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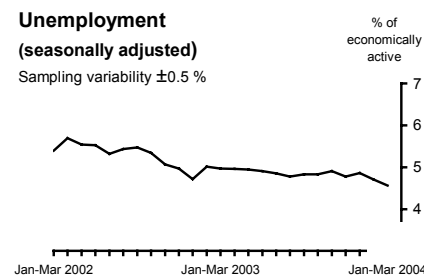
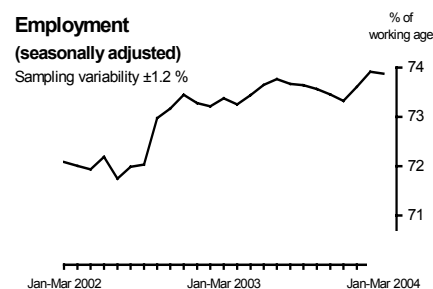
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Labour Force Survey data for the North West indicate that the employment rate is stable and the rate in the latest period is not significantly different from a year ago. The trend in the unemployment rate appears to be falling slightly, but the latest rate is not significantly different from a year ago.

Data for the three months to March 2004 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 73.9 per cent, up 0.5 percentage points on a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.6 per cent, down 0.4 percentage points on a year earlier.

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



Data in this table are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated

		Level (thousands)	Rate (%)	Change on year (level)	Sampling variability (thousands)	Change on year (rate)	Sampling variability (%)
Employment*	Jan-Mar	3,127	73.9	38	± 78	0.5	± 1.5
Unemployment**	Jan-Mar	149	4.6	-12	± 24	-0.4	± 0.7
Economically active*	Jan-Mar	3,276	77.5	26	± 77	0.2	± 1.4
Economically inactive+ <i>of which:</i>	Jan-Mar	923	22.5	-8	± 75	-0.2	± 1.4
Not wanting a job+	Jan-Mar	727		37	± 69		
Wanting a job+	Jan-Mar	195		-46	± 39		
Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)	Dec 2003	3,351		18	..		
Claimant count	Apr 2004	101.5	3.1**	-11.4		-0.3	

See background note 2 on sampling variability.

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

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

+ Levels and rates are for those of working age.

++ Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. For regional claimant count proportions, using resident working age populations see Tables 17 and 18. See background note 7.

.. Not available.

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

New this month:

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

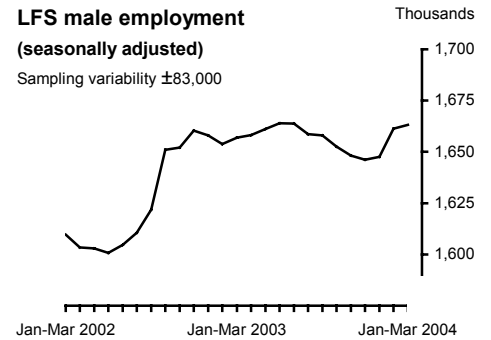
April 2004 data: claimant count.

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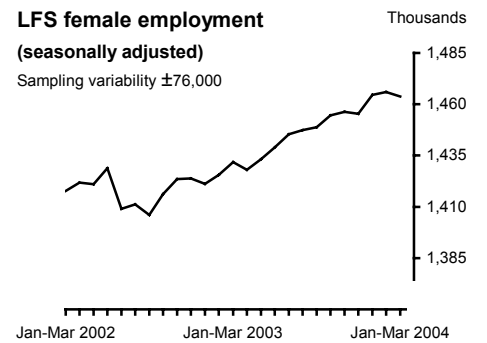


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 73.9 per cent in the January to March 2004 period, up 0.5 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.13 million in the January to March 2004 period, up 38,000 on the same period a year earlier.



Seasonally adjusted employee jobs figures were up 13,000 in the quarter to December 2003.

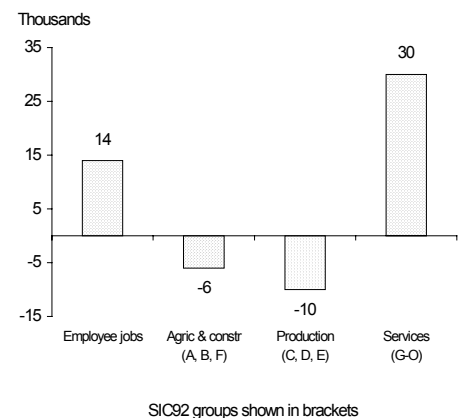


Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 14,000 in the year to December 2003. This was mainly due to rises in the services and 'other' industries, partly offset by falls in manufacturing and construction industries.

Unemployment (table 1)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.6 per cent in the January to March 2004 period, down 0.4 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in January to March 2004 were 4.9 per cent and 4.2 per cent respectively.

Employee jobs by industry
Change on year from December 2002

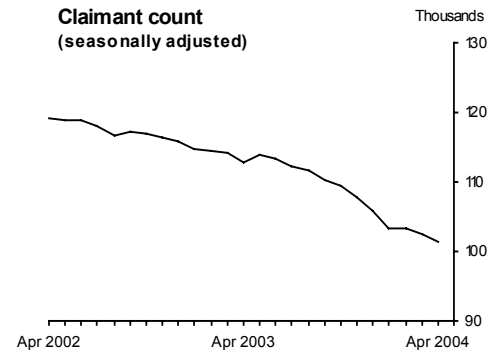


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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in April 2004 was 3.1 per cent, unchanged from March 2004, and down 0.3 percentage points since April 2003. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in April 2004 was 101,500, down 1,100 on March 2004, and down 11,400 since April 2003. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 106,300 in April 2004.



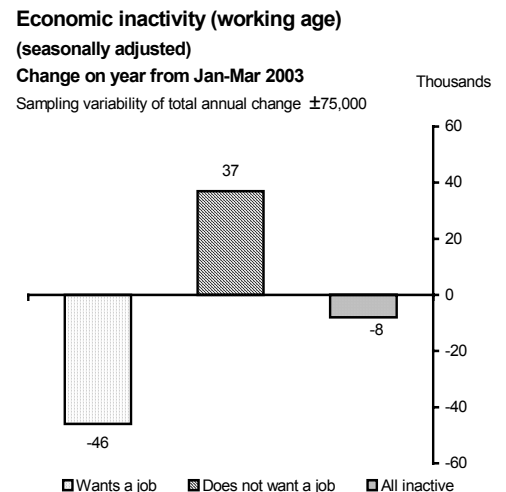
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 32,300 in April 2004, down 2,400 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for all age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically active people in the North West was 3.28 million in the January to March 2004 period.

Economically inactive (tables 1, 10 and 11)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically inactive people in the North West in the January to March 2004 period was 2.04 million, with 923,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was down 8,000.



Vacancies (table 12)

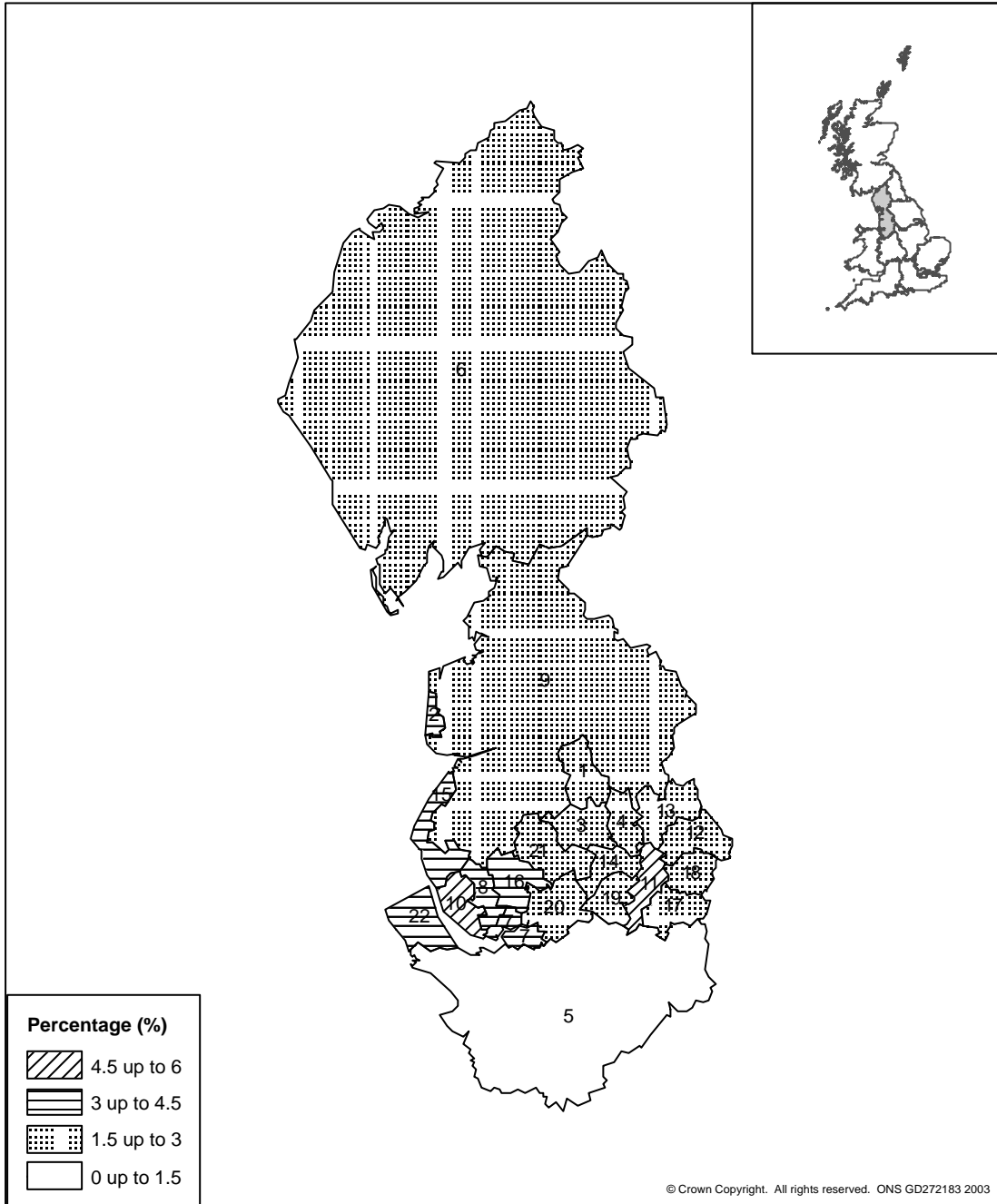
Publication of the seasonally adjusted Jobcentre vacancy series has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct – see note on page 7.

Local area data (table 17)

The claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population was lowest in Ribble Valley, at 0.6 per cent. It was highest in Liverpool, at 5.3 per cent.

