

Statistical bulletin

UK Labour Market: April 2016

Estimates of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for the UK.



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1. Main points for the 3 months to February 2016

Between September to November 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016, the number of people in work and the number of unemployed people increased, but the number of people not working and not seeking or available to work (economically inactive) fell.

There were 31.41 million people in work, 20,000 more than for September to November 2015 and 360,000 more than for a year earlier.

There were 22.98 million people working full-time, 289,000 more than for a year earlier. There were 8.43 million people working part-time, 71,000 more than for a year earlier.

The employment rate (the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 who were in work) was 74.1%, the joint highest since comparable records began in 1971.

There were 1.70 million unemployed people (people not in work but seeking and available to work), 21,000 more than for September to November 2015 but 142,000 fewer than for a year earlier.

The unemployment rate was 5.1%, lower than for a year earlier (5.6%). The unemployment rate is the proportion of the labour force (those in work plus those unemployed) that were unemployed.

There were 8.87 million people aged from 16 to 64 who were economically inactive (not working and not seeking or available to work), 121,000 fewer than for a year earlier and the lowest since May to July 2003.

The inactivity rate (the proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 who were economically inactive) was 21.7%, the joint lowest since comparable records began in 1971.

Average weekly earnings for employees in Great Britain increased by 1.8% including bonuses and by 2.2% excluding bonuses compared with a year earlier.

2. Summary of latest labour market statistics

Table 1 and Figure 1 show the latest estimates, for the 3 months to February 2016, for employment, unemployment and economic inactivity and shows how these estimates compare with the previous quarter (September to November 2015) and the previous year (the 3 months to February 2015). Comparing the 3 months to February 2016 with September to November 2015 provides the most robust short-term comparison. See Section 3 of this statistical bulletin for more information.

Table 1: Summary of UK labour market statistics for the 3 months to February 2016, seasonally adjusted

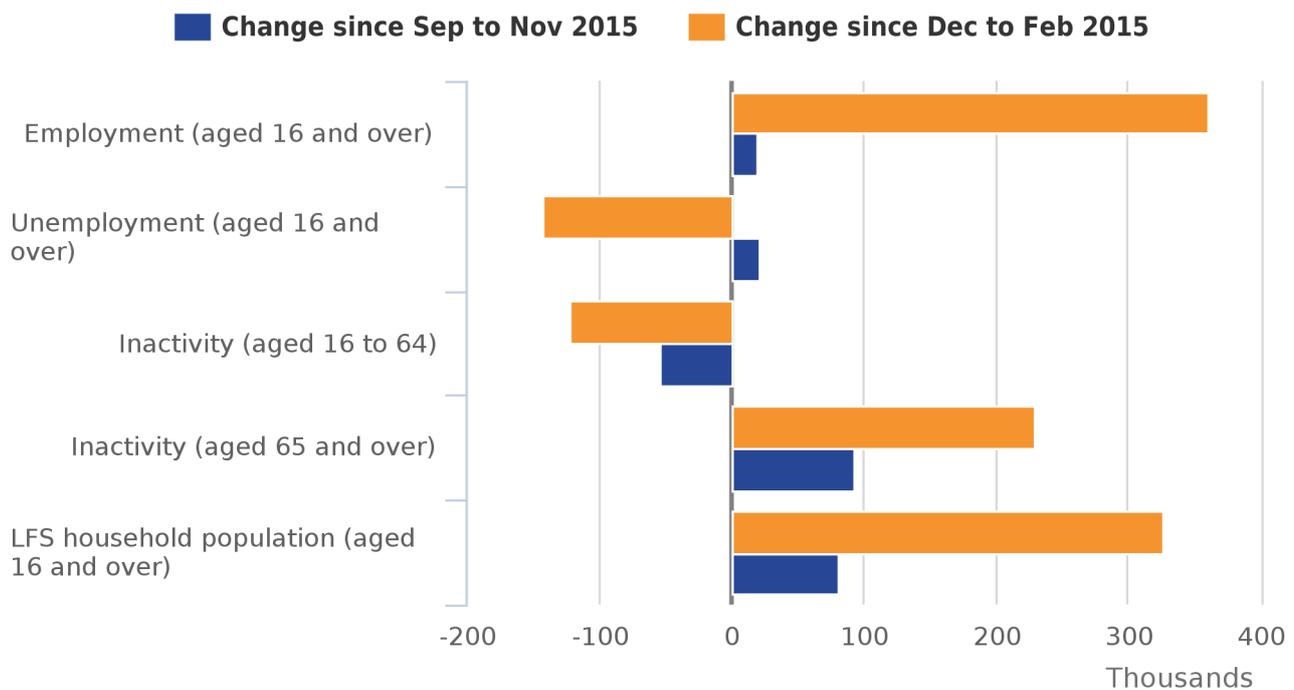
	Number (thousands)	Change on Sep to Nov 2015	Change on Dec to Feb 2015	Headline Rate (%)	Change on Sep to Nov 2015	Change on Dec to Feb 2015
Employed	31,409	20	360			
Aged 16 to 64	30,239	60	367	74.1	0.1	0.7
Aged 65 and over	1,170	-40	-6			
Unemployed	1,696	21	-142	5.1	0.1	-0.5
Aged 16 to 64	1,676	20	-143			
Aged 65 and over	20	1	1			
Inactive	19,051	40	108			
Aged 16 to 64	8,869	-53	-121	21.7	-0.1	-0.4
Aged 65 and over	10,182	93	229			

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Components may not sum exactly to totals due to rounding.

Figure 1: Changes in the number of people in the UK labour market, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

3. Understanding and working with labour market statistics

Where to find explanatory information

[Interpreting labour market statistics](#), originally published in 2012 and available on the National Archives website, is designed to help you interpret labour market statistics and highlights some common misunderstandings.

A more detailed [Guide to labour market statistics](#), which includes a [Glossary](#), is also available.

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.

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

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 the 3 months to February 2016 with the estimates for September to November 2015, which were first published on 20 January 2016. This provides a more robust estimate than comparing with the estimates for the 3 months to January 2016. This is because the December 2015 and January 2016 data are included within both estimates, so effectively observed differences are those between the individual months of November 2015 and February 2016. 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 and are therefore estimates rather than precise figures. Further information is available at Section 20 of this statistical bulletin.

4. Employment

Introduction

[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.

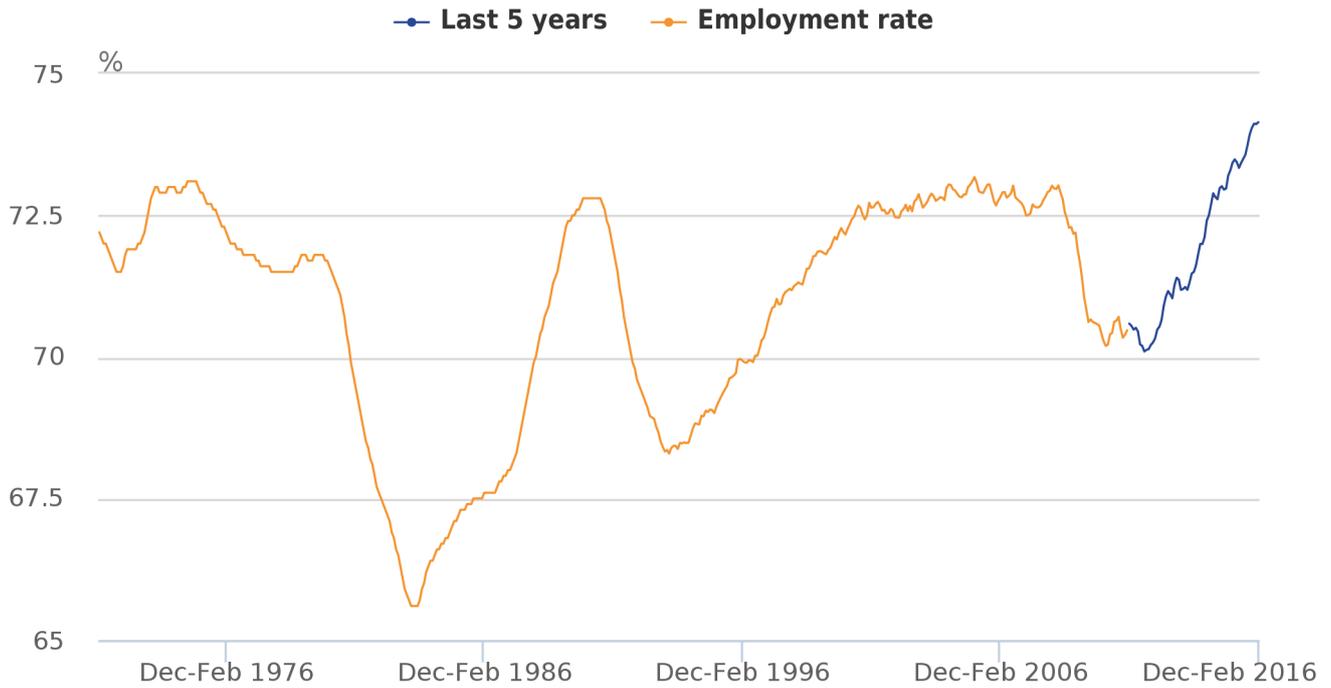
A [comparison between estimates of employment and jobs](#) is available on our website.

Commentary

The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 in work is known as the employment rate. Figure 2 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, the 3 months to February 2016, it reached a joint record high of 74.1%.

Figure 2: UK Employment rate (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to December to February 2016

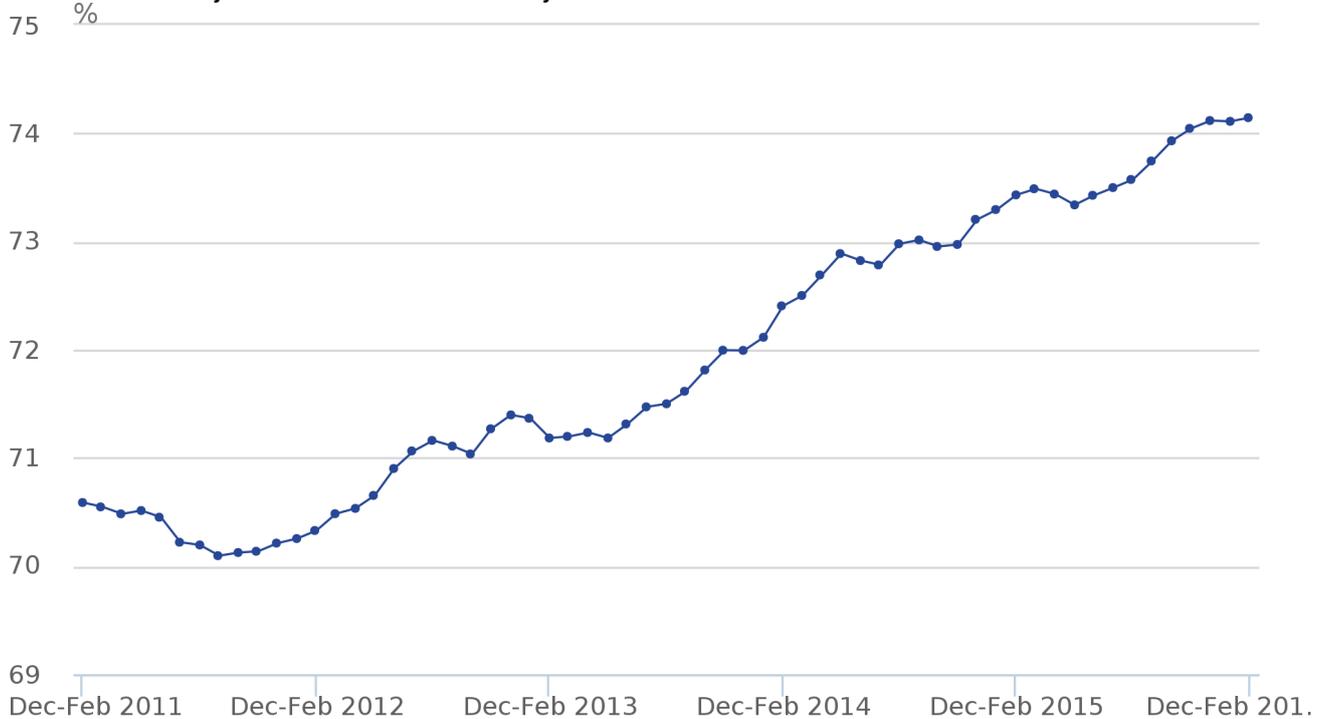


Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

Figure 3 looks in more detail at the employment rate for the last 5 years.

Figure 3: UK Employment rate (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

For the 3 months to February 2016, 74.1% of people aged from 16 to 64 were in work. This was:

- slightly higher than for September to November 2015 (74.0%)
- higher than for a year earlier (73.4%)
- the joint highest since comparable records began in 1971

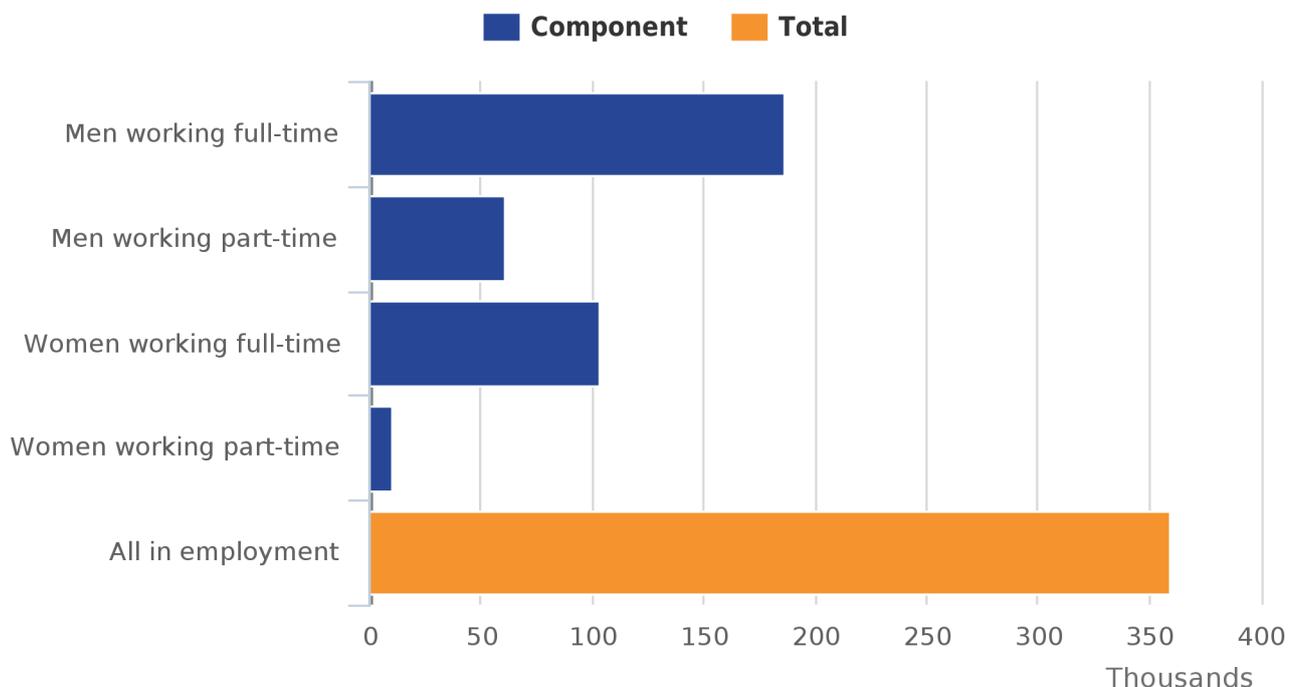
Looking at employment rates by sex, for the 3 months to February 2016:

- 79.2% of men and 69.1% of women aged from 16 to 64 were in work
- employment rates for both men and women were higher than for a year earlier
- the employment rate for men (79.2%) was slightly higher 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 (69.1%) 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 the 3 months to February 2016, there were 31.41 million people in work, 20,000 more than for September to November 2015 and 360,000 more than for a year earlier.

Figure 4 shows how the estimates for full-time and part-time employment by sex for the 3 months to February 2016 compare with those for a year earlier.

Figure 4: Changes in people in employment in the UK between the 3 months to February 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

Comparing the estimates for type of employment for the 3 months to February 2016 with those for a year earlier:

- employees increased by 262,000 to 26.56 million
- self-employed people increased by 120,000 to 4.64 million
- unpaid family workers fell by 13,000 to 101,000 (see Note 2 for an explanation of the coverage of this series)
- people on government supported training and employment programmes fell by 9,000 to 102,000 (see Note 3 for an explanation of the coverage of this series)

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 [datasets A02 SA](#) and [EMP01 SA](#).

International comparisons of employment rates are available at Table 19 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset A10](#).

Estimates for the number of people in employment and for the number of self-employed people back to 1855 (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [Three centuries of data v2.2](#) (at columns H and N in worksheet 22).

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.

5. Public and private sector employment (first published on 16 March 2016)

Introduction

[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.

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are impacted by changes to the composition of these sectors. For example, if a publicly owned body is privatised, public sector employment will fall and private sector employment will increase by an equivalent amount. This is known as a reclassification effect. At Table 4 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset EMP02](#) we therefore publish estimates of public and private sector employment excluding the effects of major, but not all, reclassifications alongside estimates of total public and private sector employment.

Commentary

There were 5.35 million people employed in the public sector for December 2015. This was:

- little changed compared with September 2015
- down 50,000 from a year earlier

The number of people employed in the public sector has been generally falling since March 2010.

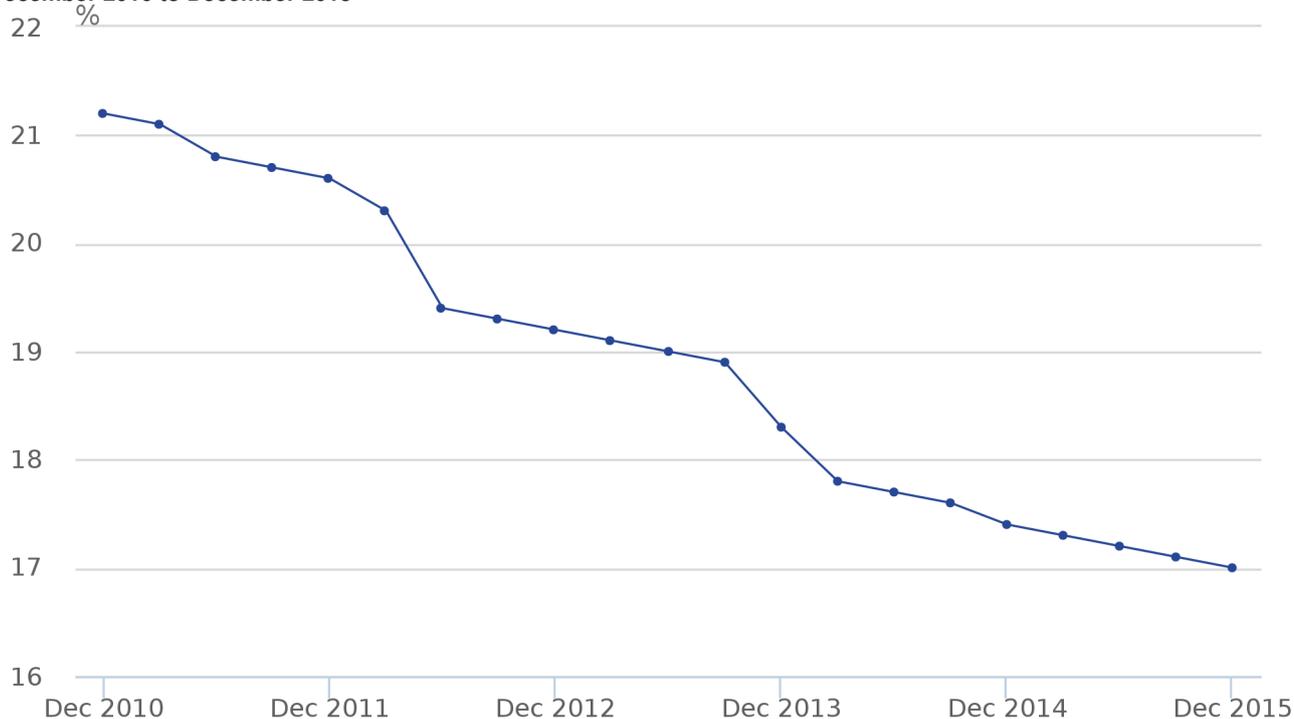
There were 26.07 million people employed in the private sector for December 2015. This was 113,000 more than for September 2015 and 529,000 more than for a year earlier.

For December 2015, 17.0% of people in employment worked in the public sector (the lowest proportion since comparable records began in 1999) and the remaining 83.0% worked in the private sector.

Figure 5 shows public sector employment as a percentage of all people in employment for the last 5 years.

Figure 5. UK public sector employment as a percentage of total UK employment, seasonally adjusted

December 2010 to December 2015



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

Notes:

1. In June 2012 some educational bodies were reclassified to the private sector.
2. In December 2013 Royal Mail plc was reclassified to the private sector.
3. In March 2014 Lloyds Banking Group plc was reclassified to the private sector.

Comparisons of public and private sector employment over time are complicated by 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 [dataset EMP02](#).

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 [datasets EMP02](#) and [EMP03](#).

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

6. Employment by nationality and country of birth, not seasonally adjusted (first published on 17 February 2016)

Introduction

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 October to December 2015 with those for a year earlier rather than with those for July to September 2015.

Commentary

Looking at the estimates by nationality, between October to December 2014 and October to December 2015:

- UK nationals working in the UK increased by 278,000 to 28.28 million
- non-UK nationals working in the UK increased by 254,000 to 3.22 million

Looking at changes in non-UK nationals working in the UK between October to December 1997 and October to December 2015:

- the number of non-UK nationals working in the UK increased from just over 1 million to 3.22 million
- the proportion of all people working in the UK accounted for by non-UK nationals increased from 3.8% to 10.2%
- this increase in non-UK nationals working in the UK reflects the admission of several new member states to the European Union (EU)

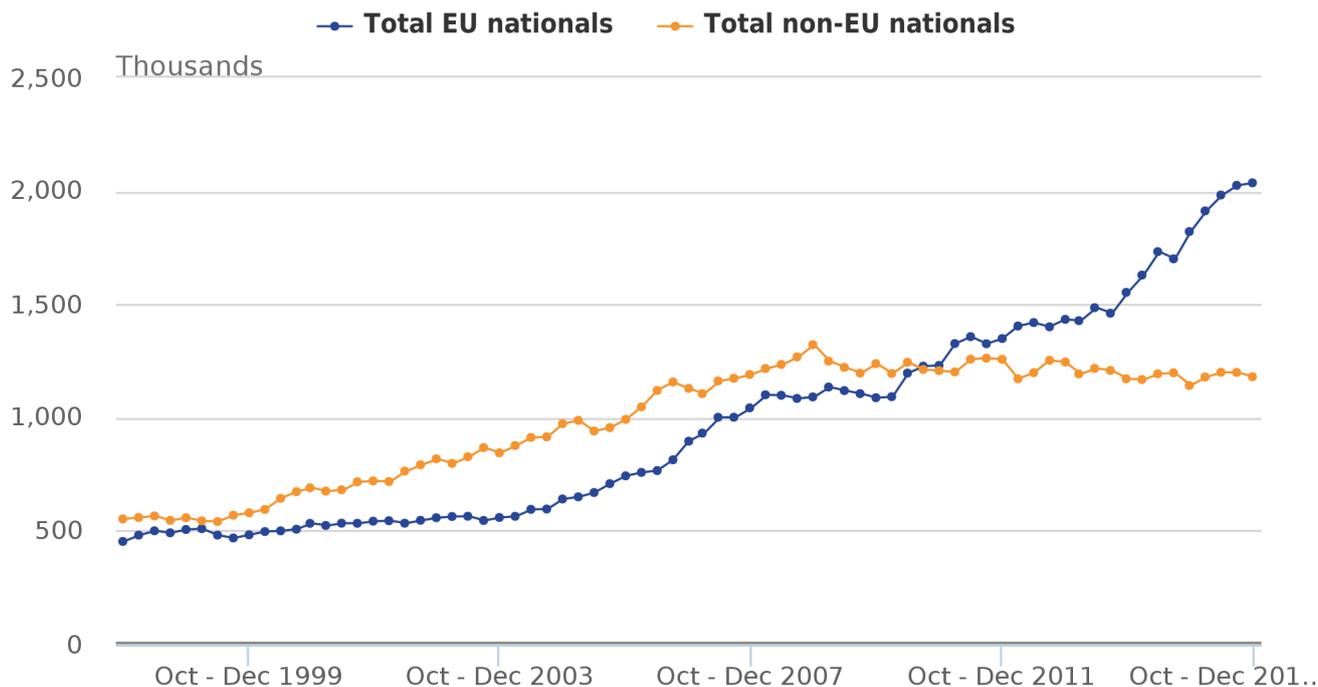
Looking in more detail at non-UK nationals working in the UK, between October to December 2014 and October to December 2015:

- non-UK nationals from the EU working in the UK increased by 215,000 to 2.04 million
- non-UK nationals from outside the EU working in the UK increased by 38,000 to 1.18 million

Figure 6 shows the number of non-UK nationals from EU and non-EU countries working in the UK from October to December 1997 to October to December 2015.

Figure 6: Non-UK nationals working in the UK, not seasonally adjusted

October to December 1997 to October to December 2015



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

As shown in Figure 6, 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 October to December 2015, there were 5.06 million people born abroad working in the UK, but the number of non-UK nationals working in the UK was much lower at 3.22 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 October to December 2014 and October to December 2015:

- UK born people working in the UK increased by 258,000 to 26.42 million
- non-UK born people working in the UK increased by 281,000 to 5.06 million

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 [dataset EMP06](#).

7. 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.

