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

In the latest reference period the working age employment rate was 74.7 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of people in employment decreased by 16,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent, up 0.2 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 81,000 over the quarter.

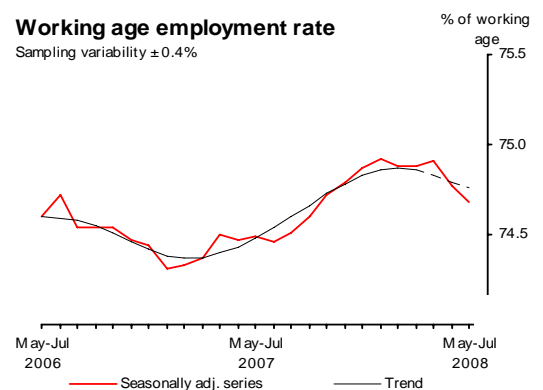
The claimant count was 904,900, up 32,500 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 613,200, down 56,900 from the previous quarter.

The earnings growth rate, including bonuses, was 3.5 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous period. Excluding bonuses, it was 3.7 per cent, unchanged from the previous period.

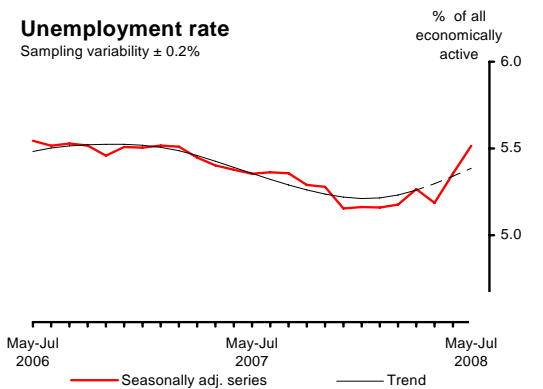
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.4\%$



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.2\%$



UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	May-Jul 08	29,538	74.7	-16	-0.2	± 101	± 0.3
Unemployment**	May-Jul 08	1,724	5.5	81	0.2	± 67	± 0.2
Economically active*	May-Jul 08	31,262	79.2	65	0.0	± 95	± 0.2
Economically inactive***	May-Jul 08	7,863	20.8	4	0.0	± 87	± 0.2
Claimant count	Aug 2008	904.9	2.8	32.5	0.1
Workforce jobs	Jun 2008	31,678	..	26
Vacancies++	Jun-Aug 08	613.2	2.4	-56.9	-0.2
GB Average Earnings							
- including bonuses	May-Jul 08		3.5 [#]		0.1	$\pm 1.2^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.4^{\#\#\#}$
- excluding bonuses	May-Jul 08		3.7 [#]		0.0	$\pm 0.7^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.2^{\#\#\#}$

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

Employment (Tables 2 to 4)

The working age employment rate was 74.7 per cent in the three months to July 2008, down 0.2 percentage points from the three months to April 2008 but up 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.54 million in the three months to July 2008, down 16,000 from the three months to April 2008 but up 333,000 on a year earlier.

The number of people in full-time employment was 22.04 million in the three months to July 2008, down 5,000 from the three months to April 2008. Of this total, 14.12 million were men, down 69,000 over the quarter, and 7.92 million were women, up 65,000 over the quarter.

The number of people in part-time employment was 7.50 million in the three months to July 2008, down 11,000 from the three months to April 2008. Of this total, 1.82 million were men and 5.68 million were women.

The number of people in public sector employment was 5.77 million in June 2008, up 13,000 from March 2008. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.77 million, down 29,000 from March 2008.

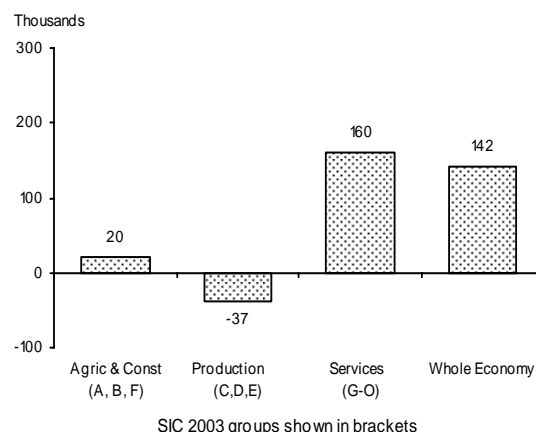
Jobs (tables 5 to 6)

There were 31.68 million workforce jobs in June 2008, up 26,000 over the quarter and up 142,000 on a year earlier. All sectors, except manufacturing and construction, showed increases in jobs over the year. The sector showing the largest annual increase in jobs was education, health and public administration, which increased by 43,000.



Workforce jobs by industry - June 2008

Change on year from June 2007



There were 2.87 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to July 2008, down 42,000 on the same period a year earlier. Mining, energy and water supply industries jobs increased by 5,000 over the same period to reach 171,000.

Hours (tables 7 and 8)

Total hours worked per week were 947.2 million in the three months to July 2008, up 3.5 million from the three months to April 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to July 2008 were 32.1, up 0.1 from the three months to April 2008.

Unemployment (table 9)

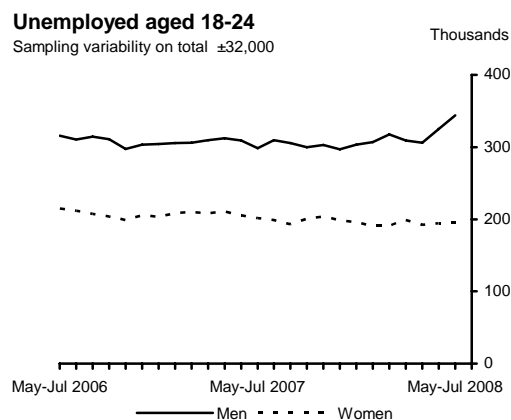
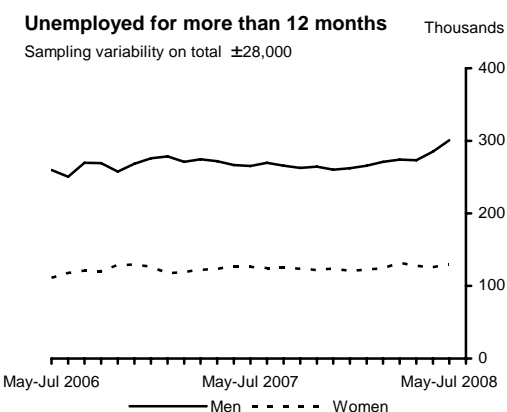
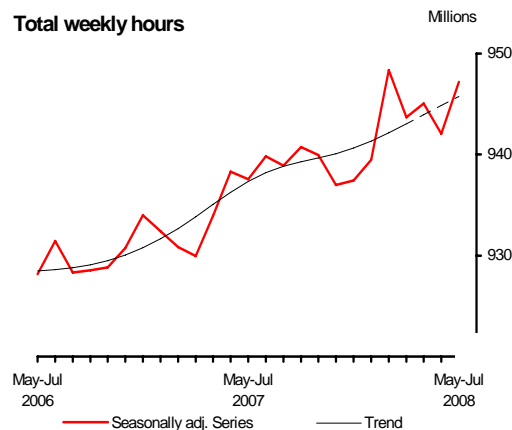
The unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent in the three months to July 2008, up 0.2 percentage points from the three months to April 2008 and from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.72 million in the three months to July 2008, up 81,000 from the three months to April 2008 and up 72,000 from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed men was 1.02 million in the three months to July 2008, up 77,000 from the three months to April 2008. The number of unemployed women was 709,000 in the three months to July 2008, up 4,000 from the three months to April 2008.

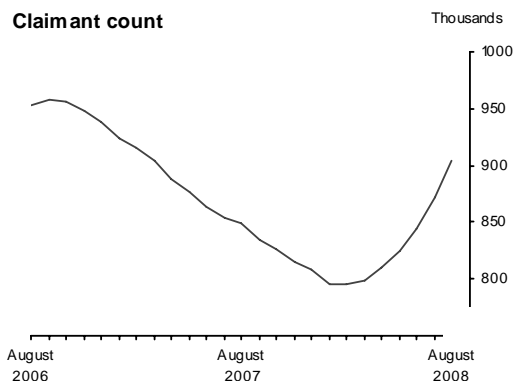
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 430,000 in the three months to July 2008, up 25,000 from the three months to April 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 539,000 in the three months to July 2008, up 31,000 from the three months to April 2008.



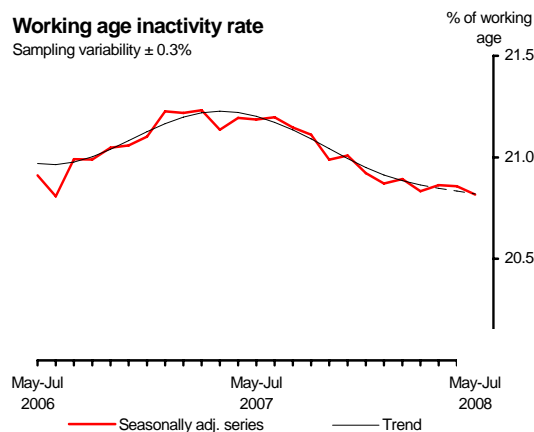
Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in August 2008 was 904,900, up 32,500 on the previous month and up 56,300 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in August 2008 was 2.8 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month and up 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier.



Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.8 per cent in the three months to July 2008, unchanged on the three months to April 2008 but down 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age increased by 4,000 over the quarter but fell by 97,000 over the year to reach 7.86 million in the three months to July 2008.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to July 2008, whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, increased by 3.7 per cent, unchanged from the three months to June 2008. Including bonuses, the increase was 3.5 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous period. Corresponding figures for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

2.8 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;

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Services

3.9 per cent excluding bonuses, unchanged;

3.7 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Public sector

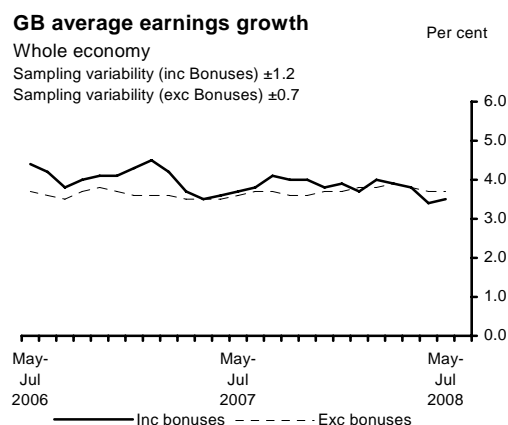
3.7 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;

3.3 per cent including bonuses, up 0.1 percentage point.

Private sector

3.7 per cent excluding bonuses, unchanged;

3.5 per cent including bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point.



Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 0.6 per cent higher in the first quarter of 2008 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 2.6 per cent over the same period.

Manufacturing productivity rose by 0.9 per cent in the three months to July 2008 compared with a year earlier.

Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 1.9 per cent over the same period.

Whole economy productivity & unit wage costs



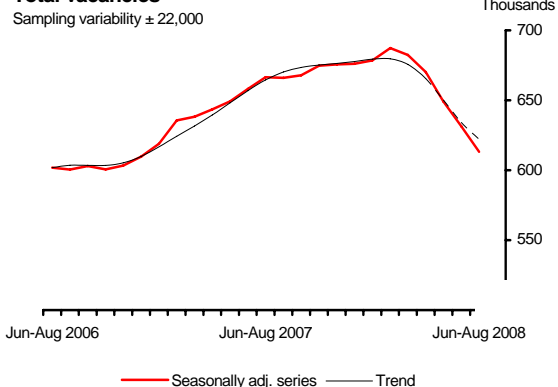
Labour disputes (table 20)

In July 2008, there were 363,000 working days lost due to labour disputes. In the twelve months to July 2008, there were 1.11 million working days lost.

Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 613,200 job vacancies in the three months to August 2008, down 56,900 from the previous three months and down 53,200 from the same period a year earlier. There were 2.4 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.2 both on the previous quarter and over the year.

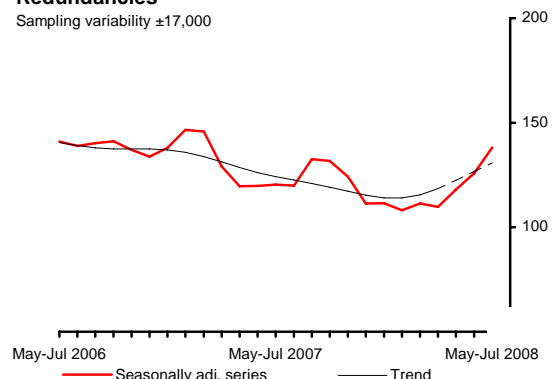
Total vacancies



Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to July 2008, 138,000 people reported they had become redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, up 28,000 from the three months to April 2008. The redundancy rate was 5.4 per 1,000 employees, up 1.1 from the three months to April 2008.

Redundancies



BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

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

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

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

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

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

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

RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and Average Earnings (AEI) data first published from September 2002 to August 2007. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from September 2000 to June 2005. Spreadsheets giving revisions triangles

(real time database) of estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the tables are available on the National Statistics website at:

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

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	74.7	60	0.01	0.03
Unemployment rate (%)	5.5	60	0.01	0.02
Claimant count (000s)	904.9	60	-0.15	2.33
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.5	60	0.00	0.09

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	31,678	20	568.2*	568.2*

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

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

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

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

THIS MONTH'S RELEASE

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

NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates

On 21 August 2008 ONS published the 2007 mid-year population estimates for the UK. These population estimates will be incorporated into the LFS estimates due to be published in next month's release, on 15 October 2008. Consequently, for the LFS estimates, the period June-August 2006 onwards will be subject to revision.

Average Earnings Index (AEI)

The annual review of weights applied within the AEI (known as the “annual re-bench”) will take place next month. This process applies new weights to companies within the AEI to reflect changes in the balance of the industry sectors within the whole economy. This does not cause any previously issued data to be revised but ensures that the AEI continues to reflect changes of industry type or size and their contribution to the whole economy.

The seasonal adjustment for the AEI will be reviewed next month to take account of the most recent trends. This will result in revisions to all of the seasonally adjusted series for at least the last three years.

Vacancies

From next month’s First Release, estimates of vacancies shown at Tables 1A, 21 and 22 will be shown to the nearest thousand rather than the nearest hundred. This will bring the presentation of vacancies estimates into line with Workforce Jobs. ONS will also be implementing other presentational improvements to Tables 21 and 22 in next month’s First Release.

