

Labour market statistics

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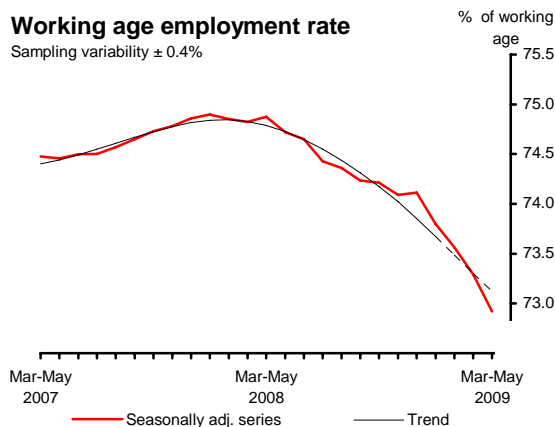
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The number of unemployed people, the unemployment rate and the claimant count have increased. The employment rate and the number of employed people have fallen. There are fewer vacancies. There are more inactive people of working age and the inactivity rate is up. Earnings growth, excluding bonuses, has fallen. Earnings growth, including bonuses, has increased.

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* | Mar-May 09 | 28,998 | 72.9 | -269 | -0.9 | ± 104 | ± 0.3 |
| Unemployment** | Mar-May 09 | 2,381 | 7.6 | 281 | 0.9 | ± 77 | ± 0.2 |
| Economically inactive*** | Mar-May 09 | 7,915 | 20.9 | 64 | 0.1 | ± 90 | ± 0.2 |
| Claimant count | June 2009 | 1,560.1 | 4.8 | 23.8 | 0.1 | | |
| Workforce jobs | Mar 2009 | 31,188 | | -108 | | .. | |
| Vacancies**** | Apr-Jun 09 | 429 | 1.6 | -35 | -0.1 | .. | .. |
| GB Average Earnings | | | | | | | |
| - including bonuses | Mar-May 09 | | 2.3 [#] | | 1.4 | $\pm 1.3^{##}$ | $\pm 0.4^{###}$ |
| - excluding bonuses | Mar-May 09 | | 2.6 [#] | | -0.1 | $\pm 0.6^{##}$ | $\pm 0.2^{###}$ |

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

** 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.

**** Rates are ratios of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

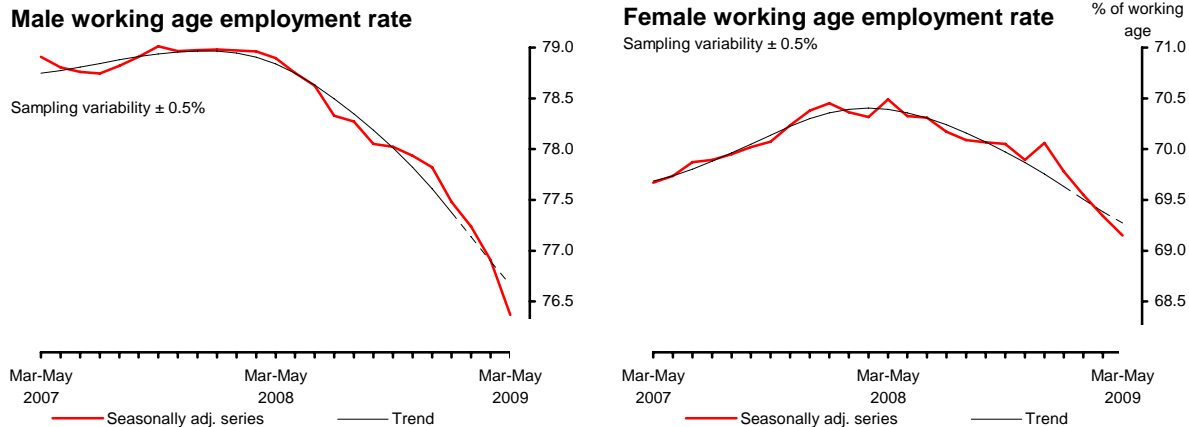
Percentage change latest three months on previous year (headline earnings growth rate).

Sampling variability of headline earnings growth rate.

Sampling variability of month on month change in headline earnings growth rate.

Employment (Tables 2 to 4, and 8)

The working age employment rate was 72.9 per cent in the three months to May 2009, down 0.9 percentage points on the three months to February 2009 and down 2.0 percentage points from a year earlier. The working age employment rate for men was 76.4 per cent, down 1.1 percentage points on the previous quarter. The working age employment rate for women was 69.1 per cent, down 0.6 percentage points on the previous quarter.



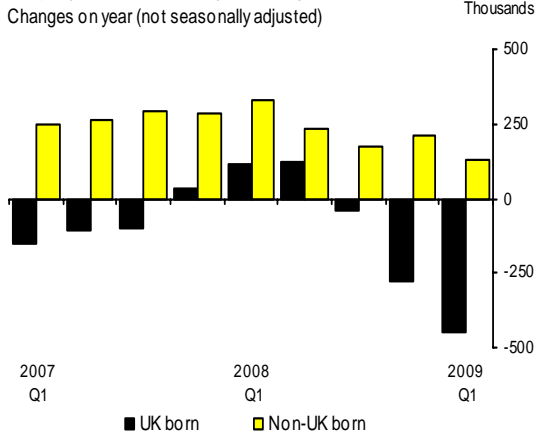
The number of people in employment was 29.00 million in the three months to May 2009, down 269,000 from the three months to February 2009 and down 543,000 on a year earlier. The number of people in full-time employment was 21.47 million in the three months to May 2009, down 273,000 from the three months to February 2009. Of this total, 13.68 million were men and 7.79 million were women. The number of people in part-time employment was 7.53 million in the three months to May 2009, up 3,000 from the three months to February 2009. Of this total, 1.88 million were men and 5.65 million were women.

The number of people in public sector employment was 6.02 million in March 2009, up 15,000 from December 2008. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.09 million, down 286,000 from December 2008.

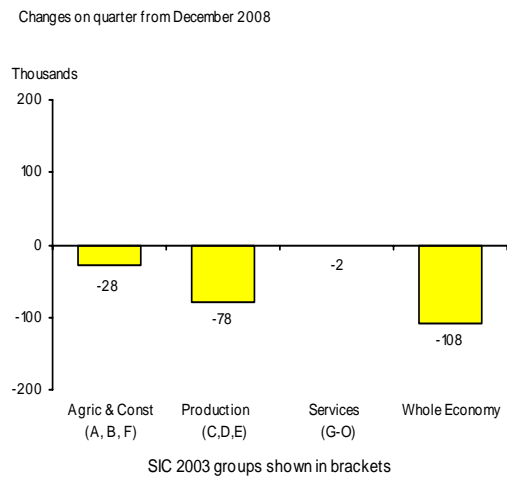
The number of UK born people in employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 25.28 million in the three months to March 2009, down 451,000 from the three months to March 2008. The number of non-UK born people in employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.81 million, up 129,000 from the three months to March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

Employment levels by country of birth



Workforce jobs by industry - March 2009



Workforce Jobs (table 5)

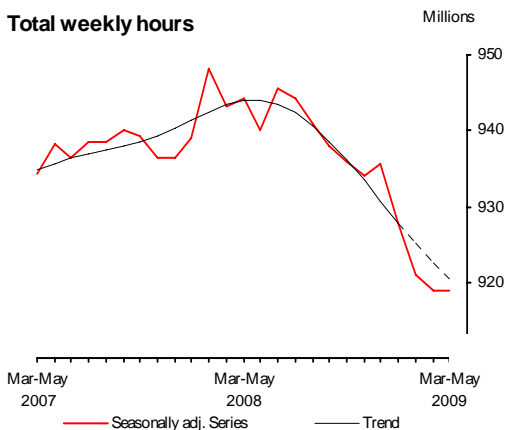
There were 31.19 million workforce jobs in March 2009, down 108,000 over the quarter and down 455,000 on a year earlier. The sector showing the largest decrease in jobs over the quarter was manufacturing, which fell by 78,000.

Production industries employee jobs (table 6)

There were 2.68 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to May 2009, down 201,000 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 918.8 million in the three months to May 2009, down 9.0 million from the three months to February 2009. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to May 2009 were 31.7, unchanged from the three months to February 2009.

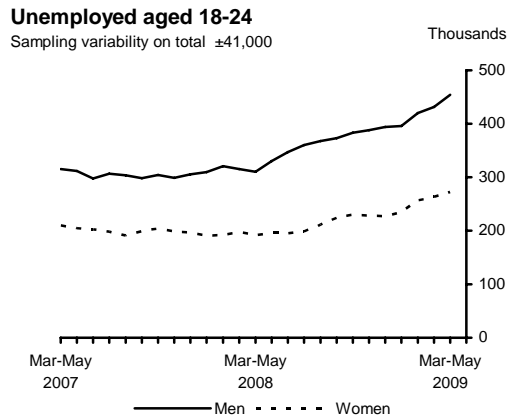
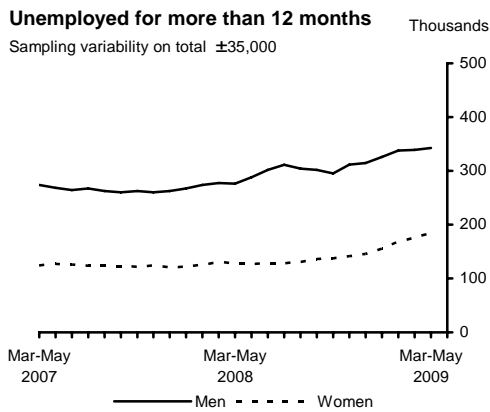


Unemployment (table 9)

The unemployment rate was 7.6 per cent in the three months to May 2009, up 0.9 percentage points from the three months to February 2009 and up 2.4 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of unemployed people was 2.38 million in the three months to May 2009, up 281,000 from the three months to February 2009 and up 753,000 from a year earlier.

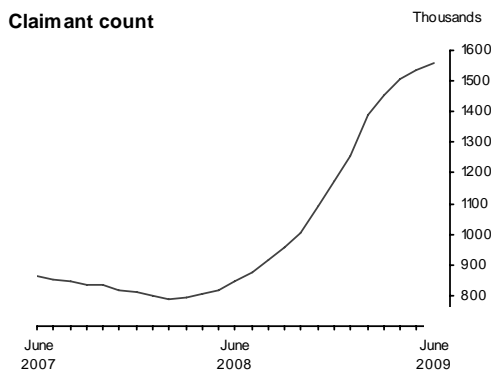
The number of unemployed men was 1.46 million in the three months to May 2009, up 197,000 from the three months to February 2009. The number of unemployed women was 923,000 in the three months to May 2009, up 84,000 from the three months to February 2009.

The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 528,000 in the three months to May 2009, up 46,000 from the three months to February 2009. Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 726,000 in the three months to May 2009, up 95,000 from the three months to February 2009.



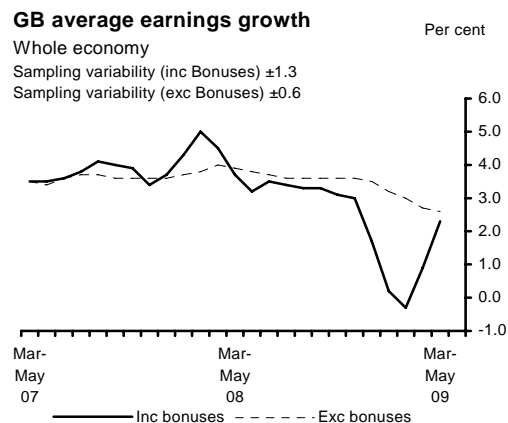
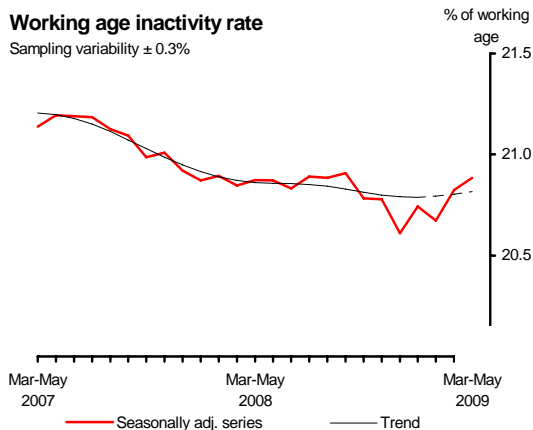
Claimant Count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in June 2009 was 1.56 million, up 23,800 on the previous month and up 716,800 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate was 4.8 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point 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 20.9 per cent in the three months to May 2009, up 0.1 percentage point on the three months to February 2009 but unchanged on a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age rose by 64,000 over the quarter and by 46,000 over the year to reach 7.92 million in the three months to May 2009.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to May 2009 whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, rose by 2.6 per cent on a year earlier. This is down 0.1 percentage point from the three months to April 2009. Average earnings, including bonuses, rose by 2.3 per cent on a year earlier, up 1.4 percentage points from the previous period. Annual growth rates for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

1.0 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
0.8 per cent including bonuses, down 0.4 percentage points.

Services

2.9 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
2.4 per cent including bonuses, up 1.6 percentage points.

Public sector

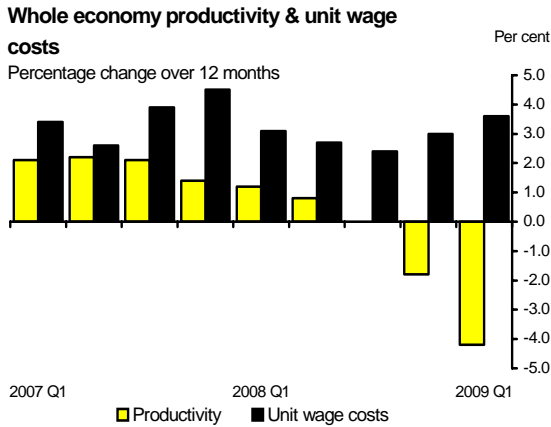
3.4 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;
3.5 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Private sector

2.4 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points;
1.9 per cent including bonuses, up 1.5 percentage points.

Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 4.2 per cent lower in the first quarter of 2009 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 3.6 per cent over the same period. Manufacturing productivity decreased by 5.9 per cent in the three months to May 2009 compared with a year earlier. Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 7.1 per cent over the same period.

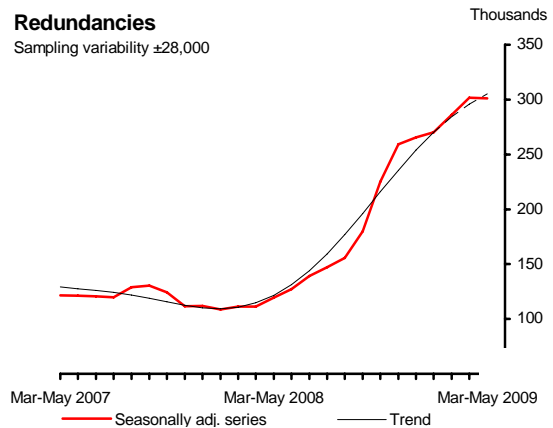
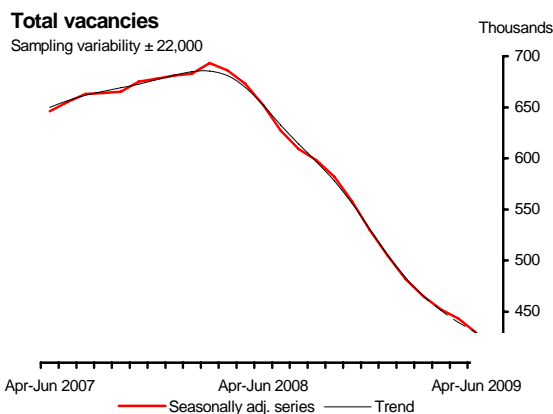


Labour disputes (table 20)

In May 2009, there were 5,000 working days lost from 13 stoppages. In the twelve months to May 2009, there were 559,000 working days lost from 125 stoppages.

Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 429,000 job vacancies in the three months to June 2009, down 35,000 from the three months to March 2009 and down 222,000 from a year earlier. There were 1.6 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.1 on the previous quarter and down 0.9 over the year.



Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to May 2009, 301,000 people had become redundant in the three months before the Labour Force Survey interviews, up 31,000 from the previous quarter and up 182,000

from a year earlier. The redundancy rate was 11.9 per 1,000 employees, up 1.3 from the three months to February 2009 and up 7.2 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 have been no significant revisions in this month's Statistical Bulletin.

GUIDE TO LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS RELEASES

Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases: A guide designed to help users of labour market Statistical Bulletins (formerly called 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 Statistical Bulletin 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 Statistical Bulletin.

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 Statistical Bulletin 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 July 2003 to June 2008. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from September 2001 to June 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 (%) | 72.9 | 60 | 0.01 (percentage points) | 0.03 (percentage points) |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 7.6 | 60 | 0.00 (percentage points) | 0.02 (percentage points) |
| Claimant count (thousands) | 1,560.1 | 60 | -0.61 (thousands) | 2.12 (thousands) |
| AEI including bonuses (%) | 2.3 | 60 | 0.04 (percentage points) | 0.12 (percentage points) |

| Key Indicator | Value in latest period | Number of observations (maximum 20) | Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later (thousands) | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | Average over the last five years (mean revision) | Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision) |
| Workforce jobs (thousands) | 31,188 | 20 | 421.5* | 421.5* |

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

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 Statistical Bulletin can also be found on the website at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793>

THIS MONTH'S STATISTICAL BULLETIN

Labour disputes

The presentation of Labour disputes estimates, shown at Table 20, has been expanded to include a public and private sector breakdown of working days lost and number of stoppages. Previously these public and private sector series were published separately on the day following the publication of this Statistical Bulletin. These estimates are therefore being published one day earlier than was previously the case.

