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There has been a fall in both the number of people in employment and the employment rate. The number of unemployed people, the unemployment rate and the claimant count have all increased. The number of inactive people of working age and the inactivity rate have fallen. The number of vacancies has fallen. Growth in average earnings including bonuses has fallen but earnings growth excluding bonuses is unchanged.

In the latest reference period the working age employment rate was 74.2 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of people in employment decreased by 26,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 6.1 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 131,000 over the quarter.

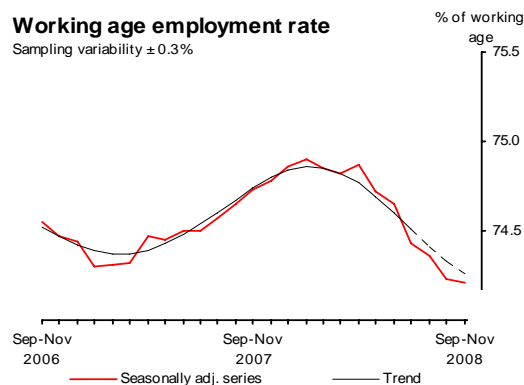
The claimant count was 1.16 million, up 77,900 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 530,000, down 69,000 from the previous quarter.

The earnings annual growth rate (including bonuses) was 3.1 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous period. The earnings annual growth rate (excluding bonuses) was 3.6 per cent, unchanged on the previous period.

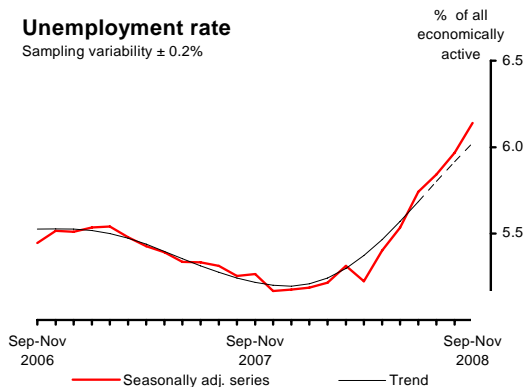
**Working age employment rate**

Sampling variability  $\pm 0.3\%$



**Unemployment rate**

Sampling variability  $\pm 0.2\%$



**UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted**

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	Sep-Nov 08	29,393	74.2	-26	-0.2	$\pm 102$	$\pm 0.3$
Unemployment**	Sep-Nov 08	1,923	6.1	131	0.4	$\pm 72$	$\pm 0.2$
Economically active*	Sep-Nov 08	31,316	79.2	104	0.1	$\pm 95$	$\pm 0.2$
Economically inactive***	Sep-Nov 08	7,856	20.8	-30	-0.1	$\pm 87$	$\pm 0.2$
Claimant count	Dec 2008	1,157.2	3.6	77.9	0.2		
Workforce jobs	Sep 2008	31,527		-134		..	
Vacancies++	Oct-Dec 08	530	2.0	-69	-0.3	..	..
GB Average Earnings							
- including bonuses	Sep-Nov 08		3.1 <sup>#</sup>		-0.2	$\pm 1.3^{##}$	$\pm 0.4^{###}$
- excluding bonuses	Sep-Nov 08		3.6 <sup>#</sup>		0.0	$\pm 0.6^{##}$	$\pm 0.2^{###}$

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

**Employment (Tables 2 to 4)**

The working age employment rate was 74.2 per cent in the three months to November 2008, down 0.2 percentage points on the three months to August 2008 and down 0.5 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.39 million in the three months to November 2008, down 26,000 from the three months to August 2008 but up 25,000 on a year earlier.

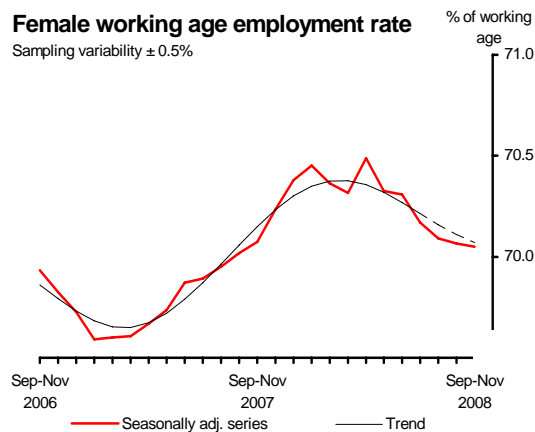
The number of people in full-time employment was 21.82 million in the three months to November 2008, down 89,000 from the three months to August 2008. Of this total, 13.99 million were men, down 36,000 over the quarter, and 7.83 million were women, down 53,000 over the quarter.

The number of people in part-time employment was 7.57 million in the three months to November 2008, up 63,000 from the three months to August 2008. Of this total, 1.85 million were men and 5.73 million were women.

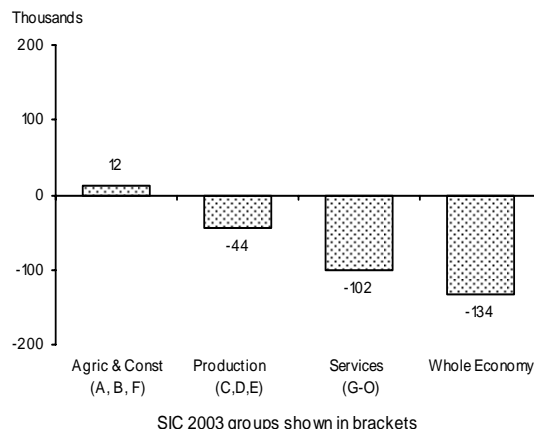
The number of people in public sector employment was 5.76 million in September 2008, up 14,000 from June 2008. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.61 million, down 128,000 from June 2008.

**Workforce Jobs (table 5)**

There were 31.53 million workforce jobs in September 2008, down 134,000 over the quarter and down 71,000 on a year earlier. Most sectors showed decreases in jobs over the quarter. The sector showing the largest quarterly fall in jobs was finance and business services, which fell by 72,000.



**Workforce jobs by industry - September 2008**  
Change on quarter from June 2008



**Production industries employee jobs (table 6)**

There were 2.82 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to November 2008, down 86,000 on a year earlier. Over the same period employee jobs in mining, energy and water supply industries increased by 2,000 to reach 179,000.

**Hours (tables 7 and 8)**

Total hours worked per week were 935.8 million in the three months to November 2008, down 8.3 million from the three months to August 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to November 2008 were 31.9, down 0.3 from the three months to August 2008.

**Unemployment (table 9)**

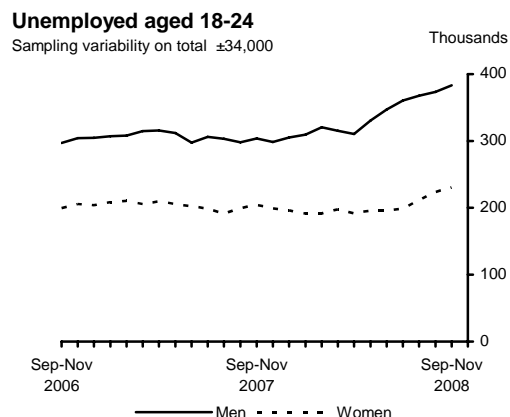
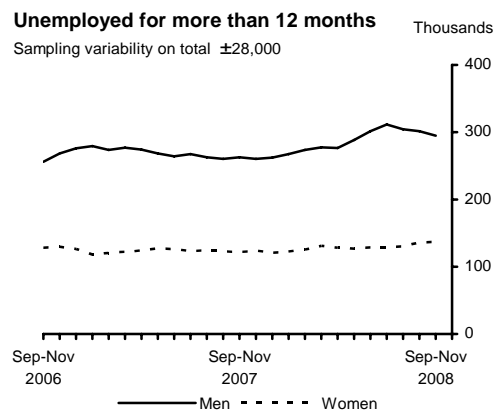
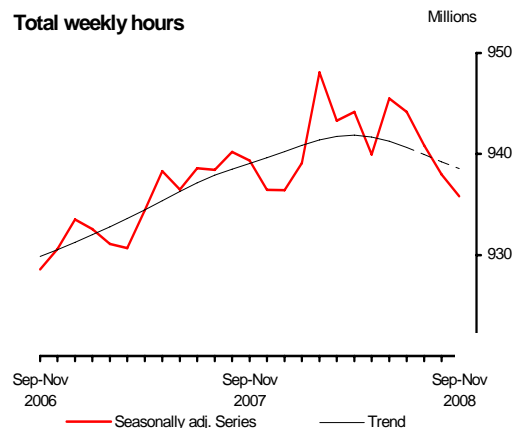
The unemployment rate was 6.1 per cent in the three months to November 2008, up 0.4 percentage points from the three months to August 2008 and up 0.9 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.92 million in the three months to November 2008, up 131,000 from the three months to August 2008 and up 290,000 from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed men was 1.15 million in the three months to November 2008, up 87,000 from the three months to August 2008. The number of unemployed women was 775,000 in the three months to November 2008, up 44,000 from the three months to August 2008.

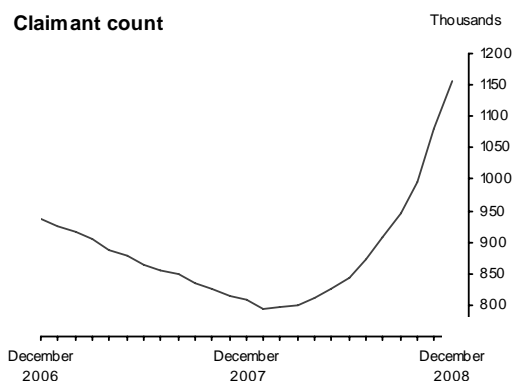
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 432,000 in the three months to November 2008, down 8,000 from the three months to August 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 614,000 in the three months to November 2008, up 55,000 from the three months to August 2008.



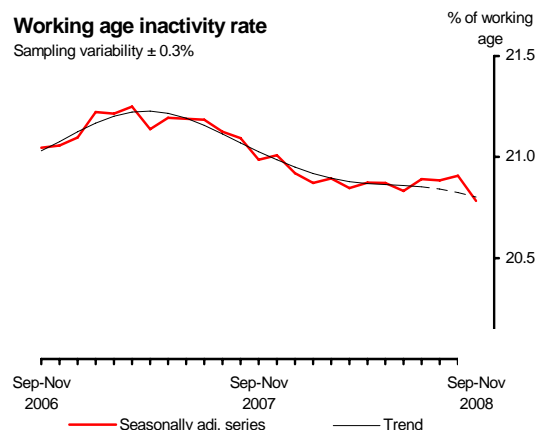
### Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in December 2008 was 1.16 million, up 77,900 on the previous month and up 349,500 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in December 2008 was 3.6 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous month and up 1.1 percentage points from a year earlier.



### Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.8 per cent in the three months to November 2008, down 0.1 percentage point on the three months to August 2008 and down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age decreased by 30,000 over the quarter and by 38,000 over the year to reach 7.86 million in the three months to November 2008.



### GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to November 2008 whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, rose by 3.6 per cent on a year earlier. This is unchanged from the three months to October 2008. Including bonuses, the annual growth rate was 3.1 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous period. Corresponding annual growth rates for the main industrial categories were:

#### Manufacturing

2.2 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;  
2.8 per cent including bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point.

#### Services

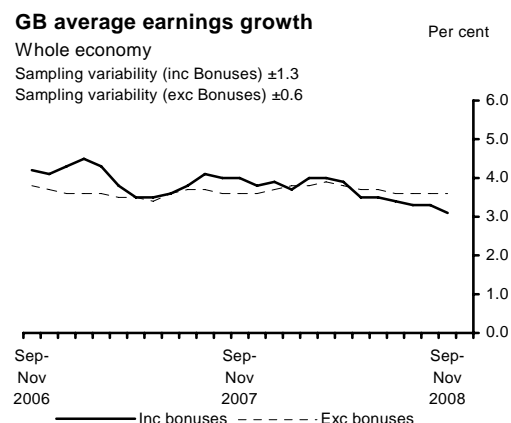
3.9 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point;  
3.4 per cent including bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point.

#### Public sector

4.0 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points;  
4.0 per cent including bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points.

#### Private sector

3.6 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point;  
2.9 per cent including bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points.



**Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)**

Whole economy productivity was 0.2 per cent lower in the third quarter of 2008 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 3.0 per cent over the same period.

Manufacturing productivity decreased by 1.4 per cent in the three months to November 2008 compared with a year earlier. Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 4.2 per cent over the same period.

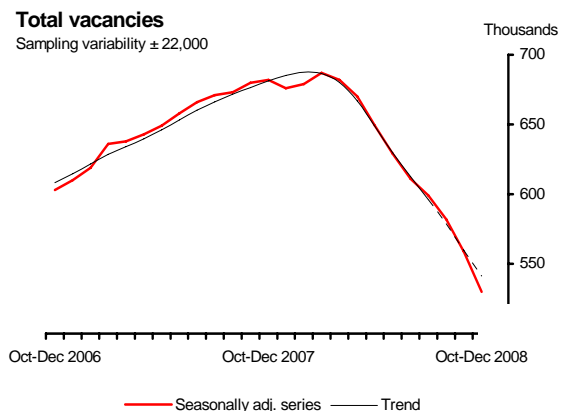


**Labour disputes (table 20)**

In November 2008, there were 3,000 working days lost due to labour disputes. In the twelve months to November 2008, there were 824,000 working days lost.

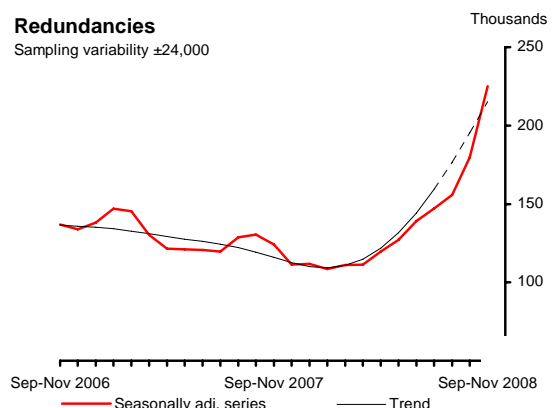
**Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)**

There were 530,000 job vacancies in the three months to December 2008, down 69,000 from the three months to September 2008 and down 153,000 from a year earlier. There were 2.0 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.3 on the previous quarter and down 0.6 over the year.



**Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)**

In the three months to November 2008, 225,000 people reported they had become redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, up 78,000 from the three months to August 2008 and up 101,000 from a year earlier. The redundancy rate was 8.9 per 1,000 employees, up 3.1 from the three months to August 2008 and up 3.9 from a year earlier.



## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

A public consultation on the change to state pension age for women and the implications for Labour Market Statistics can be found on the website at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/about/consultations/open-consultations/index.html>

## **BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION**

### **REVISIONS**

There are no significant revisions in this month's release.

### **GUIDE TO LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS RELEASES**

*Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases:* A guide designed to help users of labour market statistics First Releases can be found on the website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/product.asp?vlnk=1947>

### **KEY QUALITY ISSUES**

*Summary Quality Report:* A Summary Quality Report for this First Release can be found on the website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1354>

*Common pitfalls in interpreting series:* Expectations of accuracy and reliability in sample surveys are often too high. Revisions and sampling variability are inevitable consequences of the trade off between timeliness, accuracy and the burden on respondents. Details of sampling variability are included elsewhere in this release.

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of 'errors' in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical 'error' but, in this context, the word refers to the uncertainty in any process or calculation that uses sampling, estimation or modelling. Most revisions reflect either the adoption of new statistical techniques or the incorporation of new information which allows the statistical error of previous estimates to be reduced. Only rarely are there avoidable 'errors' such as human or system failures, and such mistakes are made quite clear when they are discovered and corrected.

## RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and Average Earnings (AEI) data first published from January 2003 to December 2007. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from March 2001 to December 2005. Spreadsheets giving revisions triangles (real time database) of estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the tables are available on the National Statistics website at:

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

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	74.2	60	0.02	0.03
Unemployment rate (%)	6.1	60	0.00	0.02
Claimant count (000s)	1,157.2	60	-0.26	2.32
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.1	60	0.01	0.09

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	31,527	20	481.5*	481.5*

A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if the mean revision is statistically significantly different from zero; this is indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the above tables. One major reason for the significant revisions to the workforce jobs estimates is the introduction of the Annual Business Inquiry, which replaced the old Annual Employment Survey in May 2001. This step upwards of around 1 million jobs was widely publicised beforehand.

Labour market statistics are revised in line with the revisions policy, which is published on the National Statistics website at:

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology\\_by\\_theme/downloads/LM\\_revisionspolicy.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf)

More information about the revisions material in this release can also be found on the website at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793>.

## THIS MONTH'S RELEASE

There are no significant developments in this month's First Release.

## NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

There are no significant developments planned for next month's First Release.

## SAMPLING VARIABILITY

Most of the estimates in this release are based on sample surveys and are therefore subject to sampling variability. The tables below show sampling variabilities for the Labour Force Survey, the Average Earnings Index and the Vacancy Survey. These sampling variability ranges represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value.