SPECIAL

Population estimates in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) data

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

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

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

**Sampling variability of national Labour Force Survey estimates:
May to July 2008**

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,538	± 140	-16	± 101	333	± 178
Employment rate	74.7%	± 0.4	-0.2	± 0.3	0.2	± 0.5
Average weekly hours	32.1	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.2	-0.1	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,724	± 67	81	± 67	72	± 88
Unemployment rate	5.5%	± 0.2	0.2	± 0.2	0.2	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,262	± 131	65	± 95	405	± 167
Economic Activity rate	79.2%	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.2	0.4	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,863	±122	4	± 87	-97	± 157
Economic Inactivity rate	20.8 %	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.2	-0.4	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	138	± 17	28	± 24	18	± 23

**Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey estimates:
May to July 2008**

			Working age		Working age	
	Employment	Unemployment	Economically Active	Economically Inactive	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate
	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	Level (000s)	(%)	Rate (%)
North East	± 37	± 13	± 37	± 37	± 1.9	± 1.1
North West	± 62	± 21	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.6
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 53	± 19	± 51	± 51	± 1.3	± 0.7
East Midlands	± 43	± 16	± 43	± 46	± 1.4	± 0.8
West Midlands	± 54	± 19	± 53	± 54	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 54	± 18	± 53	± 51	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 70	± 27	± 67	± 67	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 63	± 20	± 62	± 57	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 52	± 15	± 52	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 41	± 13	± 41	± 41	± 1.8	± 0.9
Scotland	± 52	± 15	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: May to July 2008

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

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole Economy	3.7	±0.7	3.5	± 1.2
Private sector	3.7	±1.1	3.5	± 1.5
Public sector	3.7	±0.7	3.3	± 1.0
Manufacturing	2.8	±1.2	2.8	± 1.9
Services	3.9	±0.8	3.7	± 1.5
of which:				
Private Sector	4.0	±1.1	3.9	± 1.9

¹ The data exclude payments of arrears of pay.

Sampling variability of the Vacancy Survey estimates

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

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Jun – Aug 2008 average total vacancies				
Level (000s)	613.2	± 22	-53.2	± 18
Vacancy ratio				
(per 100 employee jobs)	2.4	± 0.1	-0.2	± 0.1
August 2008 single month estimate				
Level (000s)	599.4	± 38	-63.4	± 30

TRENDS

Trends, shown in some of the charts in this First Release, are estimated using the standard approach adopted by National Statistics based on the results of its short-term trend research project. In this case, the recommended method is

to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to the seasonally adjusted series. For more information, see *An Investigation of Trend Estimation Methods*, available from the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (see Background Note 2 below for contact details).

BACKGROUND NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Footnotes to table on front page.

+ See notes on sampling variability.

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

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

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

.. Not available.

Percentage change latest three months on previous year.

Sampling variability of percentage change for latest three months on previous year AEI figure.

Sampling variability of month on month change in latest three months on previous year AEI figure.

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

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Actual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hours worked:

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

The seasonal adjustment of the average hours estimates incorporate adjustments for the timing of Christmas, Easter and other public holidays in relation to the survey reference periods. For example, the data collected for January to March 2008 related to the period 24 December 2007 to 23 March 2008 inclusive and so included the whole of the Christmas and New Year period, plus the first week of Easter. Their inclusion in the January to March

2008 period is known to reduce the average hours worked compared with years when they are not included. The adjustments are estimated using historical data on the impact of each type of calendar effect.

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

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

Jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

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

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

Outflows: See *Inflows and Outflows*.

Part-time: See *Full-time*.

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

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

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

Special note: The public sector employment estimates given in Table 4 include a number of workers with a second job in the public sector whose main job is

in the private sector or in a separate public sector organisation. The private sector estimate will thus tend to be correspondingly understated by a small percentage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Usual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

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

Workforce jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available at:

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

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

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

SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS¹ headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

		All aged 16 & over									
		All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
People		MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MGSX	YBTC	
	May-Jul 2006	48,249	30,733	29,029	1,704	17,516	63.7	60.2	5.5	36.3	
	May-Jul 2007	48,659	30,858	29,205	1,652	17,801	63.4	60.0	5.4	36.6	
	Aug-Oct 2007	48,766	30,954	29,317	1,637	17,812	63.5	60.1	5.3	36.5	
	Nov-Jan 2008	48,875	31,083	29,478	1,605	17,792	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4	
	Feb-Apr 2008	48,983	31,197	29,554	1,643	17,786	63.7	60.3	5.3	36.3	
	May-Jul 2008	49,092	31,262	29,538	1,724	17,829	63.7	60.2	5.5	36.3	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	109	65	-16	81	43	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.0	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	-0.1	4.9	0.2					
	<i>Change on year</i>	433	405	333	72	28	0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.3	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.9	1.3	1.1	4.3	0.2					
	Men		MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
		May-Jul 2006	23,427	16,639	15,656	984	6,788	71.0	66.8	5.9	29.0
May-Jul 2007		23,657	16,751	15,804	947	6,906	70.8	66.8	5.7	29.2	
Aug-Oct 2007		23,716	16,779	15,852	927	6,936	70.8	66.8	5.5	29.2	
Nov-Jan 2008		23,775	16,848	15,923	925	6,927	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1	
Feb-Apr 2008		23,834	16,918	15,980	938	6,915	71.0	67.0	5.5	29.0	
May-Jul 2008		23,892	16,951	15,935	1,015	6,941	70.9	66.7	6.0	29.1	
<i>Change on quarter</i>		59	32	-45	77	26	0.0	-0.4	0.4	0.0	
<i>Change %</i>		0.2	0.2	-0.3	8.2	0.4					
<i>Change on year</i>		235	200	131	69	36	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	
<i>Change %</i>		1.0	1.2	0.8	7.2	0.5					
Women			MGSN	MGSB	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
		May-Jul 2006	24,822	14,094	13,374	720	10,728	56.8	53.9	5.1	43.2
	May-Jul 2007	25,002	14,107	13,401	706	10,895	56.4	53.6	5.0	43.6	
	Aug-Oct 2007	25,051	14,175	13,465	710	10,876	56.6	53.7	5.0	43.4	
	Nov-Jan 2008	25,100	14,235	13,556	680	10,865	56.7	54.0	4.8	43.3	
	Feb-Apr 2008	25,150	14,279	13,574	704	10,871	56.8	54.0	4.9	43.2	
	May-Jul 2008	25,199	14,312	13,603	709	10,888	56.8	54.0	5.0	43.2	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	50	33	29	4	17	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.2					
	<i>Change on year</i>	198	205	202	3	-7	0.4	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.8	1.5	1.5	0.4	-0.1					
			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	
	May-Jul 2006	37,366	29,552	27,875	1,677	7,814	79.1	74.6	5.7	20.9	
	May-Jul 2007	37,574	29,614	27,988	1,626	7,961	78.8	74.5	5.5	21.2	
	Aug-Oct 2007	37,624	29,681	28,069	1,613	7,943	78.9	74.6	5.4	21.1	
	Nov-Jan 2008	37,674	29,792	28,205	1,587	7,882	79.1	74.9	5.3	20.9	
	Feb-Apr 2008	37,724	29,865	28,246	1,619	7,859	79.2	74.9	5.4	20.8	
	May-Jul 2008	37,774	29,911	28,209	1,702	7,863	79.2	74.7	5.7	20.8	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	50	46	-37	83	4	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.0	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.2	-0.1	5.1	0.1					
	<i>Change on year</i>	200	297	221	76	-97	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.4	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.5	1.0	0.8	4.7	-1.2					
	Men		YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
		May-Jul 2006	19,373	16,248	15,276	972	3,125	83.9	78.9	6.0	16.1
May-Jul 2007		19,549	16,331	15,394	937	3,218	83.5	78.7	5.7	16.5	
Aug-Oct 2007		19,584	16,359	15,442	917	3,225	83.5	78.8	5.6	16.5	
Nov-Jan 2008		19,620	16,414	15,497	917	3,206	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3	
Feb-Apr 2008		19,655	16,462	15,535	927	3,193	83.8	79.0	5.6	16.2	
May-Jul 2008		19,690	16,496	15,489	1,006	3,195	83.8	78.7	6.1	16.2	
<i>Change on quarter</i>		35	34	-45	79	1	0.0	-0.4	0.5	0.0	
<i>Change %</i>		0.2	0.2	-0.3	8.5	0.0					
<i>Change on year</i>		141	165	95	70	-24	0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	
<i>Change %</i>		0.7	1.0	0.6	7.4	-0.7					
Women			YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
		May-Jul 2006	17,993	13,304	12,599	705	4,689	73.9	70.0	5.3	26.1
	May-Jul 2007	18,025	13,283	12,593	690	4,742	73.7	69.9	5.2	26.3	
	Aug-Oct 2007	18,040	13,322	12,627	695	4,718	73.8	70.0	5.2	26.2	
	Nov-Jan 2008	18,055	13,378	12,708	670	4,676	74.1	70.4	5.0	25.9	
	Feb-Apr 2008	18,069	13,403	12,712	692	4,666	74.2	70.4	5.2	25.8	
	May-Jul 2008	18,084	13,415	12,720	696	4,669	74.2	70.3	5.2	25.8	
	<i>Change on quarter</i>	15	12	8	4	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1					
	<i>Change on year</i>	59	133	126	6	-74	0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.5	
	<i>Change %</i>	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	-1.6					

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.

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
May-Jul 2006	29,029	27,875	562	3,605	6,264	10,976	6,468	1,154
May-Jul 2007	29,205	27,988	530	3,645	6,256	11,053	6,503	1,218
Aug-Oct 2007	29,317	28,069	535	3,671	6,284	11,040	6,539	1,248
Nov-Jan 2008	29,478	28,205	553	3,691	6,310	11,063	6,589	1,273
Feb-Apr 2008	29,554	28,246	551	3,675	6,314	11,096	6,611	1,308
May-Jul 2008	29,538	28,209	537	3,670	6,336	11,075	6,591	1,329
Change on quarter	-16	-37	-14	-5	22	-21	-20	21
Change %	-0.1	-0.1	-2.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	1.6
Change on year	333	221	7	24	80	22	89	112
Change %	1.1	0.8	1.3	0.7	1.3	0.2	1.4	9.2
Men	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTU	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
May-Jul 2006	15,656	15,276	268	1,909	3,412	5,850	3,836	380
May-Jul 2007	15,804	15,394	246	1,923	3,448	5,893	3,884	410
Aug-Oct 2007	15,852	15,442	262	1,934	3,453	5,875	3,918	411
Nov-Jan 2008	15,923	15,497	276	1,945	3,456	5,877	3,943	426
Feb-Apr 2008	15,980	15,535	261	1,939	3,464	5,892	3,979	445
May-Jul 2008	15,935	15,489	262	1,924	3,458	5,884	3,961	446
Change on quarter	-45	-45	1	-15	-6	-8	-17	1
Change %	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.1
Change on year	131	95	16	1	10	-9	77	36
Change %	0.8	0.6	6.4	0.1	0.3	-0.2	2.0	8.8
Women	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
May-Jul 2006	13,374	12,599	294	1,695	2,852	5,125	2,632	774
May-Jul 2007	13,401	12,593	283	1,722	2,808	5,161	2,619	808
Aug-Oct 2007	13,465	12,627	273	1,737	2,831	5,165	2,621	838
Nov-Jan 2008	13,556	12,708	277	1,746	2,854	5,186	2,646	847
Feb-Apr 2008	13,574	12,712	289	1,736	2,850	5,204	2,633	863
May-Jul 2008	13,603	12,720	275	1,746	2,878	5,191	2,630	883
Change on quarter	29	8	-15	10	28	-13	-3	21
Change %	0.2	0.1	-5.1	0.6	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	2.4
Change on year	202	126	-9	23	70	30	11	76
Change %	1.5	1.0	-3.1	1.4	2.5	0.6	0.4	9.4
Employment rates (%)¹								
People	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
May-Jul 2006	60.2	74.6	35.8	65.4	80.1	82.3	70.9	10.6
May-Jul 2007	60.0	74.5	33.3	64.6	80.3	82.4	71.2	11.0
Aug-Oct 2007	60.1	74.6	33.7	64.8	80.5	82.3	71.5	11.2
Nov-Jan 2008	60.3	74.9	34.8	64.9	80.7	82.4	72.0	11.4
Feb-Apr 2008	60.3	74.9	34.7	64.4	80.6	82.6	72.2	11.6
May-Jul 2008	60.2	74.7	33.9	64.0	80.7	82.4	71.9	11.7
Change on quarter	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Change on year	0.1	0.2	0.6	-0.6	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.8
Men	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
May-Jul 2006	66.8	78.9	33.2	68.3	87.9	88.8	72.4	9.4
May-Jul 2007	66.8	78.7	30.1	67.1	88.9	88.9	72.5	10.0
Aug-Oct 2007	66.8	78.8	32.1	67.2	88.9	88.6	72.9	9.9
Nov-Jan 2008	67.0	79.0	33.8	67.3	88.8	88.7	73.2	10.2
Feb-Apr 2008	67.0	79.0	32.1	66.7	88.8	88.8	73.7	10.7
May-Jul 2008	66.7	78.7	32.2	65.9	88.4	88.7	73.2	10.6
Change on quarter	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.0
Change on year	-0.1	-0.1	2.1	-1.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.6
Women	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
May-Jul 2006	53.9	70.0	38.6	62.4	72.5	76.0	68.7	11.3
May-Jul 2007	53.6	69.9	36.8	62.1	71.7	76.0	69.3	11.6
Aug-Oct 2007	53.7	70.0	35.5	62.4	72.2	76.0	69.5	12.0
Nov-Jan 2008	54.0	70.4	36.0	62.5	72.6	76.3	70.3	12.0
Feb-Apr 2008	54.0	70.4	37.6	61.9	72.4	76.5	70.0	12.2
May-Jul 2008	54.0	70.3	35.7	62.1	73.0	76.3	70.0	12.4
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-1.9	0.1	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Change on year	0.4	0.5	-1.1	-0.1	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.8

