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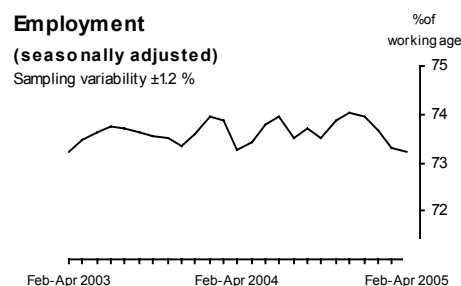
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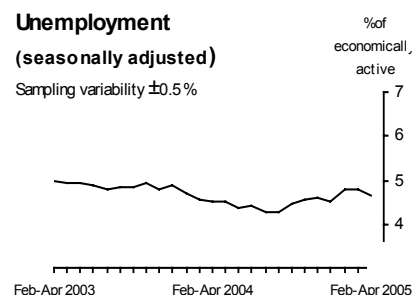
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Labour Force Survey data for the North West indicate that the trend in the employment rate is decreasing after a recent rise, and the rate in the latest period is unchanged from a year ago. The trend in the unemployment rate is increasing, but the latest rate is not significantly different from a year ago.

Data for the three months to April 2005 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 73.2 per cent, unchanged on a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.7 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point on a year earlier.



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



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		Level (thousands)	Rate (%)	Change on year (level)	Sampling variability (thousands)	Change on year (rate)	Sampling variability (%)
Employment*	Feb-Apr 05	3,179	73.2	40	± 78	0.0	± 1.5
Unemployment**	Feb-Apr 05	156	4.7	7	± 23	0.1	± 0.7
Economically active*	Feb-Apr 05	3,335	76.9	47	± 77	0.0	± 1.4
Economically inactive+	Feb-Apr 05	969	23.1	4	± 76	0.0	± 1.4
of which:							
Not wanting a job+	Feb-Apr 05	737		-19	± 69		
Wanting a job+	Feb-Apr 05	232		23	± 40		
Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar 2005	3,397		52	..		
Claimant count	May 2005	99.6	2.9 ⁺⁺	-0.5		0.0	

See note on page 7 on sampling variability.

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

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

+ Levels and rates are for those of working age.

++ Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. For regional claimant count proportions, using resident working age populations see Tables 17 and 18. See background note 5.

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New this month:

February to April 2005 data: latest three-month average LFS results;

May 2005 data: claimant count;

March 2005: workforce jobs.

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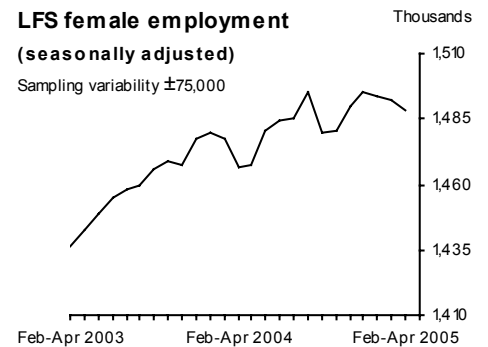


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 73.2 per cent in the February to April 2005 period, unchanged on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.18 million in the February to April 2005 period, up 40,000 on the same period a year earlier.



Seasonally adjusted employee jobs figures were up 17,000 in the quarter to March 2005.



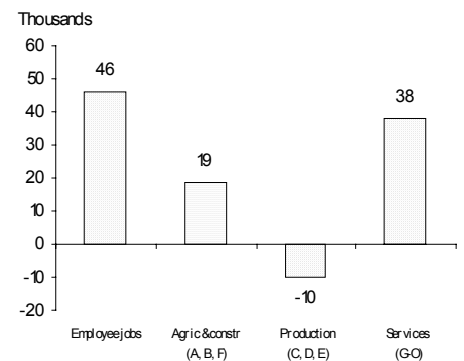
Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 46,000 in the year to March 2005. This was mainly due to rises in the service, construction and 'other' industries, partly offset by a fall in manufacturing industries.

Unemployment (table 1)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.7 per cent in the February to April 2005 period, up 0.1 percentage point on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in February to April 2005 were 4.9 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively.

Employee jobs by industry

Change on year from March 2004



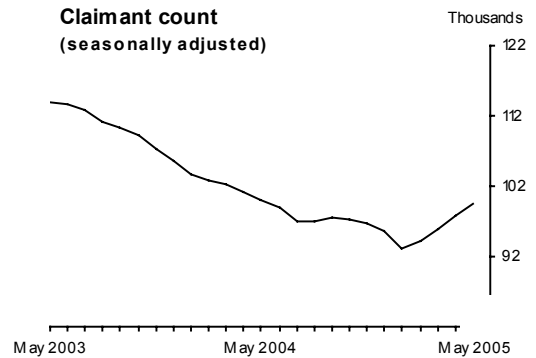
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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in May 2005 was 2.9 per cent, unchanged from April 2005, and unchanged since May 2004. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in May 2005 was 99,600, up 1,700 on April 2005, and down 500 since May 2004. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 101,500 in May 2005.



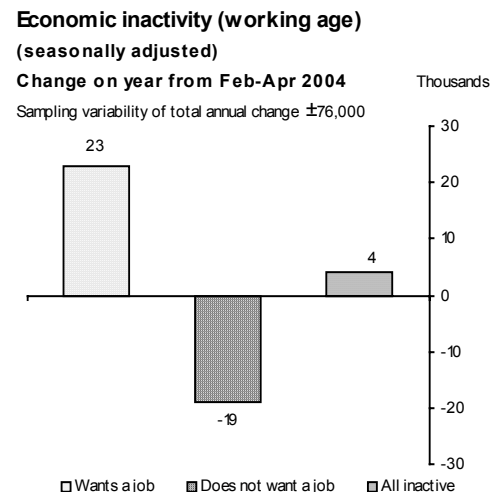
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 32,200 in May 2005, up 1,700 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for most age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically active people in the North West was 3.34 million in the February to April 2005 period.

Economically inactive (tables 1, 10 and 11)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically inactive people in the North West in the February to April 2005 period was 2.08 million, with 969,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was up 4,000.



Vacancies (table 12)

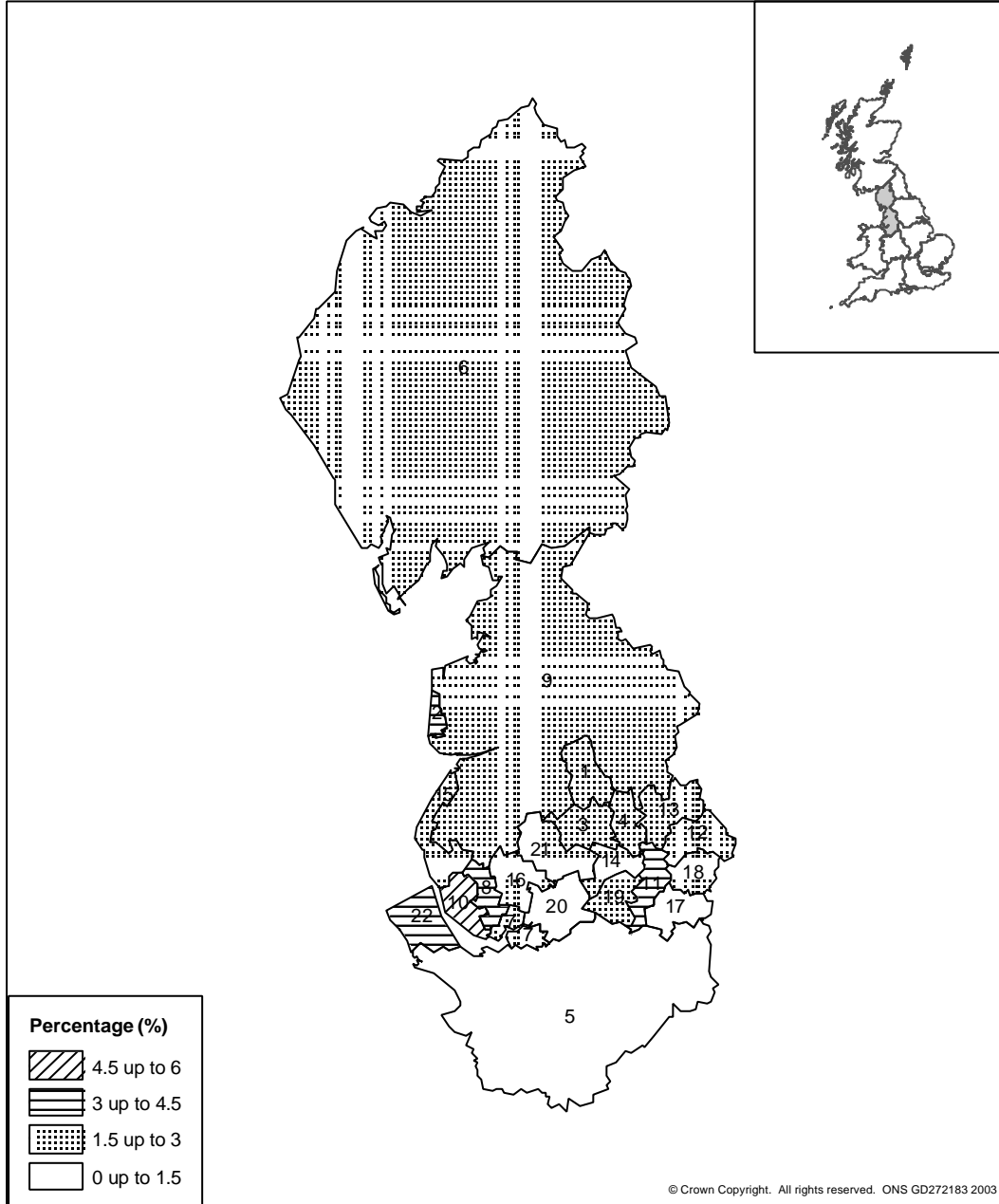
Publication of the seasonally adjusted Jobcentre vacancy series has been withdrawn. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct – see note on page 6.