### Sampling variability of national Labour Force Survey estimates: September to November 2008

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,393	± 140	-26	± 102	25	± 178
Employment rate	74.2%	± 0.3	-0.2	± 0.3	-0.5	± 0.4
Average weekly hours	31.9	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,923	± 71	131	± 72	290	± 91
Unemployment rate	6.1%	± 0.2	0.4	± 0.2	0.9	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,316	± 130	104	± 95	315	± 166
Economic Activity rate	79.2%	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.2	0.2	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,856	± 122	-30	± 87	-38	± 156
Economic Inactivity rate	20.8%	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	225	± 24	78	± 30	101	± 29

### Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey estimates: September to November 2008

	Employment Level (000s)	Unemployment Level (000s)	Working age Economically Active Level (000s)	Working age Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Working age Employment Rate (%)	Working age Unemployment Rate (%)
North East	± 37	± 14	± 37	± 37	± 1.9	± 1.1
North West	± 62	± 23	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 53	± 20	± 52	± 51	± 1.3	± 0.8
East Midlands	± 43	± 15	± 43	± 44	± 1.3	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 54	± 20	± 53	± 53	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 54	± 19	± 54	± 50	± 1.2	± 0.7
London	± 70	± 29	± 67	± 66	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 64	± 21	± 63	± 58	± 0.9	± 0.5
South West	± 53	± 16	± 53	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 42	± 15	± 41	± 42	± 1.9	± 1.0
Scotland	± 52	± 17	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6

### Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: September to November 2008

Rates (latest three months on same period a year ago)

	Excluding bonuses <sup>1</sup>		Including bonuses <sup>1</sup>	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.6	±0.6	3.1	± 1.3
Private sector	3.6	±0.8	2.9	± 1.7
Public sector	4.0	±0.6	4.0	± 0.8
Manufacturing	2.2	±1.1	2.8	± 2.1
Services	3.9	±0.8	3.4	± 1.6
of which:				
Private Sector	3.9	±1.0	3.2	± 2.1

<sup>1</sup> The data exclude payments of arrears of pay.

### Sampling variability of Vacancy Survey estimates

These 95 per cent confidence intervals for the Vacancy Survey results are approximate only, especially those for changes over the year which are more difficult to estimate than those for the levels of vacancies. They nevertheless provide useful guidelines as to the precision of the results. Estimates of sampling variability of changes on three months ago are not currently available, but are expected to be rather less than those indicated for changes on the year.

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
<b>Oct-Dec 2008 average total vacancies</b>				
Level (000s)	530	± 22	-153	± 18
<b>Vacancy ratio</b>				
(per 100 employee jobs)	2.0	± 0.1	-0.6	± 0.1
<b>December 2008 single month estimate</b>				
Level (000s)	512	± 38	-166	± 30

## TRENDS

Trends, shown in some of the charts in this First Release, are estimated using the standard approach adopted by National Statistics based on the results of its short-term trend research project. In this case, the recommended method is to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to the seasonally adjusted series. For more information, see *An Investigation of Trend Estimation Methods*, available from the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (see Background Note 2 below for contact details).

## BACKGROUND NOTES

1. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of labour market data in various formats. Historical time series data can be accessed, free of charge, from the **Labour Market Statistics First Release Historical Supplement** at:

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS\\_FR\\_HS.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS_FR_HS.asp)

and from the **Time Series Data** service at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp>.

Regional and local area labour market data are published every month in spreadsheet format and can be accessed from:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15084>

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[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms\\_regional.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms_regional.asp)

Further regional and local area labour market data are available from *Nomis*<sup>®</sup> at:

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

Further Labour Force Survey data are also published in the **Labour Force Survey Historical Quarterly Supplement** at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>.

Further labour market data appear in ***Economic and Labour Market Review (ELMR)*** at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/elmr>.

For low cost data tailored to your requirements contact e-Communications (tel: 01329 444366 or email [statbase@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:statbase@statistics.gov.uk)).

2. Further information on the topics covered in this release is available by contacting the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (tel: 01633 456901 or email [labour.market@ons.gov.uk](mailto:labour.market@ons.gov.uk)), the Labour Market statisticians (see front page for contact details) or from the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>

3. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the Media Relations Office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.

4. Footnotes to table on front page.

+ See notes on sampling variability.

\* Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates 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.

.. Not available.

# Percentage change latest three months on previous year.

## Sampling variability of percentage change for latest three months on previous year Average Earnings Index figure.

### Sampling variability of month on month change in latest three months on previous year Average Earnings Index figure.

++ Levels are averages for latest three months and rates are ratios of vacancies per 100 employee jobs. Changes are comparisons with three months ago.

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## **CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Actual hours worked:** *See hours worked.*

**Claimant count:** The number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits - since October 1996 this has been the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. The seasonally adjusted claimant count series, which goes back to 1971 for the United Kingdom, is estimated on a basis consistent with the current benefits regime, i.e. it has been adjusted for discontinuities in coverage. The non-seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 16 and over while the seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 18 and over. This difference in coverage exists because restricting the seasonally adjusted series to those aged 18 and over was the only realistic way of

maintaining the consistent series back to 1971, following a rule change in 1988 which resulted in most 16-17 year olds becoming ineligible to claim unemployment-related benefits.

**Claimant count rate at national or regional level:** The number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the sum of claimants and workforce jobs in the area.

**Earnings:** A measure of the money people receive in return for work done, gross of tax. It includes salaries and, unless otherwise stated, bonuses but not unearned income, benefits in kind or arrears of pay. Figures are shown both including and excluding bonuses and are seasonally adjusted.

**Economically active:** People aged 16 and over who are either in *employment* or *unemployed*.

**Economically inactive:** People who are neither in *employment* nor *unemployed*. This includes those who want a job but have not been seeking work in the last four weeks, those who want a job and are seeking work but not available to start work, and those who do not want a job.

**Employment and jobs:** There are two ways of looking at employment: the number of people with jobs, or the number of jobs. The two concepts are not the same as a person can have more than one job.

The number of people with jobs is measured by the *Labour Force Survey* (LFS) and includes people aged 16 or over who did paid work (as an employee or self-employed), those who had a job that they were temporarily away from, those on government-supported training and employment programmes, and those doing unpaid family work.

The number of jobs is measured by Workforce Jobs (WFJ) and is the sum of employee jobs (as measured by surveys of employers), self-employment jobs from the LFS, those in HM Forces, and government-supported trainees. Vacant jobs are not included.

The *Review of Employment and Jobs Statistics* highlighted differences between statistics on jobs produced from household and business surveys, and identified many of the reasons why these differences occur. Following that review, a comparison of estimates of jobs from the LFS and the WFJ series is available from the *Labour Market Overview* document at:  
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1944>

**Full-time:** In the *Labour Force Survey*, respondents are asked to self-classify their main job as either full-time or part-time. However, people on government supported employment and training programmes that are at college in the reference week are classified, by convention, as part-time. In employer surveys, jobs are generally classified as being part-time if the contracted hours of work are 30 hours or less per week.

**Hours worked:**

Actual hours worked: Actual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 7, measure how many hours were actually worked. These statistics are affected directly by changes in the number of people in employment and in the number of hours that individuals work. The figures are seasonally adjusted to take account of calendar related absences from work during the reference period. Examples of such absences are public holidays and time off work for family or school holidays. The figures are also affected by other absences from work such as those due to sickness.

The seasonal adjustment of the average hours estimates incorporate adjustments for the timing of Christmas, Easter and other public holidays in relation to the survey reference periods. For example, the data collected for January to March 2008 related to the period 24 December 2007 to 23 March 2008 inclusive and so included the whole of the Christmas and New Year period, plus the first week of Easter. Their inclusion in the January to March 2008 period is known to reduce the average hours worked compared with years when they are not included. The adjustments are estimated using historical data on the impact of each type of calendar effect.

Usual hours worked: Usual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 8, measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns.

**Inflows and Outflows:** The claimant count records are analysed to provide information about inflows onto the count and outflows from the count on a monthly basis. To make comparisons over time consistent, these figures are standardised to a  $4\frac{1}{3}$  week month before seasonal adjustment. These figures for people starting to or ceasing to claim Jobseeker's Allowance can be helpful towards interpreting changes in the claimant count.

**Jobs:** See *Employment and jobs*.

**Labour Disputes:** Disputes connected with terms and conditions of employment. These statistics relate to persons both directly and indirectly involved at the establishments where the disputes occurred. The estimates of stoppages exclude disputes which do not result in a stoppage of work, those involving fewer than ten workers or lasting less than one day unless the total number of working days lost in the dispute is 100 or more.

**Labour Force Survey:** The main source for information on the labour market in the UK. It is a random household survey of approximately 53,000 households every three months conducted by the Office for National Statistics.

**Outflows:** See *Inflows and Outflows*.

**Part-time:** See *Full-time*.

**Private sector employment:** See *Public sector / private sector employment*.

**Productivity:** Whole economy output per worker is the ratio of Gross Value Added (GVA) at basic prices and Labour Force Survey total employment. Manufacturing output per filled job is the ratio of manufacturing output (from the Index of Production) and productivity jobs for manufacturing (constrained to LFS jobs at the whole economy level).

**Public sector / private sector employment:** Public sector employment comprises employment in central government, local government and public corporations as defined for the UK National Accounts. Data are collected from public sector organisations via the *ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employees Survey* and other sources. Employment estimates for the private sector are derived as the difference between *Labour Force Survey* employment estimates for the whole economy and the public sector employment estimates.

Special note: The public sector employment estimates shown in Table 4 include a number of workers with a second job in the public sector whose main job is in the private sector or in a separate public sector organisation. The private sector estimate will thus tend to be correspondingly understated by a small percentage.

**Rates:** Generally the preferred measure of labour market statistics as they allow changes in the labour market to be interpreted in a wider context by allowing for changes in the overall population.

**Redundancies:** The number of people, whether working or not working, who reported that they had been made redundant or had taken voluntary redundancy in the month of the reference week or in the two calendar months prior to this.

**Sampling variability:** Data based on statistical samples are subject to sampling variability. If many samples were drawn, each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the data in this release represent 95 per cent confidence intervals; in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value.

**Seasonal adjustment:** A process of estimating regularly occurring seasonal effects and removing them from the raw data.

**Trends:** Trends are used to show the long-term movement in a time series.

**Unemployment:** The number of unemployed people in the UK is measured through the *Labour Force Survey* following the internationally agreed definition recommended by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) – an agency of the United Nations.

Unemployed people are:

- without a job, want a job, have actively sought work in the last four weeks and are available to start work in the next two weeks or;
- out of work, have found a job and are waiting to start it in the next two weeks.

**Unit wage costs:** A measure of the cost of wages and salaries per unit of output.

**Usual hours worked:** See *hours worked*.

**Vacancies:** The estimates are based on ONS's Vacancy Survey, a survey of businesses designed to provide comprehensive estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing. Vacancies are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. Further information is available at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=9390>

**Workforce jobs:** See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available at:

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme\\_labour/LMS\\_FR\\_HS\\_Concepts\\_Definitions.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_FR_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf)

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p	provisional	..	not available
*	grossed up total less than 9,500	r	revised

The four-character identification codes appearing in the tables are the ONS references for the data series on the Time Series Data service (see Background Note 1). Totals may differ from the sum of components because of rounding or separate seasonal adjustment of components.

# SUMMARY

## 1 Summary of LFS<sup>1</sup> headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands)  
seasonally adjusted

		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
<b>People</b>		MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MGSX	YBTC
	Sep-Nov 2006	48,385	30,764	29,089	1,675	17,620	63.6	60.1	5.4	36.4
	Sep-Nov 2007	48,782	31,001	29,368	1,633	17,782	63.5	60.2	5.3	36.5
	Dec-Feb 2008	48,879	31,108	29,494	1,614	17,770	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
	Mar-May 2008	48,975	31,169	29,541	1,628	17,805	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
	Jun-Aug 2008	49,073	31,211	29,419	1,792	17,862	63.6	60.0	5.7	36.4
	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>49,176</b>	<b>31,316</b>	<b>29,393</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>17,860</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>36.3</b>
	Change on quarter	103	104	-26	131	-2	0.1	-0.2	0.4	-0.1
	Change %	0.2	0.3	-0.1	7.3	0.0				
	Change on year	393	315	25	290	78	0.1	-0.4	0.9	-0.1
	Change %	0.8	1.0	0.1	17.8	0.4				
<b>Men</b>		MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSI	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
	Sep-Nov 2006	23,505	16,676	15,717	959	6,829	70.9	66.9	5.8	29.1
	Sep-Nov 2007	23,733	16,826	15,894	931	6,908	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1
	Dec-Feb 2008	23,789	16,865	15,931	934	6,924	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1
	Mar-May 2008	23,844	16,902	15,953	949	6,942	70.9	66.9	5.6	29.1
	Jun-Aug 2008	23,900	16,927	15,867	1,060	6,972	70.8	66.4	6.3	29.2
	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>23,957</b>	<b>16,986</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>6,971</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>29.1</b>
	Change on quarter	57	59	-28	87	-2	0.1	-0.3	0.5	-0.1
	Change %	0.2	0.3	-0.2	8.2	0.0				
	Change on year	224	161	-55	216	63	0.0	-0.9	1.2	0.0
	Change %	0.9	1.0	-0.3	23.2	0.9				
<b>Women</b>		MGSN	MGSB	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
	Sep-Nov 2006	24,879	14,088	13,372	716	10,792	56.6	53.7	5.1	43.4
	Sep-Nov 2007	25,049	14,175	13,474	701	10,874	56.6	53.8	4.9	43.4
	Dec-Feb 2008	25,090	14,243	13,564	680	10,846	56.8	54.1	4.8	43.2
	Mar-May 2008	25,131	14,267	13,588	679	10,864	56.8	54.1	4.8	43.2
	Jun-Aug 2008	25,173	14,284	13,552	732	10,889	56.7	53.8	5.1	43.3
	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>25,219</b>	<b>14,329</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>10,889</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>43.2</b>
	Change on quarter	45	45	2	44	0	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1
	Change %	0.2	0.3	0.0	6.0	0.0				
	Change on year	170	154	80	74	15	0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.2
	Change %	0.7	1.1	0.6	10.6	0.1				
		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
<b>People</b>		YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGSO	MGSU	YBTI	YBTL
	Sep-Nov 2006	37,431	29,553	27,905	1,648	7,878	79.0	74.6	5.6	21.0
	Sep-Nov 2007	37,617	29,722	28,111	1,612	7,894	79.0	74.7	5.4	21.0
	Dec-Feb 2008	37,659	29,800	28,206	1,594	7,860	79.1	74.9	5.3	20.9
	Mar-May 2008	37,702	29,833	28,229	1,604	7,869	79.1	74.9	5.4	20.9
	Jun-Aug 2008	37,748	29,862	28,094	1,768	7,886	79.1	74.4	5.9	20.9
	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>37,799</b>	<b>29,943</b>	<b>28,051</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>20.8</b>
	Change on quarter	51	81	-43	124	-30	0.1	-0.2	0.4	-0.1
	Change %	0.1	0.3	-0.2	7.0	-0.4				
	Change on year	182	220	-60	280	-38	0.2	-0.5	0.9	-0.2
	Change %	0.5	0.7	-0.2	17.4	-0.5				
<b>Men</b>		YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
	Sep-Nov 2006	19,431	16,266	15,317	949	3,165	83.7	78.8	5.8	16.3
	Sep-Nov 2007	19,592	16,403	15,480	923	3,189	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
	Dec-Feb 2008	19,627	16,426	15,501	924	3,201	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
	Mar-May 2008	19,661	16,449	15,512	938	3,211	83.7	78.9	5.7	16.3
	Jun-Aug 2008	19,694	16,475	15,426	1,048	3,220	83.7	78.3	6.4	16.3
	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>19,727</b>	<b>16,525</b>	<b>15,391</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>
	Change on quarter	32	50	-35	85	-18	0.1	-0.3	0.5	-0.1
	Change %	0.2	0.3	-0.2	8.1	-0.5				
	Change on year	134	121	-89	210	13	0.0	-1.0	1.2	0.0
	Change %	0.7	0.7	-0.6	22.8	0.4				
<b>Women</b>		YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
	Sep-Nov 2006	18,000	13,287	12,588	699	4,713	73.8	69.9	5.3	26.2
	Sep-Nov 2007	18,024	13,319	12,630	689	4,705	73.9	70.1	5.2	26.1
	Dec-Feb 2008	18,033	13,374	12,705	670	4,659	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
	Mar-May 2008	18,041	13,384	12,717	666	4,658	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
	Jun-Aug 2008	18,053	13,387	12,668	719	4,666	74.2	70.2	5.4	25.8
	<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>18,072</b>	<b>13,418</b>	<b>12,660</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>25.8</b>
	Change on quarter	19	31	-8	39	-12	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1
	Change %	0.1	0.2	-0.1	5.4	-0.3				
	Change on year	48	99	29	70	-51	0.4	0.0	0.5	-0.4
	Change %	0.3	0.7	0.2	10.1	-1.1				