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

April 2004 - North West



1	Blackburn with Darwen UA	2.7%	12	Oldham	2.6%
2	Blackpool UA	3.0%	13	Rochdale	2.7%
3	Bolton	2.3%	14	Salford	2.7%
4	Bury	1.8%	15	Sefton	3.0%
5	Cheshire	1.4%	16	St. Helens	3.0%
6	Cumbria	2.0%	17	Stockport	1.6%
7	Halton UA	3.1%	18	Tameside	2.3%
8	Knowsley	4.2%	19	Trafford	1.8%
9	Lancashire	1.9%	20	Warrington UA	1.7%
10	Liverpool	5.3%	21	Wigan	2.3%
11	Manchester	4.6%	22	Wirral	3.3%

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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 January 1999 to March 2003 and Claimant Count data first published from April 1998 to March 2003. The second table covers data first published from January 2000 to January 2001. 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 (bias)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	73.9	52	-0.25	0.37
Unemployment rate (%)	4.6	52	0.09	0.17
Claimant count (000s)	101.5	43	0.13	0.43

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 (bias)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)#	3,351	#	#	#

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

There are insufficient data to calculate the revisions analysis.

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>].

THIS MONTH

The tables showing local area labour market indicators (tables 13 to 16) have been updated to show 2002 data.

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NEXT MONTH

The workplace-based denominators, used to calculate the regional claimant count rates in Table 7, and the residence-based denominators used to calculate claimant count proportions for local authorities in Table 17, will be updated next month, to use the latest available data.

SPECIAL

Impact of population revisions on LFS series

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

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

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

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

Future LFS revisions

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

By 2005, it is planned that modernised LFS processing systems will be ready which will enable the new MYE for 2004 to be incorporated into revised LFS microdata much more swiftly than

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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. The next reweighting of LFS micro-data will be in 2005, after which all LFS outputs will be consistent with the latest population estimates (see background note 4).

Jobcentre vacancy data

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

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

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

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

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

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BACKGROUND NOTES

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

January to March 2004

Thousands

	Levels			Quarterly changes			Annual changes		
	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit
Employment	3,066	3,127	3,187	-52	25	103	-40	38	116
Employment rate	72.7%	73.9%	75.0%	-1.0%	0.5%	2.0%	-1.0%	0.5%	2.0%
Unemployment	132	149	167	-29	-6	17	-36	-12	11
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.6%	5.1%	-0.9%	-0.2%	0.5%	-1.1%	-0.4%	0.3%
Economically active	3,216	3,276	3,336	-58	19	96	-51	26	103
Economic activity rate	76.4%	77.5%	78.6%	-1.0%	0.4%	1.9%	-1.2%	0.2%	1.7%
Economically inactive	864	923	981	-93	-17	59	-83	-8	67

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

January to March 2004

	Employment	Unemployment	Economically Active	Working age Economically Inactive	Employment	Unemployment
	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
North East	± 34	± 11	± 34	± 35	± 1.8	± 0.9
North West	± 61	± 17	± 60	± 59	± 1.2	± 0.5
Yorks & Humber	± 48	± 14	± 47	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 39	± 13	± 39	± 44	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 50	± 16	± 49	± 48	± 1.2	± 0.6
East	± 49	± 14	± 49	± 45	± 1.1	± 0.5
London	± 63	± 24	± 61	± 61	± 1.1	± 0.7
South East	± 58	± 17	± 57	± 54	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 49	± 12	± 49	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.5
Wales	± 38	± 11	± 38	± 38	± 1.7	± 0.8
Scotland	± 49	± 16	± 47	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.6

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3. The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.
4. Annual local area data from the LFS are included in Tables 13 to 16. All LFS micro-data have been reweighted to be consistent with post census population estimates, which were published in February 2003. However, during this reweighting exercise, revised population estimates were released, in September 2003. The quarterly, regional LFS data in this release have been interim reweighted to the latest (September 2003) population estimates, but for local area data such an interim reweighting is not possible. The LFS data in Tables 13 to 16 are therefore not consistent with the quarterly LFS data published elsewhere in the release. The next reweighting of LFS micro-data will be in 2005, after which all LFS outputs will be consistent with the latest population estimates (see note on page 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 will be published in autumn 2004). There are now different publication thresholds for annual LFS data, depending on the size of the sample boost in the area. The thresholds are six thousand, four thousand, two thousand and as low as one thousand for some areas in Wales. For further information see Volume 6 of the *LFS User Guide*. This guide, along with additional data and further background information, are available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/lfs>. A wide range of annual local area data from the LFS is available free from the Nomis[®] website at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

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

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

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14. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of detailed labour market data in a number of formats. In particular, data are available from Nomis[®] at the same time as this release is published. Further data are also published in *Labour Market Trends (LMT)* and the *Labour Force Survey Quarterly Supplement to LMT*.
15. Datasets of selected series can also be viewed by choosing topics within the Labour Market theme on our website (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/labour>).
16. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.
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..	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 (January to March 2004)

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment						
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
North East	1,998	1,165	74.3	621	543	1,102	70.2	583	73.3	520	66.9	62	5.3	39	6.2	24	4.3	
North West	5,317	3,276	77.5	1,749	1,528	3,127	73.9	1,663	77.6	1,464	69.9	149	4.6	85	4.9	64	4.2	
Yorkshire & the Humber	3,938	2,442	78.0	1,311	1,132	2,328	74.3	1,241	78.1	1,087	70.4	114	4.7	70	5.3	44	3.9	
East Midlands	3,363	2,158	80.4	1,173	984	2,057	76.5	1,118	81.0	939	71.8	101	4.7	55	4.7	46	4.6	
West Midlands	4,182	2,597	78.2	1,424	1,172	2,454	73.8	1,342	78.4	1,112	68.8	143	5.5	83	5.8	60	5.2	
East	4,330	2,839	82.5	1,546	1,293	2,744	79.7	1,492	84.7	1,252	74.2	95	3.4	54	3.5	41	3.2	
London	5,942	3,856	75.8	2,158	1,698	3,589	70.5	2,001	77.0	1,588	63.5	267	6.9	157	7.3	110	6.5	
South East	6,415	4,204	81.8	2,287	1,917	4,041	78.5	2,198	84.0	1,843	72.7	163	3.9	89	3.9	74	3.8	
South West	3,984	2,521	81.9	1,355	1,166	2,448	79.5	1,313	83.4	1,135	75.4	73	2.9	43	3.2	31	2.6	
England	39,470	25,058	79.1	13,624	11,433	23,890	75.3	12,949	80.1	10,941	70.3	1,168	4.7	675	5.0	493	4.3	
Wales	2,322	1,384	76.2	733	651	1,321	72.6	696	76.1	625	69.0	62	4.5	37	5.0	26	4.0	
Scotland	4,046	2,554	79.1	1,348	1,205	2,408	74.5	1,260	77.7	1,148	71.3	146	5.7	89	6.6	57	4.7	
Great Britain	45,837	28,995	78.9	15,706	13,290	27,620	75.1	14,905	79.7	12,715	70.3	1,376	4.7	800	5.1	575	4.3	
N Ireland	1,299	760	70.8	424	336	720	67.0	395	72.1	326	61.7	40	5.2	29	6.9	10	3.1	
United Kingdom	47,137	29,760	78.7	16,133	13,627	28,346	74.9	15,304	79.5	13,043	70.1	1,413	4.7	829	5.1	584	4.3	

Change on quarter: +

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment						
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
North East	1	5	0.1	1	5	18	0.9	8	0.8	10	1.1	-13	-1.1	-7	-1.2	-5	-1.0	
North West	4	19	0.4	8	12	25	0.5	17	0.7	8	0.4	-6	-0.2	-9	-0.6	3	0.2	
Yorkshire & the Humber	4	0	-0.1	0	0	9	0.2	4	0.3	5	0.1	-10	-0.4	-5	-0.4	-5	-0.4	
East Midlands	6	23	0.7	8	15	15	0.4	12	0.5	4	0.3	8	0.3	-4	-0.4	12	1.1	
West Midlands	4	16	0.4	-1	17	22	0.6	4	0.2	18	0.9	-6	-0.3	-4	-0.3	-2	-0.2	
East	9	9	-0.1	2	7	13	0.1	2	-0.3	12	0.4	-4	-0.1	1	0.0	-5	-0.4	
London	15	47	0.7	25	22	49	0.8	28	0.9	21	0.7	-2	-0.1	-3	-0.2	2	0.0	
South East	14	-13	-0.5	5	-18	-14	-0.5	6	0.0	-20	-1.1	1	0.0	-1	-0.1	2	0.2	
South West	7	16	0.4	11	5	20	0.5	14	0.9	6	0.2	-3	-0.2	-3	-0.2	-1	-0.1	
England	63	123	0.2	58	65	157	0.3	94	0.4	64	0.2	-34	-0.2	-36	-0.3	2	0.0	
Wales	3	9	0.4	5	4	12	0.6	11	1.2	1	-0.2	-3	-0.3	-6	-0.9	3	0.4	
Scotland	1	20	0.7	5	15	22	0.7	9	0.9	12	0.6	-1	-0.1	-4	-0.3	3	0.2	
Great Britain	67	152	0.3	68	84	191	0.4	114	0.5	77	0.3	-39	-0.2	-46	-0.3	7	0.0	
N Ireland	3	-6	-0.7	-11	6	3	0.1	-4	-1.2	7	1.6	-9	-1.1	-7	-1.5	-2	-0.5	
United Kingdom	70	147	0.2	58	89	195	0.4	112	0.5	83	0.3	-48	-0.2	-54	-0.4	6	0.0	

Change on year:

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment						
	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
North East	2	32	1.5	8	24	42	2.1	17	2.0	24	2.2	-10	-1.0	-10	-1.6	0	-0.3	
North West	16	26	0.2	-6	31	38	0.5	6	0.1	32	1.0	-12	-0.4	-12	-0.7	0	-0.1	
Yorkshire & the Humber	16	14	0.0	-15	28	25	0.4	-4	-0.4	29	1.3	-11	-0.5	-10	-0.7	-1	-0.2	
East Midlands	23	30	0.6	7	23	16	0.1	7	-0.1	8	0.3	15	0.6	0	-0.1	15	1.4	
West Midlands	15	-20	-0.7	-12	-7	-6	-0.4	-3	-0.3	-2	-0.4	-14	-0.5	-9	-0.6	-5	-0.4	
East	36	57	0.8	32	25	89	1.8	49	2.1	40	1.4	-32	-1.2	-18	-1.2	-14	-1.2	
London	60	67	0.4	33	34	63	0.4	39	0.6	24	0.2	3	0.0	-6	-0.4	10	0.4	
South East	56	-13	-0.9	5	-18	-12	-0.9	11	-0.2	-23	-1.7	-1	0.0	-7	-0.3	5	0.3	
South West	30	13	0.0	11	1	34	0.8	22	0.8	12	0.7	-21	-0.8	-11	-0.8	-10	-0.9	
England	253	205	0.1	63	142	288	0.4	145	0.4	143	0.3	-83	-0.4	-82	-0.6	-1	-0.1	
Wales	10	24	0.5	13	11	26	0.7	19	1.9	7	-0.5	-3	-0.3	-6	-0.9	3	0.4	
Scotland	5	9	-0.1	-1	10	13	0.0	0	-0.1	12	0.1	-3	-0.1	-1	-0.1	-2	-0.2	
Great Britain	268	238	0.1	75	163	327	0.4	164	0.4	163	0.3	-89	-0.3	-89	-0.6	0	-0.1	
N Ireland	11	-33	-3.5	-19	-14	-32	-3.4	-24	-4.9	-8	-1.8	-1	0.0	5	1.4	-6	-1.7	
United Kingdom	280	206	0.0	57	148	297	0.3	142	0.3	155	0.2	-91	-0.3	-84	-0.5	-7	-0.1	

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

* Denominator = all persons of working age.

