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This month's figures show falls in the number of people in employment and in the employment rate. The number of unemployed people, the unemployment rate and the claimant count have all increased. The number of job vacancies has increased. Growth in average earnings excluding bonuses has increased but growth in average earnings including bonuses is unchanged.

In the latest reference period; the working age employment rate was 74.5 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of people in employment fell by 7,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 5.0 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people rose by 37,000 over the quarter.

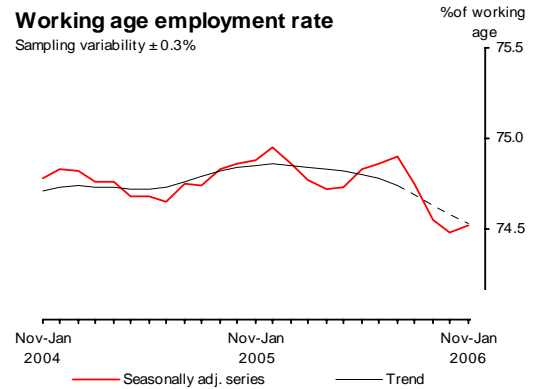
The claimant count was 919,700, up 14,600 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 617,600, up 16,400 from the previous quarter.

The AEI - including bonuses - was 3.5 per cent, unchanged from the previous month. The AEI - excluding bonuses - was 3.8 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month.

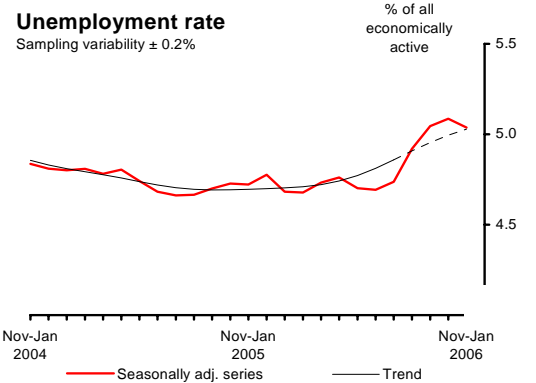
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.3\%$



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.2\%$



UK data, seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise stated

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	Nov-Jan 06	28,806	74.5	-7	-0.2	± 96	± 0.2
Unemployment**	Nov-Jan 06	1,528	5.0	37	0.1	± 60	± 0.2
Economically active*	Nov-Jan 06	30,334	78.6	31	-0.1	± 90	± 0.2
Economically inactive***		7,961	21.4	65	0.1	± 84	± 0.2
Of which:							
Not wanting a job	Nov-Jan 06	5,899		51		± 40	
Wanting a job	Nov-Jan 06	2,062		14		± 40	
Claimant count	Feb 2006	919.7	2.9	14.6	0.0		
Workforce jobs	Dec 2005	30,919		92		..	
Vacancies**	Dec-Feb 06	617.6	2.4	16.4	0.1
GB Average earnings							
- including bonuses	Nov-Jan 06		3.5 [#]		0.0	$\pm 2.7^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.6^{\#\#\#}$
- excluding bonuses	Nov-Jan 06		3.8 [#]		0.1	$\pm 0.7^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.2^{\#\#\#}$

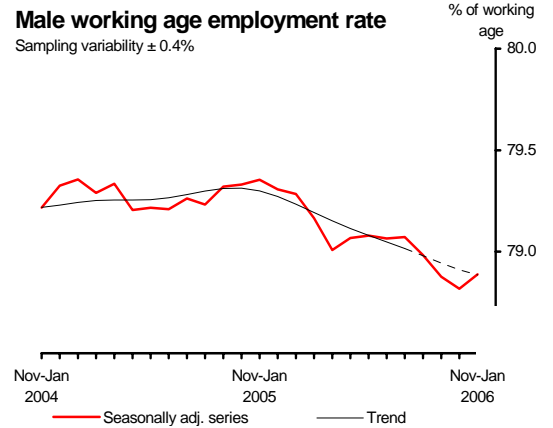
For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

New this month: November 2005 to January 2006: latest three-month average LFS results, average earnings index; December 2005: workforce jobs; January 2006: manufacturing productivity and unit wage costs, manufacturing jobs, labour disputes; February 2006: claimant count; December 2005 to February 2006: vacancies.



Employment and Jobs (tables 2 to 6)

The working age employment rate was 74.5 per cent in the three months to January 2006, down 0.2 percentage points from the three months to October 2005 and down 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 28.81 million in the three months to January 2006, down 7,000 from the three months to October 2005 but up 178,000 on a year earlier.



The number of people in full-time employment was 21.50 million in the three months to January 2006, up 4,000 from the three months to October 2005. Of this total, 13.89 million were men, up 9,000 over the quarter, and 7.61 million were women, down 5,000 over the quarter.

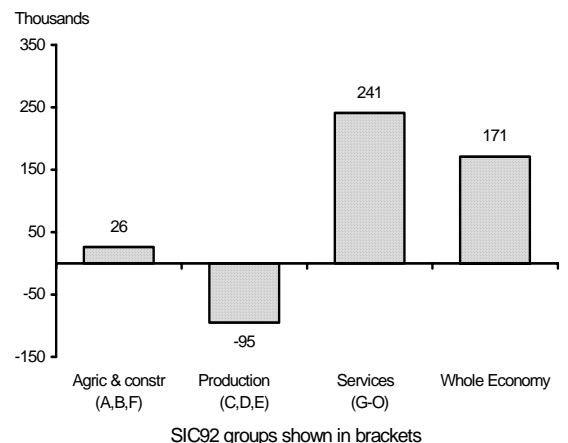


The number of people in part-time employment was 7.30 million in the three months to January 2006, down 11,000 from the three months to October 2005. Of this total, 1.66 million were men and 5.64 million were women.

There were 30.92 million workforce jobs in December 2005, up 92,000 over the quarter and up 171,000 on a year earlier. Most sectors showed increases in jobs over the year. The sector showing the largest annual increase in jobs was Education, health and public administration, which increased by 131,000.

Workforce jobs by industry - December 2005

Change on year from December 2004



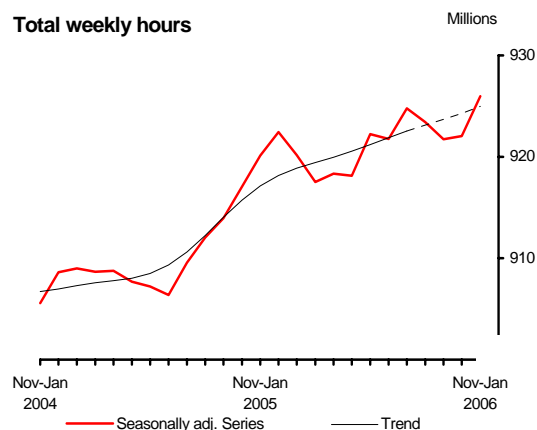
There were 26.67 million employee jobs in December 2005, up 27,000 over the previous quarter.

The number of people in public sector employment was 5.83 million in September 2005, up 72,000 from the same period a year ago. Over the same period, the number of people in private sector employment increased by 249,000 to 23.05 million.



Hours (tables 7 and 8)

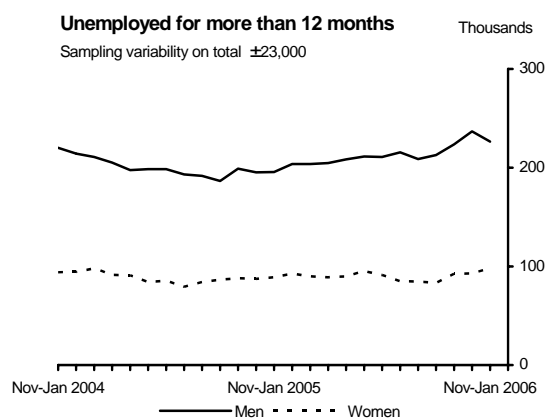
Total hours worked per week were 926.0 million in the three months to January 2006, up 2.6 million from the three months to October 2005. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to January 2006 were 32.2.



Unemployment (table 9)

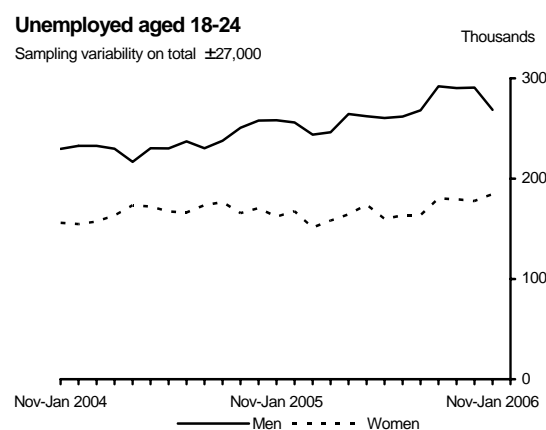
The unemployment rate was 5.0 per cent in the three months to January 2006, up 0.1 percentage point from the three months to October 2005 and up 0.3 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.53 million in the three months to January 2006, up 37,000 from the three months to October 2005 and up 109,000 from a year earlier.



The number of unemployed men was 879,000 in the three months to January 2006, down 5,000 from the three months to October 2005. The number of unemployed women was 649,000 in the three months to January 2006, up 42,000 from the three months to October 2005.

The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 325,000 in the three months to January 2006, up 29,000 from the three months to October 2005.



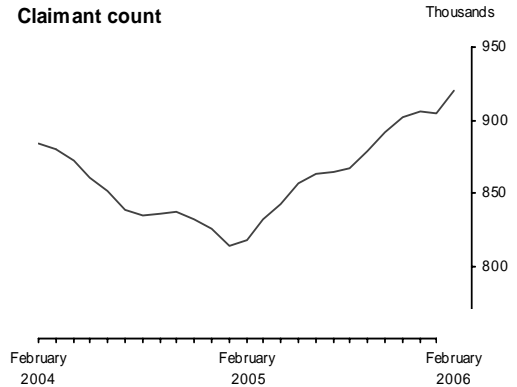
Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 453,000 in the three months to January 2006, down 19,000 from the three months to October 2005.



Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count level in February 2006 was 919,700, up 14,600 on the month and up 102,000 on a year earlier. It has shown an average monthly increase of 5,900 over the last three months and an average monthly increase of 8,700 over the last six months.

The claimant count rate in February 2006 was 2.9 per cent, unchanged from the previous month but up 0.3 percentage points from a year earlier.

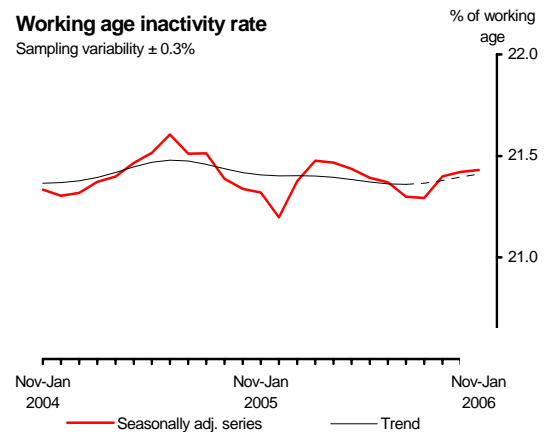


Economically active (tables 12 and 14)

The number of economically active people aged 16 and over was up 31,000 over the quarter to 30.33 million in the three months to January 2006. Of this total, 16.44 million were men and 13.90 million were women.

Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

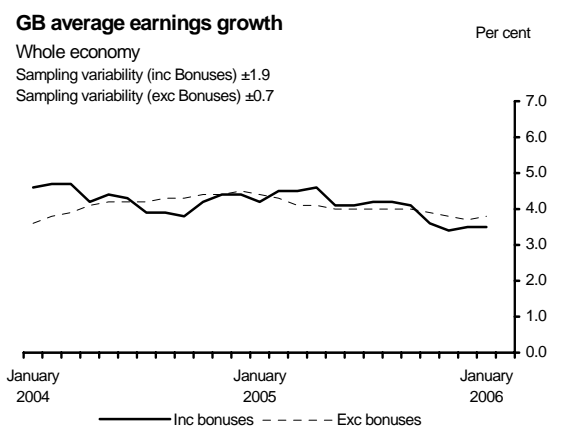
The working age economic inactivity rate was 21.4 per cent in the three months to January 2006, up 0.1 percentage point from the three months to October 2005 and from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age was up 65,000 over the quarter to 7.96 million in the three months to January 2006. Over the year the number rose by 102,000.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to January 2006, whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, increased by 3.8 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. Including bonuses, the increase was 3.5 per cent, unchanged from the previous month.

The corresponding figures for the main industry sectors were:



Manufacturing

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

Service industries

3.8 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point;
 3.3 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Public sector

4.1 per cent excluding bonuses, unchanged;
 4.4 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Private sector

3.8 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point;
 3.3 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 0.4 per cent higher in the third quarter of 2005 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs were 3.0 per cent higher in the third quarter of 2005 compared with a year earlier.

Manufacturing productivity rose by 1.7 per cent in the three months to January 2006 compared with a year earlier. Manufacturing unit wage costs rose by 2.9 per cent in the three months to January 2006 compared with a year earlier.

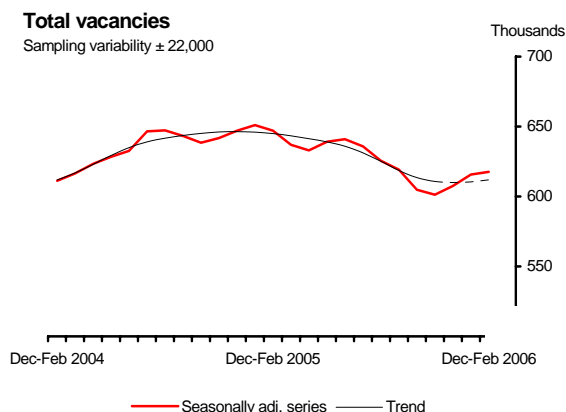


Production industry employee jobs (table 6)

There were 3.08 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to January 2006, down 111,000 on the same period a year earlier. Mining, energy and water supply industries jobs increased by 2,000 over the same period to reach 162,000.

Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

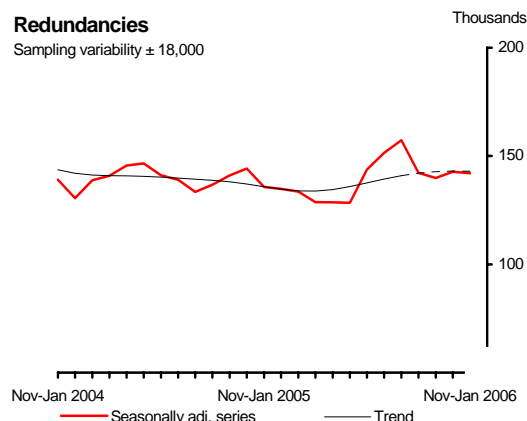
There were 617,600 job vacancies on average in the three months ending February 2006, up 16,400 from the previous three months but down 29,300 from the same period a year earlier. There were 2.4 vacancies



per 100 employee jobs, up 0.1 from the previous quarter.

Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to January 2006, 142,000 people reported they had been made redundant in the three months before their interview, unchanged from the three months to October 2005. The redundancy rate was 5.7 per 1,000 employees, unchanged from the previous quarter.



BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

There have been revisions back to January 2004 to the manufacturing output series shown at Table 17. These changes to the productivity figures reflect revisions to production industries output data published in the *Index of Production First Release* on 9 March 2006.

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

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

Summary Quality Report: A Summary Quality Report for this First Release can be found on the website at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1354>

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

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

RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions

over the last five years. Please note that these indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and AEI data first published from March 2000 to February 2005. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from March 1998 to December 2002. 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 (%)	74.5	60	-0.04	0.08
Unemployment rate (%)	5.0	60	0.00	0.04
Claimant count (000s)	919.7	60	0.74	2.87
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.5	60	0.04	0.11

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)	30,919	20	910.8*	910.8

* A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if the mean revision is statistically different from zero. An asterisk (*) indicates where the mean revision has been found to be statistically different from zero. 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 our 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

Average Earnings Index

Since February 2006, ONS has been providing additional information on how the timing of bonus payments affects earnings growth. The information is available on the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9537>

Further information can be found in the article "*The impact of bonus payments on the Average Earnings Index*" in the December 2002 edition of *Labour Market Trends*.

NEXT MONTH

New Products

On 23 March, ONS is launching two new products designed to help users understand and analyse labour market data. *Labour Market Review 2006* presents a selection of statistics in the context of a framework based on the concepts of labour supply and labour demand. The publication will be available at:

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

To complement this, an expanded and improved version of the online *Guide to Labour Market Statistics* is now available at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/labour_guide.

