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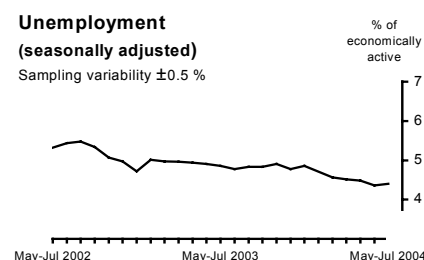
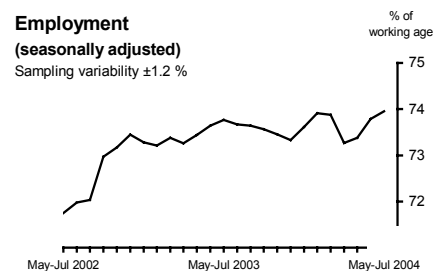
September 2004: North West

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Labour Force Survey data for the North West indicate that the trend in the employment rate appears to be increasing, but 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 July 2004 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 73.9 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points 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 August 2004.



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| | | Level (thousands) | Rate (%) | Change on year (level) | Sampling variability (thousands) | Change on year (rate) | Sampling variability (%) |
|--|----------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Employment* | May-Jul | 3,132 | 73.9 | 23 | ± 78 | 0.2 | ± 1.5 |
| Unemployment** | May-Jul | 144 | 4.4 | -15 | ± 24 | -0.5 | ± 0.7 |
| Economically active* | May-Jul | 3,276 | 77.4 | 8 | ± 77 | -0.2 | ± 1.4 |
| Economically inactive+ | May-Jul | 928 | 22.6 | 9 | ± 76 | 0.2 | ± 1.4 |
| of which: | | | | | | | |
| Not wanting a job+ | May-Jul | 718 | | 35 | ± 69 | | |
| Wanting a job+ | May-Jul | 209 | | -26 | ± 41 | | |
| Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted) | Mar 2004 | 3,340 | | 32 | .. | | |
| Claimant count | Aug 2004 | 96.4 | 2.8 ⁺⁺ | -14.2 | | -0.4 | |

See note on page 8 on sampling variability.

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

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

+ Levels and rates are for those of working age.

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

.. Not available.

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

New this month:

May to July 2004 data: latest three-month average LFS results;

August 2004 data: claimant count.

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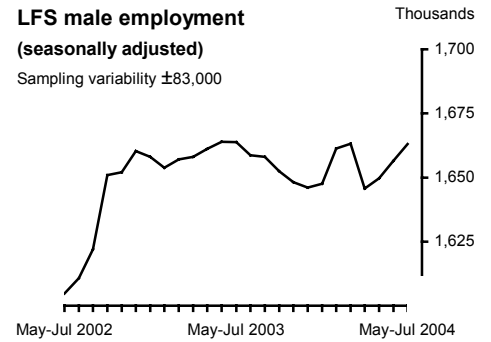
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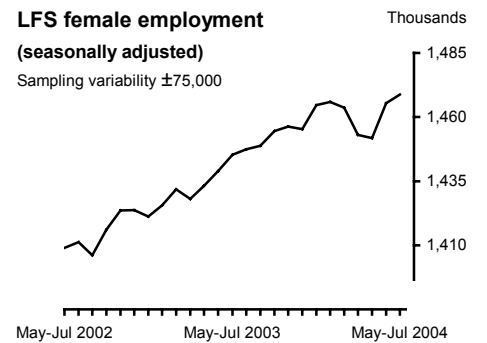


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 73.9 per cent in the May to July 2004 period, up 0.2 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.13 million in the May to July 2004 period, up 23,000 on the same period a year earlier.



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



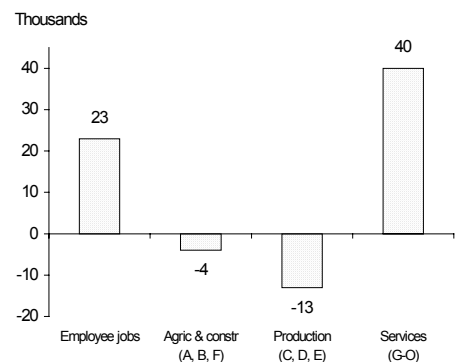
Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 23,000 in the year to March 2004. This was mainly due to rises in the services and 'other' industries, partly offset by a fall in manufacturing industries.

Unemployment (table 1)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.4 per cent in the May to July 2004 period, down 0.5 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in May to July 2004 were 4.5 per cent and 4.3 per cent respectively.

Employee jobs by industry

Change on year from March 2003



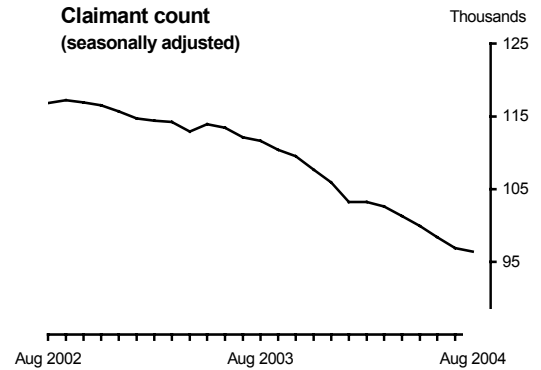
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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in August 2004 was 2.8 per cent, unchanged from July 2004, and down 0.4 percentage points since August 2003. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in August 2004 was 96,400, down 500 on July 2004, and down 14,200 since August 2003. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 98,900 in August 2004.



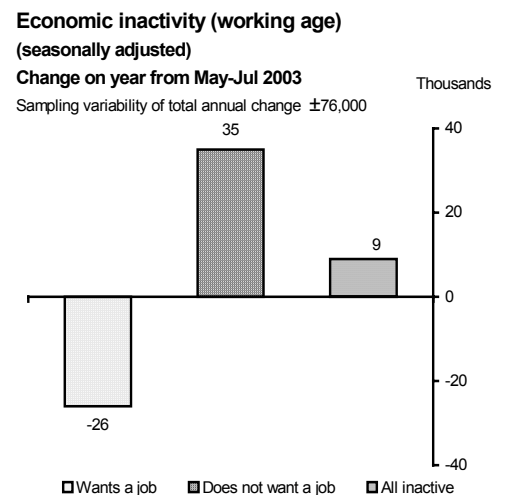
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 31,500 in August 2004, down 3,700 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for all age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

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

Economically inactive (tables 1, 10 and 11)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically inactive people in the North West in the May to July 2004 period was 2.05 million, with 928,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was up 9,000.



Vacancies (table 12)