** Denominator = Total economically active.

Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

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

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

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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		
	Civilian workforce jobs** (Dec 2003); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (April 2004); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (April 2004); seasonally adjusted		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men		Women		Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies	Outflow of vacancies	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ⁺	Level	Rate (%) ⁺	Level				Rate (%) ⁺
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
North East	1,124	590	534	47.5	4.3	37.1	6.2	10.4	2.0			
North West	3,351	1,758	1,593	101.5	3.1	77.5	4.3	24.0	1.6			
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,417	1,269	1,148	76.2	3.2	58.0	4.5	18.2	1.6			
East Midlands	2,021	1,066	955	54.0	2.7	39.4	3.7	14.6	1.5			
West Midlands	2,622	1,401	1,221	90.8	3.4	68.7	4.8	22.1	1.8			
East	2,694	1,453	1,241	56.2	2.1	40.8	2.8	15.4	1.3			
London	4,586	2,524	2,062	165.8	3.6	119.5	4.6	46.3	2.2			
South East	4,298	2,295	2,003	72.3	1.7	53.5	2.3	18.8	0.9			
South West	2,477	1,311	1,167	43.0	1.7	31.2	2.3	11.8	1.0			
England	25,590	13,667	11,923	707.3	2.7	525.7	3.8	181.6	1.5			
Wales	1,285	673	612	41.8	3.2	31.7	4.7	10.1	1.6			
Scotland	2,535	1,302	1,233	95.1	3.6	73.5	5.3	21.6	1.7			
Great Britain	29,411	15,643	13,768	844.2	2.8	630.9	4.0	213.3	1.6			
N Ireland	785	414	371	32.1	4.0	24.4	5.5	7.7	2.1			
United Kingdom	30,196	16,057	14,139	876.3	2.9	655.3	4.0	221.0	1.6			

Publication of the jobcentre vacancy statistics has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 7.

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer surveys			Jobcentre Plus administrative system						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on Dec 2002); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (Change on March 2004) seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (Change on March 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	33	11	21	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
North West	18	-21	39	-1.1	0.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.0			
Yorkshire & the Humber	37	1	36	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
East Midlands	7	-21	28	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
West Midlands	21	-1	22	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0			
East	45	38	7	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0			
London	88	48	41	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
South East	41	29	12	-1.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.0			
South West	10	10	-1	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
England	300	94	206	-5.1	0.0	-3.0	0.0	-2.1	0.0			
Wales	25	9	16	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Scotland	26	11	15	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0			
Great Britain	351	114	237	-5.6	0.0	-3.2	0.0	-2.4	0.0			
N Ireland	16	9	8	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1			
United Kingdom	367	122	245	-6.0	0.0	-3.4	0.0	-2.6	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.

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(thousands),
seasonally
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1 Summary of LFS data for January to March 2004

		All aged 16 & over								
		All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in Employment	Unemployed	Economically Inactive	Economic activity rate(%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate(%)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		YCHD	YCHQ	YCJQ	YCMQ	HKMP			YCND	
People	Jan-Mar 2002	5,285	3,200	3,027	173	2,085	60.6	57.3	5.4	39.4
	Jan-Mar 2003	5,302	3,250	3,089	162	2,051	61.3	58.3	5.0	38.7
	Apr-Jun 2003	5,306	3,263	3,103	160	2,043	61.5	58.5	4.9	38.5
	Jul-Sep 2003	5,310	3,265	3,107	158	2,045	61.5	58.5	4.8	38.5
	Oct-Dec 2003	5,314	3,257	3,101	155	2,057	61.3	58.4	4.8	38.7
	Jan-Mar 2004	5,317	3,276	3,127	149	2,041	61.6	58.8	4.6	38.4
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	19	25	-6	-15	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.6	0.8	-3.9	-0.7				
	<i>Change on year</i>	16	26	38	-12	-10	0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.8	1.2	-7.6	-0.5				
Men	Jan-Mar 2002	2,536	1,721	1,610	111	815	67.8	63.5	6.4	32.2
	Jan-Mar 2003	2,545	1,754	1,657	97	791	68.9	65.1	5.5	31.1
	Apr-Jun 2003	2,547	1,762	1,664	98	785	69.2	65.3	5.6	30.8
	Jul-Sep 2003	2,549	1,752	1,658	94	797	68.7	65.0	5.4	31.3
	Oct-Dec 2003	2,551	1,741	1,646	95	810	68.2	64.5	5.4	31.8
	Jan-Mar 2004	2,553	1,749	1,663	85	805	68.5	65.1	4.9	31.5
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	8	17	-9	-5	0.2	0.6	-0.6	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.4	1.0	-9.9	-0.7				
	<i>Change on year</i>	8	-6	6	-12	14	-0.4	0.0	-0.7	0.4
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	-0.3	0.4	-12.1	1.8				
Women	Jan-Mar 2002	2,749	1,479	1,418	62	1,269	53.8	51.6	4.2	46.2
	Jan-Mar 2003	2,757	1,496	1,432	64	1,261	54.3	51.9	4.3	45.7
	Apr-Jun 2003	2,759	1,501	1,439	62	1,257	54.4	52.2	4.1	45.6
	Jul-Sep 2003	2,760	1,513	1,449	64	1,248	54.8	52.5	4.2	45.2
	Oct-Dec 2003	2,762	1,516	1,455	61	1,246	54.9	52.7	4.0	45.1
	Jan-Mar 2004	2,764	1,528	1,464	64	1,236	55.3	53.0	4.2	44.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	12	8	3	-10	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.4
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.8	0.6	5.5	-0.8				
	<i>Change on year</i>	7	31	32	0	-24	1.0	1.0	-0.1	-1.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	2.1	2.2	-0.8	-1.9				

		All aged 16 to 59/64									
		All aged 16 to 59/64	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic Activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate(%)	
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
			YCID	YCKD	YCNQ	HMBZ		YCLD	YCPD	YCZZ	
People	Jan-Mar 2002	4,084	3,115	2,944	171	969	76.3	72.1	5.5	23.7	
	Jan-Mar 2003	4,095	3,164	3,005	159	931	77.3	73.4	5.0	22.7	
	Apr-Jun 2003	4,097	3,175	3,017	158	922	77.5	73.6	5.0	22.5	
	Jul-Sep 2003	4,099	3,174	3,019	155	926	77.4	73.6	4.9	22.6	
	Oct-Dec 2003	4,101	3,162	3,007	154	940	77.1	73.3	4.9	22.9	
	Jan-Mar 2004	4,103	3,181	3,031	149	923	77.5	73.9	4.7	22.5	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	19	24	-5	-17	0.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.6	0.8	-3.2	-1.8					
	<i>Change on year</i>	8	16	27	-10	-8	0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.5	0.9	-6.3	-0.9					
Men	Jan-Mar 2002	2,099	1,696	1,586	110	403	80.8	75.5	6.5	19.2	
	Jan-Mar 2003	2,103	1,726	1,631	95	377	82.1	77.5	5.5	17.9	
	Apr-Jun 2003	2,104	1,734	1,638	96	370	82.4	77.9	5.5	17.6	
	Jul-Sep 2003	2,105	1,723	1,632	92	381	81.9	77.5	5.3	18.1	
	Oct-Dec 2003	2,105	1,713	1,619	94	392	81.4	76.9	5.5	18.6	
	Jan-Mar 2004	2,106	1,720	1,635	86	386	81.7	77.6	5.0	18.3	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	7	15	-8	-6	0.3	0.7	-0.5	-0.3	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.0	0.4	0.9	-8.6	-1.6					
	<i>Change on year</i>	3	-6	4	-10	9	-0.4	0.1	-0.5	0.4	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-10.1	2.4					
Women	Jan-Mar 2002	1,984	1,419	1,358	61	565	71.5	68.4	4.3	28.5	
	Jan-Mar 2003	1,992	1,438	1,374	64	554	72.2	69.0	4.5	27.8	
	Apr-Jun 2003	1,993	1,441	1,379	62	552	72.3	69.2	4.3	27.7	
	Jul-Sep 2003	1,995	1,450	1,387	63	544	72.7	69.5	4.4	27.3	
	Oct-Dec 2003	1,996	1,449	1,388	61	547	72.6	69.5	4.2	27.4	
	Jan-Mar 2004	1,997	1,460	1,397	64	537	73.1	69.9	4.4	26.9	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	12	9	3	-11	0.5	0.4	0.2	-0.5	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.8	0.6	5.1	-1.9					
	<i>Change on year</i>	5	22	23	0	-17	0.9	1.0	-0.1	-0.9	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	1.6	1.7	-0.6	-3.1					

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

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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

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REGIONAL DATA

North West

1a Summary of other headline indicators

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)		
		Levels		
		Total	Males	Females
	Dec 00	3,196	1,685	1,511
	Dec 01	3,250	1,741	1,509
	Dec 02	3,333	1,779	1,554
	Mar 03	3,308	1,748	1,560
	Jun 03	3,331	1,760	1,570
	Sep 03	3,348	1,770	1,578
	Dec 03	3,351	1,758	1,593
<i>Change on year</i>		18	-21	39
<i>Change %</i>		0.5	-1.2	2.5

