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

In the latest reference period the working age employment rate was 73.6 per cent, down 0.5 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of people in employment decreased by 157,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 7.1 per cent, up 0.8 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 244,000 over the quarter.

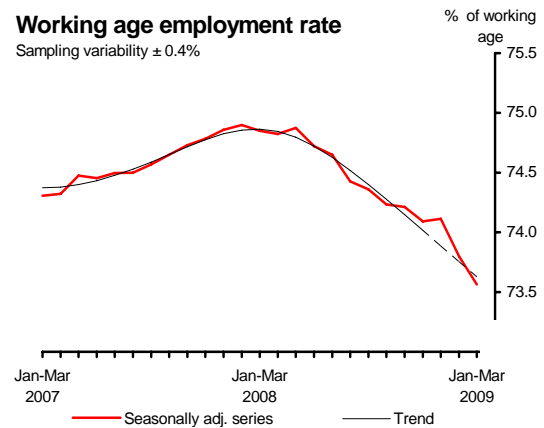
The claimant count was 1.51 million, up 57,100 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 455,000, down 51,000 from the previous quarter.

The earnings annual growth rate (including bonuses) was minus 0.4 per cent, down 0.6 percentage points from the previous period. The earnings annual growth rate (excluding bonuses) was plus 3.0 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points on the previous period.

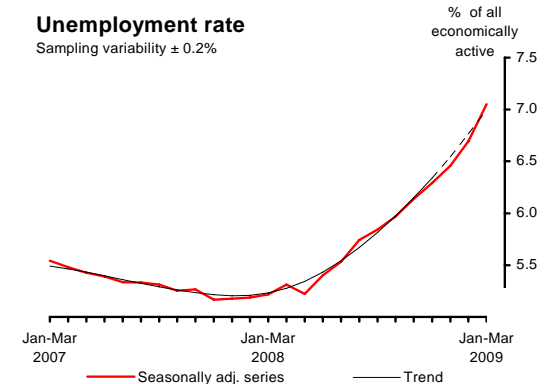
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.4\%$



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.2\%$



UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	Jan-Mar 09	29,204	73.6	-157	-0.5	± 103	± 0.3
Unemployment**	Jan-Mar 09	2,215	7.1	244	0.8	± 75	± 0.2
Economically active*	Jan-Mar 09	31,419	79.3	87	0.1	± 96	± 0.2
Economically inactive***	Jan-Mar 09	7,828	20.7	-29	-0.1	± 89	± 0.2
Claimant count	Apr 2009	1,513.0	4.7	57.1	0.2		
Workforce jobs	Dec 2008	31,318		-203		..	
Vacancies****	Feb-Apr 09	455	1.7	-51	-0.2
GB Average Earnings							
- including bonuses	Jan-Mar 09		-0.4 [#]		-0.6	$\pm 1.3^{##}$	$\pm 0.4^{###}$
- excluding bonuses	Jan-Mar 09		+3.0 [#]		-0.2	$\pm 0.6^{##}$	$\pm 0.2^{###}$

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

Employment (Tables 2 to 4, and 8)

The working age employment rate was 73.6 per cent in the three months to March 2009, down 0.5 percentage points on the three months to December 2008 and down 1.3 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.20 million in the three months to March 2009, down 157,000 from the three months to December 2008 and down 295,000 on a year earlier.

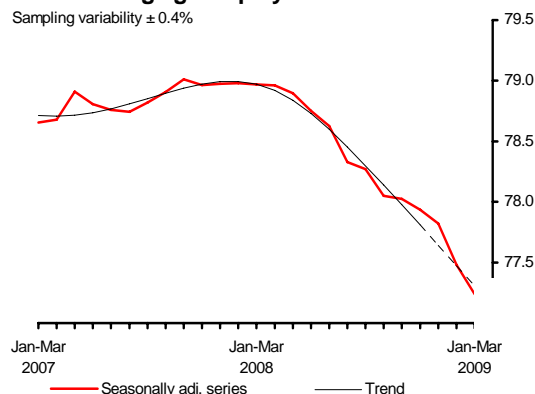
The number of people in full-time employment was 21.67 million in the three months to March 2009, down 160,000 from the three months to December 2008. Of this total 13.87 million were men and 7.80 million were women. The number of people in part-time employment was 7.53 million in the three months to March 2009, up 3,000 from the three months to December 2008. Of this total, 1.83 million were men and 5.70 million were women.

The number of people in public sector employment was 5.78 million in December 2008, up 15,000 from September 2008. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.60 million, down 13,000 from September 2008.

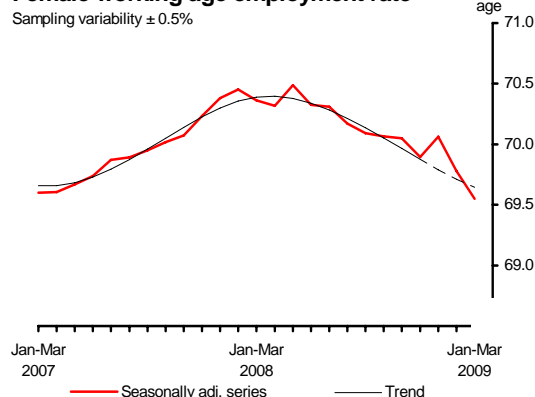
The number of UK born people in employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 25.28 million in the three months to March 2009, down 451,000 from the three months to March 2008. The number of non-UK born people in employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.81 million, up 129,000 from the three months to March 2008.

The working age employment rate for UK born people (not seasonally adjusted) was 74.1 per cent in the three months to March 2009, down 1.3 percentage points on the year. The corresponding employment rate for non-UK born people was 68.4 per cent, down 0.9 percentage points on the year.

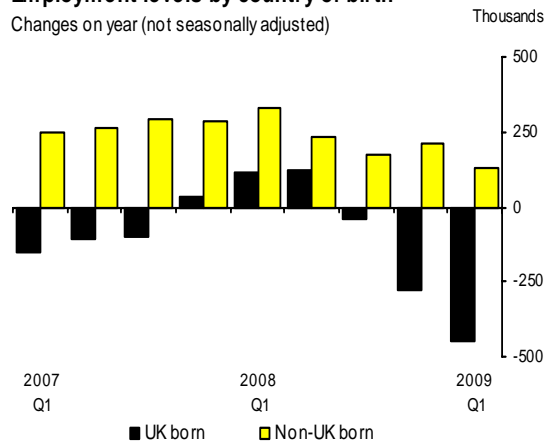
Male working age employment rate



Female working age employment rate



Employment levels by country of birth



Workforce Jobs (table 5)

There were 31.32 million workforce jobs in December 2008, down 203,000 over the quarter and down 284,000 on a year earlier. Most sectors showed decreases in jobs over the quarter with the largest quarterly fall occurring in finance and business services, which fell by 102,000.

Production industries employee jobs (table 6)

There were 2.73 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to March 2009, down 160,000 on a year earlier. Over the same period employee jobs in mining, energy and water supply industries were unchanged at 179,000.

Hours (table 7)

Total hours worked per week were 921.0 million in the three months to March 2009, down 13.1 million from the three months to December 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to March 2009 were 31.6, down 0.3 from the three months to December 2008.

Unemployment (table 9)

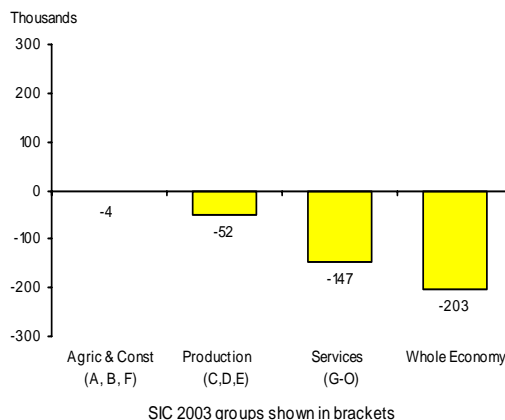
The unemployment rate was 7.1 per cent in the three months to March 2009, up 0.8 percentage points from the three months to December 2008 and up 1.8 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 2.22 million in the three months to March 2009, up 244,000 from the three months to December 2008 and up 592,000 from a year earlier.

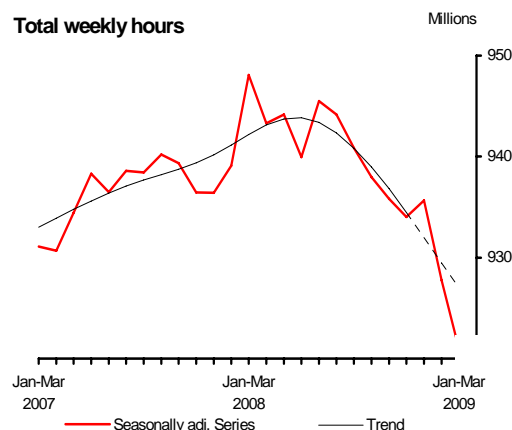
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 506,000 in the three months to March 2009, up 53,000 from the three months to December 2008.

Workforce jobs by industry - December 2008

Changes on quarter from September 2008

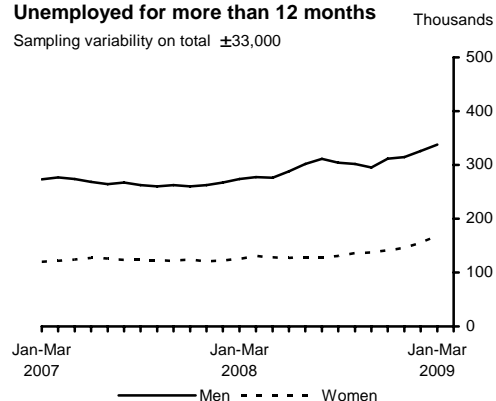


Total weekly hours



Unemployed for more than 12 months

Sampling variability on total ±33,000



The number of unemployed men was 1.34 million in the three months to March 2009, up 155,000 from the three months to December 2008. The number of unemployed women was 880,000 in the three months to March 2009, up 89,000 from the three months to December 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 676,000 in the three months to March 2009, up 60,000 from the three months to December 2008.

Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in April 2009 was 1.51 million, up 57,100 on the previous month and up 710,700 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate was 4.7 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous month and up 2.2 percentage points from a year earlier.

Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

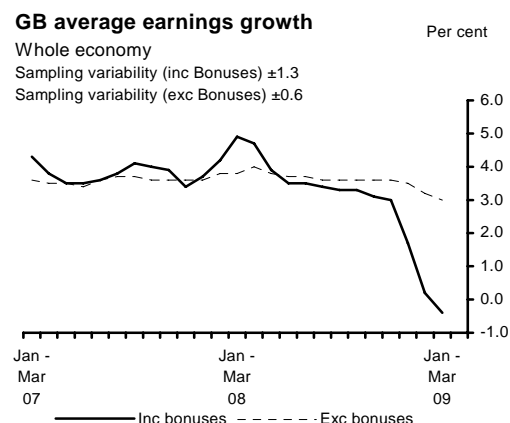
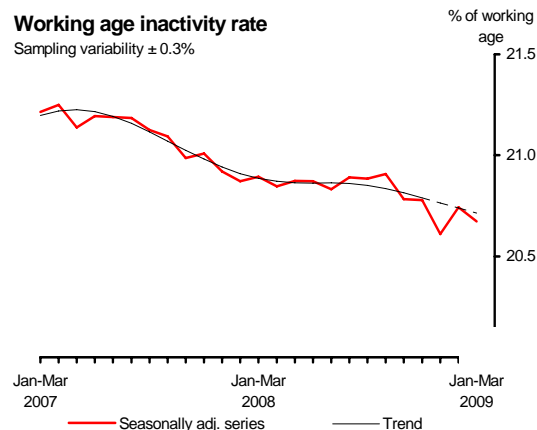
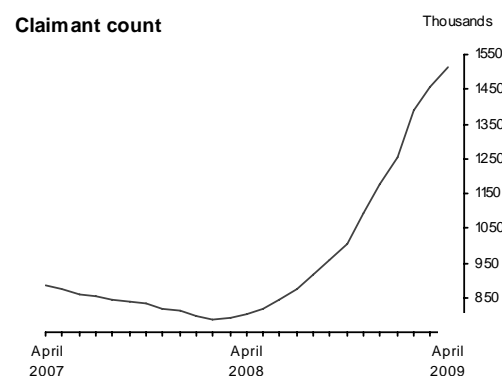
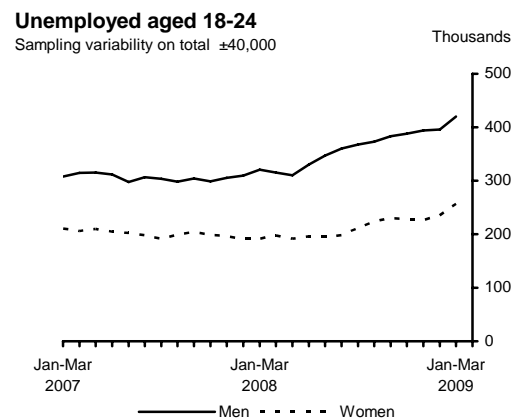
The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.7 per cent in the three months to March 2009, down 0.1 percentage point on the three months to December 2008 and down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age fell by 29,000 over the quarter and by 43,000 over the year to reach 7.83 million in the three months to March 2009.

GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to March 2009 whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, rose by 3.0 per cent on a year earlier. This is down 0.2 percentage points from the three months to February 2009. Average earnings, including bonuses, fell by 0.4 per cent on a year earlier, down 0.6 percentage points from the previous period. Annual growth rates for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

- + 1.1 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points;
- + 1.0 per cent including bonuses, down 0.4 percentage points.



Services

- + 3.3 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points;
- 0.7 per cent including bonuses, down 0.8 percentage points.

Public sector

- + 3.6 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points;
- + 3.6 per cent including bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points.

Private sector

- + 2.9 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points;
- 1.2 per cent including bonuses, down 0.8 percentage points.

Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 1.8 per cent lower in the fourth quarter of 2008 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 4.7 per cent over the same period.

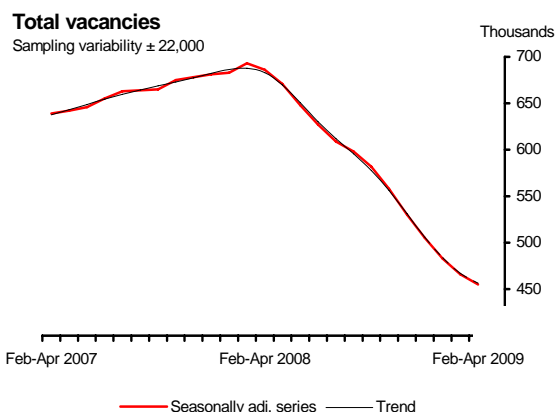
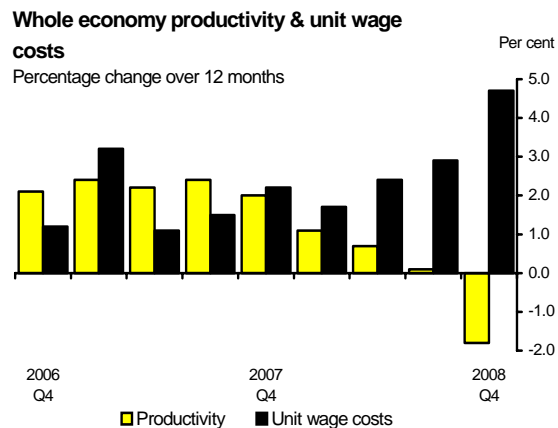
Manufacturing productivity decreased by 8.0 per cent in the three months to March 2009 compared with a year earlier. Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 9.8 per cent over the same period.

Labour disputes (table 20)

In March 2009, there were 3,000 working days lost from 13 stoppages. In the twelve months to March 2009, there were 700,000 working days lost from 140 stoppages.

Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 455,000 job vacancies in the three months to April 2009, down 51,000 from the three months to January 2009 and down 232,000 from a year earlier. There were 1.7 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.2 on the previous quarter and down 0.9 over the year.

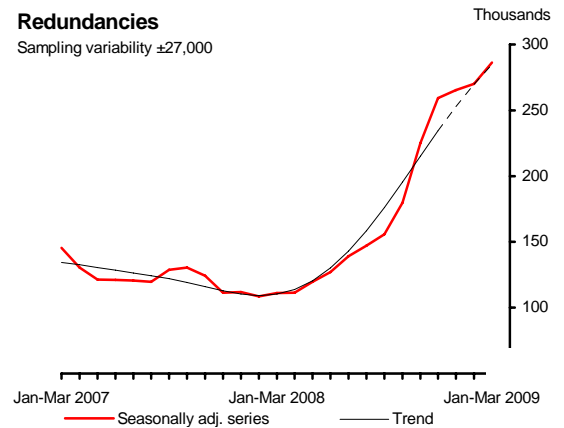


Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to March 2009, 286,000 people had become redundant in the three months before the Labour Force Survey interviews, up 27,000 from the previous quarter and up 175,000 from a year earlier. The redundancy rate was 11.3 per 1,000 employees, up 1.1 from the three months to December 2008 and up 6.9 from a year earlier.

Benefits (table 25)

In November 2008 the number of people claiming key out of work benefits (not seasonally adjusted) was 4.53 million, up 219,500 from November 2007.



BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

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

GUIDE TO LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS RELEASES

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

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

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

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

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

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

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of 'errors' in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical 'error' but, in this

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

RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and Average Earnings (AEI) data first published from May 2003 to April 2008. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from June 2001 to March 2006. 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 (%)	73.6	60	0.02	0.03
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1	60	0.00	0.02
Claimant count (000s)	1,513.0	60	-0.52	2.14
AEI including bonuses (%)	-0.4	60	0.01	0.10

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	31,318	20	432.7*	432.7*

A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if the mean revision is statistically significantly different from zero; this is indicated by an asterisk (*) in the above tables.