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

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

# SUMMARY

## 1a Summary of other headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs <sup>1</sup>			Public and private sector employment <sup>1</sup>		
	Levels			Public sector G7AU	Private sector G7K5	
	All Jobs DYDC	Male Jobs LOLA	Female Jobs LOLB			
<b>2006</b>						
September	31,297	16,687	14,610	5,796		23,287
December	31,394	16,754	14,640	5,780		23,307
<b>2007</b>						
March	31,390	16,748	14,643	5,779		23,306
June	31,471	16,773	14,698	5,766		23,433
September	31,598	16,881	14,716	5,749		23,570
December	31,602	16,868	14,734	5,754		23,700
<b>2008</b>						
March	31,643	16,896	14,747	5,737		23,769
June	31,661	16,908	14,753	5,750		23,741
<b>September</b>	<b>31,527</b>	<b>16,799</b>	<b>14,728</b>	<b>5,764</b>		<b>23,613</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-134	-109	-24	14		-128
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.2		-0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	-71	-83	12	15		43
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.3		0.2

	Claimant count <sup>2</sup>					
	Levels			Rates (%) <sup>3</sup>		
	People BCJD	Men DPAE	Women DPAF	People BCJE	Men DPAH	Women DPAI
<b>2007</b>						
December #	807.7	589.4	218.3	2.5	3.4	1.5
<b>2008</b>						
January	794.9	579.4	215.5	2.5	3.3	1.4
February #	795.5	581.0	214.5	2.5	3.3	1.4
March	799.1	583.9	215.2	2.5	3.4	1.4
April	810.3	592.3	218.0	2.5	3.4	1.5
May	824.6	602.9	221.7	2.6	3.5	1.5
June #	844.6	617.6	227.0	2.6	3.6	1.5
July	872.4	639.2	233.2	2.7	3.7	1.6
August #	908.1	666.7	241.4	2.8	3.8	1.6
September	944.4	694.7	249.7	2.9	4.0	1.7
October	996.2	735.4	260.8	3.1	4.2	1.7
November # (r)	1,079.3	802.4	276.9	3.3	4.6	1.8
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>1,157.2</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>292.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	77.9	62.3	15.6	0.2	0.4	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	7.2	7.8	5.6			
<i>Change on year</i>	349.5	275.3	74.2	1.1	1.6	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	43.3	46.7	34.0			

Average for three months ending in month shown	GB Whole economy earnings <sup>4</sup>		Vacancies (three month rolling average estimates)	
	Average earnings index (including bonuses)	Average earnings index (excluding bonuses)	Level AP2Y	Vacancy Ratio <sup>5</sup> AP2Z
	LNNC	JQDY		
<b>2007</b>				
November	4.0	3.6	Oct-Dec 2007 (r)	682
December	3.8	3.6		2.6
<b>2008</b>			Nov-Jan 2008	676
January	3.9	3.7	Dec-Feb 2008	679
February	3.7	3.8	Jan-Mar 2008	687
March	4.0	3.8	Feb-Apr 2008	682
April	4.0	3.9	Mar-May 2008	670
May	3.9	3.8	Apr-Jun 2008	649
June	3.5	3.7	May-Jul 2008	629
July	3.5	3.7	Jun-Aug 2008	611
August	3.4	3.6	Jul-Sep 2008 (r)	599
September	3.3	3.6	Aug-Oct 2008 (r)	582
October	3.3	3.6	Sep-Nov 2008 (r)	559
<b>November (p)</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2008 (p)</b>	<b>530</b>

1. See footnotes to Tables 4 and 5.

2. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

4. The rate is the change in the average seasonally adjusted index values for over the last 3 months compared with the same period a year ago.

5. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 2 Employment by age

United Kingdom (thousands), 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
<b>In Employment</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
Sep-Nov 2006	29,089	27,905	556	3,631	6,250	10,997	6,470	1,184
Sep-Nov 2007	29,368	28,111	547	3,681	6,264	11,062	6,556	1,258
Dec-Feb 2008	29,494	28,206	548	3,690	6,309	11,079	6,580	1,289
Mar-May 2008	29,541	28,229	550	3,704	6,295	11,105	6,576	1,313
Jun-Aug 2008	29,419	28,094	530	3,656	6,272	11,064	6,573	1,325
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>29,393</b>	<b>28,051</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>3,633</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>11,032</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>1,342</b>
Change on quarter	-26	-43	-26	-23	14	-32	24	17
Change %	-0.1	-0.2	-4.9	-0.6	0.2	-0.3	0.4	1.3
Change on year	25	-60	-43	-47	21	-31	41	84
Change %	0.1	-0.2	-7.9	-1.3	0.3	-0.3	0.6	6.7
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Sep-Nov 2006	15,717	15,317	260	1,926	3,418	5,872	3,840	400
Sep-Nov 2007	15,894	15,480	271	1,946	3,453	5,889	3,922	414
Dec-Feb 2008	15,931	15,501	269	1,946	3,474	5,875	3,937	430
Mar-May 2008	15,953	15,512	260	1,961	3,457	5,893	3,941	442
Jun-Aug 2008	15,867	15,426	264	1,932	3,430	5,864	3,937	441
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>15,391</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>5,859</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>448</b>
Change on quarter	-28	-35	-15	-17	0	-5	3	7
Change %	-0.2	-0.2	-5.8	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.1	1.6
Change on year	-55	-89	-22	-32	-23	-30	18	34
Change %	-0.3	-0.6	-8.1	-1.6	-0.7	-0.5	0.5	8.2
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Sep-Nov 2006	13,372	12,588	296	1,705	2,832	5,125	2,630	784
Sep-Nov 2007	13,474	12,630	276	1,735	2,811	5,174	2,635	844
Dec-Feb 2008	13,564	12,705	279	1,744	2,836	5,203	2,643	859
Mar-May 2008	13,588	12,717	290	1,742	2,838	5,212	2,634	871
Jun-Aug 2008	13,552	12,668	265	1,724	2,842	5,200	2,637	884
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>12,660</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>2,855</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>894</b>
Change on quarter	2	-8	-10	-5	13	-27	21	10
Change %	0.0	-0.1	-3.9	-0.3	0.5	-0.5	0.8	1.1
Change on year	80	29	-21	-16	44	-1	23	50
Change %	0.6	0.2	-7.6	-0.9	1.6	0.0	0.9	6.0
<b>Employment rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Sep-Nov 2006	60.1	74.6	35.3	65.3	80.1	82.3	70.9	10.8
Sep-Nov 2007	60.2	74.7	34.4	64.9	80.4	82.4	71.8	11.3
Dec-Feb 2008	60.3	74.9	34.5	64.7	80.9	82.5	72.0	11.5
Mar-May 2008	60.3	74.9	34.6	64.7	80.7	82.7	71.9	11.6
Jun-Aug 2008	60.0	74.4	33.4	63.6	80.2	82.3	71.8	11.7
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Change on year	-0.4	-0.5	-2.5	-1.9	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.5
<b>Men</b>	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Sep-Nov 2006	66.9	78.8	32.2	68.2	88.1	88.9	72.2	9.8
Sep-Nov 2007	67.0	79.0	33.2	67.2	88.8	88.9	73.1	10.0
Dec-Feb 2008	67.0	79.0	33.0	66.8	89.2	88.7	73.2	10.3
Mar-May 2008	66.9	78.9	31.8	67.0	88.5	88.9	73.2	10.6
Jun-Aug 2008	66.4	78.3	32.4	65.7	87.6	88.5	72.9	10.5
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Change on quarter	-0.3	-0.3	-1.7	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Change on year	-0.9	-1.0	-2.4	-2.3	-1.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.6
<b>Women</b>	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Sep-Nov 2006	53.7	69.9	38.6	62.4	72.2	75.8	69.0	11.4
Sep-Nov 2007	53.8	70.1	35.7	62.4	72.1	76.1	69.9	12.0
Dec-Feb 2008	54.1	70.5	36.1	62.5	72.7	76.5	70.2	12.2
Mar-May 2008	54.1	70.5	37.4	62.2	72.8	76.6	70.1	12.3
Jun-Aug 2008	53.8	70.2	34.4	61.3	72.8	76.4	70.1	12.4
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.1
Change on year	0.0	0.0	-2.5	-1.5	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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## 3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment <sup>1</sup>		Employees <sup>1</sup>		Self-employed <sup>1</sup>			Workers with second jobs
	Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Sep-Nov 2006	29,089	25,099	3,775	100	114	21,637	7,451	18,681	6,418	2,889	886	1,055	
Sep-Nov 2007	29,368	25,332	3,825	103	108	21,916	7,452	18,958	6,374	2,893	932	1,111	
Dec-Feb 2008	29,494	25,415	3,854	108	118	21,996	7,498	18,997	6,418	2,924	930	1,125	
Mar-May 2008	29,541	25,463	3,843	116	119	22,062	7,479	19,070	6,393	2,922	921	1,115	
Jun-Aug 2008	29,419	25,411	3,812	88	108	21,910	7,509	18,957	6,454	2,898	915	1,108	
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>29,393</b>	<b>25,385</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>21,821</b>	<b>7,572</b>	<b>18,887</b>	<b>6,499</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1,140</b>	
Change on quarter	-26	-26	0	5	-6	-89	63	-71	45	-6	7	31	
Change %	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	6.2	-5.8	-0.4	0.8	-0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.7	2.8	
Change on year	25	53	-13	-9	-6	-95	119	-71	125	-2	-11	29	
Change %	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-9.0	-5.7	-0.4	1.6	-0.4	2.0	-0.1	-1.2	2.6	
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Sep-Nov 2006	15,717	12,861	2,746	41	69	13,995	1,722	11,569	1,292	2,382	364	449	
Sep-Nov 2007	15,894	13,024	2,771	38	61	14,125	1,769	11,708	1,316	2,378	394	453	
Dec-Feb 2008	15,931	13,022	2,796	39	74	14,141	1,789	11,685	1,338	2,409	387	461	
Mar-May 2008	15,953	13,050	2,794	41	69	14,178	1,775	11,733	1,317	2,401	392	457	
Jun-Aug 2008	15,867	12,998	2,771	31	67	14,029	1,838	11,609	1,389	2,383	388	447	
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>12,980</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>13,993</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>11,590</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>469</b>	
Change on quarter	-28	-18	-16	8	-2	-36	8	-20	2	-9	-6	23	
Change %	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6	24.9	-3.0	-0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	-1.7	5.1	
Change on year	-55	-43	-16	0	4	-132	77	-118	75	-3	-13	17	
Change %	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.6	6.7	-0.9	4.3	-1.0	5.7	-0.1	-3.2	3.7	
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Sep-Nov 2006	13,372	12,238	1,029	59	45	7,642	5,729	7,112	5,126	507	522	607	
Sep-Nov 2007	13,474	12,309	1,054	65	47	7,791	5,683	7,250	5,058	516	539	658	
Dec-Feb 2008	13,564	12,392	1,058	70	44	7,855	5,709	7,312	5,080	515	542	664	
Mar-May 2008	13,588	12,413	1,049	75	50	7,884	5,704	7,337	5,076	521	529	657	
Jun-Aug 2008	13,552	12,413	1,041	57	41	7,881	5,671	7,348	5,065	514	527	662	
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>12,405</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>7,828</b>	<b>5,726</b>	<b>7,297</b>	<b>5,108</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>671</b>	
Change on quarter	2	-8	16	-2	-4	-53	55	-51	43	3	13	9	
Change %	0.0	-0.1	1.5	-3.7	-10.5	-0.7	1.0	-0.7	0.9	0.5	2.5	1.3	
Change on year	80	97	3	-9	-10	37	43	47	50	2	1	13	
Change %	0.6	0.8	0.3	-14.7	-22.0	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.9	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) <sup>2</sup>							
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total <sup>3</sup>	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>People</b>	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Sep-Nov 2006	1,492	5.9	389	26.1	437	94	571	7,305	660	9.0	5,220	188	1,193
Sep-Nov 2007	1,471	5.8	378	25.7	431	85	578	7,307	691	9.5	5,262	171	1,149
Dec-Feb 2008	1,439	5.7	366	25.4	425	79	569	7,347	726	9.9	5,238	175	1,167
Mar-May 2008	1,423	5.6	355	25.0	415	79	573	7,314	672	9.2	5,243	196	1,158
Jun-Aug 2008	1,378	5.4	350	25.4	402	85	542	7,368	703	9.5	5,262	216	1,148
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>7,420</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>1,154</b>
Change on quarter	15	0.1	11	0.5	-4	2	7	52	36	0.4	22	-17	5
Change %	1.1		3.0		-1.0	2.7	1.3	0.7	5.2		0.4	-8.1	0.5
Change on year	-77	-0.3	-18	0.2	-33	2	-29	113	48	0.5	22	28	4
Change %	-5.3		-4.7		-7.8	2.8	-5.0	1.6	7.0		0.4	16.1	0.4
<b>Men</b>	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Sep-Nov 2006	702	5.5	210	29.9	182	50	261	1,656	279	16.9	779	75	511
Sep-Nov 2007	683	5.2	201	29.4	191	43	248	1,710	284	16.6	832	71	509
Dec-Feb 2008	665	5.1	187	28.0	182	41	255	1,725	291	16.9	852	67	500
Mar-May 2008	654	5.0	180	27.6	172	43	259	1,710	273	16.0	857	77	486
Jun-Aug 2008	623	4.8	178	28.6	156	45	243	1,776	306	17.2	854	83	521
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>505</b>
Change on quarter	7	0.1	4	0.3	-3	-2	8	-5	19	1.1	-8	-3	-16
Change %	1.1		2.0		-1.8	-4.6	3.4	-0.3	6.2		-0.9	-3.9	-3.1
Change on year	-53	-0.4	-19	-0.5	-38	0	3	62	41	1.7	14	8	-4
Change %	-7.7		-9.3		-19.7	0.5	1.2	3.6	14.3		1.7	11.7	-0.8
<b>Women</b>	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDE	YCDI	YCDL
Sep-Nov 2006	790	6.5	180	22.7	256	45	310	5,648	381	6.7	4,440	113	682
Sep-Nov 2007	788	6.4	177	22.5	240	41	329	5,597	407	7.3	4,430	100	640
Dec-Feb 2008	773	6.2	179	23.2	243	37	314	5,623	434	7.7	4,385	107	667
Mar-May 2008	769	6.2	175	22.7	243	36	314	5,605	399	7.1	4,386	119	672
Jun-Aug 2008	755	6.1	171	22.7	246	39	299	5,592	397	7.1	4,408	133	627
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>5,648</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>4,438</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>649</b>
Change on quarter	8	0.1	7	0.7	-1	4	-2	56	17	0.2	30	-14	22
Change %	1.1		4.0		-0.6	11.2	-0.5	1.0	4.4		0.7	-10.7	3.5
Change on year	-24	-0.2	1	0.8	4	2	-32	51	8	0.1	8	19	9
Change %	-3.1		0.5		1.7	5.2	-9.6	0.9	1.9		0.2	19.3	1.3

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=9+11; 14=13+2; 16=15/13; 22=21/20

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

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2. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only.

3. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of columns 21, 23, 24 and 25.

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# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom  
(thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	Public sector <sup>1 2 3</sup>		Private sector <sup>4</sup>		Total employment <sup>5 6</sup>
	(000s) 1	(%) 2	(000s) 3	(%) 4	(000s) 5
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO
Sep 06	5,796	19.9	23,287	80.1	29,083
Dec 06	5,780	19.9	23,307	80.1	29,087
Mar 07	5,779	19.9	23,306	80.1	29,085
Jun 07	5,766	19.7	23,433	80.3	29,199
Sep 07	5,749	19.6	23,570	80.4	29,319
Dec 07	5,754	19.5	23,700	80.5	29,454
Mar 08	5,737	19.4	23,769	80.6	29,506
Jun 08	5,750	19.5	23,741	80.5	29,491
<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>23,613</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>29,377</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-128</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-115</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>		<i>-0.5</i>		<i>-0.4</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.3</i>		<i>0.2</i>		<i>0.2</i>

Relationship between columns: 2 = 1/5\*100; 3 = 5-1; 4 = 3/5\*100;

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions. Enquiries 01633 456776
2. Estimates for Northern Ireland included in the UK total are sourced from the Quarterly Employment Survey and are based on jobs rather than employees.
3. Estimates from December 2007 are based partly on projections.
4. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.
5. LFS data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.
6. Labour Force Survey employment; all aged 16 and over.