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 Definition

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	MGRW	MGRV	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
May-Jul 2006	29,029	25,123	3,717	99	91	21,669	7,360	18,755	6,368	2,849	868	1,048	
May-Jul 2007	29,205	25,181	3,798	107	120	21,799	7,406	18,852	6,329	2,884	914	1,110	
Aug-Oct 2007	29,317	25,286	3,825	97	110	21,902	7,416	18,941	6,344	2,901	924	1,113	
Nov-Jan 2008	29,478	25,424	3,838	107	110	21,960	7,518	18,992	6,431	2,895	943	1,108	
Feb-Apr 2008	29,554	25,489	3,831	114	120	22,040	7,514	19,048	6,442	2,923	908	1,117	
May-Jul 2008	29,538	25,481	3,842	102	113	22,035	7,503	19,044	6,437	2,926	916	1,123	
Change on quarter	-16	-9	12	-13	-7	-5	-11	-3	-5	4	8	6	
Change %	-0.1	0.0	0.3	-11.0	-5.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.6	
Change on year	333	300	44	-5	-6	236	97	192	108	42	2	13	
Change %	1.1	1.2	1.2	-4.9	-5.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.2	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
May-Jul 2006	15,656	12,873	2,691	39	53	13,971	1,685	11,587	1,285	2,342	349	452	
May-Jul 2007	15,804	12,934	2,762	39	69	14,065	1,739	11,656	1,279	2,371	391	459	
Aug-Oct 2007	15,852	12,989	2,770	37	57	14,116	1,737	11,696	1,293	2,386	383	457	
Nov-Jan 2008	15,923	13,040	2,778	39	66	14,124	1,799	11,689	1,351	2,387	391	452	
Feb-Apr 2008	15,980	13,078	2,790	40	71	14,184	1,796	11,740	1,339	2,401	390	456	
May-Jul 2008	15,935	13,046	2,787	38	65	14,115	1,820	11,671	1,375	2,404	383	451	
Change on quarter	-45	-33	-4	-3	-5	-69	25	-69	36	3	-7	-5	
Change %	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-6.8	-7.7	-0.5	1.4	-0.6	2.7	0.1	-1.8	-1.2	
Change on year	131	111	25	-2	-4	50	82	15	96	33	-8	-8	
Change %	0.8	0.9	0.9	-4.2	-5.4	0.4	4.7	0.1	7.5	1.4	-2.0	-1.7	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
May-Jul 2006	13,374	12,250	1,026	60	37	7,699	5,675	7,167	5,083	507	519	596	
May-Jul 2007	13,401	12,246	1,037	68	51	7,734	5,667	7,196	5,050	513	523	651	
Aug-Oct 2007	13,465	12,297	1,055	60	53	7,786	5,679	7,246	5,051	514	541	657	
Nov-Jan 2008	13,556	12,383	1,060	69	44	7,836	5,719	7,304	5,080	508	552	656	
Feb-Apr 2008	13,574	12,411	1,040	74	49	7,856	5,719	7,308	5,103	522	518	661	
May-Jul 2008	13,603	12,435	1,056	64	48	7,920	5,683	7,373	5,062	522	533	672	
Change on quarter	29	24	16	-10	-1	65	-36	65	-41	0	15	12	
Change %	0.2	0.2	1.5	-13.2	-2.4	0.8	-0.6	0.9	-0.8	0.1	2.9	1.7	
Change on year	202	189	19	-4	-3	186	16	177	12	9	10	21	
Change %	1.5	1.5	1.9	-5.3	-5.2	2.4	0.3	2.5	0.2	1.8	2.0	3.3	
	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	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
May-Jul 2006	1,442	5.7	358	24.9	419	99	565	7,236	632	8.7	5,207	179	1,183
May-Jul 2007	1,504	6.0	409	27.2	418	92	586	7,243	696	9.6	5,190	185	1,139
Aug-Oct 2007	1,452	5.7	378	26.0	420	87	568	7,269	693	9.5	5,233	168	1,137
Nov-Jan 2008	1,466	5.8	369	25.2	437	77	583	7,374	731	9.9	5,262	171	1,171
Feb-Apr 2008	1,442	5.7	360	25.0	434	80	568	7,350	696	9.5	5,250	182	1,179
May-Jul 2008	1,404	5.5	353	25.1	405	88	559	7,353	691	9.4	5,238	213	1,170
Change on quarter	-39	-0.2	-8	0.1	-29	8	-9	3	-5	-0.1	-12	32	-9
Change %	-2.7		-2.2		-6.7	9.7	-1.7	0.0	-0.8		-0.2	17.3	-0.8
Change on year	-101	-0.5	-56	-2.1	-13	-4	-27	110	-5	-0.2	47	29	31
Change %	-6.7		-13.8		-3.2	-4.8	-4.6	1.5	-0.8		0.9	15.5	2.8
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
May-Jul 2006	651	5.1	181	27.9	171	48	250	1,634	259	15.8	770	75	523
May-Jul 2007	699	5.4	220	31.6	181	39	258	1,669	285	17.1	828	80	464
Aug-Oct 2007	662	5.1	197	29.8	185	39	241	1,676	288	17.2	815	71	490
Nov-Jan 2008	687	5.3	191	27.8	191	43	262	1,742	288	16.5	863	67	511
Feb-Apr 2008	665	5.1	184	27.7	187	40	253	1,729	290	16.8	859	70	494
May-Jul 2008	635	4.9	185	29.2	155	48	246	1,758	295	16.8	855	81	513
Change on quarter	-30	-0.2	1	1.4	-32	8	-7	29	5	0.0	-3	11	19
Change %	-4.6		0.3		-17.3	21.1	-2.8	1.7	1.7		-0.4	15.4	3.8
Change on year	-64	-0.5	-35	-2.4	-26	9	-12	88	10	-0.3	27	1	49
Change %	-9.2		-16.1		-14.2	22.2	-4.5	5.3	3.6		3.2	1.5	10.5
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCS	YCCV	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
May-Jul 2006	791	6.5	177	22.4	248	51	315	5,602	374	6.7	4,437	104	660
May-Jul 2007	806	6.6	188	23.4	237	53	328	5,573	411	7.4	4,362	104	675
Aug-Oct 2007	790	6.4	180	22.8	235	48	326	5,592	405	7.2	4,418	97	647
Nov-Jan 2008	780	6.3	178	22.9	247	34	320	5,632	443	7.9	4,399	104	660
Feb-Apr 2008	777	6.3	176	22.7	246	40	315	5,621	406	7.2	4,391	111	685
May-Jul 2008	769	6.2	168	21.8	250	39	312	5,595	396	7.1	4,382	132	658
Change on quarter	-8	-0.1	-8	-0.9	3	-1	-2	-26	-10	-0.1	-9	21	-28
Change %	-1.1		-4.8		1.3	-1.5	-0.8	-0.5	-2.5		-0.2	18.5	-4.0
Change on year	-37	-0.4	-21	-1.6	12	-13	-15	22	-16	-0.3	20	27	-17
Change %	-4.6		-11.1		5.2	-25.1	-4.6	0.4	-3.8		0.5	26.3	-2.6

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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2. Employees and Self-employed.

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 2

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

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4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom
(thousands),
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
Jun 06	5,818	20.0	23,211	80.0	29,029
Sep 06	5,807	20.0	23,265	80.0	29,072
Dec 06	5,801	19.9	23,290	80.1	29,091
Mar 07	5,797	19.9	23,311	80.1	29,108
Jun 07	5,785	19.8	23,420	80.2	29,205
Sep 07	5,771	19.7	23,546	80.3	29,317
Dec 07	5,778	19.6	23,700	80.4	29,478
Mar 08	5,758	19.5	23,796	80.5	29,554
Jun 08	5,771	19.5	23,767	80.5	29,538
<i>Change on quarter</i>	13	0.0	-29	0.0	-16
<i>Change %</i>	0.2		-0.1		-0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-14	-0.3	347	0.3	333
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2		1.5		1.1

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.
4. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.
5. LFS data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.
6. Labour Force Survey employment; all aged 16 and over.

5(1) Workforce jobs^{1 2}

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs ²	Employee jobs ²	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Jun 06	31,294	26,953	4,072	203	65
Sep 06	31,312	26,907	4,146	203	56
Dec 06	31,412	26,974	4,181	202	55
Mar 07	31,431	26,989	4,190	199	53
Jun 07	31,536	27,068	4,216	197	55
Sep 07	31,607	27,128	4,232	195	53
Dec 07	31,611	27,144	4,221	194	52
Mar 08 (r)	31,652	27,192	4,216	194	51
Jun 08	31,678	27,214	4,217	194	53
<i>Change on quarter</i>	26	22	2	0	3
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.1	5.0
<i>Change on year</i>	142	146	1	-4	-2
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.5	0.0	-1.9	-2.7

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

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

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

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

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

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

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 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 ³	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
Jun 06	31,294	438	172	3,261	2,165	7,021	1,864	6,415	7,962	1,995	25,258
Sep 06	31,312	445	174	3,241	2,189	6,994	1,850	6,449	7,958	2,012	25,263
Dec 06	31,412	454	177	3,224	2,215	7,014	1,853	6,503	7,967	2,004	25,342
Mar 07	31,431	427	180	3,213	2,215	7,033	1,831	6,544	7,987	2,001	25,397
Jun 07	31,536	447	181	3,199	2,230	7,070	1,835	6,593	7,980	2,001	25,478
Sep 07	31,607	447	182	3,201	2,227	7,074	1,836	6,656	7,980	2,005	25,551
Dec 07	31,611	445	184	3,172	2,210	7,117	1,853	6,648	7,989	1,993	25,600
Mar 08 (r)	31,652	467	190	3,162	2,221	7,117	1,851	6,630	7,996	2,019	25,612
Jun 08	31,678	483	190	3,153	2,214	7,106	1,860	6,633	8,023	2,017	25,639
<i>Change on quarter</i>	26	15	1	-10	-7	-11	9	3	27	-2	27
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	3.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	142	36	9	-47	-17	36	25	40	43	17	160
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	8.0	5.0	-1.5	-0.8	0.5	1.4	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.6
Male jobs	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMJ
Jun 06	16,668	330	128	2,435	1,929	3,447	1,421	3,601	2,401	976	11,845
Sep 06	16,688	337	131	2,419	1,951	3,438	1,403	3,614	2,403	993	11,851
Dec 06	16,748	333	135	2,408	1,976	3,458	1,394	3,637	2,411	998	11,897
Mar 07	16,737	308	137	2,400	1,994	3,478	1,385	3,629	2,412	994	11,898
Jun 07	16,775	325	136	2,395	2,005	3,490	1,381	3,641	2,412	989	11,914
Sep 07	16,825	331	135	2,397	2,009	3,484	1,389	3,693	2,403	984	11,953
Dec 07	16,790	319	138	2,375	1,992	3,518	1,404	3,678	2,403	963	11,965
Mar 08 (r)	16,824	332	142	2,363	1,998	3,518	1,406	3,676	2,404	985	11,989
Jun 08	16,833	347	143	2,357	1,993	3,517	1,407	3,674	2,411	985	11,993
<i>Change on quarter</i>	9	15	1	-6	-5	-1	1	-3	7	0	4
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	4.5	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	58	21	8	-38	-12	27	26	33	-1	-5	79
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	6.6	5.6	-1.6	-0.6	0.8	1.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.5	0.7
Female jobs	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Jun 06	14,625	108	44	826	236	3,575	443	2,815	5,561	1,019	13,413
Sep 06	14,624	108	43	822	238	3,556	448	2,835	5,555	1,019	13,413
Dec 06	14,664	121	42	816	239	3,557	459	2,866	5,557	1,006	13,445
Mar 07	14,695	119	43	813	221	3,556	446	2,915	5,575	1,007	13,499
Jun 07	14,762	122	45	804	225	3,580	454	2,952	5,568	1,011	13,565
Sep 07	14,782	115	46	804	219	3,590	447	2,963	5,577	1,021	13,598
Dec 07	14,821	126	46	796	219	3,599	450	2,970	5,585	1,030	13,634
Mar 08 (r)	14,828	136	47	799	223	3,599	445	2,953	5,592	1,034	13,623
Jun 08	14,845	136	47	795	221	3,589	453	2,959	5,612	1,032	13,646
<i>Change on quarter</i>	17	1	0	-4	-2	-10	8	6	20	-2	22
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.4	-0.9	-0.5	-0.8	-0.3	1.9	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	84	15	1	-9	-4	9	-1	7	44	21	81
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	12.2	3.2	-1.1	-2.0	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.8	2.1	0.6

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

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2. There is a discontinuity in the employee jobs series between December 2005 and September 2006 due to improvements to the annual benchmark. Further information can be found at

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/Statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=9765>

3. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

6 Production industries employee jobs¹

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Levels	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)
		YEJ	LOMM		YEJK	LOMN
Jul 06	160	159	1.7	2,964	2,973	-4.2
Jul 07	166	166	4.3	2,912	2,916	-1.9
Aug 07	165	166	4.0	2,911	2,913	-1.7
Sep 07	167	166	3.8	2,913	2,912	-1.4
Oct 07	167	166	3.5	2,910	2,911	-1.2
Nov 07	167	167	3.2	2,907	2,910	-1.1
Dec 07	170	168	3.0	2,906	2,907	-1.0
Jan 08	169	169	3.2	2,896	2,903	-1.0
Feb 08	169	169	3.4	2,893	2,898	-1.0
Mar 08 (r)	171	170	3.4	2,890	2,893	-1.1
Apr 08 (r)	170	170	3.2	2,883	2,889	-1.1
May 08 (r)	170	170	3.0	2,881	2,885	-1.2
Jun 08 (r)	172	170	2.8	2,874	2,879	-1.3
Jul 08	171	171	2.8	2,869	2,874	-1.4

Source: Employer surveys

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
May-Jul 2006	928.1	32.0	37.1	15.6	9.6
May-Jul 2007	937.6	32.2	37.3	15.6	9.4
Aug-Oct 2007	940.7	32.1	37.2	15.7	9.7
Nov-Jan 2008	937.4	31.8	37.0	15.4	9.9
Feb-Apr 2008	943.7	32.0	37.1	15.5	9.8
May-Jul 2008	947.2	32.1	37.2	15.6	9.7
Change on quarter	3.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Change %	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7	-0.2
Change on year	9.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Change %	1.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	4.0
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
May-Jul 2006	573.1	36.7	38.9	15.4	10.4
May-Jul 2007	580.8	36.8	39.1	15.6	10.4
Aug-Oct 2007	582.7	36.8	39.1	15.4	10.8
Nov-Jan 2008	579.8	36.5	38.8	15.2	11.3
Feb-Apr 2008	585.1	36.7	39.0	15.2	11.2
May-Jul 2008	583.4	36.7	39.0	15.6	10.8
Change on quarter	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.4
Change %	-0.3	0.0	0.1	2.1	-3.5
Change on year	2.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Change %	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	3.5
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
May-Jul 2006	355.1	26.6	33.9	15.7	9.0
May-Jul 2007	356.7	26.7	34.0	15.6	8.6
Aug-Oct 2007	358.1	26.6	33.9	15.7	8.9
Nov-Jan 2008	357.6	26.4	33.7	15.5	9.0
Feb-Apr 2008	358.6	26.5	33.6	15.6	8.8
May-Jul 2008	363.8	26.8	33.9	15.7	9.0
Change on quarter	5.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3
Change %	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.3	2.9
Change on year	7.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.4
Change %	2.0	0.4	-0.2	0.1	4.8

