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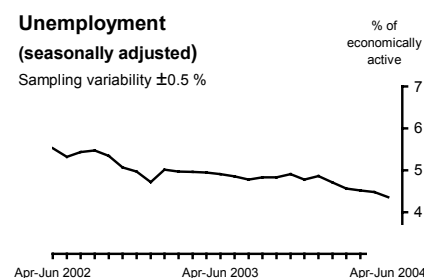
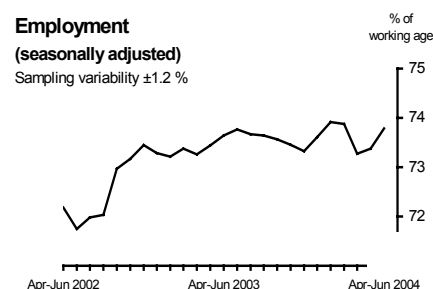
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Labour Force Survey data for the North West indicate that the trend in the employment rate appears to be stable, and the rate in the latest period is not significantly different from a year ago. The trend in the unemployment rate is falling, but the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

Data for the three months to June 2004 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 73.8 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point on a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.4 per cent, down 0.5 percentage points on a year earlier.

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



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		Level (thousands)	Rate (%)	Change on year (level)	Sampling variability (thousands)	Change on year (rate)	Sampling variability (%)
Employment*	Apr-Jun	3,122	73.8	19	± 78	0.1	± 1.5
Unemployment**	Apr-Jun	142	4.4	-18	± 23	-0.5	± 0.7
Economically active*	Apr-Jun	3,264	77.2	1	± 77	-0.3	± 1.4
Economically inactive+ of which:	Apr-Jun	936	22.8	14	± 76	0.3	± 1.4
Not wanting a job+	Apr-Jun	731		44	± 69		
Wanting a job+	Apr-Jun	205		-30	± 41		
Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)	Mar 2004	3,340		32	..		
Claimant count	Jul 2004	96.5	2.8 ⁺⁺	-15.6		-0.5	

See note on page 8 on sampling variability.

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

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

+ Levels and rates are for those of working age.

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

.. Not available.

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

New this month:

April to June 2004 data: latest three-month average LFS results;

July 2004 data: claimant count.

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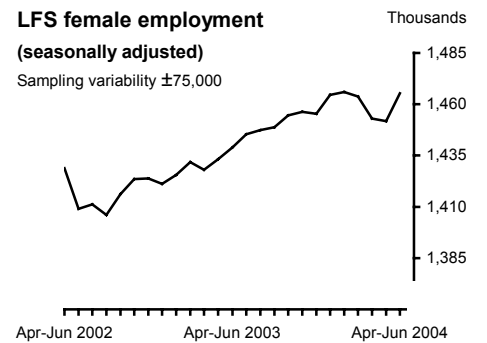


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 73.8 per cent in the April to June 2004 period, up 0.1 percentage point on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.12 million in the April to June 2004 period, up 19,000 on the same period a year earlier.



Seasonally adjusted employee jobs figures were up 4,000 in the quarter to March 2004.



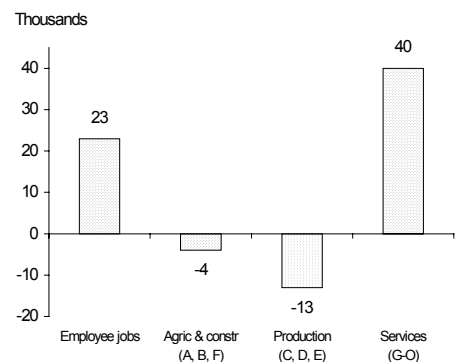
Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 23,000 in the year to March 2004. This was mainly due to rises in the services and 'other' industries, partly offset by a fall in manufacturing industries.

Unemployment (table 1)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.4 per cent in the April to June 2004 period, down 0.5 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in April to June 2004 were 4.5 per cent and 4.2 per cent respectively.

Employee jobs by industry

Change on year from March 2003



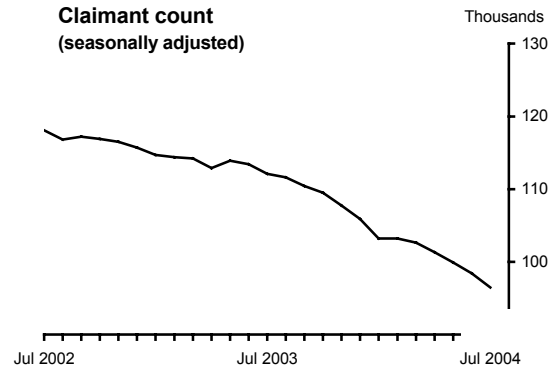
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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in July 2004 was 2.8 per cent, down 0.1 percentage point from June 2004, and down 0.5 percentage points since July 2003. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in July 2004 was 96,500, down 1,900 on June 2004, and down 15,600 since July 2003. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 97,800 in July 2004.



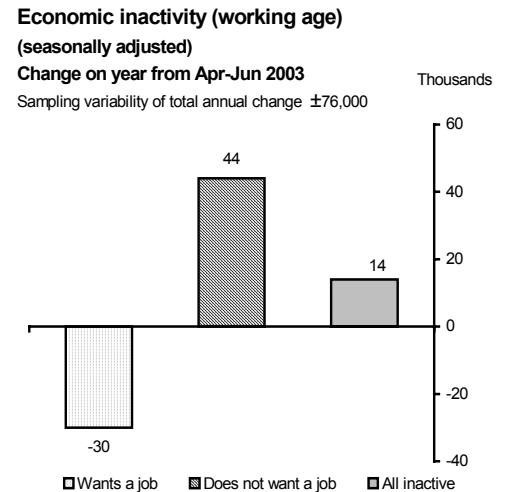
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 30,200 in July 2004, down 4,200 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for all age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically active people in the North West was 3.26 million in the April to June 2004 period.

Economically inactive (tables 1, 10 and 11)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically inactive people in the North West in the April to June 2004 period was 2.06 million, with 936,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was up 14,000.



Vacancies (table 12)

