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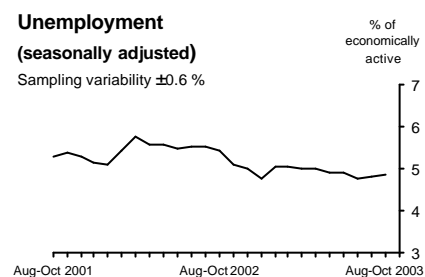
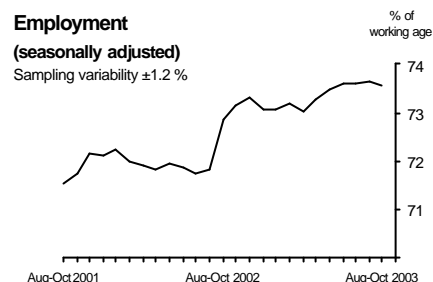
December 2003: North West

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Latest Labour Force Survey data over the year to October 2003 indicate employment and unemployment stable in the North West.

Data for the three months to October 2003 show the seasonally adjusted employment rate at 73.6 per cent, up 0.7 percentage points on a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 per cent, down 0.6 percentage points on a year earlier.

The seasonally adjusted claimant count was down in the year to November 2003.



Data in this table are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated

		Level (thousands)	Rate (%)	Change on year (level)	Sampling variability (thousands)	Change on year (rate)	Sampling variability (%)
Employment*	Aug-Oct	3,108	73.6	42	± 79	0.7	± 1.5
Unemployment**	Aug-Oct	158	4.8	-18	± 26	-0.6	± 0.8
Economically active*	Aug-Oct	3,266	77.4	24	± 78	0.3	± 1.4
Economically inactive+ of which:	Aug-Oct	926	22.6	-9	± 77	-0.3	± 1.4
Not wanting a job+	Aug-Oct	706		29	± 69		
Wanting a job+	Aug-Oct	219		-39	± 43		
Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)	Jun 2003	3,222		36	..		
Claimant count	Nov 2003	107.8	3.3**	-8.7		-0.3	

See background note 2 on sampling variability.

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

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

+ Levels and rates are for those of working age.

++ Denominator = claimant count + workforce jobs. For regional claimant count proportions, using resident working age populations see Tables 17 and 18. See note on page 6 for further details.

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From May 2001: vacancy series deferred (see note on page 8).

New this month:

August to October 2003 data: latest three-month average LFS results;

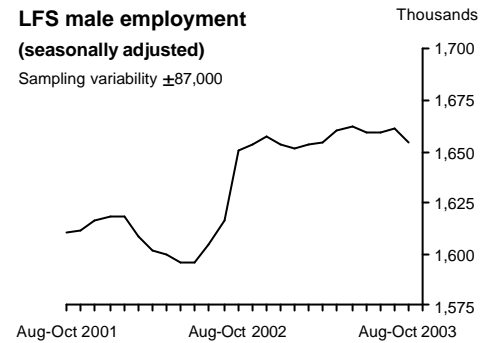
November 2003 data: claimant count.

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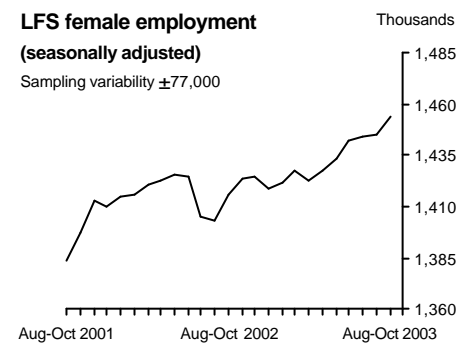


Employment (tables 1 to 6)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of employment in the North West was 73.6 per cent in the August to October 2003 period, up 0.7 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The employment level was 3.11 million in the August to October 2003 period, up 42,000 on the same period a year earlier.



Seasonally adjusted employee jobs figures were unchanged in the quarter to June 2003.



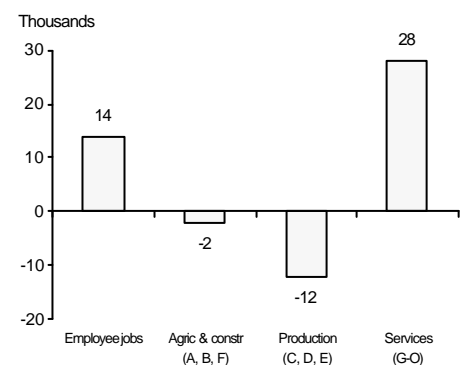
Not seasonally adjusted employee jobs were up 14,000 in the year to June 2003. This was mainly due to rises in the services and 'other' industries, partly offset by a fall in the manufacturing industry.

Unemployment (table 1)

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the North West was 4.8 per cent in the August to October 2003 period, down 0.6 percentage points on the same period a year earlier. The rates for men and women in August to October 2003 were 5.4 per cent and 4.2 per cent respectively.

Employee jobs by industry

Change on year from June 2002



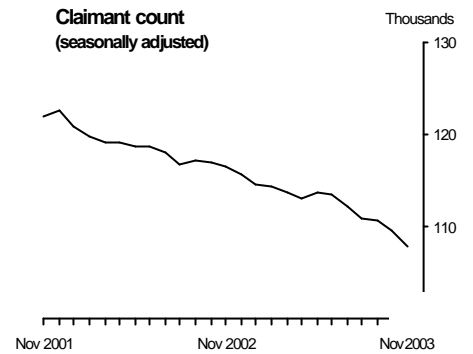
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Claimant count (tables 7 and 8)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count rate in November 2003 was 3.3 per cent, down 0.1 percentage point from October 2003, and down 0.3 percentage points since November 2002. The seasonally adjusted number of claimants in November 2003 was 107,800, down 1,800 on October 2003, and down 8,700 since November 2002. The not seasonally adjusted number of claimants was 101,900 in November 2003.



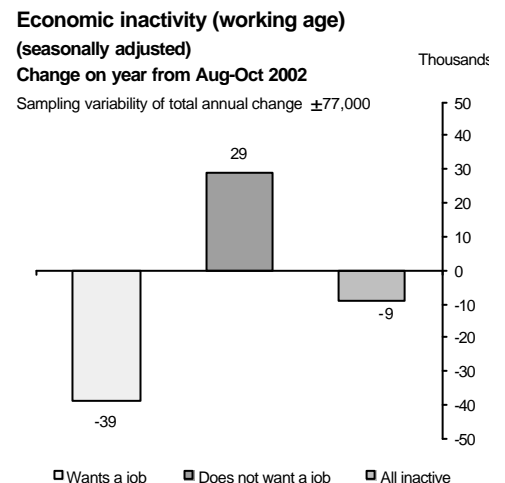
The not seasonally adjusted number of computerised claims of people aged 18 to 24 was 29,900 in November 2003, down 1,300 over the year. The number of computerised claims has fallen over the year for most age and duration groups.

Economically active (tables 1 and 9)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically active people in the North West was 3.27 million in the August to October 2003 period.

Economically inactive (tables 1, 10 and 11)

The seasonally adjusted LFS estimate of economically inactive people in the North West in the August to October 2003 period was 2.04 million, with 926,000 of these of working age. Over the year the number of economically inactive people of working age was down 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 8.

Local area data (table 17)

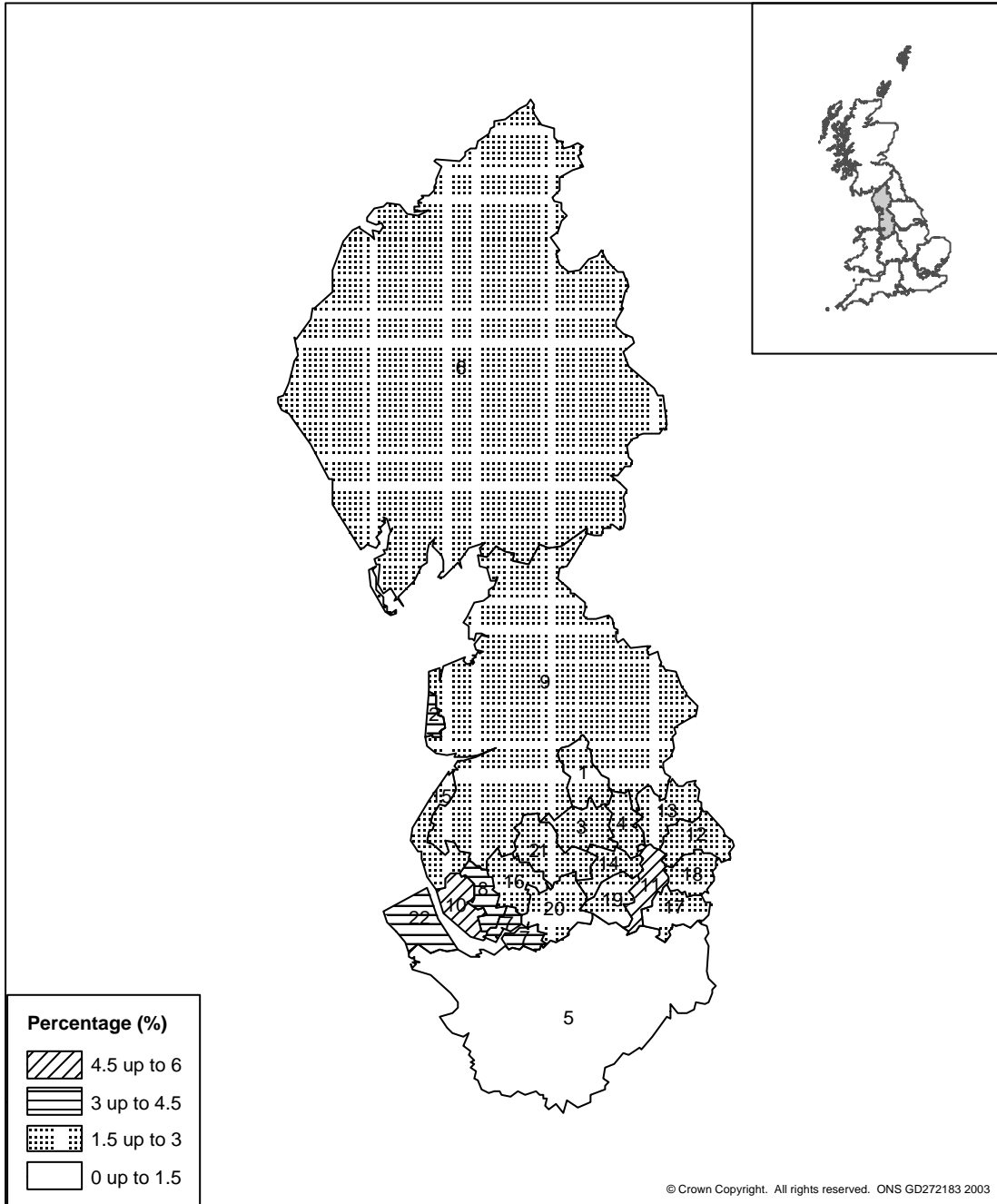
The claimant count as a proportion of the resident working age population was lowest in Ribble Valley, at 0.5 per cent. It was highest in Liverpool, at 5.0 per cent.

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

November 2003 - North West



1	Blackburn with Darwen UA	2.4%	12	Oldham	2.3%
2	Blackpool UA	3.0%	13	Rochdale	2.5%
3	Bolton	2.3%	14	Salford	2.6%
4	Bury	1.6%	15	Sefton	2.9%
5	Cheshire	1.4%	16	St. Helens	2.8%
6	Cumbria	1.9%	17	Stockport	1.6%
7	Halton UA	3.0%	18	Tameside	2.3%
8	Knowsley	4.0%	19	Trafford	1.8%
9	Lancashire	1.7%	20	Warrington UA	1.6%
10	Liverpool	5.0%	21	Wigan	2.2%
11	Manchester	4.9%	22	Wirral	3.1%

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REVISIONS

There are no significant revisions this month to the data in this release.

NEXT MONTH

Workforce jobs

The benchmarking of workforce jobs to the results of the 2002 Annual Business Inquiry has been delayed until early next year to allow for further quality assurance. The self-employment component of workforce jobs will be brought into line with the latest LFS estimates, consistent with population estimates published in September and October 2003, at the same time.

SPECIAL

LFS estimates

Revised national and regional mid-year population estimates for 2001 and 2002 were published on 26 September 2003 and revised mid-year population estimates for 1992 to 2000 were published on 23 October 2003. These revisions were the result of a number of studies that ONS has carried out since September 2002 to improve the understanding of population estimates.

These revised population estimates have now been incorporated in the LFS estimates together with consistent best estimates of population projections for 2003 and 2004 which have been compiled by ONS in advance of the Government Actuary's Department 2002-based projections due to be published in December 2003.

On 4 November 2003, ONS published new provisional population estimates for Manchester for the years 2001 and 2002 as a result of additional research carried out over the last year. No back series are currently available for these estimates and the overall effect is small, therefore these revisions have not been included in the latest LFS revisions. These revisions will be incorporated into the LFS during 2004.

Labour Market Statistics Manual

An experimental web-based manual to support users of labour market statistics has recently been published on the National Statistics website. *Labour Market Statistics: Concepts, Sources and Methods* will help users to interpret data within the framework of labour market statistics, and promote coherence and consistency in the information produced by ONS. This manual includes the blueprint for the subnational labour market statistics framework. The manual can be found at http://www.statistics.gov.uk/labour_manual. See also the article on page 415 of the August 2003 issue of *Labour Market Trends*.

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New tables presenting a labour market framework for local areas

In July's release four new tables were introduced (one for each of the four local area geographies: local authorities, parliamentary constituencies, travel-to-work areas and NUTS 3 areas) which present a framework of labour market statistics in order to give a better overall picture of the labour market for the local area. The tables are structured to present indicators on labour supply, labour demand and claimants of the Jobseekers' Allowance (JSA) working age benefit. 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). A new labour demand indicator, jobs density, is included in these tables. The jobs density is the total number of jobs in the area (including employees, self-employed, government-supported trainees and armed forces personnel) divided by the number of working age residents of the area. The data in the Framework tables are annual, and come from a number of different sources.