NEXT MONTH'S STATISTICAL BULLETIN

Employment by country of birth and nationality

ONS currently publishes estimates of employment levels by country of birth and nationality, for UK and non UK, at Table 8 of this Statistical Bulletin. However, more detailed geographical estimates of employment levels by country of birth and nationality are available at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15137&Pos=1&ColRank=2&Rank=272>

From next month, this more detailed geographical breakdown of employment levels by country of birth and nationality will be included at Table 8 of this Statistical Bulletin. Consequently, the estimates of employment levels shown at Table 8 will be at the same level of geographical detail as the estimates of employment rates shown at Table 8(1) of this Statistical Bulletin.

SPECIAL NOTE: WORKFORCE JOBS ESTIMATES

Workforce jobs estimates, shown at Tables 5(1) and 5(2) of this Statistical Bulletin are mainly sourced from employer surveys. However estimates for Construction and for Agriculture, forestry and fishing are sourced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Estimates for self-employment jobs, for all sectors, are also sourced from the LFS. The estimates for employee jobs in the Construction and Agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors, and to a lesser degree for the whole economy, from March 2009 may not be entirely consistent with those for previous quarters. There may be similar inconsistencies for self-employment jobs for all sectors, but not for whole economy self-employment jobs as any sectoral inconsistencies would cancel each other out. This is because, from 2009, the sectoral breakdown of LFS data which feeds into Workforce jobs estimates has been collected according to the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 2007 and then mapped to SIC 2003 according to the assumed relationship between the two classifications. ONS currently plans to convert the Workforce Jobs estimates, and other relevant components of this Statistical Bulletin, to SIC 2007 in the June 2010 edition.

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

Most of the estimates in this Statistical Bulletin 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: March to May 2009

| | Level | Sampling variability of level | Change on quarter | Sampling variability of change on quarter | Change on year | Sampling variability of change on year |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Employment (000s) | 28,998 | ± 145 | -269 | ± 104 | -543 | ± 183 |
| Employment rate | 72.9% | ± 0.4 | -0.9 | ± 0.3 | -2.0 | ± 0.5 |
| Average weekly hours | 31.7 | ± 0.2 | 0.0 | ± 0.2 | -0.3 | ± 0.2 |
| Unemployment (000s) | 2,381 | ± 78 | 281 | ± 77 | 753 | ± 95 |
| Unemployment rate | 7.6% | ± 0.2 | 0.9 | ± 0.2 | 2.4 | ± 0.3 |
| Economically active (000s) | 31,379 | ± 135 | 12 | ± 97 | 209 | ± 171 |
| Economic activity rate | 79.1% | ± 0.3 | -0.1 | ± 0.2 | 0.0 | ± 0.4 |
| Economically inactive (000s) | 7,915 | ± 127 | 64 | ± 90 | 46 | ± 161 |
| Economic inactivity rate | 20.9% | ± 0.3 | 0.1 | ± 0.2 | 0.0 | ± 0.4 |
| Redundancies (000s) | 301 | ± 28 | 31 | ± 38 | 182 | ± 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:
March to May 2009**

| | Employment level (000s) | Unemployment Level (000s) | Economic activity level (000s) | Working age economic inactivity level (000s) | Working age employment rate (%) | Unemployment rate (%) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| North East | ± 37 | ± 15 | ± 37 | ± 38 | ± 2.0 | ± 1.2 |
| North West | ± 63 | ± 24 | ± 62 | ± 62 | ± 1.2 | ± 0.7 |
| Yorkshire & The Humber | ± 54 | ± 22 | ± 53 | ± 52 | ± 1.4 | ± 0.8 |
| East Midlands | ± 44 | ± 17 | ± 43 | ± 46 | ± 1.4 | ± 0.8 |
| West Midlands | ± 54 | ± 23 | ± 53 | ± 53 | ± 1.4 | ± 0.8 |
| East | ± 55 | ± 21 | ± 54 | ± 51 | ± 1.2 | ± 0.7 |
| London | ± 73 | ± 31 | ± 70 | ± 70 | ± 1.3 | ± 0.8 |
| South East | ± 66 | ± 23 | ± 65 | ± 60 | ± 1.0 | ± 0.5 |
| South West | ± 55 | ± 19 | ± 54 | ± 52 | ± 1.3 | ± 0.7 |
| Wales | ± 43 | ± 15 | ± 42 | ± 44 | ± 2.0 | ± 1.1 |
| Scotland | ± 53 | ± 19 | ± 52 | ± 51 | ± 1.3 | ± 0.7 |

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

| | Headline Rate (excluding bonuses) | Sampling variability (excluding bonuses) | Headline Rate (including bonuses) | Sampling variability (including bonuses) |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Whole economy | 2.6 | ± 0.6 | 2.3 | ± 1.3 |
| Private sector | 2.4 | ± 0.8 | 1.9 | ± 1.7 |
| Public sector | 3.4 | ± 0.6 | 3.5 | ± 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 1.0 | ± 1.1 | 0.8 | ± 2.1 |
| Services | 2.9 | ± 0.8 | 2.4 | ± 1.6 |
| Of which: | | | | |
| Private sector | 2.7 | ± 1.0 | 2.1 | ± 2.1 |

Headline rates are percentage changes for latest three months on previous year. The data exclude 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 of level | Change on year | Sampling variability of change on year |
|--|-------|-------------------------------|----------------|--|
| April – June 2009 average total vacancies | | | | |
| Level (000s) | 429 | ± 22 | -222 | ± 18 |
| Vacancy ratio (per 100 employee jobs) | | | | |
| June 2009 single month estimate | 1.6 | ± 0.1 | -0.9 | ± 0.1 |
| June 2009 single month estimate | | | | |
| Level (000s) | 421 | ± 38 | -211 | ± 30 |

TRENDS

Trends, shown in some of the charts in this Statistical Bulletin, 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 Statistical Bulletin, 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 Statistical Bulletin 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 Statistical Bulletins (formerly called 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 Statistical Bulletins, together with a monthly Northern Ireland publication 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:

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

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

2. Further information on the topics covered in this Statistical Bulletin is available by contacting the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (tel: 01633 456901 or email labour.market@ons.gov.uk), the Labour Market statisticians (see back 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 Statistical Bulletin.

4. 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.

5. 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 Statistical Bulletin.

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

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

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

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

Employment and jobs: There are two ways of looking at employment: the number of people with jobs, or the number of jobs. The two concepts are not the same as a person can have more than one job. The number of people with jobs is measured by the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and includes people aged 16 or over who did paid work (as an employee or self-employed), those who had a job that they were temporarily away from, those on government-supported training and employment programmes, and those doing unpaid family work. The number of jobs is measured by Workforce Jobs (WFJ) and is the sum of employee jobs (as measured by surveys of

employers), self-employment jobs from the LFS, those in HM Forces, and government-supported trainees. Vacant jobs are not included.

The *Review of Employment and Jobs Statistics* highlighted differences between statistics on jobs produced from household and business surveys, and identified many of the reasons why these differences occur. Following that review, a comparison of estimates of jobs from the LFS and the WFJ series is available from the *Labour Market Overview* document at:

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

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

Hours worked:

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

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 Statistical Bulletin represent 95 per cent confidence intervals; it is expected that 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 the 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 |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 48,587 | 30,830 | 29,157 | 1,673 | 17,757 | 63.5 | 60.0 | 5.4 | 36.5 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 48,975 | 31,169 | 29,541 | 1,628 | 17,805 | 63.6 | 60.3 | 5.2 | 36.4 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 49,073 | 31,211 | 29,419 | 1,792 | 17,862 | 63.6 | 60.0 | 5.7 | 36.4 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 49,176 | 31,316 | 29,393 | 1,923 | 17,860 | 63.7 | 59.8 | 6.1 | 36.3 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 49,278 | 31,367 | 29,267 | 2,100 | 17,911 | 63.7 | 59.4 | 6.7 | 36.3 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 49,381 | 31,379 | 28,998 | 2,381 | 18,002 | 63.5 | 58.7 | 7.6 | 36.5 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 103 | 12 | -269 | 281 | 91 | -0.1 | -0.7 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.9 | 13.4 | 0.5 | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 406 | 209 | -543 | 753 | 197 | -0.1 | -1.6 | 2.4 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.8 | 0.7 | -1.8 | 46.2 | 1.1 | | | | |
| Men | | MGSM | MGSG | MGSA | MGSD | MGSJ | MGWH | MGSS | MGSY | YBTD |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 23,621 | 16,765 | 15,802 | 963 | 6,856 | 71.0 | 66.9 | 5.7 | 29.0 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 23,844 | 16,902 | 15,953 | 949 | 6,942 | 70.9 | 66.9 | 5.6 | 29.1 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 23,900 | 16,927 | 15,867 | 1,060 | 6,972 | 70.8 | 66.4 | 6.3 | 29.2 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 23,957 | 16,986 | 15,839 | 1,147 | 6,971 | 70.9 | 66.1 | 6.8 | 29.1 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 24,014 | 17,006 | 15,746 | 1,261 | 7,008 | 70.8 | 65.6 | 7.4 | 29.2 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 24,071 | 17,012 | 15,554 | 1,458 | 7,059 | 70.7 | 64.6 | 8.6 | 29.3 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 57 | 6 | -191 | 197 | 52 | -0.1 | -1.0 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | 0.0 | -1.2 | 15.6 | 0.7 | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 227 | 110 | -399 | 509 | 118 | -0.2 | -2.3 | 3.0 | 0.2 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 1.0 | 0.7 | -2.5 | 53.6 | 1.7 | | | | |
| Women | | MGSN | MGSH | MGSB | MGSE | MGSK | MGWI | MGST | MGSZ | YBTE |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 24,966 | 14,065 | 13,355 | 710 | 10,901 | 56.3 | 53.5 | 5.0 | 43.7 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 25,131 | 14,267 | 13,588 | 679 | 10,864 | 56.8 | 54.1 | 4.8 | 43.2 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 25,173 | 14,284 | 13,552 | 732 | 10,889 | 56.7 | 53.8 | 5.1 | 43.3 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 25,219 | 14,329 | 13,554 | 775 | 10,889 | 56.8 | 53.7 | 5.4 | 43.2 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 25,264 | 14,360 | 13,522 | 839 | 10,904 | 56.8 | 53.5 | 5.8 | 43.2 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 25,309 | 14,367 | 13,443 | 923 | 10,943 | 56.8 | 53.1 | 6.4 | 43.2 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 45 | 6 | -78 | 84 | 39 | -0.1 | -0.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | 0.0 | -0.6 | 10.1 | 0.4 | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 179 | 99 | -144 | 244 | 79 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.7 | 0.7 | -1.1 | 35.9 | 0.7 | | | | |
| | | 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 |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 37,528 | 29,595 | 27,948 | 1,647 | 7,932 | 78.9 | 74.5 | 5.6 | 21.1 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 37,702 | 29,833 | 28,229 | 1,604 | 7,869 | 79.1 | 74.9 | 5.4 | 20.9 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 37,748 | 29,862 | 28,094 | 1,768 | 7,886 | 79.1 | 74.4 | 5.9 | 20.9 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 37,799 | 29,943 | 28,051 | 1,892 | 7,856 | 79.2 | 74.2 | 6.3 | 20.8 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 37,850 | 29,999 | 27,933 | 2,066 | 7,851 | 79.3 | 73.8 | 6.9 | 20.7 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 37,901 | 29,986 | 27,638 | 2,348 | 7,915 | 79.1 | 72.9 | 7.8 | 20.9 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 51 | -13 | -295 | 282 | 64 | -0.1 | -0.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | 0.0 | -1.1 | 13.7 | 0.8 | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 199 | 153 | -591 | 744 | 46 | 0.0 | -2.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.5 | 0.5 | -2.1 | 46.4 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Men | | YBTG | YBSL | YBSF | YBSI | YBSO | MGSP | MGSV | YBTJ | YBTM |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 19,518 | 16,354 | 15,401 | 953 | 3,164 | 83.8 | 78.9 | 5.8 | 16.2 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 19,661 | 16,449 | 15,512 | 938 | 3,211 | 83.7 | 78.9 | 5.7 | 16.3 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 19,694 | 16,475 | 15,426 | 1,048 | 3,220 | 83.7 | 78.3 | 6.4 | 16.3 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 19,727 | 16,525 | 15,391 | 1,133 | 3,202 | 83.8 | 78.0 | 6.9 | 16.2 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 19,759 | 16,557 | 15,309 | 1,248 | 3,202 | 83.8 | 77.5 | 7.5 | 16.2 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 19,791 | 16,561 | 15,115 | 1,446 | 3,231 | 83.7 | 76.4 | 8.7 | 16.3 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 32 | 4 | -195 | 198 | 29 | -0.1 | -1.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | 0.0 | -1.3 | 15.9 | 0.9 | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 130 | 111 | -397 | 508 | 19 | 0.0 | -2.5 | 3.0 | 0.0 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.7 | 0.7 | -2.6 | 54.2 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Women | | YBTH | YBSM | YBSG | YBSJ | YBSP | MGSQ | MGSW | YBTK | YBTN |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 18,010 | 13,241 | 12,547 | 694 | 4,769 | 73.5 | 69.7 | 5.2 | 26.5 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 18,041 | 13,384 | 12,717 | 666 | 4,658 | 74.2 | 70.5 | 5.0 | 25.8 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 18,053 | 13,387 | 12,668 | 719 | 4,666 | 74.2 | 70.2 | 5.4 | 25.8 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 18,072 | 13,418 | 12,660 | 759 | 4,654 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 5.7 | 25.8 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 18,091 | 13,442 | 12,624 | 818 | 4,649 | 74.3 | 69.8 | 6.1 | 25.7 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 18,110 | 13,425 | 12,523 | 902 | 4,685 | 74.1 | 69.1 | 6.7 | 25.9 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | 19 | -17 | -101 | 84 | 36 | -0.2 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.8 | 10.3 | 0.8 | | | | |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | 69 | 42 | -194 | 236 | 27 | -0.1 | -1.3 | 1.7 | 0.1 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | 0.4 | 0.3 | -1.5 | 35.4 | 0.6 | | | | |

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 | | | |
| 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 | 5,735 | 23,771 | |
| June | 31,661 | 16,908 | 14,753 | 5,750 | 23,741 | |
| September | 31,520 | 16,785 | 14,736 | 5,768 | 23,609 | |
| December | 31,296 | 16,644 | 14,652 | 6,005 | 23,374 | |
| 2009 | | | | | | |
| March | 31,188 | 16,563 | 14,625 | 6,020 | 23,088 | |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | -108 | -81 | -27 | 15 | -286 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.2 | 0.2 | -1.2 | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | -455 | -333 | -122 | 285 | -683 | |
| <i>Change %</i> | -1.4 | -2.0 | -0.8 | 5.0 | -2.9 | |

| | Claimant count ² | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Levels | | | Rates (%) ³ | | |
| | People BCJD | Men DPAE | Women DPAF | People BCJE | Men DPAH | Women DPAI |
| 2008 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 1,455.9 | 1,081.5 | 374.4 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 2.5 |
| April | 1,505.5 | 1,117.8 | 387.7 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 2.6 |
| May # (r) | 1,536.3 | 1,138.0 | 398.3 | 4.7 | 6.5 | 2.7 |
| June (p) | 1,560.1 | 1,154.9 | 405.2 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 2.7 |
| <i>Change on month</i> | 23.8 | 16.9 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.7 | | | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 716.8 | 537.6 | 179.2 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 1.2 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 85.0 | 87.1 | 79.3 | | | |

| 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 | | | | |
| May | 3.7 | 3.9 | Apr-Jun 2008 | 652 2.5 |
| June | 3.2 (r) | 3.8 | 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 | 505 1.9 |
| February | 0.2 | 3.2 | Dec-Feb 2009 | 482 1.8 |
| March | -0.3 | 3.0 | Jan-Mar 2009 | 465 1.8 |
| April | 0.9 (r) | 2.7 | Feb-Apr 2009 | 452 1.7 |
| May (p) | 2.3 | 2.6 | Mar-May 2009 | 443 1.7 |
| | | | Apr-Jun 2009 (p) | 429 1.6 |

