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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 but the inactivity rate is unchanged. The number of vacancies has fallen. Growth in average earnings, both including and excluding bonuses, has decreased.

In the latest reference period the working age employment rate was 74.4 per cent, down 0.4 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of people in employment decreased by 122,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 5.7 per cent, up 0.5 percentage points from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 164,000 over the quarter.

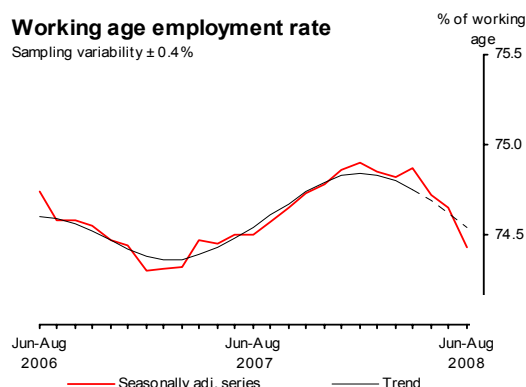
The claimant count was 939,900, up 31,800 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 608,000, down 40,000 from the previous quarter.

The earnings annual growth rate (including bonuses) was 3.4 per cent, down 0.1 on the previous period. The earnings annual growth rate (excluding bonuses) was 3.6 per cent, down 0.1 on the previous period.

**Working age employment rate**

Sampling variability ± 0.4%



**Unemployment rate**

Sampling variability ± 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*	Jun-Aug 08	29,419	74.4	-122	-0.4	± 101	± 0.3
Unemployment**	Jun-Aug 08	1,792	5.7	164	0.5	± 67	± 0.2
Economically active*	Jun-Aug 08	31,211	79.1	42	0.0	± 95	± 0.2
Economically inactive***	Jun-Aug 08	7,886	20.9	16	0.0	± 87	± 0.2
Claimant count	Sep 2008	939.9	2.9	31.8	0.1		
Workforce jobs	Jun 2008	31,678		26		..	
Vacancies++	Jul-Sep 08	608	2.3	-40	-0.2	..	..
GB Average Earnings							
- including bonuses	Jun-Aug 08		3.4 <sup>#</sup>		-0.1	± 1.2 <sup>##</sup>	± 0.4 <sup>###</sup>
- excluding bonuses	Jun-Aug 08		3.6 <sup>#</sup>		-0.1	± 0.7 <sup>##</sup>	± 0.2 <sup>###</sup>

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

### Employment (Tables 2 to 4)

The working age employment rate was 74.4 per cent in the three months to August 2008, down 0.4 percentage points from the three months to May 2008 and down 0.1 percentage point from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.42 million in the three months to August 2008, down 122,000 from the three months to May 2008 but up 199,000 on a year earlier.

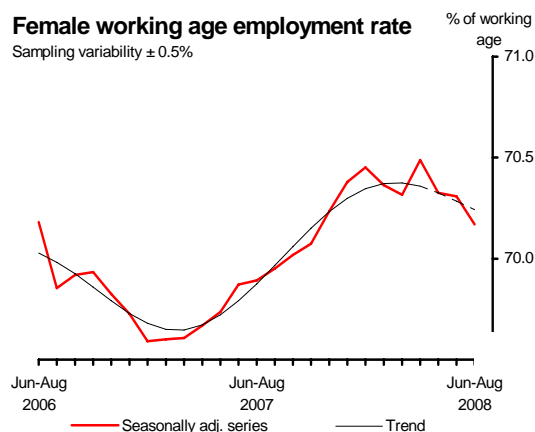
The number of people in full-time employment was 21.91 million in the three months to August 2008, down 152,000 from the three months to May 2008. Of this total, 14.03 million were men, down 149,000 over the quarter, and 7.88 million were women, down 3,000 over the quarter.

The number of people in part-time employment was 7.51 million in the three months to August 2008, up 30,000 from the three months to May 2008. Of this total, 1.84 million were men and 5.67 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.

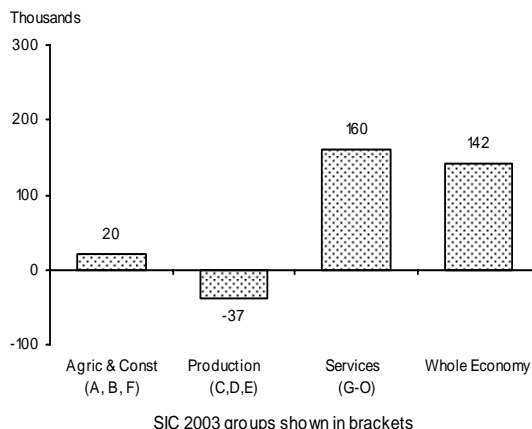
### Workforce Jobs (table 5)

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



**Production industries employee jobs (table 6)**

There were 2.87 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to August 2008, down 46,000 on a year earlier. Mining, energy and water supply industries employee jobs increased by 5,000 over the same period to reach 171,000.

**Hours (tables 7 and 8)**

Total hours worked per week were 944.2 million in the three months to August 2008, unchanged from the three months to May 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to August 2008 were 32.1, up 0.1 from the three months to May 2008.

**Unemployment (table 9)**

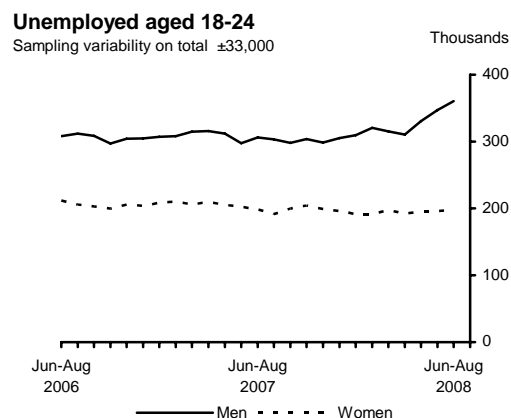
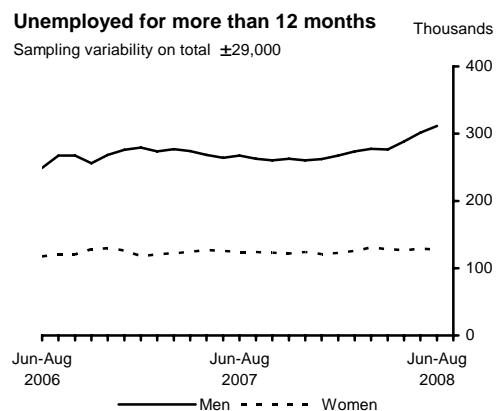
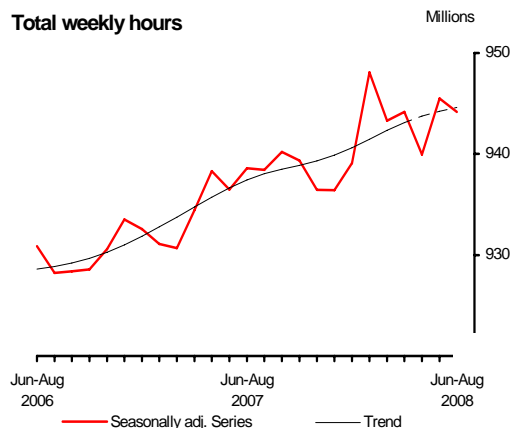
The unemployment rate was 5.7 per cent in the three months to August 2008, up 0.5 percentage points from the three months to May 2008 and up 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.79 million in the three months to August 2008, up 164,000 from the three months to May 2008 and up 146,000 from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed men was 1.06 million in the three months to August 2008, up 111,000 from the three months to May 2008. The number of unemployed women was 732,000 in the three months to August 2008, up 52,000 from the three months to May 2008.

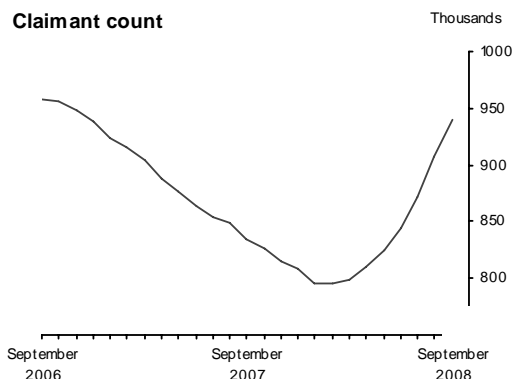
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 440,000 in the three months to August 2008, up 35,000 from the three months to May 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 559,000 in the three months to August 2008, up 56,000 from the three months to May 2008.



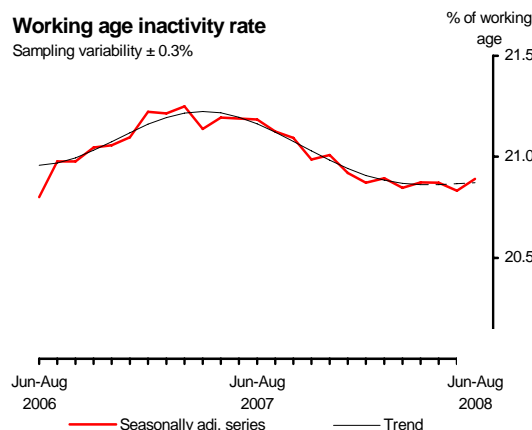
**Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)**

The claimant count in September 2008 was 939,900, up 31,800 on the previous month and up 104,900 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in September 2008 was 2.9 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month and up 0.3 percentage points from a year earlier.



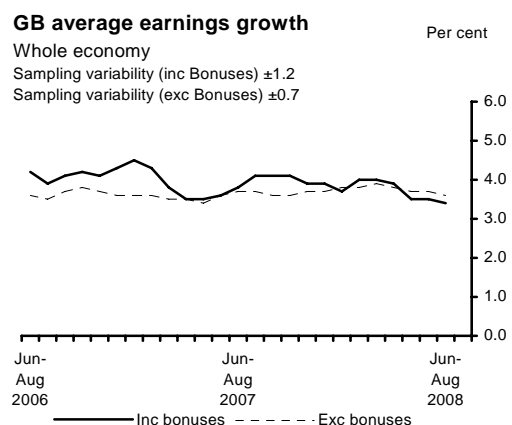
**Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)**

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.9 per cent in the three months to August 2008, unchanged on the three months to May 2008 but down 0.3 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age increased by 16,000 over the quarter but fell by 74,000 over the year to reach 7.89 million in the three months to August 2008.



**GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)**

In the three months to August 2008 whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, rose by 3.6 per cent on a year earlier. This is down from 3.7 per cent in the three months to July 2008. Including bonuses, the annual growth rate was 3.4 per cent, down from 3.5 per cent in the previous period.



Corresponding annual growth rates for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

2.6 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points;  
2.8 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Services

3.9 per cent excluding bonuses, unchanged;  
3.7 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Public sector

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

Private sector

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

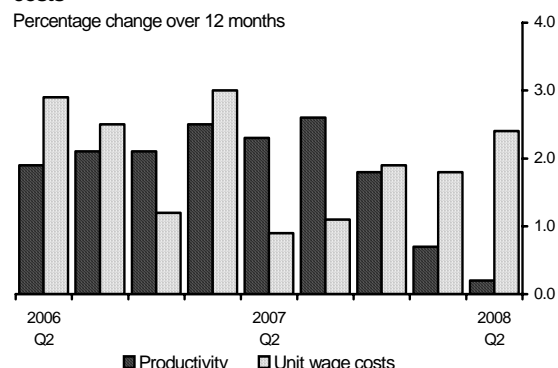
### Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 0.2 per cent higher in the second quarter of 2008 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 2.4 per cent over the same period.

Manufacturing productivity rose by 0.2 per cent in the three months to August 2008 compared with a year earlier.

Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 2.6 per cent over the same period.

**Whole economy productivity & unit wage costs**



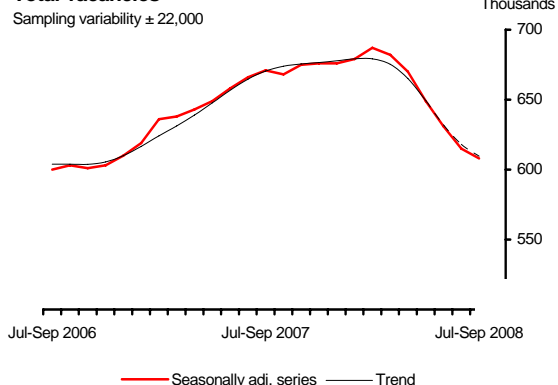
### Labour disputes (table 20)

In August 2008, there were 60,000 working days lost due to labour disputes. In the twelve months to August 2008, there were 1.09 million working days lost.

### Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 608,000 job vacancies in the three months to September 2008, down 40,000 from the three months to June 2008 and down 62,000 from a year earlier. There were 2.3 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, down 0.2 both on the previous quarter and over the year.

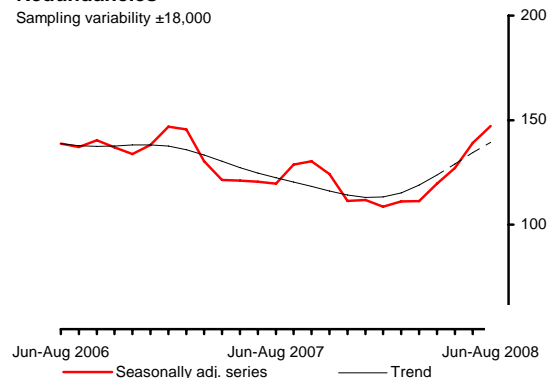
**Total vacancies**



### Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to August 2008, 147,000 people reported they had become redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, up 28,000 from the three months to May 2008 and from a year earlier. The redundancy rate was 5.8 per 1,000 employees, up 1.1 from the three months to May 2008 and up 1.0 from a year earlier.