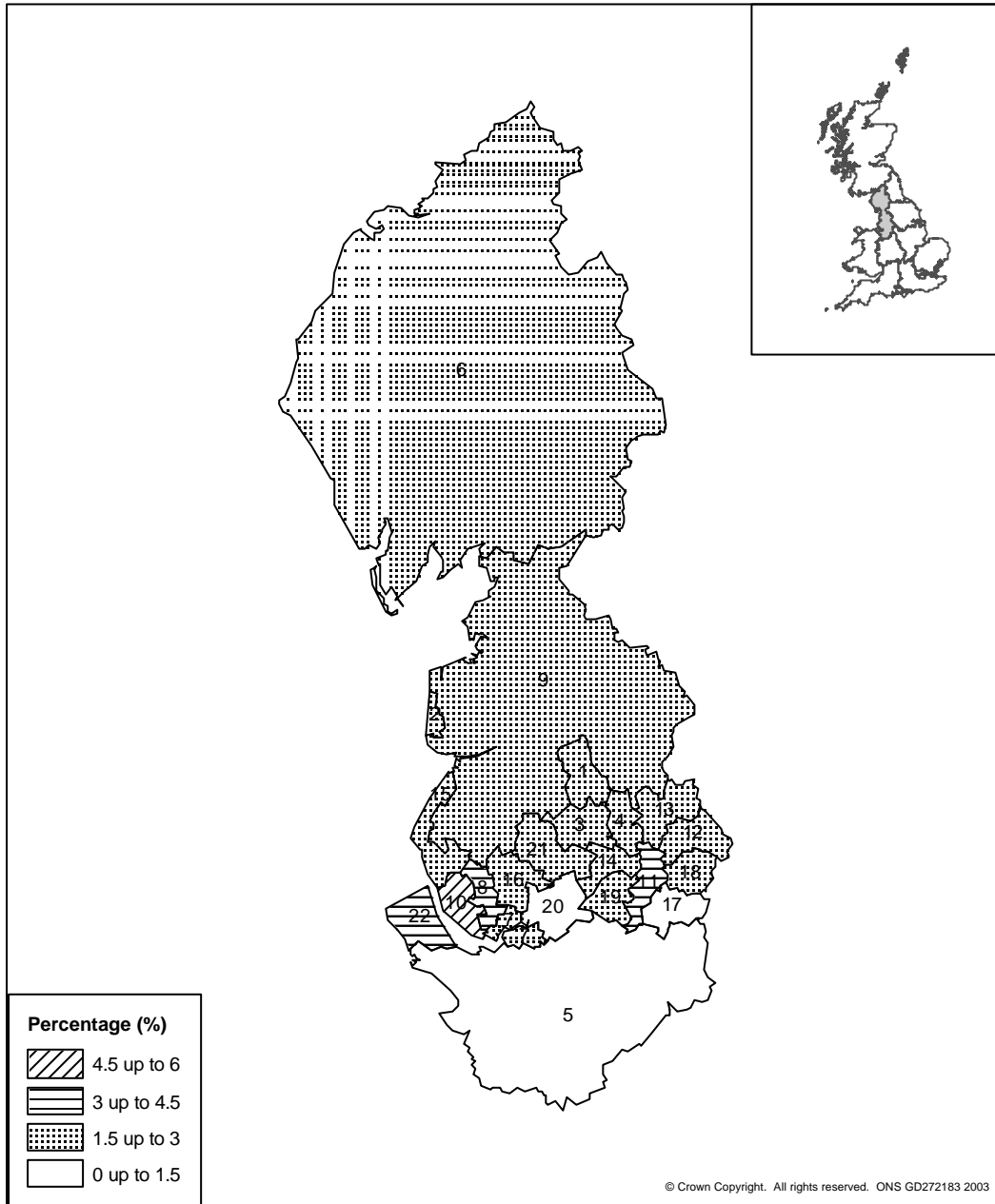
Publication of the seasonally adjusted Jobcentre vacancy series has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct – see note on page 7.

Local area data (table 17)

The claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population was lowest in Ribble Valley, at 0.5 per cent. It was highest in Liverpool, at 5.1 per cent.

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

July 2004 - North West



1	Blackburn with Darwen UA	2.7%	12	Oldham	2.3%
2	Blackpool UA	2.5%	13	Rochdale	2.5%
3	Bolton	2.1%	14	Salford	2.5%
4	Bury	1.7%	15	Sefton	2.8%
5	Cheshire	1.2%	16	St. Helens	2.7%
6	Cumbria	1.8%	17	Stockport	1.4%
7	Halton UA	2.8%	18	Tameside	2.2%
8	Knowsley	4.0%	19	Trafford	1.7%
9	Lancashire	1.7%	20	Warrington UA	1.4%
10	Liverpool	5.1%	21	Wigan	2.1%
11	Manchester	4.0%	22	Wirral	3.0%

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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 July 2003 and Claimant Count data first published from August 1998 to July 2003. The second table covers data first published from January 2000 to April 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

[\[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1944\]](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 (%)	73.8	55	-0.22	0.36
Unemployment rate (%)	4.4	55	0.08	0.16
Claimant count (000s)	96.5	46	0.13	0.42

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)#	3,340	#	#	#

* 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 [\[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf\]](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 - [\[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793\]](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793).

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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. The revised series for 1992 to 2000 will be published later in 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.

On 8 July 2004, ONS announced that results from studies designed to improve population estimates in areas that proved hardest to count in 2001 confirmed the census based figures in all but 15 local authority areas. Sixty thousand people across these 15 local authorities have been added to population estimates in 2001. These results will feed into mid-year population estimates (MYEs) to be published on 9 September 2004 and subsequently into revised population estimates for 1992 - 2000 to be published on 7 October. ONS will incorporate all these population revisions into the LFS interim estimates to be published in the 13 October First Release.

Future LFS revisions

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

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

Tables 13 to 16: Local labour market indicators

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

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

Jobcentre vacancy data

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

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

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

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

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

Sampling variability and trends

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

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

April to June 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	3,062	3,122	3,182	-82	-5	72	-59	19	97
Employment rate	72.6%	73.8%	75.0%	-1.6%	-0.1%	1.4%	-1.4%	0.1%	1.7%
Unemployment	126	142	159	-30	-7	15	-41	-18	5
Unemployment rate	3.8%	4.4%	4.9%	-0.9%	-0.2%	0.5%	-1.3%	-0.5%	0.2%
Economically active	3,204	3,264	3,324	-89	-12	65	-76	1	78
Economic activity rate	76.1%	77.2%	78.3%	-1.7%	-0.3%	1.1%	-1.7%	-0.3%	1.2%
Economically inactive	876	936	995	-63	13	89	-63	14	90

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Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

April to June 2004

	Employ- ment	Unem- ployment	Econo- mically Active	Working age Economically Inactive	Employment	Unem- ployment
	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Rate (%)	Rate (%)
North East	± 34	± 10	± 34	± 35	± 1.8	± 0.9
North West	± 60	± 16	± 60	± 59	± 1.2	± 0.5
Yorks & Humber	± 48	± 14	± 47	± 47	± 1.2	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 39	± 12	± 39	± 45	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 51	± 16	± 50	± 49	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 49	± 15	± 49	± 46	± 1.1	± 0.5
London	± 64	± 24	± 61	± 62	± 1.2	± 0.6
South East	± 59	± 16	± 58	± 55	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 49	± 13	± 49	± 47	± 1.2	± 0.5
Wales	± 38	± 10	± 38	± 39	± 1.7	± 0.8
Scotland	± 48	± 17	± 47	± 45	± 1.2	± 0.7

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 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

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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 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.
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.
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.

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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.
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 Labour Force Survey data

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey# (April to June 2004)

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment					
	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women		
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	1,998	1,160	74.0	616	544	1,096	69.9	574	71.9	523	67.8	64	5.5	42	6.8	22	4.0
North West	5,321	3,264	77.2	1,735	1,529	3,122	73.8	1,657	77.4	1,465	70.0	142	4.4	78	4.5	64	4.2
Yorkshire & the Humber	3,942	2,435	77.8	1,308	1,127	2,323	74.1	1,244	78.4	1,079	69.5	112	4.6	64	4.9	48	4.2
East Midlands	3,369	2,133	79.6	1,164	970	2,040	76.1	1,109	80.5	931	71.3	93	4.4	55	4.7	38	3.9
West Midlands	4,186	2,605	78.4	1,429	1,175	2,461	73.9	1,343	78.4	1,118	69.0	143	5.5	87	6.1	57	4.8
East	4,339	2,840	82.2	1,545	1,295	2,731	79.0	1,482	83.9	1,249	73.8	109	3.8	63	4.1	46	3.5
London	5,957	3,864	75.6	2,161	1,702	3,595	70.3	2,007	76.9	1,588	63.1	269	7.0	154	7.1	115	6.7
South East	6,429	4,221	81.8	2,293	1,928	4,065	78.6	2,205	83.9	1,860	73.0	156	3.7	88	3.8	68	3.5
South West	3,991	2,506	81.2	1,348	1,158	2,413	78.1	1,291	81.8	1,122	74.2	93	3.7	57	4.2	36	3.1
England	39,533	25,028	78.8	13,599	11,429	23,847	75.0	12,912	79.7	10,935	70.0	1,181	4.7	687	5.1	494	4.3
Wales	2,324	1,376	75.7	733	643	1,315	72.2	704	76.9	611	67.4	61	4.4	29	4.0	32	4.9
Scotland	4,047	2,573	79.5	1,354	1,219	2,413	74.5	1,255	77.1	1,158	71.7	161	6.2	99	7.3	61	5.0
Great Britain	45,904	28,977	78.7	15,686	13,291	27,575	74.8	14,870	79.3	12,704	70.0	1,402	4.8	816	5.2	587	4.4
N Ireland	1,302	754	70.5	421	333	714	66.7	393	72.2	321	60.8	40	5.3	28	6.5	12	3.7
United Kingdom	47,207	29,734	78.5	16,108	13,625	28,293	74.6	15,265	79.1	13,028	69.8	1,440	4.8	843	5.2	597	4.4