1. See footnotes to Tables 4 and 5.

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

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

5. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

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 |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 29,157 | 27,948 | 532 | 3,633 | 6,259 | 11,030 | 6,495 | 1,208 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 29,541 | 28,229 | 550 | 3,704 | 6,295 | 11,105 | 6,576 | 1,313 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 29,419 | 28,094 | 530 | 3,656 | 6,272 | 11,064 | 6,573 | 1,325 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 29,393 | 28,051 | 504 | 3,633 | 6,285 | 11,032 | 6,597 | 1,342 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 29,267 | 27,933 | 489 | 3,557 | 6,270 | 11,035 | 6,582 | 1,334 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 28,998 | 27,638 | 458 | 3,475 | 6,183 | 10,935 | 6,586 | 1,360 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | -269 | -295 | -31 | -81 | -87 | -100 | 4 | 26 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -0.9 | -1.1 | -6.3 | -2.3 | -1.4 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -543 | -591 | -91 | -228 | -112 | -170 | 10 | 48 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -1.8 | -2.1 | -16.6 | -6.2 | -1.8 | -1.5 | 0.2 | 3.6 |
| Men | | MGSA | YBSF | YBTP | YBTS | YBTV | YBTY | MGUX | MGVA |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 15,802 | 15,401 | 254 | 1,940 | 3,451 | 5,884 | 3,872 | 400 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 15,953 | 15,512 | 260 | 1,961 | 3,457 | 5,893 | 3,941 | 442 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 15,867 | 15,426 | 264 | 1,932 | 3,430 | 5,864 | 3,937 | 441 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 15,839 | 15,391 | 249 | 1,914 | 3,430 | 5,859 | 3,939 | 448 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 15,746 | 15,309 | 240 | 1,859 | 3,432 | 5,837 | 3,941 | 437 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 15,554 | 15,115 | 221 | 1,821 | 3,376 | 5,779 | 3,919 | 440 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | -191 | -195 | -19 | -39 | -57 | -58 | -22 | 3 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -1.2 | -1.3 | -8.0 | -2.1 | -1.7 | -1.0 | -0.6 | 0.8 |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -399 | -397 | -39 | -141 | -81 | -114 | -22 | -2 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -2.5 | -2.6 | -15.2 | -7.2 | -2.3 | -1.9 | -0.6 | -0.4 |
| Women | | MGSB | YBSG | YBTQ | YBTT | YBTW | YBTZ | MGUY | MGBV |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 13,355 | 12,547 | 278 | 1,693 | 2,808 | 5,146 | 2,622 | 808 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 13,588 | 12,717 | 290 | 1,742 | 2,838 | 5,212 | 2,634 | 871 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 13,552 | 12,668 | 265 | 1,724 | 2,842 | 5,200 | 2,637 | 884 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 13,554 | 12,660 | 255 | 1,719 | 2,855 | 5,173 | 2,658 | 894 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 13,522 | 12,624 | 249 | 1,697 | 2,838 | 5,198 | 2,641 | 898 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 13,443 | 12,523 | 238 | 1,655 | 2,807 | 5,156 | 2,667 | 920 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | -78 | -101 | -11 | -43 | -31 | -42 | 25 | 23 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -0.6 | -0.8 | -4.5 | -2.5 | -1.1 | -0.8 | 1.0 | 2.5 |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -144 | -194 | -52 | -88 | -31 | -56 | 32 | 50 |
| | <i>Change %</i> | -1.1 | -1.5 | -17.9 | -5.0 | -1.1 | -1.1 | 1.2 | 5.7 |
| Employment rates (%)¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| People | | MGSR | MGSU | YBUA | YBUD | YBUG | YBUJ | YBUM | YBUP |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 60.0 | 74.5 | 33.6 | 64.7 | 80.4 | 82.3 | 71.2 | 10.9 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 60.3 | 74.9 | 34.6 | 64.7 | 80.7 | 82.7 | 71.9 | 11.6 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 60.0 | 74.4 | 33.4 | 63.6 | 80.2 | 82.3 | 71.8 | 11.7 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 59.8 | 74.2 | 31.9 | 63.0 | 80.0 | 82.2 | 71.9 | 11.8 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 59.4 | 73.8 | 31.2 | 61.4 | 79.5 | 82.2 | 71.6 | 11.7 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 58.7 | 72.9 | 29.4 | 59.9 | 78.1 | 81.6 | 71.5 | 11.8 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | -0.7 | -0.9 | -1.8 | -1.6 | -1.5 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -1.6 | -2.0 | -5.1 | -4.8 | -2.6 | -1.1 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| Men | | MGSS | MGSV | YBUB | YBUE | YBUH | YBUK | YBUN | YBUQ |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 66.9 | 78.9 | 31.1 | 67.8 | 89.0 | 88.9 | 72.5 | 9.8 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 66.9 | 78.9 | 31.8 | 67.0 | 88.5 | 88.9 | 73.2 | 10.6 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 66.4 | 78.3 | 32.4 | 65.7 | 87.6 | 88.5 | 72.9 | 10.5 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 66.1 | 78.0 | 30.7 | 65.0 | 87.1 | 88.5 | 72.8 | 10.6 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 65.6 | 77.5 | 29.8 | 62.9 | 86.7 | 88.2 | 72.7 | 10.3 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 64.6 | 76.4 | 27.6 | 61.4 | 84.9 | 87.4 | 72.1 | 10.3 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | -1.0 | -1.1 | -2.2 | -1.5 | -1.9 | -0.8 | -0.6 | 0.0 |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -2.3 | -2.5 | -4.2 | -5.6 | -3.7 | -1.5 | -1.1 | -0.3 |
| Women | | MGST | MGSW | YBUC | YBUF | YBUI | YBUL | YBUO | YBUR |
| | Mar-May 2007 | 53.5 | 69.7 | 36.2 | 61.4 | 71.9 | 75.8 | 69.3 | 11.6 |
| | Mar-May 2008 | 54.1 | 70.5 | 37.4 | 62.2 | 72.8 | 76.6 | 70.1 | 12.3 |
| | Jun-Aug 2008 | 53.8 | 70.2 | 34.4 | 61.3 | 72.8 | 76.4 | 70.1 | 12.4 |
| | Sep-Nov 2008 | 53.7 | 70.1 | 33.2 | 60.9 | 72.9 | 76.0 | 70.6 | 12.5 |
| | Dec-Feb 2009 | 53.5 | 69.8 | 32.6 | 59.9 | 72.2 | 76.4 | 70.1 | 12.5 |
| | Mar-May 2009 | 53.1 | 69.1 | 31.3 | 58.2 | 71.2 | 75.9 | 70.7 | 12.8 |
| | <i>Change on quarter</i> | -0.4 | -0.6 | -1.3 | -1.7 | -1.0 | -0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| | <i>Change on year</i> | -1.0 | -1.3 | -6.1 | -4.0 | -1.6 | -0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |

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

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

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

| | All in employment | | | | | Total in employment ¹ | | Employees ¹ | | Self-employed ¹ | | | Workers with second jobs |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | Total | Employees | Self employed | Unpaid family workers | Government supported training & employment programmes | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| People | MGRZ | MGRN | MGRQ | MGRT | MGRW | YCBE | YCBH | YCBK | YCBN | YCBQ | YCBT | YCBW | |
| Mar-May 2007 | 29,157 | 25,159 | 3,792 | 101 | 104 | 21,762 | 7,395 | 18,806 | 6,353 | 2,892 | 900 | 1,096 | |
| Mar-May 2008 | 29,541 | 25,463 | 3,843 | 116 | 119 | 22,062 | 7,479 | 19,070 | 6,393 | 2,922 | 921 | 1,115 | |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 29,419 | 25,411 | 3,812 | 88 | 108 | 21,910 | 7,509 | 18,957 | 6,454 | 2,898 | 915 | 1,108 | |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 29,393 | 25,385 | 3,812 | 94 | 102 | 21,821 | 7,572 | 18,887 | 6,499 | 2,891 | 921 | 1,140 | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 29,267 | 25,299 | 3,782 | 85 | 102 | 21,740 | 7,527 | 18,804 | 6,494 | 2,881 | 901 | 1,151 | |
| Mar-May 2009 | 28,998 | 24,966 | 3,837 | 95 | 99 | 21,467 | 7,530 | 18,547 | 6,419 | 2,871 | 965 | 1,144 | |
| Change on quarter | -269 | -332 | 55 | 11 | -3 | -273 | 3 | -257 | -75 | -9 | 64 | -8 | |
| Change % | -0.9 | -1.3 | 1.4 | 12.6 | -2.6 | -1.3 | 0.0 | -1.4 | -1.2 | -0.3 | 7.1 | -0.7 | |
| Change on year | -543 | -497 | -7 | -21 | -19 | -595 | 51 | -523 | 26 | -51 | 44 | 29 | |
| Change % | -1.8 | -2.0 | -0.2 | -17.7 | -16.1 | -2.7 | 0.7 | -2.7 | 0.4 | -1.7 | 4.8 | 2.6 | |
| Men | MGSA | MGRO | MGRR | MGRU | MGRX | YCBF | YCBI | YCBL | YCBO | YCBR | YCBU | YCBX | |
| Mar-May 2007 | 15,802 | 12,945 | 2,758 | 39 | 59 | 14,075 | 1,726 | 11,659 | 1,286 | 2,379 | 379 | 455 | |
| Mar-May 2008 | 15,953 | 13,050 | 2,794 | 41 | 69 | 14,178 | 1,775 | 11,733 | 1,317 | 2,401 | 392 | 457 | |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 15,867 | 12,998 | 2,771 | 31 | 67 | 14,029 | 1,838 | 11,609 | 1,389 | 2,383 | 388 | 447 | |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 15,839 | 12,980 | 2,755 | 38 | 65 | 13,993 | 1,846 | 11,590 | 1,391 | 2,374 | 381 | 469 | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 15,746 | 12,919 | 2,735 | 32 | 60 | 13,900 | 1,846 | 11,506 | 1,413 | 2,364 | 371 | 480 | |
| Mar-May 2009 | 15,554 | 12,705 | 2,756 | 36 | 56 | 13,678 | 1,877 | 11,297 | 1,409 | 2,352 | 405 | 486 | |
| Change on quarter | -191 | -213 | 21 | 4 | -4 | -222 | 31 | -209 | -4 | -12 | 33 | 7 | |
| Change % | -1.2 | -1.7 | 0.8 | 14.0 | -6.4 | -1.6 | 1.7 | -1.8 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 9.0 | 1.4 | |
| Change on year | -399 | -345 | -38 | -4 | -12 | -501 | 102 | -436 | 92 | -50 | 12 | 29 | |
| Change % | -2.5 | -2.6 | -1.3 | -10.8 | -18.0 | -3.5 | 5.7 | -3.7 | 7.0 | -2.1 | 3.2 | 6.4 | |
| Women | MGSB | MGRP | MGRS | MGRV | MGRY | YCBG | YCBJ | YCBM | YCBP | YCBS | YCBV | YCBY | |
| Mar-May 2007 | 13,355 | 12,214 | 1,034 | 62 | 45 | 7,687 | 5,668 | 7,147 | 5,067 | 513 | 521 | 640 | |
| Mar-May 2008 | 13,588 | 12,413 | 1,049 | 75 | 50 | 7,884 | 5,704 | 7,337 | 5,076 | 521 | 529 | 657 | |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 13,552 | 12,413 | 1,041 | 57 | 41 | 7,881 | 5,671 | 7,348 | 5,065 | 514 | 527 | 662 | |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 13,554 | 12,405 | 1,057 | 55 | 36 | 7,828 | 5,726 | 7,297 | 5,108 | 517 | 540 | 671 | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 13,522 | 12,380 | 1,047 | 53 | 42 | 7,840 | 5,681 | 7,298 | 5,082 | 517 | 530 | 671 | |
| Mar-May 2009 | 13,443 | 12,261 | 1,080 | 59 | 43 | 7,790 | 5,654 | 7,251 | 5,010 | 520 | 560 | 657 | |
| Change on quarter | -78 | -119 | 33 | 6 | 1 | -51 | -27 | -47 | -71 | 3 | 31 | -14 | |
| Change % | -0.6 | -1.0 | 3.2 | 11.7 | 2.8 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -1.4 | 0.5 | 5.8 | -2.1 | |
| Change on year | -144 | -153 | 31 | -16 | -7 | -94 | -50 | -87 | -66 | -1 | 32 | 0 | |
| Change % | -1.1 | -1.2 | 2.9 | -21.4 | -13.5 | -1.2 | -0.9 | -1.2 | -1.3 | -0.1 | 6.0 | 0.0 | |
| | Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working) | | | | | Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ² | | | | | | | |
| | Total | Total as % of all employees | Could not find permanent job | % that could not find permanent job | Did not want permanent job | Had a contract with period of training | Some other reason | Total ³ | Could not find full-time job | % that could not find full-time job | Did not want full-time job | Ill or disabled | Student or at school |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| People | YCBZ | YCCC | YCCF | YCCI | YCCL | YCCO | YCCR | YCCU | YCCX | YCDA | YCCD | YCDG | YCDJ |
| Mar-May 2007 | 1,515 | 6.0 | 406 | 26.8 | 429 | 97 | 583 | 7,253 | 687 | 9.5 | 5,216 | 178 | 1,142 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 1,423 | 5.6 | 355 | 25.0 | 415 | 79 | 573 | 7,314 | 672 | 9.2 | 5,243 | 196 | 1,158 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 1,378 | 5.4 | 350 | 25.4 | 402 | 85 | 542 | 7,368 | 703 | 9.5 | 5,262 | 216 | 1,148 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 1,394 | 5.5 | 360 | 25.8 | 398 | 87 | 549 | 7,420 | 739 | 10.0 | 5,284 | 198 | 1,154 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 1,415 | 5.6 | 418 | 29.6 | 379 | 82 | 536 | 7,395 | 829 | 11.2 | 5,224 | 184 | 1,118 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 1,415 | 5.7 | 413 | 29.2 | 397 | 87 | 518 | 7,384 | 927 | 12.5 | 5,138 | 194 | 1,085 |
| Change on quarter | 1 | 0.1 | -5 | -0.4 | 18 | 6 | -18 | -11 | 98 | 1.3 | -86 | 11 | -33 |
| Change % | 0.0 | | -1.2 | 4.7 | 7.1 | -3.4 | -0.2 | 11.8 | | -1.6 | 5.9 | -3.0 | |
| Change on year | -8 | 0.1 | 58 | 4.2 | -18 | 8 | -55 | 70 | 255 | 3.4 | -105 | -1 | -73 |
| Change % | -0.5 | | 16.3 | -4.4 | 10.3 | -9.7 | 1.0 | 37.9 | | -2.0 | -0.6 | -6.3 | |
| Men | YCCA | YCCD | YCCG | YCCJ | YCCM | YCCP | YCCS | YCCV | YCCY | YCDB | YCDE | YCDH | YCDK |
| Mar-May 2007 | 703 | 5.4 | 220 | 31.3 | 178 | 42 | 262 | 1,665 | 282 | 16.9 | 802 | 76 | 496 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 654 | 5.0 | 180 | 27.6 | 172 | 43 | 259 | 1,710 | 273 | 16.0 | 857 | 77 | 486 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 623 | 4.8 | 178 | 28.6 | 156 | 45 | 243 | 1,776 | 306 | 17.2 | 854 | 83 | 521 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 630 | 4.9 | 182 | 28.9 | 153 | 43 | 252 | 1,772 | 325 | 18.3 | 846 | 79 | 505 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 660 | 5.1 | 229 | 34.7 | 156 | 37 | 238 | 1,784 | 378 | 21.2 | 830 | 78 | 484 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 659 | 5.2 | 221 | 33.4 | 161 | 45 | 233 | 1,814 | 426 | 23.5 | 808 | 82 | 479 |
| Change on quarter | -1 | 0.1 | -9 | -1.3 | 5 | 8 | -5 | 29 | 48 | 2.3 | -21 | 4 | -6 |
| Change % | -0.1 | | -3.9 | 3.0 | 22.6 | -2.1 | 1.7 | 12.7 | | -2.6 | 5.4 | -1.2 | |
| Change on year | 6 | 0.2 | 40 | 5.9 | -11 | 2 | -26 | 104 | 153 | 7.5 | -49 | 6 | -7 |
| Change % | 0.9 | | 22.4 | -6.3 | 5.7 | -10.2 | 6.1 | 56.1 | | -5.7 | 7.2 | -1.4 | |
| Women | YCCB | YCCE | YCCH | YCCK | YCCN | YCCQ | YCCT | YCCW | YCCZ | YCDC | YCDF | YCDI | YCDL |
| Mar-May 2007 | 812 | 6.7 | 185 | 22.8 | 251 | 55 | 321 | 5,587 | 405 | 7.2 | 4,414 | 102 | 647 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 769 | 6.2 | 175 | 22.7 | 243 | 36 | 314 | 5,605 | 399 | 7.1 | 4,386 | 119 | 672 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 755 | 6.1 | 171 | 22.7 | 246 | 39 | 299 | 5,592 | 397 | 7.1 | 4,408 | 133 | 627 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 763 | 6.2 | 178 | 23.3 | 244 | 44 | 297 | 5,648 | 414 | 7.3 | 4,438 | 119 | 649 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 754 | 6.1 | 189 | 25.0 | 223 | 45 | 298 | 5,611 | 451 | 8.0 | 4,394 | 106 | 634 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 756 | 6.2 | 193 | 25.5 | 236 | 42 | 285 | 5,571 | 500 | 9.0 | 4,330 | 112 | 606 |
| Change on quarter | 1 | 0.1 | 4 | 0.5 | 13 | -3 | -13 | -41 | 50 | 0.9 | -65 | 7 | -27 |
| Change % | 0.2 | | 2.0 | 5.9 | -5.8 | -4.3 | -0.7 | 11.0 | | -1.5 | 6.3 | -4.3 | |
| Change on year | -13 | 0.0 | 18 | 2.7 | -7 | 6 | -29 | -34 | 101 | 1.9 | -56 | -7 | -66 |
| Change % | -1.7 | | 10.1 | -3.1 | 15.7 | -9.2 | -0.6 | 25.4 | | -1.3 | -5.6 | -9.8 | |

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 |
| 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 | 5,735 | 19.4 | 23,771 | 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 | 6,005 | 20.4 | 23,374 | 79.6 | 29,379 |
| Mar 09 | 6,020 | 20.7 | 23,088 | 79.3 | 29,108 |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | 15 | 0.3 | -286 | -0.3 | -271 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.2 | | -1.2 | | -0.9 |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 285 | 1.3 | -683 | -1.3 | -399 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 5.0 | | -2.9 | | -1.4 |

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

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions. Enquiries 01633 456756
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. Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and Lloyds Banking Group plc are classified to the public sector from 13 October 2008. They are therefore included in the quarterly public sector estimates from December 2008 onwards.
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 ² |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | DYDC | BCAJ | DYZN | LOJX | LOJU |
| 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 | 31,296 | 26,859 | 4,192 | 193 | 51 |
| Mar 09 | 31,188 | 26,701 | 4,222 | 195 | 69 |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | -108 | -159 | 30 | 2 | 18 |
| <i>Change %</i> | -0.3 | -0.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 36.2 |
| <i>Change on year</i> | -455 | -520 | 46 | 2 | 18 |
| <i>Change %</i> | -1.4 | -1.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 34.3 |

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.

