

UK Labour Market, May 2015



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Main points for January to March 2015

- Comparing the estimates for January to March 2015 with those for October to December 2014, employment continued to rise and unemployment continued to fall. These changes maintain the general direction of movement since late 2011 to early 2012.
- There were 31.10 million people in work, 202,000 more than for October to December 2014 and 564,000 more than for a year earlier.
- The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 in work (the employment rate) was 73.5%, the highest since comparable records began in 1971.
- There were 1.83 million unemployed people. This was 35,000 fewer than for October to December 2014, the smallest quarterly fall since June to August 2013. Comparing January to March 2015 with a year earlier, there were 386,000 fewer unemployed people.
- The proportion of the economically active population who were unemployed (the unemployment rate) was 5.5%, lower than for October to December 2014 (5.7%) and for a year earlier (6.8%). The economically active population is those in work plus those seeking and available to work.
- There were 8.98 million people aged from 16 to 64 who were out of work and not seeking or available to work (known as economically inactive), 69,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 but little changed compared with a year earlier.
- The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 who were economically inactive (the inactivity rate) was 22.1%, lower than for October to December 2014 (22.3%) but unchanged compared with a year earlier.
- Comparing January to March 2015 with a year earlier, pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 1.9% including bonuses and by 2.2% excluding bonuses.

(i) Summary of latest labour market statistics

Table A shows the latest estimates, for January to March 2015, for employment, unemployment and economic inactivity and shows how these estimates compare with the previous quarter (October to December 2014) and the previous year (January to March 2014). Comparing January to March 2015 with October to December 2014 provides the most robust short-term comparison. See **Making comparisons with earlier data** at Section (ii).

Table A: Summary of latest labour market statistics for January to March 2015, seasonally adjusted

	Number (thousands)	Change on Oct to Dec 2014	Change on Jan to Mar 2014	Headline Rate (%)	Change on Oct to Dec 2014	Change on Jan to Mar 2014
Employed	31,098	202	564			
Aged 16 to 64	29,902	133	468	73.5	0.3	1.0
Aged 65+	1,196	69	96			
Unemployed	1,827	-35	-386	5.5	-0.1	-1.2
Aged 16 to 64	1,805	-39	-381			
Aged 65+	22	4	-5			
Inactive	18,933	-83	157			
Aged 16 to 64	8,983	-69	5	22.1	-0.2	0.0
Aged 65+	9,950	-14	153			

Table source: Office for National Statistics

Table notes:

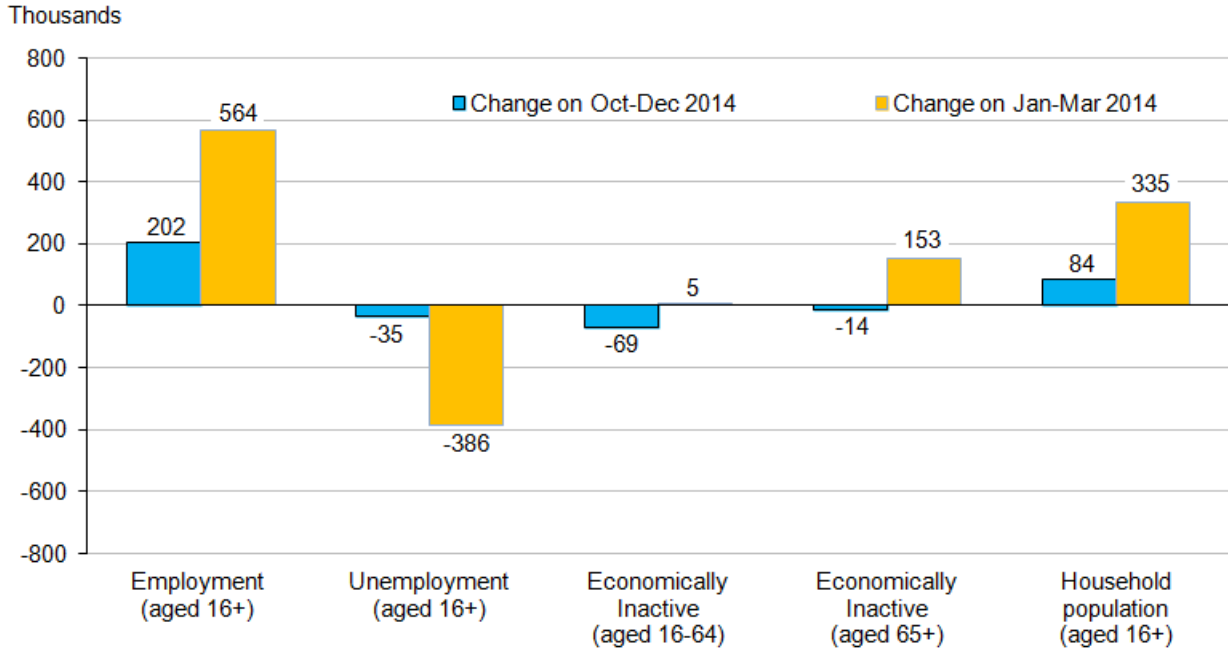
- Calculation of headline employment rate:** Number of employed people aged from 16 to 64 divided by the population aged from 16 to 64. Population is the sum of employed plus unemployed plus inactive.
- Calculation of headline unemployment rate:** Number of unemployed people aged 16 and over divided by the sum of employed people aged 16 and over plus unemployed people aged 16 and over.
- Calculation of headline economic inactivity rate:** Number of economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64 divided by the population aged from 16 to 64. Population is the sum of employed plus unemployed plus inactive.
- Components may not sum exactly to totals due to rounding.

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Figure A shows how the latest estimates, for January to March 2015, for employment, unemployment and economic inactivity compare with the previous quarter (October to December 2014) and the previous year (January to March 2014).

Figure A: Changes in the number of people in the labour market, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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(ii) Understanding and working with labour market statistics

Where to find explanatory information

[Explaining the concepts of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#) is available on our website as a short video.

[Interpreting labour market statistics](#), available on our website, is designed to help users interpret labour market statistics and highlight some common misunderstandings.

A more detailed [Guide to labour market statistics](#), which expands on “Interpreting labour market statistics” is also available.

A [Glossary](#) which gives an explanation of terms used within labour market statistics, is available on our website.

About labour market statuses

Everybody aged 16 or over is either [employed](#), [unemployed](#) or [economically inactive](#). The employment estimates include all people in work including those working part-time. People not working are classed as unemployed if they have been looking for work within the last 4 weeks and are able to start work within the next 2 weeks. A common misconception is that the unemployment statistics are a count of people on benefits; this is not the case as they include unemployed people not claiming benefits.

Jobless people who have not been looking for work within the last 4 weeks or who are unable to start work within the next 2 weeks are classed as economically inactive. Examples of economically inactive people include people not looking for work because they are students, looking after the family or home, because of illness or disability or because they have retired.

Making comparisons with earlier data derived from the Labour Force Survey

Estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, hours worked and redundancies are derived from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), a survey of households. The most robust estimates of short-term movements in these estimates are obtained by comparing the estimates for January to March 2015 with the estimates for October to December 2014, which were first published on 18 February 2015. This provides a more robust estimate than comparing with the estimates for the 3 months to February 2015. This is because the January and February data are included within both estimates, so effectively observed differences are those between the individual months of December 2014 and March 2015. The LFS is sampled such that it is representative of the UK population over a 3 month period, not for single month periods.

Accuracy and reliability of survey estimates

Most of the figures in this statistical bulletin come from surveys of households or businesses. Surveys gather information from a sample rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed carefully to allow for this, and to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations such as time and cost constraints, but results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise

figures. This means that they are subject to a margin of error which can have an impact on how changes in the numbers should be interpreted, especially in the short-term.

Changes in the numbers reported in this statistical bulletin (and especially the rates) between three month periods are usually not greater than the margin of error. In practice, this means that small, short-term movements in reported rates (for example within +/- 0.3 percentage points) should be treated as indicative, and considered alongside medium and long-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in administrative sources, where available, to give a fuller picture.

Further information is available towards the end of this statistical bulletin in the section **Accuracy of the statistics: estimating and reporting uncertainty**.

Seasonal adjustment

All estimates discussed in this statistical bulletin are seasonally adjusted except where otherwise stated. Like many economic indicators, the labour market is affected by factors that tend to occur at around the same time every year; for example school leavers entering the labour market in July and whether Easter falls in March or April. In order to compare movements other than annual changes in labour market statistics, such as since the previous quarter or since the previous month, the data are seasonally adjusted to remove the effects of seasonal factors and the arrangement of the calendar.

(iii) Detailed commentary

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1. Employment

What is employment ?

[Employment](#) measures the number of people in work and differs from the number of jobs because some people have more than one job. Further information is available at **Notes for Employment** at the end of this section.

[Explaining the concepts of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#) is available on our website as a short video.

A [comparison between estimates of employment and jobs](#) is available in an article on our website.

Where to find data about employment

Employment estimates are available at Tables 1 and 3 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables A02 \(1.47 Mb Excel sheet\)](#) and [EMP01 \(1.39 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

Estimates for the number of people in employment back to 1855 and for the number of self-employed people back to 1950 (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [Three centuries of macroeconomic data](#) (at columns H and L in worksheet 19).

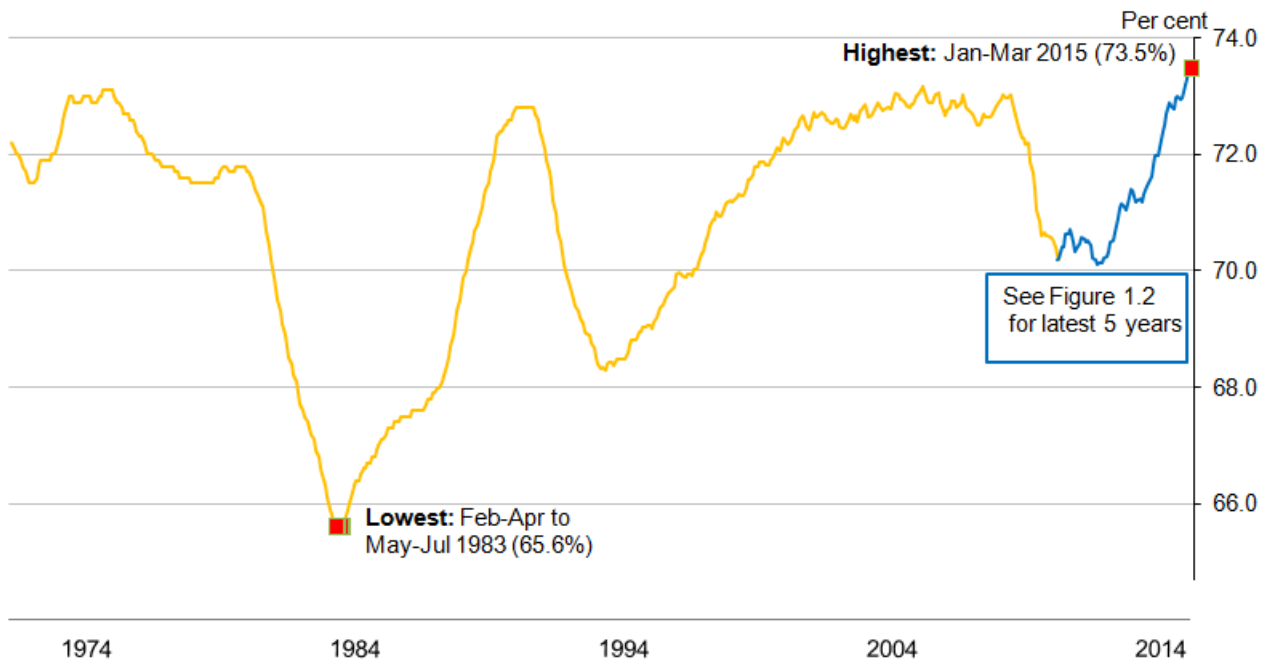
Where to find more information about employment

An article looking at [self-employed workers in the UK](#) was published on 20 August 2014.

Commentary

The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 in work is known as the employment rate. Figure 1.1 shows the employment rate for people aged from 16 to 64 since comparable records began in 1971. The lowest employment rate was 65.6% in 1983, during the economic downturn of the early 1980s. The employment rate has been generally increasing since early 2012 and for the latest time period, January to March 2015, it reached a record high of 73.5%.

Figure 1.1: Employment rate (aged 16 to 64) from 1971, seasonally adjusted

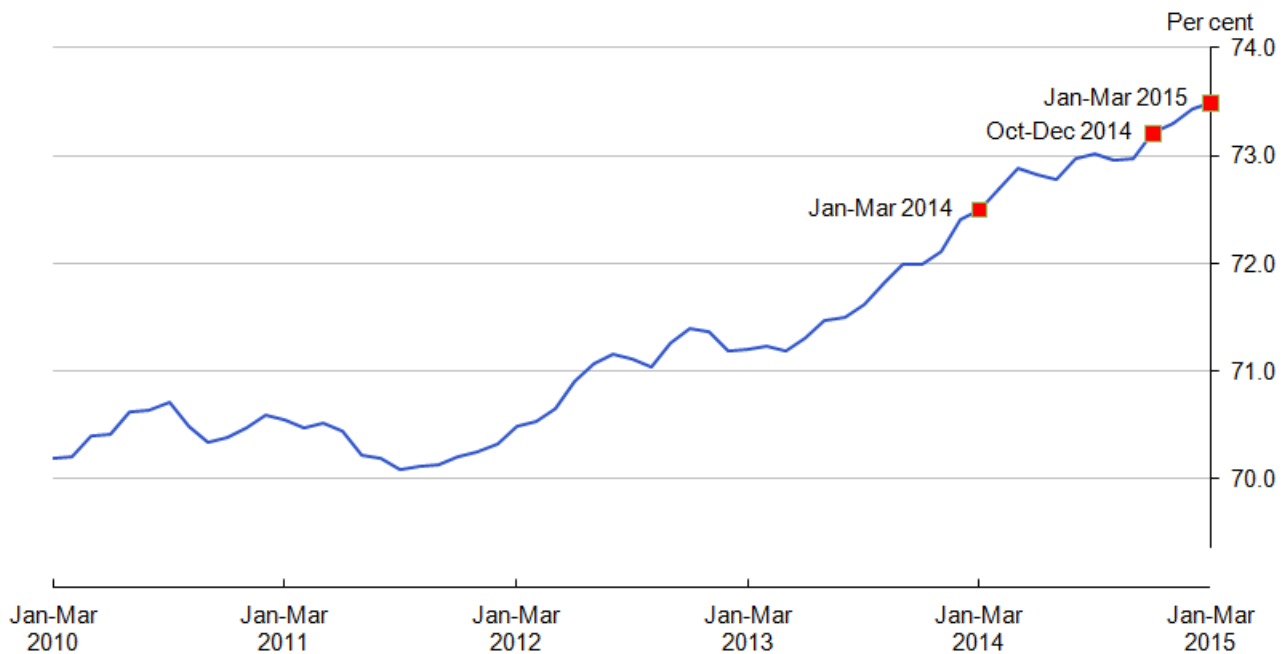


Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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Figure 1.2 looks in more detail at the employment rate for the last 5 years.

Figure 1.2: Employment rate (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted

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73.5% of people aged from 16 to 64 were in work for January to March 2015. This was:

- higher than for October to December 2014 (73.2%)
- higher than for a year earlier (72.5%)
- higher than the pre-downturn peak recorded for early 2008 (73.0%)
- the highest employment rate since comparable records began in 1971

Looking at employment rates by sex, for January to March 2015:

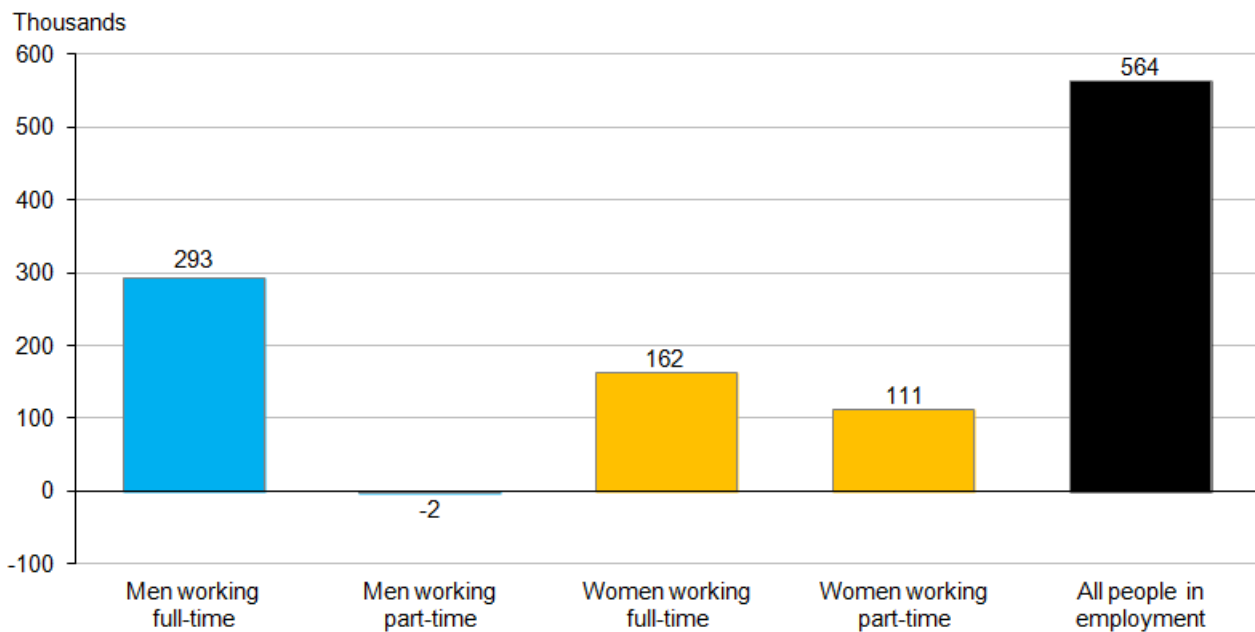
- 78.4% of men and 68.6% of women aged from 16 to 64 were in work
- these employment rates for men and women were higher than those for October to December 2014 and for a year earlier
- the employment rate for men (78.4%) was lower than before the economic downturn of 2008 to 2009, when it peaked at 79.1% in late 2007 to early 2008
- the employment rate for women (68.6%) was the joint highest since comparable records began in 1971, partly due to ongoing changes to the state pension age for women resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65

For January to March 2015, there were 31.10 million people in work, 202,000 more than for October to December 2014 and 564,000 more than for a year earlier.

Comparing the estimates for full-time and part-time employment by sex for January to March 2015 with those for a year earlier, the number of:

- men working full-time increased by 293,000 to reach 14.38 million
- men working part-time was little changed at 2.19 million
- women working full-time increased by 162,000 to reach 8.35 million
- women working part-time increased by 111,000 to reach 6.18 million

Figure 1.3: Changes in people in employment between January to March 2014 and January to March 2015, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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Comparing the estimates for type of employment for January to March 2015 with those for a year earlier, the number of:

- employees increased by 655,000 to reach 26.37 million
- self-employed people fell by 67,000 to reach 4.50 million
- unpaid family workers was little changed at 119,000 (see Note 2 for an explanation of the coverage of this series)
- people on government supported training and employment programmes fell by 17,000 to reach 105,000 (see Note 3 for an explanation of the coverage of this series)

Notes for Employment

1. Employment consists of employees, self-employed people, unpaid family workers and people on government supported training and employment programmes.
2. Unpaid family workers are people who work in a family business who do not receive a formal wage or salary but benefit from the profits of that business.
3. The government supported training and employment programmes series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes people engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training who are not included in the employees or self-employed series. People on these programmes NOT engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training are not included in the employment estimates; they are classified as unemployed or economically inactive.

2. Public and private sector employment (first published on 18 March 2015)

What is public and private sector employment ?

[Public sector employment](#) measures the number of people in paid work in the public sector. The public sector comprises central government, local government and public corporations. Estimates of public sector employment are obtained from information provided by public sector organisations.

[Private sector employment](#) is estimated as the difference between total employment, sourced from the Labour Force Survey, and public sector employment.

Where to find data about public and private sector employment

Public and private sector employment estimates are available at Tables 4 and 4(1) of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables EMP02 \(47 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [EMP03 \(40.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Further information on public sector employment is available in the [Public sector employment release](#).

Commentary

There were 5.40 million people employed in the public sector for December 2014. This was 6,000 fewer than for September 2014 and the lowest figure since comparable records began in 1999.

There were 25.54 million people employed in the private sector for December 2014, 149,000 more than for September 2014.

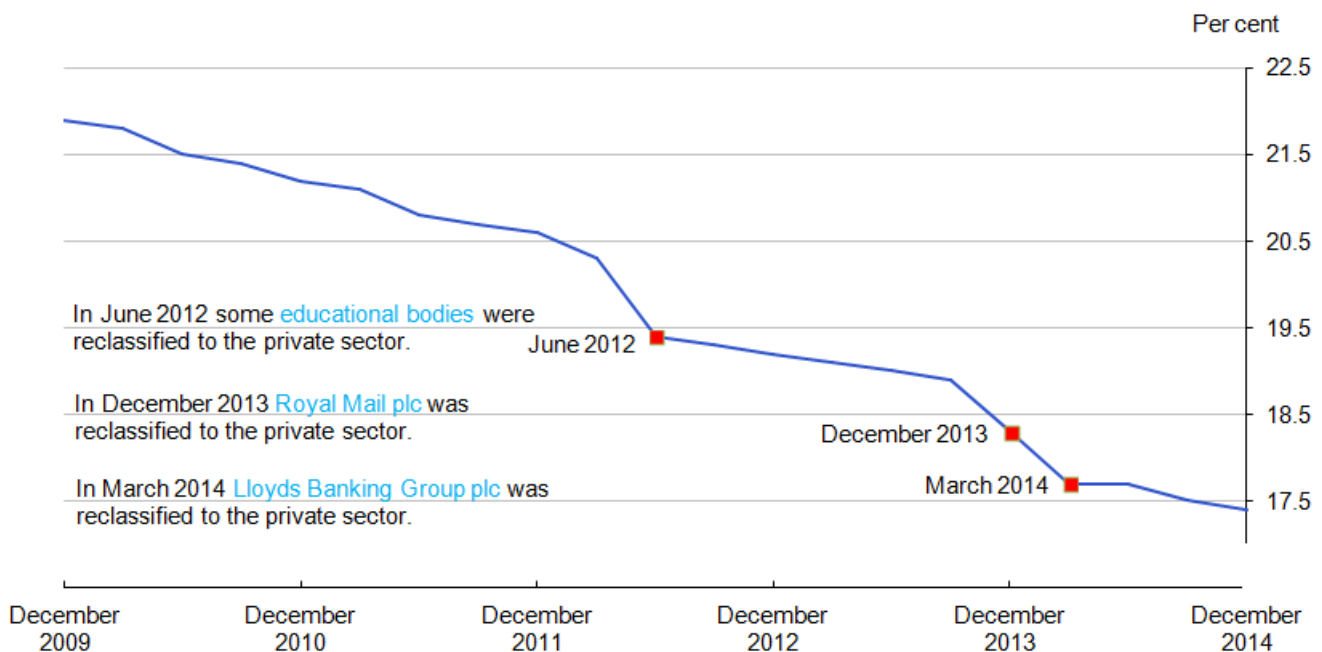
Between December 2013 and December 2014, the number of people employed in the public sector fell by 140,000 and the number of people employed in the private sector increased by 757,000. These annual movements in public and private sector employment were partly due to the reclassification of Lloyds Banking Group plc which moved from the public sector to the private sector in March 2014. Excluding the effects of this reclassification, public sector employment fell by 42,000

and private sector employment increased by 659,000 between December 2013 and December 2014.

For December 2014, 82.6% of people in employment worked in the private sector and the remaining 17.4% worked in the public sector.

Figure 2.1 shows public sector employment as a percentage of all people in employment for the last five years.

Figure 2.1: Public sector employment as a percentage of total employment, seasonally adjusted



Source: Quarterly Public Sector Employment Survey - Office for National Statistics

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The number of people employed in the public sector has been generally falling since March 2010. Quarterly estimates of public and private sector employment are available back to 1999. Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are complicated by a number of changes to the composition of these sectors over this period with several large employers moving between the public and private sectors. We therefore publish estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment at Table 4 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table EMP02 \(47 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

3. Employment by nationality and country of birth, not seasonally adjusted

What is employment by nationality and country of birth ?

The estimates of employment by both nationality and country of birth relate to the number of people in employment rather than the number of jobs. Changes in the series therefore show net changes in the number of people in employment, not the proportion of new jobs that have been filled by UK and non-UK workers. These estimates should not be used as a proxy for flows of foreign migrants into the UK.

The estimates are not seasonally adjusted and it is therefore best practice to compare the estimates for January to March 2015 with those for a year earlier rather than with those for October to December 2014.

Where to find data about employment by nationality and country of birth

Estimates of employment by nationality and country of birth are available at Table 8 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table EMP06 \(184.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

Looking at the estimates by nationality, between January to March 2014 and January to March 2015, the number of:

- UK nationals working in the UK increased by 279,000 to reach 27.91 million
- non-UK nationals working in the UK increased by 294,000 to reach 3.09 million

Looking at changes in non-UK nationals working in the UK between January to March 1997 (when comparable records began) and January to March 2015:

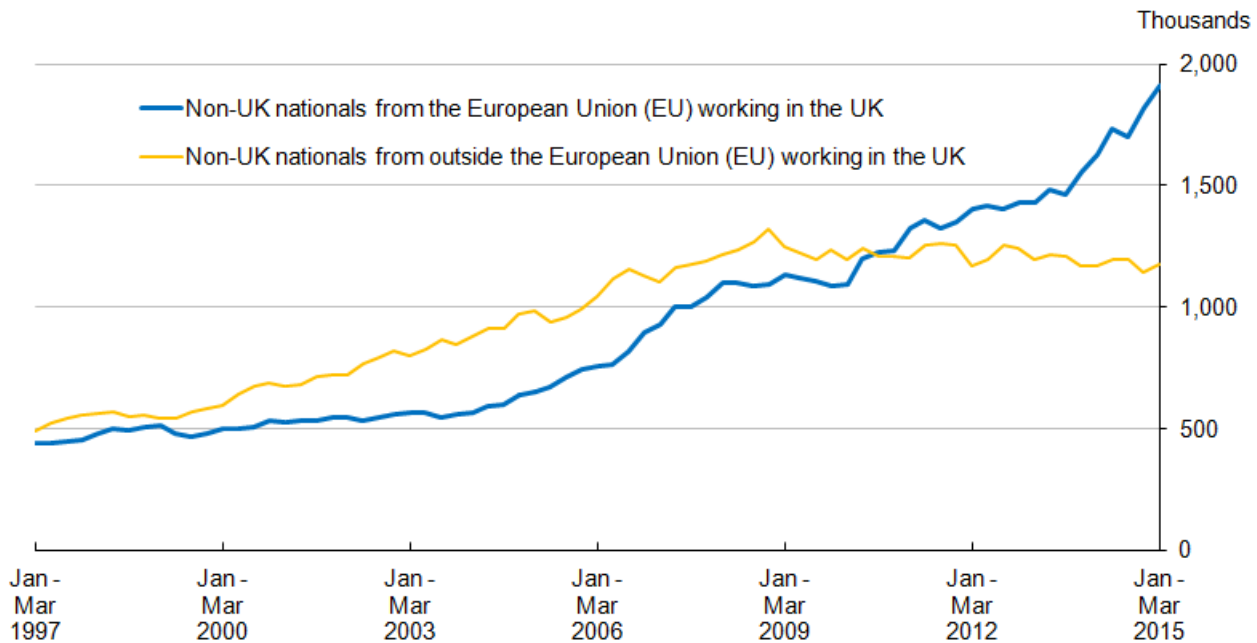
- the number of non-UK nationals working in the UK increased from 928,000 to 3.09 million
- the proportion of all people working in the UK accounted for by non-UK nationals increased from 3.5% to 10.0%
- this increase in non-UK nationals working in the UK reflects the admission of several new member states to the European Union

Looking in more detail at non-UK nationals working in the UK, between January to March 2014 and January to March 2015, the number of:

- non-UK nationals from the European Union (EU) working in the UK increased by 283,000 to reach 1.91 million
- non-UK nationals from outside the EU working in the UK increased by 11,000 to reach 1.18 million

Figure 3.1 shows the number of non-UK nationals from EU and non-EU countries working in the UK since comparable records began in 1997.

Figure 3.1: Non-UK nationals working in the UK, not seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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As shown in Figure 3.1, since January to March 2009, the number of non-UK nationals from outside the EU working in the UK has been broadly flat but the number of non-UK nationals from EU countries working in the UK has continued to increase.

For January to March 2015, there were 4.88 million people born abroad working in the UK, but the number of non-UK nationals working in the UK was much lower at 3.09 million. This is because the estimates for people born abroad working in the UK include some UK nationals. Looking at the estimates by country of birth, between January to March 2014 and January to March 2015, the number of:

- UK born people working in the UK increased by 307,000 to reach 26.11 million
- non-UK born people working in the UK increased by 264,000 to reach 4.88 million

4. Actual hours worked

What is actual hours worked ?

[Actual hours worked](#) measures the number of hours worked in the economy. Changes in actual hours worked reflect changes in the number of people in employment and the average hours worked by those people.