Change on quarter: +

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment					
	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women		
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	1	-4	-0.2	-6	1	-6	-0.3	-9	-1.3	3	0.9	2	0.2	3	0.6	-2	-0.3
North West	4	-12	-0.3	-14	2	-5	-0.1	-7	-0.3	2	0.1	-7	-0.2	-7	-0.4	0	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	4	-7	-0.3	-2	-5	-5	-0.3	4	0.3	-9	-0.9	-2	-0.1	-6	-0.4	4	0.3
East Midlands	6	-24	-0.7	-10	-15	-17	-0.5	-10	-0.5	-7	-0.5	-8	-0.3	0	0.0	-7	-0.7
West Midlands	4	8	0.1	5	3	7	0.1	1	0.0	7	0.2	0	0.0	4	0.3	-4	-0.3
East	9	1	-0.3	-1	2	-13	-0.6	-10	-0.8	-3	-0.4	14	0.5	9	0.6	5	0.4
London	15	8	-0.2	4	4	6	-0.2	7	-0.1	-1	-0.4	2	0.0	-3	-0.2	5	0.3
South East	14	17	0.0	6	11	24	0.1	7	0.0	17	0.3	-7	-0.2	-1	-0.1	-6	-0.3
South West	7	-15	-0.7	-8	-8	-35	-1.4	-22	-1.6	-13	-1.2	20	0.8	14	1.1	6	0.5
England	63	-30	-0.3	-26	-4	-43	-0.3	-38	-0.4	-5	-0.2	13	0.1	12	0.1	1	0.0
Wales	3	-8	-0.5	0	-8	-7	-0.4	8	0.8	-14	-1.6	-2	-0.1	-8	-1.0	6	1.0
Scotland	1	20	0.4	6	14	5	-0.1	-5	-0.5	9	0.4	15	0.5	11	0.8	4	0.3
Great Britain	67	-19	-0.2	-20	1	-45	-0.3	-35	-0.3	-10	-0.2	27	0.1	15	0.1	11	0.1
N Ireland	3	-6	-0.3	-3	-3	-6	-0.4	-1	0.1	-5	-0.9	0	0.1	-2	-0.3	2	0.6
United Kingdom	70	-26	-0.2	-24	-2	-53	-0.3	-38	-0.3	-15	-0.3	27	0.1	14	0.1	13	0.1

Change on year:

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active				Employment					Unemployment					
	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women		
	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)*	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	Level	Rate (%)**	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	2	25	1.2	-5	30	29	1.6	-2	-0.6	32	3.9	-5	-0.5	-3	-0.4	-2	-0.7
North West	16	1	-0.3	-27	28	19	0.1	-7	-0.5	26	0.8	-18	-0.5	-20	-1.0	2	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	15	4	-0.5	-15	20	16	-0.1	2	-0.1	14	-0.1	-12	-0.5	-17	-1.3	5	0.4
East Midlands	23	2	0.0	-5	7	2	0.0	-7	-0.7	9	0.8	0	0.0	2	0.2	-2	-0.2
West Midlands	15	12	0.1	-5	16	14	0.2	-1	-0.4	15	0.7	-2	-0.1	-4	-0.2	2	0.1
East	36	42	0.3	14	28	44	0.5	13	-0.1	31	1.0	-2	-0.1	1	0.0	-3	-0.3
London	60	50	-0.1	12	38	56	0.2	23	0.1	33	0.2	-6	-0.2	-11	-0.6	5	0.2
South East	56	12	-0.6	13	-2	22	-0.5	22	0.1	0	-1.0	-11	-0.3	-9	-0.4	-2	-0.1
South West	30	3	-0.5	7	-3	-2	-0.7	-3	-0.7	1	-0.7	5	0.2	10	0.7	-5	-0.4
England	252	150	-0.1	-12	162	201	0.0	39	-0.3	161	0.4	-50	-0.2	-51	-0.4	1	-0.1
Wales	10	-3	-0.8	7	-10	-1	-0.6	19	1.9	-20	-3.2	-2	-0.2	-12	-1.7	10	1.6
Scotland	5	27	0.4	3	24	8	-0.2	-11	-1.0	19	0.6	19	0.7	14	1.0	5	0.3
Great Britain	268	175	-0.1	-1	176	208	0.0	48	-0.2	160	0.2	-34	-0.1	-49	-0.3	16	0.1
N Ireland	11	-24	-2.4	-14	-10	-23	-2.3	-16	-3.3	-7	-1.3	-1	0.0	2	0.6	-3	-0.6
United Kingdom	281	148	-0.2	-15	163	181	-0.1	31	-0.3	151	0.1	-33	-0.1	-46	-0.3	13	0.0

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

* Denominator = all persons of working age.

** Denominator = Total economically active.

Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

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

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

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

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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NATIONAL LABOUR MARKET SUMMARY, BY REGION

Summary of other headline indicators

Thousands

	Employer surveys **			Jobcentre Plus administrative system **						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Mar 2004); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (July 2004); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (July 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	1,115	581	534	45.3	3.9	35.4	5.6	9.9	1.9			
North West	3,340	1,751	1,589	96.5	2.8	73.9	4.0	22.6	1.4			
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,415	1,269	1,146	71.6	2.9	54.5	4.1	17.1	1.5			
East Midlands	1,993	1,047	946	50.9	2.5	37.0	3.3	13.9	1.4			
West Midlands	2,602	1,389	1,213	87.0	3.2	65.8	4.5	21.2	1.7			
East	2,657	1,424	1,233	54.2	2.0	39.2	2.6	15.0	1.2			
London	4,575	2,528	2,047	162.0	3.4	116.5	4.4	45.5	2.2			
South East	4,273	2,287	1,986	68.9	1.6	50.8	2.1	18.1	0.9			
South West	2,478	1,317	1,161	40.4	1.6	29.5	2.1	10.9	0.9			
England	25,448	13,594	11,855	676.8	2.6	502.6	3.5	174.2	1.5			
Wales	1,264	658	607	39.5	3.0	30.0	4.2	9.5	1.5			
Scotland	2,500	1,278	1,221	89.7	3.4	69.1	5.0	20.6	1.7			
Great Britain	29,212	15,530	13,683	806.0	2.7	601.7	3.7	204.3	1.5			
N Ireland	783	413	370	29.2	3.6	22.4	5.1	6.8	1.8			
United Kingdom	29,995	15,942	14,053	835.2	2.7	624.1	3.7	211.1	1.5			

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

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer surveys			Jobcentre Plus administrative system						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on Mar 2003); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (Change on June 2004) seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (Change on June 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	21	4	18	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
North West	32	3	29	-1.9	-0.1	-1.3	-0.1	-0.6	0.0			
Yorkshire & the Humber	57	26	30	-1.4	-0.1	-1.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.0			
East Midlands	7	-1	8	-1.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0			
West Midlands	27	15	11	-1.1	0.0	-0.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.0			
East	33	20	13	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
London	87	63	24	-1.2	0.0	-0.8	0.0	-0.4	0.0			
South East	17	16	1	-1.5	0.0	-1.1	0.0	-0.4	0.0			
South West	28	13	15	-1.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0			
England	310	159	150	-10.2	0.0	-7.1	0.0	-3.1	0.0			
Wales	-6	-15	9	-0.5	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
Scotland	-1	-11	10	-1.7	-0.1	-1.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.0			
Great Britain	302	133	169	-12.4	0.0	-8.6	-0.1	-3.8	0.0			
N Ireland	22	11	11	-1.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1			
United Kingdom	324	144	180	-13.7	0.0	-9.5	-0.1	-4.2	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.