2. There is an apparent discontinuity in this series between December 2008 and March 2009; there has been a change in the method of compiling the data. The quality of the data is being reviewed and, if necessary, will be revised.

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

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 |
| 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 | 31,296 | 483 | 197 | 3,021 | 2,283 | 6,889 | 1,854 | 6,481 | 8,066 | 2,022 | 25,312 |
| Mar 09 | 31,188 | 492 | 197 | 2,942 | 2,246 | 6,857 | 1,845 | 6,483 | 8,145 | 1,981 | 25,311 |
| Change on quarter | -108 | 9 | 0 | -78 | -37 | -32 | -9 | 1 | 79 | -41 | -2 |
| Change % | -0.3 | 1.9 | 0.1 | -2.6 | -1.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | -2.0 | 0.0 |
| Change on year | -455 | 8 | 0 | -212 | -5 | -196 | -22 | -187 | 168 | -9 | -245 |
| Change % | -1.4 | 1.6 | -0.3 | -6.7 | -0.2 | -2.8 | -1.2 | -2.8 | 2.1 | -0.5 | -1.0 |
| Male jobs | LOLA | LOLJ | LOLM | LOLP | LOLS | LOLV | LOLY | LOMB | LOME | LOMH | LOMK |
| 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 | 16,644 | 368 | 146 | 2,264 | 2,022 | 3,407 | 1,393 | 3,632 | 2,419 | 993 | 11,844 |
| Mar 09 | 16,563 | 400 | 145 | 2,200 | 1,975 | 3,388 | 1,388 | 3,630 | 2,455 | 982 | 11,842 |
| Change on quarter | -81 | 32 | -1 | -64 | -47 | -19 | -5 | -2 | 36 | -11 | -1 |
| Change % | -0.5 | 8.7 | -0.5 | -2.8 | -2.3 | -0.6 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 1.5 | -1.1 | 0.0 |
| Change on year | -333 | 52 | 0 | -163 | -30 | -106 | -23 | -114 | 49 | 2 | -192 |
| Change % | -2.0 | 14.9 | -0.1 | -6.9 | -1.5 | -3.0 | -1.6 | -3.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 | -1.6 |
| Female jobs | LOLB | LOLK | LOLN | LOLQ | LOLT | LOLW | LOLZ | LOMC | LOMF | LOMI | LOML |
| 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 | 14,652 | 115 | 51 | 756 | 261 | 3,482 | 461 | 2,849 | 5,648 | 1,028 | 13,469 |
| Mar 09 | 14,625 | 92 | 52 | 742 | 271 | 3,470 | 457 | 2,853 | 5,691 | 998 | 13,468 |
| Change on quarter | -27 | -23 | 1 | -14 | 10 | -13 | -4 | 3 | 43 | -30 | -1 |
| Change % | -0.2 | -19.9 | 1.8 | -1.9 | 3.9 | -0.4 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | -2.9 | 0.0 |
| Change on year | -122 | -44 | 0 | -49 | 25 | -89 | 0 | -73 | 120 | -11 | -54 |
| Change % | -0.8 | -32.3 | -0.7 | -6.2 | 10.0 | -2.5 | 0.1 | -2.5 | 2.1 | -1.1 | -0.4 |

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. This series includes both public and private sectors.

6 Production industries employee jobs

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

| | Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E | | | Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D | | |
|---------------|---|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | Levels YEJJ | Latest 3 months averages LOMM | Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJK | Levels YEJL | Latest 3 months averages LOMN | Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%) YEJM |
| | | | | | | |
| May 07 | 171 | 170 | 8.2 | 2,916 | 2,919 | -2.7 |
| 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 | 2,772 | 2,796 | -3.7 |
| Jan 09 | 179 | 179 | 0.5 | 2,749 | 2,773 | -4.3 |
| Feb 09 | 179 | 179 | 0.3 | 2,723 | 2,748 | -5.0 |
| Mar 09 | 179 | 179 | 0.0 | 2,695 | 2,722 | -5.7 |
| Apr 09 | 180 | 179 | 0.1 | 2,678 | 2,699 | -6.4 |
| May 09 | 179 | 179 | 0.0 | 2,657 | 2,677 | -7.0 |

Source: Employer surveys

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

| | Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2} | All workers ¹ | | Full-time workers ³ | Part-time workers ³ | Second Jobs |
| | YBUS | YBUV | YBUY | YBVB | YBVE | |
| People | | | | | | |
| Mar-May 2007 | 934.4 | 32.1 | 37.2 | 15.6 | 9.4 | |
| Mar-May 2008 | 944.2 | 32.0 | 37.1 | 15.5 | 10.1 | |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 944.2 | 32.1 | 37.3 | 15.7 | 9.7 | |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 935.8 | 31.9 | 37.0 | 15.7 | 9.6 | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 927.8 | 31.7 | 36.8 | 15.4 | 9.7 | |
| Mar-May 2009 | 918.8 | 31.7 | 36.9 | 15.5 | 9.7 | |
| Change on quarter | -9.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | |
| Change % | -1.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 | |
| Change on year | -25.4 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 | |
| Change % | -2.7 | -0.9 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -4.1 | |
| Men | | | | | | |
| Mar-May 2007 | 580.1 | 36.8 | 39.0 | 15.5 | 10.4 | |
| Mar-May 2008 | 584.2 | 36.7 | 38.9 | 15.5 | 11.5 | |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 581.2 | 36.7 | 39.1 | 15.6 | 11.0 | |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 576.9 | 36.5 | 38.8 | 15.7 | 10.6 | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 569.2 | 36.2 | 38.5 | 15.2 | 10.7 | |
| Mar-May 2009 | 560.8 | 36.1 | 38.6 | 15.3 | 10.6 | |
| Change on quarter | -8.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Change % | -1.5 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.3 | |
| Change on year | -23.4 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.9 | |
| Change % | -4.0 | -1.5 | -0.8 | -1.2 | -7.7 | |
| Women | | | | | | |
| Mar-May 2007 | 354.3 | 26.6 | 34.0 | 15.6 | 8.7 | |
| Mar-May 2008 | 360.0 | 26.5 | 33.7 | 15.6 | 9.1 | |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 362.9 | 26.8 | 34.1 | 15.7 | 8.9 | |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 358.9 | 26.5 | 33.7 | 15.6 | 8.9 | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 358.5 | 26.5 | 33.8 | 15.4 | 9.0 | |
| Mar-May 2009 | 358.0 | 26.7 | 34.0 | 15.6 | 9.0 | |
| Change on quarter | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | |
| Change % | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.3 | |
| Change on year | -2.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 | |
| Change % | -0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | -1.3 | |

1. Main and second job.

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

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.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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 |
| Mar-May 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 6 Hours | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 6.4 |
| 6 up to 15 hours | 6.8 | 3.3 | 10.8 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 10.1 | 7.9 | 3.9 | 18.5 |
| 16 up to 30 hours | 18.0 | 7.9 | 29.7 | 18.0 | 6.9 | 29.7 | 17.3 | 12.4 | 30.3 |
| 31 up to 45 hours | 53.4 | 58.5 | 47.5 | 55.5 | 61.4 | 49.4 | 40.4 | 45.1 | 27.9 |
| Over 45 hours | 20.4 | 29.5 | 9.7 | 18.8 | 28.0 | 9.1 | 31.6 | 37.1 | 16.9 |
| Total (thousands) | 29,541 | 15,953 | 13,588 | 25,463 | 13,050 | 12,413 | 3,843 | 2,794 | 1,049 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 6 Hours | 1.4 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 6.3 |
| 6 up to 15 hours | 6.7 | 3.4 | 10.6 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 9.9 | 7.6 | 3.6 | 18.1 |
| 16 up to 30 hours | 18.5 | 8.5 | 30.2 | 18.5 | 7.4 | 30.2 | 18.6 | 13.6 | 31.9 |
| 31 up to 45 hours | 53.7 | 59.4 | 47.1 | 55.8 | 62.4 | 48.9 | 40.3 | 45.2 | 27.3 |
| Over 45 hours | 19.5 | 27.9 | 9.8 | 17.9 | 26.2 | 9.3 | 30.8 | 36.3 | 16.4 |
| Total (thousands) | 29,267 | 15,746 | 13,522 | 25,299 | 12,919 | 12,380 | 3,782 | 2,735 | 1,047 |
| Mar-May 2009 | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 6 Hours | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 6.4 |
| 6 up to 15 hours | 6.9 | 3.6 | 10.7 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 9.9 | 8.2 | 3.8 | 19.4 |
| 16 up to 30 hours | 18.8 | 8.9 | 30.3 | 18.7 | 7.6 | 30.3 | 19.3 | 14.7 | 31.2 |
| 31 up to 45 hours | 53.5 | 59.2 | 46.9 | 55.8 | 62.5 | 48.8 | 39.7 | 44.7 | 26.9 |
| Over 45 hours | 19.2 | 27.5 | 9.6 | 17.6 | 25.8 | 9.1 | 30.1 | 35.5 | 16.2 |
| Total (thousands) | 28,998 | 15,554 | 13,443 | 24,966 | 12,705 | 12,261 | 3,837 | 2,756 | 1,080 |

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

8 Employment levels¹ by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands) not seasonally adjusted

| | By country of birth | | | | By nationality | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| | Total ² | UK | Non UK | UK | Non UK | |
| | MGTM | 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

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. 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 Statistical Bulletin. 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 | JF6M | 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. 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 Statistical Bulletin. 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.

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 |
| Mar-May 2007 | 1,673 | 5.4 | 1,004 | 271 | 398 | 23.8 | 178 | 1,647 | 5.6 | 991 | 266 | 389 | 23.6 | 174 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 1,628 | 5.2 | 959 | 264 | 405 | 24.9 | 188 | 1,604 | 5.4 | 947 | 260 | 397 | 24.7 | 183 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 1,792 | 5.7 | 1,078 | 274 | 440 | 24.5 | 209 | 1,768 | 5.9 | 1,066 | 270 | 432 | 24.4 | 204 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 1,923 | 6.1 | 1,178 | 312 | 432 | 22.5 | 196 | 1,892 | 6.3 | 1,161 | 307 | 423 | 22.4 | 191 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 2,100 | 6.7 | 1,274 | 344 | 481 | 22.9 | 217 | 2,066 | 6.9 | 1,256 | 339 | 471 | 22.8 | 211 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 2,381 | 7.6 | 1,418 | 435 | 528 | 22.2 | 231 | 2,348 | 7.8 | 1,400 | 430 | 518 | 22.1 | 226 |
| Change on quarter | 281 | 0.9 | 144 | 91 | 46 | -0.8 | 14 | 282 | 0.9 | 144 | 91 | 47 | -0.7 | 15 |
| Change % | 13.4 | | 11.3 | 26.4 | 9.6 | | 6.5 | 13.7 | | 11.5 | 26.9 | 10.0 | | 7.1 |
| Change on year | 753 | 2.4 | 458 | 171 | 123 | -2.7 | 43 | 744 | 2.5 | 453 | 169 | 122 | -2.6 | 43 |
| Change % | 46.2 | | 47.8 | 64.8 | 30.4 | | 22.7 | 46.4 | | 47.8 | 65.0 | 30.8 | | 23.3 |
| Men | MGSD | MGSY | MGYK | MGYM | MGYO | YBWJ | YBWM | YBSI | YBTJ | YBWP | YBWS | YBWV | YBWX | YBXB |
| Mar-May 2007 | 963 | 5.7 | 527 | 163 | 274 | 28.5 | 128 | 953 | 5.8 | 522 | 161 | 270 | 28.3 | 126 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 949 | 5.6 | 519 | 153 | 276 | 29.1 | 136 | 938 | 5.7 | 515 | 151 | 272 | 29.0 | 133 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 1,060 | 6.3 | 585 | 164 | 311 | 29.4 | 154 | 1,048 | 6.4 | 580 | 162 | 306 | 29.2 | 150 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 1,147 | 6.8 | 670 | 182 | 295 | 25.7 | 137 | 1,133 | 6.9 | 663 | 180 | 290 | 25.6 | 135 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 1,261 | 7.4 | 734 | 201 | 326 | 25.9 | 154 | 1,248 | 7.5 | 728 | 198 | 321 | 25.8 | 151 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 1,458 | 8.6 | 844 | 271 | 343 | 23.5 | 161 | 1,446 | 8.7 | 838 | 269 | 339 | 23.4 | 159 |
| Change on quarter | 197 | 1.2 | 110 | 70 | 16 | -2.4 | 7 | 198 | 1.2 | 110 | 71 | 17 | -2.3 | 8 |
| Change % | 15.6 | | 15.0 | 35.1 | 5.0 | | 4.7 | 15.9 | | 15.2 | 35.6 | 5.4 | | 5.3 |
| Change on year | 509 | 3.0 | 325 | 118 | 66 | -5.6 | 25 | 508 | 3.0 | 324 | 117 | 67 | -5.5 | 26 |
| Change % | 53.6 | | 62.6 | 76.9 | 23.9 | | 18.6 | 54.2 | | 62.9 | 77.6 | 24.7 | | 19.7 |
| Women | MGSE | MGSZ | MGYL | MGYN | MGYP | YBWK | YBWN | YBSJ | YBTK | YBWQ | YBWT | YBWW | YBWZ | YBXC |
| Mar-May 2007 | 710 | 5.0 | 477 | 108 | 124 | 17.5 | 50 | 694 | 5.2 | 469 | 105 | 120 | 17.2 | 48 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 679 | 4.8 | 440 | 111 | 128 | 18.9 | 53 | 666 | 5.0 | 433 | 109 | 125 | 18.7 | 51 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 732 | 5.1 | 493 | 110 | 128 | 17.5 | 55 | 719 | 5.4 | 486 | 108 | 126 | 17.5 | 53 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 775 | 5.4 | 508 | 131 | 137 | 17.7 | 58 | 759 | 5.7 | 498 | 127 | 133 | 17.5 | 56 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 839 | 5.8 | 540 | 144 | 155 | 18.5 | 63 | 818 | 6.1 | 528 | 140 | 150 | 18.3 | 60 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 923 | 6.4 | 574 | 164 | 185 | 20.1 | 70 | 902 | 6.7 | 562 | 161 | 180 | 19.9 | 67 |
| Change on quarter | 84 | 0.6 | 34 | 21 | 30 | 1.5 | 7 | 84 | 0.6 | 34 | 20 | 30 | 1.6 | 7 |
| Change % | 10.1 | | 6.3 | 14.3 | 19.2 | | 11.1 | 10.3 | | 6.4 | 14.6 | 20.0 | | 11.8 |
| Change on year | 244 | 1.7 | 134 | 53 | 57 | 1.2 | 18 | 236 | 1.7 | 129 | 52 | 55 | 1.2 | 17 |
| Change % | 35.9 | | 30.4 | 48.1 | 44.4 | | 33.4 | 35.4 | | 29.9 | 47.5 | 43.9 | | 32.8 |
| | 16-17 | | | | | | | 18-24 | | | | | | |
| | All | Rate(%) ¹ | Up to 6 months | Over 6 and up to 12 months | All over 12 months | % over 12 months | All over 24 months | All | Rate(%) ¹ | Up to 6 months | Over 6 and up to 12 months | All over 12 months | % over 12 months | All over 24 months |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| People | YBVH | YBVK | YBXD | YBXG | YBXJ | YBXM | YBXP | YBVN | YBVQ | YBXS | YBXV | YBXY | YBYB | YBYE |
| Mar-May 2007 | 191 | 26.5 | 150 | 26 | 16 | 8.1 | * | 526 | 12.6 | 346 | 90 | 89 | 17.0 | 29 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 185 | 25.1 | 136 | 35 | 13 | 7.0 | * | 502 | 11.9 | 324 | 72 | 106 | 21.2 | 39 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 188 | 26.2 | 150 | 28 | 11 | 5.6 | * | 559 | 13.3 | 369 | 80 | 110 | 19.7 | 41 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 193 | 27.7 | 148 | 29 | 15 | 8.0 | * | 614 | 14.5 | 414 | 97 | 103 | 16.8 | 38 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 188 | 27.8 | 137 | 34 | 17 | 9.1 | * | 631 | 15.1 | 410 | 110 | 111 | 17.6 | 39 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 201 | 30.5 | 147 | 35 | 20 | 9.8 | * | 726 | 17.3 | 452 | 141 | 133 | 18.3 | 49 |
| Change on quarter | 13 | 2.7 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 0.7 | * | 95 | 2.2 | 42 | 31 | 22 | 0.7 | 10 |
| Change % | 6.9 | | 7.1 | 2.0 | 14.9 | | * | 15.1 | | 10.4 | 27.8 | 19.9 | | 24.7 |
| Change on year | 16 | 5.3 | 10 | -1 | 7 | 2.8 | * | 224 | 5.3 | 128 | 69 | 27 | -2.8 | 10 |
| Change % | 8.9 | | 7.5 | -1.8 | 52.9 | | * | 44.6 | | 39.5 | 96.7 | 25.3 | | 24.6 |
| Men | YBVI | YBVL | YBXE | YBXH | YBXK | YBXN | YBXQ | YBVO | YBVR | YBXT | YBXW | YBXZ | YBYC | YBYF |
| Mar-May 2007 | 107 | 29.6 | 82 | 15 | 10 | 9.8 | * | 316 | 14.0 | 191 | 60 | 64 | 20.4 | 23 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 102 | 28.2 | 76 | 18 | * | * | * | 310 | 13.7 | 188 | 48 | 74 | 24.0 | 32 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 101 | 27.6 | 79 | 15 | * | * | * | 360 | 15.7 | 229 | 52 | 79 | 22.0 | 31 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 105 | 29.7 | 81 | 16 | * | * | * | 383 | 16.7 | 242 | 64 | 77 | 20.2 | 27 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 104 | 30.2 | 76 | 17 | 11 | 10.5 | * | 396 | 17.6 | 244 | 74 | 78 | 19.7 | 29 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 110 | 33.3 | 78 | 20 | 12 | 10.9 | * | 454 | 20.0 | 270 | 96 | 88 | 19.3 | 37 |
| Change on quarter | 6 | 3.1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0.4 | * | 58 | 2.4 | 27 | 22 | 9 | -0.5 | 9 |
| Change % | 6.0 | | 2.6 | 18.0 | 10.5 | | * | 14.7 | | 11.0 | 29.4 | 12.1 | | 30.3 |
| Change on year | 8 | 5.1 | 2 | 2 | * | * | * | 144 | 6.3 | 83 | 48 | 13 | -4.7 | 5 |
| Change % | 7.9 | | 2.7 | 13.8 | * | * | * | 46.2 | | 44.1 | 98.4 | 17.8 | | 16.9 |
| Women | YBVJ | YBVM | YBXF | YBXI | YBXL | YBXO | YBXR | YBVP | YBVS | YBXU | YBXX | YBYA | YBYD | YBYG |
| Mar-May 2007 | 85 | 23.3 | 69 | 11 | * | * | * | 210 | 11.0 | 155 | 30 | 25 | 12.0 | * |
| Mar-May 2008 | 83 | 22.2 | 60 | 18 | * | * | * | 192 | 9.9 | 137 | 23 | 32 | 16.6 | * |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 88 | 24.8 | 71 | 13 | * | * | * | 198 | 10.3 | 140 | 28 | 30 | 15.4 | 10 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 88 | 25.6 | 67 | 13 | * | * | * | 230 | 11.8 | 172 | 32 | 26 | 11.1 | 11 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 84 | 25.3 | 61 | 17 | * | * | * | 235 | 12.2 | 166 | 36 | 33 | 14.0 | 11 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 91 | 27.7 | 69 | 15 | * | * | * | 273 | 14.1 | 182 | 45 | 46 | 16.7 | 12 |
| Change on quarter | 7 | 2.4 | 8 | -2 | * | * | * | 37 | 2.0 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 2.8 | 1 |
| Change % | 8.1 | | 12.7 | -14.0 | * | * | * | 15.8 | | 9.4 | 24.7 | 38.7 | | 9.6 |
| Change on year | 8 | 5.5 | 8 | -3 | * | * | * | 81 | 4.2 | 45 | 22 | 14 | 0.1 | * |
| Change % | 10.1 | | 13.6 | -17.5 | * | * | * | 42.0 | | 33.1 | 93.0 | 42.7 | | * |