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

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

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

THIS MONTH'S RELEASE

New First Release tables

In order to provide a more complete picture of Labour Market statistics, some additional tables have been introduced in this release;

Employment by country of birth and nationality:

ONS has, for some time, published calendar quarter, not seasonally adjusted estimates of employment levels and rates by country of birth and nationality derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). A News Release including estimates for October-December 2008 was published by ONS on 11 February 2009 and is available at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/mw0209.pdf>

These estimates have now been incorporated into this release with the introduction of two new tables which show a breakdown by country of birth and nationality of total employment levels, at Table 8, and working age employment rates, at Table 8(1). Estimates for January-March 2009 are shown in this release and the estimates continue to be not seasonally adjusted and for calendar quarters. While the tables will be published every month, they will only be updated with new estimates four times a year (in February, May, August and November) coinciding with the publication of calendar quarter LFS data.

In order to accommodate these new tables the old Table 8 (Usual weekly hours of work) has been renumbered Table 7(1).

Lone Parent Claimant Count by age of youngest child:

From 24 November 2008, the eligibility for claiming lone parent income support changed. Lone parents who were previously eligible until their youngest child reached 16 have, since 24 November 2008, become ineligible once their youngest child reached 12. Further changes in the eligibility age to 10 and 7 years will occur in October 2009 and October 2010 respectively. Although this is not a change in the eligibility for Jobseeker's Allowance, it is

likely to have an impact on the level of the claimant count as lone parents who were not previously looking for work may start to do so.

The Dept. for Work and Pensions (DWP) have created a time series showing the number of lone parents in the claimant count, by age of youngest child, spanning the period from before the rule change. These estimates appear in a new Table 10(1) in this release. These estimates are not seasonally adjusted and they are designated as “Experimental Statistics” as they do not meet the quality standards required for them to be accorded “National Statistics” status. It is not possible to produce these estimates to the same timescale as the headline Claimant Count estimates shown at Table 10 and there is therefore a lag of one month. For example, in this release, Table 10 shows estimates up to April 2009 but Table 10(1) shows estimates up to March 2009.

Key out of work benefits:

Estimates of claimants of Jobseeker’s Allowance (the Claimant Count) have been included in the Labour Market Statistics First Release since its inception in 1998. However Jobseeker’s Allowance (JSA) is only one of a number of benefits that are paid to people who are out of work. Estimates for claimants of other benefits are available in the Dept. for Work and Pensions (DWP) Quarterly Statistical Summary, which is available on the DWP website at: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/statistical_summaries.asp

In order to provide a fuller picture of out of work benefits in the Labour Market Statistics First Release, a new Table 25 (Key out of work benefits) has been introduced in this release. This table shows both numbers of claimants and proportions of the working age population for those benefits which the DWP designate as “key out of work benefits”.

The estimates appearing at Table 25 are not seasonally adjusted. The estimates are sourced from the DWP and are published to the same timescale as the estimates shown in the DWP Quarterly Statistical Summary. Although Table 25 will be published every month, it will only be updated with new estimates four times a year (in February, May, August and November) to coincide with the publication of the DWP Quarterly Statistical Summary.

NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

There are no significant changes planned for next month's release.

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

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

Sampling variability of seasonally adjusted Labour Force Survey estimates: January to March 2009

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,204	± 144	-157	± 103	-295	± 181
Employment rate	73.6%	± 0.4	-0.5	± 0.3	-1.3	± 0.5
Average weekly hours	31.6	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.2	-0.6	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	2,215	± 75	244	± 75	592	± 94
Unemployment rate	7.1%	± 0.2	0.8	± 0.2	1.8	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,419	± 133	87	± 96	296	± 169
Economic Activity rate	79.3%	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.2	0.2	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,828	± 125	-29	± 89	-43	± 159
Economic Inactivity rate	20.7%	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	286	± 27	27	± 37	175	± 32

Sampling variability of not seasonally adjusted Labour Force Survey estimates: January to March 2009

	Level	Sampling Variability
UK born people in employment (000s)	25,281	±141
UK born employment rate	74.1%	± 0.4
Non UK born people in employment (000s)	3,806	±70
Non UK born employment rate	68.4%	± 1.1
UK nationals in employment (000s)	26,735	±140
UK nationals employment rate	73.7%	± 0.4
Non UK nationals in employment (000s)	2,353	±58
Non UK nationals employment rate	68.7%	± 1.5

Sampling variability of regional seasonally adjusted Labour Force Survey estimates: January to March 2009

	Employment Level (000s)	Unemployment Level (000s)	Economically Active Level (000s)	Working age Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Working age Employment Rate (%)	Working age Unemployment Rate (%)
North East	± 37	± 14	± 37	± 38	± 1.9	± 1.1
North West	± 62	± 23	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.7
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 54	± 21	± 52	± 52	± 1.4	± 0.8
East Midlands	± 43	± 17	± 43	± 45	± 1.4	± 0.8
West Midlands	± 54	± 22	± 53	± 53	± 1.4	± 0.7
East	± 55	± 21	± 54	± 50	± 1.2	± 0.7
London	± 72	± 30	± 68	± 68	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 65	± 22	± 64	± 60	± 1.0	± 0.5
South West	± 54	± 18	± 53	± 51	± 1.3	± 0.7
Wales	± 42	± 15	± 42	± 43	± 1.9	± 1.1
Scotland	± 53	± 18	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.7

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: January to March 2009

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

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.0	±0.6	-0.4	± 1.3
Private sector	2.9	±0.8	-1.2	± 1.7
Public sector	3.6	±0.6	3.6	± 0.8
Manufacturing	1.1	±1.1	1.0	± 2.1
Services	3.3	±0.8	-0.7	± 1.6
of which:				
Private Sector	3.3	±1.0	-1.9	± 2.1

¹ The data exclude payments of arrears of pay.

Sampling variability of Vacancy Survey estimates

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

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
February - April 2009 average total				
vacancies				
Level (000s)	455	± 22	-232	± 18
Vacancy ratio				
(per 100 employee jobs)	1.7	± 0.1	-0.9	± 0.1
April 2009 single month estimate				
Level (000s)	447	± 38	-223	± 30

TRENDS

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

BACKGROUND NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further regional and local area labour market data are available from *Nomis*[®] at:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Footnotes to table on front page.

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

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

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

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

Percentage change latest three months on previous year.

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

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

5. Symbols used in the tables

p Provisional

.. Not available

* Grossed up total less than 9,500

r Revised

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

6. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Actual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

Claimant count: The number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits - since October 1996 this has been the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. The seasonally adjusted claimant count series, which goes back to 1971 for the United Kingdom, is estimated on a basis consistent with the current benefits regime, i.e. it has been adjusted for discontinuities in coverage. The non-seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 16 and over while the seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 18 and over. This difference in coverage exists because restricting the seasonally adjusted series to those aged 18 and over was the only realistic way of maintaining the consistent series back to 1971, following a rule change in 1988 which resulted in most 16-17 year olds becoming ineligible to claim unemployment-related benefits.

From 24 November 2008, the eligibility for claiming lone parent income support changed. Lone parents who were previously eligible until their youngest child reached 16 have, since 24 November 2008, become ineligible once their youngest child reached 12. Further changes in the eligibility age to 10 and 7 years will occur in October 2009 and October 2010 respectively. Although this is not a change in the eligibility for Jobseeker's Allowance, it is likely to have an impact on the level of the claimant count as lone parents who were not previously looking for work may start to do so. Estimates showing the number of lone parents in the claimant count by age of youngest child, spanning the period from before the rule change, are shown at Table 10(1) of this release.

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

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

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

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

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

The number of people with jobs is measured by the *Labour Force Survey* (LFS) and includes people aged 16 or over who did paid work (as an

employee or self-employed), those who had a job that they were temporarily away from, those on government-supported training and employment programmes, and those doing unpaid family work.

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

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

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

Hours worked:

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

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

Usual hours worked: Usual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 7(1), measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns.

Inflows and Outflows: The claimant count records are analysed to provide information about inflows onto the count and outflows from the count on a monthly basis. To make comparisons over time consistent, these figures are

standardised to a $4\frac{1}{3}$ week month before seasonal adjustment. These figures for people starting to or ceasing to claim Jobseeker's Allowance can be helpful towards interpreting changes in the claimant count.

Jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Key out of work benefits: The Department for Work and Pensions consider the key out of work benefits to be those that are paid to client groups subject to labour market activation policies. This includes recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Employment and Support Allowance, Severe Disablement Allowance, Lone Parents Income Support and other income related benefits. However it excludes recipients of Carers Allowance, Bereavement or Widow's Benefit and Disability Living Allowance, unless the claimant is also in receipt of one of the key out of work benefits.

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

Labour Force Survey: The main source for information on the labour market in the UK. It is a random household survey of approximately 53,000 households every three months conducted by the Office for National Statistics. As well as private households, the survey includes people living in student residence halls and National Health Service accommodation.

Outflows: See *Inflows and Outflows*.

Part-time: See *Full-time*.

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

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

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

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

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

Redundancies: The number of people, whether working or not working, who had been made redundant or had taken voluntary redundancy in the month of the Labour Force Survey reference week or in the previous two calendar months.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Usual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

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

Workforce jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available at:

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

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SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS¹ headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over								
		All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People		MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MGSX	YBTC
	Jan-Mar 2007	48,519	30,763	29,059	1,704	17,756	63.4	59.9	5.5	36.6
	Jan-Mar 2008	48,911	31,123	29,499	1,624	17,788	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
	Apr-Jun 2008	49,007	31,190	29,505	1,685	17,816	63.6	60.2	5.4	36.4
	Jul-Sep 2008	49,107	31,232	29,407	1,825	17,876	63.6	59.9	5.8	36.4
	Oct-Dec 2008	49,210	31,333	29,361	1,971	17,877	63.7	59.7	6.3	36.3
	Jan-Mar 2009	49,312	31,419	29,204	2,215	17,893	63.7	59.2	7.1	36.3
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	103	87	-157	244	16	0.0	-0.4	0.8	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.3	-0.5	12.4	0.1				
	<i>Change on year</i>	402	296	-295	592	105	0.1	-1.1	1.8	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	1.0	-1.0	36.4	0.6				
Men		MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
	Jan-Mar 2007	23,582	16,702	15,725	977	6,881	70.8	66.7	5.8	29.2
	Jan-Mar 2008	23,807	16,890	15,948	942	6,917	70.9	67.0	5.6	29.1
	Apr-Jun 2008	23,862	16,928	15,938	990	6,934	70.9	66.8	5.8	29.1
	Jul-Sep 2008	23,919	16,937	15,862	1,075	6,982	70.8	66.3	6.3	29.2
	Oct-Dec 2008	23,976	17,010	15,829	1,181	6,966	70.9	66.0	6.9	29.1
	Jan-Mar 2009	24,033	17,041	15,706	1,336	6,992	70.9	65.3	7.8	29.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	57	31	-124	155	26	0.0	-0.7	0.9	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	-0.8	13.1	0.4				
	<i>Change on year</i>	226	152	-242	393	75	0.0	-1.6	2.3	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	1.0	0.9	-1.5	41.8	1.1				
Women		MGSN	MGSH	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
	Jan-Mar 2007	24,937	14,061	13,334	727	10,876	56.4	53.5	5.2	43.6
	Jan-Mar 2008	25,104	14,233	13,552	681	10,870	56.7	54.0	4.8	43.3
	Apr-Jun 2008	25,144	14,262	13,568	695	10,882	56.7	54.0	4.9	43.3
	Jul-Sep 2008	25,188	14,295	13,545	750	10,894	56.8	53.8	5.2	43.2
	Oct-Dec 2008	25,234	14,322	13,532	790	10,911	56.8	53.6	5.5	43.2
	Jan-Mar 2009	25,279	14,378	13,499	880	10,901	56.9	53.4	6.1	43.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	45	56	-33	89	-11	0.1	-0.2	0.6	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.4	-0.2	11.3	-0.1				
	<i>Change on year</i>	176	145	-53	198	31	0.2	-0.6	1.3	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.7	1.0	-0.4	29.1	0.3				
		All aged 16 to 59/64								
		All aged 16 to 59/64	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
People		YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGSO	MGSU	YBTI	YBTL
	Jan-Mar 2007	37,495	29,541	27,861	1,679	7,955	78.8	74.3	5.7	21.2
	Jan-Mar 2008	37,674	29,802	28,199	1,604	7,871	79.1	74.8	5.4	20.9
	Apr-Jun 2008	37,716	29,844	28,182	1,662	7,872	79.1	74.7	5.6	20.9
	Jul-Sep 2008	37,765	29,878	28,082	1,796	7,887	79.1	74.4	6.0	20.9
	Oct-Dec 2008	37,816	29,958	28,018	1,940	7,858	79.2	74.1	6.5	20.8
	Jan-Mar 2009	37,867	30,039	27,857	2,182	7,828	79.3	73.6	7.3	20.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	51	80	-162	242	-29	0.1	-0.5	0.8	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.3	-0.6	12.5	-0.4				
	<i>Change on year</i>	194	236	-342	578	-43	0.2	-1.3	1.9	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.5	0.8	-1.2	36.1	-0.5				
Men		YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
	Jan-Mar 2007	19,489	16,296	15,329	967	3,193	83.6	78.7	5.9	16.4
	Jan-Mar 2008	19,638	16,441	15,508	933	3,197	83.7	79.0	5.7	16.3
	Apr-Jun 2008	19,672	16,472	15,492	980	3,200	83.7	78.8	5.9	16.3
	Jul-Sep 2008	19,705	16,484	15,424	1,060	3,221	83.7	78.3	6.4	16.3
	Oct-Dec 2008	19,737	16,550	15,382	1,168	3,187	83.9	77.9	7.1	16.1
	Jan-Mar 2009	19,770	16,591	15,270	1,321	3,178	83.9	77.2	8.0	16.1
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	32	41	-112	153	-9	0.1	-0.7	0.9	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	-0.7	13.1	-0.3				
	<i>Change on year</i>	132	151	-238	389	-19	0.2	-1.7	2.3	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.9	-1.5	41.7	-0.6				
Women		YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
	Jan-Mar 2007	18,006	13,245	12,532	712	4,761	73.6	69.6	5.4	26.4
	Jan-Mar 2008	18,036	13,362	12,690	671	4,674	74.1	70.4	5.0	25.9
	Apr-Jun 2008	18,044	13,372	12,690	683	4,672	74.1	70.3	5.1	25.9
	Jul-Sep 2008	18,060	13,394	12,658	736	4,665	74.2	70.1	5.5	25.8
	Oct-Dec 2008	18,079	13,408	12,636	772	4,671	74.2	69.9	5.8	25.8
	Jan-Mar 2009	18,098	13,447	12,587	861	4,650	74.3	69.6	6.4	25.7
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	19	39	-49	89	-20	0.1	-0.3	0.6	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.3	-0.4	11.5	-0.4				
	<i>Change on year</i>	62	86	-104	190	-24	0.2	-0.8	1.4	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.6	-0.8	28.2	-0.5				

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

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

SUMMARY

1a Summary of other headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs ¹			Public and private sector employment ¹	
	Levels			Public sector G7AU	Private sector G7K5
	All Jobs DYDC	Male Jobs LOLA	Female Jobs LOLB		
2006					
December	31,394	16,754	14,640	5,780	23,307
2007					
March	31,390	16,748	14,643	5,779	23,306
June	31,471	16,773	14,698	5,766	23,433
September	31,598	16,881	14,716	5,749	23,570
December	31,602	16,868	14,734	5,753	23,701
2008					
March	31,643	16,896	14,747	5,737	23,769
June	31,661	16,908	14,753	5,750	23,741
September	31,520	16,785	14,736	5,768	23,609
December	31,318	16,660	14,658	5,783	23,596
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-203	-125	-78	15	-13
<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	-0.7	-0.5	0.3	-0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-284	-208	-76	30	-105
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9	-1.2	-0.5	0.5	-0.4

	Claimant count ²					
	Levels			Rates (%) ³		
	People BCJD	Men DPAE	Women DPAF	People BCJE	Men DPAH	Women DPAI
2008						
April	802.3	585.6	216.7	2.5	3.4	1.4
May	818.7	598.9	219.8	2.5	3.4	1.5
June #	843.3	617.3	226.0	2.6	3.5	1.5
July	873.7	640.8	232.9	2.7	3.7	1.6
August #	913.7	671.3	242.4	2.8	3.8	1.6
September	956.7	704.4	252.3	2.9	4.0	1.7
October	1,006.8	742.5	264.3	3.1	4.2	1.8
November #	1,091.5	809.9	281.6	3.4	4.6	1.9
December	1,175.8	874.8	301.0	3.6	5.0	2.0
2009						
January	1,253.8	931.6	322.2	3.9	5.3	2.2
February #	1,390.4	1,033.6	356.8	4.3	5.9	2.4
March (r)	1,455.9	1,081.5	374.4	4.5	6.2	2.5
April (p)	1,513.0	1,123.4	389.6	4.7	6.4	2.6
<i>Change on month</i>	57.1	41.9	15.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	3.9	3.9	4.1			
<i>Change on year</i>	710.7	537.8	172.9	2.2	3.1	1.2
<i>Change %</i>	88.6	91.8	79.8			

Average for three months ending in month shown	GB Whole economy earnings ⁴		Vacancies (three month rolling average estimates)		
	Average earnings index (including bonuses)	Average earnings index (excluding bonuses)	Level AP2Y	Vacancy Ratio ⁵ AP2Z	
	LNNC	JQDY			
2008					
March	4.9 (r)	3.8	Feb-Apr 2008	686	2.6
April (r)	4.7	4.0	Mar-May 2008	671	2.6
May	3.9	3.8	Apr-Jun 2008	648	2.5
June	3.5	3.7	May-Jul 2008	627	2.4
July	3.5	3.7	Jun-Aug 2008	609	2.3
August	3.4	3.6	Jul-Sep 2008	598	2.3
September	3.3	3.6	Aug-Oct 2008	582	2.2
October	3.3	3.6	Sep-Nov 2008	558	2.1
November	3.1	3.6	Oct-Dec 2008	530	2.0
December	3.0	3.6			
2009					
January	1.7	3.5	Nov-Jan 2009 (r)	505	1.9
February	0.2 (r)	3.2	Dec-Feb 2009 (r)	483	1.9
March (p)	-0.4	3.0	Jan-Mar 2009 (r)	466	1.8
			Feb-Apr 2009 (p)	455	1.7