Local area data (table 17)

The claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population was lowest in Eden, 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

May 2005 - North West



1	Blackburn with Darwen UA	2.8%	12	Oldham	2.6%
2	Blackpool UA	3.1%	13	Rochdale	2.7%
3	Bolton	2.5%	14	Salford	2.6%
4	Bury	1.8%	15	Sefton	2.5%
5	Cheshire	1.3%	16	St. Helens	2.5%
6	Cumbria	1.9%	17	Stockport	1.4%
7	Halton UA	2.9%	18	Tameside	2.2%
8	Knowsley	3.9%	19	Trafford	1.6%
9	Lancashire	1.8%	20	Warrington UA	1.4%
10	Liverpool	5.3%	21	Wigan	2.3%
11	Manchester	3.7%	22	Wirral	3.2%

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REVISIONS

General

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

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

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	73.2	60	-0.01	0.16
Unemployment rate (%)	4.7	60	0.01	0.06
Claimant count (000s)	99.6	56	0.07	0.39

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	3,397	10	104.80	104.80

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

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

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NEXT MONTH

Jobcentre vacancy data

From next month Table 12 and the relevant columns of the national labour market summary and Table 1a relating to jobcentre vacancies will be withdrawn and the current Tables 13 to 18 will be re-numbered accordingly. Publication of a range of Jobcentre Plus vacancy data has now been restored on Nomis® (<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>) to provide an insight into Jobcentre Plus performance and the types of vacancies notified to Jobcentre Plus. The statistics will, however, not be reinstated in ONS releases because of concerns over their appropriateness as a labour market indicator. For further details see the article 'Publication of Jobcentre Plus vacancy statistics' on page 253 of the June 2005 issue of Labour Market Trends or <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?id=1172>.

Economic inactivity

From next month more detail will be included in Table 11 Economic Inactivity: Reasons. The improvements will make the Table in the regional releases consistent with the Table in the national release, which introduced the improvements in November 2004, following consultation with key users of these data.

SPECIAL

Revisions to population estimates

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

Future LFS revisions

Future revised population estimates, when accompanied by consistent historical series, will be incorporated as swiftly as possible into revised LFS series using the interim LFS adjustment procedure. The aim will be to incorporate the new mid year estimates for 2004; due to be published in mid-August 2005, into the LFS estimates included in the September 2005 LMS First Release.

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Later on, it is planned that modernised LFS processing systems will be introduced that will enable new population data to be incorporated into revised LFS microdata to the same sort of timetable now achieved for LFS time series by using the interim adjustment procedure. Further information about the timing of this innovation will be made available as soon as possible. Currently, the aim is to complete this part of ONS's statistical modernisation work by March 2006.

Tables 13 to 16: Local labour market indicators

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

These tables include data from the annual local area Labour Force Survey. These data are weighted to population estimates which were released in February 2003, not the latest revised population estimates. Interim reweighting of monthly LFS estimates at national and regional level has been applied in order to take account of the revised population data. For the annual local area LFS data such an interim reweighting is not possible. (see background note 2).

Sampling variability and trends

More information on the statistics in this release can be found in the *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases*, available from the labour market helpline 020 7533 6094. Information is also available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp>.

Some data in this release are based on statistical samples and, as such, are subject to sampling variability. If many samples were drawn, each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the LFS data in this release and in the following table represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value. For more information, see the *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases*.

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February to April 2005

Thousands

	Levels			Quarterly changes			Annual changes		
	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit	Lower limit	LFS estimate	Upper limit
Employment	3,120	3,179	3,239	-97	-20	56	-37	40	118
Employment rate	72.0%	73.2%	74.4%	-2.2%	-0.7%	0.7%	-1.5%	0.0%	1.5%
Unemployment	139	156	173	-18	5	28	-16	7	30
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.7%	5.2%	-0.5%	0.2%	0.9%	-0.6%	0.1%	0.9%
Economically active	3,276	3,335	3,394	-91	-15	61	-29	47	124
Economic activity rate	75.7%	76.9%	78.0%	-2.1%	-0.6%	0.8%	-1.4%	0.0%	1.5%
Economically inactive	910	969	1,028	-47	28	104	-72	4	81

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

February to April 2005

	Employment	Unemployment	Economically Active	Working age Economically Inactive	Employment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)		
North East	± 34	± 11	± 34	± 35	± 1.8	± 0.9
North West	± 60	± 17	± 59	± 59	± 1.2	± 0.5
Yorks & Humber	± 49	± 15	± 48	± 47	± 1.3	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 39	± 12	± 40	± 45	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 51	± 15	± 50	± 49	± 1.2	± 0.5
East	± 50	± 15	± 50	± 46	± 1.1	± 0.5
London	± 65	± 24	± 63	± 63	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 60	± 17	± 59	± 56	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 49	± 13	± 49	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.5
Wales	± 39	± 11	± 39	± 40	± 1.8	± 0.8
Scotland	± 49	± 16	± 48	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.6

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BACKGROUND NOTES

1. The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.
2. Annual local area data from the LFS are included in Tables 13 to 16. All LFS micro-data have been reweighted to be consistent with post census population estimates, which were published in February 2003. However, during this reweighting exercise, revised population estimates were released, in September 2003. The quarterly, regional LFS data in this release have been interim reweighted to the latest (September 2003) population estimates, but for local area data such an interim reweighting is not possible. The LFS data in Tables 13 to 16 are therefore not consistent with the quarterly LFS data published elsewhere in the release. The next reweighting of LFS micro-data will be in 2005, after which all LFS outputs will be consistent with the latest population estimates (see note on future LFS revisions on page 6).

The annual LFS database is compiled by taking data from waves one and five of four quarters of the LFS and combining them with an additional sample of interviews. This sample boost was introduced in 2000 and has improved the accuracy of the annual estimates for some local areas in England and all local areas in Wales (a boost was also introduced in Scotland for the 2003/04 survey, and the results of this survey were published on 24 November 2004). There are now different publication thresholds for annual LFS data, depending on the size of the sample boost in the area. The thresholds are six thousand, four thousand, two thousand and as low as one thousand for some areas in Wales. For further information see Volume 6 of the *LFS User Guide*. This guide, along with additional data and further background information, are available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/lfs>. A wide range of annual local area data from the LFS is available free from the Nomis[®] website at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

3. Not seasonally adjusted claimant count data are gathered from an administrative source and constitute a complete count. However, seasonally adjusted totals are presented as rounded to the nearest hundred to avoid spurious precision.
4. Claimant count flows are the number of people joining or leaving the count in the period between the count dates. They are therefore affected by the number of weeks between count dates. To enable comparisons from month to month, the flows figures are standardised to a 4.33-week month before seasonal adjustment.