This guide describes the main concepts used in labour market statistics, the sources from which the data are compiled and the main methods used to generate the statistics. It also documents the different publications and data resources that are available.

The online version of *Labour Market Review 2006* and the *Guide* complement each other and provide a coherent package of statistics on many aspects of the labour market together with background information and explanation.

Claimant count

ONS will publish revisions to the seasonally adjusted claimant count series in the next release on 12 April, following the latest annual review. Revisions can be expected to the figures for the past three years. Not seasonally adjusted figures will be unaffected.

Claimant count rates

Next month there will be routine updates and revisions to the workplace based denominators used to calculate regional and national claimant count rates. Revisions can be expected to these figures back to 1996.

Vacancies

Next month there will be revisions to the vacancies series (Tables 21 and 22) back to April 2001, reflecting a routine review of the quality of the data received from businesses and updating of the seasonal adjustment.

SPECIAL

Population estimates in the LFS

On 20 October 2005 the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) published revised projections for 2005 and later years, based on the ONS population estimates published on 25 August 2005. These revised population estimates have

been incorporated into LFS estimates from the December 2005 First Release.

The LFS estimates have been updated to include these new population estimates, using the interim reweighting adjustment methodology developed to take account of the 2001 Census results. Details of this methodology were published in the December 2002 edition of *Labour Market Trends*, which is available on the website:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/labour_market_trends/Interim_lfs_estimates_Dec2002.pdf

It is planned that modernised LFS processing systems will be introduced that will enable future population data to be incorporated into revised LFS microdata to the same sort of timetable now achieved for the LFS time series by using the interim adjustment procedure. Further information about the timing of this innovation will be made available as soon as possible. Currently the aim is to complete this part of ONS's statistical modernisation work by late 2006 / early 2007.

Labour Force Survey (Economic inactivity)

A review of LFS questions on reasons for inactivity was recently carried out to assure interviewee responses are recorded effectively. Minor modifications in the questionnaire led to changes in the way that people respond to inactivity, affecting mainly three series in Table 13 (*Economic inactivity: reasons*): 'Discouraged Workers', 'Retired' and 'Other.' The effects of this can be seen in the data.

SAMPLING VARIABILITY AND TRENDS

Some of the data in this release are based on statistical samples, and as such, are subject to sampling variability. The following tables show the sampling variabilities for the Labour Force Survey, Average Earnings Index and Vacancy Survey.

Sampling variability of national Labour Force Survey figures

November 2005 to January 2006

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	28,806	± 132	-7	± 96	178	± 168
Employment rate	74.5%	± 0.3	-0.2	± 0.2	-0.4	± 0.4
Average weekly hours worked – all workers	32.2	± 0.1	0.1	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,528	± 58	37	± 60	109	± 75
Unemployment rate	5.0%	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.2	0.3	± 0.2
Economically Active (000s)	30,334	± 125	31	± 90	288	± 159
Economic Activity rate	78.6%	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.1	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,961	± 118	65	± 84	102	± 150
Economic Inactivity rate	21.4%	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.4
Inactive, Not wanting job (000s)	5,899	± 57	51	± 40	56	± 73
Inactive, Wanting a job (000s)	2,062	± 57	14	± 40	46	± 73
Redundancies (000s)	142	± 18	0	± 25	6	± 24

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey figures

November 2005 to January 2006

	Empl-oyment Level (000s)	Unem-ployment Level (000s)	Econ-omically Active Level (000s)	Working age Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Employment Rate (%)	Unem-ployment Rate (%)
North East	± 35	± 12	± 35	± 36	± 1.9	± 1.0
North West	± 62	± 18	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.5
Yorks & Humber	± 50	± 16	± 49	± 47	± 1.3	± 0.6
East Midlands	± 40	± 13	± 40	± 42	± 1.3	± 0.6
West Midlands	± 51	± 16	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 51	± 17	± 51	± 48	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 66	± 25	± 64	± 64	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 61	± 18	± 60	± 56	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 51	± 14	± 51	± 48	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 40	± 12	± 39	± 40	± 1.8	± 0.9
Scotland	± 50	± 15	± 49	± 47	± 1.3	± 0.6

The ranges above for the LFS data represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value. The ranges are approximated from non-seasonally adjusted data in line with research on the topic.

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index

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

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.8	± 0.7	3.5	±2.7
Private sector	3.8	± 0.8	3.3	±3.4
Public sector	4.1	± 1.2	4.4	±1.2
Manufacturing	4.3	± 1.0	4.6	±1.5
Services	3.8	± 0.8	3.3	±3.5
of which: Private sector services	3.6	± 1.0	2.9	±4.6

¹ The data exclude the payment of arrears of pay.

Full details of how the sampling variability data are derived are available in an article available on the National Statistics website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/articles/labour_market_trends/AE1_estimates_apr2002.pdf

Sampling variability of the Vacancy Survey

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

Sampling variability of Vacancy Survey results

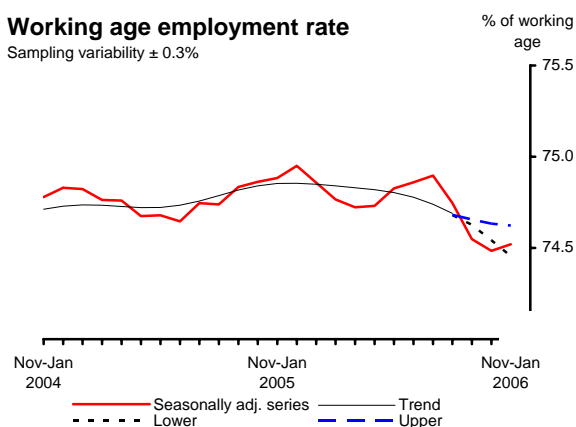
	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
December 2005 - February 2006 average total vacancies Level (000s)	617.6	± 22	-29.3	± 18
Vacancy ratio (per 100 employee jobs)	2.4	± 0.1	-0.1	± 0.1
February 2006 single month estimate Level (000s)	610.7	± 38	-24.1	± 30

Trends

Trends shown are estimated using the standard approach adopted by National Statistics based on the results of its Short-Term Trend research project. In this case, the recommended method is to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to the seasonally adjusted series. For more information, see *An Investigation of Trend Estimation*

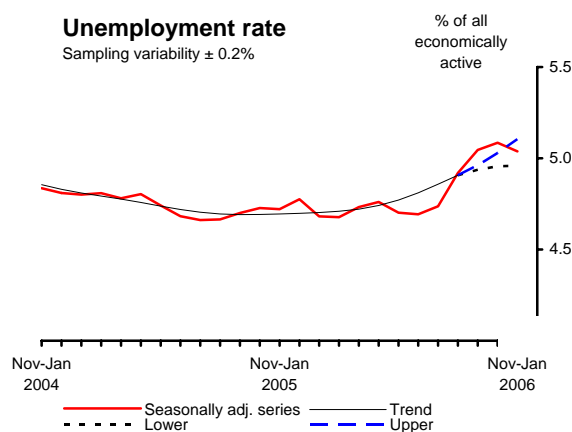
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability ± 0.3%



Methods, available from the Time Series Analysis Branch, (tel: 020 7533 6238).

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



BACKGROUND NOTES

1. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of labour market data in a number of formats. Historical time series data can be accessed, free of charge, from the Labour Market Statistics First Release Historical Supplement (http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS_FR_HS.asp) and from the Time Series Data service (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp>). Data are also available from Nomis[®] at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>. Further data are also published in *Labour Market Trends (LMT)* and the *Labour Force Survey Historical Quarterly Supplement* (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>). For low cost data tailored to your requirements contact e-Communications (tel: 020 7533 5675 or email tailored@statistics.gov.uk).
2. Further information on the topics covered in this release is available by contacting the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (tel: 020 7533 6094 or email labour.market@ons.gov.uk) or from the National Statistics website at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>
3. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the Press Office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.
4. Footnotes to table on page 1.
 - + See notes on sampling variability.
 - * Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates for those of working age (16-59/64).
 - ** Levels & rates are for those aged 16 and over. Rate is as a proportion of economically active.
 - *** Levels and rates are for those of working age.
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 - # Percentage change three months on previous year.
 - ## Sampling variability of percentage change for latest three months on previous year AEI figure.

Sampling variability of month on month change in latest three months on previous year AEI figure.
++ Levels are averages for latest three months and rates are ratios of vacancies per 100 employee jobs. Changes are comparisons with three months ago.

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Claimant count: The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance benefits.

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

Claimant count proportion: The number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the working age population resident in that area.

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

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

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

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

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

The number of jobs is measured by workforce jobs 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.

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 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*.

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 (not seasonally adjusted) and the public sector employment estimates.

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

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

Redundancies: The number of people who were not in employment during the reference week and who reported that they had been made redundant in the month of the reference week or in the two calendar months prior to this; plus the number of people who were in employment during

the reference week who started their job in the same calendar month as, or the two calendar months prior to, the reference week, and who reported that they had been made redundant in the month of the reference week or in the two calendar months prior to this.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Workforce jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available from the website at:
http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf

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

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

SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS data

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	All 16 & over								
	All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People	MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MG SX	YBTC
Nov-Jan 2004	47,211	29,784	28,344	1,441	17,427	63.1	60.0	4.8	36.9
Nov-Jan 2005	47,585	30,047	28,628	1,419	17,539	63.1	60.2	4.7	36.9
Feb-Apr 2005	47,691	30,071	28,665	1,407	17,620	63.1	60.1	4.7	36.9
May-Jul 2005	47,797	30,173	28,755	1,419	17,624	63.1	60.2	4.7	36.9
Aug-Oct 2005	47,895	30,304	28,813	1,491	17,591	63.3	60.2	4.9	36.7
Nov-Jan 2006	47,988	30,334	28,806	1,528	17,653	63.2	60.0	5.0	36.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	93	31	-7	37	63	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	0.0	2.5	0.4				
<i>Change on year</i>	402	288	178	109	115	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	1.0	0.6	7.7	0.7				
Men	MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MG SJ	MGWH	MGSS	MG SY	YBTD
Nov-Jan 2004	22,846	16,162	15,302	860	6,684	70.7	67.0	5.3	29.3
Nov-Jan 2005	23,056	16,303	15,469	834	6,753	70.7	67.1	5.1	29.3
Feb-Apr 2005	23,116	16,309	15,481	828	6,807	70.6	67.0	5.1	29.4
May-Jul 2005	23,175	16,331	15,495	837	6,844	70.5	66.9	5.1	29.5
Aug-Oct 2005	23,230	16,419	15,535	884	6,811	70.7	66.9	5.4	29.3
Nov-Jan 2006	23,283	16,435	15,556	879	6,848	70.6	66.8	5.3	29.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	53	16	21	-5	37	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.6	0.5				
<i>Change on year</i>	227	132	87	45	95	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.8	0.6	5.4	1.4				
Women	MGSN	MGS H	MGS B	MGSE	MGS K	MGWI	MGST	MGS Z	YBTE
Nov-Jan 2004	24,365	13,622	13,042	580	10,743	55.9	53.5	4.3	44.1
Nov-Jan 2005	24,529	13,743	13,158	585	10,786	56.0	53.6	4.3	44.0
Feb-Apr 2005	24,576	13,762	13,184	578	10,813	56.0	53.6	4.2	44.0
May-Jul 2005	24,622	13,842	13,260	582	10,780	56.2	53.9	4.2	43.8
Aug-Oct 2005	24,664	13,885	13,278	607	10,779	56.3	53.8	4.4	43.7
Nov-Jan 2006	24,705	13,899	13,250	649	10,805	56.3	53.6	4.7	43.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	40	14	-28	42	26	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	-0.2	6.9	0.2				
<i>Change on year</i>	176	156	92	64	20	0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	1.1	0.7	11.0	0.2				

	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	MG SU	YBTI	YBTL
Nov-Jan 2004	36,597	28,790	27,367	1,423	7,807	78.7	74.8	4.9	21.3
Nov-Jan 2005	36,860	29,001	27,602	1,400	7,858	78.7	74.9	4.8	21.3
Feb-Apr 2005	36,936	29,003	27,615	1,388	7,932	78.5	74.8	4.8	21.5
May-Jul 2005	37,012	29,094	27,695	1,400	7,918	78.6	74.8	4.8	21.4
Aug-Oct 2005	37,080	29,185	27,717	1,468	7,895	78.7	74.7	5.0	21.3
Nov-Jan 2006	37,145	29,185	27,681	1,504	7,961	78.6	74.5	5.2	21.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	65	0	-36	36	65	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.0	-0.1	2.4	0.8				
<i>Change on year</i>	286	183	79	104	102	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.6	0.3	7.5	1.3				
Men	YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MG SV	YBTJ	YBTM
Nov-Jan 2004	18,897	15,820	14,970	851	3,077	83.7	79.2	5.4	16.3
Nov-Jan 2005	19,055	15,944	15,121	823	3,111	83.7	79.4	5.2	16.3
Feb-Apr 2005	19,101	15,941	15,122	819	3,160	83.5	79.2	5.1	16.5
May-Jul 2005	19,147	15,969	15,142	827	3,179	83.4	79.1	5.2	16.6
Aug-Oct 2005	19,191	16,031	15,158	873	3,160	83.5	79.0	5.4	16.5
Nov-Jan 2006	19,233	16,041	15,173	868	3,193	83.4	78.9	5.4	16.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	42	10	15	-6	33	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.6	1.0				
<i>Change on year</i>	178	97	52	45	81	-0.3	-0.5	0.3	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.6	0.3	5.5	2.6				
Women	YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBS P	MG SQ	MG SW	YBTK	YBTN
Nov-Jan 2004	17,700	12,969	12,397	572	4,731	73.3	70.0	4.4	26.7
Nov-Jan 2005	17,805	13,057	12,481	577	4,747	73.3	70.1	4.4	26.7
Feb-Apr 2005	17,835	13,062	12,494	568	4,772	73.2	70.1	4.4	26.8
May-Jul 2005	17,865	13,126	12,553	573	4,739	73.5	70.3	4.4	26.5
Aug-Oct 2005	17,889	13,154	12,559	595	4,736	73.5	70.2	4.5	26.5
Nov-Jan 2006	17,912	13,144	12,508	636	4,768	73.4	69.8	4.8	26.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	22	-10	-51	41	32	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	6.9	0.7				
<i>Change on year</i>	107	86	27	59	21	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.7	0.2	10.3	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 020 7533 6094

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

NATIONAL DATA

1a Summary of other headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted unless
otherwise stated

	Workforce jobs			Public and private sector employment (nsa)		
	All Jobs	Levels		Public sector ¹	Private sector ¹	
		Male Jobs	Female Jobs		C9KD	CZG8
		DYDC	LOLA			
2003				2003		
December	30,489	16,269	14,220	September	5,639	22,678
2004				December	5,734	22,617
March	30,524	16,222	14,302	2004		
June	30,572	16,295	14,277	March	5,755	22,553
September	30,558	16,300	14,258	June	5,756	22,646
December	30,747	16,389	14,358	September	5,754	22,799
2005				December	5,819	22,822
March	30,832	16,425	14,407	2005		
June	30,810	16,404	14,406	March	5,834	22,747
September (r)	30,827	16,447	14,380	June	5,850	22,888
December	30,919	16,477	14,442	September	5,826	23,048
<i>Change on qtr</i>	92	30	62	<i>Change on year</i>	72	249
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	0.4	<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	171	88	84			
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.5	0.6			

	Claimant count ²						
	People	Levels			Rates (%) ³		
		Men	Women		People	Men	Women
		DPAE	DPAF		BCJE	DPAH	DPAI
2005							
February	817.7	605.9	211.8	2.6	3.6	1.5	
March	831.3	616.5	214.8	2.7	3.6	1.5	
April #	842.1	624.0	218.1	2.7	3.7	1.5	
May	856.1	636.5	219.6	2.7	3.7	1.5	
June	863.2	642.0	221.2	2.8	3.8	1.6	
July #	864.6	642.7	221.9	2.8	3.8	1.6	
August	867.3	644.8	222.5	2.8	3.8	1.6	
September	878.0	652.3	225.7	2.8	3.8	1.6	
October #	891.5	662.0	229.5	2.9	3.9	1.6	
November	901.9	669.2	232.7	2.9	3.9	1.6	
December	906.2	672.2	234.0	2.9	4.0	1.6	
2006							
January # (r)	905.1	669.7	235.4	2.9	3.9	1.7	
February (p)	919.7	680.7	239.0	2.9	4.0	1.7	
<i>Change on month</i>	14.6	11.0	3.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	
<i>Change %</i>	1.6	1.6	1.5				
<i>Change on year</i>	102.0	74.8	27.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	
<i>Change %</i>	12.5	12.3	12.8				