1. See footnotes to Tables 4 and 5.

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

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

5. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

2 Employment by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) & 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
In Employment								
People	MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
Jan-Mar 2007	29,059	27,861	537	3,639	6,217	11,008	6,460	1,197
Jan-Mar 2008	29,499	28,199	548	3,681	6,295	11,085	6,590	1,301
Apr-Jun 2008	29,505	28,182	540	3,675	6,293	11,094	6,580	1,323
Jul-Sep 2008	29,407	28,082	527	3,660	6,267	11,051	6,577	1,325
Oct-Dec 2008	29,361	28,018	484	3,635	6,286	11,030	6,583	1,343
Jan-Mar 2009	29,204	27,857	478	3,512	6,262	11,011	6,594	1,347
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-157	-162	-5	-123	-24	-20	11	4
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	-0.6	-1.1	-3.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-295	-342	-70	-169	-33	-75	4	47
<i>Change %</i>	-1.0	-1.2	-12.7	-4.6	-0.5	-0.7	0.1	3.6
Men	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Jan-Mar 2007	15,725	15,329	256	1,942	3,410	5,878	3,843	396
Jan-Mar 2008	15,948	15,508	270	1,941	3,460	5,886	3,951	439
Apr-Jun 2008	15,938	15,492	261	1,944	3,455	5,885	3,948	446
Jul-Sep 2008	15,862	15,424	267	1,933	3,432	5,851	3,940	439
Oct-Dec 2008	15,829	15,382	243	1,920	3,429	5,860	3,931	447
Jan-Mar 2009	15,706	15,270	230	1,835	3,430	5,824	3,950	436
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-124	-112	-12	-85	1	-36	19	-12
<i>Change %</i>	-0.8	-0.7	-5.0	-4.4	0.0	-0.6	0.5	-2.6
<i>Change on year</i>	-242	-238	-39	-106	-30	-62	-1	-4
<i>Change %</i>	-1.5	-1.5	-14.6	-5.5	-0.9	-1.0	0.0	-0.8
Women	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Jan-Mar 2007	13,334	12,532	281	1,696	2,808	5,130	2,616	801
Jan-Mar 2008	13,552	12,690	278	1,740	2,835	5,199	2,639	861
Apr-Jun 2008	13,568	12,690	279	1,732	2,838	5,209	2,632	878
Jul-Sep 2008	13,545	12,658	260	1,727	2,834	5,199	2,637	886
Oct-Dec 2008	13,532	12,636	241	1,715	2,857	5,171	2,653	896
Jan-Mar 2009	13,499	12,587	248	1,677	2,831	5,187	2,644	912
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-33	-49	7	-38	-26	16	-8	16
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-0.4	2.8	-2.2	-0.9	0.3	-0.3	1.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-53	-104	-30	-63	-3	-13	6	50
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	-0.8	-10.8	-3.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	5.8
Employment rates (%)¹								
People	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Jan-Mar 2007	59.9	74.3	34.0	65.0	79.8	82.2	70.8	10.9
Jan-Mar 2008	60.3	74.8	34.5	64.5	80.7	82.5	72.1	11.6
Apr-Jun 2008	60.2	74.7	34.0	64.1	80.6	82.6	71.9	11.7
Jul-Sep 2008	59.9	74.4	33.3	63.6	80.0	82.3	71.8	11.7
Oct-Dec 2008	59.7	74.1	30.7	62.9	79.9	82.2	71.7	11.8
Jan-Mar 2009	59.2	73.6	30.6	60.6	79.3	82.1	71.7	11.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	-2.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-1.1	-1.3	-3.9	-3.9	-1.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.2
Men	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Jan-Mar 2007	66.7	78.7	31.5	68.2	87.9	88.9	72.1	9.7
Jan-Mar 2008	67.0	79.0	33.0	66.6	88.8	88.8	73.4	10.5
Apr-Jun 2008	66.8	78.8	31.9	66.3	88.5	88.8	73.2	10.6
Jul-Sep 2008	66.3	78.3	32.8	65.7	87.5	88.3	72.9	10.4
Oct-Dec 2008	66.0	77.9	30.0	65.1	87.0	88.5	72.6	10.6
Jan-Mar 2009	65.3	77.2	28.7	62.0	86.5	88.0	72.8	10.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.7	-0.7	-1.3	-3.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	-0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-1.6	-1.7	-4.3	-4.6	-2.2	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3
Women	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Jan-Mar 2007	53.5	69.6	36.6	61.7	71.8	75.6	69.0	11.6
Jan-Mar 2008	54.0	70.4	36.0	62.3	72.7	76.4	70.1	12.2
Apr-Jun 2008	54.0	70.3	36.1	61.7	72.8	76.5	70.0	12.4
Jul-Sep 2008	53.8	70.1	33.7	61.4	72.6	76.4	70.1	12.4
Oct-Dec 2008	53.6	69.9	31.5	60.7	72.9	76.0	70.5	12.5
Jan-Mar 2009	53.4	69.6	32.5	59.1	72.0	76.3	70.2	12.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	-1.6	-0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.6	-0.8	-3.4	-3.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment ¹		Employees ¹		Self-employed ¹		Workers with second jobs	
	Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Jan-Mar 2007	29,059	25,047	3,807	102	103	21,650	7,408	18,686	6,361	2,899	908	1,078	
Jan-Mar 2008	29,499	25,416	3,859	107	119	22,003	7,497	19,002	6,414	2,935	923	1,112	
Apr-Jun 2008	29,505	25,444	3,839	110	112	22,013	7,492	19,024	6,420	2,921	918	1,127	
Jul-Sep 2008	29,407	25,411	3,795	92	109	21,908	7,499	18,958	6,453	2,897	918	1,120	
Oct-Dec 2008	29,361	25,357	3,812	95	98	21,829	7,532	18,892	6,465	2,892	920	1,127	
Jan-Mar 2009	29,204	25,197	3,818	86	103	21,669	7,535	18,715	6,482	2,902	916	1,169	
Change on quarter	-157	-160	6	-9	6	-160	3	-177	17	10	-4	42	
Change %	-0.5	-0.6	0.1	-9.4	6.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.9	0.3	0.3	-0.5	3.8	
Change on year	-295	-219	-41	-21	-15	-333	38	-287	68	-33	-8	58	
Change %	-1.0	-0.9	-1.1	-19.5	-12.8	-1.5	0.5	-1.5	1.1	-1.1	-0.8	5.2	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Jan-Mar 2007	15,725	12,863	2,765	41	56	13,996	1,729	11,567	1,296	2,392	374	463	
Jan-Mar 2008	15,948	13,027	2,810	36	74	14,158	1,790	11,696	1,331	2,419	391	453	
Apr-Jun 2008	15,938	13,045	2,788	39	65	14,132	1,805	11,692	1,353	2,398	390	463	
Jul-Sep 2008	15,862	13,006	2,760	30	67	14,029	1,834	11,617	1,389	2,379	381	456	
Oct-Dec 2008	15,829	12,965	2,760	41	63	13,969	1,860	11,566	1,399	2,376	384	470	
Jan-Mar 2009	15,706	12,861	2,757	29	59	13,874	1,832	11,463	1,397	2,381	376	493	
Change on quarter	-124	-104	-3	-11	-5	-96	-28	-103	-2	5	-8	23	
Change %	-0.8	-0.8	-0.1	-28.0	-7.6	-0.7	-1.5	-0.9	-0.1	0.2	-2.1	4.9	
Change on year	-242	-166	-53	-7	-16	-284	42	-233	66	-38	-15	40	
Change %	-1.5	-1.3	-1.9	-19.4	-21.0	-2.0	2.4	-2.0	5.0	-1.6	-3.9	8.8	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Jan-Mar 2007	13,334	12,184	1,042	61	46	7,654	5,680	7,119	5,065	508	534	615	
Jan-Mar 2008	13,552	12,389	1,049	70	45	7,845	5,707	7,306	5,083	516	533	659	
Apr-Jun 2008	13,568	12,399	1,051	70	47	7,881	5,687	7,332	5,067	523	528	664	
Jul-Sep 2008	13,545	12,405	1,035	63	42	7,879	5,666	7,342	5,063	518	517	664	
Oct-Dec 2008	13,532	12,392	1,052	54	34	7,860	5,672	7,326	5,066	516	536	657	
Jan-Mar 2009	13,499	12,336	1,061	56	45	7,796	5,703	7,251	5,085	521	540	676	
Change on quarter	-33	-56	9	3	11	-65	31	-74	19	5	4	19	
Change %	-0.2	-0.4	0.9	4.7	31.1	-0.8	0.5	-1.0	0.4	1.0	0.7	2.9	
Change on year	-53	-52	12	-14	0	-49	-4	-54	2	5	7	18	
Change %	-0.4	-0.4	1.2	-19.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.1	-0.7	0.0	1.0	1.4	2.7	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ²							
	Total	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total ³	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCX	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCCY	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ
Jan-Mar 2007	1,531	6.1	403	26.3	435	110	583	7,269	660	9.1	5,226	186	1,167
Jan-Mar 2008	1,425	5.6	360	25.3	427	80	557	7,337	701	9.6	5,252	180	1,162
Apr-Jun 2008	1,407	5.5	343	24.3	418	81	565	7,338	685	9.3	5,238	206	1,167
Jul-Sep 2008	1,371	5.4	358	26.1	393	89	531	7,351	710	9.7	5,254	205	1,141
Oct-Dec 2008	1,393	5.5	377	27.1	378	91	546	7,385	757	10.3	5,243	198	1,141
Jan-Mar 2009	1,417	5.6	414	29.2	385	80	537	7,398	859	11.6	5,216	183	1,102
Change on quarter	24	0.1	36	2.1	7	-11	-9	13	102	1.4	-27	-16	-39
Change %	1.7		9.6	1.9	-11.8	-1.6	0.2	13.5		-0.5	-8.0	-3.4	
Change on year	-8	0.0	54	3.9	-42	0	-20	61	158	2.1	-36	3	-60
Change %	-0.6		14.9	-9.8	0.2	-3.6	0.8	22.5		-0.7	1.6	-5.2	
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD
Jan-Mar 2007	717	5.6	217	30.3	184	55	261	1,670	277	16.6	796	79	508
Jan-Mar 2008	658	5.1	186	28.2	185	40	248	1,722	290	16.8	856	66	496
Apr-Jun 2008	642	4.9	174	27.1	170	45	253	1,743	278	16.0	862	79	508
Jul-Sep 2008	631	4.8	184	29.1	155	47	245	1,770	312	17.6	858	80	507
Oct-Dec 2008	634	4.9	192	30.2	149	45	248	1,783	345	19.4	838	80	502
Jan-Mar 2009	659	5.1	228	34.6	155	39	237	1,773	389	21.9	818	76	477
Change on quarter	25	0.2	36	4.4	6	-6	-12	-10	43	2.5	-20	-5	-26
Change %	4.0		19.0	4.3	-12.5	-4.7	-0.5	12.5		-2.4	-5.8	-5.1	
Change on year	1	0.1	42	6.3	-30	-1	-11	51	99	5.1	-37	10	-19
Change %	0.1		22.6	-16.0	-2.0	-4.5	3.0	34.1		-4.4	14.5	-3.9	
Women	YCCB	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCCB	YCCD	YCCD	YCCD
Jan-Mar 2007	814	6.7	186	22.9	250	55	322	5,600	383	6.8	4,430	106	659
Jan-Mar 2008	767	6.2	174	22.7	243	40	310	5,616	412	7.3	4,397	114	666
Apr-Jun 2008	765	6.2	168	22.0	248	36	312	5,595	407	7.3	4,375	127	659
Jul-Sep 2008	741	6.0	174	23.6	237	43	286	5,580	398	7.1	4,395	125	634
Oct-Dec 2008	759	6.1	186	24.5	230	46	297	5,602	412	7.4	4,405	118	639
Jan-Mar 2009	758	6.1	186	24.5	230	41	301	5,625	471	8.4	4,398	107	626
Change on quarter	-1	0.0	0	0.0	1	-5	3	23	59	1.0	-7	-11	-13
Change %	-0.2		-0.1	0.3	-11.1	1.1	0.4	14.3		-0.2	-9.5	-2.1	
Change on year	-9	0.0	12	1.8	-12	1	-9	9	59	1.0	1	-7	-41
Change %	-1.2		6.7	-5.1	2.4	-2.9	0.2	14.4		0.0	-6.0	-6.1	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom
(thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Public sector ^{1 2 3}		Private sector ⁴		Total employment ^{5 6}
	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)	(000s)
	1	2	3	4	5
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO
Dec 06	5,780	19.9	23,307	80.1	29,087
Mar 07	5,779	19.9	23,306	80.1	29,085
Jun 07	5,766	19.7	23,433	80.3	29,199
Sep 07	5,749	19.6	23,570	80.4	29,319
Dec 07	5,753	19.5	23,701	80.5	29,454
Mar 08	5,737	19.4	23,769	80.6	29,506
Jun 08	5,750	19.5	23,741	80.5	29,491
Sep 08	5,768	19.6	23,609	80.4	29,377
Dec 08	5,783	19.7	23,596	80.3	29,379
<i>Change on quarter</i>	15	0.1	-13	-0.1	2
<i>Change %</i>	0.3		-0.1		0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	30	0.2	-105	-0.2	-75
<i>Change %</i>	0.5		-0.4		-0.3

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

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.

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2. Estimates for Northern Ireland included in the UK total are sourced from the Quarterly Employment Survey and are based on jobs rather than employees.

3. Estimates from December 2007 are based partly on projections.

4. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.

5. LFS data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.

6. Labour Force Survey employment; all aged 16 and over.

5(1) Workforce jobs¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Dec 06	31,394	26,987	4,149	202	56
Mar 07	31,390	26,986	4,152	199	54
Jun 07	31,471	27,051	4,169	198	53
Sep 07	31,598	27,155	4,195	195	53
Dec 07	31,602	27,175	4,180	194	52
Mar 08	31,643	27,221	4,177	194	52
Jun 08	31,661	27,232	4,181	193	54
Sep 08	31,520	27,133	4,141	195	52
Dec 08	31,318	26,884	4,192	193	48
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-203	-248	51	-2	-4
<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	-0.9	1.2	-0.8	-7.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-284	-291	12	-1	-4
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9	-1.1	0.3	-0.5	-7.3

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

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

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

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5(2) Workforce jobs¹ by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	Agriculture, forestry & fishing		Mining, energy & water supply industries	Manufacturing industries	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comms.	Finance & Business Services	Education, health and public admin ²	Other services	Total services
	All jobs A-O	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All jobs	DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
Dec 06	31,394	467	180	3,228	2,221	6,982	1,862	6,513	7,944	1,998	25,299
Mar 07	31,390	446	185	3,210	2,219	6,989	1,847	6,555	7,956	1,984	25,331
Jun 07	31,471	455	187	3,187	2,245	7,009	1,849	6,608	7,954	1,976	25,396
Sep 07	31,598	459	190	3,195	2,246	7,015	1,852	6,708	7,958	1,975	25,508
Dec 07	31,602	459	191	3,162	2,237	7,050	1,872	6,701	7,962	1,967	25,552
Mar 08	31,643	484	198	3,154	2,251	7,053	1,867	6,669	7,977	1,990	25,556
Jun 08	31,661	499	198	3,138	2,252	7,037	1,872	6,668	8,009	1,987	25,574
Sep 08	31,520	482	197	3,087	2,286	6,975	1,864	6,583	8,049	1,997	25,468
Dec 08	31,318	481	197	3,035	2,285	6,891	1,860	6,481	8,064	2,024	25,321
Change on quarter	-203	-2	0	-52	-2	-83	-4	-102	14	28	-147
Change %	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-1.7	-0.1	-1.2	-0.2	-1.6	0.2	1.4	-0.6
Change on year	-284	22	6	-128	47	-159	-12	-220	102	58	-232
Change %	-0.9	4.8	3.1	-4.0	2.1	-2.2	-0.6	-3.3	1.3	2.9	-0.9
Male jobs	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMK
Dec 06	16,754	351	137	2,410	1,979	3,439	1,403	3,639	2,400	994	11,877
Mar 07	16,748	330	140	2,399	1,998	3,457	1,394	3,631	2,411	988	11,881
Jun 07	16,773	337	139	2,387	2,018	3,465	1,392	3,644	2,411	979	11,892
Sep 07	16,881	346	140	2,396	2,015	3,469	1,397	3,735	2,408	975	11,984
Dec 07	16,868	337	142	2,373	2,002	3,495	1,412	3,729	2,412	965	12,014
Mar 08	16,896	348	145	2,363	2,004	3,494	1,411	3,743	2,406	980	12,034
Jun 08	16,908	365	148	2,352	2,003	3,494	1,409	3,738	2,417	983	12,040
Sep 08	16,785	357	147	2,315	2,029	3,454	1,396	3,686	2,410	991	11,937
Dec 08	16,660	363	146	2,277	2,026	3,408	1,396	3,633	2,417	994	11,848
Change on quarter	-125	5	0	-38	-3	-46	1	-53	6	3	-89
Change %	-0.7	1.5	-0.3	-1.6	-0.2	-1.3	0.0	-1.4	0.3	0.3	-0.7
Change on year	-208	26	4	-96	23	-86	-16	-97	5	29	-166
Change %	-1.2	7.7	3.0	-4.0	1.2	-2.5	-1.1	-2.6	0.2	3.0	-1.4
Female jobs	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Dec 06	14,640	116	43	817	241	3,543	459	2,874	5,543	1,004	13,423
Mar 07	14,643	116	45	810	221	3,532	453	2,924	5,546	996	13,451
Jun 07	14,698	118	48	800	227	3,544	457	2,964	5,543	997	13,504
Sep 07	14,716	112	50	799	231	3,546	455	2,973	5,551	1,000	13,524
Dec 07	14,734	122	49	789	235	3,555	460	2,972	5,550	1,001	13,539
Mar 08	14,747	136	52	791	246	3,559	456	2,926	5,571	1,010	13,522
Jun 08	14,753	134	50	786	248	3,543	463	2,930	5,593	1,005	13,534
Sep 08	14,736	125	50	772	257	3,521	468	2,898	5,639	1,006	13,531
Dec 08	14,658	118	51	758	259	3,483	464	2,848	5,647	1,030	13,473
Change on quarter	-78	-7	0	-14	2	-37	-4	-50	8	24	-58
Change %	-0.5	-5.6	0.6	-1.9	0.7	-1.1	-0.9	-1.7	0.1	2.4	-0.4
Change on year	-76	-4	2	-32	24	-72	4	-124	97	29	-66
Change %	-0.5	-3.2	3.1	-4.0	10.2	-2.0	0.9	-4.2	1.7	2.9	-0.5

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

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

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Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided from administrative sources.

2. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

6 Production industries employee jobs

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels	Latest 3 months averages	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Levels	Latest 3 months averages	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)
		YEJJ	LOMM		YEJK	YEJL
Mar 07	170	169	7.8	2,920	2,924	-2.9
Mar 08	179	179	6.3	2,883	2,887	-1.2
Apr 08	179	179	5.4	2,877	2,883	-1.3
May 08	180	179	4.7	2,874	2,878	-1.3
Jun 08	180	180	4.1	2,866	2,872	-1.4
Jul 08	179	179	3.3	2,858	2,866	-1.5
Aug 08	179	179	2.6	2,845	2,857	-1.8
Sep 08	179	179	1.6	2,830	2,844	-2.1
Oct 08	179	179	1.2	2,817	2,831	-2.6
Nov 08	179	179	0.8	2,799	2,815	-3.1
Dec 08	179	179	0.8	2,779	2,799	-3.6
Jan 09	179	179	0.5	2,755	2,778	-4.1
Feb 09	179	179	0.2	2,728	2,754	-4.8
Mar 09	178	179	-0.2	2,699	2,727	-5.5

Source: Employer surveys

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUY	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Jan-Mar 2007	931.1	32.1	37.3	15.7	9.4
Jan-Mar 2008	948.1	32.2	37.3	15.6	9.7
Apr-Jun 2008	939.9	31.9	36.9	15.5	9.8
Jul-Sep 2008	940.9	32.0	37.2	15.6	9.8
Oct-Dec 2008	934.0	31.9	37.0	15.6	9.5
Jan-Mar 2009	921.0	31.6	36.6	15.5	9.7
Change on quarter	-13.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.1
Change %	-1.4	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	1.2
Change on year	-27.1	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	0.0
Change %	-2.9	-1.9	-1.8	-0.5	-0.5
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Jan-Mar 2007	577.2	36.8	39.0	15.6	10.1
Jan-Mar 2008	587.5	36.9	39.2	15.3	11.0
Apr-Jun 2008	581.2	36.5	38.8	15.5	10.9
Jul-Sep 2008	580.0	36.6	39.0	15.5	11.0
Oct-Dec 2008	574.6	36.4	38.8	15.4	10.4
Jan-Mar 2009	564.5	36.0	38.4	15.5	10.7
Change on quarter	-10.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.3
Change %	-1.8	-1.0	-1.1	0.4	2.7
Change on year	-23.0	-0.9	-0.8	0.2	-0.3
Change %	-3.9	-2.4	-2.2	1.2	-2.7
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Jan-Mar 2007	353.9	26.6	34.0	15.7	8.8
Jan-Mar 2008	360.6	26.6	33.9	15.6	8.8
Apr-Jun 2008	358.8	26.5	33.6	15.5	9.0
Jul-Sep 2008	360.8	26.7	33.9	15.6	8.9
Oct-Dec 2008	359.4	26.6	33.8	15.6	8.9
Jan-Mar 2009	356.4	26.4	33.6	15.5	8.9
Change on quarter	-3.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Change %	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-1.1	-0.2
Change on year	-4.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.1
Change %	-1.1	-0.8	-1.0	-1.0	1.0

1. Main and second job.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

7(1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Jan-Mar 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.9	1.4	6.8
6 up to 15 hours	6.9	3.4	11.1	6.6	3.2	10.3	8.1	3.8	19.7
16 up to 30 hours	17.9	7.9	29.6	17.9	6.8	29.6	17.0	12.3	29.7
31 up to 45 hours	53.1	57.9	47.4	55.1	60.8	49.2	40.0	44.5	27.9
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.1	9.7	19.1	28.6	9.2	32.0	38.0	15.8
Total (thousands)	29,499	15,948	13,552	25,416	13,027	12,389	3,859	2,810	1,049
Oct-Dec 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.2	0.7	1.8	2.7	1.4	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.7	3.4	10.5	6.5	3.2	9.8	7.9	4.0	18.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.4	8.3	30.1	18.4	7.3	30.0	18.0	12.7	31.9
31 up to 45 hours	53.6	58.9	47.4	55.6	61.8	49.2	40.5	45.3	27.8
Over 45 hours	19.9	28.6	9.7	18.3	27.0	9.2	30.9	36.6	15.9
Total (thousands)	29,361	15,829	13,532	25,357	12,965	12,392	3,812	2,760	1,052
Jan-Mar 2009									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.6	1.3	6.0
6 up to 15 hours	6.9	3.5	10.8	6.7	3.4	10.0	7.8	3.6	18.6
16 up to 30 hours	18.6	8.6	30.3	18.6	7.4	30.2	18.7	13.8	31.5
31 up to 45 hours	53.7	59.5	47.0	55.8	62.6	48.7	40.2	45.0	27.6
Over 45 hours	19.4	27.7	9.7	17.7	25.9	9.2	30.7	36.3	16.3
Total (thousands)	29,204	15,706	13,499	25,197	12,861	12,336	3,818	2,757	1,061

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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8 Employment levels¹ by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands) not seasonally adjusted

	Total ² MGTM	By country of birth		By nationality	
		UK	Non UK	UK	Non UK
		JF6F	JF6G	JF6H	JF6I
Jan - Mar 2003	27,970	25,445	2,524	26,609	1,360
Jan - Mar 2004	28,331	25,742	2,589	26,891	1,438
Jan - Mar 2005	28,641	25,814	2,826	27,008	1,632
Jan - Mar 2006	28,869	25,767	3,100	27,072	1,796
Jan - Mar 2007	28,973	25,617	3,349	26,949	2,020
Apr - Jun 2007	29,093	25,610	3,473	26,943	2,142
Jul - Sep 2007	29,369	25,814	3,547	27,208	2,151
Oct - Dec 2007	29,468	25,861	3,604	27,254	2,206
Jan - Mar 2008	29,410	25,732	3,677	27,116	2,287
Apr - Jun 2008	29,440	25,730	3,708	27,136	2,300
Jul - Sep 2008	29,497	25,770	3,721	27,172	2,318
Oct - Dec 2008	29,409	25,584	3,817	27,021	2,380
Jan - Mar 2009	29,095	25,281	3,806	26,735	2,353
Change on year	-314	-451	129	-382	66
Change %	-1.1	-1.8	3.5	-1.4	2.9

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. Defined as those aged 16 and over.

2. This series is the not seasonally adjusted equivalent of the total employment series MGRZ appearing at Table 1 of this release. The series does not equal the sum of the "UK" and "Non-UK" series because the total includes people who did not state their country of birth or nationality.

8(1) Working age¹ employment rates by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom not seasonally adjusted

By country of birth	Total ²	UK	Non UK	EU14 ³	EUA8 ⁴	USA	Africa excluding South Africa	South Africa	Australia and New Zealand	India	Pakistan and Bangladesh
	MGUH	JF6J	JF6L	JF6N	JF6P	JF6R	JF6T	JF6V	JF6X	JF6Z	JF73
Jan - Mar 2003	74.3	75.4	64.2	72.9	58.3	74.8	65.4	81.0	86.4	67.2	41.3
Jan - Mar 2004	74.6	75.7	65.0	70.2	63.8	69.1	64.5	81.7	91.3	67.5	44.1
Jan - Mar 2005	74.6	75.6	66.7	73.6	74.2	76.0	66.7	78.2	90.2	67.9	41.6
Jan - Mar 2006	74.4	75.4	67.4	75.2	82.7	75.2	65.7	80.3	84.2	71.7	44.5
Jan - Mar 2007	74.1	75.1	67.2	75.2	80.8	72.5	65.5	82.4	82.1	69.1	48.7
Apr - Jun 2007	74.3	75.3	68.0	74.5	81.8	72.7	64.9	83.8	85.2	71.2	48.0
Jul - Sep 2007	74.8	75.8	68.9	75.4	83.1	73.4	66.7	84.8	86.6	68.8	47.8
Oct - Dec 2007	75.0	76.0	68.7	75.2	84.0	74.2	67.2	82.4	84.6	69.4	46.4
Jan - Mar 2008	74.6	75.5	69.3	76.5	82.8	74.7	66.7	86.1	85.9	69.7	45.5
Apr - Jun 2008	74.5	75.4	69.1	76.1	84.3	74.3	66.8	86.3	84.3	70.7	46.1
Jul - Sep 2008	74.6	75.5	69.2	75.8	84.2	67.5	64.9	84.9	83.1	71.3	49.1
Oct - Dec 2008	74.2	75.2	68.8	75.3	80.8	65.7	63.9	81.1	84.5	73.0	49.1
Jan - Mar 2009	73.3	74.1	68.4	75.3	81.8	68.9	61.5	82.4	85.8	72.7	48.6
Change on year	-1.3	-1.3	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	-5.9	-5.3	-3.7	-0.1	3.0	3.1
By nationality	MGUH	JF6K	JF6JM	JF6O	JF6Q	JF6S	JF6U	JF6W	JF6Y	JF72	JF74
Jan - Mar 2003	74.3	75.0	61.8	71.5	57.5	72.4	53.9	85.4	88.8	63.9	34.3
Jan - Mar 2004	74.6	75.3	63.1	69.2	61.5	72.1	52.0	83.4	91.8	64.2	44.9
Jan - Mar 2005	74.6	75.3	65.7	73.5	75.3	77.0	56.5	79.0	90.7	67.7	39.7
Jan - Mar 2006	74.4	75.0	67.0	72.4	82.7	76.6	58.9	85.8	87.7	71.3	43.9
Jan - Mar 2007	74.1	74.7	66.9	74.4	81.1	72.5	57.0	86.4	84.7	69.8	48.0
Apr - Jun 2007	74.3	74.9	67.9	73.0	82.1	75.4	57.0	89.3	87.5	72.3	44.2
Jul - Sep 2007	74.8	75.4	68.6	74.4	83.6	78.0	59.6	87.5	88.6	69.2	40.4
Oct - Dec 2007	75.0	75.6	68.3	74.8	84.0	75.5	61.5	83.9	86.8	69.4	42.9
Jan - Mar 2008	74.6	75.1	69.2	75.4	83.1	75.3	59.3	93.4	90.0	70.9	42.0
Apr - Jun 2008	74.5	75.1	68.9	75.0	84.5	78.1	57.6	88.4	87.6	73.1	43.2
Jul - Sep 2008	74.6	75.1	69.4	74.2	84.2	70.6	59.3	87.3	84.5	72.5	47.6
Oct - Dec 2008	74.2	74.7	69.0	73.9	81.3	68.9	60.2	81.7	86.9	74.3	47.9
Jan - Mar 2009	73.3	73.7	68.7	74.0	82.8	73.2	55.2	86.6	85.9	71.7	46.0
Change on year	-1.3	-1.4	-0.5	-1.5	-0.3	-2.1	-4.1	-6.8	-4.0	0.8	4.0

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. Defined as men aged 16 to 64 and women aged 16 to 59.

2. This series is the not seasonally adjusted equivalent of the 16-59/64 employment rate series MGSU appearing at Table 1 of this release. It includes people who did not state their country of birth or nationality.

3. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

4. Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia.

SPECIAL NOTE: The series shown at Tables 8 and 8(1) were last published in a News Release on 11 February 2009 and are included in this release for the first time. There are some minor revisions to these estimates compared with the figures published on 11 February 2009.

UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWX	YBXA
Jan-Mar 2007	1,704	5.5	1,035	276	394	23.1	175	1,679	5.7	1,022	271	386	23.0	171
Jan-Mar 2008	1,624	5.2	959	266	399	24.6	196	1,604	5.4	949	263	392	24.5	192
Apr-Jun 2008	1,685	5.4	994	276	415	24.6	193	1,662	5.6	983	272	407	24.5	189
Jul-Sep 2008	1,825	5.8	1,106	284	435	23.8	202	1,796	6.0	1,091	279	426	23.7	197
Oct-Dec 2008	1,971	6.3	1,202	316	453	23.0	209	1,940	6.5	1,186	310	443	22.9	203
Jan-Mar 2009	2,215	7.1	1,333	376	506	22.8	226	2,182	7.3	1,315	370	497	22.8	220
Change on quarter	244	0.8	131	60	53	-0.1	17	242	0.8	129	60	53	-0.1	17
Change %	12.4		10.9	19.2	11.7		8.2	12.5		10.9	19.3	12.0		8.4
Change on year	592	1.8	375	110	107	-1.7	30	578	1.9	366	108	105	-1.7	29
Change %	36.4		39.1	41.5	26.8		15.4	36.1		38.6	41.0	26.7		15.0
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWX	YBXB
Jan-Mar 2007	977	5.8	541	163	273	28.0	126	967	5.9	536	161	270	27.9	124
Jan-Mar 2008	942	5.6	513	155	274	29.1	145	933	5.7	509	153	270	28.9	142
Apr-Jun 2008	990	5.8	540	162	288	29.1	143	980	5.9	536	160	283	28.9	141
Jul-Sep 2008	1,075	6.3	605	165	304	28.3	147	1,060	6.4	599	163	298	28.2	144
Oct-Dec 2008	1,181	6.9	682	187	312	26.4	149	1,168	7.1	676	185	307	26.3	147
Jan-Mar 2009	1,336	7.8	776	221	338	25.3	157	1,321	8.0	769	219	333	25.2	155
Change on quarter	155	0.9	94	35	26	-1.1	8	153	0.9	93	34	26	-1.1	8
Change %	13.1		13.7	18.7	8.4		5.5	13.1		13.8	18.5	8.4		5.5
Change on year	393	2.3	263	67	64	-3.8	12	389	2.3	260	66	64	-3.7	12
Change %	41.8		51.2	42.9	23.5		8.6	41.7		51.0	42.8	23.5		8.7
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWQ	YBWT	YBWW	YBWZ	YBXC
Jan-Mar 2007	727	5.2	494	113	120	16.5	49	712	5.4	486	110	117	16.4	48
Jan-Mar 2008	681	4.8	445	111	125	18.4	51	671	5.0	439	109	122	18.2	49
Apr-Jun 2008	695	4.9	454	114	127	18.3	50	683	5.1	447	112	124	18.2	48
Jul-Sep 2008	750	5.2	500	119	131	17.4	55	736	5.5	492	116	128	17.4	53
Oct-Dec 2008	790	5.5	520	129	141	17.9	60	772	5.8	510	126	136	17.6	57
Jan-Mar 2009	880	6.1	557	155	168	19.1	68	861	6.4	546	151	164	19.0	66
Change on quarter	89	0.6	37	26	27	1.2	9	89	0.6	36	26	27	1.4	9
Change %	11.3		7.1	19.9	18.9		14.8	11.5		7.0	20.5	20.1		15.7
Change on year	198	1.3	112	44	43	0.7	18	190	1.4	106	42	41	0.8	16
Change %	29.1		25.1	39.5	34.0		34.8	28.2		24.2	38.5	33.5		33.1
	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
Jan-Mar 2007	192	26.3	149	28	15	7.8	*	518	12.5	349	80	90	17.3	31
Jan-Mar 2008	175	24.2	129	34	13	7.5	*	512	12.2	337	77	98	19.2	43
Apr-Jun 2008	188	25.9	144	33	11	5.7	*	526	12.5	346	76	105	19.9	38
Jul-Sep 2008	182	25.7	142	29	11	6.1	*	579	13.7	390	80	109	18.8	39
Oct-Dec 2008	191	28.3	146	30	15	7.8	*	616	14.5	408	99	109	17.7	39
Jan-Mar 2009	199	29.3	144	33	22	11.0	*	676	16.1	428	127	120	17.8	45
Change on quarter	8	1.0	-2	3	7	3.2	*	60	1.6	20	28	11	0.1	6
Change %	3.9		-1.3	8.3	46.5		*	9.7		5.0	28.5	10.5		14.8
Change on year	23	5.1	15	-1	9	3.4	*	164	3.9	91	51	22	-1.4	2
Change %	13.3		11.9	-1.8	65.3		*	32.1		27.1	66.1	22.4		5.0
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXC	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Jan-Mar 2007	107	29.4	80	17	10	9.1	*	308	13.7	194	51	63	20.3	22
Jan-Mar 2008	99	26.9	69	22	*	*	*	321	14.2	198	48	74	23.0	38
Apr-Jun 2008	102	28.2	77	17	*	*	*	331	14.5	205	51	75	22.8	30
Jul-Sep 2008	99	27.0	81	12	*	*	*	368	16.0	235	53	80	21.8	29
Oct-Dec 2008	102	29.5	76	18	*	*	*	388	16.8	241	65	82	21.1	28
Jan-Mar 2009	108	32.0	80	14	14	12.9	*	420	18.6	253	85	82	19.5	32
Change on quarter	7	2.4	4	-4	*	*	*	32	1.8	12	20	0	-1.6	4
Change %	6.5		5.4	-19.7	*	*	*	8.2		5.1	30.1	0.1		15.8
Change on year	9	5.1	11	-7	*	*	*	99	4.5	55	36	8	-3.5	-5
Change %	9.1		15.4	-33.7	*	*	*	31.0		27.6	75.1	11.3		-14.0
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Jan-Mar 2007	85	23.3	69	11	*	*	*	210	11.0	155	28	27	12.9	*
Jan-Mar 2008	76	21.5	59	12	*	*	*	192	9.9	139	28	25	12.8	*
Apr-Jun 2008	86	23.6	67	16	*	*	*	196	10.2	141	25	30	15.1	*
Jul-Sep 2008	83	24.3	62	16	*	*	*	211	10.9	155	27	29	13.5	*
Oct-Dec 2008	89	27.0	70	13	*	*	*	228	11.8	167	34	27	11.8	11
Jan-Mar 2009	90	26.7	64	19	*	*	*	256	13.3	175	43	38	14.9	12
Change on quarter	1	-0.3	-6	6	*	*	*	28	1.5	8	9	11	3.1	1
Change %	1.0		-8.6	47.9	*	*	*	12.2		4.8	25.2	42.1		12.2
Change on year	14	5.2	5	7	*	*	*	65	3.3	37	14	14	2.1	*
Change %	18.8		7.9	55.4	*	*	*	33.8		26.5	50.7	55.7		*