		Claimant count*					
		Levels			Rates (%)**		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
		IBWA	ZMPU	ZMPW	IBWC	ZMPV	ZMPX
2003							
	April	112.9	87.4	25.5	3.4	4.9	1.7
	May	113.9	88.3	25.6	3.4	4.9	1.7
	June#	113.4	87.9	25.5	3.4	4.9	1.7
	July	112.1	86.8	25.3	3.4	4.8	1.7
	August#	110.6	85.4	25.2	3.3	4.8	1.7
	September	110.4	85.1	25.3	3.3	4.8	1.7
	October	109.5	84.5	25.0	3.3	4.7	1.6
	November#	107.7	83.0	24.7	3.3	4.6	1.6
	December	105.9	81.4	24.5	3.2	4.5	1.6
2004							
	January	103.2	79.5	23.7	3.1	4.4	1.6
	February#	103.2	79.0	24.2	3.1	4.4	1.6
	March (r)	102.6	78.4	24.2	3.1	4.4	1.6
	April (p)	101.5	77.5	24.0	3.1	4.3	1.6
<i>Change on period</i>		-1.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		-1.1	-1.1	-0.8			
<i>Change on year</i>		-11.4	-9.9	-1.5	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>		-10.1	-11.3	-5.9			

	Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies
	Level	Level
	IBWG	IBWE
2003		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September	Publication of these vacancy statistics has been deferred.	
October	Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 7.	
November		
December		
2004		
January		
February		
March		
April		

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

** 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 7.

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	Dec - Feb 2001	3,022	2,945	77	344	737	1,162	625	77
	Dec - Feb 2002	3,031	2,947	72	373	705	1,154	643	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,077	2,995	69	402	674	1,162	689	81
	Mar - May 2003	3,090	3,004	64	389	677	1,166	708	86
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,102	3,017	66	395	672	1,173	712	84
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,117	3,022	76	398	667	1,190	691	96
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,129	3,034	71	408	668	1,188	699	95
	<i>Change on year</i>	52	39	2	6	-5	26	10	14
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.3	3.3	1.4	-0.8	2.2	1.5	16.7	
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	1,618	1,595	38	182	401	606	367	23
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,611	1,588	33	189	379	606	381	24
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,649	1,626	35	204	371	612	405	23
	Mar - May 2003	1,653	1,625	33	201	366	614	410	28
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,665	1,640	37	206	362	624	411	25
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,655	1,625	36	205	354	625	405	30
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,659	1,633	35	219	351	620	407	26
	<i>Change on year</i>	10	6	0	16	-20	9	2	3
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.4	0.5	7.7	-5.4	1.4	0.5	15.3	
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	1,404	1,350	38	162	336	556	258	54
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,419	1,359	39	185	326	548	262	60
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,428	1,369	34	198	303	550	284	58
	Mar - May 2003	1,437	1,379	31	187	311	552	298	58
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,437	1,378	28	189	309	549	301	59
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,462	1,396	40	193	312	565	286	66
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,470	1,401	36	189	317	567	292	68
	<i>Change on year</i>	42	32	2	-10	15	17	8	10
<i>Change %</i>	3.0	2.3	6.2	-5.0	4.8	3.1	3.0	17.3	
Employment rates (%)*									
People	Dec - Feb 2001	57.4	72.4	43.8	63.2	79.6	82.3	61.7	6.4
	Dec - Feb 2002	57.4	72.2	39.6	66.9	78.7	81.0	62.9	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	58.0	73.2	37.5	69.8	77.9	80.7	66.9	6.7
	Mar - May 2003	58.3	73.3	35.0	66.9	79.0	80.8	68.6	7.1
	Jun - Aug 2003	58.4	73.6	35.8	67.5	79.0	81.1	68.9	7.0
	Sep - Nov 2003	58.7	73.7	41.3	67.5	79.0	82.1	66.8	7.9
	Dec - Feb 2004	58.9	74.0	38.5	68.8	79.7	81.8	67.5	7.8
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.8	0.8	1.0	-1.0	1.8	1.1	0.7	1.1
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	64.1	76.1	43.0	68.2	87.9	87.1	62.5	5.4
	Dec - Feb 2002	63.6	75.6	35.7	68.9	86.3	86.4	64.4	5.4
	Dec - Feb 2003	64.8	77.3	37.3	71.7	87.9	86.4	68.0	5.2
	Mar - May 2003	64.9	77.3	35.9	70.3	87.6	86.6	68.7	6.4
	Jun - Aug 2003	65.3	77.9	40.1	71.1	87.6	87.8	68.7	5.7
	Sep - Nov 2003	64.9	77.2	38.1	70.5	86.4	87.8	67.6	6.7
	Dec - Feb 2004	65.0	77.5	37.3	74.8	86.2	87.1	67.9	5.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.2	0.2	0.0	3.1	-1.7	0.7	-0.1	0.7
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	51.2	68.4	44.6	58.3	71.5	77.7	60.6	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2002	51.6	68.5	43.7	65.0	71.4	75.7	60.8	7.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	51.8	68.8	37.6	68.0	68.3	75.2	65.3	7.6
	Mar - May 2003	52.1	69.2	34.1	63.7	70.8	75.2	68.5	7.5
	Jun - Aug 2003	52.1	69.1	31.4	63.9	70.9	74.6	69.1	7.7
	Sep - Nov 2003	52.9	70.0	44.7	64.6	72.0	76.6	65.7	8.6
	Dec - Feb 2004	53.2	70.2	39.6	63.0	73.5	76.8	67.0	8.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.4	1.4	2.0	-5.0	5.2	1.6	1.7	1.3

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

* Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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

EMPLOYMENT

North West

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

		All in employment					All in employment			
		Total*	Employees*	Self employed†	Unpaid family workers	Government-supported training and employment programmes	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Workers with second jobs	Temporary employees
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People	Dec - Feb 2001	3,022	2,695	302	*	15	2,263	758	99	167
	Dec - Feb 2002	3,031	2,696	315	*	13	2,279	750	108	166
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,077	2,732	329	*	*	2,327	749	111	151
	Mar - May 2003	3,090	2,732	339	*	11	2,313	777	103	134
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,102	2,739	342	10	11	2,320	780	99	153
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,117	2,745	350	11	11	2,329	788	108	174
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,129	2,761	342	13	13	2,307	819	110	148
	<i>Change on year</i>	52	29	13	*	*	-19	70	-1	-4
	<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.0	4.0	*	*	-0.8	9.3	-0.6	-2.4
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	1,618	1,377	227	*	10	1,466	152	43	84
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,611	1,360	240	*	*	1,463	147	40	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,649	1,394	249	*	*	1,506	142	49	59
	Mar - May 2003	1,653	1,393	252	*	*	1,491	162	48	65
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,665	1,407	250	*	*	1,504	160	46	81
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,655	1,384	261	*	*	1,495	159	44	86
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,659	1,384	261	*	*	1,488	169	44	65
	<i>Change on year</i>	10	-10	12	*	*	-19	28	-5	6
	<i>Change %</i>	0.6	-0.7	4.7	*	*	-1.2	19.6	-9.9	10.4
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	1,404	1,318	76	*	*	797	606	56	84
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,419	1,335	74	*	*	816	603	68	82
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,428	1,338	80	*	*	820	607	61	92
	Mar - May 2003	1,437	1,339	87	*	*	822	615	55	69
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,437	1,333	92	*	*	816	620	53	72
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,462	1,361	89	*	*	833	628	63	88
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,470	1,377	81	*	*	820	649	66	82
	<i>Change on year</i>	42	39	2	*	*	-1	42	4	-10
	<i>Change %</i>	3.0	2.9	1.9	*	*	-0.1	6.9	6.9	-10.6

		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	Dec - Feb 2001	167	57	45	65	744	72	542	128
	Dec - Feb 2002	166	47	40	79	734	70	532	131
	Dec - Feb 2003	151	41	39	71	739	70	545	123
	Mar - May 2003	134	41	31	62	764	70	565	127
	Jun - Aug 2003	153	39	40	73	770	69	580	118
	Sep - Nov 2003	174	53	44	77	773	83	564	124
	Dec - Feb 2004	148	45	40	63	802	68	599	134
	<i>Change on year</i>	-4	4	1	-8	63	-2	54	11
	<i>Change %</i>	-2.4	9.5	2.1	-11.7	8.5	-2.7	9.9	8.9

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

4 Civilian workforce jobs

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self- employment jobs	Government- supported trainees
		1	2	3	4
All jobs	Dec 99	3,192	2,830	350	13
	Dec 00	3,196	2,864	316	16
	Dec 01	3,250	2,905	334	10
	Dec 02	3,333	2,971	349	13
	Mar 03	3,308	2,942	354	13
	Jun 03	3,331	2,956	362	12
	Sep 03	3,348	2,966	368	14
	Dec 03	3,351	2,985	351	15
<i>Change on year</i>		18	14	2	2
<i>Change %</i>		0.5	0.5	0.6	14.8
Male jobs	Dec 99	1,699	1,424	268	7
	Dec 00	1,685	1,444	232	9
	Dec 01	1,741	1,480	254	6
	Dec 02	1,779	1,511	260	8
	Mar 03	1,748	1,480	260	8
	Jun 03	1,760	1,485	268	7
	Sep 03	1,770	1,491	271	8
	Dec 03	1,758	1,492	257	9
<i>Change on year</i>		-21	-19	-3	1
<i>Change %</i>		-1.2	-1.3	-1.2	18.1
Female jobs	Dec 99	1,493	1,406	81	5
	Dec 00	1,511	1,420	85	6
	Dec 01	1,509	1,425	80	4
	Dec 02	1,554	1,459	89	5
	Mar 03	1,560	1,462	93	5
	Jun 03	1,570	1,471	94	5
	Sep 03	1,578	1,475	97	5
	Dec 03	1,593	1,493	94	6
<i>Change on year</i>		39	34	5	1
<i>Change %</i>		2.5	2.3	5.8	10.1

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey, DfES

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4

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

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

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

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 00	2,855	2,864	15	21	502	136	1,324	867
	Dec 01	2,895	2,905	13	19	470	135	1,371	896
	Dec 02	2,959	2,971	14	18	448	140	1,431	921
	Mar 03	2,957	2,942	14	18	447	134	1,403	925
	Jun 03	2,961	2,956	15	18	444	136	1,417	927
	Sep 03	2,960	2,966	16	18	443	131	1,427	932
	Dec 03	2,973	2,985	14	18	439	133	1,445	936
<i>Change on qtr</i>		13							
<i>Change %</i>		0.5							
<i>Change on year</i>		14	14	1	0	-10	-7	15	15
<i>Change %</i>		0.5	0.5	4.0	2.1	-2.1	-4.8	1.0	1.7
Male jobs	Dec 00	1,433	1,444	10	13	366	117	656	283
	Dec 01	1,467	1,480	9	14	346	117	711	283
	Dec 02	1,497	1,511	10	12	337	121	747	284
	Mar 03	1,489	1,480	10	10	333	116	726	284
	Jun 03	1,494	1,485	10	11	330	116	734	284
	Sep 03	1,488	1,491	11	11	330	112	741	286
	Dec 03	1,477	1,492	10	11	326	114	744	287
<i>Change on qtr</i>		-11							
<i>Change %</i>		-0.7							
<i>Change on year</i>		-20	-19	0	-1	-10	-7	-3	2
<i>Change %</i>		-1.3	-1.3	1.6	-12.2	-3.1	-5.8	-0.4	0.9
Female jobs	Dec 00	1,422	1,420	5	9	136	19	668	584
	Dec 01	1,428	1,425	5	5	124	18	660	613
	Dec 02	1,462	1,459	4	5	111	18	684	637
	Mar 03	1,468	1,462	4	7	114	18	677	641
	Jun 03	1,467	1,471	5	7	114	20	683	643
	Sep 03	1,471	1,475	5	8	113	19	685	646
	Dec 03	1,496	1,493	4	7	112	19	701	649
<i>Change on qtr</i>		24							
<i>Change %</i>		1.7							
<i>Change on year</i>		34	34	0	2	1	0	17	13
<i>Change %</i>		2.3	2.3	10.0	33.7	0.8	2.0	2.5	2.0