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

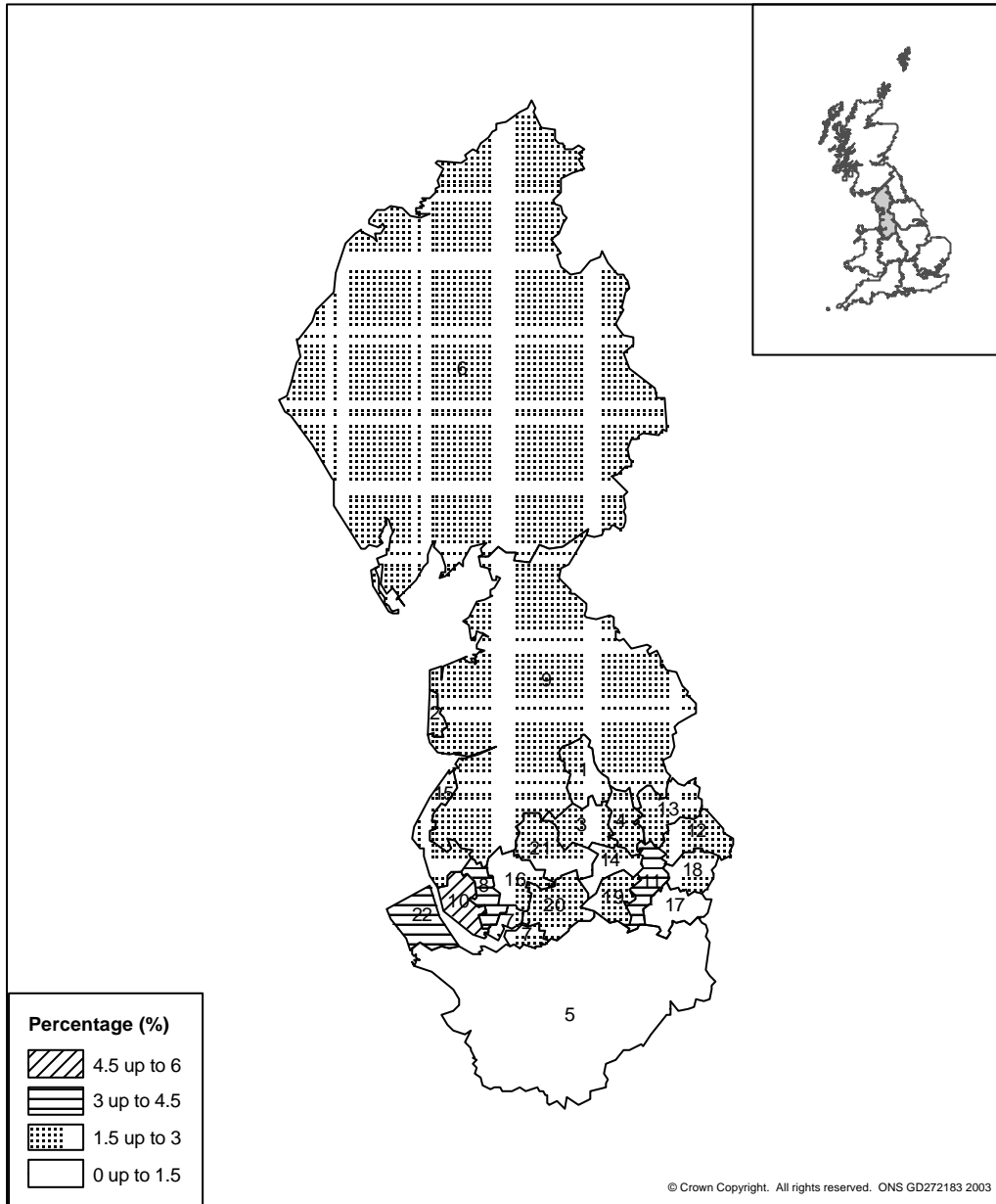
Local area data (table 17)

The claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population was lowest in Ribble Valley, at 0.6 per cent. It was highest in Liverpool, at 5.2 per cent.

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

August 2004 - North West



| | | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|------|----|---------------|------|
| 1 | Blackburn with Darwen UA | 2.8% | 12 | Oldham | 2.3% |
| 2 | Blackpool UA | 2.5% | 13 | Rochdale | 2.6% |
| 3 | Bolton | 2.1% | 14 | Salford | 2.6% |
| 4 | Bury | 1.7% | 15 | Sefton | 2.7% |
| 5 | Cheshire | 1.2% | 16 | St. Helens | 2.6% |
| 6 | Cumbria | 1.8% | 17 | Stockport | 1.4% |
| 7 | Halton UA | 2.7% | 18 | Tameside | 2.2% |
| 8 | Knowsley | 4.0% | 19 | Trafford | 1.7% |
| 9 | Lancashire | 1.8% | 20 | Warrington UA | 1.6% |
| 10 | Liverpool | 5.2% | 21 | Wigan | 2.1% |
| 11 | Manchester | 3.9% | 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 August 2003 and Claimant Count data first published from October 1999 to August 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 (%) | 73.9 | 56 | -0.22 | 0.36 |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 4.4 | 56 | 0.08 | 0.16 |
| Claimant count (000s) | 96.4 | 47 | 0.11 | 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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THIS MONTH

Annual Labour Force Survey, 2002/03: supplementary tables labour market characteristics by ethnicity for regions and local areas

A new set of supplementary tables have been produced from the 2002/03 Annual LFS which give detailed labour market characteristics by ethnicity for regional and local areas. This is based on new methodological work to calculate the reliability of each estimate. Where possible, confidence intervals have been determined from the standard error of each estimate and are included in the tables. These tables are being released on an ad-hoc basis whilst ONS is developing its policy on grading data quality and will be released on the National Statistics website on 27 September 2004.

NEXT MONTH

Revised LFS estimates

On 9 September 2004, ONS published the mid-year population estimate (MYE) for 2003, along with revised mid-year estimates for 2001 & 2002. Revised estimates for 1992-2000 will be published on 7 October 2004. These revised population estimates will be incorporated into the LFS estimates (for 1992 to date) due to be published in next month's Labour Market First Release, on 13 October 2004.

SPECIAL

Revisions to population estimates

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

Future LFS revisions

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

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

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is now possible. The revised LFS time series, taking account of the 2004 MYE, to be released in September 2005 should therefore be produced entirely consistently with the LFS microdata, without the need for any interim adjustment procedure.

Tables 13 to 16: Local labour market indicators

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

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

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

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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*.

May to July 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 | 3,071 | 3,132 | 3,192 | -44 | 33 | 110 | -56 | 23 | 101 |
| Employment rate | 72.8% | 73.9% | 75.1% | -0.8% | 0.7% | 2.2% | -1.3% | 0.2% | 1.7% |
| Unemployment | 127 | 144 | 161 | -25 | -3 | 20 | -39 | -15 | 10 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.9% | 4.4% | 4.9% | -0.8% | -0.1% | 0.6% | -1.2% | -0.5% | 0.3% |
| Economically active | 3,216 | 3,276 | 3,336 | -46 | 30 | 107 | -69 | 8 | 86 |
| Economic activity rate | 76.3% | 77.4% | 78.5% | -0.9% | 0.6% | 2.0% | -1.6% | -0.2% | 1.3% |
| Economically inactive | 868 | 928 | 987 | -99 | -23 | 53 | -67 | 9 | 85 |

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Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

May to July 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 | ± 35 | ± 11 | ± 35 | ± 35 | ± 1.8 | ± 0.9 |
| North West | ± 60 | ± 17 | ± 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 | ± 50 | ± 1.3 | ± 0.6 |
| East | ± 49 | ± 15 | ± 49 | ± 46 | ± 1.1 | ± 0.5 |
| London | ± 64 | ± 25 | ± 62 | ± 62 | ± 1.2 | ± 0.7 |
| South East | ± 60 | ± 17 | ± 59 | ± 55 | ± 0.9 | ± 0.4 |
| South West | ± 49 | ± 13 | ± 49 | ± 46 | ± 1.2 | ± 0.5 |
| Wales | ± 38 | ± 11 | ± 38 | ± 39 | ± 1.7 | ± 0.8 |
| Scotland | ± 48 | ± 17 | ± 47 | ± 45 | ± 1.2 | ± 0.6 |

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 7).