1. Main and second job.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

8 Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
May-Jul 2007									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.6	2.8	1.3	6.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.9	3.2	11.2	6.7	3.1	10.6	7.6	3.7	18.1
16 up to 30 hours	17.7	7.7	29.6	17.7	6.7	29.4	17.7	12.5	31.7
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.3	47.3	55.3	61.2	49.1	39.6	44.4	26.8
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.0	9.8	19.1	28.5	9.3	32.3	38.2	16.8
Total (thousands)	29,205	15,804	13,401	25,181	12,934	12,246	3,798	2,762	1,037
Feb-Apr 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.8	1.6	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.3	11.0	6.6	3.2	10.3	7.8	3.7	18.9
16 up to 30 hours	17.9	8.0	29.7	18.0	6.9	29.7	17.3	12.5	30.1
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.0	47.5	55.2	60.8	49.3	40.4	44.9	28.5
Over 45 hours	20.6	29.9	9.6	19.1	28.5	9.1	31.7	37.4	16.2
Total (thousands)	29,554	15,980	13,574	25,489	13,078	12,411	3,831	2,790	1,040
May-Jul 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.7	1.3	6.5
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.4	10.7	6.6	3.2	10.1	7.7	3.9	17.9
16 up to 30 hours	17.9	8.1	29.5	18.0	7.1	29.4	17.6	12.7	30.7
31 up to 45 hours	53.6	58.7	47.7	55.7	61.7	49.5	40.3	45.3	27.2
Over 45 hours	20.2	29.0	9.9	18.6	27.4	9.3	31.6	36.8	17.7
Total (thousands)	29,538	15,935	13,603	25,481	13,046	12,435	3,842	2,787	1,056

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWV	YBXA
May-Jul 2006	1,704	5.5	1,027	307	371	21.7	174	1,677	5.7	1,011	303	363	21.7	169
May-Jul 2007	1,652	5.4	996	265	392	23.7	178	1,626	5.5	982	262	382	23.5	174
Aug-Oct 2007	1,637	5.3	990	262	386	23.6	176	1,613	5.4	973	260	380	23.6	171
Nov-Jan 2008	1,605	5.2	963	259	383	23.8	178	1,587	5.3	952	256	378	23.8	175
Feb-Apr 2008	1,643	5.3	977	260	406	24.7	196	1,619	5.4	963	256	400	24.7	193
May-Jul 2008	1,724	5.5	1,015	278	430	25.0	204	1,702	5.7	1,005	272	425	25.0	200
Change on quarter	81	0.2	39	18	25	0.3	8	83	0.3	42	16	25	0.3	7
Change %	4.9		4.0	6.9	6.0		4.2	5.1		4.4	6.3	6.3		3.9
Change on year	72	0.2	20	14	38	1.2	26	76	0.2	23	10	43	1.5	27
Change %	4.3		2.0	5.1	9.8		14.3	4.7		2.4	3.7	11.3		15.3
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
May-Jul 2006	984	5.9	542	182	259	26.4	128	972	6.0	535	180	257	26.4	125
May-Jul 2007	947	5.7	526	155	265	28.0	126	937	5.7	522	155	259	27.7	123
Aug-Oct 2007	927	5.5	509	156	263	28.3	129	917	5.6	504	155	259	28.2	126
Nov-Jan 2008	925	5.5	512	151	262	28.3	130	917	5.6	508	149	259	28.3	128
Feb-Apr 2008	938	5.5	513	151	274	29.2	141	927	5.6	507	149	271	29.3	140
May-Jul 2008	1,015	6.0	549	165	301	29.6	150	1,006	6.1	546	162	298	29.6	148
Change on quarter	77	0.4	36	14	27	0.4	9	79	0.5	39	13	27	0.4	8
Change %	8.2		7.1	9.1	9.8		6.1	8.5		7.6	9.0	9.9		5.6
Change on year	69	0.3	23	10	36	1.6	24	70	0.4	24	7	39	1.9	25
Change %	7.2		4.4	6.2	13.5		19.0	7.4		4.6	4.4	15.0		20.5
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWQ	YBWT	YBWW	YBWZ	YBXC
May-Jul 2006	720	5.1	485	125	111	15.4	47	705	5.3	476	122	107	15.1	44
May-Jul 2007	706	5.0	470	109	126	17.9	52	690	5.2	460	107	123	17.8	51
Aug-Oct 2007	710	5.0	481	106	124	17.4	47	695	5.2	469	105	121	17.4	45
Nov-Jan 2008	680	4.8	451	109	120	17.7	48	670	5.0	444	107	119	17.7	48
Feb-Apr 2008	704	4.9	464	109	132	18.7	54	692	5.2	456	107	129	18.6	53
May-Jul 2008	709	5.0	466	113	129	18.2	54	696	5.2	459	110	127	18.2	52
Change on quarter	4	0.0	2	4	-2	-0.4	0	4	0.0	3	3	-2	-0.4	0
Change %	0.6		0.5	4.0	-1.8	-0.6	-0.6	0.6		0.7	2.5	-1.5		-0.7
Change on year	3	-0.1	-4	4	3	0.3	2	6	0.0	-1	3	4	0.4	1
Change %	0.4		-0.8	3.6	2.2	3.0	3.0	0.9		-0.2	2.6	3.4		2.7
	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
May-Jul 2006	174	23.6	126	32	16	8.9	*	531	12.8	353	89	88	16.6	36
May-Jul 2007	209	28.3	158	32	20	9.4	*	500	12.1	332	81	88	17.5	32
Aug-Oct 2007	201	27.3	147	40	14	7.2	*	500	12.0	341	67	92	18.5	35
Nov-Jan 2008	177	24.3	132	31	14	8.1	*	499	11.9	331	70	99	19.7	40
Feb-Apr 2008	186	25.3	138	34	14	7.4	*	508	12.1	335	68	105	20.7	43
May-Jul 2008	186	25.7	142	33	12	6.2	*	539	12.8	356	79	104	19.2	39
Change on quarter	0	0.5	4	-2	-2	-1.2	*	31	0.7	21	12	-2	-1.5	-3
Change %	-0.1		2.9	-5.6	-16.8		*	6.1		6.2	17.4	-1.4		-8.2
Change on year	-23	-2.6	-16	1	-8	-3.2	*	39	0.7	24	-1	16	1.7	7
Change %	-11.0		-10.0	2.6	-41.5		*	7.7		7.2	-1.3	18.2		22.8
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
May-Jul 2006	101	27.3	70	20	11	10.6	*	316	14.2	191	57	68	21.6	32
May-Jul 2007	117	32.1	86	18	12	10.5	*	299	13.4	186	51	62	20.7	25
Aug-Oct 2007	113	30.1	79	26	*	*	*	300	13.4	192	41	67	22.2	28
Nov-Jan 2008	103	27.3	73	19	12	11.5	*	304	13.5	187	44	73	23.9	35
Feb-Apr 2008	106	28.8	77	20	*	*	*	309	13.7	192	43	75	24.2	36
May-Jul 2008	102	28.1	77	18	*	*	*	344	15.2	216	53	75	21.7	30
Change on quarter	-3	-0.7	0	-2	*	*	*	35	1.4	25	10	0	-2.5	-6
Change %	-3.0		0.5	-12.0	*	*	*	11.4		13.0	24.6	-0.3		-15.5
Change on year	-14	-4.0	-9	-1	*	*	*	45	1.7	30	2	13	0.9	5
Change %	-12.1		-10.4	-3.5	*	*	*	15.2		16.4	4.5	20.5		22.1
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
May-Jul 2006	73	19.9	56	12	*	*	*	215	11.3	163	32	20	9.3	*
May-Jul 2007	92	24.6	72	13	*	*	*	202	10.5	146	30	26	12.7	*
Aug-Oct 2007	89	24.5	68	15	*	*	*	201	10.4	149	26	26	12.8	*
Nov-Jan 2008	74	21.1	60	12	*	*	*	196	10.1	144	26	26	13.2	*
Feb-Apr 2008	81	21.8	61	14	*	*	*	199	10.3	144	25	30	15.2	*
May-Jul 2008	84	23.3	65	15	*	*	*	195	10.0	140	26	29	14.9	*
Change on quarter	3	1.5	4	0	*	*	*	-4	-0.2	-4	1	-1	-0.4	*
Change %	3.7		5.9	3.5	*	*	*	-2.0		-2.8	5.3	-4.4		*
Change on year	-9	-1.3	-7	1	*	*	*	-7	-0.4	-7	-3	3	2.1	*
Change %	-9.6		-9.4	11.1	*	*	*	-3.3		-4.5	-11.2	12.8		*

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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
May-Jul 2006	763	4.2	432	143	188	24.6	89	237	3.0	116	42	79	33.4	50
May-Jul 2007	698	3.9	393	112	193	27.6	95	245	3.1	113	41	92	37.5	51
Aug-Oct 2007	696	3.9	388	117	191	27.4	94	240	3.0	115	37	88	36.8	48
Nov-Jan 2008	696	3.9	389	119	188	27.0	96	232	2.9	111	40	82	35.3	42
Feb-Apr 2008	710	3.9	394	119	197	27.7	100	238	2.9	110	39	90	37.7	53
May-Jul 2008	756	4.2	408	130	218	28.8	107	243	3.0	110	36	97	40.0	59
<i>Change on quarter</i>	45	0.2	14	11	21	1.1	6	5	0.1	0	-3	8	2.3	7
<i>Change %</i>	6.4		3.5	9.0	10.5		6.4	2.2		0.1	-6.7	8.5		12.9
<i>Change on year</i>	58	0.3	14	18	25	1.2	11	-2	-0.1	-3	-5	5	2.6	8
<i>Change %</i>	8.3		3.7	16.5	13.1		11.9	-0.8		-2.6	-11.3	6.0		16.3
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
May-Jul 2006	419	4.3	214	79	125	29.9	60	148	3.4	67	26	55	37.2	37
May-Jul 2007	372	3.8	187	60	124	33.4	63	160	3.6	67	26	67	41.9	38
Aug-Oct 2007	362	3.7	176	63	124	34.2	66	152	3.4	62	26	63	41.7	35
Nov-Jan 2008	367	3.8	190	59	118	32.0	63	151	3.3	63	28	60	39.7	31
Feb-Apr 2008	373	3.8	184	63	126	33.7	66	150	3.3	61	25	65	43.1	40
May-Jul 2008	404	4.1	194	72	139	34.3	71	164	3.6	62	23	80	48.7	49
<i>Change on quarter</i>	31	0.3	10	8	13	0.6	6	14	0.3	1	-3	15	5.6	9
<i>Change %</i>	8.3		5.3	13.0	10.3		8.8	9.3		2.1	-10.2	23.6		23.5
<i>Change on year</i>	32	0.3	7	11	14	0.8	8	5	0.0	-5	-3	13	6.9	11
<i>Change %</i>	8.7		3.8	18.4	11.5		13.2	3.1		-7.8	-12.3	19.9		29.1
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
May-Jul 2006	344	4.1	217	64	63	18.2	29	89	2.5	49	16	24	26.9	14
May-Jul 2007	326	3.9	206	51	68	20.9	32	86	2.4	46	15	25	29.3	13
Aug-Oct 2007	333	4.0	212	55	67	20.1	28	88	2.5	52	11	25	28.4	13
Nov-Jan 2008	329	3.9	199	60	70	21.3	33	81	2.3	48	11	22	27.0	11
Feb-Apr 2008	337	4.0	210	56	71	21.2	35	88	2.4	49	14	25	28.5	13
May-Jul 2008	351	4.2	214	59	79	22.5	35	79	2.2	48	14	17	21.9	10
<i>Change on quarter</i>	14	0.2	4	3	8	1.4	1	-9	-0.3	-1	0	-8	-6.6	-3
<i>Change %</i>	4.2		1.8	4.6	11.0		1.8	-10.1		-2.3	-0.3	-30.9		-21.0
<i>Change on year</i>	26	0.2	7	7	11	1.6	3	-7	-0.2	2	-1	-8	-7.4	-3
<i>Change %</i>	7.9		3.6	14.2	16.1		9.5	-8.1		5.2	-9.7	-31.2		-22.4

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
	BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People						
2007						
August	848.6	2.6	208.9	214.9	857.1	2.7
September #	835.0	2.6	206.9	219.7	827.9	2.6
October	826.1	2.6	201.9	213.6	801.0	2.5
November	814.4	2.5	203.0	213.7	785.8	2.4
December #	807.7	2.5	201.8	208.1	790.4	2.4
2008						
January	794.9	2.5	201.4	211.7	830.5	2.6
February #	795.5	2.5	205.0	208.0	848.9	2.6
March	799.1	2.5	204.5	202.3	842.8	2.6
April	810.3	2.5	217.0	206.8	835.2	2.6
May	824.6	2.6	217.4	204.2	831.9	2.6
June #	844.6	2.6	229.3	209.7	835.3	2.6
July (r)	872.4	2.7	240.6	214.9	871.3	2.7
August # (p)	904.9	2.8	247.8	216.4	923.9	2.9
<i>Change on month</i>	32.5	0.1	7.2	1.5	52.6	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	3.7		3.0	0.7	6.0	
<i>Change on year</i>	56.3	0.2	38.9	1.5	66.7	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	6.6		18.6	0.7	7.8	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men						
2007						
August	619.8	3.6	146.6	151.0	614.2	3.5
September #	609.7	3.5	145.1	155.0	593.3	3.4
October	602.9	3.5	141.9	150.2	577.0	3.3
November	594.0	3.4	142.5	150.8	569.8	3.3
December #	589.4	3.4	141.8	146.2	580.4	3.3
2008						
January	579.4	3.3	141.6	149.1	610.1	3.5
February #	581.0	3.3	144.8	146.4	622.8	3.6
March	583.9	3.4	144.2	142.8	618.7	3.6
April	592.3	3.4	152.6	145.8	611.7	3.5
May	602.9	3.5	153.4	142.7	610.1	3.5
June #	617.6	3.6	161.8	147.3	610.7	3.5
July (r)	639.2	3.7	171.1	150.2	632.4	3.6
August # (p)	664.1	3.8	177.4	151.2	666.7	3.8
<i>Change on month</i>	24.9	0.1	6.3	1.0	34.3	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	3.9		3.7	0.7	5.4	
<i>Change on year</i>	44.3	0.3	30.8	0.2	52.4	0.3
<i>Change %</i>	7.1		21.0	0.1	8.5	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women						
2007						
August	228.8	1.5	62.3	63.9	242.9	1.6
September #	225.3	1.5	61.8	64.7	234.6	1.6
October	223.2	1.5	60.0	63.4	224.0	1.5
November	220.4	1.5	60.5	62.9	215.9	1.4
December #	218.3	1.5	60.0	61.9	210.0	1.4
2008						
January	215.5	1.4	59.8	62.6	220.4	1.5
February #	214.5	1.4	60.2	61.6	226.1	1.5
March	215.2	1.4	60.3	59.5	224.2	1.5
April	218.0	1.5	64.4	61.0	223.5	1.5
May	221.7	1.5	64.0	61.5	221.8	1.5
June #	227.0	1.5	67.5	62.4	224.6	1.5
July (r)	233.2	1.6	69.5	64.7	238.9	1.6
August # (p)	240.8	1.6	70.4	65.2	257.2	1.7
<i>Change on month</i>	7.6	0.1	0.9	0.5	18.3	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	3.3		1.3	0.8	7.7	
<i>Change on year</i>	12.0	0.1	8.1	1.3	14.3	0.1
<i>Change %</i>	5.2		13.0	2.0	5.9	