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

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

..	not available	-	nil or negligible
p	provisional	r	revised
*	grossed up total less than 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 other headline indicators

Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (March 2005); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (May 2005); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (May 2005); seasonally adjusted		
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies	Outflow of vacancies
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
North East	1,106	585	520	45.4	4.0	35.0	5.7	10.4	2.0			
North West	3,397	1,811	1,585	99.6	2.9	75.8	4.0	23.8	1.5			
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,450	1,329	1,121	74.6	2.9	56.1	4.0	18.5	1.6			
East Midlands	2,037	1,080	957	52.8	2.5	38.3	3.4	14.5	1.5			
West Midlands	2,651	1,449	1,202	95.2	3.5	72.5	4.9	22.7	1.9			
East	2,728	1,462	1,266	57.1	2.0	41.5	2.7	15.6	1.2			
London	4,526	2,509	2,017	161.3	3.4	115.0	4.4	46.3	2.2			
South East	4,253	2,265	1,988	70.5	1.6	51.9	2.2	18.6	0.9			
South West	2,552	1,341	1,211	42.3	1.6	30.8	2.2	11.5	0.9			
England	25,699	13,831	11,868	698.8	2.6	516.9	3.6	181.9	1.5			
Wales	1,277	673	605	40.6	3.1	30.9	4.4	9.7	1.6			
Scotland	2,527	1,328	1,199	86.9	3.3	66.2	4.7	20.7	1.7			
Great Britain	29,503	15,832	13,671	826.3	2.7	614.0	3.7	212.3	1.5			
N Ireland	810	431	379	29.0	3.4	22.0	4.7	7.0	1.8			
United Kingdom	30,313	16,263	14,050	855.3	2.7	636.0	3.7	219.3	1.5			

Publication of these jobcentre vacancy statistics in labour market statistics releases has been discontinued. Statistics of Jobcentre Plus vacancies are, however, available on Nomis®. See note on page 6.

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on March 2004); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on April 2005); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (Change on April 2005) seasonally adjusted		
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies	Outflow of vacancies
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
North East	-2	-2	0	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0			
North West	52	20	32	1.7	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.0			
Yorkshire & the Humber	11	7	4	1.2	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.0			
East Midlands	33	15	18	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.0			
West Midlands	48	39	9	6.0	0.2	5.5	0.4	0.5	0.0			
East	-8	-3	-5	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0			
London	15	21	-7	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.0			
South East	32	10	22	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0			
South West	22	5	17	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0			
England	202	113	89	12.0	0.0	10.9	0.1	1.1	0.0			
Wales	-2	-4	2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0			
Scotland	6	29	-23	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Great Britain	206	138	68	13.2	0.0	12.0	0.1	1.2	0.0			
N Ireland	12	6	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
United Kingdom	218	145	74	13.2	0.0	12.0	0.1	1.2	0.0			

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

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1. Workforce jobs is tabulated by region of workplace. Claimant count is tabulated by region of claimant's residence.
2. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.
3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

REGIONAL DATA

North West

1a Summary of other headline indicators

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)		
		Levels		
		Total	Males	Females
	Mar 02	3,248	1,719	1,529
	Mar 03	3,310	1,771	1,538
	Mar 04	3,344	1,791	1,554
	Jun 04	3,372	1,799	1,573
	Sep 04	3,374	1,796	1,578
	Dec 04(r)	3,435	1,831	1,604
	Mar 05	3,397	1,811	1,585
<i>Change on year</i>		53	20	31
<i>Change %</i>		1.6	1.1	2.0

		Claimant count ¹					
		Levels			Rates (%) ²		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
		IBWA	ZMPU	ZMPW	IBWC	ZMPV	ZMPX
2004							
	May #	100.1	76.4	23.7	2.9	4.1	1.5
	June	98.9	75.5	23.4	2.8	4.0	1.5
	July	97.0	74.3	22.7	2.8	4.0	1.4
	August #	97.1	74.3	22.8	2.8	4.0	1.4
	September	97.5	74.4	23.1	2.8	4.0	1.4
	October #	97.4	74.5	22.9	2.8	4.0	1.4
	November	96.8	73.9	22.9	2.8	3.9	1.4
	December	95.7	73.0	22.7	2.8	3.9	1.4
2005							
	January #	93.2	70.7	22.5	2.7	3.8	1.4
	February	94.1	71.5	22.6	2.7	3.8	1.4
	March	95.9	72.9	23.0	2.8	3.9	1.4
	April # (r)	97.9	74.3	23.6	2.8	4.0	1.5
	May (p)	99.6	75.8	23.8	2.9	4.0	1.5
<i>Change on period</i>		1.7	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		1.7	2.0	0.8			
<i>Change on year</i>		-0.5	-0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		-0.5	-0.8	0.4			

Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies
Level	Level
IBWG	IBWE

Publication of these vacancy statistics in labour market statistics releases has been discontinued. Statistics of Jobcentre Plus vacancies are, however available on Nomis®. See note on page 6.

1. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

2. Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. NB these are different from the proportions of the working age populations claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for local areas shown in Tables 17 and 18.

See background note 5.

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 2002	3,046	2,962	72	377	708	1,159	646	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,102	3,020	69	407	682	1,171	692	81
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,170	3,074	71	416	682	1,201	703	95
	Mar - May 2004	3,139	3,048	67	405	681	1,195	700	91
	Jun - Aug 2004	3,156	3,062	74	419	687	1,193	689	94
	Sep - Nov 2004	3,194	3,092	75	421	678	1,213	705	103
	Dec - Feb 2005	3,196	3,082	76	425	686	1,211	684	114
	<i>Change on year</i>	26	7	4	9	3	10	-19	19
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.2	6.1	2.1	0.5	0.8	-2.7	19.4
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	1,621	1,597	33	191	380	609	383	24
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,666	1,643	35	207	377	617	407	23
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,686	1,659	35	225	361	629	409	26
	Mar - May 2004	1,671	1,646	34	212	356	633	411	25
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,682	1,655	35	213	360	638	409	27
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,708	1,677	37	217	364	641	418	31
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,696	1,661	37	212	369	639	405	35
	<i>Change on year</i>	10	2	2	-13	8	10	-4	8
	<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.1	4.3	-5.7	2.1	1.6	-1.1	30.6
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	1,425	1,365	39	186	328	550	263	60
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,436	1,378	34	200	305	554	285	59
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,484	1,415	36	191	321	573	294	69
	Mar - May 2004	1,468	1,402	33	194	325	562	289	66
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,474	1,407	39	206	326	556	280	67
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,487	1,415	37	205	314	573	286	72
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,500	1,421	39	213	317	573	279	79
	<i>Change on year</i>	16	6	3	22	-4	0	-15	10
	<i>Change %</i>	1.1	0.4	7.9	11.4	-1.4	0.0	-5.0	15.1
Employment rates (%)¹									
People	Dec - Feb 2002	57.4	72.2	39.6	66.9	78.7	81.0	62.9	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	58.1	73.2	37.5	69.8	77.9	80.7	66.9	6.7
	Dec - Feb 2004	59.0	74.0	38.5	68.9	79.7	81.8	67.5	7.8
	Mar - May 2004	58.3	73.2	36.0	66.6	79.9	81.2	67.1	7.4
	Jun - Aug 2004	58.5	73.4	39.6	68.4	80.9	80.8	66.0	7.7
	Sep - Nov 2004	59.1	74.0	40.1	68.5	80.1	81.9	67.3	8.4
	Dec - Feb 2005	59.1	73.7	40.7	68.9	81.3	81.5	65.2	9.2
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	-0.3	2.2	0.0	1.5	-0.3	-2.3	1.4
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	63.6	75.6	35.7	68.9	86.3	86.4	64.4	5.4
	Dec - Feb 2003	64.9	77.4	37.3	71.7	87.9	86.4	68.0	5.2
	Dec - Feb 2004	65.1	77.6	37.3	74.8	86.2	87.1	67.9	5.9
	Mar - May 2004	64.4	76.8	35.5	69.9	85.4	87.4	68.0	5.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	64.7	77.1	36.9	69.8	86.7	87.8	67.6	5.9
	Sep - Nov 2004	65.6	78.0	39.5	70.8	87.8	88.0	69.0	6.7
	Dec - Feb 2005	65.0	77.1	38.8	68.9	89.3	87.4	66.6	7.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-0.5	1.5	-6.0	3.1	0.3	-1.3	1.7
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	51.7	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
	Dec - Feb 2004	53.2	70.2	39.6	63.0	73.5	76.8	67.0	8.9
	Mar - May 2004	52.6	69.5	36.4	63.3	74.7	75.1	65.8	8.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	52.7	69.6	42.4	67.0	75.4	74.0	63.7	8.7
	Sep - Nov 2004	53.1	69.9	40.6	66.2	72.7	76.1	65.1	9.3
	Dec - Feb 2005	53.5	70.1	42.6	68.9	73.5	75.9	63.4	10.2
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	-0.1	3.0	5.9	0.0	-0.9	-3.7	1.3