## 5(1) Workforce jobs<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Sep 06	31,297	26,916	4,122	202	57
Dec 06	31,394	26,987	4,149	202	56
Mar 07	31,390	26,986	4,152	199	54
Jun 07	31,471	27,051	4,169	198	53
Sep 07	31,598	27,155	4,195	195	53
Dec 07	31,602	27,175	4,180	194	52
Mar 08	31,643	27,221	4,177	194	52
Jun 08	31,661	27,232	4,181	193	54
<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>31,527</b>	<b>27,141</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>51</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>-134</i>	<i>-91</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-3</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-6.2</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-71</i>	<i>-14</i>	<i>-54</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-1.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-4.7</i>

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

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1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For example, if a person holds two jobs, each job will be counted in the Workforce Jobs total. For this reason, self-employment Jobs (which come from LFS) will not equal the figures for self-employed persons from the LFS. Workforce Jobs figures come from a variety of sources, and where possible, from the employer rather than the individual. Employee Jobs (which is the largest component of Workforce Jobs) come from quarterly surveys of employers carried out by ONS, and administrative sources. Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

HM Forces figures are provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

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## 5(2) Workforce jobs<sup>1</sup> by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	Employment and Jobs by Industry										Total services G-O
	All jobs A-O	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A,B	Mining, energy & water supply industries C,E	Manufacturing industries D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comms. I	Finance & Business Services J-K	Education, health and public admin <sup>2</sup> L-N	Other services O	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<b>All jobs</b>	DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
Sep 06	31,297	455	174	3,244	2,183	6,994	1,858	6,449	7,928	2,012	25,241
Dec 06	31,394	467	180	3,228	2,221	6,982	1,862	6,513	7,944	1,998	25,299
Mar 07	31,390	446	185	3,210	2,219	6,989	1,847	6,555	7,956	1,984	25,331
Jun 07	31,471	455	187	3,187	2,245	7,009	1,849	6,608	7,954	1,976	25,396
Sep 07	31,598	459	190	3,195	2,246	7,015	1,852	6,708	7,958	1,975	25,508
Dec 07	31,602	459	191	3,162	2,237	7,050	1,872	6,701	7,962	1,967	25,552
Mar 08	31,643	484	198	3,154	2,251	7,053	1,867	6,669	7,977	1,990	25,556
Jun 08	31,661	499	198	3,138	2,252	7,037	1,872	6,668	8,009	1,987	25,574
<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>31,527</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>6,986</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>6,596</b>	<b>8,048</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>25,472</b>
Change on quarter	-134	-18	-1	-43	31	-51	-15	-72	39	-2	-102
Change %	-0.4	-3.7	-0.3	-1.4	1.4	-0.7	-0.8	-1.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.4
Change on year	-71	22	7	-100	37	-29	5	-112	90	10	-36
Change %	-0.2	4.8	3.6	-3.1	1.6	-0.4	0.3	-1.7	1.1	0.5	-0.1
<b>Male jobs</b>	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMJ
Sep 06	16,687	349	131	2,419	1,946	3,440	1,409	3,612	2,392	989	11,842
Dec 06	16,754	351	137	2,410	1,979	3,439	1,403	3,639	2,400	994	11,877
Mar 07	16,748	330	140	2,399	1,998	3,457	1,394	3,631	2,411	988	11,881
Jun 07	16,773	337	139	2,387	2,018	3,465	1,392	3,644	2,411	979	11,892
Sep 07	16,881	346	140	2,396	2,015	3,469	1,397	3,735	2,408	975	11,984
Dec 07	16,868	337	142	2,373	2,002	3,495	1,412	3,729	2,412	965	12,014
Mar 08	16,896	348	145	2,363	2,004	3,494	1,411	3,743	2,406	980	12,034
Jun 08	16,908	365	148	2,352	2,003	3,494	1,409	3,738	2,417	983	12,040
<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>16,799</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>3,463</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>11,948</b>
Change on quarter	-109	-9	-1	-30	22	-30	-18	-40	-7	3	-92
Change %	-0.6	-2.4	-0.5	-1.3	1.1	-0.9	-1.3	-1.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.8
Change on year	-83	10	7	-74	11	-6	-6	-37	2	11	-36
Change %	-0.5	2.9	4.8	-3.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	-1.0	0.1	1.1	-0.3
<b>Female jobs</b>	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Sep 06	14,610	106	43	825	237	3,554	448	2,837	5,536	1,023	13,398
Dec 06	14,640	116	43	817	241	3,543	459	2,874	5,543	1,004	13,423
Mar 07	14,643	116	45	810	221	3,532	453	2,924	5,546	996	13,451
Jun 07	14,698	118	48	800	227	3,544	457	2,964	5,543	997	13,504
Sep 07	14,716	112	50	799	231	3,546	455	2,973	5,551	1,000	13,524
Dec 07	14,734	122	49	789	235	3,555	460	2,972	5,550	1,001	13,539
Mar 08	14,747	136	52	791	246	3,559	456	2,926	5,571	1,010	13,522
Jun 08	14,753	134	50	786	248	3,543	463	2,930	5,593	1,005	13,534
<b>Sep 08</b>	<b>14,728</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,523</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>5,639</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>13,524</b>
Change on quarter	-24	-10	0	-13	8	-20	2	-32	46	-6	-10
Change %	-0.2	-7.2	0.2	-1.7	3.3	-0.6	0.5	-1.1	0.8	-0.6	-0.1
Change on year	12	12	0	-26	26	-23	11	-75	88	-1	0
Change %	0.1	10.2	0.3	-3.2	11.2	-0.7	2.4	-2.5	1.6	-0.1	0.0

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5+11; 11=6+7+8+9+10

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1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For example, if a person holds two jobs, each job will be counted in the Workforce Jobs total. Workforce Jobs figures come from a variety of sources, and where possible, from the employer rather than the individual. Employee Jobs (which is much the largest component of Workforce Jobs) come from quarterly surveys of employers carried out by ONS, and administrative sources. For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

HM Forces figures are provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)

Government-supported trainees are provided from administrative sources.

2. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

## 6 Production industries employee jobs

United Kingdom (thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels YEJ	Latest 3 months averages LOMM	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJK	Levels YEJL	Latest 3 months averages LOMN	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJM
Nov 06	165	163	3.9	2,938	2,946	-3.6
Nov 07	178	177	8.8	2,902	2,904	-1.4
Dec 07	177	178	7.7	2,901	2,902	-1.3
Jan 08	179	178	7.3	2,891	2,898	-1.2
Feb 08	179	179	6.7	2,888	2,893	-1.2
Mar 08	179	179	6.3	2,883	2,887	-1.2
Apr 08	179	179	5.4	2,877	2,883	-1.3
May 08	180	179	4.7	2,874	2,878	-1.3
Jun 08	180	180	4.1	2,866	2,872	-1.4
Jul 08	179	179	3.3	2,858	2,866	-1.5
Aug 08	179	179	2.6	2,845	2,857	-1.8
Sep 08	179	179	1.6	2,833	2,845	-2.1
Oct 08	180	179	1.4	2,819	2,833	-2.5
<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2,803</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>-3.0</b>

Source: Employer surveys

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# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) <sup>1,2</sup>	All workers <sup>1</sup>	Full-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Sep-Nov 2006	928.6	32.0	37.1	15.6	9.5
Sep-Nov 2007	939.3	32.0	37.1	15.5	9.8
Dec-Feb 2008	939.1	31.9	37.0	15.5	9.6
Mar-May 2008	944.2	32.0	37.1	15.5	10.1
Jun-Aug 2008	944.2	32.1	37.3	15.7	9.7
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>935.8</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Change on quarter	-8.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Change %	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.1	-1.3
Change on year	-3.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
Change %	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4	0.8	-1.8
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Sep-Nov 2006	574.4	36.6	38.8	15.6	10.3
Sep-Nov 2007	582.7	36.7	39.0	15.2	10.9
Dec-Feb 2008	581.0	36.5	38.9	15.3	10.7
Mar-May 2008	584.2	36.7	38.9	15.5	11.5
Jun-Aug 2008	581.2	36.7	39.1	15.6	11.0
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>576.9</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Change on quarter	-4.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.4
Change %	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.7	-4.0
Change on year	-5.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3
Change %	-1.0	-0.6	-0.5	3.1	-3.1
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Sep-Nov 2006	354.2	26.5	34.0	15.6	8.9
Sep-Nov 2007	356.7	26.5	33.7	15.6	9.0
Dec-Feb 2008	358.1	26.4	33.6	15.6	8.8
Mar-May 2008	360.0	26.5	33.7	15.6	9.1
Jun-Aug 2008	362.9	26.8	34.1	15.7	8.9
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>358.9</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Change on quarter	-4.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.1
Change %	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	-0.4	0.6
Change on year	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Change %	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.9

1. Main and second job.

Source: Labour Force Survey

2. Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.

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3. Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

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

## 8 Usual weekly hours of work<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
<b>Sep-Nov 2007</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.7	1.3	6.3
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.3	11.4	6.8	3.2	10.7	8.1	3.8	19.4
16 up to 30 hours	17.7	7.9	29.2	17.6	6.8	29.1	17.8	12.9	30.8
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.0	47.5	55.3	61.0	49.3	39.2	43.9	27.0
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.0	9.7	19.1	28.5	9.2	32.2	38.1	16.6
People (thousands)	29,368	15,894	13,474	25,332	13,024	12,309	3,825	2,771	1,054
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.8	1.4	6.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.5	10.7	6.6	3.3	10.0	7.8	4.0	18.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.0	8.1	29.5	18.1	7.1	29.5	17.5	12.6	30.4
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	58.5	47.7	55.5	61.3	49.4	40.6	45.5	27.6
Over 45 hours	20.2	29.1	9.8	18.7	27.6	9.3	31.2	36.5	17.3
People (thousands)	29,419	15,867	13,552	25,411	12,998	12,413	3,812	2,771	1,041
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.2	0.7	1.8	2.7	1.4	5.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.7	3.3	10.7	6.5	3.2	9.9	8.1	3.9	18.9
16 up to 30 hours	18.3	8.2	30.1	18.4	7.3	30.0	17.3	12.2	30.7
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	58.9	47.3	55.4	61.6	49.0	41.2	46.1	28.7
Over 45 hours	20.0	28.8	9.7	18.5	27.2	9.3	30.7	36.4	15.8
People (thousands)	29,393	15,839	13,554	25,385	12,980	12,405	3,812	2,755	1,057

1. Total usual weekly hours worked in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>People</b>	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWV	YBXA
Sep-Nov 2006	1,675	5.4	1,006	285	384	22.9	180	1,648	5.6	992	281	375	22.7	175
Sep-Nov 2007	1,633	5.3	987	261	384	23.5	172	1,612	5.4	976	258	378	23.4	169
Dec-Feb 2008	1,614	5.2	955	269	390	24.2	187	1,594	5.3	945	265	383	24.0	183
Mar-May 2008	1,628	5.2	959	264	405	24.9	188	1,604	5.4	947	260	397	24.7	183
Jun-Aug 2008	1,792	5.7	1,078	274	440	24.5	209	1,768	5.9	1,066	270	432	24.4	204
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>191</b>
Change on quarter	131	0.4	100	38	-8	-2.1	-13	124	0.4	95	37	-9	-2.1	-13
Change %	7.3		9.3	13.9	-1.7		-6.2	7.0		8.9	13.8	-2.0		-6.4
Change on year	290	0.9	191	51	48	-1.1	23	280	0.9	185	49	45	-1.1	22
Change %	17.8		19.3	19.7	12.4		13.5	17.4		19.0	19.0	12.0		13.1
<b>Men</b>	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Sep-Nov 2006	959	5.8	532	171	256	26.7	125	949	5.8	529	169	252	26.5	122
Sep-Nov 2007	931	5.5	514	155	263	28.2	126	923	5.6	511	153	259	28.1	124
Dec-Feb 2008	934	5.5	509	158	267	28.6	139	924	5.6	505	156	263	28.5	136
Mar-May 2008	949	5.6	519	153	276	29.1	136	938	5.7	515	151	272	29.0	133
Jun-Aug 2008	1,060	6.3	585	164	311	29.4	154	1,048	6.4	580	162	306	29.2	150
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>135</b>
Change on quarter	87	0.5	86	17	-16	-3.6	-17	85	0.5	83	17	-16	-3.6	-16
Change %	8.2		14.7	10.5	-5.2		-10.7	8.1		14.3	10.7	-5.1		-10.4
Change on year	216	1.2	156	27	32	-2.5	12	210	1.2	153	27	31	-2.5	11
Change %	23.2		30.4	17.4	12.3		9.3	22.8		29.9	17.3	12.0		9.0
<b>Women</b>	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWQ	YBWT	YBWW	YBWX	YBXC
Sep-Nov 2006	716	5.1	473	115	128	17.9	55	699	5.3	464	112	123	17.6	52
Sep-Nov 2007	701	4.9	473	106	122	17.4	47	689	5.2	466	105	118	17.2	45
Dec-Feb 2008	680	4.8	446	111	123	18.1	49	670	5.0	440	110	120	17.9	47
Mar-May 2008	679	4.8	440	111	128	18.9	53	666	5.0	433	109	125	18.7	51
Jun-Aug 2008	732	5.1	493	110	128	17.5	55	719	5.4	486	108	126	17.5	53
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>56</b>
Change on quarter	44	0.3	14	21	9	0.1	4	39	0.3	12	20	7	0.0	3
Change %	6.0		2.9	19.2	6.8		6.6	5.4		2.5	18.4	5.6		4.8
Change on year	74	0.5	34	25	15	0.3	12	70	0.5	33	23	14	0.3	11
Change %	10.6		7.3	23.1	12.7		24.6	10.1		7.1	21.5	12.1		24.3
	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>People</b>	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Sep-Nov 2006	187	25.2	144	27	16	8.8	*	496	12.0	341	84	71	14.4	29
Sep-Nov 2007	195	26.3	144	36	15	7.6	*	508	12.1	342	71	95	18.7	33
Dec-Feb 2008	175	24.2	128	32	14	8.0	*	501	11.9	331	75	95	19.0	39
Mar-May 2008	185	25.1	136	35	13	7.0	*	502	11.9	324	72	106	21.2	39
Jun-Aug 2008	188	26.2	150	28	11	5.6	*	559	13.3	369	80	110	19.7	41
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>38</b>
Change on quarter	4	1.4	-1	1	5	2.4	*	55	1.2	45	17	-7	-2.9	-3
Change %	2.3		-0.9	2.7	45.7		*	9.9		12.2	21.3	-6.5		-7.0
Change on year	-2	1.4	4	-7	1	0.5	*	105	2.3	72	26	8	-2.0	5
Change %	-1.2		2.7	-19.5	5.1		*	20.8		21.0	36.7	8.1		13.8
<b>Men</b>	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXL	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXX	YBYC	YBYF
Sep-Nov 2006	108	29.3	79	18	10	9.5	*	297	13.4	192	54	51	17.1	23
Sep-Nov 2007	110	29.0	79	21	10	9.4	*	304	13.5	192	44	67	22.2	28
Dec-Feb 2008	100	27.2	70	21	*	*	*	309	13.7	191	46	72	23.3	35
Mar-May 2008	102	28.2	76	18	*	*	*	310	13.7	188	48	74	24.0	32
Jun-Aug 2008	101	27.6	79	15	*	*	*	360	15.7	229	52	79	22.0	31
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>27</b>
Change on quarter	4	2.1	2	0	*	*	*	23	1.0	13	12	-2	-1.9	-4
Change %	4.3		2.5	2.2	*	*	*	6.4		5.7	23.8	-2.7		-13.3
Change on year	-5	0.7	2	-6	*	*	*	79	3.2	50	20	10	-2.0	-1
Change %	-4.8		2.8	-26.2	*	*	*	26.1		25.8	45.2	14.5		-3.4
<b>Women</b>	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Sep-Nov 2006	79	21.1	65	*	*	*	*	199	10.5	149	30	21	10.4	*
Sep-Nov 2007	85	23.5	65	15	*	*	*	204	10.5	150	27	28	13.5	*
Dec-Feb 2008	74	21.0	58	11	*	*	*	191	9.9	139	29	23	12.0	*
Mar-May 2008	83	22.2	60	18	*	*	*	192	9.9	137	23	32	16.6	*
Jun-Aug 2008	88	24.8	71	13	*	*	*	198	10.3	140	28	30	15.4	10
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>11</b>
Change on quarter	0	0.7	-3	0	*	*	*	32	1.5	32	5	-5	-4.3	1
Change %	-0.1		-4.8	3.3	*	*	*	16.1		22.9	16.8	-16.2		13.1
Change on year	3	2.1	2	-1	*	*	*	26	1.3	22	6	-2	-2.4	*
Change %	3.4		2.6	-10.1	*	*	*	12.8		14.8	22.5	-7.3		*

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12; 15=17+18+19; 22=24+25+26.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>People</b>	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Sep-Nov 2006	760	4.2	417	137	206	27.1	95	232	2.9	104	38	91	39.1	56
Sep-Nov 2007	691	3.8	384	118	189	27.4	92	238	3.0	117	36	85	35.7	46
Dec-Feb 2008	702	3.9	388	122	193	27.4	99	236	2.9	108	40	88	37.4	50
Mar-May 2008	712	3.9	392	120	199	28.0	96	229	2.8	107	37	86	37.5	52
Jun-Aug 2008	787	4.3	441	122	224	28.4	111	258	3.2	118	44	96	37.0	57
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>47</b>
Change on quarter	41	0.2	21	20	0	-1.4	-1	31	0.3	35	1	-5	-5.8	-10
Change %	5.2		4.8	16.0	0.0		-0.5	11.9		29.8	2.0	-5.5		-17.4
Change on year	137	0.7	79	24	34	-0.4	18	50	0.5	37	9	5	-4.5	1
Change %	19.8		20.5	20.2	18.1		19.9	21.1		31.3	23.9	5.9		1.3
<b>Men</b>	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Sep-Nov 2006	409	4.2	206	73	130	31.8	60	145	3.3	56	25	65	44.8	41
Sep-Nov 2007	362	3.7	178	62	122	33.7	63	155	3.4	65	27	63	40.6	34
Dec-Feb 2008	370	3.8	187	62	122	32.9	65	154	3.4	61	29	64	41.8	39
Mar-May 2008	383	3.9	193	62	127	33.2	63	154	3.4	62	25	67	43.2	40
Jun-Aug 2008	431	4.4	213	69	150	34.8	76	168	3.7	64	28	76	45.0	47
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>33</b>
Change on quarter	36	0.4	35	7	-6	-3.9	1	23	0.5	36	-3	-10	-10.9	-14
Change %	8.3		16.3	10.3	-3.8		1.3	13.9		56.6	-9.0	-13.7		-28.9
Change on year	105	1.1	69	13	22	-2.8	14	37	0.7	35	-1	2	-6.5	-1
Change %	29.0		39.0	21.4	18.2		22.0	23.7		54.1	-3.5	3.8		-2.4
<b>Women</b>	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Sep-Nov 2006	351	4.2	211	64	76	21.6	34	86	2.5	48	13	26	29.5	15
Sep-Nov 2007	329	4.0	206	55	67	20.5	29	84	2.3	52	10	22	26.8	12
Dec-Feb 2008	332	4.0	201	60	71	21.4	34	82	2.3	47	11	24	29.1	11
Mar-May 2008	329	3.9	199	58	72	21.9	33	76	2.1	44	12	20	25.9	12
Jun-Aug 2008	356	4.2	229	53	74	20.7	35	90	2.5	54	16	20	22.2	10
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>13</b>
Change on quarter	5	0.1	-13	12	6	1.3	-2	7	0.2	-1	3	5	3.5	4
Change %	1.3		-5.9	23.4	7.7		-4.3	8.3		-2.1	22.0	25.4		37.7
Change on year	32	0.3	9	10	12	1.6	5	14	0.3	1	10	3	-1.0	1
Change %	9.7		4.5	18.8	18.0		15.4	16.3		2.5	100.6	11.9		11.8