As the new Framework tables contain annual Labour Force Survey (LFS) data, the table containing an annual local area LFS summary has been discontinued. Also, the tables giving monthly JSA claimant data have been retained for local authorities and parliamentary constituencies, but have been discontinued for travel-to-work areas and NUTS 3 areas. JSA claimant data for travel-to-work areas and NUTS 3 areas will continue to be available electronically, via Nomis[®].

Claimant count rates

Following the recommendations in the LMS Framework Review, the workplace-based claimant count rates for sub-regional areas have been withdrawn from National Statistics and have ceased to appear in ONS publications. Users wishing to calculate the rates themselves will be able to continue to do so, using information readily accessible via the Nomis[®] website (<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>).

ONS is now publishing local area claimant count figures as a proportion of the resident working age population. Claimant count proportions for local authorities and for NUTS 3 areas are calculated using the revised mid-2001 population estimates published by ONS on 26 September 2003. Comparable figures for countries and regions of the United Kingdom are also published. Claimant count proportions for parliamentary constituencies are based on population data from the 2001 Census by output area, published on 30 June, adjusted to be consistent with the revised official mid-year population estimates.

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Tables 13 to 16: Local labour market indicators and Table 19: Comparison of pre-2001 and post-2001 Census population data

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. Interim reweighting of monthly LFS estimates at national and regional level has been applied in order to take account of the 2001 Census results. For the annual local area LFS data such an interim reweighting is not possible. These annual tables will be brought into line with the 2001 Census using the same full reweighting method to be applied to the main LFS. The timetable for revising the annual tables is currently being reviewed following the delayed publication of the 2002 mid-year population estimates from 7 August to 26 September 2003. For more information on the annual local area Labour Force Survey, see background note 4.

Table 19 compares the 2001 working age population projections for local areas included in this release with the revised 2001 Census-based mid-year working age population estimates for 2001. The table is intended to give users an indication of the magnitude of possible changes to estimates of labour force survey variables when revised estimates are produced. It does not contain sufficient information to accurately predict what the revised estimates will be.

Keeping LFS and population estimates consistent

During 2002, ONS introduced a new system in which interim, revised LFS time series, consistent with the 2001 Census, were published with very little delay following the release of the revised population estimates. Moving on from this innovation, ONS's aim is to ensure that its published LFS estimates continue to be kept closely in line with the latest published population estimates.

By 2005, re-engineered LFS systems will be in place that will enable the latest mid-year population estimate (MYE) to be incorporated into both revised LFS time series and revised microdata in September, following the release of each year's MYE in August.

In September 2004, ONS will issue interim, revised LFS time series which incorporate the latest 2003 MYE published in August. Also in 2004, the revised LFS microdata, and the final revised LFS time series based on this, will be published in November. ONS

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and the Government Actuary's Department will be working together to ensure that the population data used for revising LFS series and microdata are in line with the latest population projections.

New plans for revising the LFS microdata, taking into account post 2001 Census population estimates, are being developed and will be announced as soon as possible. It currently appears that the earliest achievable date is March 2004.

Further details are given on the National Statistics website at http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/Keeping_LFS_estimates_in_line.pdf

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 involves transferring the vacancy-taking process from local Jobcentres to regional Customer Service Centres, has affected the data since May 2001. Employer Direct has been gradually introduced across Great Britain as part of modernising the former Employment Service (now part of Jobcentre Plus) and has had the following effects:

- A temporary reduction in the recorded level of outflows and placings owing to some delays in following up vacancies with employers associated with the introduction of the new arrangements.
- An increase in the recorded level of newly-notified vacancies.
- Both the above effects have led to an increase in the recorded stock of unfilled vacancies.

Investigations have shown that these effects are substantial for all the vacancy series. While they cannot be quantified precisely, the effects are large enough to prevent meaningful comparisons with earlier data. Some of the distortions will also persist for a while after the full implementation of Employer Direct, which was completed in all regions at the end of January 2002. Publication of the Jobcentre vacancy series has therefore been deferred. ONS and the Department for Work and Pensions are continuing to monitor and review the data with the aim of reinstating the series as soon as possible.

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The publication of the vacancy figures for Northern Ireland has been suspended since March 1999 as a result of a discontinuity identified during the introduction of a new computer system for processing vacancies to local offices of the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL). In the course of correcting for this difficulty, further problems of a procedural nature came to light as contributory factors. These further issues have delayed the reinstatement of published vacancy figures for Northern Ireland. DEL have now introduced a new internet-based operational system for vacancies and have resumed publication of some non-seasonally adjusted vacancy data for Northern Ireland on a provisional basis.

Claimant count

The introduction of Joint Claims for Jobseeker's Allowance on 19 March 2001, and its extension on 28 October 2002, means that both members of certain couples are now required to claim JSA jointly and both are required to look for work. The claimant count continues to include all individual claimants, so there are some extra claimants included as a result of these changes.

Since 19 March 2001 Joint Claims for JSA has applied to couples without dependent children where at least one member was born after 19 March 1976 and is aged over 18. Joint Claims was extended on 28 October 2002 to couples without dependent children where at least one member was born after 28 October 1957.

ONS estimates that the introduction of Joint Claims had an initial upward effect on the claimant count, which accumulated between April and August 2001, of some 800 for the North West region at the time (approximately 300 men and 500 women). For the UK overall the initial impact was some 6,500 (approximately 2,200 men and 4,300 women). The total effect of the extension on 28 October has been to add a further estimated 450 claimants (100 men and 350 women) to the count for the North West region between October 2002 and February 2003 and 3,800 for the UK overall (approximately 900 men and 2,900 women).

The extent to which the introduction of Joint Claims may be treated as a discontinuity in the count, following past precedent, is difficult to assess but we will continue to monitor and review the effects. For information about previous treatment of discontinuities in the claimant count see, for example, the article 'Changes to the coverage of the monthly count of claimant unemployment' in *Labour Market Trends*, November 1995, page 398.

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BACKGROUND NOTES

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

August to October 2003

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	3,046	3,108	3,171	-73	6	86	-37	42	121
Employment rate	72.4%	73.6%	74.8%	-1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	-0.8%	0.7%	2.2%
Unemployment	139	158	177	-27	-2	24	-44	-18	8
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.8%	5.4%	-0.8%	-0.1%	0.7%	-1.4%	-0.6%	0.2%
Economically active	3,205	3,266	3,328	-74	5	84	-54	24	102
Economic activity rate	76.3%	77.4%	78.5%	-1.4%	0.0%	1.4%	-1.1%	0.3%	1.7%
Economically inactive	865	926	986	-77	1	78	-86	-9	68

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

August to October 2003

	Employment	Unemployment	Economically Active	Working age Economically Inactive	Employment Rate (%)	Unemployment Rate (%)
	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)		
North East	± 35	± 12	± 35	± 36	± 1.8	± 1.0
North West	± 62	± 19	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.6
Yorks & Humber	± 48	± 16	± 47	± 45	± 1.2	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 39	± 12	± 39	± 44	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 50	± 17	± 49	± 47	± 1.2	± 0.6
East	± 50	± 16	± 49	± 46	± 1.1	± 0.5
London	± 65	± 25	± 62	± 61	± 1.1	± 0.7
South East	± 59	± 17	± 58	± 54	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 49	± 13	± 49	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.5
Wales	± 39	± 11	± 38	± 38	± 1.7	± 0.8
Scotland	± 49	± 17	± 47	± 46	± 1.2	± 0.7

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3. The LFS sample population covers those living in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.
4. Annual local area data from the LFS are included in Tables 13 to 16. These annual data are consistent with the best population estimates which were available before the results of the 2001 Census were published (and hence are not consistent with the regional data published in this release). Interim reweighting of monthly LFS estimates at national and regional level has been applied in order to take account of the 2001 Census results. For the annual local area LFS data such an interim reweighting is not possible. These annual tables will be brought into line with the 2001 Census using the same full reweighting method to be applied to the main LFS. The timetable for revising the annual tables is currently being reviewed following the delayed publication of the 2002 mid-year population estimates from 7 August to 26 September 2003 (see note 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 additional data and further background information, are available on the National Statistics website at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/lfs>. A wide range of annual local area data from the LFS is available free from the Nomis[®] website at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

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

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7. The number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants can be expressed as a proportion of either (a) the corresponding mid-year estimate (or the latest available mid-year estimate, currently for June 2000) of the workforce jobs in the area plus the number of claimants, or (b) the resident working age population. The number of workforce jobs is mainly collected through postal employer surveys and comprises employee jobs, self-employment jobs, HM armed forces and government-supported trainees and is used to calculate rates for regions and the countries of the UK. For smaller areas, proportions based on the resident working age populations are used.
8. The count of JSA claimants is mostly derived from the Jobcentre Plus computer records. However for various reasons, e.g. when a claimant's National Insurance number is not known, a few claims have to be dealt with manually by local offices. These claims, which amount to less than 1 per cent of the total, are thus counted separately and not analysed in as much detail as the computerised claims. In particular, only the computerised claims are analysed by age and duration on a monthly basis.
9. Travel-to-Work areas (Table 15) are approximations to self-contained labour markets, i.e. areas where people both live and work.
10. NUTS (Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques) (Table 16) was established by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) to provide a uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics. NUTS is a five-level hierarchical classification.
11. The employee jobs series is based on data from employer surveys and is subject to sampling variability. The nature of the survey means that the size of this sampling variability may not be consistent from year to year. Provisionally ONS would expect that the 95 per cent confidence interval would on average be within +/- 6 per cent of the estimate. However, this will vary from region to region.
12. Labour market statistics are compiled from a wide range of sources. Claimant count and Jobcentre vacancy data are provided from the Jobcentre Plus administrative system, workforce jobs are derived from ONS business surveys, other data come from the ONS Labour Force Survey.
13. The Social and Vital Statistics Division of ONS carries out the questionnaire design, sample selection and interviewing for the LFS. Analysis and publication of the results of the survey is undertaken by Labour Market Division. In Northern Ireland, the Labour Force Survey is conducted by the Central Survey Unit.

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14. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of detailed labour market data in a number of formats. In particular, data are available from Nomis[®] at the same time as this release is published. Further data are also published in *Labour Market Trends (LMT)* and the *Labour Force Survey Quarterly Supplement to LMT*.
15. Some of the series in the attached tables are also available on the National Statistics website. To access all the data from the Labour Market Statistics Integrated First Release (including series in this release where four-letter series identifiers are shown), click on the Time Series Data option and download the complete release, or view and download your own customised selection of series. You will also find other Labour Market releases within the Time Series Data service called Employment and Earnings and Claimant Count and Vacancies, which contain more data. 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>). For more information about the Time Series Data service or datasets, telephone 020 7533 5675 or email statbase@statistics.gov.uk.
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..	not available	-	nil or negligible
p	provisional	r	revised
*	grossed up total less than 10,000		

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[#] (August to October 2003)

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active						Employment						Unemployment					
	Total		Total		Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women			
	Level	Rate (%)*	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	1,997	1,152	73.7	623	529	1,072	68.5	572	72.0	500	64.9	79	6.9	51	8.1	29	5.4			
North West	5,311	3,266	77.4	1,749	1,518	3,108	73.6	1,654	77.3	1,454	69.7	158	4.8	94	5.4	64	4.2			
Yorkshire & the Humber	3,932	2,433	78.0	1,317	1,116	2,311	74.1	1,242	78.4	1,069	69.5	122	5.0	75	5.7	47	4.2			
East Midlands	3,354	2,121	79.1	1,165	956	2,028	75.5	1,107	80.5	921	70.3	93	4.4	58	4.9	35	3.7			
West Midlands	4,176	2,591	78.2	1,432	1,159	2,438	73.5	1,340	78.5	1,098	68.1	153	5.9	92	6.4	61	5.3			
East	4,315	2,807	81.8	1,529	1,277	2,695	78.4	1,466	83.5	1,229	72.9	111	4.0	63	4.1	48	3.8			
London	5,917	3,854	76.0	2,154	1,701	3,595	70.8	2,006	77.5	1,589	63.7	260	6.7	148	6.9	111	6.5			
South East	6,392	4,213	82.3	2,280	1,933	4,053	79.1	2,191	83.9	1,862	73.8	160	3.8	90	3.9	71	3.7			
South West	3,971	2,504	81.4	1,346	1,157	2,423	78.7	1,298	82.4	1,124	74.7	81	3.2	48	3.5	33	2.9			
England	39,365	24,941	78.9	13,595	11,345	23,723	75.0	12,877	79.8	10,846	69.8	1,217	4.9	718	5.3	499	4.4			
Wales	2,317	1,383	76.3	725	658	1,322	72.9	688	75.1	634	70.5	61	4.4	37	5.1	24	3.6			
Scotland	4,043	2,545	78.8	1,354	1,191	2,397	74.2	1,259	77.7	1,138	70.5	148	5.8	95	7.0	53	4.5			
Great Britain	45,725	28,868	78.8	15,674	13,194	27,443	74.8	14,824	79.4	12,619	69.9	1,426	4.9	850	5.4	576	4.4			
N Ireland	1,293	769	72.2	436	333	724	67.9	404	74.8	320	60.5	45	5.9	33	7.5	13	3.8			
United Kingdom	47,020	29,640	78.6	16,110	13,529	28,169	74.6	15,227	79.2	12,942	69.7	1,470	5.0	884	5.5	587	4.3			