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of 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 ¹	Employees ¹	Self employed ¹	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 2002	3,046	2,709	316	*	13	2,291	754	108	167
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,102	2,755	332	*	*	2,347	754	111	152
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,170	2,796	347	13	13	2,339	828	111	150
	Mar - May 2004	3,139	2,763	351	*	18	2,348	788	104	137
	Jun - Aug 2004	3,156	2,776	365	*	10	2,359	796	93	143
	Sep - Nov 2004	3,194	2,806	372	*	12	2,392	802	107	148
	Dec - Feb 2005	3,196	2,810	367	*	14	2,400	795	96	147
	<i>Change on year</i>	26	13	19	*	1	61	-32	-15	-3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.5	5.5	*	11.0	2.6	-3.9	-13.3	-1.9
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	1,621	1,368	242	*	*	1,472	148	40	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,666	1,408	252	*	*	1,522	143	50	60
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,686	1,407	265	*	*	1,512	172	45	67
	Mar - May 2004	1,671	1,405	251	*	12	1,506	163	45	64
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,682	1,412	263	*	*	1,519	163	39	72
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,708	1,430	269	*	*	1,540	168	43	75
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,696	1,421	265	*	*	1,536	159	37	66
	<i>Change on year</i>	10	14	0	*	*	25	-13	-8	-1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.6	1.0	0.0	*	*	1.6	-7.5	-18.3	-0.9
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	1,425	1,341	75	*	*	819	606	68	83
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,436	1,346	80	*	*	825	611	62	93
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,484	1,390	82	*	*	828	655	66	83
	Mar - May 2004	1,468	1,357	100	*	*	843	625	60	73
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,474	1,365	102	*	*	840	634	55	72
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,487	1,377	103	*	*	852	634	63	74
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,500	1,389	101	*	*	864	636	60	81
	<i>Change on year</i>	16	-1	19	*	*	36	-19	-7	-2
	<i>Change %</i>	1.1	-0.1	23.0	*	*	4.4	-2.9	-9.9	-2.7

		Temporary workers (reasons for temporary working)				Part-time workers (reasons for part-time working)			
		Total ²	Could not find permanent job	Did not want a permanent job	Other	Total ²	Could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Other
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
People	Dec - Feb 2002	167	47	41	80	738	70	534	132
	Dec - Feb 2003	152	41	39	72	744	70	548	123
	Dec - Feb 2004	150	46	40	64	811	68	605	135
	Mar - May 2004	137	45	35	57	776	54	590	130
	Jun - Aug 2004	143	35	34	74	787	55	588	141
	Sep - Nov 2004	148	40	32	76	790	60	576	152
	Dec - Feb 2005	147	40	41	65	784	59	576	147
	<i>Change on year</i>	-3	-5	1	1	-27	-10	-29	12
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.9	-11.5	2.8	2.0	-3.3	-14.0	-4.8	8.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

3. Employees and self-employed.

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

EMPLOYMENT

4 Civilian workforce jobs¹

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self- employment jobs	Government- supported trainees
		1	2	3	4
All jobs	Mar 01	3,182	2,843	326	14
	Mar 02	3,248	2,890	348	10
	Mar 03	3,310	2,940	357	13
	Mar 04	3,344	2,963	366	15
	Jun 04	3,372	2,973	385	14
	Sep 04	3,374	2,983	377	14
	Dec 04(r)	3,435	3,019	402	14
	Mar 05	3,397	3,010	373	14
<i>Change on year</i>	52	46	7	-1	
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	1.6	1.9	-7.3	
Male jobs	Mar 01	1,668	1,421	239	8
	Mar 02	1,719	1,453	260	6
	Mar 03	1,771	1,501	263	8
	Mar 04	1,791	1,512	269	9
	Jun 04	1,799	1,518	272	8
	Sep 04	1,796	1,522	265	8
	Dec 04(r)	1,831	1,538	285	8
	Mar 05	1,811	1,540	263	8
<i>Change on year</i>	20	28	-6	-1	
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	1.8	-2.4	-9.1	
Female jobs	Mar 01	1,514	1,422	87	5
	Mar 02	1,529	1,437	89	4
	Mar 03	1,538	1,439	94	5
	Mar 04	1,554	1,451	97	6
	Jun 04	1,573	1,455	113	6
	Sep 04	1,578	1,461	112	6
	Dec 04(r)	1,604	1,481	117	6
	Mar 05	1,585	1,470	110	6
<i>Change on year</i>	32	19	13	0	
<i>Change %</i>	2.1	1.3	13.8	-4.6	

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey, DfES

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4

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

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

Self-employment jobs figures are provided by the LFS and Government-supported trainees figures are provided from administrative sources.

EMPLOYMENT

North West

5 Employee jobs¹ 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	Mar 02	2,904	2,890	14	18	464	131	1,359	905
	Mar 03	2,952	2,940	13	12	448	140	1,407	920
	Mar 04	2,975	2,963	15	10	430	134	1,438	936
	Jun 04	2,980	2,973	15	10	427	132	1,449	940
	Sep 04	2,980	2,983	17	10	423	132	1,455	946
	Dec 04(r)	3,003	3,019	17	10	420	149	1,472	952
	Mar 05	3,020	3,010	16	10	420	151	1,459	953
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	17							
	<i>Change %</i>	0.6							
	<i>Change on year</i>	45	46	2	0	-10	17	21	17
	<i>Change %</i>	1.5	1.6	10.6	0.1	-2.3	12.7	1.4	1.8
Male jobs	Mar 02	1,461	1,453	9	11	340	113	696	284
	Mar 03	1,504	1,501	9	8	339	121	738	286
	Mar 04	1,516	1,512	10	8	329	115	757	294
	Jun 04	1,526	1,518	10	8	327	114	764	295
	Sep 04	1,523	1,522	11	8	324	113	769	297
	Dec 04(r)	1,529	1,538	11	8	321	128	773	297
	Mar 05	1,542	1,540	10	8	322	130	771	299
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	13							
	<i>Change %</i>	0.9							
	<i>Change on year</i>	26	28	1	0	-7	15	14	5
	<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.8	5.8	0.5	-2.2	13.0	1.8	1.9
Female jobs	Mar 02	1,443	1,437	5	7	124	17	663	620
	Mar 03	1,448	1,439	4	4	109	19	669	634
	Mar 04	1,459	1,451	5	2	101	20	681	642
	Jun 04	1,454	1,455	6	2	100	19	684	645
	Sep 04	1,458	1,461	6	2	99	18	686	649
	Dec 04(r)	1,474	1,481	6	2	99	21	699	654
	Mar 05	1,478	1,470	6	2	98	22	688	654
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	4							
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3							
	<i>Change on year</i>	19	19	1	0	-3	2	7	12
	<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.3	19.7	-1.4	-2.7	11.0	1.0	1.8