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
Jan-Mar 2007	747	4.2	414	124	209	27.9	99	247	3.1	123	44	80	32.4	45
Jan-Mar 2008	704	3.9	385	119	200	28.4	100	233	2.9	108	36	88	37.9	52
Apr-Jun 2008	732	4.0	395	130	207	28.3	101	238	2.9	109	37	93	38.8	54
Jul-Sep 2008	802	4.4	447	127	227	28.3	112	262	3.2	126	48	88	33.7	51
Oct-Dec 2008	859	4.7	491	138	229	26.7	113	305	3.7	157	47	100	32.8	57
Jan-Mar 2009	997	5.5	582	157	258	25.8	119	343	4.1	178	59	106	31.0	60
<i>Change on quarter</i>	138	0.7	91	19	28	-0.9	7	39	0.4	21	11	6	-1.8	3
<i>Change %</i>	16.1		18.6	13.4	12.3		5.9	12.6		13.4	23.4	6.4		6.0
<i>Change on year</i>	293	1.6	197	38	58	-2.5	19	111	1.3	70	22	18	-6.9	9
<i>Change %</i>	41.7		51.3	31.9	29.0		18.8	47.7		65.2	61.0	20.8		16.5
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Jan-Mar 2007	404	4.2	196	66	141	35.0	68	159	3.6	71	28	60	37.8	35
Jan-Mar 2008	373	3.8	184	61	128	34.3	67	149	3.3	61	24	64	42.8	40
Apr-Jun 2008	400	4.1	199	68	133	33.3	70	157	3.5	60	25	72	45.8	43
Jul-Sep 2008	440	4.5	219	70	151	34.3	77	168	3.7	70	30	68	40.3	41
Oct-Dec 2008	483	4.9	261	73	149	30.9	79	208	4.5	105	31	72	34.8	42
Jan-Mar 2009	571	5.8	328	82	162	28.3	80	236	5.1	115	41	80	34.0	45
<i>Change on quarter</i>	87	0.9	67	8	12	-2.6	1	29	0.6	10	10	8	-0.8	3
<i>Change %</i>	18.1		25.7	11.5	8.1		1.4	13.8		9.9	33.5	11.1		6.7
<i>Change on year</i>	198	2.0	143	21	34	-6.0	14	87	1.8	54	17	17	-8.8	5
<i>Change %</i>	53.0		77.6	34.3	26.4		20.7	58.5		88.5	68.4	25.9		11.3
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Jan-Mar 2007	343	4.1	218	58	67	19.6	31	88	2.5	52	16	20	22.8	10
Jan-Mar 2008	331	4.0	200	58	72	21.7	34	83	2.3	47	12	24	29.1	12
Apr-Jun 2008	332	4.0	197	61	74	22.4	31	81	2.3	49	12	20	25.2	11
Jul-Sep 2008	362	4.3	228	57	76	21.1	36	94	2.6	55	18	21	21.9	10
Oct-Dec 2008	376	4.5	230	65	80	21.3	33	97	2.7	53	17	28	28.5	15
Jan-Mar 2009	426	5.0	255	76	96	22.5	39	107	2.9	63	18	26	24.3	16
<i>Change on quarter</i>	51	0.6	24	10	16	1.3	6	10	0.3	11	1	-2	-4.2	1
<i>Change %</i>	13.5		10.5	15.6	20.3		16.5	10.2		20.4	5.0	-6.1		3.9
<i>Change on year</i>	95	1.1	54	17	24	0.8	5	24	0.6	16	6	2	-4.8	4
<i>Change %</i>	28.9		27.0	29.4	33.8		15.1	28.4		34.8	46.1	7.3		34.7

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
	BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People						
2008						
April	802.3	2.5	218.5	208.5	835.2	2.6
May	818.7	2.5	220.7	206.2	831.9	2.6
June #	843.3	2.6	233.3	211.6	835.3	2.6
July	873.7	2.7	245.9	217.3	871.3	2.7
August #	913.7	2.8	255.4	219.5	923.9	2.8
September	956.7	2.9	269.8	228.9	944.7	2.9
October	1,006.8	3.1	280.6	229.4	970.3	3.0
November #	1,091.5	3.4	301.5	226.5	1,056.1	3.3
December	1,175.8	3.6	325.6	235.2	1,153.3	3.6
2009						
January	1,253.8	3.9	329.9	245.1	1,282.6	4.0
February #	1,390.4	4.3	361.7	254.4	1,459.8	4.5
March (r)	1,455.9	4.5	362.5	279.1	1,523.5	4.7
April (p)	1,513.0	4.7	363.9	290.9	1,557.6	4.8
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>57.1</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>34.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>3.9</i>		<i>0.4</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.2</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>710.7</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>145.4</i>	<i>82.4</i>	<i>722.4</i>	<i>2.2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>88.6</i>		<i>66.5</i>	<i>39.5</i>	<i>86.5</i>	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men						
2008						
April	585.6	3.4	153.8	146.9	611.7	3.5
May	598.9	3.4	155.8	143.9	610.1	3.5
June #	617.3	3.5	164.7	148.6	610.7	3.5
July	640.8	3.7	174.7	151.9	632.4	3.6
August #	671.3	3.8	182.5	153.6	666.7	3.8
September	704.4	4.0	192.6	160.6	684.2	3.9
October	742.5	4.2	200.1	161.0	708.3	4.1
November #	809.9	4.6	217.3	159.5	783.0	4.5
December	874.8	5.0	234.1	165.6	865.2	5.0
2009						
January	931.6	5.3	233.7	172.4	958.6	5.5
February #	1,033.6	5.9	257.3	178.2	1,087.7	6.2
March (r)	1,081.5	6.2	255.8	194.6	1,134.5	6.5
April (p)	1,123.4	6.4	255.4	200.5	1,156.9	6.6
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>41.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>3.9</i>		<i>-0.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>537.8</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>101.6</i>	<i>53.6</i>	<i>545.2</i>	<i>3.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>91.8</i>		<i>66.1</i>	<i>36.5</i>	<i>89.1</i>	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women						
2008						
April	216.7	1.4	64.7	61.6	223.5	1.5
May	219.8	1.5	64.9	62.3	221.8	1.5
June #	226.0	1.5	68.6	63.0	224.6	1.5
July	232.9	1.6	71.2	65.4	238.9	1.6
August #	242.4	1.6	72.9	65.9	257.2	1.7
September	252.3	1.7	77.2	68.3	260.5	1.7
October	264.3	1.8	80.5	68.4	262.0	1.7
November #	281.6	1.9	84.2	67.0	273.2	1.8
December	301.0	2.0	91.5	69.6	288.2	1.9
2009						
January	322.2	2.2	96.2	72.7	324.0	2.2
February #	356.8	2.4	104.4	76.2	372.1	2.5
March (r)	374.4	2.5	106.7	84.5	389.0	2.6
April (p)	389.6	2.6	108.5	90.4	400.7	2.7
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>15.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>4.1</i>		<i>1.7</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>172.9</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>43.8</i>	<i>28.8</i>	<i>177.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>79.8</i>		<i>67.7</i>	<i>46.8</i>	<i>79.3</i>	

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

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

10(1) Lone Parent¹ Claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance by Age of Youngest Child²

Great Britain
not seasonally adjusted

	Claimant Count (all aged 16+) ⁴	Experimental Statistics ³				
		Lone Parents on Claimant Count ⁵	Age of Youngest Child			
			Age 0-6	Age 7-9	Age 10-11	Age 12-15
	BCJG	JDAZ	JDA2	JDA3	JDA4	JDA5
People 2008						
March	818,300	6,850	3,730	940	590	1,595
April	810,400	7,180	3,870	990	650	1,670
May	807,200	7,260	3,885	1,020	660	1,695
June #	810,000	7,530	4,020	1,020	705	1,785
July	843,900	7,770	4,130	1,070	720	1,855
August #	894,700	8,445	4,415	1,195	790	2,045
September	914,900	8,915	4,605	1,280	830	2,200
October	939,900	9,365	4,755	1,290	895	2,425
November #	1,022,500	10,385	4,940	1,435	1,010	3,000
December	1,117,500	12,225	5,275	1,535	1,155	4,265
2009						
January	1,243,100	14,660	5,650	1,705	1,270	6,030
February #	1,416,200	17,670	6,205	1,990	1,490	7,980
March	1,478,200	21,095	6,480	2,110	1,605	10,905
<i>Change on month</i>		3,425	275	120	115	2,925
<i>Change %</i>		19.4	4.4	6.0	7.7	36.7
<i>Change on year</i>		14,245	2,750	1,170	1,015	9,310
<i>Change %</i>		208.0	73.7	124.5	172.0	583.7

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system and HM Revenue & Customs child benefit data
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1. Lone Parents are defined as those claiming Child Benefit for at least one child aged under 16 at the Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) count date (second Thursday of the month) who have their marital status recorded as single, widowed, divorced or separated.
2. Age of youngest child relates to the age of the youngest child at the JSA count date.
3. These figures are experimental statistics and may be subject to retrospective changes as and when the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) receive updated Child Benefit data.
4. The number of people claiming JSA in Great Britain. These figures are different from the figures at table 10 (series BCJA) which relate to the UK. Series BCJA (shown at Table 10) and BCJG (shown above) also include clerical claims which are not used in producing the subsequent lone parent series and are therefore slightly different to JSA figures published by the DWP on similar tables in their publications.
5. Some JSA claimants have their marital status coded as "not known". Such claimants who are claiming Child Benefit for at least one child aged under 16 may be lone parents but are not recorded as such in the above table.

The estimates for Lone Parent claimants shown in the above table are produced a month later than the Claimant Count estimates shown at table 10 of this First Release.

Further estimates of lone parents claiming JSA are available from DWP at

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp>

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

11(1) Claimant count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+ ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
2008													
April	802.3	799.6	566.9	128.7	104.0	13.0	29.1	246.9	211.1	30.0	5.8	2.3	1.6
May	818.7	815.6	584.2	129.6	101.8	12.5	27.7	252.7	217.1	30.0	5.6	2.2	1.5
June #	843.3	839.1	608.2	130.6	100.3	12.0	26.4	260.7	225.4	29.8	5.5	2.1	1.5
July	873.7	870.6	638.0	132.9	99.7	11.5	25.7	270.6	235.0	30.0	5.6	2.1	1.5
August #	913.7	910.8	673.3	137.9	99.6	10.9	24.8	283.9	247.0	31.3	5.6	2.0	1.5
September	956.7	953.7	710.3	143.5	99.9	10.5	24.1	297.4	259.3	32.4	5.7	1.9	1.5
October	1,006.8	1,003.9	752.0	150.7	101.2	10.1	23.9	313.5	273.6	34.3	5.6	1.8	1.5
November #	1,091.5	1,088.4	824.5	160.7	103.2	9.5	23.4	338.3	295.6	36.8	5.9	1.7	1.5
December	1,175.8	1,172.3	892.8	173.3	106.2	9.1	23.4	362.0	316.1	39.7	6.2	1.7	1.5
2009													
January	1,253.8	1,250.3	953.2	187.3	109.8	8.8	23.5	383.0	333.2	43.3	6.5	1.7	1.6
February #	1,390.4	1,386.5	1,063.2	208.3	115.0	8.3	23.5	420.1	364.5	48.9	6.7	1.6	1.6
March (r)	1,455.9	1,451.2	1,107.2	226.1	117.9	8.1	23.2	437.5	376.5	54.3	6.7	1.5	1.6
April (p)	1,513.0	1,508.4	1,145.9	241.7	120.8	8.0	22.8	451.8	387.9	57.1	6.8	1.5	1.6
Change on month	57.1	57.2	38.7	15.6	2.9	-0.1	-0.4	14.3	11.4	2.8	0.1	0.0	0.0
Change %	3.9	3.9	3.5	6.9	2.5		-1.7	3.3	3.0	5.2	1.5		0.0
Change on year	710.7	708.8	579.0	113.0	16.8	-5.0	-6.3	204.9	176.8	27.1	1.0	-0.8	0.0
Change %	88.6	88.6	102.1	87.8	16.2		-21.6	83.0	83.8	90.3	17.2		0.0
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2008													
April	585.6	583.7	406.0	96.7	81.0	13.9	23.0	166.7	142.6	20.2	3.9	2.3	1.1
May	598.9	596.9	420.0	97.6	79.3	13.3	21.9	171.0	147.0	20.3	3.7	2.2	1.0
June #	617.3	614.3	437.5	98.6	78.2	12.7	20.8	177.0	153.0	20.3	3.7	2.1	1.0
July	640.8	638.5	460.2	100.5	77.8	12.2	20.2	184.1	159.8	20.5	3.8	2.1	1.0
August #	671.3	669.3	487.0	104.6	77.7	11.6	19.4	194.0	168.6	21.6	3.8	2.0	1.0
September	704.4	702.3	515.3	108.9	78.1	11.1	18.9	204.2	177.9	22.4	3.9	1.9	1.0
October	742.5	740.3	546.6	114.5	79.2	10.7	18.7	216.1	188.5	23.8	3.8	1.8	1.0
November #	809.9	807.7	604.4	122.3	81.0	10.0	18.3	235.3	205.7	25.6	4.0	1.7	1.0
December	874.8	872.3	656.5	132.3	83.5	9.6	18.3	252.6	220.8	27.6	4.2	1.7	1.0
2009													
January	931.6	929.0	699.3	143.3	86.4	9.3	18.4	267.6	233.0	30.1	4.5	1.7	1.1
February #	1,033.6	1,030.7	779.7	160.4	90.6	8.8	18.4	293.4	254.3	34.4	4.7	1.6	1.1
March (r)	1,081.5	1,078.2	810.5	174.7	93.0	8.6	18.1	306.9	263.6	38.6	4.7	1.5	1.1
April (p)	1,123.4	1,120.2	837.6	187.5	95.1	8.5	17.7	316.8	271.2	40.9	4.7	1.5	1.1
Change on month	41.9	42.0	27.1	12.8	2.1	-0.1	-0.4	9.9	7.6	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change %	3.9	3.9	3.3	7.3	2.3		-2.2	3.2	2.9	6.0	0.0		0.0
Change on year	537.8	536.5	431.6	90.8	14.1	-5.4	-5.3	150.1	128.6	20.7	0.8	-0.9	0.0
Change %	91.8	91.9	106.3	93.9	17.4		-23.0	90.0	90.2	102.5	20.5		0.0
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJG	JLJL	JLJM	JLJN	JLJO	JLJP	JLJQ	JLJR	JLJS	JLJT
2008													
April	216.7	215.9	160.9	32.0	23.0	10.7	6.1	80.2	68.5	9.8	1.9	2.4	0.5
May	219.8	218.7	164.2	32.0	22.5	10.3	5.8	81.7	70.1	9.7	1.9	2.3	0.5
June #	226.0	224.8	170.7	32.0	22.1	9.8	5.6	83.7	72.4	9.5	1.8	2.2	0.5
July	232.9	232.1	177.8	32.4	21.9	9.4	5.5	86.5	75.2	9.5	1.8	2.1	0.5
August #	242.4	241.5	186.3	33.3	21.9	9.1	5.4	89.9	78.4	9.7	1.8	2.0	0.5
September	252.3	251.4	195.0	34.6	21.8	8.7	5.2	93.2	81.4	10.0	1.8	1.9	0.5
October	264.3	263.6	205.4	36.2	22.0	8.3	5.2	97.4	85.1	10.5	1.8	1.8	0.5
November #	281.6	280.7	220.1	38.4	22.2	7.9	5.1	103.0	89.9	11.2	1.9	1.8	0.5
December	301.0	300.0	236.3	41.0	22.7	7.6	5.1	109.4	95.3	12.1	2.0	1.8	0.5
2009													
January	322.2	321.3	253.9	44.0	23.4	7.3	5.1	115.4	100.2	13.2	2.0	1.7	0.5
February #	356.8	355.8	283.5	47.9	24.4	6.9	5.1	126.7	110.2	14.5	2.0	1.6	0.5
March (r)	374.4	373.0	296.7	51.4	24.9	6.7	5.1	130.6	112.9	15.7	2.0	1.5	0.5
April (p)	389.6	388.2	308.3	54.2	25.7	6.6	5.1	135.0	116.7	16.2	2.1	1.6	0.5
Change on month	15.2	15.2	11.6	2.8	0.8	-0.1	0.0	4.4	3.8	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0
Change %	4.1	4.1	3.9	5.4	3.2		0.0	3.4	3.4	3.2	5.0		0.0
Change on year	172.9	172.3	147.4	22.2	2.7	-4.0	-1.0	54.8	48.2	6.4	0.2	-0.8	0.0
Change %	79.8	79.8	91.6	69.4	11.7		-16.4	68.3	70.4	65.3	10.5		0.0