Change on quarter: ⁺

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active						Employment						Unemployment					
	Total		Total		Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women			
	Level	Rate (%)*	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	4	7	0.4	-3	10	-1	-0.1	-6	-0.7	5	0.5	8	0.6	3	0.5	5	0.9			
North West	4	5	0.0	-8	13	6	0.0	-5	-0.4	11	0.4	-2	-0.1	-3	-0.2	2	0.1			
Yorkshire & the Humber	4	-6	-0.3	-8	2	-7	-0.4	-6	-0.4	-1	-0.3	1	0.1	-2	-0.1	3	0.3			
East Midlands	6	-11	-0.5	-8	-3	-4	-0.2	-9	-0.8	5	0.4	-7	-0.3	1	0.1	-8	-0.8			
West Midlands	4	-16	-0.5	-5	-11	-20	-0.6	-7	-0.5	-13	-0.7	5	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.3			
East	9	5	-0.2	-1	6	3	-0.3	-4	-0.4	7	-0.1	2	0.1	3	0.2	-1	-0.1			
London	15	26	0.2	-5	31	53	0.8	23	0.8	30	0.8	-27	-0.7	-27	-1.3	1	-0.1			
South East	14	-4	-0.3	-7	3	10	0.0	-1	-0.1	11	0.1	-14	-0.3	-6	-0.3	-8	-0.4			
South West	7	1	-0.3	5	-5	8	0.0	4	0.0	4	-0.1	-7	-0.3	1	0.1	-8	-0.7			
England	63	6	-0.2	-41	47	48	0.0	-11	-0.2	59	0.1	-42	-0.2	-30	-0.2	-11	-0.1			
Wales	3	6	-0.1	-2	8	8	0.1	2	0.0	6	0.3	-2	-0.2	-4	-0.5	1	0.2			
Scotland	1	0	-0.1	4	-4	-6	-0.4	-3	-0.2	-2	-0.5	6	0.2	8	0.5	-1	-0.1			
Great Britain	67	12	-0.2	-39	51	50	-0.1	-13	-0.2	63	0.1	-38	-0.1	-26	-0.2	-11	-0.1			
N Ireland	2	-5	-0.5	0	-6	-10	-0.9	-6	-1.0	-4	-0.8	4	0.6	6	1.3	-2	-0.4			
United Kingdom	70	4	-0.2	-41	45	37	-0.1	-21	-0.2	58	0.1	-33	-0.1	-20	-0.1	-13	-0.1			

Change on year:

	Total aged 16 & over		Economically active						Employment						Unemployment					
	Total		Total		Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women			
	Level	Rate (%)*	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	3	12	0.6	13	-2	2	-0.1	8	0.9	-6	-1.1	9	0.7	5	0.6	4	0.8			
North West	15	24	0.3	-9	33	42	0.7	4	0.0	38	1.4	-18	-0.6	-13	-0.7	-5	-0.4			
Yorkshire & the Humber	16	19	0.4	4	15	26	0.7	10	0.4	16	0.9	-7	-0.3	-6	-0.5	0	-0.1			
East Midlands	22	-20	-1.4	-4	-17	-8	-0.9	-3	-0.9	-5	-1.0	-12	-0.5	0	0.0	-12	-1.1			
West Midlands	15	-19	-0.5	-2	-18	-15	-0.4	-5	-0.4	-10	-0.5	-4	-0.1	3	0.2	-8	-0.6			
East	36	27	0.0	12	15	20	-0.2	10	-0.3	10	-0.1	7	0.2	2	0.1	5	0.4			
London	60	53	-0.1	36	17	47	-0.2	47	0.7	0	-1.1	6	0.1	-11	-0.6	17	0.9			
South East	55	10	-0.5	-3	13	14	-0.4	1	-0.7	13	-0.1	-4	-0.1	-4	-0.2	0	0.0			
South West	29	-28	-1.7	-8	-20	-9	-1.1	-1	-1.2	-8	-0.9	-19	-0.7	-7	-0.5	-12	-1.0			
England	253	77	-0.3	40	37	119	-0.2	71	-0.2	48	-0.2	-42	-0.2	-31	-0.2	-11	-0.1			
Wales	10	49	1.7	-1	50	62	2.5	7	0.3	55	4.8	-13	-1.1	-8	-1.1	-5	-1.0			
Scotland	5	21	0.0	23	-2	37	0.5	26	1.4	11	-0.4	-16	-0.7	-3	-0.3	-13	-1.1			
Great Britain	267	147	-0.2	62	85	219	0.0	104	0.0	114	0.0	-71	-0.3	-42	-0.3	-29	-0.2			
N Ireland	10	3	0.4	7	-5	3	0.3	2	1.0	0	-0.4	0	0.0	5	1.0	-5	-1.4			
United Kingdom	280	158	-0.2	71	86	228	0.0	108	0.0	121	0.1	-71	-0.3	-36	-0.3	-34	-0.3			

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.

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

Data source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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** (Jun 2003); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (November 2003); seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (October 2003); 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	1,078	575	504	51.0	4.6	39.5	6.6	11.5	2.2			
North West	3,222	1,716	1,506	107.8	3.3	83.1	4.6	24.7	1.6			
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,349	1,229	1,120	80.4	3.3	61.0	4.7	19.4	1.7			
East Midlands	1,956	1,007	949	58.7	2.9	43.1	4.0	15.6	1.6			
West Midlands	2,560	1,366	1,194	93.7	3.5	71.0	5.0	22.7	1.9			
East	2,606	1,387	1,219	57.7	2.1	41.8	2.9	15.9	1.3			
London	4,561	2,493	2,069	169.5	3.6	121.3	4.7	48.2	2.3			
South East	4,174	2,187	1,986	76.1	1.8	56.2	2.4	19.9	1.0			
South West	2,440	1,279	1,160	46.9	1.8	34.6	2.5	12.3	1.0			
England	24,946	13,238	11,708	741.8	2.9	551.6	4.0	190.2	1.6			
Wales	1,260	650	610	42.8	3.3	32.6	4.8	10.2	1.7			
Scotland	2,513	1,298	1,215	98.8	3.8	76.2	5.5	22.6	1.8			
Great Britain	28,719	15,187	13,532	883.4	3.0	660.4	4.1	223.0	1.6			
N Ireland	763	403	360	34.4	4.3	26.3	6.0	8.1	2.2			
United Kingdom	29,482	15,589	13,893	917.8	3.0	686.7	4.2	231.1	1.6			

Publication of the jobcentre vacancy statistics has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 8

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer surveys			Jobcentre Plus administrative system						Jobcentre Plus administrative system		
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on Jun 2002); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count* (Change on October 2003) seasonally adjusted						Jobcentre vacancies (Change on September 2003) 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	32	28	4	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0			
North West	36	24	12	-1.8	-0.1	-1.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.0			
Yorkshire & the Humber	42	24	18	-1.5	-0.1	-1.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0			
East Midlands	-14	-12	-2	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0			
West Midlands	5	10	-5	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
East	2	-14	16	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0			
London	88	61	27	-0.8	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.3	0.0			
South East	15	-5	20	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
South West	-18	-1	-17	-0.8	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
England	188	115	73	-6.4	0.0	-5.3	0.0	-1.1	0.0			
Wales	17	11	6	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0			
Scotland	-3	8	-11	-0.8	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0			
Great Britain	202	134	67	-7.6	0.0	-6.2	0.0	-1.4	0.0			
N Ireland	6	0	5	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0			
United Kingdom	207	135	72	-7.9	0.0	-6.5	0.0	-1.4	0.0			

Publication of the jobcentre vacancy statistics has been deferred. Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 8

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. NB these are different from the proportions claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for local areas shown in Table 17 and 18.

See note on page 6 for further details.

Some of the series in this table are available electronically through the ONS Time Series Data service. See background note 15 for further details

The workforce jobs data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

1 Summary of LFS data for August to October 2003

		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	Aug - Oct 2001	5,277	3,162	2,995	167	2,115	59.9	56.8	5.3	40.1
	Aug - Oct 2002	5,295	3,243	3,066	176	2,053	61.2	57.9	5.4	38.8
	Nov - Jan 2003	5,299	3,225	3,072	153	2,075	60.9	58.0	4.7	39.1
	Feb - Apr 2003	5,303	3,238	3,077	161	2,065	61.1	58.0	5.0	38.9
	May - Jul 2003	5,307	3,262	3,102	160	2,045	61.5	58.4	4.9	38.5
	Aug - Oct 2003	5,311	3,266	3,108	158	2,044	61.5	58.5	4.8	38.5
	change on quarter	4	5	6	-2	-1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0
	change %	0.1	0.1	0.2	-1.0	0.0				
	change on year	15	24	42	-18	-8	0.3	0.6	-0.6	-0.3
	change %	0.3	0.7	1.4	-10.3	-0.4				
Men	Aug - Oct 2001	2,532	1,715	1,611	105	816	67.8	63.6	6.1	32.2
	Aug - Oct 2002	2,542	1,757	1,650	107	784	69.1	64.9	6.1	30.9
	Nov - Jan 2003	2,544	1,749	1,654	95	795	68.7	65.0	5.4	31.3
	Feb - Apr 2003	2,546	1,752	1,654	98	794	68.8	65.0	5.6	31.2
	May - Jul 2003	2,548	1,757	1,659	98	791	69.0	65.1	5.6	31.0
	Aug - Oct 2003	2,550	1,749	1,654	94	801	68.6	64.9	5.4	31.4
	change on quarter	2	-8	-5	-3	10	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.4
	change %	0.1	-0.5	-0.3	-3.5	1.3				
	change on year	8	-9	4	-13	17	-0.6	0.0	-0.7	0.6
	change %	0.3	-0.5	0.3	-12.0	2.2				
Women	Aug - Oct 2001	2,745	1,446	1,384	62	1,299	52.7	50.4	4.3	47.3
	Aug - Oct 2002	2,754	1,485	1,416	69	1,269	53.9	51.4	4.7	46.1
	Nov - Jan 2003	2,756	1,476	1,418	58	1,280	53.6	51.5	3.9	46.4
	Feb - Apr 2003	2,757	1,486	1,422	64	1,271	53.9	51.6	4.3	46.1
	May - Jul 2003	2,759	1,505	1,442	62	1,254	54.5	52.3	4.1	45.5
	Aug - Oct 2003	2,761	1,518	1,454	64	1,243	55.0	52.6	4.2	45.0
	change on quarter	2	13	11	2	-11	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.4
	change %	0.1	0.9	0.8	2.9	-0.9				
	change on year	7	33	38	-5	-25	1.0	1.2	-0.4	-1.0
	change %	0.3	2.2	2.7	-7.6	-2.0				

		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		YKMD		YCMD		YCZZ	
People	Aug - Oct 2001	4,078	3,083	2,917	166	994	75.6	71.5	5.4	24.4	
	Aug - Oct 2002	4,091	3,156	2,982	175	935	77.1	72.9	5.5	22.9	
	Nov - Jan 2003	4,094	3,143	2,991	152	950	76.8	73.1	4.8	23.2	
	Feb - Apr 2003	4,096	3,150	2,991	159	946	76.9	73.0	5.1	23.1	
	May - Jul 2003	4,098	3,173	3,015	157	925	77.4	73.6	5.0	22.6	
	Aug - Oct 2003	4,100	3,174	3,017	157	926	77.4	73.6	5.0	22.6	
	change on quarter	2	2	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	change %	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1					
	change on year	8	18	35	-17	-9	0.3	0.7	-0.6	-0.3	
	change %	0.2	0.6	1.2	-9.8	-1.0					
Men	Aug - Oct 2001	2,097	1,689	1,584	104	408	80.5	75.5	6.2	19.5	
	Aug - Oct 2002	2,102	1,730	1,624	106	372	82.3	77.2	6.1	17.7	
	Nov - Jan 2003	2,103	1,724	1,630	94	378	82.0	77.5	5.5	18.0	
	Feb - Apr 2003	2,103	1,724	1,628	96	379	82.0	77.4	5.6	18.0	
	May - Jul 2003	2,104	1,730	1,634	96	374	82.2	77.6	5.6	17.8	
	Aug - Oct 2003	2,105	1,719	1,626	93	386	81.7	77.3	5.4	18.3	
	change on quarter	1	-11	-7	-3	11	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.5	
	change %	0.0	-0.6	-0.5	-3.2	3.0					
	change on year	3	-11	3	-13	14	-0.6	0.0	-0.7	0.6	
	change %	0.1	-0.6	0.2	-12.6	3.7					
Women	Aug - Oct 2001	1,980	1,394	1,332	62	586	70.4	67.3	4.4	29.6	
	Aug - Oct 2002	1,990	1,427	1,358	68	563	71.7	68.3	4.8	28.3	
	Nov - Jan 2003	1,991	1,419	1,362	58	572	71.3	68.4	4.1	28.7	
	Feb - Apr 2003	1,992	1,426	1,363	63	566	71.6	68.4	4.4	28.4	
	May - Jul 2003	1,994	1,443	1,382	61	551	72.4	69.3	4.2	27.6	
	Aug - Oct 2003	1,995	1,455	1,391	65	540	72.9	69.7	4.4	27.1	
	change on quarter	1	12	9	3	-11	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.6	
	change %	0.1	0.8	0.6	5.6	-2.0					
	change on year	5	29	32	-4	-23	1.2	1.4	-0.4	-1.2	
	change %	0.3	2.0	2.4	-5.5	-4.1					

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

9= 5/1; 10= 11+14; 11= 12+13; 15= 11/10; 16= 12/10; 17= 13/11; 18= 14/10

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

The data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

REGIONAL DATA

North West

1a Summary of other headline indicators

(thousands),
seasonally
adjusted

	Civilian workforce jobs (not seasonally adjusted)		
	Levels		
	Total	Males	Females
Jun 00 r	3,158	1,677	1,481
Jun 01 r	3,180	1,671	1,509
Jun 02	3,186	1,693	1,493
Sep 02	3,209	1,706	1,503
Dec 02	3,237	1,726	1,511
Mar 03 r	3,208	1,707	1,501
Jun 03	3,222	1,716	1,506
<i>Change on year</i>	36	24	12
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	1.4	0.8

	Claimant count*					
	Levels			Rates (%)**		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
	IBWA	ZMPU	ZMPW	IBWC	ZMPV	ZMPX
2002						
November#	116.5	90.8	25.7	3.5	5.1	1.7
December	115.7	90.0	25.7	3.5	5.0	1.7
2003						
January	114.7	89.1	25.6	3.5	5.0	1.7
February#	114.4	88.8	25.6	3.5	5.0	1.7
March	113.7	88.1	25.6	3.4	4.9	1.7
April	113.0	87.5	25.5	3.4	4.9	1.7
May	113.8	88.2	25.6	3.4	4.9	1.7
June#	113.5	88.0	25.5	3.4	4.9	1.7
July	112.2	86.9	25.3	3.4	4.9	1.7
August#	111.0	85.7	25.3	3.4	4.8	1.7
September	110.6	85.2	25.4	3.3	4.8	1.7
October (r)	109.6	84.5	25.1	3.3	4.7	1.7
November# (p)	107.8	83.1	24.7	3.3	4.6	1.6
<i>Change on period</i>	-1.8	-1.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-1.6	-1.7	-1.6			
<i>Change on year</i>	-8.7	-7.7	-1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-7.5	-8.5	-3.9			

	Notified vacancies	Unfilled vacancies
	Level	Level
	IBWG	IBWE
2002		
November		
December		
2003		
February	Publication of these vacancy statistics has been deferred.	
March	Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of	
April	Employer Direct - see note on	
May	page 8.	
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

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

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

See note on page 6 for further details.