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 |
| Mar-May 2007 | 706 | 3.9 | 392 | 115 | 199 | 28.2 | 97 | 250 | 3.1 | 116 | 40 | 94 | 37.7 | 51 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 712 | 3.9 | 392 | 120 | 199 | 28.0 | 96 | 229 | 2.8 | 107 | 37 | 86 | 37.5 | 52 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 787 | 4.3 | 441 | 122 | 224 | 28.4 | 111 | 258 | 3.2 | 118 | 44 | 96 | 37.0 | 57 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 828 | 4.6 | 462 | 142 | 224 | 27.0 | 111 | 289 | 3.5 | 153 | 45 | 90 | 31.3 | 47 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 949 | 5.2 | 561 | 142 | 247 | 26.0 | 114 | 331 | 4.0 | 166 | 58 | 107 | 32.2 | 64 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 1,094 | 6.0 | 634 | 194 | 266 | 24.3 | 122 | 360 | 4.3 | 185 | 66 | 109 | 30.3 | 59 |
| Change on quarter | 144 | 0.8 | 73 | 52 | 19 | -1.7 | 8 | 29 | 0.3 | 18 | 8 | 2 | -1.9 | -5 |
| Change % | 15.2 | | 13.1 | 36.5 | 7.8 | | 7.3 | 8.6 | | 11.0 | 13.6 | 2.2 | | -8.1 |
| Change on year | 382 | 2.1 | 242 | 73 | 66 | -3.7 | 26 | 130 | 1.5 | 78 | 29 | 23 | -7.2 | 7 |
| Change % | 53.6 | | 61.7 | 61.0 | 33.3 | | 26.7 | 56.8 | | 73.5 | 79.1 | 26.6 | | 12.6 |
| Men | MGVJ | MGXC | YBYI | YBYL | YBYO | YBYR | YBYU | YBVU | YBVX | YBYX | YBZA | YBZD | YBZG | YBZJ |
| Mar-May 2007 | 380 | 3.9 | 185 | 65 | 130 | 34.3 | 67 | 161 | 3.6 | 69 | 22 | 69 | 43.0 | 38 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 383 | 3.9 | 193 | 62 | 127 | 33.2 | 63 | 154 | 3.4 | 62 | 25 | 67 | 43.2 | 40 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 431 | 4.4 | 213 | 69 | 150 | 34.8 | 76 | 168 | 3.7 | 64 | 28 | 76 | 45.0 | 47 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 467 | 4.8 | 247 | 76 | 144 | 30.9 | 77 | 192 | 4.2 | 100 | 26 | 65 | 34.1 | 33 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 538 | 5.5 | 309 | 70 | 160 | 29.7 | 78 | 223 | 4.9 | 106 | 40 | 77 | 34.7 | 48 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 638 | 6.5 | 370 | 107 | 161 | 25.2 | 80 | 255 | 5.5 | 126 | 48 | 82 | 32.0 | 44 |
| Change on quarter | 100 | 1.0 | 61 | 38 | 1 | -4.4 | 2 | 32 | 0.7 | 20 | 8 | 4 | -2.6 | -4 |
| Change % | 18.7 | | 19.9 | 53.7 | 0.9 | | 3.0 | 14.4 | | 18.5 | 20.5 | 5.7 | | -8.1 |
| Change on year | 256 | 2.6 | 177 | 45 | 34 | -8.0 | 17 | 102 | 2.1 | 63 | 23 | 15 | -11.2 | 3 |
| Change % | 66.8 | | 91.3 | 72.4 | 26.7 | | 27.0 | 66.0 | | 101.9 | 91.2 | 23.0 | | 8.4 |
| Women | MGVK | MGXD | YBYJ | YBYM | YBYP | YBYS | YBYV | YBVV | YBVY | YBYW | YBZB | YBZE | YBZH | YBZK |
| Mar-May 2007 | 326 | 3.9 | 207 | 50 | 69 | 21.1 | 30 | 89 | 2.5 | 46 | 18 | 25 | 28.0 | 13 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 329 | 3.9 | 199 | 58 | 72 | 21.9 | 33 | 76 | 2.1 | 44 | 12 | 20 | 25.9 | 12 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 356 | 4.2 | 229 | 53 | 74 | 20.7 | 35 | 90 | 2.5 | 54 | 16 | 20 | 22.2 | 10 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 360 | 4.3 | 215 | 66 | 79 | 22.0 | 34 | 97 | 2.7 | 53 | 19 | 25 | 25.8 | 13 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 411 | 4.9 | 252 | 72 | 87 | 21.2 | 36 | 108 | 3.0 | 60 | 18 | 29 | 27.0 | 16 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 455 | 5.4 | 264 | 86 | 105 | 23.0 | 42 | 104 | 2.8 | 59 | 18 | 27 | 26.0 | 15 |
| Change on quarter | 44 | 0.5 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 1.8 | 6 | -4 | -0.1 | -1 | 0 | -2 | -1.0 | -1 |
| Change % | 10.7 | | 4.7 | 19.8 | 20.4 | | 16.5 | -3.3 | | -2.1 | -1.3 | -7.0 | | -8.1 |
| Change on year | 126 | 1.5 | 65 | 28 | 33 | 1.1 | 9 | 29 | 0.7 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 0.1 | 3 |
| Change % | 38.4 | | 32.9 | 48.8 | 45.1 | | 26.3 | 38.0 | | 33.6 | 53.7 | 38.6 | | 26.8 |

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 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 1,455.9 | 4.5 | 362.5 | 279.1 | 1,523.5 | 4.7 |
| April | 1,505.5 | 4.6 | 360.3 | 293.8 | 1,557.6 | 4.8 |
| May # (r) | 1,536.3 | 4.7 | 356.2 | 309.1 | 1,565.0 | 4.8 |
| June (p) | 1,560.1 | 4.8 | 354.1 | 324.0 | 1,553.3 | 4.8 |
| <i>Change on month</i> | 23.8 | 0.1 | -2.1 | 14.9 | -11.7 | 0.0 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 1.5 | | -0.6 | 4.8 | -0.7 | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 716.8 | 2.2 | 120.8 | 112.4 | 717.9 | 2.2 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 85.0 | | 51.8 | 53.1 | 85.9 | |
| | DPAE | DPAH | GDZX | GEYR | DPAA | DPAC |
| Men | | | | | | |
| 2008 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 1,081.5 | 6.2 | 255.8 | 194.6 | 1,134.5 | 6.5 |
| April | 1,117.8 | 6.4 | 253.2 | 203.4 | 1,156.9 | 6.6 |
| May # (r) | 1,138.0 | 6.5 | 250.0 | 218.6 | 1,160.6 | 6.6 |
| June (p) | 1,154.9 | 6.6 | 247.8 | 227.5 | 1,148.2 | 6.6 |
| <i>Change on month</i> | 16.9 | 0.1 | -2.2 | 8.9 | -12.4 | -0.1 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 1.5 | | -0.9 | 4.1 | -1.1 | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 537.6 | 3.1 | 83.1 | 78.9 | 537.5 | 3.1 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 87.1 | | 50.5 | 53.1 | 88.0 | |
| | DPAF | DPAI | GEYS | GEYT | DPAB | DPAD |
| Women | | | | | | |
| 2008 | | | | | | |
| 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 | 374.4 | 2.5 | 106.7 | 84.5 | 389.0 | 2.6 |
| April | 387.7 | 2.6 | 107.1 | 90.4 | 400.7 | 2.7 |
| May # (r) | 398.3 | 2.7 | 106.2 | 90.5 | 404.4 | 2.7 |
| June (p) | 405.2 | 2.7 | 106.3 | 96.5 | 405.0 | 2.7 |
| <i>Change on month</i> | 6.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 1.7 | | 0.1 | 6.6 | 0.2 | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 179.2 | 1.2 | 37.7 | 33.5 | 180.4 | 1.2 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 79.3 | | 55.0 | 53.2 | 80.3 | |

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 | JD9Z | JDA2 | JDA3 | JDA4 | JDA5 |
| People 2008 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| April | 1,510,800 | 25,965 | 6,660 | 2,240 | 1,705 | 15,360 |
| May # | 1,516,900 | 30,830 | 6,760 | 2,355 | 1,790 | 19,920 |
| <i>Change on month</i> | | 4,865 | 100 | 115 | 85 | 4,560 |
| <i>Change %</i> | | 18.7 | 1.5 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 29.7 |
| <i>Change on year</i> | | 23,570 | 2,875 | 1,335 | 1,130 | 18,225 |
| <i>Change %</i> | | 324.7 | 74.0 | 130.9 | 171.2 | 1,075.2 |

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system and HM Revenue & Customs child Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 01633 456901

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 Statistical Bulletin.

Further estimates of lone parents claiming JSA are available from DWP at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/>

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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 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 | 1,505.5 | 1,501.0 | 1,137.0 | 242.5 | 121.5 | 8.1 | 22.8 | 449.7 | 385.3 | 57.6 | 6.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| May # (r) | 1,536.3 | 1,531.6 | 1,133.5 | 270.8 | 127.3 | 8.3 | 22.6 | 454.9 | 384.1 | 63.7 | 7.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| June (p) | 1,560.1 | 1,555.3 | 1,127.6 | 294.8 | 132.9 | 8.5 | 22.7 | 461.6 | 385.8 | 68.3 | 7.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Change on month | 23.8 | 23.7 | -5.9 | 24.0 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 6.7 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Change % | 1.5 | 1.5 | -0.5 | 8.9 | 4.4 | | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 5.6 | | 0.0 |
| Change on year | 716.8 | 716.2 | 519.4 | 164.2 | 32.6 | -3.4 | -3.7 | 200.9 | 160.4 | 38.5 | 2.0 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| Change % | 85.0 | 85.4 | 85.4 | 125.7 | 32.5 | | -14.0 | 77.1 | 71.2 | 129.2 | 36.4 | | 6.7 |
| Men | DPAE | AGNG | AGXK | ELNP | ELON | GBHG | IKBS | JLGC | JLGD | JLGE | JLGF | JLGG | JLGH |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 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 | 1,117.8 | 1,114.6 | 830.6 | 188.2 | 95.8 | 8.6 | 17.7 | 315.5 | 269.5 | 41.3 | 4.7 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| May # (r) | 1,138.0 | 1,134.8 | 821.9 | 212.2 | 100.7 | 8.9 | 17.6 | 319.2 | 267.9 | 46.3 | 5.0 | 1.6 | 1.1 |
| June (p) | 1,154.9 | 1,151.2 | 814.4 | 231.7 | 105.1 | 9.1 | 17.6 | 323.6 | 268.3 | 50.0 | 5.3 | 1.6 | 1.1 |
| Change on month | 16.9 | 16.4 | -7.5 | 19.5 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Change % | 1.5 | 1.4 | -0.9 | 9.2 | 4.4 | | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 8.0 | 6.0 | | 0.0 |
| Change on year | 537.6 | 536.9 | 376.9 | 133.1 | 26.9 | -3.6 | -3.2 | 146.6 | 115.3 | 29.7 | 1.6 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| Change % | 87.1 | 87.4 | 86.1 | 135.0 | 34.4 | | -15.4 | 82.8 | 75.4 | 146.3 | 43.2 | | 10.0 |
| Women | DPAF | JLGI | JLJK | JLJG | JLJL | JLJM | JLJN | JLJO | JLJP | JLJQ | JLJR | JLJS | JLJT |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 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 | 387.7 | 386.4 | 306.4 | 54.3 | 25.7 | 6.7 | 5.1 | 134.2 | 115.8 | 16.3 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| May # (r) | 398.3 | 396.8 | 311.6 | 58.6 | 26.6 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 135.7 | 116.2 | 17.4 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| June (p) | 405.2 | 404.1 | 313.2 | 63.1 | 27.8 | 6.9 | 5.1 | 138.0 | 117.5 | 18.3 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| Change on month | 6.9 | 7.3 | 1.6 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Change % | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 7.7 | 4.5 | | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 4.8 | | 0.0 |
| Change on year | 179.2 | 179.3 | 142.5 | 31.1 | 5.7 | -3.0 | -0.5 | 54.3 | 45.1 | 8.8 | 0.4 | -0.6 | 0.0 |
| Change % | 79.3 | 79.8 | 83.5 | 97.2 | 25.8 | | -8.9 | 64.9 | 62.3 | 92.6 | 22.2 | | 0.0 |