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

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CLAIMANT COUNT

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

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

People	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	JLHW	JLIX	JLJY	JLJZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
2008												
April	430.8	281.5	79.3	70.0	16.2	14.8	121.9	74.3	19.4	28.2	23.1	12.7
May	438.6	289.5	79.9	69.2	15.8	14.4	124.3	77.6	19.7	27.0	21.7	11.8
June #	450.3	300.7	80.6	69.0	15.3	14.1	128.1	82.1	20.2	25.8	20.1	10.8
July	467.3	316.5	81.9	68.9	14.7	14.0	132.7	86.5	21.0	25.2	19.0	10.2
August #	488.1	334.4	84.2	69.5	14.2	13.8	138.8	91.9	22.4	24.5	17.7	9.5
September	510.8	353.6	87.1	70.1	13.7	13.7	145.5	97.4	24.0	24.1	16.6	8.9
October	537.3	375.2	90.8	71.3	13.3	13.7	153.1	103.2	25.6	24.3	15.9	8.7
November #	584.3	415.2	96.2	72.9	12.5	13.6	165.8	113.7	27.7	24.4	14.7	8.3
December	631.0	452.7	103.1	75.2	11.9	13.9	179.3	124.0	30.5	24.8	13.8	8.0
2009												
January	675.4	486.6	111.2	77.6	11.5	13.9	191.9	133.4	32.8	25.7	13.4	8.0
February #	752.8	548.2	123.5	81.1	10.8	14.0	213.6	150.5	35.9	27.2	12.7	7.9
March (r)	789.7	573.1	133.5	83.1	10.5	13.9	224.0	157.6	38.3	28.1	12.5	7.7
April (p)	823.0	594.1	143.6	85.3	10.4	13.8	233.6	163.9	41.0	28.7	12.3	7.4
Change on month	33.3	21.0	10.1	2.2	-0.2	-0.1	9.6	6.3	2.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.3
Change %	4.2	3.7	7.6	2.6		-0.7	4.3	4.0	7.0	2.1		-3.9
Change on year	392.2	312.6	64.3	15.3	-5.9	-1.0	111.7	89.6	21.6	0.5	-10.8	-5.3
Change %	91.0	111.0	81.1	21.9		-6.8	91.6	120.6	111.3	1.8		-41.7
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2008												
April	332.1	213.4	62.8	55.9	16.8	11.9	84.9	50.0	13.7	21.2	25.0	10.0
May	338.8	220.2	63.3	55.3	16.3	11.6	87.1	52.8	14.0	20.3	23.3	9.3
June #	347.3	228.3	63.9	55.1	15.9	11.3	90.0	56.2	14.4	19.4	21.6	8.5
July	361.1	240.9	65.0	55.2	15.3	11.2	93.3	59.5	15.0	18.8	20.2	8.0
August #	377.4	254.9	66.9	55.6	14.7	11.0	97.9	63.5	16.1	18.3	18.7	7.4
September	395.2	269.9	69.2	56.1	14.2	10.9	102.9	67.5	17.3	18.1	17.6	7.0
October	416.0	286.6	72.2	57.2	13.8	10.9	108.2	71.5	18.5	18.2	16.8	6.8
November #	454.1	318.9	76.6	58.6	12.9	10.8	118.3	79.8	20.1	18.4	15.6	6.5
December	490.9	347.9	82.5	60.5	12.3	11.0	128.8	87.8	22.2	18.8	14.6	6.3
2009												
January	523.9	372.3	89.2	62.4	11.9	11.0	137.5	94.0	24.0	19.5	14.2	6.3
February #	584.1	419.1	99.7	65.3	11.2	11.1	153.2	106.3	26.3	20.6	13.4	6.2
March (r)	610.5	435.5	108.0	67.0	11.0	11.0	160.8	111.4	28.1	21.3	13.2	6.0
April (p)	635.3	450.0	116.5	68.8	10.8	10.9	168.1	116.4	30.1	21.6	12.8	5.7
Change on month	24.8	14.5	8.5	1.8	-0.1	-0.1	7.3	5.0	2.0	0.3	-0.4	-0.3
Change %	4.1	3.3	7.9	2.7		-0.9	4.5	4.5	7.1	1.4		-5.0
Change on year	303.2	236.6	53.7	12.9	-6.0	-1.0	83.2	66.4	16.4	0.4	-12.1	-4.3
Change %	91.3	110.9	85.5	23.1		-8.4	98.0	132.8	119.7	1.9		-43.0
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2008												
April	98.7	68.1	16.5	14.1	14.3	2.9	37.0	24.3	5.7	7.0	18.9	2.7
May	99.8	69.3	16.6	13.9	13.9	2.8	37.2	24.8	5.7	6.7	18.0	2.5
June #	103.0	72.4	16.7	13.9	13.5	2.8	38.1	25.9	5.8	6.4	16.8	2.3
July	106.2	75.6	16.9	13.7	12.9	2.8	39.4	27.0	6.0	6.4	16.2	2.2
August #	110.7	79.5	17.3	13.9	12.6	2.8	40.9	28.4	6.3	6.2	15.2	2.1
September	115.6	83.7	17.9	14.0	12.1	2.8	42.6	29.9	6.7	6.0	14.1	1.9
October	121.3	88.6	18.6	14.1	11.6	2.8	44.9	31.7	7.1	6.1	13.6	1.9
November #	130.2	96.3	19.6	14.3	11.0	2.8	47.5	33.9	7.6	6.0	12.6	1.8
December	140.1	104.8	20.6	14.7	10.5	2.9	50.5	36.2	8.3	6.0	11.9	1.7
2009												
January	151.5	114.3	22.0	15.2	10.0	2.9	54.4	39.4	8.8	6.2	11.4	1.7
February #	168.7	129.1	23.8	15.8	9.4	2.9	60.4	44.2	9.6	6.6	10.9	1.7
March (r)	179.2	137.6	25.5	16.1	9.0	2.9	63.2	46.2	10.2	6.8	10.8	1.7
April (p)	187.7	144.1	27.1	16.5	8.8	2.9	65.5	47.5	10.9	7.1	10.8	1.7
Change on month	8.5	6.5	1.6	0.4	-0.2	0.0	2.3	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.0
Change %	4.7	4.7	6.3	2.5		0.0	3.6	2.8	6.9	4.4		0.0
Change on year	89.0	76.0	10.6	2.4	-5.5	0.0	28.5	23.2	5.2	0.1	-8.1	-1.0
Change %	90.2	111.6	64.2	17.0		0.0	77.0	95.5	91.2	1.4		-37.0

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
Jan-Mar 2007	30,763	29,541	729	4,157	6,561	11,412	6,682	1,222
Jan-Mar 2008	31,123	29,802	723	4,193	6,600	11,483	6,802	1,321
Apr-Jun 2008	31,190	29,844	729	4,202	6,621	11,498	6,795	1,346
Jul-Sep 2008	31,232	29,878	709	4,239	6,629	11,490	6,811	1,354
Oct-Dec 2008	31,333	29,958	675	4,251	6,666	11,509	6,857	1,374
Jan-Mar 2009	31,419	30,039	677	4,188	6,711	11,558	6,904	1,381
Change on quarter	87	80	2	-63	45	49	47	6
Change %	0.3	0.3	0.3	-1.5	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.5
Change on year	296	236	-46	-5	111	75	102	60
Change %	1.0	0.8	-6.4	-0.1	1.7	0.7	1.5	4.5
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jan-Mar 2007	16,702	16,296	363	2,250	3,602	6,088	3,992	406
Jan-Mar 2008	16,890	16,441	369	2,262	3,630	6,088	4,091	449
Apr-Jun 2008	16,928	16,472	363	2,274	3,638	6,103	4,094	456
Jul-Sep 2008	16,937	16,484	366	2,301	3,624	6,100	4,093	453
Oct-Dec 2008	17,010	16,550	344	2,308	3,647	6,125	4,126	460
Jan-Mar 2009	17,041	16,591	339	2,255	3,697	6,128	4,172	450
Change on quarter	31	41	-6	-53	50	3	47	-10
Change %	0.2	0.2	-1.6	-2.3	1.4	0.0	1.1	-2.2
Change on year	152	151	-30	-7	67	39	81	1
Change %	0.9	0.9	-8.3	-0.3	1.8	0.6	2.0	0.2
Women	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Jan-Mar 2007	14,061	13,245	367	1,907	2,958	5,323	2,690	816
Jan-Mar 2008	14,233	13,362	354	1,931	2,970	5,395	2,712	872
Apr-Jun 2008	14,262	13,372	365	1,927	2,983	5,396	2,701	890
Jul-Sep 2008	14,295	13,394	343	1,939	3,005	5,390	2,717	900
Oct-Dec 2008	14,322	13,408	331	1,943	3,019	5,384	2,731	914
Jan-Mar 2009	14,378	13,447	338	1,933	3,014	5,430	2,732	931
Change on quarter	56	39	8	-10	-5	46	1	17
Change %	0.4	0.3	2.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.9	0.0	1.8
Change on year	145	86	-16	2	44	36	21	59
Change %	1.0	0.6	-4.5	0.1	1.5	0.7	0.8	6.8
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Jan-Mar 2007	63.4	78.8	46.1	74.3	84.2	85.2	73.2	11.1
Jan-Mar 2008	63.6	79.1	45.5	73.4	84.7	85.5	74.4	11.8
Apr-Jun 2008	63.6	79.1	45.8	73.3	84.8	85.6	74.3	11.9
Jul-Sep 2008	63.6	79.1	44.8	73.6	84.7	85.5	74.3	11.9
Oct-Dec 2008	63.7	79.2	42.9	73.6	84.8	85.7	74.7	12.1
Jan-Mar 2009	63.7	79.3	43.3	72.3	85.0	86.2	75.1	12.1
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	0.4	-1.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
Change on year	0.1	0.2	-2.2	-1.2	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.3
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jan-Mar 2007	70.8	83.6	44.6	79.0	92.9	92.1	74.8	9.9
Jan-Mar 2008	70.9	83.7	45.2	77.6	93.1	91.9	76.0	10.8
Apr-Jun 2008	70.9	83.7	44.5	77.6	93.1	92.1	75.9	10.9
Jul-Sep 2008	70.8	83.7	45.0	78.2	92.4	92.1	75.8	10.8
Oct-Dec 2008	70.9	83.9	42.6	78.2	92.5	92.5	76.2	10.9
Jan-Mar 2009	70.9	83.9	42.2	76.2	93.3	92.6	76.9	10.6
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-2.0	0.8	0.1	0.7	-0.3
Change on year	0.0	0.2	-3.0	-1.4	0.2	0.7	0.9	-0.2
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Jan-Mar 2007	56.4	73.6	47.7	69.4	75.6	78.5	70.9	11.8
Jan-Mar 2008	56.7	74.1	45.8	69.1	76.2	79.3	72.1	12.3
Apr-Jun 2008	56.7	74.1	47.2	68.7	76.5	79.2	71.9	12.5
Jul-Sep 2008	56.8	74.2	44.5	68.9	76.9	79.2	72.3	12.6
Oct-Dec 2008	56.8	74.2	43.1	68.8	77.0	79.2	72.6	12.8
Jan-Mar 2009	56.9	74.3	44.4	68.2	76.6	79.9	72.5	13.0
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	1.2	-0.6	-0.4	0.7	-0.1	0.2
Change on year	0.2	0.2	-1.4	-0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6

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 Definitions.

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	YCAZ	YCBB	MGWA	MGWD
Jan-Mar 2007	17,756	7,955	852	1,441	1,232	1,984	2,446	9,802
Jan-Mar 2008	17,788	7,871	866	1,516	1,197	1,950	2,342	9,916
Apr-Jun 2008	17,816	7,872	862	1,534	1,183	1,939	2,355	9,944
Jul-Sep 2008	17,876	7,887	875	1,517	1,200	1,942	2,352	9,989
Oct-Dec 2008	17,877	7,858	899	1,524	1,198	1,914	2,322	10,019
Jan-Mar 2009	17,893	7,828	888	1,606	1,187	1,857	2,291	10,064
Change on quarter	16	-29	-12	81	-10	-58	-31	45
Change %	0.1	-0.4	-1.3	5.3	-0.8	-3.0	-1.4	0.4
Change on year	105	-43	21	89	-9	-93	-51	148
Change %	0.6	-0.5	2.5	5.9	-0.8	-4.8	-2.2	1.5
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Jan-Mar 2007	6,881	3,193	450	599	277	525	1,342	3,687
Jan-Mar 2008	6,917	3,197	447	654	268	538	1,290	3,720
Apr-Jun 2008	6,934	3,200	454	657	269	525	1,297	3,734
Jul-Sep 2008	6,982	3,221	447	641	299	525	1,309	3,760
Oct-Dec 2008	6,966	3,187	464	642	296	496	1,289	3,779
Jan-Mar 2009	6,992	3,178	464	704	266	489	1,255	3,814
Change on quarter	26	-9	0	61	-30	-7	-34	35
Change %	0.4	-0.3	0.1	9.6	-10.0	-1.3	-2.7	0.9
Change on year	75	-19	16	50	-1	-49	-35	93
Change %	1.1	-0.6	3.7	7.6	-0.6	-9.1	-2.7	2.5
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Jan-Mar 2007	10,876	4,761	402	842	955	1,458	1,104	6,114
Jan-Mar 2008	10,870	4,674	419	863	929	1,412	1,052	6,196
Apr-Jun 2008	10,882	4,672	408	877	914	1,414	1,058	6,210
Jul-Sep 2008	10,894	4,665	428	876	901	1,417	1,043	6,228
Oct-Dec 2008	10,911	4,671	436	882	901	1,418	1,033	6,241
Jan-Mar 2009	10,901	4,650	424	902	921	1,367	1,036	6,251
Change on quarter	-11	-20	-12	20	20	-51	3	10
Change %	-0.1	-0.4	-2.7	2.3	2.2	-3.6	0.3	0.2
Change on year	31	-24	5	39	-8	-45	-16	55
Change %	0.3	-0.5	1.2	4.5	-0.8	-3.2	-1.5	0.9
Economic inactivity rates (%)¹								
People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Jan-Mar 2007	36.6	21.2	53.9	25.7	15.8	14.8	26.8	88.9
Jan-Mar 2008	36.4	20.9	54.5	26.6	15.3	14.5	25.6	88.2
Apr-Jun 2008	36.4	20.9	54.2	26.7	15.2	14.4	25.7	88.1
Jul-Sep 2008	36.4	20.9	55.2	26.4	15.3	14.5	25.7	88.1
Oct-Dec 2008	36.3	20.8	57.1	26.4	15.2	14.3	25.3	87.9
Jan-Mar 2009	36.3	20.7	56.7	27.7	15.0	13.8	24.9	87.9
Change on quarter	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	1.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.0
Change on year	-0.1	-0.2	2.2	1.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Jan-Mar 2007	29.2	16.4	55.4	21.0	7.1	7.9	25.2	90.1
Jan-Mar 2008	29.1	16.3	54.8	22.4	6.9	8.1	24.0	89.2
Apr-Jun 2008	29.1	16.3	55.5	22.4	6.9	7.9	24.1	89.1
Jul-Sep 2008	29.2	16.3	55.0	21.8	7.6	7.9	24.2	89.2
Oct-Dec 2008	29.1	16.1	57.4	21.8	7.5	7.5	23.8	89.1
Jan-Mar 2009	29.1	16.1	57.8	23.8	6.7	7.4	23.1	89.4
Change on quarter	0.0	-0.1	0.4	2.0	-0.8	-0.1	-0.7	0.3
Change on year	0.0	-0.2	3.0	1.4	-0.2	-0.7	-0.9	0.2
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Jan-Mar 2007	43.6	26.4	52.3	30.6	24.4	21.5	29.1	88.2
Jan-Mar 2008	43.3	25.9	54.2	30.9	23.8	20.7	27.9	87.7
Apr-Jun 2008	43.3	25.9	52.8	31.3	23.5	20.8	28.1	87.5
Jul-Sep 2008	43.2	25.8	55.5	31.1	23.1	20.8	27.7	87.4
Oct-Dec 2008	43.2	25.8	56.9	31.2	23.0	20.8	27.4	87.2
Jan-Mar 2009	43.1	25.7	55.6	31.8	23.4	20.1	27.5	87.0
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	0.1	-0.2
Change on year	-0.2	-0.2	1.4	0.9	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6

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
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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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								Does not want a job	
		Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job ¹
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEI	YBVZ	YBWC
Jan-Mar 2007	7,955	1,894	2,327	206	2,077	38	607	805	5,861	2,093
Jan-Mar 2008	7,871	1,964	2,268	176	2,029	42	596	797	5,738	2,134
Apr-Jun 2008	7,872	1,969	2,295	181	1,997	39	590	801	5,709	2,163
Jul-Sep 2008	7,887	1,995	2,249	182	2,060	38	604	760	5,745	2,142
Oct-Dec 2008	7,858	2,051	2,256	169	1,988	49	598	745	5,737	2,121
Jan-Mar 2009	7,828	2,094	2,233	174	1,991	51	576	710	5,754	2,075
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-29	42	-23	4	3	1	-22	-35	16	-46
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	2.1	-1.0	2.5	0.2	2.6	-3.7	-4.6	0.3	-2.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-43	130	-35	-2	-38	9	-20	-87	16	-59
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	6.6	-1.5	-1.2	-1.9	22.0	-3.4	-10.9	0.3	-2.8
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Jan-Mar 2007	3,193	949	200	107	1,129	26	440	343	2,293	900
Jan-Mar 2008	3,197	991	192	86	1,126	22	434	347	2,294	903
Apr-Jun 2008	3,200	993	195	88	1,113	22	432	357	2,272	929
Jul-Sep 2008	3,221	990	199	91	1,145	19	435	342	2,302	919
Oct-Dec 2008	3,187	1,035	191	76	1,087	31	439	327	2,274	913
Jan-Mar 2009	3,178	1,054	197	81	1,091	31	423	301	2,299	880
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-9	19	5	4	4	0	-16	-25	24	-33
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	1.8	2.8	5.8	0.3	-0.1	-3.6	-7.7	1.1	-3.6
<i>Change on year</i>	-19	63	5	-5	-35	9	-11	-45	5	-24
<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	6.4	2.5	-6.3	-3.1	43.7	-2.5	-13.0	0.2	-2.6
Women	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEEES	YBWB	YBWE
Jan-Mar 2007	4,761	945	2,127	99	948	12	167	462	3,568	1,193
Jan-Mar 2008	4,674	973	2,077	89	904	20	162	450	3,444	1,231
Apr-Jun 2008	4,672	976	2,100	93	883	17	159	445	3,437	1,234
Jul-Sep 2008	4,665	1,005	2,050	90	915	18	169	418	3,443	1,223
Oct-Dec 2008	4,671	1,016	2,065	93	901	18	159	418	3,463	1,208
Jan-Mar 2009	4,650	1,039	2,037	93	900	20	153	409	3,455	1,195
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-20	23	-28	0	-1	1	-6	-9	-8	-13
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	2.3	-1.4	-0.2	-0.1	7.3	-4.0	-2.3	-0.2	-1.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-24	67	-40	3	-3	0	-9	-41	11	-35
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	6.9	-1.9	3.7	-0.4	-1.4	-5.8	-9.2	0.3	-2.9
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
People	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
Jan-Mar 2007	100	23.8	29.3	2.6	26.1	0.5	7.6	10.1	73.7	26.3
Jan-Mar 2008	100	24.9	28.8	2.2	25.8	0.5	7.6	10.1	72.9	27.1
Apr-Jun 2008	100	25.0	29.2	2.3	25.4	0.5	7.5	10.2	72.5	27.5
Jul-Sep 2008	100	25.3	28.5	2.3	26.1	0.5	7.7	9.6	72.8	27.2
Oct-Dec 2008	100	26.1	28.7	2.2	25.3	0.6	7.6	9.5	73.0	27.0
Jan-Mar 2009	100	26.7	28.5	2.2	25.4	0.6	7.4	9.1	73.5	26.5
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jan-Mar 2007	100	29.7	6.3	3.3	35.3	0.8	13.8	10.8	71.8	28.2
Jan-Mar 2008	100	31.0	6.0	2.7	35.2	0.7	13.6	10.8	71.7	28.3
Apr-Jun 2008	100	31.0	6.1	2.7	34.8	0.7	13.5	11.2	71.0	29.0
Jul-Sep 2008	100	30.7	6.2	2.8	35.6	0.6	13.5	10.6	71.5	28.5
Oct-Dec 2008	100	32.5	6.0	2.4	34.1	1.0	13.8	10.2	71.4	28.6
Jan-Mar 2009	100	33.2	6.2	2.5	34.3	1.0	13.3	9.5	72.3	27.7
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Jan-Mar 2007	100	19.9	44.7	2.1	19.9	0.3	3.5	9.7	74.9	25.1
Jan-Mar 2008	100	20.8	44.4	1.9	19.3	0.4	3.5	9.6	73.7	26.3
Apr-Jun 2008	100	20.9	44.9	2.0	18.9	0.4	3.4	9.5	73.6	26.4
Jul-Sep 2008	100	21.5	43.9	1.9	19.6	0.4	3.6	9.0	73.8	26.2
Oct-Dec 2008	100	21.8	44.2	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.0	74.1	25.9
Jan-Mar 2009	100	22.4	43.8	2.0	19.4	0.4	3.3	8.8	74.3	25.7