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

# CLAIMANT COUNT

## 10 Claimant count<sup>1</sup> levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)  
seasonally adjusted

	Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised <sup>3</sup> )	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised <sup>3</sup> )	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>
	BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
<b>People</b>						
<b>2007</b>						
December #	807.7	2.5	201.8	208.1	790.4	2.4
<b>2008</b>						
January	794.9	2.5	201.4	211.7	830.5	2.6
February #	795.5	2.5	205.0	208.0	848.9	2.6
March	799.1	2.5	204.5	202.3	842.8	2.6
April	810.3	2.5	217.0	206.8	835.2	2.6
May	824.6	2.6	217.4	204.2	831.9	2.6
June #	844.6	2.6	229.3	209.7	835.3	2.6
July	872.4	2.7	240.6	214.9	871.3	2.7
August #	908.1	2.8	250.1	218.0	923.9	2.9
September	944.4	2.9	263.3	227.7	944.7	2.9
October	996.2	3.1	274.6	227.0	970.3	3.0
November # (r)	1,079.3	3.3	297.7	224.9	1,056.1	3.3
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>1,157.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>320.8</b>	<b>231.5</b>	<b>1,153.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	77.9	0.2	23.1	6.6	97.2	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	7.2		7.8	2.9	9.2	
<i>Change on year</i>	349.5	1.1	119.0	23.4	363.0	1.1
<i>Change %</i>	43.3		59.0	11.2	45.9	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
<b>Men</b>						
<b>2007</b>						
December #	589.4	3.4	141.8	146.2	580.4	3.3
<b>2008</b>						
January	579.4	3.3	141.6	149.1	610.1	3.5
February #	581.0	3.3	144.8	146.4	622.8	3.6
March	583.9	3.4	144.2	142.8	618.7	3.6
April	592.3	3.4	152.6	145.8	611.7	3.5
May	602.9	3.5	153.4	142.7	610.1	3.5
June #	617.6	3.6	161.8	147.3	610.7	3.5
July	639.2	3.7	171.1	150.2	632.4	3.6
August #	666.7	3.8	179.1	152.3	666.7	3.8
September	694.7	4.0	188.3	159.6	684.2	3.9
October	735.4	4.2	196.8	159.5	708.3	4.1
November # (r)	802.4	4.6	215.5	158.4	783.0	4.5
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>231.6</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>865.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	62.3	0.4	16.1	4.6	82.2	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	7.8		7.5	2.9	10.5	
<i>Change on year</i>	275.3	1.6	89.8	16.8	284.8	1.6
<i>Change %</i>	46.7		63.3	11.5	49.1	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
<b>Women</b>						
<b>2007</b>						
December #	218.3	1.5	60.0	61.9	210.0	1.4
<b>2008</b>						
January	215.5	1.4	59.8	62.6	220.4	1.5
February #	214.5	1.4	60.2	61.6	226.1	1.5
March	215.2	1.4	60.3	59.5	224.2	1.5
April	218.0	1.5	64.4	61.0	223.5	1.5
May	221.7	1.5	64.0	61.5	221.8	1.5
June #	227.0	1.5	67.5	62.4	224.6	1.5
July	233.2	1.6	69.5	64.7	238.9	1.6
August #	241.4	1.6	71.0	65.7	257.2	1.7
September	249.7	1.7	75.0	68.1	260.5	1.7
October	260.8	1.7	77.8	67.5	262.0	1.7
November # (r)	276.9	1.8	82.2	66.5	273.2	1.8
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>292.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>288.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	15.6	0.1	7.0	2.0	15.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	5.6		8.5	3.0	5.5	
<i>Change on year</i>	74.2	0.5	29.2	6.6	78.1	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	34.0		48.7	10.7	37.2	

1. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

Non-seasonally adjusted claimant flows are available from Nomis® at: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>

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

# CLAIMANT COUNT

## 11(1) Claimant count<sup>1</sup> by age and duration - computerised claims only<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims <sup>2</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>People</b>	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
<b>2007</b>													
December #	807.7	802.5	552.3	131.2	119.0	14.8	36.0	246.1	208.5	31.0	6.6	2.7	1.6
<b>2008</b>													
January	794.9	794.0	547.7	130.1	116.2	14.6	34.6	243.5	206.2	30.7	6.6	2.7	1.6
February #	795.5	792.9	552.3	129.4	111.2	14.0	32.1	244.1	207.4	30.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
March	799.1	796.1	557.3	130.6	108.2	13.6	30.4	245.6	207.9	31.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
April	810.3	807.9	572.1	130.4	105.4	13.0	29.3	249.3	212.5	30.8	6.0	2.4	1.6
May	824.6	821.3	587.3	131.0	103.0	12.5	27.8	253.8	217.4	30.7	5.7	2.2	1.5
June #	844.6	840.3	607.5	131.5	101.3	12.1	26.6	260.3	224.4	30.3	5.6	2.2	1.5
July	872.4	869.1	635.1	133.7	100.3	11.5	25.7	268.9	233.0	30.3	5.6	2.1	1.5
August #	908.1	904.9	666.3	138.7	99.9	11.0	24.9	280.0	243.1	31.3	5.6	2.0	1.5
September	944.4	941.3	697.6	143.6	100.1	10.6	24.3	291.5	253.8	32.1	5.6	1.9	1.5
October	996.2	993.1	741.4	150.7	101.0	10.2	23.9	308.5	269.1	33.8	5.6	1.8	1.5
November # (r)	1,079.3	1,076.1	812.4	160.8	102.9	9.6	23.5	333.1	291.2	36.0	5.9	1.8	1.5
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>1,157.2</b>	<b>1,153.8</b>	<b>876.4</b>	<b>172.1</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>355.3</b>	<b>311.0</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Change on month	77.9	77.7	64.0	11.3	2.4	-0.4	-0.1	22.2	19.8	2.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	7.2	7.2	7.9	7.0	2.3		-0.4	6.7	6.8	6.7	0.0		0.0
Change on year	349.5	351.3	324.1	40.9	-13.7	-5.7	-12.6	109.2	102.5	7.4	-0.7	-1.0	-0.1
Change %	43.3	43.8	58.7	31.2	-11.5		-35.0	44.4	49.2	23.9	-10.6		-6.3
<b>Men</b>	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
<b>2007</b>													
December #	589.4	585.6	394.2	98.2	93.2	15.9	28.6	165.7	140.3	20.9	4.5	2.7	1.1
<b>2008</b>													
January	579.4	579.4	391.2	97.4	90.8	15.7	27.4	164.0	138.9	20.7	4.4	2.7	1.1
February #	581.0	579.1	395.4	96.9	86.8	15.0	25.4	164.6	139.9	20.5	4.2	2.6	1.1
March	583.9	581.9	399.6	97.8	84.5	14.5	24.1	166.0	140.7	21.1	4.2	2.5	1.1
April	592.3	590.6	410.2	98.1	82.3	13.9	23.2	169.0	144.2	20.8	4.0	2.4	1.1
May	602.9	600.5	421.5	98.7	80.3	13.4	22.0	172.2	147.6	20.8	3.8	2.2	1.0
June #	617.6	614.6	436.2	99.3	79.1	12.9	21.0	176.7	152.3	20.6	3.8	2.2	1.0
July	639.2	636.9	457.4	101.2	78.3	12.3	20.2	182.7	158.2	20.7	3.8	2.1	1.0
August #	666.7	664.5	481.5	105.1	77.9	11.7	19.5	190.7	165.4	21.5	3.8	2.0	1.0
September	694.7	692.5	505.7	108.8	78.0	11.3	19.0	199.3	173.4	22.1	3.8	1.9	1.0
October	735.4	733.3	540.0	114.4	78.9	10.8	18.7	212.5	185.3	23.4	3.8	1.8	1.0
November # (r)	802.4	800.3	597.2	122.4	80.7	10.1	18.4	231.5	202.4	25.1	4.0	1.7	1.0
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>862.2</b>	<b>647.8</b>	<b>131.6</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>248.3</b>	<b>217.4</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Change on month	62.3	61.9	50.6	9.2	2.1	-0.5	-0.1	16.8	15.0	1.7	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Change %	7.8	7.7	8.5	7.5	2.6		-0.5	7.3	7.4	6.8	2.5		0.0
Change on year	275.3	276.6	253.6	33.4	-10.4	-6.3	-10.3	82.6	77.1	5.9	-0.4	-1.1	-0.1
Change %	46.7	47.2	64.3	34.0	-11.2		-36.0	49.8	55.0	28.2	-8.9		-9.1
<b>Women</b>	DPAF	JLGI	JLGK	JLGJ	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLGQ	JLGR	JLGS	JLGT
<b>2007</b>													
December #	218.3	216.9	158.1	33.0	25.8	11.9	7.4	80.4	68.2	10.1	2.1	2.6	0.5
<b>2008</b>													
January	215.5	214.6	156.5	32.7	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.3	10.0	2.2	2.8	0.5
February #	214.5	213.8	156.9	32.5	24.4	11.4	6.7	79.5	67.5	9.9	2.1	2.6	0.5
March	215.2	214.2	157.7	32.8	23.7	11.1	6.3	79.6	67.2	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
April	218.0	217.3	161.9	32.3	23.1	10.6	6.1	80.3	68.3	10.0	2.0	2.5	0.5
May	221.7	220.8	165.8	32.3	22.7	10.3	5.8	81.6	69.8	9.9	1.9	2.3	0.5
June #	227.0	225.7	171.3	32.2	22.2	9.8	5.6	83.6	72.1	9.7	1.8	2.2	0.5
July	232.2	232.2	177.7	32.5	22.0	9.5	5.5	86.2	74.8	9.6	1.8	2.1	0.5
August #	241.4	240.4	184.8	33.6	22.0	9.2	5.4	89.3	77.7	9.8	1.8	2.0	0.5
September	249.7	248.8	191.9	34.8	22.1	8.9	5.3	92.2	80.4	10.0	1.8	2.0	0.5
October	260.8	259.8	201.4	36.3	22.1	8.5	5.2	96.0	83.8	10.4	1.8	1.9	0.5
November # (r)	276.9	275.8	215.2	38.4	22.2	8.0	5.1	101.6	88.8	10.9	1.9	1.9	0.5
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>292.5</b>	<b>291.6</b>	<b>228.6</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Change on month	15.6	15.8	13.4	2.1	0.3	-0.3	0.0	5.4	4.8	0.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Change %	5.6	5.7	6.2	5.5	1.4		0.0	5.3	5.4	6.4	-5.3		0.0
Change on year	74.2	74.7	70.5	7.5	-3.3	-4.2	-2.3	26.6	25.4	1.5	-0.3	-0.9	0.0
Change %	34.0	34.4	44.6	22.7	-12.8		-31.1	33.1	37.2	14.9	-14.3		0.0

Relationship between columns: 2= 3+4+5; 6= 5/2; 8= 9+10+11; 12= 11/8.

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1. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

2. Only computerised claims are analysed by age and duration on a monthly basis. The figures in column 2 onwards therefore differ from the figures in column 1 and in table 10. The differences reflect numbers of clerically processed claims, which currently amount to around 1 per cent of the total claimant count, and minor effects of rounding.

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

# CLAIMANT COUNT

## 11(2) Claimant count<sup>1</sup> by age and duration - computerised claims only<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims <sup>2</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims <sup>2</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JLJU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
<b>People</b>												
<b>2007</b>												
December #	429.9	273.7	80.0	76.2	17.7	16.0	126.5	70.1	20.2	36.2	28.6	18.4
<b>2008</b>												
January	426.0	271.7	79.5	74.8	17.6	15.7	124.5	69.8	19.9	34.8	28.0	17.3
February #	426.1	273.6	79.6	72.9	17.1	15.4	122.7	71.3	19.4	32.0	26.1	15.1
March	427.8	276.3	79.8	71.7	16.8	15.0	122.7	73.1	19.4	30.2	24.6	13.8
April	434.4	283.6	80.1	70.7	16.3	14.9	124.2	76.0	19.5	28.7	23.1	12.8
May	441.5	290.9	80.6	70.0	15.9	14.5	126.0	79.0	19.7	27.3	21.7	11.8
June #	451.1	300.3	81.2	69.6	15.4	14.2	128.9	82.8	20.0	26.1	20.2	10.9
July	467.1	315.2	82.5	69.4	14.9	14.0	133.1	86.9	20.9	25.3	19.0	10.2
August #	486.4	331.8	84.9	69.7	14.3	13.8	138.5	91.4	22.5	24.6	17.8	9.6
September	506.1	348.4	87.5	70.2	13.9	13.7	143.7	95.4	24.0	24.3	16.9	9.1
October	534.0	371.4	91.3	71.3	13.4	13.7	150.6	100.9	25.6	24.1	16.0	8.7
November # (r)	580.0	410.6	96.7	72.7	12.5	13.7	163.0	110.6	28.1	24.3	14.9	8.3
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>623.5</b>	<b>445.7</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	43.5	35.1	6.2	2.2	-0.5	0.2	12.0	9.1	2.7	0.2	-0.9	-0.3
<i>Change %</i>	7.5	8.5	6.4	3.0		1.5	7.4	8.2	9.6	0.8		-3.6
<i>Change on year</i>	193.6	172.0	22.9	-1.3	-5.7	-2.1	48.5	49.6	10.6	-11.7	-14.6	-10.4
<i>Change %</i>	45.0	62.8	28.6	-1.7		-13.1	38.3	70.8	52.5	-32.3		-56.5
<b>Men</b>	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
<b>2007</b>												
December #	331.7	207.5	63.1	61.1	18.4	13.0	88.2	46.4	14.2	27.6	31.3	14.5
<b>2008</b>												
January	328.5	205.9	62.7	59.9	18.2	12.7	86.9	46.4	14.0	26.5	30.5	13.6
February #	328.7	207.7	62.7	58.3	17.7	12.4	85.8	47.8	13.7	24.3	28.3	11.9
March	330.5	210.0	63.1	57.4	17.4	12.1	85.4	48.9	13.6	22.9	26.8	10.9
April	335.3	215.2	63.5	56.6	16.9	12.0	86.3	50.8	13.8	21.7	25.1	10.1
May	340.7	220.8	63.9	56.0	16.4	11.7	87.6	53.1	14.0	20.5	23.4	9.3
June #	347.9	227.8	64.4	55.7	16.0	11.4	90.0	56.1	14.3	19.6	21.8	8.6
July	360.8	239.8	65.5	55.5	15.4	11.2	93.4	59.4	15.0	19.0	20.3	8.0
August #	376.1	253.0	67.4	55.7	14.8	11.0	97.7	63.1	16.2	18.4	18.8	7.5
September	391.6	266.1	69.4	56.1	14.3	10.9	101.6	66.2	17.3	18.1	17.8	7.1
October	413.8	284.2	72.5	57.1	13.8	10.9	107.0	70.5	18.5	18.0	16.8	6.8
November # (r)	451.5	316.1	77.0	58.4	12.9	10.9	117.3	78.7	20.3	18.3	15.6	6.5
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>486.6</b>	<b>344.0</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>127.3</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	35.1	27.9	5.4	1.8	-0.6	0.1	10.0	7.7	2.1	0.2	-1.1	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	7.8	8.8	7.0	3.1		0.9	8.5	9.8	10.3	1.1		-3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	154.9	136.5	19.3	-0.9	-6.0	-2.0	39.1	40.0	8.2	-9.1	-16.8	-8.2
<i>Change %</i>	46.7	65.8	30.6	-1.5		-15.4	44.3	86.2	57.7	-33.0		-56.6
<b>Women</b>	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
<b>2007</b>												
December #	98.2	66.2	16.9	15.1	15.4	3.0	38.3	23.7	6.0	8.6	22.5	3.9
<b>2008</b>												
January	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.6	23.4	5.9	8.3	22.1	3.7
February #	97.4	65.9	16.9	14.6	15.0	3.0	36.9	23.5	5.7	7.7	20.9	3.2
March	97.3	66.3	16.7	14.3	14.7	2.9	37.3	24.2	5.8	7.3	19.6	2.9
April	99.1	68.4	16.6	14.1	14.2	2.9	37.9	25.2	5.7	7.0	18.5	2.7
May	100.8	70.1	16.7	14.0	13.9	2.8	38.4	25.9	5.7	6.8	17.7	2.5
June #	103.2	72.5	16.8	13.9	13.5	2.8	38.9	26.7	5.7	6.5	16.7	2.3
July	106.3	75.4	17.0	13.9	13.1	2.8	39.7	27.5	5.9	6.3	15.9	2.2
August #	110.3	78.8	17.5	14.0	12.7	2.8	40.8	28.3	6.3	6.2	15.2	2.1
September	114.5	82.3	18.1	14.1	12.3	2.8	42.1	29.2	6.7	6.2	14.7	2.0
October	120.2	87.2	18.8	14.2	11.8	2.8	43.6	30.4	7.1	6.1	14.0	1.9
November # (r)	128.5	94.5	19.7	14.3	11.1	2.8	45.7	31.9	7.8	6.0	13.1	1.8
<b>December (p)</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	8.4	7.2	0.8	0.4	-0.4	0.1	2.0	1.4	0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	6.5	7.6	4.1	2.8		3.6	4.4	4.4	7.7	0.0		-5.6
<i>Change on year</i>	38.7	35.5	3.6	-0.4	-4.6	-0.1	9.4	9.6	2.4	-2.6	-9.9	-2.2
<i>Change %</i>	39.4	53.6	21.3	-2.6		-3.3	24.5	40.5	40.0	-30.2		-56.4

Relationship between columns: 14 = 15+16+17; 18 = 17/14; 20 = 21+22+23; 24 = 23/20.

