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Correction Notice

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First Release – February 2009

A processing error has been corrected in this release.

Two rows of figures in Tables 11(1) and 11(2) Claimant count by age and duration were incorrect. The row for change on year for men contained the January 2009 levels, rather than the difference between these and the January 2008 levels. The subsequent row of percentage change figures was also wrong. A corrected version of the First Release is attached.

ONS apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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

In the latest reference period the working age employment rate was 74.1 per cent, down 0.3 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of people in employment decreased by 45,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 6.3 per cent, up 0.4 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 146,000 over the quarter.

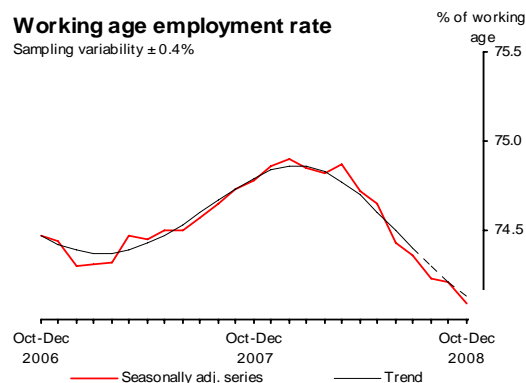
The claimant count was 1.23 million, up 73,800 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 504,000, down 76,000 from the previous quarter.

The earnings annual growth rate (including bonuses) was 3.2 per cent, unchanged from the previous period. The earnings annual growth rate (excluding bonuses) was 3.6 per cent, unchanged on the previous period.

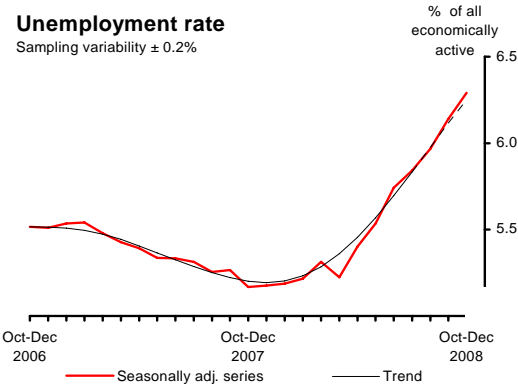
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.4\%$



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.2\%$



UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	Oct-Dec 08	29,361	74.1	-45	-0.3	± 102	± 0.3
Unemployment**	Oct-Dec 08	1,971	6.3	146	0.4	± 72	± 0.2
Economically active*	Oct-Dec 08	31,333	79.2	101	0.1	± 95	± 0.2
Economically inactive***	Oct-Dec 08	7,858	20.8	-29	-0.1	± 87	± 0.2
Claimant count	Jan 2009	1,233.0	3.8	73.8	0.2		
Workforce jobs	Sep 2008	31,527		-134		..	
Vacancies++	Nov-Jan 09	504	1.9	-76	-0.3
GB Average Earnings							
- including bonuses	Oct-Dec 08		3.2 [#]		0.0	$\pm 1.3^{##}$	$\pm 0.4^{###}$
- excluding bonuses	Oct-Dec 08		3.6 [#]		0.0	$\pm 0.6^{##}$	$\pm 0.2^{###}$

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

Employment (Tables 2 to 4)

The working age employment rate was 74.1 per cent in the three months to December 2008, down 0.3 percentage points on the three months to September 2008 and down 0.7 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.36 million in the three months to December 2008, down 45,000 from the three months to September 2008 and down 37,000 on a year earlier.

The number of people in full-time employment was 21.83 million in the three months to December 2008, down 78,000 from the three months to September 2008. Of this total, 13.97 million were men, down 60,000 over the quarter, and 7.86 million were women, down 19,000 over the quarter.

The number of people in part-time employment was 7.53 million in the three months to December 2008, up 33,000 from the three months to September 2008. Of this total, 1.86 million were men and 5.67 million were women.

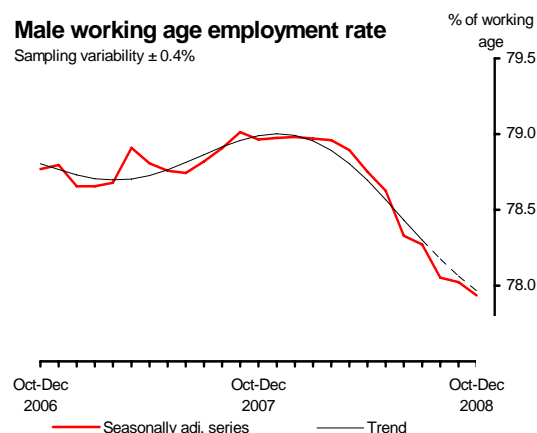
The number of people in public sector employment was 5.76 million in September 2008, up 14,000 from June 2008. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.61 million, down 128,000 from June 2008.

Workforce Jobs (table 5)

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

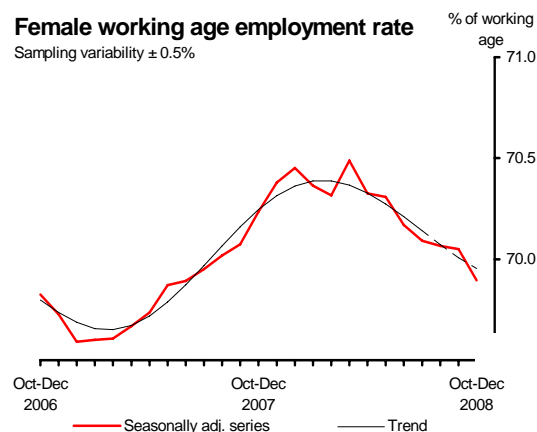
Male working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.4\%$



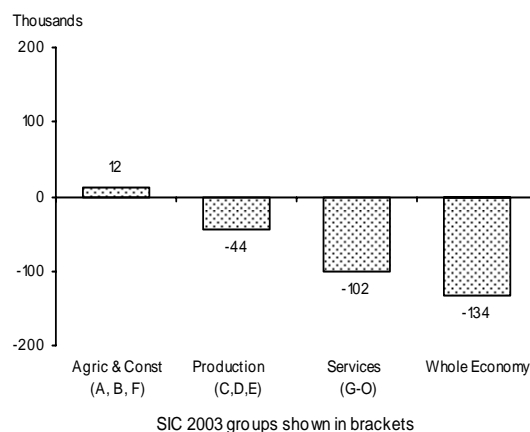
Female working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.5\%$



Workforce jobs by industry - September 2008

Change on quarter from June 2008



Production industries employee jobs (table 6)

There were 2.80 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to December 2008, down 101,000 on a year earlier. Over the same period employee jobs in mining, energy and water supply industries increased by 2,000 to reach 180,000.

Hours (tables 7 and 8)

Total hours worked per week were 934.0 million in the three months to December 2008, down 6.9 million from the three months to September 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to December 2008 were 31.9, down 0.2 from the three months to September 2008.

Unemployment (table 9)

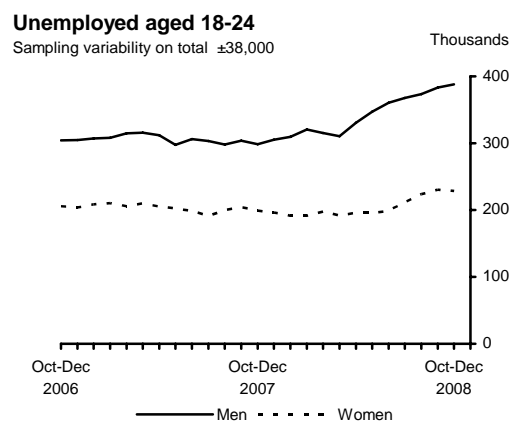
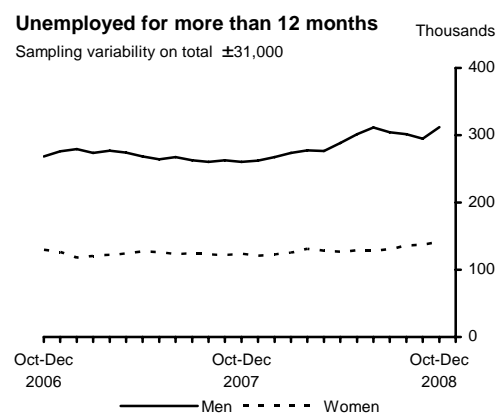
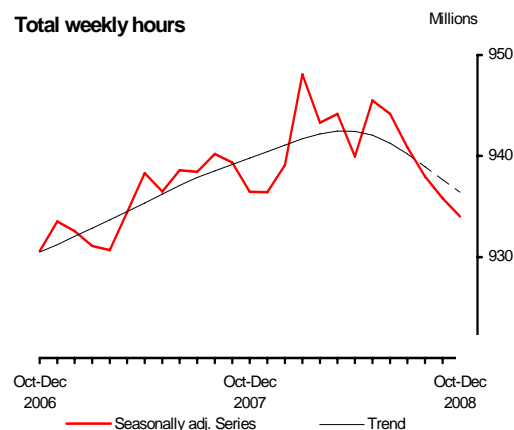
The unemployment rate was 6.3 per cent in the three months to December 2008, up 0.4 percentage points from the three months to September 2008 and up 1.1 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.97 million in the three months to December 2008, up 146,000 from the three months to September 2008 and up 369,000 from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed men was 1.18 million in the three months to December 2008, up 106,000 from the three months to September 2008. The number of unemployed women was 790,000 in the three months to December 2008, up 40,000 from the three months to September 2008.

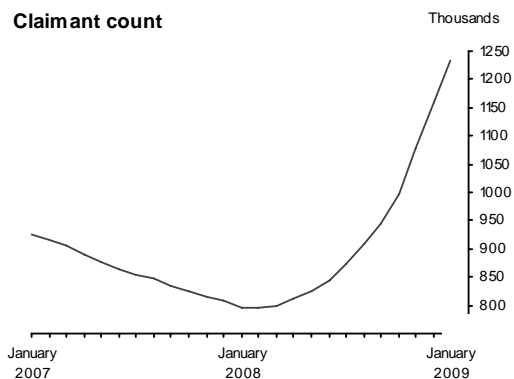
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 453,000 in the three months to December 2008, up 18,000 from the three months to September 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 616,000 in the three months to December 2008, up 38,000 from the three months to September 2008.



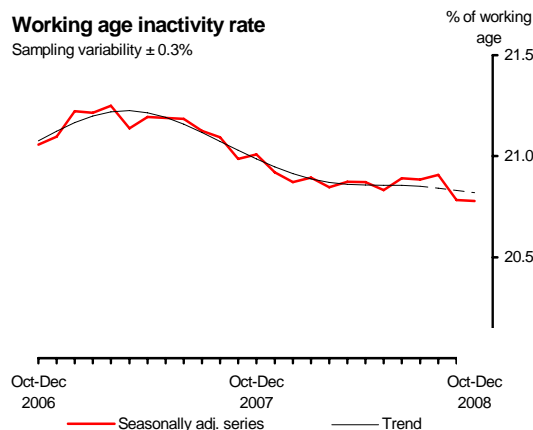
Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in January 2009 was 1.23 million, up 73,800 on the previous month and up 438,100 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in January 2009 was 3.8 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous month and up 1.4 percentage points from a year earlier.



Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.8 per cent in the three months to December 2008, down 0.1 percentage point on the three months to September 2008 and down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age decreased by 29,000 over the quarter and by 48,000 over the year to reach 7.86 million in the three months to December 2008.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to December 2008 whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, rose by 3.6 per cent on a year earlier. This is unchanged from the three months to November 2008. Including bonuses, the annual growth rate was 3.2 per cent, unchanged from the previous period. Corresponding annual growth rates for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

2.2 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
2.5 per cent including bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points.

Services

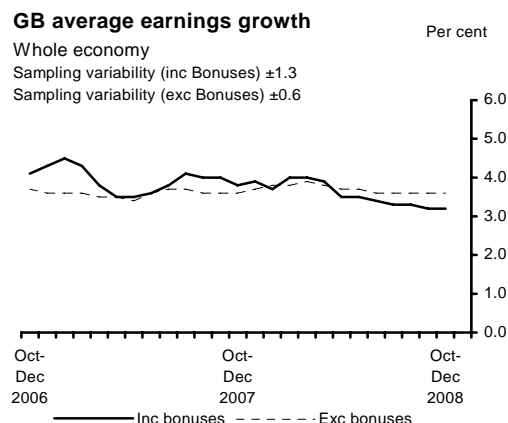
3.8 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
3.6 per cent including bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points.

Public sector

3.9 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
4.0 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Private sector

3.5 per cent excluding bonuses, unchanged;
3.1 per cent including bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point.



Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

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

Manufacturing productivity decreased by 3.8 per cent in the three months to December 2008 compared with a year earlier. Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 6.6 per cent over the same period.

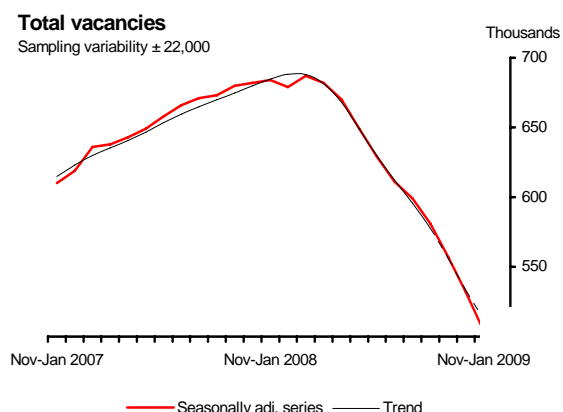


Labour disputes (table 20)

In December 2008, there were 1,000 working days lost due to labour disputes from 4 stoppages. In the twelve months to December 2008, there were 756,000 working days lost from 128 stoppages.

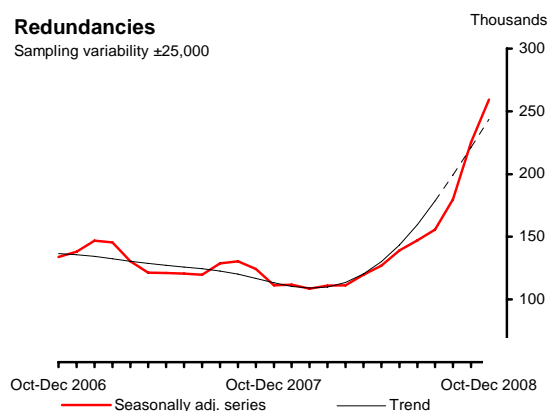
Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 504,000 job vacancies in the three months to January 2009, down 76,000 from the three months to October 2008 and down 179,000 from a year earlier. There were 1.9 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.3 on the previous quarter and down 0.7 over the year.



Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to December 2008, 259,000 people reported they had become redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, up 104,000 from the three months to September 2008 and up 148,000 from a year earlier. The redundancy rate was 10.2 per 1,000 employees, up 4.1 from the three months to September 2008 and up 5.8 from a year earlier.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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

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

BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

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

GUIDE TO LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS RELEASES

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

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

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

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

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

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

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

RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and Average Earnings (AEI) data first published from February 2003 to January 2008. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from March 2001 to December 2005. Spreadsheets giving revisions triangles (real time database) of estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the tables are available on the National Statistics website at:

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

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	74.1	60	0.02	0.03
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3	60	0.00	0.02
Claimant count (000s)	1,233.0	60	-0.37	2.21
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.2	60	0.01	0.09

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

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

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

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf

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

THIS MONTH'S RELEASE

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

NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

The presentation of regional Labour Force Survey estimates, shown at Table 18(1) of this First Release will be improved from next month. In order to show a more complete regional picture, estimates of regional inactivity will be included in the table. In order to accommodate this extra information, Table 18(1) will no longer show regional estimates by sex. However the estimates by sex will continue to be shown in the Labour Market Statistics regional spreadsheets and First Releases (see Background Note 1). Other minor presentational improvements will also be made to Table 18(1) of this First Release. There will be no changes to the design of Table 18(2).

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

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

Sampling variability of national Labour Force Survey estimates: October to December 2008

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,361	± 141	-45	± 102	-37	± 179
Employment rate	74.1%	± 0.4	-0.3	± 0.3	-0.7	± 0.4
Average weekly hours	31.9	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,971	± 70	146	± 72	369	± 89
Unemployment rate	6.3%	± 0.2	0.4	± 0.2	1.1	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,333	± 131	101	± 95	332	± 168
Economic Activity rate	79.2%	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.2	0.2	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,858	± 122	-29	± 87	-48	± 157
Economic Inactivity rate	20.8%	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	259	± 25	104	± 32	148	± 29

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey estimates: October to December 2008

	Employment Level (000s)	Unemployment Level (000s)	Economically Active Level (000s)	Working age Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Working age Employment Rate (%)	Working age Unemployment Rate (%)
North East	± 37	± 14	± 37	± 37	± 1.9	± 1.1
North West	± 62	± 23	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 53	± 19	± 52	± 51	± 1.3	± 0.7
East Midlands	± 43	± 16	± 43	± 44	± 1.3	± 0.8
West Midlands	± 54	± 20	± 53	± 53	± 1.3	± 0.7
East	± 54	± 19	± 53	± 50	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 70	± 28	± 67	± 66	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 64	± 21	± 63	± 58	± 0.9	± 0.5
South West	± 54	± 16	± 53	± 51	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 42	± 15	± 41	± 42	± 1.9	± 1.0
Scotland	± 53	± 17	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: October to December 2008

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

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.6	±0.6	3.2	± 1.3
Private sector	3.5	±0.8	3.1	± 1.7
Public sector	3.9	±0.6	4.0	± 0.8
Manufacturing	2.2	±1.1	2.5	± 2.1
Services	3.8	±0.8	3.6	± 1.6
of which:				
Private Sector	3.8	±1.0	3.5	± 2.1

¹ The data exclude payments of arrears of pay.

Sampling variability of Vacancy Survey estimates

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

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Nov 2008-Jan 2009 average total vacancies				
Level (000s)	504	± 22	-179	± 18
Vacancy ratio				
(per 100 employee jobs)	1.9	± 0.1	-0.7	± 0.1
January 2009 single month estimate				
Level (000s)	479	± 38	-209	± 30

TRENDS

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

BACKGROUND NOTES

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

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS_FR_HS.asp

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

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

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

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

ONS publishes Labour Market Statistics First Releases for the nine English Government Office Regions and for Scotland and Wales on a quarterly basis in February, May, August and November each year. These releases, together with a monthly Northern Ireland release produced by the Northern Ireland Dept. of Enterprise, Trade & Investment, can be accessed from:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms_regional.asp

Further regional and local area labour market data are 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:

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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), the Labour Market statisticians (see front page for contact details) or from the National Statistics website at:

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

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

4. Footnotes to table on front page.

+ See notes on sampling variability.

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

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

*** Levels and rates are for those of working age.

.. Not available.

Percentage change latest three months on previous year.

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

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

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

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Actual hours worked: *See hours worked.*

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

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

From 24 November 2008, the eligibility for claiming lone parent income support changed. Lone parents who were previously eligible until their youngest child reached 16 have, since 24 November 2008, become ineligible once their youngest child reached 12. Further changes in the eligibility age to 10 and 7 years will occur in October 2009 and October 2010 respectively. Although this is not a change in the eligibility for Jobseeker's Allowance, it is likely to have an impact on the level of the claimant count as lone parents who were not previously looking for work may start to do so. The Dept. for Work and Pensions (DWP) have created a series showing the number of lone parents in the claimant count, spanning the period from before the rule change. This series is available on the DWP website at:
<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The *Review of Employment and Jobs Statistics* highlighted differences between statistics on jobs produced from household and business surveys, and identified many of the reasons why these differences occur. Following that

review, a comparison of estimates of jobs from the LFS and the WFJ series is available from the *Labour Market Overview* document at:

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

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

Hours worked:

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

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

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

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

Jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

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

Labour Force Survey: The main source for information on the labour market in the UK. It is a random household survey of approximately 53,000 households every three months conducted by the Office for National Statistics. 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 shown in Table 4 include a number of workers with a second job in the public sector whose main job is in the private sector or in a separate public sector organisation. The private sector estimate will thus tend to be correspondingly understated by a small percentage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Usual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

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

Workforce jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_FR_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf

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

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

SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS¹ headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over								
		All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People		MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MGSX	YBTC
	Oct-Dec 2006	48,418	30,782	29,085	1,698	17,636	63.6	60.1	5.5	36.4
	Oct-Dec 2007	48,814	31,000	29,398	1,602	17,814	63.5	60.2	5.2	36.5
	Jan-Mar 2008	48,911	31,123	29,499	1,624	17,788	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
	Apr-Jun 2008	49,007	31,190	29,505	1,685	17,816	63.6	60.2	5.4	36.4
	Jul-Sep 2008	49,107	31,232	29,407	1,825	17,876	63.6	59.9	5.8	36.4
	Oct-Dec 2008	49,210	31,333	29,361	1,971	17,877	63.7	59.7	6.3	36.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	103	101	-45	146	2	0.1	-0.2	0.4	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.3	-0.2	8.0	0.0				
	<i>Change on year</i>	395	332	-37	369	63	0.2	-0.6	1.1	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	1.1	-0.1	23.0	0.4				
Men		MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
	Oct-Dec 2006	23,524	16,690	15,715	974	6,835	70.9	66.8	5.8	29.1
	Oct-Dec 2007	23,752	16,804	15,891	913	6,947	70.8	66.9	5.4	29.2
	Jan-Mar 2008	23,807	16,890	15,948	942	6,917	70.9	67.0	5.6	29.1
	Apr-Jun 2008	23,862	16,928	15,938	990	6,934	70.9	66.8	5.8	29.1
	Jul-Sep 2008	23,919	16,937	15,862	1,075	6,982	70.8	66.3	6.3	29.2
	Oct-Dec 2008	23,976	17,010	15,829	1,181	6,966	70.9	66.0	6.9	29.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	57	73	-33	106	-16	0.1	-0.3	0.6	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.4	-0.2	9.9	-0.2				
	<i>Change on year</i>	224	206	-62	267	18	0.2	-0.9	1.5	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.9	1.2	-0.4	29.3	0.3				
Women		MGSN	MGSB	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
	Oct-Dec 2006	24,894	14,093	13,369	724	10,801	56.6	53.7	5.1	43.4
	Oct-Dec 2007	25,063	14,196	13,507	689	10,867	56.6	53.9	4.9	43.4
	Jan-Mar 2008	25,104	14,233	13,552	681	10,870	56.7	54.0	4.8	43.3
	Apr-Jun 2008	25,144	14,262	13,568	695	10,882	56.7	54.0	4.9	43.3
	Jul-Sep 2008	25,188	14,295	13,545	750	10,894	56.8	53.8	5.2	43.2
	Oct-Dec 2008	25,234	14,322	13,532	790	10,911	56.8	53.6	5.5	43.2
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	45	28	-13	40	18	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	-0.1	5.4	0.2				
	<i>Change on year</i>	171	127	25	102	44	0.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.9	0.2	14.8	0.4				
		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 2006	37,447	29,562	27,886	1,675	7,885	78.9	74.5	5.7	21.1
	Oct-Dec 2007	37,631	29,725	28,141	1,584	7,906	79.0	74.8	5.3	21.0
	Jan-Mar 2008	37,674	29,802	28,199	1,604	7,871	79.1	74.8	5.4	20.9
	Apr-Jun 2008	37,716	29,844	28,182	1,662	7,872	79.1	74.7	5.6	20.9
	Jul-Sep 2008	37,765	29,878	28,082	1,796	7,887	79.1	74.4	6.0	20.9
	Oct-Dec 2008	37,816	29,958	28,018	1,940	7,858	79.2	74.1	6.5	20.8
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	51	80	-63	144	-29	0.1	-0.3	0.5	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.3	-0.2	8.0	-0.4				
	<i>Change on year</i>	185	233	-123	356	-48	0.2	-0.7	1.1	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.8	-0.4	22.5	-0.6				
Men		YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
	Oct-Dec 2006	19,446	16,284	15,317	967	3,162	83.7	78.8	5.9	16.3
	Oct-Dec 2007	19,604	16,387	15,480	907	3,216	83.6	79.0	5.5	16.4
	Jan-Mar 2008	19,638	16,441	15,508	933	3,197	83.7	79.0	5.7	16.3
	Apr-Jun 2008	19,672	16,472	15,492	980	3,200	83.7	78.8	5.9	16.3
	Jul-Sep 2008	19,705	16,484	15,424	1,060	3,221	83.7	78.3	6.4	16.3
	Oct-Dec 2008	19,737	16,550	15,382	1,168	3,187	83.9	77.9	7.1	16.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	32	67	-41	108	-34	0.2	-0.3	0.6	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.4	-0.3	10.2	-1.1				
	<i>Change on year</i>	134	163	-98	261	-29	0.3	-1.0	1.5	-0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	0.7	1.0	-0.6	28.7	-0.9				
Women		YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
	Oct-Dec 2006	18,001	13,278	12,569	709	4,724	73.8	69.8	5.3	26.2
	Oct-Dec 2007	18,027	13,338	12,661	677	4,689	74.0	70.2	5.1	26.0
	Jan-Mar 2008	18,036	13,362	12,690	671	4,674	74.1	70.4	5.0	25.9
	Apr-Jun 2008	18,044	13,372	12,690	683	4,672	74.1	70.3	5.1	25.9
	Jul-Sep 2008	18,060	13,394	12,658	736	4,665	74.2	70.1	5.5	25.8
	Oct-Dec 2008	18,079	13,408	12,636	772	4,671	74.2	69.9	5.8	25.8
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	19	14	-22	36	5	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	-0.2	4.9	0.1				
	<i>Change on year</i>	51	70	-25	95	-19	0.2	-0.3	0.7	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.5	-0.2	14.0	-0.4				

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

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 2006	29,085	27,886	559	3,641	6,232	10,995	6,459	1,198
Oct-Dec 2007	29,398	28,141	553	3,679	6,274	11,061	6,575	1,257
Jan-Mar 2008	29,499	28,199	548	3,681	6,295	11,085	6,590	1,301
Apr-Jun 2008	29,505	28,182	540	3,675	6,293	11,094	6,580	1,323
Jul-Sep 2008	29,407	28,082	527	3,660	6,267	11,051	6,577	1,325
Oct-Dec 2008	29,361	28,018	484	3,635	6,286	11,030	6,583	1,343
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-45	-63	-43	-26	20	-20	6	18
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-0.2	-8.2	-0.7	0.3	-0.2	0.1	1.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-37	-123	-69	-44	12	-30	8	86
<i>Change %</i>	-0.1	-0.4	-12.5	-1.2	0.2	-0.3	0.1	6.9
Men	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Oct-Dec 2006	15,715	15,317	261	1,928	3,415	5,874	3,839	398
Oct-Dec 2007	15,891	15,480	270	1,953	3,453	5,877	3,927	411
Jan-Mar 2008	15,948	15,508	270	1,941	3,460	5,886	3,951	439
Apr-Jun 2008	15,938	15,492	261	1,944	3,455	5,885	3,948	446
Jul-Sep 2008	15,862	15,424	267	1,933	3,432	5,851	3,940	439
Oct-Dec 2008	15,829	15,382	243	1,920	3,429	5,860	3,931	447
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-33	-41	-24	-13	-3	8	-9	9
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-0.3	-9.2	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	1.9
<i>Change on year</i>	-62	-98	-27	-33	-24	-17	3	36
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	-0.6	-10.0	-1.7	-0.7	-0.3	0.1	8.8
Women	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Oct-Dec 2006	13,369	12,569	298	1,713	2,817	5,121	2,621	800
Oct-Dec 2007	13,507	12,661	283	1,725	2,821	5,184	2,648	846
Jan-Mar 2008	13,552	12,690	278	1,740	2,835	5,199	2,639	861
Apr-Jun 2008	13,568	12,690	279	1,732	2,838	5,209	2,632	878
Jul-Sep 2008	13,545	12,658	260	1,727	2,834	5,199	2,637	886
Oct-Dec 2008	13,532	12,636	241	1,715	2,857	5,171	2,653	896
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-13	-22	-18	-13	23	-29	15	9
<i>Change %</i>	-0.1	-0.2	-7.1	-0.7	0.8	-0.5	0.6	1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	25	-25	-42	-11	36	-13	5	50
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	-0.2	-14.8	-0.6	1.3	-0.3	0.2	5.9