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

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

1 Summary of LFS data for April to June 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	Apr-Jun 2002	5,290	3,207	3,030	177	2,083	60.6	57.3	5.5	39.4
	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
	Apr-Jun 2004	5,321	3,264	3,122	142	2,057	61.3	58.7	4.4	38.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	-12	-5	-7	16	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-4.8	0.8					
<i>Change on year</i>	16	1	19	-18	14	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.2	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.0	0.6	-11.2	0.7					
Men	Apr-Jun 2002	2,538	1,707	1,601	107	831	67.3	63.1	6.2	32.7
	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
	Apr-Jun 2004	2,555	1,735	1,657	78	821	67.9	64.8	4.5	32.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	-14	-7	-7	16	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.6
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.8	-0.4	-8.5	2.0					
<i>Change on year</i>	8	-27	-7	-20	35	-1.3	-0.5	-1.0	1.3	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	-1.5	-0.4	-20.1	4.5					
Women	Apr-Jun 2002	2,751	1,500	1,429	71	1,252	54.5	51.9	4.7	45.5
	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
	Apr-Jun 2004	2,766	1,529	1,465	64	1,237	55.3	53.0	4.2	44.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	2	2	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0					
<i>Change on year</i>	7	28	26	2	-21	0.9	0.8	0.0	-0.9	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	1.9	1.8	2.9	-1.7					

		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		YCZZ	
People	Apr-Jun 2002	4,088	3,127	2,951	176	961	76.5	72.2	5.6	23.5	
	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	
	Apr-Jun 2004	4,105	3,170	3,029	141	936	77.2	73.8	4.4	22.8	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	-11	-2	-9	13	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-5.9	1.4						
<i>Change on year</i>	8	-5	12	-17	14	-0.3	0.1	-0.5	0.3		
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	-0.2	0.4	-10.9	1.5						
Men	Apr-Jun 2002	2,101	1,684	1,578	106	416	80.2	75.1	6.3	19.8	
	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	
	Apr-Jun 2004	2,107	1,708	1,630	78	399	81.1	77.4	4.6	18.9	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	-12	-5	-7	13	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4	0.6	
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	-0.7	-0.3	-8.6	3.3						
<i>Change on year</i>	3	-26	-8	-18	29	-1.4	-0.5	-1.0	1.4		
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	-1.5	-0.5	-18.5	7.9						
Women	Apr-Jun 2002	1,987	1,442	1,372	70	545	72.6	69.1	4.9	27.4	
	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	
	Apr-Jun 2004	1,998	1,461	1,399	62	537	73.1	70.0	4.3	26.9	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	1	2	-1	0	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	0.2	-2.2	0.0						
<i>Change on year</i>	5	20	20	1	-15	0.8	0.8	0.0	-0.8		
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	1.4	1.4	1.0	-2.8						

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)			Claimant count*		
		Levels			Rates (%)**		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
		IBWA	ZMPU	ZMPW	IBWC	ZMPV	ZMPX
	Mar 01	3,181	1,667	1,514			
	Mar 02	3,248	1,718	1,530			
	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 r	3,352	1,758	1,593			
	Mar 04	3,340	1,751	1,589			
<i>Change on year</i>		32	3	29			
<i>Change %</i>		1.0	0.2	1.9			
	2003						
	July	112.1	86.8	25.3	3.3	4.7	1.6
	August#	110.6	85.4	25.2	3.2	4.6	1.6
	September	110.4	85.1	25.3	3.2	4.6	1.6
	October	109.5	84.5	25.0	3.2	4.6	1.6
	November#	107.7	83.0	24.7	3.1	4.5	1.5
	December	105.9	81.4	24.5	3.1	4.4	1.5
	2004						
	January	103.2	79.5	23.7	3.0	4.3	1.5
	February#	103.2	79.0	24.2	3.0	4.3	1.5
	March	102.6	78.4	24.2	3.0	4.2	1.5
	April	101.3	77.4	23.9	2.9	4.2	1.5
	May#	99.9	76.1	23.8	2.9	4.1	1.5
	June (r)	98.4	75.2	23.2	2.9	4.1	1.5
	July (p)	96.5	73.9	22.6	2.8	4.0	1.4
<i>Change on period</i>		-1.9	-1.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		-1.9	-1.7	-2.6			
<i>Change on year</i>		-15.6	-12.9	-2.7	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>		-13.9	-14.9	-10.7			

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

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

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

** 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	Mar - May 2001	3,037	2,959	81	332	741	1,166	639	79
	Mar - May 2002	3,020	2,936	67	363	692	1,168	646	84
	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
	Mar - May 2004	3,095	3,004	67	397	665	1,180	695	90
	<i>Change on year</i>	5	0	2	8	-12	14	-13	4
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.0	3.7	2.1	-1.8	1.2	-1.8	5.1	
Men	Mar - May 2001	1,619	1,596	41	174	397	605	379	24
	Mar - May 2002	1,596	1,572	30	185	369	608	380	24
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,642	1,617	33	206	345	624	408	25
	<i>Change on year</i>	-11	-8	0	5	-21	10	-2	-3
<i>Change %</i>	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	2.5	-5.7	1.6	-0.4	-10.7	
Women	Mar - May 2001	1,418	1,363	40	158	343	562	260	55
	Mar - May 2002	1,424	1,364	37	178	322	560	266	60
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,453	1,388	33	191	320	557	287	65
	<i>Change on year</i>	16	8	2	3	9	5	-11	7
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	0.6	7.8	1.7	2.8	0.8	-3.6	12.8	
Employment rates (%)*									
People	Mar - May 2001	57.6	72.7	45.6	60.8	80.6	82.5	62.9	6.6
	Mar - May 2002	57.1	71.8	36.6	64.7	78.0	81.7	63.0	7.0
	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
	Mar - May 2004	58.2	73.2	36.0	66.6	79.9	81.2	67.1	7.4
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-0.1	1.0	-0.3	0.9	0.3	-1.5	0.3
Men	Mar - May 2001	64.1	76.1	45.2	64.9	88.0	86.8	64.3	5.5
	Mar - May 2002	62.9	74.9	32.3	67.0	85.0	86.4	64.0	5.5
	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
	Mar - May 2004	64.3	76.7	35.5	69.9	85.4	87.4	68.0	5.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-2.2	0.8	-0.7	-0.7
Women	Mar - May 2001	51.7	69.0	45.9	56.8	73.5	78.3	60.9	7.1
	Mar - May 2002	51.8	68.7	41.1	62.4	71.2	77.1	61.7	7.8
	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
	Mar - May 2004	52.5	69.5	36.4	63.3	74.7	75.1	65.8	8.5
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.4	0.2	2.3	-0.4	3.9	-0.1	-2.7	0.9

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

* Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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

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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	Mar - May 2001	3,037	2,703	309	*	18	2,277	759	112	155
	Mar - May 2002	3,020	2,668	332	*	11	2,276	742	103	146
	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
	Mar - May 2004	3,095	2,724	346	*	18	2,313	778	103	135
	<i>Change on year</i>	5	-8	6	*	6	1	2	0	1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.3	1.9	*	56.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.6
Men	Mar - May 2001	1,619	1,372	232	*	13	1,468	151	43	76
	Mar - May 2002	1,596	1,338	249	*	*	1,458	138	38	71
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,642	1,381	246	*	12	1,480	160	44	63
	<i>Change on year</i>	-11	-12	-6	*	*	-11	-2	-4	-3
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.7	-0.8	-2.3	*	*	-0.7	-1.3	-8.6	-4.1
Women	Mar - May 2001	1,418	1,332	77	*	*	809	608	69	79
	Mar - May 2002	1,424	1,330	83	*	*	818	604	64	75
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,453	1,343	99	*	*	834	618	59	72
	<i>Change on year</i>	16	4	12	*	*	12	4	4	3
	<i>Change %</i>	1.1	0.3	14.1	*	*	1.4	0.6	7.4	5.0

		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	Mar - May 2001	155	54	39	62	746	75	541	130
	Mar - May 2002	146	45	38	63	727	71	528	125
	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
	Mar - May 2004	135	44	34	56	767	54	583	128
	<i>Change on year</i>	1	3	4	-6	3	-16	18	1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.6	7.2	11.9	-9.5	0.3	-23.1	3.2	1.1

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.