	GB Whole economy earnings ⁴		Vacancies			
	Average earnings index (including bonuses)	Average earnings index (excluding bonuses)	Change on quarter			
			Average 3 months ending (level)	Level	Per cent	
						AP2Y
2005						
January (r)	4.2	4.4	February (r)	646.9	5.2	0.8
February	4.5	4.3	March	636.9	-10.0	-1.5
March	4.5	4.1	April	632.9	-18.1	-2.8
April	4.6	4.1	May	639.1	-7.8	-1.2
May	4.1	4.0	June	640.9	4.0	0.6
June	4.1	4.0	July	635.8	2.9	0.5
July	4.2	4.0	August	625.4	-13.7	-2.1
August	4.2	4.0	September	619.2	-21.7	-3.4
September	4.1	4.0	October	604.7	-31.1	-4.9
October	3.6	3.9	November (r)	601.2	-24.2	-3.9
November (r)	3.4	3.8	December (r)	607.6	-11.6	-1.9
December (r)	3.5	3.7	2006			
2006			January (r)	615.7	11.0	1.8
January (p)	3.5	3.8	February (p)	617.6	16.4	2.7

1. See footnotes to Table 4.

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

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

2 Employment by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged	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
Nov-Jan 2004	28,344	27,367	645	3,481	6,335	10,655	6,251	977
Nov-Jan 2005	28,628	27,602	645	3,508	6,308	10,785	6,355	1,026
Feb-Apr 2005	28,665	27,615	632	3,511	6,298	10,827	6,348	1,049
May-Jul 2005	28,755	27,695	631	3,530	6,282	10,885	6,367	1,060
Aug-Oct 2005	28,813	27,717	580	3,504	6,298	10,929	6,405	1,096
Nov-Jan 2006	28,806	27,681	557	3,501	6,301	10,904	6,418	1,125
Change on quarter	-7	-36	-23	-3	3	-25	13	29
Change %	0.0	-0.1	-4.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2	2.7
Change on year	178	79	-88	-7	-8	119	63	100
Change %	0.6	0.3	-13.7	-0.2	-0.1	1.1	1.0	9.7
Men	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Nov-Jan 2004	15,302	14,970	309	1,828	3,439	5,687	3,707	332
Nov-Jan 2005	15,469	15,121	319	1,847	3,431	5,756	3,769	348
Feb-Apr 2005	15,481	15,122	310	1,850	3,425	5,761	3,775	359
May-Jul 2005	15,495	15,142	308	1,862	3,414	5,783	3,774	353
Aug-Oct 2005	15,535	15,158	270	1,857	3,435	5,793	3,803	377
Nov-Jan 2006	15,556	15,173	261	1,856	3,453	5,787	3,817	384
Change on quarter	21	15	-9	-2	18	-6	14	6
Change %	0.1	0.1	-3.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.4	1.6
Change on year	87	52	-58	9	22	31	48	35
Change %	0.6	0.3	-18.2	0.5	0.6	0.5	1.3	10.1
Women	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Nov-Jan 2004	13,042	12,397	335	1,653	2,896	4,968	2,545	644
Nov-Jan 2005	13,158	12,481	326	1,661	2,877	5,029	2,586	678
Feb-Apr 2005	13,184	12,494	323	1,661	2,872	5,066	2,572	690
May-Jul 2005	13,260	12,553	323	1,667	2,868	5,102	2,593	707
Aug-Oct 2005	13,278	12,559	311	1,647	2,863	5,136	2,603	719
Nov-Jan 2006	13,250	12,508	296	1,645	2,848	5,117	2,602	742
Change on quarter	-28	-51	-15	-2	-15	-19	-1	23
Change %	-0.2	-0.4	-4.7	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	0.0	3.2
Change on year	92	27	-30	-16	-29	88	16	64
Change %	0.7	0.2	-9.3	-1.0	-1.0	1.7	0.6	9.5

Employment rates (%)¹

People	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Nov-Jan 2004	60.0	74.8	41.8	67.2	79.8	82.1	69.7	9.2
Nov-Jan 2005	60.2	74.9	41.2	66.3	80.4	82.2	70.4	9.6
Feb-Apr 2005	60.1	74.8	40.3	66.0	80.3	82.2	70.2	9.8
May-Jul 2005	60.2	74.8	40.2	66.0	80.2	82.4	70.3	9.8
Aug-Oct 2005	60.2	74.7	37.0	65.2	80.5	82.5	70.6	10.1
Nov-Jan 2006	60.0	74.5	35.6	64.8	80.7	82.1	70.6	10.4
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.2	-1.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.2
Change on year	-0.1	-0.4	-5.7	-1.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.8
Men	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Nov-Jan 2004	67.0	79.2	39.2	70.2	87.4	88.7	71.9	8.4
Nov-Jan 2005	67.1	79.4	39.7	69.2	88.1	88.7	72.4	8.7
Feb-Apr 2005	67.0	79.2	38.5	68.9	88.0	88.6	72.4	8.9
May-Jul 2005	66.9	79.1	38.3	69.0	87.8	88.6	72.2	8.8
Aug-Oct 2005	66.9	79.0	33.5	68.4	88.4	88.5	72.5	9.3
Nov-Jan 2006	66.8	78.9	32.5	68.0	89.0	88.2	72.5	9.5
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4	0.6	-0.3	0.0	0.1
Change on year	-0.3	-0.5	-7.3	-1.2	0.9	-0.5	0.1	0.8
Women	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Nov-Jan 2004	53.5	70.0	44.6	64.2	72.4	75.7	66.8	9.7
Nov-Jan 2005	53.6	70.1	42.8	63.3	72.8	75.7	67.7	10.1
Feb-Apr 2005	53.6	70.1	42.2	63.0	72.7	76.1	67.3	10.2
May-Jul 2005	53.9	70.3	42.3	62.9	72.7	76.4	67.8	10.5
Aug-Oct 2005	53.8	70.2	40.7	61.9	72.7	76.7	68.0	10.6
Nov-Jan 2006	53.6	69.8	38.8	61.6	72.4	76.2	67.9	10.9
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.4	-1.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.3
Change on year	0.0	-0.3	-3.9	-1.7	-0.3	0.5	0.2	0.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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

EMPLOYMENT

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment		Employees		Self-employed			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	
Nov-Jan 2004	28,344	24,476	3,655	101	111	20,967	7,377	18,081	6,395	2,809	846	1,093	
Nov-Jan 2005	28,628	24,773	3,633	98	123	21,312	7,316	18,430	6,343	2,803	830	1,062	
Feb-Apr 2005	28,665	24,810	3,631	103	121	21,369	7,296	18,475	6,335	2,812	819	1,062	
May-Jul 2005	28,755	24,922	3,621	99	113	21,416	7,338	18,528	6,394	2,809	812	1,072	
Aug-Oct 2005	28,813	24,970	3,647	94	102	21,498	7,315	18,621	6,348	2,808	840	1,067	
Nov-Jan 2006	28,806	24,889	3,720	92	105	21,502	7,304	18,567	6,322	2,860	860	1,037	
Change on quarter	-7	-80	73	-1	2	4	-11	-54	-26	52	21	-30	
Change %	0.0	-0.3	2.0	-1.6	2.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-1.6	1.9	2.5	-2.8	
Change on year	178	116	87	-6	-19	190	-11	137	-21	57	30	-25	
Change %	0.6	0.5	2.4	-6.3	-15.3	0.9	-0.2	0.7	-0.3	2.0	3.6	-2.4	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Nov-Jan 2004	15,302	12,522	2,676	40	64	13,720	1,582	11,342	1,181	2,328	348	462	
Nov-Jan 2005	15,469	12,682	2,674	40	73	13,813	1,657	11,433	1,250	2,330	344	456	
Feb-Apr 2005	15,481	12,695	2,674	41	71	13,828	1,652	11,445	1,250	2,332	342	457	
May-Jul 2005	15,495	12,730	2,657	37	71	13,852	1,643	11,473	1,256	2,327	330	468	
Aug-Oct 2005	15,535	12,766	2,676	35	58	13,882	1,653	11,522	1,244	2,320	356	450	
Nov-Jan 2006	15,556	12,727	2,737	32	61	13,891	1,665	11,481	1,246	2,365	372	456	
Change on quarter	21	-39	61	-3	2	9	12	-41	2	45	16	6	
Change %	0.1	-0.3	2.3	-9.0	3.6	0.1	0.7	-0.4	0.1	2.0	4.4	1.3	
Change on year	87	45	63	-8	-13	79	8	48	-3	35	28	0	
Change %	0.6	0.4	2.4	-20.1	-17.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	-0.3	1.5	8.1	0.0	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Nov-Jan 2004	13,042	11,954	979	61	48	7,247	5,795	6,740	5,214	481	498	631	
Nov-Jan 2005	13,158	12,091	959	59	50	7,499	5,659	6,997	5,094	472	486	607	
Feb-Apr 2005	13,184	12,114	957	62	51	7,541	5,643	7,029	5,085	480	477	605	
May-Jul 2005	13,260	12,192	964	62	42	7,565	5,695	7,054	5,137	482	482	604	
Aug-Oct 2005	13,278	12,204	971	59	44	7,615	5,662	7,100	5,104	487	484	617	
Nov-Jan 2006	13,250	12,162	983	60	44	7,610	5,640	7,086	5,076	494	489	581	
Change on quarter	-28	-42	12	2	0	-5	-23	-13	-28	7	5	-36	
Change %	-0.2	-0.3	1.2	2.8	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	1.4	1.0	-5.8	
Change on year	92	72	24	2	-6	111	-20	89	-18	22	2	-25	
Change %	0.7	0.6	2.5	3.0	-12.3	1.5	-0.4	1.3	-0.3	4.7	0.5	-4.2	

	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)							Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ¹					
	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	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCCD	YCDG	YCDJ
Nov-Jan 2004	1,513	6.2	404	26.7	436	77	597	7,241	569	7.9	5,339	182	1,150
Nov-Jan 2005	1,485	6.0	354	23.8	428	107	597	7,173	546	7.6	5,287	168	1,173
Feb-Apr 2005	1,453	5.9	352	24.2	392	107	602	7,154	562	7.9	5,283	174	1,135
May-Jul 2005	1,469	5.9	349	23.7	399	109	613	7,206	587	8.1	5,277	164	1,178
Aug-Oct 2005	1,399	5.6	375	26.8	375	96	553	7,188	586	8.2	5,281	173	1,147
Nov-Jan 2006	1,418	5.7	361	25.5	389	99	569	7,182	617	8.6	5,277	171	1,118
Change on quarter	19	0.1	-13	-1.3	13	3	16	-6	31	0.4	-5	-3	-29
Change %	1.4	-3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	2.9	-0.1	5.2	-0.1	-1.5	-2.5		
Change on year	-67	-0.3	8	1.7	-39	-7	-28	9	72	1.0	-10	3	-55
Change %	-4.5	2.1	-9.1	-6.7	-4.7	0.1	13.1	-0.2	1.7	-4.7			
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Nov-Jan 2004	705	5.6	234	33.2	173	32	265	1,528	252	16.5	720	78	479
Nov-Jan 2005	704	5.6	200	28.4	188	53	263	1,593	232	14.5	773	67	522
Feb-Apr 2005	693	5.5	203	29.3	172	54	264	1,592	227	14.3	791	75	498
May-Jul 2005	690	5.4	203	29.4	171	59	257	1,586	237	14.9	762	75	513
Aug-Oct 2005	655	5.1	202	30.9	165	53	235	1,600	236	14.7	787	78	499
Nov-Jan 2006	654	5.1	194	29.7	166	51	243	1,618	247	15.3	807	77	486
Change on quarter	-1	0.0	-8	-1.1	2	-2	8	18	11	0.5	20	-1	-13
Change %	-0.1	-3.8	0.9	-4.2	3.2	1.1	4.7	0.7	2.6	-1.2	-2.6		
Change on year	-50	-0.4	-5	1.3	-22	-3	-20	24	15	0.7	34	11	-36
Change %	-7.1	-2.8	-11.7	-5.0	-7.6	1.5	6.7	4.4	16.4	-6.9			
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Nov-Jan 2004	809	6.8	170	21.0	263	45	331	5,712	318	5.6	4,619	105	671
Nov-Jan 2005	781	6.5	154	19.7	240	53	334	5,580	314	5.6	4,514	101	651
Feb-Apr 2005	761	6.3	149	19.6	220	53	338	5,562	335	6.0	4,492	98	638
May-Jul 2005	780	6.4	146	18.7	228	51	355	5,619	350	6.2	4,514	89	665
Aug-Oct 2005	744	6.1	172	23.2	211	43	318	5,588	350	6.3	4,494	95	649
Nov-Jan 2006	764	6.3	167	21.8	223	49	326	5,565	370	6.7	4,469	93	632
Change on quarter	20	0.2	-6	-1.4	12	6	8	-23	20	0.4	-25	-2	-16
Change %	2.7	-3.3	5.6	13.1	2.6	-0.4	5.6	-0.6	-1.8	-2.5			
Change on year	-17	-0.2	13	2.1	-17	-4	-8	-15	56	1.0	-44	-8	-19
Change %	-2.1	8.5	-7.1	-8.4	-2.5	-0.3	17.9	-1.0	-7.9	-2.9			

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=21+23+24+25 ; 20=9+11 ; 14=13/2; 16=15/13; 22=21/20

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Employees and Self-employed. Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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

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4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom
(thousands), not
seasonally adjusted

		Public sector ^{1 2 3}		Private sector ⁴		Total employment ^{5 6}
		(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)	(000s)
		1	2	3	4	5
		C9KD	DB36	CZG8	DB37	CZG9
All in employment	Sep 02	5,481	19.5	22,592	80.5	28,073
	Sep 03	5,639	19.9	22,678	80.1	28,317
	Dec 03	5,734	20.2	22,617	79.8	28,351
	Mar 04	5,755	20.3	22,553	79.7	28,308
	Jun 04	5,756	20.3	22,646	79.7	28,402
	Sep 04	5,754	20.2	22,799	79.8	28,553
	Dec 04	5,819	20.3	22,822	79.7	28,641
	Mar 05	5,834	20.4	22,747	79.6	28,581
	Jun 05	5,850	20.4	22,888	79.6	28,738
	Sep 05	5,826	20.2	23,048	79.8	28,874
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>321</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.3</i>		<i>1.1</i>		<i>1.1</i>

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

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions. Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094
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 2004 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; not seasonally adjusted.

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
All jobs	Dec 03	30,489	26,284	3,883	221	101
	Mar 04	30,524	26,334	3,869	219	102
	Jun 04	30,572	26,381	3,866	218	108
	Sep 04	30,558	26,396	3,843	217	102
	Dec 04	30,747	26,569	3,863	214	101
	Mar 05	30,832	26,663	3,857	212	100
	Jun 05	30,810	26,650	3,855	209	96
	Sep 05 (r)	30,827	26,647	3,878	208	94
	Dec 05	30,919	26,674	3,950	206	88
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>-5</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-5.8</i>
	<i>Change on year</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>-13</i>
	<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>-3.7</i>	<i>-12.5</i>

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

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

For more information on Workforce Jobs see notes on Concepts and Definitions.

Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

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5(2) Workforce jobs¹ by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (1992)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 92 sections	Employment by industry										Total services G-O
	All jobs A-O	Agriculture & fishing A,B	Energy & water C,E	Manufacturing D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comms. I	Finance & Business Services J-K	Education, health and public admin ² L-N	Other services O	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
All jobs	DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
Dec 03	30,489	432	188	3,603	2,008	7,044	1,838	5,916	7,549	1,910	24,257
Mar 04	30,524	413	182	3,557	2,026	7,080	1,837	5,928	7,604	1,896	24,345
Jun 04	30,572	416	178	3,545	2,047	7,062	1,825	5,973	7,643	1,882	24,386
Sep 04	30,558	428	175	3,490	2,039	7,052	1,815	6,007	7,686	1,865	24,426
Dec 04	30,747	444	172	3,465	2,094	7,111	1,813	6,037	7,729	1,882	24,572
Mar 05	30,832	454	170	3,433	2,121	7,095	1,830	6,074	7,761	1,893	24,653
Jun 05	30,810	446	171	3,383	2,099	7,078	1,839	6,097	7,790	1,907	24,711
Sep 05 (r)	30,827	438	173	3,361	2,111	7,068	1,841	6,108	7,813	1,912	24,743
Dec 05	30,919	450	175	3,367	2,114	7,030	1,853	6,141	7,861	1,929	24,813
<i>Change on quarter</i>	92	11	2	5	2	-38	11	32	47	17	71
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	2.6	1.2	0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	171	6	3	-98	20	-81	39	104	131	48	241
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	1.2	1.8	-2.8	0.9	-1.1	2.2	1.7	1.7	2.5	1.0
Male jobs	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMI	LOML
Dec 03	16,269	338	142	2,663	1,798	3,443	1,390	3,261	2,302	932	11,328
Mar 04	16,222	320	135	2,641	1,810	3,458	1,337	3,272	2,328	922	11,317
Jun 04	16,295	319	133	2,633	1,836	3,443	1,352	3,320	2,344	915	11,374
Sep 04	16,300	322	137	2,593	1,837	3,442	1,357	3,345	2,356	911	11,411
Dec 04	16,389	331	132	2,570	1,874	3,464	1,364	3,355	2,371	928	11,482
Mar 05	16,425	335	133	2,546	1,902	3,443	1,372	3,383	2,373	937	11,509
Jun 05	16,404	329	132	2,516	1,881	3,444	1,383	3,393	2,381	947	11,547
Sep 05 (r)	16,447	322	131	2,511	1,893	3,453	1,382	3,401	2,399	955	11,589
Dec 05	16,477	335	126	2,507	1,894	3,411	1,383	3,444	2,412	966	11,615
<i>Change on quarter</i>	30	13	-4	-5	1	-42	1	43	13	11	26
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	4.0	-3.3	-0.2	0.0	-1.2	0.0	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	88	4	-6	-63	20	-53	19	89	41	38	133
<i>Change %</i>	0.5	1.2	-4.4	-2.5	1.1	-1.5	1.4	2.7	1.7	4.1	1.2
Female jobs	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Dec 03	14,220	95	46	940	210	3,602	448	2,655	5,247	978	12,929
Mar 04	14,302	94	48	917	216	3,622	499	2,656	5,276	974	13,028
Jun 04	14,277	97	44	912	212	3,619	473	2,653	5,299	968	13,013
Sep 04	14,258	106	38	897	202	3,611	458	2,662	5,330	955	13,015
Dec 04	14,358	113	40	895	220	3,648	449	2,682	5,358	953	13,090
Mar 05	14,407	120	37	887	219	3,652	458	2,691	5,388	956	13,144
Jun 05	14,406	118	39	867	218	3,634	456	2,704	5,409	960	13,164
Sep 05 (r)	14,380	116	43	850	218	3,615	459	2,707	5,414	958	13,153
Dec 05	14,442	115	49	860	220	3,620	470	2,697	5,449	964	13,198
<i>Change on quarter</i>	62	-1	6	10	2	4	11	-11	34	6	45
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	-1.2	15.2	1.2	0.8	0.1	2.3	-0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	84	2	9	-35	0	-28	21	14	91	10	108
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	1.4	22.2	-3.9	0.0	-0.8	4.6	0.5	1.7	1.1	0.8

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 industry employee jobs

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 92 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 92 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
Jan 04	176	176	-7.3	3,308	3,324	-5.4
Jan 05	160	160	-9.1	3,182	3,188	-4.1
Feb 05	160	159	-9.1	3,174	3,181	-3.9
Mar 05	161	160	-8.4	3,168	3,175	-3.7
Apr 05	159	160	-7.8	3,160	3,167	-3.6
May 05	159	160	-7.2	3,145	3,158	-3.5
Jun 05	160	160	-6.4	3,132	3,146	-3.6
Jul 05	161	160	-5.2	3,118	3,132	-3.8
Aug 05	161	161	-4.1	3,109	3,120	-3.8
Sep 05	161	161	-3.0	3,106	3,111	-3.7
Oct 05 (r)	162	161	-1.9	3,093	3,103	-3.6
Nov 05 (r)	163	162	-0.6	3,086	3,095	-3.4
Dec 05 (r)	162	162	0.8	3,080	3,087	-3.4
Jan 06	162	162	1.3	3,065	3,077	-3.5

Source: Employer surveys

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ¹	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ²	Part-time workers ²	Second Jobs
	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
People					
Nov-Jan 2004	905.6	32.0	37.3	15.6	9.2
Nov-Jan 2005	920.1	32.2	37.4	15.6	9.5
Feb-Apr 2005	917.5	32.1	37.2	15.7	9.8
May-Jul 2005	922.2	32.1	37.3	15.7	9.4
Aug-Oct 2005	923.4	32.1	37.2	15.6	9.6
Nov-Jan 2006	926.0	32.2	37.3	15.7	9.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	-1.8
<i>Change on year</i>	5.9	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.7	-1.1
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Nov-Jan 2004	565.2	37.0	39.2	15.4	10.2
Nov-Jan 2005	572.4	37.1	39.2	15.6	10.3
Feb-Apr 2005	569.5	36.9	39.0	15.8	10.9
May-Jul 2005	569.9	36.8	39.0	15.6	10.3
Aug-Oct 2005	571.4	36.8	39.1	15.4	10.1
Nov-Jan 2006	573.3	36.9	39.1	15.5	10.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-2.3
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Nov-Jan 2004	340.4	26.1	33.7	15.6	8.4
Nov-Jan 2005	347.7	26.5	34.0	15.6	8.8
Feb-Apr 2005	348.0	26.4	33.8	15.6	8.9
May-Jul 2005	352.3	26.6	34.1	15.8	8.7
Aug-Oct 2005	352.1	26.5	33.9	15.7	9.2
Nov-Jan 2006	352.7	26.7	34.0	15.8	8.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	-4.0
<i>Change on year</i>	5.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	0.7	0.2	1.0	-0.3

1. Main and second job.

2. Main job only.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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8 Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Nov-Jan 2005									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.7	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.7	1.4	6.3
6 up to 15 hours	7.1	3.3	11.7	7.1	3.3	11.1	6.9	3.0	17.8
16 up to 30 hours	17.6	7.4	29.5	17.6	6.4	29.4	17.3	12.1	31.7
31 up to 45 hours	52.6	57.3	47.0	54.7	60.4	48.7	38.4	42.4	27.2
Over 45 hours	21.2	31.2	9.5	19.4	29.3	9.0	34.7	41.1	17.1
Total (thousands)	28,628	15,469	13,158	24,773	12,682	12,091	3,633	2,674	959
Aug-Oct 2005									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.7	2.1	1.1	0.5	1.7	2.5	1.5	5.3
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.3	11.2	6.9	3.3	10.6	7.3	3.3	18.3
16 up to 30 hours	17.6	7.4	29.7	17.7	6.4	29.7	17.1	12.0	31.0
31 up to 45 hours	53.3	58.2	47.6	55.4	61.3	49.3	38.8	43.2	26.4
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.4	9.4	18.8	28.6	8.7	34.3	39.9	18.9
Total (thousands)	28,813	15,535	13,278	24,970	12,766	12,204	3,647	2,676	971
Nov-Jan 2006									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.2	0.5	1.9	2.6	1.4	5.8
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.3	11.3	6.9	3.2	10.7	7.7	4.0	18.0
16 up to 30 hours	17.6	7.5	29.5	17.8	6.5	29.5	16.8	11.9	30.6
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.2	47.4	55.3	61.4	48.9	39.1	42.9	28.6
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.3	9.5	18.9	28.3	9.0	33.8	39.9	17.0
Total (thousands)	28,806	15,556	13,250	24,889	12,727	12,162	3,720	2,737	983

1. Main job only.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWV	YBXA
Nov-Jan 2004	1,441	4.8	903	224	314	21.8	151	1,423	4.9	894	221	308	21.7	148
Nov-Jan 2005	1,419	4.7	921	213	284	20.0	134	1,400	4.8	912	210	278	19.9	130
Feb-Apr 2005	1,407	4.7	902	211	294	20.9	130	1,388	4.8	892	209	287	20.7	126
May-Jul 2005	1,419	4.7	899	218	302	21.3	142	1,400	4.8	890	215	295	21.1	138
Aug-Oct 2005	1,491	4.9	939	256	296	19.8	144	1,468	5.0	928	252	289	19.7	139
Nov-Jan 2006	1,528	5.0	956	248	325	21.3	161	1,504	5.2	944	244	316	21.0	155
Change on quarter	37	0.1	17	-8	29	1.4	17	36	0.1	15	-8	28	1.4	16
Change %	2.5		1.8	-3.2	9.8		11.7	2.4		1.7	-3.1	9.6		11.5
Change on year	109	0.3	34	35	40	1.2	27	104	0.3	32	34	39	1.2	25
Change %	7.7		3.7	16.2	14.2		20.0	7.5		3.5	16.1	13.9		19.5
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBJW	YBJM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWX	YBXC
Nov-Jan 2004	860	5.3	494	146	220	25.6	114	851	5.4	490	145	216	25.4	111
Nov-Jan 2005	834	5.1	501	137	196	23.5	98	823	5.2	496	135	191	23.3	96
Feb-Apr 2005	828	5.1	484	140	205	24.7	97	819	5.1	480	138	201	24.5	95
May-Jul 2005	837	5.1	487	139	211	25.2	104	827	5.2	483	137	207	25.0	102
Aug-Oct 2005	884	5.4	524	147	213	24.1	107	873	5.4	520	145	208	23.9	105
Nov-Jan 2006	879	5.3	504	149	226	25.8	114	868	5.4	499	147	222	25.5	111
Change on quarter	-5	0.0	-20	2	14	1.7	6	-6	0.0	-20	2	13	1.7	6
Change %	-0.6		-3.9	1.2	6.4		6.0	-0.6		-3.9	1.0	6.4		6.1
Change on year	45	0.2	3	12	31	2.3	16	45	0.3	4	11	30	2.3	15
Change %	5.4		0.5	8.5	15.8		16.2	5.5		0.7	8.4	15.8		16.1
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBJK	YBJN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWP	YBWT	YBWW	YBWX	YBYC
Nov-Jan 2004	580	4.3	409	78	94	16.2	37	572	4.4	404	76	92	16.1	36
Nov-Jan 2005	585	4.3	420	76	89	15.2	36	577	4.4	416	75	86	15.0	35
Feb-Apr 2005	578	4.2	418	72	89	15.4	33	568	4.4	412	71	86	15.0	31
May-Jul 2005	582	4.2	412	79	91	15.7	38	573	4.4	407	78	88	15.3	36
Aug-Oct 2005	607	4.4	415	109	83	13.7	36	595	4.5	408	106	80	13.5	35
Nov-Jan 2006	649	4.7	452	99	98	15.2	47	636	4.8	444	97	95	14.9	44
Change on quarter	42	0.3	37	-10	15	1.4	10	41	0.3	36	-9	15	1.4	10
Change %	6.9		8.9	-9.1	18.2		28.4	6.9		8.8	-8.7	18.2		27.8
Change on year	64	0.4	32	23	10	0.0	11	59	0.4	28	22	8	-0.1	10
Change %	11.0		7.5	30.1	10.8		30.5	10.3		6.8	30.0	9.7		28.8

	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
Nov-Jan 2004	167	20.6	129	24	15	8.7	*	386	10.0	273	58	54	14.1	21
Nov-Jan 2005	172	21.1	141	23	*	*	*	420	10.7	302	61	57	13.5	19
Feb-Apr 2005	174	21.5	141	23	10	6.0	*	404	10.3	289	56	59	14.6	20
May-Jul 2005	174	21.6	137	26	12	6.8	*	420	10.6	298	60	63	14.9	27
Aug-Oct 2005	182	23.9	142	29	11	6.2	*	472	11.9	325	80	67	14.2	28
Nov-Jan 2006	184	24.9	144	28	12	6.6	*	453	11.5	304	80	69	15.2	36
Change on quarter	2	1.0	1	0	1	0.4	*	-19	-0.4	-21	0	2	1.0	8
Change %	1.2		1.0	-0.5	8.3		*	-4.1		-6.5	-0.3	3.0		27.5
Change on year	12	3.8	3	5	*	*	*	33	0.8	2	19	12	1.7	16
Change %	7.1		2.0	23.9	*	*	*	7.8		0.5	31.2	21.4		83.8
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Nov-Jan 2004	95	23.5	73	14	*	*	*	230	11.2	150	43	37	16.3	14
Nov-Jan 2005	91	22.1	71	14	*	*	*	258	12.3	180	36	43	16.5	16
Feb-Apr 2005	97	23.8	76	14	*	*	*	246	11.7	166	35	45	18.2	17
May-Jul 2005	99	24.2	73	17	*	*	*	261	12.3	171	41	49	18.7	22
Aug-Oct 2005	107	28.4	83	15	*	*	*	292	13.6	191	50	51	17.4	23
Nov-Jan 2006	102	28.1	74	19	*	*	*	269	12.6	171	48	49	18.4	28
Change on quarter	-5	-0.3	-8	4	*	*	*	-23	-0.9	-21	-1	-2	1.0	5
Change %	-4.8		-10.2	25.6	*	*	*	-8.0		-10.7	-2.9	-3.0		22.5
Change on year	11	6.0	3	5	*	*	*	10	0.4	-9	12	7	1.9	12
Change %	12.4		4.3	36.7	*	*	*	4.0		-4.8	33.9	15.9		72.1
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Nov-Jan 2004	72	17.8	56	10	*	*	*	156	8.6	124	15	17	10.8	*
Nov-Jan 2005	82	20.0	70	*	*	*	*	162	8.9	123	25	14	8.8	*
Feb-Apr 2005	77	19.3	64	*	*	*	*	158	8.7	123	20	14	9.0	*
May-Jul 2005	76	19.0	64	*	*	*	*	160	8.7	127	19	14	8.7	*
Aug-Oct 2005	75	19.5	60	13	*	*	*	180	9.9	134	30	16	9.0	*
Nov-Jan 2006	83	21.8	69	*	*	*	*	184	10.1	133	31	20	10.7	*
Change on quarter	7	2.3	10	*	*	*	*	4	0.2	-1	1	4	1.7	*
Change %	9.8		16.5	*	*	*	*	2.3		-0.4	3.9	21.8		*
Change on year	1	1.8	0	*	*	*	*	22	1.2	10	7	5	1.9	*
Change %	1.3		-0.3	*	*	*	*	13.8		8.3	27.3	37.8		*

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Nov-Jan 2004	674	3.8	397	107	171	25.3	85	214	2.9	104	35	75	35.0	45
Nov-Jan 2005	616	3.5	373	96	146	23.7	70	210	2.8	105	33	73	34.7	44
Feb-Apr 2005	620	3.5	372	103	146	23.5	65	208	2.7	100	30	79	37.7	44
May-Jul 2005	617	3.5	369	101	147	23.8	66	207	2.7	95	32	81	38.9	49
Aug-Oct 2005	614	3.4	369	107	139	22.6	64	222	2.9	103	40	79	35.5	51
Nov-Jan 2006	665	3.7	404	102	159	23.9	70	225	2.9	104	37	85	37.5	54
Change on quarter	51	0.3	35	-5	20	1.3	7	4	0.0	1	-3	6	2.0	3
Change %	8.3		9.6	-4.3	14.5		10.5	1.6		0.8	-7.8	7.4		5.1
Change on year	49	0.2	31	6	13	0.2	0	15	0.1	-1	4	11	2.8	10
Change %	8.0		8.2	6.1	8.8		0.0	7.1		-0.6	12.7	15.7		23.1
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Nov-Jan 2004	395	4.1	209	67	118	29.9	62	141	3.4	62	23	56	39.7	37
Nov-Jan 2005	347	3.6	185	65	96	27.7	50	138	3.2	65	21	52	37.4	32
Feb-Apr 2005	346	3.6	182	66	98	28.4	47	139	3.3	60	25	55	39.4	33
May-Jul 2005	341	3.6	185	59	97	28.5	46	136	3.2	58	22	56	41.4	36
Aug-Oct 2005	341	3.6	190	58	94	27.5	43	144	3.3	60	24	59	41.1	40
Nov-Jan 2006	362	3.8	202	55	106	29.2	46	146	3.4	57	26	63	42.9	40
Change on quarter	21	0.2	12	-3	12	1.8	2	2	0.0	-3	2	4	1.8	-1
Change %	6.3		6.2	-4.8	13.1		5.4	1.6		-5.5	8.4	6.1		-2.2
Change on year	16	0.1	16	-11	10	1.6	-4	8	0.1	-8	5	11	5.5	8
Change %	4.5		8.8	-16.2	10.5		-7.9	5.7		-12.2	22.7	21.3		25.3
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Nov-Jan 2004	279	3.4	187	39	52	18.7	23	73	2.2	41	13	19	25.8	*
Nov-Jan 2005	269	3.3	188	31	50	18.6	21	72	2.2	40	11	21	29.6	12
Feb-Apr 2005	274	3.3	190	37	47	17.2	19	69	2.1	40	*	24	34.2	12
May-Jul 2005	275	3.3	184	42	49	18.0	20	71	2.1	37	10	24	34.1	13
Aug-Oct 2005	273	3.3	179	49	45	16.5	20	78	2.3	43	16	20	25.1	11
Nov-Jan 2006	303	3.7	202	48	53	17.5	25	79	2.3	47	11	22	27.5	14
Change on quarter	29	0.4	24	-2	8	1.0	4	1	0.0	4	-5	2	2.4	4
Change %	10.8		13.1	-3.8	17.2		21.5	1.6		9.8	-32.5	11.4		32.6
Change on year	34	0.4	14	17	3	-1.2	4	7	0.2	7	-1	0	-2.0	2
Change %	12.5		7.7	53.1	5.5		19.1	9.8		18.5	-5.9	2.2		17.5

