

## Labour market statistics

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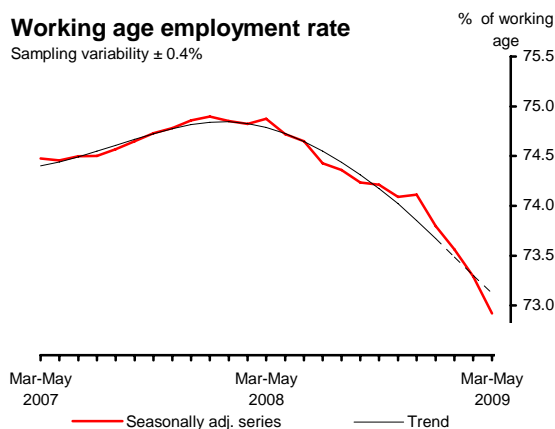
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The number of unemployed people, the unemployment rate and the claimant count have increased. The employment rate and the number of employed people have fallen. There are fewer vacancies. There are more inactive people of working age and the inactivity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

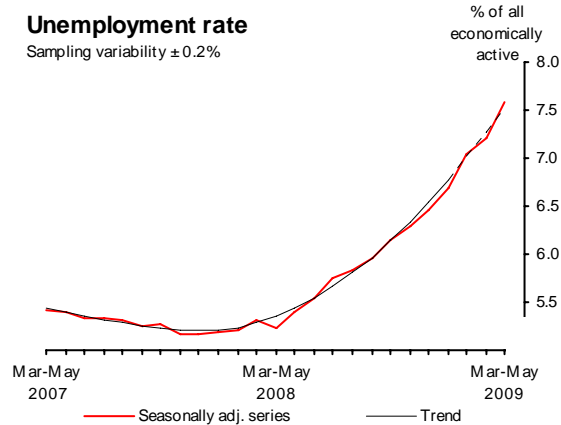
**Working age employment rate**

Sampling variability  $\pm 0.4\%$



**Unemployment rate**

Sampling variability  $\pm 0.2\%$



### UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes	
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates
Employment*	Mar-May 09	28,998	72.9	-269	-0.9	$\pm 104$	$\pm 0.3$
Unemployment**	Mar-May 09	2,381	7.6	281	0.9	$\pm 77$	$\pm 0.2$
Economically inactive***	Mar-May 09	7,915	20.9	64	0.1	$\pm 90$	$\pm 0.2$
Claimant count	June 2009	1,560.1	4.8	23.8	0.1		
Workforce jobs	Mar 2009	31,188		-108		..	
Vacancies****	Apr-Jun 09	429	1.6	-35	-0.1	..	..
GB Average Earnings							
- including bonuses	Mar-May 09		2.3 <sup>#</sup>		1.4	$\pm 1.3^{##}$	$\pm 0.4^{###}$
- excluding bonuses	Mar-May 09		2.6 <sup>#</sup>		-0.1	$\pm 0.6^{##}$	$\pm 0.2^{###}$

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

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

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

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

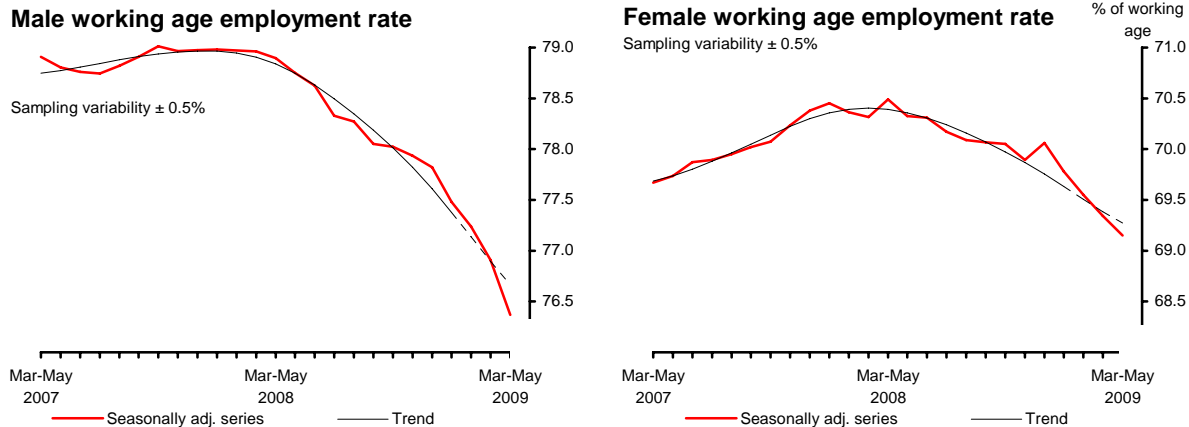
# Percentage change latest three months on previous year (headline earnings growth rate).

## Sampling variability of headline earnings growth rate.

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

### Employment (Tables 2 to 4, and 8)

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



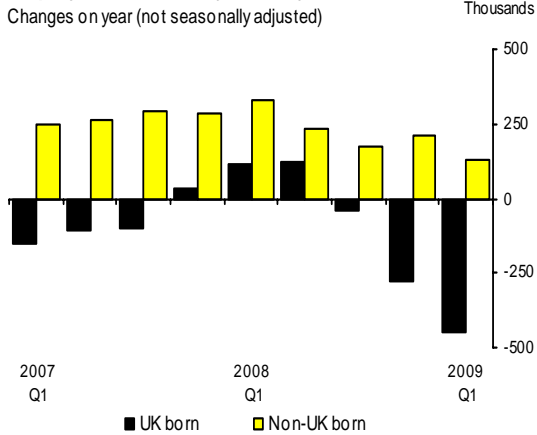
The number of people in employment was 29.00 million in the three months to May 2009, down 269,000 from the three months to February 2009 and down 543,000 on a year earlier. The number of people in full-time employment was 21.47 million in the three months to May 2009, down 273,000 from the three months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

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

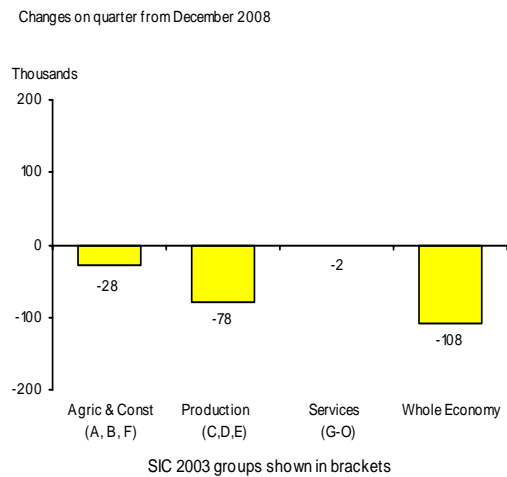
The number of UK born people in employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 25.28 million in the three months to March 2009, down 451,000 from the three months to March 2008. The number of non-UK born people in employment (not seasonally adjusted) was 3.81 million, up 129,000 from the three months to March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

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

**Employment levels by country of birth**



**Workforce jobs by industry - March 2009**



**Workforce Jobs (table 5)**

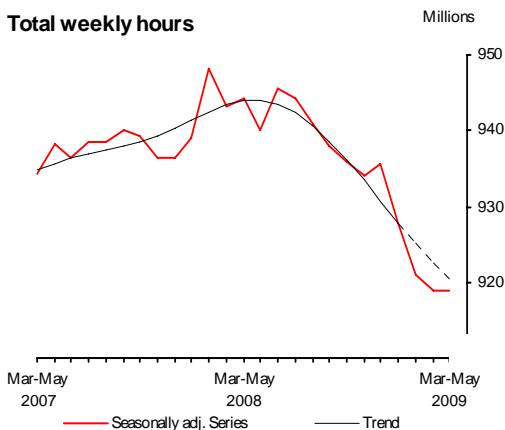
There were 31.19 million workforce jobs in March 2009, down 108,000 over the quarter and down 455,000 on a year earlier. The sector showing the largest decrease in jobs over the quarter was manufacturing, which fell by 78,000.

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

There were 2.68 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to May 2009, down 201,000 on a year earlier. Over the same period employee jobs in mining, energy and water supply industries were unchanged at 179,000.

**Hours (table 7)**

Total hours worked per week were 918.8 million in the three months to May 2009, down 9.0 million from the three months to February 2009. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to May 2009 were 31.7, unchanged from the three months to February 2009.

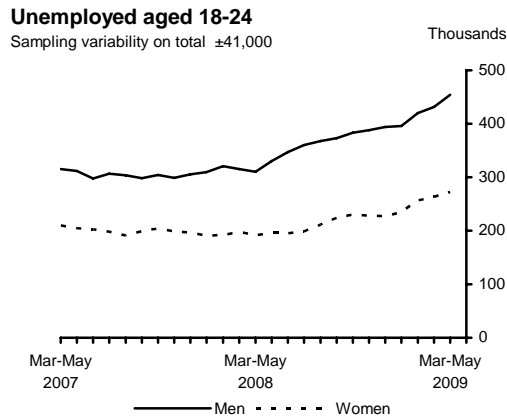
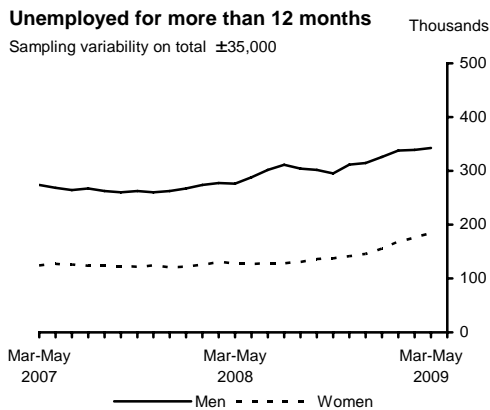


### Unemployment (table 9)

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

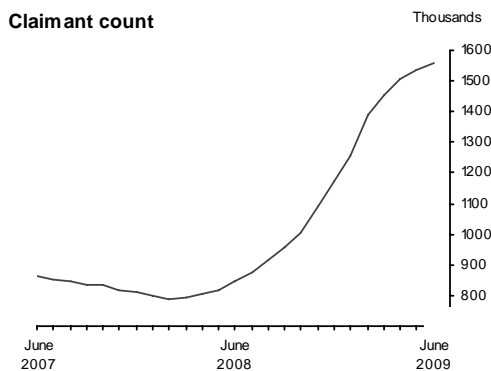
The number of unemployed men was 1.46 million in the three months to May 2009, up 197,000 from the three months to February 2009. The number of unemployed women was 923,000 in the three months to May 2009, up 84,000 from the three months to February 2009.

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



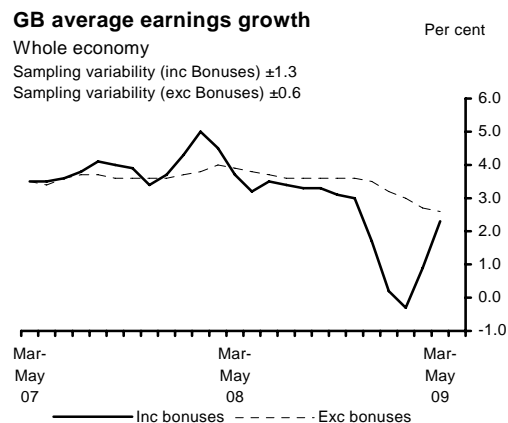
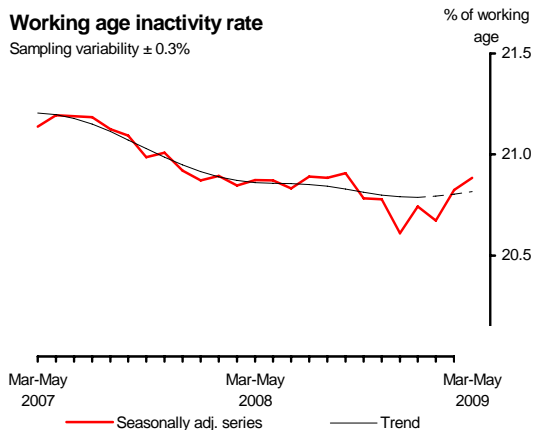
### Claimant Count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in June 2009 was 1.56 million, up 23,800 on the previous month and up 716,800 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate was 4.8 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month and up 2.2 percentage points from a year earlier.



### Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.9 per cent in the three months to May 2009, up 0.1 percentage point on the three months to February 2009 but unchanged on a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age rose by 64,000 over the quarter and by 46,000 over the year to reach 7.92 million in the three months to May 2009.



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

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

#### Manufacturing

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

#### Services

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

#### Public sector

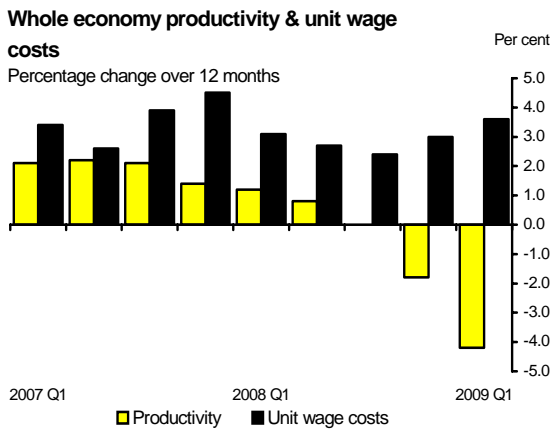
3.4 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point;  
3.5 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

#### Private sector

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

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

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

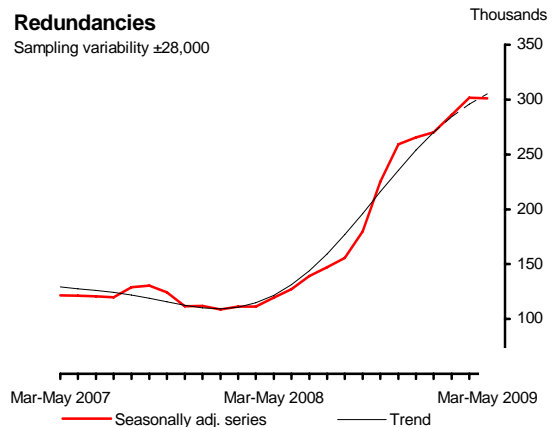
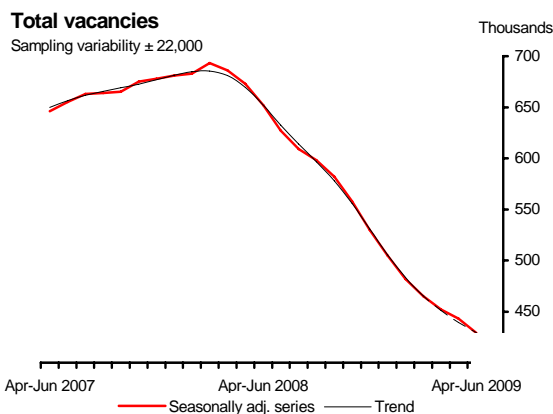


**Labour disputes (table 20)**

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

**Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)**

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



**Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)**

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

from a year earlier. The redundancy rate was 11.9 per 1,000 employees, up 1.3 from the three months to February 2009 and up 7.2 from a year earlier.