Where to find data about hours worked

Hours worked estimates are available at Tables 7 and 7(1) of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables HOUR01 \(498 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [HOUR02 \(1.72 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

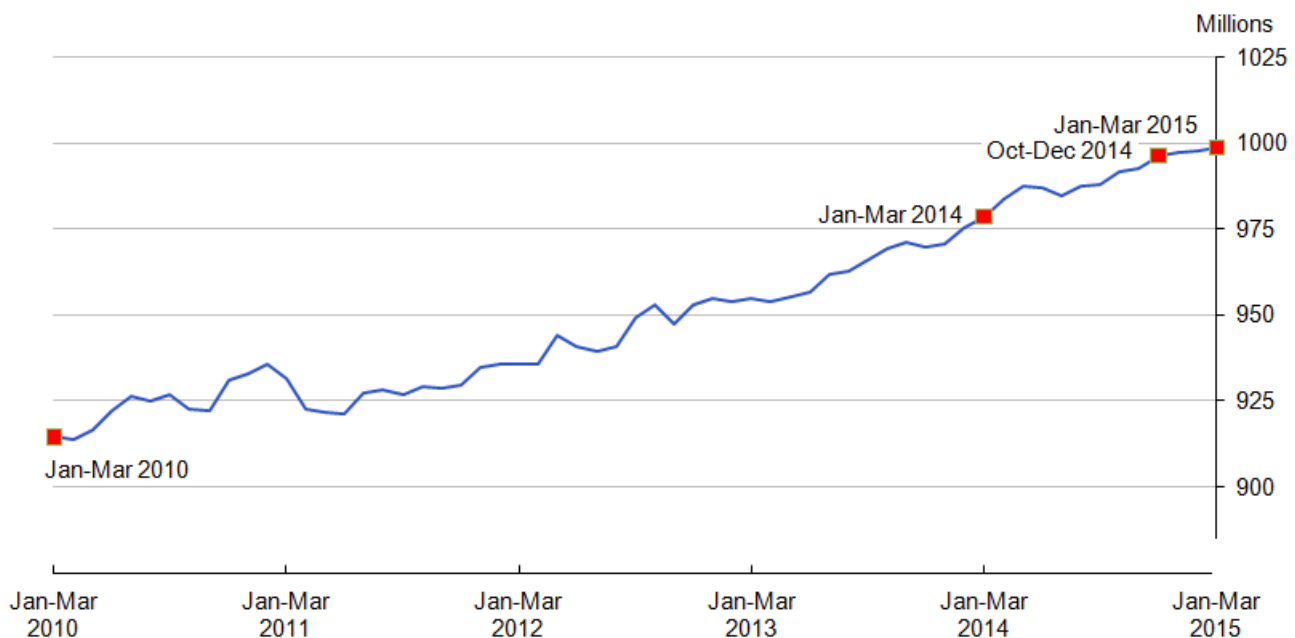
Commentary

Total hours worked per week were 998.6 million for January to March 2015. This was:

- 2.4 million (0.2%) more than for October to December 2014
- 20.2 million (2.1%) more than for a year earlier
- 84.2 million (9.2%) more than 5 years previously

Figure 4.1 shows total hours worked for the last 5 years.

Figure 4.1: Total hours worked per week, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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For January to March 2015:

- people working full-time worked, on average, 37.4 hours per week in their main job, little changed compared with a year earlier
- people working part-time worked, on average, 16.3 hours per week in their main job, 0.3 hours higher than for a year earlier

5. Workforce jobs (first published on 18 March 2015)

What is workforce jobs ?

[Workforce jobs](#) measures the number of filled jobs in the economy. The estimates are mainly sourced from employer surveys. Workforce jobs is a different concept from employment, which is sourced from the Labour Force Survey, as employment is an estimate of people and some people have more than one job.

A [comparison between estimates of employment and jobs](#) is available in an article published on our website.

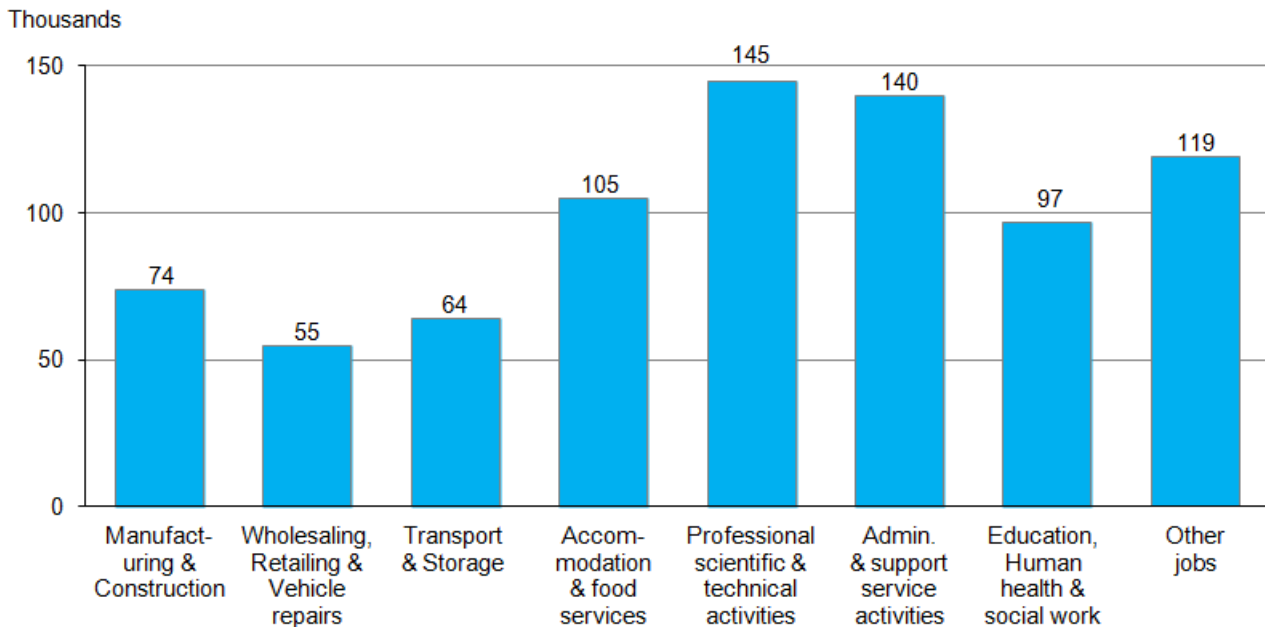
Where to find data about workforce jobs

Jobs estimates are available at Tables 5 and 6 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables JOBS01 \(55.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [JOBS02 \(325 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

For December 2014 there were 33.52 million workforce jobs, 87,000 more than for September 2014 and 800,000 more than for a year earlier. Figure 5.1 shows changes in the number of jobs by industrial sector between December 2013 and December 2014.

Figure 5.1: Workforce jobs changes between December 2013 and December 2014, seasonally adjusted



Source: Office for National Statistics

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Since comparable records began in 1978, the number of jobs in the manufacturing and mining and quarrying sectors has declined, but jobs in the service sectors have increased substantially. Between June 1978 and December 2014:

- the proportion of jobs accounted for by the manufacturing and mining and quarrying sectors fell from 26.4% to 8.0%
- the proportion of jobs accounted for by the services sector increased from 63.2% to 83.4%.

While comparable estimates for workforce jobs by industry begin in 1978, [some information back to 1841, based on Census data](#), are available in a report published in June 2013.

6. Average weekly earnings

What is average weekly earnings ?

[Average Weekly Earnings](#) measures money paid to employees in Great Britain in return for work done, before tax and other deductions from pay. The estimates do not include earnings of self-employed people. Estimates are available for both total pay (which includes bonuses) and for regular pay (which excludes bonus payments). The estimates are not just a measure of pay

settlements as they also reflect compositional changes within the workforce. Further information is available at **Notes for Earnings** at the end of this section.

Where to find data on average weekly earnings

Average weekly earnings estimates are available at Tables 15, 16 and 17 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables EARN01 \(610 Kb Excel sheet\)](#), [EARN02 \(538 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [EARN03 \(609 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

While comparable records for average weekly earnings start in 2000, modelled estimates back to 1963 (which do not have National Statistics status) are available at [data table EARN02 \(538 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Estimates back to 1750 (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [Three centuries of macroeconomic data](#) (at column G in worksheet 18).

Where to find more information about earnings

An article looking at [bonus payments](#) was published on 29 August 2014.

An article looking at [UK wages over the last four decades](#) was published on 3 July 2014.

The [Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings \(ASHE\)](#), published on 19 November 2014, provides more detailed data.

Commentary

For March 2015:

- average regular pay (excluding bonuses) for employees in Great Britain was £460 per week before tax and other deductions from pay
- average total pay (including bonuses) for employees in Great Britain was £489 per week before tax and other deductions from pay

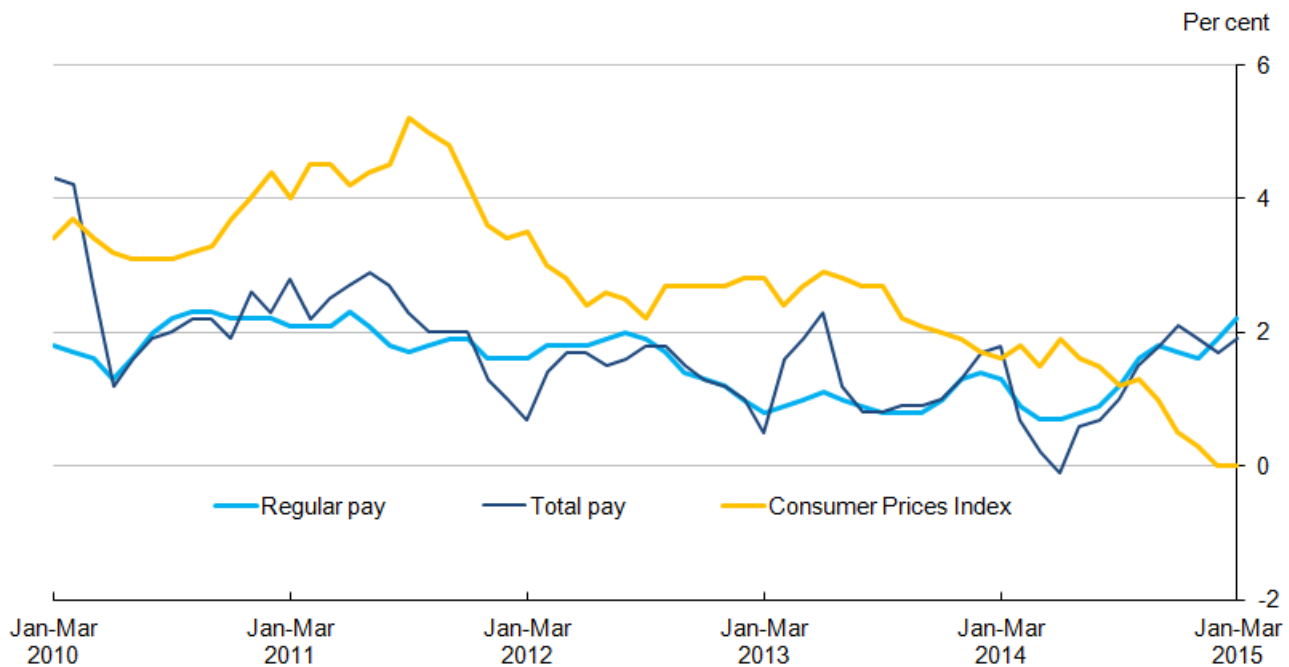
Between January to March 2014 and January to March 2015 **regular pay** for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.2%, the highest annual growth rate since April to June 2011. For March 2015, higher growth rates were recorded across the private sector, particularly for construction, compared with February 2015.

Between January to March 2014 and January to March 2015, **total pay** for employees in Great Britain increased by 1.9%, higher than the growth rate between the 3 months to February 2014 and the 3 months to February 2015 (1.7%). For March 2015 higher bonuses were recorded across the private sector, particularly for finance and business services, compared with February 2015.

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) was unchanged in the year to March 2015, that is, a 12-month growth rate of 0.0%.

Figure 6.1 compares the annual growth rates for both regular and total pay with consumer price inflation.

Figure 6.1: Average earnings and consumer prices annual growth rates



Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. Figure 6.1 shows monthly estimates for the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) from March 2010 to March 2015 and three month average estimates for Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) from January to March 2010 to January to March 2015.
2. The CPI series is for the United Kingdom and is compiled from prices data based on a large and representative selection of individual goods and services. The AWE series are for Great Britain and are sourced from the Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey
3. The AWE series are seasonally adjusted. The CPI series is not seasonally adjusted.

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Since comparable records began in 2000, average total pay for employees in Great Britain has increased from £311 a week in January 2000 to £489 a week in March 2015; an increase of 56.9%. Between January 2000 and March 2015, the Consumer Prices Index increased by 38.5%.

Notes for Average Weekly Earnings

1. The estimates are in current prices; this means that they are not adjusted for price inflation. The estimates relate to Great Britain and include salaries but not unearned income, benefits in kind or arrears of pay.

2. As well as pay settlements, the estimates reflect bonuses, changes in the number of paid hours worked and the impact of employees paid at different rates joining and leaving individual businesses. The estimates also reflect changes in the overall structure of the workforce; for example, fewer low paid jobs in the economy would have an upward effect on the earnings growth rate.
3. Lloyds Banking Group plc is reclassified to the private sector from April 2014 following the sale of some government owned shares to private sector investors. It is classified to the public sector between July 2009 and March 2014. We estimate that, if the April 2014 reclassification had not occurred, the public sector single month growth rates from April 2014 would have been around 0.3 percentage points higher and the corresponding private sector growth rates would have been around 0.1 percentage points lower.

7. Labour disputes (not seasonally adjusted)

What is labour disputes?

The [labour disputes](#) estimates measure strikes connected with terms and conditions of employment.

Where to find data about labour disputes

Labour disputes estimates are available at Table 20 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table LABD01 \(114 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

In March 2015, there were 23,000 working days lost from 17 stoppages. For the 12 months ending March 2015, there were 708,000 working days lost from 151 stoppages.

Since records began in December 1931:

- the highest cumulative 12 month estimate for working days lost was 32.2 million for the 12 months to April 1980
- the lowest cumulative 12 month estimate for working days lost was 143,000 for the 12 months to March 2011

Working days lost are at historically low levels when looking at the longer run time series back to the 1930s, available at [data table LABD01 \(114 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Figure 7.1 shows cumulative 12 month totals for working days lost for the last five years.

Figure 7.1: Working days lost cumulative 12 months totals, not seasonally adjusted

Source: Labour Disputes Statistics - Office for National Statistics

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8. Unemployment

What is unemployment ?

[Unemployment](#) measures people without a job who have been actively seeking work within the last 4 weeks and are available to start work within the next 2 weeks.

[Explaining the concepts of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#) is available on our website as a short video.

Where to find data about unemployment

Unemployment estimates for the UK are available at Table 9 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table UNEM01 \(2.24 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

Estimates for the unemployment rate back to 1870 (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [Three centuries of macroeconomic data](#) (at column S in worksheet 19).

International comparisons of unemployment rates are available at Table 19 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table A10 \(272.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

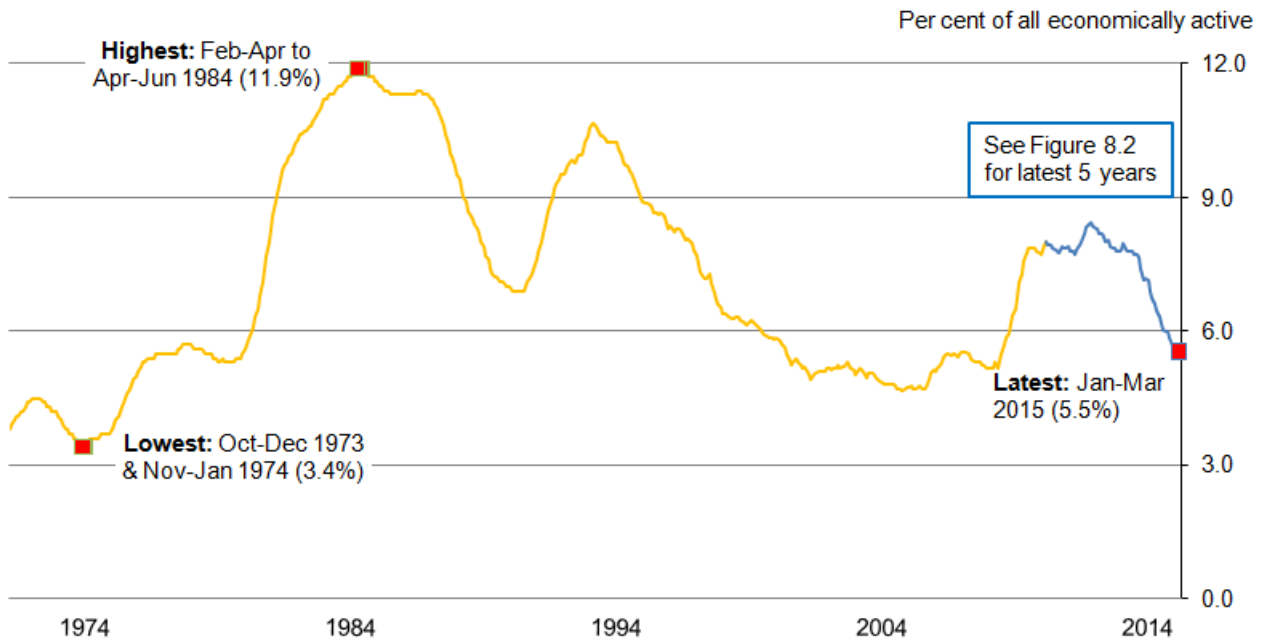
European Union (EU) unemployment rates were published in a [Eurostat News Release](#) on 30 April 2015.

Commentary

The unemployment rate is not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. This follows [guidelines specified by the International Labour Organisation](#) and it ensures that UK unemployment rates are broadly comparable with those published by other countries.

Figure 8.1 shows that the lowest unemployment rate recorded since comparable records began in 1971 was 3.4% in late 1973 to early 1974 and the highest rate, of 11.9%, was recorded in 1984 during the downturn of the early 1980s. The unemployment rate for the latest time period, January to March 2015, was 5.5%.

Figure 8.1: Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over) from 1971, seasonally adjusted

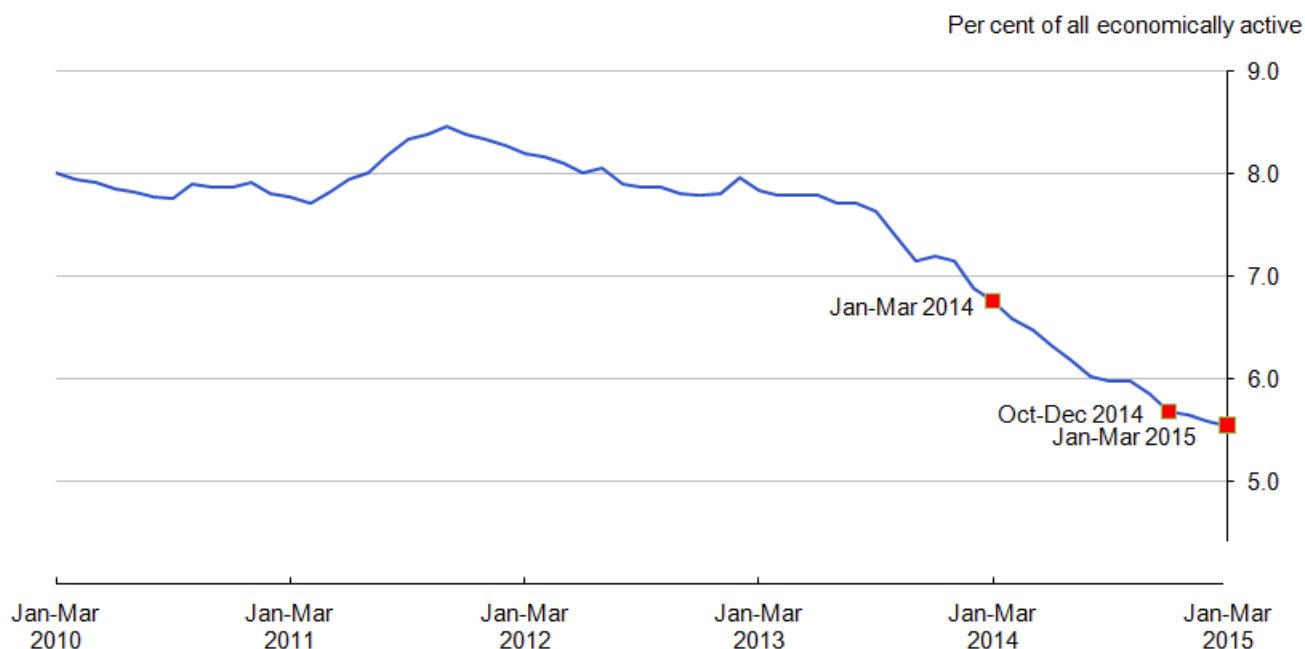


Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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Figure 8.2 looks in more detail at the unemployment rate for the last 5 years.

Figure 8.2: Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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The unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over for January to March 2015 was 5.5%. This was:

- down from 5.7% for October to December 2014
- down from 6.8% for a year earlier
- higher than the pre-downturn trough of 5.2% for late 2007 to early 2008

For January to March 2015, there were 1.83 million unemployed people. This was 35,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 and 386,000 fewer than for a year earlier.

Looking at unemployment for men and women for January to March 2015, there were:

- 1.01 million unemployed men, 34,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 and 225,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 821,000 unemployed women, little changed compared with October to December 2014 but 161,000 fewer than for a year earlier

Looking at unemployment by how long people have been out of work and seeking work, for January to March 2015 there were:

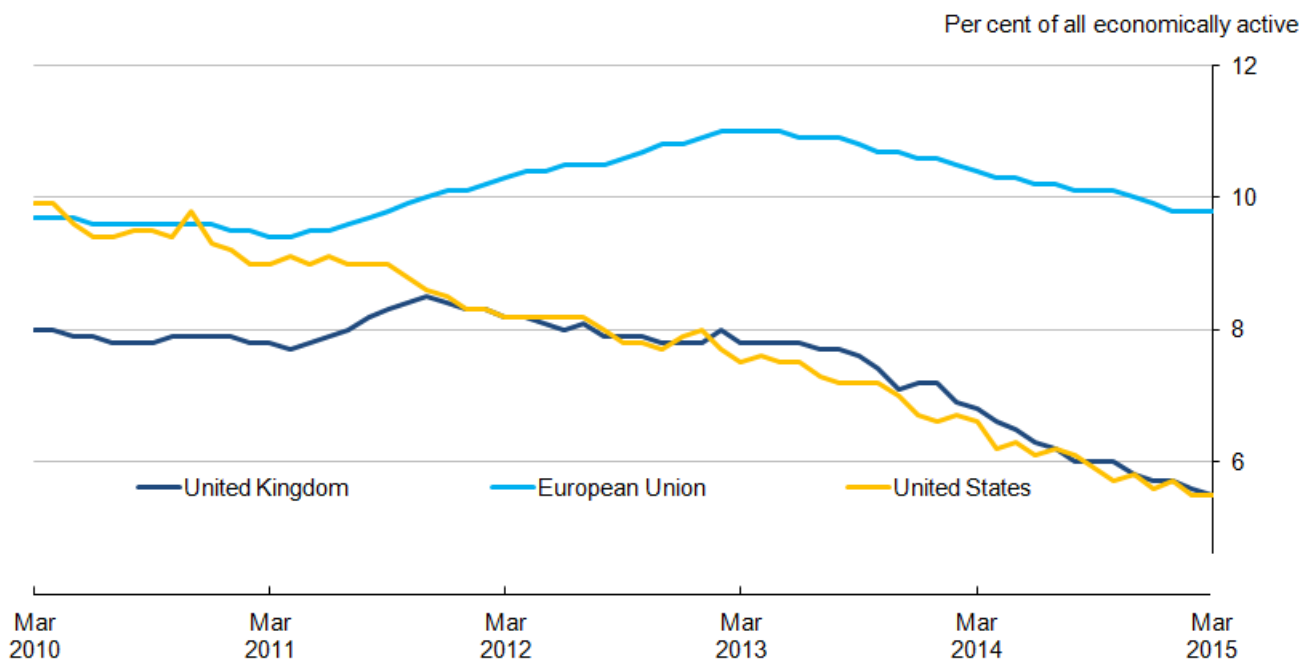
- 955,000 people who had been unemployed for up to 6 months, 31,000 more than for October to December 2014 but 91,000 fewer than for a year earlier

- 284,000 people who had been unemployed for between 6 and 12 months, 16,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 and 66,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 588,000 people who had been unemployed for over 12 months, 50,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 and 228,000 fewer than for a year earlier

Looking at international comparisons, the unemployment rate for the European Union (EU) was 9.8% of the economically active population for March 2015. Within the EU, the highest unemployment rates were for Greece (25.7% for January 2015) and Spain (23.0% for March 2015). The UK unemployment rate of 5.5%, for January to March 2015, was the second lowest in the EU, with Germany the only EU country with a lower unemployment rate (4.7% for March 2015). The unemployment rate for the United States was 5.5% for March 2015 and 5.4% for April 2015.

Figure 8.3 shows the unemployment rates for the UK, the EU and the United States (US) for the last 5 years. It shows that the unemployment rate for the UK has been substantially lower than that for the whole of the EU. The unemployment rate for the US has moved in a downward direction since early 2010 and the UK unemployment rate has been generally falling since early 2012. Since early 2013 the unemployment rate for the US has generally been slightly lower than the rate for the UK.

Figure 8.3: Unemployment rates for the United Kingdom, European Union and United States, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. The unemployment rates for the UK and the United States are for those aged 16 and over. The unemployment rate for the EU is for those aged from 15 to 74.
2. Figure 8.3 shows monthly estimates for the EU and for the United States from March 2010 to March 2015 and three month average estimates for the UK from January to March 2010 to January to March 2015.

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9. Claimant Count

Introduction

The [Claimant Count](#) measures the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed.

Since July 2014, we have published two measures of the Claimant Count; the headline Claimant Count (which is a National Statistic) and a new experimental measure which, unlike the headline measure, includes some claimants of Universal Credit (UC).

Where to find data about the Claimant Count

Claimant Count estimates are available at Tables 10, 10(1) and 11 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables CLA01 \(394.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#), [CLA02 \(545.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [CLA03 \(71 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

While comparable records start in 1971, some data back to 1881 (which do not have National Statistics status) are available from the "Historic Data" worksheet within [data table CLA01 \(394.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

What is the headline Claimant Count ?

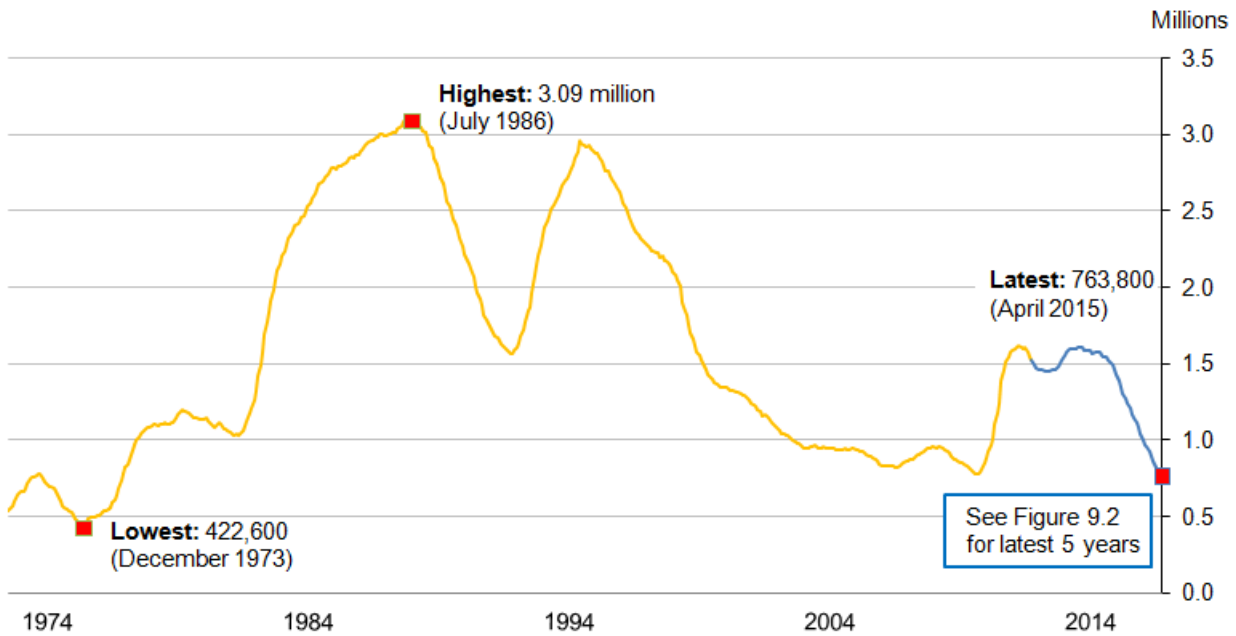
Since October 1996 it has been a count of the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). Between January 1971 (when comparable estimates start) and September 1996 it is an estimate of the number of people who would have claimed JSA if it had existed at that time.

It includes people who claim JSA but who do not receive payment. For example some claimants will have had their benefits stopped for a limited period of time by Jobcentre Plus. Some people claim JSA in order to receive National Insurance Credits.

Commentary (Headline Claimant Count)

Figure 9.1 shows the headline Claimant Count since comparable records began in 1971. It shows that the lowest number of people claiming unemployment related benefits was 422,600 in December 1973 and the highest figure was 3.09 million in July 1986. For the latest month, April 2015, there were 763,800 people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).

Figure 9.1: Headline Claimant Count from January 1971, seasonally adjusted



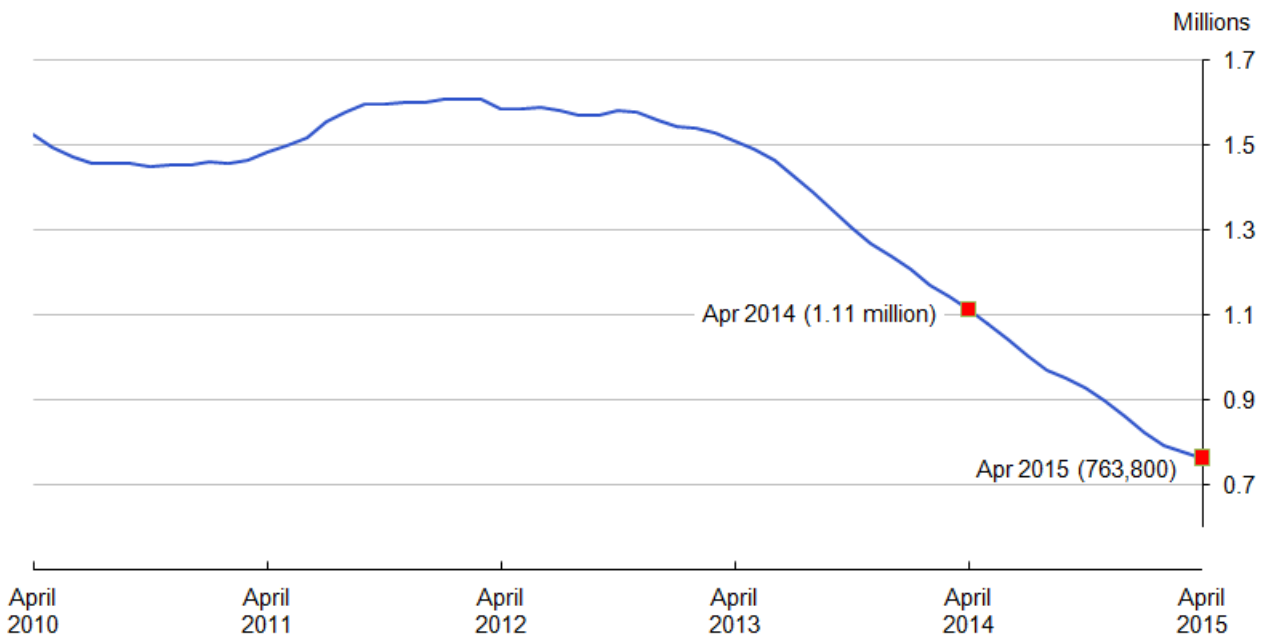
Source: Office for National Statistics, Department for Work and Pensions

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Looking in more detail at the most recent 5 years, Figure 9.2 shows the headline Claimant Count, which excludes claimants of Universal Credit, from April 2010 to April 2015.