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

Source: Employer surveys

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 812318

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

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

North West

6 Actual weekly hours of work

not seasonally adjusted

		Average actual weekly hours of work				
		Total weekly hours (millions)	All workers*	Full-time**	Part-time**	Workers with second jobs
		1	2	3	4	5
People	Dec - Feb 2001	95	31.5	36.4	15.8	8.4
	Dec - Feb 2002	94	31.1	35.8	15.6	9.3
	Dec - Feb 2003	94	30.5	34.8	15.9	8.8
	Mar - May 2003	100	32.3	37.2	16.3	8.7
	Jun - Aug 2003	98	31.6	36.5	16.0	10.1
	Sep - Nov 2003	101	32.5	37.6	16.3	9.8
	Dec - Feb 2004	95	30.4	35.2	15.8	9.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>2.0</i>	
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	59	36.2	38.1	15.1	8.4
	Dec - Feb 2002	57	35.4	37.3	13.6	8.9
	Dec - Feb 2003	57	34.7	36.1	16.4	9.1
	Mar - May 2003	61	36.8	38.7	16.3	9.0
	Jun - Aug 2003	61	36.4	38.3	16.5	10.3
	Sep - Nov 2003	62	37.5	39.4	16.1	10.9
	Dec - Feb 2004	58	34.8	36.8	14.6	10.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-1.8</i>	<i>1.8</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>-11.0</i>	<i>20.2</i>	
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	37	26.1	33.2	16.0	8.5
	Dec - Feb 2002	37	26.3	33.1	16.1	9.6
	Dec - Feb 2003	37	25.8	32.5	15.8	8.7
	Mar - May 2003	39	27.1	34.5	16.4	8.4
	Jun - Aug 2003	37	26.0	33.1	15.8	9.9
	Sep - Nov 2003	39	26.9	34.2	16.3	9.1
	Dec - Feb 2004	37	25.5	32.4	16.1	7.8
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-0.9</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-1.1</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>-10.5</i>	

* main and second jobs

Source: Labour Force Survey

** main jobs only

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

7 Claimant count* levels and rates

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Claimant count		Inflows (standardised**)	Outflows (standardised**)	Claimant count (not seasonally adjusted)	
		Level	Rate (%) ^{##}	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ^{##}
		1	2	3	4	5	6
People	2003	IBWA	IBWC			IBWB	IBWD
	April	112.9	3.4	28.1	29.2	117.5	3.5
	May	113.9	3.4	27.8	27.9	115.7	3.5
	June#	113.4	3.4	28.6	28.9	112.8	3.4
	July	112.1	3.4	27.2	28.5	113.7	3.4
	August#	110.6	3.3	26.8	28.2	113.2	3.4
	September	110.4	3.3	27.0	28.2	108.9	3.3
	October	109.5	3.3	26.6	27.7	104.0	3.1
	November#	107.7	3.3	26.1	27.5	101.9	3.1
	December	105.9	3.2	26.2	27.5	103.2	3.1
	2004						
	January	103.2	3.1	25.4	26.5	112.0	3.4
	February#	103.2	3.1	26.1	26.4	112.8	3.4
	March (r)	102.6	3.1	25.9	26.5	109.5	3.3
	April (p)	101.5	3.1	25.1	26.1	106.3	3.2
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-1.1	0.0	-0.8	-0.4	-3.2	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.1		-3.1	-1.5	-2.9	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-11.4	-0.3	-3.0	-3.1	-11.3	-0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	-10.1		-10.7	-10.6	-9.6	
Men	2003	ZMPU	ZMPV				
	April	87.4	4.9	20.6	21.7	91.1	5.1
	May	88.3	4.9	20.4	20.5	89.9	5.0
	June#	87.9	4.9	21.1	21.3	87.5	4.9
	July	86.8	4.8	20.0	21.1	86.8	4.8
	August#	85.4	4.8	19.7	20.8	85.4	4.8
	September	85.1	4.8	19.7	20.7	82.4	4.6
	October	84.5	4.7	19.4	20.3	79.3	4.4
	November#	83.0	4.6	19.1	20.2	78.3	4.4
	December	81.4	4.5	19.2	20.2	79.8	4.5
	2004						
	January	79.5	4.4	18.7	19.3	86.6	4.8
	February#	79.0	4.4	19.0	19.6	86.6	4.8
	March (r)	78.4	4.4	18.9	19.5	83.8	4.7
	April (p)	77.5	4.3	18.2	19.1	81.1	4.5
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-2.7	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.1		-3.7	-2.1	-3.3	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-9.9	-0.6	-2.4	-2.6	-10.0	-0.6
	<i>Change %</i>	-11.3		-11.7	-12.0	-11.0	
Women	2003	ZMPW	ZMPX				
	April	25.5	1.7	7.5	7.5	26.4	1.7
	May	25.6	1.7	7.4	7.4	25.8	1.7
	June#	25.5	1.7	7.5	7.6	25.3	1.7
	July	25.3	1.7	7.2	7.4	26.9	1.8
	August#	25.2	1.7	7.1	7.4	27.8	1.8
	September	25.3	1.7	7.3	7.5	26.5	1.7
	October	25.0	1.6	7.2	7.4	24.8	1.6
	November#	24.7	1.6	7.0	7.3	23.6	1.6
	December	24.5	1.6	7.0	7.3	23.4	1.5
	2004						
	January	23.7	1.6	6.7	7.2	25.4	1.7
	February#	24.2	1.6	7.1	6.8	26.2	1.7
	March (r)	24.2	1.6	7.0	7.0	25.7	1.7
	April (p)	24.0	1.6	6.9	7.0	25.2	1.7
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.8		-1.4	0.0	-1.9	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-1.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-1.2	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-5.9		-8.0	-6.7	-4.6	

* 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 7.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4.33 week month but not seasonally adjusted, for April 2004 were 24,850 in total,

18,030 for men and 6,820 for women. The corresponding outflow figures were 20,645 men and 7,229 women.

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

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

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

	All ages							18-24					
	All computerised claims		Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People													
Apr 02	124.3	123.1	81.5	21.3	20.3	16.5	7.9	35.2	28.5	5.9	0.8	2.1	0.1
Apr 03	117.5	116.5	79.2	20.1	17.2	14.7	6.1	34.7	28.6	5.2	0.8	2.4	0.1
May 03	115.7	114.5	76.4	20.9	17.2	15.0	6.0	33.9	27.5	5.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
Jun 03 #	112.8	111.7	73.8	21.1	16.9	15.1	5.8	32.9	26.4	5.6	0.8	2.5	0.1
Jul 03	113.7	112.6	75.6	20.2	16.8	14.9	5.7	34.4	28.2	5.3	0.9	2.6	0.1
Aug 03 #	113.2	112.2	75.4	20.1	16.7	14.8	5.6	35.2	28.9	5.4	0.9	2.5	0.1
Sep 03	108.9	107.9	72.1	19.3	16.5	15.3	5.6	33.7	27.7	5.1	0.9	2.6	0.1
Oct 03	104.0	103.1	68.8	18.2	16.1	15.6	5.4	31.3	25.9	4.6	0.8	2.6	0.1
Nov 03 #	101.9	100.9	68.1	17.0	15.8	15.7	5.3	29.9	25.1	4.1	0.8	2.6	0.1
Dec 03	103.2	102.3	69.9	16.7	15.8	15.4	5.2	30.2	25.5	3.9	0.8	2.5	0.1
Jan 04	112.0	111.0	76.9	18.0	16.2	14.6	5.2	33.2	28.0	4.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
Feb 04 #	112.8	111.8	78.3	17.5	16.1	14.4	5.0	34.8	29.5	4.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
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
Change on year	-11.3	-11.0	-7.1	-2.1	-1.8	-0.2	-1.3	-2.4	-2.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	-9.6	-9.4	-8.9	-10.6	-10.5		-20.7	-7.0	-7.3	-5.7	-5.3		44.7
Men													
Apr 02	97.0	96.1	62.0	16.9	17.3	18.0	6.8	25.3	20.5	4.2	0.5	2.0	0.0
Apr 03	91.1	90.3	59.9	15.9	14.5	16.0	5.2	24.9	20.6	3.7	0.6	2.3	0.1
May 03	89.9	89.0	57.9	16.6	14.5	16.3	5.1	24.4	19.8	4.0	0.6	2.3	0.1
Jun 03 #	87.5	86.6	55.6	16.8	14.3	16.5	5.0	23.6	18.9	4.1	0.6	2.4	0.1
Jul 03	86.8	86.0	55.8	16.1	14.1	16.4	4.9	24.0	19.6	3.9	0.6	2.5	0.1
Aug 03 #	85.4	84.6	54.7	15.9	14.0	16.5	4.8	24.3	19.8	3.9	0.6	2.4	0.1
Sep 03	82.4	81.7	52.6	15.3	13.8	16.9	4.7	23.4	19.0	3.7	0.6	2.5	0.1
Oct 03	79.3	78.5	50.7	14.4	13.5	17.2	4.6	21.8	18.0	3.3	0.6	2.6	0.1
Nov 03 #	78.3	77.5	50.9	13.4	13.2	17.1	4.5	21.1	17.6	2.9	0.5	2.5	0.1
Dec 03	79.8	79.1	52.7	13.2	13.2	16.7	4.4	21.5	18.1	2.9	0.5	2.4	0.1
Jan 04	86.6	85.9	58.1	14.3	13.5	15.7	4.4	23.8	19.9	3.2	0.6	2.4	0.1
Feb 04 #	86.6	85.9	58.7	13.8	13.4	15.6	4.2	24.7	20.9	3.2	0.6	2.4	0.1
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
Change on year	-10.0	-9.8	-6.1	-1.9	-1.8	-0.3	-1.2	-2.1	-1.8	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Change %	-11.0	-10.8	-10.2	-11.9	-12.3		-22.3	-8.3	-8.8	-6.5	-1.8		37.7
Women													
Apr 02	27.3	27.0	19.5	4.4	3.0	11.1	1.1	9.9	8.0	1.7	0.2	2.4	0.0
Apr 03	26.4	26.1	19.3	4.1	2.7	10.2	0.9	9.8	8.1	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
May 03	25.8	25.5	18.5	4.3	2.7	10.4	0.8	9.5	7.7	1.6	0.3	2.9	0.0
Jun 03 #	25.3	25.1	18.2	4.3	2.6	10.3	0.8	9.3	7.5	1.5	0.2	2.6	0.0
Jul 03	26.9	26.6	19.7	4.2	2.7	10.1	0.8	10.4	8.6	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
Aug 03 #	27.8	27.5	20.7	4.2	2.7	9.7	0.8	10.9	9.1	1.5	0.3	2.6	0.0
Sep 03	26.5	26.3	19.6	4.0	2.7	10.3	0.8	10.3	8.7	1.4	0.3	2.8	0.1
Oct 03	24.8	24.5	18.1	3.8	2.6	10.7	0.8	9.5	8.0	1.3	0.3	2.7	0.1
Nov 03 #	23.6	23.4	17.2	3.5	2.6	11.1	0.8	8.9	7.5	1.1	0.2	2.8	0.0
Dec 03	23.4	23.2	17.1	3.4	2.6	11.2	0.8	8.7	7.4	1.0	0.2	2.8	0.0
Jan 04	25.4	25.1	18.7	3.7	2.7	10.7	0.8	9.5	8.0	1.2	0.2	2.6	0.0
Feb 04 #	26.2	25.9	19.6	3.6	2.7	10.3	0.8	10.1	8.6	1.2	0.2	2.4	0.0
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
Change on year	-1.2	-1.2	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Change %	-4.6	-4.6	-4.9	-5.5	-0.6		-11.2	-3.6	-3.3	-3.6	-12.7		56.3