Employment rates (%)¹

People	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Oct-Dec 2006	60.1	74.5	35.4	65.4	79.9	82.2	70.8	10.9
Oct-Dec 2007	60.2	74.8	34.8	64.7	80.5	82.4	72.0	11.2
Jan-Mar 2008	60.3	74.8	34.5	64.5	80.7	82.5	72.1	11.6
Apr-Jun 2008	60.2	74.7	34.0	64.1	80.6	82.6	71.9	11.7
Jul-Sep 2008	59.9	74.4	33.3	63.6	80.0	82.3	71.8	11.7
Oct-Dec 2008	59.7	74.1	30.7	62.9	79.9	82.2	71.7	11.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.2	-0.3	-2.5	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.6	-0.7	-4.1	-1.8	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Men	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Oct-Dec 2006	66.8	78.8	32.2	68.2	88.0	88.9	72.2	9.8
Oct-Dec 2007	66.9	79.0	33.0	67.3	88.8	88.7	73.1	9.9
Jan-Mar 2008	67.0	79.0	33.0	66.6	88.8	88.8	73.4	10.5
Apr-Jun 2008	66.8	78.8	31.9	66.3	88.5	88.8	73.2	10.6
Jul-Sep 2008	66.3	78.3	32.8	65.7	87.5	88.3	72.9	10.4
Oct-Dec 2008	66.0	77.9	30.0	65.1	87.0	88.5	72.6	10.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-2.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.9	-1.0	-3.0	-2.3	-1.8	-0.2	-0.5	0.6
Women	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Oct-Dec 2006	53.7	69.8	38.9	62.6	71.8	75.7	68.8	11.6
Oct-Dec 2007	53.9	70.2	36.7	62.0	72.3	76.2	70.3	12.0
Jan-Mar 2008	54.0	70.4	36.0	62.3	72.7	76.4	70.1	12.2
Apr-Jun 2008	54.0	70.3	36.1	61.7	72.8	76.5	70.0	12.4
Jul-Sep 2008	53.8	70.1	33.7	61.4	72.6	76.4	70.1	12.4
Oct-Dec 2008	53.6	69.9	31.5	60.7	72.9	76.0	70.5	12.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.1	-0.2	-2.2	-0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.3	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-5.2	-1.3	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

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 2006	29,085	25,099	3,780	101	104	21,632	7,453	18,676	6,423	2,892	888	1,071	
Oct-Dec 2007	29,398	25,361	3,821	105	111	21,929	7,469	18,965	6,397	2,893	928	1,112	
Jan-Mar 2008	29,499	25,416	3,859	107	119	22,003	7,497	19,002	6,414	2,935	923	1,112	
Apr-Jun 2008	29,505	25,444	3,839	110	112	22,013	7,492	19,024	6,420	2,921	918	1,127	
Jul-Sep 2008	29,407	25,411	3,795	92	109	21,908	7,499	18,958	6,453	2,897	898	1,120	
Oct-Dec 2008	29,361	25,357	3,812	95	98	21,829	7,532	18,892	6,465	2,892	920	1,127	
Change on quarter	-45	-54	17	2	-11	-78	33	-66	12	-5	22	7	
Change %	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	2.6	-10.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	2.5	0.6	
Change on year	-37	-5	-9	-10	-13	-99	63	-73	68	-1	-8	15	
Change %	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-9.4	-12.1	-0.5	0.8	-0.4	1.1	0.0	-0.9	1.3	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Oct-Dec 2006	15,715	12,877	2,737	42	60	14,000	1,715	11,582	1,295	2,378	359	461	
Oct-Dec 2007	15,891	13,013	2,775	39	63	14,119	1,772	11,687	1,326	2,387	389	448	
Jan-Mar 2008	15,948	13,027	2,810	36	74	14,158	1,790	11,696	1,331	2,419	391	453	
Apr-Jun 2008	15,938	13,045	2,788	39	65	14,132	1,805	11,692	1,353	2,398	390	463	
Jul-Sep 2008	15,862	13,006	2,760	30	67	14,029	1,834	11,617	1,389	2,379	381	456	
Oct-Dec 2008	15,829	12,965	2,760	41	63	13,969	1,860	11,566	1,399	2,376	384	470	
Change on quarter	-33	-41	1	11	-4	-60	27	-51	10	-2	3	14	
Change %	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	38.0	-5.3	-0.4	1.5	-0.4	0.7	-0.1	0.8	3.1	
Change on year	-62	-48	-15	1	0	-150	88	-121	73	-10	-5	21	
Change %	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	3.5	0.2	-1.1	5.0	-1.0	5.5	-0.4	-1.2	4.8	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Oct-Dec 2006	13,369	12,222	1,043	60	44	7,631	5,738	7,094	5,128	514	529	610	
Oct-Dec 2007	13,507	12,348	1,046	65	48	7,809	5,697	7,277	5,071	506	540	664	
Jan-Mar 2008	13,552	12,389	1,049	70	45	7,845	5,707	7,306	5,083	516	533	659	
Apr-Jun 2008	13,568	12,399	1,051	70	47	7,881	5,687	7,332	5,067	523	528	664	
Jul-Sep 2008	13,545	12,405	1,035	63	42	7,879	5,666	7,342	5,063	518	517	664	
Oct-Dec 2008	13,532	12,392	1,052	54	34	7,860	5,672	7,326	5,066	516	536	657	
Change on quarter	-13	-13	17	-9	-7	-19	6	-16	3	-2	19	-7	
Change %	-0.1	-0.1	1.6	-14.1	-17.8	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	3.7	-1.1	
Change on year	25	43	6	-11	-14	51	-26	48	-5	10	-3	-7	
Change %	0.2	0.4	0.6	-17.2	-28.3	0.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.1	1.9	-0.6	-1.0	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ²							
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total ³	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	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Oct-Dec 2006	1,506	6.0	391	26.0	441	95	579	7,311	661	9.0	5,219	193	1,195
Oct-Dec 2007	1,485	5.9	380	25.6	437	85	582	7,325	722	9.9	5,229	169	1,164
Jan-Mar 2008	1,425	5.6	360	25.3	427	80	557	7,337	701	9.6	5,252	180	1,162
Apr-Jun 2008	1,407	5.5	343	24.3	418	81	565	7,338	685	9.3	5,238	206	1,167
Jul-Sep 2008	1,371	5.4	358	26.1	393	89	531	7,351	710	9.7	5,254	205	1,141
Oct-Dec 2008	1,393	5.5	377	27.1	378	91	546	7,385	757	10.3	5,243	198	1,141
Change on quarter	22	0.1	19	1.0	-14	2	14	34	47	0.6	-11	-6	1
Change %	1.6		5.4		-3.6	2.2	2.7	0.5	6.7		-0.2	-3.0	0.1
Change on year	-92	-0.4	-3	1.5	-59	6	-37	60	35	0.4	13	29	-23
Change %	-6.2		-0.8		-13.5	7.1	-6.3	0.8	4.8		0.3	17.1	-1.9
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Oct-Dec 2006	707	5.5	213	30.0	183	51	261	1,654	277	16.8	782	79	505
Oct-Dec 2007	695	5.3	200	28.7	190	47	258	1,714	287	16.8	832	71	510
Jan-Mar 2008	658	5.1	186	28.2	185	40	248	1,722	290	16.8	856	66	496
Apr-Jun 2008	642	4.9	174	27.1	170	45	253	1,743	278	16.0	862	79	508
Jul-Sep 2008	631	4.8	184	29.1	155	47	245	1,770	312	17.6	858	80	507
Oct-Dec 2008	634	4.9	192	30.2	149	45	248	1,783	345	19.4	838	80	502
Change on quarter	3	0.0	8	1.1	-6	-2	3	12	34	1.8	-20	0	-4
Change %	0.5		4.3		-4.1	-3.9	1.4	0.7	10.8		-2.4	0.4	-0.8
Change on year	-62	-0.5	-8	1.5	-42	-2	-10	68	58	2.6	6	9	-8
Change %	-8.9		-4.1		-21.9	-4.5	-3.8	4.0	20.2		0.7	13.2	-1.6
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Oct-Dec 2006	799	6.5	179	22.4	258	45	317	5,658	384	6.8	4,437	115	690
Oct-Dec 2007	790	6.4	181	22.9	247	38	324	5,610	435	7.8	4,397	98	653
Jan-Mar 2008	767	6.2	174	22.7	243	40	310	5,616	412	7.3	4,397	114	666
Apr-Jun 2008	765	6.2	168	22.0	248	36	312	5,595	407	7.3	4,375	127	659
Jul-Sep 2008	741	6.0	174	23.6	237	43	286	5,580	398	7.1	4,395	125	634
Oct-Dec 2008	759	6.1	186	24.5	230	46	297	5,602	412	7.4	4,405	118	639
Change on quarter	19	0.2	11	0.9	-8	4	11	22	14	0.2	9	-7	5
Change %	2.5		6.6		-3.3	8.9	3.9	0.4	3.4		0.2	-5.3	0.8
Change on year	-31	-0.3	5	1.6	-17	8	-27	-8	-23	-0.4	8	20	-15
Change %	-3.9		2.9		-7.0	21.4	-8.3	-0.1	-5.3		0.2	19.9	-2.2

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

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

5(1) Workforce jobs¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

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

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

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

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

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5(2) Workforce jobs¹ by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

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

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

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Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided from administrative sources.

2. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

6 Production industries employee jobs

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels YEJJ	Latest 3 months averages LOMM	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJK	Levels YEJL	Latest 3 months averages LOMN	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJM
Dec 06	166	165	4.9	2,935	2,940	-3.5
Dec 07	177	178	7.7	2,901	2,902	-1.3
Jan 08	179	178	7.3	2,891	2,898	-1.2
Feb 08	179	179	6.7	2,888	2,893	-1.2
Mar 08	179	179	6.3	2,883	2,887	-1.2
Apr 08	179	179	5.4	2,877	2,883	-1.3
May 08	180	179	4.7	2,874	2,878	-1.3
Jun 08	180	180	4.1	2,866	2,872	-1.4
Jul 08	179	179	3.3	2,858	2,866	-1.5
Aug 08	179	179	2.6	2,845	2,857	-1.8
Sep 08	179	179	1.6	2,833	2,845	-2.1
Oct 08	180	179	1.4	2,819	2,833	-2.5
Nov 08	180	179	1.2	2,803	2,818	-3.0
Dec 08	180	180	1.4	2,780	2,801	-3.5

Source: Employer surveys

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	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
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Oct-Dec 2006	930.6	32.0	37.2	15.7	9.5
Oct-Dec 2007	936.5	31.9	37.0	15.5	9.9
Jan-Mar 2008	948.1	32.2	37.3	15.6	9.7
Apr-Jun 2008	939.9	31.9	36.9	15.5	9.8
Jul-Sep 2008	940.9	32.0	37.2	15.6	9.8
Oct-Dec 2008	934.0	31.9	37.0	15.6	9.5
Change on quarter	-6.9	-0.2	-0.2		-0.2
Change %	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1	-2.2
Change on year	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Change %	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.7	-3.4
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Oct-Dec 2006	575.5	36.7	38.9	15.6	10.3
Oct-Dec 2007	580.5	36.6	38.9	15.3	11.1
Jan-Mar 2008	587.5	36.9	39.2	15.3	11.0
Apr-Jun 2008	581.2	36.5	38.8	15.5	10.9
Jul-Sep 2008	580.0	36.6	39.0	15.5	11.0
Oct-Dec 2008	574.6	36.4	38.8	15.4	10.4
Change on quarter	-5.4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.6
Change %	-0.9	-0.7	-0.5	-0.8	-5.3
Change on year	-5.9	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.6
Change %	-1.0	-0.6	-0.3	0.7	-5.9
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Oct-Dec 2006	355.1	26.6	34.1	15.7	8.8
Oct-Dec 2007	356.0	26.4	33.5	15.5	9.1
Jan-Mar 2008	360.6	26.6	33.9	15.6	8.8
Apr-Jun 2008	358.8	26.5	33.6	15.5	9.0
Jul-Sep 2008	360.8	26.7	33.9	15.6	8.9
Oct-Dec 2008	359.4	26.6	33.8	15.6	8.9
Change on quarter	-1.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Change %	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.1
Change on year	3.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.2
Change %	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.7	-1.8

1. Main and second job.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

8 Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Oct-Dec 2007									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.9	1.5	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.3	11.4	6.8	3.2	10.7	7.9	3.6	19.2
16 up to 30 hours	17.7	7.9	29.2	17.6	6.8	29.1	17.6	12.6	31.0
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.1	47.5	55.4	61.1	49.4	39.3	44.1	26.6
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.0	9.7	19.0	28.4	9.2	32.4	38.2	16.9
People (thousands)	29,398	15,891	13,507	25,361	13,013	12,348	3,821	2,775	1,046
Jul-Sep 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.7	1.4	6.3
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.5	10.7	6.5	3.3	9.9	8.0	4.0	18.5
16 up to 30 hours	18.0	8.1	29.6	18.1	7.2	29.6	17.0	12.2	29.9
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	58.6	47.6	55.5	61.3	49.4	41.2	46.1	28.1
Over 45 hours	20.2	29.0	9.8	18.7	27.6	9.3	31.1	36.3	17.2
People (thousands)	29,407	15,862	13,545	25,411	13,006	12,405	3,795	2,760	1,035
Oct-Dec 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.2	0.7	1.8	2.7	1.4	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.7	3.4	10.5	6.5	3.2	9.8	7.9	4.0	18.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	8.3	30.1	18.4	7.3	30.0	18.0	12.7	31.9
31 up to 45 hours	53.6	58.9	47.4	55.6	61.8	49.2	40.5	45.3	27.8
Over 45 hours	19.9	28.6	9.7	18.3	27.0	9.2	30.9	36.6	15.9
People (thousands)	29,361	15,829	13,532	25,357	12,965	12,392	3,812	2,760	1,052

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

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.