Figure 9.2: Headline Claimant Count, seasonally adjusted

Source: Office for National Statistics, Department for Work and Pensions

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For April 2015 there were 763,800 people claiming JSA. The number of JSA claimants has fallen for 30 consecutive months and it is:

- down 12,600 from March 2015 (the smallest monthly fall since March 2013)
- down 349,600 from a year earlier
- 14,600 lower than the pre-downturn trough of 778,400 for February 2008

What is the experimental adjusted Claimant Count ?

The experimental adjusted Claimant Count differs from the headline Claimant Count because, as well as JSA claimants, it also includes some claimants of Universal Credit (UC) from May 2013 (the first month in which the Claimant Count is affected by UC).

- Between May 2013 and October 2013, the UC estimates included in the adjusted Claimant Count include **all claimants of UC** including those who were in work.
- From November 2013 they include all **out of work** UC claimants but include some claimants who are not required to look for work (who should ideally be excluded from the Claimant Count).

See Background Notes to this statistical bulletin for further details.

Commentary (Experimental adjusted Claimant Count)

The experimental adjusted Claimant Count shows that, for April 2015, there were 799,400 people claiming unemployment related benefits. This was:

- down 6,500 from March 2015
- down 317,900 from a year earlier
- 21,000 higher than the pre-downturn trough of 778,400 for February 2008

10. Comparison between unemployment and the Claimant Count

[Unemployment](#) is measured according to internationally accepted [guidelines specified by the International Labour Organisation \(ILO\)](#). Unemployed people in the UK are:

- without a job, have actively sought work in the last 4 weeks and are available to start work in the next 2 weeks, or;
- out of work, have found a job and are waiting to start it in the next 2 weeks.

People who meet these criteria are classified as unemployed irrespective of whether or not they claim Jobseeker's Allowance or other benefits. The estimates are derived from the Labour Force Survey and are published for three month average time periods.

The [Claimant Count](#) measures the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed. As explained at Section 9 of this statistical bulletin, since July 2014 we have published two measures of the Claimant Count; the headline Claimant Count (which is a National Statistic) and a new experimental measure. In this section of the bulletin, quarterly movements in unemployment are compared with quarterly movements in the headline Claimant Count.

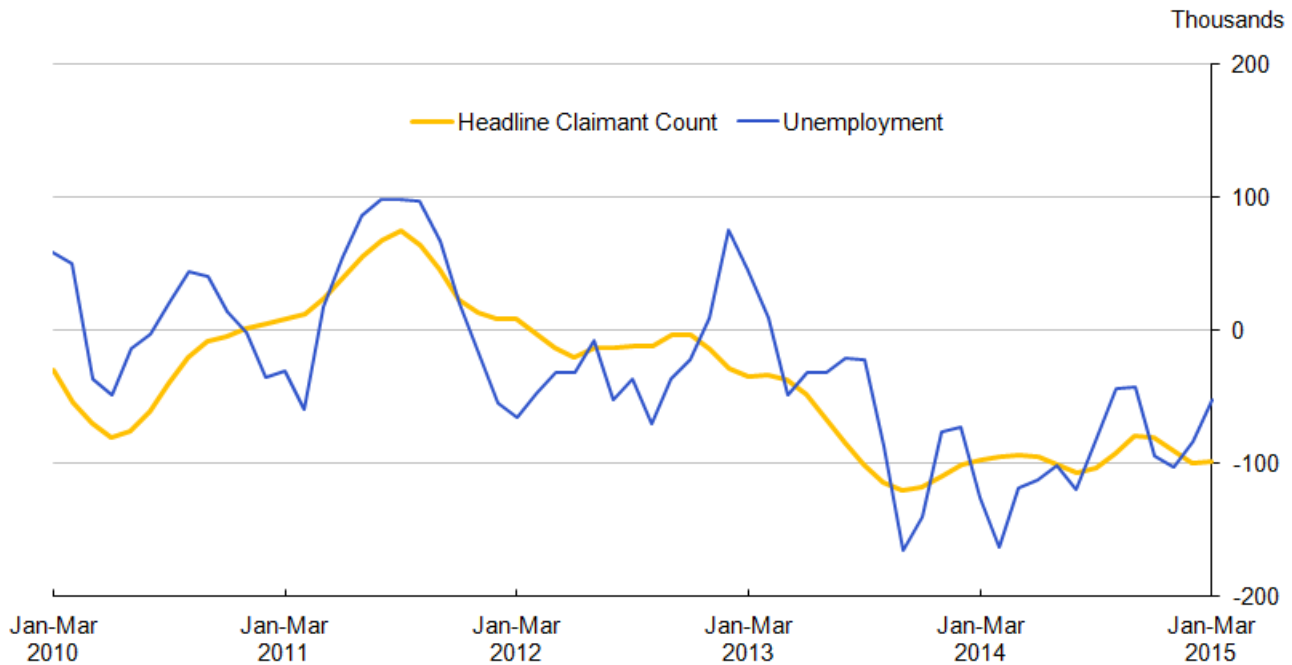
Since October 1996, the headline Claimant Count has been a count of the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). Some JSA claimants will not be classified as unemployed. For example, people in employment working fewer than 16 hours a week can be eligible to claim JSA depending on their income.

Figure 10.1 and the associated spreadsheet compare quarterly movements in unemployment and the headline Claimant Count for the same 3 month average time periods. The unemployment estimates shown in this comparison exclude unemployed people in the 16 to 17 and 65 and over age groups as well as unemployed people aged from 18 to 24 in full-time education. This provides a more meaningful comparison with the headline Claimant Count than total unemployment because people in these population groups are not usually eligible to claim JSA.

When 3 month average estimates for the headline Claimant Count are compared with unemployment estimates for the same time periods and for the same population groups (people aged from 18 to 64 excluding 18 to 24 year olds in full-time education), between October to December 2014 and January to March 2015:

- unemployment fell by 52,000
- the headline Claimant Count fell by 98,000

Figure 10.1: Quarterly changes in Unemployment and the headline Claimant Count (aged 18 to 64), seasonally adjusted



Source: Office for National Statistics, Department for Work and Pensions

Notes:

1. Unemployment estimates are sourced from the Labour Force Survey (a survey of households). The unemployment figures in this chart, and the associated spreadsheet, exclude unemployed people aged from 18 to 24 in full-time education.
2. Claimant Count estimates are sourced from administrative data from Jobcentre Plus (part of the Department for Work and Pensions).

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11. Economic inactivity

What is economic inactivity ?

[Economically inactive](#) people are not in employment but do not meet the internationally accepted definition of unemployment because they have not been seeking work within the last 4 weeks and/or they are unable to start work within the next 2 weeks.

[Explaining the concepts of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity](#) is available on our website as a short video.

Where to find data on economic inactivity

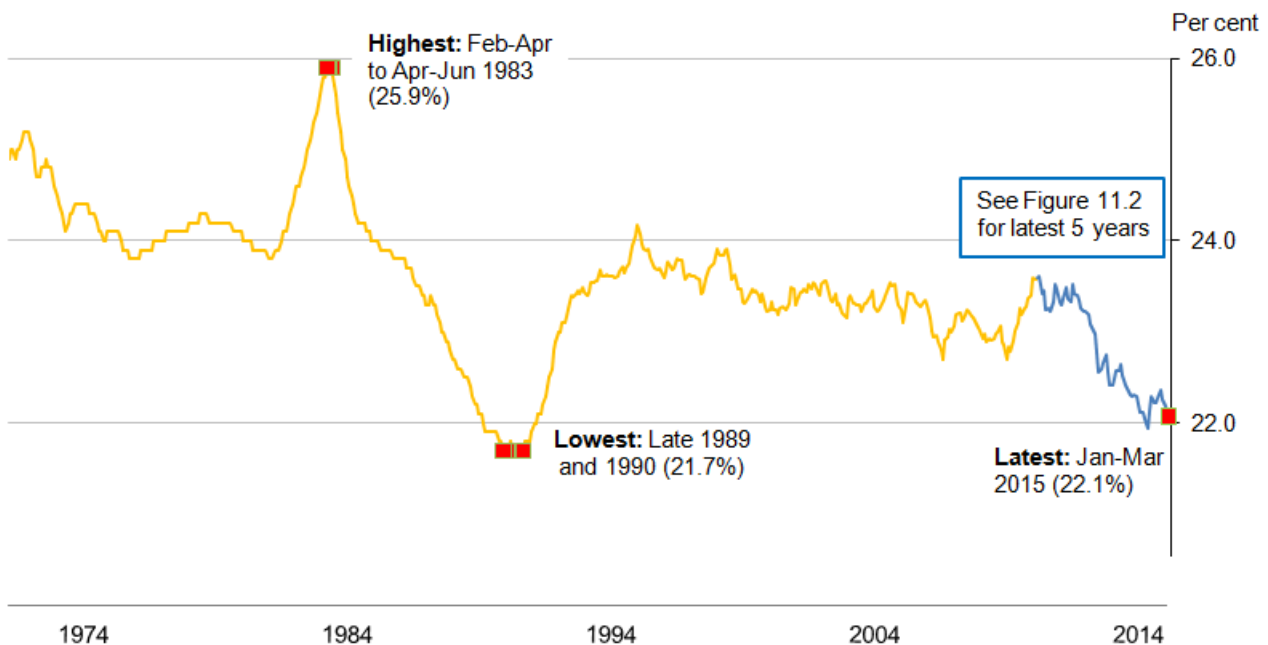
Economic inactivity estimates are available at Tables 1 and 13 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables A02 \(1.47 Mb Excel sheet\)](#) and [INAC01 \(2.72 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

The proportion of people, aged from 16 to 64, not in work and neither seeking nor available to work is known as the economic inactivity rate. Figure 11.1 shows the economic inactivity rate for people aged from 16 to 64 since comparable records began in 1971.

Figure 11.1 shows that the economic inactivity rate increased during the downturn of the early 1980s reaching a record high of 25.9% in 1983. As the economy improved in the late 1980s, the economic inactivity rate resumed its downward path, reaching a record low of 21.7% in late 1989 and 1990, before the economic downturn of the early 1990s drove it back up again. Following an increase in the economic inactivity rate during the economic downturn of 2008 to 2009, it resumed its generally downward path.

Figure 11.1: Economic Inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64) from 1971, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

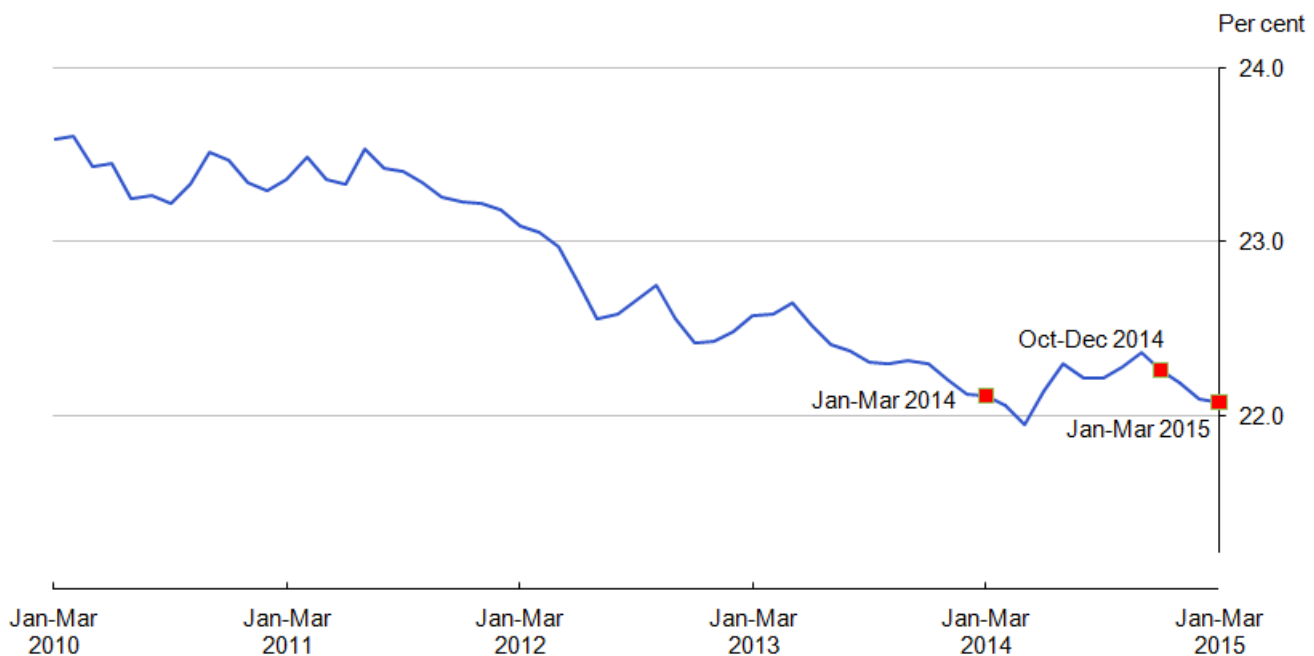
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Since comparable records began in 1971, the economic inactivity rate for men has been gradually rising while the rate for women has been gradually falling.

Figure 11.2 looks in more detail at the economic inactivity rate for the last 5 years.

Figure 11.2: Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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The economic inactivity rate for those aged from 16 to 64 for January to March 2015 was 22.1%. This was down from 22.3% for October to December 2014 but unchanged compared with a year earlier.

For January to March 2015, there were 8.98 million people aged from 16 to 64 not in work and neither seeking nor available to work (known as economically inactive), 69,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 but little changed compared with a year earlier.

Looking in more detail at the 8.98 million people aged from 16 to 64 who were economically inactive for January to March 2015, the two largest categories were students and people looking after the family or home (each of which accounted for just over a quarter of the total):

- there were 2.31 million people who were not looking for work because they were studying, 30,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 and 9,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- there were 2.28 million people (of which 2.05 million were women) who were not looking for work because they were looking after the family or home, 29,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 and 10,000 fewer than for a year earlier

The third and fourth largest categories were long-term sick (around 22% of the total) and retired (around 14% of the total):

- there were 2.01 million people who were not looking for work due to long-term sickness, 18,000 fewer than for October to December 2014 but 23,000 more than for a year earlier
- there were 1.28 million people who were not looking for work because they had retired, virtually unchanged compared with October to December 2014 but 48,000 fewer than for a year earlier, partly due to ongoing changes to the state pension age for women resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65

A more detailed breakdown of economic inactivity by reason is available at Table 13 of the pdf version of this Statistical Bulletin and at [data table INAC01 \(2.72 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

12. Young people in the labour market

Where to find data on young people in the labour market

Estimates for young people in the labour market are available at Table 14 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table A06 \(2.57 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

Where to find more information about young people in the labour market

Estimates for [young people who were Not in Education, Employment or Training \(NEET\)](#) for October to December 2014 were published on 26 February 2015. Estimates for January to March 2015 will be published on 21 May 2015.

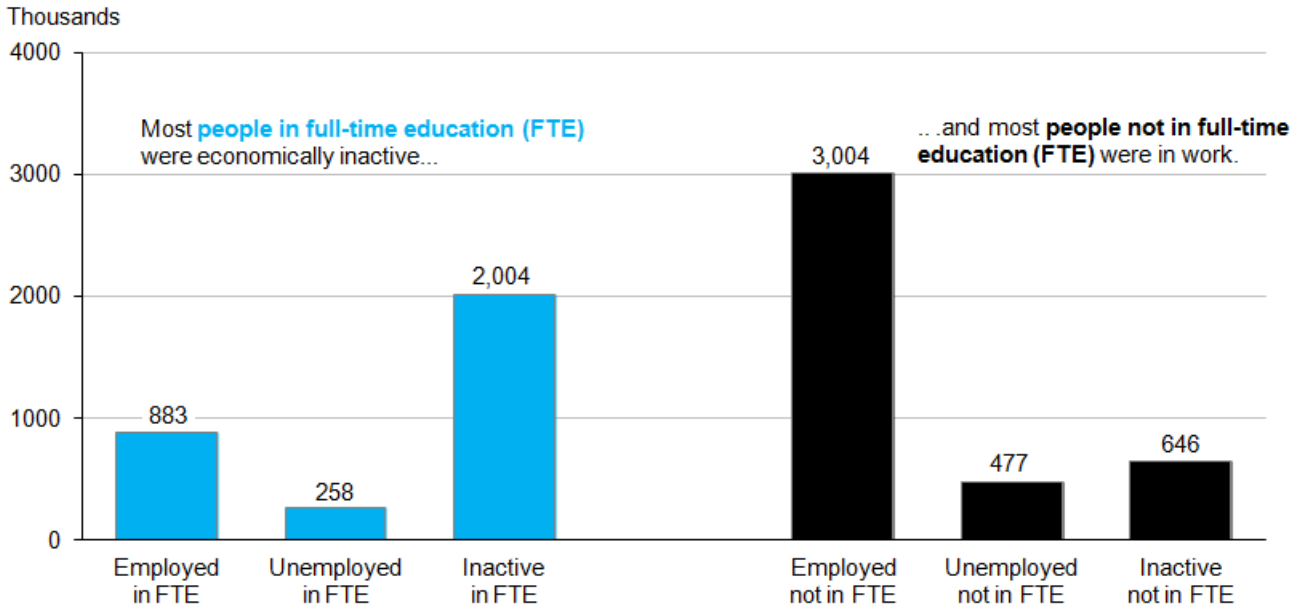
Commentary

For January to March 2015, for people aged from 16 to 24, there were:

- 3.89 million people in work (including 883,000 full-time students with part-time jobs)
- 735,000 unemployed people (including 258,000 full-time students looking for part-time work)
- 2.65 million economically inactive people, most of whom (2.00 million) were full-time students

It is a common misconception that all people in full-time education are classified as economically inactive. This is not the case as people in full-time education are included in the employment estimates if they have a part-time job and are included in the unemployment estimates if they are seeking part-time work.

Figure 12.1: Young people (aged 16 to 24) in the labour market for January to March 2015, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

Notes:

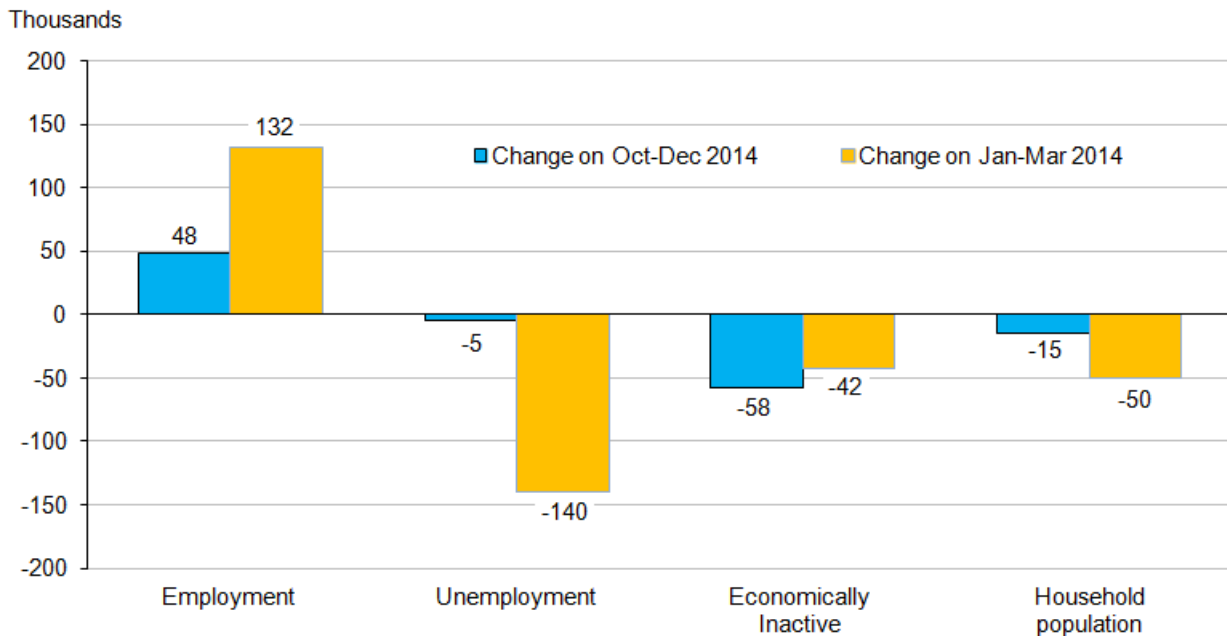
1. FTE = Full-time education.
2. The “Not in full-time education” series includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training.

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Figure 12.2 shows how the latest estimates, for January to March 2015, for employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for people aged from 16 to 24 compare with the previous quarter (October to December 2014) and the previous year (January to March 2014).

Figure 12.2: Changes in the number of young people (aged 16 to 24) in the labour market, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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For January to March 2015, the unemployment rate for 16 to 24 year olds was 15.9%. This was:

- lower than for October to December 2014 (16.2%)
- lower than for a year earlier (18.9%)
- higher than the pre-downturn trough of 13.8% for the 3 months ending February 2008

The unemployment rate for those aged from 16 to 24 has been consistently higher than that for older age groups. Since comparable records began in 1992:

- the lowest youth unemployment rate was 11.6% for March to May 2001
- the highest youth unemployment rate was 22.5% for late 2011

Comparisons of youth unemployment rates over time are complicated by the fact that, since comparable records began in 1992, the proportion of people aged from 16 to 24 in full-time education has increased substantially from 26.2% for March to May 1992 to 43.2% for January to March 2015. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The long-term increase in the proportion of young people going into full-time education reduces the size of the economically active population and therefore increases the unemployment rate.

Looking at international comparisons, the youth unemployment rate (for those aged from 15 to 24) for the European Union (EU) was 20.9% for March 2015. Within the EU, the highest youth unemployment rates were for Spain (50.1% for March 2015) and for Greece (50.1% for January 2015). The lowest youth unemployment rates were for Germany (7.2% for March 2015) and for Austria (10.5% for March 2015). These EU youth unemployment rates were published in a [Eurostat news release](#) on 30 April 2015.

13. Redundancies

What are redundancies ?

The [redundancies](#) estimates measure the number of people who have been made redundant or have taken voluntary redundancy.

Where to find data on redundancies

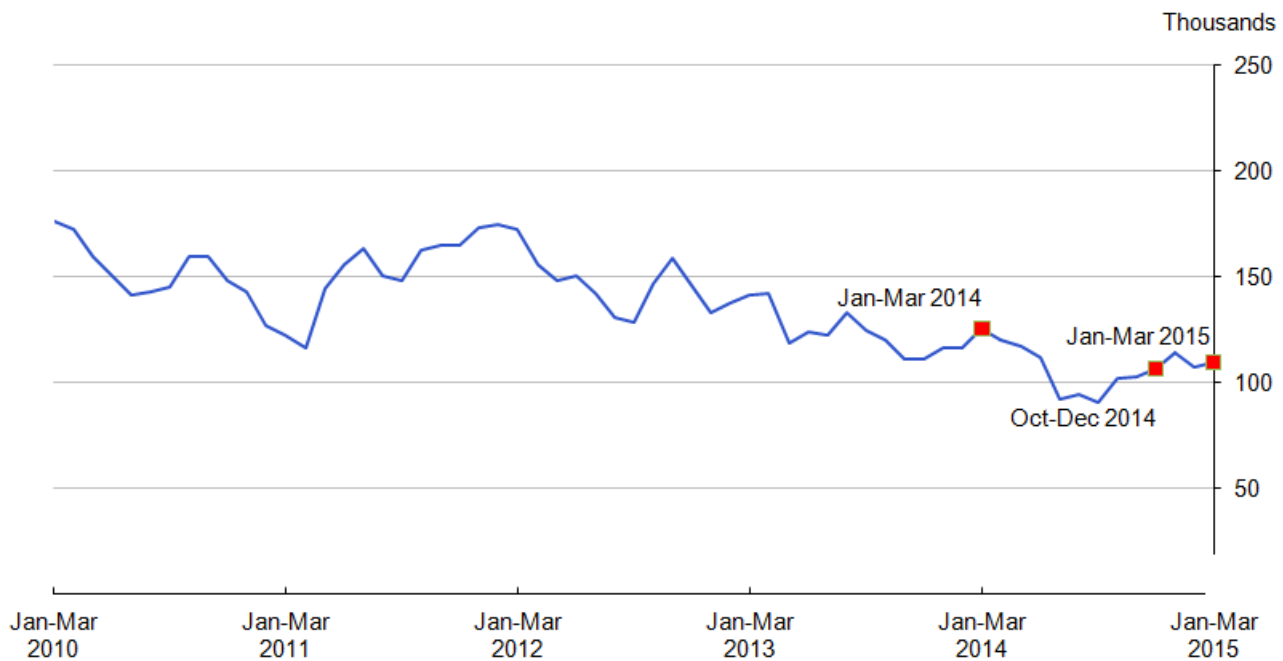
Redundancies estimates are available at Tables 23 and 24 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables RED01 \(212 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [RED02 \(2.34 Mb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

For January to March 2015, 110,000 people had become redundant in the 3 months before the Labour Force Survey interviews. This was:

- little changed compared with October to December 2014
- 16,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 202,000 fewer than the peak of 311,000 recorded for February to April 2009

Figure 13.1 shows the number of people who had become redundant for the last 5 years.

Figure 13.1: Redundancies, seasonally adjusted

Source: Labour Force Survey - Office for National Statistics

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14. Vacancies

What are vacancies ?

[Vacancies](#) are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking to recruit outside their business or organisation.

Where to find data about vacancies

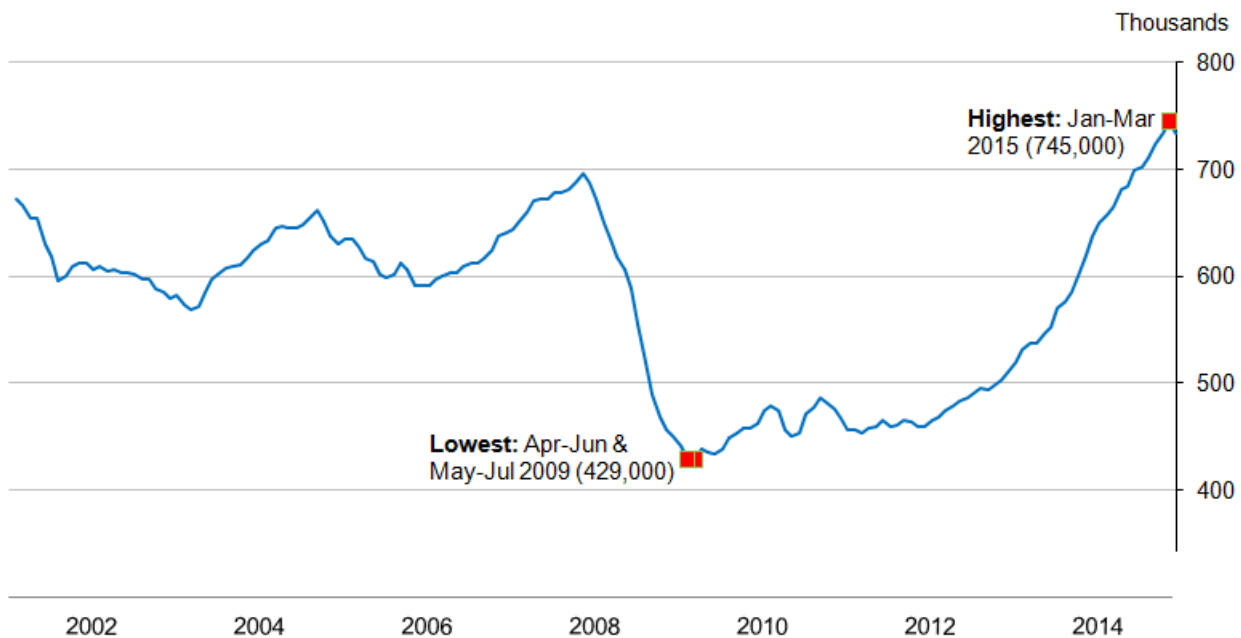
Vacancies estimates are available at Tables 21, 21(1) and 22 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data tables VACS01 \(65.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#), [VACS02 \(150 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [VACS03 \(80 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

There were 733,000 job vacancies for February to April 2015. This was:

- up 9,000 from the 3 months to January 2015
- up 95,000 from a year earlier

Figure 14.1 shows the number of job vacancies since comparable records began in 2001.

Figure 14.1: Vacancies from 2001, seasonally adjusted

Source: Vacancy Survey - Office for National Statistics

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15. Main out of work benefits, not seasonally adjusted

What are main out of work benefits ?

Main out of work benefits includes claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance and other incapacity benefits. It also includes claimants of Income Support and Pension Credit. While most people claiming these benefits are out of work a small number are in employment. These estimates exclude claimants in Northern Ireland.

The estimates are not seasonally adjusted and it is therefore best practice to compare the estimates for November 2014 with those for a year earlier rather than with those for August 2014.