**Redundancies**



## **BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION**

### **REVISIONS**

There have been revisions to all Labour Force Survey series (resulting from the incorporation of the latest population data into the estimates) and to the Average Earnings Index (resulting from the annual review of seasonal adjustment). For further details see notes under THIS MONTH'S 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 October 2002 to September 2007. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from December 2000 to September 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 (%)	74.4	60	0.01	0.03
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	60	0.01	0.02
Claimant count (000s)	939.9	60	-0.21	2.39
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.4	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	530.9*	530.9*

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](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

### Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates

On 21 August 2008 ONS published the 2007 mid-year population estimates for the UK. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates published in this release. Consequently the estimates for the period June-August 2006 onwards have been subject to revision.

### **Average Earnings Index (AEI) estimates**

The models used for seasonally adjusting the AEI have been updated as part of the annual review process. Consequently the AEI series have been revised back to January 2002.

New weights have also been applied to companies within the AEI to reflect changes in the balance of the industry sectors within the whole economy. This has not caused any revisions but ensures that the AEI continues to reflect changes to industry type or size and their contribution to the whole economy.

### **Vacancies**

In this release, estimates of vacancies shown at Tables 1A, 21 and 22 are shown to the nearest thousand – in previous releases they were shown to the nearest hundred. This brings the presentation of vacancies estimates into line with Workforce Jobs. Other presentational improvements to Tables 21 and 22 have been implemented in this release.

### **NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE**

#### **Average Earnings Index (AEI)**

The estimates of sampling variability for the AEI will be updated in next month's 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:  
June to August 2008**

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,419	± 140	-122	± 101	199	± 179
Employment rate	74.4%	± 0.4	-0.4	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.5
Average weekly hours	32.1	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,792	± 69	164	± 67	146	± 91
Unemployment rate	5.7%	± 0.2	0.5	± 0.2	0.4	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,211	± 131	42	± 95	345	± 168
Economic Activity rate	79.1%	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.2	0.3	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,886	±122	16	± 87	-74	± 157
Economic Inactivity rate	20.9 %	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	147	± 18	28	± 25	28	± 24

**Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey estimates:  
June to August 2008**

	Employment Level (000s)	Unemployment Level (000s)	Economically Active Level (000s)	Working age Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Working age Employment Rate (%)	Working age Unemployment Rate (%)
North East	± 37	± 14	± 37	± 37	± 1.9	± 1.1
North West	± 62	± 22	± 61	± 62	± 1.2	± 0.6
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 53	± 19	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.7
East Midlands	± 43	± 16	± 43	± 45	± 1.4	± 0.8
West Midlands	± 54	± 19	± 53	± 53	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 54	± 18	± 53	± 51	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 71	± 29	± 68	± 67	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 64	± 20	± 62	± 57	± 0.9	± 0.5
South West	± 53	± 15	± 52	± 49	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 41	± 14	± 41	± 41	± 1.8	± 1.0
Scotland	± 52	± 16	± 51	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6

## Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: June to August 2008

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

	Excluding bonuses <sup>1</sup>		Including bonuses <sup>1</sup>	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
<b>Whole economy</b>	3.6	±0.7	3.4	± 1.2
<b>Private sector</b>	3.6	±1.1	3.4	± 1.5
<b>Public sector</b>	3.6	±0.7	3.5	± 1.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	2.6	±1.2	2.8	± 1.9
<b>Services</b>	3.9	±0.8	3.7	± 1.5
<b>of which:</b>				
<b>Private Sector</b>	3.9	±1.1	3.7	± 1.9

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Jul – Sep 2008 average total vacancies</b>				
Level (000s)	608	± 22	-62	± 18
<b>Vacancy ratio</b>				
(per 100 employee jobs)	2.3	± 0.1	-0.2	± 0.1
<b>September 2008 single month estimate</b>				
Level (000s)	610	± 38	-60	± 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](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>

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[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms\\_regional.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms_regional.asp)

Further regional and local area labour market data are available from *Nomis*<sup>®</sup> at:

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

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

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

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

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For low cost data tailored to your requirements contact e-Communications (tel: 01329 444366 or email [statbase@statistics.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_FR_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf)

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The following symbols are used in the tables:

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

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# SUMMARY

## 1 Summary of LFS<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>People</b>	MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MGSX	YBTC
Jun-Aug 2006	48,283	30,801	29,109	1,693	17,482	63.8	60.3	5.5	36.2
Jun-Aug 2007	48,686	30,866	29,220	1,646	17,820	63.4	60.0	5.3	36.6
Sep-Nov 2007	48,782	31,001	29,368	1,633	17,782	63.5	60.2	5.3	36.5
Dec-Feb 2008	48,879	31,108	29,494	1,614	17,770	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
Mar-May 2008	48,975	31,169	29,541	1,628	17,805	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>49,073</b>	<b>31,211</b>	<b>29,419</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>36.4</b>
Change on quarter	98	42	-122	164	57	0.0	-0.4	0.5	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.1	-0.4	10.1	0.3				
Change on year	387	345	199	146	41	0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.2
Change %	0.8	1.1	0.7	8.9	0.2				
<b>Men</b>	MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
Jun-Aug 2006	23,447	16,665	15,692	973	6,782	71.1	66.9	5.8	28.9
Jun-Aug 2007	23,678	16,759	15,817	943	6,919	70.8	66.8	5.6	29.2
Sep-Nov 2007	23,733	16,826	15,894	931	6,908	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1
Dec-Feb 2008	23,789	16,865	15,931	934	6,924	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1
Mar-May 2008	23,844	16,902	15,953	949	6,942	70.9	66.9	5.6	29.1
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>16,927</b>	<b>15,867</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>6,972</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>29.2</b>
Change on quarter	56	25	-86	111	31	-0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.1	-0.5	11.7	0.4				
Change on year	222	168	50	118	54	0.0	-0.4	0.6	0.0
Change %	0.9	1.0	0.3	12.5	0.8				
<b>Women</b>	MGSN	MGSB	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
Jun-Aug 2006	24,836	14,136	13,416	720	10,700	56.9	54.0	5.1	43.1
Jun-Aug 2007	25,008	14,107	13,403	703	10,901	56.4	53.6	5.0	43.6
Sep-Nov 2007	25,049	14,175	13,474	701	10,874	56.6	53.8	4.9	43.4
Dec-Feb 2008	25,090	14,243	13,564	680	10,846	56.8	54.1	4.8	43.2
Mar-May 2008	25,131	14,267	13,588	679	10,864	56.8	54.1	4.8	43.2
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>25,173</b>	<b>14,284</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>10,889</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>43.3</b>
Change on quarter	42	17	-36	52	26	0.0	-0.2	0.4	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.1	-0.3	7.7	0.2				
Change on year	165	177	149	28	-12	0.3	0.2	0.1	-0.3
Change %	0.7	1.3	1.1	4.0	-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
<b>People</b>	YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGSO	MGSU	YBTI	YBTL
Jun-Aug 2006	37,382	29,607	27,939	1,668	7,776	79.2	74.7	5.6	20.8
Jun-Aug 2007	37,574	29,614	27,993	1,622	7,960	78.8	74.5	5.5	21.2
Sep-Nov 2007	37,617	29,722	28,111	1,612	7,894	79.0	74.7	5.4	21.0
Dec-Feb 2008	37,659	29,800	28,206	1,594	7,860	79.1	74.9	5.3	20.9
Mar-May 2008	37,702	29,833	28,229	1,604	7,869	79.1	74.9	5.4	20.9
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>37,748</b>	<b>29,862</b>	<b>28,094</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>20.9</b>
Change on quarter	46	29	-134	163	16	0.0	-0.4	0.5	0.0
Change %	0.1	0.1	-0.5	10.2	0.2				
Change on year	174	248	102	146	-74	0.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.3
Change %	0.5	0.8	0.4	9.0	-0.9				
<b>Men</b>	YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
Jun-Aug 2006	19,388	16,272	15,310	963	3,115	83.9	79.0	5.9	16.1
Jun-Aug 2007	19,558	16,333	15,401	933	3,225	83.5	78.7	5.7	16.5
Sep-Nov 2007	19,592	16,403	15,480	923	3,189	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
Dec-Feb 2008	19,627	16,426	15,501	924	3,201	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
Mar-May 2008	19,661	16,449	15,512	938	3,211	83.7	78.9	5.7	16.3
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>19,694</b>	<b>16,475</b>	<b>15,426</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Change on quarter	34	25	-85	110	8	0.0	-0.6	0.7	0.0
Change %	0.2	0.2	-0.5	11.8	0.3				
Change on year	136	141	25	116	-5	0.1	-0.4	0.7	-0.1
Change %	0.7	0.9	0.2	12.4	-0.2				
<b>Women</b>	YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
Jun-Aug 2006	17,995	13,334	12,629	705	4,661	74.1	70.2	5.3	25.9
Jun-Aug 2007	18,016	13,281	12,592	689	4,735	73.7	69.9	5.2	26.3
Sep-Nov 2007	18,024	13,319	12,630	689	4,705	73.9	70.1	5.2	26.1
Dec-Feb 2008	18,033	13,374	12,705	670	4,659	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
Mar-May 2008	18,041	13,384	12,717	666	4,658	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>18,053</b>	<b>13,387</b>	<b>12,668</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>25.8</b>
Change on quarter	12	4	-49	53	8	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.0
Change %	0.1	0.0	-0.4	7.9	0.2				
Change on year	38	107	76	30	-69	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.4
Change %	0.2	0.8	0.6	4.4	-1.5				

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

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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