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

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

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

CLAIMANT COUNT

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

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+ ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
2007													
August	848.6	845.2	564.4	142.5	138.3	16.4	42.5	256.3	213.6	35.1	7.6	3.0	1.6
September #	835.0	832.4	560.4	138.4	133.6	16.0	41.3	253.3	212.5	33.7	7.1	2.8	1.5
October	826.1	821.3	558.5	134.2	128.6	15.7	40.0	249.6	210.7	32.2	6.7	2.7	1.5
November	814.4	811.4	554.5	132.4	124.5	15.3	38.6	247.0	208.8	31.4	6.8	2.8	1.7
December #	807.7	802.5	552.3	131.2	119.0	14.8	36.0	246.1	208.5	31.0	6.6	2.7	1.6
2008													
January	794.9	794.0	547.7	130.1	116.2	14.6	34.6	243.5	206.2	30.7	6.6	2.7	1.6
February #	795.5	792.9	552.3	129.4	111.2	14.0	32.1	244.1	207.4	30.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
March	799.1	796.1	557.3	130.6	108.2	13.6	30.4	245.6	207.9	31.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
April	810.3	807.9	572.1	130.4	105.4	13.0	29.3	249.3	212.5	30.8	6.0	2.4	1.6
May	824.6	821.3	587.3	131.0	103.0	12.5	27.8	253.8	217.4	30.7	5.7	2.2	1.5
June #	844.6	840.3	607.5	131.5	101.3	12.1	26.6	260.3	224.4	30.3	5.6	2.2	1.5
July (r)	872.4	869.1	635.1	133.7	100.3	11.5	25.7	268.9	233.0	30.3	5.6	2.1	1.5
August # (p)	904.9	901.9	663.4	138.5	100.0	11.1	24.8	278.6	241.7	31.3	5.6	2.0	1.5
Change on month	32.5	32.8	28.3	4.8	-0.3	-0.5	-0.9	9.7	8.7	1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	3.7	3.8	4.5	3.6	-0.3	-0.3	-3.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	56.3	56.7	99.0	-4.0	-38.3	-5.3	-17.7	22.3	28.1	-3.8	-2.0	-1.0	-0.1
Change %	6.6	6.7	17.5	-2.8	-27.7	-4.6	-41.6	8.7	13.2	-10.8	-26.3	-6.3	-6.3
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2007													
August	619.8	617.4	402.1	106.4	108.9	17.6	34.1	172.8	143.8	23.7	5.3	3.1	1.2
September #	609.7	607.8	399.3	103.4	105.1	17.3	33.1	170.9	143.3	22.7	4.9	2.9	1.1
October	602.9	599.7	398.2	100.3	101.2	16.9	32.0	168.3	141.9	21.7	4.7	2.8	1.1
November	594.0	591.7	395.1	98.9	97.7	16.5	30.8	166.2	140.4	21.1	4.7	2.8	1.2
December #	589.4	585.6	394.2	98.2	93.2	15.9	28.6	165.7	140.3	20.9	4.5	2.7	1.1
2008													
January	579.4	579.4	391.2	97.4	90.8	15.7	27.4	164.0	138.9	20.7	4.4	2.7	1.1
February #	581.0	579.1	395.4	96.9	86.8	15.0	25.4	164.6	139.9	20.5	4.2	2.6	1.1
March	583.9	581.9	399.6	97.8	84.5	14.5	24.1	166.0	140.7	21.1	4.2	2.5	1.1
April	592.3	590.6	410.2	98.1	82.3	13.9	23.2	169.0	144.2	20.8	4.0	2.4	1.1
May	602.9	600.5	421.5	98.7	80.3	13.4	22.0	172.2	147.6	20.8	3.8	2.2	1.0
June #	617.6	614.6	436.2	99.3	79.1	12.9	21.0	176.7	152.3	20.6	3.8	2.2	1.0
July (r)	639.2	636.9	457.4	101.2	78.3	12.3	20.2	182.7	158.2	20.7	3.8	2.1	1.0
August # (p)	664.1	662.0	479.0	105.0	78.0	11.8	19.4	189.5	164.2	21.5	3.8	2.0	1.0
Change on month	24.9	25.1	21.6	3.8	-0.3	-0.5	-0.8	6.8	6.0	0.8	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	3.9	3.9	4.7	3.8	-0.4	-0.3	-4.0	3.7	3.8	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	44.3	44.6	76.9	-1.4	-30.9	-5.9	-14.7	16.7	20.4	-2.2	-1.5	-1.1	-0.2
Change %	7.1	7.2	19.1	-1.3	-28.4	-4.6	-43.1	9.7	14.2	-9.3	-28.3	-6.3	-16.7
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJG	JLJL	JLJM	JLJN	JLJO	JLJP	JLJQ	JLJR	JLJS	JLJT
2007													
August	228.8	227.8	162.3	36.1	29.4	12.9	8.4	83.5	69.8	11.4	2.3	2.8	0.4
September #	225.3	224.6	161.1	35.0	28.5	12.7	8.2	82.4	69.2	11.0	2.2	2.7	0.4
October	223.2	221.6	160.3	33.9	27.4	12.4	8.0	81.3	68.8	10.5	2.0	2.5	0.4
November	220.4	219.7	159.4	33.5	26.8	12.2	7.8	80.8	68.4	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
December #	218.3	216.9	158.1	33.0	25.8	11.9	7.4	80.4	68.2	10.1	2.1	2.6	0.5
2008													
January	215.5	214.6	156.5	32.7	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.3	10.0	2.2	2.8	0.5
February #	214.5	213.8	156.9	32.5	24.4	11.4	6.7	79.5	67.5	9.9	2.1	2.6	0.5
March	215.2	214.2	157.7	32.8	23.7	11.1	6.3	79.6	67.2	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
April	218.0	217.3	161.9	32.3	23.1	10.6	6.1	80.3	68.3	10.0	2.0	2.5	0.5
May	221.7	220.8	165.8	32.3	22.7	10.3	5.8	81.6	69.8	9.9	1.9	2.3	0.5
June #	227.0	225.7	171.3	32.2	22.2	9.8	5.6	83.6	72.1	9.7	1.8	2.2	0.5
July (r)	233.2	232.2	177.7	32.5	22.0	9.5	5.5	86.2	74.8	9.6	1.8	2.1	0.5
August # (p)	240.8	239.9	184.4	33.5	22.0	9.2	5.4	89.1	77.5	9.8	1.8	2.0	0.5
Change on month	7.6	7.7	6.7	1.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	2.9	2.7	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.1	0.0	-0.3	-1.8	3.4	3.6	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	12.0	12.1	22.1	-2.6	-7.4	-3.7	-3.0	5.6	7.7	-1.6	-0.5	-0.7	0.1
Change %	5.2	5.3	13.6	-7.2	-25.2	-4.0	-35.7	6.7	11.0	-14.0	-21.7	-6.3	25.0

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

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CLAIMANT COUNT

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

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JLJU	JLGV	JLHW	JLIX	JLJY	JLJZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
People												
2007												
August	449.6	279.4	85.1	85.1	18.9	17.2	139.3	71.4	22.3	45.6	32.7	23.7
September #	443.3	277.6	83.0	82.7	18.7	16.9	135.8	70.3	21.7	43.8	32.3	22.9
October	438.1	276.8	81.0	80.3	18.3	16.7	133.6	71.0	21.0	41.6	31.1	21.8
November	434.1	275.3	80.3	78.5	18.1	16.4	130.3	70.4	20.7	39.2	30.1	20.5
December #	429.9	273.7	80.0	76.2	17.7	16.0	126.5	70.1	20.2	36.2	28.6	18.4
2008												
January	426.0	271.7	79.5	74.8	17.6	15.7	124.5	69.8	19.9	34.8	28.0	17.3
February #	426.1	273.6	79.6	72.9	17.1	15.4	122.7	71.3	19.4	32.0	26.1	15.1
March	427.8	276.3	79.8	71.7	16.8	15.0	122.7	73.1	19.4	30.2	24.6	13.8
April	434.4	283.6	80.1	70.7	16.3	14.9	124.2	76.0	19.5	28.7	23.1	12.8
May	441.5	290.9	80.6	70.0	15.9	14.5	126.0	79.0	19.7	27.3	21.7	11.8
June #	451.1	300.3	81.2	69.6	15.4	14.2	128.9	82.8	20.0	26.1	20.2	10.9
July (r)	467.1	315.2	82.5	69.4	14.9	14.0	133.1	86.9	20.9	25.3	19.0	10.2
August # (p)	485.2	330.6	84.8	69.8	14.4	13.8	138.1	91.1	22.4	24.6	17.8	9.5
Change on month	18.1	15.4	2.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.2	5.0	4.2	1.5	-0.7	-1.2	-0.7
Change %	3.9	4.9	2.8	0.6		-1.4	3.8	4.8	7.2	-2.8		-6.9
Change on year	35.6	51.2	-0.3	-15.3	-4.5	-3.4	-1.2	19.7	0.1	-21.0	-14.9	-14.2
Change %	7.9	18.3	-0.4	-18.0		-19.8	-0.9	27.6	0.4	-46.1		-59.9
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2007												
August	346.5	210.9	67.0	68.6	19.8	14.1	98.1	47.4	15.7	35.0	35.7	18.8
September #	341.6	209.7	65.3	66.6	19.5	13.8	95.3	46.3	15.4	33.6	35.3	18.2
October	337.7	209.3	63.8	64.6	19.1	13.6	93.7	47.0	14.8	31.9	34.0	17.3
November	334.5	208.3	63.2	63.0	18.8	13.3	91.0	46.4	14.6	30.0	33.0	16.3
December #	331.7	207.5	63.1	61.1	18.4	13.0	88.2	46.4	14.2	27.6	31.3	14.5
2008												
January	328.5	205.9	62.7	59.9	18.2	12.7	86.9	46.4	14.0	26.5	30.5	13.6
February #	328.7	207.7	62.7	58.3	17.7	12.4	85.8	47.8	13.7	24.3	28.3	11.9
March	330.5	210.0	63.1	57.4	17.4	12.1	85.4	48.9	13.6	22.9	26.8	10.9
April	335.3	215.2	63.5	56.6	16.9	12.0	86.3	50.8	13.8	21.7	25.1	10.1
May	340.7	220.8	63.9	56.0	16.4	11.7	87.6	53.1	14.0	20.5	23.4	9.3
June #	347.9	227.8	64.4	55.7	16.0	11.4	90.0	56.1	14.3	19.6	21.8	8.6
July (r)	360.8	239.8	65.5	55.5	15.4	11.2	93.4	59.4	15.0	19.0	20.3	8.0
August # (p)	375.2	252.0	67.4	55.8	14.9	11.0	97.3	62.8	16.1	18.4	18.9	7.4
Change on month	14.4	12.2	1.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.2	3.9	3.4	1.1	-0.6	-1.4	-0.6
Change %	4.0	5.1	2.9	0.5		-1.8	4.2	5.7	7.3	-3.2		-7.5
Change on year	28.7	41.1	0.4	-12.8	-4.9	-3.1	-0.8	15.4	0.4	-16.6	-16.8	-11.4
Change %	8.3	19.5	0.6	-18.7		-22.0	-0.8	32.5	2.5	-47.4		-60.6
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2007												
August	103.1	68.5	18.1	16.5	16.0	3.1	41.2	24.0	6.6	10.6	25.7	4.9
September #	101.7	67.9	17.7	16.1	15.8	3.1	40.5	24.0	6.3	10.2	25.2	4.7
October	100.4	67.5	17.2	15.7	15.6	3.1	39.9	24.0	6.2	9.7	24.3	4.5
November	99.6	67.0	17.1	15.5	15.6	3.1	39.3	24.0	6.1	9.2	23.4	4.2
December #	98.2	66.2	16.9	15.1	15.4	3.0	38.3	23.7	6.0	8.6	22.5	3.9
2008												
January	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.6	23.4	5.9	8.3	22.1	3.7
February #	97.4	65.9	16.9	14.6	15.0	3.0	36.9	23.5	5.7	7.7	20.9	3.2
March	97.3	66.3	16.7	14.3	14.7	2.9	37.3	24.2	5.8	7.3	19.6	2.9
April	99.1	68.4	16.6	14.1	14.2	2.9	37.9	25.2	5.7	7.0	18.5	2.7
May	100.8	70.1	16.7	14.0	13.9	2.8	38.4	25.9	5.7	6.8	17.7	2.5
June #	103.2	72.5	16.8	13.9	13.5	2.8	38.9	26.7	5.7	6.5	16.7	2.3
July (r)	106.3	75.4	17.0	13.9	13.1	2.8	39.7	27.5	5.9	6.3	15.9	2.2
August # (p)	110.0	78.6	17.4	14.0	12.7	2.8	40.8	28.3	6.3	6.2	15.2	2.1
Change on month	3.7	3.2	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1
Change %	3.5	4.2	2.4	0.7		0.0	2.8	2.9	6.8	-1.6		-4.5
Change on year	6.9	10.1	-0.7	-2.5	-3.3	-0.3	-0.4	4.3	-0.3	-4.4	-10.5	-2.8
Change %	6.7	14.7	-3.9	-15.2		-9.7	-1.0	17.9	-4.5	-41.5		-57.1