Where to find data about main out of work benefits

Estimates of claimants of main out of work benefits are available at Table 25 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [data table BEN01 \(60.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

Commentary

For November 2014 there were 3.90 million people claiming main out of work benefits. This was:

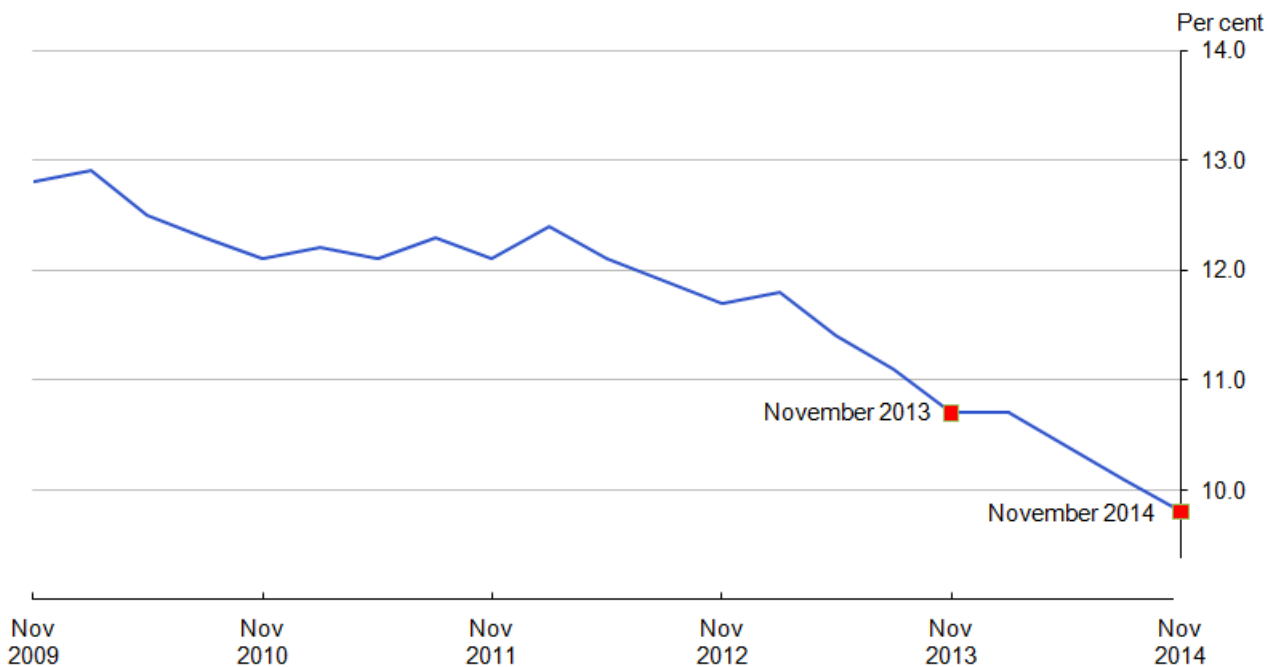
- 350,800 fewer than for November 2013
- 1.20 million fewer than the peak of 5.10 million recorded for February 2010

For November 2014, 9.8% of the population aged from 16 to 64 were claiming main out of work benefits. This was:

- down from 10.7% for a year earlier
- the lowest since comparable records began in 1999

Figure 15.1 shows, for the last 5 years, the proportion of the population aged from 16 to 64 claiming main out of work benefits.

Figure 15.1: Proportion of population (aged 16 to 64) claiming main out of work benefits, not seasonally adjusted



Source: Department for Work and Pensions, Office for National Statistics

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(iv) Where to find more information about labour market statistics

Other regularly published labour market releases

[Regional Labour Market statistics \(*\)](#)

[Public Sector Employment](#)

[Young People who were Not in Employment, Education or Training \(NEET\)](#)

[Labour Productivity](#)

[Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings \(ASHE\)](#)

[Business Register and Employment Survey \(BRES\)](#)

(*) Regional and local area statistics are available at [NOMIS®](#)

Recently published reports on labour market topics

[Workers aged 65 and over in the 2011 Census \(25 March 2015\)](#)

[Participation rates in the UK Labour Market \(19 March 2015\)](#)

[Contracts with no guaranteed hours \(25 February 2015\)](#)

[Families in the Labour Market \(9 December 2014\)](#)

[Underemployment and overemployment in the UK \(25 November 2014\)](#)

[Public and Private Sector Earnings \(19 November 2014\)](#)

[Working and workless households \(29 October 2014\)](#)

[Employment in tourism industries \(26 September 2014\)](#)

[Bonus payments in Great Britain \(29 August 2014\)](#)

[Self-employed workers in the UK \(20 August 2014\)](#)

[UK wages over the last four decades \(3 July 2014\)](#)

[Characteristics of home workers in the UK \(4 June 2014\)](#)

Historic articles published in Economic and Labour Market Review and Labour Market Trends

Articles about labour market statistics were published in Labour Market Trends (up until 2006) and in Economic and Labour Market Review (from 2007 to 2011). Editions of [Labour Market Trends](#) are available on our website from July 2001 until December 2006 when the publication was discontinued. Editions of [Economic and Labour Market Review](#) are available on our website from the first edition, published in January 2007, up until the last edition published in May 2011.

Published ad hoc data and analysis

[Additional statistical data and analyses for labour market statistics](#) that have not been included in our standard publications are available on our website.

Methodological articles

A number of [methodological articles](#) about labour market statistics are available on our website.

(v) Revisions

Estimates for the most recent time periods are subject to revision due to the receipt of late and corrected responses to business surveys and revisions to seasonal adjustment factors which are re-estimated every month. Estimates are subject to longer run revisions, on an annual basis, resulting from reviews of the seasonal adjustment process. Estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey (a survey of households) are usually only revised once a year. Revisions to estimates derived from other sources are usually minor and are commented on in the statistical bulletin if this is not the case. Further information is available in the [labour market statistics revisions policy \(36.7 Kb Pdf\)](#).

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this statistical bulletin can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. [Data tables EMP05 \(1.26 Mb Excel sheet\)](#), [UNEM04 \(6 Mb Excel sheet\)](#), [JOBS06 \(383 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [CLA04 \(2.04 Mb Excel sheet\)](#) 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. Our standard presentation is to show 5 years worth of revisions (60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series).

(vi) Accuracy of the statistics: estimating and reporting uncertainty

Most of the figures in this statistical bulletin come from surveys of households or businesses. Surveys gather information from a sample rather than from the whole population. The sample is designed carefully to allow for this, and to be as accurate as possible given practical limitations like time and cost constraints, but results from sample surveys are always estimates, not precise figures.

This means that they are subject to some uncertainty. This can have an impact on how changes in the estimates should be interpreted, especially for short-term comparisons.

We can calculate the level of uncertainty (also called “sampling variability”) around a survey estimate by exploring how that estimate would change if we were to draw many survey samples for the same time period instead of just one. This allows us to define a range around the estimate (known as a “confidence interval”) and to state how likely it is in practice that the real value that the survey is trying to measure lies within that range. Confidence intervals are typically set up so that we can be 95% sure that the true value lies within the range – in which case we refer to a “95% confidence interval”.

For example, the unemployment rate for January to March 2015 was estimated to be 5.5%. This figure had a stated 95% confidence interval of +/- 0.2 percentage points. This means that we can be 95% certain that the true unemployment rate for January to March 2015 was between 5.3% and 5.7%. However, the best estimate from the survey was that the unemployment rate was 5.5%.

The number of people unemployed for the same period was estimated at 1,827,000, with a stated 95% confidence interval of +/- 74,000. This means that we can be 95% sure that the true number of unemployed people was between 1,753,000 and 1,901,000. Again, the best estimate from the survey was that the number of unemployed people was 1,827,000.

As well as calculating precision measures around the numbers and rates obtained from the survey, we can also calculate them for changes in the numbers. For example, for January to March 2015, the estimated change in the number of unemployed people since October to December 2014 was a fall of 35,000, with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 79,000. This means that we can be 95% certain the actual change in unemployment was somewhere between an increase of 44,000 and a fall of 114,000, with the best estimate being a fall of 35,000. As the estimated fall in unemployment of 35,000 is smaller than the confidence interval of 79,000, the estimated fall in unemployment is said to be “not statistically significant”.

Working with uncertain estimates

In general, changes in the numbers (and especially the rates) reported in this statistical bulletin between three month periods are small, and are not usually greater than the level that is explainable by sampling variability. In practice, this means that small, short-term movements in reported rates (for example within +/- 0.3 percentage points) should be treated as indicative, and considered alongside medium and long-term patterns in the series and corresponding movements in administrative sources, where available, to give a fuller picture.

Seasonal adjustment and uncertainty

Like many economic indicators, the labour market is affected by factors that tend to occur at around the same time every year; for example school leavers entering the labour market in July and whether Easter falls in March or April. In order to compare movements other than annual changes in labour market statistics, such as since the previous quarter or since the previous month, the data are seasonally adjusted to remove the effects of seasonal factors and the arrangement of the calendar. All estimates discussed in this statistical bulletin are seasonally adjusted except where otherwise

stated. While seasonal adjustment is essential to allow for robust comparisons through time, it is not possible to estimate uncertainty measures for the seasonally adjusted series.

Where to find data about uncertainty and reliability

[Data table A11 \(48 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) shows sampling variabilities for estimates derived from the **Labour Force Survey**.

[Data table JOBS07 \(44.5 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) shows sampling variabilities for estimates of **workforce jobs**.

The sampling variability of the three month average **vacancies** level is around +/- 1.5% of that level.

Sampling variability information for **Average Weekly Earnings** growth rates are available from the "Sampling Variability" worksheets within [data tables EARN01 \(610 Kb Excel sheet\)](#) and [EARN03 \(609 Kb Excel sheet\)](#).

(vii) Other quality information

[Quality and methodology information papers](#) for labour market statistics are available on our website.

Further information about the Labour Force Survey (LFS) is available from:

- the [LFS user guide](#), and
- [LFS performance and quality monitoring reports](#).

Background notes

1. This month's release

There are no major developments in this month's release.

2. Next month's release

The headline measure of the Claimant Count will be changed in next month's release to include claimants of Universal Credit. See Background Note 3 for further details. There will also be revisions to the Claimant Count back to 2012, resulting from the annual review of the seasonal adjustment process, and revisions to national and regional Claimant Count rates back to 2001,

resulting from updating the denominators to take account of the latest estimates of Workforce Jobs.

3. Introduction of Universal Credit

The Pathfinder for Universal Credit started on 29 April 2013 with the introduction of this new benefit in one Jobcentre Plus office. This has been extended to further Jobcentre Plus offices across Great Britain. A list of [Jobcentres where Universal Credit is available](#) can be found on the GOV.UK website.

Universal Credit will replace a number of means-tested benefits including the means-tested element of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). It will not replace contributory based JSA.

The Claimant Count measures the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed. Between October 1996 and April 2013, the only unemployment-related benefit in the UK was Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and the Claimant Count was therefore a count of the number of people claiming JSA.

Following a consultation in 2012, it was decided that, with the introduction of Universal Credit, the Claimant Count would include:

- people claiming contribution-based JSA (which is not affected by the introduction of Universal Credit)
- people claiming income-based JSA during the transition period while this benefit is being gradually phased out
- people claiming Universal Credit who are not working and who are subject to a full set of labour market jobseeker requirements, that is required to be actively seeking work and available to start work

Since July 2014, we have published two measures of the Claimant Count:

- a measure that only includes JSA claimants (this National Statistic is currently the headline measure)
- a new experimental measure which includes some claimants of Universal Credit

The experimental measure is still being developed by the Department for Work and Pensions and it currently includes all out of work Universal Credit claimants including those who are not required to look for work (who should ideally be excluded from the Claimant Count).

The number of Jobcentre Plus offices introducing Universal Credit has increased substantially over the last few months. Consequently we have concluded that the experimental measure of the Claimant Count is becoming the best estimate of the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits. The experimental measure will therefore become the headline measure of the Claimant Count from next month's release, to be published on 17 June 2015, and Table 10 of the pdf version of this Statistical Bulletin will be replaced by a table showing the new version of the Claimant Count. A mock up version of this new Claimant Count table is available on request from Bob Watson, Labour Market Division, Office for National Statistics:

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It will not initially be possible to produce estimates of inflows and outflows or an age or duration breakdown for the new measure of the Claimant Count. Table 11 of the pdf version of this Statistical Bulletin will therefore be suspended. However we will continue to produce an age and duration breakdown of Jobseekers' Allowance which will be published on our website as reference tables accompanying this statistical bulletin.

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Series	Reference period	Latest estimate	Last time higher	Last time lower	Comparable data begins in
Employment level (aged 16 and over)	Jan-Mar 2015	31.098 million	Never	Dec-Feb 2015 (30.049 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	Jan-Mar 2015	73.5%	Never	Dec-Feb 2015 (73.4%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment level (aged 16 and over)	Jan-Mar 2015	1.827 million	Dec-Feb 2015 (1.838 million)	Jun-Aug 2008 (1.793 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over)	Jan-Mar 2015	5.5%	Dec-Feb 2015 (5.6%)	Apr-Jun 2008 (5.4%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Youth unemployment level (aged 16 to 24)	Jan-Mar 2015	735,000	Dec-Feb 2015 (742,000)	Jun-Aug 2014 (733,000)	Mar-May 1992
Youth unemployment rate (aged 16 to 24)	Jan-Mar 2015	15.9%	Dec-Feb 2015 (16.1%)	Jul-Sep 2008 (15.5%)	Mar-May 1992
Inactivity level (aged 16 to 64)	Jan-Mar 2015	8.983 million	Dec-Feb 2015 (8.990 million)	Mar-May 2014 (8.915 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)	Jan-Mar 2015	22.1%	Nov-Jan 2015 (22.2%)	Mar-May 2014 (22.0%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Headline Claimant Count level	April 2015	763,800	March 2015 (776,400)	May 1975 (734,400)	January 1971
Headline Claimant Count rate	April 2015	2.3%	February 2015 (2.4%)	February 1975 (2.2%)	January 1971
Average Earnings (total pay)	Jan-Mar 2015	1.9%	Oct-Dec 2014 (2.1%)	Dec-Feb 2015 (1.7%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (regular pay)	Jan-Mar 2015	2.2%	Apr-Jun 2011 (2.3%)	Dec-Feb 2015 (1.9%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Vacancies level	Feb-Apr 2015	733,000	Jan-Mar 2015 (745,000)	Nov-Jan 2015 (723,000)	Apr-Jun 2001

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<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/may-2015/dataset--labour-market-statistics.html>

SUMMARY

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom
(thousands) seasonally
adjusted

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
			Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 to 64
People	MGSL	LF2O	MGRZ	LF24	MGSC	MGSX	LF2M	LF2S
Jan-Mar 2013	51,183	40,528	29,851	71.2	2,541	7.8	9,150	22.6
Jan-Mar 2014	51,522	40,598	30,534	72.5	2,212	6.8	8,979	22.1
Apr-Jun 2014	51,607	40,618	30,680	72.8	2,074	6.3	8,992	22.1
Jul-Sep 2014	51,691	40,641	30,793	73.0	1,959	6.0	9,030	22.2
Oct-Dec 2014	51,774	40,665	30,896	73.2	1,862	5.7	9,052	22.3
Jan-Mar 2015	51,857	40,690	31,098	73.5	1,827	5.5	8,983	22.1
<i>Change on quarter</i>	84	24	202	0.3	-35	-0.1	-69	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	0.7		-1.9		-0.8	
<i>Change on year</i>	335	91	564	1.0	-386	-1.2	5	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.2	1.8		-17.4		0.1	
Men	MGSM	YBTG	MGSA	MGSV	MGSD	MGSY	YBSO	YBTM
Jan-Mar 2013	24,928	20,097	15,884	76.0	1,438	8.3	3,403	16.9
Jan-Mar 2014	25,119	20,145	16,279	77.5	1,231	7.0	3,322	16.5
Apr-Jun 2014	25,166	20,158	16,326	77.8	1,144	6.5	3,353	16.6
Jul-Sep 2014	25,213	20,172	16,388	78.0	1,087	6.2	3,371	16.7
Oct-Dec 2014	25,259	20,188	16,427	78.0	1,039	6.0	3,418	16.9
Jan-Mar 2015	25,306	20,204	16,570	78.4	1,006	5.7	3,368	16.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	47	16	144	0.4	-34	-0.2	-49	-0.3
<i>Change %</i>	0.2	0.1	0.9		-3.2		-1.4	
<i>Change on year</i>	187	59	291	0.9	-225	-1.3	46	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.3	1.8		-18.3		1.4	
Women	MGSN	LF2P	MGSB	LF25	MGSE	MGSZ	LF2N	LF2T
Jan-Mar 2013	26,255	20,431	13,967	66.5	1,103	7.3	5,747	28.1
Jan-Mar 2014	26,403	20,453	14,255	67.6	981	6.4	5,656	27.7
Apr-Jun 2014	26,441	20,460	14,355	67.9	930	6.1	5,639	27.6
Jul-Sep 2014	26,478	20,469	14,404	68.1	872	5.7	5,659	27.6
Oct-Dec 2014	26,515	20,478	14,469	68.5	822	5.4	5,635	27.5
Jan-Mar 2015	26,551	20,486	14,527	68.6	821	5.3	5,615	27.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	37	9	58	0.1	-2	0.0	-20	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.0	0.4		-0.2		-0.4	
<i>Change on year</i>	148	33	273	1.0	-161	-1.1	-42	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.6	0.2	1.9		-16.4		-0.7	

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.
2. The headline employment rate is the number of people aged 16 to 64 in employment divided by the population aged 16 to 64.
3. The headline unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people (aged 16+) divided by the economically active population (aged 16+). The economically active population is defined as those in employment plus those who are unemployed.
4. The headline inactivity rate is the number of economically inactive people aged 16 to 64 divided by the population aged 16 to 64.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity rates

The headline employment and inactivity rates are based on the population aged 16 to 64 but the headline unemployment rate is based on the economically active population aged 16 and over. The employment and inactivity rates for those aged 16 and over are affected by the inclusion of the retired population in the denominators and are therefore less meaningful than the rates for those aged from 16 to 64. However, for the unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over, no such effect occurs as the denominator for the unemployment rate is the economically active population which only includes people in work or actively seeking and able to work.

Note on headline employment, unemployment and inactivity levels

The headline employment and unemployment levels are for those aged 16 and over; they measure all people in work or actively seeking and able to work. However, the headline inactivity level is for those aged 16 to 64. The inactivity level for those aged 16 and over is less meaningful as it includes elderly people who have retired from the labour force.

SUMMARY

2(1) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 16 and over						Aged 16-64					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MG SX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Jan-Mar 2013	29,851	58.3	2,541	7.8	18,792	36.7	28,855	71.2	2,523	8.0	9,150	22.6
Jan-Mar 2014	30,534	59.3	2,212	6.8	18,775	36.4	29,434	72.5	2,186	6.9	8,979	22.1
Apr-Jun 2014	30,680	59.5	2,074	6.3	18,853	36.5	29,580	72.8	2,047	6.5	8,992	22.1
Jul-Sep 2014	30,793	59.6	1,959	6.0	18,939	36.6	29,674	73.0	1,937	6.1	9,030	22.2
Oct-Dec 2014	30,896	59.7	1,862	5.7	19,016	36.7	29,769	73.2	1,844	5.8	9,052	22.3
Jan-Mar 2015	31,098	60.0	1,827	5.5	18,933	36.5	29,902	73.5	1,805	5.7	8,983	22.1
Change on quarter	202	0.3	-35	-0.1	-83	-0.2	133	0.3	-39	-0.1	-69	-0.2
Change %	0.7		-1.9		-0.4		0.4		-2.1		-0.8	
Change on year	564	0.7	-386	-1.2	157	0.1	468	1.0	-381	-1.2	5	0.0
Change %	1.8		-17.4		0.8		1.6		-17.4		0.1	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Jan-Mar 2013	15,884	63.7	1,438	8.3	7,607	30.5	15,270	76.0	1,424	8.5	3,403	16.9
Jan-Mar 2014	16,279	64.8	1,231	7.0	7,608	30.3	15,610	77.5	1,213	7.2	3,322	16.5
Apr-Jun 2014	16,326	64.9	1,144	6.5	7,697	30.6	15,680	77.8	1,125	6.7	3,353	16.6
Jul-Sep 2014	16,388	65.0	1,087	6.2	7,738	30.7	15,730	78.0	1,071	6.4	3,371	16.7
Oct-Dec 2014	16,427	65.0	1,039	6.0	7,793	30.9	15,745	78.0	1,025	6.1	3,418	16.9
Jan-Mar 2015	16,570	65.5	1,006	5.7	7,729	30.5	15,845	78.4	990	5.9	3,368	16.7
Change on quarter	144	0.4	-34	-0.2	-63	-0.3	101	0.4	-36	-0.2	-49	-0.3
Change %	0.9		-3.2		-0.8		0.6		-3.5		-1.4	
Change on year	291	0.7	-225	-1.3	121	0.3	236	0.9	-223	-1.3	46	0.2
Change %	1.8		-18.3		1.6		1.5		-18.4		1.4	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Jan-Mar 2013	13,967	53.2	1,103	7.3	11,185	42.6	13,585	66.5	1,099	7.5	5,747	28.1
Jan-Mar 2014	14,255	54.0	981	6.4	11,167	42.3	13,824	67.6	973	6.6	5,656	27.7
Apr-Jun 2014	14,355	54.3	930	6.1	11,156	42.2	13,900	67.9	922	6.2	5,639	27.6
Jul-Sep 2014	14,404	54.4	872	5.7	11,201	42.3	13,943	68.1	866	5.8	5,659	27.6
Oct-Dec 2014	14,469	54.6	822	5.4	11,223	42.3	14,024	68.5	819	5.5	5,635	27.5
Jan-Mar 2015	14,527	54.7	821	5.3	11,203	42.2	14,056	68.6	815	5.5	5,615	27.4
Change on quarter	58	0.1	-2	0.0	-20	-0.1	32	0.1	-4	0.0	-20	-0.1
Change %	0.4		-0.2		-0.2		0.2		-0.4		-0.4	
Change on year	273	0.7	-161	-1.1	36	-0.1	232	1.0	-158	-1.1	-42	-0.2
Change %	1.9		-16.4		0.3		1.7		-16.2		-0.7	
	Aged 16-17						Aged 18-24					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTO	YBUA	YBVH	YBVK	YCAS	LWEX	YBTR	YBUD	YBVN	YBVQ	YCAV	LWFA
Jan-Mar 2013	325	21.5	194	37.3	994	65.7	3,376	57.8	779	18.7	1,682	28.8
Jan-Mar 2014	326	21.7	182	35.8	997	66.3	3,430	59.0	694	16.8	1,695	29.1
Apr-Jun 2014	319	21.2	166	34.3	1,017	67.7	3,497	60.1	610	14.9	1,707	29.4
Jul-Sep 2014	320	21.4	157	32.9	1,019	68.1	3,499	60.3	580	14.2	1,728	29.8
Oct-Dec 2014	346	23.2	157	31.2	986	66.3	3,494	60.2	583	14.3	1,722	29.7
Jan-Mar 2015	353	23.8	148	29.5	981	66.2	3,535	61.0	588	14.3	1,669	28.8
Change on quarter	7	0.6	-9	-1.7	-5	0.0	41	0.8	4	-0.1	-53	-0.9
Change %	2.1		-5.7		-0.5		1.2		0.8		-3.1	
Change on year	27	2.2	-34	-6.3	-16	0.0	105	2.1	-106	-2.6	-26	-0.3
Change %	8.2		-18.8		-1.6		3.1		-15.3		-1.5	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Jan-Mar 2013	145	18.7	102	41.3	529	68.1	1,729	58.7	451	20.7	767	26.0
Jan-Mar 2014	145	18.8	93	39.1	533	69.2	1,769	60.0	416	19.0	762	25.9
Apr-Jun 2014	139	18.0	80	36.5	550	71.6	1,791	60.8	375	17.3	782	26.5
Jul-Sep 2014	132	17.3	75	36.3	557	72.8	1,793	60.9	356	16.6	796	27.0
Oct-Dec 2014	150	19.7	82	35.4	529	69.5	1,811	61.6	340	15.8	791	26.9
Jan-Mar 2015	147	19.4	88	37.4	524	69.1	1,839	62.6	341	15.6	757	25.8
Change on quarter	-3	-0.3	5	2.0	-6	-0.4	28	1.0	2	-0.1	-33	-1.1
Change %	-2.2		6.6		-1.1		1.5		0.5		-4.2	
Change on year	2	0.6	-5	-1.7	-9	-0.1	70	2.6	-75	-3.4	-5	-0.1
Change %	1.4		-5.7		-1.8		4.0		-18.0		-0.7	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAX	LWFC
Jan-Mar 2013	180	24.4	91	33.7	466	63.2	1,647	57.0	327	16.6	914	31.6
Jan-Mar 2014	181	24.7	89	33.0	464	63.2	1,661	57.9	277	14.3	932	32.5
Apr-Jun 2014	180	24.5	86	32.4	467	63.7	1,706	59.5	235	12.1	925	32.3
Jul-Sep 2014	188	25.7	82	30.3	461	63.2	1,706	59.6	224	11.6	932	32.6
Oct-Dec 2014	195	26.9	75	27.6	457	62.9	1,683	58.9	244	12.6	932	32.6
Jan-Mar 2015	206	28.5	60	22.6	457	63.2	1,696	59.4	246	12.7	912	31.9
Change on quarter	10	1.6	-14	-5.0	0	0.4	13	0.5	3	0.0	-20	-0.7
Change %	5.4		-19.3		0.1		0.8		1.1		-2.2	
Change on year	25	3.8	-29	-10.4	-7	0.0	35	1.6	-31	-1.6	-21	-0.5
Change %	13.7		-32.5		-1.5		2.1		-11.2		-2.2	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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SUMMARY

2(2) Labour market status by age group

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Aged 25-34						Aged 35-49					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	YBTU	YBUG	YCGM	YCGP	YCAV	LWFD	YBTX	YBUJ	YCGS	YCGV	YCBB	LWFG
Jan-Mar 2013	6,739	78.7	538	7.4	1,285	15.0	10,704	81.7	618	5.5	1,773	13.5
Jan-Mar 2014	6,960	80.4	458	6.2	1,238	14.3	10,731	82.8	496	4.4	1,739	13.4
Apr-Jun 2014	6,989	80.6	439	5.9	1,246	14.4	10,771	83.3	484	4.3	1,682	13.0
Jul-Sep 2014	7,004	80.6	405	5.5	1,281	14.7	10,773	83.4	467	4.2	1,673	13.0
Oct-Dec 2014	7,006	80.5	390	5.3	1,308	15.0	10,794	83.7	414	3.7	1,685	13.1
Jan-Mar 2015	7,045	80.8	363	4.9	1,311	15.0	10,780	83.7	420	3.8	1,672	13.0
Change on quarter	38	0.3	-27	-0.4	3	0.0	-14	0.0	7	0.1	-13	-0.1
Change %	0.5		-6.9		0.2		-0.1		1.6		-0.8	
Change on year	85	0.4	-95	-1.3	74	0.7	49	1.0	-76	-0.7	-67	-0.4
Change %	1.2		-20.7		5.9		0.5		-15.3		-3.9	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Jan-Mar 2013	3,644	85.9	306	7.7	293	6.9	5,640	87.3	320	5.4	498	7.7
Jan-Mar 2014	3,770	87.7	244	6.1	285	6.6	5,670	88.6	252	4.3	474	7.4
Apr-Jun 2014	3,804	88.3	224	5.6	282	6.5	5,683	89.0	243	4.1	458	7.2
Jul-Sep 2014	3,800	87.9	217	5.4	305	7.0	5,695	89.4	227	3.8	450	7.1
Oct-Dec 2014	3,785	87.3	207	5.2	341	7.9	5,685	89.4	214	3.6	462	7.3
Jan-Mar 2015	3,817	87.9	196	4.9	331	7.6	5,702	89.8	200	3.4	449	7.1
Change on quarter	33	0.5	-11	-0.3	-10	-0.3	17	0.4	-14	-0.2	-13	-0.2
Change %	0.9		-5.4		-2.9		0.3		-6.4		-2.9	
Change on year	47	0.2	-48	-1.2	46	1.0	32	1.1	-52	-0.9	-26	-0.3
Change %	1.2		-19.5		16.2		0.6		-20.8		-5.4	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Jan-Mar 2013	3,094	71.7	232	7.0	991	23.0	5,063	76.3	297	5.5	1,275	19.2
Jan-Mar 2014	3,190	73.2	214	6.3	953	21.9	5,061	77.0	244	4.6	1,264	19.2
Apr-Jun 2014	3,185	73.0	215	6.3	964	22.1	5,088	77.6	241	4.5	1,225	18.7
Jul-Sep 2014	3,204	73.3	189	5.6	976	22.3	5,079	77.6	241	4.5	1,223	18.7
Oct-Dec 2014	3,222	73.7	183	5.4	968	22.1	5,109	78.2	200	3.8	1,223	18.7
Jan-Mar 2015	3,228	73.8	167	4.9	980	22.4	5,078	77.9	220	4.2	1,223	18.8
Change on quarter	6	0.1	-16	-0.4	13	0.3	-31	-0.3	20	0.4	0	0.0
Change %	0.2		-8.5		1.3		-0.6		10.1		0.0	
Change on year	38	0.6	-47	-1.4	27	0.5	16	0.8	-24	-0.4	-41	-0.5
Change %	1.2		-22.1		2.9		0.3		-9.7		-3.3	
	Aged 50-64						Age 65+					
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	LF26	LF2U	LF28	LF2E	LF2A	LF2W	LFK4	LFK6	K5HU	K5HW	LFL4	LFL6
Jan-Mar 2013	7,712	66.9	396	4.9	3,416	29.6	996	9.3	18	1.8	9,642	90.5
Jan-Mar 2014	7,987	68.5	356	4.3	3,310	28.4	1,100	10.1	27	2.4	9,797	89.7
Apr-Jun 2014	8,004	68.5	347	4.2	3,340	28.6	1,101	10.0	27	2.4	9,861	89.7
Jul-Sep 2014	8,077	68.8	328	3.9	3,329	28.4	1,119	10.1	22	1.9	9,909	89.7
Oct-Dec 2014	8,129	69.0	301	3.6	3,350	28.4	1,127	10.1	18	1.5	9,963	89.7
Jan-Mar 2015	8,189	69.2	286	3.4	3,350	28.3	1,196	10.7	22	1.8	9,950	89.1
Change on quarter	60	0.2	-14	-0.2	0	-0.1	69	0.6	4	0.2	-14	-0.6
Change %	0.7		-4.8		0.0		6.1		22.7		-0.1	
Change on year	202	0.7	-70	-0.9	40	-0.1	96	0.6	-5	-0.6	153	-0.6
Change %	2.5		-19.6		1.2		8.7		-18.1		1.6	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Jan-Mar 2013	4,111	72.5	244	5.6	1,316	23.2	614	12.7	14	2.2	4,203	87.0
Jan-Mar 2014	4,256	74.3	208	4.7	1,268	22.1	670	13.5	18	2.7	4,286	86.2
Apr-Jun 2014	4,264	74.2	203	4.6	1,281	22.3	645	12.9	19	2.8	4,344	86.7
Jul-Sep 2014	4,310	74.7	196	4.4	1,262	21.9	658	13.1	16	2.3	4,367	86.6
Oct-Dec 2014	4,313	74.5	183	4.1	1,295	22.4	682	13.4	14	2.0	4,375	86.3
Jan-Mar 2015	4,340	74.7	165	3.7	1,308	22.5	725	14.2	16	2.2	4,361	85.5
Change on quarter	27	0.2	-18	-0.4	13	0.1	43	0.8	2	0.1	-14	-0.8
Change %	0.6		-9.7		1.0		6.3		13.9		-0.3	
Change on year	84	0.4	-43	-1.0	40	0.4	55	0.7	-2	-0.5	75	-0.7
Change %	2.0		-20.6		3.2		8.3		-11.5		1.8	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Jan-Mar 2013	3,601	61.5	151	4.0	2,101	35.9	381	6.6	*	*	5,438	93.4
Jan-Mar 2014	3,731	63.0	148	3.8	2,043	34.5	430	7.2	*	*	5,511	92.6
Apr-Jun 2014	3,740	62.9	144	3.7	2,058	34.6	455	7.6	*	*	5,517	92.2
Jul-Sep 2014	3,767	63.1	132	3.4	2,067	34.6	461	7.7	*	*	5,542	92.2
Oct-Dec 2014	3,815	63.7	118	3.0	2,056	34.3	445	7.4	*	*	5,588	92.6
Jan-Mar 2015	3,849	64.0	121	3.1	2,043	34.0	471	7.8	*	*	5,589	92.1
Change on quarter	34	0.3	3	0.1	-13	-0.4	26	0.4	*	*	0	-0.4
Change %	0.9		2.8		-0.6		5.8		*	*	0.0	
Change on year	118	1.0	-27	-0.8	0	-0.5	41	0.5	*	*	78	-0.5
Change %	3.2		-18.2		0.0		9.4		*	*	1.4	