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

		Claimant count		Inflows (standardised ²)	Outflows (standardised ³)	Claimant count (not seasonally adjusted)	
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
		BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People	2005						
	February	817.7	2.6	201.5	200.1	885.0	2.8
	March	831.3	2.7	203.9	192.9	882.3	2.8
	April #	842.1	2.7	204.4	195.9	871.8	2.8
	May	856.1	2.7	211.7	199.4	867.6	2.8
	June	863.2	2.8	204.9	199.2	858.2	2.7
	July #	864.6	2.8	201.3	199.1	871.0	2.8
	August	867.3	2.8	202.4	198.8	880.7	2.8
	September	878.0	2.8	197.8	189.4	871.5	2.8
	October #	891.5	2.9	205.3	193.4	864.8	2.8
	November	901.9	2.9	210.7	199.4	875.3	2.8
	December	906.2	2.9	205.4	198.4	892.7	2.9
	2006						
	January # (r)	905.1	2.9	202.2	204.7	955.3	3.1
	February (p)	919.7	2.9	208.1	192.8	984.7	3.1
	<i>Change on month</i>	14.6	0.0	5.9	-11.9	29.3	0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	1.6		2.9	-5.8	3.1	
	<i>Change on year</i>	102.0	0.3	6.6	-7.3	99.7	0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	12.5		3.3	-3.6	11.3	
		DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men	2005						
	February	605.9	3.6	143.9	143.0	657.8	3.9
	March	616.5	3.6	146.0	137.7	656.2	3.9
	April #	624.0	3.7	145.8	140.5	647.2	3.8
	May	636.5	3.7	151.7	140.4	645.7	3.8
	June	642.0	3.8	146.3	142.1	637.5	3.7
	July #	642.7	3.8	143.8	142.0	639.7	3.8
	August	644.8	3.8	144.3	142.1	641.6	3.8
	September	652.3	3.8	141.2	135.0	636.4	3.7
	October #	662.0	3.9	145.7	137.1	634.8	3.7
	November	669.2	3.9	149.5	140.9	646.5	3.8
	December	672.2	4.0	145.6	140.3	665.0	3.9
	2006						
	January # (r)	669.7	3.9	142.9	145.9	711.6	4.2
	February (p)	680.7	4.0	147.1	135.9	730.9	4.3
	<i>Change on month</i>	11.0	0.1	4.2	-10.0	19.3	0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	1.6		2.9	-6.9	2.7	
	<i>Change on year</i>	74.8	0.4	3.2	-7.1	73.1	0.4
	<i>Change %</i>	12.3		2.2	-5.0	11.1	
		DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women	2005						
	February	211.8	1.5	57.6	57.1	227.2	1.6
	March	214.8	1.5	57.9	55.2	226.1	1.6
	April #	218.1	1.5	58.6	55.4	224.5	1.6
	May	219.6	1.5	60.0	59.0	221.8	1.6
	June	221.2	1.6	58.6	57.1	220.7	1.5
	July #	221.9	1.6	57.5	57.1	231.3	1.6
	August	222.5	1.6	58.1	56.7	239.1	1.7
	September	225.7	1.6	56.6	54.4	235.1	1.6
	October #	229.5	1.6	59.6	56.3	230.0	1.6
	November	232.7	1.6	61.2	58.5	228.8	1.6
	December	234.0	1.6	59.8	58.1	227.7	1.6
	2006						
	January # (r)	235.4	1.7	59.3	58.8	243.8	1.7
	February (p)	239.0	1.7	61.0	56.9	253.8	1.8
	<i>Change on month</i>	3.6	0.0	1.7	-1.9	10.0	0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	1.5		2.9	-3.2	4.1	
	<i>Change on year</i>	27.2	0.2	3.4	-0.2	26.6	0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	12.8		5.9	-0.4	11.7	

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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3. Flow figures are collected for 4 or 5 week periods between count dates; the figures are then converted to a standard 4¹/₃ week month.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4¹/₃ week month but not seasonally adjusted, for February 2006 were 238,800 in total;

168,800 men and 70,000 women. The corresponding outflow figures were 204,500 in total; 146,300 men and 58,200 women. For non-seasonally adjusted

claimant flows for earlier months, see table F.21 of *Labour Market Trends*.

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	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
	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
2005													
February	817.7	809.7	550.9	135.2	123.6	15.3	41.8	234.5	195.8	32.1	6.6	2.8	1.0
March	831.3	823.7	564.6	136.4	122.7	14.9	41.6	240.4	201.3	32.5	6.6	2.7	1.0
April #	842.1	834.8	574.1	139.2	121.5	14.6	41.2	246.9	206.3	34.0	6.6	2.7	0.9
May	856.1	848.5	587.8	139.8	120.9	14.2	40.8	251.8	210.6	34.4	6.8	2.7	0.9
June	863.2	856.3	592.3	142.9	121.1	14.1	40.9	254.3	211.7	35.6	7.0	2.8	0.9
July #	864.6	858.0	589.4	147.6	121.0	14.1	40.6	254.1	210.1	36.9	7.1	2.8	0.9
August	867.3	860.9	588.8	150.9	121.2	14.1	40.3	258.7	213.2	38.1	7.4	2.9	1.0
September	878.0	871.8	591.0	157.7	123.1	14.1	40.5	259.3	210.9	40.7	7.7	3.0	1.0
October #	891.5	885.4	597.7	162.3	125.4	14.2	40.6	266.0	215.6	42.2	8.2	3.1	1.0
November	901.9	896.5	602.1	166.7	127.7	14.2	41.1	270.7	218.8	43.3	8.6	3.2	1.1
December	906.2	901.0	602.7	168.5	129.8	14.4	41.2	272.3	219.8	43.7	8.8	3.2	1.1
2006													
January # (r)	905.1	899.4	598.4	169.2	131.8	14.7	41.0	271.9	219.5	43.3	9.1	3.3	1.1
February (p)	919.7	914.0	606.0	173.0	135.0	14.8	41.5	275.6	221.8	44.4	9.4	3.4	1.1
Change on month	14.6	14.6	7.6	3.8	3.2	0.1	0.5	3.7	2.3	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.0
Change %	1.6	1.6	1.3	2.2	2.4		1.2	1.4	1.0	2.5	3.3		0.0
Change on year	102.0	104.3	55.1	37.8	11.4	-0.5	-0.3	41.1	26.0	12.3	2.8	0.6	0.1
Change %	12.5	12.9	10.0	28.0	9.2		-0.7	17.5	13.3	38.3	42.4		10.0
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2005													
February	605.9	600.3	399.2	102.6	98.5	16.4	33.7	160.2	133.8	22.0	4.4	2.7	0.6
March	616.5	611.0	410.0	103.4	97.6	16.0	33.5	164.8	138.1	22.3	4.4	2.7	0.6
April #	624.0	618.9	416.7	105.5	96.7	15.6	33.2	169.7	141.8	23.4	4.5	2.7	0.6
May	636.5	631.2	428.7	106.2	96.3	15.3	33.0	173.4	145.1	23.7	4.6	2.7	0.6
June	642.0	637.3	432.0	108.7	96.6	15.2	33.1	175.7	146.2	24.7	4.8	2.7	0.6
July #	642.7	638.0	429.3	112.4	96.3	15.1	32.8	175.3	144.7	25.7	4.9	2.8	0.6
August	644.8	640.2	429.4	114.7	96.1	15.0	32.4	178.5	147.1	26.4	5.0	2.8	0.6
September	652.3	648.1	429.8	120.3	98.0	15.1	32.7	178.6	144.9	28.4	5.3	3.0	0.6
October #	662.0	657.9	434.2	123.9	99.8	15.2	32.8	183.6	148.4	29.5	5.7	3.1	0.6
November	669.2	665.5	436.7	127.4	101.4	15.2	33.1	186.9	150.6	30.4	5.9	3.2	0.7
December	672.2	668.5	436.9	128.5	103.1	15.4	33.2	187.6	151.0	30.5	6.1	3.3	0.7
2006													
January # (r)	669.7	665.8	432.6	128.6	104.6	15.7	33.0	186.9	150.6	30.0	6.3	3.4	0.7
February (p)	680.7	676.8	438.0	131.7	107.1	15.8	33.3	189.4	152.0	30.9	6.5	3.4	0.7
Change on month	11.0	11.0	5.4	3.1	2.5	0.1	0.3	2.5	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.0
Change %	1.6	1.7	1.2	2.4	2.4		0.9	1.3	0.9	3.0	3.2		0.0
Change on year	74.8	76.5	38.8	29.1	8.6	-0.6	-0.4	29.2	18.2	8.9	2.1	0.7	0.1
Change %	12.3	12.7	9.7	28.4	8.7		-1.2	18.2	13.6	40.5	47.7		16.7
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJG	JLJL	JLJM	JLJN	JLJO	JLJP	JLJQ	JLJR	JLJS	JLJT
2005													
February	211.8	209.4	151.7	32.6	25.1	12.0	8.1	74.3	62.0	10.1	2.2	3.0	0.4
March	214.8	212.7	154.6	33.0	25.1	11.8	8.1	75.6	63.2	10.2	2.2	2.9	0.4
April #	218.1	215.9	157.4	33.7	24.8	11.5	8.0	77.2	64.5	10.6	2.1	2.7	0.3
May	219.6	217.3	159.1	33.6	24.6	11.3	7.8	78.4	65.5	10.7	2.2	2.8	0.3
June	221.2	219.0	160.3	34.2	24.5	11.2	7.8	78.6	65.5	10.9	2.2	2.8	0.3
July #	221.9	220.0	160.1	35.2	24.7	11.2	7.8	78.8	65.4	11.2	2.2	2.8	0.3
August	222.5	220.7	159.4	36.2	25.1	11.4	7.9	80.2	66.1	11.7	2.4	3.0	0.4
September	225.7	223.7	161.2	37.4	25.1	11.2	7.8	80.7	66.0	12.3	2.4	3.0	0.4
October #	229.5	227.5	163.5	38.4	25.6	11.3	7.8	82.4	67.2	12.7	2.5	3.0	0.4
November	232.7	231.0	165.4	39.3	26.3	11.4	8.0	83.8	68.2	12.9	2.7	3.2	0.4
December	234.0	232.5	165.8	40.0	26.7	11.5	8.0	84.7	68.8	13.2	2.7	3.2	0.4
2006													
January # (r)	235.4	233.6	165.8	40.6	27.2	11.6	8.0	85.0	68.9	13.3	2.8	3.3	0.4
February (p)	239.0	237.2	168.0	41.3	27.9	11.8	8.2	86.2	69.8	13.5	2.9	3.4	0.4
Change on month	3.6	3.6	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.2	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Change %	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.7	2.6		2.5	1.4	1.3	1.5	3.6		0.0
Change on year	27.2	27.8	16.3	8.7	2.8	-0.2	0.1	11.9	7.8	3.4	0.7	0.4	0.0
Change %	12.8	13.3	10.7	26.7	11.2		1.2	16.0	12.6	33.7	31.8		0.0

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

11(2) Claimant count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JLJU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
People												
2005												
February	438.7	281.8	81.5	75.4	17.2	17.4	136.5	73.3	21.6	41.6	30.5	23.4
March	445.5	288.5	82.1	74.9	16.8	17.4	137.8	74.8	21.8	41.2	29.9	23.2
April #	449.6	292.6	83.0	74.0	16.5	17.3	138.3	75.2	22.2	40.9	29.6	23.0
May	455.7	299.1	83.2	73.4	16.1	17.1	141.0	78.1	22.2	40.7	28.9	22.8
June	459.5	301.7	84.5	73.3	16.0	17.2	142.5	78.9	22.8	40.8	28.6	22.8
July #	461.4	300.8	87.3	73.3	15.9	17.1	142.5	78.5	23.4	40.6	28.5	22.6
August	459.4	297.0	89.1	73.3	16.0	16.9	142.8	78.6	23.7	40.5	28.4	22.4
September	467.8	300.8	92.5	74.5	15.9	17.1	144.7	79.3	24.5	40.9	28.3	22.4
October #	473.3	302.5	94.8	76.0	16.1	17.2	146.1	79.6	25.3	41.2	28.2	22.4
November	478.1	303.5	97.4	77.2	16.1	17.4	147.7	79.8	26.0	41.9	28.4	22.6
December	480.6	303.4	98.6	78.6	16.4	17.5	148.1	79.5	26.2	42.4	28.6	22.6
2006												
January # (r)	479.4	300.1	99.3	80.0	16.7	17.5	148.1	78.8	26.6	42.7	28.8	22.4
February (p)	487.4	303.8	101.3	82.3	16.9	17.8	151.0	80.4	27.3	43.3	28.7	22.6
Change on month	8.0	3.7	2.0	2.3	0.2	0.3	2.9	1.6	0.7	0.6	-0.2	0.2
Change %	1.7	1.2	2.0	2.9		1.7	2.0	2.0	2.6	1.4		0.9
Change on year	48.7	22.0	19.8	6.9	-0.3	0.4	14.5	7.1	5.7	1.7	-1.8	-0.8
Change %	11.1	7.8	24.3	9.2		2.3	10.6	9.7	26.4	4.1		-3.4
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2005												
February	340.9	214.5	64.9	61.5	18.0	14.3	99.2	50.9	15.7	32.6	32.9	18.8
March	346.3	220.0	65.3	61.0	17.6	14.3	99.9	51.9	15.8	32.2	32.2	18.6
April #	349.3	222.9	66.1	60.3	17.3	14.2	99.9	52.0	16.0	31.9	31.9	18.4
May	355.3	229.0	66.4	59.9	16.9	14.1	102.5	54.6	16.1	31.8	31.0	18.3
June	358.2	230.8	67.5	59.9	16.7	14.2	103.4	55.0	16.5	31.9	30.9	18.3
July #	359.4	229.8	69.8	59.8	16.6	14.1	103.3	54.8	16.9	31.6	30.6	18.1
August	358.5	227.6	71.2	59.7	16.7	13.9	103.2	54.7	17.1	31.4	30.4	17.9
September	364.7	229.6	74.2	60.9	16.7	14.1	104.8	55.3	17.7	31.8	30.3	18.0
October #	368.6	230.5	76.0	62.1	16.8	14.2	105.7	55.3	18.4	32.0	30.3	18.0
November	371.9	230.9	78.0	63.0	16.9	14.3	106.7	55.2	19.0	32.5	30.5	18.1
December	373.6	230.5	78.9	64.2	17.2	14.4	107.3	55.4	19.1	32.8	30.6	18.1
2006												
January # (r)	372.2	227.7	79.2	65.3	17.5	14.4	106.7	54.3	19.4	33.0	30.9	17.9
February (p)	378.5	230.6	80.8	67.1	17.7	14.6	108.9	55.4	20.0	33.5	30.8	18.0
Change on month	6.3	2.9	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.2	2.2	1.1	0.6	0.5	-0.2	0.1
Change %	1.7	1.3	2.0	2.8		1.4	2.1	2.0	3.1	1.5		0.6
Change on year	37.6	16.1	15.9	5.6	-0.3	0.3	9.7	4.5	4.3	0.9	-2.1	-0.8
Change %	11.0	7.5	24.5	9.1		2.1	9.8	8.8	27.4	2.8		-4.3
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2005												
February	97.8	67.3	16.6	13.9	14.2	3.1	37.3	22.4	5.9	9.0	24.1	4.6
March	99.2	68.5	16.8	13.9	14.0	3.1	37.9	22.9	6.0	9.0	23.7	4.6
April #	100.3	69.7	16.9	13.7	13.7	3.1	38.4	23.2	6.2	9.0	23.4	4.6
May	100.4	70.1	16.8	13.5	13.4	3.0	38.5	23.5	6.1	8.9	23.1	4.5
June	101.3	70.9	17.0	13.4	13.2	3.0	39.1	23.9	6.3	8.9	22.8	4.5
July #	102.0	71.0	17.5	13.5	13.2	3.0	39.2	23.7	6.5	9.0	23.0	4.5
August	100.9	69.4	17.9	13.6	13.5	3.0	39.6	23.9	6.6	9.1	23.0	4.5
September	103.1	71.2	18.3	13.6	13.2	3.0	39.9	24.0	6.8	9.1	22.8	4.4
October #	104.7	72.0	18.8	13.9	13.3	3.0	40.4	24.3	6.9	9.2	22.8	4.4
November	106.2	72.6	19.4	14.2	13.4	3.1	41.0	24.6	7.0	9.4	22.9	4.5
December	107.0	72.9	19.7	14.4	13.5	3.1	40.8	24.1	7.1	9.6	23.5	4.5
2006												
January # (r)	107.2	72.4	20.1	14.7	13.7	3.1	41.4	24.5	7.2	9.7	23.4	4.5
February (p)	108.9	73.2	20.5	15.2	14.0	3.2	42.1	25.0	7.3	9.8	23.3	4.6
Change on month	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1
Change %	1.6	1.1	2.0	3.4		3.2	1.7	2.0	1.4	1.0		2.2
Change on year	11.1	5.9	3.9	1.3	-0.3	0.1	4.8	2.6	1.4	0.8	-0.9	0.0
Change %	11.3	8.8	23.5	9.4		3.2	12.9	11.6	23.7	8.9		0.0