### **Benefits (table 25)**

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

## **BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION**

### **REVISIONS**

There have been no significant revisions in this month's Statistical Bulletin.

### **GUIDE TO LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS RELEASES**

*Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases:* A guide designed to help users of labour market Statistical Bulletins (formerly called First Releases) can be found on the website at:

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

### **KEY QUALITY ISSUES**

*Summary Quality Report:* A Summary Quality Report for this Statistical Bulletin can be found on the website at:

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

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

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

## RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this Statistical Bulletin can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and Average Earnings (AEI) data first published from July 2003 to June 2008. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from September 2001 to June 2006. Spreadsheets giving revisions triangles (real time database) of estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the tables are available on the National Statistics website at:

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

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	72.9	60	0.01 (percentage points)	0.03 (percentage points)
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6	60	0.00 (percentage points)	0.02 (percentage points)
Claimant count (thousands)	1,560.1	60	-0.61 (thousands)	2.12 (thousands)
AEI including bonuses (%)	2.3	60	0.04 (percentage points)	0.12 (percentage points)

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

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

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

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology\\_by\\_theme/downloads/LM\\_revisionspolicy.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf)

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



## THIS MONTH'S STATISTICAL BULLETIN

### Labour disputes

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

## NEXT MONTH'S STATISTICAL BULLETIN

### Employment by country of birth and nationality

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

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

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

## SPECIAL NOTE: WORKFORCE JOBS ESTIMATES

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

## SAMPLING VARIABILITY

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

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

	Level	Sampling variability of level	Change on quarter	Sampling variability of change on quarter	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year
Employment (000s)	28,998	± 145	-269	± 104	-543	± 183
Employment rate	72.9%	± 0.4	-0.9	± 0.3	-2.0	± 0.5
Average weekly hours	31.7	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.2	-0.3	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	2,381	± 78	281	± 77	753	± 95
Unemployment rate	7.6%	± 0.2	0.9	± 0.2	2.4	± 0.3
Economically active (000s)	31,379	± 135	12	± 97	209	± 171
Economic activity rate	79.1%	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.4
Economically inactive (000s)	7,915	± 127	64	± 90	46	± 161
Economic inactivity rate	20.9%	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	301	± 28	31	± 38	182	± 32

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

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

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

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

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

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

Headline rates are percentage changes for latest three months on previous year. The data exclude arrears of pay.

**Sampling variability of Vacancy Survey estimates**

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

	Level	Sampling variability of level	Change on year	Sampling variability of change on year
<b>April – June 2009 average total vacancies</b>				
Level (000s)	429	± 22	-222	± 18
<b>Vacancy ratio (per 100 employee jobs)</b>				
June 2009 single month estimate	1.6	± 0.1	-0.9	± 0.1
<b>June 2009 single month estimate</b>				
Level (000s)	421	± 38	-211	± 30

## TRENDS

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

## BACKGROUND NOTES

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

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS\\_FR\\_HS.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS_FR_HS.asp)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Further information on the topics covered in this Statistical Bulletin is available by contacting the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (tel: 01633 456901 or email [labour.market@ons.gov.uk](mailto:labour.market@ons.gov.uk)), the Labour Market statisticians (see back page for contact details) or from the National Statistics website at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>

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

4. Symbols used in the tables

p Provisional

.. Not available

\* Grossed up total less than 9,500

r Revised

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

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

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## **CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Actual hours worked:** See hours worked.

**Claimant count:** The number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits - since October 1996 this has been the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. The seasonally

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Hours worked:**

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

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

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

**Jobs:** See *Employment and jobs*.

**Key out of work benefits:** The Department for Work and Pensions consider the key out of work benefits to be those that are paid to client groups subject to labour market activation policies. This includes recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Employment and Support Allowance, Severe Disablement Allowance, Lone Parents Income Support and other income

related benefits. However it excludes recipients of Carers Allowance, Bereavement or Widow's Benefit and Disability Living Allowance, unless the claimant is also in receipt of one of the key out of work benefits.

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

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

**Outflows:** See *Inflows and Outflows*.

**Part-time:** See *Full-time*.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Usual hours worked:** See *hours worked*.

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

**Workforce jobs:** See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available at:

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme\\_labour/LMS\\_FR\\_HS\\_Concepts\\_Definitions.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_FR_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf)

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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
Mar-May 2007	48,587	30,830	29,157	1,673	17,757	63.5	60.0	5.4	36.5
Mar-May 2008	48,975	31,169	29,541	1,628	17,805	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
Jun-Aug 2008	49,073	31,211	29,419	1,792	17,862	63.6	60.0	5.7	36.4
Sep-Nov 2008	49,176	31,316	29,393	1,923	17,860	63.7	59.8	6.1	36.3
Dec-Feb 2009	49,278	31,367	29,267	2,100	17,911	63.7	59.4	6.7	36.3
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>49,381</b>	<b>31,379</b>	<b>28,998</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>18,002</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>36.5</b>
Change on quarter	103	12	-269	281	91	-0.1	-0.7	0.9	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.0	-0.9	13.4	0.5				
Change on year	406	209	-543	753	197	-0.1	-1.6	2.4	0.1
Change %	0.8	0.7	-1.8	46.2	1.1				
<b>Men</b>	MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MGSJ	MGWH	MGSS	MGSY	YBTD
Mar-May 2007	23,621	16,765	15,802	963	6,856	71.0	66.9	5.7	29.0
Mar-May 2008	23,844	16,902	15,953	949	6,942	70.9	66.9	5.6	29.1
Jun-Aug 2008	23,900	16,927	15,867	1,060	6,972	70.8	66.4	6.3	29.2
Sep-Nov 2008	23,957	16,986	15,839	1,147	6,971	70.9	66.1	6.8	29.1
Dec-Feb 2009	24,014	17,006	15,746	1,261	7,008	70.8	65.6	7.4	29.2
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>24,071</b>	<b>17,012</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>7,059</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>29.3</b>
Change on quarter	57	6	-191	197	52	-0.1	-1.0	1.2	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.0	-1.2	15.6	0.7				
Change on year	227	110	-399	509	118	-0.2	-2.3	3.0	0.2
Change %	1.0	0.7	-2.5	53.6	1.7				
<b>Women</b>	MGSN	MGSB	MGSB	MGSE	MGSK	MGWI	MGST	MGSZ	YBTE
Mar-May 2007	24,966	14,065	13,355	710	10,901	56.3	53.5	5.0	43.7
Mar-May 2008	25,131	14,267	13,588	679	10,864	56.8	54.1	4.8	43.2
Jun-Aug 2008	25,173	14,284	13,552	732	10,889	56.7	53.8	5.1	43.3
Sep-Nov 2008	25,219	14,329	13,554	775	10,889	56.8	53.7	5.4	43.2
Dec-Feb 2009	25,264	14,360	13,522	839	10,904	56.8	53.5	5.8	43.2
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>25,309</b>	<b>14,367</b>	<b>13,443</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>10,943</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>43.2</b>
Change on quarter	45	6	-78	84	39	-0.1	-0.4	0.6	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.0	-0.6	10.1	0.4				
Change on year	179	99	-144	244	79	0.0	-1.0	1.7	0.0
Change %	0.7	0.7	-1.1	35.9	0.7				
All aged 16 to 59/64									
	All aged 16 to 59/64	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>People</b>	YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGSO	MGSU	YBTI	YBTL
Mar-May 2007	37,528	29,595	27,948	1,647	7,932	78.9	74.5	5.6	21.1
Mar-May 2008	37,702	29,833	28,229	1,604	7,869	79.1	74.9	5.4	20.9
Jun-Aug 2008	37,748	29,862	28,094	1,768	7,886	79.1	74.4	5.9	20.9
Sep-Nov 2008	37,799	29,943	28,051	1,892	7,856	79.2	74.2	6.3	20.8
Dec-Feb 2009	37,850	29,999	27,933	2,066	7,851	79.3	73.8	6.9	20.7
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>37,901</b>	<b>29,986</b>	<b>27,638</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>7,915</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>20.9</b>
Change on quarter	51	-13	-295	282	64	-0.1	-0.9	0.9	0.1
Change %	0.1	0.0	-1.1	13.7	0.8				
Change on year	199	153	-591	744	46	0.0	-2.0	2.5	0.0
Change %	0.5	0.5	-2.1	46.4	0.6				
<b>Men</b>	YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGSP	MGSV	YBTJ	YBTM
Mar-May 2007	19,518	16,354	15,401	953	3,164	83.8	78.9	5.8	16.2
Mar-May 2008	19,661	16,449	15,512	938	3,211	83.7	78.9	5.7	16.3
Jun-Aug 2008	19,694	16,475	15,426	1,048	3,220	83.7	78.3	6.4	16.3
Sep-Nov 2008	19,727	16,525	15,391	1,133	3,202	83.8	78.0	6.9	16.2
Dec-Feb 2009	19,759	16,557	15,309	1,248	3,202	83.8	77.5	7.5	16.2
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>19,791</b>	<b>16,561</b>	<b>15,115</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Change on quarter	32	4	-195	198	29	-0.1	-1.1	1.2	0.1
Change %	0.2	0.0	-1.3	15.9	0.9				
Change on year	130	111	-397	508	19	0.0	-2.5	3.0	0.0
Change %	0.7	0.7	-2.6	54.2	0.6				
<b>Women</b>	YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGSQ	MGSW	YBTK	YBTN
Mar-May 2007	18,010	13,241	12,547	694	4,769	73.5	69.7	5.2	26.5
Mar-May 2008	18,041	13,384	12,717	666	4,658	74.2	70.5	5.0	25.8
Jun-Aug 2008	18,053	13,387	12,668	719	4,666	74.2	70.2	5.4	25.8
Sep-Nov 2008	18,072	13,418	12,660	759	4,654	74.2	70.1	5.7	25.8
Dec-Feb 2009	18,091	13,442	12,624	818	4,649	74.3	69.8	6.1	25.7
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>18,110</b>	<b>13,425</b>	<b>12,523</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>25.9</b>
Change on quarter	19	-17	-101	84	36	-0.2	-0.6	0.6	0.2
Change %	0.1	-0.1	-0.8	10.3	0.8				
Change on year	69	42	-194	236	27	-0.1	-1.3	1.7	0.1
Change %	0.4	0.3	-1.5	35.4	0.6				

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

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

# SUMMARY

## 1a Summary of other headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs <sup>1</sup>			Public and private sector employment <sup>1</sup>		
	Levels			Public sector G7AU	Private sector G7K5	
	All Jobs DYDC	Male Jobs LOLA	Female Jobs LOLB			
<b>2007</b>						
March	31,390	16,748	14,643	5,779	23,306	
June	31,471	16,773	14,698	5,766	23,433	
September	31,598	16,881	14,716	5,749	23,570	
December	31,602	16,868	14,734	5,753	23,701	
<b>2008</b>						
March	31,643	16,896	14,747	5,735	23,771	
June	31,661	16,908	14,753	5,750	23,741	
September	31,520	16,785	14,736	5,768	23,609	
December	31,296	16,644	14,652	6,005	23,374	
<b>2009</b>						
<b>March</b>	<b>31,188</b>	<b>16,563</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>23,088</b>	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-108	-81	-27	15	-286	
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	-1.2	
<i>Change on year</i>	-455	-333	-122	285	-683	
<i>Change %</i>	-1.4	-2.0	-0.8	5.0	-2.9	

	Claimant count <sup>2</sup>					
	Levels			Rates (%) <sup>3</sup>		
	People BCJD	Men DPAE	Women DPAF	People BCJE	Men DPAH	Women DPAI
<b>2008</b>						
June #	843.3	617.3	226.0	2.6	3.5	1.5
July	873.7	640.8	232.9	2.7	3.7	1.6
August #	913.7	671.3	242.4	2.8	3.8	1.6
September	956.7	704.4	252.3	2.9	4.0	1.7
October	1,006.8	742.5	264.3	3.1	4.2	1.8
November #	1,091.5	809.9	281.6	3.4	4.6	1.9
December	1,175.8	874.8	301.0	3.6	5.0	2.0
<b>2009</b>						
January	1,253.8	931.6	322.2	3.9	5.3	2.2
February #	1,390.4	1,033.6	356.8	4.3	5.9	2.4
March	1,455.9	1,081.5	374.4	4.5	6.2	2.5
April	1,505.5	1,117.8	387.7	4.6	6.4	2.6
May # (r)	1,536.3	1,138.0	398.3	4.7	6.5	2.7
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>1,560.1</b>	<b>1,154.9</b>	<b>405.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	23.8	16.9	6.9	0.1	0.1	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	1.5	1.7			
<i>Change on year</i>	716.8	537.6	179.2	2.2	3.1	1.2
<i>Change %</i>	85.0	87.1	79.3			

Average for three months ending in month shown	GB Whole economy earnings <sup>4</sup>		Vacancies (three month rolling average estimates)		
	Average earnings index (including bonuses)	Average earnings index (excluding bonuses)	Level AP2Y	Vacancy Ratio <sup>5</sup> AP2Z	
	LNNC	JQDY			
<b>2008</b>					
May	3.7	3.9	Apr-Jun 2008	652	2.5
June	3.2 (r)	3.8	May-Jul 2008	627	2.4
July	3.5	3.7	Jun-Aug 2008	609	2.3
August	3.4	3.6	Jul-Sep 2008	598	2.3
September	3.3	3.6	Aug-Oct 2008	582	2.2
October	3.3	3.6	Sep-Nov 2008	558	2.1
November	3.1	3.6	Oct-Dec 2008	530	2.0
December	3.0	3.6			
<b>2009</b>					
January	1.7	3.5	Nov-Jan 2009	505	1.9
February	0.2	3.2	Dec-Feb 2009	482	1.8
March	-0.3	3.0	Jan-Mar 2009	465	1.8
April	0.9 (r)	2.7	Feb-Apr 2009	452	1.7
<b>May (p)</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	Mar-May 2009	443	1.7
			<b>Apr-Jun 2009 (p)</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>1.6</b>

1. See footnotes to Tables 4 and 5.

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

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

5. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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

# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 2 Employment by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) & 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>In Employment</b>								
<b>People</b>	MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
Mar-May 2007	29,157	27,948	532	3,633	6,259	11,030	6,495	1,208
Mar-May 2008	29,541	28,229	550	3,704	6,295	11,105	6,576	1,313
Jun-Aug 2008	29,419	28,094	530	3,656	6,272	11,064	6,573	1,325
Sep-Nov 2008	29,393	28,051	504	3,633	6,285	11,032	6,597	1,342
Dec-Feb 2009	29,267	27,933	489	3,557	6,270	11,035	6,582	1,334
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>28,998</b>	<b>27,638</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>6,183</b>	<b>10,935</b>	<b>6,586</b>	<b>1,360</b>
Change on quarter	-269	-295	-31	-81	-87	-100	4	26
Change %	-0.9	-1.1	-6.3	-2.3	-1.4	-0.9	0.1	2.0
Change on year	-543	-591	-91	-228	-112	-170	10	48
Change %	-1.8	-2.1	-16.6	-6.2	-1.8	-1.5	0.2	3.6
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Mar-May 2007	15,802	15,401	254	1,940	3,451	5,884	3,872	400
Mar-May 2008	15,953	15,512	260	1,961	3,457	5,893	3,941	442
Jun-Aug 2008	15,867	15,426	264	1,932	3,430	5,864	3,937	441
Sep-Nov 2008	15,839	15,391	249	1,914	3,430	5,859	3,939	448
Dec-Feb 2009	15,746	15,309	240	1,859	3,432	5,837	3,941	437
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>15,115</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>3,376</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>440</b>
Change on quarter	-191	-195	-19	-39	-57	-58	-22	3
Change %	-1.2	-1.3	-8.0	-2.1	-1.7	-1.0	-0.6	0.8
Change on year	-399	-397	-39	-141	-81	-114	-22	-2
Change %	-2.5	-2.6	-15.2	-7.2	-2.3	-1.9	-0.6	-0.4
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Mar-May 2007	13,355	12,547	278	1,693	2,808	5,146	2,622	808
Mar-May 2008	13,588	12,717	290	1,742	2,838	5,212	2,634	871
Jun-Aug 2008	13,552	12,668	265	1,724	2,842	5,200	2,637	884
Sep-Nov 2008	13,554	12,660	255	1,719	2,855	5,173	2,658	894
Dec-Feb 2009	13,522	12,624	249	1,697	2,838	5,198	2,641	898
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>13,443</b>	<b>12,523</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>2,807</b>	<b>5,156</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>920</b>
Change on quarter	-78	-101	-11	-43	-31	-42	25	23
Change %	-0.6	-0.8	-4.5	-2.5	-1.1	-0.8	1.0	2.5
Change on year	-144	-194	-52	-88	-31	-56	32	50
Change %	-1.1	-1.5	-17.9	-5.0	-1.1	-1.1	1.2	5.7
<b>Employment rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Mar-May 2007	60.0	74.5	33.6	64.7	80.4	82.3	71.2	10.9
Mar-May 2008	60.3	74.9	34.6	64.7	80.7	82.7	71.9	11.6
Jun-Aug 2008	60.0	74.4	33.4	63.6	80.2	82.3	71.8	11.7
Sep-Nov 2008	59.8	74.2	31.9	63.0	80.0	82.2	71.9	11.8
Dec-Feb 2009	59.4	73.8	31.2	61.4	79.5	82.2	71.6	11.7
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>
Change on quarter	-0.7	-0.9	-1.8	-1.6	-1.5	-0.7	-0.1	0.2
Change on year	-1.6	-2.0	-5.1	-4.8	-2.6	-1.1	-0.3	0.2
<b>Men</b>	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Mar-May 2007	66.9	78.9	31.1	67.8	89.0	88.9	72.5	9.8
Mar-May 2008	66.9	78.9	31.8	67.0	88.5	88.9	73.2	10.6
Jun-Aug 2008	66.4	78.3	32.4	65.7	87.6	88.5	72.9	10.5
Sep-Nov 2008	66.1	78.0	30.7	65.0	87.1	88.5	72.8	10.6
Dec-Feb 2009	65.6	77.5	29.8	62.9	86.7	88.2	72.7	10.3
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Change on quarter	-1.0	-1.1	-2.2	-1.5	-1.9	-0.8	-0.6	0.0
Change on year	-2.3	-2.5	-4.2	-5.6	-3.7	-1.5	-1.1	-0.3
<b>Women</b>	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Mar-May 2007	53.5	69.7	36.2	61.4	71.9	75.8	69.3	11.6
Mar-May 2008	54.1	70.5	37.4	62.2	72.8	76.6	70.1	12.3
Jun-Aug 2008	53.8	70.2	34.4	61.3	72.8	76.4	70.1	12.4
Sep-Nov 2008	53.7	70.1	33.2	60.9	72.9	76.0	70.6	12.5
Dec-Feb 2009	53.5	69.8	32.6	59.9	72.2	76.4	70.1	12.5
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Change on quarter	-0.4	-0.6	-1.3	-1.7	-1.0	-0.6	0.6	0.3
Change on year	-1.0	-1.3	-6.1	-4.0	-1.6	-0.7	0.7	0.5

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

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

Source: Labour Force Survey

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## 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	
Mar-May 2007	29,157	25,159	3,792	101	104	21,762	7,395	18,806	6,353	2,892	900	1,096	
Mar-May 2008	29,541	25,463	3,843	116	119	22,062	7,479	19,070	6,393	2,922	921	1,115	
Jun-Aug 2008	29,419	25,411	3,812	88	108	21,910	7,509	18,957	6,454	2,898	915	1,108	
Sep-Nov 2008	29,393	25,385	3,812	94	102	21,821	7,572	18,887	6,499	2,891	921	1,140	
Dec-Feb 2009	29,267	25,299	3,782	85	102	21,740	7,527	18,804	6,494	2,881	901	1,151	
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>28,998</b>	<b>24,966</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>21,467</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>18,547</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1,144</b>	
Change on quarter	-269	-332	55	11	-3	-273	3	-257	-75	-9	64	-8	
Change %	-0.9	-1.3	1.4	12.6	-2.6	-1.3	0.0	-1.4	-1.2	-0.3	7.1	-0.7	
Change on year	-543	-497	-7	-21	-19	-595	51	-523	26	-51	44	29	
Change %	-1.8	-2.0	-0.2	-17.7	-16.1	-2.7	0.7	-2.7	0.4	-1.7	4.8	2.6	
<b>Men</b>	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Mar-May 2007	15,802	12,945	2,758	39	59	14,075	1,726	11,659	1,286	2,379	379	455	
Mar-May 2008	15,953	13,050	2,794	41	69	14,178	1,775	11,733	1,317	2,401	392	457	
Jun-Aug 2008	15,867	12,998	2,771	31	67	14,029	1,838	11,609	1,389	2,383	388	447	
Sep-Nov 2008	15,839	12,980	2,755	38	65	13,993	1,846	11,590	1,391	2,374	381	469	
Dec-Feb 2009	15,746	12,919	2,735	32	60	13,900	1,846	11,506	1,413	2,364	371	480	
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>15,554</b>	<b>12,705</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13,678</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>11,297</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>486</b>	
Change on quarter	-191	-213	21	4	-4	-222	31	-209	-4	-12	33	7	
Change %	-1.2	-1.7	0.8	14.0	-6.4	-1.6	1.7	-1.8	-0.3	-0.5	9.0	1.4	
Change on year	-399	-345	-38	-4	-12	-501	102	-436	92	-50	12	29	
Change %	-2.5	-2.6	-1.3	-10.8	-18.0	-3.5	5.7	-3.7	7.0	-2.1	3.2	6.4	
<b>Women</b>	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Mar-May 2007	13,355	12,214	1,034	62	45	7,687	5,668	7,147	5,067	513	521	640	
Mar-May 2008	13,588	12,413	1,049	75	50	7,884	5,704	7,337	5,076	521	529	657	
Jun-Aug 2008	13,552	12,413	1,041	57	41	7,881	5,671	7,348	5,065	514	527	662	
Sep-Nov 2008	13,554	12,405	1,057	55	36	7,828	5,726	7,297	5,108	517	540	671	
Dec-Feb 2009	13,522	12,380	1,047	53	42	7,840	5,681	7,298	5,082	517	530	671	
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>13,443</b>	<b>12,261</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7,790</b>	<b>5,654</b>	<b>7,251</b>	<b>5,010</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>657</b>	
Change on quarter	-78	-119	33	6	1	-51	-27	-47	-71	3	31	-14	
Change %	-0.6	-1.0	3.2	11.7	2.8	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-1.4	0.5	5.8	-2.1	
Change on year	-144	-153	31	-16	-7	-94	-50	-87	-66	-1	32	0	
Change %	-1.1	-1.2	2.9	-21.4	-13.5	-1.2	-0.9	-1.2	-1.3	-0.1	6.0	0.0	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) <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	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Mar-May 2007	1,515	6.0	406	26.8	429	97	583	7,253	687	9.5	5,216	178	1,142
Mar-May 2008	1,423	5.6	355	25.0	415	79	573	7,314	672	9.2	5,243	196	1,158
Jun-Aug 2008	1,378	5.4	350	25.4	402	85	542	7,368	703	9.5	5,262	216	1,148
Sep-Nov 2008	1,394	5.5	360	25.8	398	87	549	7,420	739	10.0	5,284	198	1,154
Dec-Feb 2009	1,415	5.6	418	29.6	379	82	536	7,395	829	11.2	5,224	184	1,118
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>7,384</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>5,138</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>1,085</b>
Change on quarter	1	0.1	-5	-0.4	18	6	-18	-11	98	1.3	-86	11	-33
Change %	0.0		-1.2		4.7	7.1	-3.4	-0.2	11.8		-1.6	5.9	-3.0
Change on year	-8	0.1	58	4.2	-18	8	-55	70	255	3.4	-105	-1	-73
Change %	-0.5		16.3		-4.4	10.3	-9.7	1.0	37.9		-2.0	-0.6	-6.3
<b>Men</b>	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Mar-May 2007	703	5.4	220	31.3	178	42	262	1,665	282	16.9	802	76	496
Mar-May 2008	654	5.0	180	27.6	172	43	259	1,710	273	16.0	857	77	486
Jun-Aug 2008	623	4.8	178	28.6	156	45	243	1,776	306	17.2	854	83	521
Sep-Nov 2008	630	4.9	182	28.9	153	43	252	1,772	325	18.3	846	79	505
Dec-Feb 2009	660	5.1	229	34.7	156	37	238	1,784	378	21.2	830	78	484
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>479</b>
Change on quarter	-1	0.1	-9	-1.3	5	8	-5	29	48	2.3	-21	4	-6
Change %	-0.1		-3.9		3.0	22.6	-2.1	1.7	12.7		-2.6	5.4	-1.2
Change on year	6	0.2	40	5.9	-11	2	-26	104	153	7.5	-49	6	-7
Change %	0.9		22.4		-6.3	5.7	-10.2	6.1	56.1		-5.7	7.2	-1.4
<b>Women</b>	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCS	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Mar-May 2007	812	6.7	185	22.8	251	55	321	5,587	405	7.2	4,414	102	647
Mar-May 2008	769	6.2	175	22.7	243	36	314	5,605	399	7.1	4,386	119	672
Jun-Aug 2008	755	6.1	171	22.7	246	39	299	5,592	397	7.1	4,408	133	627
Sep-Nov 2008	763	6.2	178	23.3	244	44	297	5,648	414	7.3	4,438	119	649
Dec-Feb 2009	754	6.1	189	25.0	223	45	298	5,611	451	8.0	4,394	106	634
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>5,571</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>606</b>
Change on quarter	1	0.1	4	0.5	13	-3	-13	-41	50	0.9	-65	7	-27
Change %	0.2		2.0		5.9	-5.8	-4.3	-0.7	11.0		-1.5	6.3	-4.3
Change on year	-13	0.0	18	2.7	-7	6	-29	-34	101	1.9	-56	-7	-66
Change %	-1.7		10.1		-3.1	15.7	-9.2	-0.6	25.4		-1.3	-5.6	-9.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

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## 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
Mar 07	5,779	19.9	23,306	80.1	29,085
Jun 07	5,766	19.7	23,433	80.3	29,199
Sep 07	5,749	19.6	23,570	80.4	29,319
Dec 07	5,753	19.5	23,701	80.5	29,454
Mar 08	5,735	19.4	23,771	80.6	29,506
Jun 08	5,750	19.5	23,741	80.5	29,491
Sep 08	5,768	19.6	23,609	80.4	29,377
Dec 08	6,005	20.4	23,374	79.6	29,379
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>23,088</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>29,108</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	15	0.3	-286	-0.3	-271
<i>Change %</i>	0.2		-1.2		-0.9
<i>Change on year</i>	285	1.3	-683	-1.3	-399
<i>Change %</i>	5.0		-2.9		-1.4

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

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions. Enquiries 01633 456756
2. Estimates for Northern Ireland included in the UK total are sourced from the Quarterly Employment Survey and are based on jobs rather than employees.
3. Estimates from December 2007 are based partly on projections. Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and Lloyds Banking Group plc are classified to the public sector from 13 October 2008. They are therefore included in the quarterly public sector estimates from December 2008 onwards.
4. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.
5. LFS data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.
6. Labour Force Survey employment; all aged 16 and over.

## 5(1) Workforce jobs<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees <sup>2</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Mar 07	31,390	26,986	4,152	199	54
Jun 07	31,471	27,051	4,169	198	53
Sep 07	31,598	27,155	4,195	195	53
Dec 07	31,602	27,175	4,180	194	52
Mar 08	31,643	27,221	4,177	194	52
Jun 08	31,661	27,232	4,181	193	54
Sep 08	31,520	27,133	4,141	195	52
Dec 08	31,296	26,859	4,192	193	51
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>31,188</b>	<b>26,701</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>69</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-108	-159	30	2	18
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.6	0.7	1.2	36.2
<i>Change on year</i>	-455	-520	46	2	18
<i>Change %</i>	-1.4	-1.9	1.1	0.9	34.3

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

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

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

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

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.



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## 5(2) Workforce jobs<sup>1</sup> by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections											Total services G-O
	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>2</sup>	Other services	
	A-O	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	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
Mar 07	31,390	446	185	3,210	2,219	6,989	1,847	6,555	7,956	1,984	25,331
Jun 07	31,471	455	187	3,187	2,245	7,009	1,849	6,608	7,954	1,976	25,396
Sep 07	31,598	459	190	3,195	2,246	7,015	1,852	6,708	7,958	1,975	25,508
Dec 07	31,602	459	191	3,162	2,237	7,050	1,872	6,701	7,962	1,967	25,552
Mar 08	31,643	484	198	3,154	2,251	7,053	1,867	6,669	7,977	1,990	25,556
Jun 08	31,661	499	198	3,138	2,252	7,037	1,872	6,668	8,009	1,987	25,574
Sep 08	31,520	482	197	3,087	2,286	6,975	1,864	6,583	8,049	1,997	25,468
Dec 08	31,296	483	197	3,021	2,283	6,889	1,854	6,481	8,066	2,022	25,312
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>31,188</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>6,483</b>	<b>8,145</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>25,311</b>
Change on quarter	-108	9	0	-78	-37	-32	-9	1	79	-41	-2
Change %	-0.3	1.9	0.1	-2.6	-1.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.0	1.0	-2.0	0.0
Change on year	-455	8	0	-212	-5	-196	-22	-187	168	-9	-245
Change %	-1.4	1.6	-0.3	-6.7	-0.2	-2.8	-1.2	-2.8	2.1	-0.5	-1.0
<b>Male jobs</b>	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMJ
Mar 07	16,748	330	140	2,399	1,998	3,457	1,394	3,631	2,411	988	11,881
Jun 07	16,773	337	139	2,387	2,018	3,465	1,392	3,644	2,411	979	11,892
Sep 07	16,881	346	140	2,396	2,015	3,469	1,397	3,735	2,408	975	11,984
Dec 07	16,868	337	142	2,373	2,002	3,495	1,412	3,729	2,412	965	12,014
Mar 08	16,896	348	145	2,363	2,004	3,494	1,411	3,743	2,406	980	12,034
Jun 08	16,908	365	148	2,352	2,003	3,494	1,409	3,738	2,417	983	12,040
Sep 08	16,785	357	147	2,315	2,029	3,454	1,396	3,686	2,410	991	11,937
Dec 08	16,644	368	146	2,264	2,022	3,407	1,393	3,632	2,419	993	11,844
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>16,563</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>3,630</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>11,842</b>
Change on quarter	-81	32	-1	-64	-47	-19	-5	-2	36	-11	-1
Change %	-0.5	8.7	-0.5	-2.8	-2.3	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	1.5	-1.1	0.0
Change on year	-333	52	0	-163	-30	-106	-23	-114	49	2	-192
Change %	-2.0	14.9	-0.1	-6.9	-1.5	-3.0	-1.6	-3.0	2.0	0.2	-1.6
<b>Female jobs</b>	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Mar 07	14,643	116	45	810	221	3,532	453	2,924	5,546	996	13,451
Jun 07	14,698	118	48	800	227	3,544	457	2,964	5,543	997	13,504
Sep 07	14,716	112	50	799	231	3,546	455	2,973	5,551	1,000	13,524
Dec 07	14,734	122	49	789	235	3,555	460	2,972	5,550	1,001	13,539
Mar 08	14,747	136	52	791	246	3,559	456	2,926	5,571	1,010	13,522
Jun 08	14,753	134	50	786	248	3,543	463	2,930	5,593	1,005	13,534
Sep 08	14,736	125	50	772	257	3,521	468	2,898	5,639	1,006	13,531
Dec 08	14,652	115	51	756	261	3,482	461	2,849	5,648	1,028	13,469
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>14,625</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>13,468</b>
Change on quarter	-27	-23	1	-14	10	-13	-4	3	43	-30	-1
Change %	-0.2	-19.9	1.8	-1.9	3.9	-0.4	-0.9	0.1	0.8	-2.9	0.0
Change on year	-122	-44	0	-49	25	-89	0	-73	120	-11	-54
Change %	-0.8	-32.3	-0.7	-6.2	10.0	-2.5	0.1	-2.5	2.1	-1.1	-0.4

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

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

Other data sources are as follows:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

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

Government-supported trainees are provided from administrative sources.

