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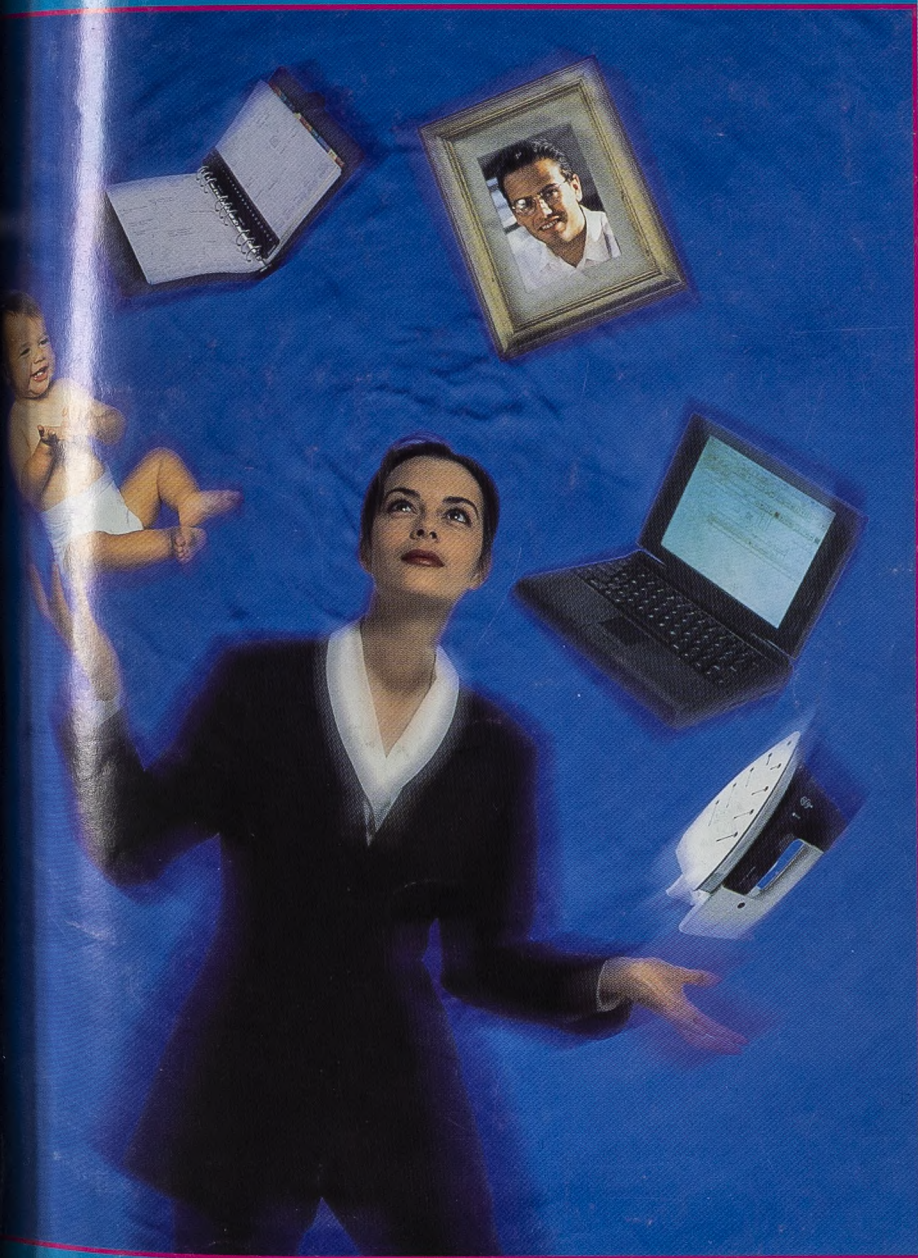
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Labour Market Update

Data released on or before 16 February 2000

All figures are seasonally adjusted and for UK unless otherwise stated. For detailed figures, definitions and concepts see the Labour Market Data section.

Headlines

- **Rising employment** indicated by October-December 1999 Labour Force Survey (LFS) results.
 - **Falling unemployment** from January claimant count. Unchanged ILO unemployment rate from October-December 1999 LFS.
- Employment has continued to grow. The ILO unemployment rate has remained unchanged and the claimant count has fallen. The whole economy average earnings growth rate has increased. Labour Force Survey data for October to December 1999 show that the working age employment rate was 74.3 per cent, up from 74.2 per cent in the preceding three months. Survey estimates indicate that employment grew by 75,000 over the quarter, and by 291,000 over the year. The ILO unemployment rate was 5.9 per cent, the same as in the preceding three months, and down from 6.2 per cent a year earlier. The claimant count fell by 9,800 in January 2000. The average monthly fall in the claimant count has been 15,000 over the past three months and 12,700 over the past six months. The headline rate of growth in average earnings in December was 5.5 per cent, up from 4.9 per cent in November.

New this month

October-December 1999: Latest LFS three-month average results, earnings;

January 2000 data: Claimant count, vacancies and placings;

December 1999 data: Manufacturing productivity and unit wage costs, manufacturing jobs, labour disputes.

Figure 1 Working-age employment rate

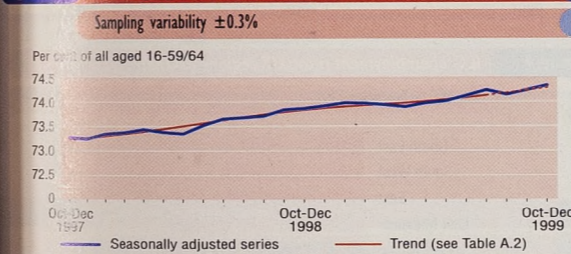


Figure 2 ILO unemployment rate

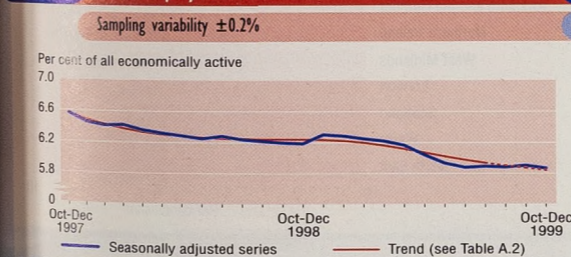


Figure 3 GB headline average earnings growth



SUMMARY

- **Employment rate** was 74.3 per cent among people of working age in the October-December 1999 period, up from 74.2 per cent in July-September 1999 and up from 73.9 per cent a year earlier (Figure 1, Table A.1).
- **ILO unemployment rate** was 5.9 per cent in the October-December 1999 period, unchanged from July-September 1999 and down from 6.2 per cent a year earlier (Figure 2, Table A.1).
- **Employment** was 27.58 million in October-December 1999, up 291,000 over the year (Table A.1).
- **Workforce jobs** rose by 131,000 over the year to 27.83 million in September 1999; this rise comprised 97,000 male jobs and 35,000 female jobs (Table A.3).
- **ILO unemployment level** was 1.72 million in October-December 1999. This is 81,000 lower than a year ago (Table A.1).
- **Claimant count** down 9,800 in month to January 2000 to 1.16 million. Claimant count rate in January 2000 was 4.0 per cent, compared to 4.1 per cent in December 1999 (Table A.3).
- **Economic activity rate** was 79.0 per cent among people of working age in October-December 1999, up from 78.9 per cent in July-September 1999 and 78.8 per cent a year earlier (Table A.1).
- **Economic inactivity rate** was 21.0 per cent among people of working age in the October-December 1999 period, down from 21.1 per cent in July-September 1999 and 21.2 per cent a year earlier (Table A.1).
- **GB headline rate for average earnings** was 5.5 per cent in December 1999 compared with 4.5 per cent a year earlier. This is up 0.6 per cent from the November rate (Figure 3, Table A.3).
- **New vacancies notified to Jobcentres** down 7,700 in January 2000 to 228,800 (Table A.3).
- **Stock of unfilled vacancies** down 7,200 in January 2000 to 339,400 (Table G.1).

EMPLOYMENT

- Men in employment up 47,000 since July-September 1999 to 15.23 million in October-December 1999, and women up 29,000 in the same period to 12.35 million (Figures 4 and 5, Table B.1).
- People in full-time employment up 60,000 since July-September 1999 to 20.73 million in October-December 1999. People in part-time employment up 14,000 over the same period to 6.85 million (Table B.1).
- Manufacturing employee jobs down by 126,000 in the three months to December 1999 compared with the same three months a year ago, at 4.02 million (Table B.1.2).
- The LFS estimate of the total number of actual hours worked per week was 908.4 million during October-December 1999, up 1.0 per cent from October-December 1998. This is due to an increase in total employment of 1.1 per cent over the year combined with a decrease of 0.1 per cent in average actual weekly hours (Table B.2.1).

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Number of people ILO unemployed for between six and 12 months down 9,000 over the year to 257,000 in October-December 1999 (Table C.1).
- ILO unemployment over 12 months fell 16,000 in year to stand at 494,000 in October-December 1999 (Figure 6, Table C.1).
- ILO unemployment for those aged 18 to 24 years fell 51,000 over the year to stand at 403,000 in October-December 1999 (Table C.1).
- ILO unemployment rate for UK Government Office Regions down in all regions over the year except East Midlands, West Midlands, Wales and the South East, which remained unchanged on the year. Highest rate is in the North East at 8.4 per cent and lowest is in the South East and South West regions at 4.1 per cent (Figure 7, Table A.4).
- Claimant count over 12 months (computerised claims only, unadjusted) shows a fall of 67,800 over the year to 275,100 in January 2000 (Table C.1.2).
- Total claimants aged 18-24 (computerised claims only, unadjusted) stood at 288,700 in January 2000, a fall of 35,900 over the year (Table C.1.2).
- Claimant count aged 18 to 24 over 12 months (computerised claims only, unadjusted) stood at 7,700 in January 2000, a fall of 16,800 over the year (Table C.1.2).
- Number of people in categories affected by New Deal (computerised claims only, unadjusted):

	January 2000	Change on year
18-24 over 6 months	52,005	down 24,414
25 & over more than 2 years	133,075	down 32,288
Total	185,080	down 56,702

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

- Number of economically active people was 29.30 million in October-December 1999. Of this total, 16.27 million were men and 13.03 million were women (Table D.1).
- Number of economically inactive people of working age was 7.55 million in October-December 1999. Of this total 5.29 million people did not want a job and 2.05 million wanted a job, but had not actively looked for one (Figure 8, Table D.2).
- The LFS shows that the net increase of the number in employment was 291,000 in the year to October-December 1999. This was balanced by a decrease in the ILO unemployed of 81,000, a decrease in the number of economically inactive of 57,000, and an increase in the total population aged 16 and over of 153,000 (Table A.1).
- Economic activity rate for men of working age was 84.7 per cent in October-December 1999, up from 84.6 per cent in July-September 1999, while the rate for women was 72.8 per cent for the same period, up from 72.7 per cent (Table D.1).
- Economic inactivity rate for men of working age was 15.3 per cent in October-December 1999, down from 15.4 per cent in July-September 1999, while the rate for women was 27.2 per cent for the same period, down from 27.3 per cent (Table D.3).

Figure 4 Male employment

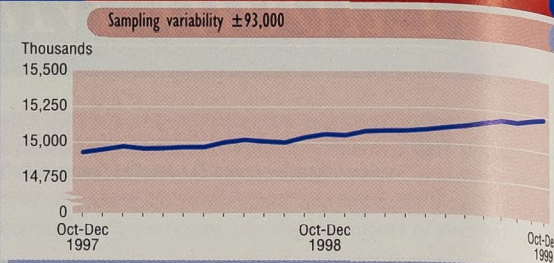


Figure 5 Female employment

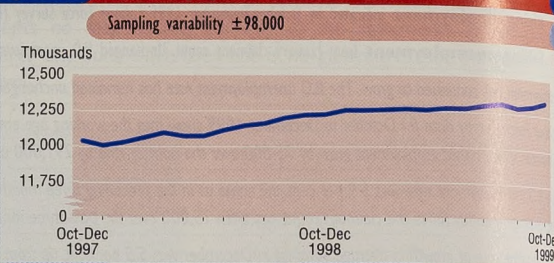


Figure 6 ILO unemployed for more than 12 months

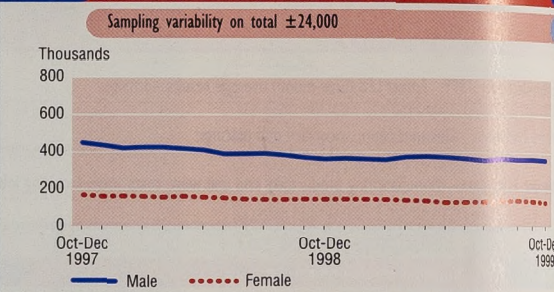


Figure 7 ILO unemployment rates: UK regions (GORs)

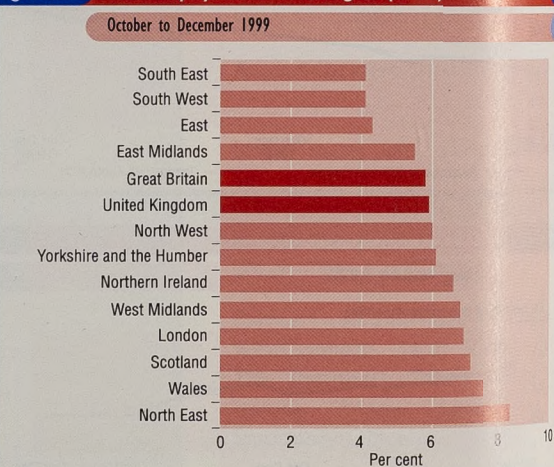


Figure 8 Economic inactivity (working age)

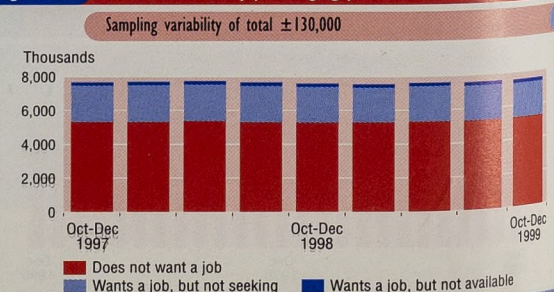


Figure 9 Headline average earnings growth: Great Britain

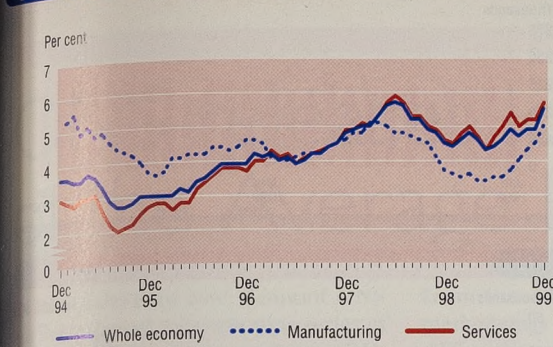


Figure 10 Whole economy productivity and unit wage costs

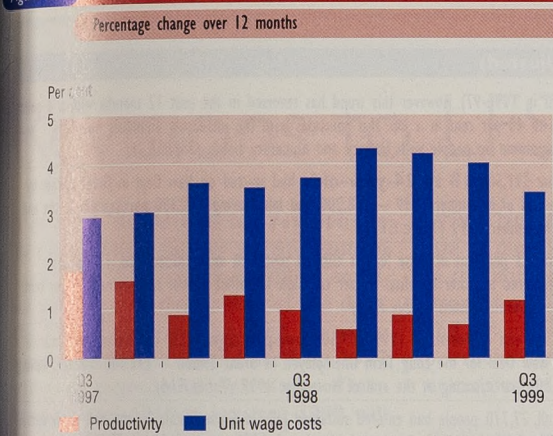
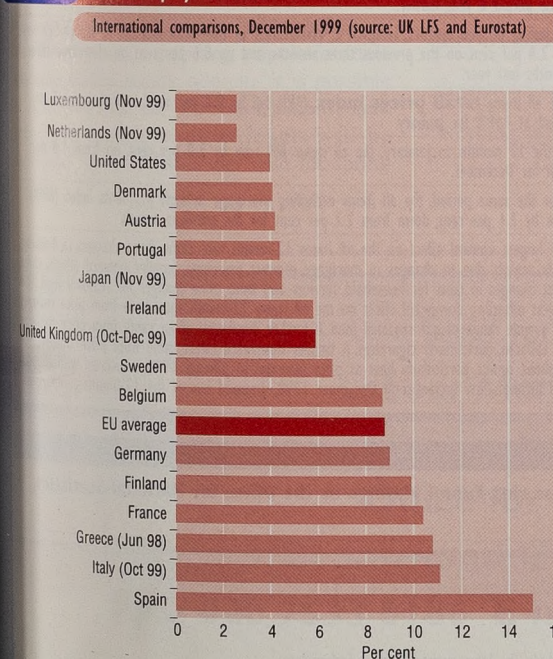


Figure 11 ILO unemployment rates



REDUNDANCIES (not seasonally adjusted)

- There were 205,000 people made redundant in autumn 1999 (September-November). This compares with 209,000 in autumn 1998 (Table C.4.1, and February 2000).
- Results for autumn 1999 show that 1.0 per cent of male employees and 0.7 per cent of female employees had been made redundant in the three months prior to the interview. Of those made redundant, 42 per cent were back in employment at the time of the interview (Table C.4.1, and February 2000).

GB AVERAGE EARNINGS

- Headline (three-month average) rate of increase in average earnings for the whole economy in the year to December 1999 was provisionally estimated to be 5.5 per cent, up 0.6 percentage points from the November rate (Figure 9, Table E.1).
- The actual increase in whole economy average earnings in the year to December 1999 was 6.4 per cent, up 1.4 percentage points from the November rate (Table E.1).
- In the manufacturing industries, the headline (three-month average) increase for December 1999 was 5.0 per cent, up 0.5 percentage points from the November rate (Figure 9, Table E.1).
- The production industries headline (three-month average) increase was 4.7 per cent for December 1999, up 0.5 percentage points from the November rate (Table E.1).
- In the service industries the headline (three-month average) increase was 5.7 per cent in December 1999, up 0.5 percentage points from the November rate (Figure 9, Table E.1).
- Public sector headline (three-month average) increase for December 1999 was 3.9 per cent compared with a year earlier, unchanged from the November rate (Table E.1).
- Private sector headline (three-month average) increase for December 1999 was 5.8 per cent compared with a year earlier, up 0.6 percentage points from the November rate (Table E.1).

PRODUCTIVITY AND UNIT WAGE COSTS

- Manufacturing output was 1.9 per cent higher in the three months ending December 1999, compared with a year earlier (Table B.32).
- Manufacturing productivity in terms of output per filled job was 5.6 per cent higher in the three months ending December 1999, compared with a year earlier (Table B.32).
- Manufacturing unit wage costs were 0.6 per cent lower in the three months ending December 1999, compared with a year earlier (Table E.2.1).
- Whole economy output per filled job was 1.2 per cent higher in the third quarter of 1999, compared with a year earlier (Figure 10, Table B.32).
- Whole economy unit wage costs were 3.4 per cent higher in the third quarter of 1999, compared with a year earlier (Figure 10, Table E.2.1).

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

- UK ILO unemployment rate in October-December 1999 was 5.9 per cent, below the EU average of 8.8 per cent in December 1999 and lower than all EU countries except Austria, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Portugal (Figure 11, Table C.5.1).
- UK ILO unemployment rate among under-25s at 12.5 per cent in October-December 1999 was lower than all EU countries except Austria, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Sweden.
- In EU countries there was an average increase in consumer prices of 1.7 per cent (provisional) over the 12 months to December, compared with 1.2 per cent in the UK. Over the same period consumer prices rose in France by 1.4 per cent (provisional) and in Germany by 1.4 per cent.

VACANCIES

- 1 New vacancies notified to Jobcentres in January 2000 were 1,000 lower than the same month last year (Figure 12, Table G.1).
- 2 Stock of unfilled vacancies at Jobcentres in January 2000 was 34,400 higher than the same month last year (Table G.1).
- 3 Placings by Jobcentres down by 900 in January 2000 to stand at 124,700 (Table G.1).

LABOUR DISPUTES (not seasonally adjusted)

- 1 Number of working days lost in the 12 months to December 1999 is provisionally estimated to be 231,000, from 192 stoppages. Some 24 per cent of the days lost were in manufacturing industries, and 21 per cent were lost in construction.
- 2 Number of working days lost to labour disputes in December 1999 is provisionally estimated to be 18,700, from 19 stoppages (Figure 13, Tables G.11 and G.12).

Figure 12 Notified vacancies at Jobcentres

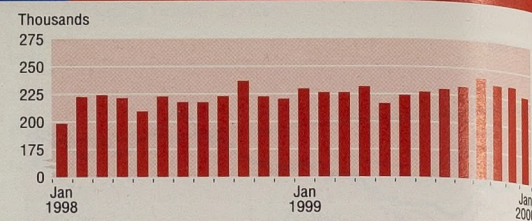
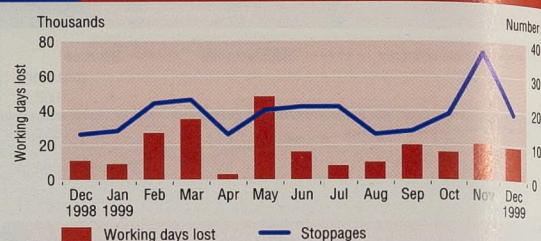


Figure 13 Working days lost due to labour disputes



GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES (not seasonally adjusted)

- 1 The number of young people in Work-based training for young people in England and Wales as at 26 September 1999 was 289,500, 1 per cent higher than 12 months earlier. Of these, 20 per cent were on National Traineeships, an increase of 14 per cent in the last year (Table F.1).
- 2 The proportion of Modern Apprenticeships (MA) leavers in the year to March 1999, gaining any full qualification was 55 per cent, 8 percentage points higher than a year earlier. This contrasts with a 1 point rise (to 46 per cent) in the number of Other Training (OT) leavers gaining a full qualification in the same period. Likewise the proportion of MA leavers gaining a full qualification at level 3 or above also rose by 8 percentage points to 35 per cent whilst the percentage of OT leavers gaining a level 2 or above rose by 1 point to 41 per cent (Table F.5).
- 3 The number participating in Work-based learning for adults in England and Wales as at 26 September 1999 was 34,200, 9 per cent more than 12 months earlier (Table F.1).
- 4 The proportion of Work-based learning for adults trainees going into a job has risen as the labour market has improved (from 31 per cent in 1991-92 to 44 per

cent in 1996-97). However this trend has reversed in the past 12 months with a 4 point fall to 40 per cent in a job. This coincides with the increasing emphasis in the programme on people with literacy and numeracy needs (Table F.3).

- 5 Some 391,500 18 to 24-year-olds had started on New Deal in Great Britain by the end of November 1999 - 268,200 had left, leaving 123,300 participants at the end of November 1999 (Table F.11).
- 6 Some 43 per cent of these leavers entered sustained unsubsidised jobs, 12 per cent transferred to other benefits, 18 per cent left for other known reasons and 27 per cent for unknown reasons (Table F.14).
- 7 By the end of November 1999, 209,500 people aged 25 or more had started on New Deal for the Long Term Unemployed in Great Britain - 122,400 had left, leaving 87,100 participating at the end of November 1999 (Table F.16).
- 8 In all, 27,770 people had entered sustained jobs in Great Britain by the end of November 1999, of which 21,390 were unsubsidised and 6,380 were subsidised (Table F.19).

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

- 1 Gross domestic product (GDP) at constant market prices in the fourth quarter of 1999 grew by 0.8 per cent, unchanged from the previous quarter of 1999. Compared with the fourth quarter of 1998, GDP has grown by 2.7 per cent.
- 2 Retail sales volumes in the three months to December were 1.3 per cent higher than in the previous three months and 4.7 per cent higher than in the same period a year earlier.
- 3 Manufacturing output in the three months to December was up by 0.7 per cent compared with the previous three months and up 1.9 per cent on a year earlier.
- 4 The total volume of construction output in the third quarter of 1999 was 1.0 per cent higher compared with the previous quarter and was 2.0 per cent higher than the same period a year earlier.
- 5 Business investment in the third quarter of 1999 was 1.0 per cent lower than the previous quarter but 5.8 per cent higher than the third quarter of 1998.
- 6 Government consumption in the third quarter of 1999 was up 0.5 per cent on the previous quarter and 3.7 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- 7 The balance of trade in goods in the three months to November was in deficit by £6.3 billion, down from a deficit of £6.7 billion in the previous three months and down from a deficit of £6.5 billion a year earlier.

- 8 Excluding oil and erratics, export volumes in the three months to November were 1.2 per cent higher than the previous three months and 7.1 per cent higher than the same period a year earlier.
- 9 Excluding oil and erratics, import volumes in the three months to November were up 2.4 per cent on the previous three months and up 8.8 per cent on the same three months last year.
- 10 The all items retail prices index (RPI) fell by 0.4 per cent over the month to stand at 166.6 for January.
- 11 In the 12 months to January, the all items RPI rose by 2.0 per cent, up from 1.8 per cent for December.
- 12 Over the same period, the all items excluding mortgage interest payments index (RPIX) rose by 2.1 per cent, down from 2.2 per cent for the previous month.
- 13 The largest upward effect on the all items 12-month rate came from changes in housing costs, mainly due to changes in mortgage interest payments. Smaller upward effects came from changes in costs for household services and from price changes for seasonal food. The largest offsetting downward effect on the all items 12-month rate came from price changes for a wide range of non-seasonal food. A further downward effect came from price changes for tobacco, particularly cigarettes. A smaller downward effect came from price changes for alcoholic drinks, particularly beer as price increases in January 1999, associated with tobacco and alcohol duty increases in December 1998, dropped out of the 12-month comparison.

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Next month

The next Labour Market Update, as well as containing the usual monthly labour market statistics, will also include the latest workforce jobs data.

ONS releases long-run time series of the Average Earnings Index

IN RESPONSE to user demand ONS has now released long-run time series of the Average Earnings Index (AEI). Because the current methodology for the AEI only allows data to be produced back to January 1990, the long-run series have been constructed by combining data from the AEI, as currently constructed, with growth rates

from the AEI that was based on the methodology prior to the reviews of the AEI at the end of 1998.

These long-run series, which provide data back to January 1963, are affected by a structural break in the methodology at January 1990. Index values prior to 1990 have been derived by using growth rates based on the methodology prior to the AEI

review published in March 1999. The data are available via ONS DataBank® and through the StatBase®.

Further details are available from Derek Bird (Room 250, Office for National Statistics, East Lane House, East Lane, Runcorn WA7 2GJ, e-mail derek.bird@ons.gov.uk, tel. 01928 792614).

Revisions to LFS estimates

ONS WILL be introducing revisions to the Labour Force Survey (LFS) results in April 2000. These revisions will be small, but will improve the quality of the data. The LFS is currently grossed up using population projections based on 1992 mid-year population estimates. Data from autumn 1993 to autumn 1999 will be revised to take account of more up-to-date information on changes in the population (1996-based projections and more up-to-date population estimates). Further details can be found in pp83-90, *Labour Market Trends*, February 2000.

The revised data will not be available until April (and will appear in May's *Labour Market Trends*) but, using population data already in the public domain, it is possible to estimate that the effects on employment and ILO unemployment levels will be increases of less than 1 per cent for spring

1999. Thus, there will be an increase in the size of the growth between 1993 and 1999 in the number of people in employment (from about 1.8 million to about 2 million) and a very small fall in the size of the decrease in the numbers of ILO unemployed people. Data from winter

1999/2000 have been grossed using the latest population data.

Examples of the approximate size of revisions to LFS data for spring 1999 due to regrossing (UK, not seasonally adjusted) are given below. For further information contact Jeremy Schuman (0207 533 6110).

Indicator	Revision in level	Revision in percentage points on rate
Employment (all ages)	+195,000	
Working age employment rate		+0.1 percentage points
ILO unemployment	+10,000	
ILO unemployment rate		-0.05 percentage points
Economic inactivity (all ages)	+12,000	
Working age inactivity rate		-0.05 percentage points

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New Labour Force Survey questionnaire

AFTER CONSULTATION with government users, the Labour Force Survey (LFS) questionnaire for the 2000-01 survey year has been finalised. There will be new questions on the following topics:

- learning carried out by adults (consistent with information collected on the National Adult Learning Survey);
- the number of employees in the organisation for which the respondent works;

- under- and over-employment; and
- an ad hoc module on the transition between school and work.

There have also been changes to questions on sickness absence. In addition, questions on health will be asked of those above state pensionable age. Finally, questions on the income received from state benefits, occupational pensions, investments, shares and any other non-earnings income have been removed from the questionnaire.

As has happened in the past with new or

amended topic areas, questions will be evaluated by ONS before information from them is put on publicly-available databases.

The User Guide for the 2000 questionnaire, incorporating the above changes, will be available in spring 2000. Information on availability of this and other LFS user guides can be obtained from Chris Randall (0207 533 6138). Further information on changes to the questionnaire can be obtained from Mehdi Hussain (0207 533 6133).

International comparisons tables review

ONS IS constantly seeking to improve its outputs, and recognises the importance of seeking users' opinions. A review of the international comparisons in *Labour Market Trends* of employment (Table B.51) and unemployment (Table C.51) is underway, and ONS invites users of these data to comment.

A number of improvements to these tables have already been suggested, and these will be considered carefully:

- a summary table of international comparisons should appear in the suite of summary tables suffixed "A";
- ratios and/or growth rates rather than levels are more suitable for making comparisons;
- data on the ILO definitions should form the basis of the comparisons, supplemented by other data as appropriate; and
- more descriptive information to help users

make useful comparisons should be given.

Changes are planned to be implemented in time for the May 2000 publication of *Labour Market Trends*. Comments on the current tables or on the suggested improvements should be sent by 24 March 2000 to Phillip Lee, (e-mail phillip.lee@ons.gov.uk, tel. 020 7533 6131) who can also be contacted to discuss international comparisons of labour market data in general.

Improvements to economic statistics

AN ARTICLE in this month's *Economic Trends* gives a comprehensive overview of a number of improvements to economic statistics which are currently in progress. Work on most improvement projects started in April 1999. The article provides a brief description of progress to date.

One such project aims to improve further

quality in the Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR). This includes quality improvements in terms of coverage and industrial classification, improvements to the use of the administrative data, and treatment of small and complex enterprises in relation to sample selection and estimation of survey results.

Other projects include: corporate services

price indices; inquiries covering financial institutions; average earnings; developments in productivity measures; methodological development of Retail Prices Index; and Harmonised Index of Consumer prices.

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The national minimum wage

THE SECOND report of the Low Pay Commission has been published. The report of the commissioners says that several years will be needed to assess the full effects of the national minimum wage (NMW), but that it is already clear that a large number of people have benefited. The report also says that two-thirds of beneficiaries are working women and, of these, two-thirds are part-time workers.

According to the report, employment continued to grow in low-paying sectors in the quarter following the introduction of NMW, and contrary to fears that business would adapt to the legislation by shedding labour, there had been no evidence of a significant reaction. Small businesses, which had been most affected, had generally managed the transition successfully and any job losses had been small. Nevertheless, in some types of businesses considerable adjustment had been necessary and there

was a need to monitor whether changes in the structure of employment had occurred over the longer term.

The report suggested that 21-year-olds should be included in the upper threshold, although most were already earning at least the minimum wage. It also concluded that a level of £3.20 per hour for 18 to 20-year-olds would 'pose no significant problems for employers'. The report recommended changing the law in one or two areas to correct anomalies (students on work experience, trainees), and suggested that more guidance was needed in the difficult areas of therapeutic work and volunteering.

Although awareness of NMW among employers and workers was such that it was largely self-enforcing, and early indications were that the vast majority of businesses were meeting their obligation to pay it, the report still found that not all workers who were entitled to it were receiving it.

However, steps were being taken to increase compliance.

The report concluded that NMW had been introduced successfully with no adverse effects on the economy. This was in no small part due to the prudent level at which it had initially been set, so as not to undermine competitiveness. The report did not estimate the number of beneficiaries to date, but said that at the time of NMW's introduction in April 1999, well over 1.5 million workers would have been entitled to receive it and in their view, the vast majority of these, by now, had done so.

- *The National Minimum Wage: The Story So Far*, Second Report of the Low Pay Commission, £24.50. Available from: The Stationery Office, PO Box 29, Norwich NR3 1GN, tel. 0845 7023474, or fax 0870 600 5533. E-mail book.orders@theso.co.uk

Graduate job prospects

A REPORT from Incomes Data Services (IDS) shows that employment prospects for graduates are likely to improve over the coming year. A survey of major employers found that they are planning to take on 25 per cent more graduates in 2000. This would represent a marked change from last year when graduate intakes were cut back by 17 per cent. IDS warns that the forecast is subject to uncertainty as employers face difficulties in making accurate predictions. Although a modest increase had been forecast for last year, the slowdown in the economy was said by employers to have caused a change in their recruitment plans.

Last year many employers were unable to fill all their vacancies and almost one third felt that graduate applicants had insufficient business awareness and communication skills. There was a particular shortage of engineering candidates. Despite the fall in recruitment numbers last year, however, the

starting salaries of first degree graduates went up, by 4.4 per cent on average. For this year, starting salaries are expected to increase by an average 3.2 per cent to £18,610, while the median is expected to be £18,000. Although there is little difference between the salaries being offered in the manufacturing, service and finance sectors, within sectors there is a wide range of starting salaries. For example, within the finance sector these range from £9,000 to £28,000. The sector with the highest median starting salary is the service sector, at £19,000, while the lowest is the public sector at £16,045.

Other findings from the survey included:

- starting salaries for new graduates in 1999 ranged from £9,000 to £27,000;
- over 20 per cent of organisations surveyed paid a premium for candidates with higher degrees or relevant experience;
- one third of employers said that they were unable to fill vacancies;

- the Internet has replaced advertising in the national press as the most popular recruitment tool, with 67 organisations using it for recruitment, and 26 of these having an on-line application form;
- nearly a half of employers used an assessment centre and one quarter used psychometric tests;
- the median retention rate for graduates recruited in 1996 was 75 per cent with an average salary of £25,467; and
- the median payment for a student on a sandwich placement was £225 per week.

A total of 122 organisations responded to the survey, the fourteenth annual survey of graduates carried out by IDS. The four main subject areas covered were: graduate recruitment; starting salaries; salary progression and retention; and sponsorship, sandwich and vacation placements.

- *Pay and progression for graduates 1999/2000*, £58. IDS, 77 Bastwick Street, London EC1V 3TT, tel. 020 7250 3434, website address: www.incomesdata.co.uk

A selection of recent Parliamentary Questions concerning labour market statistics answered in letters from Dr Tim Holt, Director of the Office for National Statistics. The date on which the answer was given is at the end of each PQ.

Minimum wage

JIM MURPHY (Eastwood) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer (1) how many people he estimates have benefited from the national minimum wage in (a) Scotland, (b) Wales, (c) Bristol, (d) Greater London, (e) Cornwall, (f) the West Country and (g) Cumbria; (2) how many public sector workers have benefited from the national minimum wage; (3) how many unskilled workers he estimates have benefited from the national minimum wage; (4) how many families he estimates have benefited from the national minimum wage.

JOHN PULLINGER: The Director of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has been asked to reply to your four recent parliamentary questions about people who have benefited from the national minimum wage. I am replying in Dr. Holt's absence.

Definitive estimates on the number of people that have benefited from the national minimum wage are not yet available. Currently available estimates for assessing the effect take data from both the New Earnings Survey and the Labour Force Survey (LFS) and adjust them for known limitations in each. However, the latest adjusted estimates are based on data for the spring (March-May) 1999 LFS and this period spans the introduction date for the national minimum wage legislation. As a result, the adjusted estimates may be giving a misleading picture of the effect of the minimum wage legislation since employees might legitimately have been earning below the minimum wage rates in March 1999.

The currently available estimates were published in an ONS First Release on 14 October and show that the number of people earning below the minimum wage rates fell significantly between 1998 and 1999. A copy of this FR will be available in the House of Commons Library.

Workless households

JIM MURPHY (Eastwood) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer how many households that had no-one in employment on 1 May 1997 now have a member of the family in paid employment.

TIM HOLT: ONS collects information about workless households via the Labour Force Survey. ONS analyses are based on working age workless households, which are defined as households where there is at least one person of

working age and no household members are employed. Although estimates of the total numbers of such households are available on a half-yearly basis ONS cannot accurately identify how many households have changed status from workless to working or vice versa; only the net change is available.

ONS estimates that between spring (March to May) 1997 and spring 1999 there was a net fall of 106,000 in the number of workless working age households (from 3,281,000 to 3,175,000).

Employee Sickness

PHILIP HAMMOND (Runnymede and Weybridge) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer what estimate his Department has made of the number of working days lost through sickness per 1,000 employees in (a) the public sector and (b) the private sector in the last year for which data are available.

TIM HOLT: The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is the major source of labour market data on individuals. It can provide information on the number of days employees were unable to work in the week that they were surveyed. However, as this number of days can also include some when the respondent would not normally work, no accurate estimate of the total number of working days lost in a year can be calculated. No other official source can provide the information requested.

The available information is shown in the table. The table is based on the average of the latest four quarters and shows the rate per 1000 employees.