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

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3 Full-time, part-time & temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

People	All in employment					Full-time and part-time workers ¹						
	Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes ²	Total people working full-time	Total people working part-time	Employees working full-time	Employees working part-time	Self-employed people working full-time	Self-employed people working part-time	Total workers with second jobs
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRW	MGRU	MGRV	YCBH	YCBJ	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW
Jan-Mar 2013	29,851	25,411	4,182	104	153	21,740	8,110	18,630	6,781	3,017	1,165	1,109
Jan-Mar 2014	30,534	25,715	4,572	126	122	22,281	8,253	18,926	6,788	3,269	1,303	1,176
Apr-Jun 2014	30,680	25,831	4,608	115	127	22,413	8,268	19,062	6,769	3,269	1,339	1,210
Jul-Sep 2014	30,793	26,027	4,520	123	123	22,523	8,270	19,203	6,824	3,250	1,271	1,208
Oct-Dec 2014	30,896	26,181	4,501	102	113	22,597	8,299	19,337	6,843	3,197	1,304	1,197
Jan-Mar 2015	31,098	26,370	4,504	119	105	22,735	8,362	19,472	6,898	3,194	1,311	1,214
<i>Change on quarter</i>	202	189	4	17	-8	138	64	135	54	-3	7	17
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.7	0.1	17.0	-7.2	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.5	1.4
<i>Change on year</i>	564	655	-67	-7	-17	454	109	546	109	-75	7	38
<i>Change %</i>	1.8	2.5	-1.5	-5.3	-14.1	2.0	1.3	2.9	1.6	-2.3	0.6	3.2
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX
Jan-Mar 2013	15,884	12,820	2,918	38	108	13,797	2,087	11,317	1,502	2,414	504	434
Jan-Mar 2014	16,279	13,008	3,139	58	74	14,090	2,189	11,438	1,570	2,596	543	517
Apr-Jun 2014	16,326	13,053	3,143	56	74	14,206	2,119	11,556	1,497	2,591	552	510
Jul-Sep 2014	16,388	13,153	3,113	53	70	14,240	2,149	11,605	1,548	2,586	526	508
Oct-Dec 2014	16,427	13,262	3,051	48	66	14,273	2,154	11,713	1,550	2,525	526	489
Jan-Mar 2015	16,570	13,389	3,067	54	60	14,383	2,187	11,811	1,578	2,535	533	521
<i>Change on quarter</i>	144	127	16	7	-6	110	33	98	28	10	6	32
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	1.0	0.5	13.7	-8.8	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.8	0.4	1.2	6.5
<i>Change on year</i>	291	381	-72	-4	-14	293	-2	373	8	-61	-11	4
<i>Change %</i>	1.8	2.9	-2.3	-6.9	-19.1	2.1	-0.1	3.3	0.5	-2.4	-2.0	0.7
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY
Jan-Mar 2013	13,967	12,591	1,264	66	45	7,943	6,024	7,313	5,279	602	662	675
Jan-Mar 2014	14,255	12,707	1,433	67	47	8,191	6,064	7,489	5,218	673	760	659
Apr-Jun 2014	14,355	12,778	1,465	59	52	8,206	6,149	7,506	5,272	678	787	699
Jul-Sep 2014	14,404	12,874	1,408	70	53	8,283	6,121	7,598	5,276	663	744	700
Oct-Dec 2014	14,469	12,918	1,450	54	47	8,325	6,145	7,625	5,294	672	778	708
Jan-Mar 2015	14,527	12,981	1,437	65	44	8,352	6,175	7,661	5,320	659	778	693
<i>Change on quarter</i>	58	62	-13	11	-2	28	30	37	26	-13	0	-15
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.5	-0.9	19.8	-4.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	-1.9	0.0	-2.2
<i>Change on year</i>	273	274	4	-3	-3	162	111	173	101	-14	18	34
<i>Change %</i>	1.9	2.2	0.3	-3.9	-6.1	2.0	1.8	2.3	1.9	-2.0	2.3	5.2

People	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)						Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ³						
	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 ⁴	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
	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Jan-Mar 2013	1,615	6.4	651	40.3	331	104	528	7,947	1,419	17.9	5,278	178	1,016
Jan-Mar 2014	1,655	6.4	593	35.9	357	117	589	8,092	1,419	17.5	5,415	191	1,024
Apr-Jun 2014	1,651	6.4	604	36.6	370	117	560	8,109	1,342	16.6	5,522	192	1,010
Jul-Sep 2014	1,701	6.5	597	35.1	420	122	563	8,095	1,340	16.5	5,522	174	1,017
Oct-Dec 2014	1,704	6.5	581	34.1	412	114	598	8,148	1,312	16.1	5,565	189	1,033
Jan-Mar 2015	1,688	6.4	589	34.9	369	123	608	8,207	1,319	16.1	5,616	208	1,015
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-16	-0.1	8	0.8	-43	9	10	59	8	0.0	51	19	-18
<i>Change %</i>	-0.9		1.4		-10.4	7.9	1.7	0.7	0.6		0.9	9.9	-1.8
<i>Change on year</i>	33	0.0	-5	-1.0	12	6	19	115	-99	-1.5	201	17	-9
<i>Change %</i>	2.0		-0.8		3.5	5.2	3.2	1.4	-7.0		3.7	8.7	-0.9
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Jan-Mar 2013	755	5.9	338	44.8	138	42	236	2,006	639	31.8	878	61	406
Jan-Mar 2014	783	6.0	303	38.7	144	59	278	2,114	642	30.4	947	80	425
Apr-Jun 2014	766	5.9	316	41.2	137	58	255	2,050	585	28.5	956	83	407
Jul-Sep 2014	801	6.1	308	38.5	177	62	253	2,074	586	28.3	975	79	415
Oct-Dec 2014	812	6.1	308	37.9	171	59	274	2,076	565	27.2	994	84	414
Jan-Mar 2015	816	6.1	313	38.4	156	67	280	2,110	576	27.3	1,019	87	415
<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	0.0	5	0.5	-15	7	6	34	10	0.0	25	2	1
<i>Change %</i>	0.5		1.8		-8.7	12.6	2.2	1.7	1.8		2.5	2.9	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	33	0.1	10	-0.3	13	8	2	-3	-66	-3.1	72	7	-10
<i>Change %</i>	4.2		3.4		8.9	14.1	0.6	-0.2	-10.3		7.6	8.3	-2.4
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDF	YCDI	YCDL
Jan-Mar 2013	859	6.8	313	36.4	193	62	292	5,940	781	13.1	4,399	117	610
Jan-Mar 2014	872	6.9	291	33.3	213	58	311	5,979	776	13.0	4,468	111	599
Apr-Jun 2014	885	6.9	288	32.6	233	59	305	6,059	758	12.5	4,566	109	603
Jul-Sep 2014	901	7.0	289	32.1	243	60	310	6,020	753	12.5	4,547	95	602
Oct-Dec 2014	892	6.9	273	30.7	240	54	324	6,072	746	12.3	4,571	105	619
Jan-Mar 2015	872	6.7	276	31.6	212	56	328	6,097	744	12.2	4,597	121	600
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-20	-0.2	2	1.0	-28	2	4	25	-3	-0.1	26	16	-19
<i>Change %</i>	-2.2		0.9		-11.6	2.8	1.3	0.4	-0.4		0.6	15.5	-3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	0	-0.1	-15	-1.7	-1	-2	17	118	-33	-0.8	129	10	1
<i>Change %</i>	0.0		-5.1		-0.2	-3.8	5.6	2.0	-4.2		2.9	9.0	0.2

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=9+11; 14=13/2; 16=15/3; 22=21/20
 1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification. Source: Labour Force Survey
 2. This series does not include all people on these programmes; it only includes those engaging in any form of work, work experience or work-related training. Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk
 3. These series cover Employees and Self-employed only. These series include some temporary employees recorded in columns 13 to 19.
 4. 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 (first published on 18 March 2015)

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

	Public sector		Private sector ¹		Total employment ²	Public sector excluding effects of major reclassifications (See Explanatory Note at bottom of table)		Private sector excluding effects of major reclassifications (See Explanatory Note at bottom of table)		
	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)		(000s)	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)
	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5	
Dec 12	5,733	19.2	24,162	80.8	29,895	5,346	17.9	24,549	82.1	
Mar 13	5,715	19.1	24,174	80.9	29,889	5,345	17.9	24,544	82.1	
Jun 13	5,701	19.0	24,298	81.0	29,999	5,340	17.8	24,659	82.2	
Sep 13	5,714	18.9	24,494	81.1	30,208	5,357	17.7	24,851	82.3	
Dec 13	5,537	18.3	24,785	81.7	30,322	5,340	17.6	24,982	82.4	
Mar 14	5,431	17.7	25,198	82.3	30,629	5,333	17.4	25,296	82.6	
Jun 14	5,419	17.7	25,263	82.3	30,682	5,324	17.4	25,358	82.6	
Sep 14	5,403	17.5	25,393	82.5	30,796	5,303	17.2	25,493	82.8	
Dec 14	5,397	17.4	25,542	82.6	30,939	5,298	17.1	25,641	82.9	
Change on quarter	-6	-0.1	149	0.1	143	-5	-0.1	148	0.1	
Change %	-0.1		0.6		0.5	-0.1		0.6		
Change on year	-140	-0.9	757	0.9	617	-42	-0.5	659	0.5	
Change %	-2.5		3.1		2.0	-0.8		2.6		

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Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS) and returns from public sector organisations
See footnotes under table 4(1)

4(1) Public sector employment by industry

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

	Construction	HM Forces ³	Police (including civilians)	Public administration	Of which: Civil Service ⁴	Education	National Health Service	Other health and social work	Other (including financial corporations)	Total public sector employment ⁵
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	G7ER	G7EU	G7EX	G7F2	G7D6	G7F5	G7FG	G7FJ	G7FM	G7AU
Dec 12	42	178	263	1,076	451	1,470	1,562	294	847	5,733
Mar 13	41	178	261	1,078	449	1,477	1,566	291	828	5,715
Jun 13	40	175	261	1,079	450	1,501	1,545	288	815	5,701
Sep 13	40	174	259	1,076	447	1,513	1,555	285	805	5,714
Dec 13	39	168	258	1,066	445	1,520	1,568	282	634	5,537
Mar 14	39	167	257	1,066	440	1,518	1,578	276	539	5,431
Jun 14	39	164	256	1,066	442	1,514	1,574	268	540	5,419
Sep 14	39	163	256	1,058	440	1,511	1,575	262	536	5,403
Dec 14	38	161	255	1,055	439	1,512	1,586	260	526	5,397
Change on quarter	-1	-2	-1	-3	-1	1	11	-2	-10	-6
Change %	-2.6	-1.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.7	-0.8	-1.9	-0.1
Change on year	-1	-7	-3	-11	-6	-8	18	-22	-108	-140
Change %	-2.6	-4.2	-1.2	-1.0	-1.3	-0.5	1.1	-7.8	-17.0	-2.5

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Source: returns from public sector organisations

Explanatory Note: The public and private sector employment series have been affected by a number of major reclassifications where bodies employing large numbers of people have moved between the public and private sectors. These major reclassifications are as follows:

Further Education corporations and Sixth Form College corporations in England are included in the private sector from June 2012 but in the public sector for earlier time periods.

Royal Mail plc is included in the private sector from December 2013 but in the public sector for earlier time periods.

Lloyds Banking Group plc is included in the public sector from December 2008 to December 2013 but in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Royal Bank of Scotland plc is included in the public sector from December 2008 but in the private sector for earlier time periods.

Network Rail is included in the private sector before December 2002. From December 2002 onwards it is included in the public sector (except for the period from June 2003 to March 2004, when it is included in the private sector).

Northern Rock is included in the public sector from December 2007 until December 2011 but in the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

Bradford and Bingley is included in the public sector from September 2008 but in the private sector for earlier time periods.

The series shown at Table 4 (in columns 6 to 9) for public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major reclassifications show all of the above mentioned bodies included in the private sector for all time periods and excluded from the public sector for all time periods. When using figures from this table, the latest estimate of the number of people employed in the public and private sectors should be taken from columns 1 and 3 respectively. However the quarterly and annual changes in employment shown in these columns are affected by reclassifications. Figures from columns 6 and 8 should be used for assessments of the recent underlying changes in public and private sector employment. The changes in employment shown in these columns are measured on a consistent basis to remove the effect of major reclassifications. The quarterly movements between September and December 2014 are not affected by major reclassifications. However the quarterly changes for the series shown in columns 6 and 8 differ slightly from those in columns 1 and 3 because the series are separately seasonally adjusted.

1. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations.

2. LFS employment data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.

3. This series excludes locally engaged staff stationed outside the United Kingdom.

4. This series excludes the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

5. This series may not exactly equal the sum of the components because each component is independently seasonally adjusted.

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5 Workforce jobs (first published on 18 March 2015)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs 1	Employee jobs 2	Self-employment jobs ¹ 3	HM Forces 4	Government-supported trainees ¹ 5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Dec 12	31,768	27,409	4,160	179	19
Mar 13	31,996	27,612	4,186	178	20
Jun 13	32,076	27,717	4,165	175	18
Sep 13	32,280	27,819	4,268	173	20
Dec 13	32,721	28,078	4,455	168	20
Mar 14	33,060	28,332	4,542	167	20
Jun 14	33,364	28,633	4,546	164	21
Sep 14	33,434	28,738	4,514	163	20
Dec 14	33,521	28,872	4,469	162	18
<i>Change on quarter</i>	87	134	-44	-1	-1
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.5	-1.0	-0.9	-7.1
<i>Change on year</i>	800	794	15	-7	-1
<i>Change %</i>	2.4	2.8	0.3	-4.0	-7.1

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

See footnotes under table 6

6 Workforce jobs by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All jobs A-T	Agriculture, forestry & fishing A	Mining & quarrying B	Manufacturing C	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply D	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities E	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage H	Accommodation & food service activities I	Information & communication J
	DYDC	JWR5	JWR6	JWR7	JWR8	JWR9	JWS2	JWS3	JWS4	JWS5	JWS6
Dec 12	31,768	375	74	2,539	122	191	2,035	4,809	1,506	1,960	1,250
Mar 13	31,996	369	72	2,544	128	194	2,038	4,858	1,493	1,961	1,263
Jun 13	32,076	375	70	2,554	124	188	2,037	4,814	1,486	2,039	1,268
Sep 13	32,280	372	68	2,564	123	194	2,064	4,811	1,497	2,072	1,278
Dec 13	32,721	430	71	2,564	125	196	2,097	4,840	1,528	2,117	1,296
Mar 14	33,060	468	65	2,566	124	195	2,098	4,837	1,550	2,152	1,325
Jun 14	33,364	454	64	2,593	119	198	2,096	4,867	1,568	2,193	1,331
Sep 14	33,434	465	64	2,600	125	194	2,089	4,893	1,601	2,198	1,342
Dec 14	33,521	438	68	2,615	125	195	2,121	4,896	1,592	2,221	1,342
<i>Change on quarter</i>	87	-28	4	15	0	1	32	3	-9	24	0
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	-5.9	6.5	0.6	-0.1	0.4	1.5	0.1	-0.6	1.1	0.0
<i>Change on year</i>	800	8	-3	51	1	-2	23	55	64	105	46
<i>Change %</i>	2.4	1.9	-3.6	2.0	0.4	-0.8	1.1	1.1	4.2	5.0	3.5
SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities K	Real estate activities L	Professional scientific & technical activities M	Administrative & support service activities N	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security ² O	Education P	Human health & social work activities Q	Arts, entertainment & recreation R	Other service activities S	People employed by households etc. T	Total services G-T
	JWS7	JWS8	JWS9	JWT2	JWT3	JWT4	JWT5	JWT6	JWT7	KW78	JWT8
Dec 12	1,144	499	2,545	2,546	1,569	2,761	4,080	894	791	77	26,431
Mar 13	1,139	503	2,574	2,574	1,568	2,789	4,153	895	805	76	26,651
Jun 13	1,115	529	2,612	2,571	1,562	2,819	4,135	910	799	68	26,728
Sep 13	1,104	533	2,659	2,585	1,555	2,839	4,134	911	854	65	26,898
Dec 13	1,111	540	2,735	2,646	1,544	2,860	4,165	920	866	79	27,237
Mar 14	1,117	546	2,794	2,658	1,546	2,879	4,240	951	863	87	27,545
Jun 14	1,130	549	2,855	2,753	1,543	2,896	4,251	947	860	97	27,840
Sep 14	1,121	536	2,854	2,745	1,534	2,885	4,255	984	863	86	27,897
Dec 14	1,120	570	2,880	2,786	1,525	2,896	4,226	962	862	82	27,959
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-1	34	26	41	-9	11	-30	-22	-1	-4	62
<i>Change %</i>	-0.1	6.3	0.9	1.5	-0.6	0.4	-0.7	-2.2	-0.1	-4.7	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	9	30	145	140	-19	36	61	42	6	3	722
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	5.6	5.3	5.3	-1.3	1.3	1.5	4.6	0.7	3.4	2.7

Workforce jobs enquiries 01633 456776

Sources: Employer surveys, Labour Force Survey and administrative sources

1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For this reason estimates of self-employment jobs and government supported trainee jobs differ from estimates of people in self-employment and in government supported training and employment programmes shown at Table 3. The estimates for government supported trainees shown in this table exclude trainees with contracts of employment as such people are included in the estimates of employee jobs.

2. This series is not exclusively a public sector series as it includes some private sector jobs. See table 4 for estimates of public and private sector employment.

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7 Actual weekly hours worked

United Kingdom (hours worked by people aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Jan-Mar 2013	954.7	32.0	37.5	15.9	9.3
Jan-Mar 2014	978.4	32.0	37.5	15.9	9.7
Apr-Jun 2014	986.8	32.2	37.6	16.0	9.3
Jul-Sep 2014	987.9	32.1	37.5	16.1	9.1
Oct-Dec 2014	996.2	32.2	37.6	16.1	9.8
Jan-Mar 2015	998.6	32.1	37.4	16.3	9.3
Change on quarter	2.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.4
Change %	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.9	-4.4
Change on year	20.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.4
Change %	2.1	0.2	-0.2	2.2	-3.7
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Jan-Mar 2013	581.9	36.6	39.4	15.9	9.8
Jan-Mar 2014	595.3	36.6	39.4	16.0	11.0
Apr-Jun 2014	599.4	36.7	39.4	16.1	10.2
Jul-Sep 2014	599.0	36.5	39.3	16.1	9.5
Oct-Dec 2014	604.4	36.8	39.5	16.2	10.5
Jan-Mar 2015	607.6	36.7	39.4	16.3	10.0
Change on quarter	3.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.6
Change %	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-5.4
Change on year	12.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	-1.0
Change %	2.1	0.3	0.1	1.5	-9.2
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Jan-Mar 2013	372.8	26.7	34.2	15.9	8.9
Jan-Mar 2014	383.1	26.9	34.3	15.9	8.7
Apr-Jun 2014	387.5	27.0	34.5	16.0	8.7
Jul-Sep 2014	388.9	27.0	34.3	16.1	8.8
Oct-Dec 2014	391.8	27.1	34.5	16.1	9.3
Jan-Mar 2015	391.0	26.9	34.1	16.3	8.9
Change on quarter	-0.8	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.4
Change %	-0.2	-0.6	-1.2	1.1	-4.1
Change on year	7.9	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.2
Change %	2.1	0.1	-0.8	2.4	1.9

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Main and second job.

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

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

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

7(1) Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Jan-Mar 2014									
Less than 6 Hours	1.6	1.0	2.2	1.2	0.7	1.7	3.3	1.9	6.5
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.7	10.2	6.1	3.2	9.1	9.6	5.4	18.8
16 up to 30 hours	19.9	10.1	31.1	19.7	8.9	30.8	21.4	15.2	35.0
31 up to 45 hours	51.8	57.1	45.8	54.6	60.9	48.1	36.7	41.7	25.7
Over 45 hours	19.9	28.0	10.6	18.4	26.3	10.3	29.0	35.8	14.0
Total (thousands)	30,534	16,279	14,255	25,715	13,008	12,707	4,572	3,139	1,433
Oct-Dec 2014									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.9	1.9	1.0	0.7	1.4	2.8	1.6	5.3
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.6	10.4	6.2	3.3	9.3	9.4	4.7	19.2
16 up to 30 hours	19.7	9.6	31.1	19.3	8.3	30.7	22.2	15.8	35.8
31 up to 45 hours	52.2	57.7	45.8	55.0	61.5	48.2	36.4	41.7	25.3
Over 45 hours	20.0	28.1	10.8	18.5	26.3	10.4	29.1	36.1	14.4
Total (thousands)	30,896	16,427	14,469	26,181	13,262	12,918	4,501	3,051	1,450
Jan-Mar 2015									
Less than 6 Hours	1.6	0.9	2.3	1.0	0.6	1.5	4.0	2.0	8.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.6	9.6	6.0	3.3	8.9	8.2	4.5	16.2
16 up to 30 hours	20.0	10.0	31.3	19.7	8.7	30.9	22.2	15.9	35.6
31 up to 45 hours	52.2	57.7	45.9	54.8	61.2	48.3	36.9	42.5	25.0
Over 45 hours	19.9	27.8	10.8	18.5	26.3	10.4	28.6	35.0	15.0
Total (thousands)	31,098	16,570	14,527	26,370	13,389	12,981	4,504	3,067	1,437

1. Total usual weekly hours worked by people aged 16 and over in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

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8 Employment levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over) not seasonally adjusted

	European Union (EU)												Countries not in the European Union (non-EU)				
	Total ¹	UK	Non UK	Of which:				Total non-EU	Africa excluding South Africa	South Africa	Australia and New Zealand	India	Pakistan and Bangladesh	USA	Rest of the world		
				Total EU (EU27) ²	EU14 ³	EUA8 ⁴	Romania and Bulgaria										
Levels (aged 16 and over)																	
By country of birth	MGTM	JF6F	JF6G	EQ4Q	JJR3	JJR5	EQ4R	EQ4S	JJR9	JJS3	JJS5	JJS7	JJS9	JJR7	EQ4T		
Jan - Mar 2013	29,752	25,419	4,321	1,589	750	690	113	2,732	618	157	124	422	284	109	1,019		
Jan - Mar 2014	30,432	25,804	4,614	1,759	775	807	147	2,855	582	156	136	453	333	97	1,097		
Apr - Jun 2014	30,608	25,818	4,788	1,847	787	866	158	2,941	642	148	148	445	324	102	1,132		
Jul - Sep 2014	30,886	26,132	4,748	1,817	742	850	189	2,932	660	141	135	447	324	83	1,142		
Oct - Dec 2014	30,966	26,164	4,780	1,899	788	908	172	2,880	635	144	130	415	335	93	1,128		
Jan - Mar 2015	31,008	26,111	4,878	1,949	791	942	186	2,929	665	147	137	409	331	102	1,138		
<i>Change on year</i>	576	307	264	190	17	135	38	74	84	-9	1	-44	-3	4	41		
<i>Change %</i>	1.9	1.2	5.7	10.8	2.1	16.7	26.0	2.6	14.4	-5.8	0.7	-9.7	-0.8	4.3	3.7		
By nationality	MGTM	JF6H	JF6I	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	EQ4W	JJS2	JJS4	JJS6	JJS8	JJT2	JJR8	EQ4X		
Jan - Mar 2013	29,752	27,127	2,620	1,427	647	666	105	1,192	208	59	77	209	79	82	478		
Jan - Mar 2014	30,432	27,631	2,796	1,629	687	803	129	1,168	166	53	94	208	98	80	469		
Apr - Jun 2014	30,608	27,681	2,925	1,732	722	859	137	1,193	181	46	99	202	107	86	472		
Jul - Sep 2014	30,886	27,965	2,898	1,700	683	839	167	1,197	194	60	95	213	102	68	465		
Oct - Dec 2014	30,966	27,998	2,962	1,821	761	895	154	1,141	172	50	91	207	105	81	437		
Jan - Mar 2015	31,008	27,911	3,091	1,912	800	929	173	1,179	176	55	98	210	110	87	444		
<i>Change on year</i>	576	279	294	283	113	126	43	11	10	2	4	1	12	8	-25		
<i>Change %</i>	1.9	1.0	10.5	17.4	16.4	15.7	33.5	1.0	6.0	3.2	3.8	0.6	12.4	9.8	-5.4		
Rates (aged 16 to 64)																	
By country of birth	LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	EQ52	LFN3	LFN4	LFN5	LFN6	LFN7	LFN2	EQ53		
Jan - Mar 2013	70.9	71.7	67.1	75.4	73.4	78.8	70.4	63.0	62.3	81.6	78.0	74.6	49.3	70.1	60.0		
Jan - Mar 2014	72.2	72.9	69.0	77.8	75.2	81.1	76.6	64.5	62.7	82.6	85.1	73.1	52.0	67.5	63.0		
Apr - Jun 2014	72.6	73.2	70.0	79.3	77.2	81.5	78.7	65.2	63.9	79.2	87.5	73.4	51.5	72.1	64.0		
Jul - Sep 2014	73.2	73.8	70.6	78.4	75.0	81.0	80.2	66.5	66.2	76.6	86.5	74.3	52.9	68.7	65.8		
Oct - Dec 2014	73.4	74.1	70.0	79.4	75.8	83.0	78.6	64.9	64.4	77.9	84.9	72.3	53.8	72.7	63.1		
Jan - Mar 2015	73.3	74.0	69.9	79.3	75.1	84.1	76.7	64.7	66.8	81.0	84.2	70.6	53.0	73.0	61.8		
<i>Change on year</i>	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.4	-0.1	3.0	0.2	0.2	4.1	-1.5	-1.0	-2.5	1.0	5.5	-1.3		
By nationality	LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	EQ54	LFO2	LFO3	EQ55	EQ56	LFO5	LFO6	LFO7	LFO8	LFO9	LFO4	EQ57		
Jan - Mar 2013	70.9	71.3	67.3	76.7	75.4	79.3	69.9	58.8	54.1	80.3	79.8	74.5	43.0	71.8	53.4		
Jan - Mar 2014	72.2	72.6	69.3	77.8	74.9	81.4	75.0	60.1	52.5	89.1	85.8	72.1	46.5	70.5	55.6		
Apr - Jun 2014	72.6	72.9	70.4	79.0	76.4	81.7	77.0	60.9	54.9	78.3	88.0	69.6	48.9	73.6	56.8		
Jul - Sep 2014	73.2	73.6	70.4	78.2	75.0	81.2	78.9	61.6	57.1	78.5	85.9	72.2	50.6	70.2	56.8		
Oct - Dec 2014	73.4	73.8	69.8	79.0	75.2	83.2	77.7	58.9	53.6	86.4	89.7	70.0	50.4	72.1	52.0		
Jan - Mar 2015	73.3	73.6	70.5	79.2	74.9	84.1	76.7	59.8	58.5	85.6	87.4	69.2	52.2	70.9	51.8		
<i>Change on year</i>	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.4	0.0	2.7	1.7	-0.3	6.0	-3.5	1.6	-2.9	5.7	0.4	-3.8		

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. The total series includes people who do not state their country of birth or nationality. The total levels series MGTM does not therefore equal the sum of the "UK" and "Non-UK" series.
2. This series consists of all 27 EU member states excluding the UK. It does not equal the sum of the EU14, EUA8, and "Romania & Bulgaria" series as it also includes Cyprus, Malta and Croatia.
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 and Slovenia.

The estimates shown in this table relate to the number of people in employment and should not be used as a proxy for flows of foreign migrants into the UK.

