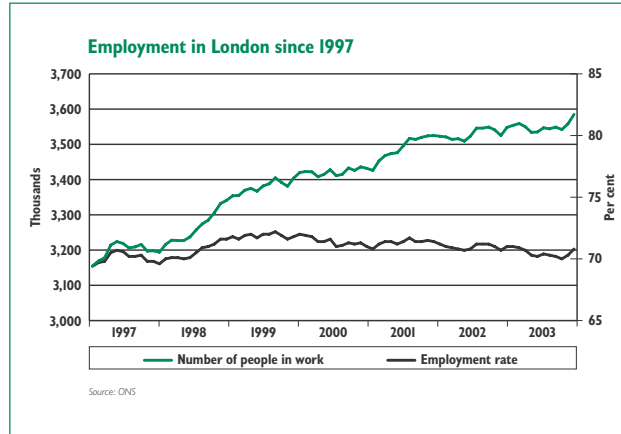


EMPLOYMENT IN LONDON

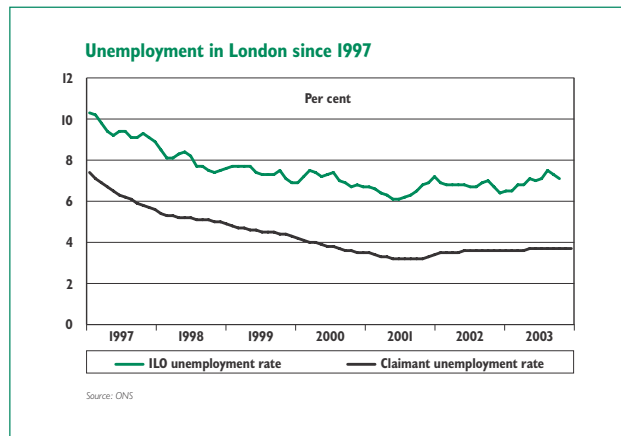
Employment in London since 1997

- Employment rate is 70.8 per cent – above the EU and OECD average
- Number of people in work up 407,000
- Employment rate up by one percentage point



Unemployment in London since 1997

- ILO unemployment down a fifth
- Claimant unemployment down a third
- Youth unemployment down a quarter
- Long-term unemployment down two thirds



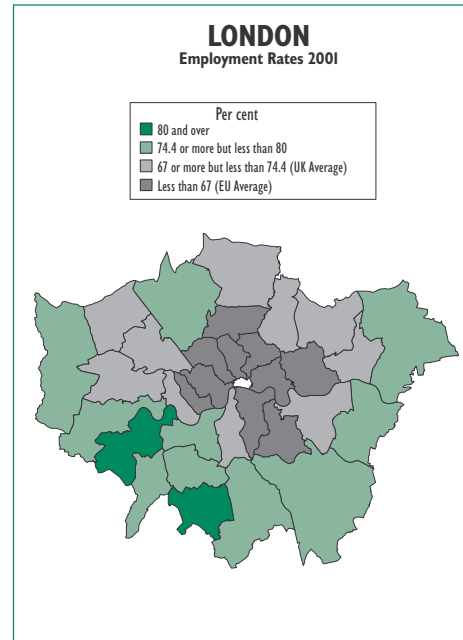
The New Deal

The New Deals have been successful in helping over 116,000 people into work including:

- 57,420 through New Deal for young people
- 27,820 through New Deal 25 plus
- 22,360 through New Deal for lone parents
- 7,750 through New Deal 50 plus
- 1,130 through New Deal for disabled people

Variations within London

- Employment is high in most areas, and over 70 per cent of local authorities have higher resident employment rates than EU and OECD averages
- Some authorities, including Newham and Tower Hamlets, have employment rates amongst the lowest in the country
- Sutton has an employment rate of over 80 per cent
- Tower Hamlets, Haringey and Newham have a large number of wards with very high numbers of benefit claimants
- Employment rates are particularly low for ethnic minorities and people without qualifications in inner London boroughs
- Most areas with lower employment rates still have high numbers of vacancies



Work-focused help available within London

- Over 2,500 disadvantaged people have been helped into work by Action Teams in Hackney, Lambeth, Lewisham, Waltham Forest and Greenwich
- Refugees in Haringey are being offered support with training and work placements
- Tower Hamlets, Newham and Hackney have set up an outreach team, working with the community to facilitate wide access to Jobcentre Plus services
- The 'Faith in the Communities' pilot, piloted first in Tower Hamlets, provides information and help to customers who don't usually access Jobcentre Plus services; it has now been rolled out across London and adopted nationally
- Jobcentre Plus in London have worked very successfully with the Metropolitan Police to help fill their civilian vacancies; around 500 people have been recruited, over half of whom are from ethnic minority communities
- Nearly 150 people have been placed into work through Ambition Energy and Ambition Construction
- Jobcentre Plus advisers are providing employment advice to people leaving the ten prisons across London; this is backed up by the Freshstart programme, which provides a new claim appointment for anyone leaving prison
- South London are operating a Progress2Work Link up pilot, which offers employment support to people who are homeless, ex-offenders and alcohol misusers
- Jobshops have been set up to support the main construction projects across London including Kings Cross, Waterloo and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link in Stratford
- Jobcentre Plus in London is helping to source local jobs for local people at Heathrow Terminal 5 and Wembley Stadium