The annual LFS database is compiled by taking data from waves one and five of four quarters of the LFS and combining them with an additional sample of interviews. This sample boost was introduced in 2000 and has improved the accuracy of the annual estimates for some local areas in England and all local areas in Wales (a boost was also introduced in Scotland for the 2003/04 survey, and the results of this survey will be published in autumn 2004). There are now different publication thresholds for annual LFS data, depending on the size of the sample boost in the area. The thresholds are six thousand, four thousand, two thousand and as low as one thousand for some areas in Wales. For further information see Volume 6 of the *LFS User Guide*. This guide, along with

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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# (May to July 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 | 1,999 | 1,165 | 74.4 | 616 | 548 | 1,101 | 70.3 | 576 | 72.3 | 525 | 68.2 | 63 | 5.4 | 40 | 6.5 | 23 | 4.3 |
| North West | 5,323 | 3,276 | 77.4 | 1,742 | 1,534 | 3,132 | 73.9 | 1,663 | 77.6 | 1,469 | 70.1 | 144 | 4.4 | 79 | 4.5 | 65 | 4.3 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 3,943 | 2,437 | 77.8 | 1,312 | 1,126 | 2,330 | 74.3 | 1,250 | 78.7 | 1,081 | 69.7 | 107 | 4.4 | 62 | 4.7 | 45 | 4.0 |
| East Midlands | 3,371 | 2,129 | 79.4 | 1,164 | 965 | 2,045 | 76.3 | 1,117 | 81.0 | 928 | 71.1 | 83 | 3.9 | 47 | 4.0 | 36 | 3.8 |
| West Midlands | 4,187 | 2,587 | 78.0 | 1,423 | 1,164 | 2,452 | 73.8 | 1,342 | 78.4 | 1,110 | 68.8 | 135 | 5.2 | 81 | 5.7 | 54 | 4.7 |
| East | 4,342 | 2,847 | 82.5 | 1,544 | 1,302 | 2,740 | 79.4 | 1,484 | 83.9 | 1,256 | 74.4 | 106 | 3.7 | 60 | 3.9 | 46 | 3.6 |
| London | 5,962 | 3,842 | 75.1 | 2,153 | 1,688 | 3,567 | 69.7 | 1,996 | 76.4 | 1,570 | 62.4 | 275 | 7.2 | 157 | 7.3 | 118 | 7.0 |
| South East | 6,434 | 4,204 | 81.4 | 2,284 | 1,920 | 4,049 | 78.3 | 2,195 | 83.5 | 1,854 | 72.7 | 155 | 3.7 | 89 | 3.9 | 66 | 3.4 |
| South West | 3,994 | 2,517 | 81.6 | 1,352 | 1,165 | 2,430 | 78.7 | 1,299 | 82.3 | 1,131 | 74.8 | 87 | 3.5 | 53 | 3.9 | 34 | 2.9 |
| England | 39,554 | 25,002 | 78.8 | 13,590 | 11,413 | 23,846 | 75.0 | 12,922 | 79.7 | 10,924 | 70.0 | 1,156 | 4.6 | 667 | 4.9 | 489 | 4.3 |
| Wales | 2,325 | 1,369 | 75.2 | 728 | 640 | 1,306 | 71.7 | 695 | 75.8 | 611 | 67.3 | 63 | 4.6 | 33 | 4.5 | 30 | 4.6 |
| Scotland | 4,048 | 2,579 | 79.7 | 1,359 | 1,221 | 2,424 | 74.8 | 1,261 | 77.5 | 1,163 | 72.0 | 156 | 6.0 | 98 | 7.2 | 58 | 4.8 |
| Great Britain | 45,927 | 28,950 | 78.7 | 15,677 | 13,274 | 27,576 | 74.8 | 14,879 | 79.3 | 12,697 | 70.1 | 1,375 | 4.7 | 798 | 5.1 | 577 | 4.3 |
| N Ireland | 1,303 | 757 | 70.8 | 424 | 333 | 718 | 67.1 | 397 | 72.9 | 321 | 61.0 | 39 | 5.1 | 28 | 6.5 | 11 | 3.4 |
| United Kingdom | 47,231 | 29,712 | 78.5 | 16,104 | 13,608 | 28,301 | 74.6 | 15,278 | 79.2 | 13,022 | 69.8 | 1,411 | 4.7 | 826 | 5.1 | 586 | 4.3 |

Change on quarter: +

| | Total aged 16 & over | | Economically active | | | | Employment | | | | | Unemployment | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | | Men | | Women | Total | | Men | | Women | Total | | Men | | Women | | |
| | Level | Rate (%)* | Level | 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 | 0.4 | -3 | 7 | 1 | 0.2 | -2 | -0.5 | 4 | 1.1 | 3 | 0.2 | -1 | -0.1 | 4 | 0.6 |
| North West | 4 | 30 | 0.6 | 11 | 20 | 33 | 0.7 | 17 | 0.8 | 16 | 0.6 | -3 | -0.1 | -7 | -0.4 | 4 | 0.2 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 4 | -7 | -0.2 | 3 | -10 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.5 | -9 | -0.6 | -7 | -0.3 | -6 | -0.5 | -1 | -0.1 |
| East Midlands | 6 | -19 | -0.5 | 0 | -19 | -5 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.6 | -12 | -0.7 | -14 | -0.6 | -7 | -0.6 | -7 | -0.6 |
| West Midlands | 4 | -20 | -0.6 | -5 | -15 | -12 | -0.4 | -4 | -0.3 | -9 | -0.4 | -8 | -0.3 | -1 | -0.1 | -7 | -0.5 |
| East | 9 | 9 | 0.0 | -1 | 9 | 4 | -0.1 | -1 | -0.3 | 5 | 0.2 | 4 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.3 |
| London | 15 | -21 | -0.7 | -13 | -7 | -29 | -0.9 | -13 | -0.8 | -15 | -1.0 | 8 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.5 |
| South East | 14 | 4 | -0.3 | -2 | 6 | 11 | -0.1 | 0 | -0.4 | 12 | 0.1 | -8 | -0.2 | -2 | -0.1 | -6 | -0.3 |
| South West | 7 | -1 | 0.0 | -5 | 4 | -11 | -0.4 | -12 | -0.7 | 1 | 0.0 | 10 | 0.4 | 7 | 0.5 | 3 | 0.2 |
| England | 63 | -21 | -0.2 | -16 | -6 | -7 | -0.2 | 0 | -0.2 | -7 | -0.2 | -15 | -0.1 | -16 | -0.1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Wales | 3 | -12 | -0.7 | -5 | -7 | -8 | -0.5 | -2 | -0.5 | -6 | -0.5 | -4 | -0.2 | -2 | -0.3 | -2 | -0.2 |
| Scotland | 1 | 17 | 0.4 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 0.3 | 3 | 0.0 | 11 | 0.6 | 3 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.4 | -3 | -0.2 |
| Great Britain | 67 | -16 | -0.2 | -12 | -5 | -1 | -0.1 | 1 | -0.2 | -2 | -0.1 | -15 | 0.0 | -12 | -0.1 | -3 | 0.0 |
| N Ireland | 3 | 1 | 0.1 | 3 | -3 | 1 | 0.2 | 5 | 1.1 | -4 | -0.8 | 0 | -0.1 | -2 | -0.5 | 1 | 0.5 |
| United Kingdom | 70 | -17 | -0.2 | -10 | -7 | -1 | -0.1 | 4 | -0.1 | -5 | -0.1 | -16 | 0.0 | -14 | -0.1 | -2 | 0.0 |