Commentary

Total hours worked per week were 1.01 billion for the 3 months to February 2016. This was:

- 3.4 million (0.3%) more than for September to November 2015
- 11.7 million (1.2%) more than for a year earlier

The increase in hours worked per week between September to November 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016 reflected an increase of 20,000 in the number of people in work (as explained at Section 4) as well as a small increase in average hours worked per week.

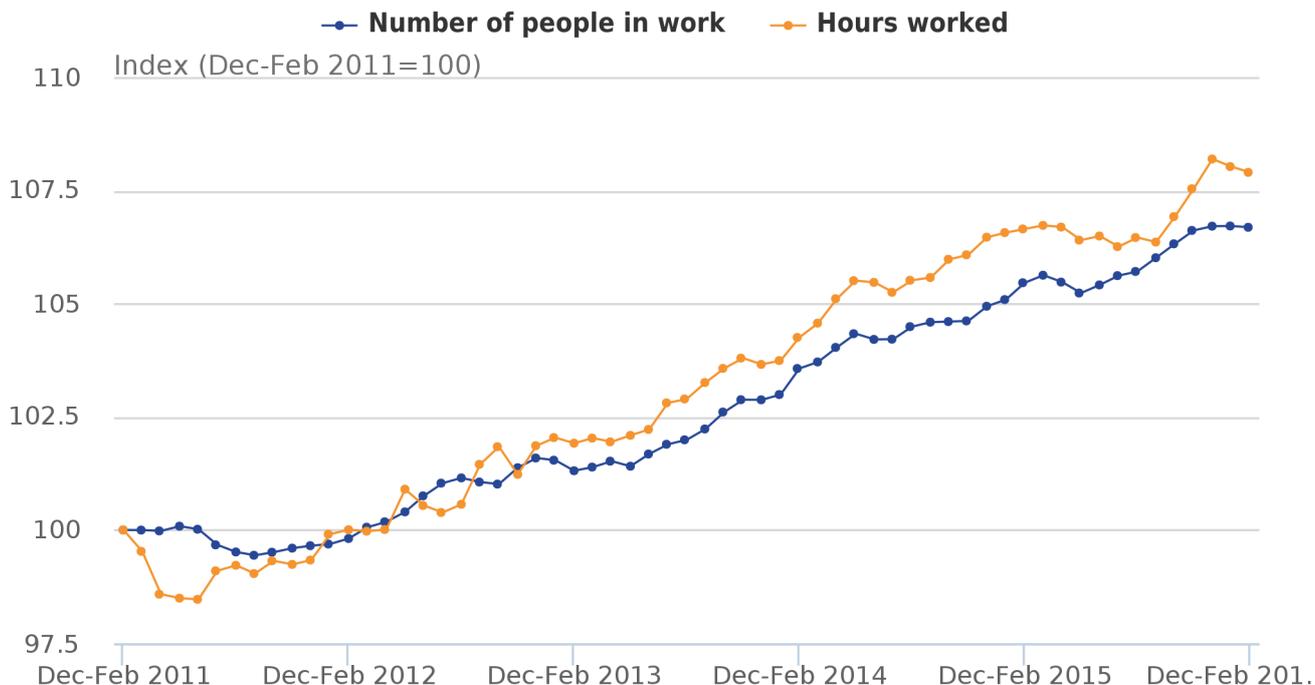
For the 3 months to February 2016:

- people worked, on average, 32.1 hours per week, slightly more than for September to November 2015 but unchanged compared with a year earlier
- people working full-time worked, on average, 37.5 hours per week in their main job, slightly more than for September to November 2015 but unchanged compared with a year earlier
- people working part-time worked, on average, 16.2 hours per week in their main job, unchanged compared with September to November 2015 and with a year earlier

Figure 7 shows total hours worked and the number of people in work, as indices, for the last 5 years.

Figure 7: Total hours worked and number of people in work in the UK, seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

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 [datasets HOUR01 SA](#) and [HOUR02 SA](#).

Estimates for average weekly hours worked back to 1855 (which do not have National Statistics status) have been published by the Bank of England in the spreadsheet [Three centuries of data v2.2](#) (at column Q in worksheet 22).

8. Workforce jobs (first published on 16 March 2016)

Introduction

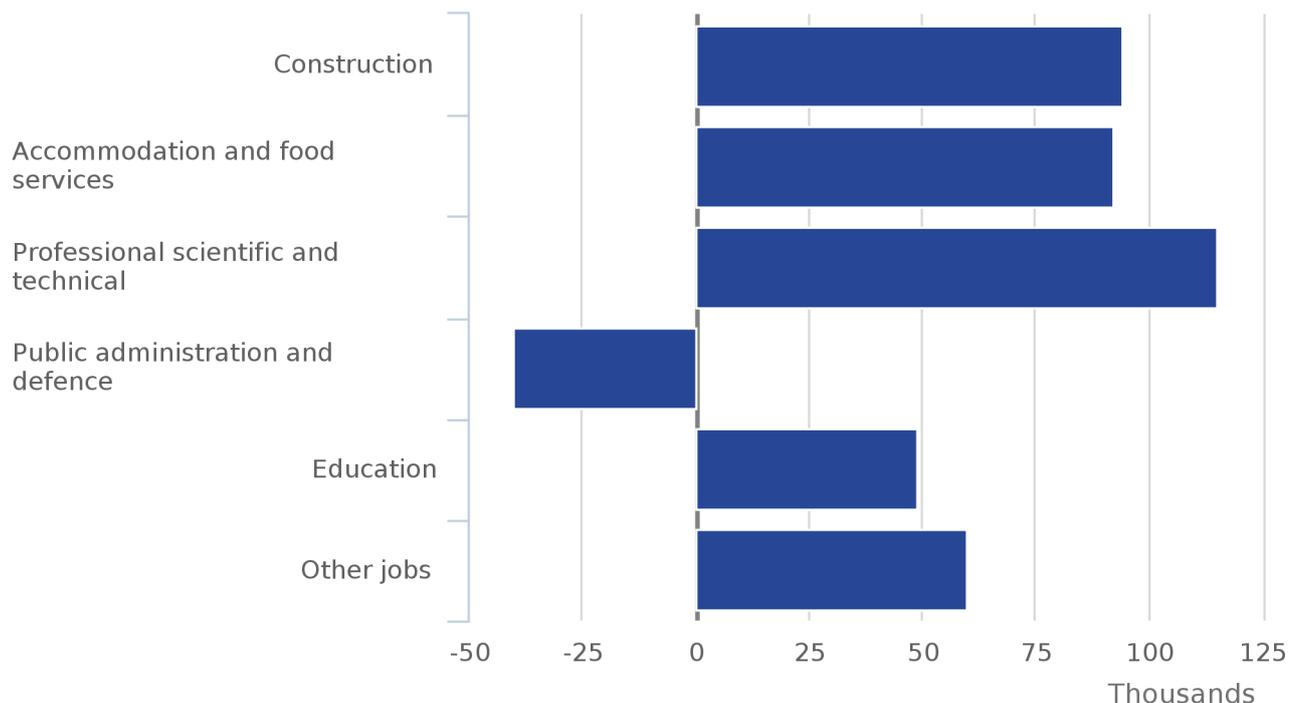
[Workforce jobs](#) measures the number of filled jobs in the economy. The estimates are mainly sourced from employer surveys. Workforce jobs is a different concept from employment, which is sourced from the Labour Force Survey, as employment is an estimate of people and some people have more than one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

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

Commentary

For December 2015 there were 33.78 million workforce jobs, 69,000 more than for September 2015 and 370,000 more than for a year earlier. Figure 8 shows changes in the number of jobs by industrial sector between December 2014 and December 2015.

Figure 8: Changes in the number of jobs in the UK between December 2014 and December 2015, seasonally adjusted



Source: Office for National Statistics

Looking at a longer term comparison, between June 1978 (when comparable records began) and December 2015:

- the proportion of jobs accounted for by the manufacturing and mining and quarrying sectors fell from 26.4% to 8.1%
- the proportion of jobs accounted for by the services sector increased from 63.2% to 83.1%

While comparable estimates for workforce jobs by industry begin in 1978, some historical information back to 1841, not comparable with the latest estimates, are available from [2011 Census Analysis, 170 years of industry](#).

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 [datasets JOBS01](#) and [JOBS02](#).

9. Average weekly earnings

Introduction

[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). Estimates are available in both nominal terms (not adjusted for consumer price inflation) and real terms (adjusted for consumer price inflation). 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 Average Weekly Earnings at the end of this section.

Commentary

For February 2016 in nominal terms (that is, not adjusted for price inflation):

- average regular pay (excluding bonuses) for employees in Great Britain was £469 per week before tax and other deductions from pay, up from £458 per week for a year earlier
- average total pay (including bonuses) for employees in Great Britain was £491 per week before tax and other deductions from pay, up from £485 per week for a year earlier

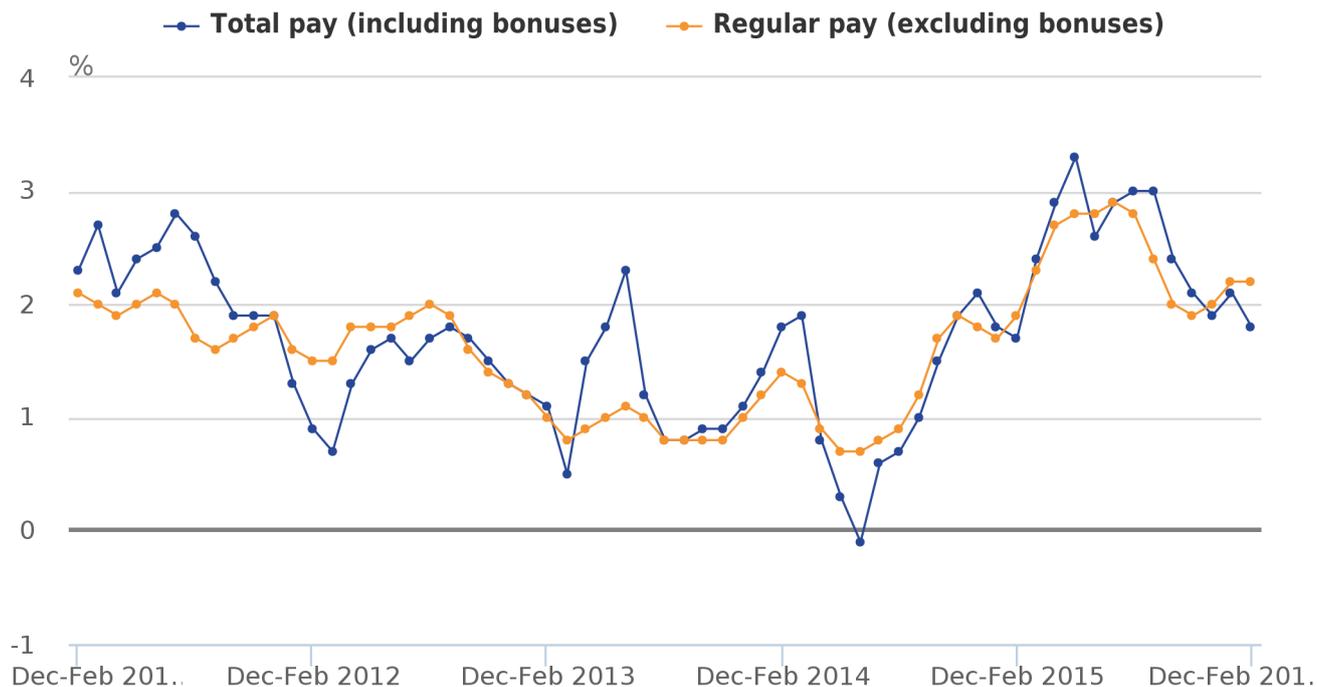
Between the 3 months to February 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016, in nominal terms, regular pay increased by 2.2%, the same as the growth rate between the 3 months to January 2015 and the 3 months to January 2016.

Between the 3 months to February 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016, in nominal terms, total pay increased by 1.8%, lower than the growth rate between the 3 months to January 2015 and the 3 months to January 2016 (2.1%). The lower growth rate was largely due to lower bonuses in the financial and business services sector in February 2016 compared with February 2015.

Figure 9 compares the annual growth rates for both regular and total pay, in nominal terms, for the last 5 years.

Figure 9: Great Britain average earnings annual growth rates, seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016



Source: Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey: Office for National Statistics

Looking at longer term movements, since comparable records began in 2000 average total pay for employees in Great Britain in nominal terms increased from £311 a week in January 2000 to £491 a week in February 2016; an increase of 57.5%. Over the same period the Consumer Prices Index increased by 38.8%.

Between the 3 months to February 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016 in real terms (that is, adjusted for consumer price inflation):

- regular pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.0%
- total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 1.6%

A more detailed analysis of earnings growth in real terms is available at [Supplementary Analysis of Average Weekly Earnings](#).

Where to find data about average weekly earnings

Estimates of average weekly earnings in nominal terms (that is, not adjusted for consumer price inflation) are available at Tables 15, 16 and 17 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [datasets EARN01](#), [EARN02](#) and [EARN03](#).

Estimates of average weekly earnings in real terms (that is, adjusted for consumer price inflation) are available at Table 18 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset EARN01](#).

While comparable records for average weekly earnings start in 2000, modelled estimates of average weekly earnings in nominal terms back to 1963 (which do not have National Statistics status) are available at [dataset EARN02](#).

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 data v2.2](#) (at column G in worksheet 21).

Where to find more information about earnings

A [supplementary analysis of Average Weekly Earnings](#) which includes estimates of real earnings (that is, adjusted for consumer price inflation) is available on our website.

An article looking at [bonus payments](#) was published on 26 August 2015.

The [Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings \(ASHE\)](#), published on 18 November 2015, provides more detailed data for 2015.

Notes for Average Weekly Earnings

1. 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, more low paid jobs in the economy would have a downward 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 between April 2014 and March 2015 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.

10. Labour disputes (not seasonally adjusted)

Introduction

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

Commentary

In February 2016, there were 19,000 working days lost from 11 stoppages. Most of the working days lost in both January and February 2016 were due to 1 day strikes by junior doctors in the National Health Service in England. For the 12 months ending February 2016, there were 161,000 working days lost from 116 stoppages.

Since monthly records began in December 1931:

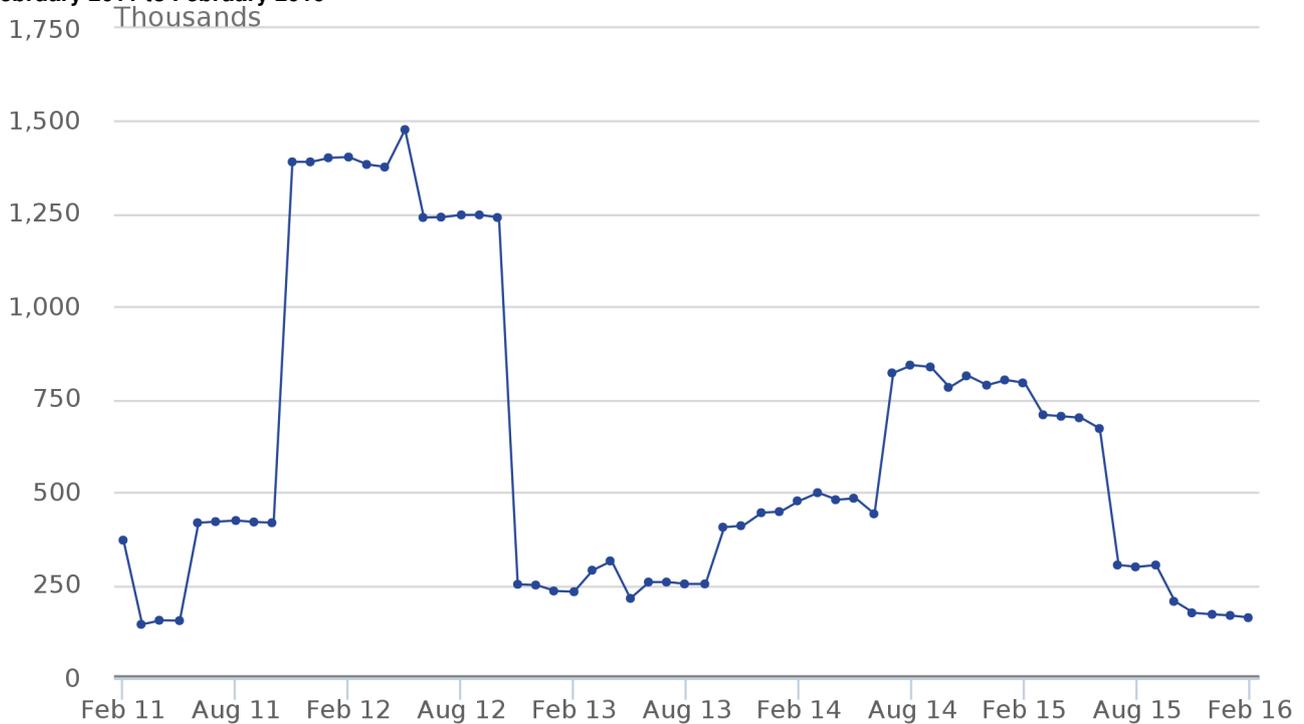
- the highest cumulative 12 month estimate for working days lost was 32.2 million for the 12 months to April 1980
- the lowest cumulative 12 month estimate for working days lost was 143,000 for the 12 months to March 2011

Working days lost are at historically low levels when looking at the longer run time series back to the 1930s, available at [dataset LABD01](#).

Figure 10 shows cumulative 12 month totals for working days lost for the last 5 years.

Figure 10: Working days lost in the UK cumulative 12 month totals, not seasonally adjusted

February 2011 to February 2016



Source: Labour Disputes Inquiry: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. The figures from November 2011 to October 2012 and from July 2014 to June 2015 are affected by 1 day strikes on 30 November 2011 and 10 July 2014 relating to changes to pension schemes and pay for some public sector workers.

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 [dataset LABD01](#).

Where to find more information about labour disputes

An [article providing more detailed information](#) was published on 16 July 2015.

11. Unemployment

Introduction

[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.

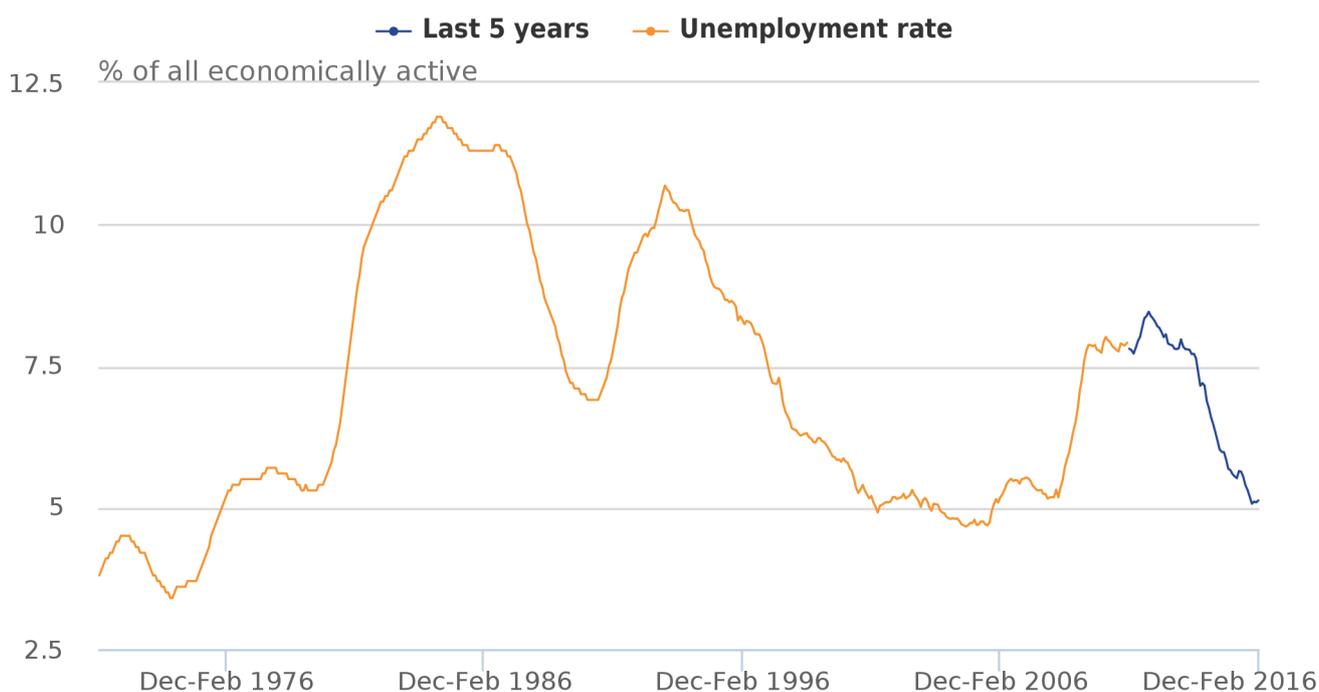
The unemployment rate is not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. It is the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. This follows [guidelines specified by the International Labour Organisation](#)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

Commentary

The proportion of economically active people aged 16 and over who are out of work and seeking work is known as the unemployment rate. As shown at Figure 11, the lowest unemployment rate recorded since comparable records began in 1971 was 3.4% in late 1973 to early 1974 and the highest rate, 11.9%, was recorded in 1984 during the downturn of the early 1980s. The unemployment rate for the latest time period, the 3 months to February 2016, was 5.1%.

Figure 11: UK Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

January to March 1971 to December to February 2016

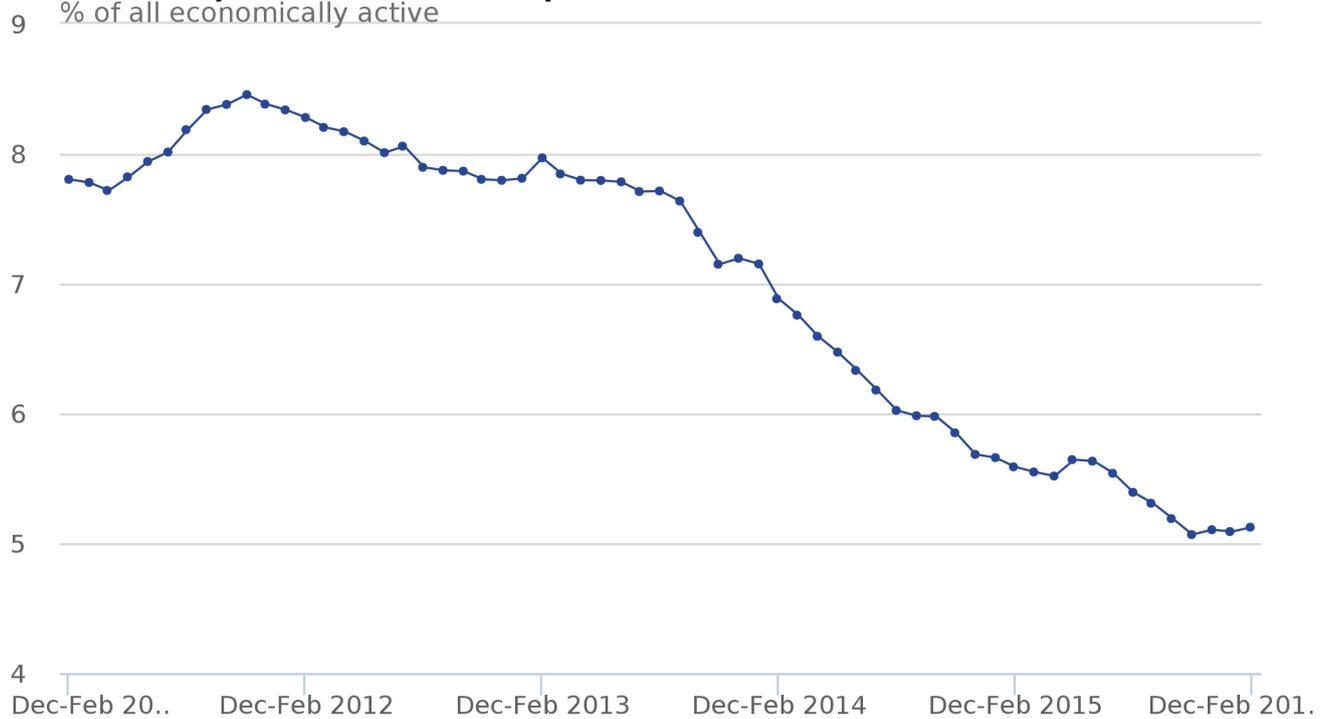


Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

Figure 12 looks in more detail at the unemployment rate for the last 5 years.

Figure 12: UK Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over), seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

The unemployment rate for those aged 16 and over for the 3 months to February 2016 was 5.1%. This was:

- little changed compared with September to November 2015
- down from a year earlier (5.6%)
- slightly lower than the pre-downturn trough of 5.2% for late 2007 to early 2008

The last time the unemployment rate was lower than 5.1% was for August to October 2005. For the 3 months to February 2016, there were:

- 1.70 million unemployed people, 21,000 more than for September to November 2015 but 142,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 929,000 unemployed men, 9,000 more than for September to November 2015 but 84,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 767,000 unemployed women, 12,000 more than for September to November 2015 but 58,000 fewer than for a year earlier

Looking at unemployment by how long people have been out of work and seeking work, for the 3 months to February 2016 there were:

- 961,000 people who had been unemployed for up to 6 months, 31,000 more than for a year earlier
- 268,000 people who had been unemployed for between 6 and 12 months, 16,000 fewer than for a year earlier
- 467,000 people who had been unemployed for over 12 months, 156,000 fewer than for a year earlier

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 [dataset UNEM01 SA](#).

Estimates for the unemployment level and 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 data v2.2](#) (at columns P and U in worksheet 22).

International comparisons of unemployment rates are available at Table 19 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset A10](#).

