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This month's figures show an increase 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 fallen. The inactivity rate and the number of inactive people of working age have both fallen. The number of vacancies has increased. Growth in average earnings excluding bonuses has increased but earnings growth including bonuses has fallen.

In the latest reference period; the working age employment rate was 74.7 per cent, up 0.3 percentage points on the previous quarter. The number of people in employment increased by 175,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people fell by 61,000 over the quarter.

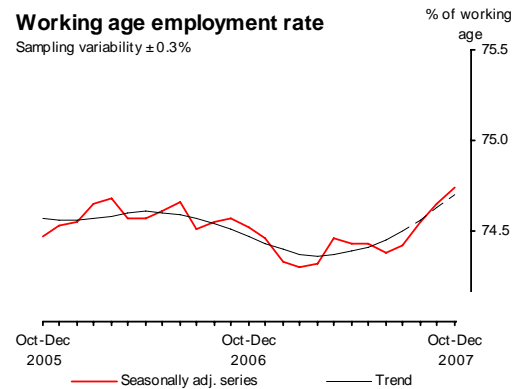
The claimant count was 794,600, down 10,800 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 677,400, up 7,300 from the previous quarter.

The AEI - including bonuses - was 3.8 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. The AEI - excluding bonuses - was 3.7 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month.

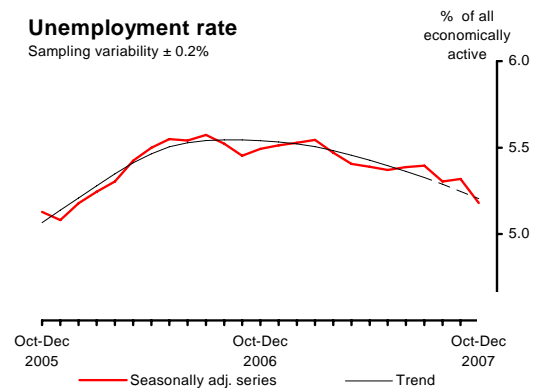
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability ± 0.3%



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability ± 0.2%



UK data, seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise stated

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+		
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates	
Employment*	Oct-Dec 07	29,398	74.7	175	0.3	± 98	± 0.3	
Unemployment**	Oct-Dec 07	1,606	5.2	-61	-0.2	± 62	± 0.2	
Economically active*	Oct-Dec 07	31,004	79.0	114	0.2	± 92	± 0.2	
Economically inactive***	Oct-Dec 07	7,919	21.0	-54	-0.2	± 84	± 0.2	
<i>Of which:</i>								
Not wanting a job	Oct-Dec 07	5,823		-58		± 41		
Wanting a job	Oct-Dec 07	2,095		4		± 41		
Claimant count	Jan 2008	794.6	2.5	-10.8	0.0			
Workforce jobs	Sep 2007	31,599		63		..		
Vacancies**	Nov-Jan 08	677.4	2.6	7.3	0.0	
GB Average earnings								
- including bonuses	Oct-Dec 07		3.8 [#]		-0.2	± 1.2 ^{##}	± 0.4 ^{###}	
- excluding bonuses	Oct-Dec 07		3.7 [#]		0.1	± 0.7 ^{##}	± 0.2 ^{###}	

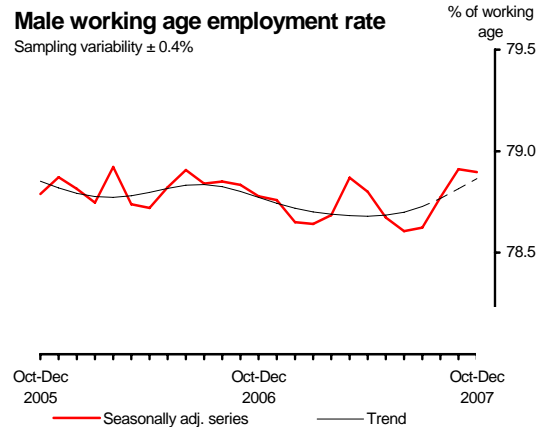
For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

New this month: October to December 2007 latest three-month average LFS results, average earnings index; December 2007 manufacturing productivity and unit wage costs, manufacturing jobs, labour disputes; January 2008 claimant count; November 2007 to January 2008 vacancies.



Employment (tables 2 to 4)

The working age employment rate was 74.7 per cent in the three months to December 2007, up 0.3 percentage points from the three months to September 2007 and up 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.40 million in the three months to December 2007, up 175,000 from the three months to September 2007 and up 296,000 on a year earlier.



The number of people in full-time employment was 21.89 million in the three months to December 2007, up 105,000 from the three months to September 2007. Of this total, 14.09 million were men, up 50,000 over the quarter, and 7.80 million were women, up 55,000 over the quarter.



The number of people in part-time employment was 7.51 million in the three months to December 2007, up 70,000 from the three months to September 2007. Of this total, 1.79 million were men and 5.73 million were women.

The number of people in public sector employment was 5.77 million in September 2007, down 15,000 from June 2007.

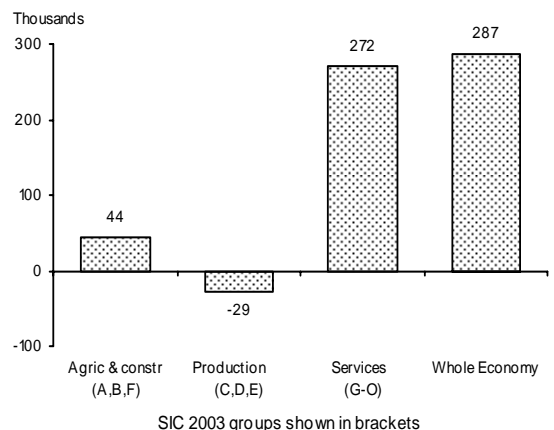
The number of people in private sector employment was 23.52 million, up 128,000 from June 2007.

Jobs (tables 5 to 6)

There were 31.60 million workforce jobs in September 2007, up 63,000 over the quarter and up 287,000 on a year earlier. Most sectors showed increases in jobs over the year. The sector showing the largest annual increase in jobs was Finance & Business Services, which increased by 201,000.

Workforce jobs by industry - September 2007

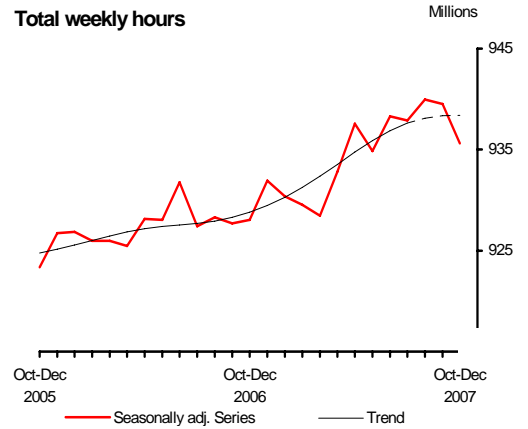
Change on year from September 2006





Hours (tables 7 and 8)

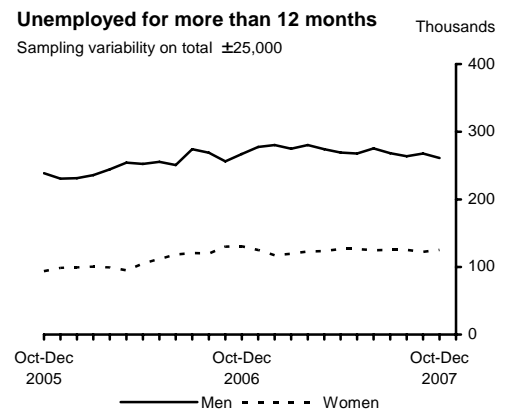
Total hours worked per week were 935.6 million in the three months to December 2007, down 2.3 million from the three months to September 2007. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to December 2007 were 31.9, down 0.3 from the three months to September 2007.



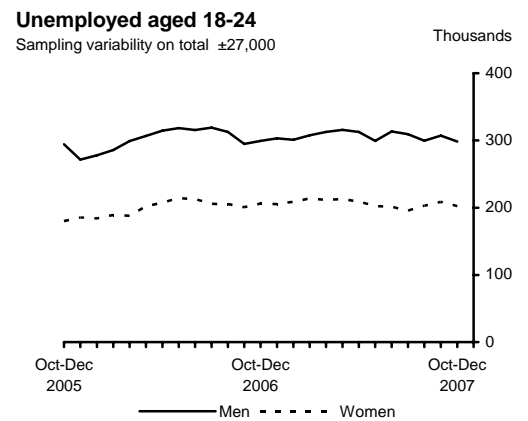
Unemployment (table 9)

The unemployment rate was 5.2 per cent in the three months to December 2007, down 0.2 percentage points from the three months to September 2007 and down 0.3 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.61 million in the three months to December 2007, down 61,000 from the three months to September 2007 and down 86,000 from a year earlier.



The number of unemployed men was 912,000 in the three months to December 2007, down 38,000 from the three months to September 2007. The number of unemployed women was 694,000 in the three months to December 2007, down 23,000 from the three months to September 2007.

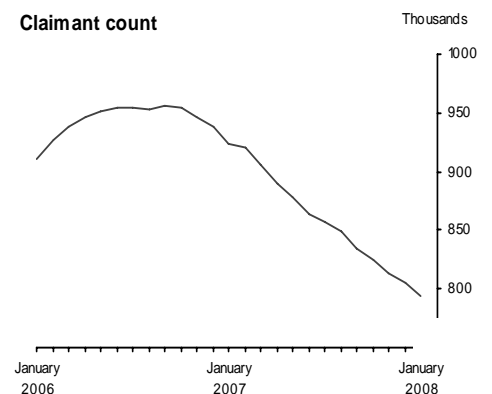


The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 386,000 in the three months to December 2007, down 7,000 from the three months to September 2007.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 501,000 in the three months to December 2007, down 4,000 from the three months to September 2007.

Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

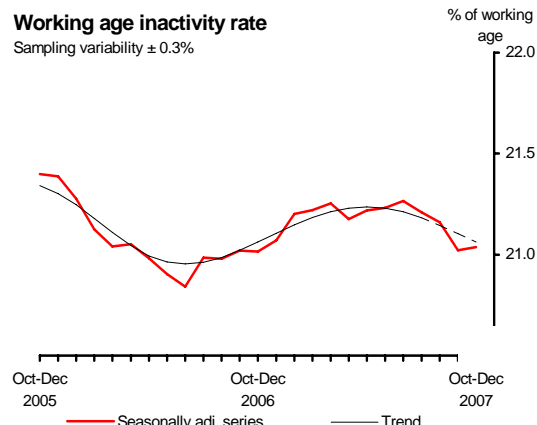
The claimant count in January 2008 was 794,600, down 10,800 on the previous month and down 128,500 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in January 2008 was 2.5 per cent, unchanged from the previous month but down 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier.





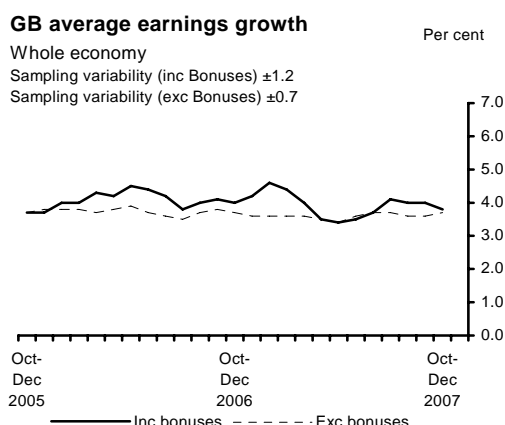
Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 21.0 per cent in the three months to December 2007, down 0.2 percentage points on the three months to September 2007 but unchanged from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age decreased by 54,000 over the quarter but increased by 51,000 over the year to reach 7.92 million in the three months to December 2007.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to December 2007, whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, increased by 3.7 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. Including bonuses, the increase was 3.8 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month.



The corresponding figures for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

3.7 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points;
3.5 per cent including bonuses, up 0.7 percentage points.

Services

3.8 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point;
3.9 per cent including bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points.

Public sector

3.6 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points;
3.3 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Private sector

3.7 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point;
4.0 per cent including bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points.

Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 2.6 per cent higher in the third quarter of 2007 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 1.5 per cent over the same period.



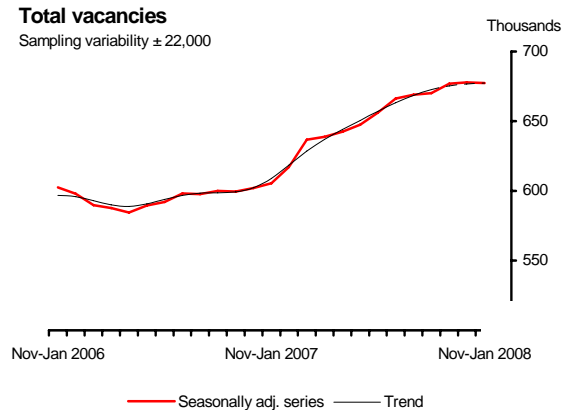
Manufacturing productivity rose by 2.0 per cent in the three months to December 2007 compared with a year earlier. Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 1.4 per cent over the same period.

Production industry employee jobs (table 6)

There were 2.91 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to December 2007, down 31,000 on the same period a year earlier. Mining, energy and water supply industries jobs increased by 4,000 over the same period to reach 167,000.

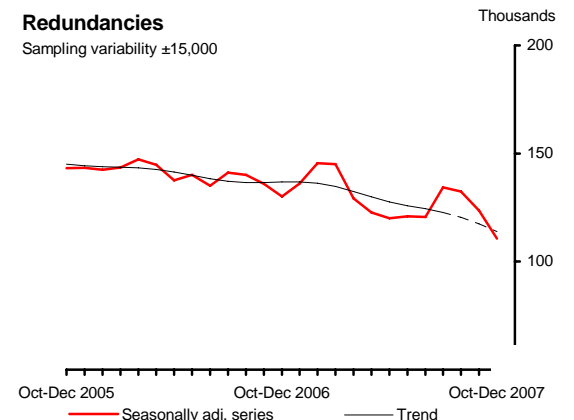
Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 677,400 job vacancies in the three months to January 2008, up 7,300 from the previous three months and up 72,000 from the same period a year earlier. There were 2.6 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, unchanged from the previous quarter.



Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to December 2007, 111,000 people reported they had been made redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, down 24,000 from the three months to September 2007. The redundancy rate was 4.4 per 1,000 employees, down 1.0 from the three months to September 2007.



Labour disputes (table 20)

In December 2007, there were 68,000 working days lost due to labour disputes. In the twelve months to December 2007, there were 1,034,000 working days lost.

BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

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

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

Detailed information about sampling variability and trends can be found in the following pages.

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 AEI data first published from February 2002 to January 2007. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from March 2000 to December 2004. 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 (%)	74.7	60	-0.03	0.06
Unemployment rate (%)	5.2	60	0.01*	0.01*
Claimant count (000s)	794.6	60	0.33	2.37
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.8	60	0.02	0.10

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)	31,599	20	643.8*	643.8*

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

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 changes in this release.

NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

No significant changes are planned for next month's release.

SPECIAL

Population estimates in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) data

On 22 August 2007 ONS published the 2006-based mid-year population estimates for the UK, along with revisions to the mid-year estimates for 2002 to 2005. These were followed by the 2007 Quarter 2 experimental quarterly population estimates for England and Wales on 13 September 2007. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates (from July-September 2000) from the November 2007 First Release. On 23 October 2007 ONS published 2006-based national population projections for the UK and its constituent countries. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates (from July-September 2006) from the December 2007 First Release.