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

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. This series comprises those who have not been looking for work in the last four weeks, but who say they would like a regular paid job, plus those who have been looking for work but who were unable to start within two weeks.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

January to March 2009

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

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

Levels

People												
16-17	677	227	450	478	146	332	199	80	118	888	108	780
18-24	4,188	3,495	693	3,512	2,922	590	676	573	103	1,606	622	984
all under 25	4,865	3,722	1,143	3,990	3,069	922	875	653	222	2,493	730	1,764
Men												
16-17	339	136	203	230	86	145	108	50	58	464	55	409
18-24	2,255	1,936	319	1,835	1,574	262	420	362	58	704	191	513
all under 25	2,594	2,072	522	2,066	1,660	406	528	412	116	1,168	246	922
Women												
16-17	338	91	247	248	61	187	90	30	60	424	53	371
18-24	1,933	1,559	374	1,677	1,349	328	256	211	46	902	431	471
all under 25	2,271	1,650	621	1,925	1,409	515	347	241	105	1,326	484	841

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	2	-10	12	-5	-10	5	8	0	7	-12	-5	-6
18-24	-63	-17	-46	-123	-76	-47	60	59	1	81	36	46
all under 25	-61	-27	-34	-128	-86	-42	67	59	8	70	30	39
Men												
16-17	-6	-6	1	-12	-10	-2	7	4	3	0	-4	4
18-24	-53	-30	-23	-85	-60	-25	32	30	2	61	52	9
all under 25	-58	-36	-22	-97	-70	-27	39	34	5	62	48	13
Women												
16-17	8	-4	11	7	0	7	1	-4	4	-12	-2	-10
18-24	-10	13	-23	-38	-16	-22	28	29	-1	20	-16	36
all under 25	-2	9	-12	-31	-16	-15	29	25	3	8	-18	26

Rates(%)³

People												
16-17	43.3	67.7	36.6	30.6	43.7	27.0	29.3	35.4	26.3	56.7	32.3	63.4
18-24	72.3	84.9	41.3	60.6	71.0	35.2	16.1	16.4	14.9	27.7	15.1	58.7
all under 25	66.1	83.6	39.3	54.2	68.9	31.7	18.0	17.6	19.4	33.9	16.4	60.7
Men												
16-17	42.2	71.2	33.2	28.7	45.0	23.6	32.0	36.8	28.8	57.8	28.8	66.8
18-24	76.2	91.0	38.4	62.0	74.0	31.4	18.6	18.7	18.1	23.8	9.0	61.6
all under 25	69.0	89.4	36.2	54.9	71.6	28.1	20.4	19.9	22.2	31.0	10.6	63.8
Women												
16-17	44.4	63.1	40.0	32.5	42.0	30.3	26.7	33.4	24.2	55.6	36.9	60.0
18-24	68.2	78.3	44.2	59.1	67.8	38.9	13.3	13.5	12.2	31.8	21.7	55.8
all under 25	63.1	77.3	42.5	53.5	66.0	35.2	15.3	14.6	17.0	36.9	22.7	57.5

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	0.4	0.1	0.8	-0.2	-1.1	0.3	1.0	1.7	0.9	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8
18-24	-1.3	-0.8	-2.7	-2.3	-2.2	-2.8	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.3	0.8	2.7
all under 25	-0.9	-0.7	-1.2	-1.8	-2.0	-1.5	1.6	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.7	1.2
Men												
16-17	-0.4	0.4	-0.1	-1.3	-2.8	-0.5	2.4	4.4	1.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1
18-24	-2.0	-2.4	-2.1	-3.1	-3.6	-2.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.1
all under 25	-1.6	-2.0	-1.3	-2.6	-3.4	-1.7	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.3
Women												
16-17	1.2	-0.2	1.8	1.1	1.3	1.1	-0.3	-2.4	0.7	-1.2	0.2	-1.8
18-24	-0.6	0.8	-3.5	-1.6	-0.7	-3.3	1.5	1.8	0.5	0.6	-0.8	3.5
all under 25	-0.2	0.7	-1.2	-1.0	-0.5	-1.4	1.3	1.5	0.9	0.2	-0.7	1.2

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

2. In full-time education.

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

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EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

15 Average Earnings - including bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMQ	LNMU	LNNC	LNKY	LNKZ	LNND	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Mar 07	129.4	3.4	4.3	128.9	3.5	4.6	132.6	3.1	3.1
Jan 08 (r)	135.0	4.4	3.7	134.7	4.6	3.9	136.8	3.5	3.4
Feb 08 (r)	137.5	5.6	4.2	137.0	5.4	4.3	137.2	4.0	3.6
Mar 08 (r)	135.4	4.7	4.9	135.0	4.8	4.9	137.6	3.8	3.8
Apr 08	134.9	3.8	4.7 (r)	134.3	3.7	4.6 (r)	138.1	3.8	3.9
May 08	135.3	3.4	3.9	134.7	3.5	4.0 (r)	137.6	3.1	3.6 (r)
Jun 08	135.8	3.4	3.5	135.2	3.6	3.6	137.9	2.9	3.2
Jul 08	136.2	3.6	3.5	135.6	3.5	3.5	139.3	4.0	3.3
Aug 08	136.6	3.2	3.4	136.0	3.1	3.4	139.4	3.6	3.5
Sep 08	137.0	3.1	3.3	136.2	2.8	3.1	140.3	4.0	3.9
Oct 08	137.3	3.6	3.3	136.6	3.6	3.2	140.5	3.8	3.8
Nov 08	136.8	2.6	3.1	135.8	2.2	2.9	141.6	4.3	4.0
Dec 08	136.2	2.9	3.0	135.3	2.7	2.8	141.5	3.9	4.0
Jan 09 (r)	134.7	-0.3	1.7	133.1	-1.2	1.2	141.9	3.7	4.0
Feb 09 (r)	134.9	-1.9	0.2	133.3	-2.7	-0.4	142.3	3.7	3.8
Mar 09 (p)	136.7	1.0	-0.4	135.5	0.4	-1.2	142.2	3.3	3.6
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMR	LNMV	LNNG	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Mar 07	128.9	3.4	3.5	129.5	3.1	4.4	128.5	3.1	4.8
Jan 08 (r)	133.3	3.8	3.8	135.7	4.7	3.7	135.5	5.2	3.9
Feb 08 (r)	133.8	3.6	3.8	138.3	5.9	4.4	138.3	6.3	4.6
Mar 08 (r)	134.7	4.5	4.0	136.0	5.0	5.2	135.5	5.4	5.6
Apr 08	133.9	3.0	3.7	135.6	4.0	5.0 (r)	134.8	4.1	5.3 (r)
May 08	134.8	3.3	3.6	135.8	3.5	4.2	135.0	3.7	4.4
Jun 08	134.4	2.5	2.9	136.3	3.7	3.8	135.8	4.0	3.9
Jul 08	134.8	2.8	2.8	136.8	3.9	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.8
Aug 08	135.0	2.9	2.7	137.2	3.4	3.7	136.5	3.4	3.7
Sep 08	135.3	3.0	2.9	137.7	3.2	3.5	136.9	3.0	3.4
Oct 08	135.6	2.9	2.9	138.2	3.9	3.5	137.4	4.0	3.4
Nov 08	135.7	2.3	2.7	137.5	2.9	3.3	136.6	2.6	3.2
Dec 08	135.5	1.8	2.3	136.9	3.3	3.4	135.7	3.3	3.3
Jan 09 (r)	135.4	1.5	1.9	134.7	-0.7	1.8	132.7	-2.1	1.2
Feb 09 (r)	135.1	1.0	1.4	135.2	-2.3	0.1	132.9	-3.9	-1.0
Mar 09 (p)	135.4	0.5	1.0	137.4	1.0	-0.7	135.9	0.3	-1.9

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

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

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 456120

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

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQDW	JQDX	JQDY	JQEC	JQED	JQEE	JQDZ	JQEA	JQEB
Mar 07	130.2	3.7	3.6	129.6	3.9	3.8	132.1	3.1	3.1
Jan 08 (r)	134.1	3.6	3.6	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.2	3.5	3.5
Feb 08 (r)	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.4	4.0	3.8	136.6	3.8	3.7
Mar 08 (r)	135.3	3.9	3.8	134.7	3.9	3.8	137.3	3.9	3.7
Apr 08	135.5	3.9	4.0 (r)	135.0	3.9	3.9	137.9	4.2	4.0
May 08	135.7	3.6	3.8	135.2	3.6	3.8	137.9	3.7	3.9
Jun 08	136.1	3.6	3.7	135.8	3.7	3.7	137.7	3.4	3.7
Jul 08	136.7	3.8	3.7	136.2	3.8	3.7	138.7	4.0	3.7
Aug 08	137.0	3.5	3.6	136.4	3.4	3.6	139.1	3.6	3.7
Sep 08	137.4	3.6	3.6	136.8	3.5	3.6	139.9	4.0	3.9
Oct 08	137.9	3.7	3.6	137.4	3.7	3.5	140.1	3.7	3.8
Nov 08	138.2	3.6	3.6	137.6	3.5	3.5	140.9	4.2	4.0
Dec 08	138.4	3.5	3.6	137.8	3.4	3.5	141.1	3.7	3.9
Jan 09 (r)	138.6	3.4	3.5	137.9	3.3	3.4	141.4	3.8	3.9
Feb 09 (r)	138.8	2.9	3.2	138.1	2.7	3.1	142.0	3.9	3.8
Mar 09 (p)	139.0	2.8	3.0	138.4	2.7	2.9	141.5	3.1	3.6
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQEF	JQEG	JQEH	JQEL	JQEM	JQEN	JQEO	JQEP	JQEQ
Mar 07	130.1	4.1	3.8	130.4	3.7	3.7	129.7	3.8	3.9
Jan 08 (r)	133.7	3.7	3.7	134.6	3.7	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08 (r)	134.1	3.6	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.8	4.1	4.0
Mar 08 (r)	134.4	3.3	3.6	136.1	4.4	4.1	135.4	4.4	4.1
Apr 08	134.4	2.9	3.3	136.1	4.3	4.2	135.7	4.4	4.3
May 08	134.7	3.2	3.1	136.3	3.8	4.1	135.7	3.8	4.2
Jun 08	134.8	2.7	2.9	136.8	3.8	3.9	136.5	4.0	4.1
Jul 08	135.2	2.7	2.9	137.3	4.1	3.9	137.0	4.1	4.0
Aug 08	135.3	2.5	2.7	137.7	3.7	3.8	137.2	3.8	3.9
Sep 08	135.1	2.2	2.5	138.1	3.8	3.9	137.6	3.8	3.9
Oct 08	135.7	2.2	2.3	138.7	4.0	3.8	138.2	4.0	3.9
Nov 08	136.2	2.4	2.3	139.1	3.8	3.9	138.4	3.7	3.8
Dec 08	135.7	1.7	2.1	139.3	3.7	3.8	138.7	3.7	3.8
Jan 09 (r)	135.7	1.4	1.8	139.6	3.7	3.7	138.9	3.6	3.7
Feb 09 (r)	135.3	0.8	1.3	139.9	3.3	3.6	139.2	3.2	3.5
Mar 09 (p)	135.9	1.1	1.1	140.0	2.9	3.3	139.4	3.0	3.3

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	
Mar 07			0.9	0.7	2.5	2.8
Mar 08			1.3 (r)	0.2 (r)	3.1 (r)	3.8
Apr 08			0.8	0.4 (r)	2.3	3.3 (r)
May 08			1.7	1.3 (r)	1.6	2.3
Jun 08			2.0	1.5	0.5	1.4
Jul 08			2.0	1.9	0.7	0.9
Aug 08			2.6	2.2	0.3	0.5
Sep 08			2.7	2.4	0.2	0.4
Oct 08			4.5	3.3	-1.5	-0.3
Nov 08			7.6	4.9	-4.9	-2.1
Dec 08			8.2	6.8	-6.0	-4.1
Jan 09			11.1 (r)	9.0 (r)	-8.6 (r)	-6.5
Feb 09 (r)			10.2	9.8	-8.3	-7.6
Mar 09			8.2	9.8	-7.2	-8.0
2006 Q4	1.2	2.1				
2007 Q1	3.2	2.4				
2007 Q2	1.1	2.2				
2007 Q3	1.5	2.4				
2007 Q4	2.2	2.0				
2008 Q1	1.7	1.1				
2008 Q2	2.4	0.7				
2008 Q3	2.9	0.1				
2008 Q4	4.7	-1.8				

Sources: Whole Economy - National Accounts and Productivity Jobs

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

Productivity and Unit Wage Costs enquiries: 01633 456720

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18(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators¹

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Headline estimates for January - March 2009

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16-59/64
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
North East	1,253	76.3	1,149	69.8	105	8.3	375	23.7
North West	3,416	77.8	3,145	71.5	271	7.9	936	22.2
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,623	78.1	2,414	71.7	209	8.0	708	21.9
East Midlands	2,323	81.5	2,159	75.5	164	7.1	507	18.5
West Midlands	2,662	77.7	2,416	70.3	246	9.3	727	22.3
East	3,007	82.7	2,829	77.7	178	5.9	598	17.3
London	4,053	76.8	3,720	70.4	333	8.2	1,182	23.2
South East	4,430	82.8	4,194	78.2	236	5.3	873	17.2
South West	2,731	82.8	2,574	78.0	157	5.7	534	17.2
England	26,498	79.7	24,599	73.8	1,899	7.2	6,440	20.3
Wales	1,443	76.5	1,332	70.4	111	7.7	422	23.5
Scotland	2,678	79.8	2,521	74.9	157	5.9	650	20.2
Great Britain	30,619	79.6	28,453	73.8	2,166	7.1	7,512	20.4
Northern Ireland	805	71.4	756	66.9	49	6.1	313	28.6
United Kingdom	31,419	79.3	29,204	73.6	2,215	7.1	7,828	20.7

Change on quarter (change since October - December 2008)⁴

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16-59/64
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
North East	-6	-0.4	-6	-0.4	-1	0.0	6	0.4
North West	27	0.6	19	0.5	8	0.2	-26	-0.6
Yorkshire & the Humber	18	0.6	-18	-0.6	36	1.3	-17	-0.6
East Midlands	12	0.1	-11	-0.7	23	0.9	-2	-0.1
West Midlands	3	-0.2	-40	-1.5	42	1.6	7	0.2
East	18	0.5	5	0.1	13	0.4	-16	-0.5
London	-18	-0.5	-57	-1.2	38	1.0	26	0.5
South East	1	-0.1	-17	-0.5	18	0.4	6	0.1
South West	30	0.7	0	-0.2	30	1.0	-21	-0.7
England	84	0.1	-124	-0.5	207	0.8	-38	-0.1
Wales	7	0.3	-4	-0.3	11	0.7	-4	-0.3
Scotland	9	0.1	-11	-0.5	20	0.7	-3	-0.1
Great Britain	100	0.2	-138	-0.5	238	0.8	-45	-0.2
Northern Ireland	-11	-1.3	-18	-1.9	7	1.0	14	1.3
United Kingdom	87	0.1	-157	-0.5	244	0.8	-29	-0.1

Change on year (change since January - March 2008)

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16-59/64
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
North East	18	1.1	-7	-0.5	24	1.8	-17	-1.1
North West	45	0.6	-23	-1.0	68	1.9	-22	-0.6
Yorkshire & the Humber	18	0.1	-59	-2.2	77	2.9	2	-0.1
East Midlands	34	0.7	-5	-0.7	39	1.6	-15	-0.7
West Midlands	-8	-0.6	-88	-3.0	80	3.0	20	0.6
East	63	1.2	18	0.0	44	1.4	-36	-1.2
London	43	0.3	-14	-0.7	57	1.3	-6	-0.3
South East	27	-0.1	-37	-1.3	63	1.4	7	0.1
South West	54	0.7	-5	-1.0	59	2.1	-18	-0.7
England	294	0.4	-219	-1.2	513	1.9	-86	-0.4
Wales	13	0.2	-21	-1.6	34	2.3	-4	-0.2
Scotland	13	-0.6	-22	-1.6	34	1.3	20	0.6
Great Britain	320	0.3	-261	-1.2	581	1.8	-70	-0.3
Northern Ireland	-18	-1.8	-29	-2.7	11	1.5	21	1.8
United Kingdom	296	0.2	-295	-1.3	592	1.8	-43	-0.2