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	YBWV	YBXA
Oct-Dec 2006	1,698	5.5	1,017	283	398	23.4	186	1,675	5.7	1,005	280	391	23.3	181
Oct-Dec 2007	1,602	5.2	964	254	384	24.0	168	1,584	5.3	954	251	379	23.9	165
Jan-Mar 2008	1,624	5.2	959	266	399	24.6	196	1,604	5.4	949	263	392	24.5	192
Apr-Jun 2008	1,685	5.4	994	276	415	24.6	193	1,662	5.6	983	272	407	24.5	189
Jul-Sep 2008	1,825	5.8	1,106	284	435	23.8	202	1,796	6.0	1,091	279	426	23.7	197
Oct-Dec 2008	1,971	6.3	1,202	316	453	23.0	209	1,940	6.5	1,186	310	443	22.9	203
Change on quarter	146	0.4	97	31	18	-0.9	7	144	0.5	95	32	17	-0.9	6
Change %	8.0		8.8	11.1	4.2		3.3	8.0		8.7	11.3	4.1		3.2
Change on year	369	1.1	239	62	69	-1.0	41	356	1.1	232	59	65	-1.1	38
Change %	23.0		24.8	24.3	17.9		24.4	22.5		24.3	23.6	17.1		23.3
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Oct-Dec 2006	974	5.8	537	169	269	27.6	128	967	5.9	534	168	265	27.5	126
Oct-Dec 2007	913	5.4	501	152	260	28.5	119	907	5.5	498	151	258	28.4	118
Jan-Mar 2008	942	5.6	513	155	274	29.1	145	933	5.7	509	153	270	28.9	142
Apr-Jun 2008	990	5.8	540	162	288	29.1	143	980	5.9	536	160	283	28.9	141
Jul-Sep 2008	1,075	6.3	605	165	304	28.3	147	1,060	6.4	599	163	298	28.2	144
Oct-Dec 2008	1,181	6.9	682	187	312	26.4	149	1,168	7.1	676	185	307	26.3	147
Change on quarter	106	0.6	77	21	7	-1.9	2	108	0.6	77	22	9	-1.8	3
Change %	9.9		12.8	12.9	2.4		1.4	10.2		12.9	13.5	3.0		2.1
Change on year	267	1.5	181	35	51	-2.1	30	261	1.5	178	34	49	-2.1	28
Change %	29.3		36.2	22.8	19.7		24.9	28.7		35.6	22.5	19.1		24.0
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBQQ	YBWT	YBWW	YBWW	YBXC
Oct-Dec 2006	724	5.1	480	114	130	17.9	58	709	5.3	471	112	125	17.7	55
Oct-Dec 2007	689	4.9	463	102	124	18.0	48	677	5.1	456	100	121	17.8	47
Jan-Mar 2008	681	4.8	445	111	125	18.4	51	671	5.0	439	109	122	18.2	49
Apr-Jun 2008	695	4.9	454	114	127	18.3	50	683	5.1	447	112	124	18.2	48
Jul-Sep 2008	750	5.2	500	119	131	17.4	55	736	5.5	492	116	128	17.4	53
Oct-Dec 2008	790	5.5	520	129	141	17.9	60	772	5.8	510	126	136	17.6	57
Change on quarter	40	0.3	20	10	11	0.5	5	36	0.3	18	10	8	0.3	3
Change %	5.4		3.9	8.6	8.2		8.6	4.9		3.6	8.3	6.6		6.3
Change on year	102	0.7	57	27	17	-0.1	11	95	0.7	54	25	15	-0.2	10
Change %	14.8		12.3	26.7	14.1		23.3	14.0		11.9	25.3	12.7		21.5

	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 2006	188	25.2	145	27	16	8.4	*	510	12.3	356	77	76	14.9	29
Oct-Dec 2007	189	25.5	141	33	16	8.5	*	498	11.9	329	69	100	20.0	37
Jan-Mar 2008	175	24.2	129	34	13	7.5	*	512	12.2	337	77	98	19.2	43
Apr-Jun 2008	188	25.9	144	33	11	5.7	*	526	12.5	346	76	105	19.9	38
Jul-Sep 2008	182	25.7	142	29	11	6.1	*	579	13.7	390	80	109	18.8	39
Oct-Dec 2008	191	28.3	146	30	15	7.8	*	616	14.5	408	99	109	17.7	39
Change on quarter	9	2.6	3	2	4	1.7	*	38	0.8	18	19	0	-1.1	0
Change %	4.9		2.4	6.0	34.3		*	6.5		4.6	23.9	0.3		1.2
Change on year	2	2.8	5	-2	-1	-0.7	*	119	2.6	79	30	9	-2.3	2
Change %	1.0		3.7	-6.6	-7.3		*	23.9		24.1	43.6	9.4		6.0
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Oct-Dec 2006	107	29.0	79	18	10	9.1	*	304	13.6	200	48	56	18.3	23
Oct-Dec 2007	109	28.9	79	19	11	10.4	*	299	13.3	183	44	72	23.9	32
Jan-Mar 2008	99	26.9	69	22	*	*	*	321	14.2	198	48	74	23.0	38
Apr-Jun 2008	102	28.2	77	17	*	*	*	331	14.5	205	51	75	22.8	30
Jul-Sep 2008	99	27.0	81	12	*	*	*	368	16.0	235	53	80	21.8	29
Oct-Dec 2008	102	29.5	76	18	*	*	*	388	16.8	241	65	82	21.1	28
Change on quarter	3	2.5	-5	6	*	*	*	20	0.8	6	12	2	-0.7	-1
Change %	2.9		-6.1	45.7	*	*	*	5.6		2.6	23.5	2.4		-3.9
Change on year	-8	0.7	-3	-2	*	*	*	89	3.5	58	21	10	-2.8	-4
Change %	-7.1		-3.5	-8.3	*	*	*	29.9		31.5	48.0	14.6		-11.4
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Oct-Dec 2006	81	21.5	66	*	*	*	*	206	10.7	156	29	20	9.8	*
Oct-Dec 2007	80	22.0	62	13	*	*	*	199	10.3	146	25	28	14.1	*
Jan-Mar 2008	76	21.5	59	12	*	*	*	192	9.9	139	28	25	12.8	*
Apr-Jun 2008	86	23.6	67	16	*	*	*	196	10.2	141	25	30	15.1	*
Jul-Sep 2008	83	24.3	62	16	*	*	*	211	10.9	155	27	29	13.5	*
Oct-Dec 2008	89	27.0	70	13	*	*	*	228	11.8	167	34	27	11.8	11
Change on quarter	6	2.7	8	-4	*	*	*	17	0.9	12	7	-2	-1.7	*
Change %	7.3		13.6	-23.4	*	*	*	8.1		7.7	24.6	-5.6		*
Change on year	10	5.1	8	-1	*	*	*	30	1.4	22	9	-1	-2.3	*
Change %	12.1		12.8	-4.1	*	*	*	14.8		14.8	35.9	-3.8		*

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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.

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 2006	768	4.3	405	145	218	28.4	101	232	2.9	110	34	89	38.2	55
Oct-Dec 2007	683	3.8	382	114	188	27.4	89	232	2.9	112	39	81	35.0	42
Jan-Mar 2008	704	3.9	385	119	200	28.4	100	233	2.9	108	36	88	37.9	52
Apr-Jun 2008	732	4.0	395	130	207	28.3	101	238	2.9	109	37	93	38.8	54
Jul-Sep 2008	802	4.4	447	127	227	28.3	112	262	3.2	126	48	88	33.7	51
Oct-Dec 2008	859	4.7	491	138	229	26.7	113	305	3.7	157	47	100	32.8	57
<i>Change on quarter</i>	57	0.3	44	11	2	-1.6	1	43	0.5	32	-1	12	-0.9	6
<i>Change %</i>	7.1		9.8	8.8	1.0		0.5	16.4		25.2	-1.3	13.3		10.8
<i>Change on year</i>	176	0.9	109	25	42	-0.7	24	73	0.8	45	9	19	-2.2	15
<i>Change %</i>	25.7		28.5	21.9	22.3		26.8	31.4		40.3	23.1	23.1		36.8
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Oct-Dec 2006	417	4.3	198	80	140	33.5	66	146	3.3	60	23	63	43.5	40
Oct-Dec 2007	357	3.7	178	60	119	33.3	57	148	3.3	61	29	59	39.5	30
Jan-Mar 2008	373	3.8	184	61	128	34.3	67	149	3.3	61	24	64	42.8	40
Apr-Jun 2008	400	4.1	199	68	133	33.3	70	157	3.5	60	25	72	45.8	43
Jul-Sep 2008	440	4.5	219	70	151	34.3	77	168	3.7	70	30	68	40.3	41
Oct-Dec 2008	483	4.9	261	73	149	30.9	79	208	4.5	105	31	72	34.8	42
<i>Change on quarter</i>	43	0.4	42	3	-1	-3.3	3	39	0.8	35	0	5	-5.5	0
<i>Change %</i>	9.8		19.0	4.1	-0.9		3.3	23.5		49.1	1.3	6.8		1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	126	1.3	83	13	31	-2.4	22	60	1.2	44	2	14	-4.7	12
<i>Change %</i>	35.4		46.5	21.8	25.7		37.9	40.1		71.6	7.0	23.5		40.0
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Oct-Dec 2006	350	4.2	207	65	78	22.3	35	86	2.5	50	11	25	29.2	16
Oct-Dec 2007	326	3.9	204	54	69	21.0	31	84	2.3	51	10	23	27.1	12
Jan-Mar 2008	331	4.0	200	58	72	21.7	34	83	2.3	47	12	24	29.1	12
Apr-Jun 2008	332	4.0	197	61	74	22.4	31	81	2.3	49	12	20	25.2	11
Jul-Sep 2008	362	4.3	228	57	76	21.1	36	94	2.6	55	18	21	21.9	10
Oct-Dec 2008	376	4.5	230	65	80	21.3	33	97	2.7	53	17	28	28.5	15
<i>Change on quarter</i>	14	0.2	2	8	4	0.2	-2	3	0.1	-3	-1	7	6.6	5
<i>Change %</i>	3.8		0.9	14.5	4.6		-5.6	3.6		-5.1	-5.6	35.1		50.8
<i>Change on year</i>	49	0.6	26	12	11	0.2	2	13	0.3	1	7	5	1.4	3
<i>Change %</i>	15.0		12.8	22.0	16.4		6.4	16.0		2.9	69.7	22.1		28.7

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey
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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						
2008						
January	794.9	2.5	201.4	211.7	830.5	2.6
February #	795.5	2.5	205.0	208.0	848.9	2.6
March	799.1	2.5	204.5	202.3	842.8	2.6
April	810.3	2.5	217.0	206.8	835.2	2.6
May	824.6	2.6	217.4	204.2	831.9	2.6
June #	844.6	2.6	229.3	209.7	835.3	2.6
July	872.4	2.7	240.6	214.9	871.3	2.7
August #	908.1	2.8	250.1	218.0	923.9	2.9
September	944.4	2.9	263.3	227.7	944.7	2.9
October	996.2	3.1	274.6	227.0	970.3	3.0
November #	1,079.3	3.3	297.7	224.9	1,056.1	3.3
December (r)	1,159.2	3.6	323.0	233.6	1,153.3	3.6
2009						
January (p)	1,233.0	3.8	323.3	244.0	1,282.6	4.0
<i>Change on month</i>	73.8	0.2	0.3	10.4	129.3	0.4
<i>Change %</i>	6.4		0.1	4.5	11.2	
<i>Change on year</i>	438.1	1.4	121.9	32.3	452.1	1.4
<i>Change %</i>	55.1		60.5	15.3	54.4	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men						
2008						
January	579.4	3.3	141.6	149.1	610.1	3.5
February #	581.0	3.3	144.8	146.4	622.8	3.6
March	583.9	3.4	144.2	142.8	618.7	3.6
April	592.3	3.4	152.6	145.8	611.7	3.5
May	602.9	3.5	153.4	142.7	610.1	3.5
June #	617.6	3.6	161.8	147.3	610.7	3.5
July	639.2	3.7	171.1	150.2	632.4	3.6
August #	666.7	3.8	179.1	152.3	666.7	3.8
September	694.7	4.0	188.3	159.6	684.2	3.9
October	735.4	4.2	196.8	159.5	708.3	4.1
November #	802.4	4.6	215.5	158.4	783.0	4.5
December (r)	863.6	5.0	232.8	164.4	865.2	5.0
2009						
January (p)	918.0	5.3	229.7	171.7	958.6	5.5
<i>Change on month</i>	54.4	0.3	-3.1	7.3	93.5	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	6.3		-1.3	4.4	10.8	
<i>Change on year</i>	338.6	2.0	88.1	22.6	348.5	2.0
<i>Change %</i>	58.4		62.2	15.2	57.1	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women						
2008						
January	215.5	1.4	59.8	62.6	220.4	1.5
February #	214.5	1.4	60.2	61.6	226.1	1.5
March	215.2	1.4	60.3	59.5	224.2	1.5
April	218.0	1.5	64.4	61.0	223.5	1.5
May	221.7	1.5	64.0	61.5	221.8	1.5
June #	227.0	1.5	67.5	62.4	224.6	1.5
July	233.2	1.6	69.5	64.7	238.9	1.6
August #	241.4	1.6	71.0	65.7	257.2	1.7
September	249.7	1.7	75.0	68.1	260.5	1.7
October	260.8	1.7	77.8	67.5	262.0	1.7
November #	276.9	1.8	82.2	66.5	273.2	1.8
December (r)	295.6	2.0	90.2	69.2	288.2	1.9
2009						
January (p)	315.0	2.1	93.6	72.3	324.0	2.2
<i>Change on month</i>	19.4	0.1	3.4	3.1	35.9	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	6.6		3.8	4.5	12.4	
<i>Change on year</i>	99.5	0.7	33.8	9.7	103.6	0.7
<i>Change %</i>	46.2		56.5	15.5	47.0	