The LFS estimates have been updated to include the new population estimates using the interim reweighting

adjustment methodology developed to take account of the 2001 Census results. Details of this methodology were published in the December 2002 edition of *Labour Market Trends*, which is available on the website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/labour_market_trends/Interim_ifs_estimates_Dec2002.pdf

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

Some of the data 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 figures: October to December 2007

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,398	± 135	175	± 98	296	± 174
Employment rate	74.7%	± 0.3	0.3	± 0.3	0.2	± 0.4
Average weekly hours worked – all workers	31.9	± 0.1	-0.3	± 0.2	-0.1	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,606	± 59	-61	± 62	-86	± 82
Unemployment rate	5.2%	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,004	± 127	114	± 92	211	± 164
Economic Activity rate	79.0%	± 0.3	0.2	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,919	± 119	-54	± 84	51	± 154
Economic Inactivity rate	21.0%	± 0.3	-0.2	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.4
Inactive, Not wanting job (000s)	5,823	± 58	-58	± 41	52	± 75
Inactive, Wanting a job (000s)	2,095	± 58	4	± 41	-1	± 75
Redundancies (000s)	111	± 15	-24	± 22	-19	± 22

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures: October to December 2007

	Empl- oyment Level (000s)	Unem- ployment Level (000s)	Econ- omically Active Level (000s)	Working age Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Working age Employment Rate (%)	Unem- ployment Rate (%)
North East	± 37	± 11	± 36	± 37	± 1.9	± 0.9
North West	± 61	± 19	± 60	± 60	± 1.2	± 0.6
Yorks & Humber	± 52	± 17	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.7
East Midlands	± 42	± 14	± 42	± 45	± 1.3	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 54	± 18	± 53	± 53	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 53	± 17	± 53	± 50	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 70	± 27	± 67	± 68	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 62	± 19	± 61	± 56	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 51	± 14	± 51	± 48	± 1.2	± 0.5
Wales	± 41	± 12	± 40	± 41	± 1.8	± 0.9
Scotland	± 52	± 16	± 51	± 49	± 1.3	± 0.6

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index

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

December 2007

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.7	±0.7	3.8	± 1.2
Private sector	3.7	±1.1	4.0	± 1.5
Public sector	3.6	±0.7	3.3	± 1.0
Manufacturing	3.7	±1.2	3.5	± 1.9
Services	3.8	±0.8	3.9	± 1.5
of which: Private sector services	3.9	±1.1	4.1	± 1.9

¹ The data exclude the payment of arrears of pay.

An article explaining how the sampling variability data for the Average Earnings Index are derived is available on the National Statistics website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/labour_market_trends/AE_L_estimates_apr2002.pdf.

Sampling variability of the Vacancy Survey

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.

Sampling variability of Vacancy Survey results

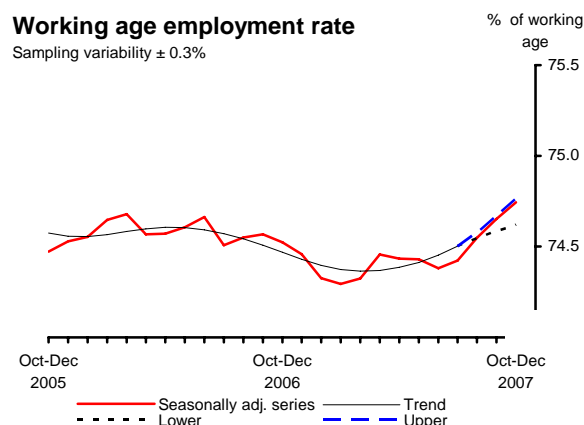
	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Nov 2007-Jan 2008 average total vacancies Level (000s)	677.4	± 22	72.0	± 18
Vacancy ratio (per 100 employee jobs)	2.6	± 0.1	0.3	± 0.1
January 2008 single month estimate Level (000s)	682.3	± 38	54.6	± 30

TRENDS

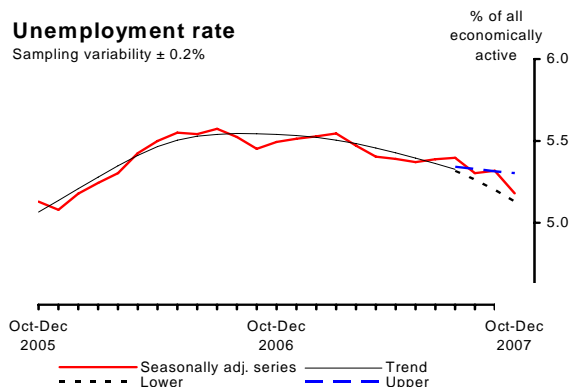
Trends shown are estimated using the standard approach adopted by National Statistics based on the results of its short-term trend research project. In this case, the recommended method is to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to 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).

Working age employment rate

Sampling variability ± 0.3%



Estimates of the trends at the end of the series are subject to revision when new data become available. The graphs give an indication of the likely extent of these revisions. They have been constructed by making statistical estimates of the range of values the next data point in the series is likely to fall within. The resultant extended series have been used to calculate the corresponding likely range of revised trend estimates. This range does not take account of revisions which might arise from seasonal adjustment.



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 and from the *Time Series Data* service at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp>. Regional and local area labour market data are also available from *Nomis*[®] 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: 020 7533 5675 or email tailored@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) 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 Press 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.
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 - # Percentage change latest three months on previous year.
 - ## Sampling variability of percentage change for latest three months on previous year AEI figure.
 - ### Sampling variability of month on month change in latest three months on previous year AEI 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 16-18 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 country or region.

Claimant count proportion: The number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the working age population resident in that 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 at Table 7, measure how many hours were actually worked. These statistics are directly affected by changes in the number of people in employment and in the number of hours that individuals work. The figures also reflect public holidays, sickness and other absences from work during the reference period.

Usual hours worked: Usual hours worked statistics, shown at Table 8, measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are less affected by public holidays, sickness and other absences from work. In this respect they provide a better measure of 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. As well as private households, the survey includes people living in student residence halls and National Health Service accommodation.

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 given 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 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 *Labour Force Survey* data in this release, for example, 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 statistics 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 from the website at:

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

Totals may differ from the sum of components because of rounding or separate seasonal adjustment of components.

SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS data

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
People		MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MG SX	YBTC
	Oct-Dec 2005	47,990	30,359	28,803	1,557	17,630	63.3	60.0	5.1	36.7
	Oct-Dec 2006	48,386	30,793	29,102	1,692	17,593	63.6	60.1	5.5	36.4
	Jan-Mar 2007	48,488	30,759	29,053	1,705	17,729	63.4	59.9	5.5	36.6
	Apr-Jun 2007	48,590	30,814	29,153	1,661	17,776	63.4	60.0	5.4	36.6
	Jul-Sep 2007	48,694	30,890	29,223	1,667	17,804	63.4	60.0	5.4	36.6
	Oct-Dec 2007	48,803	31,004	29,398	1,606	17,799	63.5	60.2	5.2	36.5
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	108	114	175	-61	-6	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.4	0.6	-3.7	0.0				
	<i>Change on year</i>	417	211	296	-86	206	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.7	1.0	-5.1	1.2				
Men		MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MG SJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
	Oct-Dec 2005	23,281	16,467	15,549	918	6,814	70.7	66.8	5.6	29.3
	Oct-Dec 2006	23,504	16,675	15,708	967	6,829	70.9	66.8	5.8	29.1
	Jan-Mar 2007	23,561	16,692	15,716	976	6,870	70.8	66.7	5.8	29.2
	Apr-Jun 2007	23,618	16,735	15,785	951	6,883	70.9	66.8	5.7	29.1
	Jul-Sep 2007	23,676	16,753	15,803	950	6,924	70.8	66.7	5.7	29.2
	Oct-Dec 2007	23,735	16,787	15,875	912	6,948	70.7	66.9	5.4	29.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	59	35	73	-38	24	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	0.5	-4.0	0.3				
	<i>Change on year</i>	231	112	167	-55	119	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.7	1.1	-5.7	1.7				
Women		MGSN	MGS H	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
	Oct-Dec 2005	24,709	13,892	13,254	639	10,817	56.2	53.6	4.6	43.8
	Oct-Dec 2006	24,882	14,118	13,394	724	10,764	56.7	53.8	5.1	43.3
	Jan-Mar 2007	24,927	14,067	13,337	730	10,860	56.4	53.5	5.2	43.6
	Apr-Jun 2007	24,972	14,079	13,369	710	10,893	56.4	53.5	5.0	43.6
	Jul-Sep 2007	25,018	14,137	13,420	717	10,881	56.5	53.6	5.1	43.5
	Oct-Dec 2007	25,068	14,216	13,523	694	10,851	56.7	53.9	4.9	43.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	49	79	102	-23	-30	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.6	0.8	-3.2	-0.3				
	<i>Change on year</i>	186	98	129	-30	87	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.7	1.0	-4.2	0.8				
		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
People		YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGSO	MGSU	YBTI	YBTL
	Oct-Dec 2005	37,177	29,221	27,686	1,535	7,955	78.6	74.5	5.3	21.4
	Oct-Dec 2006	37,436	29,568	27,899	1,670	7,867	79.0	74.5	5.6	21.0
	Jan-Mar 2007	37,488	29,533	27,851	1,681	7,955	78.8	74.3	5.7	21.2
	Apr-Jun 2007	37,540	29,574	27,942	1,632	7,965	78.8	74.4	5.5	21.2
	Jul-Sep 2007	37,591	29,618	27,976	1,642	7,973	78.8	74.4	5.5	21.2
	Oct-Dec 2007	37,641	29,722	28,134	1,588	7,919	79.0	74.7	5.3	21.0
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	50	104	158	-54	-54	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.4	0.6	-3.3	-0.7				
	<i>Change on year</i>	205	154	236	-82	51	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.5	0.8	-4.9	0.7				
Men		YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
	Oct-Dec 2005	19,252	16,076	15,168	907	3,176	83.5	78.8	5.6	16.5
	Oct-Dec 2006	19,432	16,269	15,308	961	3,163	83.7	78.8	5.9	16.3
	Jan-Mar 2007	19,476	16,282	15,316	966	3,194	83.6	78.6	5.9	16.4
	Apr-Jun 2007	19,520	16,319	15,381	937	3,201	83.6	78.8	5.7	16.4
	Jul-Sep 2007	19,561	16,320	15,379	941	3,241	83.4	78.6	5.8	16.6
	Oct-Dec 2007	19,596	16,367	15,461	906	3,229	83.5	78.9	5.5	16.5
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	35	47	81	-34	-12	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.3	0.5	-3.7	-0.4				
	<i>Change on year</i>	164	98	153	-54	66	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.6	1.0	-5.7	2.1				
Women		YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
	Oct-Dec 2005	17,925	13,146	12,518	628	4,779	73.3	69.8	4.8	26.7
	Oct-Dec 2006	18,004	13,300	12,591	709	4,704	73.9	69.9	5.3	26.1
	Jan-Mar 2007	18,012	13,251	12,535	716	4,761	73.6	69.6	5.4	26.4
	Apr-Jun 2007	18,020	13,256	12,561	695	4,764	73.6	69.7	5.2	26.4
	Jul-Sep 2007	18,030	13,298	12,597	701	4,732	73.8	69.9	5.3	26.2
	Oct-Dec 2007	18,045	13,355	12,674	681	4,690	74.0	70.2	5.1	26.0
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	15	57	77	-20	-42	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.4	0.6	-2.8	-0.9				
	<i>Change on year</i>	41	55	83	-28	-14	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.4	0.7	-3.9	-0.3				

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

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.

SUMMARY

1a Summary of other headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs ¹			Public and private sector employment ¹		
	Levels			Public sector G7AU	Private sector G7K5	
	All Jobs	Male Jobs	Female Jobs			
	DYDC	LOLA	LOLB			
2005						
September	31,138	16,579	14,560	5,855		22,975
December	31,253	16,671	14,582	5,848		23,000
2006						
March	31,276	16,651	14,624	5,832		23,144
June	31,294	16,668	14,625	5,818		23,201
September	31,312	16,688	14,624	5,807		23,258
December	31,412	16,748	14,664	5,800		23,290
2007						
March	31,431	16,737	14,695	5,796		23,291
June	31,536	16,775	14,762	5,785		23,393
September	31,599	16,825	14,774	5,770		23,521
<i>Change on quarter</i>	63	51	12	<i>Change on quarter</i>	-15	128
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.3	0.1	<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	287	137	150	<i>Change on year</i>	-37	263
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.8	1.0	<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	1.1

	Claimant count ²					
	Levels			Rates (%) ³		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
	BCJD	DPAE	DPAF	BCJE	DPAH	DPAI
2007						
January	923.1	675.8	247.3	2.9	3.9	1.7
February	920.0	674.0	246.0	2.8	3.9	1.6
March	905.7	662.3	243.4	2.8	3.8	1.6
April #	889.7	649.6	240.1	2.8	3.7	1.6
May	877.9	639.9	238.0	2.7	3.7	1.6
June #	863.8	630.0	233.8	2.7	3.6	1.6
July	857.1	626.4	230.7	2.7	3.6	1.5
August	848.6	619.7	228.9	2.6	3.6	1.5
September #	834.7	609.3	225.4	2.6	3.5	1.5
October	824.1	600.9	223.2	2.5	3.5	1.5
November	814.1	593.6	220.5	2.5	3.4	1.5
December # (r)	805.4	587.4	218.0	2.5	3.4	1.5
2008						
January (p)	794.6	578.9	215.7	2.5	3.3	1.4
<i>Change on month</i>	-10.8	-8.5	-2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3	-1.4	-1.1			
<i>Change on year</i>	-128.5	-96.9	-31.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-13.9	-14.3	-12.8			

	GB Whole economy earnings ⁴		Vacancies	
	Average earnings index (including bonuses)	Average earnings index (excluding bonuses)	Average 3 months ending (level)	Vacancy Ratio ⁵
	LNNC	JQDY	AP2Y	AP2Z
2006				
December	4.0 (r)	3.7		
2007				
January	4.2	3.6		
February	4.6	3.6		
March	4.4	3.6		
April	4.0	3.6		
May	3.5	3.5		
June	3.4	3.4		
July	3.5	3.6		
August	3.7	3.7		
September	4.1	3.7		
October	4.0	3.6		
November	4.0	3.6		
December (p)	3.8	3.7		
2007				
January			605.4	2.3
February			617.1	2.4
March			636.8	2.4
April			638.9	2.5
May			642.4	2.5
June			647.5	2.5
July			656.2	2.5
August			666.2	2.6
September			668.9	2.6
October (r)			670.1	2.6
November (r)			676.9	2.6
December (r)			677.9	2.6
2008				
January (p)			677.4	2.6

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.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

Sources: Employer surveys, DfES Training Data System, Labour Force Survey, returns from public sector organisations, Jobcentre Plus administrative system, Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey.