2. This series includes both public and private sectors.

## 6 Production industries employee jobs

United Kingdom (thousands),  
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels	Latest 3 months averages	Latest 3 months one year ago (%)	Levels	Latest 3 months averages	Latest 3 months one year ago (%)
		YEJJ	LOMM		YEJK	YEJL
May 07	171	170	8.2	2,916	2,919	-2.7
May 08	180	179	4.7	2,874	2,878	-1.3
Jun 08	180	180	4.1	2,866	2,872	-1.4
Jul 08	179	179	3.3	2,858	2,866	-1.5
Aug 08	179	179	2.6	2,845	2,857	-1.8
Sep 08	179	179	1.6	2,830	2,844	-2.1
Oct 08	179	179	1.2	2,817	2,831	-2.6
Nov 08	179	179	0.8	2,799	2,815	-3.1
Dec 08	179	179	0.8	2,772	2,796	-3.7
Jan 09	179	179	0.5	2,749	2,773	-4.3
Feb 09	179	179	0.3	2,723	2,748	-5.0
Mar 09	179	179	0.0	2,695	2,722	-5.7
Apr 09	180	179	0.1	2,678	2,699	-6.4
<b>May 09</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>-7.0</b>

Source: Employer surveys

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# EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

## 7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

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

1. Main and second job.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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

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

## 7(1) Usual weekly hours of work<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
<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>Dec-Feb 2009</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.2	0.6	1.8	2.7	1.3	6.3
6 up to 15 hours	6.7	3.4	10.6	6.5	3.4	9.9	7.6	3.6	18.1
16 up to 30 hours	18.5	8.5	30.2	18.5	7.4	30.2	18.6	13.6	31.9
31 up to 45 hours	53.7	59.4	47.1	55.8	62.4	48.9	40.3	45.2	27.3
Over 45 hours	19.5	27.9	9.8	17.9	26.2	9.3	30.8	36.3	16.4
Total (thousands)	29,267	15,746	13,522	25,299	12,919	12,380	3,782	2,735	1,047
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.8	2.4	1.2	0.6	1.9	2.7	1.3	6.4
6 up to 15 hours	6.9	3.6	10.7	6.7	3.5	9.9	8.2	3.8	19.4
16 up to 30 hours	18.8	8.9	30.3	18.7	7.6	30.3	19.3	14.7	31.2
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	59.2	46.9	55.8	62.5	48.8	39.7	44.7	26.9
Over 45 hours	19.2	27.5	9.6	17.6	25.8	9.1	30.1	35.5	16.2
Total (thousands)	28,998	15,554	13,443	24,966	12,705	12,261	3,837	2,756	1,080

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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## 8 Employment levels<sup>1</sup> by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands) not seasonally adjusted

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. Those aged 16 and over.

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

## 8(1) Working age<sup>1</sup> employment rates by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom not seasonally adjusted

By country of birth	Total <sup>2</sup>	UK	Non UK	EU14 <sup>3</sup>	EUA8 <sup>4</sup>	USA	Africa excluding South Africa	South Africa	Australia and New Zealand	India	Pakistan and Bangladesh
	MGUH	JF6J	JF6L	JF6N	JF6P	JF6R	JF6T	JF6V	JF6X	JF6Z	JF73
Jan - Mar 2003	74.3	75.4	64.2	72.9	58.3	74.8	65.4	81.0	86.4	67.2	41.3
Jan - Mar 2004	74.6	75.7	65.0	70.2	63.8	69.1	64.5	81.7	91.3	67.5	44.1
Jan - Mar 2005	74.6	75.6	66.7	73.6	74.2	76.0	66.7	78.2	90.2	67.9	41.6
Jan - Mar 2006	74.4	75.4	67.4	75.2	82.7	75.2	65.7	80.3	84.2	71.7	44.5
Jan - Mar 2007	74.1	75.1	67.2	75.2	80.8	72.5	65.5	82.4	82.1	69.1	48.7
Apr - Jun 2007	74.3	75.3	68.0	74.5	81.8	72.7	64.9	83.8	85.2	71.2	48.0
Jul - Sep 2007	74.8	75.8	68.9	75.4	83.1	73.4	66.7	84.8	86.6	68.8	47.8
Oct - Dec 2007	75.0	76.0	68.7	75.2	84.0	74.2	67.2	82.4	84.6	69.4	46.4
Jan - Mar 2008	74.6	75.5	69.3	76.5	82.8	74.7	66.7	86.1	85.9	69.7	45.5
Apr - Jun 2008	74.5	75.4	69.1	76.1	84.3	74.3	66.8	86.3	84.3	70.7	46.1
Jul - Sep 2008	74.6	75.5	69.2	75.8	84.2	67.5	64.9	84.9	83.1	71.3	49.1
Oct - Dec 2008	74.2	75.2	68.8	75.3	80.8	65.7	63.9	81.1	84.5	73.0	49.1
<b>Jan - Mar 2009</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>75.3</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>48.6</b>
Change on year	-1.3	-1.3	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	-5.9	-5.3	-3.7	-0.1	3.0	3.1
By nationality	MGUH	JF6K	JF6M	JF6O	JF6Q	JF6S	JF6U	JF6W	JF6Y	JF72	JF74
Jan - Mar 2003	74.3	75.0	61.8	71.5	57.5	72.4	53.9	85.4	88.8	63.9	34.3
Jan - Mar 2004	74.6	75.3	63.1	69.2	61.5	72.1	52.0	83.4	91.8	64.2	44.9
Jan - Mar 2005	74.6	75.3	65.7	73.5	75.3	77.0	56.5	79.0	90.7	67.7	39.7
Jan - Mar 2006	74.4	75.0	67.0	72.4	82.7	76.6	58.9	85.8	87.7	71.3	43.9
Jan - Mar 2007	74.1	74.7	66.9	74.4	81.1	72.5	57.0	86.4	84.7	69.8	48.0
Apr - Jun 2007	74.3	74.9	67.9	73.0	82.1	75.4	57.0	89.3	87.5	72.3	44.2
Jul - Sep 2007	74.8	75.4	68.6	74.4	83.6	78.0	59.6	87.5	88.6	69.2	40.4
Oct - Dec 2007	75.0	75.6	68.3	74.8	84.0	75.5	61.5	83.9	86.8	69.4	42.9
Jan - Mar 2008	74.6	75.1	69.2	75.4	83.1	75.3	59.3	93.4	90.0	70.9	42.0
Apr - Jun 2008	74.5	75.1	68.9	75.0	84.5	78.1	57.6	88.4	87.6	73.1	43.2
Jul - Sep 2008	74.6	75.1	69.4	74.2	84.2	70.6	59.3	87.3	84.5	72.5	47.6
Oct - Dec 2008	74.2	74.7	69.0	73.9	81.3	68.9	60.2	81.7	86.9	74.3	47.9
<b>Jan - Mar 2009</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>46.0</b>
Change on year	-1.3	-1.4	-0.5	-1.5	-0.3	-2.1	-4.1	-6.8	-4.0	0.8	4.0

Source: Labour Force Survey

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1. Men aged 16 to 64 and women aged 16 to 59.

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

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

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

# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) <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	YBWA
Mar-May 2007	1,673	5.4	1,004	271	398	23.8	178	1,647	5.6	991	266	389	23.6	174
Mar-May 2008	1,628	5.2	959	264	405	24.9	188	1,604	5.4	947	260	397	24.7	183
Jun-Aug 2008	1,792	5.7	1,078	274	440	24.5	209	1,768	5.9	1,066	270	432	24.4	204
Sep-Nov 2008	1,923	6.1	1,178	312	432	22.5	196	1,892	6.3	1,161	307	423	22.4	191
Dec-Feb 2009	2,100	6.7	1,274	344	481	22.9	217	2,066	6.9	1,256	339	471	22.8	211
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>226</b>
Change on quarter	281	0.9	144	91	46	-0.8	14	282	0.9	144	91	47	-0.7	15
Change %	13.4		11.3	26.4	9.6		6.5	13.7		11.5	26.9	10.0		7.1
Change on year	753	2.4	458	171	123	-2.7	43	744	2.5	453	169	122	-2.6	43
Change %	46.2		47.8	64.8	30.4		22.7	46.4		47.8	65.0	30.8		23.3
<b>Men</b>	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Mar-May 2007	963	5.7	527	163	274	28.5	128	953	5.8	522	161	270	28.3	126
Mar-May 2008	949	5.6	519	153	276	29.1	136	938	5.7	515	151	272	29.0	133
Jun-Aug 2008	1,060	6.3	585	164	311	29.4	154	1,048	6.4	580	162	306	29.2	150
Sep-Nov 2008	1,147	6.8	670	182	295	25.7	137	1,133	6.9	663	180	290	25.6	135
Dec-Feb 2009	1,261	7.4	734	201	326	25.9	154	1,248	7.5	728	198	321	25.8	151
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>159</b>
Change on quarter	197	1.2	110	70	16	-2.4	7	198	1.2	110	71	17	-2.3	8
Change %	15.6		15.0	35.1	5.0		4.7	15.9		15.2	35.6	5.4		5.3
Change on year	509	3.0	325	118	66	-5.6	25	508	3.0	324	117	67	-5.5	26
Change %	53.6		62.6	76.9	23.9		18.6	54.2		62.9	77.6	24.7		19.7
<b>Women</b>	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWP	YBWT	YBWW	YBWX	YBYB
Mar-May 2007	710	5.0	477	108	124	17.5	50	694	5.2	469	105	120	17.2	48
Mar-May 2008	679	4.8	440	111	128	18.9	53	666	5.0	433	109	125	18.7	51
Jun-Aug 2008	732	5.1	493	110	128	17.5	55	719	5.4	486	108	126	17.5	53
Sep-Nov 2008	775	5.4	508	131	137	17.7	58	759	5.7	498	127	133	17.5	56
Dec-Feb 2009	839	5.8	540	144	155	18.5	63	818	6.1	528	140	150	18.3	60
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>67</b>
Change on quarter	84	0.6	34	21	30	1.5	7	84	0.6	34	20	30	1.6	7
Change %	10.1		6.3	14.3	19.2		11.1	10.3		6.4	14.6	20.0		11.8
Change on year	244	1.7	134	53	57	1.2	18	236	1.7	129	52	55	1.2	17
Change %	35.9		30.4	48.1	44.4		33.4	35.4		29.9	47.5	43.9		32.8

	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate(%) <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
Mar-May 2007	191	26.5	150	26	16	8.1	*	526	12.6	346	90	89	17.0	29
Mar-May 2008	185	25.1	136	35	13	7.0	*	502	11.9	324	72	106	21.2	39
Jun-Aug 2008	188	26.2	150	28	11	5.6	*	559	13.3	369	80	110	19.7	41
Sep-Nov 2008	193	27.7	148	29	15	8.0	*	614	14.5	414	97	103	16.8	38
Dec-Feb 2009	188	27.8	137	34	17	9.1	*	631	15.1	410	110	111	17.6	39
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>49</b>
Change on quarter	13	2.7	10	1	3	0.7	*	95	2.2	42	31	22	0.7	10
Change %	6.9		7.1	2.0	14.9		*	15.1		10.4	27.8	19.9		24.7
Change on year	16	5.3	10	-1	7	2.8	*	224	5.3	128	69	27	-2.8	10
Change %	8.9		7.5	-1.8	52.9		*	44.6		39.5	96.7	25.3		24.6
<b>Men</b>	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Mar-May 2007	107	29.6	82	15	10	9.8	*	316	14.0	191	60	64	20.4	23
Mar-May 2008	102	28.2	76	18	*	*	*	310	13.7	188	48	74	24.0	32
Jun-Aug 2008	101	27.6	79	15	*	*	*	360	15.7	229	52	79	22.0	31
Sep-Nov 2008	105	29.7	81	16	*	*	*	383	16.7	242	64	77	20.2	27
Dec-Feb 2009	104	30.2	76	17	11	10.5	*	396	17.6	244	74	78	19.7	29
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>37</b>
Change on quarter	6	3.1	2	3	1	0.4	*	58	2.4	27	22	9	-0.5	9
Change %	6.0		2.6	18.0	10.5		*	14.7		11.0	29.4	12.1		30.3
Change on year	8	5.1	2	2	*	*	*	144	6.3	83	48	13	-4.7	5
Change %	7.9		2.7	13.8	*	*	*	46.2		44.1	98.4	17.8		16.9
<b>Women</b>	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Mar-May 2007	85	23.3	69	11	*	*	*	210	11.0	155	30	25	12.0	*
Mar-May 2008	83	22.2	60	18	*	*	*	192	9.9	137	23	32	16.6	*
Jun-Aug 2008	88	24.8	71	13	*	*	*	198	10.3	140	28	30	15.4	10
Sep-Nov 2008	88	25.6	67	13	*	*	*	230	11.8	172	32	26	11.1	11
Dec-Feb 2009	84	25.3	61	17	*	*	*	235	12.2	166	36	33	14.0	11
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>12</b>
Change on quarter	7	2.4	8	-2	*	*	*	37	2.0	16	9	13	2.8	1
Change %	8.1		12.7	-14.0	*	*	*	15.8		9.4	24.7	38.7		9.6
Change on year	8	5.5	8	-3	*	*	*	81	4.2	45	22	14	0.1	*
Change %	10.1		13.6	-17.5	*	*	*	42.0		33.1	93.0	42.7		*