12. Claimant Count (experimental statistics)

Introduction

The [Claimant Count](#) measures the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits:

- between January 1971 (when comparable estimates start) and September 1996 it is an estimate of the number of people who would have claimed unemployment related benefits if Jobseeker's Allowance had existed at that time
- between October 1996 and April 2013 the Claimant Count is a count of the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- from May 2013 the Claimant Count includes all out of work Universal Credit claimants as well as all JSA claimants

Ideally only those Universal Credit claimants who are out of work and required to seek work should be included in the Claimant Count but it is not currently possible to produce estimates on this basis. The Claimant Count therefore currently includes some out of work claimants of Universal Credit who are not required to look for work; for example, due to illness or disability.

The Claimant Count estimates are currently designated as experimental statistics because the Universal Credit estimates are still being developed by the Department for Work and Pensions. However the Claimant Count estimates do provide the best available estimates of the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits in the UK.

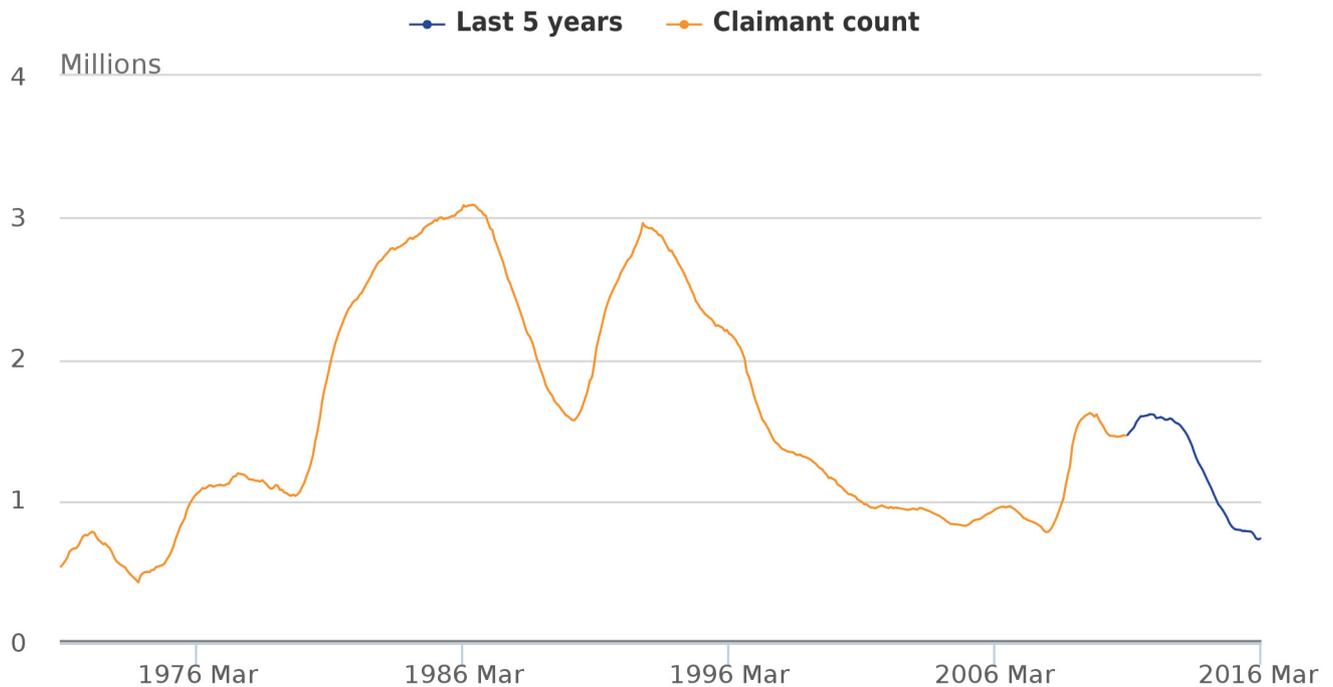
The Claimant Count includes people who claim unemployment related benefits but who do not receive payment. For example some claimants will have had their benefits stopped for a limited period of time by Jobcentre Plus. Some people claim JSA in order to receive National Insurance Credits.

Commentary

Figure 13 shows the 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, March 2016, there were 732,100 people claiming unemployment related benefits.

Figure 13: UK Claimant Count, seasonally adjusted

January 1971 to March 2016

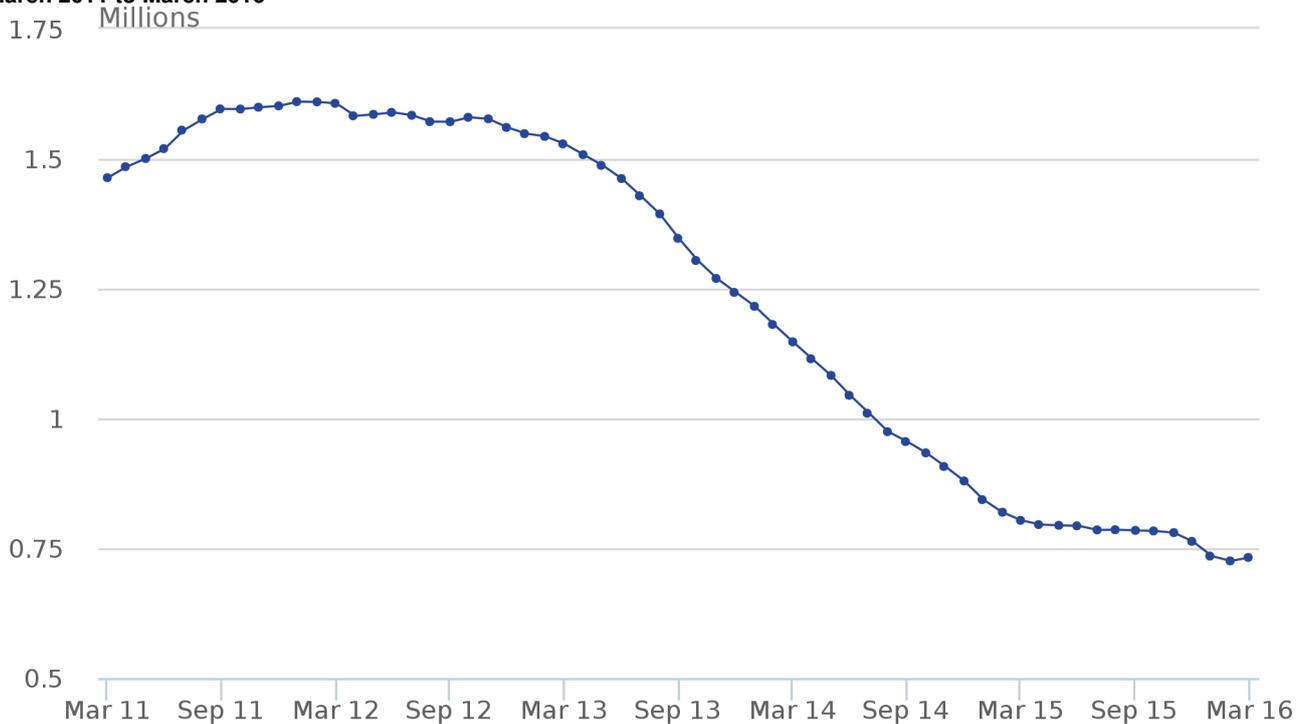


Source: Office for National Statistics, Department for Work and Pensions

Looking in more detail at the most recent 5 years, Figure 14 shows the Claimant Count from March 2011 to March 2016.

Figure 14: UK Claimant Count, seasonally adjusted

March 2011 to March 2016



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

For March 2016 there were 732,100 people claiming unemployment related benefits. This consisted of:

- 604,600 people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance
- 127,500 people who were out of work and claiming Universal Credit

For March 2016 there were 732,100 people claiming unemployment related benefits. This was:

- 6,700 more than for February 2016 (the first increase since August 2015)
- 71,500 fewer than for a year earlier

For March 2016 there were:

- 462,600 men claiming unemployment related benefits, 5,100 more than for February 2016 but 50,700 fewer than for a year earlier
- 269,400 women claiming unemployment related benefits, 1,500 more than for February 2016 but 20,800 fewer than for a year earlier

Where to find data about the Claimant Count

Claimant Count estimates are available at Table 10 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset CLA01](#).

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 [dataset CLA01](#).

13. 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
- 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 (JSA) or other benefits. The estimates are derived from the Labour Force Survey and are published for 3 month average time periods.

The [Claimant Count](#) measures the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits. As explained at Section 12 of this statistical bulletin, the Claimant Count estimates are designated as experimental statistics. In this section of the bulletin we compare quarterly movements in unemployment with quarterly movements in the Claimant Count. Some 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.

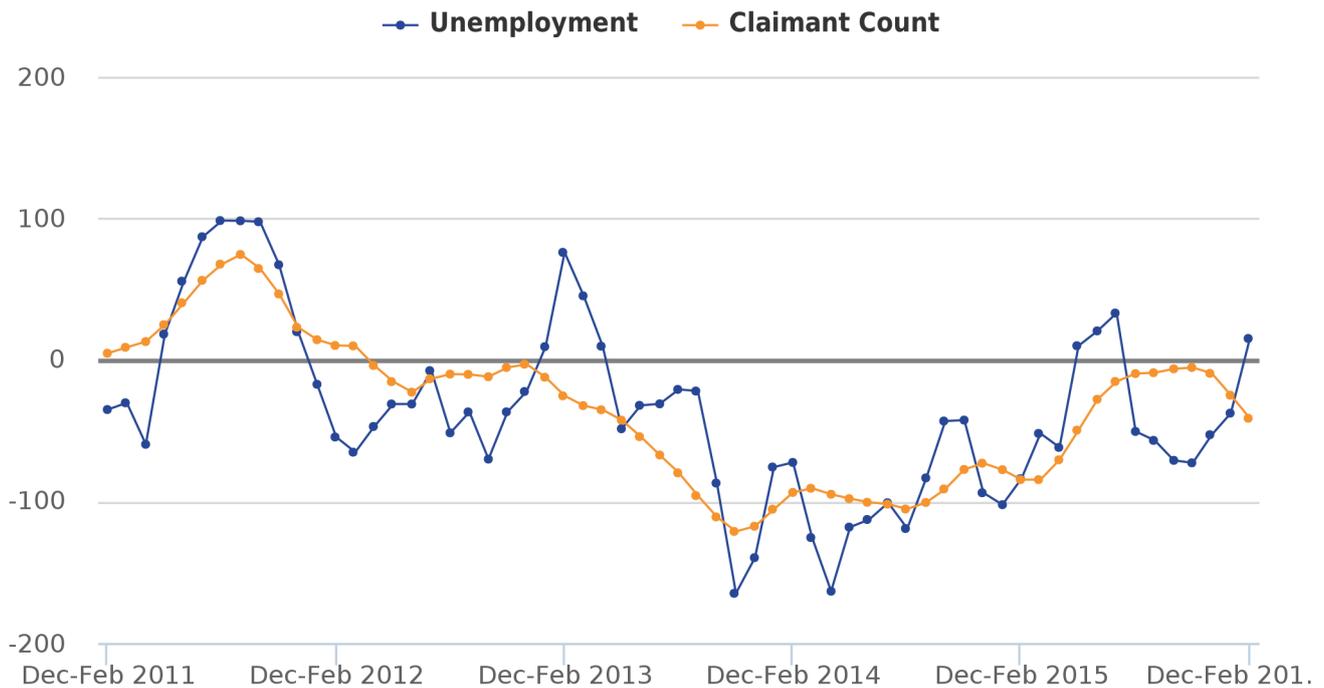
Figure 15 and [dataset X05](#) compare quarterly movements in unemployment and the Claimant Count for the same 3 month average time periods. The unemployment estimates shown in this comparison exclude unemployed people aged between 16 and 17 and 65 and over as well as unemployed people aged from 18 to 24 in full-time education. This provides a more meaningful comparison with the Claimant Count than total unemployment because people in these population groups are not usually eligible to claim unemployment related benefits.

When 3 month average estimates for the 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 September to November 2015 and the 3 months to February 2016:

- unemployment increased by 15,000
- the Claimant Count fell by 41,000

Figure 15: Quarterly changes in Unemployment and the Claimant Count (aged 18 to 64), seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016



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 dataset X05, 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).

14. Economic inactivity

Introduction

[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.

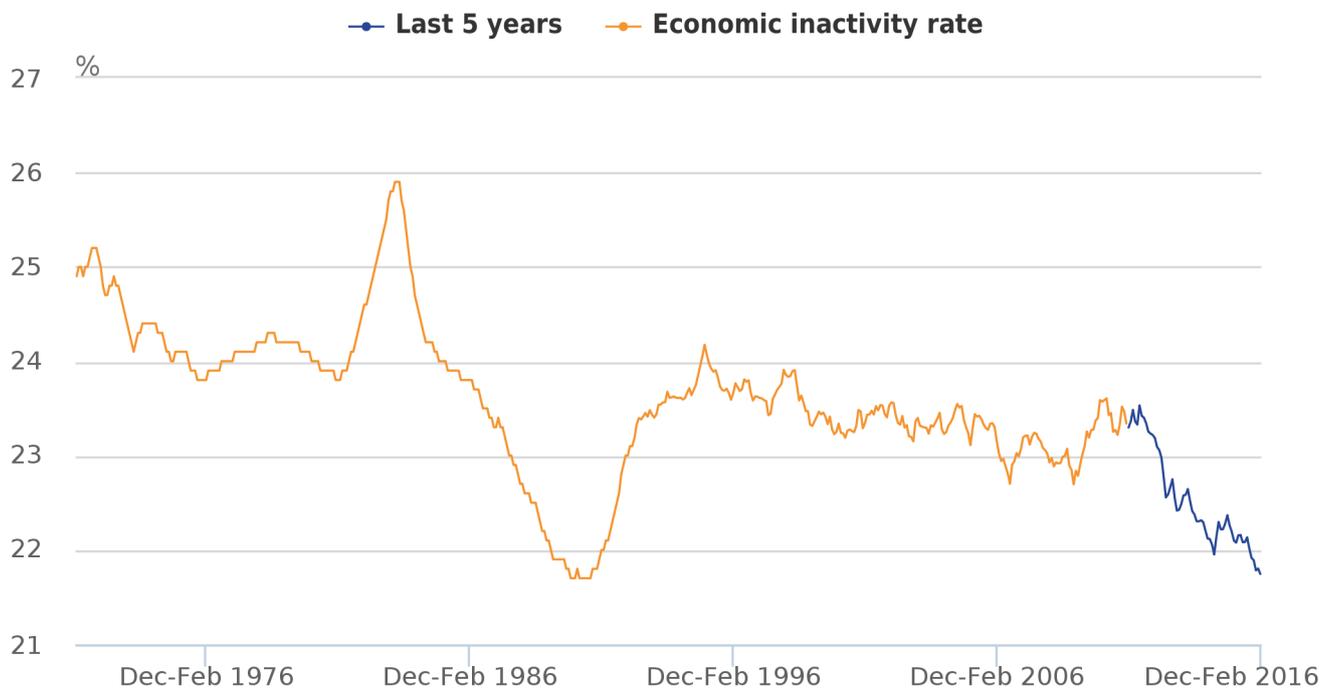
Commentary

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 16 shows the economic inactivity rate for people aged from 16 to 64 since comparable records began in 1971.

Figure 16 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 and for the latest time period, the 3 months to February 2016, it reached a record low of 21.7% for the first time since 1990.

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

January to March 1971 to December to February 2016

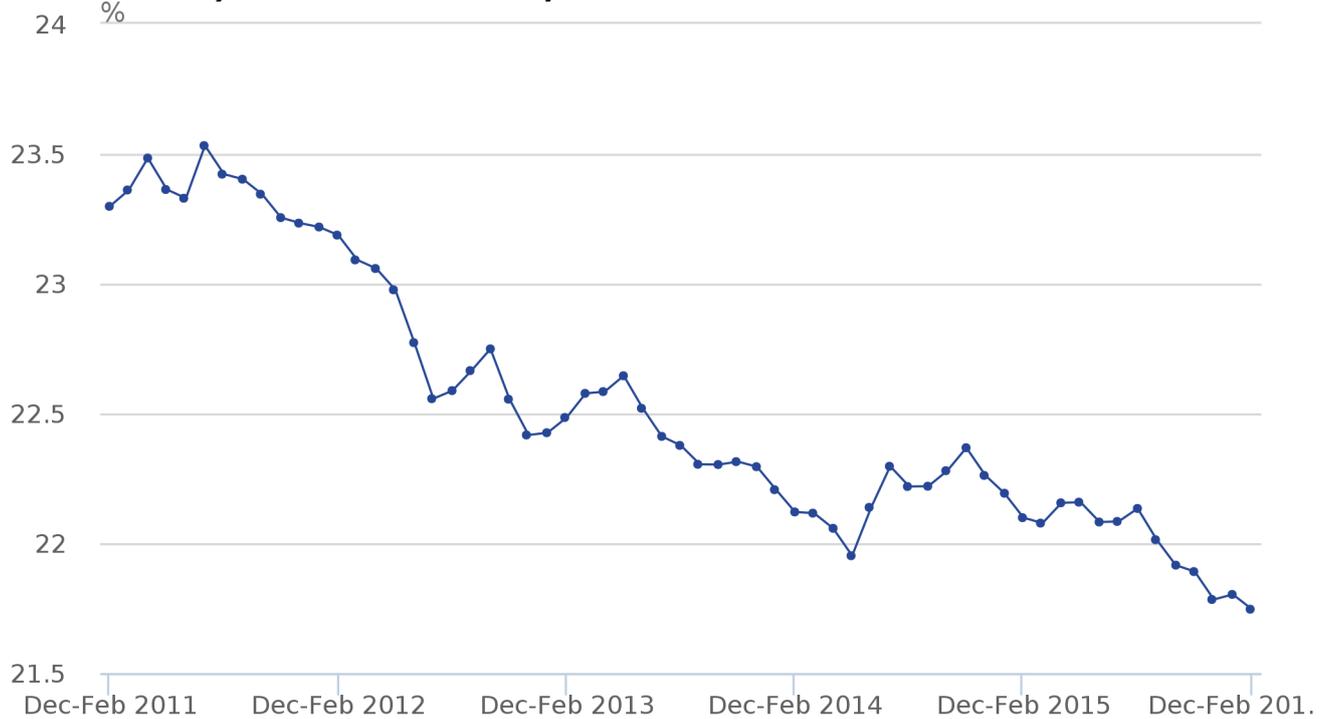


Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

Figure 17 shows the economic inactivity rate for people for the last 5 years.

Figure 17: UK Economic inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016

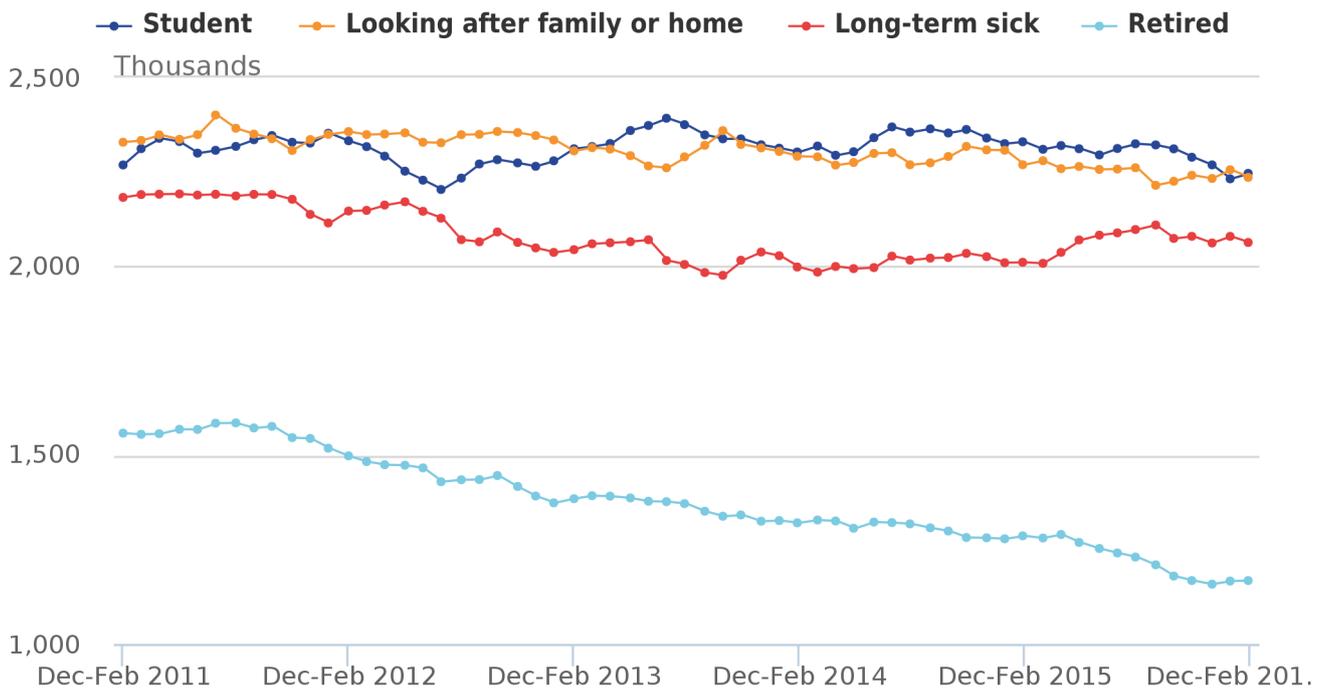


- there were 2.06 million people who were not looking for work due to long-term sickness, 52,000 more than for a year earlier
- there were 1.17 million people who were not looking for work because they had retired, 118,000 fewer than for a year earlier

As shown in Figure 18, which shows the 4 largest categories of economic inactivity for the last 5 years, the number of people younger than 65 in the retired category has been generally falling since late 2011. This is largely due to ongoing changes to the state pension age for women resulting in fewer women retiring between the ages of 60 and 65.

Figure 18: Economic inactivity by main category in the UK (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted

December to February 2011 to December to February 2016



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistic

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 [datasets A02 SA](#) and [INAC01 SA](#).

15. Young people in the labour market

Introduction

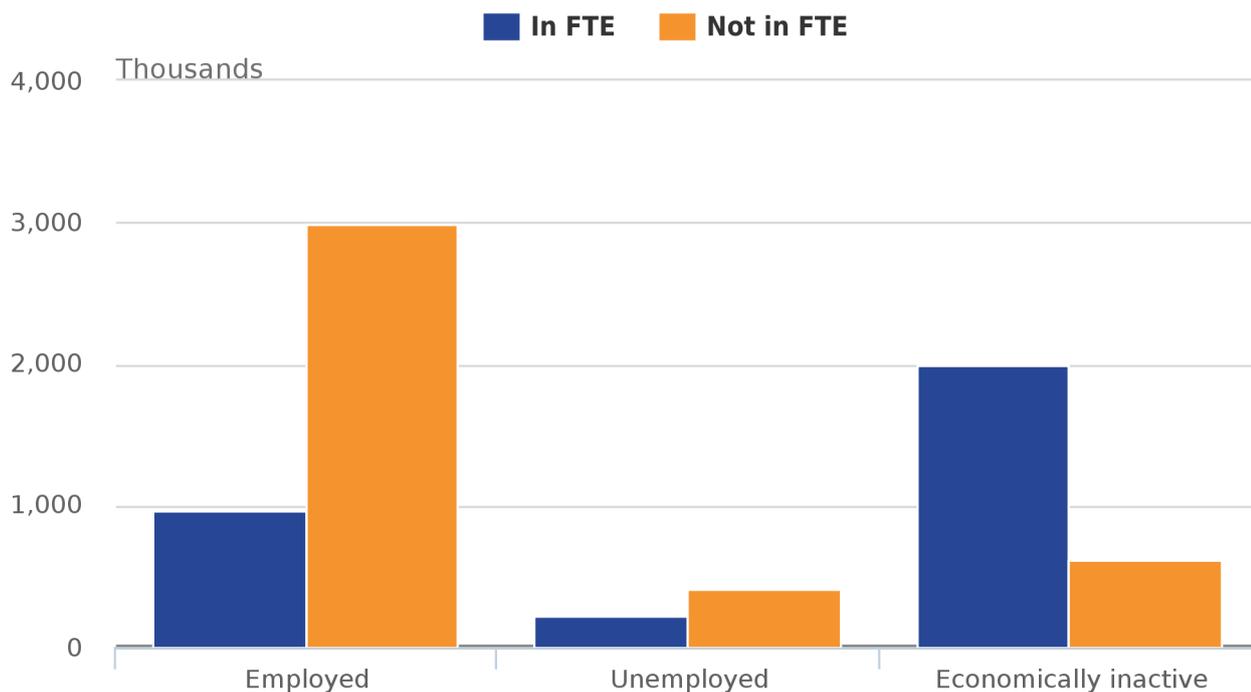
This section looks at people aged from 16 to 24. It is a common misconception that all people in full-time education are classified as economically inactive. This is not the case as people in full-time education are included in the employment estimates if they have a part-time job and are included in the unemployment estimates if they are seeking part-time work.