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
In Employment								
People	MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
Oct-Dec 2005	28,803	27,686	560	3,519	6,313	10,897	6,397	1,116
Oct-Dec 2006	29,102	27,899	567	3,629	6,250	10,986	6,466	1,203
Jan-Mar 2007	29,053	27,851	542	3,624	6,232	10,990	6,464	1,202
Apr-Jun 2007	29,153	27,942	519	3,616	6,284	11,021	6,503	1,211
Jul-Sep 2007	29,223	27,976	515	3,641	6,281	11,029	6,509	1,247
Oct-Dec 2007	29,398	28,134	551	3,658	6,299	11,049	6,578	1,263
<i>Change on quarter</i>	175	158	36	16	17	20	69	17
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.6	7.0	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.1	1.3
<i>Change on year</i>	296	236	-16	28	48	63	112	60
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.8	-2.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.7	5.0
Men	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Oct-Dec 2005	15,549	15,168	265	1,867	3,452	5,775	3,810	380
Oct-Dec 2006	15,708	15,308	264	1,915	3,418	5,871	3,838	400
Jan-Mar 2007	15,716	15,316	259	1,927	3,410	5,875	3,844	400
Apr-Jun 2007	15,785	15,381	241	1,925	3,458	5,880	3,876	403
Jul-Sep 2007	15,803	15,379	253	1,912	3,453	5,870	3,890	423
Oct-Dec 2007	15,875	15,461	268	1,932	3,455	5,876	3,930	415
<i>Change on quarter</i>	73	81	15	20	1	6	39	-9
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.5	5.9	1.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	-2.1
<i>Change on year</i>	167	153	3	17	36	5	92	15
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.1	2.4	3.6
Women	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Oct-Dec 2005	13,254	12,518	295	1,652	2,861	5,122	2,588	736
Oct-Dec 2006	13,394	12,591	302	1,714	2,832	5,115	2,628	803
Jan-Mar 2007	13,337	12,535	283	1,696	2,821	5,115	2,620	802
Apr-Jun 2007	13,369	12,561	277	1,690	2,826	5,140	2,627	808
Jul-Sep 2007	13,420	12,597	263	1,729	2,828	5,159	2,618	823
Oct-Dec 2007	13,523	12,674	284	1,725	2,844	5,173	2,648	849
<i>Change on quarter</i>	102	77	21	-4	16	14	30	26
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.6	8.0	-0.2	0.6	0.3	1.1	3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	129	83	-19	12	12	58	20	46
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.7	-6.2	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.8	5.7

Employment rates (%)¹

	Employment rates (%) ¹							
	MGRS	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
People								
Oct-Dec 2005	60.0	74.5	35.6	64.8	80.5	82.2	70.5	10.3
Oct-Dec 2006	60.1	74.5	36.0	65.3	80.0	82.2	70.8	11.0
Jan-Mar 2007	59.9	74.3	34.3	64.9	79.9	82.1	70.8	10.9
Apr-Jun 2007	60.0	74.4	32.7	64.4	80.6	82.2	71.2	11.0
Jul-Sep 2007	60.0	74.4	32.4	64.5	80.6	82.2	71.2	11.2
Oct-Dec 2007	60.2	74.7	34.7	64.5	80.6	82.3	71.9	11.3
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.2	0.3	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	0.6	0.1	1.1	0.3
Men	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Oct-Dec 2005	66.8	78.8	32.9	67.8	88.7	88.1	72.5	9.4
Oct-Dec 2006	66.8	78.8	32.6	67.9	88.1	88.9	72.2	9.8
Jan-Mar 2007	66.7	78.6	31.9	67.9	87.9	88.9	72.1	9.8
Apr-Jun 2007	66.8	78.8	29.6	67.4	89.2	88.8	72.5	9.8
Jul-Sep 2007	66.7	78.6	30.9	66.6	89.0	88.6	72.5	10.3
Oct-Dec 2007	66.9	78.9	32.8	67.0	88.9	88.7	73.1	10.0
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.3	1.9	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.6	-0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.8	-0.3	0.9	0.2
Women	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Oct-Dec 2005	53.6	69.8	38.5	61.6	72.4	76.4	67.7	10.9
Oct-Dec 2006	53.8	69.9	39.5	62.6	72.1	75.6	68.9	11.7
Jan-Mar 2007	53.5	69.6	36.9	61.7	71.9	75.5	69.0	11.6
Apr-Jun 2007	53.5	69.7	36.1	61.2	72.1	75.8	69.4	11.6
Jul-Sep 2007	53.6	69.9	34.1	62.3	72.2	76.0	69.4	11.8
Oct-Dec 2007	53.9	70.2	36.8	61.9	72.5	76.1	70.2	12.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.3	0.4	2.7	-0.4	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	0.3	-2.7	-0.7	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.4

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

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey

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3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment ¹		Employees ¹		Self-employed ¹			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	
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Oct-Dec 2005	28,803	24,898	3,705	90	109	21,500	7,302	18,583	6,316	2,846	860	1,031	
Oct-Dec 2006	29,102	25,095	3,804	101	102	21,596	7,506	18,628	6,466	2,904	900	1,074	
Jan-Mar 2007	29,053	25,000	3,850	104	99	21,604	7,449	18,610	6,390	2,928	922	1,078	
Apr-Jun 2007	29,153	25,108	3,829	103	114	21,729	7,424	18,753	6,355	2,914	915	1,106	
Jul-Sep 2007	29,223	25,175	3,837	100	111	21,780	7,443	18,815	6,360	2,906	931	1,092	
Oct-Dec 2007	29,398	25,329	3,854	104	110	21,885	7,513	18,904	6,425	2,911	943	1,115	
Change on quarter	175	154	17	5	-1	105	70	89	65	5	12	23	
Change %	0.6	0.6	0.4	4.8	-0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.2	1.3	2.1	
Change on year	296	234	50	3	9	289	7	275	-41	7	44	40	
Change %	1.0	0.9	1.3	3.1	8.4	1.3	0.1	1.5	-0.6	0.2	4.8	3.7	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Oct-Dec 2005	15,549	12,737	2,720	31	61	13,878	1,670	11,482	1,255	2,353	366	447	
Oct-Dec 2006	15,708	12,850	2,756	43	59	13,980	1,728	11,547	1,303	2,392	365	462	
Jan-Mar 2007	15,716	12,814	2,804	42	56	13,974	1,742	11,514	1,300	2,422	382	466	
Apr-Jun 2007	15,785	12,890	2,794	39	63	14,048	1,737	11,614	1,276	2,396	398	460	
Jul-Sep 2007	15,803	12,927	2,775	40	60	14,039	1,763	11,621	1,306	2,383	392	447	
Oct-Dec 2007	15,875	12,972	2,800	41	62	14,089	1,786	11,642	1,331	2,403	397	448	
Change on quarter	73	45	25	1	2	50	23	20	24	20	5	0	
Change %	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.3	3.1	0.4	1.3	0.2	1.9	0.8	1.3	0.1	
Change on year	167	122	44	-2	3	109	58	94	28	11	32	-14	
Change %	1.1	1.0	1.6	-4.3	5.3	0.8	3.4	0.8	2.2	0.5	8.9	-3.0	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Oct-Dec 2005	13,254	12,161	986	59	47	7,622	5,632	7,101	5,061	493	493	584	
Oct-Dec 2006	13,394	12,245	1,048	59	43	7,616	5,778	7,081	5,164	513	535	613	
Jan-Mar 2007	13,337	12,186	1,046	62	43	7,630	5,707	7,096	5,090	506	540	611	
Apr-Jun 2007	13,369	12,218	1,036	64	51	7,681	5,687	7,139	5,079	518	518	646	
Jul-Sep 2007	13,420	12,248	1,062	59	51	7,741	5,679	7,194	5,054	523	539	644	
Oct-Dec 2007	13,523	12,357	1,054	64	48	7,796	5,727	7,262	5,095	508	546	667	
Change on quarter	102	109	-8	4	-3	55	47	68	41	-15	7	23	
Change %	0.8	0.9	-0.8	7.2	-5.2	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	-2.9	1.3	3.5	
Change on year	129	112	7	5	5	180	-51	181	-69	-5	11	54	
Change %	1.0	0.9	0.6	8.5	12.6	2.4	-0.9	2.6	-1.3	-0.9	2.1	8.8	

Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)

Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time)²

	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)							Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ²						
	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	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	
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCCY	YCCZ	YCCD	YCCG	YCCH
Oct-Dec 2005	1,378	5.5	345	25.0	376	90	567	7,175	610	8.5	5,273	171	1,121	
Oct-Dec 2006	1,495	6.0	385	25.8	445	90	574	7,366	667	9.1	5,303	197	1,200	
Jan-Mar 2007	1,513	6.1	395	26.1	439	108	572	7,312	657	9.0	5,302	189	1,164	
Apr-Jun 2007	1,505	6.0	405	26.9	419	96	584	7,270	682	9.4	5,275	182	1,131	
Jul-Sep 2007	1,455	5.8	387	26.6	408	86	574	7,291	689	9.4	5,302	173	1,128	
Oct-Dec 2007	1,477	5.8	377	25.5	437	83	580	7,368	728	9.9	5,309	170	1,162	
Change on quarter	22	0.0	-10	-1.1	29	-3	6	77	39	0.4	8	-3	34	
Change %	1.5		-2.7		7.1		-3.3	1.0	1.1	5.7	0.1	-1.9	3.0	
Change on year	-18	-0.1	-8	-0.2	-8	-7	6	2	61	0.8	6	-27	-38	
Change %	-1.2		-2.1		-1.9		-8.1	1.0	0.0	9.1	0.1	-13.8	-3.2	
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCZ	YCCB	YCCF	YCCH	YCCI
Oct-Dec 2005	648	5.1	192	29.7	164	44	247	1,621	248	15.3	804	79	490	
Oct-Dec 2006	698	5.4	208	29.8	183	50	258	1,667	278	16.7	801	80	508	
Jan-Mar 2007	712	5.6	214	30.0	188	54	256	1,682	276	16.4	819	80	507	
Apr-Jun 2007	697	5.4	217	31.2	178	41	261	1,673	277	16.5	846	78	472	
Jul-Sep 2007	669	5.2	204	30.5	184	37	245	1,698	293	17.3	855	75	476	
Oct-Dec 2007	684	5.3	195	28.5	190	46	254	1,728	288	16.7	857	73	510	
Change on quarter	15	0.1	-9	-2.0	6	9	30	-6	-0.6	3	-2	34		
Change %	2.2		-4.5		3.2	24.9	3.7	1.7	-1.9	0.3	-2.7	7.2		
Change on year	-14	-0.2	-13	-1.3	7	-4	61	10	0.0	56	-7	2		
Change %	-2.0		-6.1		3.7		-8.5	-1.5	3.6	3.5	7.0	-8.9	0.4	
Women	YCCB	YCCF	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCN	YCCO	YCCP	YCCQ	YCCR	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCZ	YCCD
Oct-Dec 2005	730	6.0	152	20.9	211	46	320	5,554	362	6.5	4,469	93	631	
Oct-Dec 2006	797	6.5	178	22.3	262	41	316	5,699	389	6.8	4,501	117	691	
Jan-Mar 2007	802	6.6	182	22.7	250	54	316	5,630	381	6.8	4,483	109	657	
Apr-Jun 2007	808	6.6	188	23.2	242	56	323	5,597	406	7.2	4,429	104	658	
Jul-Sep 2007	786	6.4	183	23.3	224	49	329	5,593	395	7.1	4,447	98	652	
Oct-Dec 2007	792	6.4	182	23.0	247	38	326	5,641	440	7.8	4,452	97	652	
Change on quarter	7	0.0	-1	-0.3	23	-12	-3	48	45	0.7	5	-1	-1	
Change %	0.8		-0.6		10.2	-24.2	-1.0	0.9	11.3	0.1	0.1	-1.3	-0.1	
Change on year	-4	-0.1	5	0.7	-15	-3	9	-58	51	1.0	-50	-20	-40	
Change %	-0.5		2.6		-5.7		-7.6	3.0	-1.0	13.1	-1.1	-17.1	-5.8	

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=21+23+24+25; 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. Employees and Self-employed.

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4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom
(thousands),
seasonally adjusted

		Public sector ^{1 2 3}		Private sector ⁴		Total employment ^{5 6}
		(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)	(000s)
		1	2	3	4	5
		G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO
All in employment	Sep 05	5,855	20.3	22,975	79.7	28,830
	Dec 05	5,848	20.3	23,000	79.7	28,848
	Mar 06	5,832	20.1	23,144	79.9	28,976
	Jun 06	5,818	20.0	23,201	80.0	29,019
	Sep 06	5,807	20.0	23,258	80.0	29,065
	Dec 06	5,800	19.9	23,290	80.1	29,090
	Mar 07	5,796	19.9	23,291	80.1	29,087
	Jun 07	5,785	19.8	23,393	80.2	29,178
	Sep 07	5,770	19.7	23,521	80.3	29,291
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	-15	-0.1	128	0.1	113
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.3		0.5		0.4
	<i>Change on year</i>	-37	-0.3	263	0.3	226
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.6		1.1		0.8

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.

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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 2006 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^{1 2}

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Workforce jobs ²	Employee jobs ²	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government- supported trainees
		1	2	3	4	5
		DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
All jobs	Sep 05	31,138	26,835	4,000	208	96
	Dec 05	31,253	26,893	4,067	206	87
	Mar 06	31,276	26,901	4,092	205	77
	Jun 06	31,294	26,953	4,072	203	65
	Sep 06	31,312	26,907	4,146	203	56
	Dec 06	31,412	26,974	4,181	202	55
	Mar 07	31,431	26,989	4,190	199	53
	Jun 07	31,536	27,068	4,216	197	55
	Sep 07	31,599	27,118	4,232	195	54
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	63	49	16	-2	-1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	0.4	-1.1	-1.0
	<i>Change on year</i>	287	211	86	-8	-2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.8	2.1	-3.7	-3.6

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.

2. There is a discontinuity in the employee jobs series between December 2005 and September 2006 due to improvements to the annual benchmark. Further information can be found at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/Statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=9765>.

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

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5(2) Workforce jobs^{1 2} by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 92 sections	Agriculture, forestry & fishing		Mining, energy & water supply industries	Manufacturing industries	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comms.	Finance & Business Services	Education, health and public admin ³	Other services	Total services
	All jobs	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
	A-O	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All jobs	DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
Sep 05	31,138	445	169	3,329	2,150	7,101	1,859	6,282	7,864	1,939	25,045
Dec 05	31,253	453	169	3,319	2,149	7,078	1,866	6,364	7,892	1,962	25,163
Mar 06	31,276	449	166	3,286	2,149	7,042	1,874	6,391	7,942	1,977	25,225
Jun 06	31,294	438	172	3,261	2,165	7,021	1,864	6,415	7,962	1,995	25,258
Sep 06	31,312	445	174	3,241	2,189	6,994	1,850	6,449	7,958	2,012	25,263
Dec 06	31,412	454	177	3,224	2,215	7,014	1,853	6,503	7,967	2,004	25,342
Mar 07	31,431	427	180	3,213	2,215	7,033	1,831	6,544	7,987	2,001	25,397
Jun 07	31,536	447	181	3,199	2,230	7,070	1,835	6,593	7,980	2,001	25,478
Sep 07	31,599	449	181	3,205	2,229	7,069	1,832	6,650	7,980	2,004	25,535
Change on quarter	63	2	0	5	-1	-1	-3	57	0	4	57
Change %	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.2
Change on year	287	5	7	-37	40	75	-19	201	23	-8	272
Change %	0.9	1.0	4.2	-1.1	1.8	1.1	-1.0	3.1	0.3	-0.4	1.1
Male jobs	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMK
Sep 05	16,579	324	127	2,486	1,926	3,477	1,393	3,500	2,385	960	11,715
Dec 05	16,671	339	125	2,487	1,926	3,474	1,417	3,563	2,384	957	11,795
Mar 06	16,651	337	124	2,461	1,922	3,454	1,430	3,571	2,393	961	11,808
Jun 06	16,668	330	128	2,435	1,929	3,447	1,421	3,601	2,401	976	11,845
Sep 06	16,688	337	131	2,419	1,951	3,438	1,403	3,614	2,403	993	11,851
Dec 06	16,748	333	135	2,408	1,976	3,458	1,394	3,637	2,411	998	11,897
Mar 07	16,737	308	137	2,400	1,994	3,478	1,385	3,629	2,412	994	11,898
Jun 07	16,775	325	136	2,395	2,005	3,490	1,381	3,641	2,412	989	11,914
Sep 07	16,825	335	135	2,400	2,010	3,482	1,386	3,688	2,403	986	11,945
Change on quarter	51	10	-1	5	5	-8	6	47	-9	-4	31
Change %	0.3	3.2	-0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.4	1.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.3
Change on year	137	-2	4	-19	58	44	-16	74	1	-8	95
Change %	0.8	-0.4	3.1	-0.8	3.0	1.3	-1.1	2.0	0.0	-0.8	0.8
Female jobs	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Sep 05	14,560	121	42	843	223	3,624	466	2,782	5,479	979	13,330
Dec 05	14,582	114	44	832	223	3,604	449	2,801	5,508	1,005	13,368
Mar 06	14,624	112	42	825	227	3,589	444	2,820	5,549	1,016	13,418
Jun 06	14,625	108	44	826	236	3,575	443	2,815	5,561	1,019	13,413
Sep 06	14,624	108	43	822	238	3,556	448	2,835	5,555	1,019	13,413
Dec 06	14,664	121	42	816	239	3,557	459	2,866	5,557	1,006	13,445
Mar 07	14,695	119	43	813	221	3,556	446	2,915	5,575	1,007	13,499
Jun 07	14,762	122	45	804	225	3,580	454	2,952	5,568	1,011	13,565
Sep 07	14,774	114	47	804	219	3,587	445	2,962	5,577	1,019	13,590
Change on quarter	12	-8	1	0	-6	7	-9	10	9	8	25
Change %	0.1	-6.7	2.7	0.0	-2.7	0.2	-1.9	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.2
Change on year	150	6	3	-18	-18	31	-3	127	22	0	177
Change %	1.0	5.6	7.7	-2.2	-7.7	0.9	-0.6	4.5	0.4	0.0	1.3