Change on year:

| | Total aged 16 & over | | Economically active | | | | Employment | | | | | Unemployment | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| | Total | | Men | | Women | Total | | Men | | Women | Total | | Men | | Women | | |
| | Level | Rate (%)* | Level | 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 | 20 | 1.1 | -9 | 28 | 29 | 1.7 | 0 | -0.2 | 29 | 3.7 | -9 | -0.9 | -8 | -1.2 | -1 | -0.4 |
| North West | 16 | 8 | -0.2 | -19 | 27 | 23 | 0.2 | -1 | -0.2 | 23 | 0.6 | -15 | -0.5 | -18 | -1.0 | 3 | 0.1 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 15 | -1 | -0.5 | -13 | 12 | 13 | -0.1 | 3 | -0.1 | 10 | 0.0 | -14 | -0.6 | -15 | -1.1 | 1 | 0.1 |
| East Midlands | 23 | -5 | -0.3 | -9 | 4 | 11 | 0.4 | 1 | -0.2 | 11 | 1.1 | -16 | -0.8 | -9 | -0.8 | -7 | -0.7 |
| West Midlands | 15 | -12 | -0.5 | -10 | -2 | 0 | -0.1 | -1 | -0.3 | 2 | 0.2 | -13 | -0.5 | -9 | -0.6 | -4 | -0.3 |
| East | 36 | 44 | 0.5 | 15 | 29 | 46 | 0.7 | 15 | 0.1 | 31 | 1.3 | -2 | -0.1 | 0 | -0.1 | -2 | -0.2 |
| London | 60 | 24 | -0.5 | -3 | 27 | 36 | -0.2 | 17 | -0.3 | 20 | -0.1 | -12 | -0.4 | -19 | -0.9 | 7 | 0.3 |
| South East | 56 | -7 | -1.0 | 3 | -10 | 11 | -0.7 | 9 | -0.4 | 2 | -1.0 | -18 | -0.4 | -6 | -0.3 | -12 | -0.6 |
| South West | 30 | 15 | -0.1 | 12 | 3 | 14 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 | 10 | -0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.5 | -7 | -0.6 |
| England | 252 | 85 | -0.3 | -31 | 116 | 184 | 0.1 | 47 | -0.2 | 137 | 0.3 | -98 | -0.4 | -78 | -0.6 | -20 | -0.2 |
| Wales | 11 | -7 | -1.1 | 2 | -9 | -6 | -1.0 | 10 | 0.7 | -17 | -2.8 | -1 | 0.0 | -8 | -1.1 | 7 | 1.2 |
| Scotland | 6 | 34 | 0.7 | 8 | 26 | 21 | 0.2 | -1 | -0.4 | 22 | 0.9 | 13 | 0.4 | 10 | 0.7 | 4 | 0.2 |
| Great Britain | 268 | 112 | -0.2 | -21 | 133 | 198 | 0.0 | 56 | -0.2 | 142 | 0.2 | -86 | -0.3 | -77 | -0.5 | -9 | -0.1 |
| N Ireland | 11 | -18 | -1.9 | -13 | -5 | -15 | -1.6 | -12 | -2.7 | -3 | -0.4 | -2 | -0.2 | 0 | 0.2 | -2 | -0.6 |
| United Kingdom | 281 | 91 | -0.3 | -32 | 124 | 179 | 0.0 | 43 | -0.2 | 136 | 0.2 | -87 | -0.3 | -75 | -0.5 | -12 | -0.1 |

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

* Denominator = all persons of working age.

** Denominator = Total economically active.

Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

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

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

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* (August 2004); seasonally adjusted | | | | | | Jobcentre vacancies (August 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 | 44.9 | 3.9 | 35.0 | 5.6 | 9.9 | 1.9 | | | |
| North West | 3,340 | 1,751 | 1,589 | 96.4 | 2.8 | 73.9 | 4.0 | 22.5 | 1.4 | | | |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 2,415 | 1,269 | 1,146 | 71.3 | 2.9 | 54.3 | 4.1 | 17.0 | 1.5 | | | |
| East Midlands | 1,993 | 1,047 | 946 | 50.4 | 2.4 | 36.6 | 3.3 | 13.8 | 1.4 | | | |
| West Midlands | 2,602 | 1,389 | 1,213 | 85.6 | 3.2 | 64.6 | 4.4 | 21.0 | 1.7 | | | |
| East | 2,657 | 1,424 | 1,233 | 54.3 | 2.0 | 39.1 | 2.6 | 15.2 | 1.2 | | | |
| London | 4,575 | 2,528 | 2,047 | 160.7 | 3.4 | 115.4 | 4.4 | 45.3 | 2.2 | | | |
| South East | 4,273 | 2,287 | 1,986 | 68.3 | 1.6 | 50.4 | 2.1 | 17.9 | 0.9 | | | |
| South West | 2,478 | 1,317 | 1,161 | 40.3 | 1.6 | 29.3 | 2.1 | 11.0 | 0.9 | | | |
| England | 25,448 | 13,594 | 11,855 | 672.2 | 2.6 | 498.6 | 3.5 | 173.6 | 1.4 | | | |
| Wales | 1,264 | 658 | 607 | 39.3 | 3.0 | 29.7 | 4.2 | 9.6 | 1.6 | | | |
| Scotland | 2,500 | 1,278 | 1,221 | 89.3 | 3.4 | 68.6 | 5.0 | 20.7 | 1.7 | | | |
| Great Britain | 29,212 | 15,530 | 13,683 | 800.8 | 2.6 | 596.9 | 3.6 | 203.9 | 1.5 | | | |
| N Ireland | 783 | 413 | 370 | 29.4 | 3.6 | 22.5 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 1.8 | | | |
| United Kingdom | 29,995 | 15,942 | 14,053 | 830.2 | 2.7 | 619.4 | 3.7 | 210.8 | 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 July 2004) seasonally adjusted | | | | | | Jobcentre vacancies (Change on 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 (%) ⁺ |
| North East | 21 | 4 | 18 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| North West | 32 | 3 | 29 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | | | |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 57 | 26 | 30 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | | | |
| East Midlands | 7 | -1 | 8 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 | | | |
| West Midlands | 27 | 15 | 11 | -1.3 | 0.0 | -1.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.0 | | | |
| East | 33 | 20 | 13 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | | | |
| London | 87 | 63 | 24 | -1.2 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | | | |
| South East | 17 | 16 | 1 | -0.7 | 0.0 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 0.0 | | | |
| South West | 28 | 13 | 15 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| England | 310 | 159 | 150 | -5.5 | 0.0 | -4.5 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Wales | -6 | -15 | 9 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | |
| Scotland | -1 | -11 | 10 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | | | |
| Great Britain | 302 | 133 | 169 | -6.3 | 0.0 | -5.4 | 0.0 | -0.9 | 0.0 | | | |
| N Ireland | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | | | |
| United Kingdom | 324 | 144 | 180 | -6.1 | 0.0 | -5.3 | 0.0 | -0.8 | 0.0 | | | |

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

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* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

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

+ Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

1 Summary of LFS data for May to July 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 | May-Jul 2002 | 5,291 | 3,183 | 3,014 | 169 | 2,108 | 60.2 | 57.0 | 5.3 | 39.8 |
| | May-Jul 2003 | 5,307 | 3,268 | 3,109 | 159 | 2,039 | 61.6 | 58.6 | 4.9 | 38.4 |
| | Aug-Oct 2003 | 5,311 | 3,265 | 3,107 | 158 | 2,046 | 61.5 | 58.5 | 4.8 | 38.5 |
| | Nov-Jan 2004 | 5,315 | 3,271 | 3,112 | 159 | 2,044 | 61.6 | 58.6 | 4.9 | 38.4 |
| | Feb-Apr 2004 | 5,319 | 3,245 | 3,099 | 147 | 2,073 | 61.0 | 58.3 | 4.5 | 39.0 |
| | May-Jul 2004 | 5,323 | 3,276 | 3,132 | 144 | 2,047 | 61.5 | 58.8 | 4.4 | 38.5 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 4 | 30 | 33 | -3 | -27 | 0.5 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | -1.7 | -1.3 | | | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 16 | 8 | 23 | -15 | 7 | 0.0 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 0.0 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | -9.2 | 0.4 | | | | | |
| Men | May-Jul 2002 | 2,539 | 1,706 | 1,605 | 102 | 833 | 67.2 | 63.2 | 5.9 | 32.8 |
| | May-Jul 2003 | 2,548 | 1,760 | 1,664 | 97 | 788 | 69.1 | 65.3 | 5.5 | 30.9 |
| | Aug-Oct 2003 | 2,550 | 1,747 | 1,652 | 94 | 803 | 68.5 | 64.8 | 5.4 | 31.5 |
| | Nov-Jan 2004 | 2,552 | 1,744 | 1,648 | 97 | 808 | 68.4 | 64.6 | 5.6 | 31.6 |
| | Feb-Apr 2004 | 2,554 | 1,731 | 1,646 | 85 | 823 | 67.8 | 64.4 | 4.9 | 32.2 |
| | May-Jul 2004 | 2,556 | 1,742 | 1,663 | 79 | 815 | 68.1 | 65.1 | 4.5 | 31.9 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 2 | 11 | 17 | -7 | -9 | 0.4 | 0.6 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.1 | -7.7 | -1.1 | | | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 8 | -19 | -1 | -18 | 27 | -1.0 | -0.2 | -1.0 | 1.0 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.3 | -1.1 | 0.0 | -18.6 | 3.4 | | | | | |
| Women | May-Jul 2002 | 2,752 | 1,477 | 1,409 | 68 | 1,275 | 53.7 | 51.2 | 4.6 | 46.3 |
| | May-Jul 2003 | 2,759 | 1,507 | 1,445 | 62 | 1,252 | 54.6 | 52.4 | 4.1 | 45.4 |
| | Aug-Oct 2003 | 2,761 | 1,518 | 1,455 | 64 | 1,243 | 55.0 | 52.7 | 4.2 | 45.0 |
| | Nov-Jan 2004 | 2,763 | 1,527 | 1,465 | 62 | 1,236 | 55.3 | 53.0 | 4.1 | 44.7 |
| | Feb-Apr 2004 | 2,765 | 1,515 | 1,453 | 61 | 1,250 | 54.8 | 52.6 | 4.1 | 45.2 |
| | May-Jul 2004 | 2,766 | 1,534 | 1,469 | 65 | 1,232 | 55.5 | 53.1 | 4.3 | 44.5 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 2 | 20 | 16 | 4 | -18 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 6.5 | -1.4 | | | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 7 | 27 | 23 | 3 | -19 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.1 | -0.8 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 5.4 | -1.6 | | | | | |