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9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16-64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2Y	LF32	LF34	LF36	LF38
Jan-Mar 2013	2,541	7.8	1,198	435	908	35.7	467	2,523	8.0	1,192	433	898	35.6	462
Jan-Mar 2014	2,212	6.8	1,046	350	816	36.9	447	2,186	6.9	1,036	346	804	36.8	442
Apr-Jun 2014	2,074	6.3	999	333	741	35.7	408	2,047	6.5	984	330	732	35.8	403
Jul-Sep 2014	1,959	6.0	950	321	688	35.1	376	1,937	6.1	944	319	674	34.8	370
Oct-Dec 2014	1,862	5.7	923	300	638	34.3	339	1,844	5.8	916	296	632	34.3	333
Jan-Mar 2015	1,827	5.5	955	284	588	32.2	341	1,805	5.7	948	280	577	32.0	333
Change on quarter	-35	-0.1	31	-16	-50	-2.1	2	-39	-0.1	32	-16	-55	-2.3	0
Change %	-1.9		3.4	-5.4	-7.8		0.6	-2.1		3.5	-5.5	-8.7		-0.1
Change on year	-386	-1.2	-91	-66	-228	-4.7	-106	-381	-1.2	-88	-66	-226	-4.8	-109
Change %	-17.4		-8.7	-18.9	-27.9		-23.6	-17.4		-8.5	-19.2	-28.2		-24.7
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Jan-Mar 2013	1,438	8.3	637	234	566	39.4	306	1,424	8.5	632	232	560	39.3	302
Jan-Mar 2014	1,231	7.0	516	199	516	41.9	299	1,213	7.2	508	197	508	41.9	295
Apr-Jun 2014	1,144	6.5	495	181	468	40.9	267	1,125	6.7	487	179	459	40.8	263
Jul-Sep 2014	1,087	6.2	492	168	427	39.3	233	1,071	6.4	486	166	420	39.2	228
Oct-Dec 2014	1,039	6.0	474	164	402	38.6	220	1,025	6.1	471	161	393	38.3	216
Jan-Mar 2015	1,006	5.7	476	158	371	36.9	232	990	5.9	472	154	364	36.8	226
Change on quarter	-34	-0.2	2	-6	-30	-1.7	11	-36	-0.2	0	-7	-29	-1.5	11
Change %	-3.2		0.5	-3.4	-7.5		5.1	-3.5		0.1	-4.4	-7.3		4.9
Change on year	-225	-1.3	-40	-41	-144	-5.0	-67	-223	-1.3	-37	-43	-144	-5.1	-68
Change %	-18.3		-7.7	-20.5	-28.0		-22.6	-18.4		-7.2	-21.7	-28.3		-23.2
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Jan-Mar 2013	1,103	7.3	561	201	342	31.0	161	1,099	7.5	560	201	338	30.7	160
Jan-Mar 2014	981	6.4	530	152	300	30.6	148	973	6.6	528	150	296	30.4	147
Apr-Jun 2014	930	6.1	505	152	273	29.4	141	922	6.2	498	151	273	29.6	140
Jul-Sep 2014	872	5.7	458	153	261	30.0	144	866	5.8	458	153	255	29.4	142
Oct-Dec 2014	822	5.4	449	137	237	28.8	119	819	5.5	444	135	239	29.2	118
Jan-Mar 2015	821	5.3	478	126	217	26.4	110	815	5.5	476	126	213	26.2	107
Change on quarter	-2	0.0	29	-11	-20	-2.4	-9	-4	0.0	32	-9	-26	-3.1	-11
Change %	-0.2		6.4	-7.8	-8.4		-7.8	-0.4		7.1	-6.8	-10.9		-9.3
Change on year	-161	-1.1	-52	-26	-83	-4.2	-38	-158	-1.1	-52	-24	-83	-4.2	-41
Change %	-16.4		-9.7	-16.9	-27.8		-25.8	-16.2		-9.8	-15.8	-27.9		-27.7
			16-17						18-24					
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Jan-Mar 2013	194	37.3	132	34	28	14.5	*	779	18.7	405	126	248	31.8	101
Jan-Mar 2014	182	35.8	129	29	25	13.5	*	694	16.8	354	114	225	32.5	105
Apr-Jun 2014	166	34.3	120	21	25	15.3	*	610	14.9	325	104	181	29.6	85
Jul-Sep 2014	157	32.9	110	31	16	10.1	*	580	14.2	299	89	191	33.0	87
Oct-Dec 2014	157	31.2	108	31	18	11.5	*	583	14.3	318	82	183	31.4	85
Jan-Mar 2015	148	29.5	110	21	17	11.6	*	588	14.3	347	85	156	26.5	83
Change on quarter	-9	-1.7	1	-10	-1	0.1	*	4	-0.1	28	3	-27	-4.8	-2
Change %	-5.7		1.4	-31.3	-4.8		*	0.8		8.9	3.7	-14.8		-2.6
Change on year	-34	-6.3	-19	-8	-7	-1.8	*	-106	-2.6	-7	-30	-69	-5.9	-22
Change %	-18.8		-15.0	-26.6	-29.8		*	-15.3		-2.0	-25.8	-30.8		-21.1
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Jan-Mar 2013	102	41.3	69	19	15	14.3	*	451	20.7	220	66	166	36.7	68
Jan-Mar 2014	93	39.1	60	17	16	16.8	*	416	19.0	191	74	151	36.3	77
Apr-Jun 2014	80	36.5	51	11	17	21.6	*	375	17.3	184	66	125	33.2	63
Jul-Sep 2014	75	36.3	54	11	11	14.0	*	356	16.6	166	60	130	36.5	59
Oct-Dec 2014	82	35.4	58	16	*	*	*	340	15.8	172	44	124	36.5	57
Jan-Mar 2015	88	37.4	66	12	10	11.6	*	341	15.6	182	48	111	32.5	61
Change on quarter	5	2.0	8	-4	*	*	*	2	-0.1	10	4	-13	-4.1	4
Change %	6.6		14.3	-27.6	*	*	*	0.5		6.1	10.3	-10.7		7.2
Change on year	-5	-1.7	6	-6	-5	-5.2	*	-75	-3.4	-9	-26	-40	-3.9	-15
Change %	-5.7		9.8	-33.0	-34.9		*	-18.0		-4.6	-34.7	-26.8		-20.1
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Jan-Mar 2013	91	33.7	63	15	14	14.8	*	327	16.6	185	60	82	25.0	33
Jan-Mar 2014	89	33.0	69	11	*	*	*	277	14.3	163	41	74	26.6	28
Apr-Jun 2014	86	32.4	68	10	*	*	*	235	12.1	141	38	56	23.9	22
Jul-Sep 2014	82	30.3	57	20	*	*	*	224	11.6	133	29	61	27.5	28
Oct-Dec 2014	75	27.6	51	14	10	12.8	*	244	12.6	147	38	59	24.1	27
Jan-Mar 2015	60	22.6	44	*	*	*	*	246	12.7	165	37	45	18.3	21
Change on quarter	-14	-5.0	-7	*	*	*	*	3	0.0	18	-1	-14	-5.9	-6
Change %	-19.3		-13.4	*	*	*	*	1.1		12.3	-3.8	-23.4		-23.2
Change on year	-29	-10.4	-25	*	*	*	*	-31	-1.6	2	-4	-29	-8.3	-7
Change %	-32.5		-36.5	*	*	*	*	-11.2		1.1	-9.7	-39.0		-23.9

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Jan-Mar 2013	1,155	6.2	503	208	444	38.5	249	413	4.5	158	67	188	45.5	115
Jan-Mar 2014	954	5.1	413	152	390	40.9	233	383	4.0	151	56	177	46.1	108
Apr-Jun 2014	923	4.9	403	162	358	38.8	207	374	3.9	152	46	176	47.1	112
Jul-Sep 2014	873	4.7	387	158	327	37.5	183	350	3.7	153	43	153	43.9	102
Oct-Dec 2014	803	4.3	374	143	287	35.7	155	319	3.3	123	45	150	47.2	100
Jan-Mar 2015	783	4.2	372	132	279	35.6	164	308	3.2	126	46	136	44.2	95
Change on quarter	-20	-0.1	-1	-11	-8	-0.1	9	-10	-0.1	3	1	-14	-3.0	-6
Change %	-2.5		-0.4	-7.6	-2.8		5.8	-3.3		2.1	2.8	-9.5		-5.5
Change on year	-171	-0.9	-40	-20	-111	-5.3	-69	-75	-0.9	-25	-10	-40	-1.9	-13
Change %	-17.9		-9.8	-12.9	-28.5		-29.7	-19.5		-16.4	-17.4	-22.8		-12.2
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Jan-Mar 2013	626	6.3	254	105	267	42.6	162	258	5.2	94	45	119	46.2	74
Jan-Mar 2014	496	5.0	187	76	233	47.0	149	226	4.4	78	31	116	51.4	73
Apr-Jun 2014	467	4.7	184	74	209	44.8	125	222	4.3	76	30	117	52.5	76
Jul-Sep 2014	443	4.5	181	74	188	42.5	107	212	4.1	91	22	98	46.2	64
Oct-Dec 2014	421	4.3	174	77	169	40.2	97	197	3.8	70	26	100	50.7	66
Jan-Mar 2015	396	4.0	161	70	165	41.7	106	181	3.5	68	28	86	47.3	63
Change on quarter	-25	-0.3	-14	-7	-4	1.5	9	-16	-0.3	-3	1	-14	-3.5	-3
Change %	-5.9		-7.8	-9.1	-2.4		9.7	-8.0		-4.2	5.5	-14.3		-4.7
Change on year	-100	-1.0	-26	-6	-68	-5.3	-43	-45	-0.9	-11	-3	-31	-4.1	-10
Change %	-20.2		-13.9	-7.9	-29.2		-28.7	-19.9		-13.9	-10.9	-26.3		-13.8
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Jan-Mar 2013	529	6.1	248	103	178	33.6	87	156	3.8	64	23	69	44.3	41
Jan-Mar 2014	458	5.3	226	75	157	34.3	85	157	3.6	72	24	60	38.5	35
Apr-Jun 2014	456	5.2	219	88	149	32.7	81	152	3.5	76	16	60	39.2	36
Jul-Sep 2014	429	4.9	206	84	139	32.4	76	138	3.2	62	20	56	40.4	38
Oct-Dec 2014	383	4.4	199	66	118	30.7	59	122	2.8	53	18	51	41.6	34
Jan-Mar 2015	387	4.5	211	62	114	29.4	58	127	2.9	58	18	51	39.9	32
Change on quarter	5	0.1	12	-4	-4	-1.3	0	5	0.1	6	0	0	-1.7	-2
Change %	1.2		6.1	-5.9	-3.2		-0.8	4.4		10.4	-1.2	0.2		-7.1
Change on year	-71	-0.8	-14	-14	-43	-4.9	-27	-30	-0.8	-14	-6	-10	1.4	-3
Change %	-15.5		-6.3	-17.9	-27.5		-31.4	-18.9		-19.1	-25.8	-16.0		-8.9

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey
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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Headline Claimant Count levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

		Claimant Count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised)	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised)	Claimant Count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
		BCJD	BCJE	DPDR	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People	2014						
	April	1113.4	3.3	230.3	263.8	1142.3	3.4
	May	1080.6	3.2	214.0	251.9	1090.0	3.2
	June #	1041.1	3.1	214.0	254.7	1020.3	3.0
	July	1003.7	3.0	205.0	241.1	995.8	3.0
	August #	970.5	2.9	200.6	235.6	961.1	2.9
	September	952.1	2.8	199.8	228.5	923.2	2.8
	October	927.0	2.8	194.7	221.5	887.8	2.6
	November #	897.4	2.7	190.8	220.7	848.1	2.5
	December	861.6	2.6	187.1	217.9	823.9	2.5
	2015						
	January	822.2	2.5	182.6	205.2	852.9	2.5
	February #	793.1	2.4	185.1	208.0	858.3	2.6
	March (r)	776.4	2.3	180.6	202.3	826.8	2.5
	April (p)	763.8	2.3	172.8	188.7	796.0	2.4
	<i>Change on month</i>	-12.6	0.0	-7.8	-13.6	-30.9	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.6		-4.3	-6.7	-3.7	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-349.6	-1.0	-57.5	-75.1	-346.4	-1.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-31.4		-25.0	-28.5	-30.3	
			DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA
Men	2014						
	April	712.4	4.0	147.8	170.7	739.5	4.1
	May	690.4	3.9	136.6	163.2	704.2	3.9
	June #	666.7	3.7	137.8	164.1	654.8	3.7
	July	644.7	3.6	132.1	155.0	632.8	3.5
	August #	625.4	3.5	129.2	151.1	604.8	3.4
	September	614.5	3.4	127.9	145.9	581.0	3.2
	October	596.9	3.3	124.3	142.1	560.7	3.1
	November #	575.6	3.2	121.6	141.8	539.7	3.0
	December	550.0	3.1	119.3	140.3	529.0	3.0
	2015						
	January	523.3	2.9	117.0	130.5	551.9	3.1
	February #	503.9	2.8	118.2	133.0	556.0	3.1
	March (r)	494.1	2.8	115.9	129.0	535.9	3.0
	April (p)	487.0	2.7	110.8	120.4	514.3	2.9
	<i>Change on month</i>	-7.1	0.0	-5.1	-8.6	-21.6	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.4		-4.4	-6.7	-4.0	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-225.4	-1.3	-37.0	-50.3	-225.2	-1.3
	<i>Change %</i>	-31.6		-25.0	-29.5	-30.5	
			DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB
Women	2014						
	April	401.0	2.6	82.5	93.1	402.8	2.6
	May	390.2	2.5	77.4	88.7	385.8	2.5
	June #	374.4	2.4	76.2	90.6	365.5	2.3
	July	359.0	2.3	72.9	86.1	363.0	2.3
	August #	345.1	2.2	71.4	84.5	356.4	2.3
	September	337.6	2.2	71.9	82.6	342.3	2.2
	October	330.1	2.1	70.4	79.4	327.1	2.1
	November #	321.8	2.1	69.2	78.9	308.4	2.0
	December	311.6	2.0	67.8	77.6	294.9	1.9
	2015						
	January	298.9	1.9	65.6	74.7	301.1	1.9
	February #	289.2	1.8	66.9	75.0	302.3	1.9
	March (r)	282.3	1.8	64.7	73.3	290.9	1.9
	April (p)	276.8	1.8	62.0	68.3	281.6	1.8
	<i>Change on month</i>	-5.5	0.0	-2.7	-5.0	-9.3	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-1.9		-4.2	-6.8	-3.2	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-124.2	-0.8	-20.5	-24.8	-121.2	-0.8
	<i>Change %</i>	-31.0		-24.8	-26.6	-30.1	

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system

1. The Claimant Count measures the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed. Since October 1996 it has been a count of the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. Claimants of Universal Credit are not yet included in the headline Claimant Count. See Table 10(1) for experimental Claimant Count estimates including some claimants of Universal Credit.

The level measures the number of claimants on the second Thursday of each month (the "count date").

The flows figures are collected for 4 or 5 week periods between count dates; the figures are then standardised to a 4 1/3 week month. The levels and flows are independently seasonally adjusted. For these reasons, movements in the flows do not tally exactly with movements in the levels.

2. Denominator = Claimant Count + Workforce Jobs.

More detailed estimates are available from Nomis® at:

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

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

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10(1) Indicative representation of the Claimant Count adjusting for Universal Credit caseload¹ (Experimental Statistics)

United Kingdom (thousands)

		Headline Claimant Count (seasonally adjusted) ²	Universal Credit (not seasonally adjusted) ³	Implied Seasonal factor ⁴	Universal Credit (seasonally adjusted) ⁵	Indicative Adjusted Count ⁶
People	2014					
	April	1,113.4	4.1		4.0	1,117.4
	May	1,080.6	4.2		4.1	1,084.7
	June #	1,041.1	4.5		4.6	1,045.7
	July	1,003.7	5.2		5.2	1,008.9
	August #	970.5	7.8		7.9	978.4
	September	952.1	9.9		10.2	962.3
	October	927.0	12.1		12.7	939.7
	November #	897.4	14.8		15.7	913.1
	December	861.6	17.1		17.9	879.5
	2015					
	January	822.2	20.5		19.7	841.9
	February #	793.1	27.7		25.5	818.6
	March (r)	776.4	31.6		29.5	805.9
	April (p)	763.8	37.2		35.6	799.4
	Change on month	-12.6				-6.5
	Change %	-1.6				-0.8
	Change on year	-349.6				-317.9
	Change %	-31.4				-28.5
Men	2014					
	April	712.4	2.9	96.3	2.8	715.2
	May	690.4	3.0	98.0	2.9	693.3
	June #	666.7	3.3	101.8	3.3	670.0
	July	644.7	3.7	101.9	3.8	648.5
	August #	625.4	5.5	103.4	5.7	631.1
	September	614.5	6.9	105.8	7.3	621.8
	October	596.9	8.5	106.5	9.0	605.9
	November #	575.6	10.4	106.6	11.1	586.7
	December	550.0	12.2	104.0	12.7	562.7
	2015					
	January	523.3	14.8	94.8	14.0	537.3
	February #	503.9	19.9	90.6	18.1	522.0
	March (r)	494.1	22.5	92.2	20.8	514.9
	April (p)	487.0	26.3	94.7	24.9	511.9
	Change on month	-7.1				-3.0
	Change %	-1.4				-0.6
	Change on year	-225.4				-203.3
	Change %	-31.6				-28.4
Women	2014					
	April	401.0	1.1	99.6	1.1	402.1
	May	390.2	1.2	101.1	1.2	391.4
	June #	374.4	1.3	102.4	1.3	375.7
	July	359.0	1.5	98.9	1.5	360.5
	August #	345.1	2.4	96.8	2.3	347.4
	September	337.6	3.0	98.6	2.9	340.5
	October	330.1	3.7	100.9	3.7	333.8
	November #	321.8	4.3	104.4	4.5	326.3
	December	311.6	4.9	105.7	5.2	316.8
	2015					
	January	298.9	5.8	99.3	5.7	304.6
	February #	289.2	7.8	95.7	7.5	296.7
	March (r)	282.3	9.1	97.0	8.8	291.1
	April (p)	276.8	11.0	98.3	10.8	287.6
	Change on month	-5.5				-3.5
	Change %	-1.9				-1.2
	Change on year	-124.2				-114.6
	Change %	-31.0				-28.5

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative systems

1. The series are an indicative representation of how the Claimant Count series might look if information on Universal Credit was included. The indicative estimates are based on the Universal Credit information available at the time of producing each figure and revised one month after initial production. This may be different from the adjustment that is expected to be made to the Claimant Count once full information regarding Universal Credit is available.

2. The seasonally adjusted Claimant Count level series published at Table 10 of this Statistical Bulletin.

3. Caseload figures taken from the DWP Universal Credit - experimental official statistics publication.

- From November 2013 onwards, the Universal Credit figures represent those claimants of Universal Credit who had not worked in the reference period. This is likely to be a better estimate of unemployed Universal Credit claimants at a point in time than the estimates for earlier periods which include all Universal Credit claimants, but will still overstate the number.

4. An implied seasonal factor has been derived from the seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted figures from Table 10 of this Statistical Bulletin. Claimant Count series are not directly seasonally adjusted at this level, with UK totals being the sum of individual seasonally adjusted series by region and sex.

5. Universal Credit figure adjusted using the implied seasonal factor. (Universal credit not seasonally adjusted * Implied seasonal factor / 100)

6. Indicative adjusted count (Claimant Count seasonally adjusted + Universal Credit seasonally adjusted)

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

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CLAIMANT COUNT

11(1) Headline Claimant Count¹ by age and duration²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

People	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+ ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
2014													
April	1,113.4	1,111.4	598.5	176.6	336.3	30.3	177.6	274.5	184.6	42.5	47.4	17.3	19.2
May	1,080.6	1,078.1	579.7	172.2	326.2	30.3	173.5	263.3	177.2	41.2	44.9	17.1	18.4
June #	1,041.1	1,039.0	557.4	167.7	313.9	30.2	168.9	251.2	169.1	40.0	42.1	16.8	17.5
July	1,003.7	1,001.7	537.4	162.2	302.1	30.2	164.6	240.4	162.4	38.2	39.8	16.6	16.6
August #	970.5	968.8	523.4	155.7	289.7	29.9	160.3	230.3	157.4	35.9	37.0	16.1	15.6
September	952.1	950.1	518.5	150.9	280.7	29.5	156.8	225.0	155.3	34.3	35.4	15.7	14.7
October	927.0	925.4	508.9	144.8	271.7	29.4	153.4	217.3	151.3	32.5	33.5	15.4	13.9
November #	897.4	895.7	497.9	135.9	261.9	29.2	149.4	207.2	146.0	29.9	31.3	15.1	13.0
December	861.6	860.0	480.6	127.7	251.7	29.3	144.4	196.3	139.5	27.6	29.2	14.9	12.0
2015													
January	822.2	820.5	462.1	119.4	239.0	29.1	137.8	186.2	132.8	26.1	27.3	14.7	11.1
February #	793.1	791.3	448.3	114.6	228.4	28.9	132.8	178.9	128.1	25.1	25.7	14.4	10.2
March (r)	776.4	774.4	439.6	113.3	221.5	28.6	129.9	172.9	123.8	24.9	24.2	14.0	9.8
April (p)	763.8	762.2	432.8	112.4	217.0	28.5	127.7	167.5	119.9	24.5	23.1	13.8	9.5
Change on month	-12.6	-12.2	-6.8	-0.9	-4.5	-0.1	-2.2	-5.4	-3.9	-0.4	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3
Change %	-1.6	-1.6	-1.5	-0.8	-2.0		-1.7	-3.1	-3.2	-1.6	-4.5		-3.1
Change on year	-349.6	-349.2	-165.7	-64.2	-119.3	-1.8	-49.9	-107.0	-64.7	-18.0	-24.3	-3.5	-9.7
Change %	-31.4	-31.4	-27.7	-36.4	-35.5		-28.1	-39.0	-35.0	-42.4	-51.3		-50.5
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2014													
April	712.4	711.0	378.8	111.8	220.4	31.0	123.6	176.8	118.1	27.4	31.3	17.7	13.2
May	690.4	688.8	365.9	109.6	213.3	31.0	120.5	169.3	113.1	26.7	29.5	17.4	12.6
June #	666.7	665.4	352.9	107.0	205.5	30.9	116.9	161.7	108.1	26.0	27.6	17.1	12.0
July	644.7	643.3	341.4	103.8	198.1	30.8	113.5	155.4	104.3	24.9	26.2	16.9	11.3
August #	625.4	624.4	334.1	99.7	190.6	30.5	110.4	149.2	101.4	23.4	24.4	16.4	10.7
September	614.5	613.3	331.9	96.1	185.3	30.2	107.6	146.0	100.1	22.3	23.6	16.2	10.1
October	596.9	596.0	325.0	91.8	179.2	30.1	104.5	140.5	97.2	21.0	22.3	15.9	9.5
November #	575.6	574.5	317.0	85.3	172.2	30.0	100.9	133.3	93.4	19.2	20.7	15.5	8.8
December	550.0	548.9	303.9	80.2	164.8	30.0	97.1	125.6	88.7	17.7	19.2	15.3	8.1
2015													
January	523.3	522.2	290.9	75.1	156.2	29.9	92.5	118.7	84.1	16.7	17.9	15.1	7.4
February #	503.9	502.8	281.3	72.2	149.3	29.7	89.1	114.1	81.1	16.0	17.0	14.9	6.8
March (r)	494.1	492.8	276.1	71.8	144.9	29.4	87.2	110.1	78.3	16.0	15.8	14.4	6.5
April (p)	487.0	485.9	272.3	71.4	142.2	29.3	85.8	106.8	76.0	15.8	15.0	14.0	6.3
Change on month	-7.1	-6.9	-3.8	-0.4	-2.7	-0.1	-1.4	-3.3	-2.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2
Change %	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-0.6	-1.9		-1.6	-3.0	-2.9	-1.3	-5.1		-3.1
Change on year	-225.4	-225.1	-106.5	-40.4	-78.2	-1.7	-37.8	-70.0	-42.1	-11.6	-16.3	-3.7	-6.9
Change %	-31.6	-31.7	-28.1	-36.1	-35.5		-30.6	-39.6	-35.6	-42.3	-52.1		-52.3
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLJK	JLJJ	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLQQ	JLGR	JLGS	JLGT
2014													
April	401.0	400.4	219.7	64.8	115.9	28.9	54.0	97.7	66.5	15.1	16.1	16.5	6.0
May	390.2	389.3	213.8	62.6	112.9	29.0	53.0	94.0	64.1	14.5	15.4	16.4	5.8
June #	374.4	373.6	204.5	60.7	108.4	29.0	52.0	89.5	61.0	14.0	14.5	16.2	5.5
July	359.0	358.4	196.0	58.4	104.0	29.0	51.1	85.0	58.1	13.3	13.6	16.0	5.3
August #	345.1	344.4	189.3	56.0	99.1	28.8	49.9	81.1	56.0	12.5	12.6	15.5	4.9
September	337.6	336.8	186.6	54.8	95.4	28.3	49.2	79.0	55.2	12.0	11.8	14.9	4.6
October	330.1	329.4	183.9	53.0	92.5	28.1	48.9	76.8	54.1	11.5	11.2	14.6	4.4
November #	321.8	321.2	180.9	50.6	89.7	27.9	48.5	73.9	52.6	10.7	10.6	14.3	4.2
December	311.6	311.1	176.7	47.5	86.9	27.9	47.3	70.7	50.8	9.9	10.0	14.1	3.9
2015													
January	298.9	298.3	171.2	44.3	82.8	27.8	45.3	67.5	48.7	9.4	9.4	13.9	3.7
February #	289.2	288.5	167.0	42.4	79.1	27.4	43.7	64.8	47.0	9.1	8.7	13.4	3.4
March (r)	282.3	281.6	163.5	41.5	76.6	27.2	42.7	62.8	45.5	8.9	8.4	13.4	3.3
April (p)	276.8	276.3	160.5	41.0	74.8	27.1	41.9	60.7	43.9	8.7	8.1	13.3	3.2
Change on month	-5.5	-5.3	-3.0	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1	-0.8	-2.1	-1.6	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Change %	-1.9	-1.9	-1.8	-1.2	-2.3		-1.9	-3.3	-3.5	-2.2	-3.6		-3.0
Change on year	-124.2	-124.1	-59.2	-23.8	-41.1	-1.9	-12.1	-37.0	-22.6	-6.4	-8.0	-3.1	-2.8
Change %	-31.0	-31.0	-26.9	-36.7	-35.5		-22.4	-37.9	-34.0	-42.4	-49.7		-46.7

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CLAIMANT COUNT

11(2) Headline Claimant Count¹ by age and duration²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	JLJU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
2014												
April	627.4	321.1	102.4	203.9	32.5	106.1	209.5	92.8	31.7	85.0	40.6	52.3
May	609.8	312.1	99.6	198.1	32.5	103.7	205.0	90.4	31.4	83.2	40.6	51.4
June #	588.5	301.0	97.0	190.5	32.4	101.0	199.3	87.3	30.7	81.3	40.8	50.4
July	567.7	290.7	93.9	183.1	32.3	98.5	193.6	84.3	30.1	79.2	40.9	49.5
August #	548.8	282.8	90.4	175.6	32.0	96.2	189.7	83.2	29.4	77.1	40.6	48.5
September	537.3	279.4	87.8	170.1	31.7	94.6	187.8	83.8	28.8	75.2	40.0	47.5
October	522.9	274.1	84.4	164.4	31.4	92.7	185.2	83.5	27.9	73.8	39.8	46.8
November #	507.0	268.8	79.6	158.6	31.3	90.5	181.5	83.1	26.4	72.0	39.7	45.9
December	486.7	259.9	74.9	151.9	31.2	87.0	177.0	81.2	25.2	70.6	39.9	45.4
2015												
January	463.3	250.4	69.8	143.1	30.9	82.0	171.0	78.9	23.5	68.6	40.1	44.7
February #	445.8	243.1	66.7	136.0	30.5	78.6	166.6	77.1	22.8	66.7	40.0	44.0
March (r)	436.9	239.4	65.5	132.0	30.2	76.8	164.6	76.4	22.9	65.3	39.7	43.3
April (p)	430.2	236.4	64.8	129.0	30.0	75.2	164.5	76.5	23.1	64.9	39.5	43.0
Change on month	-6.7	-3.0	-0.7	-3.0	-0.2	-1.6	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Change %	-1.5	-1.3	-1.1	-2.3		-2.1	-0.1	0.1	0.9	-0.6		-0.7
Change on year	-197.2	-84.7	-37.6	-74.9	-2.5	-30.9	-45.0	-16.3	-8.6	-20.1	-1.1	-9.3
Change %	-31.4	-26.4	-36.7	-36.7		-29.1	-21.5	-17.6	-27.1	-23.6		-17.8
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2014												
April	399.5	203.8	64.4	131.3	32.9	73.5	134.7	56.9	20.0	57.8	42.9	36.9
May	387.6	197.5	63.0	127.1	32.8	71.6	131.9	55.3	19.9	56.7	43.0	36.3
June #	375.1	191.1	61.5	122.5	32.7	69.4	128.6	53.7	19.5	55.4	43.1	35.5
July	362.8	185.2	59.7	117.9	32.5	67.3	125.1	51.9	19.2	54.0	43.2	34.9
August #	352.1	181.2	57.4	113.5	32.2	65.5	123.1	51.5	18.9	52.7	42.8	34.2
September	345.2	179.7	55.3	110.2	31.9	64.0	122.1	52.1	18.5	51.5	42.2	33.5
October	335.4	176.2	52.8	106.4	31.7	62.1	120.1	51.6	18.0	50.5	42.0	32.9
November #	324.0	172.3	49.2	102.5	31.6	60.1	117.2	51.3	16.9	49.0	41.8	32.0
December	309.3	165.4	46.3	97.6	31.6	57.4	114.0	49.8	16.2	48.0	42.1	31.6
2015												
January	293.5	158.6	43.4	91.5	31.2	53.8	110.0	48.2	15.0	46.8	42.5	31.3
February #	281.5	153.2	41.6	86.7	30.8	51.4	107.2	47.0	14.6	45.6	42.5	30.9
March (r)	276.4	150.9	41.1	84.4	30.5	50.3	106.3	46.9	14.7	44.7	42.1	30.4
April (p)	272.7	149.2	40.8	82.7	30.3	49.3	106.4	47.1	14.8	44.5	41.8	30.2
Change on month	-3.7	-1.7	-0.3	-1.7	-0.2	-1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Change %	-1.3	-1.1	-0.7	-2.0		-2.0	0.1	0.4	0.7	-0.4		-0.7
Change on year	-126.8	-54.6	-23.6	-48.6	-2.5	-24.2	-28.3	-9.8	-5.2	-13.3	-1.1	-6.7
Change %	-31.7	-26.8	-36.6	-37.0		-32.9	-21.0	-17.2	-26.0	-23.0		-18.2
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2014												
April	227.9	117.3	38.0	72.6	31.9	32.6	74.8	35.9	11.7	27.2	36.4	15.4
May	222.2	114.6	36.6	71.0	32.0	32.1	73.1	35.1	11.5	26.5	36.3	15.1
June #	213.4	109.9	35.5	68.0	31.9	31.6	70.7	33.6	11.2	25.9	36.6	14.9
July	204.9	105.5	34.2	65.2	31.8	31.2	68.5	32.4	10.9	25.2	36.8	14.6
August #	196.7	101.6	33.0	62.1	31.6	30.7	66.6	31.7	10.5	24.4	36.6	14.3
September	192.1	99.7	32.5	59.9	31.2	30.6	65.7	31.7	10.3	23.7	36.1	14.0
October	187.5	97.9	31.6	58.0	30.9	30.6	65.1	31.9	9.9	23.3	35.8	13.9
November #	183.0	96.5	30.4	56.1	30.7	30.4	64.3	31.8	9.5	23.0	35.8	13.9
December	177.4	94.5	28.6	54.3	30.6	29.6	63.0	31.4	9.0	22.6	35.9	13.8
2015												
January	169.8	91.8	26.4	51.6	30.4	28.2	61.0	30.7	8.5	21.8	35.7	13.4
February #	164.3	89.9	25.1	49.3	30.0	27.2	59.4	30.1	8.2	21.1	35.5	13.1
March (r)	160.5	88.5	24.4	47.6	29.7	26.5	58.3	29.5	8.2	20.6	35.3	12.9
April (p)	157.5	87.2	24.0	46.3	29.4	25.9	58.1	29.4	8.3	20.4	35.1	12.8
Change on month	-3.0	-1.3	-0.4	-1.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Change %	-1.9	-1.5	-1.6	-2.7		-2.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.2	-1.0		-0.8
Change on year	-70.4	-30.1	-14.0	-26.3	-2.5	-6.7	-16.7	-6.5	-3.4	-6.8	-1.3	-2.6
Change %	-30.9	-25.7	-36.8	-36.2		-20.6	-22.3	-18.1	-29.1	-25.0		-16.9