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

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3. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

6 Production industry employee jobs¹

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels	Latest 3 months averages	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Levels	Latest 3 months averages	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)
			YEJY			LOMM
Dec 05	157	157	-2.6	3,038	3,046	-4.2
Dec 06	164	163	3.8	2,934	2,937	-3.6
Jan 07	164	163	4.3	2,928	2,932	-3.4
Feb 07	164	164	4.6	2,922	2,928	-3.1
Mar 07	166	164	5.0	2,922	2,924	-2.8
Apr 07	165	165	4.8	2,919	2,921	-2.6
May 07	166	165	4.8	2,920	2,921	-2.3
Jun 07	167	166	4.4	2,917	2,919	-2.1
Jul 07	166	166	4.3	2,912	2,916	-1.9
Aug 07	165	166	4.0	2,911	2,913	-1.7
Sep 07	167	166	3.8	2,910	2,911	-1.5
Oct 07	167	167	3.5	2,908	2,910	-1.3
Nov 07	168	167	3.4	2,905	2,908	-1.1
Dec 07	167	167	2.7	2,904	2,906	-1.1

Source: Employer surveys

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

People	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work					
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1 2}	All workers ¹		Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE	
Oct-Dec 2005	923.3	32.1	37.2	15.8	9.4	
Oct-Dec 2006	928.0	31.9	37.1	15.6	9.6	
Jan-Mar 2007	929.5	32.0	37.2	15.6	9.3	
Apr-Jun 2007	937.6	32.2	37.4	15.6	9.4	
Jul-Sep 2007	937.9	32.1	37.3	15.7	9.5	
Oct-Dec 2007	935.6	31.9	37.0	15.5	9.8	
Change on quarter	-2.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	
Change %	-0.2	-0.9	-0.8	-1.2	3.1	
Change on year	7.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	
Change %	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	-1.0	2.7	
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF	
Oct-Dec 2005	570.8	36.8	39.0	15.6	10.1	
Oct-Dec 2006	573.5	36.6	38.8	15.5	10.5	
Jan-Mar 2007	576.2	36.7	39.0	15.4	10.2	
Apr-Jun 2007	581.9	36.9	39.2	15.7	10.3	
Jul-Sep 2007	580.2	36.8	39.1	15.4	10.8	
Oct-Dec 2007	579.7	36.6	38.9	15.3	11.1	
Change on quarter	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	
Change %	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.4	2.9	
Change on year	6.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.6	
Change %	1.1	0.0	0.2	-1.2	5.5	
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG	
Oct-Dec 2005	352.5	26.6	34.0	15.8	8.9	
Oct-Dec 2006	354.5	26.5	34.0	15.7	8.9	
Jan-Mar 2007	353.3	26.5	33.9	15.7	8.7	
Apr-Jun 2007	355.7	26.7	34.1	15.6	8.7	
Jul-Sep 2007	357.7	26.7	34.0	15.7	8.7	
Oct-Dec 2007	355.9	26.4	33.6	15.5	9.0	
Change on quarter	-1.8	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.3	
Change %	-0.5	-1.2	-1.3	-1.5	3.6	
Change on year	1.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	
Change %	0.4	-0.5	-1.4	-1.0	1.3	

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.

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8 Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Oct-Dec 2006									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.4	1.2	0.6	1.9	2.8	1.2	7.1
6 up to 15 hours	7.3	3.4	11.7	7.2	3.3	11.2	7.4	3.7	17.0
16 up to 30 hours	17.8	7.7	29.6	17.8	6.6	29.5	17.4	12.1	31.3
31 up to 45 hours	53.1	58.6	46.6	55.2	61.7	48.3	39.8	44.1	28.4
Over 45 hours	20.4	29.6	9.7	18.7	27.7	9.2	32.6	38.8	16.2
Total (thousands)	29,102	15,708	13,394	25,095	12,850	12,245	3,804	2,756	1,048
Jul-Sep 2007									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.7	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.6	1.2	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.4	11.2	6.8	3.2	10.5	7.9	3.8	18.3
16 up to 30 hours	17.8	7.8	29.6	17.8	6.7	29.5	17.8	12.8	31.1
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.2	47.3	55.3	61.1	49.1	39.8	44.6	27.3
Over 45 hours	20.6	29.9	9.8	19.1	28.4	9.2	31.9	37.5	17.1
Total (thousands)	29,223	15,803	13,420	25,175	12,927	12,248	3,837	2,775	1,062
Oct-Dec 2007									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.8	1.5	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	7.1	3.3	11.5	6.9	3.2	10.8	7.9	3.6	19.2
16 up to 30 hours	17.7	7.9	29.2	17.7	6.8	29.1	17.7	12.6	31.1
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.0	47.4	55.3	61.1	49.3	39.3	44.0	26.6
Over 45 hours	20.6	29.9	9.7	19.0	28.3	9.1	32.3	38.2	16.7
Total (thousands)	29,398	15,875	13,523	25,329	12,972	12,357	3,854	2,800	1,054

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	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
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWX	YBXA
Oct-Dec 2005	1,557	5.1	976	249	332	21.3	162	1,535	5.3	965	246	325	21.1	158
Oct-Dec 2006	1,692	5.5	1,013	281	397	23.5	185	1,670	5.6	1,001	278	390	23.3	181
Jan-Mar 2007	1,705	5.5	1,033	278	394	23.1	179	1,681	5.7	1,020	274	388	23.1	175
Apr-Jun 2007	1,661	5.4	1,000	265	396	23.8	176	1,632	5.5	986	260	386	23.6	171
Jul-Sep 2007	1,667	5.4	1,005	269	393	23.6	178	1,642	5.5	992	265	385	23.4	173
Oct-Dec 2007	1,606	5.2	966	253	386	24.1	168	1,588	5.3	956	251	381	24.0	165
Change on quarter	-61	-0.2	-39	-15	-7	0.5	-10	-54	-0.2	-36	-15	-4	0.5	-8
Change %	-3.7		-3.8	-5.7	-1.8		-5.4	-3.3		-3.6	-5.5	-1.1		-4.5
Change on year	-86	-0.3	-47	-28	-11	0.6	-17	-82	-0.3	-45	-27	-9	0.6	-15
Change %	-5.1		-4.6	-9.9	-2.8		-9.1	-4.9		-4.5	-9.9	-2.4		-8.4
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Oct-Dec 2005	918	5.6	536	144	239	26.0	120	907	5.6	532	142	234	25.8	117
Oct-Dec 2006	967	5.8	532	169	267	27.6	127	961	5.9	529	168	264	27.5	125
Jan-Mar 2007	976	5.8	538	163	275	28.2	129	966	5.9	533	161	271	28.1	127
Apr-Jun 2007	951	5.7	528	154	269	28.3	125	937	5.7	522	152	264	28.1	121
Jul-Sep 2007	950	5.7	525	157	268	28.2	128	941	5.8	521	156	264	28.1	126
Oct-Dec 2007	912	5.4	500	151	261	28.6	120	906	5.5	497	150	259	28.6	118
Change on quarter	-38	-0.2	-25	-6	-7	0.4	-8	-34	-0.2	-23	-6	-5	0.5	-7
Change %	-4.0		-4.7	-3.9	-2.6		-6.5	-3.7		-4.5	-3.7	-2.0		-5.7
Change on year	-55	-0.4	-32	-18	-6	1.0	-8	-54	-0.4	-32	-18	-5	1.1	-7
Change %	-5.7		-6.0	-10.4	-2.1		-6.1	-5.7		-6.0	-10.5	-1.9		-5.7
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWQ	YBWT	YBWW	YBWW	YBWC
Oct-Dec 2005	639	4.6	440	105	94	14.7	43	628	4.8	434	104	91	14.5	41
Oct-Dec 2006	724	5.1	481	113	130	18.0	58	709	5.3	472	111	126	17.8	55
Jan-Mar 2007	730	5.2	495	115	120	16.4	50	716	5.4	486	113	117	16.3	48
Apr-Jun 2007	710	5.0	473	111	127	17.8	52	695	5.2	465	108	122	17.6	49
Jul-Sep 2007	717	5.1	480	112	125	17.5	50	701	5.3	471	110	120	17.2	48
Oct-Dec 2007	694	4.9	466	102	125	18.0	49	681	5.1	459	101	122	17.9	47
Change on quarter	-23	-0.2	-14	-9	0	0.6	-1	-20	-0.2	-12	-9	1	0.7	-1
Change %	-3.2		-2.9	-8.3	-0.1		-2.7	-2.8		-2.6	-8.1	1.1		-1.3
Change on year	-30	-0.2	-15	-10	-5	0.0	-9	-28	-0.2	-14	-10	-4	0.1	-8
Change %	-4.2		-3.1	-9.0	-4.1		-15.7	-3.9		-2.9	-9.0	-3.4		-14.6
			16-17						18-24					
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	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
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Oct-Dec 2005	187	25.0	146	29	12	6.2	*	474	11.9	322	77	75	15.8	35
Oct-Dec 2006	187	24.8	143	28	16	8.8	*	506	12.2	357	74	75	14.7	28
Jan-Mar 2007	185	25.4	143	27	14	7.8	*	521	12.6	351	80	91	17.4	32
Apr-Jun 2007	195	27.4	151	30	14	7.2	*	521	12.6	342	88	92	17.6	30
Jul-Sep 2007	213	29.2	156	36	20	9.6	*	505	12.2	343	72	90	17.9	33
Oct-Dec 2007	189	25.6	140	33	16	8.7	*	501	12.0	330	70	101	20.2	37
Change on quarter	-24	-3.7	-16	-3	-4	-0.9	*	-4	-0.1	-13	-2	11	2.3	4
Change %	-11.1		-10.4	-9.4	-19.7		*	-0.9		-3.9	-2.7	12.0		12.9
Change on year	2	0.7	-3	5	0	-0.1	*	-5	-0.2	-28	-4	26	5.4	9
Change %	1.1		-2.2	19.0	-0.1		*	-1.0		-7.7	-5.5	35.4		33.0
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Oct-Dec 2005	103	28.0	76	18	*	*	*	294	13.6	190	48	56	19.1	29
Oct-Dec 2006	109	29.1	79	19	10	9.4	*	299	13.5	199	45	55	18.3	22
Jan-Mar 2007	104	28.6	76	18	*	*	*	308	13.8	194	50	63	20.5	24
Apr-Jun 2007	109	31.0	83	16	10	9.2	*	313	14.0	190	57	66	21.1	23
Jul-Sep 2007	113	30.9	79	22	13	11.0	*	309	13.9	199	45	66	21.2	26
Oct-Dec 2007	111	29.2	79	20	12	10.6	*	298	13.4	181	44	73	24.5	32
Change on quarter	-3	-1.7	0	-2	-1	-0.5	*	-11	-0.6	-18	-1	8	3.3	6
Change %	-2.4		-0.2	-8.0	-6.6		*	-3.6		-8.8	-2.3	11.5		22.4
Change on year	2	0.1	0	1	1	1.1	*	-1	-0.1	-18	-1	18	6.1	9
Change %	1.8		-0.4	4.2	14.2		*	-0.4		-9.2	-1.9	33.0		42.4
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Oct-Dec 2005	83	22.1	70	11	*	*	*	180	9.8	133	29	19	10.4	*
Oct-Dec 2006	79	20.6	64	*	*	*	*	206	10.7	158	29	20	9.5	*
Jan-Mar 2007	81	22.3	67	*	*	*	*	214	11.2	157	29	27	12.9	*
Apr-Jun 2007	87	23.8	68	14	*	*	*	209	11.0	152	31	26	12.3	*
Jul-Sep 2007	100	27.5	77	15	*	*	*	196	10.2	145	26	25	12.6	*
Oct-Dec 2007	79	21.7	61	13	*	*	*	202	10.5	149	25	28	13.8	*
Change on quarter	-21	-5.8	-16	-2	*	*	*	7	0.3	4	-1	3	1.2	*
Change %	-21.0		-20.8	-11.4	*	*	*	3.4		3.0	-3.5	13.3		*
Change on year	0	1.1	-3	*	*	*	*	-4	-0.3	-9	-3	8	4.3	*
Change %	0.2		-4.5	*	*	*	*	-2.0		-5.8	-11.3	42.0		*

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	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
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Oct-Dec 2005	673	3.8	405	108	161	23.8	72	223	2.9	102	36	85	38.2	54
Oct-Dec 2006	768	4.3	404	146	218	28.4	102	231	2.9	108	34	88	38.3	55
Jan-Mar 2007	752	4.2	413	127	212	28.2	101	247	3.1	126	44	77	31.3	45
Apr-Jun 2007	693	3.8	391	107	194	28.1	95	251	3.2	116	40	96	38.1	51
Jul-Sep 2007	707	3.9	390	125	191	27.1	92	243	3.0	115	36	92	37.8	52
Oct-Dec 2007	681	3.8	381	113	188	27.5	90	235	2.9	115	38	81	34.6	41
Change on quarter	-26	-0.1	-9	-13	-4	0.5	-2	-7	-0.1	0	3	-10	-3.2	-11
Change %	-3.6		-2.3	-10.3	-1.9		-2.2	-3.0		0.1	7.9	-11.2		-20.4
Change on year	-87	-0.5	-24	-33	-30	-0.8	-12	4	0.0	7	4	-7	-3.8	-14
Change %	-11.3		-5.8	-22.8	-13.9		-11.8	1.9		6.8	12.4	-8.1		-25.1
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Oct-Dec 2005	374	3.9	211	54	109	29.0	49	146	3.4	59	23	64	44.1	42
Oct-Dec 2006	415	4.3	196	80	139	33.4	66	144	3.3	57	24	63	43.6	39
Jan-Mar 2007	406	4.2	195	66	144	35.6	70	159	3.6	72	28	58	36.6	35
Apr-Jun 2007	365	3.8	183	59	123	33.7	64	164	3.7	71	23	70	42.6	38
Jul-Sep 2007	372	3.8	181	66	125	33.6	63	155	3.5	65	25	65	41.8	38
Oct-Dec 2007	353	3.7	176	59	119	33.5	58	150	3.3	64	28	58	38.6	29
Change on quarter	-19	-0.2	-6	-7	-7	-0.1	-4	-5	-0.1	-1	3	-7	-3.2	-9
Change %	-5.1		-3.1	-10.0	-5.4		-7.1	-3.3		-2.1	13.0	-10.6		-23.3
Change on year	-62	-0.6	-20	-21	-20	0.1	-8	6	0.0	7	4	-5	-5.0	-10
Change %	-14.9		-10.2	-26.6	-14.6		-11.9	3.9		11.9	16.0	-7.9		-25.3
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Oct-Dec 2005	299	3.6	194	53	52	17.4	24	76	2.2	43	13	21	27.1	12
Oct-Dec 2006	353	4.3	209	65	79	22.4	36	87	2.5	51	10	26	29.6	16
Jan-Mar 2007	346	4.2	218	61	68	19.5	31	89	2.5	54	16	19	21.7	10
Apr-Jun 2007	328	3.9	208	49	71	21.7	31	87	2.5	45	17	26	29.6	13
Jul-Sep 2007	334	4.0	209	60	66	19.7	29	88	2.5	50	11	27	30.6	14
Oct-Dec 2007	328	3.9	205	53	69	21.1	31	85	2.4	51	10	23	27.5	12
Change on quarter	-7	-0.1	-4	-6	3	1.4	2	-2	-0.1	1	0	-3	-3.1	-2
Change %	-2.0		-1.7	-10.6	4.7		8.3	-2.6		2.9	-3.8	-12.5		-12.3
Change on year	-25	-0.3	-4	-12	-10	-1.3	-4	-1	-0.1	1	0	-2	-2.1	-4
Change %	-7.2		-1.7	-18.0	-12.6		-11.6	-1.4		1.1	3.9	-8.5		-24.7