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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# UNEMPLOYMENT

## 9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) <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
Mar-May 2007	706	3.9	392	115	199	28.2	97	250	3.1	116	40	94	37.7	51
Mar-May 2008	712	3.9	392	120	199	28.0	96	229	2.8	107	37	86	37.5	52
Jun-Aug 2008	787	4.3	441	122	224	28.4	111	258	3.2	118	44	96	37.0	57
Sep-Nov 2008	828	4.6	462	142	224	27.0	111	289	3.5	153	45	90	31.3	47
Dec-Feb 2009	949	5.2	561	142	247	26.0	114	331	4.0	166	58	107	32.2	64
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>59</b>
Change on quarter	144	0.8	73	52	19	-1.7	8	29	0.3	18	8	2	-1.9	-5
Change %	15.2		13.1	36.5	7.8		7.3	8.6		11.0	13.6	2.2		-8.1
Change on year	382	2.1	242	73	66	-3.7	26	130	1.5	78	29	23	-7.2	7
Change %	53.6		61.7	61.0	33.3		26.7	56.8		73.5	79.1	26.6		12.6
<b>Men</b>	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Mar-May 2007	380	3.9	185	65	130	34.3	67	161	3.6	69	22	69	43.0	38
Mar-May 2008	383	3.9	193	62	127	33.2	63	154	3.4	62	25	67	43.2	40
Jun-Aug 2008	431	4.4	213	69	150	34.8	76	168	3.7	64	28	76	45.0	47
Sep-Nov 2008	467	4.8	247	76	144	30.9	77	192	4.2	100	26	65	34.1	33
Dec-Feb 2009	538	5.5	309	70	160	29.7	78	223	4.9	106	40	77	34.7	48
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>44</b>
Change on quarter	100	1.0	61	38	1	-4.4	2	32	0.7	20	8	4	-2.6	-4
Change %	18.7		19.9	53.7	0.9		3.0	14.4		18.5	20.5	5.7		-8.1
Change on year	256	2.6	177	45	34	-8.0	17	102	2.1	63	23	15	-11.2	3
Change %	66.8		91.3	72.4	26.7		27.0	66.0		101.9	91.2	23.0		8.4
<b>Women</b>	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYY	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Mar-May 2007	326	3.9	207	50	69	21.1	30	89	2.5	46	18	25	28.0	13
Mar-May 2008	329	3.9	199	58	72	21.9	33	76	2.1	44	12	20	25.9	12
Jun-Aug 2008	356	4.2	229	53	74	20.7	35	90	2.5	54	16	20	22.2	10
Sep-Nov 2008	360	4.3	215	66	79	22.0	34	97	2.7	53	19	25	25.8	13
Dec-Feb 2009	411	4.9	252	72	87	21.2	36	108	3.0	60	18	29	27.0	16
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>15</b>
Change on quarter	44	0.5	12	14	18	1.8	6	-4	-0.1	-1	0	-2	-1.0	-1
Change %	10.7		4.7	19.8	20.4		16.5	-3.3		-2.1	-1.3	-7.0		-8.1
Change on year	126	1.5	65	28	33	1.1	9	29	0.7	15	6	8	0.1	3
Change %	38.4		32.9	48.8	45.1		26.3	38.0		33.6	53.7	38.6		26.8

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey  
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# 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>2008</b>					
June #	843.3	2.6	233.3	211.6	835.3	2.6
July	873.7	2.7	245.9	217.3	871.3	2.7
August #	913.7	2.8	255.4	219.5	923.9	2.8
September	956.7	2.9	269.8	228.9	944.7	2.9
October	1,006.8	3.1	280.6	229.4	970.3	3.0
November #	1,091.5	3.4	301.5	226.5	1,056.1	3.3
December	1,175.8	3.6	325.6	235.2	1,153.3	3.6
	<b>2009</b>					
January	1,253.8	3.9	329.9	245.1	1,282.6	4.0
February #	1,390.4	4.3	361.7	254.4	1,459.8	4.5
March	1,455.9	4.5	362.5	279.1	1,523.5	4.7
April	1,505.5	4.6	360.3	293.8	1,557.6	4.8
May # (r)	1,536.3	4.7	356.2	309.1	1,565.0	4.8
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>1,560.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>354.1</b>	<b>324.0</b>	<b>1,553.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	23.8	0.1	-2.1	14.9	-11.7	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.5		-0.6	4.8	-0.7	
<i>Change on year</i>	716.8	2.2	120.8	112.4	717.9	2.2
<i>Change %</i>	85.0		51.8	53.1	85.9	
	DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
<b>Men</b>	<b>2008</b>					
June #	617.3	3.5	164.7	148.6	610.7	3.5
July	640.8	3.7	174.7	151.9	632.4	3.6
August #	671.3	3.8	182.5	153.6	666.7	3.8
September	704.4	4.0	192.6	160.6	684.2	3.9
October	742.5	4.2	200.1	161.0	708.3	4.1
November #	809.9	4.6	217.3	159.5	783.0	4.5
December	874.8	5.0	234.1	165.6	865.2	5.0
	<b>2009</b>					
January	931.6	5.3	233.7	172.4	958.6	5.5
February #	1,033.6	5.9	257.3	178.2	1,087.7	6.2
March	1,081.5	6.2	255.8	194.6	1,134.5	6.5
April	1,117.8	6.4	253.2	203.4	1,156.9	6.6
May # (r)	1,138.0	6.5	250.0	218.6	1,160.6	6.6
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>1,154.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>247.8</b>	<b>227.5</b>	<b>1,148.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	16.9	0.1	-2.2	8.9	-12.4	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	1.5		-0.9	4.1	-1.1	
<i>Change on year</i>	537.6	3.1	83.1	78.9	537.5	3.1
<i>Change %</i>	87.1		50.5	53.1	88.0	
	DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
<b>Women</b>	<b>2008</b>					
June #	226.0	1.5	68.6	63.0	224.6	1.5
July	232.9	1.6	71.2	65.4	238.9	1.6
August #	242.4	1.6	72.9	65.9	257.2	1.7
September	252.3	1.7	77.2	68.3	260.5	1.7
October	264.3	1.8	80.5	68.4	262.0	1.7
November #	281.6	1.9	84.2	67.0	273.2	1.8
December	301.0	2.0	91.5	69.6	288.2	1.9
	<b>2009</b>					
January	322.2	2.2	96.2	72.7	324.0	2.2
February #	356.8	2.4	104.4	76.2	372.1	2.5
March	374.4	2.5	106.7	84.5	389.0	2.6
April	387.7	2.6	107.1	90.4	400.7	2.7
May # (r)	398.3	2.7	106.2	90.5	404.4	2.7
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>405.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>405.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<i>Change on month</i>	6.9	0.0	0.1	6.0	0.6	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	1.7		0.1	6.6	0.2	
<i>Change on year</i>	179.2	1.2	37.7	33.5	180.4	1.2
<i>Change %</i>	79.3		55.0	53.2	80.3	

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

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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

## 10(1) Lone Parent<sup>1</sup> Claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance by Age of Youngest Child<sup>2</sup>

Great Britain  
not seasonally adjusted

	Claimant Count (all aged 16+) <sup>4</sup>	Experimental Statistics <sup>3</sup>				
		Lone Parents on Claimant Count <sup>5</sup>	Age of Youngest Child			
			Age 0-6	Age 7-9	Age 10-11	Age 12-15
	BCJG	JD9Z	JDA2	JDA3	JDA4	JDA5
<b>People 2008</b>						
May	807,200	7,260	3,885	1,020	660	1,695
June #	810,000	7,530	4,020	1,020	705	1,785
July	843,900	7,770	4,130	1,070	720	1,855
August #	894,700	8,445	4,415	1,195	790	2,045
September	914,900	8,915	4,605	1,280	830	2,200
October	939,900	9,365	4,755	1,290	895	2,425
November #	1,022,500	10,385	4,940	1,435	1,010	3,000
December	1,117,500	12,225	5,275	1,535	1,155	4,265
<b>2009</b>						
January	1,243,100	14,660	5,650	1,705	1,270	6,030
February #	1,416,200	17,670	6,205	1,990	1,490	7,980
March	1,478,200	21,095	6,480	2,110	1,605	10,905
April	1,510,800	25,965	6,660	2,240	1,705	15,360
<b>May #</b>	<b>1,516,900</b>	<b>30,830</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>19,920</b>
<i>Change on month</i>		4,865	100	115	85	4,560
<i>Change %</i>		18.7	1.5	5.1	5.0	29.7
<i>Change on year</i>		23,570	2,875	1,335	1,130	18,225
<i>Change %</i>		324.7	74.0	130.9	171.2	1,075.2

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

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

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

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

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

# CLAIMANT COUNT

## 11(1) Claimant 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>2008</b>													
June #	843.3	839.1	608.2	130.6	100.3	12.0	26.4	260.7	225.4	29.8	5.5	2.1	1.5
July	873.7	870.6	638.0	132.9	99.7	11.5	25.7	270.6	235.0	30.0	5.6	2.1	1.5
August #	913.7	910.8	673.3	137.9	99.6	10.9	24.8	283.9	247.0	31.3	5.6	2.0	1.5
September	956.7	953.7	710.3	143.5	99.9	10.5	24.1	297.4	259.3	32.4	5.7	1.9	1.5
October	1,006.8	1,003.9	752.0	150.7	101.2	10.1	23.9	313.5	273.6	34.3	5.6	1.8	1.5
November #	1,091.5	1,088.4	824.5	160.7	103.2	9.5	23.4	338.3	295.6	36.8	5.9	1.7	1.5
December	1,175.8	1,172.3	892.8	173.3	106.2	9.1	23.4	362.0	316.1	39.7	6.2	1.7	1.5
<b>2009</b>													
January	1,253.8	1,250.3	953.2	187.3	109.8	8.8	23.5	383.0	333.2	43.3	6.5	1.7	1.6
February #	1,390.4	1,386.5	1,063.2	208.3	115.0	8.3	23.5	420.1	364.5	48.9	6.7	1.6	1.6
March	1,455.9	1,451.2	1,107.2	226.1	117.9	8.1	23.2	437.5	376.5	54.3	6.7	1.5	1.6
April	1,505.5	1,501.0	1,137.0	242.5	121.5	8.1	22.8	449.7	385.3	57.6	6.8	1.5	1.6
May # (r)	1,536.3	1,531.6	1,133.5	270.8	127.3	8.3	22.6	454.9	384.1	63.7	7.1	1.6	1.6
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>1,560.1</b>	<b>1,555.3</b>	<b>1,127.6</b>	<b>294.8</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>461.6</b>	<b>385.8</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Change on month	23.8	23.7	-5.9	24.0	5.6	0.2	0.1	6.7	1.7	4.6	0.4	0.1	0.0
Change %	1.5	1.5	-0.5	8.9	4.4		0.4	1.5	0.4	7.2	5.6		0.0
Change on year	716.8	716.2	519.4	164.2	32.6	-3.4	-3.7	200.9	160.4	38.5	2.0	-0.5	0.1
Change %	85.0	85.4	85.4	125.7	32.5		-14.0	77.1	71.2	129.2	36.4		6.7
<b>Men</b>	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
<b>2008</b>													
June #	617.3	614.3	437.5	98.6	78.2	12.7	20.8	177.0	153.0	20.3	3.7	2.1	1.0
July	640.8	638.5	460.2	100.5	77.8	12.2	20.2	184.1	159.8	20.5	3.8	2.1	1.0
August #	671.3	669.3	487.0	104.6	77.7	11.6	19.4	194.0	168.6	21.6	3.8	2.0	1.0
September	704.4	702.3	515.3	108.9	78.1	11.1	18.9	204.2	177.9	22.4	3.9	1.9	1.0
October	742.5	740.3	546.6	114.5	79.2	10.7	18.7	216.1	188.5	23.8	3.8	1.8	1.0
November #	809.9	807.7	604.4	122.3	81.0	10.0	18.3	235.3	205.7	25.6	4.0	1.7	1.0
December	874.8	872.3	656.5	132.3	83.5	9.6	18.3	252.6	220.8	27.6	4.2	1.7	1.0
<b>2009</b>													
January	931.6	929.0	699.3	143.3	86.4	9.3	18.4	267.6	233.0	30.1	4.5	1.7	1.1
February #	1,033.6	1,030.7	779.7	160.4	90.6	8.8	18.4	293.4	254.3	34.4	4.7	1.6	1.1
March	1,081.5	1,078.2	810.5	174.7	93.0	8.6	18.1	306.9	263.6	38.6	4.7	1.5	1.1
April	1,117.8	1,114.6	830.6	188.2	95.8	8.6	17.7	315.5	269.5	41.3	4.7	1.5	1.1
May # (r)	1,138.0	1,134.8	821.9	212.2	100.7	8.9	17.6	319.2	267.9	46.3	5.0	1.6	1.1
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>1,154.9</b>	<b>1,151.2</b>	<b>814.4</b>	<b>231.7</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>323.6</b>	<b>268.3</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Change on month	16.9	16.4	-7.5	19.5	4.4	0.3	0.0	4.4	0.4	3.7	0.3	0.1	0.0
Change %	1.5	1.4	-0.9	9.2	4.4		0.0	1.4	0.1	8.0	6.0		0.0
Change on year	537.6	536.9	376.9	133.1	26.9	-3.6	-3.2	146.6	115.3	29.7	1.6	-0.5	0.1
Change %	87.1	87.4	86.1	135.0	34.4		-15.4	82.8	75.4	146.3	43.2		10.0
<b>Women</b>	DPAF	JLGI	JLGK	JLGI	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLQ	JLGR	JLGS	JLGT
<b>2008</b>													
June #	226.0	224.8	170.7	32.0	22.1	9.8	5.6	83.7	72.4	9.5	1.8	2.2	0.5
July	232.9	232.1	177.8	32.4	21.9	9.4	5.5	86.5	75.2	9.5	1.8	2.1	0.5
August #	242.4	241.5	186.3	33.3	21.9	9.1	5.4	89.9	78.4	9.7	1.8	2.0	0.5
September	252.3	251.4	195.0	34.6	21.8	8.7	5.2	93.2	81.4	10.0	1.8	1.9	0.5
October	264.3	263.6	205.4	36.2	22.0	8.3	5.2	97.4	85.1	10.5	1.8	1.8	0.5
November #	281.6	280.7	220.1	38.4	22.2	7.9	5.1	103.0	89.9	11.2	1.9	1.8	0.5
December	301.0	300.0	236.3	41.0	22.7	7.6	5.1	109.4	95.3	12.1	2.0	1.8	0.5
<b>2009</b>													
January	322.2	321.3	253.9	44.0	23.4	7.3	5.1	115.4	100.2	13.2	2.0	1.7	0.5
February #	356.8	355.8	283.5	47.9	24.4	6.9	5.1	126.7	110.2	14.5	2.0	1.6	0.5
March	374.4	373.0	296.7	51.4	24.9	6.7	5.1	130.6	112.9	15.7	2.0	1.5	0.5
April	387.7	386.4	306.4	54.3	25.7	6.7	5.1	134.2	115.8	16.3	2.1	1.6	0.5
May # (r)	398.3	396.8	311.6	58.6	26.6	6.7	5.0	135.7	116.2	17.4	2.1	1.5	0.5
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>405.2</b>	<b>404.1</b>	<b>313.2</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Change on month	6.9	7.3	1.6	4.5	1.2	0.2	0.1	2.3	1.3	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0
Change %	1.7	1.8	0.5	7.7	4.5		2.0	1.7	1.1	5.2	4.8		0.0
Change on year	179.2	179.3	142.5	31.1	5.7	-3.0	-0.5	54.3	45.1	8.8	0.4	-0.6	0.0
Change %	79.3	79.8	83.5	97.2	25.8		-8.9	64.9	62.3	92.6	22.2		0.0