# 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
<b>In Employment</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
Jun-Aug 2006	29,109	27,939	560	3,648	6,254	10,994	6,482	1,170
Jun-Aug 2007	29,220	27,993	531	3,651	6,271	11,039	6,500	1,227
Sep-Nov 2007	29,368	28,111	547	3,681	6,264	11,062	6,556	1,258
Dec-Feb 2008	29,494	28,206	548	3,690	6,309	11,079	6,580	1,289
Mar-May 2008	29,541	28,229	550	3,704	6,295	11,105	6,576	1,313
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>29,419</b>	<b>28,094</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,064</b>	<b>6,573</b>	<b>1,325</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-122	-134	-20	-47	-23	-41	-2	12
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	-0.5	-3.6	-1.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.9
<i>Change on year</i>	199	102	-1	5	1	25	73	97
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.1	7.9
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Jun-Aug 2006	15,692	15,310	267	1,925	3,413	5,863	3,843	382
Jun-Aug 2007	15,817	15,401	254	1,930	3,460	5,875	3,882	416
Sep-Nov 2007	15,894	15,480	271	1,946	3,453	5,889	3,922	414
Dec-Feb 2008	15,931	15,501	269	1,946	3,474	5,875	3,937	430
Mar-May 2008	15,953	15,512	260	1,961	3,457	5,893	3,941	442
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>15,867</b>	<b>15,426</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>5,864</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>441</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-86	-85	4	-29	-27	-29	-5	-1
<i>Change %</i>	-0.5	-0.5	1.6	-1.5	-0.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	50	25	10	2	-30	-11	54	25
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	4.0	0.1	-0.9	-0.2	1.4	6.0
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Jun-Aug 2006	13,416	12,629	293	1,724	2,842	5,132	2,639	787
Jun-Aug 2007	13,403	12,592	277	1,721	2,811	5,164	2,618	812
Sep-Nov 2007	13,474	12,630	276	1,735	2,811	5,174	2,635	844
Dec-Feb 2008	13,564	12,705	279	1,744	2,836	5,203	2,643	859
Mar-May 2008	13,588	12,717	290	1,742	2,838	5,212	2,634	871
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>12,668</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>884</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-36	-49	-24	-18	4	-13	2	13
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.4	-8.4	-1.0	0.1	-0.2	0.1	1.5
<i>Change on year</i>	149	76	-12	3	31	36	19	73
<i>Change %</i>	1.1	0.6	-4.2	0.2	1.1	0.7	0.7	8.9
<b>Employment rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Jun-Aug 2006	60.3	74.7	35.7	66.0	80.0	82.4	71.0	10.7
Jun-Aug 2007	60.0	74.5	33.4	64.6	80.6	82.2	71.2	11.0
Sep-Nov 2007	60.2	74.7	34.4	64.9	80.4	82.4	71.8	11.3
Dec-Feb 2008	60.3	74.9	34.5	64.7	80.9	82.5	72.0	11.5
Mar-May 2008	60.3	74.9	34.6	64.7	80.7	82.7	71.9	11.6
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	-1.1	-0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4	0.1	0.6	0.7
<b>Men</b>	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Jun-Aug 2006	66.9	79.0	33.1	68.6	87.9	88.9	72.5	9.4
Jun-Aug 2007	66.8	78.7	31.1	67.0	89.2	88.7	72.5	10.1
Sep-Nov 2007	67.0	79.0	33.2	67.2	88.8	88.9	73.1	10.0
Dec-Feb 2008	67.0	79.0	33.0	66.8	89.2	88.7	73.2	10.3
Mar-May 2008	66.9	78.9	31.8	67.0	88.5	88.9	73.2	10.6
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.5	-0.6	0.6	-1.3	-1.0	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.4	-0.4	1.3	-1.3	-1.6	-0.2	0.4	0.4
<b>Women</b>	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Jun-Aug 2006	54.0	70.2	38.4	63.3	72.3	76.0	69.0	11.5
Jun-Aug 2007	53.6	69.9	35.9	62.2	72.0	75.9	69.4	11.6
Sep-Nov 2007	53.8	70.1	35.7	62.4	72.1	76.1	69.9	12.0
Dec-Feb 2008	54.1	70.5	36.1	62.5	72.7	76.5	70.2	12.2
Mar-May 2008	54.1	70.5	37.4	62.2	72.8	76.6	70.1	12.3
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-0.2	-0.3	-3.1	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1
<i>Change on year</i>	0.2	0.3	-1.5	-0.9	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment <sup>1</sup>		Employees <sup>1</sup>		Self-employed <sup>1</sup>			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	
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRT	MGRW	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Jun-Aug 2006	29,109	25,182	3,734	104	89	21,711	7,397	18,780	6,402	2,865	869	1,055	
Jun-Aug 2007	29,220	25,186	3,815	103	116	21,806	7,414	18,854	6,332	2,888	927	1,105	
Sep-Nov 2007	29,368	25,332	3,825	103	108	21,916	7,452	18,958	6,374	2,893	932	1,111	
Dec-Feb 2008	29,494	25,415	3,854	108	118	21,996	7,498	18,997	6,418	2,924	930	1,125	
Mar-May 2008	29,541	25,463	3,843	116	119	22,062	7,479	19,070	6,393	2,922	921	1,115	
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>29,419</b>	<b>25,411</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>21,910</b>	<b>7,509</b>	<b>18,957</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>2,898</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>1,108</b>	
Change on quarter	-122	-52	-31	-28	-11	-152	30	-113	61	-24	-7	-6	
Change %	-0.4	-0.2	-0.8	-24.0	-8.9	-0.7	0.4	-0.6	0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	
Change on year	199	225	-3	-15	-8	104	95	103	122	9	-12	3	
Change %	0.7	0.9	-0.1	-14.9	-6.8	0.5	1.3	0.5	1.9	0.3	-1.3	0.3	
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Jun-Aug 2006	15,692	12,895	2,705	41	50	14,012	1,681	11,616	1,280	2,354	351	448	
Jun-Aug 2007	15,817	12,947	2,766	40	64	14,076	1,741	11,655	1,292	2,382	383	452	
Sep-Nov 2007	15,894	13,024	2,771	38	61	14,125	1,769	11,708	1,316	2,378	394	453	
Dec-Feb 2008	15,931	13,022	2,796	39	74	14,141	1,789	11,685	1,338	2,409	387	461	
Mar-May 2008	15,953	13,050	2,794	41	69	14,178	1,775	11,733	1,317	2,401	392	457	
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>15,867</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>14,029</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>11,609</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>447</b>	
Change on quarter	-86	-52	-23	-10	-1	-149	63	-124	72	-18	-5	-11	
Change %	-0.5	-0.4	-0.8	-24.3	-2.1	-1.1	3.6	-1.1	5.4	-0.8	-1.3	-2.3	
Change on year	50	52	5	-9	3	-47	97	-46	97	1	4	-5	
Change %	0.3	0.4	0.2	-23.5	4.6	-0.3	5.6	-0.4	7.5	0.0	1.1	-1.1	
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Jun-Aug 2006	13,416	12,287	1,029	62	38	7,699	5,717	7,164	5,123	510	519	607	
Jun-Aug 2007	13,403	12,239	1,049	63	52	7,730	5,673	7,199	5,040	506	543	653	
Sep-Nov 2007	13,474	12,309	1,054	65	47	7,791	5,683	7,250	5,058	516	539	658	
Dec-Feb 2008	13,564	12,392	1,058	70	44	7,855	5,709	7,312	5,080	515	542	664	
Mar-May 2008	13,588	12,413	1,049	75	50	7,884	5,704	7,337	5,076	521	529	657	
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>12,413</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7,881</b>	<b>5,671</b>	<b>7,348</b>	<b>5,065</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>662</b>	
Change on quarter	-36	0	-8	-18	-9	-3	-33	10	-11	-6	-2	5	
Change %	-0.3	0.0	-0.8	-23.9	-18.3	0.0	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	-1.2	-0.4	0.7	
Change on year	149	174	-8	-6	-11	151	-2	149	25	8	-16	9	
Change %	1.1	1.4	-0.7	-9.5	-21.0	2.0	0.0	2.1	0.5	1.7	-3.0	1.3	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) <sup>2</sup>							
	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 <sup>3</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCL	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Jun-Aug 2006	1,470	5.8	361	24.5	435	98	577	7,272	644	8.9	5,217	186	1,197
Jun-Aug 2007	1,489	5.9	401	26.9	418	88	582	7,258	696	9.6	5,219	166	1,142
Sep-Nov 2007	1,471	5.8	378	25.7	431	85	578	7,307	691	9.5	5,262	171	1,149
Dec-Feb 2008	1,439	5.7	366	25.4	425	79	569	7,347	726	9.9	5,238	175	1,167
Mar-May 2008	1,423	5.6	355	25.0	415	79	573	7,314	672	9.2	5,243	196	1,158
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>7,368</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>5,262</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1,148</b>
Change on quarter	-45	-0.2	-6	0.4	-13	5	-31	54	31	0.4	20	20	-10
Change %	-3.1	-0.2	-1.6	-23.9	-3.2	6.7	-5.4	0.7	4.6	0.4	10.3	10.3	-0.8
Change on year	-111	-0.5	-52	-1.6	-16	-4	-40	110	6	-0.1	43	50	7
Change %	-7.5	-0.5	-12.9	-6.3	-3.9	-4.4	-6.8	1.5	0.9	0.8	30.0	30.0	0.6
<b>Men</b>	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Jun-Aug 2006	668	5.2	186	27.8	175	47	261	1,631	265	16.2	758	76	522
Jun-Aug 2007	699	5.4	216	30.9	188	39	257	1,675	292	17.5	824	70	476
Sep-Nov 2007	683	5.2	201	29.4	191	43	248	1,710	284	16.6	832	71	509
Dec-Feb 2008	665	5.1	187	28.0	182	41	255	1,725	291	16.9	852	67	500
Mar-May 2008	654	5.0	180	27.6	172	43	259	1,710	273	16.0	857	77	486
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>521</b>
Change on quarter	-31	-0.2	-2	1.1	-15	2	-16	67	33	1.2	-3	6	36
Change %	-4.7	-0.2	-1.0	3.9	-9.0	5.6	-6.1	3.9	12.0	0.4	-0.4	7.9	7.4
Change on year	-76	-0.6	-38	-2.3	-31	7	-14	101	14	-0.2	29	13	45
Change %	-10.9	-0.6	-17.5	-8.3	-16.8	17.0	-5.4	6.0	4.6	0.8	3.6	18.0	9.5
<b>Women</b>	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDE	YCDI	YCDL
Jun-Aug 2006	802	6.5	175	21.9	260	51	316	5,641	379	6.7	4,459	110	675
Jun-Aug 2007	790	6.5	185	23.4	230	50	325	5,584	404	7.2	4,395	96	665
Sep-Nov 2007	788	6.4	177	22.5	240	41	329	5,597	407	7.3	4,430	100	640
Dec-Feb 2008	773	6.2	179	23.2	243	37	314	5,623	434	7.7	4,385	107	667
Mar-May 2008	769	6.2	175	22.7	243	36	314	5,605	399	7.1	4,386	119	672
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>5,592</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>4,408</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>627</b>
Change on quarter	-14	-0.1	-4	-0.1	2	3	-15	-13	-2	0.0	23	14	-45
Change %	-1.8	-0.1	-2.2	-0.4	0.9	8.0	-4.9	-0.2	-0.5	0.5	11.8	11.8	-6.7
Change on year	-35	-0.4	-14	-0.8	15	-10	-26	9	-7	-0.1	14	37	-38
Change %	-4.4	-0.4	-17.5	-3.6	6.6	-21.1	-7.9	0.2	-1.8	0.3	38.8	38.8	-5.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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2. 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 <sup>1 2 3</sup>		Private sector <sup>4</sup>		Total employment <sup>5 6</sup>
	(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
<b>Jun 08</b>	<b>5,771</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>23,767</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>29,538</b>
<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<sup>1 2</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs <sup>2</sup>	Employee jobs <sup>2</sup>	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	31,652	27,192	4,216	194	51
<b>Jun 08</b>	<b>31,678</b>	<b>27,214</b>	<b>4,217</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>53</b>
<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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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<sup>1 2</sup> by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776										
	All jobs	Agriculture, forestry & fishing	Mining, energy & water supply industries	Manufacturing industries	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comms.	Finance & Business Services	Education, health and public admin <sup>3</sup>	Other services	Total services
	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
<b>All jobs</b>	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	31,652	467	190	3,162	2,221	7,117	1,851	6,630	7,996	2,019	25,612
<b>Jun 08</b>	<b>31,678</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>7,106</b>	<b>1,860</b>	<b>6,633</b>	<b>8,023</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>25,639</b>
<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
<b>Male jobs</b>	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMG	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	16,824	332	142	2,363	1,998	3,518	1,406	3,676	2,404	985	11,989
<b>Jun-08</b>	<b>16,833</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2,357</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>11,993</b>
<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
<b>Female jobs</b>	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	14,828	136	47	799	223	3,599	445	2,953	5,592	1,034	13,623
<b>Jun-08</b>	<b>14,845</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>5,612</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>13,646</b>
<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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3. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

## 6 Production industries employee jobs<sup>1</sup>

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
Aug 06	160	160	1.9	2,954	2,964	-4.0
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	171	170	3.4	2,890	2,893	-1.1
Apr 08	170	170	3.2	2,883	2,889	-1.1
May 08	170	170	3.0	2,881	2,885	-1.2
Jun 08	172	170	2.8	2,874	2,879	-1.3
Jul 08	171	171	2.8	2,869	2,874	-1.4
<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>-1.6</b>

Source: Employer surveys

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776

1. 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>

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) <sup>1,2</sup>	All workers <sup>1</sup>	Full-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Part-time workers <sup>3</sup>	Second Jobs
	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
<b>People</b>					
Jun-Aug 2006	930.9	32.0	37.1	15.6	9.6
Jun-Aug 2007	938.6	32.2	37.3	15.6	9.4
Sep-Nov 2007	939.3	32.0	37.1	15.5	9.8
Dec-Feb 2008	939.1	31.9	37.0	15.5	9.6
Mar-May 2008	944.2	32.0	37.1	15.5	10.1
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>944.2</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.4
Change %	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.9	-3.6
Change on year	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Change %	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	3.6
<b>Men</b>					
Jun-Aug 2006	575.5	36.7	38.9	15.3	10.3
Jun-Aug 2007	581.2	36.8	39.1	15.4	10.5
Sep-Nov 2007	582.7	36.7	39.0	15.2	10.9
Dec-Feb 2008	581.0	36.5	38.9	15.3	10.7
Mar-May 2008	584.2	36.7	38.9	15.5	11.5
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>581.2</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Change on quarter	-2.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.5
Change %	-0.5	0.1	0.3	0.8	-4.3
Change on year	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5
Change %	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	1.0	4.6
<b>Women</b>					
Jun-Aug 2006	355.4	26.5	33.9	15.6	9.0
Jun-Aug 2007	357.4	26.7	34.1	15.7	8.6
Sep-Nov 2007	356.7	26.5	33.7	15.6	9.0
Dec-Feb 2008	358.1	26.4	33.6	15.6	8.8
Mar-May 2008	360.0	26.5	33.7	15.6	9.1
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>362.9</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>
Change on quarter	2.9	0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.2
Change %	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.9	-2.7
Change on year	5.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Change %	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.1	3.1

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.

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## 8 Usual weekly hours of work<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
<b>Jun-Aug 2007</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.7	1.3	6.5
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.4	11.3	6.8	3.2	10.6	7.9	3.9	18.7
16 up to 30 hours	17.6	7.6	29.5	17.6	6.6	29.4	17.6	12.3	31.4
31 up to 45 hours	53.1	58.2	47.2	55.3	61.1	49.0	39.6	44.4	27.0
Over 45 hours	20.8	30.1	9.8	19.2	28.6	9.3	32.2	38.1	16.5
Total (thousands)	29,220	15,817	13,403	25,186	12,947	12,239	3,815	2,766	1,049
<b>Mar-May 2008</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.9	1.5	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.3	10.8	6.5	3.1	10.1	7.9	3.9	18.5
16 up to 30 hours	18.0	7.9	29.7	18.0	6.9	29.7	17.3	12.4	30.3
31 up to 45 hours	53.4	58.5	47.5	55.5	61.4	49.4	40.4	45.1	27.9
Over 45 hours	20.4	29.5	9.7	18.8	28.0	9.1	31.6	37.1	16.9
Total (thousands)	29,541	15,953	13,588	25,463	13,050	12,413	3,843	2,794	1,049
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.8	1.4	6.6
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.5	10.7	6.6	3.3	10.0	7.8	4.0	18.2
16 up to 30 hours	18.0	8.1	29.5	18.1	7.1	29.5	17.5	12.6	30.4
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	58.5	47.7	55.5	61.3	49.4	40.6	45.5	27.6
Over 45 hours	20.2	29.1	9.8	18.7	27.6	9.3	31.2	36.5	17.3
Total (thousands)	29,419	15,867	13,552	25,411	12,998	12,413	3,812	2,771	1,041