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1. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

2. Only computerised claims are analysed by age and duration on a monthly basis. The figures in column 2 onwards therefore differ from the figures in column 1 and in table 10. The differences reflect numbers of clerically processed claims, which currently amount to around 1 per cent of the total claimant count, and minor effects of rounding.

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

# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 12(1) Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
<b>Economically active</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
Sep-Nov 2006	30,764	29,553	743	4,128	6,593	11,415	6,675	1,211
Sep-Nov 2007	31,001	29,722	742	4,189	6,551	11,467	6,774	1,278
Dec-Feb 2008	31,108	29,800	723	4,190	6,610	11,480	6,796	1,309
Mar-May 2008	31,169	29,833	734	4,206	6,617	11,494	6,781	1,337
Jun-Aug 2008	31,211	29,862	718	4,215	6,624	11,499	6,807	1,349
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>31,316</b>	<b>29,943</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>4,247</b>	<b>6,648</b>	<b>11,497</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>1,373</b>
Change on quarter	104	81	-21	32	24	-2	48	24
Change %	0.3	0.3	-3.0	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.7	1.8
Change on year	315	220	-45	58	97	30	81	95
Change %	1.0	0.7	-6.1	1.4	1.5	0.3	1.2	7.4
<b>Men</b>	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Sep-Nov 2006	16,676	16,266	368	2,223	3,605	6,094	3,976	410
Sep-Nov 2007	16,826	16,403	381	2,250	3,612	6,091	4,068	422
Dec-Feb 2008	16,865	16,426	370	2,255	3,638	6,081	4,082	439
Mar-May 2008	16,902	16,449	362	2,272	3,634	6,098	4,084	453
Jun-Aug 2008	16,927	16,475	365	2,292	3,623	6,102	4,093	453
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>16,986</b>	<b>16,525</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>6,121</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>462</b>
Change on quarter	59	50	-11	6	12	19	24	9
Change %	0.3	0.3	-3.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	2.0
Change on year	161	121	-27	48	22	30	49	40
Change %	1.0	0.7	-7.2	2.1	0.6	0.5	1.2	9.4
<b>Women</b>	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Sep-Nov 2006	14,088	13,287	375	1,904	2,988	5,320	2,700	801
Sep-Nov 2007	14,175	13,319	361	1,939	2,939	5,375	2,706	856
Dec-Feb 2008	14,243	13,374	353	1,936	2,972	5,399	2,715	869
Mar-May 2008	14,267	13,384	372	1,934	2,983	5,397	2,697	884
Jun-Aug 2008	14,284	13,387	353	1,923	3,001	5,396	2,714	896
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>14,329</b>	<b>13,418</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>3,013</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>911</b>
Change on quarter	45	31	-11	26	12	-21	24	15
Change %	0.3	0.2	-3.0	1.4	0.4	-0.4	0.9	1.6
Change on year	154	99	-18	10	75	0	32	55
Change %	1.1	0.7	-5.0	0.5	2.5	0.0	1.2	6.4
<b>Economic activity rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	MGWG	MGSO	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Sep-Nov 2006	63.6	79.0	47.2	74.3	84.5	85.4	73.1	11.1
Sep-Nov 2007	63.5	79.0	46.7	73.8	84.1	85.4	74.1	11.4
Dec-Feb 2008	63.6	79.1	45.5	73.5	84.8	85.5	74.3	11.7
Mar-May 2008	63.6	79.1	46.2	73.4	84.8	85.6	74.1	11.9
Jun-Aug 2008	63.6	79.1	45.2	73.3	84.7	85.6	74.3	11.9
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2
Change on year	0.1	0.2	-2.5	-0.2	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6
<b>Men</b>	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Sep-Nov 2006	70.9	83.7	45.5	78.7	92.9	92.3	74.8	10.1
Sep-Nov 2007	70.9	83.7	46.7	77.7	92.9	91.9	75.8	10.2
Dec-Feb 2008	70.9	83.7	45.3	77.5	93.4	91.8	75.9	10.6
Mar-May 2008	70.9	83.7	44.3	77.6	93.1	92.0	75.8	10.8
Jun-Aug 2008	70.8	83.7	44.8	78.0	92.5	92.1	75.8	10.8
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
Change on year	0.0	0.0	-3.0	0.2	-0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7
<b>Women</b>	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Sep-Nov 2006	56.6	73.8	48.9	69.7	76.1	78.7	70.8	11.6
Sep-Nov 2007	56.6	73.9	46.7	69.8	75.3	79.0	71.8	12.2
Dec-Feb 2008	56.8	74.2	45.7	69.4	76.2	79.3	72.1	12.3
Mar-May 2008	56.8	74.2	48.1	69.1	76.5	79.3	71.7	12.5
Jun-Aug 2008	56.7	74.2	45.7	68.4	76.9	79.2	72.2	12.6
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.2
Change on year	0.2	0.4	-2.1	-0.7	1.6	0.0	1.0	0.6

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

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

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
<b>Economically inactive</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAI	YCBG	MGWA	MGWD
Sep-Nov 2006	17,620	7,878	832	1,429	1,213	1,952	2,452	9,743
Sep-Nov 2007	17,782	7,894	847	1,486	1,238	1,962	2,362	9,887
Dec-Feb 2008	17,770	7,860	867	1,510	1,185	1,953	2,346	9,911
Mar-May 2008	17,805	7,869	856	1,521	1,184	1,941	2,367	9,936
Jun-Aug 2008	17,862	7,886	869	1,536	1,193	1,937	2,350	9,976
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>17,860</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>10,004</b>
Change on quarter	-2	-30	12	-14	11	-7	-32	28
Change %	0.0	-0.4	1.4	-0.9	0.9	-0.4	-1.3	0.3
Change on year	78	-38	34	36	-33	-32	-43	116
Change %	0.4	-0.5	4.0	2.5	-2.7	-1.7	-1.8	1.2
<b>Men</b>	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Sep-Nov 2006	6,829	3,165	441	600	276	508	1,340	3,664
Sep-Nov 2007	6,908	3,189	435	645	276	534	1,298	3,719
Dec-Feb 2008	6,924	3,201	447	656	258	545	1,295	3,723
Mar-May 2008	6,942	3,211	455	654	269	529	1,304	3,730
Jun-Aug 2008	6,972	3,220	450	647	293	524	1,306	3,753
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>6,971</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>3,769</b>
Change on quarter	-2	-18	6	3	9	-23	-12	16
Change %	0.0	-0.5	1.2	0.4	3.0	-4.4	-0.9	0.4
Change on year	63	13	20	4	26	-34	-5	50
Change %	0.9	0.4	4.7	0.7	9.5	-6.3	-0.3	1.3
<b>Women</b>	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Sep-Nov 2006	10,792	4,713	391	829	936	1,444	1,112	6,079
Sep-Nov 2007	10,874	4,705	412	840	962	1,428	1,063	6,169
Dec-Feb 2008	10,846	4,659	420	854	927	1,407	1,051	6,188
Mar-May 2008	10,864	4,658	401	867	915	1,412	1,063	6,206
Jun-Aug 2008	10,889	4,666	419	889	900	1,413	1,045	6,223
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>10,889</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>6,235</b>
Change on quarter	0	-12	6	-17	2	16	-20	12
Change %	0.0	-0.3	1.5	-1.9	0.2	1.1	-1.9	0.2
Change on year	15	-51	14	32	-60	1	-39	67
Change %	0.1	-1.1	3.3	3.8	-6.2	0.1	-3.6	1.1
<b>Economic inactivity rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Sep-Nov 2006	36.4	21.0	52.8	25.7	15.5	14.6	26.9	88.9
Sep-Nov 2007	36.5	21.0	53.3	26.2	15.9	14.6	25.9	88.6
Dec-Feb 2008	36.4	20.9	54.5	26.5	15.2	14.5	25.7	88.3
Mar-May 2008	36.4	20.9	53.8	26.6	15.2	14.4	25.9	88.1
Jun-Aug 2008	36.4	20.9	54.8	26.7	15.3	14.4	25.7	88.1
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>87.9</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	-0.3	0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
Change on year	-0.1	-0.2	2.5	0.2	-0.6	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6
<b>Men</b>	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Sep-Nov 2006	29.1	16.3	54.5	21.3	7.1	7.7	25.2	89.9
Sep-Nov 2007	29.1	16.3	53.3	22.3	7.1	8.1	24.2	89.8
Dec-Feb 2008	29.1	16.3	54.7	22.5	6.6	8.2	24.1	89.4
Mar-May 2008	29.1	16.3	55.7	22.4	6.9	8.0	24.2	89.2
Jun-Aug 2008	29.2	16.3	55.2	22.0	7.5	7.9	24.2	89.2
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>89.1</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	0.0	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Change on year	0.0	0.0	3.0	-0.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7
<b>Women</b>	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Sep-Nov 2006	43.4	26.2	51.1	30.3	23.9	21.3	29.2	88.4
Sep-Nov 2007	43.4	26.1	53.3	30.2	24.7	21.0	28.2	87.8
Dec-Feb 2008	43.2	25.8	54.3	30.6	23.8	20.7	27.9	87.7
Mar-May 2008	43.2	25.8	51.9	30.9	23.5	20.7	28.3	87.5
Jun-Aug 2008	43.3	25.8	54.3	31.6	23.1	20.8	27.8	87.4
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>87.3</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	1.1	-0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.6	-0.2
Change on year	-0.2	-0.4	2.1	0.7	-1.6	0.0	-1.0	-0.6

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

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

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>People</b>	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC
Sep-Nov 2006	7,878	1,846	2,323	196	2,064	38	601	810	5,776	2,102
Sep-Nov 2007	7,894	1,936	2,291	189	2,020	39	602	817	5,801	2,093
Dec-Feb 2008	7,860	1,968	2,261	181	2,028	38	602	784	5,746	2,114
Mar-May 2008	7,869	1,937	2,291	180	2,013	40	597	812	5,719	2,150
Jun-Aug 2008	7,886	2,003	2,249	184	2,031	35	598	786	5,726	2,160
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>5,754</b>	<b>2,102</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-30	14	17	-20	-11	11	-1	-40	29	-58
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	0.7	0.8	-11.1	-0.5	31.6	-0.1	-5.0	0.5	-2.7
<i>Change on year</i>	-38	82	-25	-26	0	7	-4	-71	-47	9
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	4.2	-1.1	-13.9	0.0	17.1	-0.6	-8.6	-0.8	0.4
<b>Men</b>	YBSO	BEEY	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Sep-Nov 2006	3,165	934	191	94	1,142	26	434	344	2,279	886
Sep-Nov 2007	3,189	964	194	96	1,120	21	441	353	2,305	884
Dec-Feb 2008	3,201	992	189	91	1,128	18	437	346	2,296	905
Mar-May 2008	3,211	991	199	87	1,116	22	437	360	2,293	918
Jun-Aug 2008	3,220	994	200	91	1,130	18	434	352	2,294	926
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>906</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-18	23	-8	-10	-16	10	7	-24	2	-20
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	2.3	-4.1	-11.1	-1.4	57.9	1.6	-6.7	0.1	-2.2
<i>Change on year</i>	13	53	-2	-16	-6	8	0	-25	-8	21
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	5.5	-1.0	-16.1	-0.5	37.7	0.0	-6.9	-0.4	2.4
<b>Women</b>	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEES	YBWB	YBWE
Sep-Nov 2006	4,713	912	2,132	102	922	12	167	466	3,497	1,216
Sep-Nov 2007	4,705	972	2,097	93	899	18	160	464	3,496	1,209
Dec-Feb 2008	4,659	976	2,072	89	899	20	165	438	3,450	1,209
Mar-May 2008	4,658	946	2,092	92	897	18	160	453	3,426	1,232
Jun-Aug 2008	4,666	1,009	2,049	93	900	17	164	434	3,432	1,234
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>1,196</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-12	-9	25	-10	5	0	-8	-16	26	-38
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.9	1.2	-11.2	0.6	2.8	-4.7	-3.7	0.8	-3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-51	28	-24	-11	6	-1	-4	-46	-38	-13
<i>Change %</i>	-1.1	2.9	-1.1	-11.5	0.7	-6.4	-2.3	-9.9	-1.1	-1.1
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
<b>People</b>	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
Sep-Nov 2006	100	23.4	29.5	2.5	26.2	0.5	7.6	10.3	73.3	26.7
Sep-Nov 2007	100	24.5	29.0	2.4	25.6	0.5	7.6	10.4	73.5	26.5
Dec-Feb 2008	100	25.0	28.8	2.3	25.8	0.5	7.7	10.0	73.1	26.9
Mar-May 2008	100	24.6	29.1	2.3	25.6	0.5	7.6	10.3	72.7	27.3
Jun-Aug 2008	100	25.4	28.5	2.3	25.8	0.4	7.6	10.0	72.6	27.4
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>26.8</b>
<b>Men</b>	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Sep-Nov 2006	100	29.5	6.0	3.0	36.1	0.8	13.7	10.9	72.0	28.0
Sep-Nov 2007	100	30.2	6.1	3.0	35.1	0.7	13.8	11.1	72.3	27.7
Dec-Feb 2008	100	31.0	5.9	2.9	35.3	0.6	13.6	10.8	71.7	28.3
Mar-May 2008	100	30.9	6.2	2.7	34.8	0.7	13.6	11.2	71.4	28.6
Jun-Aug 2008	100	30.9	6.2	2.8	35.1	0.6	13.5	10.9	71.2	28.8
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>28.3</b>
<b>Women</b>	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Sep-Nov 2006	100	19.3	45.2	2.2	19.6	0.3	3.6	9.9	74.2	25.8
Sep-Nov 2007	100	20.7	44.6	2.0	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.9	74.3	25.7
Dec-Feb 2008	100	21.0	44.5	1.9	19.3	0.4	3.5	9.4	74.0	26.0
Mar-May 2008	100	20.3	44.9	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.7	73.5	26.5
Jun-Aug 2008	100	21.6	43.9	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.5	9.3	73.6	26.4
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>25.7</b>

Relationship between columns : 1=2+3+4+5+6+7+8; 1=9+10.