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(1) Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) & 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically active								
People	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
Nov-Jan 2004	29,784	28,790	812	3,866	6,647	11,018	6,447	994
Nov-Jan 2005	30,047	29,001	817	3,928	6,594	11,116	6,546	1,045
Feb-Apr 2005	30,071	29,003	806	3,915	6,586	11,159	6,537	1,068
May-Jul 2005	30,173	29,094	806	3,950	6,564	11,219	6,555	1,079
Aug-Oct 2005	30,304	29,185	763	3,977	6,578	11,264	6,604	1,119
Nov-Jan 2006	30,334	29,185	741	3,954	6,580	11,290	6,620	1,150
<i>Change on quarter</i>	31	0	-21	-23	3	26	15	31
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.0	-2.8	-0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	2.8
<i>Change on year</i>	288	183	-76	25	-13	174	73	105
<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.6	-9.3	0.6	-0.2	1.6	1.1	10.0
Men	MMSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Nov-Jan 2004	16,162	15,820	404	2,058	3,621	5,899	3,838	342
Nov-Jan 2005	16,303	15,944	409	2,105	3,602	5,932	3,896	359
Feb-Apr 2005	16,309	15,941	406	2,096	3,589	5,944	3,906	368
May-Jul 2005	16,331	15,969	407	2,123	3,573	5,965	3,901	363
Aug-Oct 2005	16,419	16,031	377	2,149	3,591	5,978	3,936	388
Nov-Jan 2006	16,435	16,041	363	2,124	3,600	6,002	3,952	394
<i>Change on quarter</i>	16	10	-14	-25	9	24	16	7
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	-3.7	-1.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.7
<i>Change on year</i>	132	97	-47	19	-1	70	56	35
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.6	-11.5	0.9	0.0	1.2	1.4	9.8
Women	MGSF	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Nov-Jan 2004	13,622	12,969	408	1,809	3,025	5,118	2,609	653
Nov-Jan 2005	13,743	13,057	408	1,823	2,992	5,184	2,650	686
Feb-Apr 2005	13,762	13,062	399	1,819	2,997	5,216	2,631	700
May-Jul 2005	13,842	13,126	399	1,827	2,991	5,254	2,654	716
Aug-Oct 2005	13,885	13,154	386	1,827	2,986	5,286	2,669	731
Nov-Jan 2006	13,899	13,144	379	1,830	2,980	5,288	2,668	755
<i>Change on quarter</i>	14	-10	-7	3	-6	2	-1	24
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.1	-1.9	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	3.3
<i>Change on year</i>	156	86	-29	6	-12	104	18	69
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	0.7	-7.2	0.3	-0.4	2.0	0.7	10.1
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Nov-Jan 2004	63.1	78.7	52.6	74.6	83.8	84.9	71.9	9.4
Nov-Jan 2005	63.1	78.7	52.2	74.2	84.0	84.7	72.5	9.7
Feb-Apr 2005	63.1	78.5	51.4	73.6	84.0	84.8	72.3	9.9
May-Jul 2005	63.1	78.6	51.4	73.8	83.8	85.0	72.4	10.0
Aug-Oct 2005	63.3	78.7	48.6	74.0	84.1	85.1	72.8	10.3
Nov-Jan 2006	63.2	78.6	47.3	73.2	84.2	85.0	72.8	10.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-1.3	-0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	-0.1	-4.9	-1.0	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Nov-Jan 2004	70.7	83.7	51.2	79.0	92.1	92.0	74.4	8.7
Nov-Jan 2005	70.7	83.7	51.0	78.9	92.5	91.5	74.9	9.0
Feb-Apr 2005	70.6	83.5	50.6	78.1	92.3	91.4	74.9	9.2
May-Jul 2005	70.5	83.4	50.6	78.6	91.9	91.4	74.6	9.0
Aug-Oct 2005	70.7	83.5	46.8	79.2	92.5	91.4	75.0	9.6
Nov-Jan 2006	70.6	83.4	45.1	77.8	92.8	91.5	75.1	9.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	-1.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-0.3	-5.9	-1.1	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.8
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Nov-Jan 2004	55.9	73.3	54.2	70.2	75.6	78.0	68.5	9.8
Nov-Jan 2005	56.0	73.3	53.4	69.5	75.7	78.1	69.4	10.2
Feb-Apr 2005	56.0	73.2	52.3	69.0	75.9	78.3	68.8	10.4
May-Jul 2005	56.2	73.5	52.2	69.0	75.8	78.7	69.4	10.6
Aug-Oct 2005	56.3	73.5	50.5	68.7	75.8	78.9	69.7	10.8
Nov-Jan 2006	56.3	73.4	49.7	68.5	75.8	78.7	69.7	11.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.0	-0.1	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.2	0.0	-3.8	-1.0	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.9

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

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

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

Economically inactive

People	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAY	YCBB	MGWA	MGWD
Nov-Jan 2004	17,427	7,807	731	1,314	1,290	1,954	2,519	9,619
Nov-Jan 2005	17,539	7,858	748	1,366	1,254	2,012	2,478	9,681
Feb-Apr 2005	17,620	7,932	761	1,407	1,255	2,007	2,502	9,687
May-Jul 2005	17,624	7,918	763	1,400	1,270	1,986	2,499	9,706
Aug-Oct 2005	17,591	7,895	805	1,399	1,246	1,977	2,468	9,695
Nov-Jan 2006	17,653	7,961	824	1,447	1,231	1,986	2,473	9,693
Change on quarter	63	65	19	48	-15	9	5	-3
Change %	0.4	0.8	2.4	3.4	-1.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
Change on year	115	102	76	81	-23	-26	-5	12
Change %	0.7	1.3	10.2	5.9	-1.9	-1.3	-0.2	0.1
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Nov-Jan 2004	6,684	3,077	386	546	312	512	1,321	3,607
Nov-Jan 2005	6,753	3,111	393	564	291	555	1,308	3,642
Feb-Apr 2005	6,807	3,160	397	589	301	562	1,311	3,647
May-Jul 2005	6,844	3,179	398	577	316	561	1,328	3,665
Aug-Oct 2005	6,811	3,160	427	566	293	565	1,309	3,652
Nov-Jan 2006	6,848	3,193	441	606	278	558	1,310	3,655
Change on quarter	37	33	13	40	-15	-7	2	4
Change %	0.5	1.0	3.1	7.1	-5.1	-1.3	0.1	0.1
Change on year	95	81	48	42	-13	4	2	13
Change %	1.4	2.6	12.2	7.4	-4.6	0.6	0.1	0.4
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAC	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Nov-Jan 2004	10,743	4,731	345	767	978	1,443	1,198	6,012
Nov-Jan 2005	10,786	4,747	355	802	963	1,458	1,170	6,039
Feb-Apr 2005	10,813	4,772	364	819	953	1,445	1,191	6,041
May-Jul 2005	10,780	4,739	365	823	954	1,426	1,171	6,041
Aug-Oct 2005	10,779	4,736	378	833	953	1,412	1,159	6,044
Nov-Jan 2006	10,805	4,768	384	841	953	1,428	1,162	6,037
Change on quarter	26	32	6	7	0	16	3	-6
Change %	0.2	0.7	1.6	0.9	0.0	1.1	0.3	-0.1
Change on year	20	21	29	39	-10	-30	-7	-1
Change %	0.2	0.4	8.0	4.9	-1.0	-2.0	-0.6	0.0

Economic inactivity rates (%)¹

People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Nov-Jan 2004	36.9	21.3	47.4	25.4	16.2	15.1	28.1	90.6
Nov-Jan 2005	36.9	21.3	47.8	25.8	16.0	15.3	27.5	90.3
Feb-Apr 2005	36.9	21.5	48.6	26.4	16.0	15.2	27.7	90.1
May-Jul 2005	36.9	21.4	48.6	26.2	16.2	15.0	27.6	90.0
Aug-Oct 2005	36.7	21.3	51.4	26.0	15.9	14.9	27.2	89.7
Nov-Jan 2006	36.8	21.4	52.7	26.8	15.8	15.0	27.2	89.4
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	1.3	0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Change on year	-0.1	0.1	4.9	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.9
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Nov-Jan 2004	29.3	16.3	48.8	21.0	7.9	8.0	25.6	91.3
Nov-Jan 2005	29.3	16.3	49.0	21.1	7.5	8.5	25.1	91.0
Feb-Apr 2005	29.4	16.5	49.4	21.9	7.7	8.6	25.1	90.8
May-Jul 2005	29.5	16.6	49.4	21.4	8.1	8.6	25.4	91.0
Aug-Oct 2005	29.3	16.5	53.2	20.8	7.5	8.6	25.0	90.4
Nov-Jan 2006	29.4	16.6	54.9	22.2	7.2	8.5	24.9	90.3
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	1.7	1.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Change on year	0.1	0.3	5.9	1.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.8
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Nov-Jan 2004	44.1	26.7	45.8	29.8	24.4	22.0	31.5	90.2
Nov-Jan 2005	44.0	26.7	46.6	30.5	24.3	21.9	30.6	89.8
Feb-Apr 2005	44.0	26.8	47.7	31.0	24.1	21.7	31.2	89.6
May-Jul 2005	43.8	26.5	47.8	31.0	24.2	21.3	30.6	89.4
Aug-Oct 2005	43.7	26.5	49.5	31.3	24.2	21.1	30.3	89.2
Nov-Jan 2006	43.7	26.6	50.3	31.5	24.2	21.3	30.3	88.9
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	-0.3
Change on year	-0.2	0.0	3.8	1.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-0.9

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Total aged 16-59/64	Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEI	YBVZ	YBWC
Nov-Jan 2004	7,807	1,660	2,377	182	2,133	34	603	818	5,736	2,071
Nov-Jan 2005	7,858	1,719	2,303	179	2,166	33	595	862	5,843	2,016
Feb-Apr 2005	7,932	1,771	2,331	181	2,176	33	590	850	5,904	2,028
May-Jul 2005	7,918	1,784	2,322	187	2,133	33	626	833	5,830	2,087
Aug-Oct 2005	7,895	1,838	2,322	198	2,129	25	612	771	5,848	2,047
Nov-Jan 2006	7,961	1,875	2,353	196	2,128	28	587	794	5,899	2,062
Change on quarter	65	37	31	-2	-2	3	-25	23	51	14
Change %	0.8	2.0	1.4	-1.1	-0.1	10.3	-4.1	3.0	0.9	0.7
Change on year	102	156	50	16	-39	-6	-8	-67	56	46
Change %	1.3	9.1	2.2	9.1	-1.8	-16.6	-1.4	-7.8	1.0	2.3
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Nov-Jan 2004	3,077	846	191	91	1,170	19	400	358	2,186	891
Nov-Jan 2005	3,111	858	183	88	1,186	21	412	364	2,288	824
Feb-Apr 2005	3,160	877	192	87	1,210	18	407	369	2,322	838
May-Jul 2005	3,179	887	193	102	1,186	22	428	360	2,324	855
Aug-Oct 2005	3,160	909	194	100	1,168	13	426	348	2,300	860
Nov-Jan 2006	3,193	935	194	100	1,173	16	424	351	2,322	871
Change on quarter	33	26	0	0	5	3	-3	2	21	11
Change %	1.0	2.8	0.2	-0.3	0.4	19.8	-0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3
Change on year	81	77	11	12	-13	-5	12	-14	34	47
Change %	2.6	9.0	6.1	14.0	-1.1	-22.0	2.8	-3.7	1.5	5.7
Women	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEEES	YBWB	YBWE
Nov-Jan 2004	4,731	813	2,186	91	962	15	203	460	3,550	1,181
Nov-Jan 2005	4,747	862	2,120	91	981	13	183	497	3,555	1,192
Feb-Apr 2005	4,772	894	2,139	93	966	15	183	481	3,582	1,191
May-Jul 2005	4,739	897	2,129	85	947	11	197	473	3,507	1,232
Aug-Oct 2005	4,736	929	2,128	97	961	12	186	423	3,548	1,188
Nov-Jan 2006	4,768	940	2,159	95	954	12	164	444	3,577	1,191
Change on quarter	32	12	31	-2	-7	0	-22	21	29	3
Change %	0.7	1.2	1.5	-1.9	-0.7	-0.6	-12.0	4.9	0.8	0.3
Change on year	21	79	39	4	-26	-1	-20	-54	22	-1
Change %	0.4	9.2	1.8	4.4	-2.7	-7.9	-10.8	-10.8	0.6	-0.1

Percentage of economically inactive (%)

	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
People										
Nov-Jan 2004	100	21.3	30.4	2.3	27.3	0.4	7.7	10.5	73.5	26.5
Nov-Jan 2005	100	21.9	29.3	2.3	27.6	0.4	7.6	11.0	74.4	25.6
Feb-Apr 2005	100	22.3	29.4	2.3	27.4	0.4	7.4	10.7	74.4	25.6
May-Jul 2005	100	22.5	29.3	2.4	26.9	0.4	7.9	10.5	73.6	26.4
Aug-Oct 2005	100	23.3	29.4	2.5	27.0	0.3	7.8	9.8	74.1	25.9
Nov-Jan 2006	100	23.6	29.6	2.5	26.7	0.3	7.4	10.0	74.1	25.9
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEJ	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Nov-Jan 2004	100	27.5	6.2	3.0	38.0	0.6	13.0	11.6	71.0	29.0
Nov-Jan 2005	100	27.6	5.9	2.8	38.1	0.7	13.2	11.7	73.5	26.5
Feb-Apr 2005	100	27.7	6.1	2.8	38.3	0.6	12.9	11.7	73.5	26.5
May-Jul 2005	100	27.9	6.1	3.2	37.3	0.7	13.5	11.3	73.1	26.9
Aug-Oct 2005	100	28.8	6.1	3.2	37.0	0.4	13.5	11.0	72.8	27.2
Nov-Jan 2006	100	29.3	6.1	3.1	36.7	0.5	13.3	11.0	72.7	27.3
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Nov-Jan 2004	100	17.2	46.2	1.9	20.3	0.3	4.3	9.7	75.0	25.0
Nov-Jan 2005	100	18.1	44.7	1.9	20.7	0.3	3.9	10.5	74.9	25.1
Feb-Apr 2005	100	18.7	44.8	2.0	20.2	0.3	3.8	10.1	75.1	24.9
May-Jul 2005	100	18.9	44.9	1.8	20.0	0.2	4.2	10.0	74.0	26.0
Aug-Oct 2005	100	19.6	44.9	2.1	20.3	0.2	3.9	8.9	74.9	25.1
Nov-Jan 2006	100	19.7	45.3	2.0	20.0	0.2	3.4	9.3	75.0	25.0

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

Source: Labour Force Survey, Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