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWV	YBXA
Jun-Aug 2006	1,693	5.5	1,026	301	366	21.6	169	1,668	5.6	1,013	296	358	21.5	164
Jun-Aug 2007	1,646	5.3	990	265	391	23.8	179	1,622	5.5	978	261	383	23.6	174
Sep-Nov 2007	1,633	5.3	987	261	384	23.5	172	1,612	5.4	976	258	378	23.4	169
Dec-Feb 2008	1,614	5.2	955	269	390	24.2	187	1,594	5.3	945	265	383	24.0	183
Mar-May 2008	1,628	5.2	959	264	405	24.9	188	1,604	5.4	947	260	397	24.7	183
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>204</b>
Change on quarter	164	0.5	119	10	35	-0.3	20	163	0.5	119	10	35	-0.3	20
Change %	10.1		12.4	3.8	8.7		10.7	10.2		12.5	3.7	8.8		11.1
Change on year	146	0.4	88	9	48	0.8	30	146	0.4	88	9	49	0.8	30
Change %	8.9		8.9	3.5	12.4		16.8	9.0		9.0	3.4	12.7		17.1
<b>Men</b>	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Jun-Aug 2006	973	5.8	544	180	249	25.6	121	963	5.9	539	179	245	25.4	118
Jun-Aug 2007	943	5.6	521	155	267	28.4	128	933	5.7	516	153	263	28.2	126
Sep-Nov 2007	931	5.5	514	155	263	28.2	126	923	5.6	511	153	259	28.1	124
Dec-Feb 2008	934	5.5	509	158	267	28.6	139	924	5.6	505	156	263	28.5	136
Mar-May 2008	949	5.6	519	153	276	29.1	136	938	5.7	515	151	272	29.0	133
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>150</b>
Change on quarter	111	0.6	65	11	35	0.2	18	110	0.7	65	11	34	0.2	17
Change %	11.7		12.6	7.3	12.6		13.2	11.8		12.7	7.2	12.6		13.2
Change on year	118	0.6	64	10	44	1.0	26	116	0.7	64	9	42	0.9	25
Change %	12.5		12.3	6.4	16.4		20.3	12.4		12.3	6.2	16.1		19.8
<b>Women</b>	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBQQ	YBWT	YBWW	YBWW	YBXC
Jun-Aug 2006	720	5.1	482	120	117	16.3	48	705	5.3	474	118	113	16.1	46
Jun-Aug 2007	703	5.0	469	110	124	17.6	51	689	5.2	462	108	120	17.3	48
Sep-Nov 2007	701	4.9	473	106	122	17.4	47	689	5.2	466	105	118	17.2	45
Dec-Feb 2008	680	4.8	446	111	123	18.1	49	670	5.0	440	110	120	17.9	47
Mar-May 2008	679	4.8	440	111	128	18.9	53	666	5.0	433	109	125	18.7	51
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>53</b>
Change on quarter	52	0.4	53	-1	0	-1.3	2	53	0.4	54	-1	1	-1.3	3
Change %	7.7		12.1	-1.1	0.1	4.1		7.9		12.4	-1.3	0.6		5.6
Change on year	28	0.1	24	-1	5	0.0	4	30	0.2	25	-1	6	0.1	5
Change %	4.0		5.1	-0.5	3.7		8.1	4.4		5.3	-0.5	5.1		10.1
	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Jun-Aug 2006	171	23.3	127	25	18	10.6	*	520	12.5	349	92	79	15.2	30
Jun-Aug 2007	205	27.9	151	36	18	9.0	*	505	12.1	340	72	92	18.3	36
Sep-Nov 2007	195	26.3	144	36	15	7.6	*	508	12.1	342	71	95	18.7	33
Dec-Feb 2008	175	24.2	128	32	14	8.0	*	501	11.9	331	75	95	19.0	39
Mar-May 2008	185	25.1	136	35	13	7.0	*	502	11.9	324	72	106	21.2	39
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>41</b>
Change on quarter	4	1.1	13	-7	-2	-1.3	*	56	1.3	45	8	4	-1.5	1
Change %	2.1		9.8	-20.5	-17.6		*	11.2		13.8	11.2	3.4		3.1
Change on year	-17	-1.6	-1	-8	-8	-3.3	*	54	1.1	29	8	17	1.4	4
Change %	-8.3		-0.8	-22.2	-42.3		*	10.7		8.5	10.5	18.9		11.8
<b>Men</b>	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Jun-Aug 2006	95	26.2	66	17	12	12.5	*	308	13.8	192	58	59	19.1	28
Jun-Aug 2007	114	31.0	82	21	11	9.8	*	306	13.7	192	48	67	21.9	29
Sep-Nov 2007	110	29.0	79	21	10	9.4	*	304	13.5	192	44	67	22.2	28
Dec-Feb 2008	100	27.2	70	21	*	*	*	309	13.7	191	46	72	23.3	35
Mar-May 2008	102	28.2	76	18	*	*	*	310	13.7	188	48	74	24.0	32
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>31</b>
Change on quarter	-1	-0.6	3	-2	*	*	*	50	2.1	41	4	5	-1.9	-1
Change %	-1.2		4.3	-13.8	*	*	*	16.1		21.9	7.6	6.8		-3.3
Change on year	-13	-3.4	-2	-6	*	*	*	54	2.0	37	4	12	0.2	2
Change %	-11.6		-3.0	-28.4	*	*	*	17.6		19.2	9.4	18.6		6.2
<b>Women</b>	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Jun-Aug 2006	76	20.6	61	*	*	*	*	212	10.9	158	34	20	9.4	*
Jun-Aug 2007	91	24.8	69	15	*	*	*	198	10.3	148	25	25	12.8	*
Sep-Nov 2007	85	23.5	65	15	*	*	*	204	10.5	150	27	28	13.5	*
Dec-Feb 2008	74	21.0	58	11	*	*	*	191	9.9	139	29	23	12.0	*
Mar-May 2008	83	22.2	60	18	*	*	*	192	9.9	137	23	32	16.6	*
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>10</b>
Change on quarter	5	2.6	10	-5	*	*	*	7	0.4	4	4	-1	-1.3	*
Change %	6.1		16.7	-27.1	*	*	*	3.4		2.6	18.7	-4.6		*
Change on year	-4	0.0	1	-2	*	*	*	0	0.0	-8	3	5	2.5	*
Change %	-4.1		1.9	-13.2	*	*	*	0.0		-5.5	12.6	19.6		*

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) <sup>1</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Jun-Aug 2006	757	4.2	428	142	187	24.7	86	245	3.1	121	41	82	33.6	52
Jun-Aug 2007	695	3.9	384	119	192	27.6	92	241	3.0	115	38	88	36.6	49
Sep-Nov 2007	691	3.8	384	118	189	27.4	92	238	3.0	117	36	85	35.7	46
Dec-Feb 2008	702	3.9	388	122	193	27.4	99	236	2.9	108	40	88	37.4	50
Mar-May 2008	712	3.9	392	120	199	28.0	96	229	2.8	107	37	86	37.5	52
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>57</b>
Change on quarter	75	0.4	49	2	24	0.4	15	28	0.3	12	7	9	-0.5	4
Change %	10.5		12.5	1.4	12.2		15.7	12.4		10.9	20.1	11.0		8.6
Change on year	92	0.5	57	3	31	0.8	20	17	0.1	3	7	7	0.4	8
Change %	13.3		15.0	2.6	16.4		21.6	7.0		2.6	17.5	8.3		16.3
<b>Men</b>	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Jun-Aug 2006	416	4.3	216	80	120	28.8	56	155	3.5	70	26	59	37.8	37
Jun-Aug 2007	368	3.8	180	61	127	34.5	62	154	3.5	67	24	62	40.4	36
Sep-Nov 2007	362	3.7	178	62	122	33.7	63	155	3.4	65	27	63	40.6	34
Dec-Feb 2008	370	3.8	187	62	122	32.9	65	154	3.4	61	29	64	41.8	39
Mar-May 2008	383	3.9	193	62	127	33.2	63	154	3.4	62	25	67	43.2	40
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>47</b>
Change on quarter	48	0.5	19	6	23	1.5	13	14	0.3	2	4	9	1.7	7
Change %	12.6		9.9	10.4	17.8		20.4	9.4		2.8	14.1	13.7		16.5
Change on year	63	0.6	33	7	23	0.2	14	14	0.2	-3	4	13	4.5	11
Change %	17.1		18.2	12.1	17.9		23.4	9.2		-4.9	16.8	21.5		31.4
<b>Women</b>	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Jun-Aug 2006	342	4.1	212	63	67	19.7	30	90	2.6	51	15	24	26.4	14
Jun-Aug 2007	327	3.9	204	58	65	19.9	30	87	2.5	48	13	26	29.9	13
Sep-Nov 2007	329	4.0	206	55	67	20.5	29	84	2.3	52	10	22	26.8	12
Dec-Feb 2008	332	4.0	201	60	71	21.4	34	82	2.3	47	11	24	29.1	11
Mar-May 2008	329	3.9	199	58	72	21.9	33	76	2.1	44	12	20	25.9	12
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>10</b>
Change on quarter	27	0.3	30	-5	2	-1.2	2	14	0.4	10	4	0	-3.6	-2
Change %	8.1		15.0	-8.1	2.2		6.7	18.6		22.2	32.8	1.9		-17.9
Change on year	29	0.3	25	-4	9	0.8	5	3	0.0	6	3	-6	-7.7	-3
Change %	8.9		12.1	-7.4	13.5		17.9	3.2		13.2	19.0	-23.3		-24.9

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

# CLAIMANT COUNT

## 10 Claimant count<sup>1</sup> levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)  
seasonally adjusted

	Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised <sup>3</sup> )	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised <sup>3</sup> )	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>
	BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
<b>People</b>						
<b>2007</b>						
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
<b>2008</b>						
January	794.9	2.5	201.4	211.7	830.5	2.6
February #	795.5	2.5	205.0	208.0	848.9	2.6
March	799.1	2.5	204.5	202.3	842.8	2.6
April	810.3	2.5	217.0	206.8	835.2	2.6
May	824.6	2.6	217.4	204.2	831.9	2.6
June #	844.6	2.6	229.3	209.7	835.3	2.6
July	872.4	2.7	240.6	214.9	871.3	2.7
August # (r)	908.1	2.8	250.1	218.0	923.9	2.9
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>939.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>261.3</b>	<b>227.4</b>	<b>944.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>31.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>3.5</i>		<i>4.5</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>2.3</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>104.9</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>116.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>12.6</i>		<i>26.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>14.1</i>	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
<b>Men</b>						
<b>2007</b>						
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
<b>2008</b>						
January	579.4	3.3	141.6	149.1	610.1	3.5
February #	581.0	3.3	144.8	146.4	622.8	3.6
March	583.9	3.4	144.2	142.8	618.7	3.6
April	592.3	3.4	152.6	145.8	611.7	3.5
May	602.9	3.5	153.4	142.7	610.1	3.5
June #	617.6	3.6	161.8	147.3	610.7	3.5
July	639.2	3.7	171.1	150.2	632.4	3.6
August # (r)	666.7	3.8	179.1	152.3	666.7	3.8
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>691.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>187.0</b>	<b>159.3</b>	<b>684.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>24.6</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>17.5</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>3.7</i>		<i>4.4</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>81.6</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>41.9</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>91.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>13.4</i>		<i>28.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>15.3</i>	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
<b>Women</b>						
<b>2007</b>						
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
<b>2008</b>						
January	215.5	1.4	59.8	62.6	220.4	1.5
February #	214.5	1.4	60.2	61.6	226.1	1.5
March	215.2	1.4	60.3	59.5	224.2	1.5
April	218.0	1.5	64.4	61.0	223.5	1.5
May	221.7	1.5	64.0	61.5	221.8	1.5
June #	227.0	1.5	67.5	62.4	224.6	1.5
July	233.2	1.6	69.5	64.7	238.9	1.6
August # (r)	241.4	1.6	71.0	65.7	257.2	1.7
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>260.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>3.0</i>		<i>4.6</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>23.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>10.3</i>		<i>20.2</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>11.0</i>	