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

The civilian workforce jobs data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

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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	Jun - Aug 2000	3,036	2,962	72	377	745	1,142	626	74
	Jun - Aug 2001	3,019	2,938	80	365	708	1,141	644	80
	Jun - Aug 2002	3,014	2,939	67	383	687	1,154	647	76
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,084	3,000	82	394	702	1,150	672	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,073	2,992	68	402	673	1,161	688	81
	Mar - May 2003	3,086	3,000	64	387	676	1,164	707	86
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,100	3,015	66	396	672	1,171	711	85
	<i>Change on year</i>	85	76	-2	12	-15	17	64	9
<i>Change %</i>	2.8	2.6	-2.5	3.2	-2.2	1.5	9.8	12.1	
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	1,645	1,623	39	201	404	603	376	22
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,635	1,609	42	199	385	594	389	26
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,616	1,595	29	200	371	609	385	21
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,658	1,633	38	208	378	610	398	25
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,648	1,625	35	204	371	611	405	23
	Mar - May 2003	1,652	1,623	33	201	366	613	410	28
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,665	1,639	37	206	362	623	410	25
	<i>Change on year</i>	49	45	8	6	-9	14	25	5
<i>Change %</i>	3.0	2.8	27.5	3.2	-2.3	2.2	6.5	21.5	
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	1,392	1,339	33	175	341	539	250	53
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,383	1,329	38	166	323	547	254	54
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,399	1,344	38	184	316	545	262	55
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,426	1,367	44	185	324	540	274	59
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,425	1,367	34	198	302	550	283	59
	Mar - May 2003	1,434	1,376	31	186	311	551	297	58
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,435	1,376	28	189	309	548	300	59
	<i>Change on year</i>	36	32	-10	6	-7	3	39	5
<i>Change %</i>	2.6	2.3	-25.6	3.2	-2.1	0.6	14.7	8.6	
Employment rates (%)⁺									
People	Jun - Aug 2000	57.7	72.9	41.8	69.8	79.1	81.3	62.2	6.2
	Jun - Aug 2001	57.2	72.1	44.8	66.5	77.7	80.5	63.2	6.7
	Jun - Aug 2002	57.0	71.9	36.8	67.7	78.1	80.5	63.0	6.3
	Sep - Nov 2002	58.2	73.3	44.8	68.9	80.6	80.0	65.3	7.0
	Dec - Feb 2003	58.0	73.1	37.3	69.7	77.9	80.6	66.8	6.8
	Mar - May 2003	58.2	73.2	34.9	66.7	78.9	80.7	68.6	7.1
	Jun - Aug 2003	58.4	73.6	35.8	67.5	79.0	81.0	68.8	7.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.4	1.7	-0.9	-0.2	0.9	0.5	5.8	0.7
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	65.2	77.5	44.3	76.1	87.1	87.0	64.2	5.1
	Jun - Aug 2001	64.6	76.8	46.0	73.8	85.9	85.1	66.1	6.0
	Jun - Aug 2002	63.6	75.9	31.3	71.7	86.3	86.4	64.9	4.8
	Sep - Nov 2002	65.2	77.7	40.6	74.1	88.9	86.4	66.9	5.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	64.8	77.3	37.3	71.8	87.9	86.4	67.9	5.2
	Mar - May 2003	64.9	77.2	35.8	70.1	87.5	86.5	68.7	6.4
	Jun - Aug 2003	65.3	77.9	40.0	71.2	87.6	87.8	68.7	5.7
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.7	2.0	8.7	-0.5	1.3	1.4	3.8	1.0
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	50.8	67.9	39.3	63.7	71.5	75.7	59.3	6.9
	Jun - Aug 2001	50.4	67.2	43.6	59.5	69.7	76.1	59.3	7.1
	Jun - Aug 2002	50.8	67.6	42.4	63.8	70.3	74.8	60.4	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2002	51.8	68.7	49.1	63.9	72.6	73.9	63.1	7.7
	Dec - Feb 2003	51.7	68.6	37.4	67.7	68.3	75.1	65.2	7.7
	Mar - May 2003	52.0	69.0	34.0	63.4	70.7	75.0	68.4	7.6
	Jun - Aug 2003	52.0	69.0	31.5	63.9	70.8	74.5	69.0	7.8
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.2	1.4	-10.9	0.1	0.6	-0.3	8.5	0.6

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.

The data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

EMPLOYMENT

North West

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

		All in employment					All in employment			
		Total*	Employees*	Self employed*	Unpaid family workers	Government-supported training and employment programmes	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Workers with second jobs	Temporary employees
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People	Jun - Aug 2000	3,036	2,715	297	10	15	2,301	735	107	191
	Jun - Aug 2001	3,019	2,694	302	*	17	2,284	735	117	161
	Jun - Aug 2002	3,014	2,692	304	*	10	2,268	745	95	152
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,084	2,766	297	*	12	2,337	746	122	153
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,073	2,745	314	*	*	2,327	745	111	151
	Mar - May 2003	3,086	2,745	321	*	11	2,314	771	103	133
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,100	2,756	323	10	11	2,322	776	99	152
	<i>Change on year</i>	85	64	19	*	0	54	30	4	0
	<i>Change %</i>	2.8	2.4	6.2	*	1.5	2.4	4.1	4.4	-0.3
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	1,645	1,411	219	*	11	1,503	142	45	97
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,635	1,390	230	*	13	1,482	153	39	83
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,616	1,380	228	*	*	1,473	142	43	70
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,658	1,420	228	*	*	1,513	145	51	69
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,648	1,405	238	*	*	1,509	138	49	59
	Mar - May 2003	1,652	1,406	238	*	*	1,494	158	48	65
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,665	1,421	236	*	*	1,507	156	46	80
	<i>Change on year</i>	49	41	9	*	*	34	14	3	10
	<i>Change %</i>	3.0	3.0	3.8	*	*	2.3	10.1	6.6	14.1
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	1,392	1,304	78	*	*	798	594	62	94
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,383	1,304	72	*	*	802	581	79	78
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,399	1,313	76	*	*	795	603	52	82
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,426	1,346	69	*	*	825	601	72	84
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,425	1,340	75	*	*	818	607	61	92
	Mar - May 2003	1,434	1,340	83	*	*	821	613	55	69
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,435	1,336	87	*	*	815	620	53	72
	<i>Change on year</i>	36	23	10	*	*	20	16	1	-10
	<i>Change %</i>	2.6	1.8	13.4	*	*	2.5	2.7	2.7	-12.6

		Temporary employees (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	Jun - Aug 2000	191	60	56	74	723	79	515	127
	Jun - Aug 2001	161	49	41	70	724	83	520	120
	Jun - Aug 2002	152	46	42	65	735	74	539	121
	Sep - Nov 2002	153	47	39	67	733	74	534	122
	Dec - Feb 2003	151	41	38	71	736	70	540	123
	Mar - May 2003	133	42	30	61	758	71	558	127
	Jun - Aug 2003	152	39	39	73	765	70	574	118
	<i>Change on year</i>	0	-7	-3	9	30	-4	35	-3
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-14.3	-6.0	0.0	4.1	-5.0	6.4	-2.3

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.

The data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

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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	Jun 99 r	3,172	2,807	350	15
	Jun 00 r	3,158	2,823	321	15
	Jun 01 r	3,180	2,845	325	10
	Jun 02	3,186	2,856	319	11
	Sep 02	3,209	2,873	323	13
	Dec 02	3,237	2,892	332	13
	Mar 03 r	3,208	2,859	335	13
	Jun 03	3,222	2,870	340	12
<i>Change on year</i>		36	14	20	1
<i>Change %</i>		1.1	0.5	6.4	12.6
Male jobs	Jun 99 r	1,688	1,417	263	8
	Jun 00 r	1,677	1,429	239	9
	Jun 01 r	1,671	1,428	236	7
	Jun 02	1,693	1,451	235	6
	Sep 02	1,706	1,457	241	8
	Dec 02	1,726	1,470	248	8
	Mar 03 r	1,707	1,452	247	8
	Jun 03	1,716	1,458	251	7
<i>Change on year</i>		24	7	15	1
<i>Change %</i>		1.4	0.5	6.6	13.1
Female jobs	Jun 99 r	1,484	1,389	87	7
	Jun 00 r	1,481	1,393	82	6
	Jun 01 r	1,509	1,417	89	4
	Jun 02	1,493	1,405	84	4
	Sep 02	1,503	1,416	82	5
	Dec 02	1,511	1,422	84	5
	Mar 03 r	1,501	1,408	88	5
	Jun 03	1,506	1,412	89	5
<i>Change on year</i>		12	7	5	1
<i>Change %</i>		0.8	0.5	5.9	11.8

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey, DfES

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4

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

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

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

The civilian workforce jobs data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

EMPLOYMENT

North West

5 Employee jobs by industry

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

Standard Industrial Classification (1992)

SIC 1992 SECTION		All jobs (seasonally adjusted)	Agriculture Forestry & Fishing	Mining Energy & Water Supplies Industries	Manufacturing Industries	Construction	Service Industries	Other Industries	
		All jobs A-O	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-K	L-O	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
All jobs	Jun 00 r	2,826	2,823	21	19	508	126	1,291	857
	Jun 01 r	2,851	2,845	15	21	486	135	1,326	862
	Jun 02 r	2,862	2,856	14	21	467	130	1,338	887
	Sep 02	2,868	2,873	13	21	463	127	1,359	891
	Dec 02	2,876	2,892	11	21	458	136	1,371	896
	Mar 03 r	2,876	2,859	12	20	458	131	1,343	895
	Jun 03	2,876	2,870	12	21	454	130	1,358	895
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>0</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.0</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-12</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>8</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-12.1</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-2.6</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.9</i>
Male jobs	Jun 00 r	1,431	1,429	15	12	372	107	649	274
	Jun 01 r	1,433	1,428	9	13	355	116	662	274
	Jun 02 r	1,456	1,451	9	13	344	114	687	284
	Sep 02	1,457	1,457	9	13	342	111	698	284
	Dec 02	1,459	1,470	8	13	339	120	704	287
	Mar 03 r	1,460	1,452	8	13	339	115	692	285
	Jun 03	1,463	1,458	8	13	336	114	700	287
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>3</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>3</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-9.5</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>-2.2</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>1.0</i>
Female jobs	Jun 00 r	1,395	1,393	6	6	136	19	642	583
	Jun 01 r	1,418	1,417	6	9	131	19	664	588
	Jun 02	1,407	1,405	5	8	123	16	650	603
	Sep 02	1,411	1,416	4	8	121	16	661	607
	Dec 02 r	1,418	1,422	3	8	119	16	668	609
	Mar 03 r	1,416	1,408	4	8	119	16	651	610
	Jun 03	1,413	1,412	4	8	118	17	657	608
	<i>Change on qtr</i>	<i>-3</i>							
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.2</i>							
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>5</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-17.2</i>	<i>-3.5</i>	<i>-3.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>0.8</i>

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

Source: Employer surveys

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Employee jobs figures are of a measure of jobs rather than people. For example, if a person holds two jobs, each job will be counted in the employee jobs total. Employees jobs figures come from quarterly surveys of employers carried out by Prices & Business Group (PBG) of ONS and Administrative returns.

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

EMPLOYMENT

North West

6 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	Jun - Aug 2000	97	32.0	36.8	15.4	10.1
	Jun - Aug 2001	96	32.0	36.6	15.6	11.0
	Jun - Aug 2002	94	31.3	36.2	15.4	8.8
	Sep - Nov 2002	103	33.3	38.1	16.7	9.9
	Dec - Feb 2003	94	30.6	34.9	16.0	8.9
	Mar - May 2003	100	32.3	37.2	16.4	8.7
	Jun - Aug 2003	98	31.7	36.5	16.0	10.1
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>101.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>14.4</i>	
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	60	36.7	38.4	14.8	11.2
	Jun - Aug 2001	60	36.9	38.8	15.0	13.0
	Jun - Aug 2002	59	36.6	38.2	16.4	9.3
	Sep - Nov 2002	64	38.3	40.0	16.7	10.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	57	34.8	36.2	16.5	9.1
	Mar - May 2003	61	36.9	38.7	16.4	9.2
	Jun - Aug 2003	61	36.5	38.3	16.6	10.3
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>10.8</i>	
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	37	26.4	33.7	15.6	9.3
	Jun - Aug 2001	36	26.1	32.7	15.7	10.0
	Jun - Aug 2002	35	25.2	32.3	15.1	8.4
	Sep - Nov 2002	39	27.5	34.7	16.7	9.2
	Dec - Feb 2003	37	25.8	32.5	15.9	8.7
	Mar - May 2003	39	27.1	34.5	16.4	8.4
	Jun - Aug 2003	37	26.0	33.2	15.8	9.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>1.5</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>17.5</i>	