Commentary

For the 3 months to February 2016, for people aged from 16 to 24, there were:

- 3.95 million people in work (including 967,000 full-time students with part-time jobs)
- 627,000 unemployed people (including 214,000 full-time students looking for part-time work)
- 2.62 million economically inactive people, most of whom (2.00 million) were full-time students

Figure 19: Young people (aged 16 to 24) in the UK labour market for the 3 months to February 2016, seasonally adjusted



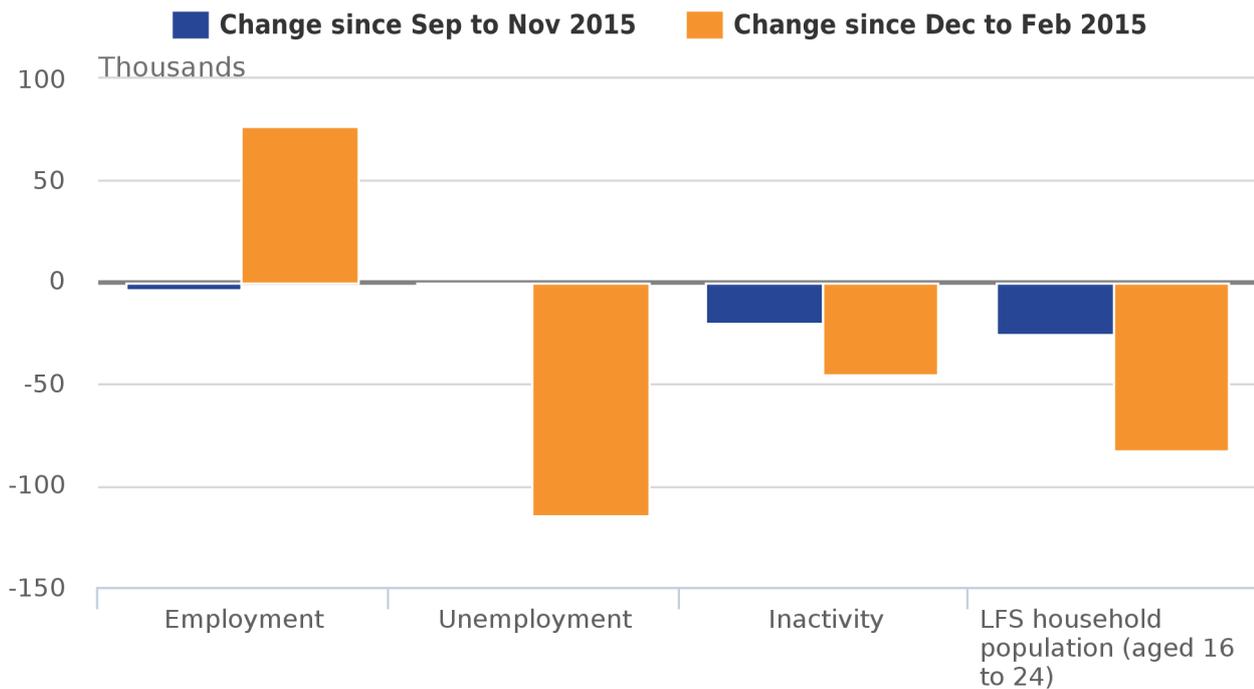
Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

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.

Figure 20 shows how the latest estimates, for the 3 months to February 2016, for employment, unemployment and economic inactivity for people aged from 16 to 24 compare with the previous quarter (September to November 2015) and the previous year (the 3 months to February 2015).

Figure 20: Changes in the number of young people (aged 16 to 24) in the UK labour market, seasonally adjusted



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

For the 3 months to February 2016, the unemployment rate for 16 to 24 year olds was 13.7%, slightly lower 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

Between March to May 1992 (when comparable records began) and the 3 months to February 2016 the proportion of people aged from 16 to 24 who were in full-time education increased substantially from 26.2% to 44.1%. This increase in the number of young people going into full-time education has reduced the size of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) and therefore increased the unemployment rate (because the unemployment rate is the proportion of the economically active population who are unemployed).

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 [dataset A06 SA](#).

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 2015 were published on 25 February 2016.

16. Redundancies

Introduction

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

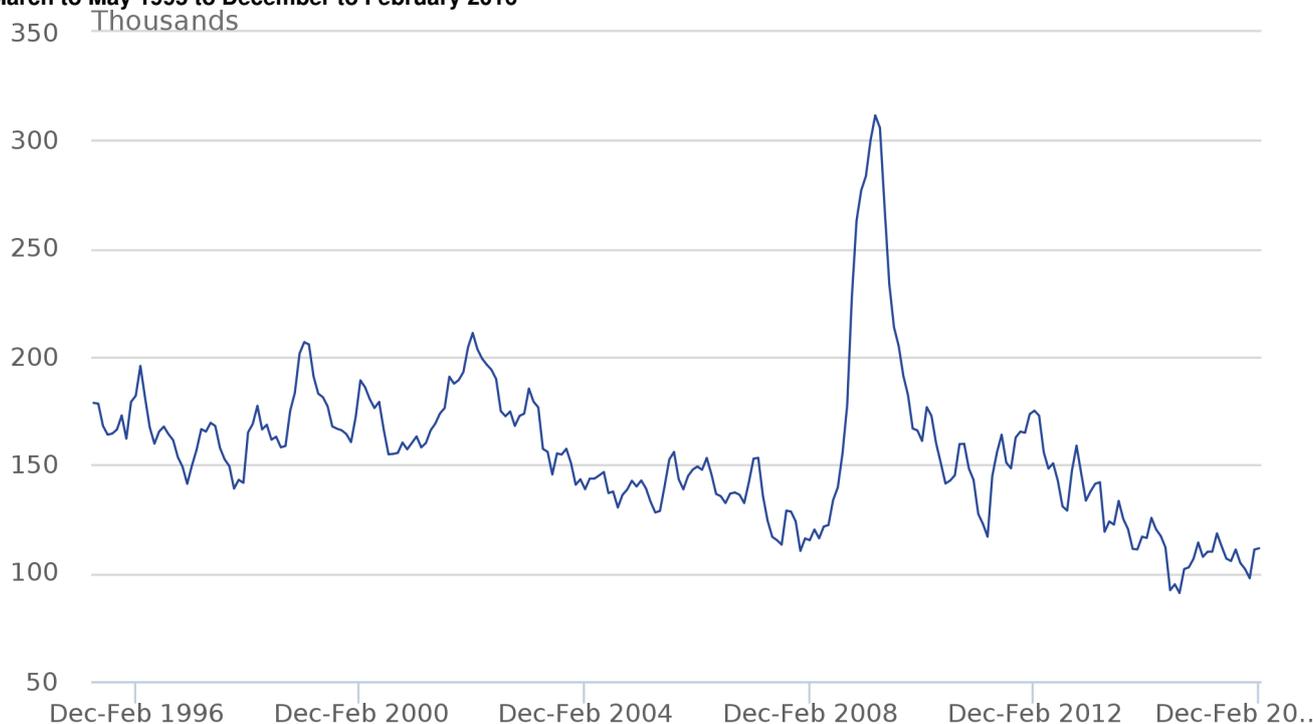
Commentary

For the 3 months to February 2016, 111,000 people had become redundant in the 3 months before the Labour Force Survey interviews. This was 10,000 more than for September to November 2015 but little changed compared with a year earlier.

Figure 21 shows the number of redundancies since comparable records began in 1995.

Figure 21: Number of redundancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted

March to May 1995 to December to February 2016



Source: Labour Force Survey: Office for National Statistics

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 [datasets RED01 SA](#) and [RED02](#).

17. Vacancies

Introduction

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

Commentary

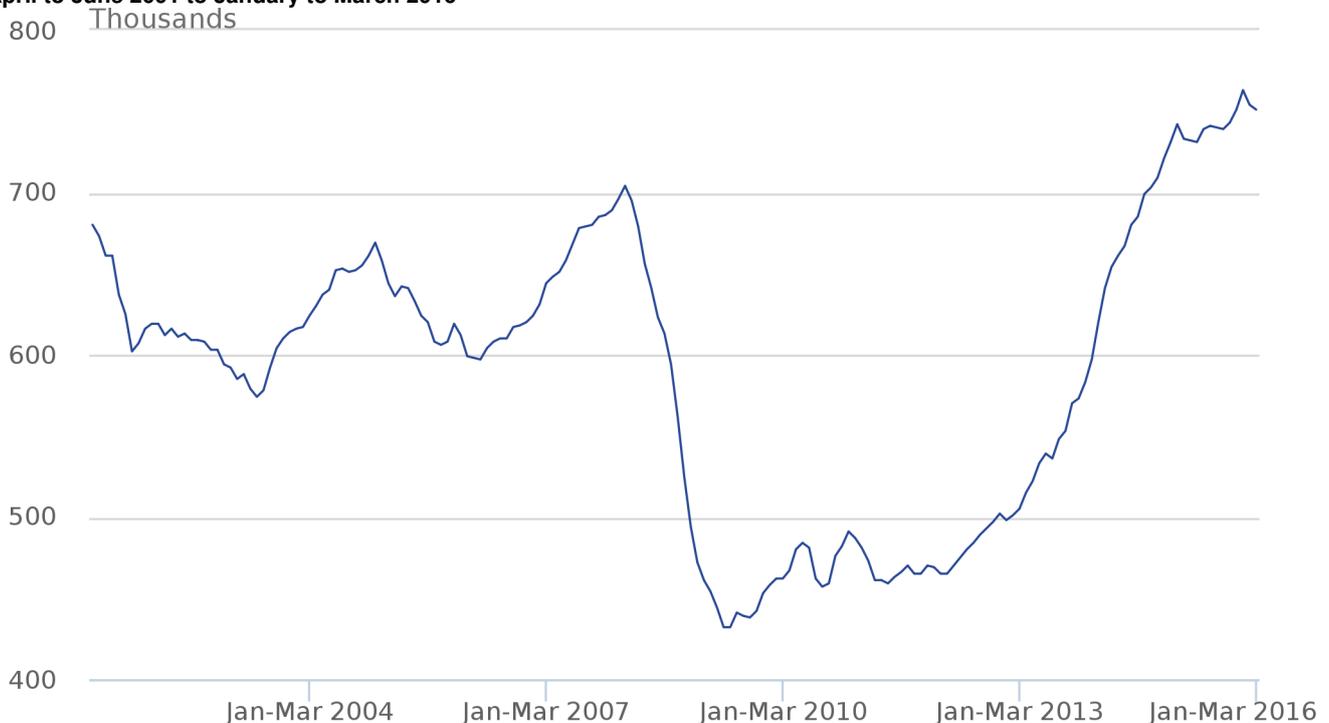
There were 751,000 job vacancies for January to March 2016. This was:

- virtually unchanged compared with October to December 2015
- up slightly (9,000) compared with a year earlier

Figure 22 shows the number of job vacancies since comparable records began in 2001.

Figure 22: Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted

April to June 2001 to January to March 2016



Source: Vacancy Survey: Office for National Statistics

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 [datasets VACS01](#), [VACS02](#) and [VACS03](#).

18. Main out of work benefits, not seasonally adjusted (first published on 17 February 2016)

Introduction

Main out of work benefits includes claimants of unemployment related benefits 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 August 2015 with those for a year earlier rather than with those for May 2015.

Commentary

For August 2015 there were 3.79 million people claiming main out of work benefits. This was:

- 229,700 fewer than for a year earlier
- the lowest since comparable records began in 1999

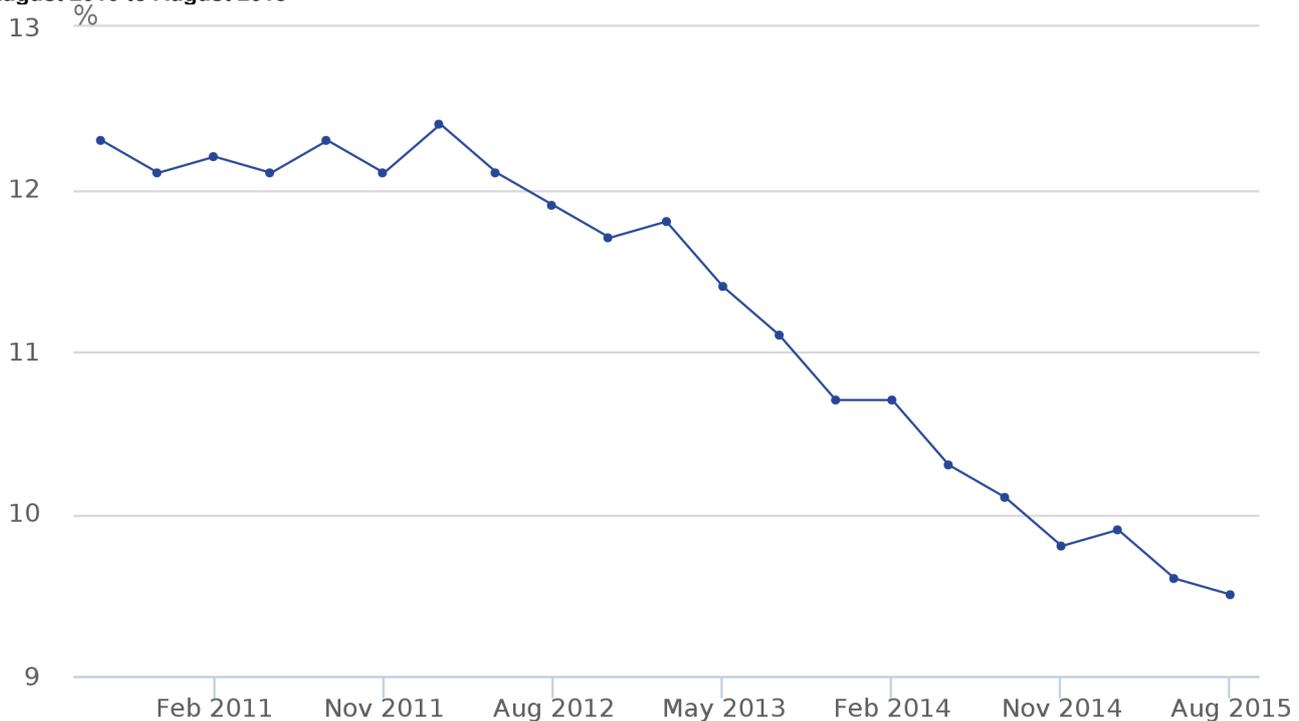
For August 2015, 9.5% of the population aged from 16 to 64 were claiming main out of work benefits. This was:

- down from 10.1% for a year earlier
- the lowest since comparable records began in 1999

Figure 23 shows, for the last 5 years, the proportion of the population aged from 16 to 64 claiming main out of work benefits.

Figure 23: Proportion of Great Britain population (aged 16 to 64) claiming main out of work benefits, not seasonally adjusted

August 2010 to August 2015



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

Where to find data about main out of work benefits

Estimates of claimants of main out of work benefits are available at Table 11 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset BEN01](#).

19. 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](#).

One indication of the reliability of the main indicators in this statistical bulletin can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. [Datasets EMP05](#), [UNEM04](#), [JOBS06](#) and [CLA03](#) 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).

20. 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 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 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 the 3 months to February 2016 was estimated to be 5.1%. 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 the 3 months to February 2016 was between 4.9% and 5.3%. However, the best estimate from the survey was that the unemployment rate was 5.1%.

The number of people unemployed for the same period was estimated at 1,696,000, with a stated 95% confidence interval of +/- 72,000. This means that we can be 95% sure that the true number of unemployed people was between 1,624,000 and 1,768,000. Again, the best estimate from the survey was that the number of unemployed people was 1,696,000.

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 the 3 months to February 2016, the estimated change in the number of unemployed people since September to November 2015 was an increase of 21,000, with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 78,000. This means that we can be 95% certain the actual change in unemployment was somewhere between an increase of 99,000 and a fall of 57,000, with the best estimate being an increase of 21,000. As the estimated increase in unemployment of 21,000 is smaller than the confidence interval of 78,000, the estimated increase 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 3 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

[Dataset A11](#) shows sampling variabilities for estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey.

[Dataset JOBS07](#) shows sampling variabilities for estimates of workforce jobs. The sampling variability of the 3 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 [datasets EARN01](#) and [EARN03](#).

21. Background notes

1. This month's release

There have been revisions to estimates of vacancies back to the start of the time series in 2001 resulting from the annual review of the seasonal adjustment process and from taking on board late and corrected information from contributors to the Vacancy Survey.

2. Next month's release

There will be revisions to estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey (including estimates of employment, unemployment and economic inactivity) back to 2012, resulting from taking on board the latest population estimates and a review of the seasonal adjustment process.

3. Experimental Statistics: Claimant Count estimates

Experimental statistics are not yet fully developed. Estimates of the Claimant Count, published at Table 10 of the pdf version of this statistical bulletin and at [dataset CLA01](#), are the only series in this statistical bulletin designated as experimental statistics.

The Claimant Count estimates have been designated as experimental statistics since June 2015 because they include estimates of Universal Credit claimants which are still being developed by the Department for Work and Pensions. An article on our website explains [the changes made to the Claimant Count in the June 2015 edition of this statistical bulletin](#).

4. Publication policy

Publication dates up to the end of 2016 are:

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Summary of labour market statistics published on 20 April 2016

Series	Reference period	Latest estimate	Last time higher	Last time lower	Comparable data begins in
Employment level (aged 16 and over)	Dec-Feb 2016	31.409 million	Nov-Jan 2016 (31.418 million)	Sep-Nov 2015 (31.389 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Employment rate (aged 16 to 64)	Dec-Feb 2016	74.1%	Never	Sep-Nov 2015 (74.0%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment level (aged 16 and over)	Dec-Feb 2016	1.696 million	Aug-Oct 2015 (1.713 million)	Nov-Jan 2016 (1.685 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Unemployment rate (aged 16 and over)	Dec-Feb 2016	5.1%	Aug-Oct 2015 (5.2%)	Aug-Oct 2005 (4.9%)	Jan-Mar 1971
Youth unemployment level (aged 16 to 24)	Dec-Feb 2016	627,000	Nov-Jan 2016 (630,000)	Oct-Dec 2015 (622,000)	Mar-May 1992
Youth unemployment rate (aged 16 to 24)	Dec-Feb 2016	13.7%	Jul-Sep 2015 (14.2%)	Oct-Dec 2015 (13.6%)	Mar-May 1992
Inactivity level (aged 16 to 64)	Dec-Feb 2016	8.869 million	Nov-Jan 2016 (8.890 million)	May-Jul 2003 (8.838 million)	Jan-Mar 1971
Inactivity rate (aged 16 to 64)	Dec-Feb 2016	21.7%	Nov-Jan 2016 (21.8%)	Never	Jan-Mar 1971
Claimant Count level (experimental)	March 2016	732,100	January 2016 (734,700)	February 2016 (725,400)	January 1971
Claimant Count rate (experimental)	March 2016	2.1%	December 2015 (2.2%)	November 1974 (2.0%)	January 1971
Average Earnings (total pay - nominal)	Dec-Feb 2016	1.8%	Nov-Jan 2016 (2.1%)	Dec-Feb 2015 (1.7%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Average Earnings (regular pay - nominal)	Dec-Feb 2016	2.2%	Jul-Sep 2015 (2.4%)	Oct-Dec 2015 (2.0%)	Jan-Mar 2001
Vacancies level	Jan-Mar 2016	751,000	Dec-Feb 2016 (754,000)	Sep-Nov 2015 (743,000)	Apr-Jun 2001

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(**) Table JOBS02 provides more detail than Table 6 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

(***) Table RED02 provides more detail than Table 24 in the Statistical Bulletin pdf file.

The following symbols are used in the tables: p provisional, r revised, .. Not available, * grossed up total less than 9,500.

The four-character identification codes appearing in the tables are the ONS references for the data series appearing in the Labour Market Statistics dataset which is available on the website at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/labourmarketstatistics>

SUMMARY

1 Summary of headline LFS¹ indicators

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	LFS household population ¹		Headline indicators					
			Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	Level	Rate ²	Level	Rate ³	Level	Rate ⁴
			MGSL	LF2O	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 to 64	All aged 16 & over	All aged 16 & over
People								
Dec-Feb 2014	51,493	40,592	30,491	72.4	2,254	6.9	8,979	22.1
Dec-Feb 2015	51,829	40,681	31,049	73.4	1,838	5.6	8,990	22.1
Mar-May 2015	51,912	40,705	30,982	73.3	1,853	5.6	9,019	22.2
Jun-Aug 2015	51,994	40,730	31,122	73.6	1,774	5.4	9,015	22.1
Sep-Nov 2015	52,075	40,758	31,389	74.0	1,675	5.1	8,922	21.9
Dec-Feb 2016	52,156	40,785	31,409	74.1	1,696	5.1	8,869	21.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-53</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>		<i>1.2</i>		<i>-0.6</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>-142</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>-121</i>	<i>-0.4</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>		<i>-7.7</i>		<i>-1.3</i>	
Men								
Dec-Feb 2014	25,103	20,140	16,257	77.4	1,260	7.2	3,313	16.5
Dec-Feb 2015	25,290	20,198	16,544	78.3	1,013	5.8	3,376	16.7
Mar-May 2015	25,336	20,213	16,459	78.1	1,014	5.8	3,430	17.0
Jun-Aug 2015	25,382	20,229	16,572	78.4	970	5.5	3,409	16.9
Sep-Nov 2015	25,428	20,247	16,731	79.0	919	5.2	3,335	16.5
Dec-Feb 2016	25,474	20,264	16,791	79.2	929	5.2	3,295	16.3
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-39</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.4</i>		<i>1.0</i>		<i>-1.2</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>-84</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>-80</i>	<i>-0.5</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.5</i>		<i>-8.3</i>		<i>-2.4</i>	
Women								
Dec-Feb 2014	26,390	20,451	14,234	67.5	993	6.5	5,666	27.7
Dec-Feb 2015	26,539	20,483	14,505	68.6	825	5.4	5,614	27.4
Mar-May 2015	26,576	20,492	14,523	68.7	839	5.5	5,589	27.3
Jun-Aug 2015	26,611	20,500	14,550	68.8	803	5.2	5,606	27.3
Sep-Nov 2015	26,647	20,511	14,658	69.1	756	4.9	5,587	27.2
Dec-Feb 2016	26,682	20,521	14,618	69.1	767	5.0	5,573	27.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-14</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.3</i>		<i>1.5</i>		<i>-0.3</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>-58</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-41</i>	<i>-0.2</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.8</i>		<i>-7.0</i>		<i>-0.7</i>	

Source: Labour Force Survey

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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 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 rate 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											
	Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity		Employment		Unemployment		Inactivity	
	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate	Level	Rate
People	MGRZ	MGSR	MGSC	MGSX	MGSI	YBTC	LF2G	LF24	LF2I	LF2Q	LF2M	LF2S
Dec-Feb 2014	30,491	59.2	2,254	6.9	18,748	36.4	29,390	72.4	2,223	7.0	8,979	22.1
Dec-Feb 2015	31,049	59.9	1,838	5.6	18,943	36.5	29,872	73.4	1,819	5.7	8,990	22.1
Mar-May 2015	30,982	59.7	1,853	5.6	19,077	36.7	29,852	73.3	1,833	5.8	9,019	22.2
Jun-Aug 2015	31,122	59.9	1,774	5.4	19,098	36.7	29,966	73.6	1,749	5.5	9,015	22.1
Sep-Nov 2015	31,389	60.3	1,675	5.1	19,011	36.5	30,179	74.0	1,656	5.2	8,922	21.9
Dec-Feb 2016	31,409	60.2	1,696	5.1	19,051	36.5	30,239	74.1	1,676	5.3	8,869	21.7
Change on quarter	20	-0.1	21	0.1	40	0.0	60	0.1	20	0.0	-53	-0.1
Change %	0.1		1.2		0.2		0.2		1.2		-0.6	
Change on year	360	0.3	-142	-0.5	108	0.0	367	0.7	-143	-0.5	-121	-0.4
Change %	1.2		-7.7		0.6		1.2		-7.8		-1.3	
Men	MGSA	MGSS	MGSD	MGSY	MGSJ	YBTD	YBSF	MGSV	YBSI	YBTJ	YBSO	YBTM
Dec-Feb 2014	16,257	64.8	1,260	7.2	7,585	30.2	15,586	77.4	1,241	7.4	3,313	16.5
Dec-Feb 2015	16,544	65.4	1,013	5.8	7,734	30.6	15,823	78.3	999	5.9	3,376	16.7
Mar-May 2015	16,459	65.0	1,014	5.8	7,863	31.0	15,783	78.1	999	6.0	3,430	17.0
Jun-Aug 2015	16,572	65.3	970	5.5	7,840	30.9	15,865	78.4	955	5.7	3,409	16.9
Sep-Nov 2015	16,731	65.8	919	5.2	7,778	30.6	16,003	79.0	910	5.4	3,335	16.5
Dec-Feb 2016	16,791	65.9	929	5.2	7,754	30.4	16,051	79.2	918	5.4	3,295	16.3
Change on quarter	60	0.1	9	0.0	-24	-0.1	48	0.2	8	0.0	-39	-0.2
Change %	0.4		1.0		-0.3		0.3		0.9		-1.2	
Change on year	247	0.5	-84	-0.5	21	-0.1	227	0.9	-81	-0.5	-80	-0.5
Change %	1.5		-8.3		0.3		1.4		-8.1		-2.4	
Women	MGSB	MGST	MGSE	MGSZ	MGSK	YBTE	LF2H	LF25	LF2J	LF2R	LF2N	LF2T
Dec-Feb 2014	14,234	53.9	993	6.5	11,163	42.3	13,804	67.5	982	6.6	5,666	27.7
Dec-Feb 2015	14,505	54.7	825	5.4	11,209	42.2	14,049	68.6	820	5.5	5,614	27.4
Mar-May 2015	14,523	54.6	839	5.5	11,213	42.2	14,069	68.7	834	5.6	5,589	27.3
Jun-Aug 2015	14,550	54.7	803	5.2	11,258	42.3	14,101	68.8	794	5.3	5,606	27.3
Sep-Nov 2015	14,658	55.0	756	4.9	11,233	42.2	14,176	69.1	747	5.0	5,587	27.2
Dec-Feb 2016	14,618	54.8	767	5.0	11,297	42.3	14,189	69.1	758	5.1	5,573	27.2
Change on quarter	-40	-0.2	12	0.1	64	0.2	12	0.0	11	0.1	-14	-0.1
Change %	-0.3		1.5		0.6		0.1		1.5		-0.3	
Change on year	114	0.1	-58	-0.4	88	0.1	140	0.6	-62	-0.4	-41	-0.2
Change %	0.8		-7.0		0.8		1.0		-7.5		-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
Dec-Feb 2014	322	21.4	181	35.9	1,003	66.6	3,440	59.1	712	17.1	1,669	28.7
Dec-Feb 2015	352	23.7	154	30.5	977	65.9	3,522	60.8	588	14.3	1,684	29.1
Mar-May 2015	357	24.2	150	29.6	969	65.6	3,511	60.7	579	14.2	1,697	29.3
Jun-Aug 2015	361	24.6	140	27.9	968	65.9	3,557	61.6	544	13.3	1,675	29.0
Sep-Nov 2015	363	24.8	126	25.7	973	66.6	3,592	62.4	502	12.3	1,664	28.9
Dec-Feb 2016	371	25.5	128	25.6	956	65.7	3,581	62.4	499	12.2	1,661	28.9
Change on quarter	8	0.7	2	-0.1	-17	-0.8	-12	0.0	-3	0.0	-3	0.0
Change %	2.2		1.5		-1.8		-0.3		-0.5		-0.2	
Change on year	19	1.8	-27	-4.9	-21	-0.1	59	1.6	-88	-2.1	-24	-0.1
Change %	5.3		-17.3		-2.2		1.7		-15.0		-1.4	
Men	YBTP	YBUB	YBVI	YBVL	YCAT	LWEY	YBTS	YBUE	YBVO	YBVR	YCAW	LWFB
Dec-Feb 2014	144	18.7	92	39.1	535	69.3	1,771	60.1	428	19.5	748	25.4
Dec-Feb 2015	150	19.7	92	38.1	518	68.2	1,837	62.5	338	15.5	764	26.0
Mar-May 2015	151	19.9	83	35.6	522	69.0	1,804	61.5	340	15.9	790	26.9
Jun-Aug 2015	153	20.3	77	33.4	522	69.4	1,838	62.7	318	14.8	774	26.4
Sep-Nov 2015	165	22.0	72	30.4	512	68.4	1,854	63.5	290	13.5	777	26.6
Dec-Feb 2016	174	23.3	70	28.6	501	67.3	1,851	63.5	286	13.4	777	26.7
Change on quarter	9	1.3	-2	-1.8	-11	-1.1	-4	0.1	-5	-0.2	0	0.1
Change %	5.5		-3.1		-2.1		-0.2		-1.6		0.0	
Change on year	24	3.6	-22	-9.5	-16	-0.9	14	1.0	-52	-2.2	13	0.7
Change %	16.2		-24.3		-3.2		0.8		-15.5		1.7	
Women	YBTQ	YBUC	YBVJ	YBVM	YCAU	LWEZ	YBTT	YBUF	YBVP	YBVS	YCAAX	LWFC
Dec-Feb 2014	178	24.3	88	33.2	468	63.7	1,668	58.1	284	14.5	920	32.0
Dec-Feb 2015	203	28.0	62	23.4	460	63.4	1,686	59.0	250	12.9	920	32.2
Mar-May 2015	206	28.6	67	24.6	447	62.0	1,706	59.8	238	12.3	906	31.8
Jun-Aug 2015	209	29.1	63	23.2	446	62.2	1,719	60.4	225	11.6	901	31.7
Sep-Nov 2015	198	27.8	54	21.3	462	64.7	1,738	61.3	212	10.9	887	31.3
Dec-Feb 2016	197	27.8	58	22.7	455	64.1	1,730	61.2	214	11.0	883	31.2
Change on quarter	-1	0.0	4	1.3	-7	-0.6	-8	-0.1	2	0.1	-3	0.0
Change %	-0.6		7.5		-1.5		-0.5		1.1		-0.4	
Change on year	-6	-0.2	-4	-0.8	-5	0.7	45	2.2	-36	-1.9	-37	-1.0
Change %	-2.9		-7.0		-1.0		2.6		-14.3		-4.0	