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

Source: Employer surveys

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 812318

1. 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 sources

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

EMPLOYMENT

North West

6(1) Actual weekly hours of work

(hours) not seasonally adjusted

		Total weekly hours (millions) ¹	Average actual weekly hours of work			
			All workers ¹		Workers with second jobs	
			Full-time ²	Part-time ²		
		1	2	3	4	5
People	Dec - Feb 2002	95	31.1	35.8	15.6	9.3
	Dec - Feb 2003	95	30.5	34.8	15.9	8.8
	Dec - Feb 2004	97	30.5	35.2	15.8	9.0
	Mar - May 2004	101	32.1	37.0	16.3	8.0
	Jun - Aug 2004	98	31.2	36.0	15.6	10.2
	Sep - Nov 2004	104	32.7	37.8	16.1	10.1
	Dec - Feb 2005	99	31.0	35.9	15.3	8.7
<i>Change on year</i>		3	0.6	0.7	-0.5	-0.3
<i>Change %</i>		2.7	1.9	1.9	-3.3	-3.1
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	57	35.4	37.3	13.6	8.9
	Dec - Feb 2003	58	34.7	36.1	16.4	9.1
	Dec - Feb 2004	59	34.8	36.8	14.6	10.9
	Mar - May 2004	62	36.9	38.8	15.7	8.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	61	36.0	37.9	15.8	12.8
	Sep - Nov 2004	64	37.6	39.6	16.0	13.1
	Dec - Feb 2005	60	35.7	37.6	14.6	10.4
<i>Change on year</i>		2	0.9	0.8	0.0	-0.5
<i>Change %</i>		3.1	2.5	2.2	-0.1	-4.2
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	37	26.3	33.1	16.1	9.6
	Dec - Feb 2003	37	25.8	32.5	15.8	8.7
	Dec - Feb 2004	38	25.5	32.4	16.1	7.8
	Mar - May 2004	39	26.6	33.6	16.5	7.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	38	25.6	32.6	15.6	8.4
	Sep - Nov 2004	40	27.1	34.6	16.1	8.0
	Dec - Feb 2005	39	25.8	32.9	15.4	7.7
<i>Change on year</i>		1	0.3	0.5	-0.7	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>		2.1	1.0	1.5	-4.1	-0.7

1. Main and second jobs.

Source: Labour Force Survey

2. Main jobs only.

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

6(2) Usual weekly hours of work¹

not seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Dec - Feb 2004									
Less than 6 Hours	1.3	0.6	2.1	1.0	0.5	1.6	2.6	0.7	8.5
6 up to 15 hours	7.3	3.6	11.5	7.2	3.4	11.1	6.9	4.2	15.7
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	7.0	31.3	18.5	5.8	31.5	16.9	13.0	29.6
31 up to 45 hours	54.0	60.3	46.7	56.0	63.8	48.2	38.6	42.5	26.4
Over 45 hours	19.0	28.5	8.3	17.2	26.6	7.7	34.9	39.6	19.9
Total (thousands)	3,170	1,686	1,484	2,796	1,407	1,390	347	265	82
Sep - Nov 2004									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.3	0.6	2.0	2.5	1.6	4.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.6	2.6	11.3	6.7	2.6	10.9	5.8	2.2	15.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.0	7.7	29.7	17.7	6.6	29.2	19.9	13.4	37.1
31 up to 45 hours	54.1	59.3	48.1	56.2	62.2	49.9	38.6	43.8	24.8
Over 45 hours	19.8	29.6	8.6	18.1	28.0	7.9	33.3	39.1	18.1
Total (thousands)	3,194	1,708	1,487	2,806	1,430	1,377	372	269	103
Dec - Feb 2005									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.7	2.5	1.3	0.4	2.1	3.3	1.9	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.5	2.6	10.9	6.6	2.6	10.6	5.8	2.4	14.7
16 up to 30 hours	17.8	7.2	29.7	17.7	6.2	29.5	18.4	12.2	34.7
31 up to 45 hours	55.4	62.2	47.8	57.2	64.9	49.3	41.7	47.5	26.6
Over 45 hours	18.7	27.4	9.0	17.3	25.9	8.5	30.8	35.9	17.3
Total (thousands)	3,196	1,696	1,500	2,810	1,421	1,389	367	265	101

1. Main job only.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

7 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Claimant count		Inflows (standardised ³)	Outflows (standardised ³)	Claimant count (not seasonally adjusted)	
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
		1	2	3	4	5	6
People	2004	IBWA	IBWC			IBWB	IBWD
	May #	100.1	2.9	25.1	26.5	101.6	2.9
	June	98.9	2.8	25.0	27.1	98.0	2.8
	July	97.0	2.8	24.0	25.4	97.8	2.8
	August #	97.1	2.8	24.6	24.7	98.9	2.8
	September	97.5	2.8	24.7	25.0	96.0	2.8
	October #	97.4	2.8	24.8	24.8	92.5	2.7
	November	96.8	2.8	24.3	24.9	91.6	2.6
	December	95.7	2.8	24.7	25.1	93.4	2.7
	2005						
	January #	93.2	2.7	24.3	27.6	101.0	2.9
	February	94.1	2.7	25.2	24.8	103.0	3.0
	March	95.9	2.8	25.6	24.3	102.5	3.0
	April # (r)	97.9	2.8	25.7	24.1	102.3	2.9
	May (p)	99.6	2.9	26.0	24.4	101.5	2.9
	<i>Change on month</i>	1.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	-0.8	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	1.7		1.2	1.2	-0.8	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.5	0.0	0.9	-2.1	-0.1	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.5		3.6	-7.9	-0.1	
	Men	2004	ZMPU	ZMPV			
May #		76.4	4.1	18.3	19.6	77.6	4.1
June		75.5	4.0	18.3	19.8	74.8	4.0
July		74.3	4.0	17.6	18.6	73.8	3.9
August #		74.3	4.0	18.0	18.1	73.9	3.9
September		74.4	4.0	18.0	18.4	71.8	3.8
October #		74.5	4.0	18.1	18.1	69.8	3.7
November		73.9	3.9	17.8	18.2	69.7	3.7
December		73.0	3.9	18.0	18.4	71.7	3.8
2005							
January #		70.7	3.8	17.7	20.4	77.3	4.1
February		71.5	3.8	18.4	18.1	78.5	4.2
March		72.9	3.9	18.8	17.8	78.1	4.2
April # (r)		74.3	4.0	18.7	17.7	77.8	4.1
May (p)		75.8	4.0	18.7	17.5	77.2	4.1
<i>Change on month</i>		1.5	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.6	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		2.0		0.0	-1.1	-0.8	
<i>Change on year</i>		-0.6	0.0	0.4	-2.1	-0.4	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		-0.8		2.2	-10.7	-0.5	
Women		2004	ZMPW	ZMPX			
	May #	23.7	1.5	6.8	6.9	24.0	1.5
	June	23.4	1.5	6.7	7.3	23.2	1.5
	July	22.7	1.4	6.4	6.8	24.0	1.5
	August #	22.8	1.4	6.6	6.6	25.0	1.6
	September	23.1	1.4	6.7	6.6	24.3	1.5
	October #	22.9	1.4	6.7	6.7	22.7	1.4
	November	22.9	1.4	6.5	6.7	21.9	1.4
	December	22.7	1.4	6.7	6.7	21.7	1.4
	2005						
	January #	22.5	1.4	6.6	7.2	23.7	1.5
	February	22.6	1.4	6.8	6.7	24.5	1.5
	March	23.0	1.4	6.8	6.5	24.4	1.5
	April # (r)	23.6	1.5	7.0	6.4	24.6	1.5
	May (p)	23.8	1.5	7.3	6.9	24.3	1.5
	<i>Change on month</i>	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.5	-0.2	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8		4.3	7.8	-1.0	
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.4		7.4	0.0	1.3	

1. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

2. Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs.

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NB. These are different from the proportions of the working age populations claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for local areas shown in Tables 17 and 18. See background note 5.

3. 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.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4.33 week month but not seasonally adjusted, for May 2005 were 24,608 in total, 17,917

for men and 6,691 for women. The corresponding outflow figures were 18,293 for men and 6,805 for women.