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

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

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

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

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

| 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 |
| | JL GU | JL GV | JL GW | JL GX | JL GY | JL GZ | JL HA | JL HB | JL HC | JL HD | JL HE | JL HF |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 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 | 818.7 | 589.3 | 143.7 | 85.7 | 10.5 | 13.8 | 232.6 | 162.4 | 41.2 | 29.0 | 12.5 | 7.4 |
| May # (r) | 838.3 | 587.3 | 161.5 | 89.5 | 10.7 | 13.8 | 238.4 | 162.1 | 45.6 | 30.7 | 12.9 | 7.2 |
| June (p) | 850.7 | 581.0 | 176.5 | 93.2 | 11.0 | 14.1 | 243.0 | 160.8 | 50.0 | 32.2 | 13.3 | 7.0 |
| Change on month | 12.4 | -6.3 | 15.0 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 4.6 | -1.3 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| Change % | 1.5 | -1.1 | 9.3 | 4.1 | | 2.2 | 1.9 | -0.8 | 9.6 | 4.9 | | -2.8 |
| Change on year | 400.4 | 280.3 | 95.9 | 24.2 | -4.4 | 0.0 | 114.9 | 78.7 | 29.8 | 6.4 | -6.9 | -3.8 |
| Change % | 88.9 | 93.2 | 119.0 | 35.1 | | 0.0 | 89.7 | 95.9 | 147.5 | 24.8 | | -35.2 |
| Men | AGMA | JLHG | JLHH | JLHI | JLHJ | JLHK | JLHL | JLHM | JLHN | JLHO | JLHP | JLHQ |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 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 | 631.5 | 445.7 | 116.6 | 69.2 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 167.6 | 115.4 | 30.3 | 21.9 | 13.1 | 5.7 |
| May # (r) | 643.5 | 439.0 | 132.0 | 72.5 | 11.3 | 10.9 | 172.1 | 115.0 | 33.9 | 23.2 | 13.5 | 5.6 |
| June (p) | 651.9 | 431.9 | 144.4 | 75.6 | 11.6 | 11.1 | 175.7 | 114.2 | 37.3 | 24.2 | 13.8 | 5.4 |
| Change on month | 8.4 | -7.1 | 12.4 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 3.6 | -0.8 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| Change % | 1.3 | -1.6 | 9.4 | 4.3 | | 1.8 | 2.1 | -0.7 | 10.0 | 4.3 | | -3.6 |
| Change on year | 304.6 | 203.6 | 80.5 | 20.5 | -4.3 | -0.2 | 85.7 | 58.0 | 22.9 | 4.8 | -7.8 | -3.1 |
| Change % | 87.7 | 89.2 | 126.0 | 37.2 | | -1.8 | 95.2 | 103.2 | 159.0 | 24.7 | | -36.5 |
| Women | JLHR | JLHS | JLHT | JLHU | JLHV | JLHW | JLHX | JLHY | JLHZ | JLIA | JLIB | JLIC |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 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 | 187.2 | 143.6 | 27.1 | 16.5 | 8.8 | 2.9 | 65.0 | 47.0 | 10.9 | 7.1 | 10.9 | 1.7 |
| May # (r) | 194.8 | 148.3 | 29.5 | 17.0 | 8.7 | 2.9 | 66.3 | 47.1 | 11.7 | 7.5 | 11.3 | 1.6 |
| June (p) | 198.8 | 149.1 | 32.1 | 17.6 | 8.9 | 3.0 | 67.3 | 46.6 | 12.7 | 8.0 | 11.9 | 1.6 |
| Change on month | 4.0 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 | -0.5 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Change % | 2.1 | 0.5 | 8.8 | 3.5 | | 3.4 | 1.5 | -1.1 | 8.5 | 6.7 | | 0.0 |
| Change on year | 95.8 | 76.7 | 15.4 | 3.7 | -4.6 | 0.2 | 29.2 | 20.7 | 6.9 | 1.6 | -4.9 | -0.7 |
| Change % | 93.0 | 105.9 | 92.2 | 26.6 | | 7.1 | 76.6 | 79.9 | 119.0 | 25.0 | | -30.4 |

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

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

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(1) Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

| | All aged 16 & 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 |
| Mar-May 2007 | 30,830 | 29,595 | 724 | 4,159 | 6,574 | 11,421 | 6,718 | 1,235 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 31,169 | 29,833 | 734 | 4,206 | 6,617 | 11,494 | 6,781 | 1,337 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 31,211 | 29,862 | 718 | 4,215 | 6,624 | 11,499 | 6,807 | 1,349 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 31,316 | 29,943 | 696 | 4,247 | 6,648 | 11,497 | 6,855 | 1,373 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 31,367 | 29,999 | 677 | 4,188 | 6,699 | 11,556 | 6,879 | 1,368 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 31,379 | 29,986 | 659 | 4,202 | 6,691 | 11,521 | 6,913 | 1,393 |
| Change on quarter | 12 | -13 | -18 | 14 | -8 | -35 | 33 | 25 |
| Change % | 0.0 | 0.0 | -2.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| Change on year | 209 | 153 | -75 | -4 | 73 | 27 | 132 | 56 |
| Change % | 0.7 | 0.5 | -10.2 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 4.2 |
| Men | MGSG | YBSL | YBZM | YBZP | YBZS | YBZV | YBZY | YCAE |
| Mar-May 2007 | 16,765 | 16,354 | 361 | 2,256 | 3,623 | 6,092 | 4,023 | 411 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 16,902 | 16,449 | 362 | 2,272 | 3,634 | 6,098 | 4,084 | 453 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 16,927 | 16,475 | 365 | 2,292 | 3,623 | 6,102 | 4,093 | 453 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 16,986 | 16,525 | 354 | 2,298 | 3,635 | 6,121 | 4,117 | 462 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 17,006 | 16,557 | 344 | 2,255 | 3,681 | 6,126 | 4,151 | 450 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 17,012 | 16,561 | 331 | 2,274 | 3,685 | 6,108 | 4,162 | 452 |
| Change on quarter | 6 | 4 | -13 | 20 | 4 | -18 | 12 | 2 |
| Change % | 0.0 | 0.0 | -3.8 | 0.9 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Change on year | 110 | 111 | -31 | 3 | 51 | 10 | 79 | -1 |
| Change % | 0.7 | 0.7 | -8.7 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 1.9 | -0.3 |
| Women | MGSH | YBSM | YBZN | YBZQ | YBZT | YBZW | YBZZ | YCAF |
| Mar-May 2007 | 14,065 | 13,241 | 363 | 1,903 | 2,952 | 5,328 | 2,696 | 824 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 14,267 | 13,384 | 372 | 1,934 | 2,983 | 5,397 | 2,697 | 884 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 14,284 | 13,387 | 353 | 1,923 | 3,001 | 5,396 | 2,714 | 896 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 14,329 | 13,418 | 343 | 1,949 | 3,013 | 5,375 | 2,738 | 911 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 14,360 | 13,442 | 333 | 1,933 | 3,017 | 5,430 | 2,729 | 918 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 14,367 | 13,425 | 329 | 1,927 | 3,006 | 5,413 | 2,750 | 941 |
| Change on quarter | 6 | -17 | -5 | -5 | -12 | -17 | 22 | 23 |
| Change % | 0.0 | -0.1 | -1.4 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 2.5 |
| Change on year | 99 | 42 | -43 | -7 | 23 | 16 | 53 | 58 |
| Change % | 0.7 | 0.3 | -11.7 | -0.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 6.5 |
| Economic activity rates (%)¹ | | | | | | | | |
| People | MGWG | MGSO | YCAG | YCAJ | YCAM | YCAP | MGWP | MGWS |
| Mar-May 2007 | 63.5 | 78.9 | 45.7 | 74.0 | 84.4 | 85.2 | 73.6 | 11.2 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 63.6 | 79.1 | 46.2 | 73.4 | 84.8 | 85.6 | 74.1 | 11.9 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 63.6 | 79.1 | 45.2 | 73.3 | 84.7 | 85.6 | 74.3 | 11.9 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 63.7 | 79.2 | 44.1 | 73.6 | 84.7 | 85.6 | 74.7 | 12.1 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 63.7 | 79.3 | 43.2 | 72.4 | 84.9 | 86.1 | 74.9 | 12.0 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 63.5 | 79.1 | 42.3 | 72.4 | 84.5 | 85.9 | 75.1 | 12.1 |
| Change on quarter | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.9 | 0.0 | -0.5 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Change on year | -0.1 | 0.0 | -3.9 | -1.1 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Men | MGWH | MGSP | YCAH | YCAK | YCAN | YCAQ | MGWQ | MGWT |
| Mar-May 2007 | 71.0 | 83.8 | 44.3 | 78.8 | 93.4 | 92.0 | 75.3 | 10.0 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 70.9 | 83.7 | 44.3 | 77.6 | 93.1 | 92.0 | 75.8 | 10.8 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 70.8 | 83.7 | 44.8 | 78.0 | 92.5 | 92.1 | 75.8 | 10.8 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 70.9 | 83.8 | 43.7 | 78.0 | 92.3 | 92.4 | 76.1 | 10.9 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 70.8 | 83.8 | 42.7 | 76.3 | 93.0 | 92.6 | 76.5 | 10.6 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 70.7 | 83.7 | 41.4 | 76.7 | 92.6 | 92.3 | 76.6 | 10.6 |
| Change on quarter | -0.1 | -0.1 | -1.4 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Change on year | -0.2 | 0.0 | -2.9 | -0.9 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | -0.3 |
| Women | MGWI | MGSQ | YCAI | YCAL | YCAO | YCAR | MGWR | MGWU |
| Mar-May 2007 | 56.3 | 73.5 | 47.1 | 69.0 | 75.5 | 78.5 | 71.2 | 11.8 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 56.8 | 74.2 | 48.1 | 69.1 | 76.5 | 79.3 | 71.7 | 12.5 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 56.7 | 74.2 | 45.7 | 68.4 | 76.9 | 79.2 | 72.2 | 12.6 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 56.8 | 74.2 | 44.6 | 69.1 | 77.0 | 79.0 | 72.8 | 12.7 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 56.8 | 74.3 | 43.7 | 68.3 | 76.8 | 79.9 | 72.4 | 12.8 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 56.8 | 74.1 | 43.3 | 67.8 | 76.2 | 79.7 | 72.9 | 13.1 |
| Change on quarter | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Change on year | 0.0 | -0.1 | -4.8 | -1.2 | -0.3 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 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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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 | YCA Y | YCB B | MGWA | MGWD |
| Mar-May 2007 | 17,757 | 7,932 | 861 | 1,460 | 1,212 | 1,989 | 2,410 | 9,825 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 17,805 | 7,869 | 856 | 1,521 | 1,184 | 1,941 | 2,367 | 9,936 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 17,862 | 7,886 | 869 | 1,536 | 1,193 | 1,937 | 2,350 | 9,976 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 17,860 | 7,856 | 881 | 1,522 | 1,204 | 1,930 | 2,319 | 10,004 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 17,911 | 7,851 | 891 | 1,600 | 1,188 | 1,862 | 2,310 | 10,060 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 18,002 | 7,915 | 899 | 1,605 | 1,231 | 1,888 | 2,293 | 10,087 |
| Change on quarter | 91 | 64 | 8 | 5 | 43 | 26 | -17 | 26 |
| Change % | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 1.4 | -0.7 | 0.3 |
| Change on year | 197 | 46 | 43 | 84 | 47 | -54 | -74 | 151 |
| Change % | 1.1 | 0.6 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.0 | -2.8 | -3.1 | 1.5 |
| Men | MGSJ | YBSO | YCAT | YCAW | YCAZ | YCBC | MGWB | MGWE |
| Mar-May 2007 | 6,856 | 3,164 | 454 | 606 | 256 | 527 | 1,321 | 3,692 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 6,942 | 3,211 | 455 | 654 | 269 | 529 | 1,304 | 3,730 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 6,972 | 3,220 | 450 | 647 | 293 | 524 | 1,306 | 3,753 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 6,971 | 3,202 | 456 | 650 | 302 | 501 | 1,294 | 3,769 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 7,008 | 3,202 | 461 | 701 | 276 | 492 | 1,272 | 3,805 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 7,059 | 3,231 | 468 | 691 | 293 | 506 | 1,273 | 3,828 |
| Change on quarter | 52 | 29 | 8 | -11 | 17 | 15 | 0 | 23 |
| Change % | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.7 | -1.5 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Change on year | 118 | 19 | 14 | 36 | 23 | -23 | -31 | 98 |
| Change % | 1.7 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 8.7 | -4.3 | -2.4 | 2.6 |
| Women | MGSK | YBSP | YCAU | YCAX | YCBA | YCBD | MGWC | MGWF |
| Mar-May 2007 | 10,901 | 4,769 | 407 | 854 | 956 | 1,462 | 1,089 | 6,132 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 10,864 | 4,658 | 401 | 867 | 915 | 1,412 | 1,063 | 6,206 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 10,889 | 4,666 | 419 | 889 | 900 | 1,413 | 1,045 | 6,223 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 10,889 | 4,654 | 425 | 872 | 902 | 1,429 | 1,025 | 6,235 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 10,904 | 4,649 | 430 | 899 | 912 | 1,370 | 1,038 | 6,255 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 10,943 | 4,685 | 430 | 914 | 938 | 1,381 | 1,020 | 6,258 |
| Change on quarter | 39 | 36 | 0 | 15 | 26 | 12 | -18 | 3 |
| Change % | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 0.9 | -1.7 | 0.1 |
| Change on year | 79 | 27 | 29 | 47 | 23 | -31 | -43 | 52 |
| Change % | 0.7 | 0.6 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 2.6 | -2.2 | -4.0 | 0.8 |
| Economic inactivity rates (%)¹ | | | | | | | | |
| People | YBTC | YBTL | LWEX | LWFA | LWFD | LWFG | LWFJ | LWFM |
| Mar-May 2007 | 36.5 | 21.1 | 54.3 | 26.0 | 15.6 | 14.8 | 26.4 | 88.8 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 36.4 | 20.9 | 53.8 | 26.6 | 15.2 | 14.4 | 25.9 | 88.1 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 36.4 | 20.9 | 54.8 | 26.7 | 15.3 | 14.4 | 25.7 | 88.1 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 36.3 | 20.8 | 55.9 | 26.4 | 15.3 | 14.4 | 25.3 | 87.9 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 36.3 | 20.7 | 56.8 | 27.6 | 15.1 | 13.9 | 25.1 | 88.0 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 36.5 | 20.9 | 57.7 | 27.6 | 15.5 | 14.1 | 24.9 | 87.9 |
| Change on quarter | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Change on year | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -1.0 | -0.3 |
| Men | YBTD | YBTM | LWEY | LWFB | LWFE | LWFH | LWFK | LWFN |
| Mar-May 2007 | 29.0 | 16.2 | 55.7 | 21.2 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 24.7 | 90.0 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 29.1 | 16.3 | 55.7 | 22.4 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 24.2 | 89.2 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 29.2 | 16.3 | 55.2 | 22.0 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 24.2 | 89.2 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 29.1 | 16.2 | 56.3 | 22.0 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 23.9 | 89.1 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 29.2 | 16.2 | 57.3 | 23.7 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 23.5 | 89.4 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 29.3 | 16.3 | 58.6 | 23.3 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 23.4 | 89.4 |
| Change on quarter | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.4 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Change on year | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.5 | -0.3 | -0.8 | 0.3 |
| Women | YBTE | YBTN | LWEZ | LWFC | LWFF | LWFI | LWFL | LWFO |
| Mar-May 2007 | 43.7 | 26.5 | 52.9 | 31.0 | 24.5 | 21.5 | 28.8 | 88.2 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 43.2 | 25.8 | 51.9 | 30.9 | 23.5 | 20.7 | 28.3 | 87.5 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 43.3 | 25.8 | 54.3 | 31.6 | 23.1 | 20.8 | 27.8 | 87.4 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 43.2 | 25.8 | 55.4 | 30.9 | 23.0 | 21.0 | 27.2 | 87.3 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 43.2 | 25.7 | 56.3 | 31.7 | 23.2 | 20.1 | 27.6 | 87.2 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 43.2 | 25.9 | 56.7 | 32.2 | 23.8 | 20.3 | 27.1 | 86.9 |
| Change on quarter | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Change on year | 0.0 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | -0.4 | -1.2 | -0.6 |