November 2005 to January 2006

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economically active			Total in employment			Unemployed			Economically inactive		
	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ¹	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ¹	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ¹	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ¹
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Levels												
People												
16-17	741	285	457	557	190	366	184	94	90	824	118	707
18-24	3,954	3,288	666	3,501	2,908	592	453	379	74	1,447	617	830
all under 25	4,695	3,572	1,123	4,058	3,099	959	637	473	164	2,271	735	1,536
Men												
16-17	363	180	183	261	118	142	102	61	40	441	66	375
18-24	2,124	1,799	325	1,856	1,571	284	269	228	41	606	184	422
all under 25	2,487	1,979	508	2,116	1,690	427	370	289	81	1,047	250	797
Women												
16-17	379	105	274	296	72	224	83	33	50	384	52	332
18-24	1,830	1,489	341	1,645	1,337	308	184	151	33	841	434	407
all under 25	2,208	1,594	615	1,941	1,409	532	267	184	83	1,225	485	739
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17	-21	-2	-19	-23	-2	-21	2	0	2	19	-10	29
18-24	-23	-21	-2	-3	-9	6	-19	-12	-7	48	40	7
all under 25	-44	-23	-21	-27	-11	-16	-17	-12	-5	67	30	37
Men												
16-17	-14	2	-16	-9	5	-14	-5	-3	-2	13	-6	19
18-24	-25	-27	1	-2	-9	7	-23	-18	-5	40	26	15
all under 25	-39	-25	-15	-11	-4	-7	-29	-21	-7	53	20	33
Women												
16-17	-7	-4	-4	-15	-7	-8	7	3	4	6	-5	11
18-24	3	6	-3	-2	0	-1	4	6	-2	7	15	-7
all under 25	-5	2	-7	-16	-7	-9	11	9	2	13	10	3
Rates(%)²												
People												
16-17	47.3	70.7	39.2	35.6	47.3	31.5	24.9	33.1	19.7	52.7	29.3	60.8
18-24	73.2	84.2	44.5	64.8	74.5	39.6	11.5	11.5	11.1	26.8	15.8	55.5
all under 25	67.4	82.9	42.2	58.2	71.9	36.1	13.6	13.3	14.6	32.6	17.1	57.8
Men												
16-17	45.1	73.1	32.8	32.5	48.1	25.6	28.1	34.2	22.1	54.9	26.9	67.2
18-24	77.8	90.7	43.5	68.0	79.2	38.0	12.6	12.7	12.6	22.2	9.3	56.5
all under 25	70.4	88.8	38.9	59.9	75.8	32.7	14.9	14.6	16.0	29.6	11.2	61.1
Women												
16-17	49.7	67.0	45.2	38.8	46.0	37.0	21.8	31.3	18.2	50.3	33.0	54.8
18-24	68.5	77.4	45.6	61.6	69.6	41.2	10.1	10.2	9.7	31.5	22.6	54.4
all under 25	64.3	76.7	45.4	56.5	67.8	39.3	12.1	11.6	13.5	35.7	23.3	54.6
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17	-1.3	1.6	-2.0	-1.4	0.9	-2.1	1.0	0.3	1.2	1.3	-1.6	2.0
18-24	-0.8	-1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-1.1	0.8	1.0	0.3
all under 25	-0.9	-0.7	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	0.7	1.0
Men												
16-17	-1.7	1.8	-3.0	-1.1	2.7	-2.6	-0.3	-2.1	0.7	1.7	-1.8	3.0
18-24	-1.4	-1.3	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.9	-0.8	-1.7	1.4	1.3	0.8
all under 25	-1.4	-0.9	-1.7	-0.5	0.0	-1.0	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0	1.4	0.9	1.7
Women												
16-17	-0.9	1.2	-1.1	-1.8	-1.9	-1.7	2.3	4.1	1.7	0.9	-1.2	1.1
18-24	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.8	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.5	-0.2
all under 25	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Full-Time Education.

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2. 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	LNNND	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Jan 04	115.6	6.0	4.6	115.0	5.9	4.6	117.2	4.1	4.2
Nov 04 (r)	118.9	4.6	4.4	118.2	4.5	4.3	121.9	4.7	4.7
Dec 04 (r)	118.8	4.0	4.4	118.3	3.9	4.3	122.1	4.3	4.6
Jan 05 (r)	120.2	4.0	4.2	119.5	3.9	4.1	122.8	4.8	4.6
Feb 05	120.2	5.6	4.5	119.6	5.9	4.5	123.3	4.6	4.6
Mar 05	120.3	4.0	4.5	119.5	4.0	4.6	123.3	4.2	4.6 (r)
Apr 05	120.6	4.2	4.6	119.7	4.0	4.6	124.3	4.9	4.6
May 05	120.8	4.1	4.1	119.3	3.3	3.8	127.8	7.7	5.6
Jun 05	121.1	4.0	4.1	120.2	3.9	3.7	125.0	4.3	5.6
Jul 05	121.6	4.5	4.2	120.7	4.6	3.9	125.2	4.4	5.5
Aug 05	121.9	4.0	4.2	121.0	4.0	4.1	125.9	4.3	4.3
Sep 05	122.1	3.8	4.1	121.2	3.7	4.1	126.1	4.0	4.2
Oct 05	122.3	3.1	3.6	121.3	2.9	3.5	126.7	4.0	4.1
Nov 05 (r)	122.9	3.4	3.4	121.9	3.1	3.3	127.3	4.4	4.1
Dec 05 (r)	123.7	4.1	3.5	122.9	3.9	3.3	127.9	4.7	4.4
Jan 06 (p)	123.9	3.0	3.5	122.8	2.8	3.3	127.9	4.1	4.4
	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
Jan 04	114.3	3.6	3.5	115.7	6.2	4.8	115.4	7.5	5.0
Nov 04 (r)	117.1	3.0	3.1	119.0	4.6	4.5	117.9	4.6	4.4
Dec 04 (r)	117.7	3.6	3.3	119.1	4.1	4.5	118.0	4.1	4.5
Jan 05 (r)	117.5	2.8	3.1	120.6	4.2	4.3	119.8	3.8	4.2
Feb 05	118.6	3.6	3.3 (r)	120.5	6.3	4.9 (r)	119.5	6.8	4.9 (r)
Mar 05	120.0	3.9	3.4 (r)	120.7	4.3	4.9 (r)	119.5	4.3	4.9
Apr 05	118.9	3.0	3.5	120.8	4.5	5.0	119.6	4.3	5.1
May 05	118.2	1.9	3.0	121.2	4.7	4.5	119.4	3.8	4.1
Jun 05	119.3	2.9	2.6	121.4	4.3	4.5	120.1	4.2	4.1
Jul 05	120.1	3.4	2.8	121.8	4.9	4.6	120.6	5.0	4.4
Aug 05	121.0	4.3	3.5	121.9	4.0	4.4	120.8	4.0	4.4
Sep 05	121.6	4.6	4.1	122.0	3.5	4.1	120.7	3.4	4.1
Oct 05	122.0	4.4	4.4	122.1	2.8	3.4	120.7	2.4	3.3
Nov 05 (r)	122.2	4.4	4.5	122.9	3.3	3.2	121.5	3.0	2.9
Dec 05 (r)	122.8	4.3	4.4	123.7	3.8	3.3	122.3	3.6	3.0
Jan 06 (p)	123.4	5.0	4.6	123.8	2.7	3.3	122.5	2.3	2.9

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 819024

A more detailed level of industry breakdown can be obtained by contacting the NS Time Series Data Service: 020 7533 5675.

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	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	
Jan 04	115.5	3.8	3.6	115.0	3.8	3.5	117.4	4.1	4.2
Nov 04	(r) 119.6	4.4	4.4	119.0	4.3	4.3	122.1	4.7	4.7
Dec 04	(r) 120.2	4.5	4.5	119.7	4.5	4.4	122.4	4.5	4.7
Jan 05	(r) 120.3	4.2	4.4	119.6	4.0	4.3	123.1	4.9	4.7
Feb 05	120.7	4.1	4.3	120.0	4.0	4.2 (r)	123.5	4.7	4.7
Mar 05	121.0	3.9	4.1	120.4	3.8	3.9	123.7	4.4	4.7 (r)
Apr 05	121.6	4.1	4.1	120.8	3.9	3.9	124.5	4.9	4.7
May 05	121.8	3.9	4.0	120.9	3.6	3.8	125.3	5.1	4.8
Jun 05	122.2	3.9	4.0	121.4	3.8	3.8	125.2	4.4	4.8
Jul 05	122.8	4.1	4.0	122.3	4.1	3.8	125.3	4.1	4.5
Aug 05	123.1	3.9	4.0	122.5	3.8	3.9	125.7	4.2	4.3
Sep 05	123.5	3.9	4.0	122.8	4.0	4.0	126.1	3.9	4.1
Oct 05	123.7	3.7	3.9	123.0	3.7	3.8	126.6	3.8	4.0
Nov 05	(r) 124.2	3.9	3.8	123.5	3.8	3.8	127.2	4.2	4.0
Dec 05	(r) 124.6	3.6	3.7	123.9	3.5	3.7	127.6	4.2	4.1
Jan 06	(p) 125.1	4.0	3.8	124.4	4.0	3.8	127.9	3.9	4.1
	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
Jan 04	114.8	3.8	3.6	115.6	3.8	3.6	115.0	3.7	3.4
Nov 04	(r) 118.3	3.8	3.7	119.9	4.5	4.5	119.1	4.5	4.4
Dec 04	(r) 118.8	3.9	3.9	120.5	4.6	4.6	119.8	4.7	4.6
Jan 05	(r) 118.9	3.6	3.8	120.6	4.3	4.5	119.7	4.1	4.4
Feb 05	119.4	3.8	3.8	121.1	4.4	4.4	120.2	4.3	4.4 (r)
Mar 05	119.7	3.2	3.5	121.5	4.3	4.3	120.7	4.3	4.2
Apr 05	119.8	3.4	3.5	122.0	4.4	4.4	121.1	4.2	4.2
May 05	120.0	3.0	3.2	122.2	4.2	4.3	121.1	3.8	4.1
Jun 05	120.6	3.4	3.3	122.5	4.0	4.2	121.5	3.9	4.0
Jul 05	121.2	3.2	3.2	123.2	4.4	4.2	122.6	4.5	4.1
Aug 05	122.0	4.1	3.6	123.4	4.0	4.1	122.5	3.9	4.1
Sep 05	122.5	4.6	4.0	123.7	3.8	4.0	122.8	3.8	4.0
Oct 05	122.8	4.1	4.3	124.0	3.6	3.8	123.0	3.5	3.7
Nov 05	(r) 123.2	4.1	4.3	124.5	3.8	3.7	123.4	3.6	3.6
Dec 05	(r) 123.4	3.9	4.1	124.8	3.6	3.7	123.8	3.4	3.5
Jan 06	(p) 124.7	4.9	4.3	125.3	3.9	3.8	124.3	3.8	3.6

For footnotes and contact details - see Table 15.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

17 Productivity and unit wage costs

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy		Manufacturing				
	Unit Wage Costs	Output per Worker	Unit Wage Costs		Output per filled job		
			% changes year on year		% changes year on year		
	% change over year	% change over year	single month	3 month average*	single month	3 month average*	
LOJE	A4YN	LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV		
Jan 04	(r)	-4.6	-3.6	8.6	7.4		
Jan 05	(r)	-0.8	-1.4	3.7	4.6		
Feb 05	(r)	-0.4	-0.7	4.0	4.1		
2003 Q3	2.1	1.4	Mar 05 (r)	2.6	0.5	1.2	3.0
			Apr 05 (r)	1.3	1.2	1.7	2.3
			May 05 (r)	-0.3	1.2	2.3	1.7
2004 Q2	1.4	2.8	Jun 05 (r)	-0.3	0.2	3.2	2.4
2004 Q3	1.1	2.0	Jul 05 (r)	-1.0	-0.5	4.5	3.3
2004 Q4	2.8	1.2	Aug 05 (r)	0.4	-0.3	3.9	3.8
			Sep 05 (r)	2.5	0.6	2.0	3.4
			Oct 05 (r)	2.7	1.9	1.7	2.5
2005 Q1	3.2	0.9	Nov 05 (r)	3.6	2.9	0.8	1.5
2005 Q2	3.0	0.6	Dec 05 (r)	2.9	3.1	1.4	1.3
2005 Q3	3.0	0.4	Jan 06	2.1	2.9	2.8	1.7

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 812766

SUB-NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(1) Regional labour market summary

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey¹ (November 2005 to January 2006)

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (November 2005 to January 2006)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
		Total	Total	Men		Women	Total	Total	Men		Women	Total	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	2,054	1,205	74.6	646	559	1,125	69.6	598	72.5	527	66.5	81	6.7	48	7.5	32	5.8
North West	5,450	3,319	76.4	1,766	1,552	3,158	72.6	1,675	75.5	1,483	69.5	161	4.8	91	5.1	70	4.5
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,032	2,526	78.7	1,366	1,160	2,398	74.6	1,293	79.0	1,105	70.0	128	5.1	73	5.4	55	4.7
East Midlands	3,439	2,234	81.1	1,215	1,019	2,132	77.3	1,153	81.4	979	72.9	102	4.6	62	5.1	40	3.9
West Midlands	4,253	2,644	77.7	1,459	1,185	2,504	73.4	1,377	78.6	1,128	67.8	140	5.3	82	5.6	57	4.8
East	4,395	2,846	81.1	1,548	1,298	2,715	77.2	1,479	82.3	1,236	71.7	131	4.6	69	4.5	62	4.7
London	6,016	3,904	75.2	2,169	1,735	3,623	69.7	2,007	75.8	1,616	63.2	281	7.2	162	7.5	120	6.9
South East	6,477	4,291	82.4	2,322	1,969	4,120	79.0	2,227	83.9	1,893	73.8	171	4.0	95	4.1	76	3.9
South West	4,062	2,555	81.0	1,372	1,183	2,453	77.6	1,319	81.5	1,134	73.5	102	4.0	53	3.9	49	4.1
England	40,179	25,524	78.8	13,863	11,661	24,228	74.7	13,127	79.2	11,101	69.8	1,296	5.1	735	5.3	561	4.8
Wales	2,371	1,398	75.7	749	649	1,328	71.8	704	74.7	624	68.7	70	5.0	45	6.1	24	3.7
Scotland	4,113	2,596	79.4	1,374	1,222	2,463	75.3	1,297	78.5	1,167	71.9	133	5.1	78	5.7	55	4.5
Great Britain	46,663	29,518	78.7	15,986	13,532	28,019	74.6	15,127	78.9	12,892	69.9	1,499	5.1	859	5.4	640	4.7
N Ireland	1,324	789	72.3	433	356	757	69.3	412	74.1	345	64.3	32	4.0	21	4.9	10	2.9
United Kingdom	47,988	30,334	78.6	16,435	13,899	28,806	74.5	15,556	78.9	13,250	69.8	1,528	5.0	879	5.3	649	4.7

Change on quarter:⁴

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (November 2005 to January 2006)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
		Total	Total	Men		Women	Total	Total	Men		Women	Total	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
4	3	0.1	-2	5	1	0.0	1	-0.3	0	0.4	2	0.1	-2	-0.4	4	0.7	
North East	4	3	0.1	-2	5	1	0.0	1	-0.3	0	0.4	2	0.1	-2	-0.4	4	0.7
North West	11	-43	-0.9	-9	-33	-48	-1.1	-10	-0.7	-37	-1.4	5	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.3
Yorkshire & the Humber	8	29	0.6	10	19	22	0.5	8	0.2	15	0.8	6	0.2	2	0.1	4	0.3
East Midlands	7	18	0.2	14	4	11	0.0	9	0.3	2	-0.3	7	0.3	5	0.4	2	0.2
West Midlands	9	14	0.2	13	1	0	-0.2	7	0.2	-7	-0.7	14	0.5	6	0.4	8	0.7
East	9	-17	-0.9	-23	5	-28	-1.2	-26	-1.8	-2	-0.6	11	0.4	4	0.3	7	0.5
London	11	23	0.1	15	8	29	0.2	28	0.7	1	-0.3	-6	-0.2	-13	-0.7	7	0.4
South East	13	9	-0.1	6	3	18	0.1	10	0.3	8	-0.1	-8	-0.2	-4	-0.2	-5	-0.2
South West	8	2	-0.2	-1	3	-12	-0.7	-2	-0.3	-10	-1.1	13	0.5	0	0.0	13	1.1
England	80	38	-0.1	24	14	-6	-0.3	25	-0.1	-31	-0.4	44	0.2	-1	0.0	45	0.4
Wales	4	0	0.0	-2	2	-5	-0.2	-6	-0.6	0	0.1	5	0.4	4	0.6	1	0.2
Scotland	5	-9	-0.3	-6	-3	3	0.1	1	0.3	2	-0.1	-12	-0.4	-7	-0.5	-5	-0.4
Great Britain	90	29	-0.1	17	12	-9	-0.2	20	-0.1	-29	-0.4	38	0.1	-3	0.0	41	0.3
N Ireland	3	-1	-0.3	-1	0	-1	-0.3	-1	-0.2	0	-0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
United Kingdom	93	31	-0.1	16	14	-7	-0.2	21	-0.1	-28	-0.4	37	0.1	-5	0.0	42	0.3

Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (November 2005 to January 2006)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
		Total	Total	Men		Women	Total	Total	Men		Women	Total	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
16	5	-0.5	4	0	-9	-1.3	-2	-1.1	-7	-1.5	14	1.1	7	1.0	7	1.3	
North East	16	5	-0.5	4	0	-9	-1.3	-2	-1.1	-7	-1.5	14	1.1	7	1.0	7	1.3
North West	43	-29	-1.0	-23	-7	-38	-1.2	-26	-2.0	-11	-0.5	8	0.3	4	0.3	5	0.3
Yorkshire & the Humber	35	51	0.7	37	14	33	0.2	28	0.6	4	-0.3	18	0.6	9	0.5	9	0.8
East Midlands	30	66	1.2	31	35	55	0.9	20	0.4	35	1.4	11	0.4	10	0.7	0	-0.1
West Midlands	36	19	-0.5	21	-2	4	-1.0	13	-0.3	-9	-1.7	15	0.5	8	0.4	7	0.6
East	37	7	-0.9	-6	13	-11	-1.4	-10	-1.4	-1	-1.5	18	0.6	4	0.3	14	1.0
London	65	92	0.5	45	46	76	0.3	37	0.0	39	0.6	16	0.2	9	0.3	7	0.2
South East	54	57	0.1	16	41	47	0.0	14	-0.4	33	0.3	10	0.2	2	0.1	8	0.3
South West	32	4	-0.7	-9	13	-6	-1.1	-8	-1.5	2	-0.6	10	0.4	-1	0.0	11	0.9
England	348	270	-0.1	117	153	150	-0.5	65	-0.6	85	-0.3	120	0.4	52	0.3	68	0.5
Wales	17	10	0.3	15	-5	0	-0.2	5	0.0	-5	-0.4	10	0.7	10	1.2	0	0.0
Scotland	23	-4	-0.3	1	-5	11	0.2	12	0.6	-1	-0.3	-14	-0.6	-10	-0.8	-4	-0.3
Great Britain	388	277	-0.1	133	144	162	-0.4	82	-0.5	80	-0.3	115	0.3	51	0.3	64	0.4
N Ireland	14	16	0.5	4	11	20	0.9	8	0.5	12	1.3	-4	-0.6	-4	-0.9	0	-0.2
United Kingdom	402	288	-0.1	132	156	178	-0.4	87	-0.5	92	-0.3	109	0.3	45	0.2	64	0.4

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

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

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 020 7533 6094

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

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

SUB-NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (December 2005); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (February 2006); 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	1,140	611	529	48.3	4.2	37.1	6.0	11.2	2.1
North West	3,451	1,857	1,594	111.0	3.2	84.0	4.5	27.0	1.7
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,554	1,351	1,202	84.8	3.3	63.8	4.5	21.0	1.8
East Midlands	2,099	1,122	977	59.6	2.9	43.3	3.9	16.3	1.7
West Midlands	2,644	1,424	1,219	103.9	3.8	78.6	5.3	25.3	2.1
East	2,709	1,456	1,253	63.0	2.2	45.6	3.0	17.4	1.3
London	4,622	2,517	2,105	168.0	3.6	118.9	4.5	49.1	2.4
South East	4,289	2,262	2,028	79.3	1.8	58.1	2.5	21.2	1.1
South West	2,552	1,321	1,232	44.3	1.7	32.3	2.3	12.0	1.0
England	26,062	13,923	12,139	762.2	2.9	561.7	3.9	200.5	1.7
Wales	1,355	697	658	44.1	3.3	33.4	4.7	10.7	1.7
Scotland	2,615	1,342	1,273	85.1	3.2	64.4	4.6	20.7	1.7
Great Britain	30,032	15,962	14,070	891.4	2.9	659.5	4.0	231.9	1.7
N Ireland	817	436	381	28.3	3.3	21.2	4.6	7.1	1.9
United Kingdom	30,849	16,398	14,451	919.7	2.9	680.7	4.0	239.0	1.7

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on December 2004); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on January 2006); 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	13	0	1.8	0.2	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.1
North West	6	31	-25	2.7	0.1	2.0	0.1	0.7	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	10	-1	11	1.3	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.0
East Midlands	11	3	8	1.2	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.0
West Midlands	-17	-12	-5	1.9	0.1	1.4	0.1	0.5	0.0
East	16	0	17	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.0
London	123	83	40	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
South East	7	-12	19	1.8	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.5	0.0
South West	-10	-20	10	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
England	160	85	75	12.8	0.0	9.6	0.1	3.2	0.0
Wales	5	-4	9	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Scotland	29	19	10	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.0
Great Britain	194	100	94	14.5	0.0	11.0	0.1	3.5	0.0
N Ireland	6	4	2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
United Kingdom	200	104	96	14.6	0.0	11.0	0.1	3.6	0.0

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

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

2. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

SUB-NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

19 International comparisons

	Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %	Unemployment rate (%) ³				
				Latest Period	Change on period %	Change on year %	Change on year %	
As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)				As published by EUROSTAT: 1 March 2006 (seasonally adjusted)				
Austria	Jul-Sep 05	69.7	0.9	Austria	Jan 06	5.2	0.0	0.1
Belgium	Jul-Sep 05	61.2	0.8	Belgium	Dec 05	8.5	0.0	0.0
Cyprus	Jul-Sep 05	68.7	-0.4	Cyprus	Jan 06	5.3	0.4	0.1
Czech Republic	Jul-Sep 05	65.2	0.8	Czech Republic	Jan 06	7.8	0.0	-0.3
Denmark	Jul-Sep 05	76.1	-0.5	Denmark	Dec 05	4.4	-0.1	-0.8
Estonia	Jul-Sep 05	64.7	1.4	Estonia	Jan 06	6.2	-0.3	-2.7
Finland	Jul-Sep 05	69.6	0.3	Finland	Jan 06	8.2	-0.1	-0.4
France	Jul-Sep 05	63.6	0.0	France	Jan 06	9.2	0.0	-0.4
Germany	Jul-Sep 05	65.7	..	Germany	Jan 06	9.1	-0.4	-0.6
Greece	Jul-Sep 05	60.3	0.6	Greece	2005 Q3	10.1	0.2	-0.4
Hungary	Jul-Sep 05	57.3	0.5	Hungary	Dec 05	7.3	0.0	0.7
Ireland	Jul-Sep 05	68.8	1.6	Ireland	Jan 06	4.3	0.0	0.0
Italy	Jul-Sep 05	57.4	-0.4	Italy	2005 Q3	7.5	-0.1	-0.4
Latvia	Jul-Sep 05	63.8	0.5	Latvia	Jan 06	8.2	0.1	-1.4
Lithuania	Jul-Sep 05	63.4	1.7	Lithuania	Jan 06	6.9	0.1	-2.7
Luxembourg	Oct-Dec 04	61.6	-1.1	Luxembourg	Jan 06	5.5	-0.1	0.6
Malta	Jul-Sep 05	53.5	-0.5	Malta	Jan 06	7.8	0.3	0.7
Netherlands	Jul-Sep 05	73.7	0.2	Netherlands	Jan 06	4.6	0.0	-0.3
Poland	Jul-Sep 05	53.7	1.4	Poland	Jan 06	17.2	0.0	-0.9
Portugal	Jul-Sep 05	67.5	-0.3	Portugal	Jan 06	7.7	-0.1	0.5
Slovak Republic	Jul-Sep 05	58.0	0.4	Slovak Republic	Jan 06	15.8	-0.3	-1.1
Slovenia	Jul-Sep 05	66.6	-0.2	Slovenia	Jan 06	6.3	-0.1	-0.1
Spain	Jul-Sep 05	63.9	2.4	Spain	Jan 06	8.4	-0.1	-1.7
Sweden	Jul-Sep 05	73.6	0.3	Sweden	Mar 05	6.3	-0.2	0.0
United Kingdom	Jul-Sep 05	71.9	0.2	United Kingdom⁴	Nov 05	5.0	0.1	0.4
EU25	Apr-Jun 05	63.7	0.6	EU25	Jan 06	8.5	0.0	-0.4
EU15	Apr-Jun 05	65.1	0.5	EU15	Jan 06	7.7	0.0	-0.3
Eurozone	Apr-Jun 05	63.6	0.8	Eurozone	Jan 06	8.3	0.0	-0.5
As published by national statistical offices				As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)				
Canada (NSA)	Oct-Dec 05	72.6	0.1	Canada	Feb 06	6.4	-0.2	-0.6
Japan (NSA)	Oct-Dec 05	69.4	0.5	Japan	Dec 05	4.4	-0.2	0.0
United Kingdom (SA)	Nov-Jan 06	74.5	-0.4	United Kingdom⁴	Nov-Jan 06	5.0	0.1	0.3
United States (NSA)	Oct-Dec 05	71.6	0.3	United States	Jan 06	4.7	-0.2	-0.5

Sources: Eurostat, StatsBLS, StatCan and Stat.go.JP.
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1. The UK employment rate shown in the lower part of the table - as published by the Office for National Statistics - is seasonally adjusted; all other employment rates are unadjusted.

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

Eurozone: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

EU15: Eurozone plus Denmark, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

EU25: EU15 plus Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovak Republic and Slovenia.

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

	Working days lost (thousands)	Number of stoppages ¹	Workers involved (thousands) ¹
2004 Jan	32	16	23
2005 Jan	1	7	1
Feb	8	8	7
Mar	4	7	3
Apr	6 (r)	16 (r)	4 (r)
May	32	19 (r)	27 (r)
June	5	15 (r)	3 (r)
Jul	15	16 (r)	6
Aug	17	15	5
Sep	29	21 (r)	7
Oct	7	15	5
Nov	19	12	19
Dec	15	13	14
2006 Jan (p)	77	13	47
Cumulative totals 12 months to:			
Jan 06 (p)	233	122	138
Jan 05	874	128	283

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

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

			Monthly estimates		Average for three months ending in month shown	
			Level	Level	Vacancy ratio ²	
			AP2X	AP2Y	AP2Z	
2004	Feb		621.2	611.2	2.3	
2005	Feb	(r)	634.8	646.9	2.5	
	Mar		619.3	636.9	2.4	
	Apr		648.7	632.9	2.4	
	May		646.7	639.1	2.5	
	Jun		628.0	640.9	2.5	
	Jul		632.7	635.8	2.4	
	Aug		616.3	625.4	2.4	
	Sep		607.5	619.2	2.4	
	Oct		598.6	604.7	2.3	
	Nov	(r)	607.6	601.2	2.3	
	Dec	(r)	627.9	607.6	2.3	
2006	Jan	(r)	612.9	615.7	2.4	
	Feb	(p)	610.7	617.6	2.4	
Change from 3 months ago			3.1	16.4	0.1	
Change %			0.5	2.7		
Change on year			-24.1	-29.3	-0.1	
Change %			-3.8	-4.5		

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

22 Vacancies by industry

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Averages for 3 months ending

SIC92 sections		All vacancies ¹ C-O	Energy and water ² C, E	Manu- facturing D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comm- unications I	Finance & business services J-K	Education, health & public admin ³ L-N	Other services ² O	Total services G-O										
												AP2Y	AP32	AP33	AP34	AP35	AP36	AP37	AP38	AP39	AP3A
												AP2Z	AP3B	AP3C	AP3D	AP3E	AP3F	AP3G	AP3H	AP3I	AP3J
Levels (thousands)																					
Feb 04		611.2	2.1	57.0	23.0	185.4	50.7	123.5	140.1	29.4	529.1										
Feb 05	(r)	646.9	2.8	58.3	22.6	194.9	49.7	141.1	147.2	30.1	563.0										
Mar 05		636.9	2.9	57.2	23.5	191.5	48.1	136.0	147.9	29.8	553.3										
Apr 05		632.9	2.8	55.9	23.8	188.4	46.8	137.5	148.1	29.6	550.4										
May 05		639.1	3.0	54.1	24.1	188.1	47.5	139.2	153.0	30.1	557.9										
Jun 05		640.9	2.8	52.5	22.1	187.9	48.7	142.3	154.3	30.3	563.5										
Jul 05		635.8	2.7	50.4	18.2	187.1	48.2	143.9	153.3	32.0	564.5										
Aug 05		625.4	2.5	49.9	19.9	185.0	46.4	139.4	149.9	32.3	553.0										
Sep 05		619.2	2.6	49.2	20.1	184.6	45.8	139.6	147.9	29.6	547.5										
Oct 05		604.7	2.7	48.5	22.0	179.0	43.7	134.9	144.3	29.7	531.6										
Nov 05	(r)	601.2	3.0	49.5	23.6	174.3	44.5	138.1	140.9	27.2	525.0										
Dec 05	(r)	607.6	3.0	50.0	25.0	174.1	43.6	140.7	141.5	29.7	529.6										
Jan 06	(r)	615.7	3.3	51.6	26.2	174.1	46.2	144.3	141.0	29.1	534.7										
Feb 06	(p)	617.6	3.5	52.2	25.6	171.3	46.5	148.9	138.9	30.5	536.1										
Change from 3 months ago		16.4	0.5	2.7	2.0	-3.0	2.0	10.8	-2.0	3.3	11.1										
Change %		2.7	16.7	5.5	8.5	-1.7	4.5	7.8	-1.4	12.1	2.1										
Change on year		-29.3	0.7	-6.1	3.0	-23.6	-3.2	7.8	-8.3	0.4	-26.9										
Change %		-4.5	25.0	-10.5	13.3	-12.1	-6.4	5.5	-5.6	1.3	-4.8										
Ratio per 100 employee jobs																					
Feb 04		2.3	1.2	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.2	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.5										
Feb 05	(r)	2.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.2	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.6										
Mar 05		2.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.6										
Apr 05		2.4	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.6										
May 05		2.5	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.6										
Jun 05		2.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.6										
Jul 05		2.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.6										
Aug 05		2.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.6										
Sep 05		2.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.6										
Oct 05		2.3	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.5										
Nov 05	(r)	2.3	1.7	1.5	1.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.0	2.5										
Dec 05	(r)	2.3	1.7	1.5	2.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.5										
Jan 06	(r)	2.4	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.5										
Feb 06	(p)	2.4	2.0	1.6	2.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.5										
Change from 3 months ago		0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1										
Change on year		-0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1										

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

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

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies: levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Nov-Jan 2004	139	5.7	90	7.2	49	4.1
Nov-Jan 2005	138	5.6	88	6.9	50	4.2
Feb-Apr 2005	129	5.2	79	6.2	50	4.1
May-Jul 2005	144	5.8	93	7.3	51	4.2
Aug-Oct 2005	142	5.7	89	7.0	53	4.4
Nov-Jan 2006	142	5.7	98	7.7	44	3.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-9</i>	<i>-0.7</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.1</i>		<i>9.9</i>		<i>-16.8</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-6</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>3.2</i>		<i>11.8</i>		<i>-11.7</i>	

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

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

24 Redundancies by industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

People	All redundancies ²	Agriculture, fishing, energy & water (A-C,E)	Manufacturing (D)	Construction (F)	Distribution, hotels and restaurants (G,H)	Transport and communication (I)	Banking, finance and insurance (J-K)	Education, health & public administration ³ (L-N)	Total services ⁴ (G-Q)
	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Sep-Nov 2003	149	*	43	16	30	10	29	12	87
Sep-Nov 2004	139	*	33	15	31	10	28	15	87
Dec-Feb 2005	142	*	44	13	25	15	29	*	82
Mar-May 2005	127	*	30	14	31	12	23	*	77
Jun-Aug 2005	151	*	55	11	30	*	25	15	83
Sep-Nov 2005	138	*	35	13	30	10	21	17	84
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-3</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>-9.9</i>	<i>-2.7</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-25.1</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>-3.0</i>

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

4. Other services (O-Q) are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable redundancy estimates.

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