Employees absent for at least one day in the reference week due to sickness or injury, by whether working in the public or private sector;^c UK; average of autumn 1998 to summer 1999, not seasonally adjusted

	Rate ^a per 1000 employees
All employees ^b	46.5
Private sector	44.1
Public sector	53.4

a Rates are based on totals that exclude people who did not state if they took a day off in the reference week due to sickness.

b Includes some people who did not state if they worked in the public or private sector.

c Sector of employment is based on respondent's self-assessment.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Youth unemployment

JOHN BERCOW (Buckingham) asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer (1) at what rate 18 to 24-year-olds unemployed for over six months left the unemployment count in March 1998; (2) if he will provide a breakdown of the average monthly rate at which 18 to 24-year-olds unemployed for over six months left the unemployment count for each year from 1990 to 1999; (3) what has been the average monthly rate at which 18 to 24-year-olds unemployed for over six months have left the unemployment count since April 1998.

TIM HOLT: ONS publishes a monthly count of claimants of unemployment-related benefits. The claimant count consists of all people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance or National Insurance credits at Employment Service local offices. They must declare that they are out of work, capable of, available for and actively seeking work during the week in which the claim is made.

An average of 22.4 per cent. of people aged 18-24 years who were claiming unemployment-related benefits for six months or more (computerised claims only) left the claimant count each month in the United Kingdom between April 1998 and October 1999.

The corresponding percentage between 12 March 1998 and 9 April 1998, was 14.0 per cent. The available information for 1990 to 1999 is given in the following table.

18 to 24-year-old claimants unemployed six months or more who left the count as a percentage of all 18 to 24-year-olds claiming for six months or more; United Kingdom; yearly averages from 1990 to 1999

Year	Age 18-24
1990	13.1
1991	9.8
1992	9.3
1993	9.9
1994	10.9
1995	11.3
1996	12.2
1997	15.0
1998	17.8
1999 ^a	27.1

a Average of the 10 months January to October 1999.

Source: Benefits Agency administrative system

Labour Market Statistics Quarterly Update is designed to inform users about developments taking place as part of ONS' continuing work to improve labour market statistics. It appears every quarter in March, June, September and December.

Improvements introduced

December-February 2000

ONS released long-run time series of the Average Earnings Index (AEI) providing data back to January 1963 (see news item, p99). The series use the current methodology back to January 1990 and splice on growth rates from the previous series for periods prior to that date. These are not new estimates of AEI growth: they simply bring the two series together. Contact: Derek Bird, 01928 792614.

Work in progress

Labour Force Survey (LFS) data back to autumn 1993 are being regressed using more up-to-date population estimates and projections. The regressed data will be made available in April 2000. In advance of their release, an article was published in the February 2000 edition of *Labour Market Trends* (pp83-90) about the methodology behind regrossing LFS data. Also, see news item, p99. A further article will be published in the May 2000 edition, analysing the key characteristics of the changes resulting from the regrossing. Data for winter 1999/2000 will be grossed using the more up-to-date population estimates and projections. Contact: Mehdi Hussain, 020 7533 6133.

Each year, a review is held to look at each of the seasonally adjusted series from the LFS. A project is currently being undertaken to develop the ONS approach to seasonal adjustment. Any changes to the approach will be introduced to coincide with the publication of regressed estimates, in April 2000. A related project is looking at the way in which sampling errors are calculated for these series. Contact: Allan Smith, 020 7533 6140.

ONS is undertaking a project in conjunction with Southampton University to improve the model for measuring the effect of the national minimum wage. Contact: Nigel Stuttard, 020 7533 6167.

ONS is reviewing the design and grossing used for the annual local area Labour Force Survey databases (LADB). There will be an article published in *Labour Market Trends* in the spring outlining the proposed changes and seeking user views. Contact: Tricia Williams, 020 7533 6113.

ONS is reviewing the methodology used to calculate claimant count rates. An article inviting user comments will appear in *Labour Market Trends* in summer 2000. Contact: Tricia Williams, 020 7533 6113.

A programme of research into the customer base for labour market statistics products started in January 1999 with the objective of informing a review of all ONS labour market publications and the need for new products. An article on the findings of the main survey appeared in the July issue of *Labour Market Trends* and invited comments from readers. Further research is under way into libraries' and key customers' use of the products, and into the scope for further sales. A report will be published in *Labour Market Trends* in the spring when proposals for the future dissemination of labour market statistics are available. Contact: Frances Sly, 020 7533 6141.

Work in progress – continued

The *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases* is currently being revised and is due for publication in April. Contact: Emma Woby, 020 7533 6112.

A new booklet, *How exactly are earnings measured?*, is in preparation. Contact: Labour Market Statistics Helpline, 020 7533 6094.

Work has started on producing an updated seasonally adjusted *LFS Historical Supplement*. It will include regressed data and be based on the 2000 seasonal adjustment review. It should be available electronically on 19 April 2000. Contact: Lester Browne, 020 7533 6143

ONS is investigating how long-run time series of LFS-equivalent data can be produced, and intends to publish an article with estimates in *Labour Market Trends* in summer 2000. Contact: Phillip Lee, 020 7533 6131.

An Average Earnings Index for the private services sector is currently being developed by ONS. The development is in response to user demand for an index that separates the public sector from the private when looking at earnings growth rates in the service sector. After a period of evaluation ONS expects to make the index available via the ONS DataBank® through an article in *Labour Market Trends* and via the ONS website. Current expectations are that the index will be released alongside the labour market statistics First Release on 19 April 2000. Contact: Derek Bird, 01928 792614.

ONS is reviewing the international comparisons in the *Labour Market Trends* pink pages, in order to ensure that the information included is the most appropriate, and that the way the information is presented is consistent with other tables in the pink pages (see news item, p100). Revised international comparisons tables should appear from the May 2000 issue. Contact: Phillip Lee, 020 7533 6131.

Future developments

ONS will be introducing an extended range of local area tabulations from the LFS from summer 2000 for both quarterly and annual data. Contact: Tricia Williams, 020 7533 6113.

In the future, ONS expects to make LFS data available for a wider range of geographical areas, and improve the quality of unemployment rates for small areas based on internationally agreed definitions. Contact: David Caplan, 020 7533 5278.



Labour Market Spotlight

Every month Labour Market Spotlight highlights statistics of topical or general interest in a clear and straightforward presentation. It aims to foster awareness and understanding of labour market statistics from a range of sources. Your suggestions for topics to be included are welcomed. Please contact the Labour Market Statistics Helpline.

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Source of data shown in brackets. For more information, see 'Sources' (pS2) and 'Definitions' (pS3).

1 Labour Force Survey regrossing project

ONS is currently undertaking a project to improve the quality of Labour Force Survey (LFS) data by regrossing LFS estimates using the most up-to-date population estimates. The regrossed data will be released in April 2000, with data for winter 1999/2000 onwards grossed using these new population figures. Analyses using regrossed LFS data will first appear in the Labour Market Spotlight in May 2000.

Currently, all LFS data for autumn 1993 onwards are based on population *projections* rather than *estimates*. The 1992-based projections have become progressively out of step with the latest estimates and have been superseded by 1996-based projections. By regrossing the LFS data to the most up-to-date estimates, the quality will be improved, but there will be significant differences in the absolute numbers between the old and the new series.

Estimated effects

Using the population data it is possible to estimate the likely effects on LFS estimates. Some examples of the approximate size of revisions are given on p99 of this issue.

Period affected and future plans

New LFS estimates will be calculated for all periods back to autumn 1993. Population estimates for periods before 1993 have not been revised since the current LFS control totals were established, so no regrossing prior to this is required.

For more details on the regrossing project and ONS proposals for dealing with future revisions of population estimates, please see the article in the February 2000 issue, 'Improvements to LFS estimates: weighting and seasonal adjustment' on pp83-90.

2 Job-related training

Learning throughout working life is becoming increasingly necessary because of the pace of change within the labour market, and training is seen by a large number of both employers and employees as an essential investment for the future. Many requests for LFS data about training are received by the DfEE workforce training enquiry point (0114 259 3489).

In autumn 1999, 3.5 million employees of working age – 15.0 per cent of all such employees – received job-related training in the four weeks prior to interview (seasonally adjusted).

Figure 1 shows the proportion of working-age employees in receipt of job-related training by occupation and Figure 2 breaks the data down by industry.

1 A higher proportion of female than male working-age employees had received job-related training in the UK during autumn 1999 – 16.9 per cent and 14.3 per cent respectively (not seasonally adjusted).

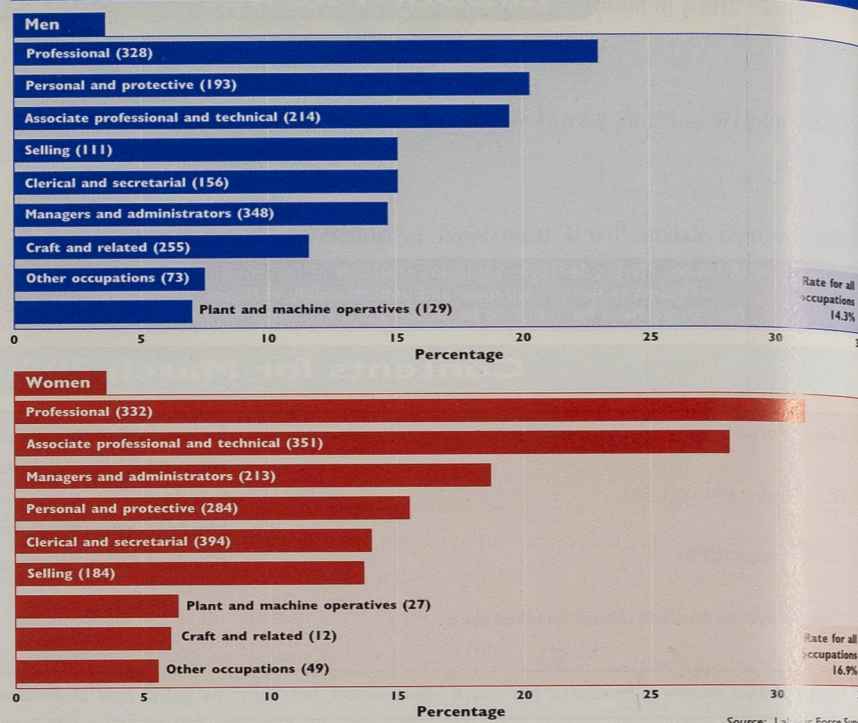
2 Among both men and women, employees in professional occupations were more likely than any other occupation group to have received job-related training (23 per cent and 31 per cent respectively).

3 Craft and related was the occupation group with the greatest relative difference between the proportions of male and female employees receiving training (12 per cent for men and only 6 per cent for women). There is a great deal of 'occupational segregation' within this group with female employees being concentrated in occupations such as textile trades, where job-related training is generally less common.

4 The public administration, education and health industry sector experienced higher levels of job-related training than any other industry group. This was true for both men and women (23 and 22 per cent respectively).

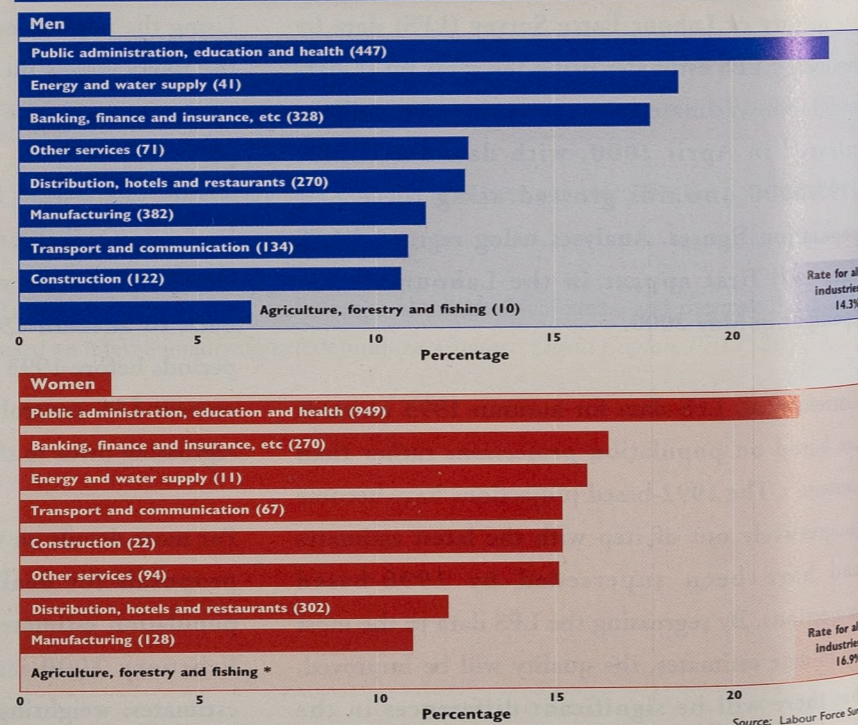
5 Overall, employees in the agriculture and fishing industry group were the least likely to receive job-related training (7 per cent).

Figure 1 Percentage of working-age^a employees receiving job-related training^b by occupation; United Kingdom; autumn 1999, not seasonally adjusted



Note: Occupations are coded according to the Standard Occupational Classification.
 a Working age is defined as 16-59 for women and 16-64 for men.
 b Includes both on- and off-the-job training received in the last four weeks.
 () The figures shown in brackets are the number (in thousands) of employees receiving training in each occupation.

Figure 2 Percentage of working-age^a employees receiving job-related training^b by industry; United Kingdom; autumn 1999, not seasonally adjusted



Note: Industries are coded according to the Standard Industrial Classification.
 a Working age is defined as 16-59 for women and 16-64 for men.
 b Includes both on- and off-the-job training received in the last four weeks.
 () The figures shown in brackets are the number (in thousands) of employees receiving training in each industry group.
 * Sample size too small for a reliable estimate.

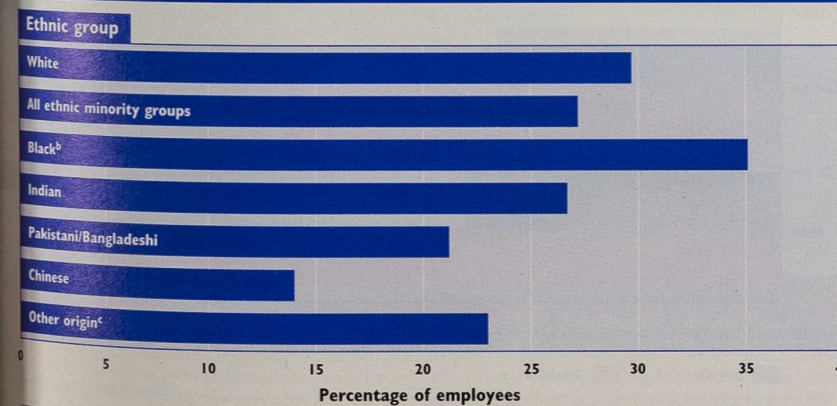
3 Ethnic groups

Table Economic activity by ethnic group; Great Britain; autumn 1999, not seasonally adjusted

	In employment (000s)	ILO unemployed (000s)	Total economically active (000s)	All aged 16 and over (000s)	Economic activity rate (%) 16-59/64	Employment rate (%) 16-59/64	ILO unemployment rate (%) all 16+
All							
White	25,550	1,473	27,023	42,513	80.2	75.8	5.5
All ethnic minority groups	1,358	202	1,560	2,525	68	59	13
Black ^a	390	77	467	685	75	63	17
Indian ^b	421	32	453	703	72	67	7
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	229	49	278	573	53	44	18
Chinese	59	*	67	108	67	60	*
Other origins ^c	259	37	296	456	67	59	12
Men							
White	14,070	879	14,949	20,732	85.4	80.3	5.9
All ethnic minority groups	794	119	913	1,256	79	68	13
Black ^a	193	43	236	329	80	65	18
Indian ^b	244	16	261	349	82	76	6
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	178	34	211	300	76	64	16
Chinese	30	*	34	51	71	63	*
Other origins ^c	149	22	171	226	78	68	13
Women							
White	11,480	595	12,075	21,780	74.5	70.7	4.9
All ethnic minority groups	564	83	647	1,270	56	49	13
Black ^a	197	34	231	356	71	60	15
Indian ^b	177	16	192	354	63	58	8
Pakistani/Bangladeshi	51	15	67	273	27	21	23
Chinese	29	*	33	57	64	57	*
Other origins ^c	110	14	124	230	56	50	11

Note: Sampling errors are proportionately greater the smaller the estimate, and fluctuations from quarter to quarter in estimates for smaller groups are to be expected.
 An estimate of 10,000 (the smallest released) has an approximate 95% confidence interval of +/- 4,000.
 Does not include people who did not state their ethnic group.
 a Includes Caribbean, African and other Black people of non-mixed origin.
 b Includes those of other origins not shown, including mixed origin.
 * Sample size too small for reliable estimate.

Figure 3 Percentage of employees^a belonging to a trade union or staff association, by ethnic group; Great Britain; average of autumn 1998 and autumn 1999, not seasonally adjusted



a Percentages are based on totals that exclude employees in the armed forces, and employees who did not state if they belonged to a trade union.
 b Includes Caribbean, African and other Black people of non-mixed origin.
 c Includes those of other origins not shown, including mixed origin.

The Labour Market Statistics Helpline receives many calls about the economic status of people in ethnic groups. This information is collected in the Great Britain LFS (but not in Northern Ireland). Some of the most commonly requested breakdowns are provided in Table 1.

1 According to the LFS, there were 2.5 million members of ethnic minority groups in Great Britain in autumn 1999 over the age of 16, of whom 1.4 million were in employment.

2 Among the ethnic minority groups, the Black group had the highest working-age economic activity rate at 75 per cent, but the Indian grouping had the highest employment rate at 67 per cent.

3 The Pakistani/Bangladeshi group had the highest ILO unemployment rate, with nearly one in five economically active members unemployed (this compares with just over one in 20 economically active White people).

4 All ethnic groups had lower activity rates for women than for men. The largest difference was for the Pakistani/Bangladeshi group, where the rate for men was nearly three times that for women.

Figure 3 shows the density of trade union membership among employees according to their ethnic group.

5 Black employees (who had the highest levels of unionisation) were more than twice as likely as those of Chinese ethnic origin to be in a union (35 per cent compared with 14 per cent).

6 The low levels of union membership among Pakistani/Bangladeshi and Chinese are partly a reflection of the fact that large proportions of these groups are employed in the distribution, hotels and restaurants industries (which have below average levels of unionisation). By contrast, Black employees are far more likely than any other group to be employed in the public administration, education and health industries, which tend to be highly unionised.

7 Overall, employees from ethnic minorities were marginally less likely than their White counterparts to be members of a union (27 per cent compared with 30 per cent).

Note: Incorrect data – There was an error in Table 5 in the December 1999 ethnic groups piece in the Labour Market Spotlight. The economic activity rates and employment rates for the Chinese group were incorrect. For a revised copy of the table, please contact the Labour Market Statistics Helpline e-mail labour.market@ons.gov.uk, tel. 020 7533 6094.

4 Disabled people and the labour market

A regular topic of interest among callers to the Labour Market Statistics Helpline is the labour market status of disabled people. LFS respondents can be defined as having a current long-term disability covered by the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) or a work-limiting disability, or both. A definition of current long-term disability including all those who report having either a current DDA-covered disability or a work-limiting disability gives the most comprehensive and coherent coverage of disability. **Table 2** shows the economic activity status and **Figure 4** the ILO unemployment rates of people according to whether they were disabled or not under this broad definition.

1 In autumn 1999 there were 6.7 million people of working age with long-term disabilities in the UK, just over half of whom were men (52 per cent).

2 Those who were not disabled were much more likely to be economically active than those who were disabled (85 per cent compared with 52 per cent). This was the case for both men and women.

3 Non-disabled men and women were also much more likely to be in employment than those who were disabled (86 per cent compared with 49 per cent for men and 75 per cent and 45 per cent for women).

4 Disabled people in employment were slightly more likely than non-disabled people to work part-time (28 per cent compared with 22 per cent).

5 The rates of ILO unemployment (**Figure 4**) were much higher for the disabled compared with the non-disabled (11 per cent compared with 5 per cent).

6 Disabled people who were unemployed were also more likely than non-disabled unemployed to have been unemployed for at least a year (37 per cent compared with 27 per cent).

7 Disabled people were much more likely to be economically inactive than non-disabled people, (48 per cent overall compared with 15 per cent). The difference was greater for men (45 per cent compared with 9 per cent). For women the overall percentage of those economically inactive was higher at 51 per cent, but it was also higher for the non-disabled at 21 per cent.

8 Among the economically inactive disabled people were more likely than non-disabled people to want a job. This was true for both men and women.

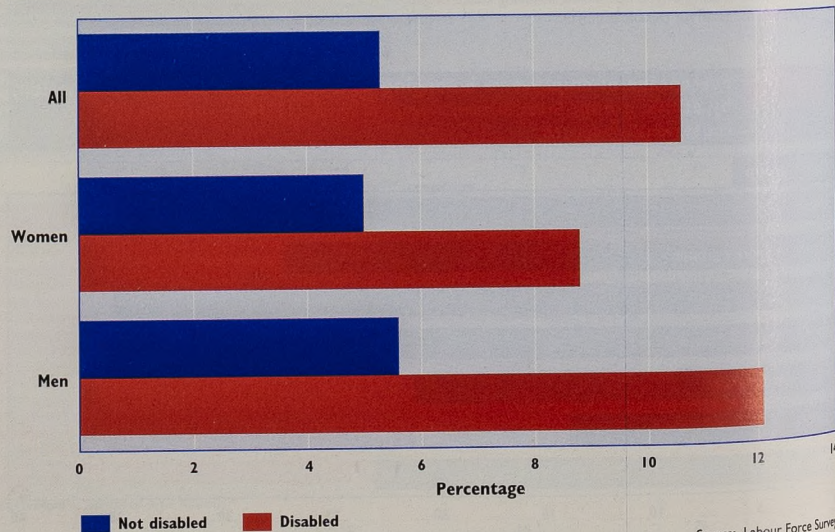
Table 2 Economic activity status of working-age^a people according to whether they are disabled;^b by sex; United Kingdom, autumn 1999, not seasonally adjusted

	Men		Women		All	
	Disabled	Not disabled	Disabled	Not disabled	Disabled	Not disabled
Economically active	55.4	91.5	48.8	78.6	52.3	85.4
In employment	48.7	86.4	44.5	74.7	46.7	80.8
Working full-time	42.9	80.1	23.0	43.5	33.4	62.7
Working part-time	5.8	6.3	21.5	31.2	13.3	18.1
ILO unemployed	6.7	5.1	4.3	3.9	5.6	4.5
ILO unemployed for less than 1 year	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.3
ILO unemployed for at least 1 year	3.0	1.7	1.0	0.7	2.0	1.2
ILO unemployment rate ^c	12.1	5.6	8.8	5.0	10.6	5.3
Economically inactive	44.6	8.5	51.2	21.4	47.7	14.6
Wants job	15.7	2.4	15.7	5.8	15.7	4.0
Does not want job	28.9	6.1	35.4	15.6	32.0	10.6
All people of working age ^a (=100%)(millions)	3.5	15.3	3.2	13.9	6.7	29.3

Source: Labour Force Survey

a Working age is defined as 16-64 for men and 16-59 for women.
b Current long-term health problem or disability.
c The percentage of economically active people who are unemployed on the ILO measure.

Figure 4 ILO unemployment rate^a for working age^b people by whether disabled^c or not; United Kingdom; autumn 1999, not seasonally adjusted

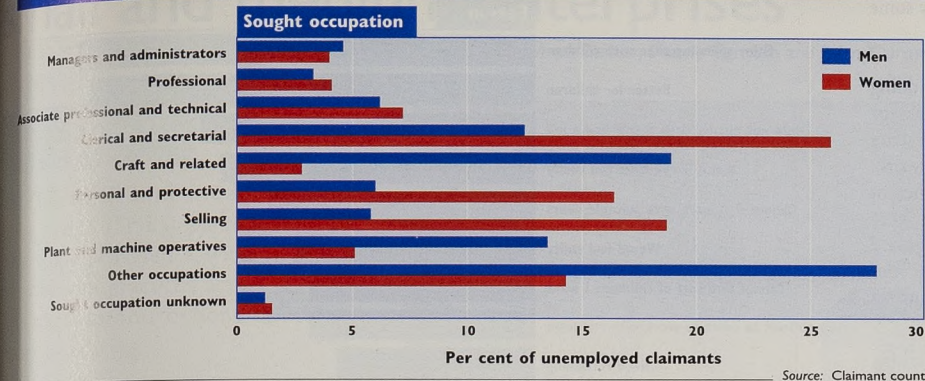


Source: Labour Force Survey

a The percentage of economically active people who are unemployed on the ILO measure.
b Working age is defined as 16-64 for men and 16-59 for women.
c Current long-term health problem or disability.

5 Sought and usual occupations of claimants of unemployment-related benefits

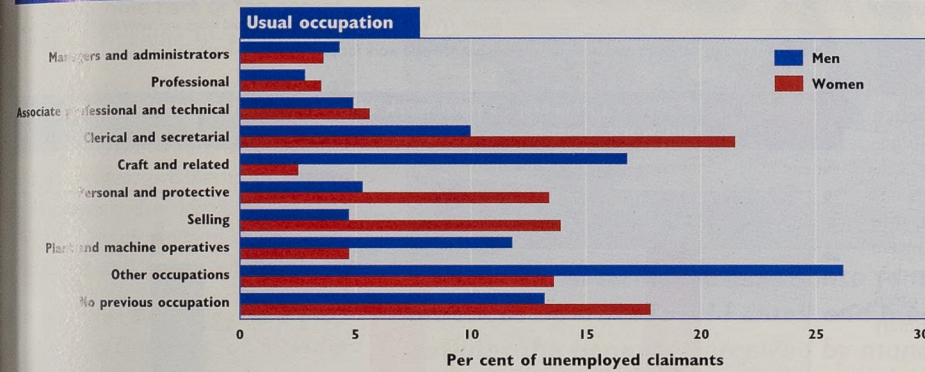
Figure 5 Distribution of occupations^a sought by unemployed claimants; United Kingdom; as at 9 December 1999, not seasonally adjusted



Source: Claimant count

Note: Computerised claims only.
a Occupations are coded according to the Standard Occupational Classification.

Figure 6 Distribution of usual occupations^a of unemployed claimants; United Kingdom; as at 9 December 1999, not seasonally adjusted



Source: Claimant count

Note: Computerised claims only.
a Occupations are coded according to the Standard Occupational Classification.

Table 3 Most commonly sought occupations^a of unemployed claimants; United Kingdom; as at 9 December 1999, not seasonally adjusted

Occupation	Men			Women			
	SOC code ^a	Number of claimants (thousands)	Per cent of all men claimants ^b	SOC code ^a	Number of claimants (thousands)	Per cent of all women claimants ^b	
All other labourers and related workers	990	87	10.0	Sales assistants	720	45	17.0
Storekeepers and warehousemen	441	51	5.9	Clerks	430	43	16.2
Drivers of road goods vehicles	872	51	5.9	Cleaners, domestics	958	14	5.5
Other building and civil engineering labourers	929	40	4.6	Care assistants and attendants	644	14	5.4
Manufacturing and processing	919	39	4.5	Manufacturing and processing	919	7	2.7

Source: Claimant count

Note: Computerised claims only.
a Occupations are coded according to the Standard Occupational Classification.
b Base for calculation of percentages includes claimants who did not state a sought occupation.

Occupation data from the claimant count

The Jobseeker's Allowance Payment System administers more than 99 per cent of unemployment-related benefit payments to claimants. Statistics about unemployed claimants are based on the administrative details used to assess and make these payments. As part of their entitlement to benefit, every claimant has a mandatory obligation to specify the occupation they are seeking work in, and Employment Service staff code the claimants sought occupation according to the 1992 Standard Occupational Classification. There is no such obligation to provide information about the occupation in which the claimant usually works. Other information that is available via this system includes the age of claimants, their marital status, what type of benefits they are claiming, and the number of weeks that they have been on the unemployment register. Tables covering many of these aspects appear in the Labour Market Data section regularly.

Besides the main claimant count total of people claiming unemployment-related benefits, the data collected by the Benefits Agency about jobseekers includes the occupation in which they are seeking employment, and the occupation in which they are usually employed, for both men and women (**Figure 5** and **Figure 6**).

1 The distribution of usual occupations follows a very similar pattern to that of sought occupations (other than the considerable number of people with no previous occupation).

2 Around 73 per cent of unemployed claimants were seeking employment in the same occupational group as their usual occupation.

3 The most commonly sought after occupation among men claiming unemployment benefits (**Figure 5**) was the 'other' category, which includes jobs involving mostly manual work such as farm and postal workers, porters, cleaners and domestics, and various types of labourers.

4 More than one in five women who were claiming unemployment-related benefits in December 1999 were usually employed in the clerical and secretarial occupations (**Figure 6**).

The claimant count can also be used to see how many people claiming unemployment-related benefits are seeking employment in, or are usually employed in, more specific occupations. **Table 3** shows the five most commonly sought after occupations in December 1999 for both men and women.

1 By far the highest proportion of men (10 per cent) were looking for work as 'other labourers and related workers', which involves general labouring duties such as carrying, loading and unloading goods, cleaning work areas and waste disposal.

2 Approximately one third of all women claiming unemployment-related benefits were seeking employment as either sales assistants or as clerks (17 and 16 per cent respectively).

Box 1 Statutory rights

- time off for ante-natal care.
- 14 weeks maternity leave, for all women irrespective of their length of service or hours.
- statutory maternity pay, there is a length of service entitlement and employee earnings must reach the lower earnings limit for National Insurance.
- right not to be dismissed on grounds of maternity or paternity.
- right to return to work (including part-time if previously full-time)
- the 1999 Employment Relations Act introduced the right to unpaid parental leave of 13 weeks a year until a child's fifth birthday (or five years after a child adopted), for parents of disabled children the right is extended to the child's eighteenth birthday) and time off to deal with family emergencies. This was introduced to bring the UK into line with the EU Parental Leave Directive. Employees with one year's service with children born or adopted on or after 15 December 1999 are eligible.

Box 2 Government Initiative

The DfEE is launching a campaign promoting work practices which both help employees combine work and home responsibilities and benefit employers. This defines a number of key principles underpinning good practice in work-life balance:

- personal choice – individuals should be free to decide for themselves, in consultation with their employer, what balance they wish to strike between work and other aspects of their lives;
- work-life balance is for everyone – but parents and carers might face particular problems when seeking to balance work with their domestic responsibilities;
- there are benefits for both employers and their workforce – organisations will be encouraged to adopt only those practices that will benefit both sides; and
- a reaffirmation of the value of work – work is necessary and, for many people, enjoyable. Work-life balance is not about diminishing the status of work.

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In recent years there has been particular interest in the costs of and benefits to employers of family-friendly practices and in the role of such practices in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The Institute for Employment Studies (IES) was commissioned by the DfEE to explore the business benefits of family-friendly employment practices to SMEs. The main aim of this study (Bevan, Dench, Tamkin and Cummings, 1999) was to examine the operation of family-

friendly practices beyond the statutory minimum, to identify their aims, costs, implementation and effects, and outline the business benefits obtained by these organisations. This article reports the findings from case studies in eleven SMEs during which interviews were conducted with Human Resource (HR) and other managers, and employees.

A brief overview of some previous research

There is a large, and growing, body of work exploring various aspects of family-friendly employment. Much of

the research in this area focuses on the benefits employees derive from having access to family-friendly employment practices. These centre on the enhanced capacity of employees with caring responsibilities to enter, return to, progress and remain within the labour market. There is also considerable evidence that family-friendly employment practices enable employees to cope better with conflicts between work and family life (for example, Gignac, 1996; Greenhaus and Parasuraman, 1994).

It is argued by many writers that, by enabling employees to obtain a better balance between work and family demands, employers derive direct benefits through an enhanced capacity to attract, retain and motivate the growing proportion of the workforce with caring responsibilities: men as well as women. Indeed, a growing body of research lends support to the view that the adoption of family-friendly employment practices can help to attract staff, to retain them, to encourage them to return to work after a career or maternity break, to reduce sickness absence levels and to enhance performance, productivity and motivation (Galinsky *et al.*, 1996; Kossek, 1990; Melling, 1998; Nelson and Couch, 1990). Forth *et al.* (1996) found that the main difficulties employers experienced centred around the administrative burden of providing different arrangements and having to cope with employees' absence.

Many of the studies that provide this kind of evidence have been conducted in large organisations in North America. Several studies suggest that SMEs are significantly less likely to offer family-friendly employment practices beyond statutory requirements (Forth *et al.*, 1996; Ingram and Simmons, 1995). There is also less evidence on the extent to which SMEs can and do benefit from introducing such practices. This article begins to explore these issues. The eleven employers in which case studies were conducted were all actively providing support to employees with caring responsibilities. They are, therefore, atypical. The information they provided does, however, strongly illustrate the benefits they derived from family-friendly provision.

The family-friendly practices provided

Employers are legally expected to provide a minimum level of support for employees with caring responsibilities. However, as research among parents shows, this rarely provides enough support for many to effectively combine caring with employment. As outlined above, a major thrust of Government policy is to persuade employers to provide a broader set of terms and conditions. A survey of a representative sample of employers in 1996 (Forth *et al.*, 1997) illustrated the extent of family-friendly employment practices. This found that benefits beyond the statutory minimum were provided by 27 per cent of employers around the time of childbirth, for example, additional maternity leave and paternity leave. Some 77 per cent of employers had made some provision to support employees with children, for example: special leave; working from home; career breaks; or financial help with childcare. Employers with fewer employees were less likely to make any sort of provision.

The study reported in this article focused on small and medium-sized employers who were actively providing support for employees with children. A very broad range of different types of provision was being made by these employers. While in some cases these were very much focused on parents, there was also some evidence of a

wider approach. For example, some were looking at the needs of all employees, others had extended the support they provided beyond meeting any immediate needs for flexibility. Many were seeking to be seen as a good employer, whether in a local, occupational or national labour market.

The types of family-friendly provision being provided by our case study employers included:

- enhanced maternity leave and benefits – this included extended periods of maternity leave; pay beyond the statutory minimum; and loyalty bonuses when an employee had returned for six months;
- phased return from maternity leave, for example, moving gradually from part-time back to full-time work;
- paid paternity leave;
- help with childcare – this was mostly in the form of childcare allowances or vouchers, however, one company supported places at a nursery and a summer playscheme (see Box 3);
- introduction of part-time working – although the proportion of people working part-time is higher in Britain than in most other European countries, not all employers have a tradition of employing people part-time. There were several examples of SMEs successfully introducing part-time hours for women returning from maternity leave;
- paid and unpaid family, 'special' or carer leave – for example, during

Box 3 Childcare support

One company runs a childcare scheme with a co-ordinator who finds staff a childminder or a nursery place. They run and subsidise a summer play scheme in a local school for all school holidays. They pay retainers to childminders so there are places available and they subsidise childcare at 20 pence an hour. There are also subsidies on external nursery places to a value of £40 a month.

Box 4 Homeworking

One company wished to legitimise an increasingly common informal practice. They now pay to set up offices at home and provide all the necessary equipment. This teleworking has been found to offer immense flexibility, and people are judged against their achievement of objectives rather than the hours they put in.

school holidays or to cope with emergencies;

- adoption leave – there were several examples of employers allowing parents additional flexibility and leave around the time of adoption;
 - flexible working hours – this included flexible starting and finishing times; flexibility to attend school assemblies, sports days, etc.; twilight shifts; hours to suit employees (as long as these also fit with business needs); flexitime. For example, in one company employees worked a 35-hour week and were expected to be on site between 10-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., with the additional hours being worked each day to suit individual needs. These types of flexibility were often aimed at people caring for elderly dependants as well as children;
 - job sharing;
 - homeworking and teleworking arrangements. In most cases this was informal and ad hoc. However, there were some examples of arrangements being formalised (see Box 4);
 - extended relocation package for new recruits with families – for example, to allow time for house hunting; a 'disturbance' allowance for those with children; to help with time for visiting schools; and arranging childcare;
 - expenses – an explicit allowance for telephone calls home if away overnight;
 - family access to learning resources – for example, in one organisation partners and children were allowed to use the learning resource centre and to take resources home on loan;
 - employers providing health insurance usually offered this to all family members. One organisation offered an employee-assistance programme: access to a network of counsellors operating outside work premises.
- This range of family-friendly practices was offered in varying combinations. There was some evidence that paid parental leave, enhanced maternity leave, and financial support for childcare were most common where the workforce was largely professional and highly skilled. However, it would be an

over-generalisation to say that a highly skilled workforce attracted broader and 'better' provision. As will be discussed below, recruitment and retention difficulties were important initial reasons for introducing family-friendly practices. Such difficulties can affect, and be disruptive to, employers operating in many different occupational labour markets. What was evident among many of the employers interviewed was a general attempt to be seen to be valuing their employees and addressing a range of different needs.

In a number of these companies, domestic responsibilities were not simply addressed as a women's issue. Even when the initial drive came through female employees going on maternity leave, the development of wider family-friendly practices was usually available to all employees. Fathers, employees caring for elderly or infirm relatives, or who had a health problem themselves, were also able to utilise the flexibility and other types of provision. In some employers, specific arrangements were agreed for individual employees. For example, in one manufacturer, women with young children agreed the shift patterns they would work over a period, and any additional flexibility with their supervisor. In others, for example, the company with a basic working week and core office hours reported above, flexibility in hours could be used by all employees to combine work and non-work interests and responsibilities.

Reasons for introducing family-friendly practices

In the majority of case-study companies the family-friendly practices which currently exist began as a random response to short-term problems. For example, the need to make maternity provision for women in senior positions; an increasing proportion of predominantly female workforces with caring responsibilities; male senior managers with serious family illnesses, divorces or elder care needs; employees with business-critical skills having domestic caring responsibilities had all stimulated employers to make provision.