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

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

9 Economic activity by age

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically active									
People	Dec - Feb 2002	3,204	3,119	88	417	743	1,200	670	85
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,259	3,176	91	447	719	1,206	713	83
	Dec - Feb 2004	3,318	3,223	92	454	715	1,240	723	95
	Mar - May 2004	3,279	3,187	86	444	707	1,233	716	92
	Jun - Aug 2004	3,308	3,211	101	464	711	1,229	705	97
	Sep - Nov 2004	3,349	3,243	100	469	705	1,247	721	106
	Dec - Feb 2005	3,352	3,235	93	476	713	1,247	707	116
	<i>Change on year</i>	34	12	1	22	-2	7	-16	21
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.4	1.1	4.8	-0.2	0.6	-2.2	22.2	
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	1,723	1,700	44	216	405	634	402	24
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,765	1,741	50	235	396	636	424	24
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,775	1,748	45	246	378	654	425	26
	Mar - May 2004	1,748	1,723	46	228	373	654	422	25
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,765	1,737	51	236	375	656	419	28
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,802	1,770	51	248	380	660	430	32
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,786	1,751	45	242	386	657	421	35
	<i>Change on year</i>	12	3	0	-4	8	3	-4	9
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.2	0.2	-1.6	2.1	0.4	-1.0	33.9	
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	1,480	1,419	45	202	338	566	268	61
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,494	1,435	41	212	323	570	289	59
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,543	1,475	47	208	337	586	297	69
	Mar - May 2004	1,531	1,465	40	216	335	580	294	67
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,543	1,473	50	228	336	573	286	69
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,547	1,473	48	221	325	587	291	74
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,565	1,484	48	234	327	590	286	81
	<i>Change on year</i>	22	10	1	26	-10	4	-12	12
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	0.6	1.9	12.4	-2.9	0.7	-3.9	17.7	
Economic activity rates (%)¹									
People	Dec - Feb 2002	60.4	76.0	48.6	74.1	82.6	83.8	65.2	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	61.1	77.0	49.5	76.7	82.2	83.2	68.9	6.9
	Dec - Feb 2004	61.7	77.6	49.5	75.1	83.5	84.5	69.4	7.8
	Mar - May 2004	60.9	76.6	46.4	72.9	83.0	83.8	68.7	7.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	61.3	77.0	54.3	75.7	83.9	83.2	67.5	7.9
	Sep - Nov 2004	62.0	77.7	53.6	76.2	83.4	84.2	68.9	8.6
	Dec - Feb 2005	61.9	77.4	49.9	77.1	84.5	83.9	67.4	9.5
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.2	-0.2	0.4	2.0	1.0	-0.5	-2.0	1.7
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	67.6	80.5	47.2	77.7	91.7	89.9	67.5	5.4
	Dec - Feb 2003	68.8	82.0	52.9	81.5	92.4	89.1	70.7	5.5
	Dec - Feb 2004	68.6	81.7	47.5	82.0	90.2	90.5	70.5	5.9
	Mar - May 2004	67.4	80.4	48.5	75.4	89.3	90.3	69.9	5.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	67.9	80.9	53.9	77.3	90.3	90.3	69.3	6.2
	Sep - Nov 2004	69.2	82.3	54.2	81.0	91.7	90.6	70.9	7.1
	Dec - Feb 2005	68.5	81.3	47.5	78.8	93.5	89.9	69.3	7.8
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-3.2	3.3	-0.6	-1.3	1.9
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	53.7	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
	Dec - Feb 2004	55.4	73.2	51.6	68.4	77.1	78.6	67.8	8.9
	Mar - May 2004	54.9	72.5	44.2	70.5	77.0	77.5	67.0	8.6
	Jun - Aug 2004	55.2	72.9	54.7	74.1	77.7	76.4	65.0	8.9
	Sep - Nov 2004	55.3	72.8	53.0	71.4	75.4	78.0	66.2	9.5
	Dec - Feb 2005	55.9	73.2	52.4	75.5	76.0	78.2	64.8	10.4
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.5	0.1	0.8	7.1	-1.1	-0.4	-3.0	1.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic inactivity by age

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically inactive									
People	Dec - Feb 2002	2,104	984	93	146	157	232	357	1,120
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,079	951	93	136	156	244	322	1,128
	Dec - Feb 2004	2,056	932	94	150	141	228	319	1,124
	Mar - May 2004	2,105	975	100	165	145	239	327	1,130
	Jun - Aug 2004	2,086	959	85	149	137	248	340	1,127
	Sep - Nov 2004	2,054	932	86	146	141	234	325	1,122
	Dec - Feb 2005	2,060	946	93	141	130	239	342	1,114
	<i>Change on year</i>	4	14	0	-9	-11	10	23	-10
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	1.5	-0.3	-5.9	-7.5	4.6	7.3	-0.9	
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	825	412	49	62	36	72	193	414
	Dec - Feb 2003	802	383	44	54	32	78	175	419
	Dec - Feb 2004	813	391	50	54	41	68	178	423
	Mar - May 2004	846	420	49	74	45	70	182	425
	Jun - Aug 2004	834	410	44	69	40	70	186	424
	Sep - Nov 2004	802	381	44	58	34	68	177	422
	Dec - Feb 2005	823	403	50	65	27	74	187	420
	<i>Change on year</i>	9	12	0	11	-14	6	9	-3
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	3.1	0.5	20.7	-34.4	8.1	5.2	-0.7	
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	1,279	573	44	84	120	160	164	706
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,277	568	49	83	123	167	147	709
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,243	541	44	96	100	160	141	702
	Mar - May 2004	1,259	554	51	90	100	169	145	705
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,252	549	41	80	96	177	154	703
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,251	551	43	88	106	165	149	700
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,237	543	43	76	104	165	155	694
	<i>Change on year</i>	-6	2	-1	-20	4	5	14	-7
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	0.3	-1.3	-20.9	3.5	3.0	9.8	-1.0	
Economic inactivity rates (%)¹									
People	Dec - Feb 2002	39.6	24.0	51.4	25.9	17.4	16.2	34.8	93.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	38.9	23.0	50.5	23.3	17.8	16.8	31.1	93.1
	Dec - Feb 2004	38.3	22.4	50.5	24.9	16.5	15.5	30.6	92.2
	Mar - May 2004	39.1	23.4	53.6	27.1	17.0	16.2	31.3	92.5
	Jun - Aug 2004	38.7	23.0	45.7	24.3	16.1	16.8	32.5	92.1
	Sep - Nov 2004	38.0	22.3	46.4	23.8	16.6	15.8	31.1	91.4
	Dec - Feb 2005	38.1	22.6	50.1	22.9	15.5	16.1	32.6	90.5
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-2.0	-1.0	0.5	2.0	-1.7
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	32.4	19.5	52.8	22.3	8.3	10.1	32.5	94.6
	Dec - Feb 2003	31.2	18.0	47.1	18.5	7.6	10.9	29.3	94.5
	Dec - Feb 2004	31.4	18.3	52.5	18.0	9.8	9.5	29.5	94.1
	Mar - May 2004	32.6	19.6	51.5	24.6	10.7	9.7	30.1	94.4
	Jun - Aug 2004	32.1	19.1	46.1	22.7	9.7	9.7	30.7	93.8
	Sep - Nov 2004	30.8	17.7	45.8	19.0	8.3	9.4	29.1	92.9
	Dec - Feb 2005	31.5	18.7	52.5	21.2	6.5	10.1	30.7	92.2
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.2	-3.3	0.6	1.3	-1.9
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	46.3	28.8	49.9	29.4	26.2	22.0	37.9	92.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	46.1	28.4	54.1	28.1	27.6	22.6	33.7	92.4
	Dec - Feb 2004	44.6	26.8	48.4	31.6	22.9	21.4	32.2	91.1
	Mar - May 2004	45.1	27.5	55.8	29.5	23.0	22.5	33.0	91.4
	Jun - Aug 2004	44.8	27.1	45.3	25.9	22.3	23.6	35.0	91.1
	Sep - Nov 2004	44.7	27.2	47.0	28.6	24.6	22.0	33.8	90.5
	Dec - Feb 2005	44.1	26.8	47.6	24.5	24.0	21.8	35.2	89.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-7.1	1.1	0.4	3.0	-1.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group.

