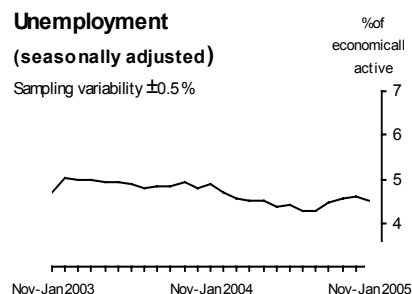
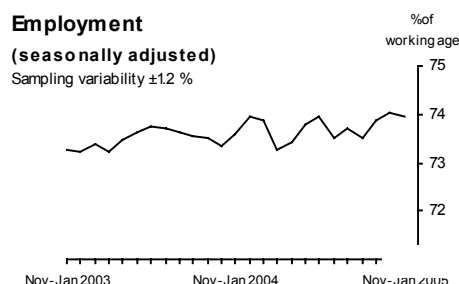
Labour market statistics March 2005: North West

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Labour Force Survey data for the North West indicate that the trend in the employment rate may be increasing, but the rate in the latest period is not significantly different from a year ago. The trend in the unemployment rate appears to have levelled off after falling, but the latest rate is not significantly different from a year ago.

Data for the three months to January 2005 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 74.0 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points on a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.5 per cent, down 0.4 percentage points on a year earlier.

The seasonally adjusted claimant count was down in the year to February 2005.



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		Level (thousands)	Rate (%)	Change on year (level)	Sampling variability (thousands)	Change on year (rate)	Sampling variability (%)
Employment*	Nov-Jan	3,200	74.0	51	± 78	0.4	± 1.5
Unemployment**	Nov-Jan	151	4.5	-11	± 23	-0.4	± 0.7
Economically active*	Nov-Jan	3,350	77.5	41	± 77	0.0	± 1.4
Economically inactive+	Nov-Jan	940	22.5	4	± 76	0.0	± 1.4
of which:							
Not wanting a job+	Nov-Jan	715		-11	± 68		
Wanting a job+	Nov-Jan	226		15	± 40		
Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec 2004	3,434		79	..		
Claimant count	Feb 2005	93.5	2.7 ⁺⁺	-9.7		-0.3	

See note on page 8 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 background note 5.

.. Not available.

From May 2001: vacancy series deferred (see note on page 7).

New this month:

November to January 2005 data: latest three-month average LFS results;

February 2005 data: claimant count;

December 2004 data: workforce jobs.

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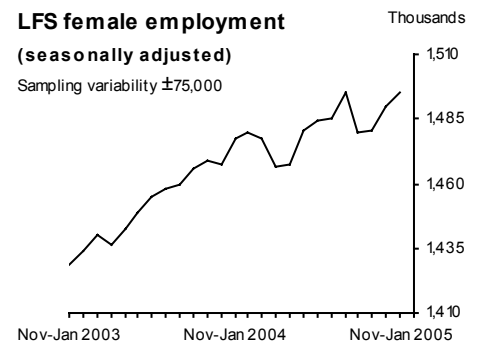


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 74.0 per cent in the November to January 2005 period, up 0.4 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.20 million in the November to January 2005 period, up 51,000 on the same period a year earlier.



Seasonally adjusted employee jobs figures were up 21,000 in the quarter to December 2004.

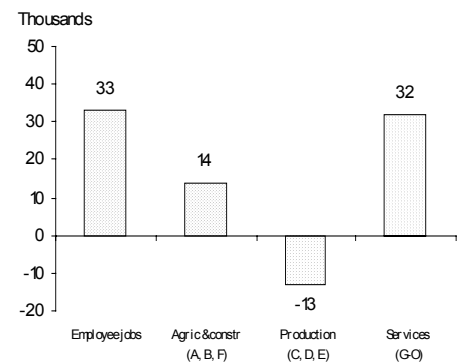


Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 33,000 in the year to December 2004. This was mainly due to rises in the service, construction and 'other' industries, partly offset by a fall in manufacturing industries.

Unemployment (table 1)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.5 per cent in the November to January 2005 period, down 0.4 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in November to January 2005 were 4.8 per cent and 4.2 per cent respectively.

Employee jobs by industry
Change on year from December 2003



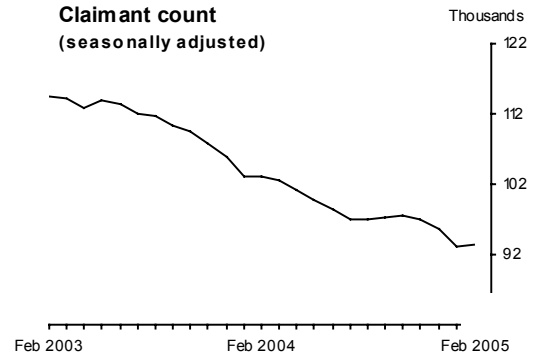
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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in February 2005 was 2.7 per cent, unchanged from January 2005, and down 0.3 percentage points since February 2004. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in February 2005 was 93,500, up 300 on January 2005, and down 9,700 since February 2004. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 103,000 in February 2005.



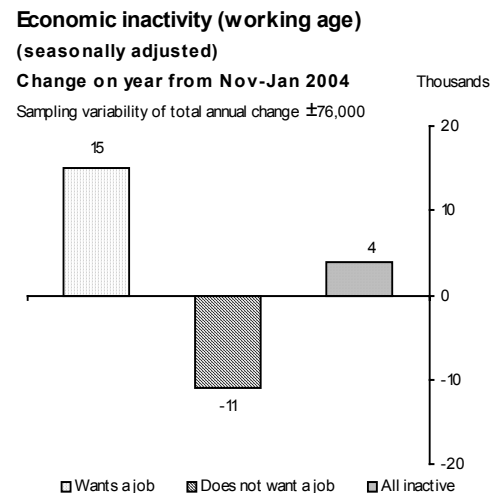
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 32,800 in February 2005, down 1,900 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for all age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically active people in the North West was 3.35 million in the November to January 2005 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 2005 period was 2.06 million, with 940,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was up 4,000.



Vacancies (table 12)

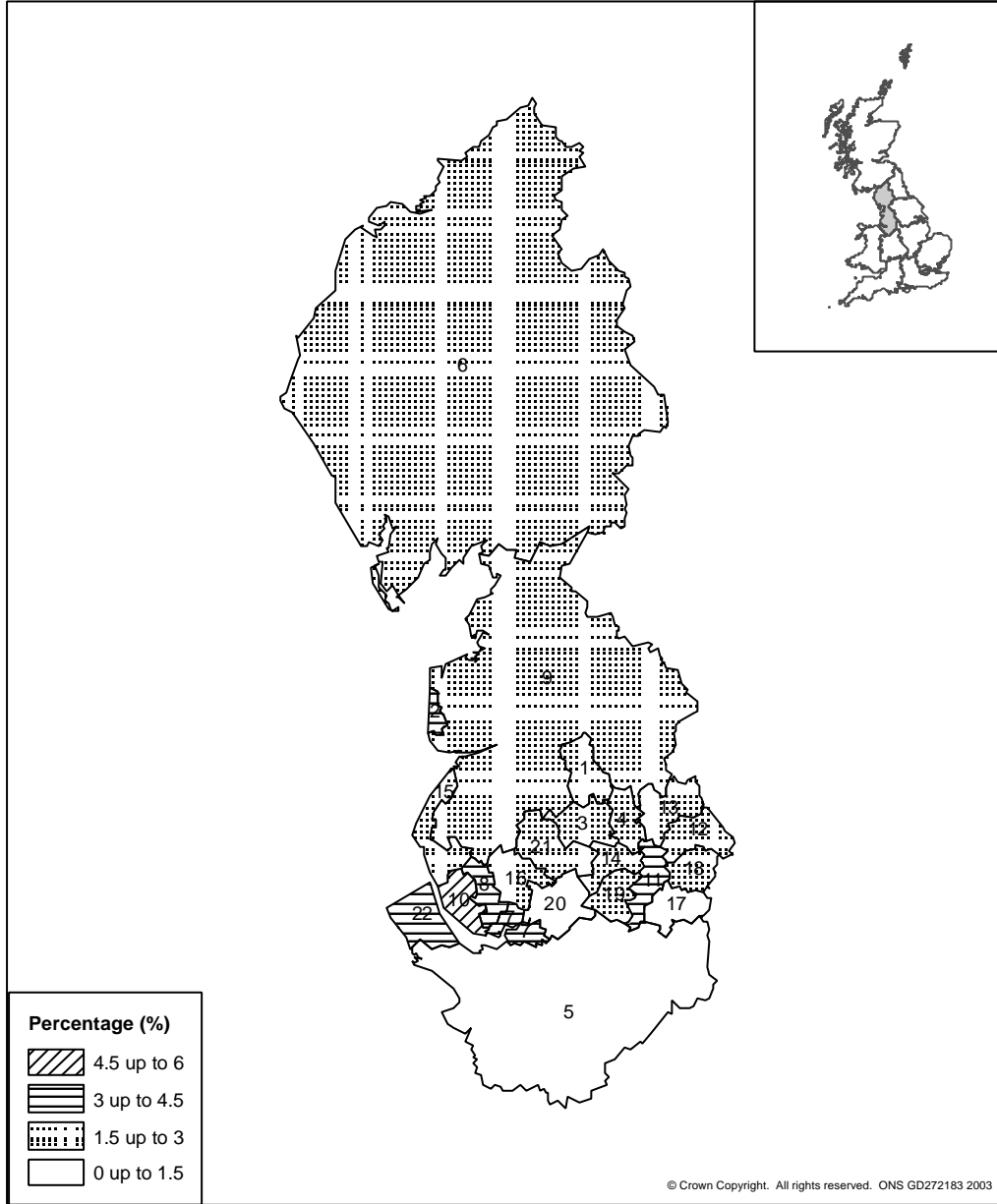
Publication of the seasonally adjusted Jobcentre vacancy series has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct – see note on page 7.

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 5.2 per cent.

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

February 2005 - North West



1	Blackburn with Darwen UA	2.7%	12	Oldham	2.5%
2	Blackpool UA	3.5%	13	Rochdale	2.7%
3	Bolton	2.4%	14	Salford	2.6%
4	Bury	1.8%	15	Sefton	2.7%
5	Cheshire	1.3%	16	St. Helens	2.7%
6	Cumbria	1.9%	17	Stockport	1.4%
7	Halton UA	3.0%	18	Tameside	2.2%
8	Knowsley	4.0%	19	Trafford	1.7%
9	Lancashire	1.8%	20	Warrington UA	1.4%
10	Liverpool	5.2%	21	Wigan	2.3%
11	Manchester	3.8%	22	Wirral	3.2%

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REVISIONS

General

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions which have occurred over the last five years. Please note that these indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data may itself be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (ie 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment and Unemployment data first published from March 1999 to February 2004 and Claimant Count data first published from October 1999 to February 2004. The second table covers workforce jobs data first published from January 2000 to January 2002. As more data are published a full five years worth of comparisons will be included for all series. A spreadsheet giving these estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the table is available on the National Statistics website at

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

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	74.0	60	-0.11	0.26
Unemployment rate (%)	4.5	60	0.06	0.14
Claimant count (000s)	93.5	53	0.08	0.40

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	3,434	9	108.89	108.89

A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if the mean revision is significant. An asterisk (*) indicates where the mean revision has been found to be statistically significant.

Labour Market statistics are revised in line with our Revisions Policy which is published on the National Statistics website (http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf). More information about the revisions material in this release can also be found on the website (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793>).

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THIS MONTH

Starting this month, the workforce and employee jobs series published in this First Release is being brought forward by one month. This means that data for December will be published in this release, bringing the regional First Releases into line with the national releases.

NEXT MONTH

Claimant count

ONS will publish revisions to the seasonally adjusted claimant count series in the next release on 13 April, following the latest annual review. Revisions can be expected to the figures for the past three years. Not seasonally adjusted figures will be unaffected.

Claimant count rates

Next month there will be routine updates and revisions to the work-place based denominators used to calculate regional and national claimant count rates. Revisions can be expected to these figures back to 1996.

Tables 13 to 16: Local labour market indicators

These tables will be updated from 2002 to 2003.