* main and second jobs

Source: Labour Force Survey

** main jobs only

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

The data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

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	2002	IBWA	IBWC			IBWB	IBWD
	November#	116.5	3.5	28.7	28.9	110.5	3.3
	December	115.7	3.5	28.8	29.2	113.0	3.4
	2003						
	January	114.7	3.5	28.5	27.3	124.2	3.8
	February#	114.4	3.5	28.6	28.7	124.5	3.8
	March	113.7	3.4	28.2	28.7	121.1	3.7
	April	113.0	3.4	28.2	29.2	117.5	3.5
	May	113.8	3.4	28.0	27.9	115.7	3.5
	June#	113.5	3.4	28.7	28.7	112.8	3.4
	July	112.2	3.4	27.4	28.4	113.7	3.4
	August#	111.0	3.4	27.0	28.2	113.2	3.4
	September	110.6	3.3	27.2	28.3	108.9	3.3
	October (r)	109.6	3.3	26.7	27.7	104.0	3.1
	November# (p)	107.8	3.3	26.2	27.6	101.9	3.1
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-1.8	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-2.1	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.6		-1.9	-0.4	-2.0	
<i>Change on year</i>	-8.7	-0.3	-2.5	-1.3	-8.6	-0.3	
<i>Change %</i>	-7.5		-8.7	-4.5	-7.7		
Men	2002	ZMPU	ZMPV				
	November#	90.8	5.1	21.2	21.4	85.9	4.8
	December	90.0	5.0	21.2	21.6	88.4	4.9
	2003						
	January	89.1	5.0	21.1	20.0	96.7	5.4
	February#	88.8	5.0	21.1	21.2	96.8	5.4
	March	88.1	4.9	20.7	21.2	94.1	5.3
	April	87.5	4.9	20.7	21.7	91.1	5.1
	May	88.2	4.9	20.6	20.5	89.9	5.0
	June#	88.0	4.9	21.2	21.2	87.5	4.9
	July	86.9	4.9	20.1	21.1	86.8	4.8
	August#	85.7	4.8	19.8	20.8	85.4	4.8
	September	85.2	4.8	19.8	20.8	82.4	4.6
	October (r)	84.5	4.7	19.5	20.3	79.3	4.4
	November# (p)	83.1	4.6	19.1	20.3	78.3	4.4
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-1.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-1.0	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.7		-2.1	0.0	-1.3	
<i>Change on year</i>	-7.7	-0.4	-2.1	-1.1	-7.6	-0.4	
<i>Change %</i>	-8.5		-9.9	-5.1	-8.9		
Women	2002	ZMPW	ZMPX				
	November#	25.7	1.7	7.5	7.5	24.6	1.6
	December	25.7	1.7	7.6	7.6	24.6	1.6
	2003						
	January	25.6	1.7	7.4	7.3	27.5	1.8
	February#	25.6	1.7	7.5	7.5	27.7	1.8
	March	25.6	1.7	7.5	7.5	27.0	1.8
	April	25.5	1.7	7.5	7.5	26.4	1.7
	May	25.6	1.7	7.4	7.4	25.8	1.7
	June#	25.5	1.7	7.5	7.5	25.3	1.7
	July	25.3	1.7	7.3	7.3	26.9	1.8
	August#	25.3	1.7	7.2	7.4	27.8	1.8
	September	25.4	1.7	7.4	7.5	26.5	1.7
	October (r)	25.1	1.7	7.2	7.4	24.8	1.6
	November# (p)	24.7	1.6	7.1	7.3	23.6	1.6
	<i>Change on mth</i>	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.6		-1.4	-1.4	-4.5	
<i>Change on year</i>	-1.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.9	-0.1	
<i>Change %</i>	-3.9		-5.3	-2.7	-3.8		

* 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 note on page 6 for further details.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4.33 week month but not seasonally adjusted, for November 2003 were 26,652 in total, 19,683 for men and 6,969 for women. The corresponding outflow figures were 20,324 men and 7,812 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													
Nov 01	115.8	114.7	74.8	18.6	21.2	18.5	9.2	31.6	26.9	4.2	0.6	1.8	0.1
Nov 02#	110.5	109.2	74.0	17.5	17.8	16.3	6.6	31.2	26.3	4.1	0.8	2.6	0.1
Dec 02	113.0	111.7	76.7	17.4	17.6	15.8	6.5	32.0	27.2	4.1	0.8	2.5	0.1
Jan 03	124.2	123.0	85.6	19.3	18.0	14.6	6.5	35.8	30.2	4.8	0.9	2.4	0.1
Feb 03#	124.5	123.3	86.0	19.6	17.7	14.4	6.3	37.2	31.4	4.9	0.9	2.3	0.1
Mar 03	121.1	120.0	82.5	20.0	17.5	14.6	6.2	36.3	30.2	5.2	0.9	2.4	0.1
Apr 03	117.5	116.5	79.2	20.1	17.2	14.7	6.1	34.7	28.6	5.2	0.8	2.4	0.1
May 03	115.7	114.5	76.4	20.9	17.2	15.0	6.0	33.9	27.5	5.5	0.8	2.4	0.1
Jun 03#	112.8	111.7	73.8	21.1	16.9	15.1	5.8	32.9	26.4	5.6	0.8	2.5	0.1
Jul 03	113.7	112.6	75.6	20.2	16.8	14.9	5.7	34.4	28.2	5.3	0.9	2.6	0.1
Aug 03#	113.2	112.2	75.4	20.1	16.7	14.8	5.6	35.2	28.9	5.4	0.9	2.5	0.1
Sep 03	108.9	107.9	72.1	19.3	16.5	15.3	5.6	33.7	27.7	5.1	0.9	2.6	0.1
Oct 03	104.0	103.1	68.8	18.2	16.1	15.6	5.4	31.3	25.9	4.6	0.8	2.6	0.1
Nov 03#	101.9	100.9	68.1	17.0	15.8	15.7	5.3	29.9	25.1	4.1	0.8	2.6	0.1
Change on year	-8.6	-8.3	-5.8	-0.5	-2.0	-0.6	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Change %	-7.7	-7.6	-7.9	-2.9	-11.1		-20.4	-4.1	-4.8	-0.3	-2.9		116.7
Men													
Nov 01	90.3	89.5	56.4	15.0	18.1	20.2	8.0	22.4	19.1	3.0	0.4	1.6	0.0
Nov 02#	85.9	84.9	55.8	14.1	15.0	17.7	5.7	22.3	18.8	2.9	0.5	2.3	0.0
Dec 02	88.4	87.4	58.5	14.0	14.9	17.0	5.6	23.2	19.7	2.9	0.5	2.3	0.0
Jan 03	96.7	95.7	65.1	15.4	15.2	15.9	5.6	25.9	21.8	3.4	0.6	2.2	0.0
Feb 03#	96.8	95.8	65.2	15.7	14.9	15.6	5.5	26.7	22.6	3.5	0.6	2.2	0.0
Mar 03	94.1	93.3	62.6	15.9	14.7	15.8	5.3	26.1	21.8	3.7	0.6	2.3	0.1
Apr 03	91.1	90.3	59.9	15.9	14.5	16.0	5.2	24.9	20.6	3.7	0.6	2.3	0.1
May 03	89.9	89.0	57.9	16.6	14.5	16.3	5.1	24.4	19.8	4.0	0.6	2.3	0.1
Jun 03#	87.5	86.6	55.6	16.8	14.3	16.5	5.0	23.6	18.9	4.1	0.6	2.4	0.1
Jul 03	86.8	86.0	55.8	16.1	14.1	16.4	4.9	24.0	19.6	3.9	0.6	2.5	0.1
Aug 03#	85.4	84.6	54.7	15.9	14.0	16.5	4.8	24.3	19.8	3.9	0.6	2.4	0.1
Sep 03	82.4	81.7	52.6	15.3	13.8	16.9	4.7	23.4	19.0	3.7	0.6	2.5	0.1
Oct 03	79.3	78.5	50.7	14.4	13.5	17.2	4.6	21.8	18.0	3.3	0.6	2.6	0.1
Nov 03#	78.3	77.5	50.9	13.4	13.2	17.1	4.5	21.1	17.6	2.9	0.5	2.5	0.1
Change on year	-7.6	-7.4	-4.9	-0.6	-1.8	-0.6	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Change %	-8.9	-8.7	-8.9	-4.4	-12.0		-22.1	-5.4	-6.4	-0.2	2.1		105.0
Women													
Nov 01	25.5	25.2	18.4	3.6	3.1	12.4	1.3	9.2	7.8	1.2	0.2	2.0	0.0
Nov 02#	24.6	24.3	18.1	3.4	2.8	11.4	0.9	8.9	7.5	1.1	0.3	3.1	0.0
Dec 02	24.6	24.3	18.2	3.4	2.7	11.2	0.9	8.8	7.4	1.1	0.3	3.1	0.0
Jan 03	27.5	27.2	20.5	3.9	2.8	10.3	0.9	10.0	8.3	1.3	0.3	2.9	0.0
Feb 03#	27.7	27.5	20.8	3.9	2.8	10.2	0.9	10.5	8.8	1.4	0.3	2.7	0.0
Mar 03	27.0	26.7	19.9	4.1	2.7	10.2	0.9	10.2	8.4	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
Apr 03	26.4	26.1	19.3	4.1	2.7	10.2	0.9	9.8	8.1	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
May 03	25.8	25.5	18.5	4.3	2.7	10.4	0.8	9.5	7.7	1.6	0.3	2.9	0.0
Jun 03#	25.3	25.1	18.2	4.3	2.6	10.3	0.8	9.3	7.5	1.5	0.2	2.6	0.0
Jul 03	26.9	26.6	19.7	4.2	2.7	10.1	0.8	10.4	8.6	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.0
Aug 03#	27.8	27.5	20.7	4.2	2.7	9.7	0.8	10.9	9.1	1.5	0.3	2.6	0.0
Sep 03	26.5	26.3	19.6	4.0	2.7	10.3	0.8	10.3	8.7	1.4	0.3	2.8	0.1
Oct 03	24.8	24.5	18.1	3.8	2.6	10.7	0.8	9.5	8.0	1.3	0.3	2.7	0.1
Nov 03#	23.6	23.4	17.2	3.5	2.6	11.1	0.8	8.9	7.5	1.1	0.2	2.8	0.0
Change on year	-0.9	-1.0	-0.9	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Change %	-3.8	-3.9	-5.0	3.6	-6.2		-9.4	-1.0	-0.7	-0.6	-12.1		140.0

* 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	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Up to 6 months	Over 6	All over 12 months	% claiming for over 12 months	All over 24 months
			and up to 12 months						and up to 12 months			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
People												
Nov 01	64.1	37.2	11.6	15.3	23.8	6.1	17.5	9.4	2.7	5.4	30.8	3.1
Nov 02#	59.7	37.1	10.8	11.8	19.8	3.7	16.9	9.2	2.6	5.2	30.6	2.8
Dec 02	61.1	38.6	10.8	11.7	19.1	3.6	17.1	9.5	2.5	5.1	29.9	2.8
Jan 03	66.8	43.2	11.7	12.0	17.9	3.6	18.7	10.8	2.8	5.2	27.7	2.8
Feb 03#	65.7	42.2	11.8	11.7	17.8	3.5	18.4	10.4	2.7	5.2	28.3	2.8
Mar 03	63.9	40.5	12.0	11.5	17.9	3.4	17.8	9.8	2.8	5.1	28.8	2.8
Apr 03	62.3	39.1	12.0	11.2	18.0	3.3	17.6	9.7	2.8	5.1	28.8	2.7
May 03	61.6	38.0	12.4	11.3	18.3	3.2	17.2	9.2	2.9	5.1	29.5	2.7
Jun 03#	60.2	36.8	12.4	11.0	18.3	3.0	16.8	8.8	2.9	5.0	30.0	2.7
Jul 03	59.8	36.9	11.9	10.9	18.3	2.9	16.7	8.9	2.9	5.0	30.0	2.7
Aug 03#	58.9	36.3	11.8	10.8	18.3	2.8	16.5	8.7	2.8	5.0	30.3	2.7
Sep 03	56.8	34.8	11.3	10.7	18.8	2.7	16.0	8.3	2.7	4.9	30.9	2.7
Oct 03	54.8	33.5	10.9	10.4	19.0	2.6	15.6	8.0	2.6	4.9	31.4	2.6
Nov 03#	54.0	33.5	10.3	10.2	18.8	2.5	15.6	8.3	2.5	4.9	31.3	2.6
Change on year	-5.7	-3.6	-0.4	-1.6	-1.0	-1.2	-1.3	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.2
Change %	-9.6	-9.8	-4.0	-14.0		-32.2	-7.7	-10.0	-3.8	-5.6		-7.5
Men												
Nov 01	52.8	29.6	9.9	13.3	25.2	5.3	13.5	7.0	2.1	4.4	32.9	2.6
Nov 02#	48.9	29.6	9.1	10.2	20.9	3.3	13.0	6.7	2.0	4.3	33.0	2.4
Dec 02	50.2	31.0	9.1	10.1	20.1	3.2	13.2	7.0	1.9	4.3	32.4	2.4
Jan 03	54.6	34.4	9.9	10.3	18.9	3.2	14.4	8.0	2.1	4.3	29.9	2.4
Feb 03#	53.8	33.7	10.0	10.1	18.7	3.0	14.2	7.8	2.1	4.3	30.1	2.4
Mar 03	52.4	32.4	10.1	9.9	18.9	2.9	13.7	7.3	2.1	4.2	30.9	2.4
Apr 03	50.9	31.1	10.0	9.7	19.1	2.8	13.5	7.2	2.2	4.2	31.0	2.3
May 03	50.3	30.2	10.4	9.7	19.3	2.8	13.3	6.8	2.2	4.2	31.8	2.3
Jun 03#	49.1	29.2	10.4	9.5	19.4	2.6	12.9	6.5	2.2	4.2	32.3	2.3
Jul 03	48.3	28.9	10.0	9.4	19.5	2.6	12.8	6.4	2.2	4.1	32.3	2.3
Aug 03#	47.1	28.0	9.8	9.3	19.7	2.4	12.3	6.1	2.1	4.1	33.2	2.3
Sep 03	45.5	26.9	9.4	9.2	20.1	2.4	12.0	5.9	2.1	4.0	33.7	2.3
Oct 03	44.1	26.2	9.0	8.9	20.2	2.3	11.8	5.8	2.0	4.0	33.8	2.2
Nov 03#	43.8	26.5	8.5	8.7	19.9	2.2	12.0	6.1	1.9	4.0	33.4	2.2
Change on year	-5.1	-3.1	-0.6	-1.5	-1.0	-1.1	-1.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.2
Change %	-10.5	-10.4	-6.3	-14.8		-33.4	-7.9	-9.8	-3.4	-6.9		-8.6
Women												
Nov 01	11.3	7.6	1.8	2.0	17.5	0.8	4.0	2.5	0.6	0.9	23.5	0.5
Nov 02#	10.8	7.6	1.6	1.6	14.8	0.5	3.9	2.4	0.6	0.9	22.5	0.4
Dec 02	10.9	7.7	1.7	1.6	14.5	0.5	3.9	2.5	0.6	0.9	21.9	0.4
Jan 03	12.3	8.8	1.8	1.6	13.2	0.4	4.3	2.8	0.7	0.9	20.4	0.4
Feb 03#	11.9	8.5	1.8	1.6	13.3	0.4	4.2	2.6	0.7	0.9	21.9	0.4
Mar 03	11.5	8.1	1.9	1.5	13.4	0.4	4.1	2.5	0.7	0.9	21.7	0.4
Apr 03	11.4	8.0	1.9	1.5	13.2	0.4	4.0	2.5	0.7	0.9	21.6	0.4
May 03	11.3	7.7	2.0	1.5	13.5	0.4	3.9	2.4	0.7	0.9	21.9	0.4
Jun 03#	11.2	7.6	2.0	1.5	13.3	0.4	3.8	2.3	0.7	0.9	22.3	0.4
Jul 03	11.5	8.0	2.0	1.5	13.2	0.4	4.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	22.5	0.4
Aug 03#	11.8	8.3	2.0	1.5	12.7	0.3	4.1	2.6	0.7	0.9	21.7	0.4
Sep 03	11.3	7.8	1.9	1.5	13.4	0.4	4.0	2.4	0.7	0.9	22.5	0.4
Oct 03	10.6	7.3	1.9	1.5	13.9	0.4	3.7	2.2	0.6	0.9	23.8	0.4
Nov 03#	10.2	7.0	1.8	1.5	14.3	0.3	3.6	2.2	0.6	0.9	24.4	0.4
Change on year	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0
Change %	-5.3	-7.6	8.8	-8.8		-23.6	-7.3	-10.6	-5.1	0.7		-1.0