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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	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
People	Dec - Feb 2002	2,104	984	724	261	241	79	162	97	67	24	52	
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,079	951	703	248	229	70	159	95	72	22	40	
	Dec - Feb 2004	2,056	932	731	201	184	59	125	74	50	22	38	
	Mar - May 2004	2,105	975	762	213	186	54	131	75	51	17	42	
	Jun - Aug 2004	2,086	959	727	232	206	63	144	85	44	23	53	
	Sep - Nov 2004	2,054	932	707	225	204	61	142	86	53	21	44	
	Dec - Feb 2005	2,060	946	728	217	199	61	138	79	56	21	43	
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>8.3</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>13.1</i>		
Men	Dec - Feb 2002	825	412	299	113	100	32	69	51	12	11	26	
	Dec - Feb 2003	802	383	283	100	94	29	66	54	10	10	20	
	Dec - Feb 2004	813	391	296	95	86	28	58	47	*	12	20	
	Mar - May 2004	846	420	322	98	83	28	55	41	11	*	22	
	Jun - Aug 2004	834	410	297	113	101	34	67	52	*	14	28	
	Sep - Nov 2004	802	381	281	100	89	30	59	47	*	13	23	
	Dec - Feb 2005	823	403	312	91	79	23	56	40	*	12	21	
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>-3.4</i>	<i>-7.9</i>	<i>-17.3</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>-14.9</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>7.5</i>		
Women	Dec - Feb 2002	1,279	573	425	148	140	47	93	46	55	13	26	
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,277	568	420	148	134	41	93	41	61	12	19	
	Dec - Feb 2004	1,243	541	435	106	98	30	68	27	42	10	19	
	Mar - May 2004	1,259	554	440	114	102	26	76	34	40	*	20	
	Jun - Aug 2004	1,252	549	430	119	106	29	77	33	38	10	25	
	Sep - Nov 2004	1,251	551	426	125	114	31	83	38	47	*	20	
	Dec - Feb 2005	1,237	543	417	126	120	38	82	39	50	*	22	
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-18</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-4.2</i>	<i>18.8</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>21.7</i>	<i>43.9</i>	<i>17.9</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>18.9</i>		

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Other includes discouraged workers.

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VACANCIES

North West

12 Jobcentre vacancies

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Vacancies Notified		Vacancies unfilled		Vacancy outflow		Of which: Vacancies filled by Jobcentres	
	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month	Level	Change on month
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2003								
May	IBWG		IBWE		IBWH		IBWI	
2004								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
2005								
January								
February								
March								
April								
May								

Publication of these vacancy statistics in labour market statistics releases has been discontinued.

Statistics of Jobcentre Plus vacancies are, however available on Nomis®. See note on page 6.

Change on year
Change on year %

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system
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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

13 2003 local labour market indicators by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	Population ¹		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand ⁶		
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	Unemployment ²		Economic inactivity ²		Claimant count ⁴		Jobs ⁷		
			16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate ³ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion ⁵ (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
United Kingdom total	36,828	26,825	74.1	1,444	4.9	7,947	22.0	945,894	2.6	30,567	0.83
Regional total	4,170	2,977	72.8	155	4.8	960	23.5	113,405	2.7	3,372	0.81
Blackburn with Darwen UA	84	58	69.9	3	4.9	22	26.4	2,286	2.7	69	0.82
Blackpool UA	84	58	70.0	5	7.1	20	24.4	2,741	3.3	63	0.75
Halton UA	75	49	66.8	3	6.1	21	28.7	2,677	3.6	56	0.76
Warrington UA	121	89	75.2	3	2.7	27	22.7	2,279	1.9	119	0.98
Cheshire	413	322	78.6	9	2.7	78	19.1	6,087	1.5	355	0.86
Chester	74	49	70.9	1	2.1	19	27.5	1,142	1.6	80	1.09
Congleton	56	48	85.4	2	3.4	6	11.5	702	1.2	34	0.60
Crewe and Nantwich	68	54	78.5	2	2.9	13	19.1	1,078	1.6	58	0.84
Ellesmere Port and Neston	49	39	81.1	2	4.1	7	15.4	870	1.8	38	0.79
Macclesfield	90	72	81.0	2	2.0	15	17.3	1,016	1.1	94	1.04
Vale Royal	76	58	76.5	2	2.5	16	21.5	1,279	1.7	51	0.67
Cumbria	293	222	76.5	11	4.7	57	19.8	6,294	2.1	254	0.87
Allerdale	57	45	80.8	2	3.9	9	15.9	1,423	2.5	42	0.74
Barrow-in-Furness	42	29	66.5	2	5.8	13	29.3	1,237	2.9	29	0.69
Carlisle	62	44	72.9	2	3.9	15	24.3	1,397	2.3	60	0.98
Copeland	42	30	71.6	3	8.2	9	21.7	1,394	3.3	36	0.84
Eden	31	25	83.2	1	3.3	4	14.8	248	0.8	30	0.98
South Lakeland	59	49	83.4	2	4.0	8	13.0	595	1.0	57	0.97
Bolton	162	117	72.9	7	5.3	37	22.9	4,125	2.5	122	0.76
Bury	112	86	76.2	4	4.6	23	20.0	2,076	1.9	73	0.65
Manchester	286	150	59.9	13	7.7	88	35.0	13,340	4.7	333	1.16
Oldham	132	97	73.4	6	5.3	30	22.5	3,592	2.7	90	0.68
Rochdale	127	90	71.5	6	6.3	30	23.7	3,750	3.0	92	0.73
Salford	134	88	67.3	5	4.9	38	29.2	3,715	2.8	122	0.91
Stockport	172	138	80.0	5	3.4	29	17.0	2,960	1.7	134	0.78
Tameside	132	100	75.6	4	4.2	28	21.0	3,176	2.4	81	0.62
Trafford	130	96	75.1	4	4.2	28	21.6	2,529	1.9	140	1.08
Wigan	190	140	74.1	7	4.7	42	22.1	4,544	2.4	113	0.59
Lancashire	696	530	77.2	22	3.8	135	19.7	13,143	1.9	550	0.79
Burnley	53	42	77.3	2	4.2	10	19.1	1,091	2.0	40	0.75
Chorley	65	49	78.0	1	2.2	13	20.1	915	1.4	44	0.68
Fylde	43	32	76.2	#	#	10	22.6	417	1.0	46	1.06
Hyndburn	49	37	75.8	2	5.8	10	19.5	978	2.0	34	0.69
Lancaster	83	59	71.6	3	5.1	20	24.5	2,145	2.6	61	0.73
Pendle	54	43	79.2	#	#	10	19.4	1,129	2.1	38	0.70
Preston	82	58	72.3	5	8.3	17	21.4	2,196	2.7	96	1.17
Ribble Valley	34	26	80.4	1	2.7	6	17.2	203	0.6	31	0.92
Rossendale	41	35	87.1	#	#	4	11.1	644	1.6	25	0.60
South Ribble	65	52	81.2	2	2.8	11	16.5	753	1.2	49	0.76
West Lancashire	66	49	74.7	2	4.6	14	21.6	1,786	2.7	46	0.69

13 2003 local labour market indicators by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	Population ¹		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand ⁶		
	Employment ²		Unemployment ²		Economic inactivity ²		Claimant count ⁴		Jobs ⁷		
	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate ³ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion ⁵ (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wyre	61	48	80.5	1	2.1	11	17.7	886	1.5	41	0.67
Knowsley	91	57	64.2	4	6.3	28	31.4	4,095	4.5	58	0.64
Liverpool	282	164	60.6	15	8.0	92	34.0	14,982	5.3	239	0.85
St. Helens	108	75	70.0	3	4.0	29	27.0	3,452	3.2	70	0.65
Sefton	164	117	72.4	8	5.9	37	23.0	5,239	3.2	120	0.73
Wirral	185	134	73.0	8	5.6	42	22.7	6,324	3.4	116	0.63

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

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

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

1. Official mid-2003 estimate of the resident population.

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5. Percentage of resident working age population of area. NB. These are different from the national and regional claimant rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See background note 5.

6. Labour demand in this table includes jobs only. Suitable comprehensive estimates of job vacancies are not available at local level.

7. Jobs data are for 2003, 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).

Sample size zero or disclosive (less than three).