SPECIAL

Revisions to population estimates

On 9 September 2004, ONS published the mid-year population estimate (MYE) for 2003, along with revised mid-year estimates for 2001 & 2002. These estimates take into account the results of population studies announced by ONS in July 2004. The population studies were designed to improve population estimates in areas that had proved hardest to count in the 2001 census, leading to revisions in 15 local authority areas. GAD published revised projections for 2004 and later years, based on the revised population estimates, on 30 September 2004. Revised population estimates for 1992-2000 were published by ONS on 7 October 2004. Further information is available on the website.

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.

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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.

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 revised population estimates. 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. (see background note 2).

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.

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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.

Sampling variability and trends

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>.

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 2005

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	3,140	3,200	3,260	-39	38	115	-26	51	129
Employment rate	72.8%	74.0%	75.1%	-1.0%	0.5%	1.9%	-1.1%	0.4%	1.9%
Unemployment	134	151	167	-21	2	25	-34	-11	13
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	-0.7%	0.0%	0.7%	-1.1%	-0.4%	0.3%
Economically active	3,291	3,350	3,409	-36	40	116	-36	41	117
Economic activity rate	76.4%	77.5%	78.6%	-0.9%	0.5%	1.9%	-1.4%	0.0%	1.5%
Economically inactive	882	940	999	-94	-19	56	-72	4	80

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

November to January 2005

	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	± 0.9
North West	± 60	± 17	± 59	± 58	± 1.2	± 0.5
Yorks & Humber	± 48	± 14	± 47	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 39	± 12	± 39	± 45	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 50	± 15	± 50	± 49	± 1.2	± 0.5
East	± 50	± 15	± 49	± 46	± 1.1	± 0.5
London	± 65	± 24	± 62	± 63	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 59	± 17	± 59	± 54	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 49	± 13	± 49	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.5
Wales	± 39	± 11	± 39	± 40	± 1.8	± 0.8
Scotland	± 49	± 16	± 47	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.6

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BACKGROUND NOTES

1. The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.
2. 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 future LFS revisions on page 6).

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 were published on 24 November 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>.

3. Not seasonally adjusted claimant count data are gathered from an administrative source and constitute a complete count. However, seasonally adjusted totals are presented as rounded to the nearest hundred to avoid spurious precision.
4. 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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5. 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) 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.
6. 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.
7. Travel-to-Work areas (Table 15) are approximations to self-contained labour markets, i.e. areas where people both live and work.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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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12. 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*.
13. 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>).
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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 9,500		

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 2004 to January 2005)																
	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment						Unemployment				
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women
	Level	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Level	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	
North East	2,030	1,195	75.2	639	556	1,130	71.0	598	73.7	531	68.1	65	5.5	41	6.4	24	4.4
North West	5,408	3,350	77.5	1,790	1,560	3,200	74.0	1,705	77.7	1,495	70.0	151	4.5	85	4.8	65	4.2
Yorkshire & the Humber	3,989	2,473	78.1	1,329	1,144	2,363	74.6	1,265	78.5	1,098	70.4	109	4.4	63	4.8	46	4.0
East Midlands	3,408	2,166	79.9	1,184	982	2,075	76.5	1,133	81.0	942	71.5	90	4.2	51	4.3	40	4.0
West Midlands	4,206	2,620	78.3	1,435	1,185	2,494	74.5	1,360	79.0	1,134	69.6	126	4.8	75	5.3	50	4.2
East	4,354	2,838	82.0	1,555	1,284	2,726	78.7	1,489	83.7	1,236	73.2	113	4.0	65	4.2	47	3.7
London	5,905	3,782	74.8	2,109	1,674	3,519	69.5	1,957	75.9	1,561	62.6	264	7.0	152	7.2	112	6.7
South East	6,422	4,237	82.3	2,309	1,928	4,077	79.1	2,216	84.3	1,861	73.5	161	3.8	93	4.0	68	3.5
South West	4,028	2,549	81.7	1,378	1,171	2,456	78.7	1,323	83.0	1,133	74.0	92	3.6	55	4.0	38	3.2
England	39,750	25,211	79.0	13,728	11,483	24,039	75.2	13,047	79.9	10,992	70.1	1,171	4.6	681	5.0	491	4.3
Wales	2,358	1,392	75.4	736	656	1,334	72.2	703	75.1	631	69.1	57	4.1	33	4.4	25	3.7
Scotland	4,074	2,591	79.9	1,367	1,225	2,445	75.2	1,278	77.9	1,166	72.4	147	5.7	88	6.5	59	4.8
Great Britain	46,182	29,194	78.9	15,830	13,364	27,818	75.1	15,028	79.5	12,790	70.3	1,376	4.7	802	5.1	574	4.3
N Ireland	1,308	772	71.8	429	343	737	68.4	404	73.4	333	63.0	35	4.6	25	5.9	10	3.0
United Kingdom	47,490	29,977	78.7	16,268	13,709	28,567	74.9	15,441	79.4	13,126	70.1	1,410	4.7	828	5.1	583	4.2

Change on quarter: +

	Labour Force Survey (November 2004 to January 2005)																
	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment						Unemployment				
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women
	Level	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Level	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	
North East	1	17	1.1	15	2	22	1.4	14	1.8	8	1.0	-5	-0.5	1	0.0	-6	-1.1
North West	9	40	0.5	22	19	38	0.5	23	0.7	15	0.2	2	0.0	-1	-0.1	4	0.2
Yorkshire & the Humber	7	1	0.1	-5	6	2	0.1	-6	-0.4	8	0.7	-1	0.0	2	0.1	-2	-0.2
East Midlands	8	19	0.5	13	5	15	0.3	13	0.7	2	0.0	4	0.2	1	0.0	3	0.3
West Midlands	5	-16	-0.9	-9	-7	-9	-0.7	-7	-0.8	-2	-0.6	-7	-0.2	-2	-0.1	-5	-0.4
East	8	8	0.1	8	0	-6	-0.3	-4	-0.4	-2	-0.2	14	0.5	12	0.8	2	0.1
London	6	26	0.4	19	7	30	0.5	12	0.4	19	0.7	-4	-0.2	8	0.3	-12	-0.7
South East	9	11	0.2	10	1	1	0.0	4	0.1	-2	-0.1	9	0.2	6	0.3	3	0.2
South West	9	27	0.5	11	16	16	0.2	7	0.5	8	0.0	11	0.4	3	0.2	7	0.6
England	63	133	0.2	85	48	109	0.2	55	0.2	54	0.2	24	0.1	30	0.2	-6	-0.1
Wales	5	-2	-0.4	-9	7	6	0.0	-4	-0.6	10	0.6	-7	-0.5	-4	-0.5	-3	-0.4
Scotland	3	11	0.3	6	5	4	0.1	4	0.1	0	0.1	7	0.3	2	0.1	5	0.4
Great Britain	70	142	0.2	82	60	118	0.2	55	0.1	63	0.2	24	0.1	28	0.1	-3	0.0
N Ireland	3	5	0.3	3	2	8	0.6	6	0.7	2	0.5	-3	-0.4	-3	-0.6	-1	-0.2
United Kingdom	73	149	0.2	89	61	127	0.2	63	0.2	65	0.2	22	0.1	26	0.1	-4	0.0

Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey (November 2004 to January 2005)																
	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment						Unemployment				
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women
	Level	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Level	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	
North East	7	16	0.8	6	10	25	1.4	11	0.7	14	2.1	-9	-0.8	-5	-0.8	-4	-0.8
North West	37	41	0.0	20	20	51	0.4	33	0.7	18	0.0	-11	-0.4	-13	-0.8	2	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	30	7	-0.1	0	7	21	0.3	12	0.5	9	0.1	-14	-0.6	-12	-0.9	-3	-0.2
East Midlands	30	8	-0.2	10	-2	15	0.1	19	0.6	-4	-0.6	-7	-0.3	-8	-0.8	2	0.2
West Midlands	19	28	0.3	7	20	45	0.9	17	0.5	29	1.2	-18	-0.7	-9	-0.7	-9	-0.8
East	29	-10	-0.7	5	-15	-30	-1.4	-9	-1.3	-21	-1.4	20	0.7	14	0.9	6	0.5
London	22	-2	-0.6	4	-6	-4	-0.5	8	-0.4	-12	-0.7	2	0.0	-4	-0.2	6	0.4
South East	37	19	-0.1	19	0	18	-0.1	14	0.0	4	-0.2	1	0.0	6	0.2	-5	-0.2
South West	37	27	0.1	21	7	6	-0.6	8	0.2	-1	-1.5	20	0.8	13	0.9	8	0.7
England	249	134	-0.1	93	41	148	-0.1	111	0.1	37	-0.2	-14	-0.1	-18	-0.2	4	0.0
Wales	20	1	-0.6	-7	8	12	0.1	6	0.2	6	0.0	-11	-0.8	-13	-1.7	2	0.2
Scotland	15	46	1.3	16	30	44	1.2	17	0.7	28	1.7	2	0.0	0	-0.1	2	0.1
Great Britain	285	182	0.0	103	79	205	0.1	134	0.2	71	-0.1	-23	-0.1	-31	-0.2	8	0.0
N Ireland	11	6	0.3	-4	10	13	1.0	3	-0.2	10	2.2	-7	-1.0	-7	-1.6	0	-0.1
United Kingdom	296	188	0.0	101	88	219	0.1	139	0.2	80	0.0	-31	-0.1	-38	-0.3	7	0.0

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.

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

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NATIONAL LABOUR MARKET SUMMARY, BY REGION

Summary of other headline indicators

Thousands

	Employer surveys **			Jobcentre Plus administrative system **						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	(December 2004); not seasonally adjusted			(February 2005); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (January 2005); 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	1,109	587	522	43.7	3.8	33.7	5.3	10.0	1.9			
North West	3,434	1,831	1,603	93.5	2.7	71.0	3.8	22.5	1.4			
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,465	1,337	1,128	69.4	2.8	52.3	3.9	17.1	1.5			
East Midlands	2,031	1,081	951	49.7	2.4	36.0	3.2	13.7	1.4			
West Midlands	2,671	1,452	1,219	83.6	3.1	62.6	4.2	21.0	1.7			
East	2,770	1,485	1,285	54.7	2.0	39.7	2.7	15.0	1.2			
London	4,489	2,477	2,012	158.7	3.4	113.4	4.3	45.3	2.2			
South East	4,277	2,284	1,994	67.0	1.5	49.1	2.1	17.9	0.9			
South West	2,570	1,353	1,217	40.0	1.6	28.9	2.1	11.1	0.9			
England	25,818	13,888	11,931	660.3	2.5	486.7	3.4	173.6	1.4			
Wales	1,284	676	608	38.4	2.9	29.1	4.1	9.3	1.5			
Scotland	2,544	1,334	1,210	85.6	3.3	64.8	4.7	20.8	1.7			
Great Britain	29,646	15,898	13,749	784.3	2.6	580.6	3.5	203.7	1.5			
N Ireland	812	431	380	29.0	3.6	22.0	5.0	7.0	1.9			
United Kingdom	30,458	16,329	14,129	813.3	2.6	602.6	3.6	210.7	1.5			

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 7.

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer surveys			Jobcentre Plus administrative system						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on December 2003); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (Change on January 2005); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (Change on December 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	-7	-4	-3	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0			
North West	79	46	33	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Yorkshire & the Humber	19	21	-2	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0			
East Midlands	0	-12	13	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
West Midlands	47	23	24	-0.9	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
East	-3	-12	9	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
London	-45	-5	-40	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0			
South East	35	19	17	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
South West	39	26	13	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0			
England	165	101	63	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
Wales	-17	-5	-12	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
Scotland	-3	16	-20	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
Great Britain	144	112	32	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.0			
N Ireland	11	5	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
United Kingdom	155	117	38	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.0			

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 7.

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.