| | | 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 | May-Jul 2002 | 4,089 | 3,102 | 2,934 | 169 | 986 | 75.9 | 71.7 | 5.4 | 24.1 | |
| | May-Jul 2003 | 4,098 | 3,179 | 3,023 | 157 | 918 | 77.6 | 73.8 | 4.9 | 22.4 | |
| | Aug-Oct 2003 | 4,100 | 3,173 | 3,016 | 157 | 927 | 77.4 | 73.6 | 4.9 | 22.6 | |
| | Nov-Jan 2004 | 4,102 | 3,178 | 3,019 | 158 | 924 | 77.5 | 73.6 | 5.0 | 22.5 | |
| | Feb-Apr 2004 | 4,104 | 3,153 | 3,007 | 146 | 951 | 76.8 | 73.3 | 4.6 | 23.2 | |
| | May-Jul 2004 | 4,106 | 3,179 | 3,036 | 142 | 928 | 77.4 | 73.9 | 4.5 | 22.6 | |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 2 | 25 | 29 | -4 | -23 | 0.6 | 0.7 | -0.2 | -0.6 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | -2.9 | -2.4 | | | | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 8 | -1 | 14 | -14 | 9 | -0.2 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 0.2 | | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | -9.2 | 1.0 | | | | | | |
| Men | May-Jul 2002 | 2,101 | 1,685 | 1,583 | 102 | 416 | 80.2 | 75.4 | 6.0 | 19.8 | |
| | May-Jul 2003 | 2,104 | 1,733 | 1,637 | 95 | 371 | 82.4 | 77.8 | 5.5 | 17.6 | |
| | Aug-Oct 2003 | 2,105 | 1,717 | 1,624 | 93 | 388 | 81.6 | 77.2 | 5.4 | 18.4 | |
| | Nov-Jan 2004 | 2,106 | 1,718 | 1,622 | 96 | 388 | 81.6 | 77.0 | 5.6 | 18.4 | |
| | Feb-Apr 2004 | 2,107 | 1,704 | 1,619 | 85 | 403 | 80.9 | 76.9 | 5.0 | 19.1 | |
| | May-Jul 2004 | 2,107 | 1,714 | 1,636 | 79 | 393 | 81.4 | 77.6 | 4.6 | 18.6 | |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 1 | 11 | 17 | -6 | -10 | 0.5 | 0.8 | -0.4 | -0.5 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | -7.4 | -2.4 | | | | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 3 | -18 | -2 | -17 | 22 | -1.0 | -0.2 | -0.9 | 1.0 | | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | -1.1 | -0.1 | -17.5 | 5.8 | | | | | | |
| Women | May-Jul 2002 | 1,988 | 1,418 | 1,350 | 67 | 570 | 71.3 | 67.9 | 4.7 | 28.7 | |
| | May-Jul 2003 | 1,994 | 1,447 | 1,385 | 61 | 547 | 72.6 | 69.5 | 4.2 | 27.4 | |
| | Aug-Oct 2003 | 1,995 | 1,456 | 1,392 | 64 | 539 | 73.0 | 69.8 | 4.4 | 27.0 | |
| | Nov-Jan 2004 | 1,996 | 1,460 | 1,398 | 62 | 536 | 73.1 | 70.0 | 4.3 | 26.9 | |
| | Feb-Apr 2004 | 1,997 | 1,449 | 1,388 | 61 | 548 | 72.6 | 69.5 | 4.2 | 27.4 | |
| | May-Jul 2004 | 1,999 | 1,464 | 1,401 | 63 | 535 | 73.3 | 70.1 | 4.3 | 26.7 | |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 1 | 15 | 13 | 2 | -14 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | -0.7 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 3.5 | -2.5 | | | | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 5 | 17 | 15 | 2 | -12 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | -0.7 | | |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 3.6 | -2.3 | | | | | | |

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

Data source: Labour Force Survey

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

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REGIONAL DATA

North West

1a Summary of other headline indicators

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

| Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted) | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Levels | | | |
| | Total | Males | Females |
| 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 |

| Claimant count* | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Levels | | | Rates (%)** | | |
| | Total | Males | Females | Total | Males | Females |
| | IBWA | ZMPU | ZMPW | IBWC | ZMPV | ZMPX |
| 2003 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 98.4 | 75.2 | 23.2 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 1.5 |
| July (r) | 96.9 | 74.2 | 22.7 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 1.4 |
| August # (p) | 96.4 | 73.9 | 22.5 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 1.4 |
| <i>Change on period</i> | -0.5 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| <i>Change %</i> | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.9 | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | -14.2 | -11.5 | -2.7 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| <i>Change %</i> | -12.8 | -13.5 | -10.7 | | | |

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

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.

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2 Employment by age

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

| | | All aged 16 & over | 16 - 59/64 | 16 - 17 | 18 - 24 | 25 - 34 | 35 - 49 | 50 - 64 (m) 50 - 59 (w) | 65+ (m) & 60+ (w) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Employed | | | | | | | | | |
| People | 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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North West

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

| | | All in employment | | | | | All in employment | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | | Total* | Employees* | Self employed* | Unpaid family workers | Government-supported training and employment programmes | Full-time workers | Part-time workers | Workers with second jobs | Temporary employees |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| People | 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

North West

(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 from administrative sources.