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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3. Flow figures are collected for 4 or 5 week periods between count dates; the figures are then converted to a standard 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 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 count<sup>1</sup> by age and duration - computerised claims only<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+	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 <sup>2</sup>	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
<b>People</b>	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
<b>2007</b>													
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
<b>2008</b>													
January	794.9	794.0	547.7	130.1	116.2	14.6	34.6	243.5	206.2	30.7	6.6	2.7	1.6
February #	795.5	792.9	552.3	129.4	111.2	14.0	32.1	244.1	207.4	30.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
March	799.1	796.1	557.3	130.6	108.2	13.6	30.4	245.6	207.9	31.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
April	810.3	807.9	572.1	130.4	105.4	13.0	29.3	249.3	212.5	30.8	6.0	2.4	1.6
May	824.6	821.3	587.3	131.0	103.0	12.5	27.8	253.8	217.4	30.7	5.7	2.2	1.5
June #	844.6	840.3	607.5	131.5	101.3	12.1	26.6	260.3	224.4	30.3	5.6	2.2	1.5
July	872.4	869.1	635.1	133.7	100.3	11.5	25.7	268.9	233.0	30.3	5.6	2.1	1.5
August # (r)	908.1	904.9	666.3	138.7	99.9	11.0	24.9	280.0	243.1	31.3	5.6	2.0	1.5
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>939.9</b>	<b>936.9</b>	<b>694.1</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>289.9</b>	<b>252.4</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Change on month	31.8	32.0	27.8	4.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	9.9	9.3	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	3.5	3.5	4.2	3.2	-0.2	-0.2	-2.8	3.5	3.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	104.9	104.5	133.7	4.7	-33.9	-5.4	-17.1	36.6	39.9	-1.8	-1.5	-0.9	0.0
Change %	12.6	12.6	23.9	3.4	-25.4	-41.4	14.4	18.8	-5.3	-21.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Men</b>	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
<b>2007</b>													
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
<b>2008</b>													
January	579.4	579.4	391.2	97.4	90.8	15.7	27.4	164.0	138.9	20.7	4.4	2.7	1.1
February #	581.0	579.1	395.4	96.9	86.8	15.0	25.4	164.6	139.9	20.5	4.2	2.6	1.1
March	583.9	581.9	399.6	97.8	84.5	14.5	24.1	166.0	140.7	21.1	4.2	2.5	1.1
April	592.3	590.6	410.2	98.1	82.3	13.9	23.2	169.0	144.2	20.8	4.0	2.4	1.1
May	602.9	600.5	421.5	98.7	80.3	13.4	22.0	172.2	147.6	20.8	3.8	2.2	1.0
June #	617.6	614.6	436.2	99.3	79.1	12.9	21.0	176.7	152.3	20.6	3.8	2.2	1.0
July	639.2	636.9	457.4	101.2	78.3	12.3	20.2	182.7	158.2	20.7	3.8	2.1	1.0
August # (r)	666.7	664.5	481.5	105.1	77.9	11.7	19.5	190.7	165.4	21.5	3.8	2.0	1.0
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>691.3</b>	<b>689.3</b>	<b>502.9</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>198.2</b>	<b>172.4</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Change on month	24.6	24.8	21.4	3.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	7.5	7.0	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	3.7	3.7	4.4	3.3	-0.1	-0.1	-2.6	3.9	4.2	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	81.6	81.5	103.6	5.2	-27.3	-6.0	-14.1	27.3	29.1	-0.7	-1.1	-0.9	-0.1
Change %	13.4	13.4	25.9	5.0	-26.0	-42.6	16.0	20.3	-3.1	-22.4	0.0	-9.1	0.0
<b>Women</b>	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJG	JLJL	JLJM	JLJN	JLJO	JLJP	JLJQ	JLJR	JLJS	JLJT
<b>2007</b>													
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
<b>2008</b>													
January	215.5	214.6	156.5	32.7	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.3	10.0	2.2	2.8	0.5
February #	214.5	213.8	156.9	32.5	24.4	11.4	6.7	79.5	67.5	9.9	2.1	2.6	0.5
March	215.2	214.2	157.7	32.8	23.7	11.1	6.3	79.6	67.2	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
April	218.0	217.3	161.9	32.3	23.1	10.6	6.1	80.3	68.3	10.0	2.0	2.5	0.5
May	221.7	220.8	165.8	32.3	22.7	10.3	5.8	81.6	69.8	9.9	1.9	2.3	0.5
June #	227.0	225.7	171.3	32.2	22.2	9.8	5.6	83.6	72.1	9.7	1.8	2.2	0.5
July	233.2	232.2	177.7	32.5	22.0	9.5	5.5	86.2	74.8	9.6	1.8	2.1	0.5
August # (r)	241.4	240.4	184.8	33.6	22.0	9.2	5.4	89.3	77.7	9.8	1.8	2.0	0.5
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>247.6</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Change on month	7.2	7.2	6.4	0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	2.4	2.3	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Change %	3.0	3.0	3.5	2.7	-0.5	-0.5	-3.7	2.7	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change on year	23.3	23.0	30.1	-0.5	-6.6	-3.8	-3.0	9.3	10.8	-1.1	-0.4	-0.7	0.1
Change %	10.3	10.2	18.7	-1.4	-23.2	-36.6	11.3	15.6	-10.0	-18.2	0.0	25.0	0.0

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

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

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

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

# CLAIMANT COUNT

## 11(2) Claimant count<sup>1</sup> by age and duration - computerised claims only<sup>2</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JLGU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
<b>People</b>												
<b>2007</b>												
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
<b>2008</b>												
January	426.0	271.7	79.5	74.8	17.6	15.7	124.5	69.8	19.9	34.8	28.0	17.3
February #	426.1	273.6	79.6	72.9	17.1	15.4	122.7	71.3	19.4	32.0	26.1	15.1
March	427.8	276.3	79.8	71.7	16.8	15.0	122.7	73.1	19.4	30.2	24.6	13.8
April	434.4	283.6	80.1	70.7	16.3	14.9	124.2	76.0	19.5	28.7	23.1	12.8
May	441.5	290.9	80.6	70.0	15.9	14.5	126.0	79.0	19.7	27.3	21.7	11.8
June #	451.1	300.3	81.2	69.6	15.4	14.2	128.9	82.8	20.0	26.1	20.2	10.9
July	467.1	315.2	82.5	69.4	14.9	14.0	133.1	86.9	20.9	25.3	19.0	10.2
August # (r)	486.4	331.8	84.9	69.7	14.3	13.8	138.5	91.4	22.5	24.6	17.8	9.6
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>503.9</b>	<b>346.7</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Change on month	17.5	14.9	2.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	4.6	3.6	1.4	-0.4	-0.9	-0.6
Change %	3.6	4.5	2.8	0.3		-0.7	3.3	3.9	6.2	-1.6		-6.3
Change on year	60.6	69.1	4.3	-12.8	-4.8	-3.2	7.3	24.7	2.2	-19.6	-15.3	-13.9
Change %	13.7	24.9	5.2	-15.5		-18.9	5.4	35.1	10.1	-44.7		-60.7
<b>Men</b>	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
<b>2007</b>												
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
<b>2008</b>												
January	328.5	205.9	62.7	59.9	18.2	12.7	86.9	46.4	14.0	26.5	30.5	13.6
February #	328.7	207.7	62.7	58.3	17.7	12.4	85.8	47.8	13.7	24.3	28.3	11.9
March	330.5	210.0	63.1	57.4	17.4	12.1	85.4	48.9	13.6	22.9	26.8	10.9
April	335.3	215.2	63.5	56.6	16.9	12.0	86.3	50.8	13.8	21.7	25.1	10.1
May	340.7	220.8	63.9	56.0	16.4	11.7	87.6	53.1	14.0	20.5	23.4	9.3
June #	347.9	227.8	64.4	55.7	16.0	11.4	90.0	56.1	14.3	19.6	21.8	8.6
July	360.8	239.8	65.5	55.5	15.4	11.2	93.4	59.4	15.0	19.0	20.3	8.0
August # (r)	376.1	253.0	67.4	55.7	14.8	11.0	97.7	63.1	16.2	18.4	18.8	7.5
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>389.9</b>	<b>264.7</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Change on month	13.8	11.7	1.9	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	3.5	2.7	1.1	-0.3	-0.9	-0.4
Change %	3.7	4.6	2.8	0.4		-0.9	3.6	4.3	6.8	-1.6		-5.3
Change on year	48.3	55.0	4.0	-10.7	-5.2	-2.9	5.9	19.5	1.9	-15.5	-17.4	-11.1
Change %	14.1	26.2	6.1	-16.1		-21.0	6.2	42.1	12.3	-46.1		-61.0
<b>Women</b>	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
<b>2007</b>												
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
<b>2008</b>												
January	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.6	23.4	5.9	8.3	22.1	3.7
February #	97.4	65.9	16.9	14.6	15.0	3.0	36.9	23.5	5.7	7.7	20.9	3.2
March	97.3	66.3	16.7	14.3	14.7	2.9	37.3	24.2	5.8	7.3	19.6	2.9
April	99.1	68.4	16.6	14.1	14.2	2.9	37.9	25.2	5.7	7.0	18.5	2.7
May	100.8	70.1	16.7	14.0	13.9	2.8	38.4	25.9	5.7	6.8	17.7	2.5
June #	103.2	72.5	16.8	13.9	13.5	2.8	38.9	26.7	5.7	6.5	16.7	2.3
July	106.3	75.4	17.0	13.9	13.1	2.8	39.7	27.5	5.9	6.3	15.9	2.2
August # (r)	110.3	78.8	17.5	14.0	12.7	2.8	40.8	28.3	6.3	6.2	15.2	2.1
<b>September (p)</b>	<b>114.0</b>	<b>82.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Change on month	3.7	3.2	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.2
Change %	3.4	4.1	2.9	0.0		0.0	2.7	3.2	4.8	-1.6		-9.5
Change on year	12.3	14.1	0.3	-2.1	-3.6	-0.3	1.4	5.2	0.3	-4.1	-10.6	-2.8
Change %	12.1	20.8	1.7	-13.0		-9.7	3.5	21.7	4.8	-40.2		-59.6

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

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

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

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

# 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
<b>Economically active</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
Jun-Aug 2006	30,801	29,607	731	4,168	6,593	11,413	6,702	1,195
Jun-Aug 2007	30,866	29,614	736	4,156	6,568	11,437	6,717	1,252
Sep-Nov 2007	31,001	29,722	742	4,189	6,551	11,467	6,774	1,278
Dec-Feb 2008	31,108	29,800	723	4,190	6,610	11,480	6,796	1,309
Mar-May 2008	31,169	29,833	734	4,206	6,617	11,494	6,781	1,337
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>31,211</b>	<b>29,862</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>6,624</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>6,807</b>	<b>1,349</b>
Change on quarter	42	29	-16	9	7	4	26	12
Change %	0.1	0.1	-2.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.9
Change on year	345	248	-18	59	56	61	90	97
Change %	1.1	0.8	-2.5	1.4	0.9	0.5	1.3	7.8
<b>Men</b>	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jun-Aug 2006	16,665	16,272	362	2,233	3,599	6,092	3,987	393
Jun-Aug 2007	16,759	16,333	368	2,237	3,622	6,081	4,026	426
Sep-Nov 2007	16,826	16,403	381	2,250	3,612	6,091	4,068	422
Dec-Feb 2008	16,865	16,426	370	2,255	3,638	6,081	4,082	439
Mar-May 2008	16,902	16,449	362	2,272	3,634	6,098	4,084	453
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>16,927</b>	<b>16,475</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>453</b>
Change on quarter	25	25	3	21	-12	5	9	0
Change %	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.9	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1
Change on year	168	141	-3	56	1	22	66	27
Change %	1.0	0.9	-0.8	2.5	0.0	0.4	1.6	6.3
<b>Women</b>	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Jun-Aug 2006	14,136	13,334	369	1,936	2,994	5,321	2,714	802
Jun-Aug 2007	14,107	13,281	368	1,920	2,946	5,357	2,691	826
Sep-Nov 2007	14,175	13,319	361	1,939	2,939	5,375	2,706	856
Dec-Feb 2008	14,243	13,374	353	1,936	2,972	5,399	2,715	869
Mar-May 2008	14,267	13,384	372	1,934	2,983	5,397	2,697	884
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>14,284</b>	<b>13,387</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>5,396</b>	<b>2,714</b>	<b>896</b>
Change on quarter	17	4	-19	-12	18	-1	17	13
Change %	0.1	0.0	-5.2	-0.6	0.6	0.0	0.6	1.4
Change on year	177	107	-15	3	56	40	24	71
Change %	1.3	0.8	-4.2	0.2	1.9	0.7	0.9	8.5
<b>Economic activity rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	MGWG	MGSO	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Jun-Aug 2006	63.8	79.2	46.5	75.4	84.4	85.5	73.4	11.0
Jun-Aug 2007	63.4	78.8	46.4	73.6	84.4	85.2	73.6	11.3
Sep-Nov 2007	63.5	79.0	46.7	73.8	84.1	85.4	74.1	11.4
Dec-Feb 2008	63.6	79.1	45.5	73.5	84.8	85.5	74.3	11.7
Mar-May 2008	63.6	79.1	46.2	73.4	84.8	85.6	74.1	11.9
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1
Change on year	0.2	0.3	-1.1	-0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.6
<b>Men</b>	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jun-Aug 2006	71.1	83.9	44.9	79.6	92.7	92.4	75.2	9.7
Jun-Aug 2007	70.8	83.5	45.1	77.6	93.3	91.8	75.2	10.3
Sep-Nov 2007	70.9	83.7	46.7	77.7	92.9	91.9	75.8	10.2
Dec-Feb 2008	70.9	83.7	45.3	77.5	93.4	91.8	75.9	10.6
Mar-May 2008	70.9	83.7	44.3	77.6	93.1	92.0	75.8	10.8
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	0.0	0.5	0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Change on year	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.8	0.3	0.6	0.4
<b>Women</b>	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Jun-Aug 2006	56.9	74.1	48.3	71.1	76.1	78.8	71.0	11.7
Jun-Aug 2007	56.4	73.7	47.7	69.4	75.5	78.8	71.3	11.8
Sep-Nov 2007	56.6	73.9	46.7	69.8	75.3	79.0	71.8	12.2
Dec-Feb 2008	56.8	74.2	45.7	69.4	76.2	79.3	72.1	12.3
Mar-May 2008	56.8	74.2	48.1	69.1	76.5	79.3	71.7	12.5
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	-2.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1
Change on year	0.3	0.4	-2.0	-1.0	1.4	0.5	0.9	0.8