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

11(1) Claimant 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+ 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
	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
2008													
January	794.9	794.0	547.7	130.1	116.2	14.6	34.6	243.5	206.2	30.7	6.6	2.7	1.6
February #	795.5	792.9	552.3	129.4	111.2	14.0	32.1	244.1	207.4	30.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
March	799.1	796.1	557.3	130.6	108.2	13.6	30.4	245.6	207.9	31.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
April	810.3	807.9	572.1	130.4	105.4	13.0	29.3	249.3	212.5	30.8	6.0	2.4	1.6
May	824.6	821.3	587.3	131.0	103.0	12.5	27.8	253.8	217.4	30.7	5.7	2.2	1.5
June #	844.6	840.3	607.5	131.5	101.3	12.1	26.6	260.3	224.4	30.3	5.6	2.2	1.5
July	872.4	869.1	635.1	133.7	100.3	11.5	25.7	268.9	233.0	30.3	5.6	2.1	1.5
August #	908.1	904.9	666.3	138.7	99.9	11.0	24.9	280.0	243.1	31.3	5.6	2.0	1.5
September	944.4	941.3	697.6	143.6	100.1	10.6	24.3	291.5	253.8	32.1	5.6	1.9	1.5
October	996.2	993.1	741.4	150.7	101.0	10.2	23.9	308.5	269.1	33.8	5.6	1.8	1.5
November #	1,079.3	1,076.1	812.4	160.8	102.9	9.6	23.5	333.1	291.2	36.0	5.9	1.8	1.5
December (r)	1,159.2	1,155.7	878.4	172.0	105.3	9.1	23.3	355.9	311.1	38.8	6.0	1.7	1.5
2009													
January (p)	1,233.0	1,229.7	935.1	185.1	109.5	8.9	23.6	374.4	325.8	42.1	6.5	1.7	1.7
<i>Change on month</i>	73.8	74.0	56.7	13.1	4.2	-0.2	0.3	18.5	14.7	3.3	0.5	0.1	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	6.4	6.4	6.5	7.6	4.0		1.3	5.2	4.7	8.5	8.3		13.3
<i>Change on year</i>	438.1	435.7	387.4	55.0	-6.7	-5.7	-11.0	130.9	119.6	11.4	-0.1	-1.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	55.1	54.9	70.7	42.3	-5.8		-31.8	53.8	58.0	37.1	-1.5		6.2
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2008													
January	579.4	579.4	391.2	97.4	90.8	15.7	27.4	164.0	138.9	20.7	4.4	2.7	1.1
February #	581.0	579.1	395.4	96.9	86.8	15.0	25.4	164.6	139.9	20.5	4.2	2.6	1.1
March	583.9	581.9	399.6	97.8	84.5	14.5	24.1	166.0	140.7	21.1	4.2	2.5	1.1
April	592.3	590.6	410.2	98.1	82.3	13.9	23.2	169.0	144.2	20.8	4.0	2.4	1.1
May	602.9	600.5	421.5	98.7	80.3	13.4	22.0	172.2	147.6	20.8	3.8	2.2	1.0
June #	617.6	614.6	436.2	99.3	79.1	12.9	21.0	176.7	152.3	20.6	3.8	2.2	1.0
July	639.2	636.9	457.4	101.2	78.3	12.3	20.2	182.7	158.2	20.7	3.8	2.1	1.0
August #	666.7	664.5	481.5	105.1	77.9	11.7	19.5	190.7	165.4	21.5	3.8	2.0	1.0
September	694.7	692.5	505.7	108.8	78.0	11.3	19.0	199.3	173.4	22.1	3.8	1.9	1.0
October	735.4	733.3	540.0	114.4	78.9	10.8	18.7	212.5	185.3	23.4	3.8	1.8	1.0
November #	802.4	800.3	597.2	122.4	80.7	10.1	18.4	231.5	202.4	25.1	4.0	1.7	1.0
December (r)	863.6	861.1	647.3	131.2	82.6	9.6	18.2	247.9	216.8	27.0	4.1	1.7	1.0
2009													
January (p)	918.0	915.4	687.9	141.6	85.9	9.4	18.4	261.1	227.4	29.3	4.4	1.7	1.1
<i>Change on month</i>	54.4	54.3	40.6	10.4	3.3	-0.2	0.2	13.2	10.6	2.3	0.3	0.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	6.3	6.3	6.3	7.9	4.0		1.1	5.3	4.9	8.5	7.3		10.0
<i>Change on year</i>	338.6	336.0	296.7	44.2	-4.9	-6.3	-9.0	97.1	88.5	8.6	0.0	-1.0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	58.4	58.0	75.8	45.4	-5.4		-32.8	59.2	63.7	41.5	0.0		0.0
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLGK	JLGI	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLQ	JLGR	JLGS	JLGT
2008													
January	215.5	214.6	156.5	32.7	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.3	10.0	2.2	2.8	0.5
February #	214.5	213.8	156.9	32.5	24.4	11.4	6.7	79.5	67.5	9.9	2.1	2.6	0.5
March	215.2	214.2	157.7	32.8	23.7	11.1	6.3	79.6	67.2	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
April	218.0	217.3	161.9	32.3	23.1	10.6	6.1	80.3	68.3	10.0	2.0	2.5	0.5
May	221.7	220.8	165.8	32.3	22.7	10.3	5.8	81.6	69.8	9.9	1.9	2.3	0.5
June #	227.0	225.7	171.3	32.2	22.2	9.8	5.6	83.6	72.1	9.7	1.8	2.2	0.5
July	233.2	232.2	177.7	32.5	22.0	9.5	5.5	86.2	74.8	9.6	1.8	2.1	0.5
August #	241.4	240.4	184.8	33.6	22.0	9.2	5.4	89.3	77.7	9.8	1.8	2.0	0.5
September	249.7	248.8	191.9	34.8	22.1	8.9	5.3	92.2	80.4	10.0	1.8	2.0	0.5
October	260.8	259.8	201.4	36.3	22.1	8.5	5.2	96.0	83.8	10.4	1.8	1.9	0.5
November #	276.9	275.8	215.2	38.4	22.2	8.0	5.1	101.6	88.8	10.9	1.9	1.9	0.5
December (r)	295.6	294.6	231.1	40.8	22.7	7.7	5.1	108.0	94.3	11.8	1.9	1.8	0.5
2009													
January (p)	315.0	314.3	247.2	43.5	23.6	7.5	5.2	113.3	98.4	12.8	2.1	1.9	0.6
<i>Change on month</i>	19.4	19.7	16.1	2.7	0.9	-0.2	0.1	5.3	4.1	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	6.6	6.7	7.0	6.6	4.0		2.0	4.9	4.3	8.5	10.5		20.0
<i>Change on year</i>	99.5	99.7	90.7	10.8	-1.8	-4.3	-2.0	33.8	31.1	2.8	-0.1	-0.9	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	46.2	46.5	58.0	33.0	-7.1		-27.8	42.5	46.2	28.0	-4.5		20.0

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

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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
	JLGU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
People												
2008												
January	426.0	271.7	79.5	74.8	17.6	15.7	124.5	69.8	19.9	34.8	28.0	17.3
February #	426.1	273.6	79.6	72.9	17.1	15.4	122.7	71.3	19.4	32.0	26.1	15.1
March	427.8	276.3	79.8	71.7	16.8	15.0	122.7	73.1	19.4	30.2	24.6	13.8
April	434.4	283.6	80.1	70.7	16.3	14.9	124.2	76.0	19.5	28.7	23.1	12.8
May	441.5	290.9	80.6	70.0	15.9	14.5	126.0	79.0	19.7	27.3	21.7	11.8
June #	451.1	300.3	81.2	69.6	15.4	14.2	128.9	82.8	20.0	26.1	20.2	10.9
July	467.1	315.2	82.5	69.4	14.9	14.0	133.1	86.9	20.9	25.3	19.0	10.2
August #	486.4	331.8	84.9	69.7	14.3	13.8	138.5	91.4	22.5	24.6	17.8	9.6
September	506.1	348.4	87.5	70.2	13.9	13.7	143.7	95.4	24.0	24.3	16.9	9.1
October	534.0	371.4	91.3	71.3	13.4	13.7	150.6	100.9	25.6	24.1	16.0	8.7
November #	580.0	410.6	96.7	72.7	12.5	13.7	163.0	110.6	28.1	24.3	14.9	8.3
December (r)	624.6	447.2	102.7	74.7	12.0	13.8	175.2	120.1	30.5	24.6	14.0	8.0
2009												
January (p)	668.0	480.4	110.4	77.2	11.6	13.9	187.3	128.9	32.6	25.8	13.8	8.0
<i>Change on month</i>	43.4	33.2	7.7	2.5	-0.4	0.1	12.1	8.8	2.1	1.2	-0.3	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	6.9	7.4	7.5	3.3		0.7	6.9	7.3	6.9	4.9		0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	242.0	208.7	30.9	2.4	-6.0	-1.8	62.8	59.1	12.7	-9.0	-14.2	-9.3
<i>Change %</i>	56.8	76.8	38.9	3.2		-11.5	50.4	84.7	63.8	-25.9		-53.8
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2008												
January	328.5	205.9	62.7	59.9	18.2	12.7	86.9	46.4	14.0	26.5	30.5	13.6
February #	328.7	207.7	62.7	58.3	17.7	12.4	85.8	47.8	13.7	24.3	28.3	11.9
March	330.5	210.0	63.1	57.4	17.4	12.1	85.4	48.9	13.6	22.9	26.8	10.9
April	335.3	215.2	63.5	56.6	16.9	12.0	86.3	50.8	13.8	21.7	25.1	10.1
May	340.7	220.8	63.9	56.0	16.4	11.7	87.6	53.1	14.0	20.5	23.4	9.3
June #	347.9	227.8	64.4	55.7	16.0	11.4	90.0	56.1	14.3	19.6	21.8	8.6
July	360.8	239.8	65.5	55.5	15.4	11.2	93.4	59.4	15.0	19.0	20.3	8.0
August #	376.1	253.0	67.4	55.7	14.8	11.0	97.7	63.1	16.2	18.4	18.8	7.5
September	391.6	266.1	69.4	56.1	14.3	10.9	101.6	66.2	17.3	18.1	17.8	7.1
October	413.8	284.2	72.5	57.1	13.8	10.9	107.0	70.5	18.5	18.0	16.8	6.8
November #	451.5	316.1	77.0	58.4	12.9	10.9	117.3	78.7	20.3	18.3	15.6	6.5
December (r)	486.1	344.1	82.1	59.9	12.3	10.9	127.1	86.4	22.1	18.6	14.6	6.3
2009												
January (p)	518.4	367.9	88.5	62.0	12.0	11.0	135.9	92.6	23.8	19.5	14.3	6.3
<i>Change on month</i>	32.3	23.8	6.4	2.1	-0.4	0.1	8.8	6.2	1.7	0.9	-0.3	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	6.6	6.9	7.8	3.5		0.9	6.9	7.2	7.7	4.8		0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	189.9	162.0	25.8	2.1	-6.3	-1.7	49.0	46.2	9.8	-7.0	-16.1	-7.3
<i>Change %</i>	57.8	78.7	41.1	3.5		-13.4	56.4	99.6	70.0	-26.4		-53.7
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2008												
January	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.6	23.4	5.9	8.3	22.1	3.7
February #	97.4	65.9	16.9	14.6	15.0	3.0	36.9	23.5	5.7	7.7	20.9	3.2
March	97.3	66.3	16.7	14.3	14.7	2.9	37.3	24.2	5.8	7.3	19.6	2.9
April	99.1	68.4	16.6	14.1	14.2	2.9	37.9	25.2	5.7	7.0	18.5	2.7
May	100.8	70.1	16.7	14.0	13.9	2.8	38.4	25.9	5.7	6.8	17.7	2.5
June #	103.2	72.5	16.8	13.9	13.5	2.8	38.9	26.7	5.7	6.5	16.7	2.3
July	106.3	75.4	17.0	13.9	13.1	2.8	39.7	27.5	5.9	6.3	15.9	2.2
August #	110.3	78.8	17.5	14.0	12.7	2.8	40.8	28.3	6.3	6.2	15.2	2.1
September	114.5	82.3	18.1	14.1	12.3	2.8	42.1	29.2	6.7	6.2	14.7	2.0
October	120.2	87.2	18.8	14.2	11.8	2.8	43.6	30.4	7.1	6.1	14.0	1.9
November #	128.5	94.5	19.7	14.3	11.1	2.8	45.7	31.9	7.8	6.0	13.1	1.8
December (r)	138.5	103.1	20.6	14.8	10.7	2.9	48.1	33.7	8.4	6.0	12.5	1.7
2009												
January (p)	149.6	112.5	21.9	15.2	10.2	2.9	51.4	36.3	8.8	6.3	12.3	1.7
<i>Change on month</i>	11.1	9.4	1.3	0.4	-0.5	0.0	3.3	2.6	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	8.0	9.1	6.3	2.7		0.0	6.9	7.7	4.8	5.0		0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	52.1	46.7	5.1	0.3	-5.1	-0.1	13.8	12.9	2.9	-2.0	-9.8	-2.0
<i>Change %</i>	53.4	71.0	30.4	2.0		-3.3	36.7	55.1	49.2	-24.1		-54.1

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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 2006	30,782	29,562	747	4,151	6,574	11,421	6,669	1,221
Oct-Dec 2007	31,000	29,725	742	4,176	6,560	11,458	6,790	1,275
Jan-Mar 2008	31,123	29,802	723	4,193	6,600	11,483	6,802	1,321
Apr-Jun 2008	31,190	29,844	729	4,202	6,621	11,498	6,795	1,346
Jul-Sep 2008	31,232	29,878	709	4,239	6,629	11,490	6,811	1,354
Oct-Dec 2008	31,333	29,958	675	4,251	6,666	11,509	6,857	1,374
Change on quarter	101	80	-34	12	37	19	46	21
Change %	0.3	0.3	-4.8	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	1.5
Change on year	332	233	-67	75	106	52	67	100
Change %	1.1	0.8	-9.1	1.8	1.6	0.5	1.0	7.8
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Oct-Dec 2006	16,690	16,284	367	2,233	3,603	6,104	3,977	406
Oct-Dec 2007	16,804	16,387	379	2,252	3,608	6,078	4,070	417
Jan-Mar 2008	16,890	16,441	369	2,262	3,630	6,088	4,091	449
Apr-Jun 2008	16,928	16,472	363	2,274	3,638	6,103	4,094	456
Jul-Sep 2008	16,937	16,484	366	2,301	3,624	6,100	4,093	453
Oct-Dec 2008	17,010	16,550	344	2,308	3,647	6,125	4,126	460
Change on quarter	73	67	-22	8	23	25	32	7
Change %	0.4	0.4	-5.9	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	1.5
Change on year	206	163	-35	56	39	46	56	43
Change %	1.2	1.0	-9.2	2.5	1.1	0.8	1.4	10.3
Women	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Oct-Dec 2006	14,093	13,278	380	1,919	2,971	5,317	2,692	815
Oct-Dec 2007	14,196	13,338	363	1,924	2,952	5,379	2,720	858
Jan-Mar 2008	14,233	13,362	354	1,931	2,970	5,395	2,712	872
Apr-Jun 2008	14,262	13,372	365	1,927	2,983	5,396	2,701	890
Jul-Sep 2008	14,295	13,394	343	1,939	3,005	5,390	2,717	900
Oct-Dec 2008	14,322	13,408	331	1,943	3,019	5,384	2,731	914
Change on quarter	28	14	-12	4	14	-6	14	14
Change %	0.2	0.1	-3.6	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.5	1.6
Change on year	127	70	-32	19	67	5	11	57
Change %	0.9	0.5	-8.9	1.0	2.3	0.1	0.4	6.6
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Oct-Dec 2006	63.6	78.9	47.4	74.6	84.3	85.4	73.1	11.1
Oct-Dec 2007	63.5	79.0	46.7	73.5	84.2	85.3	74.3	11.4
Jan-Mar 2008	63.6	79.1	45.5	73.4	84.7	85.5	74.4	11.8
Apr-Jun 2008	63.6	79.1	45.8	73.3	84.8	85.6	74.3	11.9
Jul-Sep 2008	63.6	79.1	44.8	73.6	84.7	85.5	74.3	11.9
Oct-Dec 2008	63.7	79.2	42.9	73.6	84.8	85.7	74.7	12.1
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-1.9	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.1
Change on year	0.2	0.2	-3.8	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.7
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Oct-Dec 2006	70.9	83.7	45.3	78.9	92.8	92.4	74.8	9.9
Oct-Dec 2007	70.8	83.6	46.4	77.6	92.7	91.7	75.8	10.1
Jan-Mar 2008	70.9	83.7	45.2	77.6	93.1	91.9	76.0	10.8
Apr-Jun 2008	70.9	83.7	44.5	77.6	93.1	92.1	75.9	10.9
Jul-Sep 2008	70.8	83.7	45.0	78.2	92.4	92.1	75.8	10.8
Oct-Dec 2008	70.9	83.9	42.6	78.2	92.5	92.5	76.2	10.9
Change on quarter	0.1	0.2	-2.4	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
Change on year	0.2	0.3	-3.8	0.6	-0.2	0.8	0.4	0.8
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Oct-Dec 2006	56.6	73.8	49.5	70.1	75.8	78.5	70.7	11.8
Oct-Dec 2007	56.6	74.0	47.0	69.1	75.7	79.1	72.2	12.2
Jan-Mar 2008	56.7	74.1	45.8	69.1	76.2	79.3	72.1	12.3
Apr-Jun 2008	56.7	74.1	47.2	68.7	76.5	79.2	71.9	12.5
Jul-Sep 2008	56.8	74.2	44.5	68.9	76.9	79.2	72.3	12.6
Oct-Dec 2008	56.8	74.2	43.1	68.8	77.0	79.2	72.6	12.8
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-1.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1
Change on year	0.1	0.2	-3.9	-0.4	1.3	0.1	0.4	0.6