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
Dec-Feb 2014	6,930	80.1	472	6.4	1,247	14.4	10,726	82.7	496	4.4	1,753	13.5
Dec-Feb 2015	7,034	80.7	366	4.9	1,314	15.1	10,789	83.8	427	3.8	1,662	12.9
Mar-May 2015	7,041	80.7	388	5.2	1,300	14.9	10,747	83.6	424	3.8	1,687	13.1
Jun-Aug 2015	7,091	81.1	368	4.9	1,286	14.7	10,699	83.3	391	3.5	1,747	13.6
Sep-Nov 2015	7,158	81.7	370	4.9	1,239	14.1	10,696	83.4	352	3.2	1,772	13.8
Dec-Feb 2016	7,173	81.6	371	4.9	1,244	14.2	10,708	83.6	365	3.3	1,730	13.5
Change on quarter	15	0.0	1	0.0	6	0.0	12	0.2	13	0.1	-42	-0.3
Change %	0.2		0.2		0.5		0.1		3.6		-2.4	
Change on year	139	0.9	4	0.0	-69	-0.9	-81	-0.1	-62	-0.5	67	0.6
Change %	2.0		1.1		-5.3		-0.8		-14.6		4.0	
Men	YBTV	YBUH	YCGN	YCGQ	YCAZ	LWFE	YBTY	YBUK	YCGT	YCGW	YCBC	LWFH
Dec-Feb 2014	3,753	87.4	257	6.4	284	6.6	5,679	88.7	251	4.2	472	7.4
Dec-Feb 2015	3,799	87.5	198	5.0	342	7.9	5,699	89.7	208	3.5	447	7.0
Mar-May 2015	3,800	87.3	213	5.3	339	7.8	5,682	89.6	196	3.3	466	7.4
Jun-Aug 2015	3,840	88.0	199	4.9	325	7.4	5,660	89.3	186	3.2	488	7.7
Sep-Nov 2015	3,883	88.7	197	4.8	298	6.8	5,653	89.4	167	2.9	506	8.0
Dec-Feb 2016	3,920	89.2	186	4.5	288	6.6	5,648	89.4	183	3.1	487	7.7
Change on quarter	37	0.5	-11	-0.3	-11	-0.3	-5	0.0	16	0.3	-19	-0.3
Change %	0.9		-5.7		-3.6		-0.1		9.4		-3.8	
Change on year	121	1.7	-12	-0.4	-55	-1.3	-51	-0.3	-26	-0.4	40	0.7
Change %	3.2		-6.2		-16.0		-0.9		-12.3		8.9	
Women	YBTW	YBUI	YCGO	YCGR	YCBA	LWFF	YBTZ	YBUL	YCGU	YCGX	YCBD	LWFI
Dec-Feb 2014	3,177	73.0	214	6.3	963	22.1	5,047	76.8	245	4.6	1,281	19.5
Dec-Feb 2015	3,235	74.0	168	4.9	971	22.2	5,089	78.0	219	4.1	1,216	18.6
Mar-May 2015	3,241	74.1	175	5.1	961	22.0	5,064	77.8	228	4.3	1,221	18.7
Jun-Aug 2015	3,251	74.2	169	4.9	961	21.9	5,040	77.5	205	3.9	1,259	19.4
Sep-Nov 2015	3,275	74.6	173	5.0	940	21.4	5,043	77.7	186	3.5	1,266	19.5
Dec-Feb 2016	3,253	74.0	184	5.4	957	21.8	5,060	78.0	183	3.5	1,243	19.2
Change on quarter	-22	-0.6	12	0.4	16	0.3	16	0.4	-3	-0.1	-23	-0.3
Change %	-0.7		6.9		1.7		0.3		-1.6		-1.8	
Change on year	18	0.1	16	0.4	-15	-0.4	-30	0.0	-37	-0.6	27	0.5
Change %	0.6		9.8		-1.5		-0.6		-16.8		2.3	
	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
Dec-Feb 2014	7,971	68.5	362	4.3	3,307	28.4	1,101	10.1	31	2.7	9,769	89.6
Dec-Feb 2015	8,175	69.2	284	3.4	3,352	28.4	1,176	10.6	19	1.6	9,953	89.3
Mar-May 2015	8,197	69.1	293	3.5	3,366	28.4	1,130	10.1	19	1.7	10,057	89.7
Jun-Aug 2015	8,257	69.4	306	3.6	3,339	28.1	1,156	10.3	25	2.1	10,083	89.5
Sep-Nov 2015	8,369	70.0	307	3.5	3,274	27.4	1,210	10.7	19	1.5	10,089	89.1
Dec-Feb 2016	8,407	70.1	314	3.6	3,278	27.3	1,170	10.3	20	1.6	10,182	89.5
Change on quarter	37	0.0	7	0.1	4	-0.1	-40	-0.4	1	0.1	93	0.4
Change %	0.4		2.3		0.1		-3.3		5.5		0.9	
Change on year	232	0.8	30	0.2	-74	-1.1	-6	-0.3	1	0.1	229	0.3
Change %	2.8		10.7		-2.2		-0.6		5.7		2.3	
Men	MGUX	YBUN	MGVM	MGXF	MGWB	LWFK	MGVA	YBUQ	MGVP	MGXI	MGWE	LWFN
Dec-Feb 2014	4,238	74.0	212	4.8	1,274	22.3	671	13.5	19	2.8	4,272	86.1
Dec-Feb 2015	4,338	74.7	162	3.6	1,305	22.5	721	14.2	13	1.8	4,358	85.6
Mar-May 2015	4,346	74.6	168	3.7	1,313	22.5	675	13.2	15	2.1	4,433	86.5
Jun-Aug 2015	4,375	74.8	174	3.8	1,300	22.2	707	13.7	16	2.2	4,431	86.0
Sep-Nov 2015	4,447	75.7	183	4.0	1,241	21.1	728	14.1	10	1.3	4,444	85.8
Dec-Feb 2016	4,458	75.6	194	4.2	1,243	21.1	740	14.2	11	1.4	4,459	85.6
Change on quarter	11	-0.1	11	0.2	1	-0.1	12	0.2	1	0.1	15	-0.2
Change %	0.2		5.9		0.1		1.7		9.1		0.3	
Change on year	120	0.9	32	0.6	-62	-1.4	19	0.1	-3	-0.4	101	0.0
Change %	2.8		19.4		-4.8		2.7		-20.1		2.3	
Women	LF27	LF2V	LF29	LF2F	LF2B	LF2X	LFK5	LFK7	K5HV	K5HX	LFL5	LFL7
Dec-Feb 2014	3,733	63.1	150	3.9	2,033	34.4	430	7.2	12	2.6	5,497	92.6
Dec-Feb 2015	3,836	63.9	121	3.1	2,048	34.1	456	7.5	*	*	5,595	92.4
Mar-May 2015	3,850	63.9	125	3.2	2,054	34.1	455	7.5	*	*	5,624	92.4
Jun-Aug 2015	3,882	64.1	132	3.3	2,040	33.7	449	7.4	*	*	5,652	92.5
Sep-Nov 2015	3,922	64.5	124	3.1	2,033	33.4	482	7.8	*	*	5,646	92.0
Dec-Feb 2016	3,949	64.7	120	2.9	2,036	33.3	430	7.0	*	*	5,723	92.9
Change on quarter	27	0.2	-4	-0.1	3	-0.1	-52	-0.9	*	*	78	0.9
Change %	0.7		-3.0		0.1		-10.8		*	*	1.4	
Change on year	112	0.8	-1	-0.1	-12	-0.8	-26	-0.6	*	*	128	0.5
Change %	2.9		-1.1		-0.6		-5.7		*	*	2.3	

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

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
	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRU	MGRV	YCBH	YCBJ	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW
Dec-Feb 2014	30,491	25,719	4,524	116	132	22,240	8,252	18,894	6,825	3,260	1,265	1,156
Dec-Feb 2015	31,049	26,302	4,523	114	110	22,688	8,361	19,429	6,872	3,192	1,331	1,215
Mar-May 2015	30,982	26,307	4,468	107	100	22,718	8,264	19,474	6,832	3,160	1,308	1,196
Jun-Aug 2015	31,122	26,427	4,497	92	106	22,773	8,349	19,545	6,882	3,159	1,338	1,162
Sep-Nov 2015	31,389	26,587	4,618	96	89	22,960	8,428	19,655	6,931	3,243	1,375	1,164
Dec-Feb 2016	31,409	26,564	4,643	101	102	22,977	8,432	19,622	6,942	3,287	1,356	1,121
<i>Change on quarter</i>	20	-23	25	5	13	17	3	-34	11	44	-19	-43
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	-0.1	0.6	5.3	14.4	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.2	1.4	-1.4	-3.7
<i>Change on year</i>	360	262	120	-13	-9	289	71	192	70	95	25	-95
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	1.0	2.6	-11.4	-7.8	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.9	-7.8
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX
Dec-Feb 2014	16,257	13,008	3,122	46	82	14,075	2,182	11,441	1,567	2,578	544	516
Dec-Feb 2015	16,544	13,342	3,085	53	63	14,357	2,187	11,774	1,568	2,549	536	517
Mar-May 2015	16,459	13,308	3,042	45	64	14,341	2,117	11,774	1,534	2,514	528	531
Jun-Aug 2015	16,572	13,409	3,062	38	63	14,374	2,198	11,848	1,560	2,484	578	489
Sep-Nov 2015	16,731	13,507	3,130	49	45	14,495	2,236	11,907	1,600	2,552	578	505
Dec-Feb 2016	16,791	13,519	3,164	51	57	14,543	2,248	11,902	1,617	2,601	563	482
<i>Change on quarter</i>	60	12	34	3	12	48	12	-5	17	49	-16	-22
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.1	1.1	5.7	26.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	1.1	1.9	-2.7	-4.4
<i>Change on year</i>	247	177	78	-2	-7	186	61	128	49	52	26	-35
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	1.3	2.5	-2.9	-10.4	1.3	2.8	1.1	3.1	2.0	4.9	-6.8
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY
Dec-Feb 2014	14,234	12,711	1,402	70	51	8,164	6,070	7,452	5,258	681	721	640
Dec-Feb 2015	14,505	12,959	1,438	61	47	8,331	6,174	7,655	5,304	643	795	698
Mar-May 2015	14,523	12,999	1,427	62	36	8,377	6,147	7,700	5,299	647	780	665
Jun-Aug 2015	14,550	13,018	1,435	54	42	8,399	6,151	7,696	5,322	675	760	672
Sep-Nov 2015	14,658	13,079	1,488	47	44	8,465	6,193	7,748	5,331	691	796	659
Dec-Feb 2016	14,618	13,045	1,480	49	45	8,434	6,184	7,720	5,325	686	793	639
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-40	-35	-8	2	1	-31	-9	-28	-7	-5	-3	-20
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	4.9	2.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	114	85	42	-11	-2	103	10	65	21	43	-1	-60
<i>Change %</i>	0.8	0.7	2.9	-18.7	-4.5	1.2	0.2	0.8	0.4	6.7	-0.2	-8.5

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
	YCBZ	YCCB	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ	
Dec-Feb 2014	1,630	6.3	587	36.0	358	113	573	8,090	1,419	17.5	5,393	194	1,038	
Dec-Feb 2015	1,686	6.4	591	35.0	379	117	600	8,203	1,348	16.4	5,600	194	1,016	
Mar-May 2015	1,672	6.4	552	33.0	389	127	604	8,138	1,275	15.7	5,591	211	1,007	
Jun-Aug 2015	1,660	6.3	582	35.1	407	127	544	8,221	1,266	15.4	5,638	222	1,046	
Sep-Nov 2015	1,641	6.2	578	35.2	391	134	537	8,306	1,245	15.0	5,707	226	1,081	
Dec-Feb 2016	1,645	6.2	542	33.0	408	122	573	8,297	1,183	14.3	5,721	246	1,089	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	4	0.0	-36	-2.3	17	-12	35	-9	-62	-0.7	14	20	8	
<i>Change %</i>	0.2		-6.2	4.3	-9.2	6.6	-0.1	-5.0	0.2	9.1	0.8			
<i>Change on year</i>	-42	-0.2	-48	-2.0	29	5	-27	94	-165	-2.2	121	52	74	
<i>Change %</i>	-2.5		-8.2	7.7	4.0	-4.6	1.1	-12.2	2.2	26.9	7.3			
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK	
Dec-Feb 2014	771	5.9	297	38.5	152	56	267	2,111	639	30.3	935	79	437	
Dec-Feb 2015	816	6.1	317	38.9	155	64	280	2,105	587	27.9	1,018	85	403	
Mar-May 2015	793	6.0	292	36.8	170	60	271	2,061	546	26.5	1,000	86	414	
Jun-Aug 2015	774	5.8	301	38.9	175	58	240	2,139	555	25.9	1,050	87	428	
Sep-Nov 2015	768	5.7	301	39.2	175	59	233	2,179	543	24.9	1,075	90	455	
Dec-Feb 2016	770	5.7	282	36.6	180	54	254	2,180	527	24.2	1,061	103	469	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	0.0	-19	-2.5	5	-5	21	1	-16	-0.8	-14	13	13	
<i>Change %</i>	0.2		-6.3	2.6	-8.4	9.0	0.1	-3.0	-0.8	-1.3	14.9	2.9		
<i>Change on year</i>	-46	-0.4	-35	-2.2	25	-10	-26	75	-60	-3.7	43	18	65	
<i>Change %</i>	-5.6		-11.0	16.2	-15.8	-9.1	3.6	-10.3	4.2	21.6	16.2			
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCK	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCT	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDE	YCDI	YCDL	
Dec-Feb 2014	859	6.8	290	33.8	206	57	306	5,979	780	13.0	4,457	115	602	
Dec-Feb 2015	871	6.7	274	31.4	224	52	320	6,098	761	12.5	4,582	109	612	
Mar-May 2015	879	6.8	260	29.6	220	66	333	6,077	729	12.0	4,591	125	593	
Jun-Aug 2015	886	6.8	281	31.7	232	69	304	6,082	712	11.7	4,588	134	618	
Sep-Nov 2015	872	6.7	277	31.8	216	75	304	6,128	702	11.5	4,632	136	626	
Dec-Feb 2016	875	6.7	260	29.8	228	67	319	6,118	656	10.7	4,660	143	621	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	2	0.0	-17	-2.0	12	-7	15	-10	-46	-0.7	28	7	-5	
<i>Change %</i>	0.3		-6.1	5.6	-9.9	4.8	-0.2	-6.5	-0.6	0.6	5.2	-0.8		
<i>Change on year</i>	4	0.0	-13	-1.7	4	15	-2	19	-105	-1.7	78	34	8	
<i>Change %</i>	0.4		-4.9	1.9	28.2	-0.6	0.3	-13.7	1.7	31.1	1.4			

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

Source: Labour Force Survey

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

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2. 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.

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 16 March 2016)

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)	(%)
	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO	MFY7	MFY9	MFZ2	MFY5
Dec 13	5,534	18.3	24,788	81.7	30,322	5,326	17.6	24,996	82.4
Mar 14	5,437	17.8	25,192	82.2	30,629	5,318	17.4	25,311	82.6
Jun 14	5,420	17.7	25,262	82.3	30,682	5,311	17.3	25,371	82.7
Sep 14	5,408	17.6	25,388	82.4	30,796	5,292	17.2	25,504	82.8
Dec 14	5,397	17.4	25,542	82.6	30,939	5,287	17.1	25,652	82.9
Mar 15	5,378	17.3	25,675	82.7	31,053	5,275	17.0	25,778	83.0
Jun 15	5,361	17.2	25,734	82.8	31,095	5,263	16.9	25,832	83.1
Sep 15	5,344	17.1	25,958	82.9	31,302	5,239	16.7	26,063	83.3
Dec 15	5,347	17.0	26,071	83.0	31,418	5,247	16.7	26,171	83.3
Change on quarter	3	-0.1	113	0.1	116	8	0.0	108	0.0
Change %	0.1		0.4		0.4	0.2		0.4	
Change on year	-50	-0.4	529	0.4	478	-40	-0.4	519	0.4
Change %	-0.9		2.1		1.5	-0.8		2.0	

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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 13	39	168	258	1,067	445	1,522	1,566	281	634	5,534
Mar 14	39	167	257	1,066	440	1,521	1,576	277	540	5,437
Jun 14	39	164	256	1,066	442	1,517	1,571	267	541	5,420
Sep 14	39	163	256	1,057	440	1,514	1,573	263	537	5,408
Dec 14	38	161	255	1,051	439	1,519	1,584	259	527	5,397
Mar 15	36	161	255	1,042	439	1,516	1,589	253	534	5,378
Jun 15	35	159	254	1,025	431	1,518	1,588	251	529	5,361
Sep 15	34	159	251	1,020	425	1,510	1,591	245	526	5,344
Dec 15	34	158	249	1,021	423	1,513	1,611	242	518	5,347
Change on quarter	0	-1	-2	1	-2	3	20	-3	-8	3
Change %	0.0	-0.6	-0.8	0.1	-0.5	0.2	1.3	-1.2	-1.5	0.1
Change on year	-4	-3	-6	-30	-16	-6	27	-17	-9	-50
Change %	-10.5	-1.9	-2.4	-2.9	-3.6	-0.4	1.7	-6.6	-1.7	-0.9

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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.

Welsh Further Education colleges are included in the private sector from March 2015 but in the public 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 2015 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.

More detailed estimates are available in the Public Sector Employment Statistical Bulletin at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/bulletins/publicsectoremployment/latest>

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5 Workforce jobs

(first published on 16 March 2016)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs	Employee jobs	Self-employment jobs ¹	HM Forces	Government-supported trainees ¹
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Dec 13	32,628	27,987	4,453	168	20
Mar 14	32,950	28,219	4,544	167	20
Jun 14	33,226	28,495	4,546	164	21
Sep 14	33,329	28,631	4,512	163	23
Dec 14	33,411	28,761	4,467	162	21
Mar 15	33,538	28,987	4,369	161	21
Jun 15	33,601	29,040	4,380	159	22
Sep 15	33,713	29,084	4,448	159	22
Dec 15 (p)	33,782	29,200	4,403	159	21
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>-45</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>-1.0</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>-4.7</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>438</i>	<i>-64</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>-1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>-1.8</i>	<i>-2.9</i>

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
Dec 13	32,628	398	72	2,568	122	197	2,099	4,865	1,497	2,105	1,300
Mar 14	32,950	427	67	2,574	121	195	2,105	4,854	1,509	2,128	1,338
Jun 14	33,226	410	66	2,608	115	196	2,106	4,906	1,505	2,154	1,352
Sep 14	33,329	420	68	2,625	122	196	2,117	4,937	1,526	2,157	1,355
Dec 14	33,411	403	72	2,627	120	197	2,145	4,929	1,528	2,176	1,346
Mar 15	33,538	373	77	2,660	122	200	2,158	4,981	1,497	2,189	1,374
Jun 15	33,601	377	77	2,658	119	210	2,151	4,951	1,547	2,212	1,367
Sep 15	33,713	422	73	2,647	116	211	2,223	4,940	1,529	2,243	1,353
Dec 15 (p)	33,782	409	71	2,651	124	207	2,238	4,953	1,548	2,267	1,335
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>-14</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>-18</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-3.2</i>	<i>-3.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>-2.1</i>	<i>0.7</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>-1.3</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>-11</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>-0.8</i>

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
Dec 13	1,116	539	2,709	2,626	1,545	2,858	4,161	915	858	79	27,172
Mar 14	1,124	543	2,756	2,670	1,548	2,874	4,227	941	865	87	27,461
Jun 14	1,134	541	2,798	2,773	1,545	2,886	4,237	934	862	97	27,724
Sep 14	1,130	526	2,786	2,789	1,537	2,880	4,237	965	870	85	27,781
Dec 14	1,127	554	2,811	2,847	1,524	2,888	4,230	939	867	81	27,848
Mar 15	1,142	533	2,861	2,818	1,510	2,913	4,216	954	890	69	27,946
Jun 15	1,152	534	2,878	2,813	1,498	2,925	4,226	981	853	72	28,009
Sep 15	1,148	522	2,908	2,869	1,486	2,920	4,192	980	868	61	28,019
Dec 15 (p)	1,141	536	2,926	2,845	1,484	2,937	4,199	976	871	65	28,083
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>-24</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>63</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>-0.8</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>0.2</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>-18</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>-31</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-16</i>	<i>235</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-2.6</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>-19.4</i>	<i>0.8</i>

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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

People	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	Average (mean) actual weekly hours worked				
		All workers ¹		Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
		YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Dec-Feb 2014	975.5	32.0		37.4	16.0	9.5
Dec-Feb 2015	997.9	32.1		37.5	16.2	9.5
Mar-May 2015	995.6	32.1		37.5	16.2	9.1
Jun-Aug 2015	996.1	32.0		37.3	16.2	9.6
Sep-Nov 2015	1,006.2	32.1		37.4	16.2	9.5
Dec-Feb 2016	1,009.6	32.1		37.5	16.2	9.5
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>		<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>		<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>		<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>		<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.1</i>
Men						
	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF	
Dec-Feb 2014	593.0	36.5	39.2	16.0	10.6	
Dec-Feb 2015	606.7	36.7	39.4	16.3	10.1	
Mar-May 2015	604.5	36.7	39.4	16.2	9.4	
Jun-Aug 2015	604.7	36.5	39.2	15.9	9.6	
Sep-Nov 2015	609.9	36.5	39.2	16.1	10.1	
Dec-Feb 2016	614.7	36.6	39.4	16.2	10.6	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.5</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>4.5</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.5</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>4.8</i>	
Women						
	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG	
Dec-Feb 2014	382.5	26.9	34.3	15.9	8.7	
Dec-Feb 2015	391.2	27.0	34.2	16.2	9.1	
Mar-May 2015	391.1	26.9	34.2	16.2	8.9	
Jun-Aug 2015	391.4	26.9	34.0	16.3	9.6	
Sep-Nov 2015	396.3	27.0	34.3	16.3	8.9	
Dec-Feb 2016	394.9	27.0	34.3	16.2	8.8	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-2.0</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>-3.9</i>	

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1. Main and second job.