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(1) Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
Economically active								
People	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
May-Jul 2006	30,733	29,552	736	4,136	6,602	11,400	6,678	1,181
May-Jul 2007	30,858	29,614	739	4,146	6,565	11,442	6,722	1,244
Aug-Oct 2007	30,954	29,681	737	4,171	6,576	11,444	6,754	1,273
Nov-Jan 2008	31,083	29,792	730	4,190	6,601	11,468	6,803	1,291
Feb-Apr 2008	31,197	29,865	737	4,183	6,626	11,494	6,825	1,332
May-Jul 2008	31,262	29,911	723	4,209	6,666	11,500	6,813	1,351
Change on quarter	65	46	-14	26	40	6	-13	19
Change %	0.2	0.2	-1.9	0.6	0.6	0.1	-0.2	1.5
Change on year	405	297	-16	63	101	58	91	107
Change %	1.3	1.0	-2.2	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.4	8.6
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
May-Jul 2006	16,639	16,248	368	2,225	3,600	6,082	3,973	391
May-Jul 2007	16,751	16,331	363	2,222	3,615	6,098	4,033	420
Aug-Oct 2007	16,779	16,359	375	2,234	3,615	6,075	4,060	420
Nov-Jan 2008	16,848	16,414	379	2,249	3,613	6,087	4,086	434
Feb-Apr 2008	16,918	16,462	367	2,248	3,635	6,094	4,118	456
May-Jul 2008	16,951	16,496	364	2,268	3,637	6,109	4,117	455
Change on quarter	32	34	-2	20	2	15	-1	-1
Change %	0.2	0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.0	-0.3
Change on year	200	165	2	46	22	11	83	35
Change %	1.2	1.0	0.4	2.1	0.6	0.2	2.1	8.3
Women	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
May-Jul 2006	14,094	13,304	368	1,910	3,002	5,319	2,705	790
May-Jul 2007	14,107	13,283	376	1,924	2,950	5,344	2,689	824
Aug-Oct 2007	14,175	13,322	362	1,937	2,961	5,369	2,693	853
Nov-Jan 2008	14,235	13,378	351	1,941	2,988	5,381	2,717	857
Feb-Apr 2008	14,279	13,403	370	1,935	2,991	5,400	2,707	875
May-Jul 2008	14,312	13,415	358	1,941	3,029	5,391	2,696	896
Change on quarter	33	12	-12	6	38	-9	-11	21
Change %	0.2	0.1	-3.2	0.3	1.3	-0.2	-0.4	2.4
Change on year	205	133	-18	17	79	47	7	72
Change %	1.5	1.0	-4.7	0.9	2.7	0.9	0.3	8.8
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
May-Jul 2006	63.7	79.1	46.9	75.0	84.5	85.5	73.2	10.9
May-Jul 2007	63.4	78.8	46.5	73.5	84.3	85.3	73.6	11.2
Aug-Oct 2007	63.5	78.9	46.4	73.7	84.2	85.3	73.8	11.4
Nov-Jan 2008	63.6	79.1	46.0	73.7	84.4	85.4	74.3	11.5
Feb-Apr 2008	63.7	79.2	46.5	73.3	84.5	85.6	74.5	11.8
May-Jul 2008	63.7	79.2	45.6	73.4	84.9	85.6	74.3	11.9
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Change on year	0.3	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.7
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
May-Jul 2006	71.0	83.9	45.7	79.6	92.7	92.3	75.0	9.7
May-Jul 2007	70.8	83.5	44.3	77.5	93.2	92.0	75.2	10.2
Aug-Oct 2007	70.8	83.5	45.9	77.6	93.0	91.7	75.5	10.2
Nov-Jan 2008	70.9	83.7	46.4	77.7	92.8	91.8	75.8	10.4
Feb-Apr 2008	71.0	83.8	45.0	77.4	93.2	91.9	76.2	10.9
May-Jul 2008	70.9	83.8	44.8	77.7	93.0	92.1	76.0	10.8
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Change on year	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.8	0.6
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
May-Jul 2006	56.8	73.9	48.2	70.3	76.3	78.8	70.6	11.6
May-Jul 2007	56.4	73.7	48.8	69.4	75.4	78.7	71.2	11.8
Aug-Oct 2007	56.6	73.8	47.0	69.6	75.5	79.0	71.4	12.2
Nov-Jan 2008	56.7	74.1	45.6	69.5	76.1	79.2	72.1	12.2
Feb-Apr 2008	56.8	74.2	48.0	69.0	76.0	79.4	72.0	12.4
May-Jul 2008	56.8	74.2	46.5	69.0	76.8	79.3	71.8	12.6
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-1.5	0.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.2
Change on year	0.4	0.5	-2.3	-0.4	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.8

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

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
Economically inactive								
People	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAI	YCBB	MGWA	MGWD
May-Jul 2006	17,516	7,814	833	1,379	1,216	1,938	2,448	9,702
May-Jul 2007	17,801	7,961	850	1,494	1,226	1,975	2,415	9,840
Aug-Oct 2007	17,812	7,943	851	1,491	1,231	1,977	2,392	9,869
Nov-Jan 2008	17,792	7,882	856	1,495	1,222	1,958	2,351	9,910
Feb-Apr 2008	17,786	7,859	848	1,526	1,212	1,937	2,337	9,927
May-Jul 2008	17,829	7,863	861	1,522	1,188	1,935	2,358	9,966
Change on quarter	43	4	13	-3	-24	-2	21	39
Change %	0.2	0.1	1.5	-0.2	-2.0	-0.1	0.9	0.4
Change on year	28	-97	10	29	-39	-40	-57	126
Change %	0.2	-1.2	1.2	1.9	-3.2	-2.0	-2.4	1.3
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
May-Jul 2006	6,788	3,125	437	572	283	509	1,324	3,663
May-Jul 2007	6,906	3,218	456	646	262	527	1,328	3,688
Aug-Oct 2007	6,936	3,225	442	646	270	552	1,314	3,711
Nov-Jan 2008	6,927	3,206	437	644	281	542	1,302	3,721
Feb-Apr 2008	6,915	3,193	448	658	266	538	1,283	3,722
May-Jul 2008	6,941	3,195	449	650	273	525	1,298	3,747
Change on quarter	26	1	1	-7	6	-13	15	25
Change %	0.4	0.0	0.2	-1.1	2.4	-2.5	1.1	0.7
Change on year	36	-24	-7	5	11	-2	-30	59
Change %	0.5	-0.7	-1.5	0.7	4.0	-0.4	-2.2	1.6
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
May-Jul 2006	10,728	4,689	396	808	933	1,429	1,124	6,039
May-Jul 2007	10,895	4,742	394	848	964	1,448	1,088	6,153
Aug-Oct 2007	10,876	4,718	408	845	961	1,425	1,078	6,158
Nov-Jan 2008	10,865	4,676	419	851	941	1,416	1,049	6,189
Feb-Apr 2008	10,871	4,666	400	868	945	1,398	1,054	6,205
May-Jul 2008	10,888	4,669	412	872	915	1,410	1,060	6,219
Change on quarter	17	3	12	4	-31	12	6	14
Change %	0.2	0.1	2.9	0.5	-3.3	0.8	0.6	0.2
Change on year	-7	-74	17	24	-49	-38	-28	67
Change %	-0.1	-1.6	4.4	2.8	-5.1	-2.6	-2.6	1.1
Economic inactivity rates (%)¹								
People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
May-Jul 2006	36.3	20.9	53.1	25.0	15.5	14.5	26.8	89.1
May-Jul 2007	36.6	21.2	53.5	26.5	15.7	14.7	26.4	88.8
Aug-Oct 2007	36.5	21.1	53.6	26.3	15.8	14.7	26.2	88.6
Nov-Jan 2008	36.4	20.9	54.0	26.3	15.6	14.6	25.7	88.5
Feb-Apr 2008	36.3	20.8	53.5	26.7	15.5	14.4	25.5	88.2
May-Jul 2008	36.3	20.8	54.4	26.6	15.1	14.4	25.7	88.1
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Change on year	-0.3	-0.4	0.8	0.1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
May-Jul 2006	29.0	16.1	54.3	20.4	7.3	7.7	25.0	90.3
May-Jul 2007	29.2	16.5	55.7	22.5	6.8	8.0	24.8	89.8
Aug-Oct 2007	29.2	16.5	54.1	22.4	7.0	8.3	24.5	89.8
Nov-Jan 2008	29.1	16.3	53.6	22.3	7.2	8.2	24.2	89.6
Feb-Apr 2008	29.0	16.2	55.0	22.6	6.8	8.1	23.8	89.1
May-Jul 2008	29.1	16.2	55.2	22.3	7.0	7.9	24.0	89.2
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.1
Change on year	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.8	-0.6
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
May-Jul 2006	43.2	26.1	51.8	29.7	23.7	21.2	29.4	88.4
May-Jul 2007	43.6	26.3	51.2	30.6	24.6	21.3	28.8	88.2
Aug-Oct 2007	43.4	26.2	53.0	30.4	24.5	21.0	28.6	87.8
Nov-Jan 2008	43.3	25.9	54.4	30.5	23.9	20.8	27.9	87.8
Feb-Apr 2008	43.2	25.8	52.0	31.0	24.0	20.6	28.0	87.6
May-Jul 2008	43.2	25.8	53.5	31.0	23.2	20.7	28.2	87.4
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	-0.8	0.2	0.2	-0.2
Change on year	-0.4	-0.5	2.3	0.4	-1.4	-0.6	-0.6	-0.8

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

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC
May-Jul 2006	7,814	1,820	2,307	183	2,078	34	579	812	5,748	2,066
May-Jul 2007	7,961	1,913	2,340	194	2,042	38	610	822	5,872	2,089
Aug-Oct 2007	7,943	1,940	2,303	202	2,028	40	607	822	5,842	2,100
Nov-Jan 2008	7,882	1,960	2,250	188	2,049	35	604	796	5,790	2,093
Feb-Apr 2008	7,859	1,956	2,275	172	2,023	41	591	801	5,743	2,116
May-Jul 2008	7,863	1,977	2,273	182	2,008	41	584	798	5,676	2,187
<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	21	-2	10	-14	0	-7	-3	-67	71
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	1.1	-0.1	6.0	-0.7	-0.6	-1.2	-0.4	-1.2	3.4
<i>Change on year</i>	-97	64	-67	-13	-34	3	-26	-24	-196	99
<i>Change %</i>	-1.2	3.3	-2.9	-6.4	-1.7	7.4	-4.3	-2.9	-3.3	4.7
Men	YBSO	BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
May-Jul 2006	3,125	894	196	92	1,135	24	426	358	2,249	876
May-Jul 2007	3,218	977	197	90	1,135	22	448	350	2,328	890
Aug-Oct 2007	3,225	977	194	99	1,127	22	448	359	2,329	896
Nov-Jan 2008	3,206	973	189	97	1,142	17	440	347	2,321	885
Feb-Apr 2008	3,193	1,001	189	80	1,120	21	432	350	2,302	891
May-Jul 2008	3,195	990	196	92	1,112	23	429	352	2,246	949
<i>Change on quarter</i>	1	-10	6	12	-8	2	-2	2	-57	58
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	-1.0	3.3	15.2	-0.7	8.3	-0.6	0.7	-2.5	6.5
<i>Change on year</i>	-24	13	-1	2	-23	1	-19	2	-83	59
<i>Change %</i>	-0.7	1.3	-0.5	2.5	-2.0	5.8	-4.2	0.7	-3.5	6.6
Women	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEES	YBWB	YBWE
May-Jul 2006	4,689	926	2,111	92	943	10	153	454	3,499	1,190
May-Jul 2007	4,742	936	2,143	105	908	16	162	472	3,543	1,199
Aug-Oct 2007	4,718	963	2,109	104	901	18	159	463	3,513	1,205
Nov-Jan 2008	4,676	987	2,061	91	908	18	164	448	3,469	1,207
Feb-Apr 2008	4,666	955	2,086	92	902	20	160	452	3,440	1,225
May-Jul 2008	4,669	987	2,077	90	896	18	155	446	3,430	1,238
<i>Change on quarter</i>	3	32	-9	-2	-6	-2	-5	-6	-10	13
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	3.3	-0.4	-2.0	-0.7	-10.1	-3.0	-1.2	-0.3	1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-74	50	-66	-15	-11	2	-7	-26	-113	39
<i>Change %</i>	-1.6	5.4	-3.1	-14.1	-1.2	9.5	-4.4	-5.6	-3.2	3.3
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
People	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
May-Jul 2006	100	23.3	29.5	2.3	26.6	0.4	7.4	10.4	73.6	26.4
May-Jul 2007	100	24.0	29.4	2.4	25.7	0.5	7.7	10.3	73.8	26.2
Aug-Oct 2007	100	24.4	29.0	2.5	25.5	0.5	7.6	10.4	73.6	26.4
Nov-Jan 2008	100	24.9	28.5	2.4	26.0	0.4	7.7	10.1	73.5	26.5
Feb-Apr 2008	100	24.9	29.0	2.2	25.7	0.5	7.5	10.2	73.1	26.9
May-Jul 2008	100	25.1	28.9	2.3	25.5	0.5	7.4	10.1	72.2	27.8
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
May-Jul 2006	100	28.6	6.3	2.9	36.3	0.8	13.6	11.4	72.0	28.0
May-Jul 2007	100	30.4	6.1	2.8	35.3	0.7	13.9	10.9	72.4	27.6
Aug-Oct 2007	100	30.3	6.0	3.1	34.9	0.7	13.9	11.1	72.2	27.8
Nov-Jan 2008	100	30.4	5.9	3.0	35.6	0.5	13.7	10.8	72.4	27.6
Feb-Apr 2008	100	31.3	5.9	2.5	35.1	0.7	13.5	11.0	72.1	27.9
May-Jul 2008	100	31.0	6.1	2.9	34.8	0.7	13.4	11.0	70.3	29.7
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
May-Jul 2006	100	19.8	45.0	2.0	20.1	0.2	3.3	9.7	74.6	25.4
May-Jul 2007	100	19.7	45.2	2.2	19.1	0.3	3.4	10.0	74.7	25.3
Aug-Oct 2007	100	20.4	44.7	2.2	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.8	74.5	25.5
Nov-Jan 2008	100	21.1	44.1	1.9	19.4	0.4	3.5	9.6	74.2	25.8
Feb-Apr 2008	100	20.5	44.7	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.7	73.7	26.3
May-Jul 2008	100	21.1	44.5	1.9	19.2	0.4	3.3	9.6	73.5	26.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

May to July 2008

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

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

Levels

People												
16-17	723	275	448	537	192	345	186	83	103	861	126	735
18-24	4,209	3,488	721	3,670	3,048	621	539	439	100	1,522	641	881
all under 25	4,932	3,762	1,169	4,207	3,240	966	725	522	203	2,383	767	1,616
Men												
16-17	364	158	206	262	111	151	102	47	55	449	68	381
18-24	2,268	1,931	337	1,924	1,647	277	344	284	60	650	194	456
all under 25	2,633	2,089	544	2,186	1,758	428	447	331	115	1,099	263	836
Women												
16-17	358	117	242	275	81	194	84	35	48	412	58	354
18-24	1,941	1,557	384	1,746	1,402	344	195	155	40	872	447	426
all under 25	2,299	1,674	626	2,021	1,483	538	279	191	88	1,284	504	780

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-14	8	-22	-14	3	-17	0	4	-5	13	1	11
18-24	26	49	-23	-5	23	-28	31	26	5	-3	25	-29
all under 25	12	57	-44	-19	26	-45	31	30	1	9	26	-17
Men												
16-17	-2	0	-2	1	1	0	-3	-1	-2	1	1	0
18-24	20	25	-5	-15	-5	-10	35	29	6	-7	23	-31
all under 25	18	25	-7	-14	-3	-11	32	28	4	-6	24	-31
Women												
16-17	-12	7	-19	-15	2	-17	3	6	-3	12	0	11
18-24	6	24	-18	10	28	-18	-4	-4	0	4	2	2
all under 25	-6	32	-37	-4	30	-34	-1	2	-3	16	2	14

Rates(%)³

People												
16-17	45.6	68.5	37.9	33.9	47.9	29.1	25.7	30.1	23.1	54.4	31.5	62.1
18-24	73.4	84.5	45.0	64.0	73.8	38.8	12.8	12.6	13.8	26.6	15.5	55.0
all under 25	67.4	83.1	42.0	57.5	71.5	34.7	14.7	13.9	17.4	32.6	16.9	58.0
Men												
16-17	44.8	69.8	35.2	32.2	49.0	25.7	28.1	29.8	26.8	55.2	30.2	64.8
18-24	77.7	90.9	42.5	65.9	77.5	34.9	15.2	14.7	17.8	22.3	9.1	57.5
all under 25	70.5	88.8	39.4	58.6	74.7	31.0	17.0	15.9	21.2	29.5	11.2	60.6
Women												
16-17	46.5	66.9	40.6	35.7	46.6	32.5	23.3	30.3	19.9	53.5	33.1	59.4
18-24	69.0	77.7	47.4	62.1	69.9	42.5	10.0	10.0	10.3	31.0	22.3	52.6
all under 25	64.2	76.8	44.5	56.4	68.1	38.3	12.1	11.4	14.0	35.8	23.2	55.5