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12 Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over	16 - 64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64	65+
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Economically active levels								
People	MGSF	LF2K	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	LF3A	LFK8
Jan-Mar 2013	32,391	31,378	519	4,154	7,276	11,321	8,107	1,013
Jan-Mar 2014	32,746	31,620	508	4,124	7,418	11,227	8,343	1,127
Apr-Jun 2014	32,754	31,626	485	4,107	7,428	11,255	8,352	1,128
Jul-Sep 2014	32,752	31,611	477	4,079	7,409	11,241	8,405	1,141
Oct-Dec 2014	32,758	31,613	502	4,077	7,396	11,208	8,430	1,145
Jan-Mar 2015	32,924	31,706	500	4,123	7,408	11,200	8,475	1,218
Change on quarter	167	94	-2	45	12	-7	46	73
Change %	0.5	0.3	-0.4	1.1	0.2	-0.1	0.5	6.4
Change on year	178	87	-7	-1	-10	-27	132	91
Change %	0.5	0.3	-1.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	8.1
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Jan-Mar 2013	17,321	16,694	248	2,180	3,950	5,961	4,355	628
Jan-Mar 2014	17,510	16,823	238	2,185	4,014	5,922	4,464	688
Apr-Jun 2014	17,469	16,805	218	2,166	4,028	5,925	4,467	664
Jul-Sep 2014	17,475	16,802	208	2,149	4,017	5,921	4,507	673
Oct-Dec 2014	17,466	16,770	232	2,151	3,992	5,899	4,496	696
Jan-Mar 2015	17,576	16,835	234	2,180	4,013	5,902	4,505	741
Change on quarter	110	65	2	29	21	3	9	45
Change %	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	6.5
Change on year	66	13	-3	-5	-1	-20	41	53
Change %	0.4	0.1	-1.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.9	7.8
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Jan-Mar 2013	15,070	14,684	271	1,974	3,326	5,361	3,752	386
Jan-Mar 2014	15,236	14,797	270	1,939	3,404	5,305	3,879	439
Apr-Jun 2014	15,285	14,821	266	1,941	3,400	5,330	3,884	464
Jul-Sep 2014	15,277	14,809	269	1,930	3,392	5,319	3,898	467
Oct-Dec 2014	15,292	14,843	270	1,926	3,404	5,309	3,934	449
Jan-Mar 2015	15,348	14,871	266	1,942	3,395	5,298	3,970	477
Change on quarter	56	29	-4	16	-10	-11	37	28
Change %	0.4	0.2	-1.4	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.9	6.2
Change on year	112	74	-4	4	-9	-7	91	38
Change %	0.7	0.5	-1.5	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	2.3	8.6
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	LF22	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Jan-Mar 2013	63.3	77.4	34.3	71.2	85.0	86.5	70.4	9.5
Jan-Mar 2014	63.6	77.9	33.7	70.9	85.7	86.6	71.6	10.3
Apr-Jun 2014	63.5	77.9	32.3	70.6	85.6	87.0	71.4	10.3
Jul-Sep 2014	63.4	77.8	31.9	70.2	85.3	87.0	71.6	10.3
Oct-Dec 2014	63.3	77.7	33.7	70.3	85.0	86.9	71.6	10.3
Jan-Mar 2015	63.5	77.9	33.8	71.2	85.0	87.0	71.7	10.9
Change on quarter	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.6
Change on year	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.7	0.4	0.1	0.6
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Jan-Mar 2013	69.5	83.1	31.9	74.0	93.1	92.3	76.8	13.0
Jan-Mar 2014	69.7	83.5	30.8	74.1	93.4	92.6	77.9	13.8
Apr-Jun 2014	69.4	83.4	28.4	73.5	93.5	92.8	77.7	13.3
Jul-Sep 2014	69.3	83.3	27.2	73.0	93.0	92.9	78.1	13.4
Oct-Dec 2014	69.1	83.1	30.5	73.1	92.1	92.7	77.6	13.7
Jan-Mar 2015	69.5	83.3	30.9	74.2	92.4	92.9	77.5	14.5
Change on quarter	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.8
Change on year	-0.3	-0.2	0.1	0.1	-1.0	0.3	-0.4	0.7
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Jan-Mar 2013	57.4	71.9	36.8	68.4	77.0	80.8	64.1	6.6
Jan-Mar 2014	57.7	72.3	36.8	67.5	78.1	80.8	65.5	7.4
Apr-Jun 2014	57.8	72.4	36.3	67.7	77.9	81.3	65.4	7.8
Jul-Sep 2014	57.7	72.4	36.8	67.4	77.7	81.3	65.4	7.8
Oct-Dec 2014	57.7	72.5	37.1	67.4	77.9	81.3	65.7	7.4
Jan-Mar 2015	57.8	72.6	36.8	68.1	77.6	81.2	66.0	7.9
Change on quarter	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.0	0.4	0.4
Change on year	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	-0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason (aged 16 to 64)								Wanting/not wanting a job (aged 16 to 64)	
	All aged 16-64									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temporary sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job ¹	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
People										
Jan-Mar 2013	9,150	2,317	2,314	180	2,060	75	1,392	812	6,822	2,328
Jan-Mar 2014	8,979	2,319	2,290	190	1,985	41	1,328	826	6,673	2,305
Apr-Jun 2014	8,992	2,341	2,299	189	1,997	40	1,323	804	6,696	2,296
Jul-Sep 2014	9,030	2,364	2,274	179	2,022	45	1,307	838	6,759	2,271
Oct-Dec 2014	9,052	2,340	2,309	183	2,026	46	1,281	868	6,771	2,282
Jan-Mar 2015	8,983	2,310	2,280	205	2,008	42	1,280	858	6,685	2,298
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-69	-30	-29	21	-18	-4	0	-10	-86	17
<i>Change %</i>	-0.8	-1.3	-1.2	11.7	-0.9	-8.8	0.0	-1.2	-1.3	0.7
<i>Change on year</i>	5	-9	-10	15	23	1	-48	32	11	-7
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	7.7	1.2	2.1	-3.6	3.9	0.2	-0.3
Men	YBSO	BEEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Jan-Mar 2013	3,403	1,206	220	90	1,052	42	471	323	2,461	942
Jan-Mar 2014	3,322	1,175	228	96	989	23	466	345	2,358	965
Apr-Jun 2014	3,353	1,210	242	85	987	24	470	336	2,398	954
Jul-Sep 2014	3,371	1,221	234	76	995	22	458	366	2,443	928
Oct-Dec 2014	3,418	1,229	233	84	1,012	24	468	367	2,487	931
Jan-Mar 2015	3,368	1,203	234	89	988	25	476	354	2,449	920
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-49	-26	0	5	-25	1	8	-13	-38	-11
<i>Change %</i>	-1.4	-2.1	0.1	6.1	-2.4	4.2	1.6	-3.6	-1.5	-1.2
<i>Change on year</i>	46	29	5	-7	-1	2	10	9	91	-45
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	2.4	2.4	-7.8	-0.1	8.8	2.2	2.6	3.9	-4.6
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Jan-Mar 2013	5,747	1,112	2,095	90	1,008	33	921	488	4,361	1,386
Jan-Mar 2014	5,656	1,144	2,062	94	996	18	862	480	4,316	1,341
Apr-Jun 2014	5,639	1,131	2,057	104	1,010	16	853	468	4,297	1,342
Jul-Sep 2014	5,659	1,144	2,040	103	1,027	23	849	473	4,316	1,343
Oct-Dec 2014	5,635	1,111	2,075	100	1,013	22	813	501	4,284	1,351
Jan-Mar 2015	5,615	1,107	2,046	116	1,020	17	804	504	4,236	1,379
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-20	-4	-29	16	7	-5	-8	3	-48	28
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	-0.4	-1.4	16.4	0.7	-22.5	-1.0	0.6	-1.1	2.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-42	-37	-16	22	25	-1	-58	23	-80	38
<i>Change %</i>	-0.7	-3.3	-0.8	23.5	2.5	-6.1	-6.7	4.9	-1.8	2.8
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Jan-Mar 2013	100	25.3	25.3	2.0	22.5	0.8	15.2	8.9	74.6	25.4
Jan-Mar 2014	100	25.8	25.5	2.1	22.1	0.5	14.8	9.2	74.3	25.7
Apr-Jun 2014	100	26.0	25.6	2.1	22.2	0.4	14.7	8.9	74.5	25.5
Jul-Sep 2014	100	26.2	25.2	2.0	22.4	0.5	14.5	9.3	74.9	25.1
Oct-Dec 2014	100	25.8	25.5	2.0	22.4	0.5	14.1	9.6	74.8	25.2
Jan-Mar 2015	100	25.7	25.4	2.3	22.4	0.5	14.3	9.6	74.4	25.6
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEEN	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Jan-Mar 2013	100	35.4	6.5	2.6	30.9	1.2	13.8	9.5	72.3	27.7
Jan-Mar 2014	100	35.4	6.9	2.9	29.8	0.7	14.0	10.4	71.0	29.0
Apr-Jun 2014	100	36.1	7.2	2.5	29.4	0.7	14.0	10.0	71.5	28.5
Jul-Sep 2014	100	36.2	6.9	2.3	29.5	0.6	13.6	10.8	72.5	27.5
Oct-Dec 2014	100	36.0	6.8	2.4	29.6	0.7	13.7	10.8	72.8	27.2
Jan-Mar 2015	100	35.7	6.9	2.6	29.3	0.7	14.1	10.5	72.7	27.3
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Jan-Mar 2013	100	19.3	36.5	1.6	17.5	0.6	16.0	8.5	75.9	24.1
Jan-Mar 2014	100	20.2	36.5	1.7	17.6	0.3	15.2	8.5	76.3	23.7
Apr-Jun 2014	100	20.1	36.5	1.8	17.9	0.3	15.1	8.3	76.2	23.8
Jul-Sep 2014	100	20.2	36.1	1.8	18.2	0.4	15.0	8.4	76.3	23.7
Oct-Dec 2014	100	19.7	36.8	1.8	18.0	0.4	14.4	8.9	76.0	24.0
Jan-Mar 2015	100	19.7	36.4	2.1	18.2	0.3	14.3	9.0	75.4	24.6

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

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. This series comprises those who say they would like a regular paid job, but who do not meet the internationally agreed definition of unemployment because they have not been looking for work in the last four weeks and/or they were unable to start working within two weeks.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of people aged from 16 to 24

January to March 2015

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 to 24				In full-time education (FTE)				Not in full-time education (FTE) ¹			
	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Total	Employed ²	Unemployed ²	Economically inactive	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Economically inactive
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Levels												
People												
16-17	1,482	353	148	981	1,292	262	113	917	190	90	35	64
18-24	5,792	3,535	588	1,669	1,853	621	146	1,087	3,938	2,914	442	582
16-24	7,273	3,888	735	2,650	3,145	883	258	2,004	4,128	3,004	477	646
Men												
16-17	758	147	88	524	653	96	63	494	105	50	25	30
18-24	2,938	1,839	341	757	908	265	77	566	2,030	1,574	264	191
16-24	3,696	1,986	429	1,281	1,561	361	139	1,060	2,135	1,625	289	221
Women												
16-17	723	206	60	457	639	166	50	423	85	40	10	35
18-24	2,854	1,696	246	912	946	356	69	521	1,908	1,340	178	391
16-24	3,577	1,902	307	1,369	1,584	522	119	944	1,993	1,380	188	425
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17	-7	7	-9	-5	1	10	-6	-3	-8	-3	-3	-2
18-24	-8	41	4	-53	-33	-4	22	-50	25	45	-17	-3
16-24	-15	48	-5	-58	-32	6	16	-54	17	42	-21	-5
Men												
16-17	-4	-3	5	-6	4	6	0	-2	-8	-10	5	-3
18-24	-4	28	2	-33	-41	-7	16	-50	38	35	-14	17
16-24	-7	24	7	-39	-37	-1	16	-52	30	25	-9	14
Women												
16-17	-3	10	-14	0	-3	4	-6	-1	0	6	-8	1
18-24	-4	13	3	-20	8	3	6	0	-13	11	-3	-20
16-24	-8	24	-12	-20	5	7	0	-1	-13	17	-12	-18
Rates(%)³												
People												
16-17		23.8	29.5	66.2		20.3	30.0	71.0		47.6	28.1	33.8
18-24		61.0	14.3	28.8		33.5	19.0	58.6		74.0	13.2	14.8
16-24		53.5	15.9	36.4		28.1	22.6	63.7		72.8	13.7	15.7
Men												
16-17		19.4	37.4	69.1		14.8	39.4	75.6		48.0	33.1	28.2
18-24		62.6	15.6	25.8		29.2	22.5	62.4		77.5	14.4	9.4
16-24		53.7	17.8	34.7		23.2	27.8	67.9		76.1	15.1	10.4
Women												
16-17		28.5	22.6	63.2		26.0	23.1	66.2		47.1	20.4	40.8
18-24		59.4	12.7	31.9		37.6	16.2	55.1		70.2	11.7	20.5
16-24		53.2	13.9	38.3		32.9	18.5	59.6		69.2	12.0	21.3
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17		0.6	-1.7	0.0		0.8	-1.9	-0.3		0.4	-1.1	0.5
18-24		0.8	-0.1	-0.9		0.4	2.5	-1.6		0.7	-0.6	-0.2
16-24		0.8	-0.3	-0.7		0.5	1.0	-1.1		0.7	-0.7	-0.2
Men												
16-17		-0.3	2.0	-0.4		0.9	-1.4	-0.9		-5.1	8.0	-0.8
18-24		1.0	-0.1	-1.1		0.5	4.1	-2.6		0.3	-0.9	0.7
16-24		0.8	0.1	-1.0		0.5	2.4	-1.7		0.1	-0.6	0.5
Women												
16-17		1.6	-5.0	0.4		0.8	-2.6	0.2		7.8	-15.0	1.7
18-24		0.5	0.0	-0.7		-0.1	1.1	-0.5		1.0	-0.3	-0.9
16-24		0.8	-0.6	-0.5		0.3	-0.2	-0.3		1.3	-0.8	-0.8

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

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 were not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table. Estimates of young people who were NEET are published separately at: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/young-people-not-in-education--employment-or-training--neets/index.html>

2. People in full-time education are employed if they have a part-time job or unemployed if they are looking for part-time employment.

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

EARNINGS

15 Average Weekly Earnings - total pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (81%) ^{2,4,5,6}			Public sector (19%) ^{2,4,5,6}		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	KAC4	KAC5	KAC6	KAC7	KAC8	KAC9
Mar 13	465	-0.3	0.5	461	-0.7	0.4	487	1.1	1.3
Jan 14 (r)	478	1.8	1.3	475	2.3	1.6	492	0.7	0.4
Feb 14 (r)	478	2.0	1.7	476	2.3	2.1	492	1.2	0.7
Mar 14 (r)	473	1.7	1.8	467	1.3	2.0	495	1.7	1.2
Apr 14	482	-1.4	0.7 (r)	475	-1.9	0.5 (r)	492	0.6	1.1
May 14	479	0.4	0.2 (r)	476	0.7	0.0 (r)	491	0.1	0.8 (r)
Jun 14	477	0.6	-0.1	477	1.4	0.0	480	-2.1	-0.5
Jul 14	478	0.7	0.6	476	0.8	0.9	494	1.1	-0.3
Aug 14	479	0.9	0.7	477	1.1	1.1	493	0.6	-0.1
Sep 14	482	1.5	1.0	480	1.7	1.2	494	0.8	0.8
Oct 14	485	2.0	1.5	483	2.4	1.7	494	0.5	0.7
Nov 14	484	1.9	1.8	482	2.3	2.2	494	0.7	0.7
Dec 14	488	2.4	2.1	486	2.7	2.5	496	0.9	0.7
Jan 15 (r)	485	1.4	1.9	483	1.7	2.2	495	0.6	0.8
Feb 15 (r)	484	1.1	1.7	482	1.2	1.9	497	0.9	0.8
Mar 15 (p)	489	3.3	1.9	487	4.3	2.4	490	-0.9	0.2
	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ²			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (21%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ^{2,5,6}		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5BZ	K5C2	K5C3	K5C4	K5C5	K5C6	KAD8	KAD9	KAE2
Mar 13	453	-0.5	0.5	600	-2.6	-0.8	477	1.3	1.4
Jan 14 (r)	463	1.3	1.0	606	-0.3	-0.1	484	1.3	0.9
Feb 14 (r)	464	2.1	1.5	608	1.3	0.5	483	1.7	1.2
Mar 14 (r)	458	1.1	1.5	608	1.3	0.8	484	1.4	1.5
Apr 14	464	-1.6	0.5 (r)	620	-6.6	-1.5 (r)	485	1.3	1.5
May 14	463	0.3	-0.1 (r)	615	-1.4	-2.4	485	1.0	1.2
Jun 14	462	0.4	-0.3	605	-1.3	-3.2	484	0.6	1.0
Jul 14	462	0.3	0.4	607	-0.4	-1.1	487	1.6	1.1
Aug 14	464	0.8	0.5	616	1.1	-0.2	485	1.1	1.1
Sep 14	466	1.3	0.8	619	1.9	0.9	487	1.4	1.4
Oct 14	469	2.0	1.4	625	3.2	2.0	487	1.1	1.2
Nov 14	469	2.0	1.8	620	2.5	2.5	487	1.2	1.2
Dec 14	473	2.4	2.1	631	3.8	3.2	489	1.5	1.3
Jan 15 (r)	471	1.8	2.1	611	0.9	2.4	489	1.1	1.3
Feb 15 (r)	470	1.3	1.8	602	-1.1	1.2	491	1.5	1.4
Mar 15 (p)	474	3.6	2.2	625	2.7	0.8	491	1.4	1.3
	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (9%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (4%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5CA	K5CB	K5CC	K5CD	K5CE	K5CF	K5CG	K5CH	K5CI
Mar 13	546	2.9	2.0	523	-4.6	-2.4	307	0.1	0.5
Jan 14 (r)	564	3.9	3.2	564	6.6	2.9	322	4.9	3.6
Feb 14 (r)	563	3.0	3.2	550	1.8	3.4	314	1.9	3.4
Mar 14 (r)	561	2.6	3.2	531	1.6	3.4	317	3.4	3.4
Apr 14	563	0.8	2.1	546	-4.0	-0.3 (r)	320	0.8	2.0 (r)
May 14	563	2.0	1.8	544	-1.3	-1.3 (r)	320	1.7	2.0 (r)
Jun 14	568	2.2	1.6	551	0.8	-1.5	317	1.0	1.2
Jul 14	564	1.9	2.0	568	4.0	1.1	316	-0.9	0.6
Aug 14	563	1.4	1.8	558	1.2	2.0	317	-1.2	-0.4
Sep 14	566	2.3	1.9	563	2.1	2.4	321	1.3	-0.3
Oct 14	565	1.6	1.8	561	2.9	2.0	322	1.1	0.4
Nov 14	565	1.1	1.7	562	3.1	2.7	323	1.9	1.4
Dec 14	571	2.1	1.6	567	3.3	3.1	325	1.9	1.7
Jan 15 (r)	565	0.2	1.1	554	-1.9	1.5	329	2.2	2.0
Feb 15 (r)	563	0.0	0.8	557	1.3	0.9	329	4.8	3.0
Mar 15 (p)	566	1.0	0.4	565	6.3	1.8	340	7.3	4.7

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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1. Estimates of total pay include bonuses but exclude arrears of pay.

2. The figure in brackets is the percentage of whole economy employment in that sector or industry for the latest time period.

3. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

4. From July 2009 Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc is classified to the public sector; for earlier time periods it is classified to the private sector. Between July 2009 and March 2014 Lloyds Banking Group plc is classified to the public sector; it is classified to the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

5. Between June 2010 and May 2012 English Further Education Corporations and Sixth Form College Corporations are classified to the public sector.

Before June 2010 and after May 2012 they are classified to the private sector.

6. From October 2013 Royal Mail plc is classified to the private sector; previously it is in the public sector.

EARNINGS

16 Average Weekly Earnings - bonus pay

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ¹			Private sector (81%) ^{1,3,5}			Public sector (19%) ^{1,3,4,5}		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAF4	KAF5	KAF6	KAF7	KAF8	KAF9	KAG2	KAG3	KAG4
Mar 13	25	-6.9	-1.5	31	-7.7	-1.0	4	-12.9	-17.9
Jan 14 (r)	27	2.0	2.8	34	5.3	3.3	5	-7.9	-48.6
Feb 14 (r)	28	9.6	6.1	35	9.7	7.0	5	45.4	-37.0
Mar 14 (r)	27	8.4	6.6	32	2.7	5.9	5	16.4	13.8
Apr 14	35	-23.6	-6.4	37	-29.0	-9.6 (r)	5	22.1	26.1 (r)
May 14	31	-3.5	-9.6 (r)	36	-6.7	-13.8 (r)	3	-38.2	-1.9 (r)
Jun 14	28	-2.0	-11.8	35	5.0	-12.9	2	-57.4	-27.2
Jul 14	27	-2.5	-2.7	33	-5.3	-2.6	6	42.3	-21.4
Aug 14	27	-5.5	-3.4	33	-6.6	-2.4	2	-55.4	-27.0
Sep 14	27	-5.9	-4.7	32	-6.9	-6.3	4	-28.7	-16.7
Oct 14	30	7.1	-1.5	35	5.6	-2.8	4	-2.5	-31.0
Nov 14	29	7.8	2.8	35	7.1	1.8	3	-21.0	-18.8
Dec 14	33	17.6	10.9	38	13.8	8.9	4	57.5	3.2
Jan 15 (r)	27	-1.7	8.0	34	-0.9	6.6	2	-54.8	-19.6
Feb 15 (r)	26	-10.0	1.9	32	-8.9	1.2	3	-38.4	-26.6
Mar 15 (p)	29	6.9	-1.7	35	8.6	-0.7	2	-60.6	-51.7

	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ¹			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (21%) ¹			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ^{2,5,6}		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5CS	K5CT	K5CU	K5CV	K5CW	K5CX	KAH3	KAH4	KAH5
Mar 13	26	-6.9	-1.5	68	-7.5	-2.1	2	13.1	-12.1
Jan 14 (r)	28	2.7	3.6	71	-1.5	2.0	1	-27.0	-55.4
Feb 14 (r)	29	9.0	6.3	74	10.0	3.9	1	-11.2	-47.0
Mar 14 (r)	27	4.2	5.3	69	1.1	3.0	1	-26.0	-22.9
Apr 14	38	-23.4	-7.9 (r)	79	-40.9	-17.6 (r)	5	159.2	51.9 (r)
May 14	32	-3.4	-10.7 (r)	83	-5.0	-20.2 (r)	1	-32.2	35.2 (r)
Jun 14	28	-3.8	-12.4	69	-9.2	-22.2	1	-47.9	25.2
Jul 14	27	-7.1	-4.7	68	-4.5	-6.2	3	56.3	-13.0
Aug 14	28	-5.9	-5.6	75	1.0	-4.3	1	-53.8	-17.7
Sep 14	27	-10.0	-7.7	70	-7.1	-3.5	2	-5.4	-0.3
Oct 14	31	7.5	-2.9	74	2.1	-1.4	2	43.8	-10.1
Nov 14	30	5.6	0.8	71	1.1	-1.4	1	51.4	24.4
Dec 14	35	18.7	10.7	91	22.9	8.9	2	98.3	62.1
Jan 15 (r)	28	-1.8	7.6	63	-11.2	4.5	1	-37.1	27.5
Feb 15 (r)	26	-11.6	1.9	63	-14.7	-0.9	3	187.4	70.0
Mar 15 (p)	29	7.9	-2.0	71	2.6	-8.0	1	2.1	37.9

	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (9%) ¹			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (4%) ¹			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ¹		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5D3	K5D4	K5D5	K5D6	K5D7	K5D8	K5D9	K5DA	K5DB
Mar 13	21	7.8	-6.5	11	-41.9	-19.1	17	-5.7	1.3
Jan 14 (r)	24	32.0	12.3	21	29.4	8.4	21	5.9	8.6
Feb 14 (r)	22	2.7	14.7	19	19.8	15.6	17	-20.2	-1.5
Mar 14 (r)	23	11.0	14.5	16	50.0	31.0	20	15.3	-0.8
Apr 14	23	-16.1	-2.3	21	-36.3	-5.8 (r)	22	-11.1	-7.0 (r)
May 14	23	2.7	-2.2 (r)	20	-8.2	-12.8 (r)	22	-6.9	-2.7 (r)
Jun 14	28	10.9	-1.5	22	6.6	-16.6	20	2.5	-5.7
Jul 14	25	13.2	9.0	33	72.3	22.1	20	-14.5	-6.8
Aug 14	22	-12.8	3.3	27	28.0	34.8	20	-27.0	-14.5
Sep 14	24	14.8	4.0	26	22.7	40.1	22	-1.6	-15.2
Oct 14	21	-6.2	-2.2	23	12.0	21.0	22	0.2	-10.8
Nov 14	24	6.0	4.7	23	33.8	22.2	23	5.4	1.3
Dec 14	28	23.2	7.8	24	35.0	26.1	22	5.2	3.6
Jan 15 (r)	22	-9.5	6.2	21	-0.4	21.2	23	6.9	5.9
Feb 15 (r)	19	-12.2	0.5	17	-12.5	6.4	21	23.8	11.1
Mar 15 (p)	23	-0.5	-7.3	19	18.3	0.9	26	32.0	20.4

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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1. The figure in brackets is the percentage of whole economy employment in that sector or industry for the latest time period.

2. The three month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted values for the three months ending with the relevant month compared with the same period a year earlier.

3. From July 2009 Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc is classified to the public sector; for earlier time periods it is classified to the private sector. Between July 2009 and March 2014 Lloyds Banking Group plc is classified to the public sector; it is classified to the private sector for earlier and later time periods.

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17 Average Weekly Earnings - regular pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (81%) ^{2,4,5,6}			Public sector (19%) ^{2,4,5,6}		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	KAJ2	KAJ3	KAJ4	KAJ5	KAJ6	KAJ7
Mar 13	444	0.6	0.8	433	0.6	0.8	483	1.3	1.4
Jan 14 (r)	450	1.8	1.3	441	2.2	1.6	488	0.9	0.7
Feb 14	449	1.2	1.4	439	1.4	1.7	487	1.1	1.0
Mar 14	448	1.0	1.3	438	1.0 (r)	1.6	489	1.2	1.1
Apr 14	449	0.5	0.9	440	0.8	1.1	487	0.5	0.9
May 14	449	0.7	0.7	441	1.1	0.9 (r)	487	0.3	0.7
Jun 14	450	0.8	0.7	442	1.1	1.0	488	0.7	0.5
Jul 14	451	0.8	0.8	442	1.0	1.1	488	0.7	0.6
Aug 14	452	1.2	0.9	444	1.4	1.2	489	1.2	0.9
Sep 14	455	1.8	1.2	447	2.2	1.6	489	1.0	1.0
Oct 14	456	1.9	1.6	448	2.4	2.0	489	0.5	0.9
Nov 14	455	1.7	1.8	447	2.1	2.2	489	0.8	0.8
Dec 14	456	1.6	1.7	448	1.9	2.1	491	0.6	0.7
Jan 15	457	1.6	1.6	450 (r)	1.9	2.0	492	0.8	0.8
Feb 15 (r)	459	2.4	1.9	451	2.8	2.2	493	1.2	0.9
Mar 15 (p)	460	2.7	2.2	452	3.3	2.7	493	0.7	0.9
	Services, SIC 2007 sections G-S (85%) ²			Finance and business services, SIC 2007 sections K-N (21%) ²			Public sector excluding financial services (18%) ^{2,5,6}		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5DL	K5DM	K5DN	K5DO	K5DP	K5DQ	KAK6	KAK7	KAK8
Mar 13	428	0.5	0.7	539	-0.8	-0.3	475	1.2	1.4
Jan 14	434	1.3	0.9	536	-0.3	-0.4	482	1.4	1.1
Feb 14 (r)	432	0.9	1.1	532	-1.3	-0.5	482	1.7	1.4
Mar 14 (r)	432	0.9	1.0	538	-0.1	-0.6	482	1.4	1.5
Apr 14	433	0.5	0.8	535	-1.1	-0.8 (r)	482	1.2	1.4
May 14	434	0.6	0.7	535	-0.7	-0.6 (r)	483	1.2	1.2
Jun 14	434	0.7	0.6	537	0.0	-0.6	484	1.4	1.2
Jul 14	435	0.6	0.7	538	-0.1	-0.3	484	1.2	1.3
Aug 14	436	1.1	0.8	543	1.3	0.4	484	1.4	1.3
Sep 14	439	1.8	1.2	548	2.4	1.2	485	1.5	1.3
Oct 14	441	1.9	1.6	551	3.2	2.3	486	1.0	1.3
Nov 14	440	1.8	1.8	547	2.4	2.7	486	1.1	1.2
Dec 14	441	1.7	1.8	547	1.5	2.3	488	1.4	1.2
Jan 15	443	2.1	1.8	550	2.7	2.2	488	1.1	1.2
Feb 15 (r)	444	2.7	2.2	551	3.6	2.6	489	1.4	1.3
Mar 15 (p)	444	2.7	2.5	552	2.5	2.9	489	1.5	1.3
	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (9%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (4%) ²			Wholesaling, retailing, hotels & restaurants, SIC 2007 sections G & I (23%) ²		
	Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³		Single month	3 month average ³
	K5DU	K5DV	K5DW	K5DX	K5DY	K5DZ	K5E2	K5E3	K5E4
Mar 13	529	2.4	2.3	530	-1.2	-1.2	290	1.3	0.7
Jan 14	539	3.2 (r)	2.8	542	5.5	2.8	300	4.6	3.2
Feb 14 (r)	542	3.0	2.8	531	1.2	2.9	297	3.3	3.6
Mar 14 (r)	537	1.6	2.6	527	-0.4	2.1	296	2.3	3.4
Apr 14	540	1.9	2.1 (r)	525	-2.3	-0.5	297	1.9	2.5
May 14	540	1.9	1.8	526	-1.1	-1.3	298	2.4	2.2
Jun 14	541	1.8	1.9	532	0.5	-1.0	296	0.9	1.7
Jul 14	540	1.5	1.7	537	2.0	0.4	297	0.1	1.1
Aug 14	541	1.7	1.7	530	0.7	1.0	298	0.5	0.5
Sep 14	542	2.0	1.8	536	1.3	1.3	300	1.4	0.7
Oct 14	543	1.7	1.8	536	2.5	1.5	301	1.1	1.0
Nov 14	542	1.0	1.6	539	2.1	1.9	302	1.7	1.4
Dec 14	542	0.9	1.2	536	1.9	2.1	303	1.7	1.5
Jan 15	542	0.6	0.8	532	-1.9	0.6	306	1.9	1.8
Feb 15 (r)	545	0.4	0.6	540	1.7	0.5	308	3.6	2.4
Mar 15 (p)	543	1.2	0.7	557	5.5	1.7	308	4.0	3.1

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1. Estimates of regular pay exclude bonuses and arrears of pay.