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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> | | 4 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Change %</i> | | 0.1 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 21 | 23 | 0 | 0 | -13 | -4 | 22 | 18 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.7 | 0.8 | -3.0 | 1.7 | -2.8 | -3.2 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| 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> | | 7 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Change %</i> | | 0.4 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -4 | -3 | -1 | 0 | -10 | -6 | 8 | 5 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -0.3 | -0.2 | -8.2 | 2.6 | -3.0 | -4.7 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| 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> | | -3 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Change %</i> | | -0.2 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 25 | 26 | 0 | 0 | -3 | 1 | 14 | 13 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 1.7 | 1.8 | 9.4 | 0.4 | -2.3 | 6.3 | 2.1 | 2.0 |

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

Source: Employer surveys

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

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

North West

6 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 |
| | 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 | 98.4 | 2.9 | 24.9 | 26.9 | 98.0 | 2.8 |
| | July (r) | 96.9 | 2.8 | 23.8 | 25.5 | 97.8 | 2.8 |
| | August # (p) | 96.4 | 2.8 | 24.2 | 24.6 | 98.9 | 2.9 |
| | <i>Change on mth</i> | -0.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -0.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -0.5 | | 1.7 | -3.5 | 1.2 | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -14.2 | -0.4 | -2.6 | -3.6 | -14.3 | -0.4 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -12.8 | | -9.7 | -12.8 | -12.6 | |
| | Men | 2003 | ZMPU | ZMPV | | | |
| 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 | | 75.2 | 4.1 | 18.2 | 19.7 | 74.8 | 4.0 |
| July (r) | | 74.2 | 4.0 | 17.5 | 18.6 | 73.8 | 4.0 |
| August # (p) | | 73.9 | 4.0 | 17.8 | 18.0 | 73.9 | 4.0 |
| <i>Change on mth</i> | | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| <i>Change %</i> | | -0.4 | | 1.7 | -3.2 | 0.2 | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | | -11.5 | -0.6 | -1.9 | -2.8 | -11.5 | -0.6 |
| <i>Change %</i> | | -13.5 | | -9.6 | -13.5 | -13.4 | |
| Women | | 2003 | ZMPW | ZMPX | | | |
| | 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 | 23.2 | 1.5 | 6.7 | 7.2 | 23.2 | 1.5 |
| | July (r) | 22.7 | 1.4 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 24.0 | 1.5 |
| | August # (p) | 22.5 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 25.0 | 1.6 |
| | <i>Change on mth</i> | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -0.9 | | 1.6 | -4.3 | 4.2 | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -2.7 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.8 | -2.8 | -0.2 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -10.7 | | -9.9 | -10.8 | -10.0 | |

* 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 August 2004 were 26,419 in total, 18,540 for men and 7,879 for women. The corresponding outflow figures were 18,259 men and 6,945 women.

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

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

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

| | All ages | | | | | | | 18-24 | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | All computerised claims | | Up to 6 months | Over 6 and up to 12 months | All over 12 months | % claiming for over 12 months | All over 24 months | All | Up to 6 months | Over 6 and up to 12 months | All over 12 months | % claiming for over 12 months | All over 24 months |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| People | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 02 | 119.6 | 118.4 | 79.1 | 20.4 | 18.8 | 15.9 | 7.2 | 35.5 | 29.3 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 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 |
| Aug 04 # | 98.9 | 98.0 | 67.5 | 16.7 | 13.9 | 14.2 | 4.6 | 31.5 | 26.2 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.1 |
| Change on year | -14.3 | -14.2 | -7.9 | -3.4 | -2.8 | -0.7 | -1.0 | -3.7 | -2.7 | -0.8 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Change % | -12.6 | -12.6 | -10.5 | -17.1 | -16.7 | | -18.4 | -10.5 | -9.5 | -15.0 | -15.4 | | -4.3 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 02 | 91.4 | 90.5 | 58.3 | 16.2 | 15.9 | 17.6 | 6.2 | 24.7 | 20.3 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| 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 |
| Aug 04 # | 73.9 | 73.3 | 48.8 | 12.9 | 11.5 | 15.7 | 3.8 | 21.5 | 17.8 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 0.1 |
| Change on year | -11.5 | -11.4 | -5.9 | -3.0 | -2.5 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -2.8 | -2.0 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Change % | -13.4 | -13.5 | -10.8 | -18.8 | -17.9 | | -19.9 | -11.5 | -10.2 | -17.7 | -12.9 | | 4.4 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 02 | 28.2 | 27.9 | 20.8 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 10.4 | 1.0 | 10.9 | 9.1 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 2.7 | 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 |
| Aug 04 # | 25.0 | 24.8 | 18.6 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 9.7 | 0.7 | 10.0 | 8.4 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 0.0 |
| Change on year | -2.8 | -2.8 | -2.0 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.9 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.0 |
| Change % | -10.0 | -10.1 | -9.9 | -10.9 | -10.4 | | -9.6 | -8.3 | -8.0 | -8.0 | -20.5 | | -17.0 |

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

North West

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

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

| | 25-49 | | | | | | 50 and over | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | All | Up to 6 months | Over 6 and up to 12 months | All over 12 months | % claiming for over 12 months | All over 24 months | All | Up to 6 months | Over 6 and up to 12 months | All over 12 months | % claiming for over 12 months | All over 24 months |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| People | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 02 | 63.6 | 38.9 | 12.0 | 12.8 | 20.0 | 4.2 | 17.7 | 9.5 | 2.9 | 5.3 | 29.8 | 2.9 |
| 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 |
| Aug 04 # | 50.5 | 32.1 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 17.4 | 2.1 | 14.5 | 7.9 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 29.9 | 2.4 |
| Change on year | -8.3 | -4.2 | -2.1 | -2.0 | -0.9 | -0.7 | -2.0 | -0.8 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Change % | -14.1 | -11.6 | -18.1 | -18.4 | | -25.6 | -11.9 | -9.1 | -18.2 | -13.2 | | -11.7 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 02 | 51.6 | 30.5 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 21.4 | 3.7 | 13.3 | 6.7 | 2.3 | 4.4 | 32.8 | 2.4 |
| 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 |
| Aug 04 # | 40.2 | 24.8 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 18.6 | 1.8 | 10.8 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 32.4 | 2.0 |
| Change on year | -6.9 | -3.2 | -1.9 | -1.8 | -1.2 | -0.7 | -1.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.8 | -0.3 |
| Change % | -14.7 | -11.4 | -19.2 | -19.7 | | -27.8 | -12.5 | -8.8 | -19.2 | -14.6 | | -12.2 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 02 | 12.1 | 8.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 14.3 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 20.7 | 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 |
| Aug 04 # | 10.3 | 7.3 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 12.9 | 0.3 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 22.4 | 0.4 |
| Change on year | -1.4 | -1.0 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Change % | -12.0 | -12.1 | -13.0 | -10.4 | | -9.7 | -10.0 | -9.8 | -14.8 | -6.9 | | -8.7 |

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

9 Economic activity by age

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

| | | All aged 16 & over | 16 - 59/64 | 16 - 17 | 18 - 24 | 25 - 34 | 35 - 49 | 50 - 64 (m) 50 - 59 (w) | 65+ (m) & 60+ (w) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Economically active | | | | | | | | | |
| People | 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 | |
| August | | | | | | | | |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| August # | | | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | | |
| November # | | | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | | | |
| 2004 | | | | | | | | |
| January | | | | | | | | |
| February # | | | | | | | | |
| March | | | | | | | | |
| April | | | | | | | | |
| May # | | | | | | | | |
| June | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | | | |
| August # | | | | | | | | |
| Change on year | | | | | | | | |
| Change on year % | | | | | | | | |

Publication of these vacancy statistics has been deferred.

Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 7

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

13 2002 local labour market indicators by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

| | Population+ | | Labour supply | | | | Working age benefits | | Labour demand### | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 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) |
| | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | | 8 | 9 |
| 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 |

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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

14 2002 local labour market indicators by Parliamentary Constituency

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.

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

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

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 (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.