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4 Civilian workforce jobs

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(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		Civilian workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self- employment jobs	Government- supported trainees
		1	2	3	4
All jobs	Mar 00	3,161	2,798	347	16
	Mar 01	3,181	2,843	324	14
	Mar 02	3,248	2,892	347	10
	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 r	3,352	2,986	351	15
	Mar 04	3,340	2,964	361	15
<i>Change on year</i>		32	23	7	2
<i>Change %</i>		1.0	0.8	2.1	15.9
Male jobs	Mar 00	1,692	1,426	256	10
	Mar 01	1,667	1,421	238	8
	Mar 02	1,718	1,454	258	6
	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
	Mar 04	1,751	1,477	265	9
<i>Change on year</i>		3	-3	5	1
<i>Change %</i>		0.2	-0.2	1.8	19.0
Female jobs	Mar 00	1,469	1,372	91	7
	Mar 01	1,514	1,422	87	5
	Mar 02	1,530	1,438	88	4
	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
	Mar 04	1,589	1,487	96	6
<i>Change on year</i>		29	26	3	1
<i>Change %</i>		1.9	1.8	2.9	11.4

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.

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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	Mar 01	2,857	2,843	14	21	490	134	1,311	873
	Mar 02	2,906	2,892	14	19	464	130	1,359	905
	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	2,974	2,986	14	18	439	133	1,445	937
	Mar 04	2,978	2,964	14	18	434	130	1,425	943
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>4</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.1</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-13</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>18</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>-2.8</i>	<i>-3.2</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Male jobs	Mar 01	1,428	1,421	9	13	355	114	652	278
	Mar 02	1,462	1,454	9	12	341	113	694	285
	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	1,479	1,492	10	11	326	114	744	287
	Mar 04	1,485	1,477	9	11	324	110	734	289
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>7</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.4</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-8.2</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>-4.7</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>
Female jobs	Mar 01	1,429	1,422	5	8	135	20	659	595
	Mar 02	1,444	1,438	5	7	123	17	665	621
	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	1,495	1,493	4	7	112	19	701	650
	Mar 04	1,493	1,487	5	7	111	20	691	654
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>-3</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.2</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-2.3</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>

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

Source: Employer surveys

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

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

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6 Actual weekly hours of work

not seasonally adjusted

		Average actual weekly hours of work				
		Total weekly hours (millions)	All workers*	Full-time**	Part-time**	Workers with second jobs
		1	2	3	4	5
People	Mar - May 2001	100	33.1	37.9	17.0	9.4
	Mar - May 2002	99	32.9	37.8	16.3	9.8
	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
	Mar - May 2004	99	32.0	36.9	16.3	8.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	-1	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.7
<i>Change %</i>	0	-0.8	-0.8	-0.2	-8.2	
Men	Mar - May 2001	61	37.8	39.6	16.4	9.2
	Mar - May 2002	60	37.9	39.7	15.2	11.8
	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
	Mar - May 2004	61	36.9	38.8	15.7	8.5
	<i>Change on year</i>	0	0.1	0.1	-0.6	-0.5
<i>Change %</i>	0	0.2	0.3	-3.7	-5.5	
Women	Mar - May 2001	39	27.6	34.8	17.1	9.5
	Mar - May 2002	39	27.3	34.6	16.6	8.6
	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
	Mar - May 2004	39	26.6	33.6	16.5	7.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	0	-0.5	-1.0	0.1	-0.8
<i>Change %</i>	0	-1.9	-2.8	0.7	-9.9	

* 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
	July	112.1	3.3	27.2	28.5	113.7	3.3
	August#	110.6	3.2	26.8	28.2	113.2	3.3
	September	110.4	3.2	27.0	28.2	108.9	3.2
	October	109.5	3.2	26.6	27.7	104.0	3.0
	November#	107.7	3.1	26.1	27.5	101.9	3.0
	December	105.9	3.1	26.2	27.5	103.2	3.0
	2004						
	January	103.2	3.0	25.4	26.5	112.0	3.3
	February#	103.2	3.0	26.1	26.4	112.8	3.3
	March	102.6	3.0	25.9	26.5	109.5	3.2
	April	101.3	2.9	25.0	26.2	106.3	3.1
	May#	99.9	2.9	25.3	26.8	101.6	2.9
	June (r)	98.4	2.9	24.9	26.9	98.0	2.8
	July (p)	96.5	2.8	23.9	25.8	97.8	2.8
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-1.9	-0.1	-1.0	-1.1	-0.2	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.9		-4.0	-4.1	-0.2	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-15.6	-0.5	-3.3	-2.7	-15.9	-0.5
	<i>Change %</i>	-13.9		-12.1	-9.5	-14.0	
Men	2003	ZMPU	ZMPV				
	July	86.8	4.7	20.0	21.1	86.8	4.7
	August#	85.4	4.6	19.7	20.8	85.4	4.6
	September	85.1	4.6	19.7	20.7	82.4	4.5
	October	84.5	4.6	19.4	20.3	79.3	4.3
	November#	83.0	4.5	19.1	20.2	78.3	4.2
	December	81.4	4.4	19.2	20.2	79.8	4.3
	2004						
	January	79.5	4.3	18.7	19.3	86.6	4.7
	February#	79.0	4.3	19.0	19.6	86.6	4.7
	March	78.4	4.2	18.9	19.5	83.8	4.5
	April	77.4	4.2	18.1	19.2	81.1	4.4
	May#	76.1	4.1	18.3	19.8	77.6	4.2
	June (r)	75.2	4.1	18.2	19.7	74.8	4.0
	July (p)	73.9	4.0	17.5	18.8	73.8	4.0
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-1.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.7		-3.8	-4.6	-1.3	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-12.9	-0.7	-2.5	-2.3	-13.1	-0.7
	<i>Change %</i>	-14.9		-12.5	-10.9	-15.0	
Women	2003	ZMPW	ZMPX				
	July	25.3	1.6	7.2	7.4	26.9	1.7
	August#	25.2	1.6	7.1	7.4	27.8	1.7
	September	25.3	1.6	7.3	7.5	26.5	1.7
	October	25.0	1.6	7.2	7.4	24.8	1.6
	November#	24.7	1.5	7.0	7.3	23.6	1.5
	December	24.5	1.5	7.0	7.3	23.4	1.5
	2004						
	January	23.7	1.5	6.7	7.2	25.4	1.6
	February#	24.2	1.5	7.1	6.8	26.2	1.6
	March	24.2	1.5	7.0	7.0	25.7	1.6
	April	23.9	1.5	6.9	7.0	25.2	1.6
	May#	23.8	1.5	7.0	7.0	24.0	1.5
	June (r)	23.2	1.5	6.7	7.2	23.2	1.5
	July (p)	22.6	1.4	6.4	7.0	24.0	1.5
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-0.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-2.6		-4.5	-2.8	3.4	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-2.7	-0.2	-0.8	-0.4	-2.9	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	-10.7		-11.1	-5.4	-10.6	

* 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 5.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4.33 week month but not seasonally adjusted, for July 2004 were 26,062 in total,

18,370 for men and 7,692 for women. The corresponding outflow figures were 19,154 men and 6,648 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