Relationship between columns: 1=3+5

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

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

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

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

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18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (December 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (April 2009); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
North East	1,174	623	551	83.0	6.9	64.1	9.9	18.9	3.4
North West	3,402	1,819	1,582	189.4	5.4	144.6	7.5	44.8	2.8
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,502	1,327	1,175	147.7	5.6	112.9	7.9	34.8	2.9
East Midlands	2,146	1,157	989	108.6	4.9	80.7	6.7	27.9	2.7
West Midlands	2,629	1,398	1,230	173.6	6.3	130.4	8.7	43.2	3.4
East	2,815	1,499	1,316	116.7	4.0	84.9	5.5	31.8	2.4
London	4,737	2,581	2,156	206.3	4.2	140.6	5.2	65.7	3.0
South East	4,331	2,256	2,075	148.3	3.3	107.7	4.5	40.6	1.9
South West	2,653	1,370	1,283	93.7	3.4	69.2	4.7	24.5	1.9
England	26,388	14,031	12,358	1267.3	4.6	935.1	6.3	332.2	2.6
Wales	1,345	691	654	77.3	5.5	59.1	8.0	18.2	2.7
Scotland	2,692	1,384	1,308	122.3	4.4	92.9	6.4	29.4	2.2
Great Britain	30,426	16,105	14,320	1466.9	4.6	1087.1	6.4	379.8	2.6
Northern Ireland	839	446	394	46.1	5.3	36.3	7.8	9.8	2.4
United Kingdom	31,265	16,551	14,714	1513.0	4.7	1123.4	6.4	389.6	2.6

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on December 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on March 2009); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
North East	-1	-3	2	2.7	0.2	2.1	0.3	0.6	0.1
North West	-28	-16	-13	6.5	0.2	4.8	0.3	1.7	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	-54	-31	-23	5.6	0.2	4.3	0.3	1.3	0.1
East Midlands	-48	-13	-35	4.4	0.2	3.1	0.3	1.3	0.1
West Midlands	-36	-21	-14	7.1	0.3	5.3	0.4	1.8	0.1
East	5	-9	15	4.5	0.2	3.0	0.2	1.5	0.1
London	-17	-13	-4	8.8	0.2	6.0	0.2	2.8	0.1
South East	-79	-61	-17	6.0	0.1	4.5	0.2	1.5	0.1
South West	-10	-21	11	3.3	0.1	2.4	0.2	0.9	0.1
England	-267	-188	-78	48.9	0.2	35.5	0.2	13.4	0.1
Wales	-14	-21	7	2.6	0.2	2.0	0.3	0.6	0.1
Scotland	-16	-16	0	3.6	0.1	2.8	0.2	0.8	0.1
Great Britain	-297	-225	-71	55.1	0.2	40.3	0.2	14.8	0.1
Northern Ireland	-9	-5	-4	2.0	0.2	1.6	0.3	0.4	0.1
United Kingdom	-305	-230	-75	57.1	0.2	41.9	0.2	15.2	0.1

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

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

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

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19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT on 30 April 2009 (seasonally adjusted)					
	Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on period %	Change on year %		
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)					
Austria	YXSN	Oct-Dec 08	72.2	0.9	Austria	ZXDS	Mar 09	4.5	0.0	0.7
Belgium	YXSO	Oct-Dec 08	62.4	-0.3	Belgium	ZXDI	Mar 09	7.3	0.1	0.5
Bulgaria	A495	Oct-Dec 08	64.3	1.4	Bulgaria	A492	Mar 09	5.9	0.3	-0.2
Cyprus	A4AC	Oct-Dec 08	71.1	-0.4	Cyprus	A4AN	Mar 09	4.9	0.3	1.2
Czech Republic	A4AD	Oct-Dec 08	66.8	0.3	Czech Republic	A4AO	Mar 09	5.5	0.3	1.1
Denmark	YXSP	Oct-Dec 08	78.3	0.9	Denmark	ZXDJ	Mar 09	5.7	0.6	2.7
Estonia	A4AE	Oct-Dec 08	69.6	0.5	Estonia	A4AP	Mar 09	11.1	1.1	7.1
Finland	YXSQ	Oct-Dec 08	70.3	0.4	Finland	ZXDU	Mar 09	7.4	0.3	1.1
France	YXSR	Oct-Dec 08	65.0	0.1	France	ZXDN	Mar 09	8.8	0.2	1.2
Germany	YXSS	Oct-Dec 08	71.3	1.3	Germany	ZXDK	Mar 09	7.6	0.2	0.2
Greece	YXST	Oct-Dec 08	61.7	0.2	Greece	ZXDL	2008 Q4	7.8	0.3	-0.1
Hungary	A4AF	Oct-Dec 08	56.7	-0.4	Hungary	A4AQ	Mar 09	9.2	0.4	1.6
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 08	65.6	-3.4	Ireland	ZXDO	Mar 09	10.6	0.6	5.4
Italy	YXSV	Oct-Dec 08	58.5	-0.2	Italy	ZXDP	2008 Q4	6.9	0.2	0.5
Latvia	A4AG	Oct-Dec 08	66.5	-3.8	Latvia	A4AR	Mar 09	16.1	1.5	10.0
Lithuania	A4AH	Oct-Dec 08	63.8	-0.6	Lithuania	A4AS	Mar 09	15.5	1.9	11.2
Luxembourg	YXSW	Oct-Dec 08	62.6	-1.8	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Mar 09	6.1	0.2	1.7
Malta	A4AI	Oct-Dec 08	54.9	0.4	Malta	A4AT	Mar 09	6.7	0.2	0.9
Netherlands	YXSX	Oct-Dec 08	77.6	1.2	Netherlands	ZXDR	Mar 09	2.8	0.1	0.0
Poland	A4AJ	Oct-Dec 08	60.0	1.9	Poland	A4AU	Mar 09	7.7	0.2	0.3
Portugal	YXSX	Oct-Dec 08	67.9	-0.2	Portugal	ZXDT	Mar 09	8.5	0.1	0.9
Romania	A494	Oct-Dec 08	58.3	0.4	Romania	A48Z	2008 Q4	5.8	0.1	-0.3
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Oct-Dec 08	62.9	1.3	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Mar 09	10.5	0.5	0.6
Slovenia	A4AL	Oct-Dec 08	68.8	1.1	Slovenia	A4AW	Mar 09	5.0	0.4	0.5
Spain	YXSZ	Oct-Dec 08	62.8	-2.7	Spain	ZXDM	Mar 09	17.4	0.9	7.9
Sweden	YXTA	Oct-Dec 08	73.4	-0.6	Sweden	ZXDV	Mar 09	8.0	0.4	2.2
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Oct-Dec 08	71.3	-0.6	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	Jan 09	6.6	0.2	1.5
Total EU⁵	A496	Oct-Dec 08	65.8	0.1	Total EU⁵	A493	Mar 09	8.3	0.2	1.6
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Oct-Dec 08	65.9	0.0	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	Mar 09	8.9	0.2	1.7
As published by national statistical offices					As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Jan-Mar 09	70.7	-1.9	Canada	ZXDZ	Apr 09	8.0	0.0	2.0
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Jan-Mar 09	69.8	-0.2	Japan	ZXDY	Feb 09	4.4	0.2	0.5
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Jan-Mar 09	73.6	-1.3	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	Jan-Mar 09	7.1	0.8	1.8
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Jan-Mar 09	68.7	-2.9	United States	ZXDZ	Apr 09	8.9	0.4	3.9

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

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

5. The "Total EU" series consist of all 27 EU countries. The Eurozone series consist of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain.

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

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

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	Working days lost (thousands)	Number of stoppages ¹	Workers involved (thousands) ¹
	BBFW	BLUU	BLUT
2007 Mar	14	15	13
2008 Mar	67	10	39
Apr	145	22	153
May	3	13	2
Jun	8	18	6
Jul	369	19	234
Aug	73	16	90
Sep	69	13	84
Oct	5	19	5
Nov	3	12	2
Dec	1	6	1
2009 Jan (p)	7	7	5
Feb (p)	15	7	8
Mar (p)	3	13	2
Cumulative totals 12 months to:			
Mar 08	982	142	648
Mar 09 (p)	700	140	503

Source: Labour Disputes Inquiry
Labour disputes enquiries 01633 456720

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

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates		Three month rolling average estimates		
		Level		Vacancy ratio ²		
		AP2X		AP2Y		AP2Z
2007	Apr		646	Feb-Apr 2007	639	2.5
2008	Apr	(r)	670	Feb-Apr 2008	686	2.6
	May		651	Mar-May 2008	671	2.6
	Jun		629	Apr-Jun 2008	648	2.5
	Jul		603	May-Jul 2008	627	2.4
	Aug		593	Jun-Aug 2008	609	2.3
	Sep		597	Jul-Sep 2008	598	2.3
	Oct		553	Aug-Oct 2008	582	2.2
	Nov		517	Sep-Nov 2008	558	2.1
	Dec		514	Oct-Dec 2008	530	2.0
2009	Jan	(r)	486	Nov-Jan 2009 (r)	505	1.9
	Feb	(r)	455	Dec-Feb 2009 (r)	483	1.9
	Mar	(r)	459	Jan-Mar 2009 (r)	466	1.8
	Apr	(p)	447	Feb-Apr 2009 (p)	455	1.7
	<i>Change on month</i>		-12	<i>Change on quarter</i>	-51 *	-0.2 *
	<i>Change %</i>		-2.6	<i>Change %</i>	-10.1 *	
	<i>Change on year</i>		-223	<i>Change on year</i>	-232	-0.9
	<i>Change %</i>		-33.3	<i>Change %</i>	-33.8	

Data source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

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

22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Three month rolling average estimates

SIC2003 sections		All vacancies ¹	Energy and water ²	Manu- facturing	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comm- unications	Finance & business services	Education, health & public admin ³	Other services ²	Total services
		C-O	C, E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
		AP2Y	AP32	AP33	AP34	AP35	AP36	AP37	AP38	AP39	AP3A
Levels (thousands)											
Feb-Apr 2007		639	5	54	20	183	41	166	140	31	561
Feb-Apr 2008	(r)	686	5	55	25	194	46	167	159	36	601
Mar-May 2008		671	5	53	24	187	45	163	159	36	589
Apr-Jun 2008		648	5	53	23	180	43	156	159	31	568
May-Jul 2008		627	5	50	21	174	41	148	159	29	551
Jun-Aug 2008		609	5	49	19	167	39	143	159	29	536
Jul-Sep 2008		598	5	45	18	160	37	143	161	28	529
Aug-Oct 2008		582	5	44	15	157	34	136	160	31	518
Sep-Nov 2008		558	5	38	14	149	33	128	161	31	501
Oct-Dec 2008		530	4	34	13	144	33	115	159	27	479
Nov-Jan 2009	(r)	505	4	30	15	131	32	109	161	24	457
Dec-Feb 2009	(r)	483	4	27	14	126	31	104	157	21	438
Jan-Mar 2009	(r)	466	4	25	12	122	29	96	154	25	425
Feb-Apr 2009	(p)	455	4	24	11	122	28	92	151	23	416
<i>Change on quarter</i>	*	-51	-1	-6	-4	-9	-4	-17	-10	-1	-40
<i>Change %</i>	*	-10.1	-12.5	-19.1	-28.4	-6.8	-13.4	-15.5	-6.1	-2.1	-8.8
<i>Change on year</i>		-232	-2	-31	-14	-72	-18	-75	-8	-13	-185
<i>Change %</i>		-33.8	-35.2	-55.9	-56.7	-37.0	-39.6	-44.8	-4.9	-35.4	-30.8
Ratio per 100 employee jobs											
Feb-Apr 2007		2.5	2.7	1.7	1.5	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.1	2.3	2.6
Feb-Apr 2008	(r)	2.6	3.0	1.7	1.9	3.0	2.9	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Mar-May 2008		2.6	3.0	1.6	1.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.8
Apr-Jun 2008		2.5	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.7
May-Jul 2008		2.4	2.9	1.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.6
Jun-Aug 2008		2.3	2.9	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.5
Jul-Sep 2008		2.3	2.9	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.5
Aug-Oct 2008		2.2	2.7	1.3	1.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.4
Sep-Nov 2008		2.1	2.6	1.2	1.1	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.3
Oct-Dec 2008		2.0	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.2
Nov-Jan 2009	(r)	1.9	2.3	0.9	1.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1
Dec-Feb 2009	(r)	1.9	2.1	0.8	1.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.5	2.1
Jan-Mar 2009	(r)	1.8	2.1	0.8	0.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.8	2.0
Feb-Apr 2009	(p)	1.7	2.0	0.7	0.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.7	2.0
<i>Change on quarter</i>	*	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	-0.2
<i>Change on year</i>		-0.9	-1.1	-0.9	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-0.1	-0.9	-0.9

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

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

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 01633 456901

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

REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Jan-Mar 2007	145	5.8	94	7.3	52	4.2
Jan-Mar 2008	111	4.4	75	5.8	36	2.9
Apr-Jun 2008	127	5.0	76	5.8	51	4.1
Jul-Sep 2008	156	6.1	91	7.0	65	5.2
Oct-Dec 2008	259	10.2	177	13.6	82	6.6
Jan-Mar 2009	286	11.3	183	14.1	103	8.3
<i>Change on quarter</i>	27	1.1	5	0.5	21	1.7
<i>Change %</i>	10.3		3.1		26.1	
<i>Change on year</i>	175	6.9	108	8.3	67	5.4
<i>Change %</i>	157.6		143.6		186.9	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

24 Redundancies by industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	All redundancies ²	Agriculture, fishing, energy & water (A-C,E)	Manufacturing industries (D)	Construction (F)	Distribution, hotels and restaurants (G,H)	Transport and communication (I)	Finance and business services (J-K)	Education, health & public administration ³ (L-N)	Total services ⁴ (G-O)
People	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Jan-Mar 2007	153	*	41	17	36	10	28	11	93
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
Apr-Jun 2008	121	*	24	13	28	12	21	11	80
Jul-Sep 2008	156	*	26	31	30	13	34	12	94
Oct-Dec 2008	263	*	60	48	49	20	52	14	147
Jan-Mar 2009	299	*	67	49	71	23	61	11	175
<i>Change on year</i>	179	*	38	32	50	*	35	1	102
<i>Change %</i>	149.7	*	129.4	195.3	245.5	*	138.1	6.8	139.5

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

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

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

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

Benefits

25 Key out of work benefits¹

Great Britain and abroad (thousands),
not seasonally adjusted

Statistical Groups²

	Total ³ J9CL	GB	Employment & Support Allowance and incapacity benefits ⁵	Lone Parent ⁶	Other Income related ⁷
		Jobseeker ^{3,4} BCJG	J9CM	J9CN	J9CO
Nov 06	4,505.5	895.8	2,673.0	775.6	161.1
Feb 07	4,545.4	948.6	2,662.1	771.4	163.3
May 07	4,440.6	864.7	2,643.2	765.6	167.1
Aug 07	4,404.8	832.3	2,641.1	763.6	167.8
Nov 07	4,314.1	763.3	2,641.7	741.8	167.3
Feb 08	4,353.8	824.3	2,617.9	741.7	170.0
May 08	4,315.0	807.2	2,595.8	738.6	173.3
Aug 08	4,406.2	894.7	2,590.6	744.7	176.2
Nov 08 (p)	4,533.6	1,022.5	2,603.2	729.0	178.9
<i>Change on year</i>	219.5	259.2	-38.5	-12.8	11.6
<i>Change %</i>	5.1	34.0	-1.5	-1.7	6.9

	Total ³ J9CP	GB	Employment & Support Allowance and incapacity benefits ⁵	Lone Parent ⁶	Other Income related ⁷
		Jobseeker ^{3,4} J9CQ	J9CR	J9CS	J9CT
Proportions (%)⁸					
Nov 06	12.3	2.4	7.3	2.1	0.4
Feb 07	12.3	2.6	7.2	2.1	0.4
May 07	12.1	2.3	7.2	2.1	0.5
Aug 07	12.0	2.3	7.2	2.1	0.5
Nov 07	11.7	2.1	7.2	2.0	0.5
Feb 08	11.8	2.2	7.1	2.0	0.5
May 08	11.7	2.2	7.1	2.0	0.5
Aug 08	12.0	2.4	7.0	2.0	0.5
Nov 08 (p)	12.3	2.8	7.1	2.0	0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	0.6	0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0

Source: Dept. for Work & Pensions (DWP)
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. This table includes the key out of work statistical groups, showing claimants of working age (16-59 for women and 16-64 for men). Carers, who are not subject to labour market activation policies in the same way as other groups, are not included.
2. Claimants have been assigned to a statistical group according to a hierarchy to avoid double counting of claimants. The order is shown in the table (ie, Jobseeker followed by incapacity benefits, etc.). For example, a person claiming both incapacity benefits and Lone Parent benefit will be recorded under the former but not the latter.
3. The estimates for Jobseekers claimants shown in this table are for Great Britain (GB) and are consistent with the not seasonally adjusted estimates for the United Kingdom shown at Table 10 (Claimant Count) of this First Release. However, the figures are different from the estimates of jobseekers claimants shown at Table 1 of the Dept. for Work & Pensions (DWP) Quarterly Statistical Summary. This is because of methodological differences between the Benefits estimates produced by the DWP and the Claimant Count estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics.
4. "Jobseekers" are recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance.
5. From November 2008 the "incapacity benefits group" includes Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). ESA replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new claims from 27 October 2008. Prior to this, the "incapacity benefits group" referred to claimants of Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance including people claiming Income Support on the grounds of incapacity. Although the ESA estimates have been quality assured to National Statistics standards, this is a new benefit using a new data source which may not have reached a steady state in terms of operational processing and retrospection. Hence ESA estimates for November 2008 are provisional. Estimates for the "Lone Parent" and "Other income related" series are also provisional as these series include some claimants who also claim ESA.
6. "Lone parents" are single recipients of Income Support with a child under qualifying age.
7. "Other Income related" covers recipients of Income Support or Pension Credit who are not included in "incapacity benefits" or "Lone parents".
8. The proportions shown in this table are residence based proportions which show the number of claimants as a proportion of the working age resident population. The jobseeker proportions shown in this table are therefore not consistent with the not seasonally adjusted Claimant Count rate shown at Table 10 of this First Release as the denominator for the latter is Workforce Jobs plus Claimant Count.