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

September to November 2008

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economically active			Total in employment			Unemployed			Economically inactive		
	Total	Not in FTE <sup>1</sup>	In FTE <sup>2</sup>	Total	Not in FTE <sup>1</sup>	In FTE <sup>2</sup>	Total	Not in FTE <sup>1</sup>	In FTE <sup>2</sup>	Total	Not in FTE <sup>1</sup>	In FTE <sup>2</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

### Levels

People												
16-17	696	235	462	504	158	346	193	77	115	881	113	768
18-24	4,247	3,509	738	3,633	3,005	628	614	504	109	1,522	592	929
all under 25	4,944	3,744	1,199	4,137	3,163	975	806	582	225	2,403	706	1,697
Men												
16-17	354	138	216	249	92	157	105	47	59	456	62	394
18-24	2,298	1,958	340	1,914	1,633	282	383	325	58	650	152	497
all under 25	2,652	2,096	556	2,163	1,724	439	489	372	117	1,105	214	891
Women												
16-17	343	97	246	255	66	189	88	31	57	425	52	374
18-24	1,949	1,552	398	1,719	1,372	347	230	179	51	872	440	432
all under 25	2,292	1,648	643	1,974	1,438	536	318	210	108	1,298	492	806

### Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-21	-39	18	-26	-29	3	4	-10	15	12	-1	13
18-24	32	7	25	-23	-46	24	55	54	1	-14	-51	38
all under 25	11	-32	43	-48	-75	27	59	43	16	-2	-52	51
Men												
16-17	-11	-26	15	-15	-21	6	4	-5	9	6	3	3
18-24	6	12	-7	-17	-18	1	23	31	-7	3	-43	45
all under 25	-5	-14	9	-33	-40	7	28	26	2	8	-40	48
Women												
16-17	-11	-13	3	-10	-7	-3	0	-6	6	6	-4	10
18-24	26	-5	32	-5	-28	23	32	23	9	-17	-9	-8
all under 25	16	-18	34	-16	-36	20	32	17	14	-10	-13	2

### Rates(%)<sup>3</sup>

People												
16-17	44.1	67.4	37.5	31.9	45.2	28.2	27.7	32.9	25.0	55.9	32.6	62.5
18-24	73.6	85.6	44.3	63.0	73.3	37.7	14.5	14.4	14.8	26.4	14.4	55.7
all under 25	67.3	84.1	41.4	56.3	71.1	33.6	16.3	15.5	18.7	32.7	15.9	58.6
Men												
16-17	43.7	69.1	35.4	30.7	45.8	25.8	29.7	33.7	27.2	56.3	30.9	64.6
18-24	78.0	92.8	40.6	65.0	77.4	33.6	16.7	16.6	17.2	22.0	7.2	59.4
all under 25	70.6	90.7	38.4	57.6	74.6	30.3	18.4	17.7	21.0	29.4	9.3	61.6
Women												
16-17	44.6	65.2	39.7	33.2	44.4	30.5	25.6	31.9	23.1	55.4	34.8	60.3
18-24	69.1	77.9	47.9	60.9	68.9	41.8	11.8	11.6	12.8	30.9	22.1	52.1
all under 25	63.8	77.0	44.4	55.0	67.2	37.0	13.9	12.7	16.8	36.2	23.0	55.6

### Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-1.1	-3.1	0.5	-1.4	-2.7	-0.5	1.4	0.9	2.3	1.1	3.1	-0.5
18-24	0.3	1.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.0	1.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1	0.2
all under 25	0.1	0.9	0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-0.2	1.2	1.3	0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.1
Men												
16-17	-1.1	-4.5	1.5	-1.7	-4.8	0.3	2.1	2.5	2.4	1.1	4.5	-1.5
18-24	0.0	1.9	-2.8	-0.8	0.2	-1.5	1.0	1.5	-1.8	0.0	-1.9	2.8
all under 25	-0.2	1.5	-0.9	-0.9	0.0	-0.7	1.1	1.3	0.0	0.2	-1.5	0.9
Women												
16-17	-1.1	-1.2	-0.4	-1.2	0.1	-1.1	0.7	-1.4	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.4
18-24	0.7	0.3	2.5	-0.4	-0.9	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.3	-0.7	-0.3	-2.5
all under 25	0.3	0.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.7	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3; 4=5+6; 7=8+9; 10=11+12.

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who are not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table.

2. In full-time education.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployment.

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

# EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

## 15 Average Earnings - including bonuses<sup>1</sup>

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
	LNMQ	LNMU	LNNC	LNKY	LNKZ	LNNB	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Nov 06	128.2	4.0	4.2	127.5	4.2	4.3	131.4	3.1	3.2
Sep 07 (r)	132.9	4.2	4.1	132.5	4.5	4.4	135.0	3.2	3.0
Oct 07 (r)	132.5	3.4	4.0	131.8	3.4	4.2	135.4	3.2	3.2
Nov 07 (r)	133.8	4.4	4.0	133.4	4.6	4.2	135.7	3.3	3.2
Dec 07	133.8	3.7	3.8	133.1	3.8	3.9	136.2	3.3	3.3
Jan 08	134.3	3.8	3.9	133.7	3.8	4.1 (r)	136.8	3.6	3.4
Feb 08	135.1	3.7	3.7	134.3	3.4	3.7	137.4	4.1	3.7
Mar 08	135.2	4.5	4.0	134.8	4.6	3.9	137.5	3.7	3.8
Apr 08	134.9	3.8	4.0	134.3	3.7	3.9	138.1	3.8	3.9
May 08	135.3	3.4	3.9	134.7	3.5	3.9	137.6	3.1	3.5
Jun 08	135.8	3.4	3.5	135.2	3.6	3.6	137.9	2.9	3.2
Jul 08	136.2	3.6	3.5	135.6	3.5	3.5	139.3	4.0	3.3
Aug 08	136.6	3.2	3.4	136.0	3.1	3.4	139.4	3.6	3.5
Sep 08 (r)	137.0	3.1	3.3	136.2	2.8	3.1	140.3	4.0	3.9
Oct 08 (r)	137.3	3.6	3.3	136.5	3.6	3.2	140.6	3.8	3.8
<b>Nov 08 (p)</b>	<b>137.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>141.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
	LNMR	LNMV	LNNG	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Nov 06	128.1	4.7	5.1	128.5	4.2	4.3	127.5	4.5	4.6
Sep 07 (r)	131.4	2.4	3.2	133.5	4.7	4.4	133.0	5.1	4.8
Oct 07 (r)	131.7	2.6	2.6	133.0	3.6	4.3	132.1	3.7	4.6
Nov 07 (r)	132.7	3.6	2.9	134.1	4.4	4.2	133.6	4.7	4.5
Dec 07	133.3	4.2	3.5	134.1	3.7	3.9	133.3	3.8	4.1
Jan 08	133.2	3.7	3.8	134.7	3.9	4.0 (r)	134.0	4.0	4.2 (r)
Feb 08	133.2	3.1	3.7	135.4	3.7	3.8	134.8	3.6	3.8
Mar 08	134.6	4.4	3.8	135.9	4.9	4.2	135.4	5.3	4.3
Apr 08	133.9	3.0	3.5	135.6	4.0	4.2	134.8	4.1	4.4
May 08	134.8	3.3	3.6	135.8	3.5	4.2	135.0	3.7	4.4
Jun 08	134.4	2.5	2.9	136.3	3.7	3.8	135.8	4.0	3.9
Jul 08	134.8	2.8	2.8	136.8	3.9	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.8
Aug 08	135.0	2.9	2.7	137.2	3.4	3.7	136.5	3.4	3.7
Sep 08 (r)	135.3	3.0	2.9	137.7	3.2	3.5	136.9	3.0	3.4
Oct 08 (r)	135.6	2.9	2.9	138.1	3.9	3.5	137.3	3.9	3.4
<b>Nov 08 (p)</b>	<b>135.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

2. The 3 month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted index values for the last 3 months compared with the same period a year ago.

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 456120

A more detailed level of industry breakdown can be obtained from the Employment and Earnings dataset, which is available from the Time Series Data facility on the National Statistics website (see Background Note 1). This more detailed breakdown is only available not seasonally adjusted.

# EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

## 16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses<sup>1</sup>

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
	JQDW	JQDX	JQDY	JQEC	JQED	JQEE	JQDZ	JQEA	JQEB
Nov 06	128.7	3.6	3.8	128.1	3.8	3.9	130.9	3.0	3.1
Sep 07 (r)	132.6	3.6	3.7	132.2	3.6	3.8	134.6	3.3	3.2
Oct 07 (r)	133.0	3.5	3.6	132.5	3.5	3.7	135.1	3.6	3.5
Nov 07 (r)	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.3	3.4	3.4
Dec 07	133.8	3.7	3.6	133.3	3.7	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.6
Jan 08	134.1	3.6	3.7	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.3	3.6	3.6
Feb 08	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.3	3.9	3.7	136.7	3.9	3.7
Mar 08	135.2	3.8	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.2	3.9	3.8
Apr 08	135.5	3.9	3.9	135.0	3.9	3.9	137.9	4.2	4.0
May 08	135.7	3.6	3.8	135.2	3.6	3.8	137.9	3.7	3.9
Jun 08	136.1	3.6	3.7	135.8	3.7	3.7	137.7	3.4	3.7
Jul 08	136.7	3.8	3.7	136.2	3.8	3.7	138.7	4.0	3.7
Aug 08	137.0	3.5	3.6	136.4	3.4	3.6	139.1	3.6	3.7
Sep 08 (r)	137.4	3.6	3.6	136.8	3.5	3.6	139.9	4.0	3.9
Oct 08 (r)	137.9	3.7	3.6	137.4	3.7	3.5	140.1	3.7	3.8
<b>Nov 08 (p)</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
	JQEF	JQEG	JQEH	JQEL	JQEM	JQEN	JQEO	JQEP	JQEQ
Nov 06	128.4	4.3	4.4	129.0	3.7	3.8	128.3	4.0	4.1
Sep 07	132.2	3.4	3.7	133.1	3.8	3.8	132.6	3.9	4.1
Oct 07	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.4	3.6	3.8	132.8	3.6	3.9
Nov 07 (r)	133.2	3.7	3.5	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.5	4.0	3.9
Dec 07	133.5	3.9	3.7	134.3	3.9	3.8	133.7	3.9	3.9 (r)
Jan 08	133.7	3.7	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08	134.0	3.5	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.8	4.1	4.0
Mar 08	134.3	3.3	3.5	135.9	4.3	4.0	135.3	4.4	4.1
Apr 08	134.4	2.9	3.2	136.1	4.3	4.2	135.7	4.4	4.3
May 08	134.7	3.2	3.1	136.3	3.8	4.1	135.7	3.8	4.2
Jun 08	134.8	2.7	2.9	136.8	3.8	3.9	136.5	4.0	4.1
Jul 08	135.2	2.7	2.9	137.3	4.1	3.9	137.0	4.1	4.0
Aug 08	135.3	2.5	2.7	137.7	3.7	3.8	137.2	3.8	3.9
Sep 08	135.1	2.2	2.5	138.1	3.8	3.9	137.6	3.8	3.9
Oct 08 (r)	135.8	2.2	2.3	138.7	4.0	3.8	138.2	4.0	3.9
<b>Nov 08 (p)</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>

For footnotes and contact details - see Table 15.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

## 17 Productivity and unit wage costs

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy		Manufacturing				
	Unit Wage Costs	Output per Worker	Unit Wage Costs		Output per filled job		
			% changes year on year		% changes year on year		
	% change over year	% change over year	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average	
LOJE	A4YN	LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV		
			Nov 06	1.1	1.6	3.5	3.5
			Nov 07 (r)	-0.4	-1.2	4.0	4.1
			Dec 07 (r)	0.3	-0.6	3.9	4.1
2006 Q3	2.5	2.0 (r)	Jan 08 (r)	-0.2	-0.1	3.9	3.9
2006 Q4	1.2	2.1	Feb 08 (r)	-1.6	-0.5	4.8	4.2
			Mar 08 (r)	1.0	-0.3	3.3	4.0
2007 Q1 (r)	3.1	2.4	Apr 08 (r)	0.7	0.0	2.3	3.5
2007 Q2	1.0	2.2 (r)	May 08 (r)	1.5	1.1	1.7	2.5
2007 Q3	1.1	2.6	Jun 08 (r)	1.8	1.3	0.6	1.6
2007 Q4	1.9	1.8	Jul 08 (r)	1.9	1.7	0.9	1.1
			Aug 08 (r)	2.4	2.0	0.5	0.7
2008 Q1 (r)	1.5	1.0	Sep 08 (r)	2.8	2.4	0.2	0.5
2008 Q2 (r)	2.2	0.7	Oct 08 (r)	4.0	3.1	-1.1	-0.1
<b>2008 Q3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

Sources: Whole Economy - National Accounts and Productivity Jobs

Manufacturing - Index of Production, Productivity Jobs and Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey

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## 18(1) Regional labour market summary

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey<sup>1</sup> (September to November 2008)

	Labour Force Survey <sup>1</sup> (September to November 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men		Women	Total	Men		Women				
	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	2,080	1,268	77.2	687	581	1,164	70.7	625	73.9	539	67.2	104	8.2	62	9.1	42	7.2
North West	5,498	3,390	77.2	1,822	1,568	3,134	71.2	1,669	73.7	1,464	68.4	256	7.6	152	8.4	104	6.6
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,184	2,608	77.7	1,428	1,179	2,431	72.3	1,322	76.1	1,109	68.1	177	6.8	106	7.5	70	6.0
East Midlands	3,573	2,305	81.1	1,259	1,046	2,172	76.3	1,181	79.9	991	72.3	133	5.8	79	6.2	54	5.2
West Midlands	4,299	2,648	77.5	1,453	1,195	2,461	71.9	1,337	75.9	1,124	67.4	187	7.1	116	7.9	71	6.0
East	4,567	2,984	82.1	1,618	1,366	2,823	77.5	1,517	81.1	1,306	73.5	161	5.4	101	6.2	60	4.4
London	6,104	4,050	76.9	2,246	1,804	3,752	71.1	2,085	77.7	1,667	64.1	298	7.4	161	7.2	137	7.6
South East	6,671	4,426	83.0	2,401	2,026	4,219	79.0	2,278	83.5	1,940	74.2	208	4.7	122	5.1	85	4.2
South West	4,227	2,711	82.5	1,447	1,264	2,583	78.5	1,370	80.9	1,213	75.8	128	4.7	77	5.3	51	4.0
<b>England</b>	<b>41,203</b>	<b>26,391</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>14,362</b>	<b>12,029</b>	<b>24,739</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Wales	2,407	1,436	76.2	763	673	1,338	70.8	700	72.5	637	68.9	98	6.8	63	8.3	35	5.2
Scotland	4,193	2,672	79.8	1,413	1,260	2,534	75.6	1,333	78.6	1,202	72.3	138	5.2	80	5.7	58	4.6
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>47,802</b>	<b>30,499</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>16,538</b>	<b>13,961</b>	<b>28,611</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>15,418</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>13,193</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Northern Ireland	1,373	817	72.8	448	369	783	69.7	422	73.5	361	65.6	34	4.2	27	5.9	8	2.1
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>49,176</b>	<b>31,316</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>16,986</b>	<b>14,329</b>	<b>29,393</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>5.4</b>

### Change on quarter:<sup>4</sup>

	Labour Force Survey <sup>1</sup> (September to November 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men		Women	Total	Men		Women				
	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
North East	2	20	1.1	22	-3	11	0.6	17	1.7	-6	-0.7	8	0.5	5	0.4	4	0.6
North West	8	24	0.2	0	24	-12	-0.6	-19	-1.0	7	-0.2	36	1.0	19	1.0	17	1.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	11	-22	-0.8	-7	-15	-36	-1.2	-11	-1.0	-25	-1.5	14	0.6	4	0.3	10	0.9
East Midlands	11	18	0.4	9	9	28	0.8	11	0.5	16	1.1	-10	-0.5	-3	-0.2	-7	-0.7
West Midlands	6	14	0.3	0	14	-4	-0.3	-6	-0.4	3	-0.1	18	0.6	6	0.4	12	0.9
East	13	25	0.5	16	9	7	0.0	-4	-0.6	10	0.6	19	0.6	20	1.2	-1	-0.1
London	12	8	0.1	5	3	14	0.3	16	0.6	-3	0.0	-6	-0.2	-11	-0.5	5	0.3
South East	15	-18	-0.1	13	-32	-26	-0.2	7	0.3	-33	-0.8	7	0.2	6	0.2	1	0.1
South West	12	32	0.5	2	30	13	-0.1	-16	-1.3	30	1.2	19	0.7	19	1.3	0	-0.1
<b>England</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Wales	4	0	-0.3	-4	4	-14	-1.1	-14	-1.6	0	-0.5	13	0.9	10	1.3	3	0.5
Scotland	5	10	0.0	5	5	-4	-0.4	-6	-0.6	3	-0.3	13	0.5	11	0.8	3	0.2
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Northern Ireland	3	-6	-0.5	-2	-4	-5	-0.4	-5	-0.8	0	0.1	-1	-0.1	3	0.6	-3	-0.9
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0.3</b>

### Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey <sup>1</sup> (September to November 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men		Women	Total	Men		Women				
	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
North East	11	28	1.1	24	4	-3	-0.8	7	0.0	-10	-1.8	31	2.3	17	2.2	14	2.4
North West	24	13	-0.1	-12	25	-42	-1.4	-38	-2.2	-4	-0.5	56	1.6	26	1.5	29	1.8
Yorkshire & the Humber	38	14	-0.4	10	4	-24	-1.5	-9	-1.6	-15	-1.5	39	1.4	19	1.3	19	1.6
East Midlands	37	40	0.8	29	11	25	0.3	14	0.0	11	0.6	14	0.5	15	1.1	0	-0.1
West Midlands	23	-13	-0.5	-3	-9	-37	-1.2	-28	-1.8	-9	-0.5	24	0.9	25	1.7	0	0.0
East	46	41	0.2	19	22	13	-0.6	-9	-1.7	23	0.7	27	0.9	28	1.7	-1	-0.1
London	54	103	1.3	35	67	71	0.7	25	0.2	46	1.3	32	0.6	10	0.4	22	0.9
South East	59	27	0.2	39	-12	21	0.2	26	0.3	-5	0.1	6	0.1	13	0.5	-7	-0.3
South West	50	50	0.3	18	32	19	-0.6	-5	-1.4	24	0.3	30	1.1	23	1.5	7	0.5
<b>England</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Wales	13	9	-0.1	-8	17	-16	-1.6	-34	-3.8	18	0.9	25	1.7	25	3.4	0	-0.2
Scotland	24	-2	-0.7	8	-10	-8	-0.9	-2	-0.5	-5	-1.4	6	0.2	10	0.7	-4	-0.3
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Northern Ireland	14	0	-0.4	2	-2	0	-0.3	-3	-1.0	3	0.5	-1	-0.1	5	1.1	-5	-1.5
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0.5</b>

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

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

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

Further regional and local area Labour Market statistics are available. See Background Note 1 for details.