* 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

North West

9 Economic activity 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 active									
People	Jun - Aug 2000	3,212	3,136	94	425	788	1,180	648	76
	Jun - Aug 2001	3,201	3,119	104	417	747	1,185	665	82
	Jun - Aug 2002	3,201	3,124	91	435	728	1,202	668	77
	Sep - Nov 2002	3,251	3,166	105	433	738	1,196	693	85
	Dec - Feb 2003	3,230	3,147	91	441	711	1,196	709	83
	Mar - May 2003	3,240	3,153	84	427	712	1,203	727	88
	Jun - Aug 2003	3,267	3,180	93	443	707	1,203	734	87
	<i>Change on year</i>	66	56	2	8	-21	0	66	10
<i>Change %</i>	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.9	-2.8	0.0	9.9	13.3	
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	1,749	1,727	50	229	431	625	392	22
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,746	1,720	56	226	412	621	404	26
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,726	1,705	41	228	395	641	399	22
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,761	1,735	52	234	396	640	413	25
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,747	1,722	49	232	390	630	421	24
	Mar - May 2003	1,747	1,717	42	227	385	637	425	30
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,762	1,735	53	229	381	643	429	27
	<i>Change on year</i>	35	30	11	1	-14	2	30	5
<i>Change %</i>	2.0	1.8	27.2	0.3	-3.5	0.3	7.6	24.0	
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	1,462	1,409	44	196	357	555	257	53
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,455	1,399	48	190	335	564	261	55
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,475	1,420	50	207	333	561	269	55
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,490	1,430	53	199	342	556	280	60
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,483	1,424	41	209	320	566	288	59
	Mar - May 2003	1,494	1,435	41	199	327	566	301	58
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,506	1,445	40	214	326	560	305	60
	<i>Change on year</i>	31	26	-10	7	-7	-1	36	5
<i>Change %</i>	2.1	1.8	-19.2	3.6	-2.0	-0.2	13.4	9.1	
Economic activity rates (%)⁺									
People	Jun - Aug 2000	61.1	77.1	55.0	78.7	83.7	84.0	64.3	6.3
	Jun - Aug 2001	60.7	76.5	58.4	75.9	82.0	83.6	65.3	6.8
	Jun - Aug 2002	60.5	76.4	49.9	76.8	82.8	83.8	65.0	6.4
	Sep - Nov 2002	61.4	77.4	57.1	75.8	84.6	83.3	67.4	7.1
	Dec - Feb 2003	60.9	76.9	49.4	76.5	82.2	83.1	68.8	6.9
	Mar - May 2003	61.1	77.0	45.7	73.5	83.0	83.4	70.4	7.3
	Jun - Aug 2003	61.6	77.6	50.8	75.7	83.2	83.2	71.0	7.2
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.1	1.2	0.9	-1.2	0.4	-0.7	6.0	0.8
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	69.4	82.5	57.6	86.7	92.9	90.2	66.9	5.2
	Jun - Aug 2001	69.0	82.0	61.5	84.0	92.0	88.9	68.5	6.1
	Jun - Aug 2002	68.0	81.1	44.3	81.9	91.9	90.9	67.2	4.9
	Sep - Nov 2002	69.3	82.6	55.7	83.1	93.0	90.6	69.5	5.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	68.7	81.9	52.9	81.5	92.5	89.0	70.7	5.5
	Mar - May 2003	68.6	81.6	45.4	79.3	92.3	89.9	71.2	6.7
	Jun - Aug 2003	69.1	82.4	56.4	79.1	92.1	90.5	71.8	6.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.2	1.3	12.1	-2.8	0.3	-0.3	4.6	1.1
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	53.4	71.5	52.3	71.1	74.7	78.1	60.7	7.0
	Jun - Aug 2001	53.0	70.7	55.3	68.0	72.3	78.5	60.9	7.2
	Jun - Aug 2002	53.6	71.4	55.7	71.9	74.1	77.1	62.0	7.2
	Sep - Nov 2002	54.1	71.9	58.6	68.8	76.6	76.2	64.6	7.8
	Dec - Feb 2003	53.8	71.5	45.8	71.7	72.3	77.3	66.2	7.7
	Mar - May 2003	54.2	72.0	46.1	67.8	74.3	77.2	69.3	7.6
	Jun - Aug 2003	54.6	72.5	44.9	72.3	74.7	76.1	70.0	7.9
	<i>Change on year</i>	1.0	1.1	-10.8	0.4	0.6	-0.9	8.0	0.6

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.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

10 Economic inactivity by age

North West

(thousands), not seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically inactive									
People	Jun - Aug 2000	2,047	929	77	115	154	224	360	1,118
	Jun - Aug 2001	2,073	956	74	133	164	232	353	1,117
	Jun - Aug 2002	2,092	966	92	131	151	232	359	1,126
	Sep - Nov 2002	2,046	927	79	138	134	241	335	1,119
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,071	947	93	135	154	244	321	1,123
	Mar - May 2003	2,064	944	99	154	146	239	305	1,120
	Jun - Aug 2003	2,041	918	90	143	143	243	299	1,123
	<i>Change on year</i>	-51	-48	-2	11	-8	11	-60	-3
	<i>Change %</i>	-2.4	-4.9	-1.7	8.6	-5.6	4.9	-16.8	-0.3
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	772	366	37	35	33	68	194	406
	Jun - Aug 2001	784	377	35	43	36	77	186	407
	Jun - Aug 2002	814	397	52	50	35	65	195	417
	Sep - Nov 2002	781	367	41	47	30	66	182	415
	Dec - Feb 2003	798	380	44	53	32	78	174	417
	Mar - May 2003	800	386	51	59	32	72	172	413
	Jun - Aug 2003	787	369	41	60	33	67	169	417
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-27	-11	10	-2	3	-26	0
	<i>Change %</i>	-3.3	-6.9	-21.9	20.0	-7.1	4.2	-13.5	0.1
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	1,275	563	40	80	121	156	166	713
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,289	579	39	89	128	155	168	710
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,278	569	40	81	116	167	165	709
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,265	560	37	91	104	174	154	705
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,273	567	49	83	122	166	147	706
	Mar - May 2003	1,264	557	48	95	113	168	134	707
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,254	549	50	82	110	176	131	705
	<i>Change on year</i>	-24	-20	10	1	-6	9	-34	-4
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.9	-3.5	24.8	1.6	-5.2	5.2	-20.6	-0.5

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.

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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	Jun - Aug 2000	2,047	929	665	264	247	79	168	100	67	29	51
	Jun - Aug 2001	2,073	956	705	251	224	63	161	86	70	24	43
	Jun - Aug 2002	2,092	966	714	252	225	66	159	82	74	26	43
	Sep - Nov 2002	2,046	927	663	264	242	66	176	99	73	28	42
	Dec - Feb 2003	2,071	947	699	249	230	70	160	96	72	22	40
	Mar - May 2003	2,064	944	714	230	210	57	153	88	57	27	37
	Jun - Aug 2003	2,041	918	686	232	206	65	141	82	63	22	40
	<i>Change on year</i>	-51	-48	-27	-20	-19	0	-18	0	-11	-4	-4
	<i>Change %</i>	-2.4	-4.9	-3.8	-8.1	-8.3	-0.7	-11.5	0.1	-14.8	-14.7	-8.6
Men	Jun - Aug 2000	772	366	254	112	106	32	73	59	*	13	25
	Jun - Aug 2001	784	377	271	106	94	26	68	51	11	*	24
	Jun - Aug 2002	814	397	294	103	89	29	59	47	*	12	23
	Sep - Nov 2002	781	367	255	112	104	31	73	58	*	16	21
	Dec - Feb 2003	798	380	280	100	95	28	67	54	11	*	21
	Mar - May 2003	800	386	286	100	91	26	65	51	*	14	20
	Jun - Aug 2003	787	369	269	100	88	30	58	49	*	13	20
	<i>Change on year</i>	-27	-27	-25	-2	0	1	-1	2	*	1	-3
	<i>Change %</i>	-3.3	-6.9	-8.5	-2.2	-0.5	2.5	-2.0	5.1	*	10.4	-11.5
Women	Jun - Aug 2000	1,275	563	411	152	141	46	95	41	59	15	26
	Jun - Aug 2001	1,289	579	434	145	130	37	93	36	60	15	19
	Jun - Aug 2002	1,278	569	420	149	137	37	100	36	67	14	21
	Sep - Nov 2002	1,265	560	408	152	138	35	103	41	64	12	20
	Dec - Feb 2003	1,273	567	418	149	135	41	93	41	62	13	19
	Mar - May 2003	1,264	557	427	130	119	32	87	37	50	14	18
	Jun - Aug 2003	1,254	549	417	131	118	35	83	33	57	*	20
	<i>Change on year</i>	-24	-20	-2	-18	-18	-1	-17	-2	-10	*	-1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.9	-3.5	-0.5	-12.1	-13.4	-3.2	-17.1	-6.4	-14.8	*	-5.5

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.

The data in this table have been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - see note on page 7.

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
2001	IBWG		IBWE		IBWH		IBWI	
November								
2002								
November								
December								
2003								
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
<i>Change on year</i>								
<i>Change on year %</i>								

Publication of these vacancy statistics has been deferred.

Figures from May 2001 are affected by the introduction of Employer Direct - see note on page 8

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

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13 2001 local labour market indicators by Unitary and Local Authority

	not seasonally adjusted										
	Population+			Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand##	
	Employment++			Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**	
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
United Kingdom total	36,354	27,424	74.4	1,499	5.0	7,890	21.4	982,998	2.7	29,954	0.82
Regional total	4,105	3,014	71.5	171	5.2	1,032	24.5	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Blackburn with Darwen UA	83	53	65.7	4	7.0	23	29.2	2,807	3.4	68	0.83
Blackpool UA	83	68	74.7	2	3.4	21	22.7	3,189	3.8	72	0.87
Halton UA	74	49	65.5	4	7.2	22	29.3	2,918	3.9	58	0.78
Warrington UA	119	90	75.9	4	3.9	25	20.9	2,431	2.0	118	0.99
Cheshire											
Chester	73	52	75.8	*	*	14	20.6	1,180	1.6	77	1.05
Congleton	57	43	78.0	*	*	11	20.0	781	1.4	38	0.67
Crewe and Nantwich	67	55	76.9	*	*	16	21.9	1,307	1.9	57	0.83
Ellesmere Port and Neston	49	37	78.6	*	*	9	18.4	1,036	2.1	35	0.72
Macclesfield	90	73	79.8	*	*	17	18.6	1,066	1.2	95	1.04
Vale Royal	75	53	71.3	*	*	20	26.6	1,499	2.0	52	0.69
Cumbria											
Allerdale	56	40	71.4	*	*	12	21.4	1,842	3.3	37	0.64
Barrow-in-Furness	43	29	67.7	*	*	11	26.3	1,397	3.3	26	0.60
Carlisle	61	45	75.2	*	*	12	20.6	1,695	2.8	52	0.85
Copeland	42	28	67.2	*	*	11	27.3	1,813	4.3	28	0.66
Eden	30	25	81.2	*	*	*	*	337	1.1	25	0.81
South Lakeland	60	44	71.7	*	*	15	24.3	671	1.1	48	0.80
Bolton	159	121	73.5	7	5.1	37	22.5	4,536	2.8	119	0.75
Bury	110	83	72.6	5	5.1	27	23.3	2,019	1.8	67	0.61
Manchester	256	171	60.5	18	9.2	94	33.4	13,166	5.2	327	1.28
Oldham	132	96	72.7	5	4.7	31	23.7	3,993	3.0	91	0.69
Rochdale	126	94	72.1	5	4.8	31	24.1	3,818	3.0	83	0.66
Salford	133	93	68.3	7	6.4	37	27.0	3,788	2.9	116	0.87
Stockport	172	141	80.0	*	*	32	18.4	2,940	1.7	130	0.75
Tameside	130	104	76.9	5	4.5	26	19.3	3,201	2.5	80	0.62
Trafford	128	103	76.7	4	3.6	27	20.3	2,774	2.2	136	1.06
Wigan	188	151	75.9	5	3.3	43	21.4	4,798	2.5	113	0.60
Lancashire											
Burnley	54	35	67.3	*	*	16	31.0	1,187	2.2	40	0.75
Chorley	64	50	79.2	*	*	13	19.7	1,067	1.7	42	0.66
Fylde	41	33	74.6	*	*	10	23.3	475	1.1	46	1.10
Hyndburn	49	34	72.1	*	*	12	25.2	930	1.9	31	0.64
Lancaster	82	61	70.9	*	*	20	23.5	2,503	3.1	60	0.73
Pendle	53	36	73.8	*	*	12	24.5	1,281	2.4	36	0.68
Preston	82	57	68.1	*	*	24	28.5	2,441	3.0	90	1.10
Ribble Valley	33	28	80.1	*	*	7	19.9	258	0.8	29	0.87
Rossendale	40	32	82.2	*	*	6	15.9	725	1.8	28	0.70
South Ribble	64	52	79.0	*	*	12	18.2	797	1.2	44	0.68
West Lancashire	66	48	72.0	*	*	15	22.3	1,905	2.9	47	0.68
Wyre	59	44	72.7	*	*	14	23.4	1,149	1.9	36	0.60
Knowsley	91	56	61.4	6	9.3	29	32.2	5,103	5.6	59	0.65
Liverpool	276	171	60.1	21	10.7	93	32.5	16,846	6.1	232	0.84
St. Helens	108	80	71.6	5	5.6	27	24.1	3,974	3.7	63	0.59
Sefton	164	116	69.5	6	5.0	45	26.8	6,130	3.7	110	0.67
Wirral	183	139	70.7	10	6.6	48	24.2	7,665	4.2	112	0.61

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

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

+ Official mid-2001 estimate of the resident population.