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

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
Economically inactive								
People	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAI	YCBG	MGWA	MGWD
Oct-Dec 2006	17,636	7,885	830	1,416	1,228	1,953	2,458	9,751
Oct-Dec 2007	17,814	7,906	847	1,507	1,231	1,972	2,348	9,909
Jan-Mar 2008	17,788	7,871	866	1,516	1,197	1,950	2,342	9,916
Apr-Jun 2008	17,816	7,872	862	1,534	1,183	1,939	2,355	9,944
Jul-Sep 2008	17,876	7,887	875	1,517	1,200	1,942	2,352	9,989
Oct-Dec 2008	17,877	7,858	899	1,524	1,198	1,914	2,322	10,019
Change on quarter	2	-29	24	7	-2	-28	-30	31
Change %	0.0	-0.4	2.8	0.4	-0.2	-1.4	-1.3	0.3
Change on year	63	-48	53	17	-33	-58	-26	111
Change %	0.4	-0.6	6.2	1.1	-2.7	-2.9	-1.1	1.1
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Oct-Dec 2006	6,835	3,162	443	597	278	501	1,343	3,673
Oct-Dec 2007	6,947	3,216	437	649	283	548	1,300	3,731
Jan-Mar 2008	6,917	3,197	447	654	268	538	1,290	3,720
Apr-Jun 2008	6,934	3,200	454	657	269	525	1,297	3,734
Jul-Sep 2008	6,982	3,221	447	641	299	525	1,309	3,760
Oct-Dec 2008	6,966	3,187	464	642	296	496	1,289	3,779
Change on quarter	-16	-34	16	1	-3	-29	-20	18
Change %	-0.2	-1.1	3.6	0.2	-0.9	-5.5	-1.5	0.5
Change on year	18	-29	26	-6	14	-52	-11	48
Change %	0.3	-0.9	6.0	-1.0	4.8	-9.4	-0.9	1.3
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAC	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Oct-Dec 2006	10,801	4,724	387	819	950	1,452	1,115	6,078
Oct-Dec 2007	10,867	4,689	409	859	948	1,425	1,048	6,178
Jan-Mar 2008	10,870	4,674	419	863	929	1,412	1,052	6,196
Apr-Jun 2008	10,882	4,672	408	877	914	1,414	1,058	6,210
Jul-Sep 2008	10,894	4,665	428	876	901	1,417	1,043	6,228
Oct-Dec 2008	10,911	4,671	436	882	901	1,418	1,033	6,241
Change on quarter	18	5	8	6	0	1	-10	13
Change %	0.2	0.1	1.9	0.6	0.0	0.1	-1.0	0.2
Change on year	44	-19	27	23	-47	-6	-15	63
Change %	0.4	-0.4	6.5	2.7	-4.9	-0.4	-1.4	1.0
Economic inactivity rates (%)¹								
People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Oct-Dec 2006	36.4	21.1	52.6	25.4	15.7	14.6	26.9	88.9
Oct-Dec 2007	36.5	21.0	53.3	26.5	15.8	14.7	25.7	88.6
Jan-Mar 2008	36.4	20.9	54.5	26.6	15.3	14.5	25.6	88.2
Apr-Jun 2008	36.4	20.9	54.2	26.7	15.2	14.4	25.7	88.1
Jul-Sep 2008	36.4	20.9	55.2	26.4	15.3	14.5	25.7	88.1
Oct-Dec 2008	36.3	20.8	57.1	26.4	15.2	14.3	25.3	87.9
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	1.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1
Change on year	-0.2	-0.2	3.8	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Oct-Dec 2006	29.1	16.3	54.7	21.1	7.2	7.6	25.2	90.1
Oct-Dec 2007	29.2	16.4	53.6	22.4	7.3	8.3	24.2	89.9
Jan-Mar 2008	29.1	16.3	54.8	22.4	6.9	8.1	24.0	89.2
Apr-Jun 2008	29.1	16.3	55.5	22.4	6.9	7.9	24.1	89.1
Jul-Sep 2008	29.2	16.3	55.0	21.8	7.6	7.9	24.2	89.2
Oct-Dec 2008	29.1	16.1	57.4	21.8	7.5	7.5	23.8	89.1
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.2	2.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
Change on year	-0.2	-0.3	3.8	-0.6	0.2	-0.8	-0.4	-0.8
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Oct-Dec 2006	43.4	26.2	50.5	29.9	24.2	21.5	29.3	88.2
Oct-Dec 2007	43.4	26.0	53.0	30.9	24.3	20.9	27.8	87.8
Jan-Mar 2008	43.3	25.9	54.2	30.9	23.8	20.7	27.9	87.7
Apr-Jun 2008	43.3	25.9	52.8	31.3	23.5	20.8	28.1	87.5
Jul-Sep 2008	43.2	25.8	55.5	31.1	23.1	20.8	27.7	87.4
Oct-Dec 2008	43.2	25.8	56.9	31.2	23.0	20.8	27.4	87.2
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.1
Change on year	-0.1	-0.2	3.9	0.4	-1.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6

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

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC
Oct-Dec 2006	7,885	1,848	2,308	200	2,066	42	611	810	5,785	2,101
Oct-Dec 2007	7,906	1,958	2,276	189	2,038	34	603	807	5,799	2,106
Jan-Mar 2008	7,871	1,964	2,268	176	2,029	42	596	797	5,738	2,134
Apr-Jun 2008	7,872	1,969	2,295	181	1,997	39	590	801	5,709	2,163
Jul-Sep 2008	7,887	1,995	2,249	182	2,060	38	604	760	5,745	2,142
Oct-Dec 2008	7,858	2,051	2,256	169	1,988	49	598	745	5,737	2,121
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-29	57	8	-12	-72	12	-6	-15	-8	-21
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	2.9	0.3	-6.7	-3.5	31.0	-1.0	-2.0	-0.1	-1.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-48	94	-20	-20	-49	15	-5	-62	-62	14
<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	4.8	-0.9	-10.6	-2.4	45.1	-0.9	-7.7	-1.1	0.7
Men	YBSO	BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Oct-Dec 2006	3,162	935	188	96	1,130	28	443	342	2,270	891
Oct-Dec 2007	3,216	979	191	96	1,139	16	440	355	2,324	892
Jan-Mar 2008	3,197	991	192	86	1,126	22	434	347	2,294	903
Apr-Jun 2008	3,200	993	195	88	1,113	22	432	357	2,272	929
Jul-Sep 2008	3,221	990	199	91	1,145	19	435	342	2,302	919
Oct-Dec 2008	3,187	1,035	191	76	1,087	31	439	327	2,274	913
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-34	46	-7	-15	-58	12	4	-15	-28	-7
<i>Change %</i>	-1.1	4.6	-3.6	-16.4	-5.1	60.5	0.8	-4.4	-1.2	-0.7
<i>Change on year</i>	-29	56	1	-20	-52	15	-1	-28	-50	21
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9	5.7	0.4	-20.7	-4.5	88.6	-0.3	-7.9	-2.1	2.3
Women	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEEB	YBWB	YBWE
Oct-Dec 2006	4,724	914	2,120	104	936	14	168	468	3,514	1,209
Oct-Dec 2007	4,689	979	2,086	93	899	18	163	453	3,475	1,214
Jan-Mar 2008	4,674	973	2,077	89	904	20	162	450	3,444	1,231
Apr-Jun 2008	4,672	976	2,100	93	883	17	159	445	3,437	1,234
Jul-Sep 2008	4,665	1,005	2,050	90	915	18	169	418	3,443	1,223
Oct-Dec 2008	4,671	1,016	2,065	93	901	18	159	418	3,463	1,208
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5	11	15	3	-14	0	-10	0	20	-15
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	1.1	0.7	3.1	-1.5	-0.1	-5.8	0.0	0.6	-1.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-19	37	-20	0	2	1	-4	-35	-12	-7
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	3.8	-1.0	-0.1	0.3	4.3	-2.5	-7.6	-0.3	-0.5
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
People	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
Oct-Dec 2006	100	23.4	29.3	2.5	26.2	0.5	7.7	10.3	73.4	26.6
Oct-Dec 2007	100	24.8	28.8	2.4	25.8	0.4	7.6	10.2	73.4	26.6
Jan-Mar 2008	100	24.9	28.8	2.2	25.8	0.5	7.6	10.1	72.9	27.1
Apr-Jun 2008	100	25.0	29.2	2.3	25.4	0.5	7.5	10.2	72.5	27.5
Jul-Sep 2008	100	25.3	28.5	2.3	26.1	0.5	7.7	9.6	72.8	27.2
Oct-Dec 2008	100	26.1	28.7	2.2	25.3	0.6	7.6	9.5	73.0	27.0
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEB	BEEQ	BEEB	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Oct-Dec 2006	100	29.6	5.9	3.0	35.7	0.9	14.0	10.8	71.8	28.2
Oct-Dec 2007	100	30.4	5.9	3.0	35.4	0.5	13.7	11.0	72.3	27.7
Jan-Mar 2008	100	31.0	6.0	2.7	35.2	0.7	13.6	10.8	71.7	28.3
Apr-Jun 2008	100	31.0	6.1	2.7	34.8	0.7	13.5	11.2	71.0	29.0
Jul-Sep 2008	100	30.7	6.2	2.8	35.6	0.6	13.5	10.6	71.5	28.5
Oct-Dec 2008	100	32.5	6.0	2.4	34.1	1.0	13.8	10.2	71.4	28.6
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Oct-Dec 2006	100	19.3	44.9	2.2	19.8	0.3	3.5	9.9	74.4	25.6
Oct-Dec 2007	100	20.9	44.5	2.0	19.2	0.4	3.5	9.7	74.1	25.9
Jan-Mar 2008	100	20.8	44.4	1.9	19.3	0.4	3.5	9.6	73.7	26.3
Apr-Jun 2008	100	20.9	44.9	2.0	18.9	0.4	3.4	9.5	73.6	26.4
Jul-Sep 2008	100	21.5	43.9	1.9	19.6	0.4	3.6	9.0	73.8	26.2
Oct-Dec 2008	100	21.8	44.2	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.0	74.1	25.9

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 2008

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	675	237	438	484	157	327	191	80	111	899	114	786
18-24	4,251	3,512	739	3,635	2,998	636	616	514	102	1,524	586	938
all under 25	4,926	3,749	1,177	4,119	3,155	963	807	594	214	2,424	699	1,724
Men												
16-17	344	142	202	243	96	147	102	46	56	464	59	405
18-24	2,308	1,966	342	1,920	1,634	286	388	332	56	642	138	504
all under 25	2,652	2,108	544	2,163	1,730	433	490	378	112	1,106	197	909
Women												
16-17	331	95	236	241	61	180	89	34	55	436	55	381
18-24	1,943	1,546	397	1,715	1,364	350	228	182	47	882	447	434
all under 25	2,274	1,641	633	1,956	1,425	531	318	216	102	1,318	502	815

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-34	-18	-16	-43	-20	-23	9	2	7	24	5	20
18-24	12	-19	31	-26	-67	41	38	48	-10	7	-46	53
all under 25	-22	-37	15	-69	-87	18	46	50	-3	31	-42	73
Men												
16-17	-22	-15	-7	-24	-15	-10	3	0	3	16	8	8
18-24	8	-1	9	-13	-32	19	20	30	-10	1	-49	51
all under 25	-14	-16	2	-37	-46	9	23	30	-7	17	-41	59
Women												
16-17	-12	-3	-9	-18	-5	-13	6	2	4	8	-3	11
18-24	4	-17	22	-13	-35	22	17	18	0	6	3	3
all under 25	-8	-21	13	-31	-40	9	23	20	4	14	0	14

Rates(%)³

People												
16-17	42.9	67.6	35.8	30.7	44.8	26.7	28.3	33.8	25.4	57.1	32.4	64.2
18-24	73.6	85.7	44.1	62.9	73.2	37.9	14.5	14.6	13.9	26.4	14.3	55.9
all under 25	67.0	84.3	40.6	56.0	70.9	33.2	16.4	15.8	18.1	33.0	15.7	59.4
Men												
16-17	42.6	70.7	33.3	30.0	47.8	24.1	29.5	32.4	27.5	57.4	29.3	66.7
18-24	78.2	93.4	40.4	65.1	77.6	33.8	16.8	16.9	16.3	21.8	6.6	59.6
all under 25	70.6	91.4	37.5	57.5	75.0	29.8	18.5	17.9	20.5	29.4	8.6	62.5
Women												
16-17	43.1	63.3	38.2	31.5	40.7	29.2	27.0	35.8	23.5	56.9	36.7	61.8
18-24	68.8	77.6	47.7	60.7	68.4	42.1	11.8	11.8	11.7	31.2	22.4	52.3
all under 25	63.3	76.6	43.7	54.5	66.5	36.6	14.0	13.1	16.1	36.7	23.4	56.3