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

1 Summary of LFS data

		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 2003	5,335	3,255	3,101	154	2,080	61.0	58.1	4.7	39.0
	Nov-Jan 2004	5,371	3,310	3,148	161	2,061	61.6	58.6	4.9	38.4
	Feb-Apr 2004	5,381	3,288	3,139	149	2,093	61.1	58.3	4.5	38.9
	May-Jul 2004	5,391	3,323	3,177	146	2,068	61.6	58.9	4.4	38.4
	Aug-Oct 2004	5,400	3,310	3,162	148	2,090	61.3	58.6	4.5	38.7
	Nov-Jan 2005	5,408	3,350	3,200	151	2,058	61.9	59.2	4.5	38.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	9	40	38	2	-31	0.6	0.6	0.0	-0.6
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	1.2	1.2	1.6	-1.5					
<i>Change on year</i>	37	41	51	-11	-3	0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	1.2	1.6	-6.5	-0.2					
Men	Nov-Jan 2003	2,565	1,768	1,673	95	797	68.9	65.2	5.4	31.1
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,586	1,770	1,671	98	816	68.4	64.6	5.6	31.6
	Feb-Apr 2004	2,592	1,759	1,672	87	833	67.9	64.5	4.9	32.1
	May-Jul 2004	2,597	1,773	1,693	80	825	68.2	65.2	4.5	31.8
	Aug-Oct 2004	2,603	1,768	1,682	87	834	68.0	64.6	4.9	32.0
	Nov-Jan 2005	2,607	1,790	1,705	85	817	68.7	65.4	4.8	31.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	5	22	23	-1	-17	0.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.7
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	1.2	1.4	-1.5	-2.0					
<i>Change on year</i>	21	20	33	-13	1	0.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.2	
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	1.1	2.0	-13.2	0.1					
Women	Nov-Jan 2003	2,770	1,487	1,429	58	1,283	53.7	51.6	3.9	46.3
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,785	1,540	1,477	63	1,245	55.3	53.0	4.1	44.7
	Feb-Apr 2004	2,789	1,529	1,467	62	1,260	54.8	52.6	4.1	45.2
	May-Jul 2004	2,793	1,550	1,484	66	1,243	55.5	53.1	4.3	44.5
	Aug-Oct 2004	2,797	1,542	1,480	62	1,255	55.1	52.9	4.0	44.9
	Nov-Jan 2005	2,801	1,560	1,495	65	1,241	55.7	53.4	4.2	44.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	19	15	4	-15	0.6	0.5	0.2	-0.6
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	1.2	1.0	5.8	-1.2					
<i>Change on year</i>	16	20	18	2	-4	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.4	
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	1.3	1.2	3.8	-0.3					

		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	YCKQ	YCNQ	HMBZ		YCOD		YCPD	
People	Nov-Jan 2003	4,125	3,174	3,021	153	951	77.0	73.2	4.8	23.0	
	Nov-Jan 2004	4,152	3,216	3,055	161	936	77.4	73.6	5.0	22.6	
	Feb-Apr 2004	4,160	3,195	3,047	148	964	76.8	73.2	4.6	23.2	
	May-Jul 2004	4,167	3,225	3,081	144	942	77.4	73.9	4.5	22.6	
	Aug-Oct 2004	4,173	3,214	3,067	147	959	77.0	73.5	4.6	23.0	
	Nov-Jan 2005	4,179	3,239	3,090	148	940	77.5	74.0	4.6	22.5	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	6	25	23	2	-19	0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.5	
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.8	0.8	1.1	-2.0						
<i>Change on year</i>	27	23	35	-12	4	0.0	0.4	-0.4	0.0		
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.7	1.1	-7.7	0.4						
Men	Nov-Jan 2003	2,122	1,743	1,649	94	379	82.1	77.7	5.4	17.9	
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,137	1,743	1,645	97	395	81.5	77.0	5.6	18.5	
	Feb-Apr 2004	2,142	1,732	1,645	86	410	80.9	76.8	5.0	19.1	
	May-Jul 2004	2,146	1,745	1,665	80	401	81.3	77.6	4.6	18.7	
	Aug-Oct 2004	2,149	1,740	1,654	86	409	81.0	77.0	4.9	19.0	
	Nov-Jan 2005	2,153	1,756	1,672	84	397	81.6	77.7	4.8	18.4	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	3	16	18	-2	-13	0.6	0.7	-0.2	-0.6	
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.9	1.1	-2.4	-3.1						
<i>Change on year</i>	15	13	27	-14	2	0.0	0.7	-0.8	0.0		
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.7	1.6	-13.9	0.6						
Women	Nov-Jan 2003	2,002	1,431	1,373	58	572	71.5	68.5	4.1	28.5	
	Nov-Jan 2004	2,015	1,473	1,410	63	542	73.1	70.0	4.3	26.9	
	Feb-Apr 2004	2,018	1,463	1,402	62	555	72.5	69.4	4.2	27.5	
	May-Jul 2004	2,021	1,480	1,416	64	541	73.2	70.0	4.3	26.8	
	Aug-Oct 2004	2,024	1,474	1,413	61	550	72.8	69.8	4.1	27.2	
	Nov-Jan 2005	2,026	1,483	1,418	64	544	73.2	70.0	4.3	26.8	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	9	5	4	-6	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.4	
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.6	0.4	6.0	-1.2						
<i>Change on year</i>	11	10	9	1	2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1		
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.8	0.3						

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of 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
adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)			Claimant count*		
		Levels			Rates (%)**		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
		IBWA	ZMPU	ZMPW	IBWC	ZMPV	ZMPX
	Dec 01	3,251	1,742	1,509			
	Dec 02	3,331	1,776	1,555			
	Dec 03	3,355	1,785	1,570			
	Mar 04	3,344	1,791	1,554			
	Jun 04	3,372	1,799	1,573			
	Sep 04	3,374	1,796	1,578			
	Dec 04	3,434	1,831	1,603			
<i>Change on year</i>		79	46	33			
<i>Change %</i>		2.4	2.6	2.1			
	2004						
	February #	103.2	79.0	24.2	3.0	4.3	1.5
	March	102.6	78.4	24.2	3.0	4.2	1.5
	April	101.3	77.4	23.9	2.9	4.2	1.5
	May #	99.9	76.1	23.8	2.9	4.1	1.5
	June	98.4	75.2	23.2	2.9	4.1	1.5
	July	96.9	74.2	22.7	2.8	4.0	1.4
	August #	97.0	74.3	22.7	2.8	4.0	1.4
	September	97.4	74.4	23.0	2.8	4.0	1.4
	October #	97.6	74.6	23.0	2.8	4.0	1.4
	November	97.0	74.0	23.0	2.8	4.0	1.4
	December	95.7	73.0	22.7	2.8	3.9	1.4
	2005						
	January # (r)	93.2	70.7	22.5	2.7	3.8	1.4
	February (p)	93.5	71.0	22.5	2.7	3.8	1.4
<i>Change on period</i>		0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		0.3	0.4	0.0			
<i>Change on year</i>		-9.7	-8.0	-1.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>		-9.4	-10.1	-7.0			

	Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies
	Level	Level
	IBWG	IBWE
2004		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2005		
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 7.

* 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.

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

See background note 5.

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

EMPLOYMENT

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 2001	3,032	2,947	81	359	707	1,149	651	85
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,110	3,025	83	399	709	1,159	675	84
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,153	3,057	76	405	679	1,202	695	96
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,170	3,074	71	416	682	1,201	703	95
	Mar - May 2004	3,139	3,048	67	405	681	1,195	700	91
	Jun - Aug 2004	3,156	3,062	74	419	687	1,193	689	94
	Sep - Nov 2004	3,194	3,092	75	421	678	1,213	705	103
<i>Change on year</i>	41	34	-2	16	-2	11	10	7	
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.1	-2.2	4.0	-0.3	1.0	1.5	7.0	
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	1,623	1,597	38	184	385	596	394	26
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,673	1,647	38	211	383	615	400	26
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,679	1,649	36	210	364	632	407	30
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,686	1,659	35	225	361	629	409	26
	Mar - May 2004	1,671	1,646	34	212	356	633	411	25
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,682	1,655	35	213	360	638	409	27
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,708	1,677	37	217	364	641	418	31
<i>Change on year</i>	29	28	2	7	0	8	11	1	
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.7	4.8	3.2	0.1	1.3	2.8	2.4	
Women	Sep - Nov 2001	1,409	1,350	43	175	323	553	257	59
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,437	1,378	45	187	326	544	275	59
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,475	1,409	40	195	316	570	288	66
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,484	1,415	36	191	321	573	294	69
	Mar - May 2004	1,468	1,402	33	194	325	562	289	66
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,474	1,407	39	206	326	556	280	67
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,487	1,415	37	205	314	573	286	72
<i>Change on year</i>	12	6	-3	9	-2	3	-1	6	
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.4	-8.3	4.8	-0.6	0.5	-0.4	9.1	
Employment rates (%)⁺									
People	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
	Sep - Nov 2003	58.8	73.7	41.3	67.6	79.0	82.1	66.8	7.9
	Dec - Feb 2004	59.0	74.0	38.5	68.9	79.7	81.8	67.5	7.8
	Mar - May 2004	58.3	73.2	36.0	66.6	79.9	81.2	67.1	7.4
	Jun - Aug 2004	58.5	73.4	39.6	68.4	80.9	80.8	66.0	7.7
	Sep - Nov 2004	59.1	74.0	40.1	68.5	80.1	81.9	67.3	8.4
<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	0.3	-1.2	0.9	1.1	-0.2	0.5	0.5	
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	63.8	75.8	41.3	67.0	86.5	84.8	66.4	6.0
	Sep - Nov 2002	65.3	77.7	40.7	73.9	88.9	86.5	66.9	5.8
	Sep - Nov 2003	65.0	77.2	38.1	70.5	86.4	87.8	67.6	6.7
	Dec - Feb 2004	65.1	77.6	37.3	74.8	86.2	87.1	67.9	5.9
	Mar - May 2004	64.4	76.8	35.5	69.9	85.4	87.4	68.0	5.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	64.7	77.1	36.9	69.8	86.7	87.8	67.6	5.9
	Sep - Nov 2004	65.6	78.0	39.5	70.8	87.8	88.0	69.0	6.7
<i>Change on year</i>	0.6	0.7	1.4	0.3	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.1	
Women	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
	Sep - Nov 2003	53.0	70.0	44.7	64.6	72.0	76.6	65.7	8.6
	Dec - Feb 2004	53.2	70.2	39.6	63.0	73.5	76.8	67.0	8.9
	Mar - May 2004	52.6	69.5	36.4	63.3	74.7	75.1	65.8	8.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	52.7	69.6	42.4	67.0	75.4	74.0	63.7	8.7
	Sep - Nov 2004	53.1	69.9	40.6	66.2	72.7	76.1	65.1	9.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	-0.1	-4.0	1.6	0.7	-0.5	-0.6	0.7	

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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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 2001	3,032	2,699	315	*	14	2,295	736	97	167
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,110	2,771	317	*	12	2,352	756	123	154
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,153	2,777	354	11	11	2,358	795	109	175
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,170	2,796	347	13	13	2,339	828	111	150
	Mar - May 2004	3,139	2,763	351	*	18	2,348	788	104	137
	Jun - Aug 2004	3,156	2,776	365	*	10	2,359	796	93	143
	Sep - Nov 2004	3,194	2,806	372	*	12	2,392	802	107	148
	<i>Change on year</i>	41	29	17	*	0	34	7	-2	-27
	<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.1	4.8	*	3.6	1.5	0.8	-2.0	-15.4
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	1,623	1,369	245	*	*	1,484	138	37	90
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,673	1,421	242	*	*	1,522	151	51	70
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,679	1,404	264	*	*	1,517	162	45	87
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,686	1,407	265	*	*	1,512	172	45	67
	Mar - May 2004	1,671	1,405	251	*	12	1,506	163	45	64
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,682	1,412	263	*	*	1,519	163	39	72
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,708	1,430	269	*	*	1,540	168	43	75
	<i>Change on year</i>	29	25	4	*	*	23	6	-2	-12
	<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.8	1.7	*	*	1.5	3.7	-3.7	-14.1
Women	Sep - Nov 2001	1,409	1,330	70	*	*	810	598	60	77
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,437	1,350	75	*	*	831	605	72	84
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,475	1,373	90	*	*	841	633	64	89
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,484	1,390	82	*	*	828	655	66	83
	Mar - May 2004	1,468	1,357	100	*	*	843	625	60	73
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,474	1,365	102	*	*	840	634	55	72
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,487	1,377	103	*	*	852	634	63	74
	<i>Change on year</i>	12	4	13	*	*	11	1	0	-15
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.3	14.1	*	*	1.4	0.1	-0.8	-16.7