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
Dec-Feb 2015									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.9	2.1	1.0	0.6	1.5	3.5	1.9	6.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.6	3.6	9.9	6.1	3.3	9.0	8.7	4.6	17.4
16 up to 30 hours	19.9	9.9	31.3	19.5	8.4	30.9	22.6	16.1	36.5
31 up to 45 hours	52.1	57.7	45.8	54.9	61.3	48.2	36.4	42.0	24.4
Over 45 hours	19.9	27.9	10.8	18.5	26.3	10.4	28.9	35.4	14.8
Total (thousands)	31,049	16,544	14,505	26,302	13,342	12,959	4,523	3,085	1,438
Sep-Nov 2015									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	1.0	2.2	1.1	0.7	1.5	3.3	1.7	6.7
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.6	9.7	6.0	3.2	8.9	8.6	5.0	16.3
16 up to 30 hours	20.1	10.2	31.3	19.6	8.7	30.8	22.8	16.7	35.8
31 up to 45 hours	52.1	57.4	46.0	54.7	60.9	48.3	37.2	42.5	26.1
Over 45 hours	19.9	27.8	10.8	18.5	26.5	10.4	27.9	34.1	15.1
Total (thousands)	31,389	16,731	14,658	26,587	13,507	13,079	4,618	3,130	1,488
Dec-Feb 2016									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.9	2.1	1.1	0.7	1.4	3.4	1.7	7.0
6 up to 15 hours	6.4	3.6	9.7	6.1	3.4	8.9	8.0	3.8	17.0
16 up to 30 hours	20.2	10.3	31.6	19.8	8.7	31.2	23.0	17.0	35.8
31 up to 45 hours	52.1	57.8	45.6	54.7	61.2	47.9	38.1	43.9	25.6
Over 45 hours	19.7	27.4	11.0	18.5	26.1	10.6	27.6	33.6	14.7
Total (thousands)	31,409	16,791	14,618	26,564	13,519	13,045	4,643	3,164	1,480

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

8 Employment levels and rates by country of birth and nationality

(first published on 17 February 2016)

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
Oct - Dec 2013	30,355	25,818	4,519	1,719	807	731	150	2,801	597	153	132	439	335	100	1,045
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
Apr - Jun 2015	30,950	25,944	4,995	2,033	839	973	189	2,961	661	130	139	433	340	93	1,165
Jul - Sep 2015	31,316	26,218	5,075	2,108	881	982	219	2,968	655	132	116	439	347	90	1,189
Oct - Dec 2015	31,498	26,422	5,061	2,100	882	977	213	2,961	660	132	119	426	342	94	1,188
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>532</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>281</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>-12</i>	<i>-11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>24.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>-8.3</i>	<i>-8.7</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>5.3</i>
By nationality	MGTM	JF6H	JF6I	EQ4U	JJR4	JJR6	EQ4V	EQ4W	JJS2	JJS4	JJS6	JJS8	JJT2	JJR8	EQ4X
Oct - Dec 2013	30,355	27,623	2,723	1,552	687	727	130	1,171	184	51	83	201	109	70	472
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
Apr - Jun 2015	30,950	27,765	3,182	1,982	838	959	178	1,200	186	52	104	202	110	77	470
Jul - Sep 2015	31,316	28,087	3,224	2,025	838	975	201	1,199	192	47	84	198	111	79	487
Oct - Dec 2015	31,498	28,276	3,216	2,036	853	968	202	1,180	191	45	85	175	101	79	504
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>532</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>-6</i>	<i>-32</i>	<i>-3</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>67</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>11.8</i>	<i>12.1</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>30.9</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>-9.6</i>	<i>-6.6</i>	<i>-15.3</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>-2.3</i>	<i>15.4</i>
Rates (aged 16 to 64)															
By country of birth	LF9D	LFM6	LFM7	EQ4Y	LFM8	LFM9	EQ4Z	EQ52	LFN3	LFN4	LFN5	LFN6	LFN7	LFN2	EQ53
Oct - Dec 2013	72.2	72.8	69.1	77.2	76.8	78.7	73.1	64.9	63.1	81.2	83.9	72.4	53.2	68.3	63.6
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
Apr - Jun 2015	73.2	73.8	70.6	79.5	75.7	84.6	73.9	65.5	64.6	77.8	84.0	71.5	54.2	71.3	64.7
Jul - Sep 2015	74.0	74.5	72.0	80.5	76.5	84.6	80.2	67.0	65.5	79.1	86.2	72.1	55.6	78.1	66.8
Oct - Dec 2015	74.3	75.0	71.5	79.8	76.2	83.5	79.9	66.4	65.8	78.0	87.2	70.8	57.1	72.2	65.5
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>0.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>-1.5</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>
By nationality	LF9D	LFN8	LFN9	EQ54	LFO2	LFO3	EQ55	EQ56	LFO5	LFO6	LFO7	LFO8	LFO9	LFO4	EQ57
Oct - Dec 2013	72.2	72.5	69.2	77.7	77.5	79.4	71.5	60.5	54.3	82.8	85.9	71.4	49.0	68.4	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
Apr - Jun 2015	73.2	73.5	71.7	79.4	75.1	84.6	75.2	61.8	57.2	81.5	89.6	69.8	51.9	69.3	57.1
Jul - Sep 2015	74.0	74.2	72.8	79.7	74.9	84.6	80.0	63.6	59.9	81.1	90.1	69.5	54.8	74.8	59.5
Oct - Dec 2015	74.3	74.6	72.1	79.1	74.7	83.4	78.7	62.5	58.6	78.3	89.2	67.3	54.6	68.0	59.5
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>-8.1</i>	<i>-0.5</i>	<i>-2.7</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>-4.0</i>	<i>7.6</i>

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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.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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
Dec-Feb 2014	2,254	6.9	1,072	371	811	36.0	433	2,223	7.0	1,057	366	800	36.0	429
Dec-Feb 2015	1,838	5.6	931	284	623	33.9	351	1,819	5.7	922	281	616	33.9	342
Mar-May 2015	1,853	5.6	982	301	570	30.8	317	1,833	5.8	973	297	563	30.7	311
Jun-Aug 2015	1,774	5.4	958	290	526	29.7	301	1,749	5.5	948	285	515	29.5	297
Sep-Nov 2015	1,675	5.1	930	257	488	29.2	267	1,656	5.2	922	254	480	29.0	262
Dec-Feb 2016	1,696	5.1	961	268	467	27.5	262	1,676	5.3	952	264	461	27.5	257
Change on quarter	21	0.1	32	11	-21	-1.6	-5	20	0.0	30	9	-19	-1.5	-5
Change %	1.2		3.4	4.1	-4.3		-2.0	1.2		3.2	3.7	-4.0		-2.1
Change on year	-142	-0.5	31	-16	-156	-6.4	-89	-143	-0.5	30	-17	-155	-6.4	-85
Change %	-7.7		3.3	-5.8	-25.0		-25.4	-7.8		3.2	-6.2	-25.2		-25.0
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Dec-Feb 2014	1,260	7.2	536	214	510	40.4	289	1,241	7.4	525	212	503	40.6	286
Dec-Feb 2015	1,013	5.8	470	153	389	38.4	234	999	5.9	467	151	382	38.2	227
Mar-May 2015	1,014	5.8	498	163	353	34.8	208	999	6.0	494	160	346	34.6	203
Jun-Aug 2015	970	5.5	496	152	322	33.2	190	955	5.7	490	149	316	33.1	187
Sep-Nov 2015	919	5.2	491	140	289	31.4	172	910	5.4	487	139	284	31.3	169
Dec-Feb 2016	929	5.2	492	149	287	30.9	179	918	5.4	487	146	285	31.1	177
Change on quarter	9	0.0	2	9	-1	-0.5	8	8	0.0	0	7	1	-0.2	8
Change %	1.0		0.3	6.5	-0.5		4.4	0.9		0.1	5.3	0.3		5.0
Change on year	-84	-0.5	22	-4	-102	-7.5	-54	-81	-0.5	20	-5	-97	-7.1	-50
Change %	-8.3		4.7	-2.8	-26.1		-23.2	-8.1		4.3	-3.2	-25.3		-22.0
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	LF2J	LF2R	LF2Z	LF33	LF35	LF37	LF39
Dec-Feb 2014	993	6.5	536	157	301	30.3	144	982	6.6	531	154	297	30.2	143
Dec-Feb 2015	825	5.4	460	131	234	28.4	118	820	5.5	455	130	234	28.6	115
Mar-May 2015	839	5.5	484	138	218	25.9	109	834	5.6	479	137	218	26.1	107
Jun-Aug 2015	803	5.2	462	138	204	25.4	111	794	5.3	459	136	199	25.1	110
Sep-Nov 2015	756	4.9	439	117	200	26.4	95	747	5.0	435	116	196	26.2	93
Dec-Feb 2016	767	5.0	469	119	180	23.4	83	758	5.1	465	118	176	23.2	79
Change on quarter	12	0.1	30	2	-20	-3.0	-13	11	0.1	29	2	-20	-3.0	-14
Change %	1.5		6.8	1.3	-9.9		-13.6	1.5		6.8	1.7	-10.2		-14.8
Change on year	-58	-0.4	9	-12	-54	-4.9	-35	-62	-0.4	10	-12	-59	-5.4	-35
Change %	-7.0		1.8	-9.3	-23.2		-29.9	-7.5		2.1	-9.6	-25.1		-30.8
			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
Dec-Feb 2014	181	35.9	127	31	23	12.8	*	712	17.1	366	121	225	31.6	105
Dec-Feb 2015	154	30.5	113	22	19	12.4	*	588	14.3	328	80	180	30.6	93
Mar-May 2015	150	29.6	115	20	15	10.2	*	579	14.2	347	91	140	24.2	67
Jun-Aug 2015	140	27.9	107	21	12	8.5	*	544	13.3	333	85	126	23.1	54
Sep-Nov 2015	126	25.7	93	18	14	11.4	*	502	12.3	315	73	114	22.7	47
Dec-Feb 2016	128	25.6	98	17	13	10.3	*	499	12.2	323	79	98	19.6	45
Change on quarter	2	-0.1	5	-2	-1	-1.0	*	-3	0.0	8	6	-16	-3.1	-2
Change %	1.5		5.0	-9.2	-7.6		*	-0.5		2.5	7.8	-14.0		-4.6
Change on year	-27	-4.9	-15	-6	-6	-2.1	*	-88	-2.1	-5	-1	-82	-11.0	-48
Change %	-17.3		-13.2	-26.2	-31.2		*	-15.0		-1.6	-1.6	-45.5		-51.8
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXX	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Dec-Feb 2014	92	39.1	60	18	14	14.9	*	428	19.5	200	79	150	35.0	75
Dec-Feb 2015	92	38.1	67	13	12	13.2	*	338	15.5	170	41	127	37.5	69
Mar-May 2015	83	35.6	66	10	*	*	*	340	15.9	188	54	98	28.9	49
Jun-Aug 2015	77	33.4	57	12	*	*	*	318	14.8	188	45	85	26.8	36
Sep-Nov 2015	72	30.4	49	12	12	16.0	*	290	13.5	181	38	71	24.4	32
Dec-Feb 2016	70	28.6	47	13	10	14.6	*	286	13.4	177	43	66	23.0	30
Change on quarter	-2	-1.8	-2	1	-1	-1.4	*	-5	-0.2	-4	5	-5	-1.5	-2
Change %	-3.1		-4.7	12.6	-11.8		*	-1.6		-2.4	12.8	-7.6		-5.2
Change on year	-22	-9.5	-20	0	-2	1.3	*	-52	-2.2	7	2	-61	-14.6	-39
Change %	-24.3		-30.3	-0.5	-16.8		*	-15.5		4.0	4.9	-48.3		-56.6
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Dec-Feb 2014	88	33.2	66	13	*	*	*	284	14.5	166	42	75	26.5	30
Dec-Feb 2015	62	23.4	46	*	*	*	*	250	12.9	158	39	53	21.3	24
Mar-May 2015	67	24.6	49	10	*	*	*	238	12.3	159	37	42	17.6	18
Jun-Aug 2015	63	23.2	50	*	*	*	*	225	11.6	145	40	40	18.0	18
Sep-Nov 2015	54	21.3	44	*	*	*	*	212	10.9	134	35	43	20.4	15
Dec-Feb 2016	58	22.7	51	*	*	*	*	214	11.0	146	35	33	15.2	15
Change on quarter	4	1.3	7	*	*	*	*	2	0.1	12	1	-11	-5.2	-1
Change %	7.5		15.7	*	*	*	*	1.1		9.0	2.2	-24.6		-3.5
Change on year	-4	-0.8	5	*	*	*	*	-36	-1.9	-12	-3	-21	-6.0	-9
Change %	-7.0		11.9	*	*	*	*	-14.3		-7.6	-8.5	-38.7		-37.7

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
Dec-Feb 2014	968	5.2	420	161	388	40.0	226	393	4.2	160	59	175	44.5	101
Dec-Feb 2015	794	4.3	364	135	295	37.1	164	302	3.1	126	47	129	42.8	94
Mar-May 2015	811	4.4	383	137	291	35.9	169	312	3.2	136	53	124	39.6	83
Jun-Aug 2015	759	4.1	378	123	258	34.0	155	331	3.4	139	61	130	39.4	90
Sep-Nov 2015	722	3.9	381	116	225	31.2	131	325	3.3	141	50	135	41.4	87
Dec-Feb 2016	736	4.0	396	123	217	29.5	123	333	3.4	144	50	139	41.7	90
Change on quarter	13	0.1	15	6	-8	-1.7	-8	8	0.1	4	0	4	0.3	3
Change %	1.9		4.0	5.6	-3.7		-6.4	2.5		2.7	0.3	3.2		3.5
Change on year	-58	-0.3	32	-12	-78	-7.7	-42	31	0.2	18	3	10	-1.0	-3
Change %	-7.3		8.9	-9.2	-26.5		-25.3	10.4		14.4	6.8	7.7		-3.5
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Dec-Feb 2014	508	5.1	191	86	231	45.6	147	232	4.5	85	32	115	49.5	67
Dec-Feb 2015	406	4.1	165	73	169	41.5	103	176	3.4	68	26	81	46.2	60
Mar-May 2015	408	4.1	166	70	172	42.1	107	182	3.5	78	29	75	41.2	51
Jun-Aug 2015	386	3.9	176	59	150	39.0	97	190	3.6	75	36	79	41.6	56
Sep-Nov 2015	364	3.7	179	58	127	34.8	83	193	3.6	82	32	80	41.3	55
Dec-Feb 2016	369	3.7	186	60	123	33.4	85	205	3.8	84	33	89	43.3	61
Change on quarter	5	0.0	6	2	-4	-1.4	2	12	0.2	2	1	9	2.0	6
Change %	1.2		3.6	3.0	-2.8		2.5	6.1		2.2	3.1	11.2		10.5
Change on year	-38	-0.4	20	-13	-46	-8.1	-18	29	0.4	15	6	7	-2.9	1
Change %	-9.3		12.3	-17.3	-27.1		-17.1	16.4		22.2	24.1	9.0		1.6
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYW	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Dec-Feb 2014	460	5.3	229	75	156	33.9	79	161	3.7	75	27	60	37.3	34
Dec-Feb 2015	387	4.4	199	62	126	32.6	61	126	2.9	58	20	48	38.0	33
Mar-May 2015	403	4.6	217	67	119	29.6	62	130	2.9	58	24	49	37.3	32
Jun-Aug 2015	374	4.3	202	64	108	28.8	58	141	3.2	65	25	51	36.5	33
Sep-Nov 2015	358	4.1	202	58	98	27.5	48	132	2.9	59	18	55	41.7	32
Dec-Feb 2016	367	4.2	211	63	94	25.5	37	129	2.9	61	17	51	39.2	29
Change on quarter	9	0.1	9	5	-5	-2.0	-11	-4	-0.1	2	-1	-5	-2.5	-3
Change %	2.5		4.5	8.2	-4.9		-22.0	-2.7		3.3	-4.6	-8.5		-8.7
Change on year	-20	-0.2	12	0	-32	-7.0	-24	2	0.0	3	-3	3	1.3	-4
Change %	-5.2		6.0	0.1	-25.7		-39.1	2.0		5.3	-15.3	5.3		-12.9

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

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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

CLAIMANT COUNT & BENEFITS

10 Claimant Count¹ (Experimental Statistics)

United Kingdom (thousands)

		Jobseeker's Allowance (seasonally adjusted) ²	Universal Credit (not seasonally adjusted) ³	Universal Credit (seasonally adjusted) ⁴	Claimant Count ⁵	Claimant Count ⁶
					(seasonally adjusted)	rate % (seasonally adjusted)
					BCJD	BCJE
People	2015					
	March	776.4	28.9	27.1	803.5	2.3
	April	763.8	33.0	31.6	795.4	2.3
	May #	754.0	40.4	40.0	794.0	2.3
	June	748.1	44.3	44.9	793.0	2.3
	July	729.8	55.3	55.4	785.2	2.3
	August #	716.4	68.1	69.1	785.5	2.3
	September	706.6	75.1	77.6	784.2	2.3
	October	695.6	82.8	87.5	783.1	2.3
	November #	682.5	90.7	97.4	779.9	2.3
	December	661.4	96.4	101.7	763.1	2.2
	2016					
	January #	630.8	108.6	103.9	734.7	2.1
	February (r)	608.6	127.8	116.8	725.4	2.1
	March (p)	604.6	137.4	127.5	732.1	2.1
	<i>Change on month</i>	-4.0			6.7	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.7			0.9	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-171.8			-71.5	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	-22.1			-8.9	
					DPAE	DPAH
Men	2015					
	March	494.1	20.7	19.2	513.3	2.8
	April	486.7	23.3	22.0	508.7	2.8
	May #	481.0	28.2	27.6	508.6	2.8
	June	479.1	30.7	31.0	510.1	2.8
	July	469.8	37.3	37.8	507.6	2.8
	August #	462.3	45.4	47.2	509.5	2.8
	September	455.8	49.5	52.6	508.4	2.8
	October	446.7	54.6	58.8	505.5	2.8
	November #	435.2	60.6	65.6	500.8	2.7
	December	418.2	64.8	68.0	486.2	2.7
	2016					
	January #	395.7	73.8	69.5	465.2	2.6
	February (r)	379.2	87.5	78.3	457.5	2.5
	March (p)	376.6	94.4	86.0	462.6	2.5
	<i>Change on month</i>	-2.6			5.1	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.7			1.1	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-117.5			-50.7	-0.3
	<i>Change %</i>	-23.8			-9.9	
					DPAF	DPAI
Women	2015					
	March	282.3	8.2	7.9	290.2	1.8
	April	277.1	9.7	9.6	286.7	1.8
	May #	273.0	12.2	12.3	285.3	1.8
	June	269.0	13.6	13.9	282.9	1.8
	July	260.0	18.0	17.6	277.6	1.7
	August #	254.1	22.7	21.9	276.0	1.7
	September	250.8	25.6	25.0	275.8	1.7
	October	248.9	28.2	28.7	277.6	1.7
	November #	247.3	30.1	31.8	279.1	1.7
	December	243.2	31.6	33.8	277.0	1.7
	2016					
	January #	235.1	34.8	34.4	269.5	1.7
	February (r)	229.4	40.3	38.5	267.9	1.7
	March (p)	228.0	43.0	41.4	269.4	1.7
	<i>Change on month</i>	-1.4			1.5	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	-0.6			0.6	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-54.3			-20.8	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-19.2			-7.2	

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative systems

1. This experimental Claimant Count series includes Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and out of work Universal Credit claimants. The estimates are based on the Universal Credit information available at the time of producing each figure and revised one month after initial publication.

2. The seasonally adjusted Jobseeker's Allowance level series published in data table BEN02.

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

- From May 2013 onwards, the Universal Credit figures represent ALL out of work claimants of Universal Credit. The overall Universal Credit figure is likely to overstate the number of unemployed Universal Credit claimants at a point in time as it includes some claimants not required to look for work.

4. An implied seasonal factor has been derived from the seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted regional JSA data. JSA series are not directly seasonally adjusted at this level, with UK totals being the sum of individual regional gender seasonally adjusted figures. The Universal Credit figure has been adjusted using the implied seasonal factor in each UK region and summed to give a UK total. (Universal credit not seasonally adjusted * Implied seasonal factor / 100)

5. JSA seasonally adjusted + Universal Credit seasonally adjusted.

6. Denominator = Jobseeker's Allowance + out-of-work Universal Credit + Workforce jobs.

CLAIMANT COUNT & BENEFITS

11 Main out of work benefits¹

Great Britain and abroad (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

(first published on 17 February 2016)

	Statistical Groups ²				
	Total	GB Claimant Count ³	Employment & Support Allowance and other incapacity benefits ⁴	Lone Parent ⁵	Other Income related ⁶
Number of claimants	J9CL	N3Y9	J9CM	J9CN	J9CO
Aug 13	4,409.9	1,327.2	2,440.8	497.5	144.4
Nov 13	4,249.9	1,166.3	2,456.4	485.0	142.2
Feb 14	4,265.9	1,187.8	2,459.3	480.1	138.7
May 14	4,118.3	1,039.4	2,470.2	474.7	134.0
Aug 14	4,021.0	915.7	2,508.1	470.8	126.4
Nov 14	3,911.6	812.8	2,520.3	455.5	123.0
Feb 15	3,936.2	838.3	2,533.2	448.1	116.6
May 15	3,835.8	762.7	2,521.2	441.6	110.3
Aug 15	3,791.3	740.0	2,512.1	437.4	101.8
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-229.7</i>	<i>-175.7</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>-33.4</i>	<i>-24.6</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-5.7</i>	<i>-19.2</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>-7.1</i>	<i>-19.5</i>

	Statistical Groups ²				
	Total	GB Claimant Count ³	Employment & Support Allowance and other incapacity benefits ⁴	Lone Parent ⁵	Other Income related ⁶
Proportions (%) ⁷	J9CP	J9CQ	J9CR	J9CS	J9CT
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	10.3	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
Feb 15	9.9	2.1	6.4	1.1	0.3
May 15	9.6	1.9	6.3	1.1	0.3
Aug 15	9.5	1.9	6.3	1.1	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>-0.4</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-0.1</i>	<i>-0.1</i>

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 carers (as carers are not generally subject to labour market activation policies). 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-2016>

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

3. Claimant Count for Great Britain. This experimental Claimant Count series includes Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and some Universal Credit (UC) claimants. The UC estimates include all UC claimants from May 2013 to October 2013 and all out of work UC Claimants from November 2013. More up to date Claimant Count estimates for the United Kingdom are available at Table 10.

4. This series includes claimants of Employment and Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance but does **NOT** include claimants of Personal Independence Payments (PIPs).

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 Claimant Count proportions differ from the Claimant Count rates shown at Table 10 as the denominator for the latter is workforce jobs plus Claimant Count.