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
	BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People						
2007						
January	923.1	2.9	213.7	229.1	965.1	3.0
February	920.0	2.8	210.8	217.6	974.9	3.0
March	905.7	2.8	205.9	216.5	956.0	3.0
April #	889.7	2.8	200.6	216.7	918.5	2.8
May	877.9	2.7	205.2	216.4	889.1	2.8
June #	863.8	2.7	205.9	216.8	855.6	2.6
July	857.1	2.7	210.1	218.3	854.1	2.6
August	848.6	2.6	211.1	215.9	857.1	2.7
September #	834.7	2.6	207.8	220.3	827.9	2.6
October	824.1	2.5	202.2	213.9	801.0	2.5
November	814.1	2.5	203.3	214.4	785.8	2.4
December # (r)	805.4	2.5	200.7	208.0	790.4	2.4
2008						
January (p)	794.6	2.5	200.1	212.4	830.5	2.6
<i>Change on month</i>	-10.8	0.0	-0.6	4.4	40.2	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3		-0.3	2.1	5.1	
<i>Change on year</i>	-128.5	-0.4	-13.6	-16.7	-134.6	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	-13.9		-6.4	-7.3	-13.9	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men						
2007						
January	675.8	3.9	148.8	161.8	711.3	4.1
February	674.0	3.9	147.4	153.0	715.9	4.1
March	662.3	3.8	143.7	152.2	701.3	4.0
April #	649.6	3.7	140.2	153.3	671.5	3.9
May	639.9	3.7	142.6	151.7	650.0	3.7
June #	630.0	3.6	143.8	152.1	624.1	3.6
July	626.4	3.6	147.2	152.8	617.7	3.5
August	619.7	3.6	147.9	151.8	614.2	3.5
September #	609.3	3.5	145.8	155.4	593.3	3.4
October	600.9	3.5	141.9	150.6	577.0	3.3
November	593.6	3.4	142.5	150.9	569.8	3.3
December # (r)	587.4	3.4	140.6	146.1	580.4	3.3
2008						
January (p)	578.9	3.3	140.5	149.3	610.1	3.5
<i>Change on month</i>	-8.5	0.0	-0.1	3.2	29.7	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-1.4		-0.1	2.2	5.1	
<i>Change on year</i>	-96.9	-0.6	-8.3	-12.5	-101.2	-0.6
<i>Change %</i>	-14.3		-5.6	-7.7	-14.2	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women						
2007						
January	247.3	1.7	64.9	67.3	253.8	1.7
February	246.0	1.6	63.4	64.6	258.9	1.7
March	243.4	1.6	62.2	64.3	254.7	1.7
April #	240.1	1.6	60.4	63.4	247.0	1.7
May	238.0	1.6	62.6	64.7	239.2	1.6
June #	233.8	1.6	62.1	64.7	231.6	1.6
July	230.7	1.5	62.9	65.5	236.5	1.6
August	228.9	1.5	63.2	64.1	242.9	1.6
September #	225.4	1.5	62.0	64.9	234.6	1.6
October	223.2	1.5	60.3	63.3	224.0	1.5
November	220.5	1.5	60.8	63.5	215.9	1.4
December # (r)	218.0	1.5	60.1	61.9	210.0	1.4
2008						
January (p)	215.7	1.4	59.6	63.1	220.4	1.5
<i>Change on month</i>	-2.3	0.0	-0.5	1.2	10.4	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.1		-0.8	1.9	5.0	
<i>Change on year</i>	-31.6	-0.2	-5.3	-4.2	-33.3	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-12.8		-8.2	-6.2	-13.1	

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 4¹/₃ week month.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4¹/₃ week month but not seasonally adjusted, for January 2008 were 199,200 in total;

141,000 men and 58,200 women. The corresponding outflow figures were 153,900 in total; 107,400 men and 46,600 women. Non-seasonally adjusted

claimant flows for earlier months 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 count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

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 ²	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
People	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
2007													
January	923.1	919.0	592.6	168.5	157.9	17.2	43.8	281.2	227.2	43.8	10.2	3.6	1.6
February	920.0	916.4	592.1	166.4	157.9	17.2	44.3	279.3	225.9	43.4	10.0	3.6	1.6
March	905.7	901.8	582.6	163.1	156.1	17.3	44.2	273.6	221.5	42.4	9.7	3.5	1.6
April #	889.7	886.1	573.8	159.1	153.2	17.3	44.1	269.6	218.9	41.4	9.3	3.4	1.6
May	877.9	874.3	570.3	154.4	149.6	17.1	44.0	267.3	218.8	39.6	8.9	3.3	1.7
June #	863.8	860.3	565.7	148.8	145.8	16.9	43.5	263.3	217.5	37.5	8.3	3.2	1.6
July	857.1	853.4	565.0	146.0	142.4	16.7	43.1	259.4	215.1	36.5	7.8	3.0	1.6
August	848.6	845.5	564.6	142.5	138.4	16.4	42.4	257.0	214.1	35.3	7.6	3.0	1.6
September #	834.7	832.9	560.8	138.1	134.0	16.1	41.5	253.5	212.6	33.8	7.1	2.8	1.5
October	824.1	821.3	557.9	134.0	129.4	15.8	40.5	249.4	210.3	32.2	6.9	2.8	1.7
November	814.1	811.5	554.0	132.4	125.1	15.4	38.8	247.0	208.8	31.3	6.9	2.8	1.7
December # (r)	805.4	802.7	552.0	131.1	119.6	14.9	36.4	245.9	208.5	30.8	6.6	2.7	1.6
2008													
January (p)	794.6	792.3	546.0	129.8	116.5	14.7	34.8	242.9	206.0	30.4	6.5	2.7	1.5
<i>Change on month</i>	-10.8	-10.4	-6.0	-1.3	-3.1	-0.2	-1.6	-3.0	-2.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3	-1.3	-1.1	-1.0	-2.6		-4.4	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-1.5		-6.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-128.5	-126.9	-46.6	-38.8	-41.5	-2.5	-9.0	-38.2	-21.1	-13.4	-3.7	-1.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-13.9	-13.8	-7.9	-23.0	-26.3		-20.5	-13.6	-9.3	-30.6	-36.3		-6.3
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2007													
January	675.8	673.0	421.8	126.1	125.1	18.6	35.2	190.2	153.2	29.9	7.1	3.7	1.1
February	674.0	671.5	421.8	124.6	125.1	18.6	35.6	188.9	152.2	29.7	7.0	3.7	1.1
March	662.3	659.6	414.2	121.9	123.5	18.7	35.5	184.5	148.8	28.9	6.8	3.7	1.1
April #	649.6	647.2	407.4	118.8	121.0	18.7	35.4	181.6	147.0	28.1	6.5	3.6	1.1
May	639.9	637.6	404.2	115.3	118.1	18.5	35.4	179.7	146.6	26.9	6.2	3.5	1.2
June #	630.0	627.6	401.4	111.3	114.9	18.3	35.0	177.4	146.1	25.5	5.8	3.3	1.2
July	626.4	623.9	402.4	109.0	112.5	18.0	34.6	175.3	145.1	24.7	5.5	3.1	1.2
August	619.7	617.6	402.3	106.4	108.9	17.6	34.0	173.5	144.4	23.8	5.3	3.1	1.2
September #	609.3	607.9	399.4	103.1	105.4	17.3	33.2	170.9	143.3	22.7	4.9	2.9	1.1
October	600.9	599.4	397.5	100.2	101.7	17.0	32.3	168.0	141.5	21.7	4.8	2.9	1.2
November	593.6	592.0	394.8	99.0	98.2	16.6	30.9	166.3	140.4	21.1	4.8	2.9	1.2
December # (r)	587.4	585.5	393.7	98.2	93.6	16.0	28.8	165.4	140.1	20.8	4.5	2.7	1.1
2008													
January (p)	578.9	577.6	389.2	97.3	91.1	15.8	27.6	163.4	138.4	20.6	4.4	2.7	1.1
<i>Change on month</i>	-8.5	-7.9	-4.5	-0.9	-2.5	-0.2	-1.2	-2.0	-1.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-1.4	-1.3	-1.1	-0.9	-2.7		-4.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.0	-2.2		0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-96.9	-95.4	-32.6	-28.8	-34.0	-2.8	-7.6	-26.8	-14.8	-9.3	-2.7	-1.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-14.3	-14.2	-7.7	-22.8	-27.2		-21.6	-14.1	-9.7	-31.1	-38.0		0.0
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJG	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLJQ	JLGR	JLGS	JLGT
2007													
January	247.3	246.0	170.8	42.4	32.8	13.3	8.6	91.0	74.0	13.9	3.1	3.4	0.5
February	246.0	244.9	170.3	41.8	32.8	13.4	8.7	90.4	73.7	13.7	3.0	3.3	0.5
March	243.4	242.2	168.4	41.2	32.6	13.5	8.7	89.1	72.7	13.5	2.9	3.3	0.5
April #	240.1	238.9	166.4	40.3	32.2	13.5	8.7	88.0	71.9	13.3	2.8	3.2	0.5
May	238.0	236.7	166.1	39.1	31.5	13.3	8.6	87.6	72.2	12.7	2.7	3.1	0.5
June #	233.8	232.7	164.3	37.5	30.9	13.3	8.5	85.9	71.4	12.0	2.5	2.9	0.4
July	230.7	229.5	162.6	37.0	29.9	13.0	8.5	84.1	70.0	11.8	2.3	2.7	0.4
August	228.9	227.9	162.3	36.1	29.5	12.9	8.4	83.5	69.7	11.5	2.3	2.8	0.4
September #	225.4	225.0	161.4	35.0	28.6	12.7	8.3	82.6	69.3	11.1	2.2	2.7	0.4
October	223.2	221.9	160.4	33.8	27.7	12.5	8.2	81.4	68.8	10.5	2.1	2.6	0.5
November	220.5	219.5	159.2	33.4	26.9	12.3	7.9	80.7	68.4	10.2	2.1	2.6	0.5
December # (r)	218.0	217.2	158.3	32.9	26.0	12.0	7.6	80.5	68.4	10.0	2.1	2.6	0.5
2008													
January (p)	215.7	214.7	156.8	32.5	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.6	9.8	2.1	2.6	0.4
<i>Change on month</i>	-2.3	-2.5	-1.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	-1.0	-0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.1	-1.2	-0.9	-1.2	-2.3		-5.3	-1.2	-1.2	-2.0	0.0	0.0	-20.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-31.6	-31.5	-14.0	-10.0	-7.5	-1.5	-1.4	-11.4	-6.3	-4.1	-1.0	-0.8	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-12.8	-12.8	-8.2	-23.5	-22.8		-16.3	-12.5	-8.5	-29.5	-32.3		-20.0

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 count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims ²	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 ²	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
People												
2007												
January	486.3	289.5	98.7	98.1	20.2	18.7	151.5	75.9	26.0	49.6	32.7	23.5
February	486.7	291.0	97.5	98.2	20.2	18.9	150.4	75.2	25.5	49.7	33.0	23.8
March	479.8	287.0	95.7	97.1	20.2	18.8	148.4	74.1	25.0	49.3	33.2	23.8
April #	470.6	282.0	93.5	95.1	20.2	18.6	145.9	72.9	24.2	48.8	33.4	23.9
May	463.0	279.5	91.0	92.5	20.0	18.3	144.0	72.0	23.8	48.2	33.5	24.0
June #	455.5	277.3	88.2	90.0	19.8	18.0	141.5	70.9	23.1	47.5	33.6	23.9
July	453.3	278.9	86.6	87.8	19.4	17.6	140.7	71.0	22.9	46.8	33.3	23.9
August	449.2	279.3	84.9	85.0	18.9	17.1	139.3	71.2	22.3	45.8	32.9	23.7
September #	443.3	277.8	82.7	82.8	18.7	16.9	136.1	70.4	21.6	44.1	32.4	23.1
October	438.1	276.7	80.8	80.6	18.4	16.7	133.8	70.9	21.0	41.9	31.3	22.1
November	434.2	275.0	80.4	78.8	18.1	16.5	130.3	70.2	20.7	39.4	30.2	20.6
December # (r)	430.2	273.6	80.0	76.6	17.8	16.2	126.6	69.9	20.3	36.4	28.8	18.6
2008												
January (p)	424.9	270.6	79.4	74.9	17.6	15.8	124.5	69.4	20.0	35.1	28.2	17.5
<i>Change on month</i>	-5.3	-3.0	-0.6	-1.7	-0.2	-0.4	-2.1	-0.5	-0.3	-1.3	-0.6	-1.1
<i>Change %</i>	-1.2	-1.1	-0.7	-2.2		-2.5	-1.7	-0.7	-1.5	-3.6		-5.9
<i>Change on year</i>	-61.7	-19.0	-19.4	-23.3	-2.6	-2.9	-27.0	-6.5	-6.0	-14.5	-4.5	-6.0
<i>Change %</i>	-12.7	-6.6	-19.6	-23.7		-15.5	-17.8	-8.6	-23.1	-29.2		-25.5
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2007												
January	374.8	217.1	77.9	79.8	21.3	15.4	108.0	51.5	18.3	38.2	35.4	18.7
February	375.2	218.5	76.9	79.8	21.3	15.6	107.4	51.1	18.0	38.3	35.7	18.9
March	369.5	215.3	75.4	78.8	21.3	15.5	105.6	50.1	17.6	37.9	35.9	18.9
April #	362.2	211.6	73.6	77.0	21.3	15.3	103.4	48.8	17.1	37.5	36.3	19.0
May	356.0	209.6	71.6	74.8	21.0	15.1	101.9	48.0	16.8	37.1	36.4	19.1
June #	350.4	208.4	69.4	72.6	20.7	14.8	99.8	46.9	16.4	36.5	36.6	19.0
July	349.3	210.3	68.1	70.9	20.3	14.4	99.3	47.0	16.2	36.1	36.4	19.0
August	346.2	210.8	66.9	68.5	19.8	14.0	97.9	47.1	15.7	35.1	35.9	18.8
September #	341.6	209.8	65.1	66.7	19.5	13.8	95.4	46.3	15.3	33.8	35.4	18.3
October	337.7	209.2	63.7	64.8	19.2	13.6	93.7	46.8	14.8	32.1	34.3	17.5
November	334.8	208.2	63.3	63.3	18.9	13.4	90.9	46.2	14.6	30.1	33.1	16.3
December # (r)	331.9	207.4	63.1	61.4	18.5	13.1	88.2	46.2	14.3	27.7	31.4	14.6
2008												
January (p)	327.4	204.8	62.6	60.0	18.3	12.8	86.8	46.0	14.1	26.7	30.8	13.7
<i>Change on month</i>	-4.5	-2.6	-0.5	-1.4	-0.2	-0.3	-1.4	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-0.6	-0.9
<i>Change %</i>	-1.4	-1.3	-0.8	-2.3		-2.3	-1.6	-0.4	-1.4	-3.6		-6.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-47.4	-12.3	-15.3	-19.8	-3.0	-2.6	-21.2	-5.5	-4.2	-11.5	-4.6	-5.0
<i>Change %</i>	-12.6	-5.7	-19.6	-24.8		-16.9	-19.6	-10.7	-23.0	-30.1		-26.7
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2007												
January	111.5	72.4	20.8	18.3	16.4	3.3	43.5	24.4	7.7	11.4	26.2	4.8
February	111.5	72.5	20.6	18.4	16.5	3.3	43.0	24.1	7.5	11.4	26.5	4.9
March	110.3	71.7	20.3	18.3	16.6	3.3	42.8	24.0	7.4	11.4	26.6	4.9
April #	108.4	70.4	19.9	18.1	16.7	3.3	42.5	24.1	7.1	11.3	26.6	4.9
May	107.0	69.9	19.4	17.7	16.5	3.2	42.1	24.0	7.0	11.1	26.4	4.9
June #	105.1	68.9	18.8	17.4	16.6	3.2	41.7	24.0	6.7	11.0	26.4	4.9
July	104.0	68.6	18.5	16.9	16.3	3.2	41.4	24.0	6.7	10.7	25.8	4.9
August	103.0	68.5	18.0	16.5	16.0	3.1	41.4	24.1	6.6	10.7	25.8	4.9
September #	101.7	68.0	17.6	16.1	15.8	3.1	40.7	24.1	6.3	10.3	25.3	4.8
October	100.4	67.5	17.1	15.8	15.7	3.1	40.1	24.1	6.2	9.8	24.4	4.6
November	99.4	66.8	17.1	15.5	15.6	3.1	39.4	24.0	6.1	9.3	23.6	4.3
December # (r)	98.3	66.2	16.9	15.2	15.5	3.1	38.4	23.7	6.0	8.7	22.7	4.0
2008												
January (p)	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.7	23.4	5.9	8.4	22.3	3.8
<i>Change on month</i>	-0.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	-0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-2.0		-3.2	-1.8	-1.3	-1.7	-3.4		-5.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-14.3	-6.7	-4.1	-3.5	-1.2	-0.3	-5.8	-1.0	-1.8	-3.0	-3.9	-1.0
<i>Change %</i>	-12.8	-9.2	-19.6	-19.0		-9.1	-13.3	-4.1	-23.4	-26.3		-20.8