		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 2001	167	48	32	87	727	79	526	121
	Sep - Nov 2002	154	47	40	68	743	73	544	123
	Sep - Nov 2003	175	54	44	77	780	84	570	126
	Dec - Feb 2004	150	46	40	64	811	68	605	135
	Mar - May 2004	137	45	35	57	776	54	590	130
	Jun - Aug 2004	143	35	34	74	787	55	588	141
	Sep - Nov 2004	148	40	32	76	790	60	576	152
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-14	-13	-1	10	-24	7	26
	<i>Change %</i>	-15.4	-25.4	-28.7	-1.5	1.2	-28.2	1.2	20.9

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

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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	Dec 00	3,197	2,864	317	16
	Dec 01	3,251	2,905	336	10
	Dec 02	3,331	2,966	352	13
	Dec 03	3,355	2,984	356	14
	Mar 04	3,344	2,963	366	15
	Jun 04	3,372	2,973	385	14
	Sep 04	3,374	2,983	377	14
	Dec 04	3,434	3,017	402	14
	<i>Change on year</i>	79	33	46	0
<i>Change %</i>	2.4	1.1	13.0	-2.6	
Male jobs	Dec 00	1,686	1,444	232	9
	Dec 01	1,742	1,480	255	6
	Dec 02	1,776	1,506	262	8
	Dec 03	1,785	1,515	261	9
	Mar 04	1,791	1,512	269	9
	Jun 04	1,799	1,518	272	8
	Sep 04	1,796	1,522	265	8
	Dec 04	1,831	1,537	285	8
	<i>Change on year</i>	46	22	24	0
<i>Change %</i>	2.6	1.5	9.3	-3.5	
Female jobs	Dec 00	1,512	1,420	85	6
	Dec 01	1,509	1,425	80	4
	Dec 02	1,555	1,460	90	5
	Dec 03	1,570	1,469	95	6
	Mar 04	1,554	1,451	97	6
	Jun 04	1,573	1,455	113	6
	Sep 04 (r)	1,578	1,461	112	6
	Dec 04	1,603	1,480	117	6
	<i>Change on year</i>	33	11	22	0
<i>Change %</i>	2.1	0.7	23.2	-1.2	

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 from administrative sources.

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	Dec 01	2,895	2,905	13	19	470	135	1,371	896
	Dec 02	2,952	2,966	11	13	448	143	1,431	920
	Dec 03	2,970	2,984	15	10	433	137	1,458	932
	Mar 04	2,975	2,963	15	10	430	134	1,438	936
	Jun 04	2,980	2,973	15	10	427	132	1,449	940
	Sep 04 (r)	2,980	2,983	17	10	423	132	1,455	946
	Dec 04	3,001	3,017	17	10	420	149	1,471	951
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>21</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.7</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-13</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>19</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>16.2</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Male jobs	Dec 01	1,467	1,480	9	14	346	117	711	283
	Dec 02	1,488	1,506	8	9	337	124	745	282
	Dec 03	1,503	1,515	10	8	329	118	758	291
	Mar 04	1,516	1,512	10	8	329	115	757	294
	Jun 04	1,526	1,518	10	8	327	114	764	295
	Sep 04 (r)	1,523	1,522	11	8	324	113	769	297
	Dec 04	1,527	1,537	11	8	321	128	773	297
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>4</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.3</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>6</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>-2.4</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Female jobs	Dec 01	1,428	1,425	5	5	124	18	660	613
	Dec 02	1,464	1,460	3	4	111	19	686	638
	Dec 03	1,467	1,469	5	2	104	19	700	641
	Mar 04	1,459	1,451	5	2	101	20	681	642
	Jun 04	1,454	1,455	6	2	100	19	684	645
	Sep 04 (r)	1,458	1,461	6	2	99	18	686	649
	Dec 04	1,474	1,480	6	2	99	21	699	654
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>17</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.1</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>13</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>39.7</i>	<i>-2.8</i>	<i>-4.8</i>	<i>10.7</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>2.1</i>

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

Source: Employer surveys

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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.

EMPLOYMENT

North West

6(1) Actual weekly hours of work

(hours) not seasonally adjusted

		Total weekly hours (millions)	Average actual weekly hours of work			
			All workers*	Full-time**	Part-time**	Workers with second jobs
			2	3	4	5
		1				
People	Sep - Nov 2001	100	32.9	37.7	16.7	10.0
	Sep - Nov 2002	104	33.3	38.1	16.7	9.9
	Sep - Nov 2003	103	32.5	37.6	16.3	9.8
	Dec - Feb 2004	97	30.5	35.2	15.8	9.0
	Mar - May 2004	101	32.1	37.0	16.3	8.0
	Jun - Aug 2004	98	31.2	36.0	15.6	10.2
	Sep - Nov 2004	104	32.7	37.8	16.1	10.1
<i>Change on year</i>		2	0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.2
<i>Change %</i>		1.8	0.5	0.7	-1.3	2.5
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	61	37.5	39.2	15.6	9.6
	Sep - Nov 2002	64	38.2	40.0	16.5	10.8
	Sep - Nov 2003	63	37.5	39.4	16.1	10.9
	Dec - Feb 2004	59	34.8	36.8	14.6	10.9
	Mar - May 2004	62	36.9	38.8	15.7	8.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	61	36.0	37.9	15.8	12.8
	Sep - Nov 2004	64	37.6	39.6	16.0	13.1
<i>Change on year</i>		1	0.1	0.2	-0.1	2.2
<i>Change %</i>		2.1	0.4	0.4	-0.8	20.1
Women	Sep - Nov 2001	39	27.7	34.9	16.9	10.3
	Sep - Nov 2002	40	27.5	34.7	16.7	9.2
	Sep - Nov 2003	40	26.9	34.2	16.3	9.1
	Dec - Feb 2004	38	25.5	32.4	16.1	7.8
	Mar - May 2004	39	26.6	33.6	16.5	7.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	38	25.6	32.6	15.6	8.4
	Sep - Nov 2004	40	27.1	34.6	16.1	8.0
<i>Change on year</i>		1	0.2	0.4	-0.2	-1.1
<i>Change %</i>		1.4	0.6	1.2	-1.4	-11.8

* main and second jobs

Source: Labour Force Survey

** main jobs only

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6(2) Usual weekly hours of work*

not seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Sep - Nov 2003									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.5	2.3	1.2	0.5	1.8	2.4	0.6	7.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.7	3.1	10.8	6.7	3.0	10.5	6.2	3.3	14.8
16 up to 30 hours	18.1	7.1	30.6	18.1	5.8	30.6	18.2	14.1	30.4
31 up to 45 hours	54.5	60.2	48.0	56.9	64.2	49.5	36.7	39.3	29.3
Over 45 hours	19.3	29.0	8.3	17.2	26.6	7.6	36.5	42.8	17.8
Total (thousands)	3,153	1,679	1,475	2,777	1,404	1,373	354	264	90
Jun - Aug 2004									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.7	2.2	1.3	0.5	2.1	2.4	1.4	5.1
6 up to 15 hours	6.6	2.7	11.2	6.8	2.9	10.8	4.7	1.2	13.8
16 up to 30 hours	17.9	7.6	29.7	17.7	6.3	29.5	19.8	14.5	33.6
31 up to 45 hours	55.2	61.5	47.9	57.1	64.6	49.4	40.3	44.6	29.3
Over 45 hours	18.8	27.5	8.9	17.1	25.6	8.3	32.8	38.4	18.2
Total (thousands)	3,156	1,682	1,474	2,776	1,412	1,365	365	263	102
Sep - Nov 2004									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.3	0.6	2.0	2.5	1.6	4.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.6	2.6	11.3	6.7	2.6	10.9	5.8	2.2	15.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.0	7.7	29.7	17.7	6.6	29.2	19.9	13.4	37.1
31 up to 45 hours	54.1	59.3	48.1	56.2	62.2	49.9	38.6	43.8	24.8
Over 45 hours	19.8	29.6	8.6	18.1	28.0	7.9	33.3	39.1	18.1
Total (thousands)	3,194	1,708	1,487	2,806	1,430	1,377	372	269	103

* Main job only

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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	2004	IBWA	IBWC			IBWB	IBWD
	February #	103.2	3.0	26.1	26.4	112.8	3.3
	March	102.6	3.0	25.9	26.5	109.5	3.2
	April	101.3	2.9	25.0	26.2	106.3	3.1
	May #	99.9	2.9	25.3	26.8	101.6	2.9
	June	98.4	2.9	24.9	26.9	98.0	2.8
	July	96.9	2.8	23.8	25.5	97.8	2.8
	August #	97.0	2.8	24.4	24.7	98.9	2.9
	September	97.4	2.8	24.7	24.9	96.0	2.8
	October #	97.6	2.8	24.8	24.4	92.5	2.7
	November	97.0	2.8	24.4	24.7	91.6	2.7
	December	95.7	2.8	24.6	25.3	93.4	2.7
	2005						
	January # (r)	93.2	2.7	24.4	27.7	101.0	2.9
	February (p)	93.5	2.7	25.0	24.7	103.0	3.0
	<i>Change on month</i>	0.3	0.0	0.6	-3.0	1.9	0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3		2.5	-10.8	1.9	
<i>Change on year</i>	-9.7	-0.3	-1.1	-1.7	-9.8	-0.3	
<i>Change %</i>	-9.4		-4.2	-6.4	-8.7		
Men	2004	ZMPU	ZMPV				
	February #	79.0	4.3	19.0	19.6	86.6	4.7
	March	78.4	4.2	18.9	19.5	83.8	4.5
	April	77.4	4.2	18.1	19.2	81.1	4.4
	May #	76.1	4.1	18.3	19.8	77.6	4.2
	June	75.2	4.1	18.2	19.7	74.8	4.0
	July	74.2	4.0	17.5	18.6	73.8	4.0
	August #	74.3	4.0	17.9	18.1	73.9	4.0
	September	74.4	4.0	18.0	18.3	71.8	3.9
	October #	74.6	4.0	18.1	17.8	69.8	3.8
	November	74.0	4.0	17.8	18.0	69.7	3.8
	December	73.0	3.9	17.9	18.5	71.7	3.9
	2005						
	January # (r)	70.7	3.8	17.8	20.5	77.3	4.2
	February (p)	71.0	3.8	18.3	17.9	78.5	4.2
	<i>Change on month</i>	0.3	0.0	0.5	-2.6	1.2	0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.4		2.8	-12.7	1.5	
<i>Change on year</i>	-8.0	-0.4	-0.7	-1.7	-8.1	-0.4	
<i>Change %</i>	-10.1		-3.7	-8.7	-9.4		
Women	2004	ZMPW	ZMPX				
	February #	24.2	1.5	7.1	6.8	26.2	1.6
	March	24.2	1.5	7.0	7.0	25.7	1.6
	April	23.9	1.5	6.9	7.0	25.2	1.6
	May #	23.8	1.5	7.0	7.0	24.0	1.5
	June	23.2	1.5	6.7	7.2	23.2	1.5
	July	22.7	1.4	6.3	6.9	24.0	1.5
	August #	22.7	1.4	6.5	6.6	25.0	1.6
	September	23.0	1.4	6.7	6.6	24.3	1.5
	October #	23.0	1.4	6.7	6.6	22.7	1.4
	November	23.0	1.4	6.6	6.7	21.9	1.4
	December	22.7	1.4	6.7	6.8	21.7	1.4
	2005						
	January # (r)	22.5	1.4	6.6	7.2	23.7	1.5
	February (p)	22.5	1.4	6.7	6.8	24.5	1.5
	<i>Change on month</i>	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.4	0.8	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.0		1.5	-5.6	3.2	
<i>Change on year</i>	-1.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-1.7	-0.1	
<i>Change %</i>	-7.0		-5.6	0.0	-6.5		