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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

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*** | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| United Kingdom total | 36,567 | 26,683 | 74.0 | 1,494 | 5.1 | 7,899 | 21.9 | 958,759 | 2.6 | 30,214 | 0.83 | |
| Regional total | 4,134 | 2,913 | 71.4 | 171 | 5.4 | 994 | 24.4 | 119,879 | 2.9 | 3,331 | 0.81 | |
| Cumbria | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| West Cumbria | 141 | 93 | 66.8 | 7 | 7.0 | 39 | 28.1 | 4,648 | 3.3 | 95 | 0.67 | |
| East Cumbria | 152 | 114 | 76.0 | * | * | 32 | 21.5 | 2,410 | 1.6 | 136 | 0.90 | |
| Cheshire | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Halton & Warrington | 194 | 137 | 71.6 | 8 | 5.1 | 47 | 24.6 | 5,360 | 2.8 | 181 | 0.93 | |
| Cheshire CC | 411 | 317 | 77.6 | 15 | 4.5 | 76 | 18.6 | 6,593 | 1.6 | 349 | 0.85 | |
| Greater Manchester | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Greater Manchester South | 839 | 570 | 70.1 | 36 | 5.8 | 207 | 25.5 | 25,850 | 3.1 | 818 | 0.97 | |
| Greater Manchester North | 718 | 521 | 73.0 | 30 | 5.2 | 164 | 22.9 | 18,842 | 2.6 | 468 | 0.65 | |
| Lancashire | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blackburn with Darwen | 83 | 55 | 67.4 | 3 | 5.0 | 24 | 29.0 | 2,593 | 3.1 | 69 | 0.83 | |
| Blackpool | 83 | 58 | 71.7 | 4 | 6.4 | 19 | 23.2 | 2,910 | 3.5 | 71 | 0.85 | |
| Lancashire CC | 690 | 511 | 74.8 | 21 | 3.9 | 151 | 22.1 | 13,939 | 2.0 | 545 | 0.79 | |
| Merseyside | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Merseyside | 198 | 129 | 65.2 | 10 | 6.9 | 59 | 29.8 | 8,326 | 4.2 | 132 | 0.67 | |
| Liverpool | 279 | 162 | 59.7 | 18 | 9.9 | 91 | 33.6 | 15,850 | 5.7 | 237 | 0.85 | |
| Sefton | 163 | 119 | 73.4 | 7 | 5.3 | 36 | 22.4 | 5,622 | 3.4 | 118 | 0.72 | |
| Wirral | 182 | 126 | 69.2 | 9 | 6.2 | 47 | 26.1 | 6,937 | 3.8 | 113 | 0.62 | |

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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

17 Claimant count* by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

| | CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 AUGUST 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 | 618,043 | 229,558 | 847,601 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | -78,882 | -22,070 | -100,952 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Regional total | 73,926 | 25,006 | 98,932 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 2.4 | -11,483 | -2,785 | -14,268 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Blackburn with Darwen UA | 1,766 | 550 | 2,316 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | -119 | -51 | -170 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Blackpool UA | 1,616 | 445 | 2,061 | 3.7 | 1.1 | 2.5 | -218 | -38 | -256 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Halton UA | 1,545 | 492 | 2,037 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 2.7 | -307 | -141 | -448 | -0.8 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| Warrington UA | 1,394 | 510 | 1,904 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | -324 | -92 | -416 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Cheshire | 3,607 | 1,393 | 5,000 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | -822 | -313 | -1,135 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Chester | 662 | 283 | 945 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | -194 | -33 | -227 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Congleton | 361 | 158 | 519 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 | -91 | -62 | -153 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Crewe and Nantwich | 655 | 250 | 905 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | -124 | -59 | -183 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Ellesmere Port and Neston | 568 | 200 | 768 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.6 | -89 | -11 | -100 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Macclesfield | 610 | 204 | 814 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 | -186 | -82 | -268 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Vale Royal | 751 | 298 | 1,049 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.4 | -138 | -66 | -204 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Cumbria | 3,946 | 1,361 | 5,307 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | -503 | -190 | -693 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Allerdale | 804 | 303 | 1,107 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 | -230 | -35 | -265 | -0.8 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Barrow-in-Furness | 934 | 246 | 1,180 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 30 | -5 | 25 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Carlisle | 822 | 320 | 1,142 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1.9 | -157 | -69 | -226 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Copeland | 923 | 284 | 1,207 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 2.9 | -66 | -35 | -101 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Eden | 133 | 51 | 184 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.6 | -34 | -23 | -57 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| South Lakeland | 330 | 157 | 487 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | -46 | -23 | -69 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Bolton | 2,505 | 924 | 3,429 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 2.1 | -684 | -165 | -849 | -0.8 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| Bury | 1,339 | 531 | 1,870 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 1.7 | -239 | -85 | -324 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Manchester | 8,225 | 2,545 | 10,770 | 5.8 | 1.9 | 3.9 | -2,338 | -508 | -2,846 | -1.6 | -0.4 | -1.0 |
| Oldham | 2,291 | 742 | 3,033 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 2.3 | -444 | -65 | -509 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Rochdale | 2,405 | 809 | 3,214 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 2.6 | -519 | -107 | -626 | -0.8 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| Salford | 2,643 | 784 | 3,427 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 2.6 | -215 | -7 | -222 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Stockport | 1,819 | 626 | 2,445 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | -440 | -182 | -622 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Tameside | 2,111 | 812 | 2,923 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 | -254 | -48 | -302 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Trafford | 1,652 | 594 | 2,246 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | -287 | -32 | -319 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Wigan | 2,914 | 1,090 | 4,004 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 2.1 | -310 | -26 | -336 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Lancashire | 9,007 | 3,245 | 12,252 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | -807 | -185 | -992 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Burnley | 864 | 272 | 1,136 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 2.1 | -7 | -27 | -34 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Chorley | 601 | 233 | 834 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | -59 | -21 | -80 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Fylde | 281 | 114 | 395 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.9 | -33 | 6 | -27 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Hyndburn | 754 | 246 | 1,000 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | -8 | -9 | -17 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Lancaster | 1,265 | 503 | 1,768 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 | -254 | 5 | -249 | -0.6 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Pendle | 712 | 267 | 979 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | -175 | -79 | -254 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Preston | 1,669 | 480 | 2,149 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 2.6 | -94 | -41 | -135 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Ribble Valley | 125 | 68 | 193 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | -31 | 0 | -31 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Rossendale | 428 | 168 | 596 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.5 | -53 | -20 | -73 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| South Ribble | 537 | 231 | 768 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 6 | 46 | 52 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| West Lancashire | 1,132 | 435 | 1,567 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 2.4 | -138 | -80 | -218 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Wyre | 639 | 228 | 867 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 39 | 35 | 74 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Knowsley | 2,750 | 858 | 3,608 | 6.1 | 1.9 | 4.0 | -289 | -94 | -383 | -0.6 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Liverpool | 10,889 | 3,484 | 14,373 | 7.7 | 2.5 | 5.2 | -602 | 181 | -421 | -0.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| St. Helens | 2,028 | 792 | 2,820 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.6 | -526 | -90 | -616 | -1.0 | -0.2 | -0.6 |
| Sefton | 3,381 | 1,087 | 4,468 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 2.7 | -609 | -205 | -814 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Wirral | 4,093 | 1,332 | 5,425 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 | -627 | -342 | -969 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.5 |