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
Dec-Feb 2014	32,745	31,613	503	4,151	7,402	11,223	8,334	1,133
Dec-Feb 2015	32,886	31,692	507	4,110	7,401	11,216	8,458	1,195
Mar-May 2015	32,835	31,686	508	4,090	7,428	11,170	8,490	1,149
Jun-Aug 2015	32,896	31,715	501	4,101	7,459	11,091	8,563	1,181
Sep-Nov 2015	33,064	31,836	489	4,094	7,528	11,048	8,676	1,228
Dec-Feb 2016	33,105	31,916	498	4,080	7,544	11,073	8,720	1,189
Change on quarter	41	80	10	-14	16	24	44	-39
Change %	0.1	0.3	2.0	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	-3.2
Change on year	219	224	-8	-29	143	-143	262	-5
Change %	0.7	0.7	-1.6	-0.7	1.9	-1.3	3.1	-0.5
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Dec-Feb 2014	17,518	16,827	237	2,199	4,011	5,930	4,451	691
Dec-Feb 2015	17,556	16,822	242	2,175	3,998	5,908	4,501	734
Mar-May 2015	17,473	16,783	234	2,145	4,012	5,878	4,514	690
Jun-Aug 2015	17,543	16,820	230	2,156	4,039	5,846	4,549	722
Sep-Nov 2015	17,650	16,912	237	2,145	4,080	5,820	4,630	738
Dec-Feb 2016	17,719	16,969	244	2,136	4,106	5,831	4,652	751
Change on quarter	69	56	7	-8	26	11	21	13
Change %	0.4	0.3	2.9	-0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	1.8
Change on year	163	146	2	-38	108	-77	151	17
Change %	0.9	0.9	0.8	-1.8	2.7	-1.3	3.4	2.3
Women	MGSH	LF2L	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	LF3B	LFK9
Dec-Feb 2014	15,227	14,785	267	1,952	3,391	5,293	3,883	442
Dec-Feb 2015	15,330	14,869	265	1,935	3,403	5,309	3,958	461
Mar-May 2015	15,362	14,903	274	1,945	3,416	5,292	3,976	460
Jun-Aug 2015	15,353	14,894	271	1,945	3,420	5,245	4,014	459
Sep-Nov 2015	15,414	14,923	252	1,950	3,447	5,229	4,046	490
Dec-Feb 2016	15,386	14,947	255	1,944	3,438	5,242	4,069	438
Change on quarter	-28	24	3	-6	-10	13	23	-52
Change %	-0.2	0.2	1.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.6	-10.6
Change on year	56	78	-10	9	35	-66	111	-22
Change %	0.4	0.5	-3.8	0.5	1.0	-1.3	2.8	-4.8
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	LF22	YCAG	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	LF2C	LFL2
Dec-Feb 2014	63.6	77.9	33.4	71.3	85.6	86.5	71.6	10.4
Dec-Feb 2015	63.5	77.9	34.1	70.9	84.9	87.1	71.6	10.7
Mar-May 2015	63.3	77.8	34.4	70.7	85.1	86.9	71.6	10.3
Jun-Aug 2015	63.3	77.9	34.1	71.0	85.3	86.4	71.9	10.5
Sep-Nov 2015	63.5	78.1	33.4	71.1	85.9	86.2	72.6	10.9
Dec-Feb 2016	63.5	78.3	34.3	71.1	85.8	86.5	72.7	10.5
Change on quarter	0.0	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.4
Change on year	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.9	-0.6	1.1	-0.3
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Dec-Feb 2014	69.8	83.5	30.7	74.6	93.4	92.6	77.7	13.9
Dec-Feb 2015	69.4	83.3	31.8	74.0	92.1	93.0	77.5	14.4
Mar-May 2015	69.0	83.0	31.0	73.1	92.2	92.6	77.5	13.5
Jun-Aug 2015	69.1	83.1	30.6	73.6	92.6	92.3	77.8	14.0
Sep-Nov 2015	69.4	83.5	31.6	73.4	93.2	92.0	78.9	14.2
Dec-Feb 2016	69.6	83.7	32.7	73.3	93.4	92.3	78.9	14.4
Change on quarter	0.1	0.2	1.1	-0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Change on year	0.1	0.5	0.9	-0.7	1.3	-0.7	1.4	0.0
Women	MGWI	LF23	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	LF2D	LFL3
Dec-Feb 2014	57.7	72.3	36.3	68.0	77.9	80.5	65.6	7.4
Dec-Feb 2015	57.8	72.6	36.6	67.8	77.8	81.4	65.9	7.6
Mar-May 2015	57.8	72.7	38.0	68.2	78.0	81.3	65.9	7.6
Jun-Aug 2015	57.7	72.7	37.8	68.3	78.1	80.6	66.3	7.5
Sep-Nov 2015	57.8	72.8	35.3	68.7	78.6	80.5	66.6	8.0
Dec-Feb 2016	57.7	72.8	35.9	68.8	78.2	80.8	66.7	7.1
Change on quarter	-0.2	0.1	0.6	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.9
Change on year	-0.1	0.2	-0.7	1.0	0.4	-0.5	0.8	-0.5

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

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

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

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
People	LF2M	LF63	LF65	LF67	LF69	LFL8	LF6B	LF6D	LFL9	LFM2
Dec-Feb 2014	8,979	2,303	2,292	201	1,998	47	1,321	818	6,660	2,319
Dec-Feb 2015	8,990	2,330	2,269	193	2,011	42	1,286	859	6,735	2,255
Mar-May 2015	9,019	2,312	2,265	202	2,070	42	1,269	861	6,718	2,301
Jun-Aug 2015	9,015	2,325	2,261	205	2,097	44	1,230	853	6,718	2,297
Sep-Nov 2015	8,922	2,289	2,241	192	2,080	32	1,168	920	6,652	2,270
Dec-Feb 2016	8,869	2,246	2,236	197	2,063	29	1,168	930	6,669	2,200
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-53	-43	-6	5	-16	-4	0	11	17	-70
<i>Change %</i>	-0.6	-1.9	-0.3	2.3	-0.8	-11.2	0.0	1.1	0.3	-3.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-121	-84	-34	4	52	-14	-118	72	-66	-55
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3	-3.6	-1.5	2.2	2.6	-32.3	-9.2	8.3	-1.0	-2.4
Men	YBSO	BEEX	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Dec-Feb 2014	3,313	1,160	224	105	1,007	23	460	334	2,352	961
Dec-Feb 2015	3,376	1,208	230	84	997	25	476	355	2,458	917
Mar-May 2015	3,430	1,237	245	90	1,010	23	468	357	2,475	955
Jun-Aug 2015	3,409	1,215	241	89	1,031	28	461	345	2,441	968
Sep-Nov 2015	3,335	1,184	232	91	1,009	18	427	374	2,379	955
Dec-Feb 2016	3,295	1,144	240	96	989	16	434	377	2,387	908
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-39	-39	8	5	-21	-2	7	3	8	-48
<i>Change %</i>	-1.2	-3.3	3.5	5.1	-2.0	-11.0	1.6	0.8	0.4	-5.0
<i>Change on year</i>	-80	-64	10	12	-8	-9	-43	22	-71	-9
<i>Change %</i>	-2.4	-5.3	4.4	13.7	-0.8	-35.9	-9.0	6.2	-2.9	-1.0
Women	LF2N	LF64	LF66	LF68	LF6A	LFM3	LF6C	LF6E	LFM4	LFM5
Dec-Feb 2014	5,666	1,143	2,068	96	991	24	860	483	4,308	1,358
Dec-Feb 2015	5,614	1,122	2,040	109	1,014	17	810	503	4,276	1,338
Mar-May 2015	5,589	1,074	2,020	111	1,059	19	801	505	4,243	1,346
Jun-Aug 2015	5,606	1,110	2,020	116	1,067	17	769	508	4,277	1,329
Sep-Nov 2015	5,587	1,106	2,009	101	1,070	14	741	545	4,272	1,315
Dec-Feb 2016	5,573	1,102	1,996	101	1,075	13	734	553	4,281	1,292
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-14	-3	-14	0	4	-2	-7	7	9	-23
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.4	-11.5	-0.9	1.4	0.2	-1.7
<i>Change on year</i>	-41	-19	-44	-7	60	-5	-76	50	5	-46
<i>Change %</i>	-0.7	-1.7	-2.1	-6.7	6.0	-27.0	-9.4	9.9	0.1	-3.4
Percentage of economically inactive aged from 16 to 64 (%)										
People	LF6V	LF6X	LF6Z	LF73	LF75	LF77	LF79	LF7B	LF7D	LF7F
Dec-Feb 2014	100	25.6	25.5	2.2	22.3	0.5	14.7	9.1	74.2	25.8
Dec-Feb 2015	100	25.9	25.2	2.1	22.4	0.5	14.3	9.6	74.9	25.1
Mar-May 2015	100	25.6	25.1	2.2	23.0	0.5	14.1	9.5	74.5	25.5
Jun-Aug 2015	100	25.8	25.1	2.3	23.3	0.5	13.6	9.5	74.5	25.5
Sep-Nov 2015	100	25.7	25.1	2.2	23.3	0.4	13.1	10.3	74.6	25.4
Dec-Feb 2016	100	25.3	25.2	2.2	23.3	0.3	13.2	10.5	75.2	24.8
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEB	BEEQ	BEET	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Dec-Feb 2014	100	35.0	6.8	3.2	30.4	0.7	13.9	10.1	71.0	29.0
Dec-Feb 2015	100	35.8	6.8	2.5	29.5	0.7	14.1	10.5	72.8	27.2
Mar-May 2015	100	36.1	7.1	2.6	29.5	0.7	13.6	10.4	72.2	27.8
Jun-Aug 2015	100	35.6	7.1	2.6	30.2	0.8	13.5	10.1	71.6	28.4
Sep-Nov 2015	100	35.5	6.9	2.7	30.3	0.5	12.8	11.2	71.3	28.7
Dec-Feb 2016	100	34.7	7.3	2.9	30.0	0.5	13.2	11.5	72.4	27.6
Women	LF6W	LF6Y	LF72	LF74	LF76	LF78	LF7A	LF7C	LF7E	LF7G
Dec-Feb 2014	100	20.2	36.5	1.7	17.5	0.4	15.2	8.5	76.0	24.0
Dec-Feb 2015	100	20.0	36.3	1.9	18.1	0.3	14.4	9.0	76.2	23.8
Mar-May 2015	100	19.2	36.1	2.0	19.0	0.3	14.3	9.0	75.9	24.1
Jun-Aug 2015	100	19.8	36.0	2.1	19.0	0.3	13.7	9.1	76.3	23.7
Sep-Nov 2015	100	19.8	36.0	1.8	19.2	0.3	13.3	9.8	76.5	23.5
Dec-Feb 2016	100	19.8	35.8	1.8	19.3	0.2	13.2	9.9	76.8	23.2

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

December 2015 to February 2016

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	1,454	371	128	956	1,289	297	94	897	166	74	33	59
18-24	5,741	3,581	499	1,661	1,887	670	120	1,098	3,853	2,911	379	563
16-24	7,195	3,952	627	2,617	3,176	967	214	1,995	4,019	2,985	413	621
Men												
16-17	745	174	70	501	649	137	48	464	96	37	21	37
18-24	2,914	1,851	286	777	930	293	58	579	1,984	1,558	228	198
16-24	3,658	2,025	355	1,278	1,579	430	106	1,043	2,080	1,595	249	236
Women												
16-17	710	197	58	455	640	160	46	434	70	37	12	21
18-24	2,827	1,730	214	883	958	377	62	519	1,870	1,353	152	364
16-24	3,537	1,927	272	1,338	1,598	537	108	953	1,939	1,390	164	386
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17	-8	8	2	-17	-20	4	-1	-23	12	4	3	5
18-24	-17	-12	-3	-3	-9	2	3	-14	-8	-14	-6	11
16-24	-25	-4	-1	-20	-29	6	2	-37	4	-10	-3	17
Men												
16-17	-4	9	-2	-11	-9	10	-3	-17	5	-1	0	6
18-24	-8	-4	-5	0	-6	-4	-4	3	-2	1	-1	-2
16-24	-12	5	-7	-10	-15	6	-7	-14	3	0	0	4
Women												
16-17	-4	-1	4	-7	-11	-6	2	-6	7	5	2	-1
18-24	-9	-8	2	-3	-4	6	7	-17	-5	-14	-5	14
16-24	-13	-9	6	-10	-14	0	9	-23	1	-9	-2	13
Rates(%)³												
People												
16-17		25.5	25.6	65.7		23.1	24.1	69.6		44.5	31.1	35.5
18-24		62.4	12.2	28.9		35.5	15.2	58.2		75.6	11.5	14.6
16-24		54.9	13.7	36.4		30.4	18.1	62.8		74.3	12.1	15.5
Men												
16-17		23.3	28.6	67.3		21.1	26.1	71.5		38.5	36.8	39.1
18-24		63.5	13.4	26.7		31.5	16.5	62.3		78.5	12.7	10.0
16-24		55.3	14.9	34.9		27.2	19.8	66.0		76.7	13.5	11.3
Women												
16-17		27.8	22.7	64.1		25.0	22.3	67.8		52.7	24.1	30.5
18-24		61.2	11.0	31.2		39.3	14.1	54.2		72.4	10.1	19.5
16-24		54.5	12.4	37.8		33.6	16.7	59.6		71.7	10.5	19.9
Changes on quarter												
People												
16-17		0.7	-0.1	-0.8		0.7	-0.4	-0.7		-1.0	0.8	0.7
18-24		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.3	0.3	-0.5		-0.2	-0.1	0.3
16-24		0.1	0.0	-0.2		0.5	0.0	-0.6		-0.3	0.0	0.4
Men												
16-17		1.3	-1.8	-1.1		1.8	-2.6	-1.5		-3.6	1.2	4.4
18-24		0.1	-0.2	0.1		-0.3	-0.7	0.7		0.1	0.0	-0.1
16-24		0.3	-0.3	-0.2		0.6	-1.2	-0.3		-0.1	0.0	0.2
Women												
16-17		0.0	1.3	-0.6		-0.5	1.3	0.2		2.3	1.4	-4.3
18-24		-0.1	0.1	0.0		0.8	1.2	-1.6		-0.6	-0.2	0.8
16-24		-0.1	0.3	-0.2		0.3	1.1	-0.9		-0.5	-0.1	0.7

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/employmentandlabourmarket/peoplenotinwork/unemployment/bulletins/youngpeoplenotineducationemploymentortrainingneet/latest>

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 (82%) ^{2,4,5,6}			Public sector (18%) ^{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
Feb 14	478	2.0	1.8	475	2.2	2.0	488	0.0	0.1
Dec 14 (r)	488	2.3	2.1	485	2.6	2.5	495	1.0	0.7
Jan 15 (r)	484	1.2	1.8	480	1.3	2.1	493	0.4	0.7
Feb 15 (r)	485	1.5	1.7	485	2.1	2.0	500	2.4	1.3
Mar 15	493	4.4	2.4 (r)	492	5.7	3.0 (r)	493	0.6	1.1
Apr 15	492	2.7	2.9 (r)	489	3.1	3.6 (r)	496	0.9	1.3
May 15	492	2.8	3.3	490	3.3	4.0	497	1.1	0.9
Jun 15	489	2.3	2.6	491	2.5	2.9	496	1.0	1.0
Jul 15	495	3.6	2.9	494	4.3	3.3	498	1.0	1.0
Aug 15	494	3.2	3.0	494	3.6	3.5	499	1.2	1.1
Sep 15	492	2.1	3.0	491	2.3	3.4	501	1.5	1.2
Oct 15	494	1.9	2.4	493	2.1	2.7	500	1.3	1.3
Nov 15	495	2.2	2.1	494	2.3	2.3	501	1.5	1.4
Dec 15 (r)	496	1.6	1.9	494	1.9	2.1	500	0.9	1.2
Jan 16 (r)	496	2.6	2.1	495	3.0	2.4	501	1.5	1.3
Feb 16 (p)	491	1.1	1.8	489	0.9	1.9	501	0.2	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
	K5BZ	K5C2	K5C3	K5C4	K5C5	K5C6	KAD8	KAD9	KAE2
Feb 14	463	2.0	1.5	610	1.1	0.5	483	1.7	1.3
Dec 14 (r)	472	2.3	2.2	626	2.8	3.0	489	1.6	1.3
Jan 15 (r)	469	1.5	2.0	610	0.6	2.1	489	1.0	1.3
Feb 15 (r)	473	2.1	2.0	614	0.7	1.4	490	1.4	1.4
Mar 15	478	4.7	2.7 (r)	639	5.2	2.2 (r)	490	1.4	1.3
Apr 15	476	2.8	3.2 (r)	642	5.0	3.6 (r)	490	1.1	1.3
May 15	477	2.9	3.4	632	3.2	4.4	491	1.2	1.2
Jun 15	474	2.4	2.7	616	1.4	3.2	491	1.2	1.2
Jul 15	479	3.7	3.0	634	4.4	3.0	492	0.9	1.1
Aug 15	478	3.2	3.1	634	3.3	3.0	493	1.6	1.2
Sep 15	477	2.1	3.0	628	1.3	3.0	495	1.7	1.4
Oct 15	478	1.8	2.4	633	1.4	2.0	494	1.4	1.6
Nov 15	479	2.0	2.0	634	2.0	1.6	495	1.7	1.6
Dec 15 (r)	479	1.5	1.8	634	1.3	1.5	494	0.9	1.4
Jan 16 (r)	480	2.3	1.9	635	4.1	2.4	497	1.7	1.4
Feb 16 (p)	476	0.6	1.5	605	-1.5	1.3	498	1.5	1.4

	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) 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
Feb 14	564	3.0	3.3	549	-1.3	0.9	314	1.7	3.4
Dec 14 (r)	571	1.9	1.6	567	3.4	3.1	325	1.7	1.7
Jan 15 (r)	566	0.3	1.1	552	-2.1	1.5	330	2.4	2.0
Feb 15 (r)	565	0.2	0.8	557	1.5	0.9	328	4.6	2.9
Mar 15	572	2.1	0.8	564	6.0	1.7 (r)	340	7.1	4.7 (r)
Apr 15	572	1.7	1.3	567	3.3	3.6 (r)	332	3.6	5.1 (r)
May 15	569	1.0	1.6	578	6.1	5.1	333	4.4	5.0
Jun 15	576	1.7	1.4	565	2.2	3.8	331	4.2	4.1
Jul 15	574	1.7	1.5	605	6.8	5.0	334	5.6	4.7
Aug 15	573	1.7	1.7	594	6.6	5.2	332	4.5	4.8
Sep 15	573	1.2	1.5	591	5.1	6.2	332	2.9	4.3
Oct 15	574	1.5	1.5	598	6.9	6.2	333	2.9	3.4
Nov 15	575	1.5	1.4	598	6.3	6.1	335	3.4	3.1
Dec 15 (r)	578 (r)	1.3	1.4	599	5.7	6.3	338	3.9	3.4
Jan 16 (r)	577	2.0	1.6	606	9.8	7.2	334	1.3	2.9
Feb 16 (p)	574	1.6	1.6	605	8.6	8.0	338	2.9	2.7

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 (82%) ^{2,4,5,6}			Public sector (18%) ^{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 ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAF4	KAF5	KAF6	KAF7	KAF8	KAF9	KAG2	KAG3	KAG4
Feb 14	29	7.7	6.2	35	8.3	6.6	4	48.4	-28.8
Dec 14 (r)	32	10.3	8.0	38	11.5	7.7	4	101.3	5.1
Jan 15 (r)	27	-4.4	5.0	32	-5.3	4.9	1	-72.1	-21.1
Feb 15 (r)	28	-2.7	1.1	34	-2.6	1.2	2	-41.5	-26.3
Mar 15	31	14.2	2.1 (r)	37	15.2	2.1 (r)	2	-59.0	-57.8 (r)
Apr 15	31	2.2	4.3 (r)	37	1.2	4.2 (r)	2	-58.0	-53.4 (r)
May 15	31	3.8	6.5	37	1.5	5.6	3	2.2	-45.9
Jun 15	26	-8.0	-0.5	36	-7.6	-1.8	2	-18.4	-33.1
Jul 15	32	19.4	4.8	38	21.8	4.1	3	-42.3	-25.3
Aug 15	33	22.1	10.9	39	19.5	9.9	3	25.7	-21.3
Sep 15	30	8.9	16.7	36	8.4	16.4	4	51.2	-3.0
Oct 15	32	10.0	13.5	38	9.2	12.3	2	-10.3	21.3
Nov 15	30	0.4	6.4	36	1.0	6.1	2	-3.9	12.0
Dec 15 (r)	31	-3.7	2.1	36	-4.7	1.6	2	-56.5	-28.8
Jan 16 (r)	29	9.1	1.6	36	9.8	1.7	3	138.1	-9.7
Feb 16 (p)	25	-12.3	-2.5	31	-9.3	-1.7	2	0.3	-8.5
	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
Feb 14	30	10.0	6.1	75	8.4	3.5	1	-6.5	-45.3
Dec 14 (r)	32	10.4	7.6	80	8.0	4.6	2	99.7	56.4
Jan 15 (r)	28	-2.8	5.1	64	-12.3	0.3	1	-53.0	18.7
Feb 15 (r)	29	-1.7	2.0	69	-8.7	-4.3	3	205.7	69.0
Mar 15	32	13.9	3.1 (r)	77	9.1	-4.1 (r)	1	-1.0	35.7 (r)
Apr 15	32	0.9	4.2 (r)	80	12.1	3.9 (r)	1	-76.8	-27.9 (r)
May 15	31	2.3	5.5	73	-3.1	5.9	1	4.3	-50.8
Jun 15	26	-8.7	-1.7	54	-23.0	-4.4	1	-26.1	-55.2
Jul 15	33	23.1	5.0	79	21.6	-2.0	1	-50.5	-31.4
Aug 15	33	23.4	12.1	89	24.5	7.5	1	52.9	-27.8
Sep 15	31	13.2	19.8	69	-3.7	13.9	2	45.3	-7.6
Oct 15	33	9.8	15.2	77	7.4	9.4	1	-13.4	22.5
Nov 15	31	2.4	8.3	69	-5.8	-0.7	1	3.1	10.9
Dec 15 (r)	31	-2.6	3.0	73	-8.6	-2.6	1	-56.0	-23.9
Jan 16 (r)	30	10.1	3.0	71	11.6	-1.7	2	167.4	2.8
Feb 16 (p)	26	-11.8	-1.7	55	-19.4	-6.1	1	-58.1	-31.3
	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) ²			Construction, SIC 2007 section F (4%) ¹			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 ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	K5D3	K5D4	K5D5	K5D6	K5D7	K5D8	K5D9	K5DA	K5DB
Feb 14	22	2.3	14.4	20	13.3	13.4	17	-19.8	-1.0
Dec 14 (r)	28	20.2	7.3	24	36.3	26.8	22	3.0	2.9
Jan 15 (r)	23	-5.8	7.1	21	-3.9	21.8	23	8.0	5.3
Feb 15 (r)	20	-9.5	1.6	17	-11.7	5.6	21	24.6	10.8
Mar 15	25	10.5	-1.6	20	17.7	-0.2 (r)	26	28.3	19.8 (r)
Apr 15	25	6.1	2.5 (r)	24	8.8	4.5	22	0.2	16.6 (r)
May 15	22	-8.0	2.8	40	132.2	49.4	24	10.4	12.4
Jun 15	28	10.7	3.1	20	-11.4	35.9	22	2.6	4.4
Jul 15	25	3.4	2.3	31	6.0	32.0	24	18.3	10.3
Aug 15	24	5.1	6.5	26	-4.4	-2.6	22	6.9	9.1
Sep 15	22	-13.3	-1.9	24	-6.7	-1.5	24	11.8	12.2
Oct 15	24	13.6	1.0	27	19.8	2.0	23	1.9	6.8
Nov 15	22	-10.7	-4.3	23	-4.7	2.1	24	3.1	5.5
Dec 15	24	-12.2 (r)	-4.2	25	4.3	6.2	25	11.2	5.4
Jan 16 (r)	22	-7.7	-10.3	29	40.0	11.9	22	-5.1	2.9
Feb 16 (p)	22	9.1	-4.8	26	47.1	28.2	22	7.2	4.2

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.

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17 Average Weekly Earnings - regular pay¹

Standard Industrial Classification (2007)

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy (100%) ²			Private sector (82%) ^{2,4,5,6}			Public sector (18%) ^{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
Feb 14	448	1.2	1.4	438	1.4	1.7	487	1.2	1.0
Dec 14 (r)	456	1.7	1.8	448	2.0	2.2	491	0.6	0.6
Jan 15	457	1.6	1.7	449	2.0 (r)	2.0	491	0.8	0.7
Feb 15 (r)	458	2.3	1.9	450	2.7	2.2	493	1.1	0.8
Mar 15	460	2.8	2.3	453	3.6	2.8	493	0.7	0.9
Apr 15	461	2.8	2.7	453	3.2	3.2	493	1.2	1.0
May 15	461	2.8	2.8	454	3.3	3.4	494	1.4	1.1
Jun 15	462	2.8	2.8	455	3.3	3.3	494	1.3	1.3
Jul 15	463	2.9	2.9	456	3.4	3.3	494	1.2	1.3
Aug 15	463	2.6	2.8	456	2.9	3.2	495	1.1	1.2
Sep 15	463	1.9	2.4	455	2.0	2.8	496	1.4	1.2
Oct 15	463	1.6	2.0	456	1.8	2.3	496	1.3	1.3
Nov 15	465	2.2	1.9	457	2.4	2.1	498	1.6	1.5
Dec 15 (r)	465	2.1	2.0	459	2.4	2.2	497	1.2	1.4
Jan 16 (r)	467	2.3	2.2	460	2.5	2.4	499	1.7	1.5
Feb 16 (p)	469	2.3	2.2	462	2.6	2.5	500	1.4	1.4
	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
Feb 14	431	1.0	1.1	533	-1.2	-0.4	482	1.8	1.5
Dec 14 (r)	441	1.7	1.9	548	1.6	2.5	488	1.5	1.2
Jan 15	442	2.1	1.9	550	2.6	2.3 (r)	488	1.1	1.2
Feb 15	443	2.7	2.2	552	3.6 (r)	2.6	489	1.4	1.3
Mar 15	445	3.0	2.6	555	3.2	3.1 (r)	489	1.5	1.3
Apr 15	445	3.0	2.9	557	4.2	3.7	489	1.4	1.4
May 15	446	3.0	3.0	558	4.3	3.9	489	1.2	1.4
Jun 15	447	3.0	3.0	559	4.2	4.2	491	1.4	1.3
Jul 15	447	2.9	3.0	556	3.3	3.9	490	1.3	1.3
Aug 15	446	2.4	2.8	556	2.3	3.3	491	1.5	1.4
Sep 15	446	1.7	2.3	556	1.5	2.4	493	1.5	1.4
Oct 15	447	1.4	1.8	558	1.0	1.6	493	1.4	1.5
Nov 15	448	2.0	1.7	561	2.3	1.6	494	1.8	1.6
Dec 15	449	1.8	1.7	564	3.0	2.1	494	1.1	1.4
Jan 16 (r)	451	1.9	1.9	567	3.0	2.8	496	1.6	1.5
Feb 16 (p)	453	2.2	2.0	568	3.0	3.0	497	1.6	1.5
	Manufacturing, SIC 2007 section C (8%) 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
Feb 14	543	3.0	2.9	531	1.1	2.8	297	3.4	3.7
Dec 14 (r)	542	0.8	1.2	541	2.0	2.2	303	1.7	1.6
Jan 15 (r)	542	0.5	0.8	531	-1.8	0.7	306	1.9	1.8
Feb 15 (r)	546	0.6	0.6	540	1.6	0.6	308	3.5	2.4
Mar 15	543	1.0	0.7 (r)	548	5.2	1.6	309	4.3	3.2 (r)
Apr 15	547	1.4	1.0 (r)	543	3.1	3.3	309	4.1	4.0
May 15	547	1.2	1.2	543	3.0	3.7	310	4.0	4.1
Jun 15	548	1.2	1.3	545	2.7	2.9	309	4.1	4.1
Jul 15	549	1.7	1.4	571	6.7	4.1	311	4.8	4.3
Aug 15	549	1.6	1.5	570	7.0	5.5	311	4.3	4.4
Sep 15	550	1.5	1.6	567	5.7	6.5	308	2.5	3.9
Oct 15	550	1.3	1.5	573	6.5	6.4	310	3.0	3.2
Nov 15	552	1.8	1.5	575	6.8	6.3	312	3.4	2.9
Dec 15	554	2.2	1.8	572	5.7	6.3	314 (r)	3.4	3.3
Jan 16 (r)	555	2.3	2.1	578	8.8	7.1	312	1.8	2.9
Feb 16 (p)	553	1.4	2.0	581	7.7	7.4	315	2.6	2.6

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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EARNINGS

18 Average Weekly Earnings - real and nominal¹

Great Britain whole economy, seasonally adjusted

	Total pay (including bonuses) ¹					
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ³		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2000 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAB9	KAC2	KAC3	A3WX	A3WV	A3WW
Feb 14	478	2.0	1.8	349	0.5	0.0
Dec 14 (r)	488	2.3	2.1	354	2.0	1.4
Jan 15 (r)	484	1.2	1.8	351	0.8	1.3
Feb 15 (r)	485	1.5	1.7	354	1.4	1.4
Mar 15	493	4.4	2.4 (r)	363	4.5	2.2 (r)
Apr 15	492	2.7	2.9 (r)	358	2.7	2.8
May 15	492	2.8	3.3	357	2.5	3.2
Jun 15	489	2.3	2.6	355	2.3	2.5
Jul 15	495	3.6	2.9	358	3.5	2.8
Aug 15	494	3.2	3.0	358	3.2	3.0
Sep 15	492	2.1	3.0	357	2.2	2.9
Oct 15	494	1.9	2.4	358	2.0	2.4
Nov 15	495	2.2	2.1	359	2.1	2.1
Dec 15 (r)	496	1.6	1.9	360	1.6	1.9
Jan 16 (r)	496	2.6	2.1	360	2.5	2.0
Feb 16 (p)	491	1.1	1.8	356	0.8	1.6

	Regular pay (excluding bonuses)					
	Nominal earnings			Real earnings ³		
	Nominal Weekly Earnings (£)	% changes year on year		Weekly Earnings at constant 2000 prices (£)	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	KAI7	KAI8	KAI9	A2FC	A2F9	A2FA
Feb 14	448	1.2	1.4	327	-0.5	-0.5
Dec 14	456	1.7 (r)	1.8	332	1.1	0.9
Jan 15 (r)	457	1.6	1.7	333	1.3	1.1
Feb 15 (r)	458	2.3	1.9	334	2.1	1.5
Mar 15	460	2.8	2.3	335	2.9	2.1
Apr 15	461	2.8	2.7	336	2.9	2.6 (r)
May 15	461	2.8	2.8	336	2.6	2.8
Jun 15	462	2.8	2.8	335	2.9	2.8
Jul 15	463	2.9	2.9	336	2.8	2.7
Aug 15	463	2.6	2.8	336	2.6	2.7
Sep 15	463	1.9	2.4	336	2.0	2.5
Oct 15	463	1.6	2.0	336	1.8	2.1
Nov 15	465	2.2	1.9	337	2.1	2.0
Dec 15	465	2.1	2.0	338	1.8	1.9
Jan 16 (r)	467	2.3	2.2	340	2.0	2.0
Feb 16 (p)	469	2.3	2.2	341	2.1	2.0

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

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

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

3. Estimates of real earnings are calculated by deflating the nominal earnings estimates by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI).