* 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 background note 5.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4.33 week month but not seasonally adjusted, for February 2005 were 28,824 in total, 21,016 men and 7,809 women. The corresponding outflow figures were 19,601 for men and 6,844 for 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	All computerised claims	Over 6		% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months		All	Up to 6 months	Over 6		% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months
			Up to 6 months	and up to 12 months						and up to 12 months	and up to 12 months		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People													
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
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
Mar 04	109.5	108.6	75.2	17.6	15.8	14.5	4.9	33.6	28.1	4.7	0.8	2.5	0.1
Apr 04	106.3	105.5	72.2	17.9	15.4	14.6	4.8	32.3	26.6	4.9	0.8	2.5	0.1
May 04 #	101.6	100.8	67.7	18.1	15.0	14.9	4.8	30.5	24.8	4.9	0.8	2.6	0.1
Jun 04	98.0	97.1	64.6	17.7	14.7	15.2	4.7	29.0	23.5	4.8	0.8	2.6	0.1
Jul 04	97.8	97.0	66.0	16.6	14.3	14.8	4.7	30.2	25.0	4.4	0.8	2.5	0.1
Aug 04 #	98.9	98.0	67.5	16.7	13.9	14.2	4.6	31.5	26.2	4.6	0.7	2.3	0.1
Sep 04	96.0	95.2	65.7	15.9	13.6	14.3	4.5	30.4	25.5	4.2	0.8	2.5	0.1
Oct 04 #	92.5	91.6	64.0	14.5	13.1	14.3	4.4	28.5	24.3	3.5	0.7	2.5	0.1
Nov 04	91.6	90.6	63.7	14.0	12.8	14.1	4.3	27.8	23.8	3.4	0.7	2.5	0.1
Dec 04	93.4	92.3	65.6	13.9	12.8	13.8	4.3	28.7	24.6	3.4	0.7	2.4	0.1
Jan 05 #	101.0	100.1	72.2	15.0	12.8	12.8	4.3	31.4	26.8	3.9	0.7	2.4	0.1
Feb 05	103.0	101.9	74.4	14.9	12.7	12.4	4.2	32.8	28.1	4.0	0.7	2.2	0.1
Change on year	-9.8	-9.9	-3.9	-2.6	-3.4	-1.9	-0.8	-1.9	-1.3	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Change %	-8.7	-8.8	-5.0	-14.6	-21.2		-16.2	-5.6	-4.6	-10.6	-13.5		-24.8
Men													
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
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
Mar 04	83.8	83.2	56.2	13.9	13.1	15.7	4.2	23.8	19.9	3.4	0.6	2.4	0.1
Apr 04	81.1	80.5	53.8	14.0	12.7	15.8	4.0	22.8	18.8	3.5	0.6	2.5	0.1
May 04 #	77.6	77.0	50.4	14.2	12.5	16.2	4.0	21.5	17.5	3.4	0.6	2.6	0.1
Jun 04	74.8	74.1	47.9	13.9	12.2	16.5	4.0	20.4	16.5	3.4	0.5	2.6	0.1
Jul 04	73.8	73.2	48.3	13.0	11.9	16.2	3.9	20.7	17.1	3.1	0.5	2.5	0.1
Aug 04 #	73.9	73.3	48.8	12.9	11.5	15.7	3.8	21.5	17.8	3.2	0.5	2.3	0.1
Sep 04	71.8	71.1	47.6	12.3	11.2	15.7	3.8	20.8	17.3	3.0	0.5	2.5	0.1
Oct 04 #	69.8	69.1	47.1	11.2	10.8	15.6	3.7	19.6	16.7	2.4	0.5	2.5	0.1
Nov 04	69.7	69.0	47.4	10.9	10.6	15.4	3.6	19.4	16.6	2.3	0.5	2.5	0.1
Dec 04	71.7	71.0	49.5	10.9	10.6	14.9	3.6	20.5	17.6	2.4	0.5	2.4	0.1
Jan 05 #	77.3	76.6	54.2	11.8	10.6	13.9	3.6	22.4	19.0	2.8	0.5	2.3	0.1
Feb 05	78.5	77.7	55.5	11.7	10.5	13.5	3.5	23.2	19.9	2.8	0.5	2.1	0.1
Change on year	-8.1	-8.1	-3.1	-2.1	-2.9	-2.1	-0.7	-1.5	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
Change %	-9.4	-9.5	-5.3	-15.5	-21.6		-16.3	-5.9	-4.6	-12.2	-17.1		-21.0
Women													
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
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
Mar 04	25.7	25.4	19.0	3.8	2.7	10.6	0.8	9.8	8.2	1.3	0.2	2.5	0.1
Apr 04	25.2	24.9	18.4	3.9	2.6	10.6	0.8	9.5	7.8	1.4	0.2	2.5	0.1
May 04 #	24.0	23.8	17.3	3.9	2.6	10.8	0.7	9.0	7.3	1.4	0.2	2.7	0.0
Jun 04	23.2	23.0	16.7	3.8	2.5	10.8	0.7	8.6	7.0	1.4	0.2	2.6	0.0
Jul 04	24.0	23.8	17.7	3.6	2.5	10.3	0.7	9.4	7.9	1.3	0.2	2.5	0.0
Aug 04 #	25.0	24.8	18.6	3.7	2.4	9.7	0.7	10.0	8.4	1.4	0.2	2.3	0.0
Sep 04	24.3	24.0	18.1	3.6	2.4	9.9	0.7	9.7	8.2	1.3	0.2	2.6	0.0
Oct 04 #	22.7	22.4	16.9	3.2	2.3	10.2	0.7	8.9	7.6	1.1	0.2	2.7	0.0
Nov 04	21.9	21.6	16.3	3.1	2.2	10.2	0.7	8.4	7.2	1.0	0.2	2.5	0.0
Dec 04	21.7	21.3	16.1	3.0	2.2	10.2	0.7	8.2	7.0	1.0	0.2	2.6	0.0
Jan 05 #	23.7	23.5	18.0	3.3	2.2	9.5	0.7	9.1	7.7	1.1	0.2	2.6	0.0
Feb 05	24.5	24.2	18.8	3.2	2.2	9.0	0.7	9.6	8.2	1.2	0.2	2.4	0.0
Change on year	-1.7	-1.7	-0.8	-0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	-6.5	-6.6	-4.0	-11.3	-19.1		-15.7	-4.7	-4.4	-6.5	-5.0		-31.3

* 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 for over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months
			and up to 12 months						and up to 12 months			
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People												
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
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
Mar 04	56.8	36.4	10.4	10.1	17.8	2.3	16.2	8.9	2.5	4.8	29.7	2.5
Apr 04	55.4	35.2	10.4	9.7	17.6	2.2	16.1	8.8	2.5	4.8	29.9	2.5
May 04 #	53.2	33.1	10.5	9.6	18.0	2.1	15.4	8.2	2.6	4.7	30.4	2.5
Jun 04	51.6	31.8	10.4	9.4	18.2	2.1	14.9	7.8	2.5	4.6	30.6	2.5
Jul 04	50.8	31.9	9.8	9.1	18.0	2.1	14.5	7.7	2.4	4.4	30.6	2.4
Aug 04 #	50.5	32.1	9.6	8.8	17.4	2.1	14.5	7.9	2.3	4.3	29.9	2.4
Sep 04	49.3	31.4	9.3	8.5	17.4	2.0	14.2	7.7	2.2	4.3	30.0	2.4
Oct 04 #	47.8	30.9	8.7	8.2	17.1	2.0	13.9	7.6	2.1	4.2	30.1	2.3
Nov 04	47.6	31.1	8.5	8.0	16.8	2.0	13.8	7.7	2.1	4.1	29.5	2.3
Dec 04	48.5	32.1	8.4	8.0	16.5	1.9	13.8	7.7	2.0	4.1	29.4	2.3
Jan 05 #	52.5	35.6	8.9	8.1	15.4	2.0	14.8	8.6	2.1	4.0	27.3	2.2
Feb 05	52.8	36.2	8.7	8.0	15.1	1.9	14.6	8.6	2.1	4.0	27.0	2.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-5.6	-1.5	-1.7	-2.4	-2.6	-0.4	-2.0	-0.7	-0.4	-0.9	-2.3	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	-9.6	-4.0	-16.6	-22.8		-17.7	-12.0	-7.5	-14.8	-19.0		-14.5
Men												
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
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
Mar 04	46.0	28.8	8.6	8.6	18.7	1.9	12.4	6.6	1.9	3.9	31.5	2.1
Apr 04	44.6	27.7	8.6	8.3	18.5	1.8	12.2	6.4	1.9	3.9	31.9	2.1
May 04 #	42.9	26.1	8.7	8.1	18.9	1.8	11.7	5.9	2.0	3.8	32.6	2.1
Jun 04	41.6	25.0	8.6	8.0	19.2	1.8	11.3	5.6	1.9	3.7	32.9	2.1
Jul 04	40.8	25.0	8.0	7.8	19.0	1.8	10.9	5.5	1.8	3.6	33.0	2.0
Aug 04 #	40.2	24.8	7.9	7.5	18.6	1.8	10.8	5.6	1.7	3.5	32.4	2.0
Sep 04	39.2	24.3	7.6	7.2	18.5	1.7	10.5	5.4	1.7	3.5	32.7	2.0
Oct 04 #	38.3	24.3	7.1	6.9	18.0	1.7	10.4	5.4	1.6	3.4	32.6	1.9
Nov 04	38.4	24.7	7.0	6.8	17.6	1.7	10.4	5.5	1.5	3.3	32.1	1.9
Dec 04	39.3	25.6	6.9	6.8	17.2	1.7	10.5	5.6	1.5	3.3	31.8	1.9
Jan 05 #	42.3	28.2	7.3	6.8	16.1	1.7	11.2	6.3	1.6	3.3	29.6	1.9
Feb 05	42.5	28.6	7.2	6.8	15.9	1.6	11.1	6.2	1.6	3.2	29.3	1.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-4.9	-1.3	-1.5	-2.1	-2.7	-0.4	-1.6	-0.7	-0.3	-0.7	-1.9	-0.3
<i>Change %</i>	-10.2	-4.3	-17.3	-23.4		-17.9	-12.9	-9.6	-14.1	-18.2		-14.7
Women												
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
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
Mar 04	10.9	7.6	1.8	1.5	14.0	0.3	3.8	2.3	0.6	0.9	23.7	0.4
Apr 04	10.8	7.5	1.8	1.5	13.8	0.3	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	23.7	0.4
May 04 #	10.3	7.0	1.8	1.5	14.2	0.3	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.5	0.4
Jun 04	10.0	6.8	1.8	1.4	14.0	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.6	0.4
Jul 04	10.0	6.9	1.7	1.4	13.7	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.5	0.4
Aug 04 #	10.3	7.3	1.7	1.3	12.9	0.3	3.7	2.3	0.6	0.8	22.4	0.4
Sep 04	10.1	7.1	1.7	1.3	13.1	0.3	3.6	2.3	0.5	0.8	22.1	0.4
Oct 04 #	9.5	6.6	1.6	1.3	13.4	0.3	3.4	2.1	0.5	0.8	22.5	0.4
Nov 04	9.2	6.4	1.5	1.2	13.5	0.3	3.4	2.1	0.5	0.7	21.7	0.4
Dec 04	9.2	6.4	1.5	1.2	13.5	0.3	3.3	2.1	0.5	0.7	21.9	0.4
Jan 05 #	10.2	7.4	1.6	1.3	12.3	0.3	3.6	2.3	0.5	0.7	20.2	0.4
Feb 05	10.3	7.5	1.5	1.2	11.9	0.3	3.6	2.4	0.5	0.7	19.9	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-1.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-3.5	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-6.9	-3.0	-13.0	-19.5		-16.7	-8.9	-1.6	-17.0	-22.5		-13.1

* 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.