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REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators¹

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Headline estimates for January to March 2015

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
North East	1,278	75.1	1,182	69.3	96	7.5	412	24.9
North West	3,547	76.2	3,346	71.8	201	5.7	1,070	23.8
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,681	77.1	2,504	71.9	177	6.6	775	22.9
East Midlands	2,340	77.8	2,225	73.8	115	4.9	643	22.2
West Midlands	2,796	76.3	2,618	71.2	178	6.4	840	23.7
East of England	3,108	80.3	2,971	76.7	137	4.4	728	19.7
London	4,584	76.9	4,299	72.1	285	6.2	1,333	23.1
South East	4,654	80.7	4,457	77.2	197	4.2	1,057	19.3
South West	2,777	81.1	2,659	77.6	119	4.3	619	18.9
England	27,766	78.1	26,262	73.8	1,504	5.4	7,477	21.9
Wales	1,482	74.6	1,382	69.4	99	6.7	486	25.4
Scotland	2,790	79.3	2,622	74.5	168	6.0	706	20.7
Great Britain	32,038	78.1	30,266	73.6	1,772	5.5	8,669	21.9
Northern Ireland	887	73.1	832	68.3	55	6.2	314	26.9
United Kingdom	32,924	77.9	31,098	73.5	1,827	5.5	8,983	22.1

Change on quarter (change since October to December 2014)⁴

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
North East	-10	-1.1	-3	-0.7	-7	-0.5	19	1.1
North West	15	0.2	43	0.9	-28	-0.8	-10	-0.2
Yorkshire and The Humber	0	-0.4	-13	-0.7	13	0.5	15	0.4
East Midlands	-23	-0.7	-23	-0.7	0	0.1	20	0.7
West Midlands	25	0.2	16	0.0	10	0.3	-8	-0.2
East of England	12	-0.2	31	0.4	-19	-0.6	7	0.2
London	8	0.0	18	0.2	-10	-0.2	-2	0.0
South East	50	0.4	65	0.7	-15	-0.4	-21	-0.4
South West	47	1.6	50	1.7	-3	-0.2	-52	-1.6
England	123	0.1	183	0.3	-60	-0.2	-32	-0.1
Wales	5	0.3	5	0.2	0	0.0	-5	-0.3
Scotland	16	0.6	-3	0.1	19	0.7	-21	-0.6
Great Britain	144	0.2	185	0.3	-41	-0.2	-58	-0.2
Northern Ireland	22	1.0	17	0.5	6	0.5	-12	-1.0
United Kingdom	167	0.2	202	0.3	-35	-0.1	-69	-0.2

Change on year (change since January to March 2014)

	Economically active		Employment		Unemployment		Economically inactive	
	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16+	Aged 16+	Aged 16-64	Aged 16-64
	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ²
North East	-20	-1.9	14	0.2	-33	-2.4	32	1.9
North West	49	0.6	111	2.0	-62	-1.9	-26	-0.6
Yorkshire and The Humber	-14	-0.8	26	0.5	-41	-1.5	29	0.8
East Midlands	7	-0.4	45	0.9	-38	-1.6	12	0.4
West Midlands	14	0.2	55	1.3	-41	-1.5	-4	-0.2
East of England	2	-0.3	32	0.6	-30	-1.0	12	0.3
London	22	-0.2	94	1.0	-72	-1.6	18	0.2
South East	53	0.4	87	1.0	-34	-0.8	-18	-0.4
South West	26	1.1	40	1.5	-15	-0.6	-33	-1.1
England	139	0.0	504	1.1	-365	-1.3	22	0.0
Wales	-5	-0.5	-4	-0.4	-1	-0.1	10	0.5
Scotland	31	0.8	42	1.2	-11	-0.5	-29	-0.8
Great Britain	165	0.0	543	1.0	-378	-1.2	3	0.0
Northern Ireland	13	-0.1	20	0.6	-8	-1.0	2	0.1
United Kingdom	178	0.0	564	1.0	-386	-1.2	5	0.0

Relationship between columns: 1=3+5

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

2. Denominator = all persons aged 16 to 64.

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.

Source: Labour Force Survey

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REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(2) Regional labour market summary Thousands, seasonally adjusted

	Employer Surveys ¹		Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Workforce jobs ² (Dec 2014)		Claimant Count ³ (April 2015)					
	Total		Total		Men		Women	
	Level		Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴
North East	1,151		47.2	3.9	31.6	4.8	15.6	2.8
North West	3,655		74.9	2.1	47.3	2.5	27.6	1.7
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,561		84.5	3.2	54.9	3.8	29.6	2.4
East Midlands	2,254		49.1	2.2	31.1	2.6	18.0	1.7
West Midlands	2,785		81.9	2.9	51.8	3.4	30.1	2.4
East of England	2,973		48.2	1.6	29.7	1.8	18.5	1.3
London	5,599		114.7	2.1	67.1	2.3	47.6	1.9
South East	4,718		60.0	1.3	37.5	1.5	22.5	1.0
South West	2,860		37.1	1.3	23.9	1.6	13.2	1.0
England	28,557		597.6	2.1	374.9	2.5	222.7	1.7
Wales	1,406		44.4	3.1	28.6	3.8	15.8	2.4
Scotland	2,713		77.5	2.8	52.8	3.6	24.7	1.9
Great Britain	32,676		719.5	2.2	456.3	2.6	263.2	1.7
Northern Ireland	829		44.3	5.0	30.7	6.4	13.6	3.3
United Kingdom	33,521		763.8	2.3	487.0	2.7	276.8	1.8

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹		Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Workforce jobs ² (Change on Sept 2014)		Claimant Count ³ (Change on March 2015)					
	Total		Total		Men		Women	
	Level		Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴
North East	4		-0.6	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1
North West	14		-2.7	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1	-1.1	-0.1
Yorkshire and The Humber	-14		-1.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.5	0.0
East Midlands	10		-0.8	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.6	-0.1
West Midlands	15		-1.1	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	0.0
East of England	-10		-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0
London	25		-2.0	0.0	-1.1	0.0	-0.9	0.0
South East	40		-0.6	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0
South West	30		-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0
England	114		-10.0	0.0	-5.3	0.0	-4.7	0.0
Wales	-7		-0.6	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Scotland	-10		-1.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Great Britain	98		-11.7	0.0	-6.4	0.0	-5.3	0.0
Northern Ireland	-10		-0.9	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
United Kingdom	87		-12.6	0.0	-7.1	0.0	-5.5	0.0

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1. Workforce Jobs are tabulated by region of workplace. Claimant Count is tabulated by region of claimant's residence.
2. HM Forces stationed abroad are included in the UK jobs estimates but not in the regional jobs estimates.
3. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.
4. Denominator = Claimant Count + Workforce Jobs.

19 International comparisons of employment and unemployment

Employment rates as published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					Unemployment rates as published by EUROSTAT on 30 April 2015 (seasonally adjusted)				
		Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on period % ⁴	Change on year %
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)				
Austria	YXSN	Oct-Dec 14	71.1	-0.1	Austria	ZXDS	Mar 15	5.6	0.2
Belgium	YXSO	Oct-Dec 14	62.2	0.6	Belgium	ZXDI	Mar 15	8.5	0.0
Bulgaria	A495	Oct-Dec 14	61.4	1.8	Bulgaria	A492	Mar 15	10.4	0.2
Croatia	GUMI	Oct-Dec 14	54.0	1.3	Croatia	GUMJ	Mar 15	18.2	-0.2
Cyprus	A4AC	Oct-Dec 14	62.8	1.0	Cyprus	A4AN	Mar 15	16.0	-0.1
Czech Republic	A4AD	Oct-Dec 14	69.8	1.5	Czech Republic	A4AO	Mar 15	5.8	0.0
Denmark	YXSP	Oct-Dec 14	73.5	1.3	Denmark	ZXDJ	Mar 15	6.4	0.2
Estonia	A4AE	Oct-Dec 14	70.4	2.1	Estonia	A4AP	Feb 15	5.9	-0.3
Finland	YXSQ	Oct-Dec 14	67.8	-0.1	Finland	ZXDU	Mar 15	9.1	0.0
France	YXSR	Oct-Dec 14	64.1	0.1	France	ZXDN	Mar 15	10.6	0.0
Germany	YXSS	Oct-Dec 14	74.1	0.2	Germany	ZXDK	Mar 15	4.7	0.0
Greece	YXST	Oct-Dec 14	49.6	1.2	Greece	ZXDL	Jan 15	25.7	-0.2
Hungary	A4AF	Oct-Dec 14	62.6	3.2	Hungary	A4AQ	Feb 15	7.4	-0.1
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 14	62.6	1.2	Ireland	ZXDO	Mar 15	9.8	-0.1
Italy	YXSV	Oct-Dec 14	56.0	0.4	Italy	ZXDP	Mar 15	13.0	0.3
Latvia	A4AG	Oct-Dec 14	66.5	1.2	Latvia	A4AR	Q4 2014	10.4	-0.4
Lithuania	A4AH	Oct-Dec 14	66.1	1.8	Lithuania	A4AS	Mar 15	9.5	-0.5
Luxembourg	YXSW	Oct-Dec 14	67.6	1.4	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Mar 15	5.7	-0.1
Malta	A4AI	Oct-Dec 14	61.6	0.2	Malta	A4AT	Mar 15	5.8	-0.1
Netherlands	YXSX	Oct-Dec 14	74.4	0.2	Netherlands	ZXDR	Mar 15	7.0	-0.1
Poland	A4AJ	Oct-Dec 14	62.6	1.8	Poland	A4AU	Mar 15	7.7	-0.1
Portugal	YXSY	Oct-Dec 14	63.0	1.4	Portugal	ZXDT	Mar 15	13.5	-0.1
Romania	A494	Oct-Dec 14	60.8	0.9	Romania	A48Z	Mar 15	6.5	0.1
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Oct-Dec 14	61.7	1.9	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Mar 15	12.2	-0.1
Slovenia	A4AL	Oct-Dec 14	64.0	0.8	Slovenia	A4AW	Mar 15	9.3	-0.1
Spain	YXSZ	Oct-Dec 14	56.8	1.7	Spain	ZXDM	Mar 15	23.0	-0.1
Sweden	YXTA	Oct-Dec 14	74.5	0.2	Sweden ⁷	ZXDV	Mar 15	7.6	-0.3
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Oct-Dec 14	72.4	1.3	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	Jan 15	5.5	0.0
Total EU⁵	A496	Oct-Dec 14	65.2	0.9	Total EU⁵	A493	Mar 15	9.8	0.0
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Oct-Dec 14	64.2	0.6	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	Mar 15	11.3	0.0
Employment rates published by the Office for National Statistics					Unemployment rate published by Office for National Statistics (seasonally adjusted)				
United Kingdom (NSA)	LF9D	Jan-Mar 15	73.3	1.0	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	Jan-Mar 15	5.5	-0.1
United Kingdom (SA)	LF24	Jan-Mar 15	73.5	1.0					
Employment rates published by the OECD (seasonally adjusted)					Unemployment rates as published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)				
Canada	A48O	Jan-Mar 15	72.5	0.3	Canada	ZXDZ	Apr 15	6.8	0.0
Japan	A48P	Oct-Dec 14	73.0	0.9	Japan	ZXDY	Mar 15	3.4	-0.1
United States	A48Q	Jan-Mar 15	68.6	0.8	United States	ZXDZ	Apr 15	5.4	-0.1

Sources: Eurostat, OECD, national statistical offices.
Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. All employment rates shown in this table are for those aged from 15 to 64 except for the employment rates for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics and the rate for the United States published by OECD which are for those aged from 16 to 64.

2. The employment rates for the EU are published by Eurostat (the EU's statistical office) and are not seasonally adjusted. Eurostat do not publish seasonally adjusted employment rates. The employment rates for Canada, Japan and the United States are published by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) and are seasonally adjusted.

5. The "Total EU" series consist of all 28 EU countries. The Eurozone figures consist of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain.

6. Change on previous month except "Latvia" and "United Kingdom as published by Office for National Statistics" (change on previous quarter).

7. The EU unemployment rates are as published on the Eurostat database. For Sweden the rates on the database differ from those shown in the Eurostat News Release published on 30 April 2015. This is because the figures for Sweden on the Eurostat database are seasonally adjusted estimates but the figures for Sweden shown in the Eurostat News Release are the trend component.

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

4. The unemployment rate for the UK published by EUROSTAT is based on the population aged 16-74 but 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.

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

	Working days lost (thousands) ^{1,2}		Working days lost in the Private Sector (thousands) ^{1,2}		Number of stoppages ^{3,4}		Workers involved (thousands) ^{1,3}	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	BBFW	F8XZ	F8Y2	BLUU	F8Y3	F8Y4	BLUT	
2013 Mar	87	87	0	12	7	5	100	
2014 Mar	109	104	5	15	7	8	119	
Apr	11	9	2	9	3	6	7	
May	16	14	2	18	10	8	9	
Jun	36	29	8	26	12	14	29	
Jul	386	378	9	20	10	10	427	
Aug	27	25	2	18	8	10	26	
Sep	3	0	3	15	6	9	1	
Oct	101	96	5	27	9	18	109	
Nov	44	40	5	17	7	10	27	
Dec	13	11	3	15	8	7	11	
Jan	22	5	17	18	11	7	21	
Feb	24	10	14	11	5	6	23	
Mar (p)	23	19	3	17	12	5	17	
Cumulative totals 12 months to:								
Mar 14	498	386	112	125	51	74	487	
Mar 15 (p)	708	637	71	151	77	74	629	

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

Source: ONS Labour Disputes Inquiry
Labour disputes enquiries 01633 456724

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

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

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

4. These series 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.

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹ by size of business

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All Vacancies	Number of employees				
		1-9	10-49	50-249	250-2499	2500+
		AP2Y	ALY5	ALY6	ALY7	ALY8
Levels						
Feb-Apr 2013	512	78	62	68	92	211
Feb-Apr 2014	638	99	86	95	112	247
Mar-May 2014	650	105	89	94	112	250
Apr-Jun 2014	657	109	92	93	111	252
May-Jul 2014	665	110	95	91	114	255
Jun-Aug 2014	682	114	99	91	116	262
Jul-Sep 2014	685	114	98	90	118	266
Aug-Oct 2014	699	120	101	92	119	267
Sep-Nov 2014	703	117	103	92	120	271
Oct-Dec 2014	712	118	104	96	122	272
Nov-Jan 2015 (r)	723	122	104	93	125	279
Dec-Feb 2015 (r)	734	119	108	96	129	282
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	745	121	112	96	131	285
Feb-Apr 2015 (p)	733	114	109	94	130	285
Change on quarter *	9	-8	5	1	5	7
Change % *	1.3	-6.4	4.7	1.0	3.7	2.4
Change on year	95	15	23	0	18	39
Change %	14.8	14.8	27.3	-0.4	16.3	15.7

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gsi.gov.uk, 01633 456777

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

21(1) Vacancies¹ and Unemployment

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All Vacancies ¹	Unemployment ²	Number of unemployed people per vacancy
	AP2Y	MGSC	JPC5
Levels			
Jan-Mar 2013	503	2,541	5.1
Jan-Mar 2014	620	2,212	3.6
Apr-Jun 2014	657	2,074	3.2
Jul-Sep 2014	685	1,959	2.9
Oct-Dec 2014	712	1,862	2.6
Jan-Mar 2015	745 (r)	1,827	2.5
Change on quarter	34	-35	-0.2
Change %	4.7	-1.9	
Change on year	125	-386	-1.1
Change %	20.2	-17.4	

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey/ Labour Force Survey

Vacancy Survey enquiries: vacancy.survey@ons.gsi.gov.uk, 01633 456777

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

2. Unemployment estimates are produced from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and are always one period behind the ONS Vacancy Survey estimates. This table therefore shows estimates for the same periods as shown in table 1 (which shows LFS estimates).

VACANCIES

22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	All vacancies ¹	Mining & quarrying	Manu- facturing	Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply ²	Water supply, sewerage, waste & remediation activities	Construction	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles	Transport & storage	Accommoda- tion & food service activities	Information & communica- tion
	B-S	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
Levels (thousands)										
Feb-Apr 2013	512	3	37	3	2	12	100	20	49	29
Feb-Apr 2014 (r)	638	2	45	4	2	21	119	22	65	32
Mar-May 2014	650	2	46	4	2	19	122	24	68	32
Apr-Jun 2014	657	2	46	5	2	18	124	22	71	31
May-Jul 2014	665	2	50	5	2	19	126	22	72	29
Jun-Aug 2014	682	2	50	5	2	21	130	23	74	31
Jul-Sep 2014	685	2	52	5	2	22	131	24	73	33
Aug-Oct 2014	699	2	48	5	2	22	132	26	74	36
Sep-Nov 2014	703	2	48	5	2	22	132	26	76	35
Oct-Dec 2014	712	2	48	5	2	23	134	27	76	33
Nov-Jan 2015 (r)	723	1	48	5	2	25	136	30	78	33
Dec-Feb 2015 (r)	734	1	51	5	2	27	138	33	78	34
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	745	1	48	5	2	28	143	34	78	35
Feb-Apr 2015 (p)	733	1	46	4	2	25	141	33	79	34
Change on quarter *	9	0	-2	0	0	0	5	3	1	1
Change % *	1.3	-23.1	-3.5	-6.4	0.0	1.2	3.4	11.1	0.9	2.7
Change on year	95	-1	1	0	1	5	23	11	14	2
Change %	14.8	-50.0	2.9	4.8	26.3	22.0	19.0	48.0	22.0	7.2
	AP2Z	JPA2	JPA3	JPA4	JPA5	JPA6	JPA7	JPA8	JPA9	JPB2
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
Feb-Apr 2013	1.9	4.1	1.6	2.9	0.8	1.0	2.2	1.6	2.6	2.7
Feb-Apr 2014 (r)	2.3	3.4	1.9	3.7	1.0	1.6	2.6	1.7	3.2	2.8
Mar-May 2014	2.3	3.4	1.9	3.8	1.1	1.5	2.7	1.8	3.3	2.8
Apr-Jun 2014	2.3	3.2	1.9	3.9	0.8	1.5	2.8	1.7	3.5	2.7
May-Jul 2014	2.3	3.0	2.1	4.1	0.9	1.5	2.8	1.7	3.5	2.5
Jun-Aug 2014	2.4	3.2	2.1	4.2	1.0	1.7	2.9	1.7	3.6	2.7
Jul-Sep 2014	2.4	3.2	2.2	4.4	1.0	1.7	2.9	1.8	3.6	2.9
Aug-Oct 2014	2.5	3.0	2.0	4.3	1.2	1.8	2.9	1.9	3.6	3.2
Sep-Nov 2014	2.5	2.7	2.0	4.1	1.2	1.8	2.9	2.0	3.7	3.1
Oct-Dec 2014	2.5	2.5	2.0	3.9	1.2	1.8	3.0	2.0	3.7	2.9
Nov-Jan 2015	2.6	2.2	2.0	4.1	1.3	2.0	3.0	2.2	3.8	2.9
Dec-Feb 2015	2.6	1.9	2.1	4.2	1.3	2.1	3.1	2.5	3.8	3.0
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	2.6	1.7	2.0	4.1	1.2	2.2	3.2	2.5	3.8	3.1
Feb-Apr 2015 (p)	2.6	1.7	1.9	3.8	1.3	2.0	3.1	2.5	3.9	3.0
Change on quarter *	0.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1
Change on year	0.3	-1.7	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.2
SIC 2007 sections	Financial & insurance activities	Real estate activities ²	Professional scientific & technical activities	Administrative & support service activities	Public admin & defence; compulsory social security	Education	Human health & social work activities	Arts, entertainment & recreation	Other service activities	Total services
	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	G-S
	JP9Q	JP9R	JP9S	JP9T	JP9U	JP9V	JP9W	JP9X	JP9Y	JP9Z
Levels (thousands)										
Feb-Apr 2013	27	6	46	37	8	38	69	13	13	455
Feb-Apr 2014 (r)	36	10	58	43	11	50	91	14	15	565
Mar-May 2014	37	11	58	44	11	49	91	14	16	577
Apr-Jun 2014	36	12	57	45	11	49	94	15	18	585
May-Jul 2014	37	11	58	45	11	49	96	15	16	588
Jun-Aug 2014	37	11	59	45	12	50	100	16	16	602
Jul-Sep 2014	37	9	62	44	12	50	99	14	14	602
Aug-Oct 2014	37	11	62	46	13	50	104	14	16	620
Sep-Nov 2014	37	11	61	48	13	50	107	13	17	624
Oct-Dec 2014	38	10	60	50	13	52	108	14	18	633
Nov-Jan 2015	39	8	63	51	13	51	108	14	17	642
Dec-Feb 2015 (r)	40	9	62	51	13	50	109	15	17	649
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	41	10	61	51	13	51	110	16	18	662
Feb-Apr 2015 (p)	40	11	59	49	13	52	109	17	17	654
Change on quarter *	1	3	-4	-2	0	1	1	3	0	12
Change % *	1.5	38.8	-6.9	-3.7	-1.5	2.4	1.0	23.5	-1.2	1.9
Change on year	4	1	1	7	2	2	18	3	1	89
Change %	11.2	11.0	2.4	15.8	16.1	4.6	20.3	17.5	9.1	15.8
	JPB3	JPB4	JPB5	JPB6	JPB7	JPB8	JPB9	JPC2	JPC3	JPC4
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
Feb-Apr 2013	2.6	1.4	2.1	1.6	0.6	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.9
Feb-Apr 2014 (r)	3.4	2.1	2.5	1.8	0.8	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.3
Mar-May 2014	3.5	2.4	2.5	1.9	0.8	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.8	2.4
Apr-Jun 2014	3.5	2.6	2.5	1.9	0.8	1.9	2.4	2.1	3.1	2.4
May-Jul 2014	3.5	2.4	2.5	1.9	0.9	1.9	2.5	2.2	2.9	2.4
Jun-Aug 2014	3.5	2.2	2.5	1.9	0.9	1.9	2.6	2.2	2.9	2.5
Jul-Sep 2014	3.5	2.0	2.7	1.8	0.9	1.9	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.5
Aug-Oct 2014	3.5	2.4	2.7	1.9	0.9	1.9	2.7	2.0	2.8	2.5
Sep-Nov 2014	3.6	2.2	2.6	2.0	1.0	1.9	2.7	1.8	2.9	2.6
Oct-Dec 2014	3.6	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.0	2.0	2.8	1.9	3.1	2.6
Nov-Jan 2015	3.7	1.7	2.7	2.1	1.0	1.9 (r)	2.8	1.9	3.0	2.6
Dec-Feb 2015	3.8	1.9	2.7	2.1	1.0	1.9	2.8	2.2	3.1	2.7
Jan-Mar 2015	3.9	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.0	2.0	2.8	2.3	3.1 (r)	2.7
Feb-Apr 2015 (p)	3.8	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.0	2.0	2.8	2.4	3.0	2.7
Change on quarter *	0.1	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
Change on year	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.4

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey

2. Not seasonally adjusted. These series do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series.

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

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REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies levels and rates¹

United Kingdom, (seasonally adjusted)

	People (aged 16 and over)		Men (aged 16 and over)		Women (aged 16 and over)	
	Level (000s) ²	Rate ¹	Level (000s) ²	Rate ¹	Level (000s) ²	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Jan-Mar 2013	141	5.6	91	7.1	50	4.0
Jan-Mar 2014	125	4.9	83	6.4	43	3.4
Apr-Jun 2014	112	4.3	60	4.6	52	4.1
Jul-Sep 2014	91	3.5	45	3.5	45	3.6
Oct-Dec 2014	107	4.1	60	4.6	46	3.6
Jan-Mar 2015	110	4.2	67	5.0	43	3.3
Change on quarter	3	0.1	7	0.5	-3	-0.3
Change %	3.0		10.8		-7.1	
Change on year	-16	-0.7	-16	-1.4	0	0.0
Change %	-12.4		-19.3		0.9	

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. The redundancy rate is the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the seasonally adjusted number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.
2. The redundancies levels as derived directly from the Labour Force Survey do not currently display seasonality. For this reason series BEAO is currently identical to the not seasonally adjusted series BEYV shown at Table 24.

24 Redundancies by industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands of people aged 16 and over), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2007 sections	Total redundancies ²	Manufacturing C	Construction F	Wholesale & retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles G	Transport & storage, accommodation & food service activities, information & communication H,I,J	Financial & insurance and real estate activities K,L	Prof. scientific & technical activities, admin & support service activities M,N	Public Administration etc., education, human health and social work activities ³ O-Q	Total services ⁴ G-T
Jan-Mar 2013	141	19	17	28	27	*	20	17	104
Jan-Mar 2014	125	26	13	19	19	*	11	21	82
Apr-Jun 2014	112	11	*	17	28	*	15	23	90
Jul-Sep 2014	91	14	*	11	17	*	13	19	70
Oct-Dec 2014	107	14	*	12	15	11	20	17	80
Jan-Mar 2015	110	18	*	17	26	*	11	14	82
Change on year	-16	-8	*	-2	7	*	-1	-6	0
Change %	-12.4	-29.7	*	-8.7	39.8	*	-5.4	-31.6	0.4

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour market statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. The estimates in this table are for calendar quarters only whereas the estimates at Table 23 are for rolling three-monthly time periods.
2. The total series includes those people who did not state their industry. The series also includes SIC 2007 categories A (Agriculture, forestry and fishing), B (Mining and quarrying), D (Electricity, gas, etc.) and E (Water supply, sewerage, etc.). These sectors are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable estimates. See footnote 2 at Table 23.
3. Includes both public and private sectors.
4. Other Services are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable estimates.

Benefits

25 Main out of work benefits¹

Great Britain and abroad (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

Statistical Groups ²					
	Total	GB Jobseeker ³	Employment & Support Allowance and other incapacity benefits ⁴	Lone Parent ⁵	Other Income related ⁶
Number of claimants					
Nov 12	4,637.7	1,471.7	2,500.0	510.0	156.0
Feb 13	4,679.5	1,547.6	2,475.7	504.9	151.3
May 13	4,536.6	1,432.6	2,456.5	499.7	147.8
Aug 13	4,409.1	1,326.4	2,440.8	497.5	144.4
Nov 13	4,247.7	1,164.1	2,456.4	485.0	142.2
Feb 14	4,262.3	1,184.2	2,459.3	480.1	138.7
May 14	4,114.2	1,035.3	2,470.2	474.7	134.0
Aug 14	4,013.2	907.9	2,508.1	470.8	126.4
Nov 14	3,896.9	798.1	2,520.3	455.5	123.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-350.8	-366.0	63.9	-29.5	-19.2
<i>Change %</i>	-8.3	-31.4	2.6	-6.1	-13.5
	Total	GB Jobseeker ³	Employment & Support Allowance and other incapacity benefits ⁴	Lone Parent ⁵	Other Income related ⁶
Proportions (%)⁷					
Nov 12	11.7	3.7	6.3	1.3	0.4
Feb 13	11.8	3.9	6.2	1.3	0.4
May 13	11.4	3.6	6.2	1.3	0.4
Aug 13	11.1	3.3	6.1	1.3	0.4
Nov 13	10.7	2.9	6.2	1.2	0.4
Feb 14	10.7	3.0	6.2	1.2	0.3
May 14	10.4	2.6	6.2	1.2	0.3
Aug 14	10.1	2.3	6.3	1.2	0.3
Nov 14	9.8	2.0	6.3	1.1	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-0.9	-0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.0

Source: Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)
Labour Market Statistics enquiries: labour.market@ons.gsi.gov.uk

1. This table includes all claimants of out of work benefits excluding both Universal Credit claimants and carers (as carers are not generally subject to labour market activation policies). Universal Credit claimants will be included in this table as soon as possible. While most people claiming these benefits will be out of work a small number will be in employment. This table shows the most up to date National Statistics currently available for claimants of incapacity benefits, lone parent and "other income related" benefits. More up to date early estimates of incapacity and lone parent benefits, which are not currently designated as National Statistics, have been published by the Department for Work and Pensions at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dwp-statistical-summaries-2015>

2. Each claimant is assigned to a statistical group to avoid double counting. There is a hierarchy as shown in the table (ie, Jobseeker followed by incapacity benefits, etc.). For example, a person claiming incapacity benefit and lone parent benefit is recorded in the former.

3. Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants for Great Britain. Due to methodological differences, these figures differ slightly from estimates of jobseekers claimants shown at Table 1.1 of the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) Quarterly Statistical Summary. More up to date estimates for claimants of JSA for the United Kingdom are available at Table 10 of this Statistical Bulletin.

4. Claimants of Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance.

5. Single recipients of Income Support with a child under qualifying age.

6. Claimants of Income Support or Pension Credit not included in the incapacity benefits or lone parent categories.

7. Proportions of population receiving state benefits have been calculated using residence based populations for those aged from 16 to 64. The jobseeker proportions differ from the Claimant Count rates shown at Table 10 of this Statistical Bulletin as the denominator for the latter is workforce jobs plus Claimant Count.