Other reasons for introducing family-

Box 5 Recruitment and retention

A publishing company introduced family-friendly provision due to its desire to retain women who ran, or had senior roles on successful titles. Some 80 per cent of their workforce were women, the average age of the whole workforce was 32, and many key senior positions were held by women. The company operates in a highly competitive market and kept an eye on the practices of its competitors. To recruit and retain skilled women, family-friendly practices were increasingly important.

Box 6 A caring employer

A pharmaceutical company had reviewed its retention levels. Exit interviews and an analysis of historical reasons for leaving were conducted. It was found that many were leaving, at least in part, because the demands of caring for children and other dependants conflicted with the demands of their job. The HR Director thought this intolerable and that company seemed too harsh and uncaring to employees, many of whom have increasingly complex domestic caring responsibilities.

friendly practices can be grouped into several categories:

- recruitment difficulties and skill shortages – this included hard to fill vacancies in a range of occupations, from professional posts to more basic production jobs. For example, one company had difficulties in recruiting, and introduced a twilight shift and part-time working which both met the needs of a number of female employees with young children and overcame their recruitment difficulties;
- a wish to retain employees – there were several elements to this, including wanting female employees to return after maternity leave; wanting to retain employees who were struggling with combining caring responsibilities and paid employment; and, the attractiveness of packages offered by other employers (see Box 5);
- To be seen as a caring employer – to compete with other employers. There was also a feeling that even if people did leave, they might be attracted back later in their career or after a career break, if an employer was seen as sympathetic and caring (see Box 6);
- it was also reported that in some sectors, customers want to be associated with suppliers who, for example,

adopt forward thinking HR practices have sound equal opportunities policies and are seen as fair employers;

- to address problems of ad hoc absences;
- the personal attitudes and beliefs of managers and proprietors – in many of these companies there was a senior manager who believed in the importance of family-friendly practices and who was prepared to drive things forward.

The initial introduction of family-friendly employment practices was often stimulated by short-term needs and problems. However, many managers reported and discussed more deep-seated and underlying reasons for developing and maintaining family-friendly practices. In some cases, these were bound up in a wider approach to enhancing employee satisfaction and motivation. Family-friendly practices rarely operate in isolation (see Box 7).

A number of examples can be used to illustrate this wider approach to family-friendly employment. Managers in a manufacturer of packaging material felt that family-friendly practices made the company more attractive to employees. They wanted to create a workplace culture which maintained loyalty and commitment to the organisation, and this reflected a philosophy of looking at the wider needs of employees, including

Box 7 A caring culture

Over 70 per cent of employees in a logistics company were women, including eight senior managers. The overall policies of this company included recruiting, developing and growing their own professional staff, generating and maintaining high levels of employee performance, motivation and loyalty through adopting a personal and caring culture. This had involved the design and implementation of formal personnel-management policies in several key areas, and supporting people with caring responsibilities was one of these.

Box 8 Forward looking employers

A company involved in manufacturing and research was looking at employee benefits more generally. They did not, at the time of the interview, have problems of turnover, morale or absence, but they were concerned about the future. There were a number of reasons for this, including wanting to maintain employee loyalty during difficult and uncertain times and having several employees about to take maternity leave whom they wanted to retain.

Another manufacturing company had introduced a range of family-friendly practices to retain staff after maternity leave. Retention of women on maternity leave was not an issue at the time, but the company wanted to be proactive and ensure that this did not become an issue in the future. It was felt that such initiatives made good business sense. They kept employees motivated and send a positive message to prospective applicants.

their home lives. Several employers commented on the complexity of many domestic arrangements, and the need to minimise the extent to which these impinged on people's working lives. Others were keen to positively support employees who were trying hard to balance their home and work responsibilities, rather than leaving the onus entirely with these individuals.

Several companies were being forward looking. Family-friendly practices were being introduced as part of a set of employment practices aimed at addressing possible future needs and problems. Two examples are provided in Box 8.

Practice into policy

A short-term response nearly always led to a desire to 'regularise' or 'formalise' family-friendly practices into formal policies. In these circumstances, the motivation almost always came from senior managers and was based on concepts of fairness and equity, together with a belief that the availability of

such policies would engender loyalty and commitment among key employees. These policies usually became part of the accepted way of doing things in an establishment.

Where family-friendly practices had been developed into formal policies, these policies usually had the following characteristics:

- they were written down and appeared in staff handbooks, occasionally on Intranets;
- they had qualifications rules, usually based on length of service;
- they were reflected in contracts of employment; and
- the policies were sometimes set in a business context, to articulate both to managers and employees why the policy existed and to remind employees of their responsibilities.

In practice, it seems that formal policies, properly written and managed, offer employers the opportunity to exercise many of the controls they seek.

In the majority of cases, existing family-friendly practices, even when

they had been incorporated into a formal policy framework, were not static. In a number of our case studies there was evidence of the approach to family-friendly employment evolving and developing. This was often in combination with broader policies addressing the general needs of employees and aiming to improve employee loyalty to, and satisfaction with, the company. For example, in one organisation there was a "Working Parents Committee". The role of this was to raise and discuss issues relating to provision for parents, including monitoring the effectiveness of existing provision and suggesting new initiatives. In others, there was a more ad hoc monitoring of needs and the possibility for meeting these. For example, there was some evidence of a demand from employees for more homeworking and part-time work, and the potential for these was being explored.

The benefits employers derive

The majority of case-study employers were very clear about the benefits derived from operating a set of family-friendly practices. This does not mean that introducing such practices was always straightforward or problem free. Nevertheless, it was nearly always felt that the benefits outweighed the costs. For example, in one company with good maternity and paternity leave and financial support for childcare, the HR manager reported having constantly to justify the cost of provision. However, this provision was long established and the director was very committed to it, so there was rarely any real question about its continuation. Indeed, it was reported that while such high levels of provision would not necessarily be introduced after so long would have a major negative impact on the motivation and commitment of employees.

Few companies were fully evaluating their family-friendly practices. Furthermore, in several, family-friendly practices had not been introduced on their own. Isolating the particular impact of any initiative is therefore difficult. For example, one director reported that

labour turnover had fallen and there had been a 37 per cent increase in company profitability. This was attributed to a set of practices that addressed the needs of all employees, including those with caring responsibilities. This company was also paying attention to meeting the needs and demands of customers and other business and efficiency issues. There can be no doubt that family-friendly practices were playing a role in their improved performance, but isolating the precise impact was impossible. Furthermore, as in this case, family-friendly practices can be one part of a set of initiatives which define an employer as caring and employee-centred. They can not be treated in isolation from the wider context.

The managers and employees interviewed in the course of these case studies were nearly all able to report positive changes attributable to family-friendly employment practices. The benefits of family-friendly practices included:

- improved retention – there was a strong feeling among managers that being family-friendly improved retention. Many were able to report knowing of employees who would have left if they had not been offered various flexibilities to help them cope with a family and working. For example, the HR director in an IT company claimed that eight women returning from maternity leave and at least 20 other employees would have left during the previous year had it not been for part-time, flexible working and special-leave arrangements. This was also reflected in our interviews with employees in almost all the companies: a number had been seriously considering leaving due to the pressures of combining work and caring responsibilities. One male employee reported being head-hunted by other companies. However, the package offered was not strong enough to attract him from his existing employer. His wife's employer was not very supportive of employees with children, so the flexibility and other support he received were very valuable to the family. The case study employers were nearly all atypical in that they

provided high levels of support for employees with caring responsibilities. This often helped to tie people in, as the chance of finding comparable support elsewhere was minimal;

- reduced recruitment, induction and training costs associated with replacing leavers – improved retention by definition results in a reduction in replacement costs. For example, in a logistics company it had been calculated that replacing each clerical leaver cost £10,217. Furthermore, through retaining skills and knowledge a company is able to operate more effectively, and obtain a better return on its investment in individuals;
- fewer recruitment problems – there were a number of elements to this. For example, through introducing part-time hours and a twilight shift, one employer had been able to address a recruitment problem partly through retaining existing employees who wanted to work more flexible hours. There were other examples of recruitment problems being eased through improved retention. Being seen as a good, caring employer and offering support for those with caring responsibilities can also help attract potential employees, especially in a tight labour market. Several employees interviewed reported that, among people they knew, the flexibility of an employer in addressing the work-family balance was increasingly important in their choice of job;
- improved productivity – it was generally agreed that flexibility and time off to deal with problems means that people are better able to concentrate when they are working. For example, one manager reported that if someone had a family problem it was much less disruptive to the organisation to send them home to sort things out. They were then able to work productively. Managers and individual employees reported a tendency for people who were working part-time or flexible hours to over-compensate by putting in extra hours or working at home;
- improved morale and commitment – the interviews with both managers

and employees illustrated how people felt more committed to a company that they felt was supportive of their needs as individuals. This was partly reflected in improved retention but also in the effort people were prepared to put in to making arrangements work. For example, in one company, managers were convinced that showing employees that they were trusted and providing 'give and take' through family-friendly provision had led to greater effort and commitment, and to a more positive company culture. Employees in a number of companies commented on the way that they were trusted to use family-friendly provision responsibly, and how this made them feel more positive about, and committed to, their employer. There were also a few examples of employees feeling grateful to their employer for making any provision above the statutory minimum;

- reduced stress – through greater flexibility to deal with the conflicting demands of home and work, employees often feel less worried and guilty. They are less likely to feel that both their work and home lives are suffering and that there is no way out. Furthermore, through employees feeling more able to be open about their domestic responsibilities, problems and conflicts can more easily be resolved, rather than building up;
- reduced casual sickness absence – sickness and other absence is recorded by most employers. Managers were able to report reduced levels of sickness and casual absences following the introduction of family-friendly practices. Employees with family responsibilities admitted that they had taken time off sick to deal with problems, or would have considered doing so if the flexibility or special time off had not been available. It could be argued that family-friendly practices simply shift the attribution of time off, rather than reducing the amount. However, the evidence in this study suggests that providing employees with flexibility to take time off to deal with an emergency or family problem can reduce the

total amount of time lost. For example, employees were keen not to be seen to be abusing the system in any way and would, where possible, make up the time.

A range of other positive benefits emerged. Many of these were not anticipated but they were contributing to improving the operation of a business. For example, a logistics company found it useful to stress its family-friendly policies when bidding for contracts. Its ISO 9000 accreditation, strong track record on training and its use of family-friendly employment practices enabled it to sell itself as a sophisticated organisation that large clients would wish to be associated with. Two other examples are provided in *Box 9*.

This study was aiming to compare the costs and benefits of family-friendly employment practices. However, this often proved difficult. Case-study employers were provided with a data sheet and checklist for costing staff turnover. Not all were able to provide the information requested and in a number of cases there was insufficient information to make adequate calculations. Much of the information was based around the cost of replacing people who left and the savings made through improved retention. For these companies, there had often been significant savings (as illustrated in *Box 10*). However, while the cost of training up new staff can be included in any calculation, any loss in productivity due to their lack of familiarity with the company can not easily be captured. There were also many other more qualitative benefits (for example, greater commitment and morale) which are not easy to measure and cost. Any costing is therefore, almost bound to be under-represent the real situation.

Barriers and difficulties which had to be overcome

In the majority of companies, the introduction of family-friendly practices was not problem free. However, in nearly all cases any disruption and anticipated difficulties were less than expected, and had mostly been successfully addressed. The drive and commit-

Box 9 Improved operation

In one manufacturing company, managers had become more conscious of different ways of managing. There had initially been some resistance to the introduction of part-time and flexible hours and managers had to put more effort into accommodating a range of different hours. However, they were also able to be more creative in dealing with the workflow and this facilitated weekend and evening working.

In a research and development consultancy the HR manager reported that the introduction of family-friendly working practices had raised awareness of the risks of working long hours. Their new director now goes home at 6 p.m. and this has had a significant impact, with fewer people working long hours. This company needs an environment which fosters innovation and creativity. Family-friendly practices and their wider impact have contributed to this.

Box 10 Cost savings

In a publishing company, the costs of providing the childcare allowance over five years to the 22 members of staff who returned from maternity leave was more than matched by the savings the company made through keeping these staff. This is particularly significant, as the majority of returners were senior members of staff with skills key to the business:

Cost of childcare allowance: £277,200
Average replacement cost of 22 leavers £321,420
Net saving £44,220

Managers in a pharmaceutical company were able to identify six people whom they had persuaded to stay during the previous year, through offering special leave or flexibility of hours at virtually no cost to the business. This had saved direct replacement costs of £7,500 per person; a total of £45,000 in one year.

In this company, the costs of extended pay versus the costs of temporary staff were being monitored. Staff turnover had fallen to 15 per cent and the HR Director believed this was due to the improved atmosphere in the company and positive response to some of the family-friendly employment practices.

ment of HR and other senior managers was often important in this. The eventual outcomes were more satisfactory than the previous position from the point of view of managers and employees.

One of the main difficulties companies had to address was the attitudes of managers. Family-friendly practices, and, in particular, flexible working, challenges managers who have to plan workloads and staffing levels more carefully. For example, in one manufacturing company, line managers had always operated with staff working full-time. They were concerned about the introduction of part-time working and

the impact this would have on their ability to meet customer demands. However, in practice, the introduction of part-time working and flexible hours meant that managers could more effectively cover peaks and troughs in demand. Several case-study companies had large professional workforces who, by the nature of their work, were largely able to organise and plan their own workload. The introduction of greater flexibility in these organisations did not disrupt the flow and completion of work. Employees felt trusted, and reciprocated by working to make up any time taken. They were also often very committed to their work and it was

more than just a job to them.

In most companies, negative attitudes among managers to family-friendly employment practices had been overcome. This had been done in a variety of ways. A few companies had introduced practices directly aimed at changing attitudes. For example, a publishing company was aiming to employ and promote people who understand diversity and the necessary criteria were being built into the recruitment, appraisal and promotion processes. Others relied on family-friendly practices proving themselves, and this had usually been successful. For example, targets were met, employees with no caring responsibilities did not feel that they were covering for others, and managers found they could cope with flexible working patterns.

In a few cases, not all managers were keen to take on the new ways of working and could create barriers. Longer-serving middle managers and young managers with no family responsibilities were most likely to view family-friendly practices negatively, and as a problem. HR managers had to live and work with this, hoping that a gradual change in culture and evidence that these practices did not disrupt work flows, etc. would bring these people round.

There is no doubt that, especially in some working environments, balancing a range of different working practices can be difficult and does place a greater onus on managers to manage, plan and organise. The evidence on managers' reactions to this is mixed. Some managers continue to view such working practices as an additional and unnecessary burden. However, among the case-study companies, the evidence was more positive. Employees reported how line managers were becoming more understanding of the pressures involved in balancing work and caring, and the advantages flexibility could bring. Many male managers had themselves benefited from family-friendly practices, and HR managers reported how these men were becoming more understanding of the needs of the people whom they manage.

Not all family-friendly practices are immediately successful or work well to

start with. However, where this had happened, the employers involved in this study had not given up or taken this as evidence of failure: rather they had tried again. For example, a job share between two women returning from maternity leave had not worked out. After one job sharer left, rather than dismissing the idea, another person was taken on and this had worked well.

There was some concern that the introduction of family-friendly practices might lead to too many demands that an employer could not meet, and to resentment among other employees. However, we found little evidence of these difficulties. Most employees with caring responsibilities valued the additional flexibility and other support available to them: they did not want to seem too demanding. Other studies (for example, Grover, 1991; Jenner, 1994; Macinery, 1997) have suggested a growing resentment among employees with no caring responsibilities. A few employees interviewed said they did feel awkward when they had to leave a meeting early, or that they sometimes felt that they appeared inflexible if they had to leave at a certain time to collect their child. However, many of the managers reported that other employees rarely resented family-friendly practices. Employees with caring responsibilities usually made up any time lost and were seen to be hard-working and committed; younger, single employees saw themselves as potential beneficiaries in the longer term. Furthermore, family-friendly practices were often part of a wider set of practices addressing the needs of all employees.

Conclusions

All the employers involved in these case studies had introduced family-friendly employment practices for business reasons, and had calculated that these bring tangible and intangible business benefits. Managers who were making family-friendly practices work well for them had realised that employees attached great value to having access to these practices. They frequently sought to repay the company in extra commitment. They also thought long and hard about leaving an organisation once they

were taking advantage of flexible working practices, carer leave, etc.

The introduction of family-friendly practices was not always easy. Resistance from managers and the extra effort needed to co-ordinate a workforce working very flexible patterns had to be addressed. However, in all the companies that were visited, these difficulties had not been as great as expected. It was frequently felt that the effort put into introducing these practices was more than repaid by the outcomes. In addition to the direct positive impact on employees with caring responsibilities, managers reported a number of wider benefits. For example, recruitment difficulties were addressed, greater flexibility across the workforce contributed to the more effective management of workloads, and peaks and troughs, and being seen as a caring or sensitive employer also had a positive impact on customers and clients.

A number of lessons for the successful implementation of family-friendly employment practices emerge from this study. There needs to be senior level commitment. Senior managers must be unambiguously in favour of these practices and preferably be seen to be using them themselves. There must be clarity over eligibility. Furthermore, their application has to be seen to be fair. Most employers reported that employees with no caring responsibilities had not opposed the introduction of family-friendly practices. Nevertheless, the potential for this exists and managers have to have a rationale and means of addressing any opposition.

The employees with caring responsibilities whom we interviewed were very positive about the ways in which family-friendly practices helped them more effectively to combine work and family life. This did not always mean that life was easy, but, rather, with a supportive employer, parents and other carers are better able to juggle conflicting responsibilities. They felt that the quality of both areas of their life had improved. The research found evidence of carers making considerable efforts themselves to reconcile their home and working lives. They were not simply relying on employers to make provision.

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The research was based on a case study approach, involving 11 private sector SMEs. The companies ranged in size from 22 to 600 employees and covered a range of sectors: pharmaceuticals, IT/software, publishing, logistics and distribution, research and development, petcare and manufacturing. All were selected because they were known to be operating a

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Research brief

The New Deal for Young People: first year analysis of implications for the macroeconomy

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An initial assessment of the overall impact of New Deal on the labour market and the wider economy. This report is part of a comprehensive evaluation of New Deal being commissioned by the Employment Service.

Key points

- New Deal for Young People (NDYP) has had a positive effect on the numbers of young people leaving the claimant count and is estimated to have reduced youth unemployment in Great Britain by approximately 30,000 relative to what it would otherwise have been. This is equivalent to a reduction in youth long-term unemployment of nearly 40 per cent.

- Approximately 50 per cent of individuals leaving unemployment via the NDYP would have done so in absence of the programme. Approximately 10,000 individuals per month leave unemployment as a consequence of the NDYP.

- There are no signs that the NDYP simply circulates young people through the programme and back on to the claimant count, although it is generally too early to assess this. Individuals are only just starting to complete NDYP options in large numbers, which may lead to a rise in the numbers rejoining the claimant count.

- The number of people benefiting over the course of the entire programme lasting four years is estimated to cumulate to around 500,000, depending on the number who pass through the New Deal more than once. If half of these additional leavers move into jobs as analysis suggests, then this amounts to a movement of around 250,000 people into jobs as a consequence of the NDYP.

- The impact of the NDYP on the overall economy is likely to be small, adding about 0.1 per cent to national income (that is around £800 million per annum). However, analysis of the budgetary implications of the NDYP indicates that it will be close to self-financing as the extra activity it generates leads to higher government revenue.

Introduction to the macro evaluation of the NDYP

The purpose of the macro evaluation of NDYP is to assess the overall impact of the programme on youth unemployment and employment, on unemployment of other groups in the labour market, and on the wider economy. The macro evaluation is part of an extensive evaluation strategy commissioned by the Employment Service (ES) in collaboration with the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE) including both qualitative and quantitative research of the impact of the NDYP at the micro level.

This report summarises results from the macro evaluation in the first year after the national roll-out incorporating both the DfEE's internal analysis and the evaluation undertaken by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR). It is possible to provide an early assessment of the effects of the programme on unemployment generally and to estimate its impact on the wider economy. At present, some of these results are quite speculative. A more informed assessment will only be possible when the programme has been in operation for longer.

The NDYP is designed to reduce youth unemployment by assisting young people, who have been unemployed for six months, to improve their job search and by providing work experience and/or training for those who do not find work. Thus, if successful, it should increase the employability of young people and, through that, increase the level of sustainable employment.

The net effect of the NDYP will depend on the extent to which it makes a *difference* to the labour market prospects of those who participate in the programme and whether this is offset by an adverse effect on those who are not able to participate (such as older JSA claimants).

The difficulty in assessing the overall impact of the NDYP on the macro-economy is in establishing what would have happened *in absence* of the NDYP. It is only then that it is possible to calculate the

difference that the programme has made. The majority of this report describes the approach taken to evaluating the impact of the NDYP relative to what would otherwise have happened.

Assessment

The programme has had a positive effect on the numbers of young people leaving claimant count and is estimated to have reduced youth unemployment in Great Britain by approximately 30,000 relative to what it would otherwise have been. This is equivalent to a reduction in youth long-term unemployment of nearly 40 per cent.

Approximately 50 per cent of individuals leaving unemployment via the NDYP would have done so in absence of the programme. Approximately 10,000 individuals per month leave unemployment as a consequence of the NDYP.

There are no signs that the NDYP simply circulates young people through the programme and back on to the claimant count, although it is generally too early to assess this. Individuals are only just starting to complete NDYP options in large numbers, which may lead to a rise in the numbers rejoining the claimant count.

The employment subsidy could have an adverse impact on other groups in the labour market if employers substitute young workers with subsidised wages for older workers. There is little evidence of this so far. By the end of April 1999, only a fifth of those who had joined an option had taken up subsidised employment, partly explaining why the adverse effect on other groups appears to be small.

However, the number of long-term unemployed from other age groups leaving the claimant count is lower than expected. This is not seen as evidence of an adverse effect from the NDYP since the exit rate from unemployment for this group was comparatively higher in the NDYP pathfinder areas than in areas where the NDYP was not yet fully implemented.

There is some evidence to suggest that other groups were adversely affected by the

concentration of ES resources on the young during the initial implementation of NDYP.

The actual number of people who would benefit from the programme can also be estimated. Over a four-year period, the number benefiting from it would cumulate to around 500,000 depending on the number who pass through the New Deal more than once. If half of these additional leavers move into jobs as suggested by the analysis, then this amounts to a movement of around 250,000 people into jobs as a consequence of the NDYP.

The impact of the NDYP on the wider economy depends crucially on the economic background. The fewer young unemployed there are, the less there is for the programme to do and so the smaller its impact will appear. The situation in which the NDYP was introduced was one of relative labour market stability and low unemployment. As a consequence the impact of the NDYP on

the overall economy is likely to be small, adding about 0.1 per cent to national income (that is around £800 million per annum). However, should macroeconomic conditions deteriorate, then the NDYP is likely to have a much bigger impact.

The success of the NDYP primarily depends on improving the employability of those in the programme and in reducing wage pressure. Additional jobs can only be sustained if wage pressure is reduced.

Analysis of the budgetary implications of the NDYP indicates that it will be close to self-financing as the extra activity it generates leads to higher government revenue.

The next stages of the macro evaluation will need to focus on whether young people are going into sustained employment or whether the NDYP is simply moving people off the register. It will also need to assess more fully the impact of the NDYP on wage-setting behaviour.

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The New Deal for Young People: The National Options

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The experiences of young people on New Deal Options placements. This report is part of a comprehensive evaluation of New Deal being commissioned by the Employment Service.

Key points

- The role that Personal Advisers (PAs) play is critical in individuals' appraisals of the effectiveness of NDYP. During Option placements, the majority of young people were happy with the level of PA contact. However, a lack of PA contact was cited as an issue by those young people who had experienced placement difficulties.
- Generally, the young people experienced supportive relationships with their employers or tutors, although in some cases there had been a lack of support, or relations had broken down.
- The choice of an Option and the nature of the Option placement has added importance for young people with specific vulnerabilities or circumstances. Option placements need to be flexible enough to be able to respond to the particular needs of the young person.
- The opportunity to undertake an Option placement was generally well received. The four Options were viewed differently, with Subsidised Employment and Full-time Education and Training (FTET) Options being most positively viewed.
- The work experience component of the Options was welcomed as highly valuable, where the work was challenging and varied and provided an opportunity to learn new, or develop existing, skills. However, in some cases there was inadequate training and support, or participants felt they were given inappropriate tasks.
- In general, workplace training was positively appraised, as was the formal training provided on the FTET Option. Some problems were identified with the provision or delivery of formal training provided on other Options.
- Successful Option placements were found to improve qualifications, and lead to an increase in individuals' workplace skills and personal confidence and motivation. Option placements often improved employability, and some had led directly to employment. Where Option placements had been less satisfactory, such positive outcomes were inevitably muted or even reversed.

Introduction

THIS REPORT presents the findings of a qualitative study of young people's views and experiences of New Deal for Young People (NDYP) Options in national areas. It is based on qualitative interviews and group discussions with young people, covering both ongoing participants and leavers from the NDYP.

The key study objectives were to: explore individuals' expectations and views about the structure and delivery of Options; to identify key difficulties or suggestions for development; and to establish the impact of Options, especially in relation to jobsearch, employability and employment decision-making.

Aims and study design

The study is the fifth of six qualitative studies exploring young people's experiences of the different stages of the NDYP programme. It is based on qualitative interviews and group discussions with 74 young people: 54 in the main national sample and 20 who were interviewed for a second time from the national longitudinal sample.

Fieldwork for the national Options study was conducted in April and May of 1999, approximately one year after the national launch of the NDYP programme. Four areas were selected for the study to reflect a range of local labour market conditions as well as different delivery models of NDYP.

The young people who took part in the research covered both ongoing participants and leavers from NDYP. All had experienced the Gateway stage of NDYP and 64 had gone on to one or more Option placement. The sample was designed to include both young people who had completed their Option placement(s) and those who had left before the end; and to cover all four Option types.

Participants were purposively selected from the New Deal evaluation database to ensure diversity in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, length of unemployment, mode of entry to NDYP and type of Option followed.

Profile of the sample

Young people in the sample had differing lengths of pre-NDYP unemployment and

diverse employment histories, ranging from those who had never worked before to those who had had relatively stable periods of employment before NDYP. They also had mixed educational backgrounds including those with few, or no, formal qualifications and those with degrees.

Similarly, the young people were diverse in terms of age, ethnicity, gender and personal circumstances. The study included 25 young people with particular needs or vulnerabilities, ranging from recent or current homelessness to educational disadvantage.

The Gateway

The Gateway is a pivotal stage of NDYP, as important for those who transfer onto Options as it is for those who leave the programme during the Gateway. This study also underlined the critical role Personal Advisers (PAs) play in individuals' appraisals of the effectiveness of NDYP.

Three arrangements for delivering Gateway support were found. The *single PA* (involving Gateway support from one PA), *dual PAs* (where Gateway support was divided between two PAs) and a *transferred PA arrangement* (where support was provided by two PAs at different stages in the Gateway). This latter model was most commonly used to transfer support to a different PA during the process of Option choice and allocation.

The study also confirmed findings from earlier components of the evaluation which described the importance of the process of Option choice and allocation in people's later satisfaction with their Option placements.

Experiences of NDYP Options

The opportunity to undertake an Option placement was generally well received. The four Options were viewed differently with Subsidised Employment and FTET Options being most positively anticipated.

The work experience component of the Options was welcomed as a highly valuable feature of Option placements. Work experience was enjoyed, especially where the work was challenging and varied and where the young person was learning new, or

and diverse employment histories, ranging from those who had never worked before New Deal to those who had had several long-standing jobs. They also had mixed educational backgrounds. Expectations of the New Deal programme were varied. Some were enthusiastic about New Deal, hoping it would help them find work; receive training; develop their basic skills; and/or gain workplace experience. Others were less optimistic and more sceptical about what the New Deal could offer them. The latter group contained many of those with less focused occupational ambitions.

Reflections on the Gateway

The responses of the young people were highly consistent with earlier findings in relation to the Gateway stage of the programme:

- there was varied understanding of the purpose of Gateway and the activities available during this first stage. This depended in part on how long the young people had remained on Gateway, what had been offered to them and how the Gateway period was used for the individuals concerned;
- there was variation in the duration of Gateways reported, both within and between different units of delivery, ranging from one week to six months. The young people themselves held differing views about the appropriate duration of Gateway – ranging from those who were happy with the length of Gateway experienced, to those who would have preferred for it to have been either longer or shorter. There was no evident relationship between the length of Gateway and outcomes at the Options stage;
- Personal Advisers (PAs) were highly valued by the young people. Their role in increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and motivation during the Gateway were particularly noted. The extent to which the young people were satisfied with their Gateway experience was heavily dependent upon the relationships established with their PAs; and
- opportunities during the Gateway for the appropriate matching of participants to Option placements was seen as critical to the success of the next stage. It was felt to depend on the extent and coverage of discussions with PAs and the level of choice offered. In addition, the varying interests and aspirations of the young people – in particular, the extent to which they are goal oriented or not – appeared to play an important role in the Option placement process.

Appraisal of the New Deal Options

A clear distinction was evident between those who completed their time on Options (Option completers) and those who left prematurely (Option non-completers) – across all Option types. From the young people's accounts there also appeared to be differences in practice between units of delivery in relation to failed or incomplete Options, with some providing greater opportunity than others to take up alternative placements, even after several months.

The types of placements reported were, in nature, if not in detail, very similar to those described in the Pathfinder Options report (ESR 25). In general, there was more variety in the Subsidised Employment and Full-Time Education and Training Options than in the Environment Task Force and Voluntary Sector Options.

Among Option completers, the great majority generally assessed their placement to have been a success. The benefits of new occupational skills, increased confidence, strengthened self-esteem and, in some cases, a refined occupational or vocational perspective, were recurrently noted. The main criticism of Options in the Pathfinder areas surrounded the organisation and delivery of formal training.

Reasons for non-completion of Options were fourfold: dissatisfaction with the placement allocated; termination of the placement by the employer/provider; take up of an offer of employment; and personal issues or problems that affected an ability to continue. Sanctions were sometimes applied to people who left an Option early depending on the reasons why the placement came to an end.

An examination of Option non-completion would suggest that some young people are 'hard to please' or 'hard to place' or a combination of the two. They include young people who have a very specific occupational/vocational focus; appear to have unrealistic expectations of the programme; feel they have had insufficient choice of Option type or placement; have specific problems or circumstances; and those who are not prepared to accept routine, boring or menial work on the placement.

For Option completers, there appears to have been a good match between what the placement offered and what the young person had identified as their primary employment needs or requirements. In addition, there was clearly a high level of commitment on the part of many of their employers/providers to generating a fruitful and welcoming environment for the placement. Furthermore,

the Option completers themselves were relatively free of vulnerabilities, special circumstances or needs.

The level of jobsearch while on an Option was highly variable depending particularly on whether organised periods of jobsearch were mandatory. However, there was some evidence of a surge in jobsearch towards the end of the Option period, sometimes initiated by the young person, sometimes by their PA. Consequently, jobsearch during Options was more commonly reported by Option completers than by non-completers.

In the main, the young people had obtained the help, advice and support they needed from their PAs during Options. There was nothing to suggest that there had been greater or lesser contact with PAs by either Option completers or non-completers.

Follow-Through

The main objective of Follow-Through is to assist into work those who have not found employment during their time on Options. Four main groups can be identified among the young people who enter Follow-Through:

- *work-focused* – those with high determination and drive to find work while on Follow-Through, often enhanced by their experiences on Options. They include both Options completers and non-completers;
- *changed career or vocational aspirations* – Option completers who had clarified previous, or forged new, vocational or career directions. The main focus for these young people was further training rather than immediate entry into the labour market.
- *awaiting return to Options* – Option non-completers who wanted to return to Options to complete their placement (either a similar or different one).
- *dominant personal issues* – exclusively Option non-completers, who had dominant personal issues that overshadowed their activities or ambitions, and affected jobsearch and employment orientation.

There were marked differences in the level of activity reported during Follow-Through. This ranged from those who had experience of an active follow-through – with frequent meetings, intensively supported jobsearch, as well as other employment related activities – to those who could not identify any post-Option activity, even though they were still in receipt of JSA. This variation was evident within all the Pathfinder areas from which the Follow-Through sample was drawn, as well as in

the Pathfinder areas covered in the longitudinal research.

Jobsearch during Follow-Through was largely undertaken by those young people who were work-focused – irrespective of the level of support from their PA. However, where PA support was available it generally increased or sustained the young person's motivation to work; helped to identify employment opportunities; and aided in negotiations with employers.

There was considerable variability in awareness of what Follow-Through offered, generally corresponding to the level of activity experienced after Options. This also contributed to different understandings of the purpose of Follow-Through.

Leavers from Follow-Through

Leavers from Follow-Through included those who:

- had entered employment with new skills and aspirations, derived from the New Deal programme, often with the help of their PA;
- had entered employment entirely on their own initiative and sometimes as a consequence of less positive experiences of the programme;

- had returned to the unemployment register after reaching the end of the New Deal programme;
- had entered the Gateway for the second time;
- had moved on to other benefits;
- were neither working nor in receipt of benefits.

Some of the young people had changed activity since their initial destination after leaving Follow-Through. These included people who had moved to another job, people who had returned from either work or other benefits to the register and others who had left the register to enter work. There was greater evidence of changed activity among Option non-completers than completers.

The impact and effectiveness of New Deal: conclusions from Pathfinder areas

The final chapter provides an overview of the more recurrent findings from the Pathfinder research; and considers the impact that the programme has had on those taking part. This highlights the crucial role

of the Personal Advisers; the significant changes that can result from well matched and delivered Options; and the diversity of young people's requirements during Follow-Through.

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New Deal for Young People: striking a deal with employers

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An evaluation of New Deal based on the views and experiences of 80 employers one year after its launch. This report is part of a comprehensive evaluation of New Deal being commissioned by the Employment Service.

Key points

• Collectively, employers could cite the key features of the programme, though individually they sometimes lacked awareness of the full details of New Deal. There was some confusion about the differences between New Deal for Young People and other New Deal programmes.

• Variations in follow-up information and support received by employers were noted. This had implications for participation as well as the quality of experiences of the programme. Those with longer experience of participation felt that support for employers had increased over time.

• Variations were also reported in the perceived work readiness of the New Deal clients; quality of the screening of job applicants; and the flexibility with which training requirements were implemented.

• Employers recognised the value of providing training to young people in enhancing their long term employability, but reported a range of difficulties with the implementation of the programme's training criteria.

• Employers expressed a desire to see New Deal recruits progress and, given their own investment in the young people, commonly wanted them to stay on indefinitely if they proved their value to the organisation.

• Employers felt it was too early to see the impacts of New Deal, except in terms of investment of staff time in support for New Deal recruits. However, they were able to cite potential positive impacts their participation might have in future.

Introduction

THIS REPORT presents the findings of the main stage of a two-part study of employers' views of and responses to New Deal for Young People (NDYP). It is based on qualitative in-depth interviews with 80 employers conducted between April and June 1999, approximately a year after the national launch of New Deal.

The employers in the study included participants and non-participants; public, private and voluntary sector employers; businesses of different sizes; and national and local employers. The study areas reflect a range of labour market conditions and different delivery models of New Deal.

There were a number of key objectives in this main stage of the evaluation. They were to:

- explore factors influencing participation in New Deal;
- examine employers' recruitment and selection procedures to understand what guides their decisions in relation to young and unemployed people;
- provide insights into employers' experiences of the programme, and of recruiting young people via New Deal;
- explore the perceived impact(s) of NDYP from the perspectives of employers;
- investigate employers' views and experiences of other New Deal programmes, particularly New Deal for Long Term Unemployed People (a programme aimed at people aged 25 years and over who have been unemployed for two years or more); and
- highlight employers' suggestions for further refinements to the programme.

Knowledge of New Deal and factors influencing initial engagement

Employers learned about NDYP in a variety of ways. The views and experiences of other employers were described as particularly influential in shaping their views of the programme. A perceived decrease in

official publicity for the programme was taken as a possible indication that the programme was losing momentum.

Collectively, employers were able to cite the key features of the programme, though individual employers did not necessarily have a comprehensive overview of the details of the programme. They tended to have better knowledge of those aspects of New Deal which affected them directly (i.e., aspects of the subsidised employment option). Employers who were non-participants in New Deal also had some degree of awareness of the programme.

There was some tendency to confuse details of NDYP with features of other New Deal programmes and this led to some misconceptions about NDYP.

Variations in the nature and level of follow-up information and support continued to be reported by employers. This issue was raised by employers in a number of different ways and at different points in their involvement in the programme. Some with longer experience of participation felt that support for employers had increased over time and they were encouraged by this.

The training requirement and perceived risk of employing a young person were identified as the main obstacles to participation in New Deal. Key factors motivating participation included: recognition that New Deal serves an important social purpose in increasing the employability of young people and a desire to support this, and the persistency of New Deal providers in marketing the programme to employers. The role of the wage subsidy varied from being a bonus for some to being the financial means for others to employ staff. Others regarded it as insurance against failure of the placement.

Employers' expectations of New Deal and New Deal clients

Employers did not appear unrealistic in the types of characteristics they sought from

New Deal clients, expressing a preference for 'work ready' rather than 'job ready' recruits.

Employers adopted three approaches to the New Deal: a permanent job from the outset; a six month trial period leading to permanent work; or a fixed term appointment. Stances were influenced by availability of permanent vacancies, equal opportunities policies and recruits' perceived work readiness. Overall, employers expressed a desire to see New Deal recruits progress and were willing to make opportunities available to recruits who proved their value to the organisation. Even jobs that started out as temporary, sometimes became permanent after six months.