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 2001	3,206	3,120	104	402	751	1,190	673	86
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,276	3,191	106	438	745	1,206	697	85
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,317	3,220	98	451	717	1,237	717	97
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,318	3,223	92	454	715	1,240	723	95
	Mar - May 2004	3,279	3,187	86	444	707	1,233	716	92
	Jun - Aug 2004	3,308	3,211	101	464	711	1,229	705	97
	Sep - Nov 2004	3,349	3,243	100	469	705	1,247	721	106
	<i>Change on year</i>	32	23	2	17	-11	11	4	9
	<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.7	2.3	3.8	-1.6	0.9	0.6	8.9
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	1,730	1,704	51	211	413	622	407	27
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,776	1,751	52	237	401	645	415	26
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,778	1,746	48	240	382	651	426	31
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,775	1,748	45	246	378	654	425	26
	Mar - May 2004	1,748	1,723	46	228	373	654	422	25
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,765	1,737	51	236	375	656	419	28
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,802	1,770	51	248	380	660	430	32
	<i>Change on year</i>	24	23	4	8	-2	9	5	1
	<i>Change %</i>	1.4	1.3	7.7	3.5	-0.5	1.3	1.1	3.2
Women	Sep - Nov 2001	1,476	1,416	52	192	338	568	266	59
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,500	1,441	54	201	344	560	281	60
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,539	1,473	50	212	335	585	292	66
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,543	1,475	47	208	337	586	297	69
	Mar - May 2004	1,531	1,465	40	216	335	580	294	67
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,543	1,473	50	228	336	573	286	69
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,547	1,473	48	221	325	587	291	74
	<i>Change on year</i>	8	0	-1	9	-9	2	0	8
	<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.0	-2.9	4.2	-2.8	0.4	-0.1	11.7
Economic activity rates (%)⁺									
People	Sep - Nov 2001	60.5	76.1	57.4	72.1	82.8	83.4	65.7	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2002	61.5	77.4	57.6	75.9	84.6	83.4	67.4	7.1
	Sep - Nov 2003	61.8	77.6	52.9	75.3	83.4	84.5	69.0	8.0
	Dec - Feb 2004	61.7	77.6	49.5	75.1	83.5	84.5	69.4	7.8
	Mar - May 2004	60.9	76.6	46.4	72.9	83.0	83.8	68.7	7.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	61.3	77.0	54.3	75.7	83.9	83.2	67.5	7.9
	Sep - Nov 2004	62.0	77.7	53.6	76.2	83.4	84.2	68.9	8.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.6
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	68.0	80.8	55.6	76.6	92.8	88.5	68.5	6.2
	Sep - Nov 2002	69.3	82.6	55.8	82.9	93.0	90.7	69.4	5.8
	Sep - Nov 2003	68.8	81.8	50.8	80.6	90.7	90.5	70.7	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2004	68.6	81.7	47.5	82.0	90.2	90.5	70.5	5.9
	Mar - May 2004	67.4	80.4	48.5	75.4	89.3	90.3	69.9	5.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	67.9	80.9	53.9	77.3	90.3	90.3	69.3	6.2
	Sep - Nov 2004	69.2	82.3	54.2	81.0	91.7	90.6	70.9	7.1
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.4	0.5	3.4	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1
Women	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
	Sep - Nov 2003	55.3	73.2	55.0	70.1	76.3	78.7	66.6	8.6
	Dec - Feb 2004	55.4	73.2	51.6	68.4	77.1	78.6	67.8	8.9
	Mar - May 2004	54.9	72.5	44.2	70.5	77.0	77.5	67.0	8.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	55.2	72.9	54.7	74.1	77.7	76.4	65.0	8.9
	Sep - Nov 2004	55.3	72.8	53.0	71.4	75.4	78.0	66.2	9.5
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.0	-0.4	-2.0	1.3	-1.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.9

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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North West

10 Economic inactivity by age

(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 2001	2,095	978	77	156	156	237	352	1,117
	Sep - Nov 2002	2,053	929	78	139	135	240	337	1,123
	Sep - Nov 2003	2,048	928	87	148	143	227	323	1,120
	Dec - Feb 2004	2,056	932	94	150	141	228	319	1,124
	Mar - May 2004	2,105	975	100	165	145	239	327	1,130
	Jun - Aug 2004	2,086	959	85	149	137	248	340	1,127
	Sep - Nov 2004	2,054	932	86	146	141	234	325	1,122
	<i>Change on year</i>	6	5	-1	-2	-2	7	3	2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.5	-0.7	-1.2	-1.7	3.0	0.8	0.1
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	814	405	41	64	32	81	187	409
	Sep - Nov 2002	786	370	41	49	30	66	183	416
	Sep - Nov 2003	805	388	46	58	39	68	177	417
	Dec - Feb 2004	813	391	50	54	41	68	178	423
	Mar - May 2004	846	420	49	74	45	70	182	425
	Jun - Aug 2004	834	410	44	69	40	70	186	424
	Sep - Nov 2004	802	381	44	58	34	68	177	422
	<i>Change on year</i>	-3	-7	-3	0	-5	0	0	5
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-1.9	-5.9	0.3	-12.5	-0.1	0.0	1.2
Women	Sep - Nov 2001	1,281	573	36	92	125	156	165	708
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,267	560	37	90	105	174	154	707
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,243	539	41	90	104	158	146	703
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,243	541	44	96	100	160	141	702
	Mar - May 2004	1,259	554	51	90	100	169	145	705
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,252	549	41	80	96	177	154	703
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,251	551	43	88	106	165	149	700
	<i>Change on year</i>	9	12	2	-2	2	7	2	-3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.7	2.2	5.3	-2.2	2.4	4.4	1.7	-0.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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 2001	2,095	978	719	258	240	66	174	98	73	25	43
	Sep - Nov 2002	2,053	929	666	263	241	66	175	99	72	28	41
	Sep - Nov 2003	2,048	928	712	216	200	65	135	79	54	21	46
	Dec - Feb 2004	2,056	932	731	201	184	59	125	74	50	22	38
	Mar - May 2004	2,105	975	762	213	186	54	131	75	51	17	42
	Jun - Aug 2004	2,086	959	727	232	206	63	144	85	44	23	53
	Sep - Nov 2004	2,054	932	707	225	204	61	142	86	53	21	44
	<i>Change on year</i>	6	5	-5	9	4	-4	7	7	-1	1	-3
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.5	-0.7	4.4	1.8	-6.0	5.5	8.6	-2.5	3.4	-5.6	
Men	Sep - Nov 2001	814	405	295	110	99	30	69	53	*	13	25
	Sep - Nov 2002	786	370	258	112	103	31	73	57	*	17	21
	Sep - Nov 2003	805	388	291	97	90	29	61	45	*	13	23
	Dec - Feb 2004	813	391	296	95	86	28	58	47	*	12	20
	Mar - May 2004	846	420	322	98	83	28	55	41	11	*	22
	Jun - Aug 2004	834	410	297	113	101	34	67	52	*	14	28
	Sep - Nov 2004	802	381	281	100	89	30	59	47	*	13	23
	<i>Change on year</i>	-3	-7	-10	3	0	1	-2	2	*	0	1
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-1.9	-3.5	2.8	-0.4	4.9	-2.9	4.2	*	-0.9	3.3	
Women	Sep - Nov 2001	1,281	573	424	149	141	36	105	45	65	12	19
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,267	560	408	151	138	35	103	41	64	12	20
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,243	539	421	119	110	37	74	34	46	*	24
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,243	541	435	106	98	30	68	27	42	10	19
	Mar - May 2004	1,259	554	440	114	102	26	76	34	40	*	20
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,252	549	430	119	106	29	77	33	38	10	25
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,251	551	426	125	114	31	83	38	47	*	20
	<i>Change on year</i>	9	12	5	7	4	-5	9	5	2	*	-3
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	2.2	1.3	5.6	3.6	-14.5	12.5	14.5	3.5	*	-14.2	

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

VACANCIES

North West

12 Jobcentre vacancies

(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
2003	IBWG		IBWE		IBWH		IBWI	
February								
2004								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
2005								
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 7

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	7	8	9	10
United Kingdom total	36,622	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83
Regional total	4,144	2,913	71.4	171	5.4	994	24.4	119,879	2.9	3,331	0.81
Blackburn with Darwen UA	83	55	67.4	3	5.0	24	29.0	2,593	3.1	69	0.83
Blackpool UA	83	58	71.7	4	6.4	19	23.2	2,910	3.5	71	0.84
Halton UA	74	49	66.7	4	7.2	21	28.0	2,983	4.0	55	0.74
Warrington UA	120	88	74.6	4	3.8	27	22.5	2,377	2.0	125	1.05
Cheshire	411	317	77.6	15	4.5	76	18.6	6,593	1.6	349	0.85
Chester	73	52	73.1	*	*	18	24.5	1,126	1.5	78	1.07
Congleton	56	45	79.4	*	*	10	17.2	843	1.5	36	0.64
Crewe and Nantwich	68	54	78.9	*	*	11	16.7	1,243	1.8	56	0.83
Ellesmere Port and Neston	49	39	79.3	*	*	9	17.8	910	1.9	36	0.75
Macclesfield	90	73	82.1	*	*	12	13.2	1,030	1.1	89	0.99
Vale Royal	75	55	72.8	*	*	17	22.9	1,441	1.9	53	0.70
Cumbria	292	207	71.6	11	4.8	71	24.7	7,058	2.4	231	0.79
Allerdale	56	37	67.0	*	*	15	27.4	1,686	3.0	36	0.65
Barrow-in-Furness	42	28	65.0	*	*	14	31.6	1,295	3.0	27	0.64
Carlisle	61	41	67.1	*	*	17	27.8	1,532	2.5	57	0.93
Copeland	42	28	68.4	*	*	11	25.3	1,667	4.0	31	0.74
Eden	30	25	84.7	*	*	*	*	287	1.0	26	0.84
South Lakeland	60	48	80.8	*	*	11	18.5	592	1.0	54	0.90
Bolton	161	116	72.8	6	4.8	38	23.5	4,417	2.7	117	0.73
Bury	111	82	73.9	4	4.7	25	22.3	2,002	1.8	67	0.60
Manchester	280	148	58.9	16	9.6	88	34.8	13,320	4.8	347	1.24
Oldham	132	96	73.5	7	6.5	28	21.4	3,942	3.0	88	0.66
Rochdale	126	86	69.1	6	6.1	33	26.3	3,901	3.1	84	0.67
Salford	133	93	71.2	7	6.6	31	23.7	3,717	2.8	121	0.91
Stockport	172	134	78.5	4	3.0	33	19.2	2,924	1.7	133	0.78
Tameside	131	98	75.3	4	3.9	28	21.5	3,159	2.4	79	0.60
Trafford	129	96	74.6	5	4.7	28	21.7	2,731	2.1	137	1.06
Wigan	189	141	74.7	7	4.6	41	21.7	4,581	2.4	112	0.59
Lancashire	691	511	74.8	21	3.9	151	22.1	13,939	2.0	545	0.79
Burnley	53	38	72.2	*	*	14	25.6	1,168	2.2	41	0.76
Chorley	64	50	79.0	*	*	13	20.1	997	1.5	45	0.70
Fylde	42	31	74.1	*	*	10	23.0	492	1.2	40	0.94
Hyndburn	49	35	71.3	*	*	12	24.3	956	2.0	32	0.66
Lancaster	82	58	72.1	*	*	19	23.1	2,227	2.7	61	0.74
Pendle	54	38	69.6	*	*	15	28.1	1,178	2.2	38	0.70
Preston	82	59	74.2	*	*	16	20.4	2,339	2.8	100	1.22
Ribbles Valley	33	27	81.7	*	*	6	17.0	216	0.7	31	0.92
Rossendale	40	31	76.2	*	*	9	22.6	701	1.7	26	0.64
South Ribble	64	51	79.6	*	*	11	17.6	807	1.3	47	0.73
West Lancashire	66	50	74.8	*	*	14	21.5	1,863	2.8	49	0.73
Wyre	60	45	74.9	*	*	13	22.3	995	1.7	38	0.63
Knowsley	91	54	60.0	6	9.8	30	33.3	4,623	5.1	60	0.66

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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	Total	16-59/64	Total	16-59/64	16-59/64	Level	Proportion##	Total	Jobs Density	
	(000s)	16-59/64 (000s)	Rate (%)	16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	16-59/64 (000s)	Rate (%)		(%)	(000s)	16-59/64 (ratio)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Liverpool	279	162	59.7	18	9.9	91	33.6	15,850	5.7	237	0.85
St. Helens	108	75	69.6	4	4.7	29	26.9	3,703	3.4	72	0.67
Sefton	163	119	73.4	7	5.3	36	22.4	5,622	3.4	118	0.72
Wirral	184	126	69.2	9	6.2	47	26.1	6,937	3.8	113	0.61

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

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

+ Official mid-2002 estimate of the resident population.

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++ Labour Force Survey (LFS) data relate to the period March 2002 to February 2003. The LFS sample covers working age (16-59/64) and is a survey of the population of 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 revised population estimates - see note on page 7.