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

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# 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>2008</b>												
June #	450.3	300.7	80.6	69.0	15.3	14.1	128.1	82.1	20.2	25.8	20.1	10.8
July	467.3	316.5	81.9	68.9	14.7	14.0	132.7	86.5	21.0	25.2	19.0	10.2
August #	488.1	334.4	84.2	69.5	14.2	13.8	138.8	91.9	22.4	24.5	17.7	9.5
September	510.8	353.6	87.1	70.1	13.7	13.7	145.5	97.4	24.0	24.1	16.6	8.9
October	537.3	375.2	90.8	71.3	13.3	13.7	153.1	103.2	25.6	24.3	15.9	8.7
November #	584.3	415.2	96.2	72.9	12.5	13.6	165.8	113.7	27.7	24.4	14.7	8.3
December	631.0	452.7	103.1	75.2	11.9	13.9	179.3	124.0	30.5	24.8	13.8	8.0
<b>2009</b>												
January	675.4	486.6	111.2	77.6	11.5	13.9	191.9	133.4	32.8	25.7	13.4	8.0
February #	752.8	548.2	123.5	81.1	10.8	14.0	213.6	150.5	35.9	27.2	12.7	7.9
March	789.7	573.1	133.5	83.1	10.5	13.9	224.0	157.6	38.3	28.1	12.5	7.7
April	818.7	589.3	143.7	85.7	10.5	13.8	232.6	162.4	41.2	29.0	12.5	7.4
May # (r)	838.3	587.3	161.5	89.5	10.7	13.8	238.4	162.1	45.6	30.7	12.9	7.2
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>850.7</b>	<b>581.0</b>	<b>176.5</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>243.0</b>	<b>160.8</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Change on month	12.4	-6.3	15.0	3.7	0.3	0.3	4.6	-1.3	4.4	1.5	0.4	-0.2
Change %	1.5	-1.1	9.3	4.1		2.2	1.9	-0.8	9.6	4.9		-2.8
Change on year	400.4	280.3	95.9	24.2	-4.4	0.0	114.9	78.7	29.8	6.4	-6.9	-3.8
Change %	88.9	93.2	119.0	35.1		0.0	89.7	95.9	147.5	24.8		-35.2
<b>Men</b>	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
<b>2008</b>												
June #	347.3	228.3	63.9	55.1	15.9	11.3	90.0	56.2	14.4	19.4	21.6	8.5
July	361.1	240.9	65.0	55.2	15.3	11.2	93.3	59.5	15.0	18.8	20.2	8.0
August #	377.4	254.9	66.9	55.6	14.7	11.0	97.9	63.5	16.1	18.3	18.7	7.4
September	395.2	269.9	69.2	56.1	14.2	10.9	102.9	67.5	17.3	18.1	17.6	7.0
October	416.0	286.6	72.2	57.2	13.8	10.9	108.2	71.5	18.5	18.2	16.8	6.8
November #	454.1	318.9	76.6	58.6	12.9	10.8	118.3	79.8	20.1	18.4	15.6	6.5
December	490.9	347.9	82.5	60.5	12.3	11.0	128.8	87.8	22.2	18.8	14.6	6.3
<b>2009</b>												
January	523.9	372.3	89.2	62.4	11.9	11.0	137.5	94.0	24.0	19.5	14.2	6.3
February #	584.1	419.1	99.7	65.3	11.2	11.1	153.2	106.3	26.3	20.6	13.4	6.2
March	610.5	435.5	108.0	67.0	11.0	11.0	160.8	111.4	28.1	21.3	13.2	6.0
April	631.5	445.7	116.6	69.2	11.0	10.9	167.6	115.4	30.3	21.9	13.1	5.7
May # (r)	643.5	439.0	132.0	72.5	11.3	10.9	172.1	115.0	33.9	23.2	13.5	5.6
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>651.9</b>	<b>431.9</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Change on month	8.4	-7.1	12.4	3.1	0.3	0.2	3.6	-0.8	3.4	1.0	0.3	-0.2
Change %	1.3	-1.6	9.4	4.3		1.8	2.1	-0.7	10.0	4.3		-3.6
Change on year	304.6	203.6	80.5	20.5	-4.3	-0.2	85.7	58.0	22.9	4.8	-7.8	-3.1
Change %	87.7	89.2	126.0	37.2		-1.8	95.2	103.2	159.0	24.7		-36.5
<b>Women</b>	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
<b>2008</b>												
June #	103.0	72.4	16.7	13.9	13.5	2.8	38.1	25.9	5.8	6.4	16.8	2.3
July	106.2	75.6	16.9	13.7	12.9	2.8	39.4	27.0	6.0	6.4	16.2	2.2
August #	110.7	79.5	17.3	13.9	12.6	2.8	40.9	28.4	6.3	6.2	15.2	2.1
September	115.6	83.7	17.9	14.0	12.1	2.8	42.6	29.9	6.7	6.0	14.1	1.9
October	121.3	88.6	18.6	14.1	11.6	2.8	44.9	31.7	7.1	6.1	13.6	1.9
November #	130.2	96.3	19.6	14.3	11.0	2.8	47.5	33.9	7.6	6.0	12.6	1.8
December	140.1	104.8	20.6	14.7	10.5	2.9	50.5	36.2	8.3	6.0	11.9	1.7
<b>2009</b>												
January	151.5	114.3	22.0	15.2	10.0	2.9	54.4	39.4	8.8	6.2	11.4	1.7
February #	168.7	129.1	23.8	15.8	9.4	2.9	60.4	44.2	9.6	6.6	10.9	1.7
March	179.2	137.6	25.5	16.1	9.0	2.9	63.2	46.2	10.2	6.8	10.8	1.7
April	187.2	143.6	27.1	16.5	8.8	2.9	65.0	47.0	10.9	7.1	10.9	1.7
May # (r)	194.8	148.3	29.5	17.0	8.7	2.9	66.3	47.1	11.7	7.5	11.3	1.6
<b>June (p)</b>	<b>198.8</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Change on month	4.0	0.8	2.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.0	-0.5	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.0
Change %	2.1	0.5	8.8	3.5		3.4	1.5	-1.1	8.5	6.7		0.0
Change on year	95.8	76.7	15.4	3.7	-4.6	0.2	29.2	20.7	6.9	1.6	-4.9	-0.7
Change %	93.0	105.9	92.2	26.6		7.1	76.6	79.9	119.0	25.0		-30.4

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

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# 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
Mar-May 2007	30,830	29,595	724	4,159	6,574	11,421	6,718	1,235
Mar-May 2008	31,169	29,833	734	4,206	6,617	11,494	6,781	1,337
Jun-Aug 2008	31,211	29,862	718	4,215	6,624	11,499	6,807	1,349
Sep-Nov 2008	31,316	29,943	696	4,247	6,648	11,497	6,855	1,373
Dec-Feb 2009	31,367	29,999	677	4,188	6,699	11,556	6,879	1,368
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>31,379</b>	<b>29,986</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>6,691</b>	<b>11,521</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>1,393</b>
Change on quarter	12	-13	-18	14	-8	-35	33	25
Change %	0.0	0.0	-2.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	1.8
Change on year	209	153	-75	-4	73	27	132	56
Change %	0.7	0.5	-10.2	-0.1	1.1	0.2	1.9	4.2
<b>Men</b>	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Mar-May 2007	16,765	16,354	361	2,256	3,623	6,092	4,023	411
Mar-May 2008	16,902	16,449	362	2,272	3,634	6,098	4,084	453
Jun-Aug 2008	16,927	16,475	365	2,292	3,623	6,102	4,093	453
Sep-Nov 2008	16,986	16,525	354	2,298	3,635	6,121	4,117	462
Dec-Feb 2009	17,006	16,557	344	2,255	3,681	6,126	4,151	450
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>17,012</b>	<b>16,561</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>6,108</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>452</b>
Change on quarter	6	4	-13	20	4	-18	12	2
Change %	0.0	0.0	-3.8	0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.4
Change on year	110	111	-31	3	51	10	79	-1
Change %	0.7	0.7	-8.7	0.1	1.4	0.2	1.9	-0.3
<b>Women</b>	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Mar-May 2007	14,065	13,241	363	1,903	2,952	5,328	2,696	824
Mar-May 2008	14,267	13,384	372	1,934	2,983	5,397	2,697	884
Jun-Aug 2008	14,284	13,387	353	1,923	3,001	5,396	2,714	896
Sep-Nov 2008	14,329	13,418	343	1,949	3,013	5,375	2,738	911
Dec-Feb 2009	14,360	13,442	333	1,933	3,017	5,430	2,729	918
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>14,367</b>	<b>13,425</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>3,006</b>	<b>5,413</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>941</b>
Change on quarter	6	-17	-5	-5	-12	-17	22	23
Change %	0.0	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.8	2.5
Change on year	99	42	-43	-7	23	16	53	58
Change %	0.7	0.3	-11.7	-0.4	0.8	0.3	2.0	6.5
<b>Economic activity rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	MGWG	MGSO	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Mar-May 2007	63.5	78.9	45.7	74.0	84.4	85.2	73.6	11.2
Mar-May 2008	63.6	79.1	46.2	73.4	84.8	85.6	74.1	11.9
Jun-Aug 2008	63.6	79.1	45.2	73.3	84.7	85.6	74.3	11.9
Sep-Nov 2008	63.7	79.2	44.1	73.6	84.7	85.6	74.7	12.1
Dec-Feb 2009	63.7	79.3	43.2	72.4	84.9	86.1	74.9	12.0
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>12.1</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.2
Change on year	-0.1	0.0	-3.9	-1.1	-0.4	0.4	1.0	0.3
<b>Men</b>	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Mar-May 2007	71.0	83.8	44.3	78.8	93.4	92.0	75.3	10.0
Mar-May 2008	70.9	83.7	44.3	77.6	93.1	92.0	75.8	10.8
Jun-Aug 2008	70.8	83.7	44.8	78.0	92.5	92.1	75.8	10.8
Sep-Nov 2008	70.9	83.8	43.7	78.0	92.3	92.4	76.1	10.9
Dec-Feb 2009	70.8	83.8	42.7	76.3	93.0	92.6	76.5	10.6
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Change on year	-0.2	0.0	-2.9	-0.9	-0.5	0.3	0.8	-0.3
<b>Women</b>	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Mar-May 2007	56.3	73.5	47.1	69.0	75.5	78.5	71.2	11.8
Mar-May 2008	56.8	74.2	48.1	69.1	76.5	79.3	71.7	12.5
Jun-Aug 2008	56.7	74.2	45.7	68.4	76.9	79.2	72.2	12.6
Sep-Nov 2008	56.8	74.2	44.6	69.1	77.0	79.0	72.8	12.7
Dec-Feb 2009	56.8	74.3	43.7	68.3	76.8	79.9	72.4	12.8
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.5	0.3
Change on year	0.0	-0.1	-4.8	-1.2	-0.3	0.4	1.2	0.6

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

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

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 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	YCBB	MGWA	MGWD
Mar-May 2007	17,757	7,932	861	1,460	1,212	1,989	2,410	9,825
Mar-May 2008	17,805	7,869	856	1,521	1,184	1,941	2,367	9,936
Jun-Aug 2008	17,862	7,886	869	1,536	1,193	1,937	2,350	9,976
Sep-Nov 2008	17,860	7,856	881	1,522	1,204	1,930	2,319	10,004
Dec-Feb 2009	17,911	7,851	891	1,600	1,188	1,862	2,310	10,060
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>18,002</b>	<b>7,915</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>10,087</b>
Change on quarter	91	64	8	5	43	26	-17	26
Change %	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.3	3.6	1.4	-0.7	0.3
Change on year	197	46	43	84	47	-54	-74	151
Change %	1.1	0.6	5.0	5.5	4.0	-2.8	-3.1	1.5
<b>Men</b>	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Mar-May 2007	6,856	3,164	454	606	256	527	1,321	3,692
Mar-May 2008	6,942	3,211	455	654	269	529	1,304	3,730
Jun-Aug 2008	6,972	3,220	450	647	293	524	1,306	3,753
Sep-Nov 2008	6,971	3,202	456	650	302	501	1,294	3,769
Dec-Feb 2009	7,008	3,202	461	701	276	492	1,272	3,805
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>7,059</b>	<b>3,231</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>3,828</b>
Change on quarter	52	29	8	-11	17	15	0	23
Change %	0.7	0.9	1.7	-1.5	6.1	3.0	0.0	0.6
Change on year	118	19	14	36	23	-23	-31	98
Change %	1.7	0.6	3.0	5.5	8.7	-4.3	-2.4	2.6
<b>Women</b>	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Mar-May 2007	10,901	4,769	407	854	956	1,462	1,089	6,132
Mar-May 2008	10,864	4,658	401	867	915	1,412	1,063	6,206
Jun-Aug 2008	10,889	4,666	419	889	900	1,413	1,045	6,223
Sep-Nov 2008	10,889	4,654	425	872	902	1,429	1,025	6,235
Dec-Feb 2009	10,904	4,649	430	899	912	1,370	1,038	6,255
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>10,943</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>6,258</b>
Change on quarter	39	36	0	15	26	12	-18	3
Change %	0.4	0.8	0.1	1.7	2.9	0.9	-1.7	0.1
Change on year	79	27	29	47	23	-31	-43	52
Change %	0.7	0.6	7.3	5.5	2.6	-2.2	-4.0	0.8
<b>Economic inactivity rates (%)<sup>1</sup></b>								
<b>People</b>	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Mar-May 2007	36.5	21.1	54.3	26.0	15.6	14.8	26.4	88.8
Mar-May 2008	36.4	20.9	53.8	26.6	15.2	14.4	25.9	88.1
Jun-Aug 2008	36.4	20.9	54.8	26.7	15.3	14.4	25.7	88.1
Sep-Nov 2008	36.3	20.8	55.9	26.4	15.3	14.4	25.3	87.9
Dec-Feb 2009	36.3	20.7	56.8	27.6	15.1	13.9	25.1	88.0
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>87.9</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Change on year	0.1	0.0	3.9	1.1	0.4	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3
<b>Men</b>	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Mar-May 2007	29.0	16.2	55.7	21.2	6.6	8.0	24.7	90.0
Mar-May 2008	29.1	16.3	55.7	22.4	6.9	8.0	24.2	89.2
Jun-Aug 2008	29.2	16.3	55.2	22.0	7.5	7.9	24.2	89.2
Sep-Nov 2008	29.1	16.2	56.3	22.0	7.7	7.6	23.9	89.1
Dec-Feb 2009	29.2	16.2	57.3	23.7	7.0	7.4	23.5	89.4
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>89.4</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	1.4	-0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
Change on year	0.2	0.0	2.9	0.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.8	0.3
<b>Women</b>	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Mar-May 2007	43.7	26.5	52.9	31.0	24.5	21.5	28.8	88.2
Mar-May 2008	43.2	25.8	51.9	30.9	23.5	20.7	28.3	87.5
Jun-Aug 2008	43.3	25.8	54.3	31.6	23.1	20.8	27.8	87.4
Sep-Nov 2008	43.2	25.8	55.4	30.9	23.0	21.0	27.2	87.3
Dec-Feb 2009	43.2	25.7	56.3	31.7	23.2	20.1	27.6	87.2
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>86.9</b>
Change on quarter	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.5	-0.3
Change on year	0.0	0.1	4.8	1.2	0.3	-0.4	-1.2	-0.6