Employers' experiences of participation in New Deal

Diversity in the quality of experiences employers had with the screening process and during the placement was linked to: employers' expectations and approach to participation in New Deal; their commitment to the programme; the willingness to work, behaviour, skills and attitudes of the New Deal clients; the support and responsiveness employers and clients received from Personal Advisers. The role of New Deal Personal Advisers appeared to be pivotal in influencing employers' experiences and perceptions of the programme during the initial six month placement.

Proactive New Deal providers were instrumental in motivating employers and addressing persistent concerns and problems in relation to meeting training requirements, completing paperwork and providing guidance to recruits. The success of New Deal depended on effective partnerships between employers, New Deal clients, the Employment Service (ES) and other New Deal providers.

Variable standards were reported in the quality of the screening of New Deal clients. Whereas some felt candidates were work ready, other employers found that applicants did not meet their criteria, lacked basic skills or were unprepared for work. More negative experiences of work readiness were thought to reflect badly on the prepa-

ration New Deal clients were given during the Gateway.

Employers generally accepted the value of the requirement to provide training for New Deal clients and saw this as helping to further the longer term employability of young people. However, they reported a range of difficulties with the implementation of the training requirement. This included: inadequate time and subsidy to complete qualifications; perceived irrelevance of training (i.e., where relevant training was not available in the local area or in the appropriate time frame); inflexibility in the training requirements; and impractical training delivery arrangements.

Employers generally did not find the paperwork associated with New Deal problematic and they felt this was an area where employers' views had clearly been taken into account in the design of the programme. National employers and Black and minority ethnic employers reported more problems with paperwork than others and appeared to require more support in meeting the administrative requirements of New Deal.

Employers' perceptions of the impacts of New Deal for Young People

Recruits were not long enough established and required too much support for positive impact on employers' productivity or competitiveness to have registered. The main impact was employment of people employers previously would not have considered and improved training opportunities, generally in existing rather than newly created vacancies. Employers were able to indicate possible positive impacts that their participation in New Deal might have on their business in future.

Conclusions and future directions

Overall, employers were supportive of the aims of New Deal and felt that it offered young people real jobs, training and an opportunity to prove themselves. For their

own part, employers in this study were providing jobs to New Deal clients with wages and conditions similar to those of other employees. They commonly expressed a desire for New Deal clients to carry on in their job after the initial six month placement if they proved their worth to the organisation. Employers did not appear to be 'shopping around' between New Deal programmes and choosing programmes which had the highest subsidy for the least effort on their part. Among non-participating employers, obstacles to participation generally did not seem insurmountable.

Areas identified as possibly benefiting from further attention included: the need for an employer-centred equivalent to the Personal Adviser to ensure that employers' needs are consistently met; more effective partnerships with employers, particularly between the ES and national employers; greater consistency in ensuring the employability of New Deal clients before they are sent to employers; and more flexible implementation of the training requirements.

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Earnings and employment opportunities of disabled people

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This study used data from the General Household Survey and the Labour Force Survey, pooled over a number of years, to explore the effect of disability on earnings and employment opportunities.

Key points

- The earnings disadvantage associated with poor health is much larger than that associated with a long-term illness or disability that limits an individual's activities.
- After controlling for differences in individual characteristics that have been found to be rewarded in the labour market, such as qualifications, the unexplained non-disabled/disabled earnings differential is much smaller for women than for men.
- Unexplained non-disabled/disabled employment and earnings differentials are found to vary significantly across categories of disability. For men, the group with the lowest probability of employment is those reporting mental illness, while for women it is those reporting chest or breathing problems. The biggest earnings differentials are found for men reporting 'other health problems or disabilities' and for women reporting epilepsy.
- The share of employment accounted for by disabled people can be characterised by fairly large year-on-year fluctuations. However, as reductions in one year tend to be offset by increases in others, no long-term trend is clearly identified.
- On balance, the evidence suggests that earnings of disabled people have deteriorated relative to those of other employees over the period of 1979 to 1991.

Introduction

THERE IS currently only limited information available on the earnings and employment prospects of disabled people compared with those of non-disabled people. Available evidence suggests that some disabled employees earn less than non-disabled people doing similar jobs even if they feel that their productivity is the same. There is also little analysis of the reasons why disabled people or those with long-term health problems have much higher rates of unemployment compared with other groups (even after excluding those unable to work). This research aimed to answer these questions. While it is too early to assess how the implementation of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 will affect the labour market position of disabled people, it provides a helpful benchmark against which future developments can be compared and a framework for measuring the extent of labour market disadvantage currently faced by disabled people.

Methods

Data from two independent sources were analysed to provide a comprehensive description of the differences between people with and without long-term disabilities or health problems:

- the General Household Survey (GHS) is a continuous survey based on a sample of the general population living in private households. It has been running since 1971 and covers a wide variety of topics relating to the household and its members. Pooled over a number of years (1981-1991), there were around 27,000 individuals who reported a long-term disability that limited their activities; and
- the Labour Force Survey (LFS) was established in 1973 and is a survey of individuals living in private households in the UK, which has been carried out quarterly since 1992, surveying some 60,000 households each quarter. This is a

particularly rich data source that also includes information on earnings (since winter 1992/93). Pooled over 13 quarters between winter 1992/93 and winter 1995/96, there are around 25,000 individuals who reported a disability or health problem that affected the kind of paid work they could do.

A major strength of both surveys is their relatively large sample size, which allows the issue of labour market disadvantage to be addressed in some detail using a variety of statistical and econometric techniques.

Employment opportunities

The report finds, by using data from the LFS between 1992 and 1996, that disabled people were much more likely to be economically inactive than the rest of the population of working age. For example, over this period 63 per cent of disabled women were inactive compared with just 22 per cent of the non-disabled female population. In the case of men the difference is even larger: 54 per cent of disabled men were inactive compared with just 5 per cent of those who were non-disabled. Not only is inactivity higher for disabled men and women, but even among the economically active, disabled people tend to experience higher unemployment rates. Over the same period, disabled women experienced unemployment rates that were 11 percentage points higher than the non-disabled, while the comparable difference for men was again higher by 15 percentage points. Disabled people of either sex experience unemployment rates that are over twice those exhibited by the rest of the economically active population. Using data from the GHS, disabled women in the 1980s were found to have unemployment rates that were 3 percentage points higher than the non-disabled, while for men the figure was 7 percentage points.

The report finds that the higher unemployment rates for those with a long-term disability or health problem appear to be a more serious problem than lower earnings for those who have a job.

Differences in earnings

Evidence from the LFS shows that the disabled/non-disabled earnings difference for women is 17 per cent, while for men it is larger at 21 per cent. Somewhat smaller earnings differences are found using the GHS, with disabled women earning 2 per cent less than the non-disabled, while for men the figure is 3 per cent.

After controlling for differences in individual characteristics, such as qualifications, the unexplained non-disabled/disabled earnings differential is much smaller for women than for men. This is consistent with evidence from the literature on race discrimination, which finds that being female is associated with a substantial labour market disadvantage and that being from an ethnic minority or disabled leads to relatively little additional disadvantage for women.

Data from the GHS also show that the earnings disadvantage associated with poor health is much larger than the earnings disadvantage associated with a long-term illness/disability which limits an individual's activities. Those reporting poor health earned only around 86 per cent as much as those reporting good health, whereas for those with a long-term illness/disability earnings were around 94 per cent as much as for those without a long-term illness/disability.

Relative changes over time

Evidence from the GHS over the period 1979 to 1991 reveals that average hourly earnings of disabled people relative to the non-disabled fell by 5 per cent and the stock of total employment accounted for by such workers fell by 2 per cent. The deterioration in the relative labour market position is mainly due to their position deteriorating in almost all of the major industries and occupations in which they work, rather than the industries and occupations in which they are employed experiencing relative declines.

Data source differences

The unemployment and earnings differentials found in the 1990s using data from the LFS are larger than those found in the 1980s using data from the GHS.

Part of the reason for these differences in unemployment and earnings differentials when using the two data sets is that the

health questions asked are different between the surveys. The GHS asks individuals whether their disability/illness limits their activities in any way, while the LFS asks whether the health problem or disability affects the kind of paid work they can do. It follows, therefore, that a much higher proportion of those in work report a health problem in the GHS, as it uses a wider definition that will include more people with less severe disabilities.

The GHS also collects information on whether respondents' health over the last year has been good, fairly good or not good.

How can these differences be explained?

Do the differences in earnings and employment differentials reflect the fact that disabled people are discriminated against in the labour market? The fact that legislation on behalf of disabled people was introduced in 1995 indicates a perception that they did not always receive equal treatment. The report was concerned with the practical issue of trying to measure the extent of labour market disadvantage faced by disabled people. The following indicates the approach adopted.

Take two individuals, one with a disability and the other without, and assume they have exactly the same characteristics in every other respect. There are things such as age, educational qualifications, work experience, location etc., which are thought to be important in determining economic position and earning power. If any systematic differences in economic position, such as the probability of finding work, or earnings power, are found then we must ask why this unexplained differential occurs (i.e. that proportion of the earnings/employment difference not explained by differences in individual characteristics known to affect earnings/employment). For example, if an individual with a disability earns £150 per week and an otherwise identical individual (but without the disability) earns £200 then one claim might be that there is discrimination of £50 per week.

However, there are difficulties with labelling this unexplained component as discrimination, as it may be partly due to other unobserved factors. Nevertheless, using statistical techniques, the report attempts to measure the size of the unexplained component in the above scenario using real world data from the two government surveys.

The principal finding of the statistical analysis is that differences in personal characteristics account for part of the difference in earnings and employment probabilities that are observed between the non-disabled

and disabled people, but the unexplained component is generally more dominant. This suggests that people with a long term disability or health problem face special difficulties in the labour market.

The most important characteristic in accounting for differences in earnings is the level of education. Disabled people have generally spent fewer years in education and have gained fewer qualifications. Investing in education and certifications is found to be a particularly effective way to increase the chance of being in employment. However, disabled people are still found to be under-represented in the more senior occupations, and educational qualifications are found to increase the likelihood of being in a professional or management career more for non-disabled than for disabled people.

Those reporting an illness or disability are a highly mixed group. Unexplained earnings and employment differences between non-disabled and disabled persons are found to differ significantly depending on the type of disability. The largest earnings differences are found for those women reporting epilepsy, and for men, those reporting 'other health problems or disability'. For women, the group facing the lowest probability of employment is those reporting chest or breathing problems, while for men, it is those reporting mental illness. It is therefore inappropriate to think of disabled people as a single homogeneous group when analysing labour market disadvantage.

Conclusions

This research found substantial differences in earnings and employment probabilities between people with a disability and the rest of the population. However, it has not been possible fully to distinguish between employment and earnings differences that might arise from discrimination and those that might arise from other factors. Such distinctions, however, are important when attempting to design and monitor effective public policy in this area.

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Unemployment, employment, vacancies, earnings, hours, unit wage costs, productivity and industrial disputes.	
March	15 Wednesday
April	19 Wednesday
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Retail prices index

March	21 Tuesday
April	18 Tuesday
May	16 Tuesday

Table with columns for 'UNITED KINGDOM SEASONALLY ADJUSTED' and various labor market metrics (All, economically active, Total in employment, ILO unemployed, Economically inactive, Economic activity rate, Employment rate, ILO unemployment rate, Economic inactivity rate) for 'Females aged 16 and over Spring quarters (Mar-May)'. Includes data from 1988 to 1999, 3-month averages, and changes over last 3 and 12 months.

Relationship between columns: 1=2+5; 2=3+4; 6=2/1; 7=3/1; 8=4/2; 9=5/1. See technical note on pS12.

Table with columns for 'UNITED KINGDOM NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED' and various labor market metrics (All, economically active, Total in employment, ILO unemployed, Economically inactive, Economic activity rate, Employment rate, ILO unemployment rate, Economic inactivity rate) for 'All people aged 16 and over Spring quarters (Mar-May)'. Includes data from 1988 to 1999, 3-month averages, and changes over last 3 and 12 months.

Relationship between columns: 1=2+5; 2=3+4; 6=2/1; 7=3/1; 8=4/2; 9=5/1. Spring 1992 unpaid family workers have been classified as in employment.

Source: Labour Force Survey. Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 020 7533 6094.

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Labour Force Survey summary - technical note

COMPARISONS OVER TIME

ONS recommends that non-overlapping periods are always used for comparisons over time.

The sample design of the LFS enables estimates for any three consecutive months to be calculated. ONS began publication of these estimates in April 1998. The most reliable comparison is one between non-overlapping periods. For the latest data, compare the data from three months previously e.g. December to February data with that for September to November rather than November to January. Due to the overlap of two months, the latter comparison would actually just compare the single months of November and February, but the data are not robust enough to make this comparison. This can lead to unreliable conclusions about change. For further details see article by Richard Laux, pp59-63, *Labour Market Trends*, February 1998.

SAMPLING VARIABILITY OF LABOUR FORCE SURVEY DATA

LFS data are based on statistical samples (see Sources, pS2) and, as such, are subject to sampling variability. If one drew many samples, each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the LFS data in the table below represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. One would expect that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value. The ranges are approximated from non-seasonally adjusted data for Oct-Dec 1998 in line with research on the topic. For more information, see the *Guide to Labour Market Statistics Releases*, or the *LFS Quarterly Supplement*.

UNITED KINGDOM SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Level (000s)	Sample variability	Change on quarter	Sample variability	Change on year	Sample variability
In employment	27,580	±157	75	±114	291	±201
Employment rate	74.3%	±0.3%	0.1%	±0.3%	0.5%	±0.4%
ILO unemployment	1,718	±53	-4	±55	-81	±72
ILO unemployment rate	5.9%	±0.2%	0.0%	±0.2%	-0.3%	±0.2%
Economically active	29,297	±154	72	±112	210	±198
Economic activity rate	79.0%	±0.3%	0.1%	±0.2%	0.2%	±0.4%

For more detailed analyses, please see the *Labour Force Survey Quarterly Supplement*.

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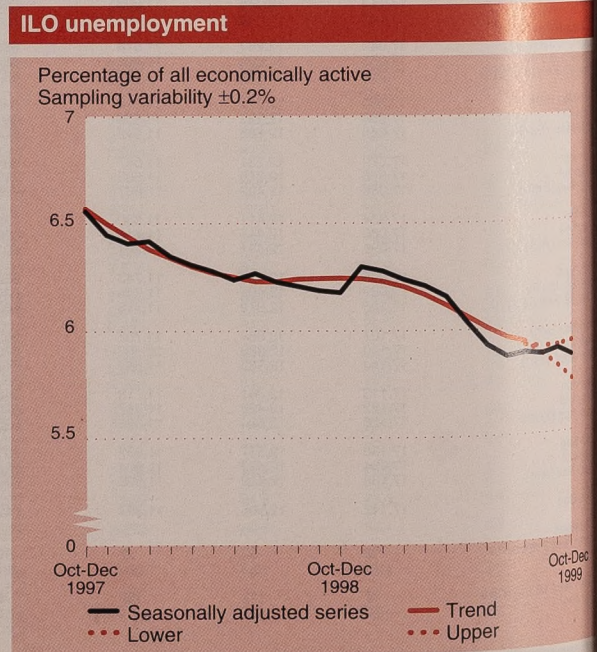
Labour Force Survey trends series: employment and unemployment - technical note

Trends indicating the underlying movement of the series, after factors such as seasonality and irregular values have been removed, are shown in the graphs below. The trends are estimated using a standard approach adopted by ONS, based on the results of its short-term trends research project. In this case, the recommended method is to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to the seasonally adjusted series. For more information, see *An Investigation of Trend Estimation Methods*, available from the Time Series Analysis Branch (020 7533 6235).

Estimates of the trends at the end of the series are subject to revision when new data become available. The graphs below give an indication of the likely extent of these revisions. They have been constructed by making statistical estimates of the range of values within which the next data point in the series is likely to fall. The resultant extended series have been used to calculate the corresponding likely range of revised trend estimates. Note that this range does not take account of revisions which might arise from seasonal adjustment.

There is a margin of error surrounding the trend estimates, particularly at the end of the series. The trend can be used to get a general impression of the underlying trend behaviour of employment, or ILO unemployment, but month-on-month changes in the trend numbers should not be reported.

For further information, please see the article on pp431-6, *Labour Market Trends*, August 1999.



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Labour Force Survey trend series: employment and unemployment

Seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM ^a SEASONALLY ADJUSTED	Employment ^b		ILO unemployment ^c	
	Level (thousands)	Rate (per cent)	Level (thousands)	Rate (per cent)
Month averages				
1992				
May	25,821	71.1	2,818	9.8
Jun	25,802	71.0	2,829	9.9
Jul	25,778	71.0	2,845	9.9
Aug	25,750	70.9	2,863	10.0
Sep	25,720	70.8	2,885	10.1
Oct	25,687	70.7	2,910	10.2
Nov	25,655	70.6	2,937	10.3
Dec	25,624	70.6	2,964	10.4
1993				
Jan	25,598	70.5	2,986	10.5
Feb	25,577	70.4	3,002	10.5
Mar	25,562	70.4	3,010	10.5
Apr	25,553	70.3	3,010	10.5
May	25,551	70.3	3,003	10.5
Jun	25,555	70.3	2,992	10.5
Jul	25,562	70.3	2,980	10.4
Aug	25,572	70.3	2,968	10.4
Sep	25,584	70.4	2,956	10.4
Oct	25,598	70.4	2,945	10.3
Nov	25,615	70.4	2,933	10.3
Dec	25,633	70.5	2,918	10.2
1994				
Jan	25,654	70.5	2,901	10.2
Feb	25,677	70.6	2,881	10.1
Mar	25,702	70.6	2,858	10.0
Apr	25,727	70.7	2,833	9.9
May	25,753	70.7	2,807	9.8
Jun	25,778	70.8	2,779	9.7
Jul	25,803	70.8	2,749	9.6
Aug	25,826	70.9	2,717	9.5
Sep	25,848	70.9	2,683	9.4
Oct	25,869	71.0	2,649	9.3
Nov	25,889	71.0	2,616	9.2
Dec	25,910	71.0	2,586	9.1
1995				
Jan	25,932	71.1	2,562	9.0
Feb	25,955	71.1	2,543	8.9
Mar	25,981	71.2	2,529	8.9
Apr	26,010	71.2	2,518	8.8
May	26,040	71.3	2,509	8.8
Jun	26,071	71.4	2,500	8.8
Jul	26,103	71.4	2,490	8.7
Aug	26,134	71.5	2,481	8.7
Sep	26,164	71.6	2,472	8.6
Oct	26,191	71.6	2,462	8.6
Nov	26,214	71.7	2,451	8.5
Dec	26,234	71.7	2,440	8.5
1996				
Jan	26,250	71.8	2,428	8.5
Feb	26,263	71.8	2,417	8.4
Mar	26,274	71.8	2,404	8.4
Apr	26,286	71.8	2,391	8.3
May	26,300	71.9	2,377	8.3
Jun	26,318	71.9	2,363	8.2
Jul	26,341	71.9	2,349	8.2
Aug	26,370	72.0	2,334	8.1
Sep	26,405	72.1	2,318	8.1
Oct	26,446	72.1	2,299	8.0
Nov	26,492	72.2	2,277	7.9
Dec	26,542	72.3	2,251	7.8
1997				
Jan	26,594	72.5	2,223	7.7
Feb	26,646	72.6	2,192	7.6
Mar	26,696	72.7	2,161	7.5
Apr	26,744	72.8	2,130	7.4
May	26,787	72.8	2,100	7.3
Jun	26,826	72.9	2,070	7.2
Jul	26,860	73.0	2,040	7.1
Aug	26,889	73.0	2,009	7.0
Sep	26,914	73.1	1,978	6.8
Oct	26,935	73.1	1,947	6.7
Nov	26,952	73.2	1,918	6.6
Dec	26,968	73.2	1,893	6.6
1998				
Jan	26,984	73.3	1,871	6.5
Feb	27,002	73.3	1,854	6.4
Mar	27,021	73.3	1,839	6.4
Apr	27,044	73.4	1,829	6.3
May	27,070	73.4	1,821	6.3
Jun	27,098	73.5	1,815	6.3
Jul	27,128	73.6	1,812	6.3
Aug	27,159	73.6	1,810	6.3
Sep	27,190	73.7	1,811	6.2
Oct	27,221	73.7	1,812	6.2
Nov	27,251	73.8	1,814	6.2
Dec	27,278	73.8	1,816	6.2
1999				
Jan	27,303	73.9	1,816	6.2
Feb	27,325	73.9	1,814	6.2
Mar	27,344	73.9	1,807	6.2
Apr	27,363	73.9	1,796	6.2
May	27,381	74.0	1,782	6.1
Jun	27,400	74.0	1,767	6.1
Jul	27,421	74.0	1,753	6.0
Aug	27,445	74.1	1,740	6.0
Sep	27,471	74.1	1,730	5.9
Oct	27,500	74.2	1,722	5.9
Nov	27,531	74.2	1,715	5.9
Dec	27,564	74.3	1,709	5.8

Trend estimates prior to Dec 95-Feb 95 (excluding Mar-May periods), are based on data including interpolated data for Northern Ireland. For further information see pp211-15, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

^a Levels are for those aged 16 and over and rates are for those of working age.
^b Levels and rates are for those aged 16 and over. The rate is as a proportion of the economically active.

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Other headline indicators

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM		Workforce jobs		
		Levels		
		Total	Males	Females
		DYDC	LOLA	LOLB
1997	September	27,324	14,772	12,552
	December	27,478	14,856	12,622
1998	March	27,642	14,929	12,713
	June	27,591	14,918	12,674
	September	27,697	14,964	12,733
	December	27,753	15,020	12,733
1999	March	27,773	15,060	12,713
	June	27,879	15,110	12,769
	September	27,828	15,061	12,767
Change on quarter		-51	-49	-2
Percent		-0.2	-0.3	0.0
Change on year		131	97	35
Percent		0.5	0.6	0.3

UNITED KINGDOM		Claimant count ^a			Rates (%) ^b		
		Levels			Total		
		Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
		BCJD	DPAE	DPAF	BCJE	DPAH	DPAF
1999	January ^d	1,306.7	996.3	310.4	4.5	6.3	4.4
	February	1,312.4	1,002.6	309.8	4.6	6.3	4.4
	March	1,308.1	999.8	308.3	4.5	6.3	4.4
	April	1,291.7	987.0	304.7	4.5	6.2	4.3
	May ^d	1,285.3	982.5	302.8	4.5	6.2	4.3
	June	1,269.2	972.0	297.2	4.4	6.1	4.3
	July	1,233.8	949.4	284.4	4.3	6.0	4.2
	August ^d	1,215.0	936.1	278.9	4.2	5.9	4.2
	September	1,212.4	929.4	283.0	4.2	5.9	4.2
	October ^d	1,203.0	919.7	283.3	4.2	5.8	4.2
	November	1,186.3	904.9	281.4	4.1	5.7	4.2
	December R	1,167.7	889.4	278.3	4.1	5.6	4.2
2000	January ^{d P}	1,157.9	881.4	276.5	4.0	5.6	4.2
Change on period		-9.8	-8.0	-1.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Percent		-0.8	-0.9	-0.6			
Change on year		-148.8	-114.9	-33.9	-0.5	-0.7	-0.5
Percent		-11.4	-11.5	-10.9			

GREAT BRITAIN		Whole economy earnings		UNITED KINGDOM		Notified vacancies
		Average Earnings Index	Headline rate (3-month average) ^c			Level
		LNMQ	LNNC			DRYW
1998	December	115.4 R	4.5	1999	January	229.6
1999	January	116.4	4.4 R	February	226.4	
	February	117.2	4.6	March	226.3	
	March	117.8	4.8	April	231.6	
	April	117.2	4.6	May	216.4	
	May	117.8	4.3	June	224.0	
	June	119.0	4.4	July	227.2	
	July	118.9	4.6	August	230.1	
	August	119.6	4.9	September	232.8	
	September	119.8	4.7	October	241.4	
	October	120.7	4.9	November	236.2	
	November	121.1 R	4.9	December R	236.5	
	December P	122.6	5.5	2000	January P	228.8
Change on month		1.5	0.6	Change on month		-1.7
Change on year		7.2	1.0	Change on year		-1.0

Sources: Employer surveys, DFEE Training Data System, Benefits Agency administrative system, Employment Service administrative system, Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey.

Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 020 7533 6094

a Count of claimants of unemployment-related benefits, i.e. Jobseeker's Allowance and/or National Insurance credits.
 b National and regional claimant count rates are calculated by expressing the number of claimants as a percentage of the estimated total workforce (the sum of claimants, employee jobs, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related government training programmes) at mid-1998 for 1998, 1999 and 2000 figures and at the corresponding mid-year estimates for earlier years.
 c The headline rate is the average of the annual change in the seasonally adjusted series over the latest three months.
 d Months where there are five weeks between count dates. All the rest are four-week periods.
 R Revised
 P Provisional

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B.13 EMPLOYMENT

Employee jobs: industry: production industries: unadjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	Section, sub-section	September 1998		September 1999			1999						
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct P	Nov P	Dec P	
		Thousands											
PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES	C-E	3,165.6	1,245.6	4,411.2	3,073.8	1,171.9	4,245.8	4,256.7	4,257.5	4,245.8	4,246.4	4,243.1	4,226.7
MINING AND QUARRYING	C	63.8	11.9	75.7	60.5	9.9	70.4	71.9	71.2	70.4	68.1	68.8	68.4
Mining and quarrying of energy producing materials	CA (10-12)	37.0	7.6	44.6	33.3	6.5	39.7	41.5	40.4	39.7	38.9	38.5	38.0
Mining and quarrying except of energy producing materials	CB (13/14)	26.8	4.3	31.1	27.2	3.5	30.7	30.4	30.8	30.7	30.3	30.3	30.4
MANUFACTURING	D	2,997.3	1,197.7	4,195.0	2,909.0	1,124.2	4,033.2	4,042.0	4,043.3	4,033.2	4,035.3	4,032.5	4,017.5
Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco	DA	309.6	173.0	482.6	312.4	162.5	474.9	475.2	476.4	474.9	476.7	476.5	471.5
Manufacture of textiles and textile products	DB	142.4	176.4	318.8	129.9	152.7	282.5	285.8	284.9	282.5	282.1	281.8	279.1
of textiles	17	103.4	72.0	175.4	94.2	67.9	162.1	162.6	163.0	162.1	161.5	160.9	160.4
of wearing apparel, dressing and dyeing of fur	18	39.0	104.4	143.4	35.7	84.7	120.4	123.2	121.9	120.4	120.6	120.9	118.7
Manufacture of leather and leather products including footwear	DC	17.9	12.9	30.8	15.9	11.0	26.9	27.3	27.3	26.9	26.5	26.0	26.4
Manufacture of wood and wood products	DD (20)	72.9	13.3	86.2	72.2	12.7	84.9	84.7	84.3	84.9	84.5	84.0	84.8
Manufacture of pulp, paper and paper products; publishing and printing of pulp, paper and paper products	DE	291.2	190.0	481.2	287.9	184.7	472.6	475.3	475.1	472.6	473.2	473.4	472.8
of pulp, paper and paper products	21	80.1	35.5	115.7	74.0	32.7	106.7	108.6	108.2	106.7	106.3	106.0	105.1
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	22	211.1	154.5	365.6	213.9	151.9	365.9	366.7	366.9	365.9	366.8	367.4	367.7
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuel	DF (23)	24.1	5.8	30.0	24.3	5.3	29.6	29.8	29.8	29.6	29.7	29.5	29.4
Manufacture of chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	DG (24)	176.5	85.1	261.7	174.5	83.1	257.6	258.6	258.8	257.6	258.6	257.9	256.8
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	DH (25)	184.4	60.2	244.6	176.9	58.8	235.7	236.2	235.6	235.7	236.3	235.9	236.0
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	DI (26)	115.0	31.4	146.5	109.8	29.7	139.5	140.1	140.2	139.5	139.8	139.0	139.2
Manufacture of basic metals and fabricated metal products of basic metals	DJ	457.5	90.7	548.2	437.3	86.7	524.1	525.4	524.1	524.1	522.9	523.0	520.8
of fabricated metal products, except machinery	27	109.3	19.6	128.9	101.0	19.3	120.3	122.0	121.2	120.3	120.3	120.0	120.3
of machinery	28	348.2	71.1	419.4	336.3	67.4	403.7	403.3	402.9	403.7	402.6	403.0	400.5
Manufacture of machinery and eqpt. n.e.c.	DK (29)	326.7	76.6	403.4	311.0	72.6	383.6	382.5	383.9	383.6	382.6	382.0	380.8
Manufacture of electrical and optical equipment of office machinery and computers of electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c.	DL	360.4	170.1	530.5	348.3	155.7	504.0	506.9	506.3	504.0	505.1	505.0	503.9
of office machinery and computers	30	41.3	18.1	59.4	38.0	17.1	55.1	56.0	55.5	55.1	55.9	55.6	55.4
of electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c.	31	123.2	64.4	187.6	119.1	55.5	174.6	176.2	175.9	174.6	174.3	174.0	173.4
of radio, television and communication eqpt. of medical, precision and optical eqpt; watches	32	91.5	39.2	130.7	87.1	37.8	124.9	124.7	125.0	124.9	126.2	125.7	126.1
of medical, precision and optical eqpt; watches	33	104.3	48.5	152.7	104.0	45.3	149.3	149.9	149.3	148.8	148.8	148.7	147.0
Manufacture of transport equipment of motor vehicles, trailers of other transport equipment	DM	364.0	47.9	411.9	348.5	46.6	395.2	395.4	396.2	395.2	394.6	394.0	392.3
of motor vehicles, trailers	34	203.4	29.2	232.6	190.7	29.5	220.2	221.0	220.2	219.9	220.1	219.0	219.0
of other transport equipment	35	160.6	18.7	179.3	157.8	17.2	175.0	174.3	175.1	175.0	174.7	175.0	173.3
Manufacturing n.e.c.	DN	154.6	64.1	218.8	160.1	62.2	222.3	219.0	220.6	222.3	222.7	222.3	223.6
ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY	E	104.5	36.0	140.5	104.3	37.8	142.1	142.8	143.1	142.1	141.9	141.0	138.9

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Source: Employment, Earnings and Productivity Division, ONS. Customer helpline: 01633 812079

Workforce jobs^a by industry: seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	SIC 92 sections	Thousands										
		All jobs	Agriculture and fishing	Energy and water	Manufacturing	Construction	Distribution, hotels and restaurants	Transport and communications	Finance and business services	Public admin education and health	Other services	Total services
		A-Q	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O-Q	G-Q
		DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
All jobs		26,074	600	295	4,290	1,813	5,735	1,546	4,180	6,279	1,337	19,076
1983	Sep	26,172	588	289	4,301	1,822	5,776	1,543	4,208	6,303	1,343	19,173
1994	Mar	26,173	598	281	4,302	1,798	5,720	1,516	4,238	6,339	1,383	19,195
	Jun	26,198	603	271	4,317	1,805	5,725	1,529	4,232	6,335	1,381	19,202
	Sep	26,358	592	260	4,327	1,803	5,753	1,539	4,252	6,348	1,385	19,377
	Dec	26,434	575	254	4,352	1,801	5,782	1,526	4,380	6,354	1,410	19,453
1995	Mar	26,445	570	248	4,366	1,790	5,798	1,535	4,400	6,338	1,401	19,471
	Jun	26,492	567	245	4,378	1,786	5,798	1,532	4,431	6,338	1,417	19,517
	Sep	26,491	560	244	4,387	1,777	5,758	1,527	4,508	6,329	1,401	19,524
	Dec	26,618	559	249	4,460	1,744	5,771	1,520	4,559	6,351	1,405	19,606
1996	Mar	26,597	569	239	4,455	1,733	5,756	1,506	4,534	6,379	1,427	19,602
	Jun	26,728	560	238	4,430	1,741	5,818	1,523	4,574	6,391	1,451	19,758
	Sep	26,879	562	237	4,451	1,743	5,827	1,545	4,585	6,432	1,496	19,885
	Dec	26,988	602	233	4,467	1,736	5,857	1,559	4,638	6,399	1,497	19,949
1997	Mar	27,079	574	236	4,452	1,748	5,927	1,585	4,731	6,339	1,486	20,069
	Jun	27,274	562	239	4,481	1,741	5,979	1,582	4,818	6,359	1,512	20,251
	Sep	27,324	588	232	4,461	1,756	6,022	1,559	4,852	6,340	1,514	20,287
	Dec	27,478	585	230	4,479	1,786	6,067	1,556	4,901	6,336	1,538	20,399
1998	Mar	27,642	554	228	4,528	1,795	6,083	1,570	4,962	6,359	1,562	20,537
	Jun	27,591	549	227	4,513	1,796	6,055	1,573	4,983	6,366	1,530	20,507
	Sep	27,697	532	227	4,490	1,774	6,114	1,587	5,023	6,409	1,540	20,674
	Dec	27,753	517	227	4,427	1,789	6,101	1,629	5,082	6,433	1,548	20,793
1999	Mar	27,773	526	223	4,377	1,797	6,099	1,630	5,114	6,450	1,557	20,850
	Jun	27,879	528	223	4,346	1,794	6,113	1,645	5,151	6,475	1,603	20,987
	Sep	27,828	502	223	4,298	1,800	6,089	1,671	5,178	6,468	1,599	21,005
Change on quarter		-51	-26	0	-48	6	-24	26	27	-8	-4	17
Percent		-0.2	-4.9	0.0	-1.1	0.3	-0.4	1.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.1
Change on year		131	-30	-4	-192	26	-25	84	155	58	59	331
Percent		0.5	-5.6	-1.8	-4.3	1.5	-0.4	5.3	3.1	0.9	3.8	1.6
Male jobs		LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLT	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMK
1983	Sep	14,122	456	237	2,994	1,603	2,760	1,166	2,181	2,112	613	8,832
	Dec	14,179	455	232	3,003	1,616	2,785	1,168	2,203	2,105	613	8,874
1994	Mar	14,176	466	223	3,006	1,594	2,754	1,147	2,212	2,121	654	8,888
	Jun	14,201	471	215	3,025	1,594	2,759	1,161	2,196	2,122	660	8,897
	Sep	14,297	463	207	3,030	1,596	2,764	1,171	2,270	2,130	666	9,001
	Dec	14,335	455	202	3,055	1,594	2,786	1,163	2,264	2,127	689	9,029
1995	Mar	14,340	451	199	3,076	1,587	2,799	1,173	2,257	2,115	682	9,027
	Jun	14,366	448	197	3,096	1,590	2,801	1,175	2,270	2,103	687	9,035
	Sep	14,360	446	197	3,108	1,583	2,763	1,172	2,313	2,099	679	9,026
	Dec	14,399	441	201	3,172	1,553	2,739	1,164	2,346	2,109	675	9,032
1996	Mar	14,328	449	194	3,169	1,540	2,740	1,151	2,309	2,103	673	9,076
	Jun	14,378	442	193	3,157	1,551	2,755	1,162	2,327	2,112	678	9,034
	Sep	14,456	443	192	3,176	1,559	2,762	1,179	2,311	2,136	696	9,086
	Dec	14,551	479	189	3,184	1,550	2,826	1,190	2,315	2,124	694	9,150
1997	Mar	14,652	449	190	3,173	1,556	2,880	1,200	2,402	2,103	698	9,284
	Jun	14,750	440	190	3,194	1,550	2,914	1,190	2,455	2,106	711	9,37

B.21 EMPLOYMENT

Actual weekly hours of work

Hours, seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	Average actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^a	All workers ^b	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Second jobs
	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
All					
Spring quarters (Mar-May)					
1992	850.4	33.0	38.0	14.7	10.6
1993	839.7	33.0	38.1	14.7	9.9
1994	852.9	33.3	38.4	15.0	9.2
1995	870.4	33.5	38.8	15.1	9.2
1996	874.2	33.3	38.7	15.0	8.9
1997	887.8	33.2	38.6	15.2	9.4
1998	895.7	33.1	38.5	15.2	9.1
1999	900.8	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.0
3-month averages					
Oct-Dec 1998	899.1	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.0
Nov 98-Jan 99	900.5	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.3
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	901.1	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.1
Jan-Mar 1999	901.8	33.0	38.3	15.4	9.1
Feb-Apr	898.9	32.9	38.2	15.3	8.9
Mar-May (Spr)	900.8	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.0
Apr-Jun	903.8	33.1	38.3	15.4	9.0
May-Jul	905.2	33.1	38.3	15.4	9.3
Jun-Aug (Sum)	904.8	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.0
Jul-Sep	906.6	33.0	38.3	15.3	9.0
Aug-Oct	902.9	32.9	38.2	15.3	9.0
Sep-Nov (Aut)	903.7	32.9	38.1	15.3	9.1
Oct-Dec	908.4	32.9	38.3	15.4	9.3
Changes					
Over last 3 months	2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Percent	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	3.4
Over last 12 months	9	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2
Percent	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	2.3
Male					
Spring quarters (Mar-May)					
1992	550.3	38.5	39.8	14.3	11.9
1993	541.1	38.7	40.0	14.3	10.8
1994	550.5	38.9	40.5	14.9	9.8
1995	563.6	39.2	40.9	14.6	9.7
1996	563.5	39.0	40.8	14.8	9.7
1997	571.2	38.8	40.6	14.8	10.6
1998	577.3	38.7	40.5	15.0	9.7
1999	575.9	38.2	40.2	15.1	9.5
3-month averages					
Oct-Dec 1998	576.5	38.3	40.2	15.1	9.8
Nov 98-Jan 99	576.9	38.4	40.3	15.1	10.1
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	577.0	38.3	40.2	15.2	9.8
Jan-Mar 1999	577.3	38.4	40.2	15.1	9.6
Feb-Apr	574.9	38.2	40.0	15.1	9.3
Mar-May (Spr)	575.9	38.2	40.2	15.1	9.5
Apr-Jun	577.6	38.3	40.2	15.2	9.6
May-Jul	579.1	38.3	40.3	15.3	10.1
Jun-Aug (Sum)	579.2	38.3	40.2	15.2	9.9
Jul-Sep	580.4	38.3	40.2	15.1	9.7
Aug-Oct	578.4	38.2	40.1	15.0	9.7
Sep-Nov (Aut)	579.0	38.1	40.0	15.1	9.9
Oct-Dec	581.6	38.3	40.2	15.2	10.0
Changes					
Over last 3 months	1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Percent	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	2.8
Over last 12 months	5	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Percent	0.9	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	1.6
Female					
Spring quarters (Mar-May)					
1992	300.2	26.2	34.2	14.8	9.3
1993	298.6	26.1	34.2	14.8	9.0
1994	302.4	26.3	34.5	15.0	8.6
1995	306.8	26.5	34.4	15.2	8.6
1996	310.6	26.4	34.6	15.2	8.4
1997	316.6	26.4	34.6	15.2	8.5
1998	318.4	26.4	34.5	15.2	8.6
1999	324.8	26.5	34.5	15.4	8.7
3-month averages					
Oct-Dec 1998	322.5	26.4	34.4	15.3	8.4
Nov 98-Jan 99	323.6	26.4	34.5	15.3	8.6
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	324.0	26.5	34.5	15.3	8.6
Jan-Mar 1999	324.5	26.5	34.5	15.4	8.7
Feb-Apr	324.1	26.5	34.4	15.3	8.6
Mar-May (Spr)	324.8	26.5	34.5	15.4	8.7
Apr-Jun	326.2	26.6	34.5	15.4	8.5
May-Jul	326.2	26.6	34.5	15.5	8.7
Jun-Aug (Sum)	325.6	26.5	34.5	15.4	8.4
Jul-Sep	326.3	26.5	34.5	15.4	8.4
Aug-Oct	324.5	26.4	34.3	15.4	8.5
Sep-Nov (Aut)	324.8	26.4	34.2	15.4	8.5
Oct-Dec	326.7	26.5	34.5	15.4	8.7
Changes					
Over last 3 months	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3
Percent	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	3.2
Over last 12 months	4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Percent	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.9	2.7

a Main and second jobs.
b Main job only.