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

Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance. Average for January 2002 to December 2002.

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 background note 5.

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 2002, 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 2002 local labour market indicators by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	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	7	8	9	10	11
United Kingdom total	36,622	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83
Regional total	4,144	2,913	71.4	171	5.4	994	24.4	119,879	2.9	3,331	0.81
Altrincham & Sale West	..	45	75.1	2	3.5	13	22.2	827	1.5	45	0.82
Ashton under Lyne	..	44	74.6	*	*	12	20.9	1,648	2.8	39	0.66
Barrow & Furness	..	34	66.6	*	*	16	30.6	1,514	2.9	34	0.65
Birkenhead	..	27	63.7	*	*	12	29.1	2,744	5.9	39	0.85
Blackburn	..	39	63.8	3	5.9	20	32.2	2,083	3.5	57	0.95
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	..	40	70.1	2	4.5	15	26.5	1,493	2.8	38	0.71
Blackpool South	..	40	71.7	3	7.2	12	22.6	2,101	3.7	50	0.89
Bolton North East	..	36	67.8	*	*	15	28.7	1,688	3.2	37	0.69
Bolton South East	..	34	71.4	*	*	11	23.8	1,879	3.5	51	0.94
Bolton West	..	46	78.2	*	*	11	18.5	849	1.6	29	0.56
Bootle	..	27	61.1	4	11.7	14	30.5	2,706	6.0	44	0.97
Burnley	..	38	72.2	*	*	14	25.6	1,168	2.2	41	0.76
Bury North	..	43	75.8	3	5.3	11	19.9	989	1.7	43	0.75
Bury South	..	39	72.0	2	4.0	13	24.9	1,013	1.9	25	0.46
Carlisle	..	31	69.8	*	*	11	25.3	1,315	2.8	48	1.05
Cheadle	..	47	85.9	*	*	7	13.0	555	1.1	38	0.74
Chester, City of	..	40	72.9	*	*	13	24.1	969	1.8	71	1.28
Chorley	..	50	79.0	*	*	13	20.1	997	1.6	45	0.70
Congleton	..	45	79.4	*	*	10	17.2	843	1.5	36	0.64
Copeland	..	28	68.4	*	*	11	25.3	1,667	3.9	31	0.74
Crewe & Nantwich	..	47	77.3	*	*	11	17.7	1,166	2.1	48	0.84
Crosby	..	36	77.9	*	*	9	19.2	1,155	2.7	20	0.46
Denton & Reddish	..	41	75.9	*	*	11	20.4	1,206	2.2	31	0.58
Eccles	..	46	75.0	2	3.6	14	22.1	1,267	2.3	41	0.73
Eddisbury	..	40	73.0	*	*	13	23.8	843	1.5	33	0.60
Ellesmere Port & Neston	..	40	79.4	*	*	9	17.8	959	1.8	38	0.71
Fylde	..	37	73.9	*	*	11	22.5	728	1.4	43	0.81
Halton	..	33	64.8	3	8.5	15	29.1	1,930	3.8	32	0.64
Hazel Grove	..	39	77.9	*	*	9	18.5	670	1.4	28	0.57
Heywood & Middleton	..	42	71.5	2	4.5	15	25.0	1,640	2.8	37	0.61
Hyndburn	..	40	71.4	*	*	14	24.8	1,066	2.0	38	0.69
Knowsley North & Sefton East	..	33	61.7	3	8.1	17	32.9	2,346	4.1	38	0.68
Knowsley South	..	40	64.9	3	7.9	18	29.4	2,788	4.7	34	0.58
Lancaster & Wyre	..	43	75.6	*	*	12	20.7	932	1.5	51	0.82
Leigh	..	43	74.3	*	*	12	21.2	1,449	2.5	34	0.59
Liverpool, Garston	..	35	66.6	*	*	15	27.9	2,252	4.5	28	0.56
Liverpool, Riverside	..	27	52.5	5	14.7	20	38.4	4,149	6.6	129	2.06
Liverpool, Walton	..	28	57.0	4	12.0	17	35.1	3,328	6.3	37	0.71
Liverpool, Wavertree	..	36	61.2	*	*	21	35.5	2,938	5.2	31	0.55
Liverpool, West Derby	..	37	60.3	5	11.6	19	31.6	3,183	5.9	12	0.22
Macclesfield	..	48	86.0	*	*	*	*	571	1.0	45	0.82
Makerfield	..	45	69.9	*	*	17	25.8	1,202	2.2	26	0.46
Manchester, Blackley	..	28	54.6	*	*	20	39.7	2,588	5.3	35	0.72
Manchester, Central	..	30	51.9	4	12.3	24	40.8	4,193	7.0	215	3.60
Manchester, Gorton	..	25	56.8	*	*	16	35.8	3,099	5.3	20	0.34
Manchester, Withington	..	39	71.3	*	*	13	24.3	1,847	2.9	30	0.48
Morecambe & Lunesdale	..	39	72.9	*	*	12	22.4	1,592	3.1	30	0.58
Oldham East & Saddleworth	..	49	77.0	*	*	13	20.0	1,540	2.4	32	0.51
Oldham West & Royton	..	40	69.1	4	8.5	14	24.7	2,013	3.5	51	0.87
Pendle	..	38	69.6	*	*	15	28.1	1,178	2.2	38	0.71
Penrith & The Border	..	42	77.2	*	*	11	20.7	626	1.2	38	0.73
Preston	..	40	69.2	*	*	14	24.6	2,056	3.3	92	1.50
Ribble Valley	..	49	83.2	*	*	9	15.0	433	0.8	51	0.89
Rochdale	..	37	65.9	4	8.4	16	27.9	2,137	3.6	45	0.76
accommodation. The LFS data in this ta	..	42	77.7	*	*	11	20.6	1,101	1.9	33	0.58
Salford	..	22	59.2	3	12.8	12	31.8	1,696	3.7	66	1.45

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	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
South Ribble	..	55	82.4	*	*	10	15.8	759	1.3	35	0.60
Southport	..	38	79.2	*	*	9	18.1	1,251	2.4	42	0.83
St. Helens North	..	38	71.6	*	*	13	25.6	1,628	2.9	24	0.43
St. Helens South	..	37	67.6	2	5.7	15	28.2	2,076	4.0	48	0.93
Stalybridge & Hyde	..	40	75.9	*	*	11	21.6	1,294	2.4	28	0.52
Stockport	..	35	71.4	*	*	13	26.5	1,222	2.3	56	1.03
Stretford & Urmston	..	41	73.5	3	6.9	12	21.0	1,624	2.9	78	1.41
Tatton	..	36	74.6	*	*	10	20.3	643	1.4	52	1.09
Wallasey	..	30	64.2	*	*	15	31.2	2,157	4.3	28	0.56
Warrington North	..	43	73.4	*	*	13	22.7	1,346	2.2	56	0.93
Warrington South	..	45	75.7	*	*	13	22.2	1,031	1.7	70	1.17
Weaver Vale	..	39	75.0	2	3.7	11	22.1	1,653	3.0	49	0.90
West Lancashire	..	38	72.1	*	*	12	23.1	1,756	3.1	44	0.78
Westmorland & Lonsdale	..	41	82.0	*	*	9	17.2	372	0.7	47	0.93
Wigan	..	32	77.5	*	*	8	20.1	1,325	2.7	41	0.83
Wirral South	..	34	75.8	*	*	10	21.7	923	2.1	27	0.61
Wirral West	..	34	72.9	*	*	10	22.4	1,113	2.5	19	0.44
Workington	..	31	64.1	*	*	14	29.4	1,563	3.2	33	0.66
Worsley	..	46	80.1	*	*	9	16.1	1,359	2.4	24	0.43
Wythenshawe & Sale East	..	36	63.5	*	*	17	30.7	1,873	3.1	61	1.02

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15 2002 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**		
	16-59/64	Total	16-59/64	Total	16-59/64	16-59/64	Level	Proportion##	Total	Jobs Density	
	(000s)	16-59/64	Rate	16+	Rate+++	(000s)	Rate	(%)	(000s)	16-59/64	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
United Kingdom total	36,622	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83
Regional total	4,144	2,913	71.4	171	5.4	994	24.4	119,879	2.9	3,331	0.81
Appleby	..	7	86.5	*	*	*	*	62	0.8	6	0.68
Barrow-in-Furness	..	37	66.1	*	*	18	31.3	1,550	2.8	36	0.65
Blackburn	..	136	72.2	6	4.1	46	24.7	4,265	2.3	145	0.78
Blackpool	..	128	72.8	7	4.8	41	23.3	4,330	2.5	140	0.80
Bolton	..	125	72.1	7	5.2	41	23.8	4,939	2.8	126	0.72
Burnley	..	42	71.9	*	*	15	26.1	1,239	2.0	46	0.76
Carlisle	..	48	69.3	*	*	18	26.3	1,671	2.4	61	0.88
Crewe	..	124	76.5	7	5.0	31	19.2	2,899	1.8	120	0.76
Kendal	..	27	83.3	*	*	*	*	257	0.8	31	0.89
Keswick	..	*	*	*	*	*	*	40	0.7	5	0.89
Lancaster and Morecambe	..	63	73.2	*	*	19	22.4	2,286	2.5	68	0.75
Liverpool	..	382	65.1	34	7.9	171	29.2	27,975	4.7	454	0.77
Manchester	..	886	72.3	55	5.7	286	23.3	34,612	2.8	1,109	0.88
Nelson and Colne	..	36	70.9	*	*	13	26.7	1,129	2.3	37	0.75
Penrith	..	17	84.6	*	*	*	*	193	1.0	19	0.95
Preston	..	170	78.0	7	3.6	41	19.0	4,241	1.9	199	0.90
Rochdale	..	70	67.9	4	5.5	29	28.0	3,128	3.0	70	0.68
Warrington	..	145	72.1	8	4.8	49	24.2	5,517	2.7	188	0.92
Whitehaven	..	28	69.5	*	*	10	23.9	1,607	3.9	31	0.75
Wigan and St. Helens	..	186	71.6	9	4.5	65	25.0	7,396	2.8	177	0.67
Windermere	..	10	83.6	*	*	*	*	70	0.6	12	1.07
Wirral and Chester	..	216	71.8	12	5.0	73	24.3	8,974	2.9	227	0.74
Workington	..	27	61.8	*	*	14	32.2	1,568	3.6	28	0.63

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

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16 2002 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	36,622	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83	
Regional total	4,144	2,913	71.4	171	5.4	994	24.4	119,879	2.9	3,331	0.81	
Cumbria												
West Cumbria	141	93	66.8	7	7.0	39	28.1	4,648	3.3	95	0.67	
East Cumbria	151	114	76.0	*	*	32	21.5	2,410	1.6	136	0.90	
Cheshire												
Halton & Warrington	194	137	71.6	8	5.1	47	24.6	5,360	2.8	181	0.93	
Cheshire CC	411	317	77.6	15	4.5	76	18.6	6,593	1.6	349	0.85	
Greater Manchester												
Greater Manchester South	845	570	70.1	36	5.8	207	25.5	25,850	3.1	818	0.97	
Greater Manchester North	719	521	73.0	30	5.2	164	22.9	18,842	2.6	468	0.65	
Lancashire												
Blackburn with Darwen	83	55	67.4	3	5.0	24	29.0	2,593	3.1	69	0.83	
Blackpool	83	58	71.7	4	6.4	19	23.2	2,910	3.5	71	0.84	
Lancashire CC	691	511	74.8	21	3.9	151	22.1	13,939	2.0	545	0.79	
Merseyside												
East Merseyside	199	129	65.2	10	6.9	59	29.8	8,326	4.2	132	0.67	
Liverpool	279	162	59.7	18	9.9	91	33.6	15,850	5.7	237	0.85	
Sefton	163	119	73.4	7	5.3	36	22.4	5,622	3.4	118	0.72	
Wirral	184	126	69.2	9	6.2	47	26.1	6,937	3.8	113	0.61	