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

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & 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
<b>Economically inactive</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAI	YCBG	MGWA	MGWD
Jun-Aug 2006	17,482	7,776	839	1,357	1,222	1,932	2,425	9,706
Jun-Aug 2007	17,820	7,960	852	1,492	1,215	1,988	2,413	9,861
Sep-Nov 2007	17,782	7,894	847	1,486	1,238	1,962	2,362	9,887
Dec-Feb 2008	17,770	7,860	867	1,510	1,185	1,953	2,346	9,911
Mar-May 2008	17,805	7,869	856	1,521	1,184	1,941	2,367	9,936
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>9,976</b>
Change on quarter	57	16	13	15	9	-5	-16	40
Change %	0.3	0.2	1.6	1.0	0.8	-0.2	-0.7	0.4
Change on year	41	-74	18	43	-21	-51	-62	116
Change %	0.2	-0.9	2.1	2.9	-1.8	-2.6	-2.6	1.2
<b>Men</b>	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Jun-Aug 2006	6,782	3,115	445	571	283	502	1,314	3,667
Jun-Aug 2007	6,919	3,225	448	644	258	545	1,330	3,694
Sep-Nov 2007	6,908	3,189	435	645	276	534	1,298	3,719
Dec-Feb 2008	6,924	3,201	447	656	258	545	1,295	3,723
Mar-May 2008	6,942	3,211	455	654	269	529	1,304	3,730
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>6,972</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>3,753</b>
Change on quarter	31	8	-5	-8	24	-6	2	23
Change %	0.4	0.3	-1.0	-1.1	8.9	-1.1	0.2	0.6
Change on year	54	-5	2	3	35	-21	-24	59
Change %	0.8	-0.2	0.4	0.5	13.6	-3.9	-1.8	1.6
<b>Women</b>	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Jun-Aug 2006	10,700	4,661	395	786	939	1,430	1,111	6,040
Jun-Aug 2007	10,901	4,735	403	848	957	1,443	1,083	6,167
Sep-Nov 2007	10,874	4,705	412	840	962	1,428	1,063	6,169
Dec-Feb 2008	10,846	4,659	420	854	927	1,407	1,051	6,188
Mar-May 2008	10,864	4,658	401	867	915	1,412	1,063	6,206
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>10,889</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>6,223</b>
Change on quarter	26	8	18	22	-15	1	-19	18
Change %	0.2	0.2	4.5	2.6	-1.6	0.1	-1.8	0.3
Change on year	-12	-69	16	40	-56	-30	-39	57
Change %	-0.1	-1.5	3.9	4.8	-5.9	-2.1	-3.6	0.9
<b>Economic inactivity rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Jun-Aug 2006	36.2	20.8	53.5	24.6	15.6	14.5	26.6	89.0
Jun-Aug 2007	36.6	21.2	53.6	26.4	15.6	14.8	26.4	88.7
Sep-Nov 2007	36.5	21.0	53.3	26.2	15.9	14.6	25.9	88.6
Dec-Feb 2008	36.4	20.9	54.5	26.5	15.2	14.5	25.7	88.3
Mar-May 2008	36.4	20.9	53.8	26.6	15.2	14.4	25.9	88.1
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>88.1</b>
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
Change on year	-0.2	-0.3	1.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-0.6
<b>Men</b>	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Jun-Aug 2006	28.9	16.1	55.1	20.4	7.3	7.6	24.8	90.3
Jun-Aug 2007	29.2	16.5	54.9	22.4	6.7	8.2	24.8	89.7
Sep-Nov 2007	29.1	16.3	53.3	22.3	7.1	8.1	24.2	89.8
Dec-Feb 2008	29.1	16.3	54.7	22.5	6.6	8.2	24.1	89.4
Mar-May 2008	29.1	16.3	55.7	22.4	6.9	8.0	24.2	89.2
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>89.2</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Change on year	0.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4
<b>Women</b>	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Jun-Aug 2006	43.1	25.9	51.7	28.9	23.9	21.2	29.0	88.3
Jun-Aug 2007	43.6	26.3	52.3	30.6	24.5	21.2	28.7	88.2
Sep-Nov 2007	43.4	26.1	53.3	30.2	24.7	21.0	28.2	87.8
Dec-Feb 2008	43.2	25.8	54.3	30.6	23.8	20.7	27.9	87.7
Mar-May 2008	43.2	25.8	51.9	30.9	23.5	20.7	28.3	87.5
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>87.4</b>
Change on quarter	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.7	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.1
Change on year	-0.3	-0.4	2.0	1.0	-1.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.8

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1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>People</b>	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC
Jun-Aug 2006	7,776	1,812	2,302	182	2,049	38	580	813	5,708	2,068
Jun-Aug 2007	7,960	1,929	2,310	194	2,036	40	627	824	5,880	2,080
Sep-Nov 2007	7,894	1,936	2,291	189	2,020	39	602	817	5,801	2,093
Dec-Feb 2008	7,860	1,968	2,261	181	2,028	38	602	784	5,746	2,114
Mar-May 2008	7,869	1,937	2,291	180	2,013	40	597	812	5,719	2,150
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>7,886</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>5,726</b>	<b>2,160</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	16	66	-42	4	18	-5	2	-26	7	9
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	3.4	-1.8	2.2	0.9	-13.4	0.3	-3.2	0.1	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	-74	75	-61	-10	-5	-6	-29	-38	-154	80
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9	3.9	-2.7	-5.2	-0.2	-14.2	-4.6	-4.6	-2.6	3.8
<b>Men</b>	YBSO	BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Jun-Aug 2006	3,115	906	195	92	1,123	28	424	348	2,237	879
Jun-Aug 2007	3,225	967	189	91	1,129	23	467	359	2,338	887
Sep-Nov 2007	3,189	964	194	96	1,120	21	441	353	2,305	884
Dec-Feb 2008	3,201	992	189	91	1,128	18	437	346	2,296	905
Mar-May 2008	3,211	991	199	87	1,116	22	437	360	2,293	918
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>2,294</b>	<b>926</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	8	3	2	4	14	-4	-3	-8	1	7
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.3	0.8	4.3	1.3	-18.3	-0.6	-2.2	0.0	0.8
<i>Change on year</i>	-5	27	11	0	1	-5	-33	-7	-44	39
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	2.8	5.8	0.3	0.1	-20.6	-7.0	-2.1	-1.9	4.4
<b>Women</b>	YBSP	BEBL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEEB	YBWB	YBWE
Jun-Aug 2006	4,661	906	2,107	90	927	10	156	465	3,471	1,189
Jun-Aug 2007	4,735	962	2,121	103	906	18	160	465	3,542	1,193
Sep-Nov 2007	4,705	972	2,097	93	899	18	160	464	3,496	1,209
Dec-Feb 2008	4,659	976	2,072	89	899	20	165	438	3,450	1,209
Mar-May 2008	4,658	946	2,092	92	897	18	160	453	3,426	1,232
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>1,234</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	8	63	-44	0	4	-1	5	-18	6	2
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	6.6	-2.1	0.3	0.4	-7.2	2.8	-4.1	0.2	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-69	47	-72	-10	-6	-1	4	-31	-110	41
<i>Change %</i>	-1.5	4.9	-3.4	-10.0	-0.7	-6.0	2.6	-6.6	-3.1	3.4
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
<b>People</b>	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
Jun-Aug 2006	100	23.3	29.6	2.3	26.4	0.5	7.5	10.5	73.4	26.6
Jun-Aug 2007	100	24.2	29.0	2.4	25.6	0.5	7.9	10.4	73.9	26.1
Sep-Nov 2007	100	24.5	29.0	2.4	25.6	0.5	7.6	10.4	73.5	26.5
Dec-Feb 2008	100	25.0	28.8	2.3	25.8	0.5	7.7	10.0	73.1	26.9
Mar-May 2008	100	24.6	29.1	2.3	25.6	0.5	7.6	10.3	72.7	27.3
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>27.4</b>
<b>Men</b>	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEB	BEEQ	BEEJ	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jun-Aug 2006	100	29.1	6.3	2.9	36.0	0.9	13.6	11.2	71.8	28.2
Jun-Aug 2007	100	30.0	5.9	2.8	35.0	0.7	14.5	11.1	72.5	27.5
Sep-Nov 2007	100	30.2	6.1	3.0	35.1	0.7	13.8	11.1	72.3	27.7
Dec-Feb 2008	100	31.0	5.9	2.9	35.3	0.6	13.6	10.8	71.7	28.3
Mar-May 2008	100	30.9	6.2	2.7	34.8	0.7	13.6	11.2	71.4	28.6
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>28.8</b>
<b>Women</b>	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Jun-Aug 2006	100	19.4	45.2	1.9	19.9	0.2	3.3	10.0	74.5	25.5
Jun-Aug 2007	100	20.3	44.8	2.2	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.8	74.8	25.2
Sep-Nov 2007	100	20.7	44.6	2.0	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.9	74.3	25.7
Dec-Feb 2008	100	21.0	44.5	1.9	19.3	0.4	3.5	9.4	74.0	26.0
Mar-May 2008	100	20.3	44.9	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.7	73.5	26.5
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>26.4</b>

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

Source: Labour Force Survey.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

June to August 2008

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

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

### Levels

People												
16-17	718	274	444	530	186	343	188	88	101	869	115	755
18-24	4,215	3,502	713	3,656	3,051	605	559	451	108	1,536	644	892
all under 25	4,933	3,776	1,156	4,186	3,238	948	747	538	209	2,405	758	1,647
Men												
16-17	365	164	201	264	113	151	101	51	50	450	59	391
18-24	2,292	1,945	347	1,932	1,651	281	360	294	66	647	195	452
all under 25	2,657	2,110	547	2,196	1,764	432	461	346	115	1,097	254	843
Women												
16-17	353	110	243	265	73	192	88	37	51	419	56	364
18-24	1,923	1,557	366	1,724	1,401	324	198	156	42	889	449	440
all under 25	2,276	1,667	609	1,990	1,474	516	286	193	93	1,308	504	804

### Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-16	0	-16	-20	-9	-11	4	8	-5	13	-21	35
18-24	9	13	-4	-47	-20	-28	56	33	24	15	24	-10
all under 25	-7	13	-20	-67	-29	-39	60	41	19	28	3	25
Men												
16-17	3	4	-1	4	-1	5	-1	5	-6	-5	-17	12
18-24	21	2	18	-29	-27	-2	50	29	20	-8	21	-28
all under 25	23	6	17	-25	-28	3	49	34	14	-12	4	-16
Women												
16-17	-19	-4	-15	-24	-8	-17	5	4	1	18	-4	22
18-24	-12	10	-22	-18	7	-25	7	3	3	22	3	19
all under 25	-31	6	-37	-42	-1	-42	12	7	5	40	-1	41

### Rates(%)<sup>3</sup>

People												
16-17	45.2	70.5	37.0	33.4	48.0	28.6	26.2	32.0	22.7	54.8	29.5	63.0
18-24	73.3	84.5	44.4	63.6	73.6	37.7	13.3	12.9	15.2	26.7	15.5	55.6
all under 25	67.2	83.3	41.3	57.0	71.4	33.8	15.1	14.3	18.0	32.8	16.7	58.7
Men												
16-17	44.8	73.6	33.9	32.4	50.7	25.5	27.6	31.2	24.7	55.2	26.4	66.1
18-24	78.0	90.9	43.4	65.7	77.1	35.2	15.7	15.1	19.0	22.0	9.1	56.6
all under 25	70.8	89.3	39.4	58.5	74.6	31.1	17.4	16.4	21.1	29.2	10.7	60.6
Women												
16-17	45.7	66.4	40.1	34.4	44.3	31.7	24.8	33.3	21.0	54.3	33.6	59.9
18-24	68.4	77.6	45.4	61.3	69.8	40.2	10.3	10.0	11.5	31.6	22.4	54.6
all under 25	63.5	76.8	43.1	55.5	67.9	36.5	12.6	11.6	15.3	36.5	23.2	56.9

### Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	-0.9	3.6	-1.9	-1.2	0.4	-1.4	1.1	3.1	-0.2	0.9	-3.6	1.9
18-24	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	1.3	0.9	3.4	0.1	0.5	-0.1
all under 25	-0.3	0.0	-0.8	-1.1	-0.9	-1.5	1.2	1.0	1.9	0.3	0.0	0.8
Men												
16-17	0.5	5.7	-0.8	0.6	2.4	0.4	-0.6	2.3	-2.9	-0.5	-5.7	0.8
18-24	0.4	-0.9	2.8	-1.3	-2.1	0.2	2.1	1.5	5.2	-0.4	0.9	-2.8
all under 25	0.4	-0.1	1.2	-0.9	-1.5	0.2	1.7	1.6	2.0	-0.4	0.1	-1.2
Women												
16-17	-2.4	0.8	-3.0	-3.1	-2.3	-3.1	2.6	4.3	1.8	2.4	-0.8	3.0
18-24	-0.7	0.0	-2.5	-0.9	-0.1	-3.0	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.7	0.0	2.5
all under 25	-1.0	0.1	-2.8	-1.3	-0.2	-3.1	0.7	0.4	1.6	1.0	-0.1	2.8

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

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

# EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

## 15 Average Earnings - including bonuses<sup>1</sup>

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 <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
		LNMQ	LNMU	LNNC	LNKY	LNKZ	LNND	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Aug 06	(r)	126.9	3.8	4.2	126.2	3.9	4.3	130.4	3.2	3.6
Jun 07	(r)	131.2	3.3	3.5	130.6	3.3	3.6	134.0	3.1	3.1
Jul 07	(r)	131.5	3.8	3.6	131.0	4.2	3.8	133.7	2.5	2.9
Aug 07	(r)	132.4	4.3	3.8	131.9	4.5	4.0	134.5	3.2	2.9
Sep 07	(r)	132.9	4.2	4.1	132.4	4.4	4.4	135.0	3.2	3.0
Oct 07	(r)	132.9	3.7	4.1	132.3	3.8	4.3	135.3	3.2	3.2
Nov 07	(r)	133.5	4.2	4.1	133.0	4.4	4.2	135.9	3.4	3.3
Dec 07	(r)	133.8	3.7	3.9	133.1	3.8	4.0	136.2	3.3	3.3
Jan 08	(r)	134.3	3.8	3.9	133.7	3.8	4.0	136.8	3.6	3.4
Feb 08	(r)	135.1	3.7	3.7	134.3	3.4	3.7	137.4	4.1	3.7
Mar 08	(r)	135.2	4.5	4.0	134.8	4.6	3.9	137.5	3.7	3.8
Apr 08	(r)	134.9	3.8	4.0	134.3	3.7	3.9	138.1	3.8	3.9
May 08	(r)	135.3	3.4	3.9	134.7	3.5	3.9	137.6	3.1	3.5
Jun 08	(r)	135.8	3.4	3.5	135.2	3.6	3.6	137.9	2.9	3.2
Jul 08	(r)	136.3	3.6	3.5	135.6	3.5	3.5	139.1	4.0	3.3
<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>135.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>139.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>