* 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.

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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 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months
People												
Apr 02	67.0	40.7	12.2	14.1	21.0	4.9	18.8	10.3	3.1	5.4	28.8	3.0
Apr 03	62.3	39.1	12.0	11.2	18.0	3.3	17.6	9.7	2.8	5.1	28.8	2.7
May 03	61.6	38.0	12.4	11.3	18.3	3.2	17.2	9.2	2.9	5.1	29.5	2.7
Jun 03 #	60.2	36.8	12.4	11.0	18.3	3.0	16.8	8.8	2.9	5.0	30.0	2.7
Jul 03	59.8	36.9	11.9	10.9	18.3	2.9	16.7	8.9	2.9	5.0	30.0	2.7
Aug 03 #	58.9	36.3	11.8	10.8	18.3	2.8	16.5	8.7	2.8	5.0	30.3	2.7
Sep 03	56.8	34.8	11.3	10.7	18.8	2.7	16.0	8.3	2.7	4.9	30.9	2.7
Oct 03	54.8	33.5	10.9	10.4	19.0	2.6	15.6	8.0	2.6	4.9	31.4	2.6
Nov 03 #	54.0	33.5	10.3	10.2	18.8	2.5	15.6	8.3	2.5	4.9	31.3	2.6
Dec 03	55.0	34.6	10.3	10.2	18.5	2.4	15.7	8.5	2.4	4.8	30.8	2.6
Jan 04	59.3	38.0	10.8	10.4	17.6	2.4	17.0	9.5	2.6	4.9	28.9	2.6
Feb 04 #	58.4	37.7	10.4	10.3	17.7	2.3	16.6	9.3	2.5	4.9	29.3	2.6
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
Change on year	-6.9	-3.9	-1.5	-1.5	-0.4	-1.1	-1.5	-0.9	-0.3	-0.3	1.1	-0.2
Change %	-11.1	-10.0	-12.8	-13.2	-0.4	-33.6	-8.5	-9.4	-11.5	-5.2		-7.3
Men												
Apr 02	55.1	32.6	10.2	12.3	22.3	4.3	14.6	7.7	2.4	4.5	30.8	2.5
Apr 03	50.9	31.1	10.0	9.7	19.1	2.8	13.5	7.2	2.2	4.2	31.0	2.3
May 03	50.3	30.2	10.4	9.7	19.3	2.8	13.3	6.8	2.2	4.2	31.8	2.3
Jun 03 #	49.1	29.2	10.4	9.5	19.4	2.6	12.9	6.5	2.2	4.2	32.3	2.3
Jul 03	48.3	28.9	10.0	9.4	19.5	2.6	12.8	6.4	2.2	4.1	32.3	2.3
Aug 03 #	47.1	28.0	9.8	9.3	19.7	2.4	12.3	6.1	2.1	4.1	33.2	2.3
Sep 03	45.5	26.9	9.4	9.2	20.1	2.4	12.0	5.9	2.1	4.0	33.7	2.3
Oct 03	44.1	26.2	9.0	8.9	20.2	2.3	11.8	5.8	2.0	4.0	33.8	2.2
Nov 03 #	43.8	26.5	8.5	8.7	19.9	2.2	12.0	6.1	1.9	4.0	33.4	2.2
Dec 03	44.8	27.6	8.5	8.7	19.4	2.1	12.1	6.3	1.9	4.0	32.8	2.2
Jan 04	48.3	30.3	9.0	8.9	18.4	2.1	13.0	7.1	2.0	4.0	30.7	2.2
Feb 04 #	47.4	29.9	8.7	8.8	18.6	2.0	12.7	6.9	1.9	4.0	31.2	2.2
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
Change on year	-6.2	-3.4	-1.4	-1.5	-0.6	-1.0	-1.3	-0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.9	-0.2
Change %	-12.3	-10.9	-13.8	-15.0	-0.6	-35.0	-9.9	-10.6	-12.5	-7.4		-7.9
Women												
Apr 02	11.9	8.1	2.0	1.8	15.2	0.6	4.3	2.6	0.7	0.9	22.1	0.5
Apr 03	11.4	8.0	1.9	1.5	13.2	0.4	4.0	2.5	0.7	0.9	21.6	0.4
May 03	11.3	7.7	2.0	1.5	13.5	0.4	3.9	2.4	0.7	0.9	21.9	0.4
Jun 03 #	11.2	7.6	2.0	1.5	13.3	0.4	3.8	2.3	0.7	0.9	22.3	0.4
Jul 03	11.5	8.0	2.0	1.5	13.2	0.4	4.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	22.5	0.4
Aug 03 #	11.8	8.3	2.0	1.5	12.7	0.3	4.1	2.6	0.7	0.9	21.7	0.4
Sep 03	11.3	7.8	1.9	1.5	13.4	0.4	4.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	22.5	0.4
Oct 03	10.6	7.3	1.9	1.5	13.9	0.4	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.8	0.4
Nov 03 #	10.2	7.0	1.8	1.5	14.3	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	24.4	0.4
Dec 03	10.2	6.9	1.8	1.5	14.4	0.3	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	24.2	0.4
Jan 04	11.0	7.7	1.8	1.5	14.0	0.3	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	23.0	0.4
Feb 04 #	11.0	7.8	1.7	1.5	13.8	0.3	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	23.4	0.4
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
Change on year	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	2.1	0.0
Change %	-5.9	-6.3	-7.6	-2.1	0.5	-23.9	-3.8	-5.9	-8.3	5.5		-3.6

* 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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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	Dec - Feb 2001	3,188	3,108	97	390	773	1,197	652	80
	Dec - Feb 2002	3,188	3,103	88	413	739	1,195	667	85
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,232	3,150	91	441	710	1,197	710	83
	Mar - May 2003	3,245	3,157	84	428	712	1,206	727	88
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,269	3,182	93	443	707	1,204	735	87
	Sep - Nov 2003	3,278	3,182	97	443	703	1,224	713	97
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,275	3,180	91	445	700	1,226	718	95
	<i>Change on year</i>	43	31	1	4	-11	28	9	12
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.9	-1.5	2.4	1.2	14.5	
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	1,719	1,695	49	207	422	631	385	24
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,713	1,690	44	213	403	631	400	24
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,747	1,723	49	231	390	631	421	24
	Mar - May 2003	1,748	1,719	42	228	385	638	425	30
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,762	1,735	53	229	381	643	429	27
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,752	1,721	48	235	372	644	423	31
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,746	1,720	45	240	367	645	423	26
	<i>Change on year</i>	-1	-3	-5	9	-23	14	1	2
<i>Change %</i>	-0.1	-0.2	-9.6	3.9	-5.8	2.2	0.3	8.0	
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	1,469	1,414	48	182	351	566	267	55
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,474	1,413	44	200	337	564	268	61
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,485	1,427	41	210	321	567	288	58
	Mar - May 2003	1,496	1,438	41	200	327	567	302	58
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,507	1,447	40	214	326	561	306	60
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,526	1,460	50	209	331	581	290	66
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,529	1,461	47	205	333	581	296	68
	<i>Change on year</i>	44	34	5	-5	12	14	7	10
<i>Change %</i>	3.0	2.4	13.0	-2.5	3.8	2.5	2.6	17.3	
Economic activity rates (%)*									
People	Dec - Feb 2001	60.5	76.4	55.5	71.5	83.4	84.8	64.4	6.7
	Dec - Feb 2002	60.3	76.0	48.6	74.1	82.6	83.8	65.2	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	61.0	76.9	49.5	76.6	82.2	83.1	68.9	6.9
	Mar - May 2003	61.2	77.1	45.8	73.7	83.1	83.5	70.5	7.3
	Jun - Aug 2003	61.6	77.6	50.7	75.6	83.2	83.3	71.1	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2003	61.7	77.6	52.9	75.3	83.3	84.5	69.0	8.0
	Dec - Feb 2004	61.6	77.5	49.5	75.1	83.5	84.4	69.4	7.8
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.6	0.6	0.0	-1.5	1.3	1.3	0.5	1.0
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	68.1	80.9	55.1	77.7	92.6	90.7	65.6	5.7
	Dec - Feb 2002	67.6	80.5	47.2	77.7	91.7	89.9	67.5	5.4
	Dec - Feb 2003	68.7	81.9	52.9	81.5	92.4	89.1	70.7	5.5
	Mar - May 2003	68.7	81.7	45.5	79.5	92.3	90.0	71.2	6.7
	Jun - Aug 2003	69.1	82.4	56.4	79.1	92.1	90.6	71.8	6.0
	Sep - Nov 2003	68.7	81.8	50.8	80.6	90.7	90.5	70.7	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2004	68.4	81.7	47.5	82.0	90.2	90.5	70.5	5.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-5.3	0.5	-2.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	53.6	71.6	55.9	65.6	74.5	79.1	62.7	7.2
	Dec - Feb 2002	53.6	71.2	50.1	70.6	73.8	78.0	62.1	8.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	53.9	71.6	45.9	71.9	72.4	77.4	66.3	7.6
	Mar - May 2003	54.2	72.2	46.2	68.0	74.3	77.3	69.4	7.6
	Jun - Aug 2003	54.6	72.6	44.8	72.2	74.8	76.2	70.2	7.8
	Sep - Nov 2003	55.3	73.2	55.0	70.1	76.3	78.7	66.6	8.6
	Dec - Feb 2004	55.3	73.1	51.6	68.4	77.1	78.6	67.8	8.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.5	1.5	5.6	-3.5	4.7	1.2	1.4	1.3