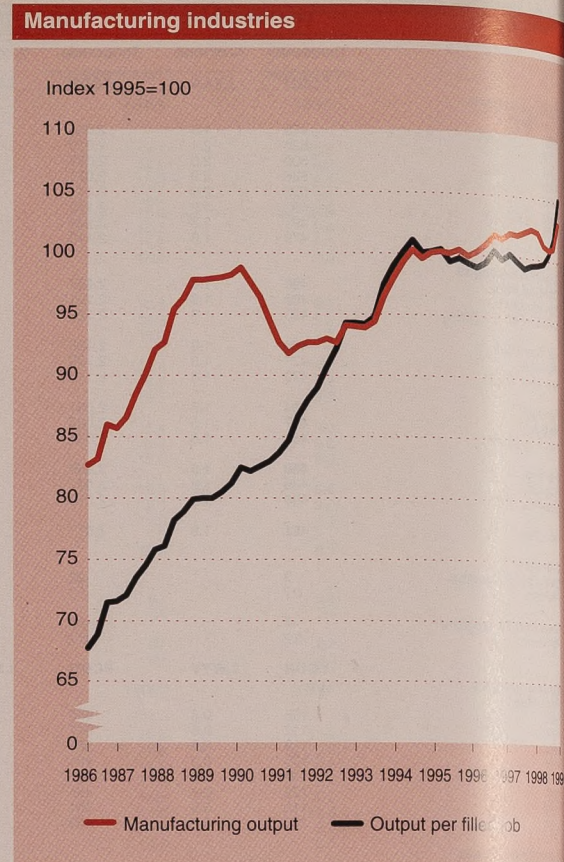
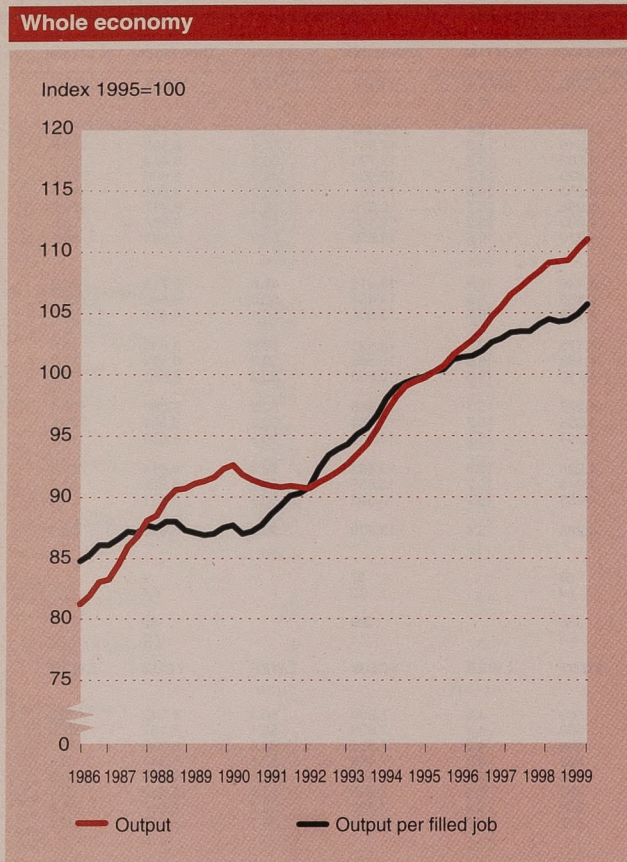
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EMPLOYMENT B.22

Usual weekly hours of work

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	Usual weekly hours of work									
	Less than 6 hours		6 up to 15 hours		16 up to 30 hours		31 up to 45 hours		Over 45 hours	
	Thousands	% of total	Thousands	% of total	Thousands	% of total	Thousands	% of total	Thousands	% of total
	YCDM	LVA A	YCDP	LWYX	YCD S	LWZA	YCDV	LWZD	YCDY	LWZG
All										
Spring quarters (Mar-May)										
1992	479	1.9	2,056	8.1	3,417	13.4	13,304	52.3	6,178	24.3
1993	520	2.1	2,019	8.0	3,516	13.9	12,981	51.4	6,197	24.6
1994	500	2.0	2,087	8.2	3,603	14.2	12,795	50.3	6,444	25.3
1995	526	2.0	2,071	8.0	3,639	14.1	12,864	49.9	6,666	25.9
1996	532	2.0	2,111	8.1	3,853	14.8	12,701	48.9	6,801	26.2
1997	495	1.9	2,142	8.1	3,998	15.1	12,879	48.7	6,917	26.2
1998	491	1.8	2,124	8.0	4,089	15.3	13,100	49.1	6,894	25.8
1999	479	1.8	2,110	7.8	4,210	15.6	13,550	50.3	6,591	24.5
3-month averages										
Oct-Dec 1998	495	1.8	2,157	8.0	4,149	15.4	13,415	49.8	6,711	24.9
Nov 98-Jan 99	498	1.8	2,161	8.0	4,165	15.5	13,464	50.0	6,662	24.7
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	493	1.8	2,129	7.9	4,168	15.5	13,505	50.1	6,657	24.7
Jan-Mar 1999	496	1.8	2,125	7.9	4,175	15.5	13,521	50.2	6,635	24.6
Feb-Apr	477	1.8	2,129	7.9	4,188	15.5	13,555	50.3	6,594	24.5
Mar-May (Spr)	479	1.8	2,110	7.8	4,210	15.6	13,550	50.3	6,591	24.5
Apr-Jun	484	1.8	2,091	7.8	4,227	15.7	13,566	50.3	6,587	24.4
May-Jul	487	1.8	2,085	7.7	4,235	15.7	13,564	50.3	6,591	24.4
Jun-Aug (Sum)	487	1.8	2,091	7.7	4,244	15.7	13,539	50.2	6,629	24.6
Jul-Sep	488	1.8	2,099	7.8	4,226	15.6	13,593	50.3	6,615	24.5
Aug-Oct	489	1.8	2,081	7.7	4,246	15.7	13,556	50.2	6,622	24.5
Sep-Nov (Aut)	490	1.8	2,079	7.7	4,255	15.7	13,593	50.3	6,611	24.5
Oct-Dec	491	1.8	2,077	7.7	4,285	15.8	13,620	50.3	6,622	24.4
Changes										
Over last 3 months	3		-22		59		27		7	
Percent	0.7		-1.1		1.4		0.2		0.1	
Over last 12 months	-4		-80		136		205		-89	
Percent	-0.7		-3.7		3.3		1.5		-1.3	
Male	YCDN	LWYV	YCDQ	LWYY	YCDT	LWZB	YCDW	LWZE	YCDZ	LWZH
Spring quarters (Mar-May)										
1992	108	0.8	335	2.4	569	4.0	7,905	56.2	5,149	36.6
1993	112	0.8	347	2.5	600	4.3	7,625	55.1	5,167	37.3
1994	119	0.8	381	2.7	635	4.5	7,535	53.8	5,330	38.1
1995	133	0.9	404	2.8	658	4.6	7,488	52.6	5,544	39.0
1996	129	0.9	421	2.9	726	5.1	7,408	51.8	5,615	39.3
1997	128	0.9	454	3.1	787	5.4	7,506	51.6	5,669	39.0
1998	115	0.8	461	3.1	800	5.4	7,692	52.2	5,667	38.5
1999	126	0.9	458	3.1	872	5.9	8,019	54.1	5,348	36.1
3-month averages										
Oct-Dec 1998	136	0.9	454	3.1	838	5.7	7,891	53.3	5,488	37.1
Nov 98-Jan 99	139	0.9	453	3.1	854	5.8	7,919	53.5	5,448	36.8
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	129	0.9	460	3.1	845	5.7	7,944	53.6	5,445	36.7
Jan-Mar 1999	127	0.9	455	3.1	844	5.7	7,972	53.8	5,419	36.6
Feb-Apr	121	0.8	458	3.1	848	5.7	8,013	54.1	5,369	36.3
Mar-May (Spr)	126	0.9	458	3.1	872	5.9	8,019	54.1	5,348	36.1
Apr-Jun	124	0.8	467	3.2	880	5.9	7,998	53.9	5,362	36.2
May-Jul	124	0.8	469	3.2	871	5.9	7,987	53.8	5,384	36.3
Jun-Aug (Sum)	120	0.8	477	3.2	875	5.9	7,955	53.6	5,417	36.5
Jul-Sep	120	0.8	474	3.2	872	5.9	8,017	53.9	5,378	36.2

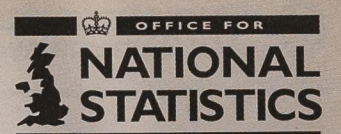


Seasonally adjusted (1995=100)									
UNITED KINGDOM	Whole economy			Production industries			Manufacturing industries		
SIC1992	Output ^a	Workforce jobs ^b	Output per filled job	Output	Workforce jobs ^b	Output per filled job	Output	Workforce jobs ^b	Output per filled job
		LNNM	LNNN		LNOJ	LNNW		LNOK	LNNX
1991	90.9	102.2	88.9	94.5	112.2	84.3	92.8	109.9	84.5
1992	91.1	99.3	91.7	94.0	105.3	89.2	92.8	103.1	90.0
1993	93.2	98.4	94.7	94.9	100.8	94.2	94.1	99.7	94.4
1994	97.4	99.1	98.2	98.3	99.7	98.6	98.5	99.1	99.4
1995	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1996	102.5	101.0	101.5	101.1	100.8	100.4	100.4	101.1	99.3
1997	106.0	102.8	103.1	102.1	101.2	100.9	101.7	101.7	100.0
1998	108.5	104.3	104.0	102.7	101.8	100.9	102.0	102.6	99.4
1999	N/A	N/A	N/A	103.2	98.4	104.9	101.9	99.0	103.0
1991 Q3	90.8	101.7	89.3	93.5	110.8	84.4	91.8	108.3	84.7
1991 Q4	90.9	100.8	90.1	94.2	109.0	86.4	92.4	106.5	86.7
1992 Q1	90.8	100.5	90.3	94.0	107.7	87.3	92.7	105.3	88.0
1992 Q2	90.7	99.9	90.8	93.5	106.4	87.9	92.7	104.1	88.0
1992 Q3	91.2	98.8	92.3	94.2	104.6	90.0	93.0	102.5	90.7
1992 Q4	91.6	98.1	93.4	94.1	102.5	91.8	92.7	100.6	92.2
1993 Q1	92.1	98.1	93.9	94.6	101.5	93.2	94.1	99.8	94.3
1993 Q2	92.7	98.3	94.3	94.4	101.1	93.4	94.0	99.6	94.3
1993 Q3	93.5	98.4	95.1	95.1	100.6	94.5	93.9	99.7	94.2
1993 Q4	94.3	98.7	95.6	95.7	100.2	95.5	94.4	99.5	94.8
1994 Q1	95.5	98.8	96.6	96.3	99.9	96.5	96.5	99.0	97.5
1994 Q2	96.9	98.9	98.0	98.1	99.7	98.4	98.0	99.0	99.0
1994 Q3	98.1	99.3	98.8	98.9	99.6	99.3	99.3	99.2	100.1
1994 Q4	99.0	99.7	99.3	99.8	99.7	100.1	100.3	99.3	101.1
1995 Q1	99.4	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.5	100.1
1995 Q2	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.6	99.9	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.2
1995 Q3	100.2	100.0	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.4	100.2	99.9	100.4
1995 Q4	100.7	100.3	100.4	100.2	100.5	99.7	100.1	100.7	99.4
1996 Q1	101.6	100.4	101.2	101.0	100.9	100.1	100.4	100.7	98.7
1996 Q2	102.1	100.7	101.4	100.8	100.5	100.3	99.9	100.7	98.3
1996 Q3	102.8	101.2	101.5	101.2	100.7	100.5	100.3	101.4	99.0
1996 Q4	103.6	101.7	101.9	101.5	100.9	100.5	100.9	101.5	99.4
1997 Q1	104.7	102.1	102.5	102.0	101.0	101.0	101.7	101.2	100.5
1997 Q2	105.5	102.7	102.8	101.9	101.3	100.5	101.4	101.8	99.6
1997 Q3	106.5	103.0	103.4	102.6	101.2	101.3	101.9	101.7	100.2
1997 Q4	107.1	103.5	103.5	102.0	101.4	100.6	101.8	102.2	99.6
1998 Q1	107.6	104.1	103.4	102.1	102.2	99.9	102.1	103.1	99.1
1998 Q2	108.4	104.2	104.1	103.2	102.3	100.9	102.4	103.0	99.4
1998 Q3	109.0	104.4	104.4	103.2	102.0	101.2	102.2	102.7	99.5
1998 Q4	109.0	104.6	104.2	102.4	100.9	101.5	101.2	101.6	99.7
1999 Q1	109.3	104.8	104.4	101.8	99.6	102.2	100.9	100.3	100.5
1999 Q2	110.2	105.0	104.9	102.6	98.6	104.0	101.1	99.2	101.9
1999 Q3	111.0	105.0	105.7	104.0	97.8	106.3	102.5	98.4	104.1
1999 Q4	N/A	N/A	N/A	104.3	97.5	107.1	103.2	96.0	105.2

a Gross value added for whole economy.
b The workforce jobs series comprises: employee jobs, self-employment jobs, HM Forces and government-supported trainees. This series is used as a denominator for the productivity calculation for the reasons explained on page S6 of the August 1988 issue of *Employment Gazette*.

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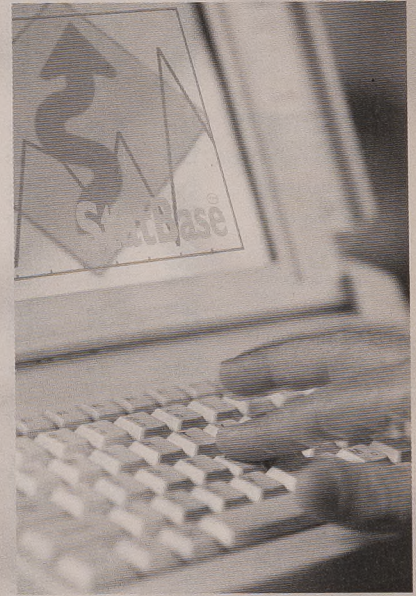


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C.1 UNEMPLOYMENT ILO unemployment by age and duration

Thousands, seasonally adjusted^a

UNITED KINGDOM	All aged 16 and over							All aged 16-59/64						
	All	Rate (%) ^b	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percent over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ^b	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percent over 12 months	All over 24 months
All	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWW	YBWX	YBXA
Spring quarters (Mar-May)														
1992	2,833	9.9	1,249	584	993	35.1	464	2,801	10.1	1,240	579	975	34.8	452
1993	2,999	10.5	1,156	576	1,261	42.1	650	2,966	10.7	1,144	570	1,246	42.0	640
1994	2,799	9.8	1,080	466	1,249	44.6	735	2,773	10.0	1,074	462	1,232	44.4	727
1995	2,516	8.8	1,035	401	1,073	42.7	670	2,498	9.0	1,031	397	1,064	42.6	665
1996	2,394	8.3	1,058	401	930	38.8	587	2,375	8.5	1,051	397	921	38.8	581
1997	2,093	7.3	992	312	787	37.6	500	2,071	7.4	984	310	774	37.4	491
1998	1,824	6.3	992	253	582	31.9	367	1,804	6.4	984	250	572	31.7	360
1999	1,797	6.2	1,025	269	515	28.6	309	1,778	6.3	1,017	266	507	28.5	303
3-month averages														
Oct-Dec 1998	1,799	6.2	1,020	266	510	28.3	315	1,783	6.3	1,014	264	501	28.1	311
Nov 98-Jan 99	1,837	6.3	1,047	271	514	28.0	318	1,820	6.4	1,042	269	505	27.8	312
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	1,833	6.3	1,048	279	509	27.8	315	1,817	6.4	1,041	277	502	27.6	309
Jan-Mar 1999	1,822	6.2	1,040	269	504	27.7	313	1,804	6.4	1,033	266	496	27.5	305
Feb-Apr	1,814	6.2	1,024	280	515	28.4	314	1,796	6.3	1,015	279	507	28.2	308
Mar-May (Spr)	1,797	6.2	1,025	269	515	28.6	309	1,778	6.3	1,017	266	507	28.5	303
Apr-Jun	1,760	6.0	992	273	501	28.5	301	1,741	6.1	983	270	494	28.4	297
May-Jul	1,728	5.9	961	259	496	28.7	295	1,710	6.0	953	256	490	28.7	291
Jun-Aug (Sum)	1,714	5.9	953	271	490	28.6	293	1,694	6.0	944	269	483	28.5	288
Jul-Sep	1,721	5.9	963	264	505	29.4	294	1,699	6.0	953	261	496	29.2	288
Aug-Oct	1,716	5.9	961	256	503	29.3	285	1,696	6.0	952	254	494	29.1	280
Sep-Nov (Aut)	1,726	5.9	964	259	502	29.1	280	1,705	6.0	954	258	493	28.9	276
Oct-Dec	1,718	5.9	962	257	494	28.8	273	1,698	6.0	953	255	486	28.6	269
Changes														
Over last 3 months	-4	0.0	-1	-7	-11	-0.6	-21	-1	0.0	0	-5	-10	-0.6	-19
Percent	-0.2		-0.1	-2.5	-2.2		-7.2	0.0		0.0	-2.0	-2.1		-6.6
Over last 12 months	-81	-0.3	-57	-9	-16	0.4	-43	-85	-0.3	-61	-9	-16	0.5	-42
Percent	-4.5		-5.7	-3.2	-3.1		-13.5	-4.8		-6.0	-3.5	-3.1		-13.4
Male	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWS	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Spring quarters (Mar-May)														
1992	1,896	11.7	755	398	740	39.0	359	1,880	11.8	752	396	729	38.8	351
1993	2,017	12.5	702	374	938	46.5	499	2,004	12.7	698	372	932	46.5	495
1994	1,856	11.5	616	301	937	50.5	575	1,846	11.7	614	300	930	50.4	571
1995	1,637	10.2	580	256	799	48.8	520	1,629	10.3	577	255	794	48.7	517
1996	1,575	9.8	606	257	710	45.1	475	1,564	9.9	603	255	704	45.0	470
1997	1,331	8.3	554	190	585	44.0	390	1,320	8.3	552	189	577	43.7	384
1998	1,118	6.9	537	164	419	37.5	281	1,108	7.0	534	163	414	37.3	277
1999	1,112	6.9	580	166	377	33.9	235	1,103	6.9	576	165	373	33.8	232
3-month averages														
Oct-Dec 1998	1,117	6.9	577	173	363	32.5	241	1,109	7.0	575	172	359	32.3	238
Nov 98-Jan 99	1,148	7.1	596	181	367	32.0	240	1,139	7.2	594	180	362	31.7	236
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	1,138	7.0	596	181	363	31.9	239	1,130	7.1	594	180	359	31.8	235
Jan-Mar 1999	1,126	6.9	591	168	359	31.9	237	1,117	7.0	588	167	354	31.7	232
Feb-Apr	1,117	6.9	577	171	374	33.5	240	1,110	7.0	573	170	371	33.4	237
Mar-May (Spr)	1,112	6.9	580	166	377	33.9	235	1,103	6.9	576	165	373	33.8	232
Apr-Jun	1,091	6.7	552	172	373	34.2	230	1,082	6.8	547	170	370	34.2	228
May-Jul	1,062	6.6	521	165	366	34.5	225	1,054	6.6	517	163	364	34.5	222
Jun-Aug (Sum)	1,049	6.5	520	172	357	34.1	221	1,040	6.5	517	170	354	34.0	219
Jul-Sep	1,049	6.5	527	168	366	34.9	223	1,039	6.5	524	166	362	34.8	221
Aug-Oct	1,033	6.4	518	158	363	35.1	217	1,025	6.4	516	156	358	34.9	215
Sep-Nov (Aut)	1,045	6.4	526	155	365	35.0	217	1,037	6.5	523	154	361	34.8	215
Oct-Dec	1,037	6.4	522	150	362	34.9	213	1,030	6.5	519	149	359	34.8	212
Changes														
Over last 3 months	-12	-0.1	-6	-18	-4	0.0	-10	-9	-0.1	-5	-17	-3	0.0	-9
Percent	-1.1		-1.1	-10.6	-1.2		-4.6	-0.8		-1.0	-10.1	-0.8		-3.9
Over last 12 months	-79	-0.5	-55	-23	-1	2.3	-28	-78	-0.5	-56	-23	0.0	2.5	-26
Percent	-7.1		-9.5	-13.3	-0.4		-11.4	-7.1		-9.7	-13.3	0.0		-11.1
Female	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWO	YBWT	YBWW	YBWW	YBWB
Spring quarters (Mar-May)														
1992	937	7.5	494	186	254	27.1	105	921	7.7	488	183	246	26.7	100
1993	982	7.9	454	202	323	32.9	151	961	8.1	446	198	314	32.6	145
1994	943	7.6	464	165	311	33.0	160	928	7.8	460	162	303	32.6	155
1995	878	7.0	455	145	275	31.3	150	869	7.3	454	142	270	31.1	148
1996	819	6.5	453	144	220	26.9	112	812	6.7	449	142	217	26.8	107
1997	762	6.0	438	122	201	26.4	110	751	6.1	432	121	197	26.3	107
1998	706	5.5	454	89	162	23.0	86	696	5.7	450	87	158	22.7	83
1999	685	5.3	445	103	138	20.1	73	675	5.4	441	101	134	19.9	71
3-month averages														
Oct-Dec 1998	682	5.3	443	93	146	21.5	75	674	5.4	439	93	143	21.2	73
Nov 98-Jan 99	689	5.3	451	89	147	21.4	78	681	5.5	448	89	144	21.1	76
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	695	5.4	451	98	146	21.0	76	688	5.5	448	97	143	20.8	74
Jan-Mar 1999	696	5.4	450	101	145	20.8	76	687	5.5	445	100	141	20.6	73
Feb-Apr	697	5.4	447	110	141	20.2	74	687	5.5	442	109	137	19.9	71
Mar-May (Spr)	685	5.3	445	103	138	20.1	73	675	5.4	441	101	134	19.9	71
Apr-Jun	670	5.2	441	101	129	19.2	71	660	5.3	436	100	124	18.8	69
May-Jul	666	5.1	441	94	131	19.6	71	656	5.3	436	93	127	19.3	69
Jun-Aug (Sum)	666	5.1	433	99	133	20.0	72	654	5.3	427	98	129	19.7	69
Jul-Sep	672	5.2	436	96	139	20.7	70	660	5.3	429	95	134	20.4	68
Aug-Oct	683	5.3	442	99	141	20.6	68	671	5.4	436	97	136	20.3	65
Sep-Nov (Aut)	681	5.2	438	105	137	20.1	63	668	5.4	431	104	132	19.8	61
Oct-Dec	680	5.2	441	107	132	19.4	59	668	5.3	434	106	127	19.0	57
Changes														
Over last 3 months	8	0.0	5	11	-7	-1.2	-11	8	0.1	5	11	-7	-1.3	-10
Percent	1.2		1.2	11.5	-4.9		-15.5	1.2		1.2	12.0	-5.5		-15.2
Over last 12 months	-2	-0.1	-2	14	-14									

C.1 UNEMPLOYMENT

ILO unemployment by age and duration

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	25-49							50 and over										
	All	Rate (%) ^a	Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months	Percent over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate (%) ^a	Up to 6 months		Over 6 and up to 12 months		All over 12 months	Percent over 12 months	All over 24 months
			1	2	3	4						5	6	7	8				9	10	11	12	13	14
	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI				
All																		
Spring quarters (Mar-May)																		
1992	1,499	8.6	627	313	558	37.2	263	453	7.7	139	96	223	49.1	129				
1993	1,553	8.8	550	296	707	45.5	371	516	8.8	149	101	270	49.1	141				
1994	1,479	8.4	530	241	707	47.8	424	485	8.2	127	77	286	52.3	163				
1995	1,346	7.6	491	210	645	47.9	416	400	6.7	115	56	232	57.9	188				
1996	1,280	7.1	504	223	552	43.1	360	375	6.2	118	58	202	53.7	158				
1997	1,082	6.0	451	168	460	42.5	296	342	5.4	116	46	181	52.9	141				
1998	929	5.2	461	135	328	35.4	213	292	4.5	105	34	154	52.8	114				
1999	904	5.0	463	139	301	33.3	176	289	4.3	122	37	131	45.1	102				
3-month averages																		
Oct-Dec 1998	886	5.0	452	142	304	34.3	193	272	4.1	107	28	134	49.5	97				
Nov 98-Jan 99	898	5.0	467	143	299	33.3	189	279	4.2	111	32	137	49.1	103				
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	905	5.1	465	151	297	32.8	185	281	4.2	116	32	137	48.8	104				
Jan-Mar 1999	912	5.1	471	139	297	32.5	186	287	4.3	120	36	130	45.4	101				
Feb-Apr	915	5.1	469	145	302	33.0	185	289	4.3	122	36	130	44.8	102				
Mar-May (Spr)	904	5.0	463	139	301	33.3	176	289	4.3	122	37	131	45.1	102				
Apr-Jun	890	5.0	455	138	291	32.8	171	282	4.2	116	35	132	46.8	102				
May-Jul	875	4.9	439	132	294	33.6	171	273	4.1	109	36	131	48.1	94				
Jun-Aug (Sum)	867	4.8	431	141	293	33.8	174	269	4.0	106	38	128	47.6	93				
Jul-Sep	877	4.9	431	138	302	34.4	175	272	4.1	106	41	124	45.5	91				
Aug-Oct	876	4.9	432	131	303	34.6	177	269	4.0	106	42	121	44.9	86				
Sep-Nov (Aut)	884	4.9	440	134	303	34.3	173	276	4.1	108	41	125	45.4	85				
Oct-Dec	858	4.8	435	138	295	34.4	169	271	4.0	107	37	126	46.4	82				
Changes																		
Over last 3 months	-19	-0.1	4	0	-7	-0.1	-6	0	0.0	1	-4	2	0.8	-9				
Percent	-2.2		1.0	0.2	-2.4		-3.7	-0.2		0.7	-9.2	1.6		-10.0				
Over last 12 months	-28	-0.2	-17	-4	-9	0.0	-24	-1	-0.1	0	9	-9	-3.1	-15				
Percent	-3.2		-3.7	-2.7	-3.1		-12.5	-0.2		-0.3	31.4	-6.5		-15.9				
Male																		
Spring quarters (Mar-May)																		
1992	979	10.0	368	201	409	41.7	202	344	9.8	100	76	174	50.5	104				
1993	1,033	10.5	322	182	529	51.2	283	386	11.2	108	74	209	54.1	129				
1994	968	9.7	288	150	530	54.7	332	357	10.3	87	55	219	61.4	149				
1995	859	8.6	251	130	478	55.7	323	297	8.5	81	38	181	61.0	126				
1996	818	8.2	270	131	416	50.9	291	280	8.0	77	42	164	58.6	121				
1997	680	6.8	238	97	344	50.5	230	239	6.6	71	32	137	57.3	112				
1998	552	5.6	231	84	234	42.4	162	206	5.5	67	23	117	56.6	89				
1999	541	5.5	244	81	214	39.6	131	204	5.3	80	23	101	49.4	81				
3-month averages																		
Oct-Dec 1998	531	5.4	238	88	212	39.8	146	192	5.1	69	19	102	53.2	75				
Nov 98-Jan 99	543	5.5	249	94	207	38.1	140	199	5.2	73	22	105	52.8	80				
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	544	5.5	249	94	207	38.0	140	196	5.1	73	21	105	53.5	80				
Jan-Mar 1999	544	5.5	253	80	210	38.5	141	197	5.2	75	24	98	49.7	78				
Feb-Apr	547	5.5	251	80	217	39.6	141	198	5.2	76	22	98	49.4	80				
Mar-May (Spr)	541	5.5	244	81	214	39.6	131	204	5.3	80	23	101	49.4	81				
Apr-Jun	534	5.4	233	85	211	39.6	127	195	5.1	73	21	102	52.4	82				
May-Jul	524	5.3	221	80	215	41.1	129	187	4.9	67	23	100	53.3	72				
Jun-Aug (Sum)	521	5.3	219	87	212	40.7	131	182	4.7	65	24	97	53.0	71				
Jul-Sep	521	5.3	216	83	216	41.5	131	187	4.9	67	26	94	50.4	71				
Aug-Oct	518	5.2	217	78	217	42.0	135	180	4.7	63	26	92	50.9	65				
Sep-Nov (Aut)	521	5.2	222	77	221	42.5	136	186	4.8	63	26	96	51.4	66				
Oct-Dec	504	5.1	215	77	216	42.9	133	189	4.9	65	24	99	52.5	65				
Changes																		
Over last 3 months	-18	-0.2	-1	-7	0	1.5	2	0.0	-2	-2	5	2.1	-6					
Percent	-3.4		-0.6	-7.9	0.0		1.5		1.1	-3.0	-5.9	5.2		-8.6				
Over last 12 months	-28	-0.3	-23	-11	5	3.1	-13	-2	-0.2	-5	5	-2	-0.7	-10				
Percent	-5.2		-9.5	-12.5	2.1		-9.2	-1.2		-6.9	29.1	-2.4		-13.2				
Female																		
Spring quarters (Mar-May)																		
1992	519	6.9	259	111	149	28.7	61	109	4.6	40	21	49	44.8	25				
1993	520	6.7	228	114	178	34.2	87	129	5.3	41	27	61	47.1	34				
1994	511	6.6	242	91	177	34.7	92	128	5.1	39	22	67	52.2	32				
1995	488	6.2	239	80	167	34.3	93	104	4.1	34	18	51	49.1	32				
1996	462	5.8	234	91	136	29.4	69	95	3.8	41	16	37	39.3	30				
1997	402	5.0	213	71	116	28.9	65	103	3.9	45	14	44	42.8	27				
1998	377	4.7	229	51	94	25.0	51	86	3.1	38	10	37	43.5	25				
1999	363	4.5	219	58	86	23.8	45	85	3.0	41	14	30	34.9	21				
3-month averages																		
Oct-Dec 1998	355	4.4	215	54	92	26.1	46	80	2.8	38	10	33	40.6	22				
Nov 98-Jan 99	355	4.4	218	50	92	26.0	48	81	2.9	38	10	32	40.1	22				
Dec 98-Feb 99 (Win)	361	4.5	216	57	90	24.9	45	85	3.0	42	11	32	37.9	24				
Jan-Mar 1999	368	4.6	218	59	87	23.7	45	90	3.2	45	13	32	35.9	24				
Feb-Apr	368	4.6	218	64	85	23.1	44	92	3.2	46	14	32	35.0	23				
Mar-May (Spr)	363	4.5	219	58	86	23.8	45	85	3.0	41	14	30	34.9	21				
Apr-Jun	355	4.4	222	54	80	22.5	44	87	3.1	44	13	30	34.3	21				
May-Jul	351	4.4	219	52	79	22.4	42	85	3.0	42	13	31	36.8	22				
Jun-Aug (Sum)	346</																	