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

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

| | Total aged 16-59/64 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | Economic inactivity by reason | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Student | Looking after family / home | Temporary sick | Long-term sick | Discouraged | Retired | Other | Does not want a job | Wants a job ¹ |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| People | YBSN | BEDZ | BEEC | BEBK | BEBN | YCFO | BEEI | BEEI | YBVZ | YBWC |
| Mar-May 2007 | 7,932 | 1,890 | 2,341 | 202 | 2,038 | 35 | 602 | 824 | 5,827 | 2,105 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 7,869 | 1,937 | 2,291 | 180 | 2,013 | 40 | 597 | 812 | 5,719 | 2,150 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 7,886 | 2,003 | 2,249 | 184 | 2,031 | 35 | 598 | 786 | 5,726 | 2,160 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 7,856 | 2,018 | 2,266 | 163 | 2,020 | 46 | 598 | 747 | 5,754 | 2,102 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 7,851 | 2,119 | 2,223 | 170 | 2,006 | 51 | 588 | 693 | 5,739 | 2,112 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 7,915 | 2,114 | 2,242 | 183 | 1,983 | 58 | 574 | 762 | 5,806 | 2,109 |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | 64 | -5 | 19 | 13 | -24 | 7 | -14 | 69 | 67 | -3 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.8 | -0.2 | 0.9 | 7.6 | -1.2 | 12.7 | -2.4 | 9.9 | 1.2 | -0.1 |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 46 | 177 | -49 | 3 | -30 | 18 | -23 | -50 | 87 | -41 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.6 | 9.1 | -2.1 | 1.8 | -1.5 | 44.8 | -3.8 | -6.2 | 1.5 | -1.9 |
| Men | YBSO | BEEEX | BEAQ | BEDI | BEDL | YCFP | BEDR | BEDU | YBWA | YBWD |
| Mar-May 2007 | 3,164 | 938 | 201 | 98 | 1,127 | 22 | 438 | 340 | 2,268 | 895 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 3,211 | 991 | 199 | 87 | 1,116 | 22 | 437 | 360 | 2,293 | 918 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 3,220 | 994 | 200 | 91 | 1,130 | 18 | 434 | 352 | 2,294 | 926 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 3,202 | 1,017 | 192 | 81 | 1,114 | 29 | 441 | 328 | 2,296 | 906 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 3,202 | 1,069 | 203 | 74 | 1,102 | 30 | 429 | 294 | 2,311 | 892 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 3,231 | 1,065 | 202 | 85 | 1,091 | 36 | 423 | 328 | 2,321 | 910 |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | 29 | -4 | -1 | 11 | -12 | 6 | -6 | 33 | 11 | 18 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.9 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 14.4 | -1.0 | 20.0 | -1.3 | 11.4 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 19 | 74 | 4 | -2 | -26 | 14 | -13 | -32 | 28 | -9 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.6 | 7.5 | 1.9 | -2.2 | -2.3 | 64.7 | -3.1 | -8.9 | 1.2 | -1.0 |
| Women | YBSP | BEBL | BEBO | BEEG | BEEJ | YCFQ | BEEP | BEESS | YBWB | YBWE |
| Mar-May 2007 | 4,769 | 952 | 2,139 | 104 | 910 | 13 | 165 | 484 | 3,559 | 1,210 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 4,658 | 946 | 2,092 | 92 | 897 | 18 | 160 | 453 | 3,426 | 1,232 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 4,666 | 1,009 | 2,049 | 93 | 900 | 17 | 164 | 434 | 3,432 | 1,234 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 4,654 | 1,001 | 2,074 | 82 | 905 | 17 | 157 | 418 | 3,458 | 1,196 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 4,649 | 1,050 | 2,020 | 96 | 904 | 21 | 159 | 399 | 3,429 | 1,220 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 4,685 | 1,049 | 2,040 | 98 | 892 | 21 | 151 | 434 | 3,485 | 1,199 |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | 36 | -1 | 20 | 2 | -12 | 0 | -9 | 35 | 56 | -21 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.8 | -0.1 | 1.0 | 2.3 | -1.4 | 2.0 | -5.5 | 8.9 | 1.6 | -1.7 |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 27 | 103 | -52 | 5 | -5 | 4 | -9 | -18 | 59 | -33 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 0.6 | 10.8 | -2.5 | 5.6 | -0.5 | 20.0 | -5.7 | -4.1 | 1.7 | -2.6 |
| Percentage of economically inactive (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| People | BEAR | BEDJ | BEDM | BEDP | BEDS | BEDV | BEDY | BEEB | BEEE | BEBM |
| Mar-May 2007 | 100 | 23.8 | 29.5 | 2.5 | 25.7 | 0.4 | 7.6 | 10.4 | 73.5 | 26.5 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 100 | 24.6 | 29.1 | 2.3 | 25.6 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 10.3 | 72.7 | 27.3 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 100 | 25.4 | 28.5 | 2.3 | 25.8 | 0.4 | 7.6 | 10.0 | 72.6 | 27.4 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 100 | 25.7 | 28.8 | 2.1 | 25.7 | 0.6 | 7.6 | 9.5 | 73.2 | 26.8 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 100 | 27.0 | 28.3 | 2.2 | 25.6 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 73.1 | 26.9 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 100 | 26.7 | 28.3 | 2.3 | 25.0 | 0.7 | 7.3 | 9.6 | 73.4 | 26.6 |
| Men | BEBP | BEEH | BEEK | BEEJ | BEEQ | BEET | BEEW | BEEZ | BEAS | BEGT |
| Mar-May 2007 | 100 | 29.7 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 35.6 | 0.7 | 13.8 | 10.7 | 71.7 | 28.3 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 100 | 30.9 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 34.8 | 0.7 | 13.6 | 11.2 | 71.4 | 28.6 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 100 | 30.9 | 6.2 | 2.8 | 35.1 | 0.6 | 13.5 | 10.9 | 71.2 | 28.8 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 100 | 31.8 | 6.0 | 2.5 | 34.8 | 0.9 | 13.8 | 10.3 | 71.7 | 28.3 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 100 | 33.4 | 6.4 | 2.3 | 34.4 | 0.9 | 13.4 | 9.2 | 72.2 | 27.8 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 100 | 33.0 | 6.3 | 2.6 | 33.8 | 1.1 | 13.1 | 10.1 | 71.8 | 28.2 |
| Women | BEGW | BEGZ | BEHC | BEHF | BEHI | BEHL | BEHO | BEBQ | BEHR | BEHU |
| Mar-May 2007 | 100 | 20.0 | 44.9 | 2.2 | 19.1 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 10.2 | 74.6 | 25.4 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 100 | 20.3 | 44.9 | 2.0 | 19.3 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 9.7 | 73.5 | 26.5 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 100 | 21.6 | 43.9 | 2.0 | 19.3 | 0.4 | 3.5 | 9.3 | 73.6 | 26.4 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 100 | 21.5 | 44.6 | 1.8 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 9.0 | 74.3 | 25.7 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 100 | 22.6 | 43.4 | 2.1 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 8.6 | 73.8 | 26.2 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 100 | 22.4 | 43.5 | 2.1 | 19.0 | 0.5 | 3.2 | 9.3 | 74.4 | 25.6 |

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

Source: Labour Force Survey.

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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

March to May 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 | 659 | 220 | 440 | 458 | 140 | 318 | 201 | 80 | 121 | 899 | 114 | 785 |
| 18-24 | 4,202 | 3,503 | 699 | 3,475 | 2,895 | 580 | 726 | 608 | 119 | 1,605 | 616 | 989 |
| all under 25 | 4,861 | 3,723 | 1,139 | 3,934 | 3,035 | 899 | 928 | 687 | 240 | 2,504 | 730 | 1,773 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | 331 | 131 | 200 | 221 | 83 | 137 | 110 | 48 | 62 | 468 | 57 | 411 |
| 18-24 | 2,274 | 1,935 | 339 | 1,821 | 1,548 | 273 | 454 | 388 | 66 | 691 | 178 | 512 |
| all under 25 | 2,605 | 2,066 | 539 | 2,041 | 1,631 | 410 | 564 | 436 | 128 | 1,159 | 236 | 923 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | 329 | 89 | 240 | 238 | 57 | 181 | 91 | 32 | 59 | 430 | 57 | 373 |
| 18-24 | 1,927 | 1,567 | 360 | 1,655 | 1,347 | 307 | 273 | 220 | 53 | 914 | 438 | 476 |
| all under 25 | 2,256 | 1,656 | 600 | 1,893 | 1,404 | 488 | 364 | 252 | 112 | 1,345 | 495 | 850 |

Changes on quarter

| People | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 16-17 | -18 | -15 | -3 | -31 | -14 | -16 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| 18-24 | 14 | 20 | -6 | -81 | -61 | -20 | 95 | 81 | 15 | 5 | 10 | -5 |
| all under 25 | -3 | 5 | -8 | -112 | -75 | -36 | 108 | 80 | 28 | 12 | 16 | -3 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | -13 | -11 | -2 | -19 | -9 | -10 | 6 | -2 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| 18-24 | 20 | 6 | 13 | -39 | -48 | 10 | 58 | 54 | 4 | -11 | 6 | -17 |
| all under 25 | 6 | -5 | 12 | -58 | -58 | 0 | 64 | 52 | 12 | -3 | 9 | -12 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | -5 | -3 | -1 | -11 | -5 | -6 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | -3 |
| 18-24 | -5 | 14 | -19 | -43 | -13 | -30 | 37 | 26 | 11 | 15 | 4 | 12 |
| all under 25 | -10 | 10 | -20 | -54 | -18 | -36 | 44 | 28 | 16 | 16 | 7 | 8 |

Rates(%)³

| People | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 16-17 | 42.3 | 65.8 | 35.9 | 29.4 | 41.9 | 26.0 | 30.5 | 36.3 | 27.6 | 57.7 | 34.2 | 64.1 |
| 18-24 | 72.4 | 85.0 | 41.4 | 59.9 | 70.3 | 34.4 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 17.0 | 27.6 | 15.0 | 58.6 |
| all under 25 | 66.0 | 83.6 | 39.1 | 53.4 | 68.2 | 30.9 | 19.1 | 18.5 | 21.1 | 34.0 | 16.4 | 60.9 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | 41.4 | 69.6 | 32.7 | 27.6 | 44.1 | 22.5 | 33.3 | 36.6 | 31.1 | 58.6 | 30.4 | 67.3 |
| 18-24 | 76.7 | 91.6 | 39.8 | 61.4 | 73.2 | 32.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 19.5 | 23.3 | 8.4 | 60.2 |
| all under 25 | 69.2 | 89.8 | 36.8 | 54.2 | 70.8 | 28.1 | 21.6 | 21.1 | 23.8 | 30.8 | 10.2 | 63.2 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | 43.3 | 60.9 | 39.1 | 31.3 | 39.0 | 29.5 | 27.7 | 35.9 | 24.6 | 56.7 | 39.1 | 60.9 |
| 18-24 | 67.8 | 78.2 | 43.0 | 58.2 | 67.2 | 36.7 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 32.2 | 21.8 | 57.0 |
| all under 25 | 62.7 | 77.0 | 41.4 | 52.6 | 65.3 | 33.7 | 16.1 | 15.2 | 18.6 | 37.3 | 23.0 | 58.6 |

Changes on quarter

| People | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| 16-17 | -0.9 | -2.6 | -0.2 | -1.8 | -3.1 | -1.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0.2 |
| 18-24 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -1.6 | -2.0 | -1.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| all under 25 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -1.6 | -2.0 | -1.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | -1.4 | -2.6 | -0.5 | -2.2 | -2.7 | -1.8 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 0.5 |
| 18-24 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 1.7 | -1.5 | -2.7 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.2 | -1.7 |
| all under 25 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.8 | -1.6 | -2.6 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.7 | -0.1 | 0.4 | -0.8 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16-17 | -0.3 | -2.5 | 0.1 | -1.3 | -3.5 | -0.8 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 2.5 | -0.1 |
| 18-24 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -1.9 | -1.7 | -1.2 | -3.2 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| all under 25 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -1.0 | -1.6 | -1.4 | -2.2 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.0 |

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 |
| May 07 | 130.8 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 130.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 133.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Mar 08 (r) | 135.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 135.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 137.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Apr 08 (r) | 133.9 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 133.1 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 138.0 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| May 08 (r) | 135.2 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 134.6 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 137.9 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| Jun 08 | 135.8 | 3.4 | 3.2 (r) | 135.2 | 3.6 | 3.2 (r) | 137.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 (r) |
| Jul 08 | 136.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 135.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 139.3 | 4.0 | 3.4 (r) |
| 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 | 134.7 | -0.3 | 1.7 | 133.1 | -1.2 | 1.2 | 141.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 |
| Feb 09 | 135.4 | -1.8 | 0.2 | 133.8 | -2.6 | -0.4 | 142.3 | 3.7 | 3.8 |
| Mar 09 (r) | 137.1 | 1.2 | -0.3 | 136.0 | 0.6 | -1.1 | 142.3 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| Apr 09 (r) | 138.5 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 137.5 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 142.9 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| May 09 (p) | 138.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 137.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 142.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| | 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 |
| May 07 | 130.5 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 131.2 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 130.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| Mar 08 (r) | 134.8 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 136.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 135.7 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Apr 08 (r) | 133.3 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 134.6 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 133.4 | 3.1 | 5.1 |
| May 08 (r) | 135.4 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 135.5 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 134.5 | 3.3 | 4.0 |
| Jun 08 | 134.4 | 2.5 | 2.9 (r) | 136.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 135.8 | 4.0 | 3.5 (r) |
| Jul 08 | 134.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 (r) | 136.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 136.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 (r) |
| 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 | 135.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 134.7 | -0.7 | 1.8 | 132.7 | -2.1 | 1.2 |
| Feb 09 | 135.3 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 135.8 | -2.2 | 0.1 | 133.5 | -3.9 | -1.0 |
| Mar 09 (r) | 135.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 137.8 | 1.2 | -0.6 | 136.4 | 0.5 | -1.8 |
| Apr 09 (r) | 136.5 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 139.2 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 137.9 | 3.3 | -0.1 |
| May 09 (p) | 135.2 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 139.2 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 137.8 | 2.4 | 2.1 |

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

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

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 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 |
| May 07 | 131.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 130.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 133.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Mar 08 (r) | 135.2 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 134.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 137.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| Apr 08 (r) | 135.6 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 135.1 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 138.0 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| May 08 (r) | 135.9 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 135.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 137.9 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Jun 08 | 136.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 135.8 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 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 | 138.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 137.9 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 141.4 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Feb 09 | 138.8 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 138.0 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 142.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Mar 09 | 138.9 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 138.2 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 141.6 | 3.1 | 3.6 |
| Apr 09 (r) | 139.1 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 138.3 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 142.6 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| May 09 (p) | 139.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 138.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 143.1 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| | Manufacturing | | | Services | | | of which Private sector services | | |
| | Average earnings index | % changes year on year | | Average earnings index | % changes year on year | | Average earnings index | % changes year on year | |
| | | Single month | 3 month average ² | | Single month | 3 month average ² | | Single month | 3 month average ² |
| | JQEF | JQEG | JQEH | JQEL | JQEM | JQEN | JQEO | JQEP | JQEQ |
| May 07 | 130.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 131.3 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 130.7 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| Mar 08 (r) | 134.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 136.0 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 135.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| Apr 08 (r) | 134.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 136.2 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 135.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 |
| May 08 (r) | 134.9 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 136.4 | 3.9 | 4.2 | 135.9 | 4.0 | 4.3 |
| Jun 08 | 134.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 (r) | 136.8 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 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 | 135.7 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 139.6 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 138.9 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Feb 09 | 135.3 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 139.8 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 139.1 | 3.2 | 3.5 |
| Mar 09 (r) | 135.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 139.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 139.3 | 2.9 | 3.3 |
| Apr 09 (r) | 136.0 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 140.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 139.3 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| May 09 (p) | 135.8 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 140.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 139.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 |

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 | |
| May 07 (r) | 3.4 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| May 08 (r) | 2.6 (r) | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Jun 08 (r) | 3.9 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Jul 08 (r) | 4.5 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Aug 08 (r) | | | 3.0 | 2.7 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Sep 08 (r) | | | 3.0 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Oct 08 (r) | | | 5.2 | 3.7 | -2.2 | -0.8 |
| Nov 08 (r) | | | 7.9 | 5.4 | -5.2 | -2.5 |
| Dec 08 (r) | | | 8.7 | 7.3 | -6.4 | -4.6 |
| Jan 09 (r) | | | 12.1 | 9.6 | -9.4 | -7.0 |
| Feb 09 (r) | | | 10.6 | 10.5 | -8.6 | -8.2 |
| Mar 09 (r) | | | 7.6 | 10.1 | -6.7 | -8.3 |
| Apr 09 (r) | | | 8.8 | 9.0 | -5.9 | -7.1 |
| May 09 (p) | 3.6 | -4.2 | 5.0 | 7.1 | -5.0 | -5.9 |

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

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators¹

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Headline estimates for March - May 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 | 1,244 | 75.8 | 1,129 | 68.5 | 115 | 9.2 | 384 | 24.2 |
| North West | 3,423 | 77.9 | 3,140 | 71.2 | 283 | 8.3 | 933 | 22.1 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 2,644 | 78.8 | 2,412 | 71.6 | 232 | 8.8 | 687 | 21.2 |
| East Midlands | 2,334 | 81.5 | 2,166 | 75.4 | 169 | 7.2 | 507 | 18.5 |
| West Midlands | 2,677 | 78.2 | 2,402 | 70.0 | 276 | 10.3 | 712 | 21.8 |
| East | 2,987 | 82.0 | 2,800 | 76.8 | 187 | 6.3 | 621 | 18.0 |
| London | 4,041 | 76.2 | 3,692 | 69.4 | 348 | 8.6 | 1,216 | 23.8 |
| South East | 4,429 | 82.6 | 4,160 | 77.4 | 269 | 6.1 | 882 | 17.4 |
| South West | 2,698 | 82.0 | 2,531 | 76.8 | 167 | 6.2 | 560 | 18.0 |
| England | 26,477 | 79.6 | 24,432 | 73.2 | 2,046 | 7.7 | 6,502 | 20.4 |
| Wales | 1,429 | 75.6 | 1,322 | 69.8 | 107 | 7.5 | 437 | 24.4 |
| Scotland | 2,682 | 79.9 | 2,504 | 74.4 | 179 | 6.7 | 645 | 20.1 |
| Great Britain | 30,588 | 79.4 | 28,257 | 73.1 | 2,331 | 7.6 | 7,584 | 20.6 |
| Northern Ireland | 794 | 70.0 | 744 | 65.5 | 50 | 6.3 | 328 | 30.0 |
| United Kingdom | 31,379 | 79.1 | 28,998 | 72.9 | 2,381 | 7.6 | 7,915 | 20.9 |

Change on quarter (change since December 2008 - February 2009)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 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| North East | -11 | -0.7 | -21 | -1.4 | 10 | 0.9 | 11 | 0.7 |
| North West | 15 | 0.3 | -1 | -0.1 | 16 | 0.4 | -10 | -0.3 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 39 | 1.0 | -2 | -0.3 | 41 | 1.4 | -31 | -1.0 |
| East Midlands | 13 | 0.1 | 2 | -0.4 | 12 | 0.5 | 0 | -0.1 |
| West Midlands | 27 | 0.7 | -25 | -0.8 | 52 | 1.9 | -23 | -0.7 |
| East | -17 | -0.6 | -29 | -0.9 | 12 | 0.4 | 23 | 0.6 |
| London | -31 | -0.9 | -59 | -1.5 | 28 | 0.8 | 48 | 0.9 |
| South East | 7 | -0.1 | -39 | -1.0 | 47 | 1.0 | 6 | 0.1 |
| South West | -28 | -0.7 | -54 | -1.6 | 26 | 1.0 | 24 | 0.7 |
| England | 16 | -0.1 | -228 | -0.9 | 244 | 0.9 | 47 | 0.1 |
| Wales | -2 | -0.2 | -1 | -0.1 | -1 | -0.1 | 4 | 0.2 |
| Scotland | 10 | 0.2 | -26 | -0.9 | 35 | 1.3 | -5 | -0.2 |
| Great Britain | 24 | -0.1 | -255 | -0.8 | 278 | 0.9 | 46 | 0.1 |
| Northern Ireland | -10 | -1.5 | -14 | -1.8 | 4 | 0.5 | 17 | 1.5 |
| United Kingdom | 12 | -0.1 | -269 | -0.9 | 281 | 0.9 | 64 | 0.1 |