19 International comparisons of employment and unemployment

Employment rates as published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					Unemployment rates as published by EUROSTAT on 4 April 2016 (seasonally adjusted)				
		Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on month %	Change on year %
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)				
Austria	YXSN	Oct-Dec 15	71.3	0.2	Austria	ZXDS	Feb 16	6.0	0.0
Belgium	YXSO	Oct-Dec 15	61.8	-0.4	Belgium	ZXDI	Feb 16	8.6	-0.1
Bulgaria	A495	Oct-Dec 15	63.7	2.3	Bulgaria	A492	Feb 16	7.4	-0.2
Croatia	GUMI	Oct-Dec 15	55.8	1.8	Croatia	GUMJ	Feb 16	15.1	-0.1
Cyprus	A4AC	Oct-Dec 15	62.8	0.0	Cyprus	A4AN	Feb 16	12.6	-0.2
Czech Republic	A4AD	Jul-Sep 15	70.5	1.2	Czech Republic	A4AO	Feb 16	4.5	0.0
Denmark	YXSP	Oct-Dec 15	73.8	0.3	Denmark	ZXDJ	Feb 16	5.8	0.0
Estonia	A4AE	Oct-Dec 15	71.9	1.5	Estonia	A4AP	Jan 16	6.4	0.1
Finland	YXSQ	Oct-Dec 15	67.8	0.0	Finland	ZXDU	Feb 16	9.2	-0.1
France	YXSR	Oct-Dec 15	63.7	0.0	France	ZXDN	Feb 16	10.2	0.0
Germany	YXSS	Jul-Sep 15	74.2	0.0	Germany	ZXDK	Feb 16	4.3	0.0
Greece	YXST	Oct-Dec 15	51.3	1.7	Greece	ZXDL	Dec 15	24.0	-0.4
Hungary	A4AF	Oct-Dec 15	64.8	2.2	Hungary	A4AQ	Jan 16	5.9	-0.2
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 15	63.9	1.3	Ireland	ZXDO	Feb 16	8.8	-0.1
Italy	YXSV	Oct-Dec 15	56.6	0.6	Italy	ZXDP	Feb 16	11.7	0.1
Latvia	A4AG	Oct-Dec 15	68.7	2.2	Latvia	A4AR	Feb 16	10.1	-0.2
Lithuania	A4AH	Oct-Dec 15	68.0	1.9	Lithuania	A4AS	Feb 16	8.8	-0.2
Luxembourg	YXSW	Oct-Dec 15	65.8	-1.8	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Feb 16	6.3	0.0
Malta	A4AI	Oct-Dec 15	63.9	1.9	Malta	A4AT	Feb 16	5.1	-0.2
Netherlands	YXSX	Jul-Sep 15	74.5	1.0	Netherlands	ZXDR	Feb 16	6.5	0.0
Poland	A4AJ	Jul-Sep 15	63.5	1.0	Poland	A4AU	Feb 16	6.8	-0.1
Portugal	YXSY	Oct-Dec 15	64.3	1.3	Portugal	ZXDT	Feb 16	12.3	0.2
Romania	A494	Jul-Sep 15	63.2	0.6	Romania	A48Z	Feb 16	6.5	0.0
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Oct-Dec 15	63.5	1.8	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Feb 16	10.3	-0.2
Slovenia	A4AL	Oct-Dec 15	65.2	1.2	Slovenia	A4AW	Feb 16	8.2	-0.1
Spain	YXSZ	Oct-Dec 15	58.6	1.8	Spain	ZXDM	Feb 16	20.4	-0.1
Sweden	YXTA	Oct-Dec 15	75.6	1.1	Sweden ⁵	ZXDV	Feb 16	7.1	0.1
United Kingdom (*)	ANZ6	Oct-Dec 15	73.3	0.9	United Kingdom (*)	ZXDW	Dec 15	5.0	0.0
Total EU⁴	A496	Jul-Sep 15	66.1	0.8	Total EU⁴	A493	Feb 16	8.9	0.0
Eurozone ⁴	YXTC	Jul-Sep 15	64.9	0.7	Eurozone ⁴	ZXDH	Feb 16	10.3	-0.1
Employment rates published by the OECD (seasonally adjusted)					Unemployment rates as published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)				
Canada	A48O	Oct-Dec 15	72.4	-0.1	Canada	ZXDZ	Mar 16	7.1	-0.2
Japan	A48P	Oct-Dec 15	73.6	0.7	Japan	ZXDY	Feb 16	3.3	0.1
United States	A48Q	Jan-Mar 16	69.3	0.8	United States	ZXDZ	Mar 16	5.0	0.1

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

(*) Note: The UK rates shown in this table are as published by EUROSTAT (the EUs statistical office). See Table 1 for the latest rates for the UK as published by ONS.

- All employment rates shown in this table are for those aged from 15 to 64 except for the rate for the United States published by OECD which are for those aged from 16 to 64.
- The employment rates for the EU are published by EUROSTAT and are not seasonally adjusted. EUROSTAT do not publish seasonally adjusted (SA) employment rates but SA rates for some EU countries are published by OECD. These OECD employment rates are available at data table A10.
- 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 shown in this table are seasonally adjusted.
- 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.
- 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 4 April 2016. This is because the figures for Sweden on the database are seasonally adjusted estimates but the figures for Sweden shown in the News Release are the trend component.

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost in the Public Sector (thousands) ^{1,2}		Working days lost in the Private Sector (thousands) ^{1,2}	Number of stoppages ^{3,4}		Number of stoppages in the Public Sector ^{3,4}		Number of stoppages in the Private Sector ^{3,4}	Workers involved (thousands) ^{1,3}
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
		BBFW	F8XZ	F8Y2	BLUU	F8Y3	F8Y4	BLUT		
2014	Feb	32	9	23	16	5	11	27		
2015	Feb	24	10	14	11	5	6	23		
	Mar	23	19	3	17	12	5	17		
	Apr	7	4	3	19	10	9	2		
	May	12	10	2	17	9	8	2		
	Jun	8	5	3	20	9	11	3		
	Jul	18	12	5	14	10	4	12		
	Aug	22	12	10	12	7	5	11		
	Sep	8	6	2	17	9	8	4		
	Oct	3	2	1	11	6	5	2		
	Nov	13	2	11	11	6	5	15		
	Dec	9	1	8	10	4	6	11		
2016	Jan	20	18	2	9	4	5	20		
	Feb (p)	19	16	2	11	8	3	19		
Cumulative totals 12 months to:										
	Feb 15	794	721	73	151	73	78	729		
	Feb 16 (p)	161	108	53	116	57	59	75		

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

Source: ONS Labour Disputes Inquiry
Labour disputes enquiries 01633 455400

- Estimates of working days lost and workers involved are shown to the nearest thousand. Unrounded estimates of less than 500 therefore round to zero.
- Due to rounding the working days lost for the public and private sectors may not add up to the total working days lost.
- The latest 12 month cumulative totals for the figures in these columns will not necessarily equal the sum of the 12 months as some disputes continue for over one month. These disputes appear in each month's data, but only once in the total.
- These series exclude disputes which do not result in a stoppage of work, those involving fewer than 10 workers or lasting less than 1 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							
Jan-Mar 2014	(r)	620	96	85	91	111	237
Jan-Mar 2015	(r)	742	131	112	98	131	270
Feb-Apr 2015	(r)	733	124	110	98	131	270
Mar-May 2015	(r)	732	122	110	96	133	271
Apr-Jun 2015	(r)	731	118	110	100	134	270
May-Jul 2015	(r)	739	118	112	105	135	269
Jun-Aug 2015	(r)	741	122	111	105	135	268
Jul-Sep 2015	(r)	740	120	112	103	137	268
Aug-Oct 2015	(r)	739	121	112	102	137	267
Sep-Nov 2015	(r)	743	123	110	107	138	266
Oct-Dec 2015	(r)	751	134	110	105	139	264
Nov-Jan 2016	(r)	763	137	110	105	143	267
Dec-Feb 2016	(r)	754	133	110	101	141	270
Jan-Mar 2016	(p)	751	125	109	103	141	272
Change on quarter	*	0	-10	0	-2	3	9
Change %	*	-0.1	-7.1	-0.1	-2.1	2.0	3.3
Change on year		9	-6	-3	4	10	3
Change %		1.2	-4.4	-2.7	4.4	7.9	1.0

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				
Dec-Feb 2014	(r)	597	2,254	3.8
Dec-Feb 2015	(r)	731	1,838	2.5
Mar-May 2015	(r)	732	1,853	2.5
Jun-Aug 2015	(r)	741	1,774	2.4
Sep-Nov 2015	(r)	743	1,675	2.3
Dec-Feb 2016	(r)	754	1,696	2.2
Change on quarter		11	21	0.0
Change %		1.4	1.2	
Change on year		23	-142	-0.3
Change %		3.1	-7.7	

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
	AP2Y	JP9H	JP9I	JP9J	JP9K	JP9L	JP9M	JP9N	JP9O	JP9P
Levels (thousands)										
Jan-Mar 2014 (r)	620	2	44	4	2	20	113	22	63	31
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	742	1	49	4	2	28	137	33	79	37
Feb-Apr 2015 (r)	733	1	47	4	2	25	136	33	80	35
Mar-May 2015 (r)	732	1	46	4	2	24	134	34	79	38
Apr-Jun 2015 (r)	731	1	49	4	3	25	131	33	80	37
May-Jul 2015 (r)	739	1	50	4	3	26	133	32	79	37
Jun-Aug 2015 (r)	741	1	50	4	3	25	134	30	82	36
Jul-Sep 2015 (r)	740	1	50	4	3	24	130	30	82	37
Aug-Oct 2015 (r)	739	1	49	4	3	24	128	29	84	39
Sep-Nov 2015 (r)	743	1	49	4	3	24	130	29	85	38
Oct-Dec 2015 (r)	751	1	48	4	4	24	138	29	84	40
Nov-Jan 2016 (r)	763	1	50	4	4	22	143	31	83	40
Dec-Feb 2016 (r)	754	1	48	4	3	21	143	31	81	41
Jan-Mar 2016 (p)	751	1	48	4	3	21	143	31	81	42
Change on quarter *	0	0	-1	0	-1	-3	5	2	-3	3
Change % *	-0.1	-12.5	-1.0	-2.3	-31.7	-11.4	3.3	8.4	-3.4	6.3
Change on year	9	0	-1	0	1	-7	5	-2	2	6
Change %	1.2	-30.0	-1.2	10.5	21.7	-24.8	3.9	-6.4	2.4	15.6
	AP2Z	JPA2	JPA3	JPA4	JPA5	JPA6	JPA7	JPA8	JPA9	JPB2
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
Jan-Mar 2014 (r)	2.2	3.5	1.8	3.4	1.1	1.5	2.5	1.7	3.1	2.7
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	2.6	1.6	2.0	3.4	1.2	2.1	3.0	2.6	3.9	3.2
Feb-Apr 2015 (r)	2.6	1.6	1.9	3.4	1.3	1.9	3.0	2.6	3.9	3.1
Mar-May 2015 (r)	2.6	1.6	1.9	3.4	1.3	1.9	2.9	2.7	3.9	3.3
Apr-Jun 2015 (r)	2.6	1.6	2.0	3.4	1.4	1.9	2.9	2.6	3.9	3.2
May-Jul 2015 (r)	2.6	1.6	2.1	3.2	1.5	2.0	2.9	2.5	3.9	3.2
Jun-Aug 2015 (r)	2.6	1.6	2.1	3.3	1.6	1.9	2.9	2.3	4.0	3.2
Jul-Sep 2015 (r)	2.6	1.4	2.1	3.4	1.6	1.8	2.9	2.4	4.0	3.2
Aug-Oct 2015 (r)	2.6	1.3	2.0	3.7	1.6	1.8	2.8	2.3	4.1	3.3
Sep-Nov 2015 (r)	2.6	1.3	2.0	3.9	1.8	1.9	2.9	2.3	4.1	3.3
Oct-Dec 2015 (r)	2.6	1.3	2.0	3.9	2.2	1.8	3.0	2.2	4.1	3.4
Nov-Jan 2016 (r)	2.7	1.1	2.1	3.9	1.9	1.7	3.2	2.4	4.1	3.4
Dec-Feb 2016 (r)	2.6	1.1	2.0	3.7	1.7	1.7	3.1	2.5	3.9	3.6
Jan-Mar 2016 (p)	2.6	1.1	2.0	3.8	1.5	1.6	3.1	2.4	4.0	3.7
Change on quarter *	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Change on year	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.5
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)										
Jan-Mar 2014 (r)	34	9	59	46	10	47	87	13	14	548
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	39	10	65	52	11	51	108	17	19	658
Feb-Apr 2015 (r)	37	11	63	51	11	52	110	17	18	653
Mar-May 2015 (r)	36	10	66	51	11	52	112	16	17	654
Apr-Jun 2015 (r)	33	11	68	51	11	51	112	16	16	650
May-Jul 2015 (r)	34	12	69	52	11	51	116	15	15	656
Jun-Aug 2015 (r)	35	14	69	51	11	50	118	15	15	659
Jul-Sep 2015 (r)	35	14	69	52	12	49	119	15	16	659
Aug-Oct 2015 (r)	33	13	68	53	12	48	118	14	19	659
Sep-Nov 2015 (r)	31	13	67	54	12	49	118	15	20	662
Oct-Dec 2015 (r)	29	12	66	52	11	49	121	16	22	670
Nov-Jan 2016 (r)	31	11	64	52	11	52	126	17	20	682
Dec-Feb 2016 (r)	30	10	63	50	11	52	129	17	20	676
Jan-Mar 2016 (p)	30	10	64	48	11	51	126	18	19	674
Change on quarter *	1	-3	-2	-5	0	2	5	2	-3	5
Change % *	3.1	-22.8	-3.0	-9.4	-0.9	4.1	4.2	14.0	-12.5	0.7
Change on year	-9	-1	-1	-5	0	0	18	1	0	16
Change %	-22.7	-5.0	-1.2	-8.7	0.0	0.4	16.5	7.8	-1.0	2.4
	JPB3	JPB4	JPB5	JPB6	JPB7	JPB8	JPB9	JPC2	JPC3	JPC4
Vacancies per 100 employee jobs										
Jan-Mar 2014 (r)	3.2	1.8	2.5	1.8	0.8	1.8	2.2	1.9	2.3	2.2
Jan-Mar 2015 (r)	3.7	2.1	2.8	2.1	0.8	2.0	2.8	2.4	3.1	2.7
Feb-Apr 2015 (r)	3.5	2.4	2.7	2.0	0.8	2.0	2.8	2.4	3.0	2.7
Mar-May 2015 (r)	3.4	2.1	2.9	2.0	0.8	2.0	2.9	2.2	2.7	2.7
Apr-Jun 2015 (r)	3.2	2.3	2.9	2.0	0.8	2.0	2.9	2.3	2.6	2.7
May-Jul 2015 (r)	3.3	2.6	3.0	2.1	0.8	1.9	3.0	2.2	2.4	2.7
Jun-Aug 2015 (r)	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.1	0.8	1.9	3.0	2.2	2.5	2.7
Jul-Sep 2015 (r)	3.3	3.0	3.0	2.1	0.9	1.9	3.1	2.1	2.5	2.7
Aug-Oct 2015 (r)	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.1	0.9	1.8	3.0	2.1	3.1	2.7
Sep-Nov 2015 (r)	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.2	0.9	1.9	3.0	2.1	3.2	2.7
Oct-Dec 2015 (r)	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.1	0.9	1.9	3.1	2.2	3.5	2.7
Nov-Jan 2016 (r)	2.9	2.4	2.8	2.1	0.8	2.0	3.2	2.4	3.3	2.8
Dec-Feb 2016 (r)	2.9	2.1	2.8	2.0	0.8	2.0	3.3	2.4	3.2	2.8
Jan-Mar 2016 (p)	2.9	2.0	2.8	1.9	0.8	2.0	3.2	2.6	3.1	2.8
Change on quarter *	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.0
Change on year	-0.8	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1

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.

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

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
Dec-Feb 2014	116	4.5	79	6.1	38	3.0
Dec-Feb 2015	107	4.1	63	4.8	45	3.5
Mar-May 2015	118	4.5	70	5.3	48	3.7
Jun-Aug 2015	106	4.0	63	4.7	42	3.3
Sep-Nov 2015	102	3.9	63	4.7	39	3.0
Dec-Feb 2016	111	4.2	70	5.2	42	3.2
Change on quarter	10	0.3	7	0.5	3	0.2
Change %	9.4		10.8		7.1	
Change on year	4	0.1	7	0.4	-3	-0.3
Change %	3.7		11.0		-6.6	

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
Oct-Dec 2013	111	15	*	17	18	*	12	23	84
Oct-Dec 2014	107	14	*	12	15	11	20	17	80
Jan-Mar 2015	110	18	*	17	26	*	11	14	82
Apr-Jun 2015	112	18	*	12	18	*	23	17	81
Jul-Sep 2015	111	16	*	16	19	*	15	21	82
Oct-Dec 2015	98	15	*	16	16	*	*	22	73
Change on year	-9	0	*	4	2	*	*	5	-7
Change %	-8.5	3.0	*	35.4	10.7	*	*	31.7	-9.1

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.

REGIONAL SUMMARY

25(1) Regional summary of labour market headline indicators¹

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Headline estimates for December 2015 to February 2016

	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	1,310	76.4	1,206	70.3	104	8.0	392	23.6
North West	3,581	77.1	3,404	73.2	178	5.0	1,036	22.9
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,689	76.9	2,521	72.0	169	6.3	782	23.1
East Midlands	2,354	78.2	2,248	74.6	106	4.5	634	21.8
West Midlands	2,782	75.6	2,630	71.3	152	5.5	866	24.4
East of England	3,136	80.9	3,025	78.0	110	3.5	707	19.1
London	4,639	77.9	4,348	72.9	291	6.3	1,280	22.1
South East	4,637	81.1	4,459	77.9	178	3.8	1,037	18.9
South West	2,778	80.3	2,673	77.2	105	3.8	649	19.7
England	27,907	78.5	26,514	74.5	1,392	5.0	7,383	21.5
Wales	1,528	76.0	1,451	72.0	76	5.0	458	24.0
Scotland	2,781	78.9	2,610	73.9	171	6.2	721	21.1
Great Britain	32,215	78.4	30,575	74.3	1,640	5.1	8,563	21.6
Northern Ireland	890	73.7	834	68.9	56	6.3	306	26.3
United Kingdom	33,105	78.3	31,409	74.1	1,696	5.1	8,869	21.7

Change on quarter (change since September to November 2015)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	5	0.5	4	0.4	1	0.0	-8	-0.5
North West	-3	0.2	-2	0.2	-1	0.0	-6	-0.2
Yorkshire and The Humber	20	0.8	15	0.6	4	0.1	-25	-0.8
East Midlands	10	0.3	5	0.2	5	0.2	-9	-0.3
West Midlands	-2	-0.3	4	-0.1	-6	-0.2	10	0.3
East of England	3	0.1	12	0.3	-9	-0.3	-2	-0.1
London	7	0.2	4	0.1	3	0.1	-11	-0.2
South East	-4	0.1	-11	0.0	8	0.2	-7	-0.1
South West	-34	-0.5	-32	-0.5	-2	0.0	18	0.5
England	3	0.1	0	0.1	2	0.0	-40	-0.1
Wales	31	1.2	36	1.5	-5	-0.5	-23	-1.2
Scotland	-1	-0.5	-21	-1.0	20	0.7	15	0.5
Great Britain	32	0.1	15	0.1	17	0.0	-47	-0.1
Northern Ireland	9	0.5	5	0.1	4	0.4	-6	-0.5
United Kingdom	41	0.1	20	0.1	21	0.1	-53	-0.1

Change on year (change since December 2014 to February 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
North East	26	0.7	21	0.5	5	0.2	-9	-0.7
North West	30	0.9	61	1.6	-32	-0.9	-36	-0.9
Yorkshire and The Humber	3	-0.4	0	-0.4	2	0.1	16	0.4
East Midlands	4	-0.2	13	0.2	-10	-0.4	9	0.2
West Midlands	18	-0.1	39	0.6	-20	-0.8	5	0.1
East of England	30	0.3	74	1.5	-44	-1.5	-11	-0.3
London	42	0.8	39	0.8	4	0.0	-44	-0.8
South East	7	0.6	23	0.9	-17	-0.4	-31	-0.6
South West	13	-0.3	35	0.4	-22	-0.8	11	0.3
England	173	0.3	306	0.7	-133	-0.5	-90	-0.3
Wales	44	1.5	60	2.2	-15	-1.2	-29	-1.5
Scotland	-1	-0.1	-5	-0.3	4	0.1	4	0.1
Great Britain	216	0.3	360	0.7	-144	-0.5	-115	-0.3
Northern Ireland	3	0.5	0	0.3	3	0.3	-6	-0.5
United Kingdom	219	0.4	360	0.7	-142	-0.5	-121	-0.4

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

REGIONAL SUMMARY

25(2) Regional labour market summary Thousands, seasonally adjusted

	Employer Surveys ¹		Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Workforce jobs ² (Dec 2015)		Claimant Count ³ (March 2016)					
	Total		Total		Men		Women	
	Level		Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴
North East	1,172		48.3	4.0	32.3	5.1	15.9	2.7
North West	3,542		103.7	2.8	64.1	3.2	39.5	2.2
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,635		70.9	2.7	45.5	3.2	25.3	2.0
East Midlands	2,343		42.9	1.9	27.3	2.2	15.6	1.5
West Midlands	2,800		75.2	2.6	47.5	3.0	27.7	2.1
East of England	3,068		43.7	1.4	27.0	1.7	16.7	1.2
London	5,576		104.7	1.8	60.5	2.0	44.3	1.7
South East	4,693		55.2	1.2	34.0	1.3	21.1	1.0
South West	2,944		36.1	1.2	22.9	1.5	13.2	1.0
England	28,772		580.7	2.0	361.2	2.3	219.5	1.6
Wales	1,452		41.4	2.8	26.2	3.4	15.1	2.2
Scotland	2,697		71.4	2.5	48.5	3.3	22.9	1.7
Great Britain	32,921		693.5	2.1	435.9	2.5	257.5	1.6
Northern Ireland	849		38.6	4.3	26.7	5.6	11.9	2.8
United Kingdom	33,782		732.1	2.1	462.6	2.5	269.4	1.7

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹		Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Workforce jobs ² (Change on Sept 2015)		Claimant Count ³ (Change on February 2016)					
	Total		Total		Men		Women	
	Level		Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴	Level	Rate (%) ⁴
North East	-3		0.8	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.1
North West	-15		1.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.4	0.0
Yorkshire and The Humber	-11		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
East Midlands	12		0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
West Midlands	18		1.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.0
East of England	-9		0.6	0.0	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.0
London	3		-0.7	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.0
South East	17		1.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0
South West	30		1.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0
England	41		5.7	0.0	4.2	0.0	1.5	0.0
Wales	28		0.6	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0
Scotland	1		0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Great Britain	70		6.5	0.0	5.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
Northern Ireland	0		0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
United Kingdom	69		6.7	0.0	5.1	0.0	1.5	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 unemployment related benefits (experimental statistics).
4. Denominator = Claimant Count + Workforce Jobs.