14 2003 local labour market indicators by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	Population ¹		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand ⁶		
	Employment ²		Unemployment ²		Economic inactivity ²		Claimant count ⁴		Jobs ⁷		
	Total	16-59/64	Total	Rate ³	Total	16-59/64	Level	Proportion ⁵	Total	Jobs Density	
	16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 (000s)	Rate ³ (%)	16-59/64 (000s)	Rate (%)		(%)	(000s)	16-59/64 (ratio)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
South Ribble	..	53	81.0	1	2.7	11	16.7	740	1.3	38	0.65
Southport	..	42	78.1	2	3.6	10	18.8	1,079	2.1	42	0.82
St. Helens North	..	38	71.9	2	3.9	13	25.2	1,531	2.7	24	0.43
St. Helens South	..	37	68.2	2	4.1	16	28.7	1,921	3.7	46	0.90
Stalybridge & Hyde	..	42	77.3	2	3.9	11	19.5	1,309	2.4	29	0.54
Stockport	..	41	79.0	2	5.5	9	16.3	1,269	2.4	54	1.01
Stretford & Urmston	..	40	73.2	3	6.4	12	21.7	1,535	2.8	78	1.40
Tatton	..	39	79.6	#	#	9	19.0	589	1.2	54	1.14
Wallasey	..	33	68.4	3	7.7	13	26.0	1,953	3.9	28	0.55
Warrington North	..	42	74.9	1	2.0	13	23.5	1,278	2.1	88	1.48
Warrington South	..	47	75.4	2	3.4	14	21.9	1,001	1.7	30	0.51
Weaver Vale	..	37	70.6	2	5.2	13	25.4	1,501	2.7	47	0.86
West Lancashire	..	41	74.1	2	4.9	12	22.0	1,659	2.9	41	0.71
Westmorland & Lonsdale	..	43	84.5	2	3.9	6	11.9	382	0.8	50	1.00
Wigan	..	35	72.6	2	5.4	11	23.2	1,331	2.7	42	0.84
Wirral South	..	36	80.8	1	2.9	7	16.7	848	1.9	29	0.67
Wirral West	..	34	73.2	2	5.1	11	23.0	983	2.2	21	0.47
Workington	..	40	80.4	1	3.2	8	16.9	1,299	2.6	37	0.75
Worsley	..	43	76.3	1	2.3	12	21.9	1,293	2.3	25	0.45
Wythenshawe & Sale East	..	41	68.8	2	4.0	17	28.4	1,840	3.1	64	1.07

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

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

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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Sample size zero or disclosive (less than three).

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

15 2003 local labour market indicators by Travel-to-Work Area

not seasonally adjusted

	Population ¹		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand ⁶		
	Employment ²		Unemployment ²		Economic inactivity ²		Claimant count ⁴		Jobs ⁷		
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate ³ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion ⁵ (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
United Kingdom total	36,828	26,825	74.1	1,444	4.9	7,947	22.0	945,894	2.6	30,567	0.83
Regional total	4,170	2,977	72.8	155	4.8	960	23.5	113,405	2.7	3,372	0.81
Appleby	..	7	81.4	#	#	2	18.6	55	0.7	7	0.84
Barrow-in-Furness	..	38	68.0	2	5.9	16	27.7	1,482	2.7	39	0.70
Blackburn	..	141	75.6	7	4.3	39	20.9	3,935	2.1	146	0.79
Blackpool	..	133	74.6	6	4.3	39	22.0	3,982	2.3	142	0.82
Bolton	..	127	71.9	7	5.5	42	23.9	4,612	2.7	131	0.76
Burnley	..	49	79.3	2	3.6	11	17.6	1,155	1.9	45	0.74
Carlisle	..	51	74.5	2	4.4	15	22.3	1,537	2.2	66	0.95
Crewe	..	129	78.5	4	2.9	31	19.1	2,542	1.6	119	0.76
Kendal	..	31	85.5	2	4.6	4	10.3	278	0.8	33	0.97
Keswick	..	5	89.9	#	#	#	#	30	0.5	5	0.91
Lancaster and Morecambe	..	64	72.3	3	4.7	21	24.0	2,196	2.4	67	0.75
Liverpool	..	388	65.9	29	6.7	172	29.2	26,096	4.4	455	0.77
Manchester	..	897	72.9	45	4.7	288	23.4	34,117	2.7	1,115	0.89
Nelson and Colne	..	38	77.6	#	#	10	20.9	1,083	2.2	36	0.73
Penrith	..	17	84.8	1	4.9	2	12.3	167	0.8	22	1.11
Preston	..	167	77.3	8	4.6	41	19.0	3,970	1.8	198	0.89
Rochdale	..	73	71.6	5	5.9	24	23.9	3,075	3.0	77	0.75
Warrington	..	144	72.3	6	3.8	49	24.8	5,081	2.5	182	0.89
Whitehaven	..	30	72.5	2	6.6	9	22.2	1,339	3.3	35	0.85
Wigan and St. Helens	..	189	71.5	10	4.9	65	24.7	7,144	2.7	175	0.66
Windermere	..	8	87.6	#	#	1	12.4	66	0.6	13	1.10
Wirral and Chester	..	222	73.8	11	4.6	68	22.6	8,336	2.7	234	0.77
Workington	..	33	77.3	2	5.4	8	18.1	1,310	3.0	32	0.72

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

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

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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

16 2003 local labour market indicators by NUTS 3 area

not seasonally adjusted

	Population ¹		Labour supply					Working age benefits		Labour demand ⁶		
			Employment ²		Unemployment ²		Economic inactivity ²		Claimant count ⁴		Jobs ⁷	
	16-59/64	Total	16-59/64	Total	Total	16-59/64	16-59/64	Level	Proportion ⁵	Total	Jobs Density	
	(000s)	16-59/64	Rate	16+	Rate ³	16-59/64	Rate	(%)	(%)	(000s)	16-59/64	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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Regional total	4,170	2,977	72.8	155	4.8	960	23.5	113,405	2.7	3,372	0.81	
Cumbria												
West Cumbria	141	103	73.7	6	5.7	30	21.7	4,054	2.9	106	0.75	
East Cumbria	152	118	79.1	5	3.8	27	17.9	2,240	1.5	148	0.97	
Cheshire												
Halton & Warrington	195	138	72.0	6	3.9	48	25.0	4,956	2.5	175	0.90	
Cheshire CC	413	322	78.6	9	2.7	78	19.1	6,087	1.5	355	0.86	
Greater Manchester												
Greater Manchester South	853	572	70.3	31	5.1	211	25.9	25,719	3.0	810	0.95	
Greater Manchester North	723	530	73.6	30	5.2	161	22.3	18,087	2.5	491	0.68	
Lancashire												
Blackburn with Darwen	84	58	69.9	3	4.9	22	26.4	2,286	2.7	69	0.82	
Blackpool	84	58	70.0	5	7.1	20	24.4	2,741	3.3	63	0.75	
Lancashire CC	696	530	77.2	22	3.8	135	19.7	13,143	1.9	550	0.79	
Merseyside												
East Merseyside	199	133	67.4	7	5.0	57	29.0	7,548	3.8	129	0.65	
Liverpool	282	164	60.6	15	8.0	92	34.0	14,982	5.3	239	0.85	
Sefton	164	117	72.4	8	5.9	37	23.0	5,239	3.2	120	0.73	
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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count¹ by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally
adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 MAY 2005						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop ²			Levels			Percentage ²		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Wallasey	1,406	458	1,864	5.6	1.8	3.7	-30	57	27	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Warrington North	745	226	971	2.4	0.8	1.6	-102	-21	-123	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Warrington South	571	186	757	1.8	0.7	1.3	-55	-4	-59	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Weaver Vale	929	325	1,254	3.3	1.2	2.3	-41	-10	-51	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
West Lancashire	1,105	391	1,496	3.8	1.4	2.6	-9	10	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Westmorland & Lonsdale	194	79	273	0.7	0.3	0.5	-29	-20	-49	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Wigan	989	318	1,307	3.8	1.3	2.6	62	34	96	0.2	0.1	0.2
Wirral South	535	187	722	2.4	0.9	1.7	0	8	8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Wirral West	641	228	869	2.8	1.0	2.0	-10	-1	-11	0.0	0.0	0.0
Workington	791	263	1,054	3.1	1.1	2.1	-86	-17	-103	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Worsley	881	288	1,169	3.0	1.1	2.1	0	-17	-17	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Wythenshawe & Sale East	1,256	357	1,613	4.1	1.2	2.7	-5	-24	-29	0.0	-0.1	0.0

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

1. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

2. Percentages of resident working age population of area. The population denominators are based on output area data from the 2001 Census. NB. These percentages are different from the national and regional claimant count rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See background note 5.