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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													
Jul 02	119.5	118.2	78.4	20.7	19.1	16.2	7.3	34.9	28.7	5.4	0.8	2.3	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
May 04 #	101.6	100.8	67.7	18.1	15.0	14.9	4.8	30.5	24.8	4.9	0.8	2.6	0.1
Jun 04	98.0	97.1	64.6	17.7	14.7	15.2	4.7	29.0	23.5	4.8	0.8	2.6	0.1
Jul 04	97.8	97.0	66.0	16.6	14.3	14.8	4.7	30.2	25.0	4.4	0.8	2.5	0.1
Change on year	-15.9	-15.7	-9.6	-3.6	-2.5	-0.1	-1.1	-4.2	-3.2	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Change %	-14.0	-13.9	-12.7	-17.9	-14.8		-18.6	-12.3	-11.2	-18.0	-13.1		4.7
Men													
Jul 02	91.9	91.0	58.3	16.5	16.2	17.8	6.3	24.4	20.0	3.9	0.5	2.2	0.0
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
May 04 #	77.6	77.0	50.4	14.2	12.5	16.2	4.0	21.5	17.5	3.4	0.6	2.6	0.1
Jun 04	74.8	74.1	47.9	13.9	12.2	16.5	4.0	20.4	16.5	3.4	0.5	2.6	0.1
Jul 04	73.8	73.2	48.3	13.0	11.9	16.2	3.9	20.7	17.1	3.1	0.5	2.5	0.1
Change on year	-13.1	-12.9	-7.6	-3.0	-2.2	-0.2	-1.0	-3.3	-2.5	-0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Change %	-15.0	-15.0	-13.6	-19.0	-15.9		-19.5	-13.7	-12.6	-19.7	-11.2		16.7
Women													
Jul 02	27.6	27.3	20.1	4.3	2.9	10.7	1.0	10.5	8.7	1.5	0.3	2.7	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
May 04 #	24.0	23.8	17.3	3.9	2.6	10.8	0.7	9.0	7.3	1.4	0.2	2.7	0.0
Jun 04	23.2	23.0	16.7	3.8	2.5	10.8	0.7	8.6	7.0	1.4	0.2	2.6	0.0
Jul 04	24.0	23.8	17.7	3.6	2.5	10.3	0.7	9.4	7.9	1.3	0.2	2.5	0.0
Change on year	-2.9	-2.8	-2.0	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	-0.7	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Change %	-10.6	-10.6	-10.1	-13.9	-8.8		-13.2	-9.1	-8.1	-13.6	-17.0		-10.6

* 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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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	
													14
People													
Jul 02	63.9	38.7	12.1	13.0	20.4	4.3	17.7	9.4	3.1	5.3	29.7	2.9	
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	
May 04 #	53.2	33.1	10.5	9.6	18.0	2.1	15.4	8.2	2.6	4.7	30.4	2.5	
Jun 04	51.6	31.8	10.4	9.4	18.2	2.1	14.9	7.8	2.5	4.6	30.6	2.5	
Jul 04	50.8	31.9	9.8	9.1	18.0	2.1	14.5	7.7	2.4	4.4	30.6	2.4	
Change on year	-9.0	-5.0	-2.2	-1.8	-0.3	-0.8	-2.2	-1.2	-0.5	-0.6	0.7	-0.3	
Change %	-15.1	-13.6	-18.3	-16.5	-27.9	-13.2	-13.3	-16.6	-11.3			-9.5	
Men													
Jul 02	52.1	30.6	10.1	11.3	21.8	3.8	13.5	6.8	2.4	4.3	32.1	2.4	
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	
May 04 #	42.9	26.1	8.7	8.1	18.9	1.8	11.7	5.9	2.0	3.8	32.6	2.1	
Jun 04	41.6	25.0	8.6	8.0	19.2	1.8	11.3	5.6	1.9	3.7	32.9	2.1	
Jul 04	40.8	25.0	8.0	7.8	19.0	1.8	10.9	5.5	1.8	3.6	33.0	2.0	
Change on year	-7.5	-4.0	-1.9	-1.7	-0.5	-0.7	-1.9	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5	0.7	-0.2	
Change %	-15.6	-13.7	-19.2	-17.6	-29.0	-14.7	-15.1	-16.9	-12.7			-9.8	
Women													
Jul 02	11.8	8.1	2.0	1.7	14.4	0.5	4.2	2.6	0.7	0.9	21.7	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	
May 04 #	10.3	7.0	1.8	1.5	14.2	0.3	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.5	0.4	
Jun 04	10.0	6.8	1.8	1.4	14.0	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.6	0.4	
Jul 04	10.0	6.9	1.7	1.4	13.7	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.5	0.4	
Change on year	-1.5	-1.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	1.0	0.0	
Change %	-12.9	-13.4	-13.6	-9.8	-19.9	-8.7	-8.4	-15.7	-4.5			-7.8	

* 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	Mar - May 2001	3,198	3,118	96	378	772	1,207	664	80
	Mar - May 2002	3,190	3,104	85	409	732	1,212	667	86
	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
	Mar - May 2004	3,233	3,141	86	435	691	1,218	712	91
	<i>Change on year</i>	-12	-15	2	7	-21	12	-15	4
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	-0.5	2.2	1.6	-3.0	1.0	-2.1	4.2	
Men	Mar - May 2001	1,723	1,699	50	204	419	629	397	24
	Mar - May 2002	1,702	1,677	41	210	394	637	394	25
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,718	1,692	46	223	361	644	420	25
	<i>Change on year</i>	-31	-26	3	-5	-25	6	-5	-4
<i>Change %</i>	-1.8	-1.5	7.6	-2.3	-6.4	0.9	-1.3	-14.7	
Women	Mar - May 2001	1,476	1,419	46	174	353	578	268	56
	Mar - May 2002	1,488	1,427	43	198	338	575	273	60
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,515	1,449	40	212	330	574	292	66
	<i>Change on year</i>	19	11	-1	12	3	6	-10	8
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	0.8	-3.3	6.1	1.1	1.1	-3.2	13.8	
Economic activity rates (%)*									
People	Mar - May 2001	60.7	76.6	54.5	69.2	84.0	85.3	65.4	6.7
	Mar - May 2002	60.3	76.0	46.5	72.7	82.5	84.8	65.0	7.1
	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
	Mar - May 2004	60.8	76.5	46.4	72.9	83.0	83.7	68.7	7.5
	<i>Change on year</i>	-0.4	-0.5	0.6	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	-1.8	0.3
Men	Mar - May 2001	68.1	81.1	55.7	76.0	92.7	90.3	67.4	5.5
	Mar - May 2002	67.1	79.8	44.6	76.1	90.8	90.5	66.4	5.8
	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
	Mar - May 2004	67.2	80.3	48.5	75.4	89.3	90.3	69.9	5.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	-1.4	-1.4	3.1	-4.1	-3.0	0.3	-1.3	-1.0
Women	Mar - May 2001	53.8	71.8	53.2	62.6	75.7	80.5	62.6	7.4
	Mar - May 2002	54.1	71.9	48.5	69.4	74.6	79.2	63.1	7.9
	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
	Mar - May 2004	54.8	72.5	44.2	70.5	77.0	77.5	67.0	8.6
	<i>Change on year</i>	0.5	0.4	-1.9	2.5	2.7	0.1	-2.5	1.0

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	Mar - May 2001	2,072	955	81	169	147	207	351	1,117
	Mar - May 2002	2,098	982	97	153	155	218	358	1,116
	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
	Mar - May 2004	2,087	963	99	161	142	236	325	1,124
	<i>Change on year</i>	27	24	0	8	-3	-1	20	4
	<i>Change %</i>	1.3	2.5	-0.3	5.5	-2.2	-0.4	6.5	0.3
Men	Mar - May 2001	805	397	40	64	33	68	192	408
	Mar - May 2002	836	423	51	66	40	67	199	412
	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
	Mar - May 2004	837	414	48	73	43	69	181	423
	<i>Change on year</i>	39	30	-2	14	11	-1	9	9
	<i>Change %</i>	4.9	7.7	-4.8	23.3	34.1	-2.1	5.1	2.3
Women	Mar - May 2001	1,267	558	41	104	114	140	160	709
	Mar - May 2002	1,263	559	46	87	115	151	159	704
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,250	549	51	89	99	167	144	701
	<i>Change on year</i>	-12	-6	2	-5	-14	0	11	-6
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.9	-1.1	4.4	-5.7	-12.7	0.3	8.4	-0.8