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

* Denominator = all persons in relevant age group

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

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

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	Dec - Feb 2001	2,078	962	78	155	154	214	361	1,116
	Dec - Feb 2002	2,096	980	93	144	156	231	355	1,116
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,068	945	93	135	154	243	321	1,124
	Mar - May 2003	2,060	940	99	153	145	237	305	1,120
	Jun - Aug 2003	2,040	916	90	143	143	242	299	1,123
	Sep - Nov 2003	2,034	919	87	146	141	225	321	1,115
	Dec - Feb 2004	2,041	922	93	147	139	226	317	1,119
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-23	0	13	-16	-17	-4	-5
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3	-2.4	0.5	9.6	-10.1	-6.9	-1.1	-0.4	
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	807	400	40	60	34	65	202	406
	Dec - Feb 2002	822	409	49	61	36	71	192	412
	Dec - Feb 2003	797	380	44	53	32	77	174	417
	Mar - May 2003	798	385	51	59	32	71	172	413
	Jun - Aug 2003	787	369	41	60	33	67	169	418
	Sep - Nov 2003	798	384	46	57	38	68	175	415
	Dec - Feb 2004	806	386	49	53	40	67	177	420
	<i>Change on year</i>	9	6	5	0	8	-10	2	3
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	1.6	11.9	0.5	25.1	-12.5	1.3	0.8	
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	1,272	561	38	95	120	149	159	710
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,274	570	44	83	120	160	163	704
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,271	565	49	82	122	166	146	707
	Mar - May 2003	1,262	555	48	94	113	167	133	707
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,253	547	50	82	110	175	130	706
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,235	535	41	89	103	157	146	700
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,234	536	44	95	99	158	141	698
	<i>Change on year</i>	-37	-29	-5	13	-24	-7	-6	-8
<i>Change %</i>	-2.9	-5.1	-9.8	15.4	-19.3	-4.4	-3.9	-1.2	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

North West

11 Economic inactivity: reasons

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Breakdown of total aged 16-59/64										
		Total aged 16 & over	Total aged 16-59/64	Does not want job	Wants a job	Wants job but not seeking in last 4 weeks						
						Total	Availability to start work in next 2 weeks			Reasons for not seeking		
							Available	Not available	Long-term sick	Looking after family /home	Students	Other [#]
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
People	Dec - Feb 2001	2,078	962	712	250	231	78	154	94	65	22	50
	Dec - Feb 2002	2,096	980	720	259	240	78	161	97	67	24	52
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,068	945	698	246	227	69	158	95	71	22	39
	Mar - May 2003	2,060	940	712	228	208	57	151	87	57	28	37
	Jun - Aug 2003	2,040	916	686	230	205	65	140	82	63	22	39
	Sep - Nov 2003	2,034	919	705	214	198	65	133	78	54	21	46
	Dec - Feb 2004	2,041	922	724	198	182	58	124	73	49	21	38
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-23	25	-48	-45	-11	-33	-21	-22	0	-1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3	-2.4	3.6	-19.5	-19.8	-16.5	-21.2	-22.6	-30.6	-1.6	-3.6	
Men	Dec - Feb 2001	807	400	287	113	104	34	70	59	*	12	26
	Dec - Feb 2002	822	409	297	112	100	31	68	51	12	11	26
	Dec - Feb 2003	797	380	281	99	94	28	65	54	10	*	20
	Mar - May 2003	798	385	286	98	90	25	65	50	*	14	19
	Jun - Aug 2003	787	369	270	100	87	30	58	49	*	14	19
	Sep - Nov 2003	798	384	288	96	89	28	60	45	*	13	22
	Dec - Feb 2004	806	386	293	93	85	28	57	47	*	11	19
	<i>Change on year</i>	9	6	12	-5	-8	0	-8	-7	*	*	-1
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	1.6	4.1	-5.5	-9.1	-1.4	-12.4	-13.4	*	*	-2.6	
Women	Dec - Feb 2001	1,272	561	424	137	127	43	84	35	58	10	24
	Dec - Feb 2002	1,274	570	423	147	140	47	93	46	55	13	26
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,271	565	417	148	133	41	92	41	61	12	19
	Mar - May 2003	1,262	555	426	129	118	31	87	37	50	14	18
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,253	547	416	131	117	35	82	33	57	*	19
	Sep - Nov 2003	1,235	535	417	118	110	36	73	33	45	*	23
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,234	536	431	105	97	30	67	27	42	10	18
	<i>Change on year</i>	-37	-29	14	-43	-36	-11	-25	-14	-19	-2	-1
<i>Change %</i>	-2.9	-5.1	3.3	-28.8	-27.3	-27.0	-27.5	-34.7	-31.3	-18.7	-4.6	

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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VACANCIES

12 Jobcentre vacancies

North West

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Vacancies Notified		Vacancies unfilled		Vacancy outflow		Of which: Vacancies filled by Jobcentres	
	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2002	IBWG		IBWE		IBWH		IBWI	
April								
2003								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
2004								
January								
February								
March								
April								
	Change on year							
	Change on year %							

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system
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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

13 2002 local labour market indicators by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###			
			Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**	
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
United Kingdom total	36,567	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83	
Regional total	4,134	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	0.85	
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	57	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	0.74	
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	293	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	43	28	65.0	*	*	14	31.6	1,295	3.0	27	0.63	
Carlisle	62	41	67.1	*	*	17	27.8	1,532	2.5	57	0.92	
Copeland	42	28	68.4	*	*	11	25.3	1,667	4.0	31	0.74	
Eden	30	25	84.7	*	*	*	*	287	1.0	26	0.85	
South Lakeland	60	48	80.8	*	*	11	18.5	592	1.0	54	0.90	
Bolton	160	116	72.8	6	4.8	38	23.5	4,417	2.8	117	0.73	
Bury	111	82	73.9	4	4.7	25	22.3	2,002	1.8	67	0.60	
Manchester	275	148	58.9	16	9.6	88	34.8	13,320	4.8	347	1.26	
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	171	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	690	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	0.77	
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	0.75	
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	2.9	100	1.22	
Ribble Valley	33	27	81.7	*	*	6	17.0	216	0.7	31	0.93	
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	

13 2002 local labour market indicators by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###		
	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**		
	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	16-59/64 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
Knowsley	91	54	60.0	6	9.8	30	33.3	4,623	5.1	60	0.66
Liverpool	279	162	59.7	18	9.9	91	33.6	15,850	5.7	237	0.85
St. Helens	107	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	182	126	69.2	9	6.2	47	26.1	6,937	3.8	113	0.62

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

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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.

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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 7.

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).

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

14 2002 local labour market indicators by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits			Labour demand###	
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**		
			16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
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United Kingdom total	36,567	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83
Regional total	4,134	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	6.0	39	0.86
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	2.05
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	0.73
Manchester, Central	..	30	51.9	4	12.3	24	40.8	4,193	7.1	215	3.65
Manchester, Gorton	..	25	56.8	*	*	16	35.8	3,099	5.4	20	0.34
Manchester, Withington	..	39	71.3	*	*	13	24.3	1,847	3.0	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
Rossendale & Darwen	..	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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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	1.03

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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**		
	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	36,567	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83
Regional total	4,134	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	0.89
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	0.75
Workington	..	27	61.8	*	*	14	32.2	1,568	3.6	28	0.63

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

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

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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	36,567	26,683	74.0	1,494	5.1	7,899	21.9	958,759	2.6	30,214	0.83	
Regional total	4,134	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	152	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	839	570	70.1	36	5.8	207	25.5	25,850	3.1	818	0.97	
Greater Manchester North	718	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	0.85	
Lancashire CC	690	511	74.8	21	3.9	151	22.1	13,939	2.0	545	0.79	
Merseyside												
East Merseyside	198	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	182	126	69.2	9	6.2	47	26.1	6,937	3.8	113	0.62	