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

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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
Economically active								
People	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
Oct-Dec 2005	30,359	29,221	746	3,993	6,604	11,280	6,599	1,138
Oct-Dec 2006	30,793	29,568	754	4,135	6,586	11,418	6,675	1,225
Jan-Mar 2007	30,759	29,533	727	4,145	6,576	11,397	6,687	1,226
Apr-Jun 2007	30,814	29,574	714	4,137	6,586	11,411	6,726	1,240
Jul-Sep 2007	30,890	29,618	728	4,146	6,584	11,433	6,726	1,272
Oct-Dec 2007	31,004	29,722	740	4,158	6,584	11,445	6,795	1,282
<i>Change on quarter</i>	114	104	12	12	-1	12	68	10
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.4	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.8
<i>Change on year</i>	211	154	-13	23	-3	27	120	57
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.5	-1.8	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.8	4.6
Men	MMSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Oct-Dec 2005	16,467	16,076	368	2,161	3,609	5,993	3,945	391
Oct-Dec 2006	16,675	16,269	373	2,215	3,602	6,103	3,975	407
Jan-Mar 2007	16,692	16,282	363	2,235	3,605	6,086	3,993	410
Apr-Jun 2007	16,735	16,319	350	2,238	3,618	6,085	4,027	417
Jul-Sep 2007	16,753	16,320	366	2,222	3,619	6,077	4,036	433
Oct-Dec 2007	16,787	16,367	378	2,231	3,608	6,076	4,074	420
<i>Change on quarter</i>	35	47	12	9	-11	0	38	-12
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.3	3.3	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.9	-2.8
<i>Change on year</i>	112	98	5	16	6	-27	98	14
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.7	0.2	-0.4	2.5	3.4
Women	MGSF	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Oct-Dec 2005	13,892	13,146	378	1,832	2,995	5,287	2,653	747
Oct-Dec 2006	14,118	13,300	381	1,920	2,984	5,315	2,699	818
Jan-Mar 2007	14,067	13,251	364	1,910	2,971	5,311	2,694	816
Apr-Jun 2007	14,079	13,256	364	1,899	2,968	5,326	2,699	823
Jul-Sep 2007	14,137	13,298	362	1,925	2,965	5,357	2,690	839
Oct-Dec 2007	14,216	13,355	362	1,928	2,976	5,369	2,721	861
<i>Change on quarter</i>	79	57	0	3	11	-	31	22
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	1.1	2.6
<i>Change on year</i>	98	55	-19	8	-9	54	22	43
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.4	-4.9	0.4	-0.3	1.0	0.8	5.3
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Oct-Dec 2005	63.3	78.6	47.5	73.5	84.2	85.1	72.7	10.5
Oct-Dec 2006	63.6	79.0	47.9	74.4	84.3	85.4	73.1	11.2
Jan-Mar 2007	63.4	78.8	46.0	74.2	84.3	85.2	73.2	11.1
Apr-Jun 2007	63.4	78.8	45.0	73.6	84.5	85.1	73.6	11.2
Jul-Sep 2007	63.4	78.8	45.8	73.4	84.4	85.2	73.6	11.5
Oct-Dec 2007	63.5	79.0	46.7	73.3	84.3	85.3	74.3	11.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.2	0.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.7	0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	0.0	-1.2	-1.1	-0.1	-0.2	1.2	0.3
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Oct-Dec 2005	70.7	83.5	45.7	78.5	92.8	91.5	75.1	9.7
Oct-Dec 2006	70.9	83.7	46.0	78.5	92.8	92.4	74.8	10.0
Jan-Mar 2007	70.8	83.6	44.6	78.8	92.9	92.1	74.8	10.0
Apr-Jun 2007	70.9	83.6	42.9	78.4	93.3	91.9	75.3	10.2
Jul-Sep 2007	70.8	83.4	44.7	77.4	93.3	91.7	75.2	10.5
Oct-Dec 2007	70.7	83.5	46.3	77.3	92.8	91.7	75.7	10.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.0	0.1	1.6	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.5	-0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-1.2	0.0	-0.8	1.0	0.2
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Oct-Dec 2005	56.2	73.3	49.4	68.3	75.8	78.9	69.4	11.0
Oct-Dec 2006	56.7	73.9	49.8	70.2	76.0	78.6	70.8	11.9
Jan-Mar 2007	56.4	73.6	47.4	69.5	75.7	78.4	70.9	11.8
Apr-Jun 2007	56.4	73.6	47.3	68.7	75.8	78.5	71.3	11.8
Jul-Sep 2007	56.5	73.8	47.0	69.3	75.7	78.9	71.3	12.0
Oct-Dec 2007	56.7	74.0	47.0	69.2	75.8	79.0	72.2	12.3
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.0	0.1	-2.7	-1.0	-0.1	0.4	1.4	0.4

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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12(2) Economic inactivity 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

Economically inactive

People	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAY	YCBB	MGWA	MGWD
Oct-Dec 2005	17,630	7,955	825	1,440	1,240	1,974	2,476	9,675
Oct-Dec 2006	17,593	7,867	822	1,422	1,223	1,946	2,455	9,725
Jan-Mar 2007	17,729	7,955	854	1,443	1,226	1,987	2,446	9,775
Apr-Jun 2007	17,776	7,965	872	1,482	1,210	1,993	2,410	9,811
Jul-Sep 2007	17,804	7,973	860	1,501	1,213	1,985	2,414	9,832
Oct-Dec 2007	17,799	7,919	847	1,512	1,229	1,978	2,354	9,880
Change on quarter	-6	-54	-14	11	16	-7	-60	48
Change %	0.0	-0.7	-1.6	0.7	1.3	-0.4	-2.5	0.5
Change on year	206	51	25	91	6	32	-102	155
Change %	1.2	0.7	3.0	6.4	0.5	1.6	-4.1	1.6
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Oct-Dec 2005	6,814	3,176	437	591	282	559	1,308	3,637
Oct-Dec 2006	6,829	3,163	437	606	279	499	1,343	3,666
Jan-Mar 2007	6,870	3,194	450	603	274	525	1,342	3,676
Apr-Jun 2007	6,883	3,201	466	618	260	534	1,323	3,682
Jul-Sep 2007	6,924	3,241	452	650	260	549	1,329	3,683
Oct-Dec 2007	6,948	3,229	439	654	280	552	1,305	3,719
Change on quarter	24	-12	-13	4	20	2	-24	36
Change %	0.3	-0.4	-3.0	0.6	7.5	0.4	-1.8	1.0
Change on year	119	66	2	48	1	53	-38	53
Change %	1.7	2.1	0.4	7.9	0.4	10.5	-2.8	1.4
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAC	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Oct-Dec 2005	10,817	4,779	388	849	958	1,415	1,168	6,038
Oct-Dec 2006	10,764	4,704	385	816	944	1,447	1,113	6,060
Jan-Mar 2007	10,860	4,761	403	840	952	1,462	1,104	6,099
Apr-Jun 2007	10,893	4,764	405	864	950	1,459	1,087	6,129
Jul-Sep 2007	10,881	4,732	408	851	952	1,436	1,085	6,149
Oct-Dec 2007	10,851	4,690	408	858	949	1,426	1,049	6,161
Change on quarter	-30	-42	0	7	-4	-10	-36	13
Change %	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1	0.8	-0.4	-0.7	-3.3	0.2
Change on year	87	-14	23	42	5	-21	-64	102
Change %	0.8	-0.3	6.0	5.2	0.5	-1.4	-5.7	1.7

Economic inactivity rates (%)¹

People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Oct-Dec 2005	36.7	21.4	52.5	26.5	15.8	14.9	27.3	89.5
Oct-Dec 2006	36.4	21.0	52.1	25.6	15.7	14.6	26.9	88.8
Jan-Mar 2007	36.6	21.2	54.0	25.8	15.7	14.8	26.8	88.9
Apr-Jun 2007	36.6	21.2	55.0	26.4	15.5	14.9	26.4	88.8
Jul-Sep 2007	36.6	21.2	54.2	26.6	15.6	14.8	26.4	88.5
Oct-Dec 2007	36.5	21.0	53.3	26.7	15.7	14.7	25.7	88.5
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.0
Change on year	0.1	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.1	0.2	-1.2	-0.3
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Oct-Dec 2005	29.3	16.5	54.3	21.5	7.2	8.5	24.9	90.3
Oct-Dec 2006	29.1	16.3	54.0	21.5	7.2	7.6	25.2	90.0
Jan-Mar 2007	29.2	16.4	55.4	21.2	7.1	7.9	25.2	90.0
Apr-Jun 2007	29.1	16.4	57.1	21.6	6.7	8.1	24.7	89.8
Jul-Sep 2007	29.2	16.6	55.3	22.6	6.7	8.3	24.8	89.5
Oct-Dec 2007	29.3	16.5	53.7	22.7	7.2	8.3	24.3	89.8
Change on quarter	0.0	-0.1	-1.6	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.4
Change on year	0.2	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.0	0.8	-1.0	-0.2
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Oct-Dec 2005	43.8	26.7	50.6	31.7	24.2	21.1	30.6	89.0
Oct-Dec 2006	43.3	26.1	50.2	29.8	24.0	21.4	29.2	88.1
Jan-Mar 2007	43.6	26.4	52.6	30.5	24.3	21.6	29.1	88.2
Apr-Jun 2007	43.6	26.4	52.7	31.3	24.2	21.5	28.7	88.2
Jul-Sep 2007	43.5	26.2	53.0	30.7	24.3	21.1	28.7	88.0
Oct-Dec 2007	43.3	26.0	53.0	30.8	24.2	21.0	27.8	87.7
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
Change on year	0.0	-0.1	2.7	1.0	0.1	-0.4	-1.4	-0.4

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

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13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason																	
	Student		Looking after family / home		Temp sick		Long-term sick		Discouraged workers		Retired		Other		Does not want a job		Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC								
Oct-Dec 2005	7,955	1,855	2,349	198	2,120	41	592	801	5,902	2,054								
Oct-Dec 2006	7,867	1,819	2,290	201	2,080	40	624	814	5,771	2,096								
Jan-Mar 2007	7,955	1,873	2,319	205	2,095	40	623	800	5,860	2,095								
Apr-Jun 2007	7,965	1,896	2,355	199	2,045	35	621	815	5,878	2,088								
Jul-Sep 2007	7,973	1,920	2,303	206	2,049	42	618	836	5,882	2,091								
Oct-Dec 2007	7,919	1,942	2,263	193	2,056	33	623	808	5,823	2,095								
Change on quarter	-54	23	-40	-13	7	-8	5	-28	-58	4								
Change %	-0.7	1.2	-1.7	-6.3	0.3	-19.8	0.8	-3.3	-1.0	0.2								
Change on year	51	124	-26	-8	-24	-7	-1	-6	52	-1								
Change %	0.7	6.8	-1.1	-4.0	-1.1	-17.5	-0.2	-0.7	0.9	0.0								
Men	YBSO	BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD								
Oct-Dec 2005	3,176	912	197	99	1,159	30	424	355	2,318	858								
Oct-Dec 2006	3,163	914	189	96	1,140	27	453	344	2,277	886								
Jan-Mar 2007	3,194	932	201	107	1,139	27	450	338	2,295	899								
Apr-Jun 2007	3,201	948	207	89	1,144	21	453	339	2,313	888								
Jul-Sep 2007	3,241	961	190	98	1,136	24	464	368	2,338	902								
Oct-Dec 2007	3,229	964	189	97	1,151	16	457	355	2,339	890								
Change on quarter	-12	3	-1	-1	15	-8	-7	-13	0	-12								
Change %	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	-1.2	1.3	-31.7	-1.5	-3.7	0.0	-1.3								
Change on year	66	49	0	1	11	-10	4	11	62	4								
Change %	2.1	5.4	0.2	0.8	1.0	-38.9	0.8	3.2	2.7	0.4								
Women	YBSP	BEEL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEEH	YBWB	YBWE								
Oct-Dec 2005	4,779	943	2,152	98	960	11	168	446	3,584	1,195								
Oct-Dec 2006	4,704	904	2,101	104	940	14	171	470	3,495	1,209								
Jan-Mar 2007	4,761	941	2,119	99	955	13	173	462	3,565	1,195								
Apr-Jun 2007	4,764	948	2,148	110	901	14	168	475	3,564	1,200								
Jul-Sep 2007	4,732	959	2,114	107	914	18	154	468	3,543	1,189								
Oct-Dec 2007	4,690	979	2,075	95	905	17	166	453	3,485	1,205								
Change on quarter	-42	20	-39	-12	-9	-1	12	-14	-59	16								
Change %	-0.9	2.1	-1.8	-10.9	-0.9	-3.6	8.0	-3.1	-1.7	1.4								
Change on year	-14	74	-27	-9	-35	3	-5	-17	-10	-4								
Change %	-0.3	8.2	-1.3	-8.6	-3.7	24.9	-2.9	-3.6	-0.3	-0.4								

Percentage of economically inactive (%)

	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
People										
Oct-Dec 2005	100	23.3	29.5	2.5	26.6	0.5	7.4	10.1	74.2	25.8
Oct-Dec 2006	100	23.1	29.1	2.6	26.4	0.5	7.9	10.3	73.4	26.6
Jan-Mar 2007	100	23.5	29.2	2.6	26.3	0.5	7.8	10.1	73.7	26.3
Apr-Jun 2007	100	23.8	29.6	2.5	25.7	0.4	7.8	10.2	73.8	26.2
Jul-Sep 2007	100	24.1	28.9	2.6	25.7	0.5	7.7	10.5	73.8	26.2
Oct-Dec 2007	100	24.5	28.6	2.4	26.0	0.4	7.9	10.2	73.5	26.5
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEH	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Oct-Dec 2005	100	28.7	6.2	3.1	36.5	1.0	13.3	11.2	73.0	27.0
Oct-Dec 2006	100	28.9	6.0	3.0	36.0	0.8	14.3	10.9	72.0	28.0
Jan-Mar 2007	100	29.2	6.3	3.3	35.7	0.8	14.1	10.6	71.8	28.2
Apr-Jun 2007	100	29.6	6.5	2.8	35.7	0.6	14.2	10.6	72.3	27.7
Jul-Sep 2007	100	29.6	5.8	3.0	35.0	0.7	14.3	11.4	72.2	27.8
Oct-Dec 2007	100	29.8	5.9	3.0	35.6	0.5	14.2	11.0	72.4	27.6
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Oct-Dec 2005	100	19.7	45.0	2.1	20.1	0.2	3.5	9.3	75.0	25.0
Oct-Dec 2006	100	19.2	44.7	2.2	20.0	0.3	3.6	10.0	74.3	25.7
Jan-Mar 2007	100	19.8	44.5	2.1	20.1	0.3	3.6	9.7	74.9	25.1
Apr-Jun 2007	100	19.9	45.1	2.3	18.9	0.3	3.5	10.0	74.8	25.2
Jul-Sep 2007	100	20.3	44.7	2.3	19.3	0.4	3.2	9.9	74.9	25.1
Oct-Dec 2007	100	20.9	44.2	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.5	9.7	74.3	25.7