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## 18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

	Employer Surveys <sup>1</sup>			Jobcentre Plus administrative system <sup>1</sup>					
	Civilian workforce jobs (September 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count <sup>2</sup> (December 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 5	Level 6	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 7	Level 8	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 9
North East	1,147	611	536	67.2	5.4	51.6	7.8	15.6	2.7
North West	3,409	1,840	1,569	150.1	4.3	115.2	6.1	34.9	2.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,523	1,345	1,178	115.7	4.4	88.7	6.2	27.0	2.2
East Midlands	2,144	1,148	996	81.4	3.7	60.9	5.1	20.5	2.0
West Midlands	2,628	1,398	1,230	134.1	4.8	101.3	6.7	32.8	2.6
East	2,816	1,506	1,310	83.8	2.9	61.6	4.0	22.2	1.7
London	4,729	2,585	2,144	160.8	3.4	111.1	4.2	49.7	2.3
South East	4,354	2,277	2,077	104.9	2.4	77.1	3.3	27.8	1.3
South West	2,676	1,392	1,284	65.5	2.4	48.6	3.4	16.9	1.3
<b>England</b>	<b>26,426</b>	<b>14,101</b>	<b>12,325</b>	<b>963.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>716.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Wales	1,346	691	655	60.2	4.2	46.1	6.0	14.1	2.1
Scotland	2,698	1,384	1,314	97.6	3.5	74.2	5.1	23.4	1.8
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>30,469</b>	<b>16,176</b>	<b>14,294</b>	<b>1121.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>836.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>284.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Northern Ireland	840	448	392	35.9	4.1	28.3	6.0	7.6	1.9
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>31,309</b>	<b>16,624</b>	<b>14,686</b>	<b>1157.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>864.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>292.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>

### Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys <sup>1</sup>			Jobcentre Plus administrative system <sup>1</sup>					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on September 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count <sup>2</sup> (Change on November 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 5	Level 6	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 7	Level 8	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 9
North East	-13	-3	-10	4.2	0.3	3.5	0.5	0.7	0.1
North West	-9	15	-24	8.9	0.3	7.2	0.4	1.7	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	-26	-23	-3	8.6	0.3	7.2	0.5	1.4	0.1
East Midlands	-36	-15	-21	6.5	0.3	5.3	0.4	1.2	0.1
West Midlands	-17	-15	-2	9.1	0.3	7.5	0.5	1.6	0.1
East	22	-6	28	6.6	0.2	5.2	0.3	1.4	0.1
London	23	15	8	8.0	0.2	5.7	0.2	2.3	0.1
South East	-26	-36	10	8.6	0.2	6.9	0.3	1.7	0.1
South West	29	17	13	5.6	0.2	4.5	0.3	1.1	0.1
<b>England</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Wales	-16	-24	8	4.6	0.3	3.7	0.5	0.9	0.1
Scotland	2	-9	10	5.4	0.2	4.1	0.3	1.3	0.1
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Northern Ireland	1	1	0	1.8	0.2	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.1
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>-67</b>	<b>-83</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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

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

Further regional and local area Labour Market statistics are available. See Background Note 1 for details.

# REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

## 19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT on 8 January 2009 (seasonally adjusted)					
		Latest period	Employment rate (%) <sup>1,2</sup>	Change on year %			Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Change on period %	Change on year %
<b>European Union (EU)</b>					<b>European Union (EU)</b>					
Austria	YXSN	Jul-Sep 08	72.8	0.3	Austria	ZXDS	Nov 08	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Belgium	YXSO	Jul-Sep 08	62.6	0.5	Belgium	ZXDI	Nov 08	7.0	0.0	-0.1
Bulgaria	A495	Jul-Sep 08	65.0	2.3	Bulgaria	A492	Nov 08	5.1	0.0	-0.9
Cyprus	A4AC	Jul-Sep 08	71.0	-0.3	Cyprus	A4AN	Nov 08	3.9	0.0	0.1
Czech Republic	A4AD	Jul-Sep 08	66.7	0.4	Czech Republic	A4AO	Nov 08	4.5	0.1	-0.3
Denmark	YXSP	Jul-Sep 08	78.6	1.5	Denmark	ZXDJ	Nov 08	4.1	0.3	0.8
Estonia	A4AE	Jul-Sep 08	70.4	0.2	Estonia	A4AP	Nov 08	8.3	0.6	4.2
Finland	YXSQ	Jul-Sep 08	72.1	0.4	Finland	ZXDU	Nov 08	6.4	0.0	-0.2
France	YXSR	Jul-Sep 08	65.7	0.6	France	ZXDN	Nov 08	7.9	0.1	0.1
Germany	YXSS	Jul-Sep 08	71.3	1.4	Germany	ZXDK	Nov 08	7.1	0.0	-0.9
Greece	YXST	Jul-Sep 08	62.2	0.4	Greece	ZXDL	2008 Q3	7.5	0.0	-0.7
Hungary	A4AF	Jul-Sep 08	57.3	-0.4	Hungary	A4AQ	Nov 08	8.3	0.3	0.6
Ireland	YXSU	Jul-Sep 08	68.0	-1.9	Ireland	ZXDO	Nov 08	7.9	0.5	3.2
Italy	YXSV	Jul-Sep 08	59.0	-0.1	Italy	ZXDP	2008 Q3	6.7	-0.1	0.5
Latvia	A4AG	Apr-Jun 08	69.5	1.9	Latvia	A4AR	Nov 08	9.0	0.8	3.6
Lithuania	A4AH	Jul-Sep 08	65.0	-1.1	Lithuania	A4AS	Nov 08	7.0	0.7	2.8
Luxembourg	YXSW	Jul-Sep 08	64.3	-0.4	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Nov 08	4.6	0.0	0.5
Malta	A4AI	Apr-Jun 08	55.2	0.0	Malta	A4AT	Nov 08	5.8	0.1	-0.4
Netherlands	YXSX	Jul-Sep 08	77.5	1.0	Netherlands	ZXDR	Nov 08	2.7	0.0	-0.2
Poland	A4AJ	Jul-Sep 08	60.0	2.2	Poland	A4AU	Nov 08	6.5	0.0	-2.0
Portugal	YXSX	Jul-Sep 08	68.1	0.0	Portugal	ZXDT	Nov 08	7.8	0.0	0.1
Romania	A494	Jul-Sep 08	60.5	0.0	Romania	A48Z	2008 Q3	5.8	0.1	-0.6
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Jul-Sep 08	63.1	2.4	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Nov 08	9.1	0.1	-1.4
Slovenia	A4AL	Jul-Sep 08	70.1	1.1	Slovenia	A4AW	Nov 08	4.3	0.0	-0.3
Spain	YXSZ	Jul-Sep 08	64.5	-1.5	Spain	ZXDM	Nov 08	13.4	0.6	4.8
Sweden	YXTA	Jul-Sep 08	75.7	0.0	Sweden	ZXDV	Nov 08	7.0	0.3	1.1
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Jul-Sep 08	71.5	-0.1	United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	ZXDW	Sep 08	5.9	0.1	0.7
<b>Total EU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>A496</b>	<b>Apr-Jun 08</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>Total EU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>A493</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Eurozone <sup>5</sup>	YXTC	Apr-Jun 08	66.3	0.5	Eurozone <sup>5</sup>	ZXDH	Nov 08	7.8	0.1	0.6
<b>As published by national statistical offices</b>					<b>As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)</b>					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Oct-Dec 08	73.3	-0.5	Canada	ZXDZ	Dec 08	6.6	0.3	0.6
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Jul-Sep 08	70.8	0.0	Japan	ZXDY	Nov 08	3.9	0.2	0.1
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Sep-Nov 08	74.2	-0.5	United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	MGSX	Sep-Nov 08	6.1	0.4	0.9
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Oct-Dec 08	69.9	-1.6	United States	ZXDX	Dec 08	7.2	0.4	2.3

Sources: Eurostat, national statistical offices.  
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1. The UK employment rate shown in the lower part of the table - as published by the Office for National Statistics - is seasonally adjusted; all other employment rates are unadjusted.

2. All employment rates for EU countries published by EUROSTAT (including the rate for the UK) are based on the population aged 15-64. The rates for Canada and Japan are also based on the population aged 15-64, but the rate for the US is for those aged 16-64. The employment rate for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics is based on the working age population aged 16-64 (men) and 16-59 (women) and therefore takes account of both the current school leaving age and state pension ages.

3. Unemployment rates published by EUROSTAT for most EU countries (but not for the UK), are calculated by extrapolating from the most recent LFS data using monthly registered unemployment data. A standard population basis (15-74) is used by EUROSTAT except for Spain and the UK (16-74). The unemployment rate for the US is based on those aged 16 and over, but the rates for Canada and Japan are for those aged 15 and over. All unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.

4. The unemployment rate for the UK published by EUROSTAT is based on the population aged 16-74 whilst the unemployment rate for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics is based on those aged 16 and over. There are other minor definitional differences.

5. The "Total EU" series consists of all 27 EU countries. The Eurozone figures shown in this table consist of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain. The Slovak Republic joined the Eurozone on 1 January 2009 and it will be included in the Eurozone figures published in this table from the March 2009 First Release (when figures for January 2009 will be shown in the table).

## LABOUR DISPUTES

### 20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost (thousands)	Number of stoppages <sup>1</sup>	Workers involved (thousands) <sup>1</sup>
		BBFW	BLUU	BLUT
<b>2006</b>	Nov	23	16	8
<b>2007</b>	Nov	17	10	5
	Dec	68	6	43
<b>2008</b>	Jan (p)	4	10	3
	Feb (p)	12	10	14
	Mar (p)	67	9	39
	Apr (p)	145	21	153
	May (p)	2	11	2
	Jun (p)	8	18	6
	Jul (p)	368	13	234
	Aug (p)	73	14	89
	Sep (p)	68	9	84
	Oct (p)	5	17	5
	<b>Nov (p)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
Cumulative totals 12 months to:				
	Nov 07	984	151	709
	<b>Nov 08 (p)</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>552</b>

Source: Labour Disputes Inquiry  
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1. The latest 12 month cumulative totals for these columns will not necessarily equal the sum of the 12 months as some disputes continue for over one month. These disputes appear in each month's data, but only once in the total.

# VACANCIES

## 21 Vacancies<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates		Three month rolling average estimates		
		Level		Vacancy ratio <sup>2</sup>		
		AP2X		AP2Y	AP2Z	
<b>2006</b>	Dec	606		603		2.3
<b>2007</b>	Dec	(r) 678		(r) 682		2.6
<b>2008</b>	Jan	676		Nov-Jan 2008	676	2.6
	Feb	689		Dec-Feb 2008	679	2.6
	Mar	691		Jan-Mar 2008	687	2.6
	Apr	666		Feb-Apr 2008	682	2.6
	May	652		Mar-May 2008	670	2.6
	Jun	632		Apr-Jun 2008	649	2.5
	Jul	607		May-Jul 2008	629	2.4
	Aug	596		Jun-Aug 2008	611	2.3
	Sep	(r) 601		Jul-Sep 2008	(r) 599	2.3
	Oct	(r) 551		Aug-Oct 2008	(r) 582	2.2
	Nov	520		Sep-Nov 2008	(r) 559	2.1
	<b>Dec</b>	<b>(p) 512</b>		<b>Oct-Dec 2008 (p)</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>2.0</b>
	<i>Change on month</i>	-8		<i>Change on quarter</i>	-69 *	-0.3 *
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.5		<i>Change %</i>	-11.6 *	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-166		<i>Change on year</i>	-153	-0.6
	<i>Change %</i>	-24.5		<i>Change %</i>	-22.4	

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

\* Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

Data source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

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The three-month averages shown differ slightly from the corresponding averages of individual monthly estimates. This is because the two series have been seasonally adjusted independently.

## 22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Three month rolling average estimates

SIC2003 sections	All vacancies <sup>1</sup> C-O	Energy and water <sup>2</sup> C, E	Manu- facturing D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comm- unications I	Finance & business services J-K	Education, health & public admin <sup>3</sup> L-N	Other services <sup>2</sup> O	Total services G-O
<b>Levels (thousands)</b>										
Oct-Dec 2006	603	4	49	20	171	41	164	132	24	531
Oct-Dec 2007	(r) 682	4	58	24	192	48	172	156	28	596
Nov-Jan 2008	676	4	58	23	196	47	169	154	26	591
Dec-Feb 2008	679	5	58	24	197	46	168	153	29	593
Jan-Mar 2008	687	5	57	23	199	47	166	154	35	602
Feb-Apr 2008	682	5	55	24	196	46	164	156	36	599
Mar-May 2008	670	5	54	23	189	45	160	158	36	588
Apr-Jun 2008	649	5	53	22	181	44	155	158	32	568
May-Jul 2008	629	5	51	21	177	42	147	157	29	552
Jun-Aug 2008	611	5	50	19	169	40	142	157	29	538
Jul-Sep 2008	(r) 599	5	46	18	162	38	142	160	28	530
Aug-Oct 2008	(r) 582	5	44	15	158	35	136	159	31	518
Sep-Nov 2008	(r) 559	4	38	15	151	33	127	160	31	502
<b>Oct-Dec 2008</b>	<b>(p) 530</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>478</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	* -69	-1	-12	-5	-17	-5	-29	-2	0	-52
<i>Change %</i>	* -11.6	-14.3	-25.4	-26.5	-10.4	-12.9	-20.1	-1.0	-0.7	-9.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-153	0	-24	-11	-47	-15	-59	3	-1	-119
<i>Change %</i>	-22.4	7.7	-40.9	-44.6	-24.4	-31.3	-34.1	1.8	-2.5	-19.9
	AP2Z	AP3B	AP3C	AP3D	AP3E	AP3F	AP3G	AP3H	AP3I	AP3J
<b>Ratio per 100 employee jobs</b>										
Oct-Dec 2006	2.3	2.1	1.5	1.5	2.7	2.6	3.2	1.9	1.7	2.5
Oct-Dec 2007	(r) 2.6	2.2	1.8	1.9	3.0	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.8
Nov-Jan 2008	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	1.9	2.8
Dec-Feb 2008	2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.8
Jan-Mar 2008	2.6	2.8	1.7	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Feb-Apr 2008	2.6	2.9	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Mar-May 2008	2.6	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.8
Apr-Jun 2008	2.5	2.8	1.6	1.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.7
May-Jul 2008	2.4	2.8	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.6
Jun-Aug 2008	2.3	2.8	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.5
Jul-Sep 2008	(r) 2.3	2.8	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.5
Aug-Oct 2008	(r) 2.2	2.6	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.4
Sep-Nov 2008	(r) 2.1	2.5	1.2	1.1	2.4	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.4
<b>Oct-Dec 2008</b>	<b>(p) 2.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	* -0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.6	0.2	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-1.0	-1.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.6

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Not seasonally adjusted. 'Energy and water' and 'other services' do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series.

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

\* Change on previous non-overlapping three month rolling average time period.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

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# REDUNDANCIES

## 23 Redundancies levels and rates<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Level (000s)	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Level (000s)	Rate <sup>1</sup>
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Sep-Nov 2006	137	5.4	90	7.0	47	3.8
Sep-Nov 2007	124	4.9	71	5.5	53	4.3
Dec-Feb 2008	109	4.3	71	5.5	38	3.0
Mar-May 2008	120	4.7	74	5.7	46	3.7
Jun-Aug 2008	147	5.8	89	6.8	58	4.7
<b>Sep-Nov 2008</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>1.4</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>52.9</i>		<i>67.2</i>		<i>31.0</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>1.8</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>81.2</i>		<i>108.9</i>		<i>43.9</i>	

1. The redundancy rate is based on the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.

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

## 24 Redundancies by industry<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	All redundancies <sup>2</sup>	Agriculture, fishing, energy & water (A-C,E)	Manufacturing industries (D)	Construction (F)	Distribution, hotels and restaurants (G,H)	Transport and communication (I)	Finance and business services (J-K)	Education, health & public administration <sup>3</sup> (L-N)	Total services <sup>4</sup> (G-O)
<b>People</b>	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Jul-Sep 2006	136	*	40	13	27	*	19	17	79
Jul-Sep 2007	128	*	37	*	27	10	31	14	82
Oct-Dec 2007	110	*	28	10	24	*	23	11	71
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
Apr-Jun 2008	121	*	24	13	28	12	21	11	80
<b>Jul-Sep 2008</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>94</b>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>21.3</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-28.4</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>-12.5</i>	<i>14.3</i>

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. The estimates in this table are not directly comparable with those at Table 23 as they are non seasonally adjusted and for calendar quarters only whereas the estimates at Table 23 are seasonally adjusted and for rolling three-monthly time periods. Further redundancy estimates, including historical data for redundancy rates by industry, region, and age group as well as re-employment rates by age group, are available at: [www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474)

2. The level of each industry may not sum to the total as all redundancies includes those people who did not state their industry.

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

4. Other Services are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable redundancy estimates.

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