		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 <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
		LNMR	LNMV	LNNG	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Aug 06	(r)	127.5	5.4	5.3	126.8	3.7	4.1	125.7	3.8	4.3
Jun 07	(r)	131.2	3.9	3.8	131.4	3.3	3.6	130.5	3.2	3.7
Jul 07	(r)	131.3	4.3	4.1	131.7	3.8	3.6	131.1	4.3	3.8
Aug 07	(r)	131.2	2.9	3.7	132.8	4.7	3.9	132.1	5.1	4.2
Sep 07	(r)	131.3	2.3	3.2	133.3	4.5	4.3	132.8	4.9	4.8
Oct 07	(r)	131.7	2.6	2.6	133.4	4.0	4.4	132.7	4.1	4.7
Nov 07	(r)	132.7	3.5	2.8	133.9	4.2	4.2	133.2	4.5	4.5
Dec 07	(r)	133.3	4.2	3.4	134.1	3.7	4.0	133.3	3.8	4.1
Jan 08	(r)	133.2	3.7	3.8	134.7	3.9	3.9	134.0	4.0	4.1
Feb 08	(r)	133.2	3.1	3.7	135.4	3.7	3.8	134.8	3.6	3.8
Mar 08	(r)	134.6	4.4	3.8	135.9	4.9	4.2	135.4	5.3	4.3
Apr 08	(r)	133.9	3.0	3.5	135.6	4.0	4.2	134.8	4.1	4.4
May 08	(r)	134.8	3.3	3.6	135.8	3.5	4.2	135.0	3.7	4.4
Jun 08	(r)	134.4	2.5	2.9	136.3	3.7	3.8	135.8	4.0	3.9
Jul 08	(r)	134.9	2.8	2.8	136.9	3.9	3.7	136.2	3.9	3.8
<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>135.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>137.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

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

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey  
Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 456120

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

# EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

## 16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses<sup>1</sup>

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 <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
		JQDW	JQDX	JQDY	JQEC	JQED	JQEE	JQDZ	JQEA	JQEB
Aug 06	(r)	127.5	3.6	3.6	127.0	3.7	3.7	129.7	3.0	3.2
Jun 07	(r)	131.4	3.5	3.4	131.0	3.6	3.5	133.3	2.9	3.1
Jul 07	(r)	131.6	3.7	3.6	131.3	4.0	3.7	133.3	2.7	3.0
Aug 07	(r)	132.3	3.8	3.7	131.9	3.9	3.8	134.2	3.5	3.0
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	(r)	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.4	3.4	3.5
Dec 07	(r)	133.8	3.7	3.7	133.3	3.7	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.6
Jan 08	(r)	134.1	3.6	3.7	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.3	3.6	3.6
Feb 08	(r)	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.3	3.9	3.7	136.7	3.9	3.7
Mar 08	(r)	135.2	3.8	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.2	3.9	3.8
Apr 08	(r)	135.5	3.9	3.9	135.0	3.9	3.9	137.9	4.2	4.0
May 08	(r)	135.7	3.6	3.8	135.2	3.6	3.8	137.9	3.7	3.9
Jun 08	(r)	136.1	3.6	3.7	135.8	3.7	3.7	137.7	3.4	3.7
Jul 08	(r)	136.7	3.8	3.7	136.2	3.8	3.7	138.6	4.0	3.7
<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>
		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 <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>		Single month	3 month average <sup>2</sup>
		JQEF	JQEG	JQEH	JQEL	JQEM	JQEN	JQEO	JQEP	JQEQ
Aug 06	(r)	127.3	4.3	4.5	127.6	3.4	3.5	126.9	3.6	3.6
Jun 07	(r)	131.3	3.8	3.8	131.8	3.7	3.5	131.3	3.9	3.7
Jul 07	(r)	131.6	4.1	3.9	131.9	3.8	3.7	131.6	4.1	3.9
Aug 07	(r)	132.0	3.7	3.9	132.7	4.0	3.8	132.2	4.2	4.1
Sep 07	(r)	132.1	3.2	3.7	133.0	3.7	3.8	132.5	3.9	4.1
Oct 07	(r)	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.4	3.6	3.8	132.9	3.7	3.9
Nov 07	(r)	133.1	3.7	3.5	134.0	3.8	3.7	133.4	4.0	3.9
Dec 07	(r)	133.5	3.9	3.7	134.3	3.9	3.8	133.7	3.9	3.9
Jan 08	(r)	133.7	3.7	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08	(r)	134.0	3.5	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.8	4.1	4.0
Mar 08	(r)	134.3	3.3	3.5	135.9	4.3	4.0	135.3	4.4	4.1
Apr 08	(r)	134.4	2.9	3.2	136.1	4.3	4.2	135.7	4.4	4.3
May 08	(r)	134.7	3.2	3.1	136.3	3.8	4.1	135.7	3.8	4.2
Jun 08	(r)	134.8	2.7	2.9	136.8	3.8	3.9	136.5	4.0	4.1
Jul 08	(r)	135.2	2.7	2.9	137.3	4.1	3.9	137.0	4.1	4.0
<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>135.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>137.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>

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		
		% change over year	% change over year	% changes year on year		% changes year on year		
		LOJE	A4YN	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average	
				LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV	
				Aug 06	1.3	1.3	4.0	4.0
				Aug 07	0.0 (r)	0.5	2.9	3.2
				Sep 07	0.6 (r)	0.5 (r)	1.7	2.7
				Oct 07	0.4	0.3	2.1	2.2 (r)
				Nov 07	1.3	0.8 (r)	2.2	2.0
				Dec 07	1.8	1.1	2.4	2.3
				Jan 08	1.1 (r)	1.4	2.6	2.4
				Feb 08	-0.5	0.8	3.7 (r)	2.9
				Mar 08	(r) 2.1	0.9	2.3	2.9
				Apr 08	1.6 (r)	1.1	1.4 (r)	2.4 (r)
				May 08	(r) 2.3	2.0	1.0	1.6
				Jun 08	(r) 2.4	2.1	0.1	0.8
				Jul 08	(r) 2.5	2.4	0.3	0.4
				<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
2006 Q2		2.9 (r)	1.9					
2006 Q3	(r)	2.5	2.1					
2006 Q4		1.2 (r)	2.1					
2007 Q1	(r)	3.0	2.5					
2007 Q2	(r)	0.9	2.3					
2007 Q3	(r)	1.1	2.6					
2007 Q4	(r)	1.9	1.8					
2008 Q1	(r)	1.8	0.7					
<b>2008 Q2</b>		<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>					

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 Survey<sup>1</sup> (June to August 2008)

	Labour Force Survey <sup>1</sup> (June to August 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
	Total	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women				
	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
North East	2,078	1,248	76.1	665	583	1,153	70.1	608	72.2	545	67.9	96	7.7	57	8.6	38	6.6
North West	5,489	3,366	77.0	1,822	1,545	3,146	71.8	1,688	74.7	1,458	68.6	221	6.6	134	7.3	87	5.6
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,173	2,629	78.6	1,435	1,194	2,467	73.5	1,333	77.1	1,134	69.6	163	6.2	102	7.1	60	5.0
East Midlands	3,562	2,287	80.7	1,250	1,037	2,145	75.5	1,169	79.5	975	71.2	143	6.2	81	6.5	61	5.9
West Midlands	4,292	2,634	77.2	1,453	1,181	2,465	72.1	1,344	76.3	1,121	67.5	169	6.4	109	7.5	60	5.1
East	4,555	2,958	81.6	1,602	1,357	2,816	77.5	1,521	81.7	1,295	72.9	142	4.8	81	5.0	61	4.5
London	6,092	4,043	76.8	2,241	1,802	3,739	70.8	2,069	77.0	1,670	64.1	304	7.5	172	7.7	132	7.3
South East	6,656	4,445	83.1	2,388	2,057	4,244	79.3	2,271	83.2	1,973	75.0	200	4.5	116	4.9	84	4.1
South West	4,215	2,679	82.0	1,445	1,234	2,570	78.6	1,386	82.2	1,183	74.6	109	4.1	59	4.1	50	4.1
<b>England</b>	<b>41,113</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>14,301</b>	<b>11,989</b>	<b>24,744</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>13,389</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>11,355</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Wales	2,403	1,437	76.6	767	669	1,352	71.9	714	74.1	637	69.4	85	5.9	53	6.9	32	4.8
Scotland	4,188	2,662	79.8	1,408	1,254	2,538	76.0	1,339	79.2	1,199	72.6	124	4.7	69	4.9	55	4.4
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>47,703</b>	<b>30,389</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>16,477</b>	<b>13,912</b>	<b>28,633</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>15,442</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>13,191</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Northern Ireland	1,370	823	73.3	450	373	788	70.1	426	74.3	362	65.5	35	4.3	24	5.3	11	3.0
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>49,073</b>	<b>31,211</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>16,927</b>	<b>14,284</b>	<b>29,419</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>15,867</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>5.1</b>

### Change on quarter:<sup>4</sup>

	Labour Force Survey <sup>1</sup> (June to August 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
	Total	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women				
	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
North East	3	4	0.4	3	0	-1	0.0	-4	-0.2	2	0.3	5	0.4	7	1.0	-2	-0.3
North West	6	-11	-0.4	-4	-7	-25	-0.7	-4	-0.4	-21	-1.1	14	0.4	1	0.1	13	0.9
Yorkshire & the Humber	10	32	0.9	16	16	15	0.3	3	-0.2	12	0.9	17	0.6	13	0.8	4	0.3
East Midlands	9	9	0.5	11	-2	-4	0.0	1	0.2	-6	-0.2	13	0.6	10	0.7	4	0.4
West Midlands	6	-21	-0.5	-4	-17	-25	-0.6	-6	-0.3	-19	-0.9	4	0.2	2	0.2	2	0.3
East	12	-1	-0.1	2	-3	-11	-0.4	-7	-0.5	-3	-0.3	10	0.3	9	0.6	0	0.0
London	14	12	0.0	-9	21	-27	-0.8	-31	-1.5	4	-0.2	39	0.9	21	1.0	17	0.9
South East	15	29	0.2	19	10	1	-0.4	-12	-0.9	12	0.1	28	0.6	30	1.2	-2	-0.1
South West	12	-4	-0.3	-4	0	-7	-0.5	-3	-0.2	-4	-0.7	3	0.1	-1	-0.1	4	0.3
<b>England</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-63</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Wales	3	-2	-0.1	-10	8	-12	-0.6	-18	-1.6	7	0.4	10	0.7	8	1.2	1	0.1
Scotland	6	0	-0.3	9	-9	-19	-0.8	-2	-0.2	-18	-1.4	19	0.7	10	0.7	9	0.8
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-82</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Northern Ireland	3	-6	-0.5	-4	-3	-7	-0.6	-4	-0.8	-4	-0.3	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.3
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-122</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0.4</b>

### Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey <sup>1</sup> (June to August 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over	Economically active					Employment					Unemployment					
	Total	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women				
	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
North East	12	9	-0.1	-4	13	-14	-1.6	-11	-2.1	-3	-1.1	23	1.8	7	1.1	16	2.6
North West	21	-14	-0.4	-11	-3	-33	-0.8	-17	-1.2	-15	-0.5	19	0.6	7	0.4	12	0.8
Yorkshire & the Humber	36	49	0.7	22	27	34	0.2	10	0.0	23	0.4	16	0.5	12	0.7	4	0.2
East Midlands	35	21	0.3	21	0	-1	-0.5	4	-0.5	-5	-0.6	22	0.9	16	1.2	5	0.5
West Midlands	22	-40	-1.1	-11	-29	-33	-0.9	-22	-1.2	-11	-0.6	-6	-0.1	11	0.8	-17	-1.3
East	45	45	0.3	1	44	56	0.6	-3	-0.9	59	2.3	-11	-0.5	4	0.3	-15	-1.3
London	56	137	1.7	60	77	76	0.5	28	0.0	48	1.1	61	1.3	32	1.3	29	1.3
South East	59	80	0.7	51	28	80	0.8	44	0.6	35	1.0	0	-0.1	7	0.2	-7	-0.4
South West	51	27	-0.2	34	-7	25	-0.2	35	1.1	-10	-1.6	3	0.1	-1	-0.2	4	0.3
<b>England</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Wales	12	17	0.9	-4	20	5	0.3	-18	-1.9	23	2.7	11	0.7	14	1.9	-3	-0.6
Scotland	25	-8	-0.7	0	-8	-10	-0.8	-1	-0.4	-9	-1.2	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.2
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Northern Ireland	14	17	0.8	7	10	12	0.4	1	-0.5	11	1.3	5	0.6	6	1.3	-1	-0.3
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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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## 18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