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North West

17 Claimant count* by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 10 FEBRUARY 2005						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	657,815	227,182	884,997	3.4	1.3	2.4	-58,730	-13,277	-72,007	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Regional total	78,460	24,510	102,970	3.6	1.2	2.5	-8,114	-1,694	-9,808	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Blackburn with Darwen UA	1,757	527	2,284	4.0	1.3	2.7	-7	5	-2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Blackpool UA	2,298	654	2,952	5.2	1.6	3.5	-124	22	-102	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Halton UA	1,687	530	2,217	4.5	1.4	3.0	-186	-88	-274	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Warrington UA	1,262	391	1,653	2.0	0.7	1.4	-407	-118	-525	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Cheshire	3,897	1,308	5,205	1.8	0.7	1.3	-780	-212	-992	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Chester	747	243	990	2.0	0.7	1.3	-124	-41	-165	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Congleton	389	152	541	1.3	0.6	1.0	-112	-25	-137	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Crewe and Nantwich	696	235	931	2.0	0.7	1.4	-177	-68	-245	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Ellesmere Port and Neston	694	175	869	2.8	0.7	1.8	15	-19	-4	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Macclesfield	653	219	872	1.4	0.5	1.0	-133	-24	-157	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Vale Royal	718	284	1,002	1.8	0.8	1.3	-249	-35	-284	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Cumbria	4,269	1,371	5,640	2.8	1.0	1.9	-601	-155	-756	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Allerdale	870	317	1,187	2.9	1.2	2.1	-189	-29	-218	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Barrow-in-Furness	1,029	240	1,269	4.7	1.2	3.0	-7	-3	-10	0.0	0.0	0.0
Carlisle	930	296	1,226	2.9	1.0	2.0	-108	-57	-165	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Copeland	898	286	1,184	4.0	1.4	2.8	-180	-40	-220	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Eden	162	70	232	1.0	0.5	0.8	-10	-3	-13	-0.1	0.0	0.0
South Lakeland	380	162	542	1.2	0.6	0.9	-107	-23	-130	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Bolton	2,978	983	3,961	3.6	1.3	2.4	-125	47	-78	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Bury	1,426	536	1,962	2.5	1.0	1.8	-126	8	-118	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Manchester	8,291	2,472	10,763	5.6	1.8	3.8	-1,674	-232	-1,906	-1.1	-0.2	-0.7
Oldham	2,519	773	3,292	3.7	1.2	2.5	-250	-37	-287	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Rochdale	2,544	816	3,360	3.9	1.3	2.7	-220	-42	-262	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Salford	2,733	801	3,534	3.8	1.3	2.6	-260	-11	-271	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Stockport	1,921	547	2,468	2.2	0.7	1.4	-309	-181	-490	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Tameside	2,170	729	2,899	3.2	1.1	2.2	-231	-83	-314	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Trafford	1,679	492	2,171	2.5	0.8	1.7	-160	-98	-258	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Wigan	3,301	1,092	4,393	3.3	1.2	2.3	-287	-49	-336	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Lancashire	9,563	3,054	12,617	2.7	0.9	1.8	-684	-262	-946	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Burnley	782	224	1,006	2.9	0.9	1.9	-6	-26	-32	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Chorley	687	225	912	2.0	0.7	1.4	-12	-22	-34	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Fylde	351	106	457	1.5	0.5	1.1	-40	-21	-61	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Hyndburn	803	234	1,037	3.2	1.0	2.1	52	-7	45	0.2	0.0	0.1
Lancaster	1,303	412	1,715	3.1	1.0	2.1	-307	-107	-414	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Pendle	706	257	963	2.5	1.0	1.8	-69	-31	-100	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Preston	1,768	461	2,229	4.2	1.2	2.7	-58	-41	-99	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Ribble Valley	169	58	227	1.0	0.4	0.7	13	-1	12	0.1	0.0	0.0
Rossendale	491	188	679	2.4	1.0	1.7	23	-13	10	0.1	-0.1	0.0
South Ribble	604	198	802	1.8	0.6	1.2	-23	3	-20	-0.1	0.0	0.0
West Lancashire	1,242	475	1,717	3.7	1.5	2.6	-112	27	-85	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Wyre	657	216	873	2.1	0.7	1.4	-145	-23	-168	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Knowsley	2,807	861	3,668	6.2	1.9	4.0	-239	-54	-293	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Liverpool	11,267	3,366	14,633	7.9	2.4	5.2	-285	34	-251	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
St. Helens	2,180	735	2,915	3.9	1.4	2.7	-342	-41	-383	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Sefton	3,409	1,028	4,437	4.1	1.3	2.7	-499	-123	-622	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Wirral	4,502	1,444	5,946	4.8	1.6	3.2	-318	-24	-342	-0.3	0.0	-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. 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 background note 5.

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 10 FEBRUARY 2005						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	657,815	227,182	884,997	3.4	1.3	2.4	-58,730	-13,277	-72,007	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Regional total	78,460	24,510	102,970	3.6	1.2	2.5	-8,114	-1,694	-9,808	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Altrincham & Sale West	528	156	684	1.9	0.6	1.3	2	-52	-50	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
Ashton under Lyne	1,035	342	1,377	3.4	1.2	2.3	-153	-16	-169	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Barrow & Furness	1,174	280	1,454	4.3	1.1	2.8	-49	-19	-68	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Birkenhead	1,837	559	2,396	8.1	2.4	5.2	-128	-16	-144	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Blackburn	1,444	415	1,859	4.7	1.4	3.1	43	28	71	0.1	0.1	0.1
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	1,096	333	1,429	4.0	1.3	2.7	-131	1	-130	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Blackpool South	1,676	471	2,147	5.7	1.7	3.8	-86	3	-83	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Bolton North East	1,105	379	1,484	4.0	1.5	2.8	-73	34	-39	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Bolton South East	1,325	407	1,732	4.7	1.6	3.2	-9	22	13	0.0	0.1	0.0
Bolton West	548	197	745	2.0	0.8	1.4	-43	-9	-52	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Bootle	1,727	479	2,206	7.8	2.1	4.9	-214	-86	-300	-1.0	-0.4	-0.7
Burnley	782	224	1,006	2.9	0.9	1.9	-6	-26	-32	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Bury North	731	266	997	2.5	1.0	1.8	-101	-3	-104	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Bury South	695	270	965	2.5	1.0	1.8	-25	11	-14	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Carlisle	798	259	1,057	3.4	1.2	2.3	-106	-41	-147	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Cheadle	321	97	418	1.2	0.4	0.8	-48	-39	-87	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Chester, City of	644	197	841	2.3	0.7	1.5	-129	-31	-160	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Chorley	687	225	912	2.0	0.8	1.4	-12	-22	-34	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Congleton	389	152	541	1.3	0.6	1.0	-112	-25	-137	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Copeland	898	286	1,184	4.0	1.4	2.8	-180	-40	-220	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Crewe & Nantwich	662	212	874	2.3	0.8	1.5	-167	-68	-235	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4
Crosby	714	242	956	3.3	1.2	2.2	-105	-6	-111	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
Denton & Reddish	823	258	1,081	2.9	1.0	2.0	-82	-86	-168	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Eccles	996	287	1,283	3.4	1.1	2.3	-62	-32	-94	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Eddisbury	386	183	569	1.4	0.7	1.0	-120	-28	-148	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Ellesmere Port & Neston	734	191	925	2.7	0.7	1.7	29	-17	12	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Fylde	509	148	657	1.8	0.6	1.2	-45	-31	-76	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Halton	1,095	320	1,415	4.3	1.3	2.8	-130	-75	-205	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4
Hazel Grove	447	118	565	1.8	0.5	1.2	-27	-52	-79	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Heywood & Middleton	908	317	1,225	3.0	1.1	2.1	-151	-37	-188	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Hyndburn	900	258	1,158	3.2	1.0	2.1	58	-9	49	0.2	0.0	0.1
Knowsley North & Sefton East	1,423	451	1,874	5.0	1.6	3.3	-139	-53	-192	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Knowsley South	1,686	507	2,193	5.7	1.7	3.7	-137	-26	-163	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Lancaster & Wyre	481	171	652	1.5	0.6	1.1	-172	-27	-199	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Leigh	980	346	1,326	3.2	1.3	2.3	-126	-4	-130	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Liverpool, Garston	1,578	461	2,039	6.2	1.9	4.1	-4	-22	-26	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Liverpool, Riverside	3,088	899	3,987	9.8	2.9	6.4	-123	43	-80	-0.4	0.1	-0.1
Liverpool, Walton	2,352	691	3,043	8.7	2.7	5.8	23	-6	17	0.1	0.0	0.0
Liverpool, Wavertree	2,106	647	2,753	7.4	2.3	4.8	-50	19	-31	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Liverpool, West Derby	2,143	668	2,811	7.9	2.5	5.2	-131	0	-131	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Macclesfield	387	122	509	1.4	0.5	0.9	-98	-1	-99	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Makerfield	868	285	1,153	3.0	1.1	2.1	-146	-9	-155	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
Manchester, Blackley	1,657	481	2,138	6.4	2.1	4.3	-273	-36	-309	-1.0	-0.2	-0.6
Manchester, Central	2,661	715	3,376	8.4	2.6	5.7	-508	-107	-615	-1.6	-0.4	-1.0
Manchester, Gorton	1,696	564	2,260	5.6	2.0	3.9	-550	-60	-610	-1.8	-0.2	-1.0
Manchester, Withington	1,121	374	1,495	3.4	1.2	2.4	-231	-21	-252	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Morecambe & Lunesdale	989	304	1,293	3.8	1.2	2.5	-191	-85	-276	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Oldham East & Saddleworth	1,008	316	1,324	3.1	1.0	2.1	-47	1	-46	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Oldham West & Royton	1,312	379	1,691	4.4	1.3	2.9	-157	-39	-196	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Pendle	706	257	963	2.6	1.0	1.8	-69	-31	-100	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Penrith & The Border	362	137	499	1.3	0.6	1.0	-31	-19	-50	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Preston	1,563	395	1,958	4.9	1.3	3.2	-46	-32	-78	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Ribble Valley	348	123	471	1.2	0.4	0.8	21	2	23	0.1	0.0	0.0
Rochdale	1,552	477	2,029	5.1	1.7	3.4	-65	-2	-67	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Rossendale & Darwen	707	276	983	2.4	1.0	1.7	-33	-34	-67	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Salford	1,270	331	1,601	5.2	1.6	3.5	-127	22	-105	-0.5	0.1	-0.2
South Ribble	563	182	745	1.9	0.6	1.3	-64	-6	-70	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Southport	666	210	876	2.6	0.8	1.7	-143	-6	-149	-0.6	0.0	-0.3

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 10 FEBRUARY 2005						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
St. Helens North	985	354	1,339	3.4	1.3	2.4	-142	-9	-151	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
St. Helens South	1,195	381	1,576	4.5	1.5	3.1	-200	-32	-232	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4
Stalybridge & Hyde	931	330	1,261	3.4	1.3	2.4	-81	-26	-107	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Stockport	817	231	1,048	3.0	0.9	2.0	-199	-47	-246	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5
Stretford & Urmston	998	279	1,277	3.5	1.0	2.3	-129	-46	-175	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Tatton	375	136	511	1.5	0.6	1.1	-82	-31	-113	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Wallasey	1,402	469	1,871	5.5	1.9	3.7	-133	21	-112	-0.5	0.1	-0.2
Warrington North	703	210	913	2.3	0.7	1.5	-266	-81	-347	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6
Warrington South	559	181	740	1.8	0.6	1.2	-141	-37	-178	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Weaver Vale	912	325	1,237	3.2	1.2	2.2	-157	-24	-181	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
West Lancashire	1,167	453	1,620	4.0	1.6	2.8	-82	34	-48	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Westmorland & Lonsdale	235	122	357	0.9	0.5	0.7	-65	-7	-72	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Wigan	1,019	306	1,325	3.9	1.3	2.7	-3	-29	-32	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Wirral South	555	195	750	2.5	0.9	1.7	-59	-13	-72	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Wirral West	708	221	929	3.1	1.0	2.1	2	-16	-14	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Workington	802	287	1,089	3.1	1.2	2.2	-170	-29	-199	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Worsley	901	338	1,239	3.1	1.2	2.2	-83	-8	-91	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Wythenshawe & Sale East	1,309	395	1,704	4.3	1.3	2.8	-145	-8	-153	-0.5	0.0	-0.3

* 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 background note 5