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-0.8	0.4	-1.5	-0.8	-0.3	-1.2	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.8	-0.4	1.5
18-24	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.7	0.6	1.1	-0.2	0.3	0.0
all under 25	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.6
Men												
16-17	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.2	0.3	0.3
18-24	0.4	-0.9	1.2	-0.8	-2.0	0.2	1.4	1.4	1.9	-0.4	0.9	-1.2
all under 25	0.3	-0.8	0.5	-0.6	-1.7	0.1	1.1	1.2	0.9	-0.3	0.8	-0.5
Women												
16-17	-1.5	1.3	-2.6	-1.9	-1.1	-2.3	1.5	3.0	0.5	1.5	-1.3	2.6
18-24	0.0	0.2	-1.3	0.1	0.5	-1.3	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.3
all under 25	-0.3	0.3	-1.9	-0.3	0.3	-1.8	0.0	-0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.3	1.9

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 unemployed

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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	LNNB	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Jul 06	126.7	3.8	4.4	125.8	3.7	4.6	130.8	4.1	3.8
May 07 (r)	130.8	3.8	3.5	130.2	4.0	3.7	133.5	3.2	3.1
Jun 07 (r)	131.2	3.4	3.6	130.6	3.3	3.7	133.9	3.2	3.2
Jul 07 (r)	131.5	3.8	3.7	131.0	4.2	3.8	133.5	2.1	2.8
Aug 07	132.1	4.2	3.8	131.7	4.4	4.0	134.4	3.2	2.8 (r)
Sep 07	132.7	4.2	4.1	132.2	4.4	4.3	135.0	3.2	2.8 (r)
Oct 07	132.7	3.7	4.0	132.1	3.8	4.2	135.3	3.2	3.2
Nov 07	133.2	4.2	4.0	132.8	4.3	4.2	135.8	3.4	3.3
Dec 07	133.7	3.7	3.8	133.1	3.8	4.0	136.3	3.3	3.3
Jan 08	134.4	3.8	3.9	133.8	3.9	4.0	136.9	3.6	3.5
Feb 08	135.4	3.6	3.7	134.8	3.5	3.7	137.5	4.2	3.7
Mar 08	135.2	4.6	4.0	134.8	4.7	4.0	137.6	3.7	3.8
Apr 08	134.6	3.5	3.9	134.2	3.7	3.9	138.1	3.8	3.9
May 08 (r)	135.2	3.4	3.8	134.6	3.4	3.9	137.6	3.1	3.5
Jun 08 (r)	135.7	3.4	3.4	135.2	3.5	3.6	137.7	2.9	3.2
Jul 08 (p)	136.3	3.7	3.5	135.7	3.6	3.5	138.8	4.0	3.3

	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMR	LNMV	LNNG	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Jul 06	125.8	4.7	5.4	127.0	3.7	4.2	125.8	3.6	4.5
May 07 (r)	130.3	4.1	3.6	131.1	3.9	3.5	130.2	4.2	3.6
Jun 07 (r)	131.2	3.9	3.7	131.5	3.5	3.7	130.6	3.3	3.8
Jul 07 (r)	131.3	4.4	4.1	131.7	3.7	3.7	131.1	4.2	3.9
Aug 07	130.9	2.8	3.7 (r)	132.6	4.6	3.9	131.9	5.0	4.2
Sep 07	131.1	2.2	3.1	133.2	4.5	4.3	132.6	4.9	4.7
Oct 07	131.6	2.5	2.5	133.1	4.0	4.3	132.3	4.1	4.7
Nov 07	132.6	3.5	2.8	133.6	4.2	4.2	132.8	4.4	4.5
Dec 07	133.2	4.2	3.4	133.9	3.6	3.9	133.1	3.7	4.1
Jan 08	133.3	3.8	3.8	134.8	4.0	3.9	134.1	4.1	4.1
Feb 08	133.1	3.2	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.8	135.5	3.7	3.8
Mar 08	135.3	4.6	3.9	135.7	5.0	4.3	135.1	5.4	4.4
Apr 08	134.0	2.9	3.6	135.6	4.0	4.3	134.8	4.1	4.4
May 08 (r)	134.8	3.4	3.6	135.7	3.5	4.2	134.9	3.6	4.4
Jun 08 (r)	134.4	2.4	2.9	136.3	3.7	3.7	135.7	4.0	3.9
Jul 08 (p)	134.7	2.6	2.8	137.0	4.0	3.7	136.3	4.0	3.9

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 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
Jul 06	127.0	3.3	3.7	126.3	3.2	3.9	129.9	3.6	3.0
May 07 (r)	131.0	3.5	3.5	130.6	3.6	3.6	132.9	3.3	3.2
Jun 07 (r)	131.4	3.5	3.5	131.0	3.6	3.5	133.2	3.1	3.2
Jul 07 (r)	131.7	3.7	3.6	131.3	3.9	3.7	133.3	2.7	3.0
Aug 07	132.3	3.8	3.7	131.9	3.9	3.8	134.1	3.5	3.1
Sep 07	132.6	3.5	3.7	132.1	3.6	3.8	134.6	3.4	3.2
Oct 07	133.0	3.5	3.6	132.5	3.5	3.7	135.1	3.5	3.5
Nov 07	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.4	3.4	3.4
Dec 07	133.8	3.7	3.7	133.3	3.7	3.7	136.1	3.7	3.6
Jan 08	134.1	3.6	3.7	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.4	3.5	3.6
Feb 08	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.3	3.9	3.7	137.0	4.2	3.8
Mar 08	135.2	3.8	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.3	3.9	3.9
Apr 08	135.5	3.9	3.9	135.0	3.9	3.9	137.6	4.2	4.1
May 08 (r)	135.7	3.6	3.8	135.3	3.6	3.8	137.8	3.7	3.9
Jun 08 (r)	136.1	3.6	3.7	135.8	3.7	3.7	137.7	3.4	3.8
Jul 08 (p)	136.7	3.8	3.7	136.3	3.8	3.7	138.4	3.8	3.7

	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
Jul 06	126.4	4.3	4.7	127.3	3.1	3.6	126.5	3.0	3.7
May 07 (r)	130.6	3.6	3.9	131.3	3.7	3.5	130.8	3.9	3.7
Jun 07 (r)	131.3	3.8	3.8	131.8	3.7	3.6	131.3	3.9	3.7
Jul 07 (r)	131.7	4.2	3.9	131.9	3.7	3.7	131.6	4.1	3.9
Aug 07	131.9	3.7	3.9	132.7	4.0	3.8	132.2	4.2	4.0 (r)
Sep 07	132.1	3.2	3.7	133.0	3.7	3.8	132.5	3.9	4.0 (r)
Oct 07	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.5	3.6	3.8	132.9	3.7	3.9
Nov 07	133.2	3.7	3.5	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.4	4.0	3.9
Dec 07	133.5	3.9	3.7	134.3	3.9	3.8	133.7	3.9	3.9
Jan 08	133.7	3.7	3.8	134.7	3.8	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08	134.0	3.5	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.7	4.1	4.0
Mar 08	134.4	3.4	3.5	135.9	4.3	4.0	135.4	4.4	4.1
Apr 08	134.3	2.8	3.2	136.1	4.3	4.2	135.5	4.3	4.3
May 08 (r)	134.8	3.2	3.1	136.3	3.8	4.1	135.8	3.8	4.2
Jun 08 (r)	134.9	2.7	2.9	136.7	3.8	3.9	136.4	3.9	4.0
Jul 08 (p)	135.2	2.7	2.8	137.3	4.1	3.9	137.1	4.1	4.0

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	
	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average
LOJE	A4YN	LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV	
Jul 06			1.2	1.1	3.4	4.2
Jul 07			0.9	0.9 (r)	3.5 (r)	3.3
Aug 07			-0.1	0.5	2.9 (r)	3.2 (r)
Sep 07 (r)			0.5	0.4	1.7	2.7
Oct 07			0.4	0.3 (r)	2.1	2.3 (r)
Nov 07 (r)			1.3	0.7	2.2	2.0
Dec 07 (r)			1.8	1.1	2.4	2.3
Jan 08 (r)			1.2	1.4	2.6	2.4
Feb 08 (r)			-0.5	0.8	3.6	2.9
Mar 08 (r)			2.4	1.0	2.2	2.8
Apr 08			1.3	1.1 (r)	1.6 (r)	2.5 (r)
May 08			2.0	1.9	1.3 (r)	1.7
Jun 08 (r)			1.8	1.7	0.6	1.2
Jul 08			1.8	1.9	0.8	0.9

	Whole Economy	
	% change over year	% change over year
	LOJE	A4YN
2006 Q1	2.3	1.9
2006 Q2	2.5	1.9
2006 Q3	2.1	2.4
2006 Q4	1.6	2.1
2007 Q1	2.5	2.7
2007 Q2	1.4	2.6
2007 Q3	1.8	2.3
2007 Q4	2.1	1.6
2008 Q1	2.6	0.6

Sources: Whole Economy - National Accounts and Productivity Jobs

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

Productivity and Unit Wage Costs enquiries: 01633 456720

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18(1) Regional labour market summary

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey¹ (May to July 2008)

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (May to July 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active				Employment						Unemployment					
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	2,076	1,253	76.1	668	584	1,164	70.6	617	73.0	547	67.9	88	7.1	51	7.6	38	6.5
North West	5,504	3,399	77.5	1,844	1,555	3,179	72.4	1,701	75.0	1,479	69.5	220	6.5	143	7.8	76	4.9
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,183	2,630	78.3	1,439	1,191	2,466	73.3	1,343	77.3	1,124	68.8	163	6.2	96	6.7	67	5.7
East Midlands	3,569	2,294	80.7	1,256	1,038	2,156	75.6	1,172	78.9	984	72.0	138	6.0	84	6.7	54	5.2
West Midlands	4,290	2,628	77.1	1,451	1,177	2,463	72.1	1,346	76.4	1,117	67.3	164	6.3	105	7.2	59	5.0
East	4,554	2,965	81.8	1,607	1,358	2,819	77.6	1,526	81.8	1,293	73.0	146	4.9	81	5.1	65	4.8
London	6,105	4,054	76.9	2,258	1,796	3,779	71.5	2,100	78.2	1,679	64.3	275	6.8	158	7.0	118	6.5
South East	6,649	4,457	83.4	2,372	2,085	4,261	79.7	2,262	83.5	2,000	75.5	196	4.4	110	4.6	86	4.1
South West	4,200	2,675	82.2	1,443	1,232	2,569	78.8	1,384	82.6	1,185	74.6	106	4.0	59	4.1	47	3.8
England	41,131	26,354	79.5	14,337	12,018	24,858	74.8	13,450	79.0	11,408	70.3	1,497	5.7	887	6.2	610	5.1
Wales	2,407	1,434	76.2	769	665	1,355	71.8	724	75.0	630	68.4	79	5.5	45	5.8	35	5.2
Scotland	4,183	2,652	79.8	1,394	1,258	2,540	76.3	1,335	79.3	1,205	73.2	112	4.2	59	4.3	53	4.2
Great Britain	47,721	30,440	79.4	16,500	13,940	28,752	74.8	15,509	78.8	13,243	70.5	1,688	5.5	991	6.0	697	5.0
Northern Ireland	1,371	822	73.0	451	371	786	69.7	426	74.2	360	64.9	36	4.4	25	5.5	11	3.0
United Kingdom	49,092	31,262	79.2	16,951	14,312	29,538	74.7	15,935	78.7	13,603	70.3	1,724	5.5	1,015	6.0	709	5.0

Change on quarter:⁴

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (May to July 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active				Employment						Unemployment					
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	3	2	0.1	-1	3	1	-0.1	-2	-0.3	4	0.2	1	0.0	1	0.2	0	-0.1
North East	3	2	0.1	-1	3	1	-0.1	-2	-0.3	4	0.2	1	0.0	1	0.2	0	-0.1
North West	8	24	0.5	22	3	12	0.2	8	0.0	4	0.3	12	0.3	14	0.7	-2	-0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	12	22	0.5	13	9	-2	-0.2	2	-0.2	-4	-0.4	24	0.9	10	0.7	13	1.1
East Midlands	11	-3	-0.1	8	-11	-15	-0.5	-8	-0.6	-7	-0.4	13	0.6	16	1.2	-4	-0.3
West Midlands	6	-37	-0.9	-9	-28	-30	-0.6	-12	-0.4	-19	-0.8	-7	-0.2	2	0.2	-9	-0.6
East	13	0	-0.2	-5	5	-12	-0.5	-13	-0.8	1	-0.2	12	0.4	8	0.5	4	0.3
London	14	11	0.0	-5	15	13	0.0	-8	-0.5	22	0.6	-3	-0.1	4	0.2	-6	-0.4
South East	15	55	0.7	17	39	27	0.1	-10	-0.7	37	1.1	28	0.6	27	1.1	1	0.0
South West	11	10	0.1	8	1	11	0.1	9	0.5	1	-0.3	-1	0.0	-1	-0.1	0	0.0
England	94	84	0.1	48	36	5	-0.1	-34	-0.4	39	0.1	79	0.3	81	0.5	-3	0.0
Wales	5	-3	-0.5	-4	2	-6	-0.7	-5	-0.8	-1	-0.5	3	0.2	1	0.1	2	0.3
Scotland	6	-11	-0.5	-9	-2	-7	-0.4	-1	0.0	-6	-0.8	-4	-0.1	-8	-0.6	4	0.3
Great Britain	105	70	0.0	34	36	-7	-0.2	-39	-0.4	32	0.0	78	0.2	74	0.4	4	0.0
Northern Ireland	3	-5	-0.5	-2	-3	-8	-0.8	-5	-1.1	-3	-0.5	4	0.5	3	0.7	0	0.1
United Kingdom	109	65	0.0	32	33	-16	-0.2	-45	-0.4	29	0.0	81	0.2	77	0.4	4	0.0

Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (May to July 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active				Employment						Unemployment					
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total		Men		Women		Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³
	13	18	0.1	-2	20	10	-0.5	0	-1.3	10	0.4	8	0.5	-2	-0.2	9	1.4
North East	13	18	0.1	-2	20	10	-0.5	0	-1.3	10	0.4	8	0.5	-2	-0.2	9	1.4
North West	32	17	0.3	15	2	-4	-0.2	-5	-0.8	0	0.3	21	0.6	20	1.0	2	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	46	51	0.4	24	27	33	-0.2	20	0.2	13	-0.6	18	0.6	4	0.2	14	1.1
East Midlands	42	33	0.4	21	12	10	-0.4	-3	-1.5	14	0.7	22	0.9	24	1.8	-2	-0.2
West Midlands	23	-43	-1.2	-12	-32	-28	-0.8	-15	-0.9	-13	-0.7	-15	-0.5	3	0.3	-18	-1.4
East	52	65	0.6	12	53	60	0.6	3	-0.8	57	2.0	5	0.1	8	0.5	-3	-0.4
London	58	127	1.5	64	63	119	1.4	58	1.3	60	1.4	9	0.0	6	0.1	2	-0.1
South East	62	103	1.2	50	53	98	1.2	47	1.1	51	1.3	5	0.0	3	0.0	3	0.0
South West	46	47	0.5	44	3	40	0.3	41	1.4	0	-0.8	7	0.2	3	0.1	3	0.3
England	374	418	0.6	216	202	337	0.3	146	0.1	192	0.6	80	0.2	70	0.4	10	0.0
Wales	20	2	-0.4	-7	9	1	-0.4	-8	-1.6	9	0.8	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	-0.1
Scotland	25	-24	-0.9	-13	-11	-6	-0.4	-2	-0.3	-4	-0.4	-18	-0.6	-11	-0.7	-7	-0.5
Great Britain	419	396	0.4	196	200	332	0.2	136	0.0	197	0.5	64	0.1	61	0.3	3	-0.1
Northern Ireland	14	9	0.2	3	5	1	-0.6	-4	-1.2	5	0.1	8	0.9	8	1.7	0	0.0
United Kingdom	433	405	0.4	200	205	333	0.2	131	-0.1	202	0.5	72	0.2	69	0.3	3	-0.1

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

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

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

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

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Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (June 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (August 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) ³ 5	Level 6	Rate (%) ³ 7	Level 8	Rate (%) ³ 9
North East	1,185	617	568	53.5	4.3	40.5	6.2	13.0	2.3
North West	3,401	1,804	1,598	119.7	3.4	90.2	4.8	29.5	1.8
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,552	1,358	1,194	88.1	3.3	65.8	4.6	22.3	1.8
East Midlands	2,117	1,133	984	61.5	2.8	45.0	3.8	16.5	1.6
West Midlands	2,694	1,428	1,266	105.9	3.8	78.2	5.2	27.7	2.2
East	2,823	1,491	1,332	64.0	2.2	46.0	3.0	18.0	1.3
London	4,705	2,577	2,128	136.0	2.8	93.7	3.5	42.3	2.0
South East	4,364	2,283	2,081	77.4	1.7	55.6	2.4	21.8	1.0
South West	2,671	1,371	1,300	47.4	1.7	34.3	2.4	13.1	1.0
England	26,511	14,061	12,450	753.5	2.8	549.3	3.7	204.2	1.6
Wales	1,388	727	660	45.5	3.2	34.3	4.4	11.2	1.7
Scotland	2,703	1,392	1,312	78.3	2.8	59.0	4.1	19.3	1.5
Great Britain	30,602	16,180	14,422	877.3	2.8	642.6	3.8	234.7	1.6
Northern Ireland	843	448	395	27.6	3.2	21.5	4.5	6.1	1.5
United Kingdom	31,446	16,629	14,817	904.9	2.8	664.1	3.8	240.8	1.6

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on June 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on July 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Rate (%) ³ 6	Level 7	Rate (%) ³ 8	Level 9	Rate (%) ³ 10
North East	2	-3	5	2.0	0.2	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.1
North West	-9	0	-9	3.7	0.1	2.8	0.1	0.9	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	-11	-2	-8	3.4	0.1	2.6	0.2	0.8	0.1
East Midlands	-18	-11	-8	2.5	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.5	0.0
West Midlands	14	-1	15	3.3	0.1	2.5	0.2	0.8	0.1
East	14	-1	15	3.2	0.1	2.4	0.2	0.8	0.1
London	64	41	23	2.2	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.0
South East	42	32	9	4.2	0.1	3.0	0.1	1.2	0.1
South West	42	30	11	3.0	0.1	2.2	0.2	0.8	0.1
England	138	86	52	27.5	0.1	20.7	0.1	6.8	0.1
Wales	-13	-13	-1	1.6	0.1	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
Scotland	35	7	28	2.6	0.1	2.1	0.1	0.5	0.0
Great Britain	160	81	80	31.7	0.1	24.2	0.1	7.5	0.1
Northern Ireland	0	-2	2	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0
United Kingdom	161	79	82	32.5	0.1	24.9	0.1	7.6	0.1

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

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

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

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19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT on 29 August 2008 (seasonally adjusted)					
		Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %			Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on period %	Change on year %
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)					
Austria	YXSN	Jan-Mar 08	71.0	0.7	Austria	ZXDS	Jul 08	4.2	0.1	-0.2
Belgium	YXSO	Jan-Mar 08	62.6	0.9	Belgium	ZXDI	Jul 08	7.1	0.1	-0.2
Bulgaria	A495	Jan-Mar 08	62.6	2.9	Bulgaria	A492	Jul 08	5.3	-0.2	-1.6
Cyprus	A4AC	Jan-Mar 08	70.2	0.4	Cyprus	A4AN	Jul 08	3.7	0.1	-0.2
Czech Republic	A4AD	Jan-Mar 08	66.1	0.6	Czech Republic	A4AO	Jul 08	4.3	-0.1	-1.0
Denmark	YXSP	Jan-Mar 08	77.0	0.3	Denmark	ZXDJ	Jul 08	2.3	-0.3	-1.8
Estonia	A4AE	Jan-Mar 08	69.5	0.9	Estonia	A4AP	Jul 08	4.0	0.1	-0.4
Finland	YXSQ	Jan-Mar 08	69.5	1.2	Finland	ZXDU	Jul 08	6.3	0.0	-0.6
France	YXSR	Jan-Mar 08	64.8	1.0	France	ZXDN	Jul 08	7.3	-0.2	-0.9
Germany	YXSS	Jan-Mar 08	70.0	1.6	Germany	ZXDK	Jul 08	7.3	-0.1	-1.1
Greece	YXST	Jan-Mar 08	61.3	0.5	Greece	ZXDL	2008 Q1	7.8	-0.2	-0.8
Hungary	A4AF	Jan-Mar 08	56.1	-0.8	Hungary	A4AQ	Jul 08	7.6	0.0	0.3
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 07	69.0	0.3	Ireland	ZXDO	Jul 08	5.9	0.2	1.3
Italy	YXSV	Jan-Mar 08	58.3	0.4	Italy	ZXDP	2008 Q1	6.5	0.2	0.5
Latvia	A4AG	Jan-Mar 08	69.6	3.2	Latvia	A4AR	Jul 08	5.7	0.0	-0.6
Lithuania	A4AH	Jan-Mar 08	63.9	0.0	Lithuania	A4AS	Jul 08	4.6	0.2	0.5
Luxembourg	YXSW	Jan-Mar 08	62.6	-1.3	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Jul 08	4.2	0.1	0.1
Malta	A4AI	Jan-Mar 08	54.7	-0.4	Malta	A4AT	Jul 08	5.7	-0.1	-0.7
Netherlands	YXSX	Jan-Mar 08	76.4	1.4	Netherlands	ZXDR	Jul 08	2.6	-0.1	-0.6
Poland	A4AJ	Jan-Mar 08	58.0	2.6	Poland	A4AU	Jul 08	6.8	-0.5	-2.7
Portugal	YXSX	Jan-Mar 08	68.1	0.7	Portugal	ZXDT	Jul 08	7.5	-0.1	-0.7
Romania	A494	Jan-Mar 08	57.7	0.5	Romania	A48Z	2008 Q1	6.0	-0.2	-0.6
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Jan-Mar 08	61.3	1.2	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Jul 08	10.3	-0.1	-0.9
Slovenia	A4AL	Jan-Mar 08	67.1	1.1	Slovenia	A4AW	Jul 08	4.2	0.0	-0.6
Spain	YXSZ	Apr-Jun 08	65.0	-0.8	Spain	ZXDM	Jul 08	11.0	0.3	2.8
Sweden	YXTA	Jan-Mar 08	73.4	0.7	Sweden	ZXDV	Jul 08	5.3	0.0	-0.5
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Jan-Mar 08	71.6	0.7	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	May 08	5.3	0.1	0.0
Total EU⁵	A496	Oct-Dec 07	65.7	0.9	Total EU⁵	A493	Jul 08	6.8	0.0	-0.3
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Oct-Dec 07	66.0	0.9	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	Jul 08	7.3	0.0	-0.1
As published by national statistical offices					As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Apr-Jun 08	74.3	0.3	Canada	ZXDZ	Aug 08	6.1	0.0	0.1
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Apr-Jun 08	71.3	0.0	Japan	ZXDY	Jul 08	4.0	-0.1	0.4
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	May-Jul 08	74.7	0.2	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	May-Jul 08	5.5	0.2	0.2
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Apr-Jun 08	71.4	-0.4	United States	ZXDZ	Aug 08	6.1	0.4	1.4

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

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

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

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

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

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost (thousands)	Number of stoppages ¹	Workers involved (thousands) ¹
		BBFW	BLUU	BLUT
2006	Jul	14	32	9
2007	Jul	187	26	96
	Aug	87	27	82
	Sep	8	20	8
	Oct	327	24	297
	Nov	17	10	5
	Dec	68	6	43
2008	Jan (p)	4	10	3
	Feb (p)	12	10	14
	Mar (p)	67	9	39
	Apr (p)	145	21	153
	May (p)	2	11	2
	Jun (p)	8 (r)	18 (r)	6 (r)
	Jul (p)	363	13	231
Cumulative totals 12 months to:				
Jul 08	(p)	1,109	145	831
Jul 07	(r)	611	139	405

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

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates	Average for three months ending in month shown	
		Level	Level	Vacancy ratio ²
		AP2X	AP2Y	AP2Z
2006	Aug	602.2	601.8	2.3
2007	Aug (r)	662.8	666.4	2.6
	Sep	670.0	666.0	2.6
	Oct	673.8	667.8	2.6
	Nov	679.6	674.7	2.6
	Dec	675.3	675.6	2.6
2008	Jan	675.9	676.1	2.6
	Feb	688.6	678.5	2.6
	Mar	691.3	687.3	2.6
	Apr	665.8	682.3	2.6
	May (r)	652.1	670.1	2.6
	Jun (r)	630.6	649.1	2.5
	Jul (r)	608.5	631.4	2.4
	Aug (p)	599.4	613.2	2.4
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>		-52.7	-56.9	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>		-8.1	-8.5	
<i>Change on year</i>		-63.4	-53.2	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>		-9.6	-8.0	

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: Vacancy Survey

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Averages for 3 months ending

SIC2003 sections	All vacancies ¹ C-O	Energy and water ² C, E	Manu- facturing D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comm- unications I	Finance & business services J-K	Education, health & public admin ³ L-N	Other services ² O	Total services G-O	
											AP2Y
Levels (thousands)											
Aug 06		601.8	3.9	48.7	20.3	166.6	41.2	158.5	134.6	28.0	528.9
Aug 07	(r)	666.4	4.0	55.1	23.3	187.1	46.7	177.3	143.6	29.3	584.0
Sep 07		666.0	4.0	56.6	24.1	183.5	49.6	172.1	145.0	31.1	581.3
Oct 07		667.8	3.9	57.1	23.8	183.8	48.7	169.3	149.0	32.2	583.0
Nov 07		674.7	3.9	56.4	23.6	186.2	48.0	169.4	153.7	33.7	591.0
Dec 07		675.6	3.9	57.0	23.3	190.2	47.5	170.0	155.4	28.2	591.3
Jan 08		676.1	4.2	57.9	22.8	195.6	46.7	169.1	153.7	26.2	591.3
Feb 08		678.5	4.7	57.8	23.5	196.5	46.3	168.4	152.5	28.8	592.5
Mar 08		687.3	4.9	57.2	23.4	198.6	47.4	166.3	154.4	35.2	601.9
Apr 08		682.3	5.2	54.7	23.9	196.1	46.3	164.0	156.3	35.8	598.5
May 08	(r)	670.1	5.1	53.6	23.1	189.0	45.3	160.0	158.4	35.6	588.3
Jun 08	(r)	649.1	5.0	54.0	21.7	181.3	43.9	154.6	157.3	31.2	568.3
Jul 08	(r)	631.4	4.9	51.9	20.6	177.2	42.3	148.2	157.3	29.0	554.0
Aug 08	(p)	613.2	4.9	51.0	19.0	170.8	40.7	143.4	156.1	27.3	538.3
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>											
		-56.9	-0.2	-2.6	-4.1	-18.2	-4.6	-16.6	-2.3	-8.3	-50.0
<i>Change %</i>											
		-8.5	-3.9	-4.9	-17.7	-9.6	-10.2	-10.4	-1.5	-23.3	-8.5
<i>Change on year</i>											
		-53.2	0.9	-4.1	-4.3	-16.3	-6.0	-33.9	12.5	-2.0	-45.7
<i>Change %</i>											
		-8.0	22.5	-7.4	-18.5	-8.7	-12.8	-19.1	8.7	-6.8	-7.8
Ratio per 100 employee jobs											
Aug 06		2.3	2.2	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.0	2.0	2.5
Aug 07	(r)	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.7
Sep 07		2.6	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	2.1	2.3	2.7
Oct 07		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.2	2.3	2.7
Nov 07		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.8
Dec 07		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.8
Jan 08		2.6	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	1.9	2.8
Feb 08		2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.8
Mar 08		2.6	2.8	1.7	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Apr 08		2.6	2.9	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
May 08		2.6	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.9 (r)	2.9 (r)	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.8
Jun 08		2.5	2.8	1.7	1.7	2.8	2.8 (r)	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.7
Jul 08		2.4	2.8	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.7 (r)	2.9	2.3	2.1 (r)	2.6
Aug 08	(p)	2.4	2.8	1.6	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.0	2.5
<i>Change from 3 months ago</i>											
		-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.6	-0.2
<i>Change on year</i>											
		-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.2

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: Vacancy Survey

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

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
May-Jul 2006	141	5.6	92	7.2	49	4.0
May-Jul 2007	120	4.8	72	5.6	48	4.0
Aug-Oct 2007	132	5.2	77	5.9	55	4.5
Nov-Jan 2008	112	4.4	70	5.4	41	3.4
Feb-Apr 2008	110	4.3	68	5.2	42	3.4
May-Jul 2008	138	5.4	81	6.2	58	4.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1.3</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>26.0</i>		<i>18.4</i>		<i>38.4</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0.7</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>14.8</i>		<i>12.2</i>		<i>18.6</i>	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
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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
Apr-Jun 2006	136	*	28	*	23	*	23	11	69
Apr-Jun 2007	116	*	30	10	25	10	18	13	72
Jul-Sep 2007	128	*	37	*	27	10	31	14	82
Oct-Dec 2007	110	*	28	10	24	*	23	11	71
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
Apr-Jun 2008	121	*	24	13	28	12	21	11	80
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-6</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-20.8</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>-9.3</i>	<i>11.0</i>

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

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

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