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	Mar - May 2001	2,072	955	718	236	216	58	159	88	63	28	37
	Mar - May 2002	2,098	982	723	259	235	65	170	97	70	29	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
	Mar - May 2004	2,087	963	753	210	184	54	130	74	51	17	42
	<i>Change on year</i>	27	24	41	-18	-25	-3	-22	-13	-6	-11	5
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	2.5	5.8	-7.7	-11.8	-5.1	-14.3	-14.8	-10.2	-39.5	13.5	
Men	Mar - May 2001	805	397	287	110	99	25	74	54	10	13	21
	Mar - May 2002	836	423	309	115	102	27	75	57	*	17	21
	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
	Mar - May 2004	837	414	318	97	82	28	54	40	11	*	22
	<i>Change on year</i>	39	30	31	-2	-8	2	-10	-10	*	*	3
<i>Change %</i>	4.9	7.7	10.9	-1.6	-8.7	9.6	-15.8	-19.3	*	*	15.6	
Women	Mar - May 2001	1,267	558	431	126	117	32	85	33	53	15	16
	Mar - May 2002	1,263	559	414	145	133	38	95	40	62	13	18
	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
	Mar - May 2004	1,250	549	436	113	101	26	75	34	40	*	20
	<i>Change on year</i>	-12	-6	10	-16	-17	-5	-11	-3	-10	*	2
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9	-1.1	2.4	-12.3	-14.2	-16.9	-13.2	-8.7	-19.5	*	11.2	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

other includes discouraged workers

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

VACANCIES

12 Jobcentre vacancies

North West

(thousands), seasonally adjusted

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

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)	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.

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

+ Official mid-2002 estimate of the resident population.

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++ LFS data relate to the period March 2002 to February 2003. LFS sample covers working age (16-59/64) population living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS

accommodation. The LFS data in this table are consistent with population estimates released in February 2003, not the latest revised population estimates - see note on page 7.

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

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

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

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

* Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

** Jobs data are for 2002, and are mainly employees from the Annual Business Inquiry which refers to December of each year; they also include self-employed, HM Forces and government-supported trainees. Jobs densities are calculated as the number of jobs per resident of working age (16-59/64).

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)	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**	
		Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
		1	2	3	4	5	6				
United Kingdom total	36,567	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
accommodation. The LFS data in this ta	..	42	77.7	*	*	11	20.6	1,101	1.9	33	0.58
Salford	..	22	59.2	3	12.8	12	31.8	1,696	3.7	66	1.45

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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
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

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

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

+ Official mid-2002 estimate of the resident population.

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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#		Jobs	
	16-59/64	Total 16-59/64	Rate (%) 16-59/64	Total 16+	Rate (%)+	Total 16-59/64	Rate (%) 16-59/64	Level (number)	% 16- 59/64##	Total**	Jobs Density Ratio 16-59/64***	
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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	
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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North West

17 Claimant count* by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 8 JULY 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	620,242	221,246	841,488	3.3	1.3	2.3	-81,205	-23,622	-104,827	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Regional total	73,784	24,005	97,789	3.5	1.2	2.4	-13,054	-2,857	-15,911	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Blackburn with Darwen UA	1,739	530	2,269	4.0	1.3	2.7	-116	-40	-156	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Blackpool UA	1,626	463	2,089	3.7	1.2	2.5	-261	-45	-306	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Halton UA	1,546	498	2,044	4.1	1.4	2.8	-419	-132	-551	-1.1	-0.4	-0.7
Warrington UA	1,276	438	1,714	2.0	0.8	1.4	-461	-140	-601	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5
Cheshire	3,594	1,281	4,875	1.7	0.6	1.2	-930	-318	-1,248	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Chester	687	256	943	1.8	0.7	1.3	-193	-39	-232	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Congleton	350	154	504	1.2	0.6	0.9	-126	-54	-180	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Crewe and Nantwich	669	240	909	1.9	0.7	1.3	-102	-69	-171	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Ellesmere Port and Neston	576	177	753	2.3	0.7	1.5	-57	-26	-83	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Macclesfield	603	182	785	1.3	0.4	0.9	-185	-65	-250	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Vale Royal	709	272	981	1.8	0.8	1.3	-267	-65	-332	-0.7	-0.2	-0.4
Cumbria	3,971	1,339	5,310	2.6	1.0	1.8	-651	-188	-839	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Allerdale	826	296	1,122	2.8	1.1	2.0	-226	-37	-263	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
Barrow-in-Furness	896	247	1,143	4.0	1.2	2.7	-59	-18	-77	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Carlisle	803	296	1,099	2.5	1.0	1.8	-223	-75	-298	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Copeland	961	288	1,249	4.3	1.5	3.0	-52	-33	-85	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Eden	142	59	201	0.9	0.4	0.7	-31	-14	-45	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
South Lakeland	343	153	496	1.1	0.5	0.8	-60	-11	-71	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Bolton	2,493	852	3,345	3.0	1.1	2.1	-655	-126	-781	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Bury	1,341	503	1,844	2.3	0.9	1.7	-291	-57	-348	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Manchester	8,427	2,455	10,882	5.9	1.8	4.0	-2,108	-486	-2,594	-1.5	-0.4	-0.9
Oldham	2,325	729	3,054	3.4	1.1	2.3	-511	-72	-583	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4
Rochdale	2,389	777	3,166	3.7	1.3	2.5	-582	-104	-686	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Salford	2,639	729	3,368	3.7	1.2	2.5	-230	-31	-261	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Stockport	1,790	575	2,365	2.0	0.7	1.4	-461	-156	-617	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Tameside	2,099	782	2,881	3.1	1.2	2.2	-297	-41	-338	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Trafford	1,602	523	2,125	2.4	0.8	1.7	-372	-93	-465	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Wigan	2,937	1,056	3,993	3.0	1.2	2.1	-466	-60	-526	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Lancashire	8,645	3,050	11,695	2.4	0.9	1.7	-1,304	-309	-1,613	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Burnley	783	246	1,029	2.9	0.9	1.9	-111	-56	-167	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Chorley	614	219	833	1.8	0.7	1.3	-65	-40	-105	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Fylde	292	98	390	1.3	0.5	0.9	-17	3	-14	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Hyndburn	701	221	922	2.8	0.9	1.9	-78	-48	-126	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Lancaster	1,256	475	1,731	3.0	1.2	2.1	-341	-3	-344	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Pendle	688	257	945	2.5	1.0	1.7	-217	-75	-292	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5
Preston	1,570	464	2,034	3.7	1.2	2.5	-161	-30	-191	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Ribble Valley	115	57	172	0.7	0.4	0.5	-27	-7	-34	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Rossendale	409	178	587	2.0	0.9	1.5	-67	-13	-80	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
South Ribble	482	194	676	1.4	0.6	1.0	-70	-3	-73	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
West Lancashire	1,090	413	1,503	3.2	1.3	2.3	-193	-71	-264	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Wyre	645	228	873	2.1	0.8	1.5	43	34	77	0.1	0.1	0.1
Knowsley	2,804	860	3,664	6.2	1.9	4.0	-405	-106	-511	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6
Liverpool	10,870	3,333	14,203	7.7	2.4	5.1	-803	38	-765	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
St. Helens	2,113	788	2,901	3.8	1.5	2.7	-448	-29	-477	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4
Sefton	3,431	1,106	4,537	4.2	1.4	2.8	-625	-129	-754	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Wirral	4,127	1,338	5,465	4.6	1.5	3.0	-658	-233	-891	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance
Relationship between columns = 3=1+2; 9=7+8