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

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

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

## 13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

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

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

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# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

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

March to May 2009

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economically active			Total in employment			Unemployed			Economically inactive		
	Total	Not in FTE <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	659	220	440	458	140	318	201	80	121	899	114	785
18-24	4,202	3,503	699	3,475	2,895	580	726	608	119	1,605	616	989
all under 25	4,861	3,723	1,139	3,934	3,035	899	928	687	240	2,504	730	1,773
Men												
16-17	331	131	200	221	83	137	110	48	62	468	57	411
18-24	2,274	1,935	339	1,821	1,548	273	454	388	66	691	178	512
all under 25	2,605	2,066	539	2,041	1,631	410	564	436	128	1,159	236	923
Women												
16-17	329	89	240	238	57	181	91	32	59	430	57	373
18-24	1,927	1,567	360	1,655	1,347	307	273	220	53	914	438	476
all under 25	2,256	1,656	600	1,893	1,404	488	364	252	112	1,345	495	850

### Changes on quarter

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

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

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

### Changes on quarter

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

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

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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

2. In full-time education.

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

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

# 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	LNNB	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
May 07	130.8	3.7	3.5	130.2	3.9	3.7	133.5	3.1	3.1
Mar 08 (r)	135.5	4.7	5.0	135.2	4.9	5.1	137.6	3.8	3.8
Apr 08 (r)	133.9	2.9	4.5	133.1	2.8	4.5	138.0	3.7	3.8
May 08 (r)	135.2	3.3	3.7	134.6	3.4	3.7	137.9	3.3	3.6
Jun 08	135.8	3.4	3.2 (r)	135.2	3.6	3.2 (r)	137.9	2.9	3.3 (r)
Jul 08	136.2	3.6	3.5	135.6	3.5	3.5	139.3	4.0	3.4 (r)
Aug 08	136.6	3.2	3.4	136.0	3.1	3.4	139.4	3.6	3.5
Sep 08	137.0	3.1	3.3	136.2	2.8	3.1	140.3	4.0	3.9
Oct 08	137.3	3.6	3.3	136.6	3.6	3.2	140.5	3.8	3.8
Nov 08	136.8	2.6	3.1	135.8	2.2	2.9	141.6	4.3	4.0
Dec 08	136.2	2.9	3.0	135.3	2.7	2.8	141.5	3.9	4.0
Jan 09	134.7	-0.3	1.7	133.1	-1.2	1.2	141.9	3.7	4.0
Feb 09	135.4	-1.8	0.2	133.8	-2.6	-0.4	142.3	3.7	3.8
Mar 09 (r)	137.1	1.2	-0.3	136.0	0.6	-1.1	142.3	3.4	3.6
Apr 09 (r)	138.5	3.4	0.9	137.5	3.4	0.4	142.9	3.6	3.5
<b>May 09 (p)</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>142.8</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
May 07	130.5	4.2	3.6	131.2	3.8	3.5	130.3	4.0	3.7
Mar 08 (r)	134.8	4.6	4.0	136.2	5.1	5.4	135.7	5.6	5.8
Apr 08 (r)	133.3	2.6	3.6	134.6	3.3	4.9	133.4	3.1	5.1
May 08 (r)	135.4	3.8	3.6	135.5	3.3	3.9	134.5	3.3	4.0
Jun 08	134.4	2.5	2.9 (r)	136.3	3.7	3.5	135.8	4.0	3.5 (r)
Jul 08	134.8	2.8	3.0 (r)	136.8	3.9	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.7 (r)
Aug 08	135.0	2.9	2.7	137.2	3.4	3.7	136.5	3.4	3.7
Sep 08	135.3	3.0	2.9	137.7	3.2	3.5	136.9	3.0	3.4
Oct 08	135.6	2.9	2.9	138.2	3.9	3.5	137.4	4.0	3.4
Nov 08	135.7	2.3	2.7	137.5	2.9	3.3	136.6	2.6	3.2
Dec 08	135.5	1.8	2.3	136.9	3.3	3.4	135.7	3.3	3.3
Jan 09	135.4	1.5	1.9	134.7	-0.7	1.8	132.7	-2.1	1.2
Feb 09	135.3	1.0	1.4	135.8	-2.2	0.1	133.5	-3.9	-1.0
Mar 09 (r)	135.3	0.3	1.0	137.8	1.2	-0.6	136.4	0.5	-1.8
Apr 09 (r)	136.5	2.4	1.2	139.2	3.4	0.8	137.9	3.3	-0.1
<b>May 09 (p)</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>139.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 456120

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

# EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

## 16 Average Earnings - excluding 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
May 07	131.0	3.5	3.5	130.5	3.5	3.6	133.0	3.2	3.2
Mar 08 (r)	135.2	3.9	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.3	4.0	3.8
Apr 08 (r)	135.6	4.0	4.0	135.1	3.9	3.9	138.0	4.2	4.0
May 08 (r)	135.9	3.7	3.9	135.4	3.7	3.8	137.9	3.7	3.9
Jun 08	136.1	3.6	3.8	135.8	3.7	3.8	137.7	3.4	3.7
Jul 08	136.7	3.8	3.7	136.2	3.8	3.7	138.7	4.0	3.7
Aug 08	137.0	3.5	3.6	136.4	3.4	3.6	139.1	3.6	3.7
Sep 08	137.4	3.6	3.6	136.8	3.5	3.6	139.9	4.0	3.9
Oct 08	137.9	3.7	3.6	137.4	3.7	3.5	140.1	3.7	3.8
Nov 08	138.2	3.6	3.6	137.6	3.5	3.5	140.9	4.2	4.0
Dec 08	138.4	3.5	3.6	137.8	3.4	3.5	141.1	3.7	3.9
Jan 09	138.6	3.4	3.5	137.9	3.3	3.4	141.4	3.8	3.9
Feb 09	138.8	2.9	3.2	138.0	2.7	3.1	142.0	3.9	3.8
Mar 09	138.9	2.7	3.0	138.2	2.6	2.9	141.6	3.1	3.6
Apr 09 (r)	139.1	2.6	2.7	138.3	2.4	2.6	142.6	3.4	3.5
<b>May 09 (p)</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</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
May 07	130.6	3.7	3.9	131.3	3.6	3.5	130.7	3.8	3.7
Mar 08 (r)	134.4	3.3	3.5	136.0	4.3	4.0	135.3	4.4	4.1
Apr 08 (r)	134.3	2.9	3.3	136.2	4.3	4.2	135.8	4.5	4.3
May 08 (r)	134.9	3.3	3.2	136.4	3.9	4.2	135.9	4.0	4.3
Jun 08	134.8	2.7	3.0 (r)	136.8	3.8	4.0	136.5	4.0	4.1
Jul 08	135.2	2.7	2.9	137.3	4.1	3.9	137.0	4.1	4.0
Aug 08	135.3	2.5	2.7	137.7	3.7	3.8	137.2	3.8	3.9
Sep 08	135.1	2.2	2.5	138.1	3.8	3.9	137.6	3.8	3.9
Oct 08	135.7	2.2	2.3	138.7	4.0	3.8	138.2	4.0	3.9
Nov 08	136.2	2.4	2.3	139.1	3.8	3.9	138.4	3.7	3.8
Dec 08	135.7	1.7	2.1	139.3	3.7	3.8	138.7	3.7	3.8
Jan 09	135.7	1.4	1.8	139.6	3.7	3.7	138.9	3.6	3.7
Feb 09	135.3	0.8	1.3	139.8	3.3	3.6	139.1	3.2	3.5
Mar 09 (r)	135.8	1.1	1.1	139.9	2.8	3.3	139.3	2.9	3.3
Apr 09 (r)	136.0	1.3	1.1	140.1	2.9	3.0	139.3	2.5	2.9
<b>May 09 (p)</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.7</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	
			% changes year on year		% changes year on year	
	% change over year	% change over year	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average
LOJE	A4YN	LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV	
May 07	(r)	0.7	0.0	3.5	3.6	
May 08	(r)	2.4	1.3	1.3	2.3	
Jun 08	(r)	2.3	1.6	0.1	1.3	
Jul 08	(r)	2.6	2.5	0.1	0.5	
Aug 08	(r)	3.0	2.7	-0.1	0.1	
Sep 08	(r)	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	
Oct 08	(r)	5.2	3.7	-2.2	-0.8	
Nov 08	(r)	7.9	5.4	-5.2	-2.5	
Dec 08	(r)	8.7	7.3	-6.4	-4.6	
Jan 09	(r)	12.1	9.6	-9.4	-7.0	
Feb 09	(r)	10.6	10.5	-8.6	-8.2	
Mar 09	(r)	7.6	10.1	-6.7	-8.3	
Apr 09	(r)	8.8	9.0	-5.9	-7.1	
<b>May 09</b>		<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	
2007 Q1	(r)	3.4	2.1			
2007 Q2		2.6 (r)	2.2			
2007 Q3	(r)	3.9	2.1			
2007 Q4	(r)	4.5	1.4			
2008 Q1	(r)	3.1	1.2			
2008 Q2	(r)	2.7	0.8			
2008 Q3	(r)	2.4	0.0			
2008 Q4		3.0 (r)	-1.8			
<b>2009 Q1</b>		<b>3.6</b>	<b>-4.2</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

# REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

## 18(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators<sup>1</sup>

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

### Headline estimates for March - May 2009

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16-59/64
	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
North East	1,244	75.8	1,129	68.5	115	9.2	384	24.2
North West	3,423	77.9	3,140	71.2	283	8.3	933	22.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,644	78.8	2,412	71.6	232	8.8	687	21.2
East Midlands	2,334	81.5	2,166	75.4	169	7.2	507	18.5
West Midlands	2,677	78.2	2,402	70.0	276	10.3	712	21.8
East	2,987	82.0	2,800	76.8	187	6.3	621	18.0
London	4,041	76.2	3,692	69.4	348	8.6	1,216	23.8
South East	4,429	82.6	4,160	77.4	269	6.1	882	17.4
South West	2,698	82.0	2,531	76.8	167	6.2	560	18.0
<b>England</b>	<b>26,477</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>24,432</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>20.4</b>
Wales	1,429	75.6	1,322	69.8	107	7.5	437	24.4
Scotland	2,682	79.9	2,504	74.4	179	6.7	645	20.1
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>30,588</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>28,257</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7,584</b>	<b>20.6</b>
Northern Ireland	794	70.0	744	65.5	50	6.3	328	30.0
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>31,379</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>28,998</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7,915</b>	<b>20.9</b>

### Change on quarter (change since December 2008 - February 2009)<sup>4</sup>

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16-59/64
	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>
North East	-11	-0.7	-21	-1.4	10	0.9	11	0.7
North West	15	0.3	-1	-0.1	16	0.4	-10	-0.3
Yorkshire & the Humber	39	1.0	-2	-0.3	41	1.4	-31	-1.0
East Midlands	13	0.1	2	-0.4	12	0.5	0	-0.1
West Midlands	27	0.7	-25	-0.8	52	1.9	-23	-0.7
East	-17	-0.6	-29	-0.9	12	0.4	23	0.6
London	-31	-0.9	-59	-1.5	28	0.8	48	0.9
South East	7	-0.1	-39	-1.0	47	1.0	6	0.1
South West	-28	-0.7	-54	-1.6	26	1.0	24	0.7
<b>England</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-228</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Wales	-2	-0.2	-1	-0.1	-1	-0.1	4	0.2
Scotland	10	0.2	-26	-0.9	35	1.3	-5	-0.2
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-255</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Northern Ireland	-10	-1.5	-14	-1.8	4	0.5	17	1.5
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-269</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0.1</b>

### Change on year (change since March - May 2008)

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16+	Age 16+	Age 16-59/64	Age 16-59/64
	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>
North East	-1	0.1	-25	-1.6	24	1.9	0	-0.1
North West	45	0.5	-31	-1.3	76	2.1	-20	-0.5
Yorkshire & the Humber	46	1.1	-40	-1.6	86	3.2	-29	-1.1
East Midlands	56	1.2	17	-0.1	40	1.6	-30	-1.2
West Midlands	22	0.5	-88	-2.7	111	4.1	-14	-0.5
East	28	0.4	-27	-1.1	55	1.8	-9	-0.4
London	9	-0.6	-73	-2.2	83	2.0	43	0.6
South East	13	-0.3	-83	-2.2	97	2.2	21	0.3
South West	15	-0.3	-46	-2.3	61	2.2	14	0.3
<b>England</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-398</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Wales	-10	-1.1	-41	-2.8	31	2.2	20	1.1
Scotland	20	-0.2	-54	-2.4	73	2.7	6	0.2
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-492</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Northern Ireland	-35	-3.8	-51	-5.1	16	2.1	43	3.8
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-543</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Relationship between columns: 1=3+5

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

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

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

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



# REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

## 18(2) Regional labour market summary

Thousands

	Employer Surveys <sup>1</sup>			Jobcentre Plus administrative system <sup>1</sup>					
	Civilian workforce jobs (March 2009); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count <sup>2</sup> (June 2009); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
North East	1,152	617	535	85.7	7.1	66.1	10.2	19.6	3.5
North West	3,376	1,804	1,572	196.1	5.6	149.0	7.8	47.1	2.9
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,467	1,308	1,159	153.5	5.8	116.8	8.2	36.7	3.1
East Midlands	2,104	1,121	983	110.5	5.0	82.0	6.8	28.5	2.8
West Midlands	2,591	1,376	1,215	177.2	6.4	132.9	8.9	44.3	3.5
East	2,769	1,472	1,297	119.5	4.1	86.7	5.6	32.8	2.5
London	4,670	2,552	2,118	213.6	4.4	144.7	5.4	68.9	3.2
South East	4,282	2,213	2,069	152.4	3.4	110.3	4.6	42.1	2.0
South West	2,632	1,365	1,268	95.4	3.5	70.5	4.8	24.9	1.9
<b>England</b>	<b>26,043</b>	<b>13,828</b>	<b>12,216</b>	<b>1303.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>959.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>344.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Wales	1,314	675	639	78.6	5.6	59.8	8.1	18.8	2.8
Scotland	2,659	1,363	1,296	128.1	4.6	97.0	6.7	31.1	2.3
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>30,017</b>	<b>15,866</b>	<b>14,151</b>	<b>1510.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1115.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>394.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Northern Ireland	837	442	395	49.5	5.7	39.1	8.4	10.4	2.6
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>30,854</b>	<b>16,308</b>	<b>14,546</b>	<b>1560.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1154.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>405.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>