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++ LFS data relate to the period March 2001 to February 2002. 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 have not yet been adjusted to reflect the 2001 Census population data - 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 2001 to December 2001.

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 note on page 6 for further details.

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 2001, and are mainly employees from the Annual Business Inquiry which refers to December of each year; they also include self-employed, HM Forces and government-supported trainees. Jobs densities are calculated as the number of jobs per resident of working age (16-59/64).

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	Population+		Labour supply					Working age benefits		Labour demand###	
	16-59/64 (000s)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++	Claimant count#		Proportion## (%)	Jobs**		
			Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)		Level	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)				
									16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total (000s)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
United Kingdom total	36,155	27,424	74.4	1,499	5.0	7,890	21.4	982,998	2.7	29,954	0.83
Regional total	4,089	3,014	71.5	171	5.2	1,032	24.5	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Altrincham & Sale West	79.0	..	*	..	18.8	789	1.4	44	0.81
Ashton under Lyne	74.7	..	6.6	..	19.9	1,657	2.8	40	0.69
Barrow & Furness	68.5	..	*	..	26.3	1,605	3.1	32	0.61
Birkenhead	65.2	..	9.7	..	27.7	3,026	6.6	38	0.84
Blackburn	62.3	..	6.7	..	33.0	2,263	3.8	56	0.95
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	73.4	..	*	..	22.9	1,701	3.2	38	0.71
Blackpool South	73.1	..	3.9	..	23.9	2,295	4.0	51	0.91
Bolton North East	70.4	..	*	..	24.8	1,718	3.2	36	0.68
Bolton South East	69.3	..	*	..	25.7	1,982	3.6	54	0.99
Bolton West	80.0	..	*	..	17.7	836	1.6	29	0.56
Bootle	56.5	..	*	..	36.2	2,873	6.4	38	0.85
Burnley	67.3	..	*	..	31.0	1,187	2.2	40	0.75
Bury North	72.2	..	*	..	23.6	1,001	1.8	42	0.75
Bury South	73.1	..	*	..	23.1	1,019	1.9	24	0.45
Carlisle	77.1	..	*	..	19.0	1,456	3.2	44	0.95
Cheadle	81.7	..	*	..	17.9	529	1.0	36	0.70
Chester, City of	75.3	..	*	..	22.0	1,014	1.8	69	1.24
Chorley	79.2	..	*	..	19.7	1,067	1.7	42	0.66
Congleton	78.0	..	*	..	20.0	781	1.4	38	0.67
Copeland	67.2	..	*	..	27.3	1,813	4.3	28	0.66
Crewe & Nantwich	76.1	..	*	..	22.6	1,231	2.2	46	0.82
Crosby	77.3	..	*	..	21.2	1,243	2.9	22	0.51
Denton & Reddish	79.6	..	*	..	17.5	1,178	2.2	30	0.55
Eccles	74.4	..	4.5	..	22.0	1,334	2.4	39	0.70
Eddisbury	74.3	..	*	..	22.2	899	1.6	36	0.66
Ellesmere Port & Neston	79.0	..	*	..	17.3	1,088	2.0	37	0.69
Fylde	72.6	..	*	..	24.1	715	1.3	50	0.93
Halton	66.1	..	8.0	..	28.1	1,887	3.8	34	0.68
Hazel Grove	79.2	..	*	..	19.4	704	1.4	27	0.56
Heywood & Middleton	74.8	..	3.7	..	22.3	1,680	2.8	37	0.63
Hyndburn	72.3	..	*	..	24.8	1,047	1.9	36	0.66
Knowsley North & Sefton East	64.5	..	7.9	..	30.0	2,532	4.5	37	0.66
Knowsley South	64.5	..	7.9	..	29.8	3,116	5.3	33	0.57
Lancaster & Wyre	75.5	..	*	..	21.8	1,062	1.7	48	0.78
Leigh	76.0	..	*	..	21.3	1,479	2.6	34	0.60
Liverpool, Garston	68.2	..	*	..	29.0	2,364	4.7	28	0.57
Liverpool, Riverside	50.1	..	16.7	..	39.7	4,425	7.0	124	2.01
Liverpool, Walton	58.3	..	15.9	..	30.4	3,538	6.7	34	0.65
Liverpool, Wavertree	59.5	..	*	..	32.6	3,108	5.5	32	0.57
Liverpool, West Derby	64.1	..	*	..	30.9	3,412	6.3	13	0.25
Macclesfield	82.8	..	*	..	16.1	643	1.2	48	0.87
Makerfield	72.1	..	*	..	25.8	1,282	2.3	25	0.46
Manchester, Blackley	55.2	..	12.3	..	36.8	2,440	5.3	34	0.76
Manchester, Central	57.9	..	10.6	..	35.4	4,158	7.4	195	3.55
Manchester, Gorton	53.7	..	11.1	..	39.9	3,017	5.5	20	0.37
Manchester, Withington	68.5	..	*	..	28.1	1,846	3.1	31	0.54
Morecambe & Lunesdale	68.3	..	*	..	24.5	1,765	3.5	29	0.57
Oldham East & Saddleworth	78.5	..	*	..	19.5	1,559	2.5	32	0.52
Oldham West & Royton	67.1	..	*	..	28.4	2,033	3.5	53	0.91
Pendle	73.8	..	*	..	24.5	1,281	2.4	36	0.68
Penrith & The Border	77.6	..	*	..	18.6	725	1.4	36	0.69
Preston	65.7	..	*	..	31.5	2,118	3.4	82	1.34
Ribble Valley	79.1	..	*	..	19.9	510	0.9	48	0.84
Rochdale	67.7	..	6.6	..	27.4	2,034	3.5	43	0.74
Rossendale & Darwen	80.7	..	3.8	..	16.0	1,151	2.0	35	0.61
Salford	53.7	..	12.6	..	38.5	1,646	3.6	63	1.39

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	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits			Labour demand###	
	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#			Jobs**	
	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
South Ribble	80.1	..	*	..	17.3	763	1.3	33	0.57
Southport	71.3	..	*	..	25.6	1,469	2.9	38	0.74
St. Helens North	74.4	..	*	..	21.8	1,764	3.2	24	0.42
St. Helens South	67.9	..	6.8	..	27.2	2,209	4.3	39	0.76
Stalybridge & Hyde	77.3	..	*	..	19.6	1,348	2.5	29	0.55
Stockport	78.7	..	*	..	19.0	1,232	2.3	56	1.04
Stretford & Urmston	73.0	..	5.2	..	22.9	1,712	3.1	79	1.43
Tatton	75.0	..	*	..	23.2	600	1.3	54	1.13
Wallasey	65.7	..	10.5	..	26.4	2,423	4.9	26	0.52
Warrington North	75.7	..	*	..	21.9	1,363	2.3	56	0.94
Warrington South	76.4	..	*	..	19.8	1,067	1.8	62	1.04
Weaver Vale	68.3	..	*	..	29.6	1,643	3.0	48	0.87
West Lancashire	70.7	..	*	..	22.8	1,787	3.1	41	0.72
Westmorland & Lonsdale	71.7	..	*	..	23.8	463	0.9	41	0.82
Wigan	77.3	..	*	..	20.3	1,444	2.9	42	0.86
Wirral South	77.7	..	*	..	20.0	1,008	2.3	26	0.61
Wirral West	74.2	..	*	..	22.6	1,208	2.8	21	0.47
Workington	70.3	..	*	..	21.5	1,693	3.4	32	0.66
Worsley	79.5	..	*	..	17.0	1,400	2.5	24	0.44
Wythenshawe & Sale East	70.8	..	*	..	23.8	1,979	3.4	59	1.04

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

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

+ Official mid-2001 estimate of the resident population.

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Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance. Average for January 2001 to December 2001.

Percentage of resident working age population of the 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 rates shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See note on page 6 for further details.

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

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North West

15 2001 local labour market indicators by Travel-to-Work Area

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###		
	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		Jobs**		
	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Total 16+ (000s)	Rate+++ (%)	Total 16-59/64 (000s)	16-59/64 Rate (%)	Level	Proportion## (%)	Total (000s)	Jobs Density 16-59/64 (ratio)	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
United Kingdom total	36,354	27,424	74.4	1,499	5.0	7,890	21.4	982,998	2.7	29,954	0.82
Regional total	4,105	3,014	71.5	171	5.2	1,032	24.5	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Appleby	73.1	..	*	..	*	76	0.9	5	0.63
Barrow-in-Furness	69.7	..	*	..	25.4	1,641	2.9	34	0.61
Blackburn	72.4	..	4.3	..	24.3	4,502	2.4	144	0.78
Blackpool	74.3	..	3.6	..	22.8	4,747	2.7	146	0.84
Bolton	73.2	..	4.9	..	23.0	5,097	2.9	128	0.73
Burnley	66.1	..	*	..	32.4	1,261	2.1	44	0.73
Carlisle	75.6	..	*	..	20.6	1,866	2.7	56	0.81
Crewe	73.9	..	*	..	24.1	2,998	1.9	126	0.80
Kendal	67.9	..	*	..	25.9	329	1.0	27	0.79
Keswick	*	..	*	..	*	57	1.0	5	0.82
Lancaster and Morecambe	70.7	..	*	..	23.8	2,564	2.8	67	0.74
Liverpool	64.0	..	8.4	..	29.9	30,008	5.1	436	0.74
Manchester	72.4	..	5.0	..	23.8	34,778	2.8	1,090	0.88
Nelson and Colne	75.9	..	*	..	22.2	1,233	2.5	35	0.71
Penrith	83.9	..	*	..	*	216	1.1	18	0.91
Preston	75.3	..	*	..	22.3	4,414	2.0	183	0.82
Rochdale	72.4	..	4.8	..	23.9	3,009	2.9	68	0.66
Warrington	72.7	..	4.7	..	23.6	5,499	2.7	183	0.90
Whitehaven	68.2	..	*	..	26.6	1,754	4.3	27	0.67
Wigan and St. Helens	73.1	..	4.2	..	23.7	7,876	3.0	169	0.63
Windermere	79.2	..	*	..	*	90	0.8	11	0.97
Wirral and Chester	73.0	..	5.7	..	22.5	9,881	3.2	223	0.73
Workington	69.8	..	*	..	22.7	1,678	3.8	28	0.63

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

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

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North West

16 2001 local labour market indicators by NUTS 3 area

not seasonally adjusted

	Population+		Labour supply				Working age benefits		Labour demand###		
	16-59/64	Total 16-59/64	Employment++		Unemployment++		Economic inactivity++		Claimant count#		
			Total	Rate (%)	Total	Rate (%)	Total	Rate (%)	Level (number)	% 16- 59/64##	Total**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
United Kingdom total	36,354	27,424	74.4	1,499	5.0	7,890	21.4	982,998	2.7	29,954	0.82
Regional total	4,105	3,014	71.5	171	5.2	1,032	24.5	125,436	3.1	3,242	0.79
Cumbria											
West Cumbria	141	97	69.0	9	8.4	35	24.6	5,052	3.6	90	0.64
East Cumbria	151	114	75.0	6	5.0	32	20.9	2,703	1.8	124	0.82
Cheshire											
Halton & Warrington	193	139	71.9	8	5.1	47	24.2	5,348	2.8	176	0.91
Cheshire CC	410	312	76.7	10	2.9	86	21.1	6,869	1.7	351	0.86
Greater Manchester											
Greater Manchester South	819	612	70.8	36	5.4	217	25.1	25,869	3.2	789	0.96
Greater Manchester North	716	545	73.6	26	4.5	169	22.9	19,164	2.7	472	0.66
Lancashire											
Blackburn with Darwen	83	53	65.7	4	7.0	23	29.2	2,807	3.4	68	0.83
Blackpool	83	68	74.7	2	3.4	21	22.7	3,189	3.8	72	0.87
Lancashire CC	686	511	73.7	21	3.8	161	23.2	14,718	2.1	525	0.76
Merseyside											
East Merseyside	198	136	67.0	11	7.2	56	27.7	9,077	4.6	122	0.62
Liverpool	276	171	60.1	21	10.7	93	32.5	16,846	6.1	232	0.84
Sefton	164	116	69.5	6	5.0	45	26.8	6,130	3.7	110	0.67
Wirral	183	139	70.7	10	6.6	48	24.2	7,665	4.2	111	0.61

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

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

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Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance. Average for January 2001 to December 2001.