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

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

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

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

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

| | CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 AUGUST 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 | 618,043 | 229,558 | 847,601 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | -78,882 | -22,070 | -100,952 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Regional total | 73,926 | 25,006 | 98,932 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 2.4 | -11,483 | -2,785 | -14,268 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Altrincham & Sale West | 478 | 196 | 674 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | -61 | -24 | -85 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Ashton under Lyne | 998 | 315 | 1,313 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 2.2 | -219 | -66 | -285 | -0.7 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| Barrow & Furness | 1,075 | 294 | 1,369 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 33 | -2 | 31 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Birkenhead | 1,758 | 518 | 2,276 | 7.8 | 2.2 | 5.0 | -185 | -66 | -251 | -0.8 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Blackburn | 1,418 | 445 | 1,863 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 3.1 | -100 | -9 | -109 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Blackpool North & Fleetwood | 927 | 299 | 1,226 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 13 | 39 | 52 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Blackpool South | 1,139 | 308 | 1,447 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 2.5 | -191 | -32 | -223 | -0.6 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Bolton North East | 955 | 344 | 1,299 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 2.5 | -270 | -50 | -320 | -1.0 | -0.2 | -0.6 |
| Bolton South East | 1,094 | 376 | 1,470 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 2.7 | -267 | -73 | -340 | -0.9 | -0.3 | -0.6 |
| Bolton West | 456 | 204 | 660 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.3 | -147 | -42 | -189 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Bootle | 1,698 | 497 | 2,195 | 7.6 | 2.2 | 4.9 | -219 | -68 | -287 | -1.0 | -0.3 | -0.6 |
| Burnley | 864 | 272 | 1,136 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 2.1 | -7 | -27 | -34 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Bury North | 702 | 282 | 984 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 1.7 | -127 | -33 | -160 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Bury South | 637 | 249 | 886 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.6 | -112 | -52 | -164 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Carlisle | 720 | 263 | 983 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 2.1 | -138 | -53 | -191 | -0.6 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| Cheadle | 291 | 113 | 404 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | -150 | -70 | -220 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.4 |
| Chester, City of | 590 | 226 | 816 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.5 | -173 | -30 | -203 | -0.6 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Chorley | 601 | 233 | 834 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | -59 | -21 | -80 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Congleton | 361 | 158 | 519 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 | -91 | -62 | -153 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Copeland | 923 | 284 | 1,207 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 2.9 | -66 | -35 | -101 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Crewe & Nantwich | 618 | 230 | 848 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 1.5 | -112 | -49 | -161 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Crosby | 727 | 273 | 1,000 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 2.4 | -169 | -38 | -207 | -0.8 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| Denton & Reddish | 763 | 314 | 1,077 | 2.7 | 1.2 | 2.0 | -115 | -21 | -136 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Eccles | 919 | 268 | 1,187 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 2.1 | -79 | 10 | -69 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Eddisbury | 401 | 200 | 601 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 | -77 | -32 | -109 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Ellesmere Port & Neston | 591 | 214 | 805 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 1.5 | -87 | -12 | -99 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Fylde | 430 | 166 | 596 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 1.1 | -48 | -16 | -64 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Halton | 997 | 304 | 1,301 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 2.6 | -188 | -103 | -291 | -0.7 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| Hazel Grove | 431 | 151 | 582 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.2 | -28 | -17 | -45 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Heywood & Middleton | 844 | 326 | 1,170 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 2.0 | -229 | -40 | -269 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Hyndburn | 847 | 261 | 1,108 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | -2 | -15 | -17 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Knowsley North & Sefton East | 1,391 | 429 | 1,820 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 3.2 | -98 | -68 | -166 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Knowsley South | 1,669 | 526 | 2,195 | 5.6 | 1.8 | 3.7 | -221 | -77 | -298 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Lancaster & Wyre | 506 | 216 | 722 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | -118 | 8 | -110 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Leigh | 925 | 339 | 1,264 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | -96 | -33 | -129 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Liverpool, Garston | 1,577 | 562 | 2,139 | 6.2 | 2.3 | 4.3 | -12 | 68 | 56 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Liverpool, Riverside | 2,988 | 926 | 3,914 | 9.4 | 3.0 | 6.2 | -207 | 75 | -132 | -0.7 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| Liverpool, Walton | 2,173 | 677 | 2,850 | 8.1 | 2.6 | 5.4 | -152 | 20 | -132 | -0.6 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Liverpool, Wavertree | 2,150 | 679 | 2,829 | 7.6 | 2.4 | 5.0 | -36 | 47 | 11 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Liverpool, West Derby | 2,001 | 640 | 2,641 | 7.4 | 2.4 | 4.9 | -195 | -29 | -224 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Macclesfield | 367 | 100 | 467 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.8 | -115 | -60 | -175 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Makerfield | 743 | 292 | 1,035 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1.9 | -78 | 15 | -63 | -0.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Manchester, Blackley | 1,629 | 494 | 2,123 | 6.4 | 2.1 | 4.4 | -402 | -105 | -507 | -1.6 | -0.5 | -1.0 |
| Manchester, Central | 2,666 | 703 | 3,369 | 8.6 | 2.5 | 5.7 | -587 | -208 | -795 | -1.9 | -0.8 | -1.4 |
| Manchester, Gorton | 1,833 | 572 | 2,405 | 6.2 | 2.0 | 4.2 | -722 | -151 | -873 | -2.4 | -0.5 | -1.5 |
| Manchester, Withington | 1,140 | 418 | 1,558 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 2.5 | -349 | -78 | -427 | -1.1 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| Morecambe & Lunesdale | 938 | 351 | 1,289 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 2.5 | -136 | -11 | -147 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Oldham East & Saddleworth | 880 | 316 | 1,196 | 2.7 | 1.0 | 1.9 | -168 | -7 | -175 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Oldham West & Royton | 1,224 | 383 | 1,607 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | -225 | -39 | -264 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.5 |

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

| | CLAIMANT COUNT ON 12 AUGUST 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 | 712 | 267 | 979 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | -175 | -79 | -254 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Penrith & The Border | 293 | 129 | 422 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | -81 | -60 | -141 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Preston | 1,458 | 410 | 1,868 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 3.0 | -80 | 6 | -74 | -0.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Ribble Valley | 287 | 134 | 421 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.7 | -33 | -8 | -41 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Rochdale | 1,484 | 454 | 1,938 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 3.3 | -276 | -60 | -336 | -0.9 | -0.2 | -0.6 |
| Rossendale & Darwen | 683 | 258 | 941 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.6 | -78 | -56 | -134 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Salford | 1,266 | 344 | 1,610 | 5.2 | 1.6 | 3.5 | -54 | -6 | -60 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| South Ribble | 511 | 210 | 721 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | -13 | 7 | -6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Southport | 646 | 220 | 866 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.7 | -191 | -48 | -239 | -0.7 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| St. Helens North | 896 | 353 | 1,249 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 2.2 | -234 | -59 | -293 | -0.8 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| St. Helens South | 1,132 | 439 | 1,571 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 3.0 | -292 | -31 | -323 | -1.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| Stalybridge & Hyde | 920 | 364 | 1,284 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 2.4 | -50 | -4 | -54 | -0.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Stockport | 791 | 253 | 1,044 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 1.9 | -197 | -78 | -275 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Stretford & Urmston | 1,006 | 336 | 1,342 | 3.5 | 1.2 | 2.4 | -200 | 5 | -195 | -0.7 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Tatton | 347 | 130 | 477 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | -85 | -41 | -126 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Wallasey | 1,193 | 389 | 1,582 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 3.2 | -255 | -135 | -390 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
| Warrington North | 774 | 286 | 1,060 | 2.5 | 1.0 | 1.8 | -217 | -24 | -241 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Warrington South | 620 | 224 | 844 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.4 | -107 | -68 | -175 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Weaver Vale | 880 | 323 | 1,203 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | -201 | -65 | -266 | -0.7 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| West Lancashire | 1,068 | 410 | 1,478 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 2.6 | -117 | -60 | -177 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Westmorland & Lonsdale | 189 | 109 | 298 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | -49 | -26 | -75 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Wigan | 856 | 325 | 1,181 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 2.4 | -110 | 12 | -98 | -0.4 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| Wirral South | 490 | 190 | 680 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | -106 | -75 | -181 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Wirral West | 652 | 235 | 887 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | -81 | -66 | -147 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Workington | 746 | 282 | 1,028 | 2.9 | 1.2 | 2.1 | -202 | -14 | -216 | -0.8 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Worsley | 848 | 306 | 1,154 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | -108 | -31 | -139 | -0.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Wythenshawe & Sale East | 1,125 | 420 | 1,545 | 3.7 | 1.4 | 2.6 | -304 | 21 | -283 | -1.0 | 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.