	Employer Surveys <sup>1</sup>			Jobcentre Plus administrative system <sup>1</sup>					
	Civilian workforce jobs (June 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count <sup>2</sup> (September 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 5	Level 6	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 7	Level 8	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 9
North East	1,185	617	568	56.2	4.6	42.4	6.4	13.8	2.4
North West	3,401	1,804	1,598	124.1	3.5	93.9	5.0	30.2	1.8
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,552	1,358	1,194	92.4	3.5	69.2	4.8	23.2	1.9
East Midlands	2,117	1,133	984	64.1	2.9	47.0	3.9	17.1	1.7
West Midlands	2,694	1,428	1,266	109.3	3.9	80.8	5.4	28.5	2.2
East	2,823	1,491	1,332	66.1	2.3	47.5	3.1	18.6	1.4
London	4,705	2,577	2,128	139.7	2.9	96.5	3.6	43.2	2.0
South East	4,364	2,283	2,081	80.5	1.8	58.0	2.5	22.5	1.1
South West	2,671	1,371	1,300	49.4	1.8	35.9	2.5	13.5	1.0
<b>England</b>	<b>26,511</b>	<b>14,061</b>	<b>12,450</b>	<b>781.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>571.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>210.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Wales	1,388	727	660	47.4	3.3	35.9	4.6	11.5	1.7
Scotland	2,703	1,392	1,312	81.8	3.0	61.7	4.2	20.1	1.5
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>30,602</b>	<b>16,180</b>	<b>14,422</b>	<b>911.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>668.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>242.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Northern Ireland	843	448	395	28.9	3.3	22.5	4.8	6.4	1.6
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>31,446</b>	<b>16,629</b>	<b>14,817</b>	<b>939.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>691.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>

### Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys <sup>1</sup>			Jobcentre Plus administrative system <sup>1</sup>					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on June 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count <sup>2</sup> (Change on August 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 6	Level 7	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 8	Level 9	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup> 10
North East	2	-3	5	2.3	0.2	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.1
North West	-9	0	-9	3.9	0.1	3.2	0.2	0.7	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	-11	-2	-8	3.8	0.1	3.0	0.2	0.8	0.1
East Midlands	-18	-11	-8	2.4	0.1	1.9	0.2	0.5	0.0
West Midlands	14	-1	15	3.1	0.1	2.4	0.2	0.7	0.1
East	14	-1	15	2.2	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.6	0.0
London	64	41	23	2.9	0.1	2.1	0.1	0.8	0.0
South East	42	32	9	3.3	0.1	2.5	0.1	0.8	0.0
South West	42	30	11	1.9	0.1	1.5	0.1	0.4	0.0
<b>England</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Wales	-13	-13	-1	1.7	0.1	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.0
Scotland	35	7	28	3.1	0.1	2.4	0.2	0.7	0.1
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Northern Ireland	0	-2	2	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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.

# REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

## 19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT on 1 October 2008 (seasonally adjusted)					
	Latest period	Employment rate (%) <sup>1,2</sup>	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Change on period %	Change on year %		
<b>European Union (EU)</b>					<b>European Union (EU)</b>					
Austria	YXSN	Apr-Jun 08	72.3	0.8	Austria	ZXDS	Aug 08	3.3	-0.1	-1.4
Belgium	YXSO	Apr-Jun 08	62.0	0.4	Belgium	ZXDI	Aug 08	6.6	0.0	-0.7
Bulgaria	A495	Apr-Jun 08	63.9	2.3	Bulgaria	A492	Aug 08	5.6	-0.1	-1.0
Cyprus	A4AC	Apr-Jun 08	71.1	-0.1	Cyprus	A4AN	Aug 08	3.6	-0.1	-0.3
Czech Republic	A4AD	Apr-Jun 08	66.6	0.6	Czech Republic	A4AO	Aug 08	4.3	-0.1	-0.8
Denmark	YXSP	Apr-Jun 08	78.4	1.1	Denmark	ZXDJ	Jul 08	2.9	-0.2	-0.9
Estonia	A4AE	Apr-Jun 08	69.8	0.1	Estonia	A4AP	Aug 08	4.0	0.1	-0.4
Finland	YXSQ	Jan-Mar 08	69.5	1.2	Finland	ZXDU	Aug 08	6.3	0.0	-0.5
France	YXSR	Apr-Jun 08	65.2	0.6	France	ZXDN	Aug 08	8.0	0.2	-0.2
Germany	YXSS	Apr-Jun 08	70.3	1.2	Germany	ZXDK	Aug 08	7.2	-0.1	-1.1
Greece	YXST	Apr-Jun 08	62.2	0.7	Greece	ZXDL	2008 Q2	7.5	-0.3	-0.9
Hungary	A4AF	Apr-Jun 08	56.5	-1.1	Hungary	A4AQ	Aug 08	7.9	0.1	0.5
Ireland	YXSU	Apr-Jun 08	68.1	-0.8	Ireland	ZXDO	Aug 08	6.2	0.3	1.7
Italy	YXSV	Jan-Mar 08	58.3	0.4	Italy	ZXDP	2008 Q2	6.8	0.1	0.8
Latvia	A4AG	Apr-Jun 08	69.5	1.9	Latvia	A4AR	Aug 08	6.5	0.2	0.4
Lithuania	A4AH	Apr-Jun 08	64.6	-0.8	Lithuania	A4AS	Aug 08	5.1	0.0	1.0
Luxembourg	YXSW	Apr-Jun 08	65.0	1.4	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Aug 08	4.2	0.1	0.1
Malta	A4AI	Jan-Mar 08	54.7	0.8	Malta	A4AT	Aug 08	5.7	0.0	-0.7
Netherlands	YXSX	Apr-Jun 08	77.2	1.2	Netherlands	ZXDR	Aug 08	2.6	0.0	-0.5
Poland	A4AJ	Apr-Jun 08	58.9	2.1	Poland	A4AU	Aug 08	6.7	-0.1	-2.5
Portugal	YXSX	Apr-Jun 08	68.6	1.0	Portugal	ZXDT	Aug 08	7.5	0.0	-0.6
Romania	A494	Apr-Jun 08	59.7	0.1	Romania	A48Z	2008 Q2	5.9	0.1	-0.8
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Apr-Jun 08	61.7	1.3	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Aug 08	9.9	-0.1	-1.3
Slovenia	A4AL	Apr-Jun 08	68.3	0.0	Slovenia	A4AW	Aug 08	4.2	-0.1	-0.4
Spain	YXSZ	Apr-Jun 08	65.0	-0.8	Spain	ZXDM	Aug 08	11.3	0.3	3.0
Sweden	YXTA	Apr-Jun 08	74.8	0.5	Sweden	ZXDV	Aug 08	5.8	0.2	-0.1
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Apr-Jun 08	71.6	0.4	United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	ZXDW	Jun 08	5.4	0.1	0.1
<b>Total EU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>A496</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 08</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>Total EU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>A493</b>	<b>Aug 08</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Eurozone <sup>5</sup>	YXTC	Jan-Mar 08	65.8	0.9	Eurozone <sup>5</sup>	ZXDH	Aug 08	7.5	0.1	0.1
<b>As published by national statistical offices</b>					<b>As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)</b>					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Jul-Sep 08	74.5	-0.1	Canada	ZXDZ	Sep 08	6.1	0.0	0.2
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Apr-Jun 08	71.3	0.0	Japan	ZXDY	Aug 08	4.2	0.2	0.4
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Jun-Aug 08	74.4	-0.1	United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	MGSX	Jun-Aug 08	5.7	0.5	0.4
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Jul-Sep 08	70.8	-0.8	United States	ZXDZ	Sep 08	6.1	0.0	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 <sup>1</sup>	Workers involved (thousands) <sup>1</sup>
	BBFW	BLUU	BLUT
<b>2006</b> Aug	6	16	3
<b>2007</b> Aug	87	27	82
Sep	8	20	8
Oct	327	24	297
Nov	17	10	5
Dec	68	6	43
<b>2008</b> Jan (p)	4	10	3
Feb (p)	12	10	14
Mar (p)	67	9	39
Apr (p)	145	21	153
May (p)	2	11	2
Jun (p)	8	18	6
Jul (p)	368 (r)	13	234 (r)
<b>Aug (p)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>74</b>
Cumulative totals 12 months to:			
<b>Aug 08</b> (p)	<b>1,088</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>828</b>
Aug 07 (r)	692	151	427

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 Vacancies<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates		Three month rolling average estimates			
		Level		Level	Vacancy ratio <sup>2</sup>		
		AP2X			AP2Y	AP2Z	
<b>2006</b>	Sep		595	Jul-Sep 2006	600	2.3	
<b>2007</b>	Sep	(r)	670	Jul-Sep 2007	(r)	671	2.6
	Oct		674	Aug-Oct 2007		668	2.6
	Nov		680	Sep-Nov 2007		675	2.6
	Dec		675	Oct-Dec 2007		676	2.6
<b>2008</b>	Jan		676	Nov-Jan 2008		676	2.6
	Feb		689	Dec-Feb 2008		679	2.6
	Mar		691	Jan-Mar 2008		687	2.6
	Apr		666	Feb-Apr 2008		682	2.6
	May		652	Mar-May 2008		670	2.6
	Jun	(r)	632	Apr-Jun 2008	(r)	649	2.5
	Jul	(r)	611	May-Jul 2008	(r)	631	2.4
	Aug	(r)	604	Jun-Aug 2008	(r)	615	2.4
	<b>Sep</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>Jul-Sep 2008</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>2.3</b>
	<i>Change on month</i>		6	<i>Change on quarter</i>		-40 *	-0.2 *
	<i>Change %</i>		1.0	<i>Change %</i>		-6.2 *	
	<i>Change on year</i>		-60	<i>Change on year</i>		-62	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>		-9.0	<i>Change %</i>		-9.3	

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

Data source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

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

## 22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

### Three month rolling average estimates

SIC2003 sections	All vacancies <sup>1</sup>	Energy and water <sup>2</sup>	Manu- facturing	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comm- unications	Finance & business services	Education, health & public admin <sup>3</sup>	Other services <sup>2</sup>	Total services										
											C-O	C, E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
											AP2Y	AP32	AP33	AP34	AP35	AP36	AP37	AP38	AP39	AP3A
<b>Levels (thousands)</b>																				
Jul-Sep 2006	600	4	48	20	168	40	159	134	28	528										
Jul-Sep 2007	(r)	671	4	57	25	185	50	174	31	585										
Aug-Oct 2007		668	4	57	24	184	49	169	32	583										
Sep-Nov 2007		675	4	56	24	186	48	169	34	591										
Oct-Dec 2007		676	4	57	23	190	48	170	28	591										
Nov-Jan 2008		676	4	58	23	196	47	169	26	591										
Dec-Feb 2008		679	5	58	24	197	46	168	29	593										
Jan-Mar 2008		687	5	57	23	199	47	166	35	602										
Feb-Apr 2008		682	5	55	24	196	46	164	36	599										
Mar-May 2008		670	5	54	23	189	45	160	36	588										
Apr-Jun 2008	(r)	649	5	53	22	181	44	155	32	568										
May-Jul 2008	(r)	631	5	51	21	177	42	148	29	554										
Jun-Aug 2008	(r)	615	5	51	19	170	41	143	29	540										
<b>Jul-Sep 2008</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>538</b>										
<i>Change on quarter</i>	*	-40	0	-6	-4	-17	-4	-10	4	-30										
<i>Change %</i>	*	-6.2	-2.0	-10.9	-18.2	-9.3	-10.0	-6.5	2.3	-5.3										
<i>Change on year</i>		-62	1	-10	-7	-21	-29	-17	2	-47										
<i>Change %</i>		-9.3	22.5	-16.7	-26.8	-11.5	-21.5	-16.8	11.4	-8.0										
<b>Ratio per 100 employee jobs</b>																				
Jul-Sep 2006		2.3	2.2	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.0	2.5										
Jul-Sep 2007	(r)	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.4	2.1	2.7										
Aug-Oct 2007		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.7										
Sep-Nov 2007		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.5	2.8										
Oct-Dec 2007		2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.8										
Nov-Jan 2008		2.6	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	1.9	2.8										
Dec-Feb 2008		2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.1	2.8										
Jan-Mar 2008		2.6	2.8	1.7	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.6	2.8										
Feb-Apr 2008		2.6	2.9	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.8										
Mar-May 2008		2.6	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.9	2.9	3.1	2.3	2.8										
Apr-Jun 2008	(r)	2.5	2.8	1.6	1.7	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.3	2.7										
May-Jul 2008	(r)	2.4	2.8	1.6	1.6	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.3	2.6										
Jun-Aug 2008	(r)	2.4	2.8	1.5	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.3	2.5										
<b>Jul-Sep 2008</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>										
<i>Change on quarter</i>	*	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.1										
<i>Change on year</i>		-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7	-0.6	0.2	-0.2										

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

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

3. Includes both public and private sectors.

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

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

# REDUNDANCIES

## 23 Redundancies levels and rates<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Level (000s)	Rate <sup>1</sup>	Level (000s)	Rate <sup>1</sup>
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Jun-Aug 2006	139	5.5	89	6.9	50	4.1
Jun-Aug 2007	120	4.8	69	5.3	50	4.1
Sep-Nov 2007	124	4.9	71	5.5	53	4.3
Dec-Feb 2008	109	4.3	71	5.5	38	3.0
Mar-May 2008	120	4.7	74	5.7	46	3.7
<b>Jun-Aug 2008</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>23.1</i>		<i>20.8</i>		<i>26.7</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>23.0</i>		<i>29.0</i>		<i>14.8</i>	

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

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

## 24 Redundancies by industry<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	All redundancies <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup> (L-N)	Total services <sup>4</sup> (G-O)
<b>People</b>	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
<b>Apr-Jun 2008</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>80</b>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>5</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>4.7</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>-20.9</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>15.9</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>-9.4</i>	<i>10.9</i>

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

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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.

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