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-1.9	-2.5	-1.4	-2.5	-3.9	-2.0	2.6	3.1	2.4	1.9	2.5	1.4
18-24	0.0	0.9	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	0.6	0.8	1.4	-2.0	0.0	-0.9	0.4
all under 25	-0.4	0.6	-0.7	-1.0	-0.7	-0.4	1.0	1.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.6	0.7
Men												
16-17	-2.4	-4.9	-1.2	-2.8	-5.5	-1.7	2.5	3.0	2.3	2.4	4.9	1.2
18-24	0.0	2.1	-1.9	-0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.8	1.5	-3.4	0.0	-2.1	1.9
all under 25	-0.4	1.5	-1.5	-1.0	-0.1	-0.7	1.0	1.6	-1.3	0.4	-1.5	1.5
Women												
16-17	-1.4	0.5	-1.6	-2.2	-1.7	-2.2	2.7	3.3	2.5	1.4	-0.5	1.6
18-24	-0.1	-0.3	1.3	-0.7	-1.2	1.5	0.9	1.3	-0.8	0.1	0.3	-1.3
all under 25	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-1.0	-1.2	-0.1	1.1	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.1

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

2. In full-time education.

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

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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 06	129.0	4.0	4.1	128.3	4.2	4.3	131.9	3.3	3.2
Oct 07	132.5	3.4	4.0	131.9 (r)	3.4	4.2	135.4	3.2	3.2
Nov 07	133.8	4.4	4.0	133.4	4.6	4.2	135.7	3.3	3.2
Dec 07	133.8	3.7	3.8	133.1	3.8	4.0 (r)	136.2	3.3	3.3
Jan 08	134.3	3.8	3.9	133.7	3.8	4.1	136.8	3.6	3.4
Feb 08	135.1	3.7	3.7	134.3	3.4	3.7	137.4	4.1	3.7
Mar 08	135.2	4.5	4.0	134.8	4.6	3.9	137.5	3.7	3.8
Apr 08	134.9	3.8	4.0	134.3	3.7	3.9	138.1	3.8	3.9
May 08	135.3	3.4	3.9	134.7	3.5	3.9	137.6	3.1	3.5
Jun 08	135.8	3.4	3.5	135.2	3.6	3.6	137.9	2.9	3.2
Jul 08	136.2	3.6	3.5	135.6	3.5	3.5	139.3	4.0	3.3
Aug 08	136.6	3.2	3.4	136.0	3.1	3.4	139.4	3.6	3.5
Sep 08	137.0	3.1	3.3	136.2	2.8	3.1	140.3	4.0	3.9
Oct 08 (r)	137.3	3.6	3.3	136.6	3.6	3.2	140.5	3.8	3.8
Nov 08 (r)	137.5	2.8	3.2	136.6	2.4	3.0	141.6	4.3	4.0
Dec 08 (p)	138.1	3.2	3.2	137.3	3.1	3.1	141.4	3.8	4.0
	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
	LNMR	LNMV	LNNG	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Dec 06	128.0	3.9	4.6	129.3	4.4	4.4	128.5	4.7	4.7
Oct 07 (r)	131.7	2.6	2.6	133.1	3.7	4.4	132.2	3.8	4.7
Nov 07 (r)	132.7	3.6	2.9	134.1	4.4	4.3	133.6	4.8	4.5
Dec 07 (r)	133.3	4.2	3.5	134.0	3.6	3.9	133.3	3.7	4.1
Jan 08	133.2	3.7	3.8	134.7	3.9	4.0	134.0	4.0	4.2
Feb 08	133.2	3.1	3.7	135.4	3.7	3.8	134.8	3.6	3.8
Mar 08	134.6	4.4	3.8	135.9	4.9	4.2	135.4	5.3	4.3
Apr 08	133.9	3.0	3.5	135.6	4.0	4.2	134.8	4.1	4.4
May 08	134.8	3.3	3.6	135.8	3.5	4.2	135.0	3.7	4.4
Jun 08	134.4	2.5	2.9	136.3	3.7	3.8	135.8	4.0	3.9
Jul 08	134.8	2.8	2.8	136.8	3.9	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.8
Aug 08	135.0	2.9	2.7	137.2	3.4	3.7	136.5	3.4	3.7
Sep 08	135.3	3.0	2.9	137.7	3.2	3.5	136.9	3.0	3.4
Oct 08 (r)	135.6	2.9	2.9	138.2	3.9	3.5	137.4	4.0	3.4
Nov 08 (r)	135.9	2.4	2.8	138.4	3.2	3.4	137.5	2.9	3.3
Dec 08 (p)	136.3	2.2	2.5	139.0	3.7	3.6	138.2	3.7	3.5

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 456120

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

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

16 Average Earnings - excluding 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 06	129.0	3.6	3.7	128.5	3.7	3.9	131.1	3.1	3.1
Oct 07	133.0	3.5	3.6	132.5	3.5	3.7	135.1	3.5 (r)	3.5
Nov 07	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.3	3.4	3.4
Dec 07	133.9 (r)	3.7	3.6	133.3	3.7	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.6
Jan 08	134.1	3.6	3.7	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.3	3.6	3.6
Feb 08	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.3	3.9	3.7	136.7	3.9	3.7
Mar 08	135.2	3.8	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.2	3.9	3.8
Apr 08	135.5	3.9	3.9	135.0	3.9	3.9	137.9	4.2	4.0
May 08	135.7	3.6	3.8	135.2	3.6	3.8	137.9	3.7	3.9
Jun 08	136.1	3.6	3.7	135.8	3.7	3.7	137.7	3.4	3.7
Jul 08	136.7	3.8	3.7	136.2	3.8	3.7	138.7	4.0	3.7
Aug 08	137.0	3.5	3.6	136.4	3.4	3.6	139.1	3.6	3.7
Sep 08	137.4	3.6	3.6	136.8	3.5	3.6	139.9	4.0	3.9
Oct 08	137.9	3.7	3.6	137.4	3.7	3.5	140.1	3.7	3.8
Nov 08 (r)	138.3	3.6	3.6	137.6	3.5	3.5	140.9	4.2	4.0
Dec 08 (p)	138.6	3.5	3.6	138.0	3.5	3.5	141.1	3.7	3.9

	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 06	128.4	3.9	4.2	129.3	3.7	3.8	128.7	3.9	4.0
Oct 07	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.4	3.6	3.8	132.8	3.6	3.9
Nov 07 (r)	133.1	3.6	3.5	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.5	4.0	3.9
Dec 07 (r)	133.5	4.0	3.7	134.4	3.9	3.8	133.8	4.0	3.9
Jan 08	133.7	3.7	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08	134.0	3.5	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.8	4.1	4.0
Mar 08	134.3	3.3	3.5	135.9	4.3	4.0	135.3	4.4	4.1
Apr 08	134.4	2.9	3.2	136.1	4.3	4.2	135.7	4.4	4.3
May 08	134.7	3.2	3.1	136.3	3.8	4.1	135.7	3.8	4.2
Jun 08	134.8	2.7	2.9	136.8	3.8	3.9	136.5	4.0	4.1
Jul 08	135.2	2.7	2.9	137.3	4.1	3.9	137.0	4.1	4.0
Aug 08	135.3	2.5	2.7	137.7	3.7	3.8	137.2	3.8	3.9
Sep 08	135.1	2.2	2.5	138.1	3.8	3.9	137.6	3.8	3.9
Oct 08	135.7 (r)	2.2	2.3	138.7	4.0	3.8	138.2	4.0	3.9
Nov 08 (r)	136.3	2.4	2.3	139.1	3.8	3.9	138.4	3.7	3.8
Dec 08 (p)	136.3	2.1	2.2	139.4	3.7	3.8	138.8	3.7	3.8

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	LNNU	LOUV	
Dec 06			1.1	1.2	2.8	3.3
Dec 07			0.3	-0.6	3.9	4.1
Jan 08			0.0 (r)	0.0 (r)	3.8 (r)	3.9
Feb 08 (r)			-1.3	-0.4	4.5	4.1
Mar 08 (r)			1.3	0.0	3.1	3.8
Apr 08 (r)			0.9	0.3	2.1	3.2
May 08 (r)			1.9	1.3	1.4	2.2
Jun 08 (r)			2.2	1.7	0.2	1.2
Jul 08 (r)			2.4	2.2	0.3	0.7
Aug 08 (r)			3.1	2.6	-0.2	0.1
Sep 08 (r)			3.5	3.0	-0.6	-0.1
Oct 08 (r)			4.9	3.9	-1.9	-0.9
Nov 08 (r)			6.8	5.1	-4.2	-2.2
Dec 08			8.1	6.6	-5.4	-3.8

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 456720

Annual regional productivity estimates up to 2007 are available at:

www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=7476

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Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey¹ (October to December 2008)

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (October to December 2008)																
	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	2,081	1,260	76.7	687	573	1,154	70.1	623	73.7	531	66.2	105	8.4	63	9.2	42	7.4
North West	5,500	3,388	77.2	1,820	1,569	3,126	71.0	1,659	73.2	1,466	68.5	263	7.8	160	8.8	102	6.5
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,188	2,605	77.5	1,434	1,171	2,432	72.3	1,327	76.2	1,105	67.9	173	6.6	107	7.5	66	5.6
East Midlands	3,576	2,311	81.3	1,265	1,046	2,169	76.2	1,182	80.1	987	72.0	142	6.1	83	6.5	59	5.6
West Midlands	4,301	2,660	77.9	1,464	1,196	2,456	71.8	1,336	75.9	1,120	67.2	204	7.7	128	8.7	76	6.4
East	4,571	2,989	82.2	1,620	1,369	2,825	77.5	1,519	81.3	1,305	73.4	165	5.5	101	6.3	63	4.6
London	6,108	4,072	77.3	2,255	1,816	3,777	71.6	2,105	78.5	1,672	64.2	294	7.2	150	6.7	144	7.9
South East	6,676	4,429	82.9	2,393	2,036	4,211	78.7	2,265	82.8	1,946	74.1	218	4.9	127	5.3	91	4.5
South West	4,231	2,701	82.1	1,447	1,254	2,574	78.1	1,367	80.6	1,206	75.3	127	4.7	80	5.5	47	3.8
England	41,233	26,414	79.6	14,385	12,030	24,723	74.3	13,384	78.4	11,339	69.9	1,691	6.4	1,000	7.0	691	5.7
Wales	2,408	1,436	76.2	766	670	1,336	70.7	701	72.5	635	68.7	100	7.0	64	8.4	36	5.3
Scotland	4,195	2,669	79.7	1,415	1,254	2,532	75.4	1,332	78.6	1,201	72.1	137	5.1	83	5.9	54	4.3
Great Britain	47,835	30,519	79.4	16,565	13,954	28,591	74.3	15,417	78.1	13,174	70.0	1,928	6.3	1,148	6.9	780	5.6
Northern Ireland	1,374	816	72.6	446	370	774	68.8	413	72.0	361	65.5	42	5.1	32	7.3	9	2.5
United Kingdom	49,210	31,333	79.2	17,010	14,322	29,361	74.1	15,829	77.9	13,532	69.9	1,971	6.3	1,181	6.9	790	5.5

Change on quarter:⁴

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (October to December 2008)																
	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
2	6	0.0	14	-7	1	-0.2	11	0.9	-10	-1.5	5	0.4	3	0.2	2	0.5	
North East	2	6	0.0	14	-7	1	-0.2	11	0.9	-10	-1.5	5	0.4	3	0.2	2	0.5
North West	8	15	0.2	-9	24	-18	-0.7	-36	-1.8	17	0.6	33	0.9	26	1.5	7	0.3
Yorkshire & the Humber	11	-36	-1.3	-8	-28	-28	-0.9	-3	-0.6	-25	-1.3	-8	-0.2	-5	-0.3	-3	-0.1
East Midlands	11	12	0.3	12	0	6	0.1	7	0.4	-1	-0.2	7	0.3	5	0.4	1	0.1
West Midlands	6	34	1.0	16	18	1	0.0	-3	-0.1	4	0.1	34	1.2	19	1.2	14	1.1
East	13	33	0.8	14	19	8	0.1	-8	-0.6	16	0.8	24	0.8	21	1.3	3	0.1
London	12	30	0.4	18	12	33	0.6	34	1.2	0	-0.1	-3	-0.1	-16	-0.8	12	0.6
South East	15	1	0.1	9	-7	-15	-0.3	-1	-0.2	-14	-0.4	16	0.4	9	0.4	7	0.4
South West	12	7	-0.2	0	7	-6	-0.6	-18	-1.4	11	0.3	13	0.5	17	1.2	-4	-0.4
England	90	102	0.2	64	38	-19	-0.2	-17	-0.3	-1	-0.1	121	0.4	82	0.5	39	0.3
Wales	4	13	0.4	10	3	8	0.1	4	0.2	4	0.0	5	0.3	5	0.6	0	-0.1
Scotland	5	-8	-0.5	-1	-7	-19	-0.9	-13	-0.8	-7	-0.9	11	0.4	12	0.9	-1	0.0
Great Britain	99	107	0.1	73	34	-30	-0.2	-26	-0.3	-4	-0.2	137	0.4	99	0.6	38	0.3
Northern Ireland	3	-5	-0.5	-1	-5	-14	-1.2	-7	-1.5	-6	-0.9	8	1.0	7	1.6	1	0.4
United Kingdom	103	101	0.1	73	28	-45	-0.3	-33	-0.3	-13	-0.2	146	0.4	106	0.6	40	0.3

Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (October to December 2008)																
	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	11	16	0.6	22	-5	-17	-1.5	1	-0.6	-18	-2.5	33	2.6	21	2.8	13	2.3
North West	26	2	-0.4	-19	20	-62	-1.9	-57	-3.0	-5	-0.6	64	1.9	38	2.2	26	1.6
Yorkshire & the Humber	39	12	-0.4	19	-7	-24	-1.5	0	-1.2	-24	-1.8	36	1.4	19	1.2	17	1.5
East Midlands	38	51	1.3	35	16	27	0.4	18	0.5	9	0.3	24	0.9	18	1.2	7	0.6
West Midlands	24	1	0.0	10	-9	-50	-1.5	-28	-1.7	-22	-1.3	51	1.9	37	2.5	13	1.2
East	47	50	0.4	28	22	15	-0.6	-3	-1.4	19	0.4	34	1.1	31	1.8	3	0.2
London	53	121	1.7	46	75	88	1.2	39	0.9	49	1.5	33	0.6	6	0.1	26	1.2
South East	59	28	0.1	36	-8	7	-0.3	14	-0.3	-6	-0.2	21	0.4	22	0.9	-1	-0.1
South West	49	31	-0.3	16	15	2	-1.2	-10	-1.8	12	-0.6	29	1.0	26	1.7	3	0.2
England	344	311	0.3	191	120	-14	-0.6	-26	-0.9	12	-0.3	325	1.2	218	1.4	107	0.8
Wales	13	22	0.7	4	18	-6	-0.9	-24	-2.9	18	1.2	28	1.9	28	3.6	0	-0.1
Scotland	24	2	-0.9	13	-12	-6	-1.1	2	-0.4	-7	-1.9	8	0.3	12	0.8	-4	-0.3
Great Britain	382	335	0.3	209	126	-26	-0.7	-49	-1.0	23	-0.4	361	1.1	257	1.5	104	0.7
Northern Ireland	14	-1	-0.4	0	-1	-9	-1.0	-11	-2.6	3	0.6	8	1.0	11	2.5	-3	-0.9
United Kingdom	395	332	0.2	206	127	-37	-0.7	-62	-1.0	25	-0.3	369	1.1	267	1.5	102	0.7

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

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

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

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

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Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (September 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (January 2009); 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	1,147	611	536	71.0	5.8	54.3	8.2	16.7	2.9
North West	3,409	1,840	1,569	158.7	4.5	121.6	6.4	37.1	2.3
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,523	1,345	1,178	121.9	4.6	93.2	6.5	28.7	2.3
East Midlands	2,144	1,148	996	87.6	4.0	65.3	5.5	22.3	2.2
West Midlands	2,628	1,398	1,230	142.6	5.1	107.5	7.1	35.1	2.7
East	2,816	1,506	1,310	91.7	3.2	67.2	4.3	24.5	1.8
London	4,729	2,585	2,144	168.3	3.5	115.6	4.4	52.7	2.5
South East	4,354	2,277	2,077	115.4	2.6	84.1	3.6	31.3	1.5
South West	2,676	1,392	1,284	71.5	2.6	52.8	3.7	18.7	1.4
England	26,426	14,101	12,325	1028.7	3.8	761.6	5.2	267.1	2.1
Wales	1,346	691	655	64.8	4.5	49.5	6.4	15.3	2.3
Scotland	2,698	1,384	1,314	101.1	3.7	76.6	5.3	24.5	1.9
Great Britain	30,469	16,176	14,294	1194.6	3.8	887.7	5.3	306.9	2.1
Northern Ireland	840	448	392	38.4	4.4	30.3	6.4	8.1	2.1
United Kingdom	31,309	16,624	14,686	1233.0	3.8	918.0	5.3	315.0	2.1

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on September 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on December 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	-13	-3	-10	3.6	0.3	2.7	0.4	0.9	0.2
North West	-9	15	-24	8.5	0.2	6.5	0.3	2.0	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	-26	-23	-3	6.4	0.2	4.9	0.3	1.5	0.1
East Midlands	-36	-15	-21	6.2	0.3	4.7	0.4	1.5	0.1
West Midlands	-17	-15	-2	8.4	0.3	6.5	0.4	1.9	0.1
East	22	-6	28	7.5	0.3	5.5	0.4	2.0	0.1
London	23	15	8	7.6	0.2	5.0	0.2	2.6	0.1
South East	-26	-36	10	10.2	0.2	7.2	0.3	3.0	0.1
South West	29	17	13	5.5	0.2	3.9	0.3	1.6	0.1
England	-53	-50	-3	63.9	0.2	46.9	0.3	17.0	0.1
Wales	-16	-24	8	4.3	0.3	3.3	0.4	1.0	0.1
Scotland	2	-9	10	3.4	0.1	2.4	0.2	1.0	0.1
Great Britain	-68	-84	16	71.6	0.2	52.6	0.3	19.0	0.1
Northern Ireland	1	1	0	2.2	0.3	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.1
United Kingdom	-67	-83	16	73.8	0.2	54.4	0.3	19.4	0.1

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

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

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

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19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT on 30 January 2009 (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 08	72.8	0.3	Austria	ZXDS	Dec 08	3.9	0.1	0.0
Belgium	YXSO	Jul-Sep 08	62.6	0.5	Belgium	ZXDI	Dec 08	7.1	0.1	0.0
Bulgaria	A495	Jul-Sep 08	65.0	2.3	Bulgaria	A492	Dec 08	5.4	0.1	-0.7
Cyprus	A4AC	Jul-Sep 08	71.0	-0.3	Cyprus	A4AN	Dec 08	4.2	0.2	0.4
Czech Republic	A4AD	Jul-Sep 08	66.7	0.4	Czech Republic	A4AO	Dec 08	4.7	0.2	0.0
Denmark	YXSP	Jul-Sep 08	78.6	1.5	Denmark	ZXDJ	Dec 08	4.5	0.4	1.4
Estonia	A4AE	Jul-Sep 08	70.4	0.2	Estonia	A4AP	Dec 08	9.2	0.7	5.1
Finland	YXSQ	Jul-Sep 08	72.1	0.4	Finland	ZXDU	Dec 08	6.5	0.0	0.0
France	YXSR	Jul-Sep 08	65.7	0.6	France	ZXDN	Nov 08	7.9	0.1	0.1
Germany	YXSS	Jul-Sep 08	71.3	1.4	Germany	ZXDK	Dec 08	7.2	0.1	-0.7
Greece	YXST	Jul-Sep 08	62.2	0.4	Greece	ZXDL	2008 Q3	7.5	0.0	-0.7
Hungary	A4AF	Jul-Sep 08	57.3	-0.4	Hungary	A4AQ	Dec 08	8.5	0.3	0.7
Ireland	YXSU	Jul-Sep 08	68.0	-1.9	Ireland	ZXDO	Dec 08	8.2	0.3	3.5
Italy	YXSV	Jul-Sep 08	59.0	-0.1	Italy	ZXDP	2008 Q3	6.7	-0.1	0.5
Latvia	A4AG	Jul-Sep 08	69.0	0.0	Latvia	A4AR	Dec 08	10.4	1.2	4.7
Lithuania	A4AH	Jul-Sep 08	65.0	-1.1	Lithuania	A4AS	Dec 08	8.0	0.9	3.7
Luxembourg	YXSW	Jul-Sep 08	64.3	-0.4	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Dec 08	4.8	0.2	0.7
Malta	A4AJ	Jul-Sep 08	56.1	1.2	Malta	A4AT	Dec 08	5.7	-0.1	-0.2
Netherlands	YXSX	Jul-Sep 08	77.5	1.0	Netherlands	ZXDR	Dec 08	2.7	-0.1	-0.1
Poland	A4AJ	Jul-Sep 08	60.0	2.2	Poland	A4AU	Dec 08	6.5	0.0	-1.7
Portugal	YXSX	Jul-Sep 08	68.1	0.0	Portugal	ZXDT	Dec 08	7.9	0.1	0.2
Romania	A494	Jul-Sep 08	60.5	0.0	Romania	A48Z	2008 Q3	5.8	0.1	-0.6
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Jul-Sep 08	63.1	2.4	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Dec 08	9.4	0.2	-0.9
Slovenia	A4AL	Jul-Sep 08	70.1	1.1	Slovenia	A4AW	Dec 08	4.3	0.0	-0.3
Spain	YXSZ	Jul-Sep 08	64.5	-1.5	Spain	ZXDM	Dec 08	14.4	0.7	5.7
Sweden	YXTA	Jul-Sep 08	75.7	0.0	Sweden	ZXDV	Dec 08	6.9	0.0	1.0
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Jul-Sep 08	71.5	-0.1	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	Oct 08	6.1	0.2	1.0
Total EU⁵	A496	Jul-Sep 08	66.4	0.4	Total EU⁵	A493	Dec 08	7.4	0.1	0.6
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Jul-Sep 08	66.5	0.3	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	Dec 08	8.0	0.1	0.8
As published by national statistical offices					As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Oct-Dec 08	73.3	-0.5	Canada	ZXDZ	Jan 09	7.2	0.6	1.4
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Oct-Dec 08	70.9	0.0	Japan	ZXDY	Nov 08	3.9	0.2	0.1
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Oct-Dec 08	74.1	-0.7	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	Oct-Dec 08	6.3	0.4	1.1
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Oct-Dec 08	69.9	-1.6	United States	ZXDX	Jan 09	7.6	0.4	2.7

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

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

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

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

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

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost (thousands)	Number of stoppages ¹	Workers involved (thousands) ¹
		BBFW	BLUU	BLUT
2006	Dec	11	17	7
2007	Dec	68	6	43
2008	Jan (p)	4	10	3
	Feb (p)	12	10	14
	Mar (p)	67	9	39
	Apr (p)	145	21	153
	May (p)	2	11	2
	Jun (p)	8	18	6
	Jul (p)	368	13	234
	Aug (p)	73	14	89
	Sep (p)	68	9	84
	Oct (p)	5	17	5
	Nov (p)	3	11	2
	Dec (p)	1	4	1
Cumulative totals 12 months to:				
	Dec 07	1,041	142	745
	Dec 08 (p)	756	128	510

Source: Labour Disputes Inquiry
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456720

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		Three month rolling average estimates		
		Level		Level		Vacancy ratio ²
		AP2X		AP2Y	AP2Z	
2007	Jan		630	Nov-Jan 2007	610	2.3
2008	Jan	(r)	688	Nov-Jan 2008	(r) 684	2.6
	Feb		689	Dec-Feb 2008	679	2.6
	Mar		691	Jan-Mar 2008	687	2.6
	Apr		666	Feb-Apr 2008	682	2.6
	May		652	Mar-May 2008	670	2.6
	Jun		632	Apr-Jun 2008	649	2.5
	Jul		607	May-Jul 2008	629	2.4
	Aug		596	Jun-Aug 2008	611	2.3
	Sep		601	Jul-Sep 2008	599	2.3
	Oct	(r)	552	Aug-Oct 2008	(r) 581	2.2
	Nov	(r)	517	Sep-Nov 2008	(r) 557	2.1
	Dec	(r)	514	Oct-Dec 2008	(r) 532	2.0
2009	Jan	(p)	479	Nov-Jan 2009	(p) 504	1.9
			<i>Change on month</i>		<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>-0.3 *</i>
			<i>Change %</i>		<i>Change %</i>	<i>-13.1 *</i>
			<i>Change on year</i>		<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
			<i>Change %</i>		<i>Change %</i>	<i>-26.2</i>

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

Data source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

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

22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Three month rolling average estimates

SIC2003 sections		All vacancies 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)											
Nov-Jan 2007		610	4	51	20	172	43	167	135	20	536
Nov-Jan 2008	(r)	684	4	59	23	199	47	172	153	26	597
Dec-Feb 2008		679	5	58	24	197	46	168	153	29	593
Jan-Mar 2008		687	5	57	23	199	47	166	154	35	602
Feb-Apr 2008		682	5	55	24	196	46	164	156	36	599
Mar-May 2008		670	5	54	23	189	45	160	158	36	588
Apr-Jun 2008		649	5	53	22	181	44	155	158	32	568
May-Jul 2008		629	5	51	21	177	42	147	157	29	552
Jun-Aug 2008		611	5	50	19	169	40	142	157	29	538
Jul-Sep 2008		599	5	46	18	162	38	142	160	28	530
Aug-Oct 2008	(r)	581	5	44	15	157	35	135	160	31	517
Sep-Nov 2008	(r)	557	4	38	14	149	33	126	161	31	500
Oct-Dec 2008	(r)	532	4	34	14	143	33	116	160	27	480
Nov-Jan 2009	(p)	504	4	31	14	129	33	107	163	24	456
<i>Change on quarter</i>	*	-76	-1	-13	-2	-29	-2	-28	4	-7	-61
<i>Change %</i>	*	-13.1	-13.0	-29.4	-11.2	-18.1	-6.6	-20.4	2.3	-21.6	-11.8
<i>Change on year</i>		-179	0	-29	-10	-70	-14	-64	10	-2	-141
<i>Change %</i>		-26.2	-4.8	-48.3	-41.8	-35.2	-30.3	-37.5	6.5	-8.4	-23.6
Ratio per 100 employee jobs											
Nov-Jan 2007		2.3	2.0	1.5	1.6	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.0	1.4	2.5
Nov-Jan 2008	(r)	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.3	2.3	1.9	2.8
Dec-Feb 2008		2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.8
Jan-Mar 2008		2.6	2.8	1.7	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Feb-Apr 2008		2.6	2.9	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Mar-May 2008		2.6	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.8
Apr-Jun 2008		2.5	2.8	1.6	1.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.7
May-Jul 2008		2.4	2.8	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.6
Jun-Aug 2008		2.3	2.8	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.5
Jul-Sep 2008		2.3	2.8	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.0	2.5
Aug-Oct 2008	(r)	2.2	2.6	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.4
Sep-Nov 2008	(r)	2.1	2.5	1.2	1.1	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.3
Oct-Dec 2008	(r)	2.0	2.3	1.0	1.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.2
Nov-Jan 2009	(p)	1.9	2.3	0.9	1.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	*	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-0.5	-0.3
<i>Change on year</i>		-0.7	-0.1	-0.9	-0.8	-1.1	-0.9	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.7

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

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

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 01633 456901

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

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 2006	134	5.3	89	6.9	45	3.7
Oct-Dec 2007	111	4.4	67	5.2	44	3.6
Jan-Mar 2008	111	4.4	75	5.8	36	2.9
Apr-Jun 2008	127	5.0	76	5.8	51	4.1
Jul-Sep 2008	156	6.1	91	7.0	65	5.2
Oct-Dec 2008	259	10.2	177	13.6	82	6.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>66.5</i>		<i>95.7</i>		<i>25.7</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>3.0</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>132.7</i>		<i>163.6</i>		<i>85.6</i>	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
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.

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 2006	133	*	40	18	22	13	20	11	72
Oct-Dec 2007	110	*	28	10	24	*	23	11	71
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
Apr-Jun 2008	121	*	24	13	28	12	21	11	80
Jul-Sep 2008	156	*	26	31	30	13	34	12	94
Oct-Dec 2008	263	*	60	48	49	20	52	14	147
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>139.8</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>112.7</i>	<i>402.4</i>	<i>100.1</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>124.7</i>	<i>32.8</i>	<i>108.1</i>

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

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

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

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

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