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Government Office Regions	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ^b						NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ^b					
	CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a			CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a			CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a			CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a		
	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Change since previous month	average change over 3 months ended	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Change since previous month	average change over 3 months ended	Male	Female	All	Male	Female		
United Kingdom	BCJA	DPAA	DPAB	BCJB	DPAC	DPAD	BCJD				DPAD	DPAF	BCJE	DPAH	DPAI									
1995)	2,325.6	1,770.0	555.6	8.1	11.0	4.4	2,305.8	..	..	1,758.5	547.4	8.0	10.9	4.3									
1996)	2,122.2	1,610.3	511.9	7.4	10.1	4.0	2,103.4	..	..	1,599.5	504.0	7.3	10.0	4.3									
1997)	1,802.4	1,225.1	377.3	5.6	7.7	2.9	1,586.1	..	..	1,215.8	370.4	5.5	7.8	2.9									
1998)	1,362.3	1,037.7	324.7	4.7	6.6	2.5	1,346.8	..	..	1,028.4	318.4	4.7	6.5	2.5									
1999)	1,263.0	963.5	299.5	4.4	6.1	2.3	1,249.3	..	..	955.8	293.5	4.3	6.0	2.3									
1998	Jan 8	1,479.3	1,136.7	342.6	5.1	7.2	2.6	1,333.8	-9.3	-25.4	1,064.0	329.8	4.8	6.7	2.5									
	Feb 12	1,451.2	1,109.8	341.4	5.0	7.0	2.6	1,382.1	-11.7	-16.7	1,052.6	329.5	4.8	6.7	2.5									
	Mar 12	1,405.9	1,076.5	329.4	4.9	6.8	2.5	1,373.8	-8.3	-9.8	1,045.3	328.5	4.8	6.5	2.5									
	Apr 9	1,389.9	1,061.5	328.4	4.8	6.7	2.5	1,362.6	-11.2	-10.4	1,037.7	324.9	4.7	6.6	2.5									
	May 14	1,349.4	1,036.3	313.1	4.7	6.5	2.4	1,366.9	4.3	-5.1	1,040.7	326.2	4.7	6.6	2.5									
	Jun 11	1,322.8	1,013.4	309.3	4.6	6.4	2.4	1,361.1	-5.8	-4.2	1,037.9	323.2	4.7	6.6	2.5									
	Jul 9	1,368.3	1,030.2	338.1	4.8	6.5	2.6	1,333.2	-27.9	-9.8	1,020.4	312.8	4.6	6.4	2.4									
	Aug 13	1,383.2	1,030.3	352.9	4.8	6.5	2.7	1,316.7	-16.5	-16.7	1,010.0	306.7	4.6	6.4	2.4									
	Sep 10	1,334.3	1,005.8	328.5	4.6	6.4	2.5	1,312.6	-4.1	-16.2	1,007.2	305.4	4.6	6.4	2.4									
	Oct 8	1,286.4	976.1	310.3	4.5	6.2	2.4	1,323.3	10.7	-3.3	1,012.4	310.9	4.6	6.4	2.4									
	Nov 11	1,283.9	980.4	303.5	4.5	6.2	2.3	1,324.8	1.5	2.7	1,012.9	311.9	4.6	6.4	2.4									
	Dec 10	1,293.6	995.1	298.4	4.5	6.3	2.3	1,311.0	-13.8	-0.5	999.9	311.4	4.6	6.0	2.4									
1999	Jan 14	1,386.4	1,063.3	323.1	4.8	6.7	2.5	1,306.7	-4.3	-5.5	996.3	310.4	4.5	6.3	2.4									
	Feb 11	1,379.1	1,056.4	322.7	4.8	6.7	2.5	1,312.4	5.7	-4.1	1,002.6	309.8	4.6	6.3	2.4									
	Mar 11	1,346.6	1,033.8	312.7	4.7	6.5	2.4	1,308.1	-4.3	-1.0	999.8	308.3	4.5	6.3	2.4									
	Apr 8	1,320.1	1,010.3	309.8	4.6	6.4	2.4	1,291.7	-16.4	-5.0	987.0	304.7	4.5	6.2	2.4									
	May 13	1,275.6	982.0	293.6	4.4	6.2	2.3	1,285.3	-6.4	-9.0	982.5	302.8	4.5	6.2	2.3									
	Jun 10	1,244.7	956.5	288.2	4.3	6.0	2.2	1,269.2	-16.1	-13.0	972.0	297.2	4.4	6.1	2.3									
	Jul 8	1,263.6	957.2	306.4	4.4	6.0	2.4	1,233.8	-35.4	-19.3	949.4	284.4	4.3	6.0	2.2									
	Aug 12	1,263.2	947.2	316.0	4.4	6.0	2.4	1,215.0	-18.8	-23.4	936.1	278.9	4.2	6.0	2.2									
	Sep 9	1,224.0	922.2	301.8	4.3	5.8	2.3	1,212.4	-2.6	-18.9	929.4	283.0	4.2	5.9	2.2									
	Oct 14	1,164.9	883.5	281.5	4.0	5.6	2.2	1,203.0	-9.4	-10.3	919.7	283.3	4.2	5.8	2.2									
	Nov 11	1,147.2	874.0	273.2	4.0	5.5	2.1	1,186.3	-16.7	-9.6	904.9	281.4	4.1	5.7	2.2									
	Dec 9 R	1,140.6	875.6	265.0	4.0	5.5	2.0	1,167.7	-18.6	-14.9	889.4	278.3	4.1	5.6	2.1									
2000	Jan 13 P	1,236.4	946.6	289.8	4.3	6.0	2.2	1,157.9	-8.8	-15.0	881.4	276.5	4.0	5.6	2.1									
Great Britain	BCJG	BCJI	BCJJ	BCJH	BCJK	BCJL	DPAG					DPAL												
1995)	2,237.4	1,701.4	536.1	8.0	10.9	4.3	2,217.8	..	..	1,699.9	527.9	7.9	10.3	4.3									
1996)	2,038.1	1,545.3	492.8	7.3	10.0	3.9	2,019.5	..	..	1,534.5	484.9	7.2	9.9	3.9									
1997)	1,539.0	1,175.2	363.8	5.5	7.6	2.9	1,522.7	..	..	1,165.9	356.9	5.4	7.9	2.9									
1998)	1,304.9	992.8	312.0	4.7	6.5	2.5	1,289.4	..	..	983.6	305.8	4.6	6.5	2.5									
1999)	1,212.2	924.2	288.0	4.3	6.0	2.3	1,198.4	..	..	916.4	282.0	4.3	6.0	2.2									
1999	Jan 14	1,330.4	1,019.1	311.3	4.7	6.6	2.5	1,250.6	-4.3	-5.7	952.8	297.8	4.5	6.3	2.4									
	Feb 11	1,323.3	1,012.4	311.0	4.7	6.6	2.5	1,256.2	5.6	-4.2	959.1	297.1	4.5	6.3	2.4									
	Mar 11	1,292.0	990.7	301.2	4.6	6.4	2.4	1,252.3	-3.9	-0.9	956.7	295.6	4.5	6.2	2.3									
	Apr 8	1,265.7	967.8	297.9	4.5	6.3	2.4	1,236.6	-15.7	-4.7	944.6	292.0	4.4	6.1	2.3									
	May 13	1,224.5	941.5	283.0	4.4	6.1	2.2	1,231.6	-5.0	-8.2	940.9	290.7	4.4	6.0	2.3									
	Jun 10	1,194.4	917.2	277.2	4.3	6.0	2.2	1,217.4	-14.2	-11.6	931.6	285.8	4.3	5.9	2.3									
	Jul 8	1,210.6	917.5	293.1	4.3	6.0	2.3	1,184.1	-33.3	-17.5	910.5	273.6	4.2	5.9	2.2									
	Aug 12	1,210.6	903.2	307.3	4.3	5.9	2.4	1,166.7	-17.4	-21.6	898.4	268.3	4.2	5.8	2.2									
	Sep 9	1,174.2	884.6	289.6	4.2	5.7	2.3	1,165.2	-1.5	-17.4	892.7	272.5	4.2	5.8	2.2									
	Oct 14	1,119.1	848.2	270.8	4.0	5.5	2.1	1,156.4	-8.8	-9.2	883.8	272.6	4.1	5.7	2.2									
	Nov 11	1,103.4	840.2	263.2	3.9	5.5	2.1	1,140.7	-15.7	-8.7	870.0	270.7	4.1	5.7	2.2									
	Dec 9 R	1,098.1	842.5	255.7	3.9	5.5	2.0	1,122.9	-17.8	-14.1	855.2	267.7	4.0	5.6	2.1									
2000	Jan 13 P	1,192.0	912.1	279.9	4.3	5.9	2.2	1,113.7	-9.2	-14.2	847.7	266.0	4.0	5.5	2.1									
North East	DPCE	DPCH	DPCH	DPDA	DPDE	DPDF	DPDG					DPDH												
1995)	130.5	104.4	26.1	11.4	16.5	5.1	129.6	..	..	103.8	25.7	11.3	16.4	5.1									
1996)	118.4	94.0	24.4	10.4	15.1	4.7	117.2	..	..	93.3	23.9	10.3	15.0	4.6									
1997)	94.5	75.4	19.0	8.5	12.2	3.8	93.3	..	..	74.7	18.6	8.4	11.3	3.7									
1998)	84.4	67.4	17.0	7.6	11.0	3.4	83.3	..	..	66.7	16.5	7.5	10.3	3.3									
1999)	81.0	64.4	16.6	7.3	10.6	3.3	80.1	..	..	63.9	16.2	7.2	10.3	3.3									
1999	Jan 14	88.6	71.0	17.6	8.0	11.6	82.6	0.9	0.3	65.8	16.8	7.5	10.8	3.4										
	Feb 11	88.1	70.2	17.9	8.0	11.5	83.4	0.8	0.5	66.3	17.1	7.5	10.9	3.4										
	Mar 11	86.2	68.7	17.5	7.8	11.3	83.1	-0.3	0.5	66.0	17.1	7.5	10.8											

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Government Office Regions	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ^b							
	CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a			CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a				
	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Change since previous month	average change over 3 months ended	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
London	DPCJ			DPDE			DPDK				DPDQ			
1995)	394.7	292.1	102.6	9.5	12.5	5.6	392.7	..	..	291.1	101.6	9.4	12.5	5.6
1996) Annual	360.1	265.2	95.0	8.6	11.4	5.1	358.2	..	..	264.1	94.0	8.6	11.4	5.1
1997) averages	271.4	199.8	71.6	6.5	8.7	3.8	270.0	..	..	199.1	70.9	6.4	8.6	3.7
1998)	226.6	166.5	60.1	5.3	7.1	3.1	225.3	..	..	165.8	59.5	5.3	7.1	3.1
1999)	204.3	150.5	53.8	4.8	6.5	2.8	203.1	..	..	149.9	53.2	4.8	6.4	2.8
1999 Jan 14	217.0	160.6	56.4	5.1	6.9	2.9	215.3	-1.2	-1.6	158.5	56.8	5.1	6.8	3.0
Feb 11	215.6	159.5	56.1	5.1	6.8	2.9	214.0	-1.3	-1.7	157.7	56.3	5.0	6.8	2.9
Mar 11	212.1	157.0	55.0	5.0	6.7	2.9	211.3	-2.7	-1.7	155.8	55.5	5.0	6.7	2.9
Apr 8	209.0	154.6	54.4	4.9	6.6	2.8	208.4	-2.9	-2.3	153.8	54.6	4.9	6.6	2.8
May 13	207.4	153.7	53.8	4.9	6.6	2.8	206.9	-1.5	-2.4	152.5	54.4	4.9	6.5	2.8
Jun 10	203.3	150.7	52.7	4.8	6.5	2.7	203.8	-3.1	-2.5	150.4	53.4	4.8	6.5	2.8
Jul 8	204.3	150.5	53.8	4.8	6.5	2.8	200.3	-3.5	-2.7	148.2	52.1	4.7	6.4	2.7
Aug 12	205.3	149.6	55.8	4.8	6.4	2.9	197.6	-2.7	-3.1	146.4	51.2	4.6	6.3	2.7
Sep 9	203.7	148.2	55.5	4.8	6.4	2.9	197.7	0.1	-2.0	146.0	51.7	4.6	6.3	2.7
Oct 14	196.3	143.6	52.7	4.6	6.2	2.7	196.8	-0.9	-1.2	145.2	51.6	4.6	6.2	2.7
Nov 11	191.1	140.3	50.8	4.5	6.0	2.6	194.4	-2.4	-1.1	143.3	51.1	4.6	6.1	2.7
Dec 9 R	186.7	137.9	48.8	4.4	5.9	2.5	190.9	-3.5	-2.3	140.7	50.2	4.5	6.0	2.6
2000 Jan 13 P	191.8	142.0	49.8	4.5	6.1	2.6	189.8	-1.1	-2.3	139.8	50.0	4.5	6.0	2.6
South East	DPCK			DPDF			DPDL				DPDR			
1995)	229.0	173.8	55.1	6.0	8.2	3.2	227.6	..	..	173.1	54.5	5.9	8.1	3.2
1996) Annual	200.2	151.3	48.9	5.1	7.0	2.8	198.6	..	..	150.4	48.2	5.1	7.0	2.7
1997) averages	136.2	103.7	32.5	3.4	4.8	1.8	135.0	..	..	103.0	32.0	3.4	4.7	1.8
1998)	107.0	81.3	25.7	2.7	3.8	1.4	106.0	..	..	80.7	25.3	2.7	3.8	1.4
1999)	96.1	73.2	23.0	2.4	3.4	1.3	95.4	..	..	72.7	22.7	2.4	3.4	1.3
1999 Jan 14	108.9	83.3	25.6	2.8	3.9	1.4	100.4	-1.7	-0.9	76.2	24.2	2.5	3.5	1.3
Feb 11	108.1	82.5	25.6	2.7	3.8	1.4	100.9	0.5	-1.0	76.8	24.1	2.6	3.6	1.3
Mar 11	103.9	79.7	24.3	2.6	3.7	1.4	100.2	-0.7	-0.6	76.4	23.8	2.5	3.6	1.3
Apr 8	100.8	77.2	23.6	2.6	3.6	1.3	99.2	-1.0	-0.4	75.7	23.5	2.5	3.5	1.3
May 13	97.1	74.6	22.5	2.5	3.5	1.3	98.8	-0.4	-0.7	75.4	23.4	2.5	3.5	1.3
Jun 10	93.0	71.5	21.5	2.4	3.3	1.2	96.7	-2.1	-1.2	73.9	22.8	2.5	3.4	1.3
Jul 8	93.2	70.7	22.5	2.4	3.3	1.3	93.8	-2.9	-1.8	71.7	22.1	2.4	3.3	1.2
Aug 12	94.1	70.5	23.6	2.4	3.3	1.3	92.5	-1.3	-2.1	70.8	21.7	2.3	3.3	1.2
Sep 9	92.2	69.2	23.0	2.3	3.2	1.3	92.0	-0.5	-1.6	70.4	21.6	2.3	3.3	1.2
Oct 14	88.4	66.6	21.7	2.2	3.1	1.2	91.8	-0.2	-0.7	70.0	21.8	2.3	3.3	1.2
Nov 11	87.4	66.1	21.3	2.2	3.1	1.2	90.2	-1.6	-0.8	68.6	21.6	2.3	3.2	1.2
Dec 9 R	86.7	66.1	20.6	2.2	3.1	1.1	88.2	-2.0	-1.3	66.7	21.5	2.2	3.1	1.2
2000 Jan 13 P	94.3	71.7	22.6	2.4	3.3	1.3	86.4	-1.8	-1.8	65.1	21.3	2.2	3.0	1.2
South West	BCKF			DPAQ			DPBB				DPBM			
1995)	166.3	124.1	42.3	6.9	9.3	3.9	164.8	..	..	123.2	41.6	6.8	9.2	3.8
1996) Annual	148.2	110.3	38.0	6.2	8.3	3.5	146.9	..	..	109.5	37.4	6.1	8.3	3.5
1997) averages	105.4	79.0	26.4	4.4	5.9	2.5	104.4	..	..	78.4	26.0	4.3	5.9	2.4
1998)	84.8	63.0	21.8	3.5	4.7	2.0	83.8	..	..	62.4	21.5	3.5	4.7	2.0
1999)	76.2	56.5	19.7	3.2	4.2	1.8	75.4	..	..	56.0	19.4	3.1	4.2	1.8
1999 Jan 14	88.9	65.6	23.3	3.7	4.9	2.2	79.5	-0.8	-0.9	58.7	20.8	3.3	4.4	1.9
Feb 11	87.9	65.0	22.9	3.6	4.9	2.1	80.2	0.7	-0.4	58.8	20.6	3.3	4.5	1.9
Mar 11	84.0	62.4	21.6	3.5	4.7	2.0	79.5	-0.7	-0.3	59.1	20.4	3.3	4.4	1.9
Apr 8	80.4	60.1	20.3	3.3	4.5	1.9	78.6	-0.9	-0.3	58.5	20.1	3.3	4.4	1.9
May 13	76.5	57.7	18.8	3.2	4.3	1.7	78.6	0.0	-0.5	58.5	20.1	3.3	4.4	1.9
Jun 10	73.0	54.9	18.1	3.0	4.1	1.7	77.9	-0.7	-0.5	57.9	20.0	3.2	4.3	1.9
Jul 8	73.1	54.3	18.8	3.0	4.1	1.7	74.8	-3.1	-1.3	55.8	19.0	3.1	4.2	1.8
Aug 12	73.0	53.5	19.4	3.0	4.0	1.8	73.2	-1.6	-1.8	52.7	18.6	3.0	4.1	1.7
Sep 9	71.6	52.6	19.0	3.0	3.9	1.8	72.8	-0.4	-1.7	54.2	18.6	3.0	4.0	1.7
Oct 14	68.8	50.7	18.1	2.8	3.8	1.7	71.7	-1.1	-1.0	53.3	18.4	3.0	4.0	1.7
Nov 11	68.8	50.5	18.3	2.8	3.8	1.7	70.1	-1.6	-1.0	51.9	18.2	2.9	3.9	1.7
Dec 9 R	68.2	50.4	17.8	2.8	3.8	1.7	68.0	-2.1	-1.6	50.3	17.7	2.8	3.8	1.6
2000 Jan 13 P	75.2	55.4	19.8	3.1	4.1	1.8	66.4	-1.6	-1.8	49.1	17.3	2.7	3.7	1.6
England														
1995)	1,926.2	1,461.6	464.5	8.0	10.8	4.4	1,912.5	..	..	1,453.8	458.7	7.9	10.7	4.3
1996) Annual	1,740.4	1,316.7	423.6	7.2	9.8	3.9	1,725.9	..	..	1,308.5	417.4	7.1	9.7	3.8
1997) averages	1,299.1	989.2	309.9	5.3	7.4	2.9	1,287.1	..	..	982.3	304.7	5.3	7.3	2.8
1998)	1,093.6	830.3	263.3	4.5	6.2	2.4	1,082.3	..	..	823.5	258.8	4.4	6.1	2.4
1999)	1,013.5	770.9	242.7	4.2	5.7	2.2	1,003.5	..	..	765.2	238.3	4.1	5.7	2.2
1999 Jan 14	1,110.6	848.8	261.8	4.6	6.3	2.4	1,047.0	-5.4	-5.2	795.9	251.1	4.3	5.9	2.3
Feb 11	1,105.2	843.9	261.3	4.5	6.3	2.4	1,051.4	4.4	-4.2	801.1	250.3	4.3	6.0	2.3
Mar 11	1,078.6	825.5	253.1	4.4	6.2	2.3	1,047.0	-4.4	-1.8	798.2	248.8	4.3	6.0	2.3
Apr 8	1,057.9	807.3	250.6	4.3	6.0	2.3	1,034.6	-12.4	-4.1	788.6	246.0	4.2	5.9	2.2
May 13	1,024.4	785.8	238.7	4.2	5.9	2.2	1,030.4	-4.2	-7.0	785.3	245.1	4.2	5.9	2.2
Jun 10	997.3	764.2	233.1	4.1	5.7	2.1	1,018.2	-12.2	-9.6	777.0	241.2	4.2	5.8	2.2
Jul 8	1,007.8	763.3	244.4	4.1	5.7	2.2	993.3	-24.9	-13.8	760.4	232.9	4.1	5.7	2.1
Aug 12	1,009.7	756.4	253.3	4.1	5.6	2.3	978.7	-14.6	-17.2	750.6	228.1	4.0	5.6	2.1
Sep 9	986.8	740.8	246.0	4.1	5.5	2.2	976.8	-1.9	-13.8	746.1	230.7	4.0	5.6	2.1
Oct 14	939.5	709.5	229.9	3.9	5.3	2.1	969.3	-7.5	-8.0	738.7	230.6	4.0	5.5	2.1
Nov 11	924.8	701.6	223.2	3.8	5.2	2.0	955.6	-13.7	-7.7	726.8	228.8	3.9	5.4	2.1
Dec 9 R	919.6	703.0	216.5	3.8	5.2	2.0	940.0	-15.6	-12.3	713.9	226.1	3.9	5.3	2.1
2000 Jan 13 P	993.6	758.0	235.6	4.1	5.7	2.2	931.1	-8.9	-12.7	706.6	224.5	3.8	5.3	2.1

UNEMPLOYMENT

Claimant count by region

Thousands and per cent

Government Office Regions	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ^b							
	CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a			CLAIMANT COUNT			RATE ^a				
	All	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	Change since previous month	average change over 3 months	Male	Female	All	Male	Female
Wales	BCKI			DPAT			DPBE				DPBP			
1995)	107.8	83.4	24.4	8.6	11.9	4.4	106.8	82.8	24			

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Claimant count by age and duration

Thousands and per cent, not seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM		All ages						18-24							
		All	Up to 13 weeks	Over 13 weeks and up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	Over 12 and up to 24 months	Percent claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Up to 13 weeks	Over 13 weeks and up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	Over 12 and up to 24 months	Percent claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
All	1996	1,469.4	560.7	266.4	245.2	162.5	27.0	234.6	372.2	173.7	80.8	64.2	34.8	14.4	18.7
	Jan 8	1,441.8	539.1	278.6	242.8	159.4	26.4	221.8	371.8	173.1	82.8	64.2	34.3	13.9	17.5
	Mar 12	1,396.9	496.7	280.6	247.0	158.4	26.7	214.3	356.1	157.0	81.6	67.1	33.7	14.2	16.7
	Apr 9	1,382.3	495.8	262.7	254.1	159.3	26.7	210.3	343.6	148.1	76.1	69.5	33.7	14.5	16.1
	May 14	1,342.1	454.5	259.0	259.3	163.8	27.5	205.5	332.0	135.7	75.4	70.9	34.5	15.1	15.6
	Jun 11	1,316.1	443.2	244.8	260.2	166.2	27.9	201.6	326.2	136.1	70.0	70.5	34.6	15.2	15.0
	Jul 9	1,361.9	496.7	245.0	251.3	169.9	27.1	199.0	357.2	173.2	67.7	66.6	35.0	13.9	14.7
	Aug 13	1,374.7	524.3	230.9	252.7	171.7	26.7	195.0	362.4	185.2	63.6	65.4	34.3	13.3	13.9
	Sep 10	1,322.2	492.4	224.3	242.9	172.0	27.4	190.6	340.3	174.6	62.1	58.5	32.4	13.3	12.7
	Oct 8	1,271.8	468.7	223.0	228.9	167.5	27.6	183.8	309.7	156.8	65.4	49.5	27.5	12.3	10.6
	Nov 12	1,271.9	493.0	218.2	218.6	164.4	26.9	177.7	299.8	158.5	64.1	46.4	22.2	10.3	8.6
	Dec 10	1,282.7	508.2	222.0	213.8	165.0	26.4	173.9	296.8	160.5	64.6	45.1	19.1	8.9	7.5
	1999	1,374.6	552.1	249.8	229.8	170.7	24.9	172.2	324.6	176.3	71.9	52.0	17.7	7.5	6.8
	Jan 14	1,366.1	535.9	267.6	225.4	169.3	24.7	168.0	323.0	175.0	76.1	51.3	15.0	6.4	5.7
	Mar 11	1,333.1	503.4	273.4	224.1	167.8	24.9	164.3	312.2	164.6	78.1	51.6	13.1	5.7	4.8
	Apr 8	1,307.8	498.0	251.2	230.0	167.2	25.1	161.3	297.5	156.1	71.1	54.2	12.0	5.0	4.1
	May 13	1,262.4	463.6	245.8	231.6	164.3	25.5	157.1	286.5	146.1	71.7	54.5	10.9	5.0	3.3
	Jun 10	1,231.9	451.9	234.2	230.1	161.8	25.6	153.8	278.8	143.9	67.6	54.2	10.2	4.7	2.8
	Jul 8	1,251.4	493.4	230.1	217.7	159.6	24.8	150.6	303.1	175.4	65.1	50.1	10.1	4.1	2.5
	Aug 12	1,251.2	512.4	219.2	217.9	155.4	24.1	146.3	311.9	188.2	61.7	50.5	9.4	3.7	2.1
	Sep 9	1,212.1	492.8	213.2	211.0	152.1	24.3	143.1	298.2	179.9	60.2	47.4	8.8	3.6	1.9
	Oct 14	1,153.3	460.1	214.3	194.4	146.4	24.7	138.1	272.8	159.2	64.2	40.2	7.7	3.4	1.6
	Nov 11	1,136.1	463.6	210.1	185.9	141.9	24.3	134.6	263.2	154.4	63.3	37.5	6.7	3.0	1.3
	Dec 9	1,130.4	465.6	211.8	181.0	138.9	24.1	133.1	257.7	151.0	63.4	36.0	6.2	2.8	1.1
	2000	1,225.7	512.2	236.7	201.7	140.9	22.4	134.2	288.7	166.2	70.5	44.3	6.6	2.7	1.1
Male	1996	1,129.6	414.7	196.8	189.6	129.7	29.1	198.9	263.9	121.7	56.3	46.0	25.5	15.1	14.4
	Jan 8	1,103.1	393.0	207.3	187.7	127.3	28.6	187.9	262.3	119.2	58.3	46.1	25.1	14.7	13.5
	Mar 12	1,070.2	360.5	212.2	189.7	126.4	28.7	181.3	252.1	108.0	58.8	47.8	24.7	14.9	12.8
	Apr 9	1,056.2	357.6	199.0	194.8	126.9	28.8	177.8	243.5	102.5	54.5	49.5	24.7	15.2	12.4
	May 14	1,031.2	333.1	194.4	199.4	130.6	29.5	173.7	236.4	95.2	53.3	50.7	25.3	15.7	11.9
	Jun 11	1,008.7	322.0	182.4	201.5	132.4	30.0	170.4	230.7	94.2	49.1	50.8	25.2	15.9	11.4
	Jul 9	1,025.8	344.7	182.7	195.2	135.2	29.6	168.0	245.2	112.8	47.8	48.0	25.5	14.9	11.2
	Aug 13	1,024.5	354.4	173.0	195.9	136.6	29.4	164.6	247.3	119.7	45.2	47.0	24.9	14.3	10.5
	Sep 10	997.5	342.9	167.7	189.3	136.8	29.8	160.9	234.0	114.8	43.8	42.2	23.5	14.2	9.6
	Oct 8	966.0	332.5	165.1	179.4	133.7	29.9	155.5	214.2	105.3	45.1	35.8	20.0	13.1	8.0
	Nov 12	972.0	356.8	160.8	172.0	131.9	29.1	150.6	209.7	109.1	44.3	33.6	16.3	10.9	6.5
	Dec 10	987.4	376.3	162.8	167.8	133.0	28.4	147.5	210.6	113.8	44.5	32.7	14.0	9.3	5.7
	1999	1,054.6	406.7	184.8	178.9	138.0	26.9	146.1	229.4	124.1	50.0	37.2	12.9	7.9	5.1
	Jan 14	1,046.8	392.5	199.7	175.0	137.0	26.7	142.6	228.1	122.7	53.6	36.7	10.9	6.7	4.3
	Mar 11	1,023.9	368.3	207.0	173.0	136.1	26.9	139.5	221.3	115.5	56.0	36.6	9.5	5.9	3.6
	Apr 8	1,001.2	361.1	190.5	177.0	135.7	27.2	136.9	210.5	109.5	51.1	38.1	8.7	5.6	3.0
	May 13	972.1	341.2	184.8	179.0	133.6	27.5	133.5	203.5	103.5	51.1	38.6	7.9	5.1	2.4
	Jun 10	947.0	330.6	175.5	178.6	131.6	27.7	130.6	197.0	101.0	47.9	38.7	7.3	4.8	2.1
	Jul 8	948.2	349.3	172.0	169.3	129.7	27.2	127.9	207.5	116.8	45.8	35.8	7.2	4.3	1.8
	Aug 12	938.4	355.7	163.8	168.8	126.0	26.7	124.1	211.0	123.7	43.5	35.7	6.6	3.8	1.5
	Sep 9	913.6	346.5	158.7	163.9	123.1	26.8	121.4	202.8	119.6	42.2	33.6	6.1	3.7	1.4
	Oct 14	875.0	329.2	158.1	151.8	118.8	27.0	117.2	187.2	108.0	44.2	28.6	5.4	3.5	1.1
	Nov 11	865.9	335.9	155.1	145.1	115.5	26.5	114.4	182.6	106.6	43.6	26.7	4.7	3.1	0.9
	Dec 9	868.1	344.5	156.2	141.1	113.2	26.1	113.1	181.7	107.3	43.6	25.6	4.4	2.9	0.8
	2000	938.8	378.8	175.2	156.0	114.8	24.4	114.0	203.4	117.7	48.9	31.3	4.7	2.7	0.8
Female	1996	339.7	146.0	69.7	55.6	32.8	20.2	35.7	108.3	52.0	24.5	18.2	9.3	12.6	4.3
	Jan 8	338.7	146.1	71.4	55.2	32.1	19.5	34.0	109.6	53.9	24.4	18.1	9.1	12.0	4.0
	Mar 12	326.8	136.1	68.3	57.3	32.0	19.9	33.0	104.0	49.0	22.8	19.3	9.0	12.4	3.9
	Apr 9	326.1	138.2	63.7	59.3	32.4	19.9	32.6	100.1	45.6	21.6	20.1	9.0	12.8	3.8
	May 14	310.8	121.4	64.5	59.9	33.2	20.9	31.8	95.6	40.5	22.1	20.2	9.2	13.5	3.7
	Jun 11	307.4	121.2	62.3	58.7	33.8	21.2	31.2	95.4	41.9	20.9	19.7	9.3	13.5	3.5
	Jul 9	336.1	152.0	62.3	56.1	34.7	19.5	31.0	112.0	60.4	19.9	18.6	9.6	11.7	3.5
	Aug 13	350.2	169.9	57.9	56.8	35.1	18.7	30.5	115.1	65.5	18.5	18.4	9.4	11.1	3.4
	Sep 10	324.7	149.6	56.7	53.6	35.2	20.0	29.7	106.3	59.7	18.2	16.3	8.9	11.3	3.1
	Oct 8	305.8	136.2	58.0	49.5	33.8	20.3	28.3	95.6	51.5	20.2	13.7	7.5	10.6	2.6
	Nov 12	299.9	136.2	57.4	46.6	32.5	19.9	27.1	90.1	49.4	19.8	12.8	5.9	8.9	2.1
	Dec 10	295.3	131.9	59.2	46.0	31.9	19.7	26.4	86.1	46.7	20.2	12.4	5.1	8.0	1.8
	1999	320.0	145.4	65.0	50.9	32.7	18.4	26.0	95.2	52.2	21.9	14.7	4.7	6.7	1.6
	Jan 14	319.3	143.4	67.8	50.4	32.3	18.1	25.3	94.9	52.3	22.5	14.6	4.1	5.8	1.4
	Mar 11	309.2	135.1	66.4	51.1	31.8	18.3	24.8	91.0	49.1	22.1	15.1	3.5	5.2	1.2
	Apr 8	306.6	137.0	60.7	53.1	31.5	18.2	24.4	87.1	46.6	20.0	16.1	3.3	5.0	1.1
	May 13	290.3	122.4	60.9	52.6	30.7	18.7	23.6	83.0	42.5	20.6	15.9	3.0	4.7	0.9
	Jun 10	284.9	121.3	58.8	51.4	30.2	18.8	23.2	81.8	42.8	19.8	15.5	2.9	4.5	0.8
	Jul 8	303.2	144.1	58.1	48.4	29.9	17.3	22.7	95.7	58.5	19.3	14.3	2.9	3.7	0.7
	Aug 12	312.7	156.7	55.5	49.1	29.4	16.5	22.1	100.9	64.5	18.2	14.8	2.8	3.3	0.6
	Sep 9	298.6	146.3	54.5	47.1	29.0	17.0	21.7	95.4	60.3	18.0	13.8	2.7	3.4	0.5
	Oct 14	278.3	131.0	56.2	42.7	27.7	17.4	20.8	85.5	51.2	2				

C.22 UNEMPLOYMENT Claimant count area statistics

Counties, unitary authorities and local authority districts as at January 13 2000

Table with 11 columns: Region (e.g., North East, North West, Yorkshire and the Humber), County/Authority, Male, Female, All, Rate, Percent employee jobs and claimants, Percent workforce jobs and claimants. Rows include various counties and districts like Darlington UA, County Durham, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, etc.

UNEMPLOYMENT C.22 Claimant count area statistics

Counties, unitary authorities and local authority districts as at January 13 2000

Table with 11 columns: Region (e.g., South East, South West), County/Authority, Male, Female, All, Rate, Percent employee jobs and claimants, Percent workforce jobs and claimants. Rows include various counties and districts like Bracknell Forest UA, Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, etc.

Table with columns for industry groups (SIC 1992 A-O) and rows for weekly earnings, hours worked, and hourly earnings from 1989 to 1999. Includes sub-sections for MEN, WOMEN, and ALL.

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The New Earnings Survey is conducted in April each year and is based on a 1 per cent sample of employees in employment in Great Britain. For full details, see New Earnings Survey 1999 Part A (published by the Office for National Statistics and available from ONS Direct, Rm D.140, Government Buildings, Cardiff Road, Newport, Gwent, NP10 8XG, tel 01633 812078).

Source: New Earnings Survey Customer Helpline: 01928 792077

E.21 UNIT WAGE COSTS^a

All employee jobs: index for manufacturing and whole economy

UNITED KINGDOM		Manufacturing		Whole economy	
SIC 1992 1995=100		Percent change from a year earlier		Percent change from a year earlier	
	LNNQ	LOUW	LNNK	LOJE	
1992	96.8	0.1	99.0	2.8	
1993	96.6	-0.2	99.0	0.1	
1994	96.3	-0.3	98.6	-0.5	
1995	100.0	3.8	100.0	1.4	
1996	105.0	5.0	101.7	1.7	
1997	108.8	3.6	104.6	2.9	
1998	114.3	5.1	108.6	3.8	
1999	114.8	0.5	N/A	N/A	
1996	Q1	103.0	4.4	100.7	1.2
	Q2	104.5	5.2	101.5	1.6
	Q3	105.9	5.8	101.8	1.7
	Q4	106.6	4.5	102.7	2.2
1997	Q1	106.4	3.3	103.6	2.8
	Q2	108.4	3.7	104.3	2.8
	Q3	109.0	3.0	104.9	2.9
	Q4	111.3	4.4	105.7	3.0
1998	Q1	113.3	6.5	107.3	3.6
	Q2	113.8	5.0	108.0	3.5
	Q3	114.8	5.3	108.7	3.7
	Q4	115.4	3.7	110.2	4.3
1999	Q1	115.7	2.1	111.9	4.2
	Q2	114.8	0.9	112.3	4.0
	Q3	114.1	-0.6	112.4	3.4
	Q4	114.7	-0.6	N/A	N/A
1997	May	108.8	4.1	..	..
	Jun	109.0	4.4	..	..
	Jul	107.9	2.3	..	..
	Aug	109.4	3.2	..	..
	Sep	109.8	3.5	..	..
	Oct	110.2	3.7	..	..
	Nov	111.9	5.3	..	..
	Dec	111.7	4.3	..	..
1998	Jan	112.8	6.9	..	..
	Feb	113.2	6.8	..	..
	Mar	113.8	5.9	..	..
	Apr	113.6	5.6	..	..
	May	114.1	5.0	..	..
	Jun	113.7	4.4	..	..
	Jul	114.2	5.8	..	..
	Aug	114.9	5.0	..	..
	Sep	115.3	5.0	..	..
	Oct	115.5	4.8	..	..
	Nov	115.4	3.1	..	..
	Dec	115.2	3.1	..	..
1999	Jan	116.2	3.0	..	..
	Feb	115.8	2.3	..	..
	Mar	115.2	1.2	..	..
	Apr	115.0	0.4	..	..
	May	114.6	0.4	..	..
	Jun	114.9	-0.1	..	..
	Jul	114.0	-0.7	..	..
	Aug	114.1	-0.7	..	..
	Sep	114.0	-1.1	..	..
	Oct	114.2	-1.1	..	..
	Nov	114.2	-1.0	..	..
	Dec	115.8	0.5	..	..
Three months ending	1997	May	107.9	3.4	..
	Jun	108.4	3.7	..	..
	Jul	108.5	3.6	..	..
	Aug	108.8	3.3	..	..
	Sep	109.0	3.0	..	..
	Oct	109.8	3.4	..	..
	Nov	110.6	4.1	..	..
	Dec	111.3	4.4	..	..
1998	Jan	112.1	5.5	..	..
	Feb	112.6	6.0	..	..
	Mar	113.3	6.5	..	..
	Apr	113.5	6.1	..	..
	May	113.8	5.5	..	..
	Jun	113.8	5.0	..	..
	Jul	114.0	5.0	..	..
	Aug	114.3	5.1	..	..
	Sep	114.8	5.3	..	..
	Oct	115.2	5.0	..	..
	Nov	115.4	4.3	..	..
	Dec	115.4	3.7	..	..
	Jan	115.6	3.1	..	..
	Feb	115.7	2.8	..	..
	Mar	115.7	2.1	..	..
	Apr	115.3	1.6	..	..
	May	114.9	0.9	..	..
	Jun	114.8	0.9	..	..
	Jul	114.5	0.4	..	..
	Aug	114.4	0.1	..	..
	Sep	114.1	-0.6	..	..
	Oct	114.1	-1.0	..	..
	Nov	114.1	-1.1	..	..
	Dec	114.7	-0.6	..	..