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

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 8 JULY 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	620,242	221,246	841,488	3.3	1.3	2.3	-81,205	-23,622	-104,827	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Regional total	73,784	24,005	97,789	3.5	1.2	2.4	-13,054	-2,857	-15,911	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Altrincham & Sale West	476	163	639	1.7	0.6	1.2	-89	-58	-147	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Ashton under Lyne	1,021	325	1,346	3.4	1.1	2.3	-209	-49	-258	-0.7	-0.2	-0.4
Barrow & Furness	1,044	303	1,347	3.8	1.2	2.6	-79	-7	-86	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Birkenhead	1,776	550	2,326	7.9	2.4	5.1	-199	3	-196	-0.9	0.0	-0.4
Blackburn	1,406	421	1,827	4.5	1.5	3.1	-72	-7	-79	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	934	292	1,226	3.4	1.1	2.3	19	22	41	0.1	0.1	0.1
Blackpool South	1,157	327	1,484	3.9	1.2	2.6	-226	-38	-264	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
Bolton North East	944	290	1,234	3.4	1.1	2.3	-254	-55	-309	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6
Bolton South East	1,096	362	1,458	3.9	1.4	2.7	-241	-40	-281	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Bolton West	453	200	653	1.7	0.8	1.3	-160	-31	-191	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Bootle	1,735	518	2,253	7.8	2.3	5.0	-251	-35	-286	-1.1	-0.2	-0.6
Burnley	783	246	1,029	2.9	0.9	1.9	-111	-56	-167	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Bury North	707	265	972	2.4	1.0	1.7	-127	-35	-162	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Bury South	634	238	872	2.3	0.9	1.6	-164	-22	-186	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Carlisle	695	250	945	2.9	1.1	2.0	-197	-56	-253	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5
Cheadle	274	104	378	1.0	0.4	0.7	-160	-40	-200	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Chester, City of	612	210	822	2.2	0.8	1.5	-163	-28	-191	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Chorley	614	219	833	1.8	0.7	1.3	-65	-40	-105	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Congleton	350	154	504	1.2	0.6	0.9	-126	-54	-180	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Copeland	961	288	1,249	4.3	1.5	3.0	-52	-33	-85	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Crewe & Nantwich	637	225	862	2.2	0.8	1.5	-94	-54	-148	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Crosby	723	262	985	3.3	1.3	2.3	-158	-36	-194	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5
Denton & Reddish	764	286	1,050	2.7	1.1	1.9	-147	-35	-182	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Eccles	909	252	1,161	3.1	1.0	2.1	-87	16	-71	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
Eddisbury	374	161	535	1.3	0.6	1.0	-135	-61	-196	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Ellesmere Port & Neston	602	189	791	2.2	0.7	1.5	-61	-25	-86	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Fylde	439	148	587	1.6	0.6	1.1	-37	-8	-45	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Halton	973	306	1,279	3.8	1.2	2.6	-277	-97	-374	-1.1	-0.4	-0.7
Hazel Grove	405	133	538	1.6	0.6	1.1	-68	-32	-100	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Heywood & Middleton	837	320	1,157	2.7	1.1	1.9	-302	-49	-351	-1.0	-0.2	-0.6
Hyndburn	795	245	1,040	2.8	0.9	1.9	-62	-48	-110	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Knowsley North & Sefton East	1,432	448	1,880	5.0	1.6	3.3	-122	-49	-171	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Knowsley South	1,679	519	2,198	5.6	1.8	3.7	-330	-82	-412	-1.1	-0.3	-0.7
Lancaster & Wyre	499	208	707	1.6	0.7	1.1	-126	23	-103	-0.4	0.1	-0.2
Leigh	920	309	1,229	3.0	1.1	2.1	-162	-70	-232	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4
Liverpool, Garston	1,509	517	2,026	5.9	2.1	4.1	-131	12	-119	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Liverpool, Riverside	2,986	896	3,882	9.4	2.9	6.2	-227	39	-188	-0.7	0.1	-0.3
Liverpool, Walton	2,238	653	2,891	8.3	2.6	5.5	-132	4	-128	-0.5	0.0	-0.2
Liverpool, Wavertree	2,142	632	2,774	7.5	2.2	4.9	-65	4	-61	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Liverpool, West Derby	1,995	635	2,630	7.3	2.3	4.8	-248	-21	-269	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5
Macclesfield	368	97	465	1.3	0.4	0.8	-106	-29	-135	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Makerfield	757	295	1,052	2.6	1.1	1.9	-137	34	-103	-0.5	0.1	-0.2
Manchester, Blackley	1,591	465	2,056	6.3	2.0	4.2	-526	-94	-620	-2.1	-0.4	-1.3
Manchester, Central	2,787	723	3,510	9.0	2.6	6.0	-402	-139	-541	-1.3	-0.5	-0.9
Manchester, Gorton	1,881	561	2,442	6.3	2.0	4.2	-680	-135	-815	-2.3	-0.5	-1.4
Manchester, Withington	1,154	381	1,535	3.6	1.3	2.5	-277	-104	-381	-0.9	-0.3	-0.6
Morecambe & Lunesdale	928	337	1,265	3.6	1.4	2.5	-228	-18	-246	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5
Oldham East & Saddleworth	846	309	1,155	2.6	1.0	1.8	-247	11	-236	-0.8	0.0	-0.4
Oldham West & Royton	1,285	368	1,653	4.3	1.3	2.8	-215	-51	-266	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 8 JULY 2004						Change on year					
	Levels			Percentage of Pop [#]			Levels			Percentage [#]		
	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pendle	688	257	945	2.5	1.0	1.8	-217	-75	-292	-0.8	-0.3	-0.5
Penrith & The Border	308	129	437	1.1	0.5	0.8	-75	-54	-129	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Preston	1,375	392	1,767	4.3	1.3	2.9	-129	-16	-145	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Ribble Valley	242	116	358	0.8	0.4	0.6	-64	-8	-72	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Rochdale	1,475	434	1,909	4.8	1.5	3.2	-266	-54	-320	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Rossendale & Darwen	648	263	911	2.2	1.0	1.6	-127	-46	-173	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Salford	1,287	322	1,609	5.3	1.5	3.5	-70	-22	-92	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
South Ribble	475	179	654	1.6	0.6	1.1	-73	-31	-104	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Southport	666	219	885	2.6	0.9	1.7	-169	-33	-202	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
St. Helens North	949	352	1,301	3.3	1.3	2.3	-175	-33	-208	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
St. Helens South	1,164	436	1,600	4.4	1.7	3.1	-273	4	-269	-1.0	0.0	-0.5
Stalybridge & Hyde	891	344	1,235	3.2	1.3	2.3	-69	-4	-73	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Stockport	805	240	1,045	2.9	0.9	1.9	-168	-70	-238	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4
Stretford & Urmston	973	302	1,275	3.4	1.1	2.3	-242	-29	-271	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5
Tatton	341	119	460	1.4	0.5	1.0	-108	-43	-151	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Wallasey	1,225	371	1,596	4.9	1.5	3.2	-271	-148	-419	-1.1	-0.6	-0.8
Warrington North	723	246	969	2.3	0.9	1.6	-259	-55	-314	-0.8	-0.2	-0.5
Warrington South	553	192	745	1.8	0.7	1.3	-202	-85	-287	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Weaver Vale	883	318	1,201	3.1	1.2	2.2	-279	-59	-338	-1.0	-0.2	-0.6
West Lancashire	1,027	393	1,420	3.6	1.4	2.5	-163	-48	-211	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Westmorland & Lonsdale	195	97	292	0.7	0.4	0.6	-40	-22	-62	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Wigan	871	303	1,174	3.4	1.3	2.4	-134	-28	-162	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Wirral South	508	190	698	2.3	0.9	1.6	-89	-39	-128	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Wirral West	618	227	845	2.8	1.0	1.9	-99	-49	-148	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Workington	768	272	1,040	3.0	1.2	2.1	-208	-16	-224	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
Worsley	832	304	1,136	2.8	1.1	2.0	-106	-21	-127	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Wythenshawe & Sale East	1,167	383	1,550	3.9	1.3	2.6	-264	-20	-284	-0.9	-0.1	-0.5

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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

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