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LOCAL AREA DATA

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17 Claimant count* by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 8 APRIL 2004						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop [#]			Levels			Percentage [#]		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
United Kingdom total	675,663	229,563	905,226	3.6	1.3	2.5	-50,714	-10,153	-60,867	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Regional total	81,067	25,189	106,256	3.8	1.3	2.6	-10,045	-1,209	-11,254	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Blackburn with Darwen UA	1,747	513	2,260	4.1	1.3	2.7	35	-5	30	0.1	0.0	0.0
Blackpool UA	1,947	549	2,496	4.5	1.4	3.0	-339	-111	-450	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5
Halton UA	1,708	572	2,280	4.6	1.6	3.1	-540	-140	-680	-1.4	-0.4	-0.9
Warrington UA	1,499	471	1,970	2.4	0.8	1.7	-325	-131	-456	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Cheshire	4,302	1,432	5,734	2.0	0.7	1.4	-388	-70	-458	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Chester	812	300	1,112	2.2	0.8	1.5	-75	43	-32	-0.2	0.1	0.0
Congleton	421	180	601	1.4	0.7	1.1	-125	-1	-126	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Crewe and Nantwich	814	264	1,078	2.3	0.8	1.6	36	-45	-9	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Ellesmere Port and Neston	640	180	820	2.5	0.8	1.7	-66	-23	-89	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Macclesfield	752	226	978	1.6	0.5	1.1	-12	-10	-22	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vale Royal	863	282	1,145	2.2	0.8	1.5	-146	-34	-180	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Cumbria	4,467	1,438	5,905	2.9	1.0	2.0	-596	-159	-755	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Allerdale	990	328	1,318	3.4	1.2	2.3	-167	-4	-171	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
Barrow-in-Furness	992	227	1,219	4.4	1.1	2.8	-53	-52	-105	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Carlisle	919	362	1,281	2.9	1.2	2.1	-203	-41	-244	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Copeland	1,019	301	1,320	4.5	1.5	3.1	-106	-27	-133	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Eden	155	66	221	1.0	0.5	0.7	-26	-17	-43	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
South Lakeland	392	154	546	1.3	0.5	0.9	-41	-18	-59	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Bolton	2,835	877	3,712	3.4	1.1	2.3	-419	-91	-510	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Bury	1,441	510	1,951	2.5	1.0	1.8	-162	16	-146	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Manchester	9,122	2,565	11,687	6.9	2.1	4.6	-1,558	-257	-1,815	-1.2	-0.2	-0.7
Oldham	2,711	778	3,489	4.0	1.2	2.6	-228	-47	-275	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Rochdale	2,609	838	3,447	4.0	1.4	2.7	-497	0	-497	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Salford	2,864	766	3,630	4.1	1.2	2.7	-150	-24	-174	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Stockport	2,003	676	2,679	2.3	0.8	1.6	-318	5	-313	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Tameside	2,270	784	3,054	3.4	1.2	2.3	-226	-13	-239	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Trafford	1,710	539	2,249	2.6	0.9	1.8	-343	-41	-384	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Wigan	3,315	1,068	4,383	3.4	1.2	2.3	-397	-73	-470	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Lancashire	9,616	3,204	12,820	2.7	1.0	1.9	-666	-9	-675	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Burnley	808	295	1,103	3.0	1.1	2.1	-67	20	-47	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Chorley	638	237	875	1.9	0.8	1.4	-89	10	-79	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Fylde	328	107	435	1.5	0.5	1.0	2	12	14	0.0	0.1	0.0
Hyndburn	740	256	996	2.9	1.1	2.1	-4	-9	-13	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lancaster	1,418	464	1,882	3.4	1.2	2.3	-266	-42	-308	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Pendle	785	298	1,083	2.8	1.2	2.0	-107	0	-107	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Preston	1,772	471	2,243	4.2	1.2	2.8	72	2	74	0.2	0.0	0.1
Ribble Valley	136	48	184	0.8	0.3	0.6	-18	-3	-21	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Rossendale	450	192	642	2.2	1.0	1.6	-41	22	-19	-0.2	0.1	0.0
South Ribble	572	201	773	1.7	0.7	1.2	-23	3	-20	-0.1	0.0	0.0
West Lancashire	1,244	410	1,654	3.7	1.3	2.5	-166	-34	-200	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Wyre	725	225	950	2.4	0.8	1.6	41	10	51	0.1	0.0	0.1
Knowsley	2,951	890	3,841	6.5	2.0	4.2	-392	-69	-461	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Liverpool	11,200	3,332	14,532	8.0	2.4	5.3	-1,000	98	-902	-0.7	0.1	-0.3
St. Helens	2,402	830	3,232	4.3	1.6	3.0	-421	-9	-430	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Sefton	3,726	1,113	4,839	4.5	1.4	3.0	-630	-50	-680	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4
Wirral	4,622	1,444	6,066	5.0	1.6	3.3	-485	-29	-514	-0.5	0.0	-0.3

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

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

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system
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North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 8 APRIL 2004						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop [#]			Levels			Percentage [#]		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
United Kingdom total	675,663	229,563	905,226	3.6	1.3	2.5	-50,714	-10,153	-60,867	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Regional total	81,067	25,189	106,256	3.8	1.3	2.6	-10,045	-1,209	-11,254	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Altrincham & Sale West	484	180	664	1.7	0.7	1.2	-93	-21	-114	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Ashton under Lyne	1,107	354	1,461	3.7	1.2	2.5	-171	-27	-198	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Barrow & Furness	1,147	282	1,429	4.2	1.1	2.7	-59	-48	-107	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Birkenhead	1,920	569	2,489	8.6	2.4	5.4	-184	33	-151	-0.8	0.1	-0.3
Blackburn	1,383	384	1,767	4.5	1.3	3.0	-47	-23	-70	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	1,122	300	1,422	4.1	1.2	2.7	5	-17	-12	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Blackpool South	1,344	397	1,741	4.5	1.5	3.1	-321	-98	-419	-1.1	-0.4	-0.7
Bolton North East	1,110	326	1,436	4.1	1.3	2.7	-126	-37	-163	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Bolton South East	1,194	360	1,554	4.2	1.4	2.9	-192	-57	-249	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5
Bolton West	531	191	722	2.0	0.8	1.4	-101	3	-98	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Bootle	1,871	548	2,419	8.4	2.4	5.4	-322	5	-317	-1.4	0.0	-0.7
Burnley	808	295	1,103	3.0	1.1	2.1	-67	20	-47	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Bury North	788	264	1,052	2.7	1.0	1.9	-55	12	-43	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Bury South	653	246	899	2.4	0.9	1.7	-107	4	-103	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Carlisle	795	308	1,103	3.3	1.4	2.4	-183	-38	-221	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Cheadle	339	121	460	1.3	0.5	0.9	-108	-15	-123	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Chester, City of	727	252	979	2.6	0.9	1.8	-49	52	3	-0.2	0.2	0.0
Chorley	638	237	875	1.9	0.8	1.4	-89	10	-79	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Congleton	421	180	601	1.4	0.7	1.1	-125	-1	-126	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Copeland	1,019	301	1,320	4.5	1.5	3.1	-106	-27	-133	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Crewe & Nantwich	773	245	1,018	2.6	0.9	1.8	37	-43	-6	0.1	-0.2	0.0
Crosby	761	257	1,018	3.5	1.2	2.4	-127	1	-126	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
Denton & Reddish	849	295	1,144	3.0	1.1	2.1	-134	12	-122	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Eccles	998	309	1,307	3.4	1.2	2.3	-40	53	13	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Eddisbury	477	184	661	1.7	0.7	1.2	-84	-39	-123	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Ellesmere Port & Neston	660	194	854	2.4	0.8	1.6	-80	-19	-99	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Fylde	494	157	651	1.8	0.6	1.2	-1	5	4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Halton	1,078	371	1,449	4.2	1.5	2.9	-400	-89	-489	-1.6	-0.4	-1.0
Hazel Grove	436	159	595	1.7	0.7	1.2	-60	13	-47	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Heywood & Middleton	979	353	1,332	3.2	1.2	2.2	-250	13	-237	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Hyndburn	838	287	1,125	3.0	1.1	2.1	22	1	23	0.1	0.0	0.0
Knowsley North & Sefton East	1,489	473	1,962	5.2	1.7	3.5	-184	-38	-222	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Knowsley South	1,774	522	2,296	5.9	1.8	3.9	-269	-54	-323	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Lancaster & Wyre	593	197	790	1.9	0.7	1.3	-26	8	-18	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Leigh	1,021	335	1,356	3.4	1.2	2.4	-116	-56	-172	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Liverpool, Garston	1,557	521	2,078	6.1	2.1	4.2	-161	39	-122	-0.6	0.2	-0.2
Liverpool, Riverside	3,084	867	3,951	9.7	2.8	6.3	-226	70	-156	-0.7	0.2	-0.2
Liverpool, Walton	2,264	693	2,957	8.4	2.7	5.6	-302	-6	-308	-1.1	0.0	-0.6
Liverpool, Wavertree	2,149	615	2,764	7.6	2.2	4.9	-96	1	-95	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Liverpool, West Derby	2,146	636	2,782	7.9	2.3	5.1	-215	-6	-221	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Macclesfield	474	118	592	1.7	0.4	1.1	15	6	21	0.1	0.0	0.0
Makerfield	922	298	1,220	3.2	1.1	2.2	-82	25	-57	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Manchester, Blackley	1,757	479	2,236	7.2	2.2	4.8	-402	-72	-474	-1.6	-0.3	-1.0
Manchester, Central	2,940	769	3,709	9.9	2.9	6.6	-370	-66	-436	-1.2	-0.3	-0.8
Manchester, Gorton	2,027	596	2,623	7.1	2.3	4.8	-480	-60	-540	-1.7	-0.2	-1.0
Manchester, Withington	1,215	375	1,590	4.0	1.3	2.7	-189	-79	-268	-0.6	-0.3	-0.5
Morecambe & Lunesdale	1,019	338	1,357	3.9	1.4	2.7	-224	-38	-262	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Oldham East & Saddleworth	1,011	338	1,349	3.1	1.1	2.1	-131	-5	-136	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Oldham West & Royton	1,464	371	1,835	4.9	1.3	3.1	-73	-21	-94	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2

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North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

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	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pendle	785	298	1,083	2.8	1.2	2.0	-107	0	-107	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Penrith & The Border	341	148	489	1.2	0.6	0.9	-88	-27	-115	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Preston	1,552	400	1,952	4.9	1.3	3.2	76	0	76	0.2	0.0	0.1
Ribble Valley	295	108	403	1.0	0.4	0.7	-41	5	-36	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Rochdale	1,553	459	2,012	5.1	1.6	3.4	-216	-17	-233	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Rossendale & Darwen	716	290	1,006	2.4	1.1	1.8	15	30	45	0.1	0.1	0.1
Salford	1,379	300	1,679	5.6	1.4	3.7	-46	-57	-103	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
South Ribble	541	181	722	1.8	0.6	1.2	-37	-9	-46	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Southport	782	203	985	3.0	0.8	1.9	-120	-33	-153	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
St. Helens North	1,076	383	1,459	3.7	1.4	2.6	-153	10	-143	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
St. Helens South	1,326	447	1,773	5.0	1.8	3.4	-268	-19	-287	-1.0	-0.1	-0.6
Stalybridge & Hyde	966	343	1,309	3.5	1.3	2.4	-27	4	-23	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Stockport	889	283	1,172	3.2	1.1	2.2	-99	-12	-111	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Stretford & Urmston	1,052	298	1,350	3.7	1.1	2.4	-220	-32	-252	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
Tatton	399	140	539	1.6	0.6	1.1	-17	-18	-35	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Wallasey	1,457	436	1,893	5.8	1.7	3.8	-160	-23	-183	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Warrington North	869	271	1,140	2.8	0.9	1.9	-188	-64	-252	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Warrington South	630	200	830	2.0	0.7	1.4	-137	-67	-204	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Weaver Vale	1,001	320	1,321	3.6	1.2	2.4	-225	-59	-284	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
West Lancashire	1,182	397	1,579	4.1	1.4	2.8	-128	-19	-147	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Westmorland & Lonsdale	237	99	336	0.9	0.4	0.7	-35	-22	-57	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Wigan	972	281	1,253	3.7	1.2	2.5	-143	-44	-187	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Wirral South	576	190	766	2.6	0.9	1.8	-92	-24	-116	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Wirral West	669	249	918	3.0	1.1	2.1	-49	-15	-64	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Workington	928	300	1,228	3.6	1.3	2.5	-125	3	-122	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Worsley	887	311	1,198	3.0	1.1	2.1	-120	-18	-138	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Wythenshawe & Sale East	1,357	407	1,764	4.6	1.4	3.1	-147	32	-115	-0.5	0.1	-0.2

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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

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