Source: Employment, Earnings and Productivity Division, ONS. Customer helpline: 01928 792442

Notes: Manufacturing is based on the seasonally adjusted monthly index of average earnings, manufacturing workforce jobs and the manufacturing index of production. Whole economy is based on national accounts data for output, wages and salaries and workforce jobs for employment.

a Wages and salaries per unit of output.
P Provisional

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Selected countries: index of wages per head: manufacturing (manual workers)

	Great Britain (a,b)	Belgium (i)	Canada (c)	Denmark (c)	France (d,h)	Germany (FR) (j)	Greece (c)	Irish Republic (c)	Italy (i,k)	Japan (b,e)	Netherlands (l)	Spain (b,c,l)	Sweden (c,g)	United States (c)
1995=100														
Annual averages														
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	104.3	102.0	103.2	103.8	102.6	103.5	106.6	102.7	103.1	102.5	101.9	105.3	106.6	103.0
1998	108.8	104.0	104.1	107.9	105.4	105.1	117.1	106.9	106.8	105.4	104.8	109.6	111.4	106.0
1999	113.7	106.0	106.3	112.5	107.6	107.0	121.3	112.4	109.8	104.3	108.2	112.6	115.3	109.0
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Quarterly averages														
1997	Q2	108.0	104.0	104.3	107.5	105.3	117.5	103.4	106.3	105.1	104.4	110.4	112.0	106.0
	Q3	109.2	104.0	102.6	108.5	105.8	118.9	104.8	107.3	105.6	105.3	109.9	111.0	106.0
	Q4	110.9	104.0	105.0	109.3	106.1	115.5	106.9	107.7	105.0	105.7	111.0	112.6	108.0
1998	Q1	112.3	105.0	106.4	110.7	106.7	121.3	107.7	108.3	106.3	106.8	112.0	113.6	109.0
	Q2	113.2	106.0	107.2	112.0	107.4	124.0	109.8	109.6	104.8	107.5	112.1	116.6	109.0
	Q3	114.3	106.0	105.4	113.2	108.0	124.4	109.7	110.3	103.8	109.1	112.7	114.9	109.0
	Q4	115.0	106.0	106.2	114.3	108.2	115.5	112.4	111.0	104.4	109.2	113.7	116.1	110.0
1999	Q1	116.4	107.0	106.6	115.9	108.8	108.2	..	111.5	105.9	109.7	114.5	116.5	111.0
	Q2	117.1	108.0	106.1	116.4	109.5	109.8	..	111.9	103.7	110.5	115.3	117.9	112.0
	Q3	118.8	109.0	106.0	117.8	110.9	110.1	..	..	103.5	112.2	115.5	116.2	113.0
	Q4	120.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Monthly														
1997	Dec	111.5	..	106.6	..	..	..	..	107.8	104.9	105.7	..	114.1	109.0
1998	Jan	111.7	..	106.6	..	..	105.6	..	107.8	108.6	106.6	..	114.0	108.0
	Feb	112.4	..	105.9	..	..	..	..	107.9	105.1	106.8	..	112.8	108.0
	Mar	112.8	..	106.9	..	..	..	..	109.2	105.0	106.9	..	114.0	109.0
	Apr	112.9	..	107.2	..	..	107.2	..	109.5	104.6	107.4	..	116.3	109.0
	May	113.1	..	106.5	..	..	..	..	109.6	104.8	107.5	..	117.6	109.0
	Jun	113.5	106.0	107.8	..	..	..	..	109.7	105.0	107.5	..	116.1	109.0
	Jul	114.0	..	106.1	..	..	107.2	..	109.9	103.3	109.0	..	114.9	108.0
	Aug	114.3	..	105.0	..	..	..	..	110.5	103.3	109.0	..	114.5	109.0
	Sep	114.5	106.0	105.1	..	..	..	..	110.5	104.7	109.0	..	115.3	110.0
	Oct	115.0	..	105.6	..	..	108.0	..	110.9	105.3	109.3	..	115.5	110.0
	Nov	115.0	..	105.4	..	..	..	..	111.0	107.1	109.2	..	116.1	110.0
	Dec	115.1	106.0	107.6	..	..	..	..	111.0	100.7	109.0	..	116.8	111.0
1999	Jan	116.2	..	107.5	..	..	108.2	..	111.5	106.1	109.6	..	117.1	110.0
	Feb	116.2	..	106.6	..	..	..	..	111.5	105.6	109.6	..	116.3	110.0
	Mar	116.7	107.0	105.6	..	..	..	..	111.5	105.9	109.9	..	115.9	111.0
	Apr	116.9	..	105.0	..	..	109.8	..	111.9	105.7	110.4	..	117.6	112.0
	May	117.0	..	105.8	..	..	..	..	111.9	104.9	110.4	..	119.1	112.0
	Jun	117.4	108.0	107.5	..	..	..	..	111.8	100.4	110.6	..	117.1	112.0
	Jul	118.0	..	107.7	..	..	110.1	..	112.8	100.3	112.2	..	116.5	113.0
	Aug	118.9	..	106.2	..	..	..	..	112.8	103.6	112.2	..	115.5	113.0
	Sep	119.4	109.0	104.1	..	..	..	..	..	106.4	112.2	..	116.5	114.0
	Oct	120.2	..	106.7	..	..	..	..	..	106.5	112.3	..	..	114.0
	Nov	120.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	105.4	112.3	..	..	114.0
	Dec P	121.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112.3	..	..	..
Increases on a year earlier														
Annual averages														
1996	4	2	3	4	3	4	9	3	3	3	2	5	7	3
1997	4	2	1	4	3	2	8	4	4	3	3	4	5	3
1998	4	2	2	4	2	2	4	5	3	-1	3	3	4	3
1999	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Quarterly averages														
1997	Q3	..	2	-1	4	3	1	8	4	3	3	4	4	2
	Q4	..	1	0	4	3	2	3	4	3	2	3	4	3
1998	Q1	5	2	2	4	3	1	4	5	2	0	3	5	3
	Q2	5	2	3	4	2	2	6	6	3	0	3	2	3
	Q3	5	2	3	4	2	2	5	5	3	-2	4	3	3
	Q4	4	2	1	5	2	2	0	5	3	-1	3	2	2
1999	Q1	4	2	0	5	2	2	3	0	3	2	2
	Q2	3	2	-1	4	2	2	2	-1	3	1	3
	Q3	4	3	1	4	3	3	0	3	2	4
	Q4
Monthly														
1997	Nov	5	..	-1	3	2	3	..	4	4
	Dec	5	..	1	3	2	3			

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New Deal 18-24 summary figures

Quarter/month	Number on New Deal at quarter/month end ^a			Number of starts ^b in quarter/month			Number of leavers ^c in quarter/month		
	Male	Female	All ^d	Male	Female	All ^d	Male	Female	All ^d
UNITED KINGDOM^e									
Jan-Mar 98	10.5	3.7	14.2	12.0	4.4	16.4	1.5	0.7	2.2
Apr-Jun 98	63.8	21.7	85.7	63.7	22.4	86.2	10.4	4.4	14.8
Jul-Sep 98	93.1	31.6	124.9	50.9	19.2	70.2	21.6	9.3	31.0
Oct-Dec 98	105.3	35.2	140.6	35.9	13.4	49.3	23.7	9.8	33.6
Jan-Mar 99	114.6	39.9	154.7	38.3	15.7	54.1	29.0	11.0	40.1
Apr-Jun 99	115.1	40.3	155.6	34.9	13.5	48.4	34.4	13.0	47.4
Jul-Sep 99	108.3	38.9	147.3	36.7	15.0	51.8	43.6	16.4	60.0
Oct 99	103.1	36.8	139.9	11.9	4.9	16.8	19.2	7.6	26.8
GREAT BRITAIN									
Jan-Mar 98	10.5	3.7	14.2	12.0	4.4	16.4	1.5	0.7	2.2
Apr-Jun 98	61.7	21.0	82.8	61.3	21.6	83.0	10.1	4.3	14.4
Jul-Sep 98	90.0	30.6	120.8	49.2	18.6	67.9	20.8	9.0	29.9
Oct-Dec 98	101.4	33.8	135.4	34.1	12.6	46.8	22.7	9.5	32.3
Jan-Mar 99	110.3	38.2	148.6	36.8	15.1	52.0	28.0	10.6	38.7
Apr-Jun 99	110.7	38.6	149.5	33.6	13.0	46.6	33.2	12.6	45.8
Jul-Sep 99	103.8	37.2	141.1	35.6	14.6	50.3	42.6	16.0	58.6
Oct 99	98.8	35.1	134.0	11.6	4.8	16.5	18.8	7.4	26.2
Nov 99	90.7	32.5	123.3	8.5	3.5	12.1	16.6	6.1	22.8

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service; and Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Figures refer to the last Friday of each quarter.
- b Those identified by ES as having joined New Deal, including those who have received an initial invitation, but not yet attended their first interview.
- c Those who have left during Gateway either to go into an unsubsidised job or for some other reason, plus those who have left an option without returning to ES.
- d Totals include those whose sex is not recorded. For this reason, and also because of rounding, components will not necessarily sum to totals.
- e Data for Northern Ireland, and hence UK, for November 1999 are not available.

For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

F.12 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES

Numbers participating in New Deal 18-24: end-November 1999

	Total	Gateway ^a	Options				Follow-Through	
			Total	Employer	Education and training	Voluntary sector		Environment Task Force
GREAT BRITAIN^f								
All ^c	123.3	57.0	44.19	11.31	18.54	7.31	7.03	22.13
Male	90.7	42.0	31.78	8.20	12.80	4.24	6.54	16.91
Female	32.5	14.9	12.41	3.11	5.75	3.07	0.49	5.22
People with disabilities ^d	16.6	6.8	6.50	1.55	2.84	1.16	0.95	3.28
People from ethnic minority groups ^e	17.2	8.7	5.54	0.93	3.20	1.07	0.34	2.94
White	99.2	44.2	36.6	10.0	14.3	5.9	6.5	18.4
Prefer not to say	6.1	3.3	1.9	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.8

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service; and Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Including those awaiting their first Gateway interview.
- b Individuals join the Follow-Through stage only after completing their New Deal option.
- c Totals include those whose sex is not recorded. For this reason, and also because of rounding, components will not necessarily sum to totals.
- d Those recorded by ES as having a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
- e Excluding those who, when asked their ethnic origin, were recorded as 'prefer not to say'.
- f Data for Northern Ireland, and hence UK, for November 1999 are not available.

For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

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New Deal 18-24: numbers leaving Gateway by immediate destination^a

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Quarter/month of leaving	Total	Unsubsidised employment ^b	Options					Other		
			Total	Employer	Education and training	Voluntary sector	Environment Task Force	Transfer to other benefits	Other ^c	Not known ^d
GREAT BRITAIN^e										
All	3.2	1.08	1.09	0.57	0.40	0.07	0.05	0.27	0.29	0.51
Jan-Mar 98	20.5	7.48	6.35	2.94	2.35	0.59	0.48	1.59	1.54	3.58
Apr-Jun 98	53.7	13.53	25.24	5.36	14.91	2.56	2.41	3.70	4.20	7.06
Jul-Sep 98	52.2	11.89	24.55	4.44	11.01	4.69	4.41	4.18	3.85	7.74
Oct-Dec 98	54.1	11.70	25.20	4.12	10.68	5.29	5.12	4.64	3.89	8.63
Jan-Mar 99	50.6	13.70	19.96	3.90	6.88	4.64	4.54	3.98	3.77	9.04
Apr-Jun 99	58.5	15.19	23.63	3.33	11.26	4.61	4.43	4.20	5.60	9.89
Jul-Sep 99	23.0	7.25	7.69	1.12	3.44	1.63	1.51	1.63	2.28	4.10
Oct 99	18.8	6.22	5.70	0.76	2.27	1.32	1.36	1.41	1.60	3.89
Nov 99										
Males										
Jan-Mar 98	2.3	0.78	0.81	0.45	0.28	0.04	0.04	0.15	0.20	0.35
Apr-Jun 98	14.7	5.51	4.72	2.19	1.76	0.34	0.43	0.84	1.03	2.59
Jul-Sep 98	38.1	9.91	18.27	4.03	10.47	1.52	2.25	2.82	2.82	5.12
Oct-Dec 98	37.8	8.63	18.32	3.25	8.11	2.82	4.15	2.31	2.68	5.82
Jan-Mar 99	39.5	8.67	18.91	3.04	7.85	3.21	4.81	2.57	2.79	6.57
Apr-Jun 99	36.6	10.17	14.84	2.87	4.98	2.73	4.26	2.14	2.67	6.82
Jul-Sep 99	41.9	11.27	17.11	2.48	7.82	2.67	4.14	2.23	3.90	7.44
Oct 99	16.4	5.35	5.61	0.83	2.45	0.92	1.42	0.82	1.56	3.07
Nov 99	13.8	4.64	4.25	0.57	1.65	0.77	1.26	0.74	1.18	2.94
Females										
Jan-Mar 98	0.9	0.30	0.28	0.12	0.12	0.03	0.01	0.12	0.09	0.15
Apr-Jun 98	5.9	1.97	1.63	0.75	0.59	0.25	0.05	0.75	0.51	0.99
Jul-Sep 98	15.6	3.61	6.97	1.34	4.44	1.03	0.16	1.68	1.37	1.93
Oct-Dec 98	14.5	3.26	6.24	1.20	2.90	1.88	0.26	1.87	1.17	1.93
Jan-Mar 99	14.5	3.02	6.29	1.08	2.83	2.08	0.30	2.07	1.10	2.07
Apr-Jun 99	13.8	3.54	5.12	1.03	1.90	1.91	0.28	1.85	1.10	2.22
Jul-Sep 99	16.6	3.93	6.52	0.85	3.44	1.94	0.29	1.97	1.70	2.46
Oct 99	4.5	1.12	1.50	0.26	0.57	0.59	0.09	0.61	0.46	0.77
Nov 99	6.6	1.44	3.00	0.24	2.15	0.53	0.08	0.64	0.74	0.82

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service; and Department of Economic Development for Northern Ireland. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Includes those leaving before receipt of a first interview.
- b Those who are recorded by ES as having been placed into unsubsidised employment, plus those who are recorded as having terminated their Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claim in order to go into a job. This will undercount the total number going into a job: some who go into a job will not, for whatever reason, record this as the reason for termination of their JSA claim.
- c These will be counted as not known. Evidence suggests that a significant proportion of those recorded as destination not known who are later contacted in follow-up surveys, find work.
- d For Northern Ireland, figures include those for whom destinations are not known and those for whom the reason for leaving has not been classified e.g. those who transfer to other benefits. Where there is no leaving code recorded on JUVOS, or where the leaving code is recorded as 'not known', or simply 'ceased claiming' or 'failed to attend'.
- e Data for Northern Ireland, and hence UK, for November 1999 are not available.

For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

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Immediate destinations on leaving New Deal 18-24, by stage of New Deal process reached

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Quarter/month of leaving New Deal	Total	Unsubsidised employment	Other benefits	Other known destination	Not known
GREAT BRITAIN^f					
All New Deal leavers ^a	2.16	1.08	0.27	0.30	0.51
Jan-Mar 98	14.41	7.59	1.62	1.59	3.65
Apr-Jun 98	29.87	14.14	3.88	4.46	7.40
Jul-Sep 98	32.27	13.82	4.82	4.66	8.98
Oct-Dec 98	38.72	15.21	5.76	6.17	11.58
Jan-Mar 99	45.80	19.13	5.32	8.01	13.34
Apr-Jun 99	58.84	23.48	5.90	13.12	16.14
Jul-Sep 99	26.18	11.13	2.33	5.90	6.82
Oct 99	22.80	9.68	2.07	4.78	6.27
Those leaving before having a first interview					
Jan-Mar 98	0.60	0.25	0.07	0.09	0.20
Apr-Jun 98	3.63	1.60	0.34	0.50	1.19
Jul-Sep 98	4.73	1.87	0.45	0.84	1.57
Oct-Dec 98	4.13	1.36	0.38	0.78	1.62
Jan-Mar 99	4.79	1.66	0.46	0.79	1.88
Apr-Jun 99	5.09	1.97	0.44	0.72	1.97
Jul-Sep 99	6.23	2.21	0.47	1.03	2.52
Oct 99	2.62	0.94	0.23	0.40	1.05
Nov 99	2.07	0.70	0.17	0.29	0.91
Those leaving during the Gateway, having had at least one interview					
Jan-Mar 98	1.55	0.83	0.21	0.20	0.31
Apr-Jun 98	10.60	5.89	1.25	1.04	2.41
Jul-Sep 98	23.81	11.68	3.26	3.37	5.50
Oct-Dec 98	23.60	10.56	3.80	3.09	6.14
Jan-Mar 99	24.20	10.09	4.19	3.13	6.79
Apr-Jun 99	25.52	11.77	3.56	3.09	7.10
Jul-Sep 99	30.05	13.68	3.80	4.77	7.79
Oct 99	12.65	6.31	1.40	1.88	3.06
Nov 99	11.05	5.51	1.25	1.32	2.97
Those leaving having started an option^a					
Jan-Jun 98 ^b	0.15	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.04
Jul-Sep 98	0.90	0.42	0.10	0.14	0.24
Oct-Dec 98	2.89	1.29	0.42	0.31	0.89
Jan-Mar 99	4.86	1.91	0.53	0.35	2.07
Apr-Jun 99	6.35	2.46	0.57	0.40	2.92
Jul-Sep 99	8.01	2.83	0.58	0.73	3.87
Oct 99	3.82	1.40	0.26	0.25	1.81
Nov 99	3.32	1.26	0.26	0.27	1.54

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Virtually all of these are individuals who have left their option and have not returned to claim JSA. Some of these may start a new JSA claim within 13 weeks of leaving the option, in which case they will re-enter the New Deal follow-through. The numbers leaving from follow-through are too small to be worth separately identifying.
- b The numbers of leavers in the first two quarters of 1998 are too small to show separately.

For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

F.15 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES

Number of 18 to 24-year-olds into employment from New Deal^a

GREAT BRITAIN	Number into sustained employment ^b			Number into other employment ^d			
	Quarter/month	Total	Unsubsidised	Subsidised ^c	Total	Unsubsidised	Subsidised ^e
All^f							
Jan-Mar 98	1.40	1.08	0.33	0.36	0.33	0.03	
Apr-Jun 98	9.34	7.59	1.75	3.06	2.92	0.15	
Jul-Sep 98	17.39	14.14	3.25	6.26	5.96	0.30	
Oct-Dec 98	16.83	13.82	3.02	7.58	7.27	0.31	
Jan-Mar 99	18.23	15.21	3.02	5.88	5.57	0.32	
Apr-Jun 99	22.40	19.13	3.27	7.53	7.21	0.32	
Jul-Sep 99	26.59	23.48	3.11	9.37	8.97	0.40	
Oct 99	12.28	11.13	1.15	3.77	3.62	0.15	
Nov 99	10.57	9.68	0.89	2.05	2.00	0.05	
Male							
Jan-Mar 98	1.04	0.78	0.26	0.29	0.27	0.02	
Apr-Jun 98	6.96	5.58	1.28	2.45	2.35	0.11	
Jul-Sep 98	12.78	10.34	2.43	4.99	4.76	0.23	
Oct-Dec 98	12.21	10.03	2.18	5.86	5.64	0.23	
Jan-Mar 99	13.54	11.30	2.24	4.62	4.40	0.23	
Apr-Jun 99	16.60	14.18	2.41	5.85	5.61	0.24	
Jul-Sep 99	19.87	17.53	2.34	7.37	7.08	0.30	
Oct 99	9.07	8.24	0.83	2.95	2.84	0.11	
Nov 99	7.87	7.20	0.67	1.55	1.51	0.04	
Female							
Jan-Mar 98	0.36	0.30	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.01	
Apr-Jun 98	2.47	2.00	0.47	0.61	0.57	0.04	
Jul-Sep 98	4.58	3.77	0.81	1.25	1.18	0.07	
Oct-Dec 98	4.61	3.77	0.84	1.71	1.63	0.08	
Jan-Mar 99	4.87	3.90	0.78	1.25	1.16	0.09	
Apr-Jun 99	5.79	4.93	0.86	1.68	1.60	0.08	
Jul-Sep 99	6.71	5.94	0.77	1.98	1.88	0.10	
Oct 99	3.20	2.89	0.31	0.81	0.78	0.03	
Nov 99	2.69	2.48	0.21	0.50	0.48	0.02	
People from ethnic minority groups^g							
Jan-Mar 98	0.07	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	
Apr-Jun 98	0.74	0.63	0.12	0.28	0.27	0.01	
Jul-Sep 98	1.91	1.62	0.28	0.67	0.66	0.02	
Oct-Dec 98	2.24	1.95	0.29	0.94	0.92	0.03	
Jan-Mar 99	2.00	1.73	0.28	0.69	0.66	0.03	
Apr-Jun 99	2.38	2.10	0.28	0.75	0.72	0.03	
Jul-Sep 99	2.81	2.56	0.25	0.95	0.93	0.02	
Oct 99	1.45	1.35	0.10	0.37	0.37	0.00	
Nov 99	1.21	1.15	0.06	0.22	0.22	0.00	

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a The table counts the number of individuals into employment from New Deal. On this basis, a New Deal participant is only ever counted once as starting employment. If a participant has a sustained spell of unsubsidised employment after having had a sustained spell of subsidised employment, then the unsubsidised employment always takes priority.
- b A job from which the participant does not return to claim benefit, or transfer to another option, within 13 weeks. This includes those who have been in employment for less than 13 weeks, but who have not yet returned to JSA.
- c Excluding those who have been, or are, in sustained unsubsidised employment.
- d Excluding those who have been in sustained employment, this comprises those employed for less than 13 weeks.
- e Excluding those who have been in unsubsidised employment for less than 13 weeks.
- f Totals include those whose sex is not recorded.
- g Excluding those who, when asked their ethnic origin, were recorded as 'prefer not to say'.
- For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

F.16 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES

New Deal 25+ summary figures

GREAT BRITAIN	Number on New Deal at quarter/monthend ^a			Number of starts ^b in quarter/month			Number of leavers ^c in quarter/month		
	Quarter/month	Male	Female	All ^d	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
Jul-Sep 98	27.2	5.0	32.2	30.3	5.7	36.1	3.1	0.7	3.8
Oct-Dec 98	52.5	9.5	62.1	32.8	6.1	38.9	7.4	1.6	9.0
Jan-Mar 99	64.2	11.4	75.6	30.7	5.7	36.4	19.0	3.8	22.8
Apr-Jun 99	67.3	12.1	79.4	28.9	5.5	34.4	25.8	4.7	30.5
Jul-Sep 99	68.0	12.4	80.4	27.2	5.3	32.5	26.5	5.0	31.5
Oct 99	70.4	12.7	83.1	13.1	2.4	15.5	11.2	2.1	13.3
Nov 99	73.2	13.2	86.4	12.6	2.3	14.9	9.8	1.9	11.7

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Figures refer to the last Friday of each quarter.
- b Those identified by ES as having joined New Deal, including those who have received an initial invitation, but not yet attended their first interview.
- c Those who have completed the Advisory Interview Process and not taken up an opportunity, plus those who have started unsubsidised employment or left JSA for reasons other than starting on the Employer Subsidy or other provision. Subsequent data may be revised upwards as leavers from WBTA/TW and current ES provision are monitored.
- d Totals include those whose sex is not recorded. For this reason, and also because of rounding, components will not necessarily sum to totals.
- For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

F.17 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES

Numbers participating in New Deal 25+: end-November 1999

GREAT BRITAIN	Total	Advisory Interview Process ^a	Employer subsidy	Education and training opportunities	Work-Based Learning for Adults ^b	Follow-Through ^c
All^d	87.1	71.9	4.63	2.54	7.06	1.00
Male	73.2	60.4	3.95	2.15	5.83	0.87
Female	13.2	10.8	0.63	0.38	1.22	0.13
People from ethnic minority groups ^e	17.0	14.0	0.93	0.55	1.40	0.22
People with disabilities ^f	8.8	7.3	0.25	0.35	0.81	0.08

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Including those awaiting their first advisory interview. While on the advisory process, clients may participate in provision such as Programme Centres, Jobclub, Jobplan or Worktrials.
- b In Scotland, Training for Work is the equivalent programme.
- c Individuals join the follow-through stage on returning from the employer subsidy, unsubsidised employment, or WBTA/TW within three months of completing training/leaving JSA; plus those completing education and training opportunities.
- d Totals include those whose sex is not recorded. For this reason, and also because of rounding, components will not necessarily sum to totals.
- e Excluding those who, when asked their ethnic origin, were recorded as 'prefer not to say'.
- f Those recorded by ES as having a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
- For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

F.18 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES

Numbers leaving Advisory Interview Process of New Deal 25+, by destination^a

GREAT BRITAIN	All	Left New Deal				On JSA ^b	Still on New Deal		
		Left JSA	Unsubsidised employment ^c	Transfer to other benefits	Other ^d		Not known ^e	Employer subsidy	Work-Based Learning for Adults/TW	On JSA Education and training opportunities
Jul-Sep 98	5.4	1.45	1.02	0.47	0.70	0.15	0.50	0.65	0.49
Oct-Dec 98	12.8	2.08	1.57	0.55	2.56	2.07	1.36	1.82	0.76
Jan-Mar 99	26.7	3.55	3.27	1.22	2.39	11.07	1.60	2.69	0.93
Apr-Jun 99	32.8	4.06	3.27	1.34	2.79	16.59	1.75	2.39	0.64
Jul-Sep 99	33.7	4.42	3.30	1.43	2.95	15.82	1.70	2.63	1.49
Oct 99	14.0	2.01	1.37	0.59	1.24	6.74	0.70	0.96	0.41
Nov 99	12.1	1.77	1.18	0.51	1.07	5.92	0.52	0.89	0.24
Males									
Jul-Sep 98	4.5	1.21	0.82	0.36	0.58	0.12	0.44	0.53	0.40
Oct-Dec 98	10.5	1.71	1.24	0.43	2.06	1.75	1.18	1.51	0.65
Jan-Mar 99	22.4	2.96	2.63	0.98	1.94	9.40	1.38	2.27	0.81
Apr-Jun 99	27.7	3.40	2.67	1.06	2.29	14.21	1.50	1.99	0.57
Jul-Sep 99	28.4	3.70	2.60	1.16	2.41	13.50	1.46	2.17	1.27
Oct 99	11.7	1.67	1.08	0.46	1.00	5.74	0.57	0.80	0.33
Nov 99	10.0	1.43	0.94	0.40	0.84	5.05	0.42	0.74	0.20
Females									
Jul-Sep 98	1.0	0.24	0.21	0.10	0.11	0.03	0.06	0.12	0.09
Oct-Dec 98	2.2	0.36	0.33	0.12	0.49	0.31	0.19	0.31	0.11
Jan-Mar 99	4.3	0.59	0.64	0.24	0.44	1.63	0.23	0.43	0.12
Apr-Jun 99	5.1	0.65	0.60	0.27	0.49	2.34	0.25	0.40	0.07
Jul-Sep 99	5.4	0.71	0.60	0.27	0.54	2.31	0.24	0.47	0.21
Oct 99	2.2	0.32	0.27	0.12	0.22	0.99	0.08	0.16	0.07
Nov 99	2.0	0.31	0.23	0.10	0.21	0.86	0.09	0.15	0.03

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a Includes those leaving before receipt of a first interview.
- b At the end of the advisory process, clients may return to normal jobseeker activity including regular fortnightly reviews.
- c Those who are recorded by ES as having been placed into unsubsidised employment, plus those who are recorded as having terminated their JSA claim in order to go into a job. This will undercount the total number going into a job: some who go into a job will not, for whatever reason, record this as the reason for termination of their JSA claim. These will be counted as 'not known'.
- d Includes, for example, gone abroad.
- e Where there is no leaving code recorded on JUVOS, or where the leaving code is recorded as 'not known', or simply 'ceased claiming' or 'failed to attend'. As more data are added, the numbers in this category may be revised downwards.
- For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

F.19 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING MEASURES

Number of people into employment from New Deal 25+^a

GREAT BRITAIN	Number into sustained employment ^b			Number into other employment ^d		
	Quarter/month	Total	Unsubsidised	Subsidised ^c	Total	Unsubsidised	Subsidised^{e}
Jul-Sep 98	1.86	1.48	0.38	0.40	0.38	0.02
Oct-Dec 98	3.24	2.17	1.08	0.80	0.71	0.09
Jan-Mar 99	5.00	3.84	1.16	1.91	1.81	0.10
Apr-Jun 99	5.81	4.58	1.24	1.94	1.83	0.11
Jul-Sep 99	6.35	5.20	1.15	2.22	2.09	0.12
Oct 99	2.87	2.29	0.58	0.47	0.43	0.04
Nov 99	2.50	2.04	0.46	0.25	0.25	0.01
Male						
Jul-Sep 98	1.57	1.24	0.33	0.36	0.34	0.01
Oct-Dec 98	2.72	1.79	0.93	0.69	0.62	0.08
Jan-Mar 99	4.20	3.20	1.00	0.79	0.70	0.09
Apr-Jun 99	4.91	3.83	1.08	0.91	0.83	0.09
Jul-Sep 99	5.37	4.36	1.00	1.06	0.95	0.11
Oct 99	2.39	1.92	0.47	0.41	0.38	0.03
Nov 99	2.02	1.65	0.37	0.21	0.21	0.00
Female						
Jul-Sep 98	0.29	0.24	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.00
Oct-Dec 98	0.53	0.38	0.15	0.11	0.10	0.01
Jan-Mar 99	0.79	0.63	0.16	0.12	0.11	0.01
Apr-Jun 99	0.90	0.75	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.02
Jul-Sep 99	0.98	0.83	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.02
Oct 99	0.42	0.35	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.01
Nov 99	0.43	0.36	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.00
People from ethnic minority groups^g						
Jul-Sep 98	0.13	0.11	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.00
Oct-Dec 98	0.30	0.25	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.00
Jan-Mar 99	0.44	0.37	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.01
Apr-Jun 99	0.50	0.44	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.01
Jul-Sep 99	0.61	0.56	0.05	0.11	0.10	0.01
Oct 99	0.30	0.26	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.01
Nov 99	0.25	0.21	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.00

Source: Research and Development Division, Employment Service. Information: 0114 259 6365.

- a The table counts the number of individuals into employment from 25+ New Deal. On this basis, a New Deal participant is only ever counted once as starting employment. If a participant has a sustained spell of unsubsidised employment after having had a sustained spell of subsidised employment, then the unsubsidised employment always takes priority.
- b A job from which the participant does not return to claim JSA, or transfer to another option, within 13 weeks. This includes those who have been in employment for less than 13 weeks, but who have not yet returned to JSA.
- c Excluding those who have been, or are, in sustained unsubsidised employment.
- d Excluding those who have been in sustained employment, this comprises those employed for less than 13 weeks.
- e Excluding those who have been in unsubsidised employment for less than 13 weeks.
- f Totals include those whose sex is not recorded.
- g Excluding those who, when asked their ethnic origin, were recorded as 'prefer not to say'.
- For further information, please see article on pp197-206, *Labour Market Trends*, April 1999.

G.1 OTHER LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS

UK vacancies at Jobcentres:^a seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM		UNFILLED VACANCIES			INFLOW		OUTFLOW		of which PLACINGS		Thousands
	Level	Change since previous month	Average change over 3 months ended	Level	Average change over 3 months ended	Level	Average change over 3 months ended	Level	Average change over 3 months ended		
1996	226.1			222.7		216.7		152.6			
1997	283.6			227.0		226.3		138.8			
1998	296.2			219.8		217.7		116.0			
1999	307.7			227.4		224.0		119.7			
1998	Jan	273.7	-8.2	-10.5	198.5	-9.9	-2.3	121.9		0.5	
	Feb	282.2	8.5	-0.8	222.4	1.9	-5.7	116.8		0.4	
	Mar	284.2	2.0	0.8	224.3	3.7	-1.1	120.6		1.9	
	Apr	286.9	2.7	4.4	221.5	7.7	0.8	117.5		-1.5	
	May	295.9	9.0	4.6	209.4	-4.3	-4.6	109.1		-2.6	
	Jun	297.6	1.7	4.5	222.9	-0.5	-0.1	112.9		-2.6	
	Jul	298.4	0.8	3.8	217.8	-1.2	-0.8	110.4		-2.4	
	Aug	297.5	-0.9	0.5	217.6	2.7	5.2	112.8		1.2	
	Sep	301.6	4.1	1.3	223.0	0.0	0.1	117.4		1.5	
	Oct	312.8	11.2	4.8	236.8	6.3	22.0	119.1		2.9	
	Nov	314.1	1.3	5.5	222.7	1.7	11.5	115.4		0.9	
	Dec	308.0	-5.1	2.5	220.6	-0.8	3.3	117.8		0.1	
1999	Jan	305.0	-4.0	-2.6	229.8	-2.3	23.4	126.3		2.4	
	Feb	301.3	-3.7	-4.3	226.4	1.2	3.5	121.5		2.0	
	Mar	298.1	-3.2	-3.6	226.3	1.9	-0.8	120.7		1.0	
	Apr	296.8	-1.3	-2.7	231.6	0.6	23.2	129.3		1.0	
	May	300.4	3.6	-0.3	216.4	-3.3	-7.5	110.7		-3.6	
	Jun	301.5	1.1	1.1	224.0	-0.8	-2.0	117.8		-1.0	
	Jul	305.5	4.0	2.9	227.2	-1.5	-3.9	118.4		-3.6	
	Aug	310.7	5.2	3.4	230.1	4.6	5.3	120.1		3.1	
	Sep	316.4	5.7	5.0	232.8	2.9	2.4	122.9		1.7	
	Oct	342.2	25.8	12.2	241.4	4.7	-0.8	120.4		0.7	
	Nov	345.2	3.0	11.5	236.2	2.0	2.8	123.5		1.1	
	Dec R	346.6	1.4	10.1	236.5	1.2	2.3	125.6		0.9	
2000	Jan P	339.4	-7.2	-0.9	228.8	-4.2	23.5	124.7		1.4	

Source: Employment Service administrative system. Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 020 7533 6094

Note: Vacancies notified to and placings made by Jobcentres do not represent the total number of vacancies/engagements in the economy. Latest estimates suggest that about a third of all vacancies nationally are notified to Jobcentres; and about a quarter of all engagements are made through Jobcentres. Inflow, outflow and placings figures are collected for four or five week periods between count dates; the figures in this table are converted to a standard 4 1/3 week month.

a Excluding vacancies on government programmes (except vacancies on Enterprise Ulster and Action for Community Employment (ACE) which are included in the figures for Northern Ireland). Figures on the current basis are available back to 1980. For further details, see p143, *Employment Gazette*, October 1995.

The vacancy data for Northern Ireland have been suspended since March and the figures between March and April for Great Britain have been affected by corrections by the Employment Service to the recorded stock of unfilled vacancies. See notes to Table G.3.

P The latest national and regional seasonally adjusted vacancy figures are provisional and subject to revision, mainly in the following month.

G.2 OTHER LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS

Government Office Regions: vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres:^a seasonally adjusted

		North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South East	South West	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
1998	Jan	9.6	36.0	19.9	22.0	22.2	22.1	26.7	34.2	24.3	217.0	18.1	31.2	266.2	7.7	273.7
	Feb	10.0	37.9	20.5	21.4	23.2	22.3	28.9	35.3	25.3	224.8	18.2	31.5	274.5	7.7	282.2
	Mar	10.4	38.7	20.6	20.3	23.3	22.8	28.9	35.1	26.0	226.1	18.0	32.4	276.5	7.7	284.2
	Apr	10.9	38.7	20.8	19.8	24.2	23.2	28.9	35.5	27.0	228.9	17.9	31.9	278.7	6.9	286.9
	May	11.5	40.0	22.8	20.2	26.0	23.4	29.1	35.6	28.7	237.3	18.4	31.4	287.2	6.7	295.9
	Jun	12.0	41.2	23.1	20.5	28.0	23.9	28.5	35.0	27.4	239.5	18.4	30.8	288.7	6.9	297.6
	Jul	12.0	42.2	23.4	20.4	29.9	24.3	27.6	34.7	26.2	240.8	18.1	30.2	289.1	6.9	298.4
	Aug	11.3	42.7	23.5	20.1	32.1	23.9	26.8	34.2	25.5	240.2	17.6	30.3	288.1	6.4	297.5
	Sep	11.4	43.9	23.6	20.3	35.0	24.1	27.1	33.6	25.2	244.2	17.5	30.2	292.0	6.5	301.6
	Oct	11.6	45.3	24.1	21.4	38.6	25.6	28.1	34.4	25.9	254.9	17.6	30.6	303.0	6.8	312.8
	Nov	11.0	43.3	24.1	20.6	40.3	26.8	29.0	35.1	26.1	256.4	17.4	30.4	304.2	6.9	314.1
	Dec	10.5	41.6	24.3	20.0	38.4	25.6	29.2	35.4	26.2	251.2	17.2	31.0	299.5	6.5	308.0
1999	Jan	11.0	40.1	24.3	19.8	37.3	24.7	28.8	35.0	26.3	247.3	17.2	31.5	296.0	6.0	305.0
	Feb	11.0	38.9	24.1	19.5	37.5	23.8	28.5	34.3	26.1	243.6	17.1	31.6	292.3	6.9	301.3
	Mar	10.9	38.0	23.9	19.6	36.7	23.8	27.9	34.3	25.8	241.0	16.8	31.3	289.2	N/A	298.1
	Apr	11.8	36.7	21.8	20.1	35.5	23.9	30.6	34.9	25.2	240.5	16.4	31.0	287.9	N/A	296.8
	May	14.0	35.5	22.6	20.8	35.3	23.7	31.0	35.8	25.7	244.3	16.1	31.0	291.5	N/A	300.4
	Jun	14.8	35.3	22.6	21.0	34.4	23.4	31.3	36.4	26.2	245.3	16.0	31.3	292.6	N/A	301.5
	Jul	16.3	34.5	23.0	21.1	33.6	23.5	31.7	37.3	27.6	248.6	16.2	31.8	296.6	N/A	305.5
	Aug	18.5	34.7	23.5	21.4	33.4	23.8	31.9	37.9	28.5	253.6	16.1	32.1	301.8	N/A	310.7
	Sep	20.4	35.2	24.0	21.3	34.0	23.6	31.8	38.7	29.3	258.3	16.0	33.1	307.5	N/A	316.4
	Oct	22.2	37.3	25.7	22.7	38.0	24.9	35.8	42.1	30.7	279.4	18.0	35.9	333.3	N/A	342.2
	Nov	21.5	38.7	26.6	23.1	36.6	24.3	36.7	41.7	31.1	280.4	19.0	36.9	336.3	N/A	345.2
	Dec R	21.0	39.7	26.6	22.9	35.8	24.3	38.6	41.3	30.6	280.9	19.2	37.6	337.7	N/A	346.6
2000	Jan P	20.4	38.8	26.6	22.6	34.3	24.6	36.0	40.3	30.3	273.8	19.1	37.5	330.5	N/A	339.4

Source: Employment Service administrative system. Labour Market Statistics Helpline: 020 7533 6094

a See footnote to Table G.1.

The vacancy data for Northern Ireland have been suspended since March and the figures between March and April for Great Britain have been affected by corrections by the Employment Service to the recorded stock of unfilled vacancies. See notes to Table G.3.

P The latest national and regional seasonally adjusted vacancy figures are provisional and subject to revision, mainly in the following month.