Change on year (change since March - May 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 |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| North East | -1 | 0.1 | -25 | -1.6 | 24 | 1.9 | 0 | -0.1 |
| North West | 45 | 0.5 | -31 | -1.3 | 76 | 2.1 | -20 | -0.5 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 46 | 1.1 | -40 | -1.6 | 86 | 3.2 | -29 | -1.1 |
| East Midlands | 56 | 1.2 | 17 | -0.1 | 40 | 1.6 | -30 | -1.2 |
| West Midlands | 22 | 0.5 | -88 | -2.7 | 111 | 4.1 | -14 | -0.5 |
| East | 28 | 0.4 | -27 | -1.1 | 55 | 1.8 | -9 | -0.4 |
| London | 9 | -0.6 | -73 | -2.2 | 83 | 2.0 | 43 | 0.6 |
| South East | 13 | -0.3 | -83 | -2.2 | 97 | 2.2 | 21 | 0.3 |
| South West | 15 | -0.3 | -46 | -2.3 | 61 | 2.2 | 14 | 0.3 |
| England | 235 | 0.2 | -398 | -1.8 | 633 | 2.3 | -24 | -0.2 |
| Wales | -10 | -1.1 | -41 | -2.8 | 31 | 2.2 | 20 | 1.1 |
| Scotland | 20 | -0.2 | -54 | -2.4 | 73 | 2.7 | 6 | 0.2 |
| Great Britain | 245 | 0.1 | -492 | -1.9 | 738 | 2.4 | 2 | -0.1 |
| Northern Ireland | -35 | -3.8 | -51 | -5.1 | 16 | 2.1 | 43 | 3.8 |
| United Kingdom | 209 | 0.0 | -543 | -2.0 | 753 | 2.4 | 46 | 0.0 |

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.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

| | Employer Surveys ¹ | | | Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹ | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | Civilian workforce jobs (March 2009); not seasonally adjusted | | | Claimant count ² (June 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 | 1,152 | 617 | 535 | 85.7 | 7.1 | 66.1 | 10.2 | 19.6 | 3.5 |
| North West | 3,376 | 1,804 | 1,572 | 196.1 | 5.6 | 149.0 | 7.8 | 47.1 | 2.9 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | 2,467 | 1,308 | 1,159 | 153.5 | 5.8 | 116.8 | 8.2 | 36.7 | 3.1 |
| East Midlands | 2,104 | 1,121 | 983 | 110.5 | 5.0 | 82.0 | 6.8 | 28.5 | 2.8 |
| West Midlands | 2,591 | 1,376 | 1,215 | 177.2 | 6.4 | 132.9 | 8.9 | 44.3 | 3.5 |
| East | 2,769 | 1,472 | 1,297 | 119.5 | 4.1 | 86.7 | 5.6 | 32.8 | 2.5 |
| London | 4,670 | 2,552 | 2,118 | 213.6 | 4.4 | 144.7 | 5.4 | 68.9 | 3.2 |
| South East | 4,282 | 2,213 | 2,069 | 152.4 | 3.4 | 110.3 | 4.6 | 42.1 | 2.0 |
| South West | 2,632 | 1,365 | 1,268 | 95.4 | 3.5 | 70.5 | 4.8 | 24.9 | 1.9 |
| England | 26,043 | 13,828 | 12,216 | 1303.9 | 4.8 | 959.0 | 6.5 | 344.9 | 2.7 |
| Wales | 1,314 | 675 | 639 | 78.6 | 5.6 | 59.8 | 8.1 | 18.8 | 2.8 |
| Scotland | 2,659 | 1,363 | 1,296 | 128.1 | 4.6 | 97.0 | 6.7 | 31.1 | 2.3 |
| Great Britain | 30,017 | 15,866 | 14,151 | 1510.6 | 4.8 | 1115.8 | 6.6 | 394.8 | 2.7 |
| Northern Ireland | 837 | 442 | 395 | 49.5 | 5.7 | 39.1 | 8.4 | 10.4 | 2.6 |
| United Kingdom | 30,854 | 16,308 | 14,546 | 1560.1 | 4.8 | 1154.9 | 6.6 | 405.2 | 2.7 |

Changes on period (period specified below):

| | Employer Surveys ¹ | | | Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹ | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | Civilian workforce jobs (Change on March 2008); not seasonally adjusted | | | Claimant count ² (Change on May 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 | -4 | 3 | -7 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| North West | -20 | -11 | -8 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Yorkshire & the Humber | -64 | -37 | -27 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| East Midlands | -76 | -45 | -30 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| West Midlands | -60 | -41 | -19 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| East | -25 | -20 | -5 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| London | -53 | -40 | -13 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| South East | -101 | -89 | -12 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| South West | -13 | -19 | 6 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| England | -415 | -299 | -116 | 18.2 | 0.1 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 0.0 |
| Wales | -33 | -21 | -12 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Scotland | -32 | -23 | -9 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Great Britain | -479 | -343 | -136 | 22.2 | 0.1 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 6.6 | 0.0 |
| Northern Ireland | -6 | -5 | -1 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| United Kingdom | -485 | -349 | -137 | 23.8 | 0.1 | 16.9 | 0.1 | 6.9 | 0.0 |

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

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

2. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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 2 July 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 | Jan-Mar 09 | 70.8 | -0.2 | Austria | ZXDS | May 09 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Belgium | YXSO | Oct-Dec 08 | 62.4 | -0.3 | Belgium | ZXDI | May 09 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| Bulgaria | A495 | Oct-Dec 08 | 64.3 | 1.4 | Bulgaria | A492 | May 09 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Cyprus | A4AC | Jan-Mar 09 | 69.5 | -0.7 | Cyprus | A4AN | May 09 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| Czech Republic | A4AD | Oct-Dec 08 | 66.8 | 0.3 | Czech Republic | A4AO | May 09 | 6.1 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| Denmark | YXSP | Jan-Mar 09 | 76.2 | -0.8 | Denmark | ZXDJ | May 09 | 5.7 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| Estonia | A4AE | Jan-Mar 09 | 65.3 | -4.2 | Estonia | A4AP | May 09 | 15.6 | 1.6 | 11.7 |
| Finland | YXSQ | Jan-Mar 09 | 68.5 | -1.0 | Finland | ZXDU | May 09 | 8.1 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| France | YXSR | Oct-Dec 08 | 65.0 | 0.1 | France | ZXDN | May 09 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| Germany | YXSS | Oct-Dec 08 | 71.3 | 1.3 | Germany | ZXDK | May 09 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Greece | YXST | Jan-Mar 09 | 61.0 | -0.3 | Greece | ZXDL | 2009 Q1 | 8.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Hungary | A4AF | Oct-Dec 08 | 56.7 | -0.4 | Hungary | A4AQ | May 09 | 10.2 | 0.2 | 2.5 |
| Ireland | YXSU | Oct-Dec 08 | 65.6 | -3.4 | Ireland | ZXDO | May 09 | 11.7 | 0.6 | 6.2 |
| Italy | YXSV | Oct-Dec 08 | 58.5 | -0.2 | Italy | ZXDP | 2009 Q1 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Latvia | A4AG | Oct-Dec 08 | 66.5 | -3.8 | Latvia | A4AR | May 09 | 16.3 | 1.0 | 10.2 |
| Lithuania | A4AH | Jan-Mar 09 | 61.0 | -2.9 | Lithuania | A4AS | May 09 | 14.3 | 1.4 | 9.6 |
| Luxembourg | YXSW | Oct-Dec 08 | 62.6 | -1.8 | Luxembourg | ZXDQ | May 09 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Malta | A4AI | Oct-Dec 08 | 54.9 | 0.4 | Malta | A4AT | May 09 | 7.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Netherlands | YXSX | Oct-Dec 08 | 77.6 | 1.2 | Netherlands | ZXDR | May 09 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Poland | A4AJ | Oct-Dec 08 | 60.0 | 1.9 | Poland | A4AU | May 09 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Portugal | YXSY | Jan-Mar 09 | 67.0 | -1.1 | Portugal | ZXDT | May 09 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Romania | A494 | Jan-Mar 09 | 57.4 | -0.3 | Romania | A48Z | 2009 Q1 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Slovak Republic | A4AK | Oct-Dec 08 | 62.9 | 1.3 | Slovak Republic | A4AV | May 09 | 11.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Slovenia | A4AL | Jan-Mar 09 | 66.7 | -0.4 | Slovenia | A4AW | May 09 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Spain | YXSZ | Jan-Mar 09 | 60.4 | -4.7 | Spain | ZXDM | May 09 | 18.7 | 0.7 | 8.2 |
| Sweden | YXTA | Jan-Mar 09 | 72.0 | -1.4 | Sweden | ZXDV | May 09 | 8.9 | 0.4 | 3.3 |
| United Kingdom | ANZ6 | Jan-Mar 09 | 70.4 | -1.2 | United Kingdom ⁴ | ZXDW | Mar 09 | 7.2 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Total EU⁵ | A496 | Oct-Dec 08 | 65.8 | 0.1 | Total EU⁵ | A493 | May 09 | 8.9 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| Eurozone ⁵ | YXTC | Oct-Dec 08 | 65.9 | 0.0 | Eurozone ⁵ | ZXDH | May 09 | 9.5 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| As published by national statistical offices | | | | As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Canada (NSA) | IUUK | Apr-Jun 09 | 72.0 | -2.3 | Canada | ZXDZ | Jun 09 | 8.6 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| Japan (NSA) | YXTF | Jan-Mar 09 | 69.8 | -0.2 | Japan | ZXDY | May 09 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| United Kingdom (SA) | MGSU | Mar-May 09 | 72.9 | -2.0 | United Kingdom ⁴ | MGSX | Mar-May 09 | 7.6 | 0.9 | 2.4 |
| United States (NSA) | YXTE | Apr-Jun 09 | 68.1 | -3.2 | United States | ZXDX | Jun 09 | 9.5 | 0.1 | 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) ^{1,2} | Working days lost in the Public Sector (thousands) ^{1,2} | Working days lost in the Private Sector (thousands) ^{1,2} | Number of stoppages ³ | Number of stoppages in the Public Sector | Number of stoppages in the Private Sector | Workers involved (thousands) ^{1,3} |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | BBFW | F8XZ | F8Y2 | BLUU | F8Y3 | F8Y4 | BLUT |
| 2007 May | 111 | 108 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 124 |
| 2008 May | 3 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| Jun | 8 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| Jul | 369 | 357 | 11 | 19 | 11 | 8 | 234 |
| Aug | 73 | 72 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 90 |
| Sep | 69 | 67 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 8 | 84 |
| Oct | 5 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| Nov | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 2 |
| Dec | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| 2009 Jan (p) | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Feb (p) | 15 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Mar (p) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| Apr (p) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| May (p) | 5 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| Cumulative totals 12 months to: | | | | | | | |
| May 08 | 1,015 | 975 | 39 | 155 | 105 | 50 | 638 |
| May 09 (p) | 559 | 508 | 51 | 125 | 59 | 66 | 352 |

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

Data source: ONS Labour Disputes Inquiry
Labour disputes enquiries 01633 456720

1. Estimates of working days lost and workers involved are shown to the nearest thousand. Unrounded estimates of less than 500 therefore round to zero.

2. Due to rounding the working days lost for the public and private sectors may not add up to the total working days lost.

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

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

| | | Monthly estimates | | Three month rolling average estimates | | |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| | | Level | | Level | | Vacancy ratio ² |
| | | AP2X | | AP2Y | AP2Z | |
| 2007 | Jun | | 660 | Apr-Jun 2007 | 646 | 2.5 |
| 2008 | Jun | (r) | 632 | Apr-Jun 2008 | (r) 652 | 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 | | 486 | Nov-Jan 2009 | 505 | 1.9 |
| | Feb | | 452 | Dec-Feb 2009 | 482 | 1.8 |
| | Mar | (r) | 457 | Jan-Mar 2009 | (r) 465 | 1.8 |
| | Apr | (r) | 443 | Feb-Apr 2009 | (r) 452 | 1.7 |
| | May | (r) | 424 | Mar-May 2009 | (r) 443 | 1.7 |
| | Jun | (p) | 421 | Apr-Jun 2009 | (p) 429 | 1.6 |
| | Change on month: | | -3 | Change on quarter | | -0.1 * |
| | Change % | | -0.7 | Change % | | -7.6 * |
| | Change on year | | -211 | Change on year | | -0.9 |
| | Change % | | -33.3 | Change % | | -34.1 |

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Data source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

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 C-O | Energy and water ² C, E | Manu- facturing D | Construction F | Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H | Transport & commu- nications I | Finance & business services J-K | Education, health & public admin ³ L-N | Other services ² O | Total services G-O | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | AP2Y | AP32 | AP33 | AP34 | AP35 | AP36 | AP37 | AP38 | AP39 | AP3A |
| | | | | | | | | | | | AP2Z | AP3B | AP3C | AP3D | AP3E | AP3F | AP3G | AP3H | AP3I | AP3J |
| Levels (thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 646 | 5 | 52 | 19 | 184 | 42 | 169 | 143 | 34 | 571 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | (r) 652 | 5 | 53 | 23 | 180 | 43 | 157 | 160 | 31 | 571 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 505 | 4 | 30 | 15 | 131 | 32 | 109 | 161 | 24 | 457 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 482 | 4 | 27 | 14 | 126 | 31 | 103 | 157 | 21 | 437 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan-Mar 2009 | (r) 465 | 4 | 26 | 11 | 122 | 29 | 95 | 153 | 25 | 424 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb-Apr 2009 | (r) 452 | 3 | 25 | 11 | 122 | 27 | 91 | 150 | 23 | 413 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar-May 2009 | (r) 443 | 3 | 25 | 10 | 121 | 27 | 85 | 148 | 24 | 405 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | (p) 429 | 3 | 24 | 10 | 120 | 26 | 79 | 145 | 22 | 392 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change on quarter | * -35 | -1 | -2 | -1 | -2 | -3 | -16 | -9 | -3 | -32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change % | * -7.6 | -21.1 | -6.6 | -10.6 | -1.4 | -9.1 | -17.0 | -5.6 | -10.1 | -7.4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change on year | -222 | -2 | -29 | -13 | -59 | -17 | -78 | -15 | -9 | -179 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change % | -34.1 | -42.3 | -54.6 | -55.5 | -33.1 | -39.6 | -49.7 | -9.4 | -29.3 | -31.3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ratio per 100 employee jobs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr-Jun 2007 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr-Jun 2008 | (r) 2.5 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 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 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 1.8 | 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 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feb-Apr 2009 | (r) 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar-May 2009 | (r) 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Apr-Jun 2009 | (p) 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change on quarter | * -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Change on year | -0.9 | -1.2 | -0.9 | -1.0 | -0.9 | -1.1 | -1.5 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.8 | | | | | | | | | | |

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

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

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

* 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 |
| Mar-May 2007 | 121 | 4.8 | 82 | 6.4 | 40 | 3.2 |
| Mar-May 2008 | 120 | 4.7 | 74 | 5.7 | 46 | 3.7 |
| Jun-Aug 2008 | 147 | 5.8 | 89 | 6.8 | 58 | 4.7 |
| Sep-Nov 2008 | 225 | 8.9 | 149 | 11.5 | 76 | 6.1 |
| Dec-Feb 2009 | 270 | 10.6 | 174 | 13.4 | 96 | 7.7 |
| Mar-May 2009 | 301 | 11.9 | 199 | 15.4 | 102 | 8.2 |
| <i>Change on quarter</i> | 31 | 1.3 | 25 | 2.0 | 6 | 0.5 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 11.5 | | 14.3 | | 6.4 | |
| <i>Change on year</i> | 182 | 7.2 | 125 | 9.7 | 56 | 4.6 |
| <i>Change %</i> | 151.8 | | 169.5 | | 123.0 | |

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

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

24 Redundancies by industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

| SIC 2003 sections | All redundancies ² | Agriculture, fishing, energy & water (A-C,E) | Manufacturing industries (D) | Construction (F) | Distribution, hotels and restaurants (G,H) | Transport and communication (I) | Finance and business services (J-K) | Education, health & public administration ³ (L-N) | Total services ⁴ (G-O) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| People | BEYV | BEAJ | BEAK | BEAL | BEBJ | BEBV | BEBW | BEAP | BEBU |
| 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)
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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Statistical Bulletin. However, the figures are different from the estimates of jobseekers claimants shown at Table 1.1 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.
- "Jobseekers" are recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance.
- 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.
- "Lone parents" are single recipients of Income Support with a child under qualifying age.
- "Other Income related" covers recipients of Income Support or Pension Credit who are not included in "incapacity benefits" or "Lone parents".
- 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 Statistical Bulletin as the denominator for the latter is Workforce Jobs plus Claimant Count.

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