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

October to December 2007

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

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

Levels

People												
16-17	740	270	471	551	187	364	189	82	107	847	127	719
18-24	4,158	3,460	698	3,658	3,046	611	501	414	86	1,512	604	908
all under 25	4,899	3,730	1,169	4,209	3,234	975	690	497	193	2,359	731	1,627
Men												
16-17	378	163	215	268	111	157	111	53	58	439	72	367
18-24	2,231	1,904	326	1,932	1,653	279	298	252	47	654	180	474
all under 25	2,609	2,068	541	2,200	1,764	436	409	304	105	1,092	252	841
Women												
16-17	362	106	256	284	76	207	79	30	49	408	55	353
18-24	1,928	1,556	372	1,725	1,394	332	202	162	40	858	424	434
all under 25	2,290	1,662	627	2,009	1,470	539	281	192	89	1,266	479	787

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	12	5	7	36	2	34	-24	3	-27	-14	15	-28
18-24	12	38	-26	16	35	-19	-4	3	-7	11	-31	43
all under 25	24	43	-19	52	37	15	-28	6	-34	-3	-17	14
Men												
16-17	12	4	8	15	0	15	-3	5	-7	-13	20	-33
18-24	9	17	-8	20	22	-2	-11	-5	-6	4	-19	23
all under 25	21	21	0	35	22	13	-14	-1	-13	-9	1	-10
Women												
16-17	0	1	0	21	2	19	-21	-2	-19	0	-5	5
18-24	3	21	-18	-4	13	-16	7	8	-1	7	-12	20
all under 25	3	22	-18	17	15	2	-14	7	-21	7	-18	25

Rates(%)³

People												
16-17	46.7	67.9	39.6	34.7	47.1	30.6	25.6	30.6	22.7	53.3	32.1	60.4
18-24	73.3	85.1	43.4	64.5	75.0	38.1	12.0	12.0	12.4	26.7	14.9	56.6
all under 25	67.5	83.6	41.8	58.0	72.5	34.9	14.1	13.3	16.5	32.5	16.4	58.2
Men												
16-17	46.3	69.4	37.0	32.8	47.0	27.0	29.2	32.2	27.0	53.7	30.6	63.0
18-24	77.3	91.4	40.8	67.0	79.3	34.9	13.4	13.2	14.3	22.7	8.6	59.2
all under 25	70.5	89.1	39.2	59.4	76.0	31.6	15.7	14.7	19.3	29.5	10.9	60.8
Women												
16-17	47.0	65.8	42.1	36.8	47.3	34.0	21.7	28.1	19.1	53.0	34.2	57.9
18-24	69.2	78.6	46.1	61.9	70.4	41.2	10.5	10.4	10.7	30.8	21.4	53.9
all under 25	64.4	77.6	44.4	56.5	68.6	38.1	12.3	11.6	14.1	35.6	22.4	55.6

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	0.8	-2.2	1.3	2.3	-2.0	3.3	-3.7	0.6	-6.1	-0.8	2.2	-1.3
18-24	-0.1	0.8	-2.1	0.0	0.7	-1.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-0.8	2.1
all under 25	0.1	0.5	-0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6	-0.6	0.0	-2.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.6
Men												
16-17	1.6	-5.9	2.8	1.9	-5.6	3.6	-1.7	2.1	-4.6	-1.6	5.9	-2.8
18-24	0.0	0.9	-1.8	0.4	1.1	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-1.4	0.0	-0.9	1.8
all under 25	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	1.2	-0.7	-0.2	-2.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Women												
16-17	0.0	2.2	-0.4	2.7	2.6	2.9	-5.8	-1.7	-7.5	0.0	-2.2	0.4
18-24	-0.1	0.7	-2.3	-0.4	0.3	-2.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	-0.7	2.3
all under 25	-0.1	0.9	-1.5	0.3	0.6	0.0	-0.6	0.2	-2.8	0.1	-0.9	1.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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 unemployed

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

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

15 Average Earnings - including bonuses¹

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 ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMQ	LNMU	LNNC	LNKY	LNKZ	LNND	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Dec 05	123.9	4.2	3.7	123.1	4.2	3.5	127.6	4.4	4.5
Oct 06 (r)	128.0	4.4	4.0	127.3	4.7	4.2	131.1	3.2	3.2
Nov 06 (r)	127.9	3.8	4.1	127.4	4.1	4.3	131.3	3.0	3.2
Dec 06 (r)	128.8	3.9	4.0	128.2	4.1	4.3	131.8	3.3	3.2
Jan 07	129.3	4.9	4.2	128.7	5.2	4.5	132.2	3.3	3.2
Feb 07	131.3	4.9	4.6	131.1	5.4	4.9	132.2	2.8	3.2
Mar 07	129.7	3.5	4.4	129.2	3.8	4.8	132.7	3.1	3.1
Apr 07	129.8	3.4	4.0	128.8	3.2	4.1	133.1	3.2	3.0
May 07	130.5	3.6	3.5	129.9	3.8	3.6	133.3	3.0	3.1
Jun 07	131.1	3.2	3.4	130.5	3.2	3.4	133.7	3.1	3.1
Jul 07	131.5	3.8	3.5	131.0	4.2	3.7	134.0	2.5	2.8
Aug 07	132.1	4.2	3.7	131.7	4.4	3.9	134.4	3.2	2.9
Sep 07	132.7	4.2	4.1	132.2	4.4	4.3	135.0	3.2	3.0
Oct 07 (r)	132.7	3.7	4.0	132.1	3.8	4.2	135.3	3.2	3.2
Nov 07 (r)	133.2	4.2	4.0	132.9	4.3	4.2	135.8	3.4	3.3
Dec 07 (p)	133.5	3.6	3.8	133.0	3.8	4.0	136.2	3.3	3.3
	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 ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMV	LNMU	LNNC	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Dec 05	123.3	4.5	4.4	123.8	4.0	3.5	122.5	3.9	3.2
Oct 06 (r)	128.4	5.3	5.4	128.0	4.5	4.1	127.1	4.9	4.3
Nov 06 (r)	128.2	4.7	5.2	128.2	4.0	4.2	127.3	4.4	4.5
Dec 06 (r)	128.0	3.9	4.6	129.1	4.3	4.3	128.2	4.6	4.7
Jan 07	128.3	3.5	4.0 (r)	129.6	5.3	4.5	128.6	5.9	5.0
Feb 07	129.1	3.6	3.6 (r)	131.9	5.4	5.0	131.6	6.1	5.5
Mar 07	129.5	3.5	3.5	130.1	3.3	4.6	129.1	3.4	5.1
Apr 07	130.2	3.2	3.4	130.0	3.6	4.1	129.0	3.6	4.4
May 07	130.7	4.4	3.7	130.6	3.5	3.5	129.7	3.8	3.6
Jun 07	131.2	3.9	3.8	131.1	3.2	3.4	130.4	3.2	3.5
Jul 07	131.1	4.3	4.2	131.8	3.8	3.5	131.1	4.2	3.7
Aug 07	130.9	2.8	3.6	132.6	4.6	3.9	131.9	5.0	4.1
Sep 07	131.1	2.2	3.1	133.2	4.5	4.3	132.6	4.9	4.7
Oct 07 (r)	131.6	2.5	2.5	133.1	4.0	4.3	132.3	4.1	4.7
Nov 07 (r)	132.7	3.5	2.8	133.6	4.2	4.2	132.9	4.4	4.5
Dec 07 (p)	133.6	4.3	3.5	133.7	3.6	3.9	132.9	3.7	4.1

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

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.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey
Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 819024

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

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses¹

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 ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQDW	JQDX	JQDY	JQEC	JQED	JQEE	JQDZ	JQEA	JQEB
Dec 05	124.6	3.6	3.7	123.9	3.5	3.6	127.4	4.2	4.0
Oct 06 (r)	128.5	3.9	3.7	128.0	4.1	3.9	130.5	3.1	3.1
Nov 06 (r)	128.7	3.6	3.8	128.1	3.8	3.9	130.9	3.0	3.1
Dec 06 (r)	129.0	3.6	3.7	128.5	3.7	3.9	131.2	3.0	3.0
Jan 07	129.4	3.5	3.6	128.9	3.6	3.7	131.7	3.2	3.1
Feb 07	129.8	3.6	3.6	129.3	3.8	3.7	131.7	2.8	3.0
Mar 07	130.2	3.7	3.6	129.7	3.9	3.8	132.2	3.1	3.0
Apr 07	130.4	3.4	3.6	129.9	3.4	3.7	132.2	3.3	3.1
May 07	130.9	3.5	3.5	130.5	3.5	3.6	132.8	3.3	3.2
Jun 07	131.3	3.5	3.4	131.0	3.6	3.5	133.0	3.0	3.2
Jul 07	131.7	3.7	3.6	131.4	4.0	3.7	133.4	2.8	3.0
Aug 07	132.3	3.8	3.7	131.9	3.9	3.8	134.1	3.5	3.1
Sep 07	132.6	3.5	3.7	132.1	3.6	3.8	134.6	3.4	3.2
Oct 07 (r)	133.0	3.5	3.6	132.5	3.5	3.7	135.1	3.5	3.5
Nov 07 (r)	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.4	3.4	3.4
Dec 07 (p)	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.3	3.8	3.7	136.1	3.7	3.6

	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 ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQEF	JQEG	JQEH	JQEL	JQEM	JQEN	JQEO	JQEP	JQEQ
Dec 05	123.6	4.0	4.1	124.8	3.6	3.7	123.8	3.4	3.5
Oct 06 (r)	128.2	4.4	4.4	128.8	4.0	3.7	128.2	4.3	4.0
Nov 06 (r)	128.5	4.3	4.4	129.0	3.7	3.8	128.3	4.0	4.1
Dec 06 (r)	128.5	3.9	4.2	129.3	3.6	3.8	128.6	3.9	4.1
Jan 07	128.9	3.7	4.0	129.7	3.6	3.6	129.0	3.7	3.8
Feb 07	129.5	3.6	3.7	130.1	3.8	3.7	129.5	4.3	3.9
Mar 07	130.1	4.1	3.8	130.5	3.7	3.7	129.8	3.9	4.0
Apr 07	130.6	3.9	3.9	130.6	3.3	3.6	129.9	3.4	3.9
May 07	130.7	3.7	3.9	131.3	3.6	3.5	130.7	3.8	3.7
Jun 07	131.3	3.8	3.8	131.7	3.6	3.5	131.3	3.9	3.7
Jul 07	131.6	4.1	3.9	132.1	3.8	3.7	131.7	4.1	3.9
Aug 07	131.9	3.7	3.9	132.7	4.0	3.8	132.2	4.2	4.1
Sep 07	132.1	3.2	3.7	133.0	3.7	3.8	132.5	3.9	4.1
Oct 07 (r)	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.5	3.6	3.8	132.9	3.7	3.9
Nov 07 (r)	133.2	3.7	3.5	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.4	4.0	3.9
Dec 07 (p)	133.6	4.0	3.7	134.4	3.9	3.8	133.8	4.0	3.9

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	
Dec 05			1.4	1.5	3.1	2.9
Dec 06			-0.2 (r)	-0.1	4.1	4.7
Jan 07			-0.8 (r)	-0.4 (r)	4.3 (r)	4.4
Feb 07			0.4	-0.2 (r)	3.1	3.8
Mar 07			0.4	0.0	3.1	3.5
Apr 07 (r)			-0.6	0.1	3.8	3.3
May 07			1.4	0.4	2.9	3.3
Jun 07			0.6	0.5 (r)	3.3 (r)	3.3
Jul 07			0.9	1.0	3.4 (r)	3.2
Aug 07			-0.4	0.3 (r)	3.2	3.3
Sep 07			0.4 (r)	0.3	1.9 (r)	2.8
Oct 07 (r)			0.4	0.1	2.1	2.4
Nov 07			1.5 (r)	0.8 (r)	2.0	2.0 (r)
2007 Q3	1.5	2.6	2.4	1.4	1.9	2.0

Sources: Whole Economy - National Accounts and Productivity Jobs

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

Productivity and Unit Wage Costs enquiries: 01633 819174

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(1) Regional labour market summary

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey¹ (October to December 2007)

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (October to December 2007)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
		Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
North East	2,067	1,244	76.3	667	577	1,174	71.9	625	74.6	549	69.0	70	5.6	42	6.3	28	4.9
North West	5,482	3,400	77.6	1,845	1,555	3,200	72.9	1,723	76.4	1,477	69.1	200	5.9	122	6.6	78	5.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,152	2,593	77.9	1,416	1,177	2,455	73.6	1,327	77.1	1,129	69.8	138	5.3	89	6.3	48	4.1
East Midlands	3,540	2,262	80.0	1,235	1,027	2,144	75.7	1,170	79.5	974	71.5	119	5.2	66	5.3	53	5.2
West Midlands	4,275	2,661	77.9	1,453	1,209	2,511	73.3	1,364	77.5	1,146	68.7	151	5.7	88	6.1	62	5.2
East	4,520	2,939	81.8	1,597	1,342	2,807	78.1	1,524	82.7	1,282	73.0	133	4.5	72	4.5	60	4.5
London	6,066	3,954	75.3	2,207	1,747	3,695	70.2	2,064	77.3	1,631	62.7	259	6.6	143	6.5	116	6.7
South East	6,608	4,396	82.8	2,342	2,054	4,196	78.9	2,236	83.1	1,960	74.3	201	4.6	107	4.5	94	4.6
South West	4,170	2,663	82.5	1,421	1,242	2,565	79.3	1,367	82.3	1,198	76.1	98	3.7	54	3.8	45	3.6
England	40,881	26,113	79.2	14,183	11,930	24,746	74.9	13,401	79.2	11,345	70.2	1,368	5.2	783	5.5	585	4.9
Wales	2,393	1,411	75.4	758	653	1,339	71.5	722	75.3	617	67.4	72	5.1	36	4.8	36	5.5
Scotland	4,166	2,662	80.5	1,398	1,264	2,532	76.5	1,327	79.0	1,205	73.8	130	4.9	71	5.1	59	4.7
Great Britain	47,441	30,186	79.1	16,339	13,847	28,616	74.9	15,449	79.0	13,167	70.4	1,570	5.2	890	5.4	680	4.9
N Ireland	1,362	815	72.9	446	368	781	69.8	425	74.5	356	64.8	34	4.2	21	4.7	13	3.5
United Kingdom	48,803	31,004	79.0	16,787	14,216	29,398	74.7	15,875	78.9	13,523	70.2	1,606	5.2	912	5.4	694	4.9

Change on quarter:⁴

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (October to December 2007)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
		Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
North East	3	-5	-0.6	-7	3	5	-0.1	4	0.1	1	-0.3	-9	-0.7	-11	-1.5	1	0.2
North West	8	26	0.6	13	13	30	0.7	15	0.6	15	0.7	-4	-0.2	-2	-0.2	-2	-0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	11	15	0.3	7	7	20	0.4	4	0.4	16	0.5	-5	-0.2	3	0.2	-8	-0.7
East Midlands	11	-8	-0.4	1	-9	5	0.0	10	0.2	-5	-0.2	-12	-0.5	-9	-0.7	-4	-0.3
West Midlands	6	-8	-0.2	-4	-4	14	0.5	2	0.4	12	0.6	-22	-0.8	-6	-0.4	-15	-1.3
East	13	19	0.4	0	19	38	1.0	7	0.6	31	1.5	-19	-0.7	-7	-0.4	-12	-1.0
London	15	18	0.0	14	4	2	-0.3	15	0.3	-13	-0.9	16	0.4	-2	-0.1	17	1.0
South East	16	24	0.2	4	20	22	0.2	6	0.0	16	0.4	2	0.0	-2	-0.1	4	0.2
South West	11	25	0.6	12	13	34	0.9	16	0.8	18	0.9	-9	-0.4	-3	-0.3	-6	-0.5
England	93	107	0.2	41	66	170	0.4	80	0.4	90	0.3	-62	-0.3	-38	-0.3	-24	-0.2
Wales	5	0	0.0	-9	9	4	0.2	-6	-0.7	10	1.3	-4	-0.3	-2	-0.3	-2	-0.3
Scotland	6	-5	0.0	-6	1	-5	0.0	-6	-0.4	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Great Britain	105	102	0.2	26	76	169	0.3	67	0.3	102	0.4	-66	-0.2	-41	-0.3	-25	-0.2
N Ireland	3	4	0.2	3	0	1	-0.1	1	0.2	0	-0.4	3	0.4	3	0.6	0	0.1
United Kingdom	108	114	0.2	35	79	175	0.3	73	0.3	102	0.4	-61	-0.2	-38	-0.2	-23	-0.2

Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (October to December 2007)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
		Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
North East	12	8	0.1	4	4	18	0.7	11	0.5	7	0.9	-10	-0.8	-7	-1.1	-3	-0.6
North West	30	33	0.4	43	-9	12	-0.1	28	0.5	-16	-0.8	21	0.6	15	0.7	7	0.5
Yorkshire & the Humber	44	9	-0.8	-3	12	27	-0.2	9	-0.6	19	0.1	-19	-0.7	-12	-0.8	-7	-0.6
East Midlands	40	-23	-1.3	-7	-17	-10	-0.8	-1	-0.9	-8	-0.7	-14	-0.5	-5	-0.4	-8	-0.7
West Midlands	21	-9	-0.5	-16	7	14	0.1	-4	-0.4	18	0.7	-23	-0.8	-11	-0.7	-12	-1.0
East	49	50	0.9	20	29	46	1.0	18	0.5	29	1.4	3	0.0	2	0.1	1	0.0
London	53	22	-0.6	26	-4	68	0.4	49	0.9	19	-0.1	-47	-1.2	-23	-1.1	-24	-1.3
South East	60	54	0.4	15	39	42	0.2	15	0.0	28	0.4	12	0.2	1	0.0	11	0.5
South West	46	52	0.9	26	26	53	0.9	24	0.4	29	1.5	-1	-0.1	2	0.1	-3	-0.4
England	355	194	0.0	108	86	271	0.2	147	0.1	125	0.3	-77	-0.3	-39	-0.3	-39	-0.4
Wales	17	-4	-0.5	1	-6	-3	-0.3	7	0.1	-10	-0.8	-2	-0.1	-6	-0.7	4	0.6
Scotland	27	10	0.2	-6	16	19	0.4	7	-0.4	13	1.2	-9	-0.4	-12	-0.8	3	0.2
Great Britain	399	200	0.0	104	96	288	0.2	160	0.1	128	0.3	-88	-0.3	-56	-0.4	-32	-0.3
N Ireland	18	9	0.3	6	3	9	0.3	6	0.6	3	0.0	0	-0.1	0	0.0	0	-0.1
United Kingdom	417	211	0.0	112	98	296	0.2	167	0.1	129	0.3	-86	-0.3	-55	-0.4	-30	-0.2

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

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

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

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Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (September 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (January 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) ³ 5	Level 6	Rate (%) ³ 7	Level 8	Rate (%) ³ 9
North East	1,184	617	568	47.0	3.8	35.2	5.4	11.8	2.0
North West	3,409	1,808	1,601	105.2	3.0	78.6	4.2	26.6	1.7
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,551	1,359	1,192	75.2	2.8	55.8	3.9	19.4	1.6
East Midlands	2,146	1,156	991	52.6	2.4	37.8	3.2	14.8	1.5
West Midlands	2,691	1,437	1,254	94.1	3.4	69.2	4.6	24.9	2.0
East	2,814	1,499	1,316	55.4	1.9	39.4	2.5	16.0	1.2
London	4,689	2,559	2,130	130.7	2.7	90.8	3.4	39.9	1.8
South East	4,350	2,282	2,068	65.1	1.4	46.5	1.9	18.6	0.9
South West	2,642	1,353	1,288	37.9	1.4	27.1	1.9	10.8	0.8
England	26,476	14,069	12,407	663.2	2.4	480.4	3.3	182.8	1.5
Wales	1,389	737	652	38.5	2.7	28.6	3.7	9.9	1.5
Scotland	2,689	1,398	1,291	69.1	2.5	51.8	3.6	17.3	1.3
Great Britain	30,555	16,205	14,350	770.8	2.5	560.8	3.3	210.0	1.4
N Ireland	842	450	392	23.8	2.7	18.1	3.8	5.7	1.4
United Kingdom	31,397	16,655	14,742	794.6	2.5	578.9	3.3	215.7	1.4

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on September 2006); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on December 2007); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) ³ 5	Level 6	Rate (%) ³ 7	Level 8	Rate (%) ³ 9
North East	12	6	6	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
North West	29	9	20	-0.8	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	18	9	9	-0.7	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0
East Midlands	13	12	1	-1.0	0.0	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0
West Midlands	-19	-14	-6	-1.9	-0.1	-1.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.0
East	0	-14	14	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0
London	80	38	42	-1.7	0.0	-1.3	0.0	-0.4	0.0
South East	62	15	47	-0.8	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0
South West	48	23	25	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0
England	243	85	159	-8.4	0.0	-6.7	0.0	-1.7	0.0
Wales	9	18	-9	-0.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Scotland	44	43	0	-2.1	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
Great Britain	295	146	150	-11.0	0.0	-8.7	-0.1	-2.3	0.0
N Ireland	5	-1	5	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
United Kingdom	300	145	155	-10.8	0.0	-8.5	0.0	-2.3	0.0

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.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT: 31st January 2008 (seasonally adjusted)					
	Latest period		Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on period %	Change on year %	
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)					
Austria	YXSN	Jul-Sep 07	72.5	0.6	Austria	ZXDS	Dec 07	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Belgium	YXSO	Jul-Sep 07	62.1	0.9	Belgium	ZXDI	Dec 07	7.2	0.0	-0.6
Bulgaria	A495	Jul-Sep 07	62.7	2.4	Bulgaria	A492	Dec 07	5.8	-0.1	-2.4
Cyprus	A4AC	Jul-Sep 07	71.3	0.9	Cyprus	A4AN	Dec 07	3.9	0.1	-0.3
Czech Republic	A4AD	Jul-Sep 07	66.3	0.9	Czech Republic	A4AO	Dec 07	4.7	-0.1	-1.6
Denmark	YXSP	Jul-Sep 07	77.1	-1.1	Denmark	ZXDJ	Dec 07	3.1	-0.1	-0.6
Estonia	A4AE	Jul-Sep 07	70.2	2.3	Estonia	A4AP	Dec 07	5.3	0.1	-0.1
Finland	YXSQ	Jul-Sep 07	71.7	0.9	Finland	ZXDU	Dec 07	6.6	-0.1	-0.6
France	YXSR	Jul-Sep 07	65.3	0.9	France	ZXDN	Dec 07	7.8	-0.1	-1.0
Germany	YXSS	Jul-Sep 07	69.9	1.8	Germany	ZXDK	Dec 07	7.8	-0.1	-1.2
Greece	YXST	Jul-Sep 07	61.8	0.3	Greece	ZXDL	2007 Q3	8.2	-0.2	-0.5
Hungary	A4AF	Jul-Sep 07	57.7	0.1	Hungary	A4AQ	Dec 07	7.3	0.0	-0.2
Ireland	YXSU	Jul-Sep 07	69.9	0.3	Ireland	ZXDO	Dec 07	4.5	0.1	0.1
Italy	YXSV	Jul-Sep 07	59.1	0.7	Italy	ZXDP	2007 Q3	6.0	0.1	-0.5
Latvia	A4AG	Jul-Sep 07	69.0	1.0	Latvia	A4AR	Dec 07	5.4	0.0	-0.8
Lithuania	A4AH	Jul-Sep 07	66.1	1.9	Lithuania	A4AS	Dec 07	3.9	-0.1	-0.8
Luxembourg	YXSW	Jul-Sep 07	64.1	0.5	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Dec 07	4.8	0.0	-0.1
Malta	A4AJ	Jul-Sep 07	56.1	0.6	Malta	A4AT	Dec 07	5.8	-0.3	-1.1
Netherlands	YXSX	Jul-Sep 07	76.5	1.8	Netherlands	ZXDR	Dec 07	2.9	-0.1	-0.7
Poland	A4AJ	Jul-Sep 07	57.8	2.2	Poland	A4AU	Dec 07	8.1	-0.3	-3.7
Portugal	YXSX	Jul-Sep 07	68.1	-0.1	Portugal	ZXDT	Dec 07	8.2	0.0	0.3
Romania	A494	Jul-Sep 07	60.5	-0.4	Romania	A48Z	Dec 07	7.0	-0.1	-0.1
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Jul-Sep 07	60.7	0.8	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Dec 07	10.8	-0.2	-1.2
Slovenia	A4AL	Jul-Sep 07	69.0	1.8	Slovenia	A4AW	Dec 07	4.3	0.0	-1.0
Spain	YXSZ	Jul-Sep 07	66.0	0.8	Spain	ZXDM	Dec 07	8.6	0.1	0.4
Sweden	YXTA	Jul-Sep 07	75.7	1.0	Sweden	ZXDV	Dec 07	5.6	-0.2	-0.9
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Jul-Sep 07	71.4	-0.3	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	Oct 07	5.2	0.0	-0.1
Total EU⁵	A496	Jul-Sep 07	66.0	1.0	Total EU⁵	A493	Dec 07	6.8	-0.1	-0.8
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Jul-Sep 07	66.3	1.1	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	Dec 07	7.2	0.0	-0.6
As published by national statistical offices					As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Oct-Dec 07	73.8	0.8	Canada	ZXDZ	Jan 08	5.8	-0.2	-0.4
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Oct-Dec 07	70.9	0.8	Japan	ZXDY	Dec 07	3.8	0.0	-0.3
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Oct-Dec 07	74.7	0.2	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	Oct-Dec 07	5.2	-0.2	-0.3
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Oct-Dec 07	71.5	-0.6	United States	ZXDZ	Jan 08	4.9	-0.1	0.3

Sources: Eurostat, StatsBLS, StatCan and Stat.go.JP.
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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 published in this table consist of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain. On 1 January 2008 Cyprus, Malta joined the Eurozone and they will be included in the Eurozone figures published in this table from the March 2008 First Release.

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost (thousands)	Number of stoppages ¹	Workers involved (thousands) ¹
		BBFW	BLUU	BLUT
2005	Dec	15	13	14
2006	Dec	11	17	7
2007	Jan (p)	120	12	136
	Feb (p)	4	9	3
	Mar (p)	13	14	13
	Apr (p)	3	9	3
	May (p)	111	13	124
	Jun (p)	90	20	99
	Jul (p)	187	26	96
	Aug (p)	85	26	81
	Sep (p)	8	20	8
	Oct (p)	327	24	297
	Nov (p)	17	10	5
	Dec (p)	68	6	43
Cumulative totals 12 months to:				
Dec 07	(p)	1,034	140	742
Dec 06		755	158	713

Data source: ONS 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 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates	Average for three months ending in month shown	
		Level	Level	Vacancy ratio ²
		AP2X	AP2Y	AP2Z
2006	Jan	588.3	602.4	2.3
2007	Jan (r)	627.7	605.4	2.3
	Feb	626.1	617.1	2.4
	Mar	643.7	636.8	2.4
	Apr	647.0	638.9	2.5
	May	633.4	642.4	2.5
	Jun	661.9	647.5	2.5
	Jul	672.6	656.2	2.5
	Aug	662.1	666.2	2.6
	Sep	671.8	668.9	2.6
	Oct (r)	676.0	670.1	2.6
	Nov (r)	683.1	676.9	2.6
	Dec (r)	678.3	677.9	2.6
2008	Jan (p)	682.3	677.4	2.6
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>		6.3	7.3	0.0
<i>Change %</i>		0.9	1.1	
<i>Change on year</i>		54.6	72.0	0.3
<i>Change %</i>		8.7	11.9	

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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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

Averages for 3 months ending

SIC2003 sections	All vacancies ¹	Energy and water ²	Manu- facturing	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comm- unications	Finance & business services	Education, health & public admin ³	Other services ²	Total services
	C-O	C, E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
	AP2Y	AP32	AP33	AP34	AP35	AP36	AP37	AP38	AP39	AP3A
Levels (thousands)										
Jan 06	602.4	3.3	50.3	24.1	172.4	37.6	143.8	142.1	28.8	524.7
Jan 07 (r)	605.4	3.5	50.2	19.5	170.4	42.5	165.8	133.9	19.6	532.2
Feb 07	617.1	3.8	52.3	19.6	177.3	41.7	164.0	136.5	21.9	541.4
Mar 07	636.8	4.2	54.4	20.5	183.5	42.4	165.8	139.9	26.0	557.6
Apr 07	638.9	4.3	53.1	19.6	185.3	41.5	167.3	138.1	29.7	561.9
May 07	642.4	4.1	53.3	18.1	187.0	42.2	166.4	137.9	33.4	566.9
Jun 07	647.5	4.0	52.1	18.9	186.5	42.8	170.2	139.9	33.1	572.5
Jul 07	656.2	4.0	54.3	21.5	184.5	44.2	172.8	141.7	33.2	576.4
Aug 07	666.2	4.0	55.1	23.1	186.8	46.6	176.6	144.8	29.3	584.1
Sep 07	668.9	4.0	56.7	24.3	184.0	49.9	173.2	145.6	31.1	583.8
Oct 07 (r)	670.1	3.9	57.2	23.8	184.4	48.8	170.3	149.5	32.2	585.2
Nov 07 (r)	676.9	3.9	56.5	23.6	187.0	48.1	170.6	153.8	33.5	593.0
Dec 07 (r)	677.9	3.8	56.8	23.3	190.5	47.4	172.0	156.2	28.1	594.2
Jan 08 (p)	677.4	4.1	57.7	22.7	195.9	46.7	171.3	153.6	25.4	592.9
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>	7.3	0.2	0.5	-1.1	11.5	-2.1	1.0	4.1	-6.8	7.7
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	5.1	0.9	-4.6	6.2	-4.3	0.6	2.7	-21.1	1.3
<i>Change on year</i>	72.0	0.6	7.5	3.2	25.5	4.2	5.5	19.7	5.8	60.7
<i>Change %</i>	11.9	17.1	14.9	16.4	15.0	9.9	3.3	14.7	29.6	11.4
Ratio per 100 employee jobs										
	AP2Z	AP3B	AP3C	AP3D	AP3E	AP3F	AP3G	AP3H	AP3I	AP3J
Jan 06	2.3	1.9	1.5	1.9	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.5
Jan 07 (r)	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.5	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.0	1.4	2.5
Feb 07	2.4	2.1	1.6	1.5	2.8	2.7	3.2	2.0	1.6	2.5
Mar 07	2.4	2.4	1.7	1.6	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.1	1.9	2.6
Apr 07	2.5	2.4	1.6	1.5	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.0	2.2	2.6
May 07	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.4	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.0	2.4	2.7
Jun 07	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.5	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Jul 07	2.5	2.3	1.7	1.7	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Aug 07	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.7
Sep 07	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	2.1	2.3	2.7
Oct 07 (r)	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.2	2.3	2.7
Nov 07 (r)	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.4	2.8
Dec 07 (r)	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.0	2.8
Jan 08 (p)	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.3	2.3	1.8	2.8
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.5	0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

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.

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies: levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Oct-Dec 2005	143	5.7	96	7.6	47	3.8
Oct-Dec 2006	130	5.2	85	6.6	45	3.7
Jan-Mar 2007	145	5.8	94	7.3	51	4.2
Apr-Jun 2007	120	4.8	73	5.7	47	3.9
Jul-Sep 2007	134	5.3	80	6.2	54	4.4
Oct-Dec 2007	111	4.4	66	5.1	44	3.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-24	-1.0	-14	-1.1	-10	-0.8
<i>Change %</i>	-17.6		-17.5		-17.7	
<i>Change on year</i>	-19	-0.8	-18	-1.5	-1	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	-14.9		-21.8		-2.1	

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 industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	All redundancies ²	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 ³ (L-N)	Total services ⁴ (G-O)
People	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Oct-Dec 2005	144	*	35	15	32	13	21	15	89
Oct-Dec 2006	132	*	40	18	22	13	21	11	72
Jan-Mar 2007	151	*	40	16	36	10	28	11	91
Apr-Jun 2007	116	*	30	10	25	10	18	13	72
Jul-Sep 2007	128	*	37	*	27	*	31	14	82
Oct-Dec 2007	110	*	29	*	24	*	23	11	71
<i>Change on year</i>	-22	*	-11	*	2	*	2	0	-1
<i>Change %</i>	-17.0	*	-27.8	*	10.6	*	11.5	-2.3	-1.7

1. Further redundancy data are available at www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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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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