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

	Employer Surveys <sup>1</sup>			Jobcentre Plus administrative system <sup>1</sup>					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on March 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count <sup>2</sup> (Change on May 2009); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	Level	Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
North East	-4	3	-7	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1
North West	-20	-11	-8	3.2	0.1	2.2	0.1	1.0	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	-64	-37	-27	2.7	0.1	2.0	0.1	0.7	0.1
East Midlands	-76	-45	-30	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.0
West Midlands	-60	-41	-19	2.6	0.1	1.9	0.1	0.7	0.1
East	-25	-20	-5	1.7	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.1
London	-53	-40	-13	3.4	0.1	2.4	0.1	1.0	0.0
South East	-101	-89	-12	1.5	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.0
South West	-13	-19	6	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
<b>England</b>	<b>-415</b>	<b>-299</b>	<b>-116</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Wales	-33	-21	-12	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1
Scotland	-32	-23	-9	3.0	0.1	2.2	0.2	0.8	0.1
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>-479</b>	<b>-343</b>	<b>-136</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Northern Ireland	-6	-5	-1	1.6	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.1
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>-485</b>	<b>-349</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.9</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 2 July 2009 (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	Jan-Mar 09	70.8	-0.2	Austria	ZXDS	May 09	4.3	0.0
Belgium	YXSO	Oct-Dec 08	62.4	-0.3	Belgium	ZXDI	May 09	8.2	0.0
Bulgaria	A495	Oct-Dec 08	64.3	1.4	Bulgaria	A492	May 09	6.5	0.0
Cyprus	A4AC	Jan-Mar 09	69.5	-0.7	Cyprus	A4AN	May 09	5.3	0.2
Czech Republic	A4AD	Oct-Dec 08	66.8	0.3	Czech Republic	A4AO	May 09	6.1	0.1
Denmark	YXSP	Jan-Mar 09	76.2	-0.8	Denmark	ZXDJ	May 09	5.7	0.2
Estonia	A4AE	Jan-Mar 09	65.3	-4.2	Estonia	A4AP	May 09	15.6	1.6
Finland	YXSQ	Jan-Mar 09	68.5	-1.0	Finland	ZXDU	May 09	8.1	0.2
France	YXSR	Oct-Dec 08	65.0	0.1	France	ZXDN	May 09	9.3	0.2
Germany	YXSS	Oct-Dec 08	71.3	1.3	Germany	ZXDK	May 09	7.7	0.0
Greece	YXST	Jan-Mar 09	61.0	-0.3	Greece	ZXDL	2009 Q1	8.7	0.8
Hungary	A4AF	Oct-Dec 08	56.7	-0.4	Hungary	A4AQ	May 09	10.2	0.2
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 08	65.6	-3.4	Ireland	ZXDO	May 09	11.7	0.6
Italy	YXSV	Oct-Dec 08	58.5	-0.2	Italy	ZXDP	2009 Q1	7.4	0.4
Latvia	A4AG	Oct-Dec 08	66.5	-3.8	Latvia	A4AR	May 09	16.3	1.0
Lithuania	A4AH	Jan-Mar 09	61.0	-2.9	Lithuania	A4AS	May 09	14.3	1.4
Luxembourg	YXSX	Oct-Dec 08	62.6	-1.8	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	May 09	6.4	0.1
Malta	A4AI	Oct-Dec 08	54.9	0.4	Malta	A4AT	May 09	7.1	0.1
Netherlands	YXSX	Oct-Dec 08	77.6	1.2	Netherlands	ZXDR	May 09	3.2	0.0
Poland	A4AJ	Oct-Dec 08	60.0	1.9	Poland	A4AU	May 09	8.1	0.0
Portugal	YXSX	Jan-Mar 09	67.0	-1.1	Portugal	ZXDT	May 09	9.3	0.0
Romania	A494	Jan-Mar 09	57.4	-0.3	Romania	A48Z	2009 Q1	6.2	0.3
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Oct-Dec 08	62.9	1.3	Slovak Republic	A4AV	May 09	11.1	0.3
Slovenia	A4AL	Jan-Mar 09	66.7	-0.4	Slovenia	A4AW	May 09	5.9	0.2
Spain	YXSZ	Jan-Mar 09	60.4	-4.7	Spain	ZXDM	May 09	18.7	0.7
Sweden	YXTA	Jan-Mar 09	72.0	-1.4	Sweden	ZXDV	May 09	8.9	0.4
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Jan-Mar 09	70.4	-1.2	United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	ZXDW	Mar 09	7.2	0.1
<b>Total EU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>A496</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 08</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>Total EU<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>A493</b>	<b>May 09</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Eurozone <sup>5</sup>	YXTC	Oct-Dec 08	65.9	0.0	Eurozone <sup>5</sup>	ZXDH	May 09	9.5	0.2
<b>As published by national statistical offices</b>				<b>As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)</b>					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Apr-Jun 09	72.0	-2.3	Canada	ZXDZ	Jun 09	8.6	0.2
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Jan-Mar 09	69.8	-0.2	Japan	ZXDY	May 09	5.2	0.2
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Mar-May 09	72.9	-2.0	United Kingdom <sup>4</sup>	MGSX	Mar-May 09	7.6	0.9
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Apr-Jun 09	68.1	-3.2	United States	ZXDX	Jun 09	9.5	0.1

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

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

## LABOUR DISPUTES

### 20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	Working days lost (thousands) <sup>1,2</sup>	Working days lost in the Public Sector (thousands) <sup>1,2</sup>	Working days lost in the Private Sector (thousands) <sup>1,2</sup>	Number of stoppages <sup>3</sup>	Number of stoppages in the Public Sector	Number of stoppages in the Private Sector	Workers involved (thousands) <sup>1,3</sup>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	BBFW	F8XZ	F8Y2	BLUU	F8Y3	F8Y4	BLUT
<b>2007</b> May	111	108	3	13	6	7	124
<b>2008</b> May	3	2	1	13	5	8	2
Jun	8	3	5	18	9	9	6
Jul	369	357	11	19	8	11	234
Aug	73	72	1	16	10	6	90
Sep	69	67	2	13	8	5	84
Oct	5	4	1	19	10	9	5
Nov	3	0	3	12	9	3	2
Dec	1	0	1	6	5	1	1
<b>2009</b> Jan (p)	7	0	7	7	4	3	5
Feb (p)	15	1	14	7	3	4	8
Mar (p)	3	2	1	13	9	4	2
Apr (p)	2	1	2	6	4	2	1
<b>May (p)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Cumulative totals 12 months to:							
May 08	1,015	975	39	155	105	50	638
<b>May 09 (p)</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>352</b>

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

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

- Estimates of working days lost and workers involved are shown to the nearest thousand. Unrounded estimates of less than 500 therefore round to zero.
- Due to rounding the working days lost for the public and private sectors may not add up to the total working days lost.
- The latest 12 month cumulative totals for the figures in these columns will not necessarily equal the sum of the 12 months as some disputes continue for over one month. These disputes appear in each month's data, but only once in the total.

# VACANCIES

## 21 Vacancies<sup>1</sup>

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates		Three month rolling average estimates			
		Level		Vacancy ratio <sup>2</sup>			
		AP2X		AP2Y	AP2Z		
<b>2007</b>	Jun		660	Apr-Jun 2007	646	2.5	
<b>2008</b>	Jun	(r)	632	Apr-Jun 2008	(r)	652	2.5
	Jul		603	May-Jul 2008		627	2.4
	Aug		593	Jun-Aug 2008		609	2.3
	Sep		597	Jul-Sep 2008		598	2.3
	Oct		553	Aug-Oct 2008		582	2.2
	Nov		517	Sep-Nov 2008		558	2.1
	Dec		514	Oct-Dec 2008		530	2.0
<b>2009</b>	Jan		486	Nov-Jan 2009		505	1.9
	Feb		452	Dec-Feb 2009		482	1.8
	Mar	(r)	457	Jan-Mar 2009	(r)	465	1.8
	Apr	(r)	443	Feb-Apr 2009	(r)	452	1.7
	May	(r)	424	Mar-May 2009	(r)	443	1.7
	Jun	(p)	421	Apr-Jun 2009	(p)	429	1.6
	Change on month		-3	Change on quarter		-35 *	-0.1 *
	Change %		-0.7	Change %		-7.6 *	
	Change on year		-211	Change on year		-222	-0.9
	Change %		-33.3	Change %		-34.1	

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>											
Apr-Jun 2007		646	5	52	19	184	42	169	143	34	571
Apr-Jun 2008	(r)	652	5	53	23	180	43	157	160	31	571
May-Jul 2008		627	5	50	21	174	41	148	159	29	551
Jun-Aug 2008		609	5	49	19	167	39	143	159	29	536
Jul-Sep 2008		598	5	45	18	160	37	143	161	28	529
Aug-Oct 2008		582	5	44	15	157	34	136	160	31	518
Sep-Nov 2008		558	5	38	14	149	33	128	161	31	501
Oct-Dec 2008		530	4	34	13	144	33	115	159	27	479
Nov-Jan 2009		505	4	30	15	131	32	109	161	24	457
Dec-Feb 2009		482	4	27	14	126	31	103	157	21	437
Jan-Mar 2009	(r)	465	4	26	11	122	29	95	153	25	424
Feb-Apr 2009	(r)	452	3	25	11	122	27	91	150	23	413
Mar-May 2009	(r)	443	3	25	10	121	27	85	148	24	405
<b>Apr-Jun 2009</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>392</b>
Change on quarter	*	-35	-1	-2	-1	-2	-3	-16	-9	-3	-32
Change %	*	-7.6	-21.1	-6.6	-10.6	-1.4	-9.1	-17.0	-5.6	-10.1	-7.4
Change on year		-222	-2	-29	-13	-59	-17	-78	-15	-9	-179
Change %		-34.1	-42.3	-54.6	-55.5	-33.1	-39.6	-49.7	-9.4	-29.3	-31.3
		AP2Z	AP3B	AP3C	AP3D	AP3E	AP3F	AP3G	AP3H	AP3I	AP3J
<b>Ratio per 100 employee jobs</b>											
Apr-Jun 2007		2.5	2.5	1.6	1.5	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Apr-Jun 2008	(r)	2.5	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.3	2.7
May-Jul 2008		2.4	2.9	1.5	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.6
Jun-Aug 2008		2.3	2.9	1.5	1.5	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.5
Jul-Sep 2008		2.3	2.9	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.4	2.8	2.4	2.0	2.5
Aug-Oct 2008		2.2	2.7	1.3	1.2	2.4	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.4
Sep-Nov 2008		2.1	2.6	1.2	1.1	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.3
Oct-Dec 2008		2.0	2.3	1.0	1.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.2
Nov-Jan 2009		1.9	2.3	0.9	1.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	2.1
Dec-Feb 2009		1.8	2.1	0.8	1.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.5	2.1
Jan-Mar 2009	(r)	1.8	2.1	0.8	0.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.8	2.0
Feb-Apr 2009	(r)	1.7	1.9	0.8	0.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.9
Mar-May 2009	(r)	1.7	1.8	0.8	0.8	1.9	1.7	1.6	2.2	1.7	1.9
<b>Apr-Jun 2009</b>	<b>(p)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Change on quarter	*	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
Change on year		-0.9	-1.2	-0.9	-1.0	-0.9	-1.1	-1.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.8

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

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
Mar-May 2007	121	4.8	82	6.4	40	3.2
Mar-May 2008	120	4.7	74	5.7	46	3.7
Jun-Aug 2008	147	5.8	89	6.8	58	4.7
Sep-Nov 2008	225	8.9	149	11.5	76	6.1
Dec-Feb 2009	270	10.6	174	13.4	96	7.7
<b>Mar-May 2009</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>11.5</i>		<i>14.3</i>		<i>6.4</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>9.7</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>4.6</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>151.8</i>		<i>169.5</i>		<i>123.0</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)
People	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Jan-Mar 2007	153	*	41	17	36	10	28	11	93
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
Apr-Jun 2008	121	*	24	13	28	12	21	11	80
Jul-Sep 2008	156	*	26	31	30	13	34	12	94
Oct-Dec 2008	263	*	60	48	49	20	52	14	147
<b>Jan-Mar 2009</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>175</b>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>102</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>149.7</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>129.4</i>	<i>195.3</i>	<i>245.5</i>	<i>*</i>	<i>138.1</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>139.5</i>

Source: Labour Force Survey  
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

- The estimates in this table are not directly comparable with those at Table 23 as they are not seasonally adjusted and for calendar quarters only whereas the estimates at Table 23 are seasonally adjusted and for rolling three-monthly time periods. Further redundancy estimates, including historical data for redundancy rates by industry, region, and age group as well as re-employment rates by age group, are available at: [www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474)
- The level of each industry may not sum to the total as all redundancies includes those people who did not state their industry.
- Includes both public and private sectors.
- Other Services are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable estimates.

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

# Benefits

## 25 Key out of work benefits<sup>1</sup>

Great Britain and abroad (thousands),  
not seasonally adjusted

### Statistical Groups<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

1. This table includes the key out of work statistical groups, showing claimants of working age (16-59 for women and 16-64 for men). Carers, who are not subject to labour market activation policies in the same way as other groups, are not included.
2. Claimants have been assigned to a statistical group according to a hierarchy to avoid double counting of claimants. The order is shown in the table (ie, Jobseeker followed by incapacity benefits, etc.). For example, a person claiming both incapacity benefits and Lone Parent benefit will be recorded under the former but not the latter.
3. The estimates for Jobseekers claimants shown in this table are for Great Britain (GB) and are consistent with the not seasonally adjusted estimates for the United Kingdom shown at Table 10 (Claimant Count) of this Statistical Bulletin. However, the figures are different from the estimates of jobseekers claimants shown at Table 1.1 of the Dept. for Work & Pensions (DWP) Quarterly Statistical Summary. This is because of methodological differences between the Benefits estimates produced by the DWP and the Claimant Count estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics.
4. "Jobseekers" are recipients of Jobseeker's Allowance.
5. From November 2008 the "incapacity benefits group" includes Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). ESA replaced Incapacity Benefit and Income Support paid on the grounds of incapacity for new claims from 27 October 2008. Prior to this, the "incapacity benefits group" referred to claimants of Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance including people claiming Income Support on the grounds of incapacity. Although the ESA estimates have been quality assured to National Statistics standards, this is a new benefit using a new data source which may not have reached a steady state in terms of operational processing and retrospection. Hence ESA estimates for November 2008 are provisional. Estimates for the "Lone Parent" and "Other income related" series are also provisional as these series include some claimants who also claim ESA.
6. "Lone parents" are single recipients of Income Support with a child under qualifying age.
7. "Other Income related" covers recipients of Income Support or Pension Credit who are not included in "incapacity benefits" or "Lone parents".
8. The proportions shown in this table are residence based proportions which show the number of claimants as a proportion of the working age resident population. The jobseeker proportions shown in this table are therefore not consistent with the not seasonally adjusted Claimant Count rate shown at Table 10 of this Statistical Bulletin as the denominator for the latter is Workforce Jobs plus Claimant Count.

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