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LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

17 Claimant count* by Unitary and Local Authority

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 13 NOVEMBER 2003						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	659,977	224,669	884,646	3.5	1.3	2.4	-23,044	2,121	-20,923	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Regional total	78,254	23,648	101,902	3.7	1.2	2.5	-7,613	-943	-8,556	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Blackburn with Darwen UA	1,530	478	2,008	3.6	1.2	2.4	-168	-5	-173	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Blackpool UA	2,000	485	2,485	4.6	1.2	3.0	-231	-106	-337	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4
Halton UA	1,682	560	2,242	4.5	1.5	3.0	-427	-125	-552	-1.1	-0.3	-0.7
Warrington UA	1,494	459	1,953	2.4	0.8	1.6	-120	-58	-178	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Cheshire	4,168	1,421	5,589	2.0	0.7	1.4	-257	-69	-326	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Chester	860	285	1,145	2.3	0.8	1.6	75	42	117	0.2	0.1	0.2
Congleton	417	170	587	1.4	0.6	1.0	-138	-48	-186	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Crewe and Nantwich	677	290	967	1.9	0.9	1.4	-115	4	-111	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Ellesmere Port and Neston	604	168	772	2.4	0.7	1.6	-13	-25	-38	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Macclesfield	746	214	960	1.6	0.5	1.1	31	-8	23	0.1	0.0	0.0
Vale Royal	864	294	1,158	2.2	0.8	1.6	-97	-34	-131	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Cumbria	4,262	1,285	5,547	2.8	0.9	1.9	-337	-180	-517	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Allerdale	926	276	1,202	3.2	1.0	2.1	-153	-67	-220	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4
Barrow-in-Furness	974	218	1,192	4.3	1.1	2.8	71	-15	56	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Carlisle	844	280	1,124	2.7	1.0	1.8	-51	-31	-82	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Copeland	946	292	1,238	4.2	1.5	2.9	-192	-36	-228	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Eden	158	69	227	1.0	0.5	0.8	-34	-4	-38	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
South Lakeland	414	150	564	1.3	0.5	0.9	22	-27	-5	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Bolton	2,860	859	3,719	3.5	1.1	2.3	-299	-18	-317	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Bury	1,329	479	1,808	2.3	0.9	1.6	-46	-9	-55	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Manchester	9,732	2,697	12,429	7.3	2.2	4.9	-714	-35	-749	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
Oldham	2,348	687	3,035	3.5	1.1	2.3	-371	-74	-445	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Rochdale	2,415	750	3,165	3.7	1.2	2.5	-419	-27	-446	-0.6	0.0	-0.4
Salford	2,683	729	3,412	3.8	1.2	2.6	-131	-23	-154	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Stockport	2,089	690	2,779	2.4	0.8	1.6	-115	89	-26	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Tameside	2,211	731	2,942	3.3	1.2	2.3	-31	40	9	0.0	0.1	0.0
Trafford	1,746	546	2,292	2.6	0.9	1.8	-199	-15	-214	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Wigan	3,159	971	4,130	3.2	1.1	2.2	-66	19	-47	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Lancashire	8,765	2,815	11,580	2.5	0.8	1.7	-881	-127	-1,008	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Burnley	676	202	878	2.5	0.8	1.6	-98	-30	-128	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Chorley	579	207	786	1.7	0.7	1.2	-130	-22	-152	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Fylde	292	87	379	1.3	0.4	0.9	-43	-5	-48	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Hyndburn	609	180	789	2.4	0.8	1.6	-3	-7	-10	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lancaster	1,519	486	2,005	3.6	1.2	2.5	-136	-9	-145	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Pendle	640	232	872	2.3	0.9	1.6	-79	-32	-111	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Preston	1,588	432	2,020	3.8	1.1	2.5	-61	20	-41	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
Ribble Valley	114	53	167	0.7	0.3	0.5	-49	-1	-50	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Rossendale	399	157	556	1.9	0.8	1.4	-50	3	-47	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
South Ribble	521	161	682	1.6	0.5	1.1	-39	-21	-60	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
West Lancashire	1,185	415	1,600	3.5	1.3	2.4	-161	-23	-184	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Wyre	643	203	846	2.1	0.7	1.4	-32	0	-32	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Knowsley	2,762	839	3,601	6.1	1.8	4.0	-519	-86	-605	-1.1	-0.2	-0.7
Liverpool	10,847	3,015	13,862	7.8	2.2	5.0	-970	-169	-1,139	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
St. Helens	2,257	737	2,994	4.1	1.4	2.8	-322	-42	-364	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Sefton	3,670	1,052	4,722	4.4	1.3	2.9	-429	0	-429	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
Wirral	4,245	1,363	5,608	4.6	1.5	3.1	-561	77	-484	-0.6	0.1	-0.3

* Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance

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

Percentages of resident working age population of area. NB these are different from the national and regional claimant count rates

shown in Tables 1a, 7 and the summary of other headline indicators. See note on page 6 for further details.

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 13 NOVEMBER 2003						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	659,977	224,669	884,646	3.5	1.3	2.4	-23,044	2,121	-20,923	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Regional total	78,254	23,648	101,902	3.7	1.2	2.5	-7,613	-943	-8,556	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Altrincham & Sale West	472	178	650	1.7	0.7	1.2	-104	10	-94	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Ashton under Lyne	1,091	324	1,415	3.6	1.1	2.4	-70	-4	-74	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Barrow & Furness	1,146	267	1,413	4.2	1.1	2.7	87	-21	66	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Birkenhead	1,743	526	2,269	7.8	2.3	5.0	-233	13	-220	-1.0	0.1	-0.5
Blackburn	1,237	363	1,600	4.0	1.3	2.7	-178	-22	-200	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	1,008	269	1,277	3.6	1.1	2.4	-80	-6	-86	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Blackpool South	1,443	356	1,799	4.9	1.3	3.2	-194	-86	-280	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
Bolton North East	1,090	310	1,400	4.0	1.2	2.6	-93	-30	-123	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Bolton South East	1,191	360	1,551	4.2	1.4	2.9	-149	-14	-163	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Bolton West	579	189	768	2.2	0.8	1.5	-57	26	-31	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Bootle	1,821	484	2,305	8.2	2.1	5.1	-191	38	-153	-0.9	0.2	-0.3
Burnley	676	202	878	2.5	0.8	1.6	-98	-30	-128	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Bury North	693	264	957	2.4	1.0	1.7	2	23	25	0.0	0.1	0.0
Bury South	636	215	851	2.3	0.8	1.6	-48	-32	-80	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Carlisle	744	232	976	3.1	1.0	2.1	-19	-30	-49	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Cheadle	380	146	526	1.4	0.6	1.0	-24	25	1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Chester, City of	760	237	997	2.7	0.9	1.8	65	53	118	0.2	0.2	0.2
Chorley	579	207	786	1.7	0.7	1.2	-130	-22	-152	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Congleton	417	170	587	1.4	0.6	1.0	-138	-48	-186	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Copeland	946	292	1,238	4.2	1.5	2.9	-192	-36	-228	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Crewe & Nantwich	647	264	911	2.2	1.0	1.6	-101	7	-94	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Crosby	830	267	1,097	3.8	1.3	2.6	-19	37	18	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Denton & Reddish	842	280	1,122	3.0	1.1	2.1	-2	17	15	0.0	0.1	0.0
Eccles	941	249	1,190	3.2	0.9	2.1	26	-9	17	0.1	0.0	0.0
Eddisbury	456	184	640	1.6	0.7	1.2	-73	-40	-113	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Ellesmere Port & Neston	625	184	809	2.3	0.7	1.5	-16	-21	-37	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Fylde	427	137	564	1.5	0.5	1.1	-58	-12	-70	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Halton	1,118	364	1,482	4.4	1.5	3.0	-287	-84	-371	-1.1	-0.3	-0.7
Hazel Grove	428	157	585	1.7	0.7	1.2	-63	24	-39	-0.2	0.1	-0.1
Heywood & Middleton	859	278	1,137	2.8	1.0	1.9	-217	-42	-259	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Hyndburn	681	197	878	2.4	0.8	1.6	-1	-6	-7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Knowsley North & Sefton East	1,349	434	1,783	4.7	1.5	3.1	-303	-49	-352	-1.1	-0.2	-0.6
Knowsley South	1,710	517	2,227	5.7	1.8	3.8	-254	-48	-302	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5
Lancaster & Wyre	586	183	769	1.9	0.6	1.2	-47	-21	-68	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Leigh	972	315	1,287	3.2	1.1	2.2	-70	13	-57	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Liverpool, Garston	1,504	461	1,965	5.9	1.9	3.9	-166	-7	-173	-0.7	0.0	-0.3
Liverpool, Riverside	3,049	802	3,851	9.6	2.6	6.1	-164	-14	-178	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
Liverpool, Walton	2,158	581	2,739	8.0	2.3	5.2	-278	-88	-366	-1.0	-0.3	-0.7
Liverpool, Wavertree	2,051	556	2,607	7.2	1.9	4.6	-154	-28	-182	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Liverpool, West Derby	2,085	615	2,700	7.7	2.3	5.0	-208	-32	-240	-0.8	-0.1	-0.4
Macclesfield	439	113	552	1.5	0.4	1.0	48	-9	39	0.2	0.0	0.1
Makerfield	846	277	1,123	2.9	1.0	2.0	-8	19	11	0.0	0.1	0.0
Manchester, Blackley	1,872	510	2,382	7.7	2.3	5.2	-202	-28	-230	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
Manchester, Central	3,023	798	3,821	10.2	3.0	6.8	-285	17	-268	-1.0	0.1	-0.5
Manchester, Gorton	2,288	645	2,933	8.0	2.4	5.3	-149	-30	-179	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Manchester, Withington	1,403	425	1,828	4.6	1.5	3.1	-23	-37	-60	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Morecambe & Lunesdale	1,113	364	1,477	4.3	1.5	2.9	-86	4	-82	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Oldham East & Saddleworth	876	288	1,164	2.7	0.9	1.8	-198	-24	-222	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4
Oldham West & Royton	1,273	353	1,626	4.2	1.3	2.8	-138	6	-132	-0.5	0.0	-0.2

LOCAL AREA DATA

North West

18 Claimant count* by Parliamentary Constituency

not seasonally adjusted

	CLAIMANT COUNT ON 13 NOVEMBER 2003						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	640	232	872	2.3	0.9	1.6	-79	-32	-111	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Penrith & The Border	332	142	474	1.2	0.6	0.9	-69	-8	-77	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Preston	1,390	354	1,744	4.4	1.2	2.8	-73	7	-66	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Ribble Valley	291	113	404	1.0	0.4	0.7	-27	12	-15	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Rochdale	1,473	445	1,918	4.8	1.6	3.3	-188	8	-180	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
Rossendale & Darwen	620	255	875	2.1	0.9	1.5	-42	19	-23	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Salford	1,282	315	1,597	5.3	1.5	3.5	-95	-2	-97	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
South Ribble	511	164	675	1.7	0.6	1.2	-23	-16	-39	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Southport	722	189	911	2.8	0.8	1.8	-181	-64	-245	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5
St. Helens North	992	323	1,315	3.4	1.2	2.3	-144	-2	-146	-0.5	0.0	-0.3
St. Helens South	1,265	414	1,679	4.8	1.6	3.3	-178	-40	-218	-0.7	-0.2	-0.4
Stalybridge & Hyde	929	326	1,255	3.4	1.3	2.3	14	20	34	0.1	0.1	0.1
Stockport	912	261	1,173	3.3	1.0	2.2	-50	-2	-52	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Stretford & Urmston	1,105	304	1,409	3.9	1.1	2.5	-67	-30	-97	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Tatton	427	138	565	1.7	0.6	1.2	-26	-8	-34	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Wallasey	1,308	389	1,697	5.2	1.6	3.4	-176	21	-155	-0.7	0.1	-0.3
Warrington North	836	244	1,080	2.7	0.8	1.8	-116	-31	-147	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
Warrington South	658	215	873	2.1	0.8	1.5	-4	-27	-31	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Weaver Vale	961	327	1,288	3.4	1.2	2.3	-156	-44	-200	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4
West Lancashire	1,093	382	1,475	3.8	1.4	2.6	-164	-27	-191	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Westmorland & Lonsdale	242	101	343	0.9	0.4	0.7	6	-21	-15	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Wigan	942	250	1,192	3.6	1.1	2.4	22	-10	12	0.1	0.0	0.0
Wirral South	552	218	770	2.5	1.0	1.8	-63	39	-24	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
Wirral West	642	230	872	2.9	1.1	2.0	-89	4	-85	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Workington	852	251	1,103	3.3	1.1	2.2	-150	-64	-214	-0.6	-0.3	-0.4
Worsley	859	294	1,153	2.9	1.1	2.0	-72	-15	-87	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Wythenshawe & Sale East	1,315	383	1,698	4.5	1.4	3.0	-83	48	-35	-0.3	0.2	-0.1

* 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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[#] 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 note on page 6 for further details.

19 Comparison of pre-2001 and revised post-2001 Census population data

(thousands)

	Working-age population data for mid-2001		
	Pre-2001 Census	Revised post-2001 Census	% difference
	Projected data	Mid-year estimate	
NORTH WEST	4,236	4,105	-3.1
Blackburn with Darwen UA	83	83	-0.2
Blackpool UA	90	83	-7.9
Halton UA	75	74	-1.7
Warrington UA	120	119	-0.8
Cheshire	413	412	-0.3
Chester	71	73	2.4
Congleton	56	57	1.3
Crewe and Nantwich	72	68	-6.4
Ellesmere Port and Neston	48	49	2.5
Macclesfield	93	90	-2.8
Vale Royal	74	75	0.8
Cumbria	296	292	-1.4
Allerdale	57	56	-2.3
Barrow-in-Furness	43	43	0.5
Carlisle	62	61	-0.8
Copeland	43	42	-1.2
Eden	31	30	-2.6
South Lakeland	61	60	-2.0
Bolton	166	159	-3.9
Bury	115	110	-3.7
Manchester	280	256	-8.6
Oldham	134	132	-1.0
Rochdale	131	126	-3.7
Salford	137	133	-3.1
Stockport	179	172	-3.8
Tameside	136	130	-4.3
Trafford	136	128	-5.6
Wigan	198	188	-4.8
Lancashire	696	688	-1.2
Burnley	54	54	-0.9
Chorley	63	64	0.9
Fylde	44	42	-6.5
Hyndburn	48	49	1.9
Lancaster	86	82	-4.4
Pendle	50	53	6.6
Preston	86	82	-5.0
Ribble Valley	33	33	-2.1
Rossendale	40	40	1.0
South Ribble	65	64	-2.0
West Lancashire	68	66	-1.6
Wyre	60	59	-1.7
Knowsley	92	91	-1.2
Liverpool	286	276	-3.2
St. Helens	111	108	-2.6
Sefton	167	164	-2.0
Wirral	195	183	-6.3