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OTHER LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS G.3

Government Office Regions: vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres and careers offices: not seasonally adjusted

		North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East	London	South West	South	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	United Kingdom
Vacancies at Jobcentres ^{a,b}		8.1	26.8	16.7	14.9	18.9	17.8	28.9	28.2	19.2	179.5	14.5	25.5	219.6	7.0	226.5
	1996	10.1	34.4	21.0	20.4	23.1	23.6	35.1	34.4	25.4	227.5	18.1	31.5	277.0	6.8	283.9
	1997	11.0	41.1	22.6	20.5	30.5	24.1	28.2	34.8	26.1	238.9	17.9	31.0	287.7	8.9	296.6
	1998	16.4	37.1	24.1	21.3	35.7	24.0	32.1	37.7	27.8	256.1	17.1	33.0	306.2	2.2	308.4
	1999	9.4	35.7	21.4	18.6	34.2	21.4	26.3	30.8	21.4	219.2	15.0	27.9	262.2	8.4	270.6
	Jan	9.6	34.9	21.7	18.1	35.1	21.1	26.2	30.2	22.9	219.9	15.4	28.6	263.9	8.1	272.0
	Feb	9.8	34.8	22.4	17.8	34.0	21.8	25.5	32.3	25.1	223.7	16.2	29.3	269.2	N/A	N/A
	Mar	11.0	33.4	21.0	18.2	33.1	22.5	29.5	34.6	26.0	229.1	15.9	29.9	274.9	N/A	N/A
	Apr	14.1	34.0	21.9	19.6	33.3	22.9	30.7	36.4	27.5	240.4	16.4	30.4	287.3	N/A	N/A
	May	15.9	35.3	22.8	20.6	33.8	23.6	32.1	38.1	29.0	251.1	16.9	31.5	299.4	N/A	N/A
	Jun	16.9	34.3	23.3	20.3	33.1	23.1	31.6	37.7	28.9	249.1	16.8	31.7	297.6	N/A	N/A
	Jul	19.4	35.8	24.2	20.7	32.9	23.9	31.3	38.3	28.7	255.1	16.5	32.8	304.4	N/A	N/A
	Aug	21.7	39.5	26.2	22.3	35.9	25.4	33.4	40.6	31.0	276.0	17.2	36.6	329.9	N/A	N/A
	Sep	24.9	44.5	29.8	27.9	44.6	29.4	40.7	46.9	33.6	322.4	20.1	40.5	383.0	N/A	N/A
	Oct	23.1	43.2	28.4	27.2	41.7	27.8	39.7	45.2	31.6	307.9	19.9	39.8	367.6	N/A	N/A
	Nov	20.5	39.6	26.1	24.1	37.1	24.4	38.3	40.8	28.3	279.3	18.2	37.3	334.8	N/A	N/A
	Dec	18.4	35.1	24.2	21.0	31.2	21.5	32.5	35.3	25.6	244.8	17.3	34.5	296.6	N/A	N/A
2000	Jan	0.2	1.1	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.3	0.8	11.0	0.2	0.6	11.9	0.8	12.7
Vacancies at careers offices ^c		0.2	1.1	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.3	0.8	11.0	0.2	0.6	11.9	0.8	12.7
	1996	0.2	1.9	1.7	0.6	1.0	1.7	3.7	2.5	1.3	14.7	0.3	0.9	15.8	0.9	16.8
	1997	0.3	2.3	1.4	0.8	1.5	2.1	5.2	3.0	1.4	17.9	0.4	1.2	19.5	1.2	20.7
	1998	0.3	2.1	2.1	0.9	2.0	1.9	3.8	3.1	1.3	17.5	0.5	1.5	19.5	0.3	19.8
	1999	0.2	1.6	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.6	4.4	2.5	1.1	14.9	0.3	1.0	16.2	1.1	17.2
	Jan	0.2	1.7	1.3	0.6	1.5	1.6	4.3	2.6	1.3	15.1	0.3	1.1	16.6	1.0	17.6
	Feb	0.3	1.9	1.1	0.6	1.7	1.7	4.1	3.0	0.9	15.3	0.4	1.3	17.1	N/A	N/A
	Mar	0.3	2.0	1.4	0.8	1.8	1.8	4.1	3.3	1.4	16.9	0.5	1.4	18.9	N/A	N/A
	Apr	0.3	2.0	1.6	1.0	1.9	2.1	4.2	3.1	1.5	17.8	0.5	1.6	19.9	N/A	N/A
	May	0.3	2.4	1.6	1.2	2.0	2.3	4.2	3.4	1.5	18.8	0.6	1.8	21.1	N/A	N/A
	Jun	0.4	2.7	1.8	1.3	2.1	2.3	4.2	3.6	1.7	20.0	0.6	1.9	22.5	N/A	N/A
	Jul	0.4	2.5	1.9	1.2	2.0	2.1	3.9	3.6	1.5	19.0	0.6	1.8	21.4	N/A	N/A
	Aug	0.4	2.5	3.4	1.1	2.6	2.0	3.3	3.1	1.2	19.6	0.5	1.7	21.8	N/A	N/A
	Sep	0.3	2.1	3.2	1.0	2.4	1.9	3.3	3.2	1.2	18.6					

G.11 OTHER LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS

Labour disputes^a

Stoppages of work: summary

UNITED KINGDOM	Number of stoppages		Number of workers (thousands)		Working days lost in all stoppages in progress in period (thousands)	
	Beginning in period	In progress in period	Beginning involvement in period in any dispute	All involvement in period	All industries and services	All manufacturing industries
1994	203	205	107	107	278	58
1995	232	235	170	174	415	65
1996	230	244	353	364	1303	97
1997	206	216	129	130	235	86
1998	159	166	91	93	282	34
1996 Dec	12	23	27.1	28.8	24.9	9.6
1997 Jan	21	31	19.4	20.7	24.7	11.8
1997 Feb	23	28	5.8	8.1	14.4	4.3
1997 Mar	23	36	25.7	32.1	36.4	4.4
1997 Apr	26	36	13.4	14.9	47.7	27.5
1997 May	20	32	9.4	14.1	35.9	19.2
1997 Jun	19	25	3.8	5.3	13.4	6.6
1997 Jul	15	18	9.5	10.4	10.9	4.9
1997 Aug	12	16	4.4	6.0	5.8	2.0
1997 Sep	7	9	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.4
1997 Oct	21	25	16.1	16.3	18.6	3.7
1997 Nov	16	21	7.7	12.2	14.0	0.3
1997 Dec	14	17	12.2	12.5	11.8	1.4
1998 Jan	13	20	4.2	6.4	15.9	5.5
1998 Feb	19	25	5.7	8.8	19.1	3.1
1998 Mar	19	26	14.4	15.6	32.6	6.2
1998 Apr	14	23	3.9	7.1	13.7	0.9
1998 May	15	23	2.9	3.8	7.2	0.4
1998 Jun	24	34	31.2	32.6	69.5	10.4
1998 Jul	10	23	5.4	20.3	58.9	3.4
1998 Aug	6	16	2.7	10.5	24.4	1.6
1998 Sep	8	16	1.9	3.7	5.9	1.8
1998 Oct	10	13	11.4	11.8	7.1	0.2
1998 Nov	13	18	4.2	5.1	17.6	0.2
1998 Dec	8	13	2.6	3.5	10.6	0.7
1999 Jan	9	14	4.2	5.2	8.5	0.6
1999 Feb	19	22	14.4	14.8	27.0	1.6
1999 Mar	18	23	9.4	10.2	34.8	2.3
1999 Apr	10	13	2.1	2.1	3.4	0.8
1999 May	18	20	30.0	30.2	47.9	7.5
1999 Jun	16	21	8.5	9.2	16.0	1.6
1999 Jul	16	21	5.9	6.5	7.5	0.6
1999 Aug	11	13	3.1	3.1	10.3	0.2
1999 Sep	10	14	10.2	11.0	20.4	0.2
1999 Oct	13	19	11.9	12.3	15.7	0.2
1999 Nov	32 R	37 R	21.2 R	22.5 R	20.8 R	0.2
1999 Dec	15	19	10.6	11.7	18.7	0.4

Working days lost in all stoppages in progress in period by industry

UNITED KINGDOM	SIC1992	A,B	C,E	D	F	G,H	I	J,K	L	M	N	O,P,Q	Other community, social and personal service activities
1994	-	-	1	58	5	1	110	7	11	70	5	11	11
1995	-	-	1	65	10	6	120	10	95	67	16	23	23
1996	-	-	2	97	8	5	884	11	158	129	8	3	3
1997	-	-	2	86	17	1	36	23	29	28	7	5	5
1998	-	-	-	34	13	7	139	9	28	6	16	30	30
1996 Dec	-	-	0.2	9.8	-	-	1.5	10.0	0.1	1.5	1.7	-	-
1997 Jan	-	-	-	11.4	-	-	0.5	9.0	0.1	2.6	0.5	0.6	0.6
1997 Feb	-	-	-	4.1	-	-	1.9	-	0.3	0.7	4.5	2.8	2.8
1997 Mar	-	-	-	4.4	-	-	3.8	-	19.4	6.9	1.8	0.1	0.1
1997 Apr	-	-	2.1	27.5	1.1	-	4.6	-	4.0	8.0	0.5	-	-
1997 May	-	-	-	19.2	1.6	-	5.4	-	4.5	5.2	-	-	-
1997 Jun	-	-	-	6.5	-	-	2.9	0.1	0.1	3.8	-	-	-
1997 Jul	-	-	-	4.7	-	-	5.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
1997 Aug	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	3.5	0.1	-	-	-	-	-
1997 Sep	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.6	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-
1997 Oct	-	-	-	3.7	5.3	-	1.0	7.4	0.2	0.2	-	-	-
1997 Nov	-	-	-	0.3	6.3	1.4	2.6	2.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	-	-
1997 Dec	-	-	-	1.4	2.7	-	3.2	4.1	0.2	0.1	-	-	-
1998 Jan	-	-	-	8.9	1.5	-	1.6	2.5	-	1.2	-	-	-
1998 Feb	-	-	-	6.3	9.4	-	1.4	-	-	0.9	-	-	-
1998 Mar	-	-	-	1.2	1.0	-	26.9	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.2	1.9	1.9
1998 Apr	-	-	-	2.9	0.3	-	2.7	-	2.9	0.2	2.9	1.1	1.1
1998 May	-	-	-	1.0	0.1	-	0.4	-	0.9	0.8	2.9	10.7	10.7
1998 Jun	-	-	-	2.4	-	-	48.8	-	5.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.6
1998 Jul	-	-	0.2	7.3	-	-	42.6	-	7.8	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.8
1998 Aug	-	-	-	1.6	-	-	6.4	-	7.4	-	-	8.2	8.2
1998 Sep	-	-	-	1.2	-	-	0.3	-	3.6	0.1	0.6	5.3	5.3
1998 Oct	-	-	-	0.2	0.1	-	0.6	0.5	-	0.1	0.3	3.7	3.7
1998 Nov	-	-	-	1.5	0.4	-	4.5	5.0	-	0.2	0.1	2.8	2.8
1998 Dec	-	-	-	0.1	0.3	-	4.3	3.1	-	-	-	-	-
1999 Jan	-	-	-	0.3	0.1	1.8	2.2	-	0.7	0.5	-	-	-
1999 Feb	-	-	-	10.1	0.6	1.1	10.2	1.3	0.3	-	1.8	1.6	1.6
1999 Mar	-	-	-	20.2	0.2	0.4	0.7	-	8.5	-	2.5	2.4	2.4
1999 Apr	-	-	-	2.2	-	0.1	0.8	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
1999 May	-	-	-	1.9	25.4	0.1	0.6	-	1.2	18.5	-	-	-
1999 Jun	-	-	-	11.1	-	0.2	1.8	0.7	1.3	1.0	-	-	-
1999 Jul	-	-	-	1.8	3.2	0.2	0.5	-	1.3	0.4	-	-	-
1999 Aug	-	-	-	1.0	0.4	0.8	2.2	-	5.4	-	0.4	-	-
1999 Sep	-	-	-	0.5	16.0	0.8	2.2	-	0.9	-	-	-	-
1999 Oct	-	-	-	4.0	0.3	0.8	7.2	-	3.3	-	0.1	-	-
1999 Nov	-	-	-	2.3 R	0.7	1.1	15.0 R	-	1.1	0.6	-	-	-
1999 Dec	-	-	-	0.8	1.7	1.7	3.1	-	11.5	0.4	-	-	-

a See 'Definitions' on page S3 for notes of coverage. The figures for 1999 are provisional.
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OTHER LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS G.12

Labour disputes

Stoppages in progress: industry

UNITED KINGDOM	12 months to December 1998			12 months to December 1999		
	Stoppages	Workers involved	Working days lost	Stoppages	Workers involved	Working days lost
SIC1992						
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining and quarrying	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing of:						
food, beverages and tobacco	2	300	400	2	100	100
textiles and textile products	-	-	-	-	-	-
leather and leather products	-	-	-	-	-	-
wood and wood products	-	-	-	-	-	-
pulp, paper and paper products; printing and publishing	2	-	800	2	300	300
coke, refined petroleum products, nuclear fuels	-	-	-	-	-	-
chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres	-	-	-	-	-	-
rubber and plastics; other non-metallic mineral products	1	1,000	1,000	2	200	300
basic metals and fabricated metal products	6	1,200	1,400	1	100	1,000
machinery and equipment, n.e.c.; electrical and optical equipment	5	1,900	2,400	1	200	400
transport equipment; manufacturing n.e.c.	3	1,300	2,600	1	100	100
Electricity, gas and water supply	15	8,200	25,900	24	28,100	53,400
Construction	1	-	-	1	200	300
Wholesale and retail trade; repairs	1	200	6,500	4	1,400	9,100
Hotels and restaurants	57	39,200	139,200	89	39,500	46,600
Transport, storage and communication	3	2,900	2,500	-	-	-
Financial intermediation	3	1,300	6,300	3	1,000	2,100
Real estate, renting and business activities	10	3,700	27,900	16	17,200	35,300
Public administration and defence	19	3,700	5,900	17	24,400	21,500
Education	6	2,400	16,300	4	400	4,800
Health and social work	17	21,800	30,200	8	1,800	7,300
Other community, social and personal service activities	17	21,800	30,200	8	1,800	7,300
All industries and services	166 ^a	92,700	282,400	192 ^a	132,500	231,100

a Some stoppages which affected more than one industry group have been counted under each of the industries but only once in the total for all industries and services.
+ Less than 50 workers involved.
- Less than 50 working days lost.

Stoppages: December 1999

United Kingdom	Number of stoppages	Workers involved	Working days lost
Stoppages in progress	19	11,700	18,700
of which, stoppages:			
Beginning in month	15	10,600 ^b	15,800
Continuing from earlier months	4	1,000 ^c	3,000

b includes 9,100 directly involved
c includes 100 involved for the first time in the month

The monthly figures are provisional and subject to revision, normally upwards, to take account of additional or revised information received after going to press. For notes on coverage, see Definitions on page S3. The figures for 1999 are provisional.

Stoppages in progress: cause

United Kingdom	12 months to December 1999		
	Stoppages	Workers involved	Working days lost
Pay: wage-rates and earnings levels	58	75,300	150,600
extra wage and fringe benefits	12	7,400	7,700
Duration and pattern of hours worked	13	8,500	3,700
Redundancy questions	26	15,200	34,100
Trade union matters	3	700	900
Working conditions and supervision	15	11,000	14,600
Manning and work allocation	32	5,600	5,500
Dismissal and other disciplinary measures	33	8,800	14,000
All causes	192	132,500	231,100

Prominent stoppages in the 6-month period July 1 1999 to December 31 1999

Industry and location	Date when stoppage		Number of workers involved ^a		Number of working days lost in period	Cause or object
	Began	Ended	Directly	Indirectly		
Construction						
Various areas of Great Britain	21.09.99	29.09.99	8,000	-	16,000	Over straight pay increases.
Hotels and restaurants						
London	20.11.98	30.11.99	-	-	3,200	Over pay and conditions. (total days lost 13,100)
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security						
London	05.08.99	03.09.99	300	-	6,300	Over market testing, privatisation, cuts in services.
London	07.12.99	continuing	4,000	-	10,500	Over feared or alleged reductions in

a The figures shown are the highest number of workers involved during the six-month period.
+ Less than 50 workers involved.

G.21 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

Educational status, economic activity and inactivity of young people

October to December 1999

Thousands and per cent, not seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	Economically active			Total in employment			ILO unemployed			Economically inactive		
	Total	Not in FTE ^b	In FTE ^b	Total	Not in FTE ^b	In FTE ^b	Total	Not in FTE ^b	In FTE ^b	Total	Not in FTE ^b	In FTE ^b
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LEVELS												
All persons	16-17	870	357	513	705	280	425	165	77	88	574	65
	18-24	3,719	3,189	530	3,337	2,873	464	382	316	66	1,190	483
	All under 25	4,589	3,546	1,043	4,042	3,153	889	547	393	154	1,764	548
Male	16-17	446	212	234	353	166	187	94	46	48	294	26
	18-24	2,027	1,780	247	1,799	1,580	219	228	28	28	485	115
	All under 25	2,473	1,992	481	2,152	1,746	406	321	246	75	779	141
Female	16-17	424	145	278	353	115	238	71	31	40	280	38
	18-24	1,692	1,409	283	1,538	1,293	245	155	116	38	705	368
	All under 25	2,116	1,554	562	1,890	1,407	483	226	147	79	985	406
RATES(%)^c												
All persons	16-17	60.2	84.7	50.2	48.8	66.5	41.5	18.9	21.4	17.2	39.8	15.9
	18-24	75.8	86.8	42.9	68.0	78.2	37.5	10.3	9.9	12.4	24.2	13.2
	All under 25	72.2	86.6	46.2	63.6	77.0	39.3	11.9	11.1	14.8	27.8	13.4
Male	16-17	60.3	88.9	46.7	47.6	69.6	37.2	21.0	21.7	20.3	39.7	11.1
	18-24	80.7	93.9	40.0	71.6	83.4	35.5	11.2	11.2	11.2	19.3	6.1
	All under 25	76.0	93.4	43.0	66.2	81.8	36.3	13.0	12.4	15.6	24.0	6.6
Female	16-17	60.2	79.2	53.5	50.1	62.5	45.8	16.7	21.0	14.5	39.8	20.9
	18-24	70.6	79.3	45.7	64.1	72.7	39.5	9.1	8.3	13.6	29.4	20.7
	All under 25	68.2	79.3	49.3	61.0	71.8	42.4	10.7	9.4	14.0	31.8	20.9
CHANGES ON YEAR												
LEVELS												
All persons	16-17	-33	-7	-26	-27	-2	-26	-6	-6	0	26	15
	18-24	37	36	0	85	86	-1	-48	-50	2	-18	32
	All under 25	4	29	-26	57	84	-27	-54	-55	1	8	47
Male	16-17	-22	-20	-1	-14	-12	-2	-7	-8	1	18	9
	18-24	28	36	-8	69	69	-41	-33	-33	-8	-19	16
	All under 25	6	15	-9	55	56	-2	-49	-41	-8	-1	24
Female	16-17	-11	13	-24	-13	11	-24	2	2	-1	7	6
	18-24	9	1	8	16	18	-2	-7	-17	10	1	16
	All under 25	-2	14	-16	3	28	-25	-5	-14	9	23	14
RATES(%)^c												
All persons	16-17	-2.0	-3.4	-1.7	-1.6	-1.7	-1.8	0.0	-1.1	0.8	2.0	3.4
	18-24	0.5	-0.6	1.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	-1.4	-1.7	0.3	-0.5	0.9
	All under 25	-0.1	-0.9	0.2	0.8	0.6	-0.1	-1.2	-1.7	0.5	0.1	0.9
Male	16-17	-2.6	-4.1	-1.0	-1.7	-1.7	-1.0	-0.6	-1.6	0.4	2.6	4.1
	18-24	0.8	-0.7	1.4	2.5	1.4	2.3	-2.2	-2.1	-2.9	-0.8	0.7
	All under 25	0.1	-1.0	0.5	1.6	1.1	0.9	-2.0	-2.2	-1.3	-0.1	1.0
Female	16-17	-1.3	-1.5	-2.2	-1.5	-1.0	-2.3	0.8	-0.2	0.9	1.3	1.5
	18-24	0.1	-0.7	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	-0.5	-1.2	3.2	-0.1	0.7
	All under 25	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-1.1	-0.2	-1.0	1.9	0.2	0.8

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3; 4=5+6; 7=8+9; 10=11+12.
 a This table is not seasonally adjusted because of the discontinuity between winter 1996/7 and spring 1997.
 b Full-time education.
 c Denominator= all persons in the relevant age group.

Source: Labour Force Survey, Labour Market Statistics Helpdesk 020 7533 6004

G.22 OTHER LABOUR MARKET STATISTICS

Jobseekers with disabilities: placements into employment

Great Britain

UNITED KINGDOM	Placed into employment by Jobcentre advisory service			Placed into employment by other means		
	Total	Not in FTE ^b	In FTE ^b	Total	Not in FTE ^b	In FTE ^b
	1	2	3	4	5	6
LEVELS						
All persons	16-17	870	357	513	705	280
	18-24	3,719	3,189	530	3,337	2,873
	All under 25	4,589	3,546	1,043	4,042	3,153
Male	16-17	446	212	234	353	166
	18-24	2,027	1,780	247	1,799	1,580
	All under 25	2,473	1,992	481	2,152	1,746
Female	16-17	424	145	278	353	115
	18-24	1,692	1,409	283	1,538	1,293
	All under 25	2,116	1,554	562	1,890	1,407
RATES(%)^c						
All persons	16-17	60.2	84.7	50.2	48.8	66.5
	18-24	75.8	86.8	42.9	68.0	78.2
	All under 25	72.2	86.6	46.2	63.6	77.0
Male	16-17	60.3	88.9	46.7	47.6	69.6
	18-24	80.7	93.9	40.0	71.6	83.4
	All under 25	76.0	93.4	43.0	66.2	81.8
Female	16-17	60.2	79.2	53.5	50.1	62.5
	18-24	70.6	79.3	45.7	64.1	72.7
	All under 25	68.2	79.3	49.3	61.0	71.8

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a This figure includes non-Jobcentre jobs from New Deal 25+ pilots and placings from Employment Service call centres.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS H.1

Background economic indicators: seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM	Output						Income							
	GDP market prices 1995		GDP market prices		Index of output UK		Index of production OECD countries ^a		Real household disposable income		Gross trading profits of companies ^d			
	YBEZ	ABMI	CKYW	CKYY	OSXS	CAED								
LEVELS														
	1995=100	£ billion	%	1995=100	%	1995=100	%	1995=100	%	1995=100	%	£ billion		
1993	93.2	664.0	2.3	93.3	2.2	94.1	1.4	96.2	3.0	102.1	9.0			
1994	97.3	693.2	4.4	98.3	5.4	98.5	4.7	97.4	1.2	117.4	15.0			
1995	100.0	712.5	2.8	100.0	1.7	100.0	1.5	100.0	2.7	126.3	7.6			
1996	102.6	730.8	2.6	101.1	1.1	100.4	0.4	102.9	2.9	122.2	6.7			
1997	106.2	756.4	3.5	102.1	1.0	101.7	1.3	108.3	5.2	106.1	8.8			
1998	108.5	772.8	2.2	102.7	0.6	102.0	0.3	110.1	1.7	106.2	2.6			
1999	110.5	..	..	103.2	0.5	101.9	-0.1	..	..	..	..
1999 Q1	109.3	194.6	1.4	101.8	-0.3 R	100.9	-1.2	110.9	0.7	106.6	0.6			
Q2	110.1	196.1	1.6	102.6	-0.6	101.1 R	-1.3 R	112.1	2.1	109.5	4.0			
Q3	110.9	197.6	1.9	104.0 R	0.8 R	102.5 R	0.3 R	114.1	3.4	108.4	2.4			
Q4	111.8	..	..	104.3	1.9	103.2	2.0	..	..	..	..
1999 Mar	..	..	..	102.2	-0.3 R	101.1	-1.2	111.7	0.7	..	..	
Apr	..	..	..	102.3 R	-0.5	101.0 R	-1.4 R	111.5	1.6	..	..	
May	..	..	..	102.6	-0.4 R	101.3 R	-1.1 R	111.9	1.6	..	..	
Jun	..	..	..	102.9	-0.5	101.1 R	-1.3 R	112.9	2.1	..	..	
Jul	..	..	..	103.7 R	-0.1	102.1 R	-0.9	113.5	2.6	..	..	
Aug	..	..	..	104.2 R	0.1	102.6	-0.6	114.2	3.1	..	..	
Sep	..	..	..	104.0 R	0.8	102.8 R	0.3 R	114.5	3.3	..	..	
Oct	..	..	..	104.4 R	1.3 R	103.1 R	0.9	114.6	3.3	..	..	
Nov	..	..	..	104.5 R	1.7 R	103.4 R	1.5	..	..	..	..
Dec	..	..	..	104.0	1.9	103.1	1.9	..	..	..	..
EXPENDITURE														
UNITED KINGDOM	Household final consumption expenditure 1995 prices		Retail sales volumes ^a		Fixed investments ^a		General government final consumption expenditure at 1995 prices prices		Changes in inventories 1995 ^a		Base lending rates + ^b		Effective exchange rate + ^{b,c}	
	£ billion	%	1995=100	%	£ billion	%	£ billion	%	£ billion	%	1990=100	%		
	ABJR	EAAPS	EQEB	INLN	NMRY	CAFU	AJHX							
1993	420.1	2.5	95.3	3.1	83.8	-0.8	13.8	-5.4	136.4	-0.8	0.4	5.50	88.9	-8.3
1994	431.5	2.7	98.8	3.7	86.7	3.4	14.7	6.4	138.3	1.4	4.8	6.30	89.2	0.3
1995	438.5	1.6	100.0	1.2	91.1	5.1	17.2	17.3	140.4	1.6	4.5	6.80	84.8	-4.9
1996	454.7	3.7	103.1	3.1	95.8	5.2	17.4	1.3	142.8	1.7	1.8	5.94	86.3	1.8
1997	472.7	4.0	108.6	5.3	102.8	7.3	19.5	11.7	140.8	-1.4	3.8	6.58	100.6	16.6
1998	487.9	3.2	111.7	2.9	113.3	10.2	20.2	3.9	141.8	0.7	3.5	7.21	103.9	3.3
1999	115.6	3.5	5.38	103.8	-0.1
1999 Q1	124.9	3.4	113.3 R	1.5 R	30.6	10.6	4.5	-13.4	36.2	3.5	0.9	5.50	101.1	-4.1
Q2	125.9	3.3	114.5	2.8	30.7	12.2	4.4	-13.0	36.5	3.6	-0.6	5.08	104.1	-1.1
Q3	126.7	3.5	115.8	3.3	4.2	-15.1	36.8	3.2	-0.5	5.17	103.8	-0.6
Q4	117.5 R	4.8 R	5.58	105.9	5.3
1999 Mar	113.7	1.5 R	5.50	102.8	-4.1
Apr	113.5	1.9	5.25	103.4	-3.6
May	114.8	2.0	5.00	104.2	-2.2
Jun	115.0	2.6	5.00	104.7	-1.1
Jul	..													

H.11 RETAIL PRICES

Summary of recent movements

UNITED KINGDOM		All items (RPI)		All items excluding		Mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes (RPIY)		Housing	
		Index Jan 13, 1987=100	Percentage change over 12 months	Index Jan 13, 1987=100	Percentage change over 12 months	Index Jan 13, 1987=100	Percentage change over 12 months	Index Jan 13, 1987=100	Percentage change over 12 months
		CHAW	CZBH	CHMK	CDKQ	CBZW	CBZX	CHAZ	CZBI
1999	Jan	163.4	2.4	161.8	2.6	155.1	2.0	156.8	2.0
	Feb	163.7	2.1	162.3	2.4	155.8	1.8	157.4	1.8
	Mar	164.1	2.1	163.2	2.7	156.0	1.7	158.4	2.1
	Apr	165.2	1.6	164.3	2.4	156.9	1.8	159.0	2.0
	May	165.6	1.3	164.7	2.1	157.4	1.5	159.4	1.7
	Jun	165.6	1.3	164.7	2.2	157.3	1.5	159.2	1.7
	Jul	165.1	1.3	164.1	2.2	156.7	1.6	158.6	1.8
	Aug	165.5	1.1	164.5	2.1	157.2	1.4	158.9	1.6
	Sep	166.2	1.1	165.2	2.1	157.8	1.3	159.6	1.6
	Oct	166.5	1.2	165.4	2.2	158.1	1.5	159.6	1.6
	Nov	166.7	1.4	165.6	2.2	158.3	1.7	159.7	1.7
	Dec	167.3	1.8	165.9	2.2	158.6	1.8	160.1	1.6
2000	Jan	166.6	2.0	165.2	2.1	157.9	1.8	159.1	1.5

H.12 RETAIL PRICES

Detailed figures for various groups, sub-groups and sections for January 19 2000

UNITED KINGDOM		Index Jan 1987 =100		Percentage change over		Index Jan 1987 =100		Percentage change over	
		1 month	12 months	1 month	12 months	1 month	12 months	1 month	12 months
ALL ITEMS	CHAW	166.6	-0.4	2.0					
Food and catering	CHBS	155.5	0.1	-0.4	Tobacco	CHBE	254.2	0.1	7.5
Alcohol and tobacco	CHBT	205.0	0.5	3.4	Cigarettes	DOBN	259.4		8
Housing and household expenditure	CHBU	170.8	-0.5	3.0	Tobacco	DOBO	206.2		4
Personal expenditure	CHBV	134.4	-4.2	-1.4	Housing	CHBF	203.8	0.7	4.5
Travel and leisure	CHBW	167.7	0.5	3.0	Rent	DOBP	233.1		3
Consumer durables	CHBY	106.3	-6.1	-3.9	Mortgage interest payments	DOBQ	200.5		0
Seasonal food	CHBP	122.4	0.0	-8.0	Depreciation (Jan 1995=100)	CHOO	139.0		12
Food excluding seasonal	CHBB	146.7	0.0	-0.8	Community charge and rates/council tax	DOBR	178.4		6
All items excluding seasonal food	CHAX	167.8	-0.4	2.2	Water and other payments	DOBS	294.7		4
All items excluding food	CHAY	171.0	-0.5	2.6	Repairs and maintenance charges	DOBT	211.6		6
Other indices					Do-it-yourself materials	DOBU	156.6		1
All items excluding:					Dwelling insurance and ground rent	DOBV	203.1		6
Mortgage interest payments (RPIX)	CHMK	165.2	-0.4	2.1	Fuel and light	CHBG	125.4	-0.1	0.9
Housing	CHAZ	159.1	-0.6	1.5	Coal and solid fuels	DOBW	135.4		2
Mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes (RPIY) ^a	CBZW	157.9	-0.4	1.8	Electricity	DOBX	131.6		-1
Mortgage interest payments and council tax	DQAD	164.6	-0.4	2.0	Gas	DOBY	117.8		-1
Mortgage interest payments and depreciation	CHON	164.1	-0.5	1.8	Oil and other fuels	DOBZ	143.2		5
Food	CHBA	142.9	0.0	-2.0	Household goods	CHBH	137.8	-4.8	-0.7
Bread	DOAA	136.6		1	Furniture	DOCA	140.1		0
Cereals	DOAB	139.2		-1	Furnishings	DOCB	141.7		0
Biscuits and cakes	DOAC	158.1		1	Electrical appliances	DOCC	92.9		-4
Beef	DOAD	134.3		1	Other household equipment	DOCD	138.8		-1
Lamb	DOAE	147.4		6	Household consumables	DOCE	161.7		0
of which, home-killed lamb	DOAF	153.3		12	Pet care	DOCF	151.0		1
Pork	DOAG	133.4		5	Household services	CHBI	156.5	0.7	3.9
Bacon	DOAH	157.2		7	Postage	DOCG	153.1		-1
Poultry	DOAI	108.3		-4	Telephone, telemessages, etc.	DOCH	98.6		-3
Other meat	DOAJ	133.0		0	Domestic services	DOCI	206.3		6
Fish	DOAK	148.1		3	Fees and subscriptions	DOCJ	191.4		8
of which, fresh fish	DOAL	154.9		8	Clothing and footwear	CHBJ	109.1	-6.8	-3.5
Butter	DOAM	166.7		-2	Men's outerwear	DOCK	106.7		-5
Oil and fats	DOAN	135.6		-4	Women's outerwear	DOCL	89.7		-5
Cheese	DOAO	156.2		-3	Children's outerwear	DOCM	111.4		-1
Eggs	DOAP	151.9		0	Other clothing	DOCN	153.2		-1
Milk fresh	DOAQ	150.6		-2	Footwear	DOCO	111.3		-3
Milk products	DOAR	140.6		0	Personal goods and services	CHBO	183.8	-0.5	1.4
Tea	DOAS	163.8		-3	Personal articles	DOCP	122.5		0
Coffee and other hot drinks	DOAT	116.8		-1	Chemists goods	DOCQ	191.4		0
Soft drinks	DOAU	185.7		-1	Personal services	DOCR	280.1		6
Sugar and preserves	DOAV	136.9		-5	Motoring expenditure	CHBK	177.9	0.9	4.9
Sweets and chocolates	DOAW	152.1		1	Purchase of motor vehicles	DOCS	128.3		-6
Potatoes	DOAX	140.3		-18	Maintenance of motor vehicles	DOCT	206.9		4
of which, unprocessed potatoes	DOAY	108.8		-38	Petrol and oil	DOCU	219.8		18
Vegetables	DOAZ	118.1		-7	Vehicles tax and insurance	DOCV	246.2		13
of which, other fresh vegetables	DOBA	106.8		-8	Fares and other travel costs	CHBR	181.5	0.6	3.3
Fruit	DOBB	130.1		-2	Rail fares	DOCW	205.5		2
of which, other fresh fruit	DOBC	125.7		-3	Bus and coach fares	DOCX	200.0		4
Other foods	DOBD	149.3		-2	Other travel costs	DOCY	157.4		3
Catering	CHBC	200.1	0.4	3.6	Leisure goods	CHBL	113.5	-0.2	-4.7
Restaurant meals	DOBE	196.2		3	Audio-visual equipment	DOCG	435		-14
Canteen meals	DOBF	227.5		7	Tapes and discs	DODA	109.7		-8
Take-aways and snacks	DOBG	194.9		3	Toys, photographic and sports goods	DODB	111.5		-5
Alcoholic drink	CHBD	185.8	0.7	1.6	Books and newspapers	DODC	198.1		3
Beer	DOBH	199.1		2	Gardening products	DODD	146.7		0
on sales	DOBI	206.4		2	Leisure services	CHBM	202.6	0.1	4.6
off sales	DOBJ	160.4		1	Television licences and rentals	DODE	132.8		3
Wines and spirits	DOBK	167.3		1	Entertainment and other recreation	DODF	251.1		5
on sales	DOBL	194.0		2	Foreign holidays (Jan 1993=100)	CHMQ	132.4		6
off sales	DOBM	152.5		0	UK holidays (Jan 1994=100)	CHMS	118.7		2

Note: Indices are given to one decimal place to provide as much information as is available although accuracy is reduced at lower levels of aggregation. For this reason, annual percentage changes for individual sections are given rounded to the nearest whole number.

a The taxes excluded are Council Tax, VAT, duties, car purchase tax and vehicle excise duty, insurance tax and airport tax.

For general notes see Table H.13.

RETAIL PRICES H.13

Average retail prices of selected items

Shown below are key items selected from the General Index of Retail Prices. The average prices for these goods have been derived from prices collected in more than 146 areas in the United Kingdom.

It is only possible to calculate a meaningful average price for fairly standard items; that is, those which do not vary between retail outlets. The averages given are subject to uncertainty, an indication of which is given in the price ranges in the final column below. These show the range within which at least four-fifths of the recorded prices fell.

Average prices on January 18 2000

Item	Number of quotations	Average price (pence)	Price range within which 80 per cent of quotations fell (pence)	Item	Number of quotations	Average price (pence)	Price range within which 80 per cent of quotations fell (pence)
Beef home-killed, per kg				Margarine			
Best beef mince	CZPI	721	415	Margarine/Lowfatspread per 500g	DOIB	210	87
Topside	CZPH	651	662				
Brisket (with rib bone)	CZPG	454	422	Cheese, per kg			
Rump steak	CZPF	681	859	Cheddar type	CZNV	209	473
Stewing steak	CZPE	669	495				
Lamb home-killed, per kg				Eggs			
Loin (with bone)	CZPD	633	819	Size 2(65-70g), per dozen	CZNV	193	163
Shoulder (with bone)	CZPC	511	342	Size 4(55-60g), per dozen	CZNU	179	137
Lamb imported (frozen), per kg				Milk			
Loin (with bone)	CZPA	141	524	Pasteurised, per pint ^b	CZNT	248	34
Leg (with bone)	CZOZ	134	412				
Pork home-killed, per kg				Tea			
Loin (with bone)	CZOX	681	435	Loose, per 125g	CZNR	184	79
Shoulder (without bone)	DOLN	499	298	Tea bags, per 250g	CZNQ	224	151
Bacon, per kg				Coffee			
Streaky ^a	CZOB	534	440	Pure, instant, per 100g	CZNP	210	186
Garmon ^a	CZOU	613	553	Ground (filter line), 227g	CZNO	192	178
Back ^a	DOIF	666	613				
Ham				Sugar			
Ham (not shoulder), 113g	CZOR	819	87	Granulated, per kg	CZNN	226	56
Sausages, per 100g				Fresh vegetables			
Pork	CZOQ	653	300	Potatoes, old loose, per kg ^c	CZNM	413	51
Canned meat				Potatoes, new loose, per kg ^c	CZNK	391	71
Comed beef, 540g	CZOO	211	100	Tomatoes, per kg ^c	CZNJ	445	120
Chicken: roasted, oven ready, per kg				Cabbage, hearted, per kg ^c	CZNH	410	57
Frozen	CZON	173	158	Caulliflower, each	CZNG	450	74
Fresh or chilled	CZOM	711	219	Brussel sprouts, per kg ^c	CZNF	431	80
Fresh and smoked fish, per kg				Carrots, per kg ^c	CZNE	467	41
Cod fillets	CZOL	324	824	Onions, per kg ^c	CZND	450	43
Rainbow trout	CZOK	272	438	Mushrooms, per kg ^c	CZNC	464	275
Bread				Cucumber, each	CZNB	453	68
White loaf, sliced, 800g	CZOH	211	52	Lettuce - iceberg, each	CZNA	442	83
White loaf, 1/2 wrapped, 800g	CZOG	159	69	Leeks, per kg ^c	DOHJ	441	115
Brown loaf, sliced, 400g	CZOE	162	54	Fresh fruit			
Brown loaf, unsliced, 800g	CZOD	139	72	Apples, cooking, per kg ^c	CZMZ	420	107
Flour				Apples, dessert, per kg ^c	CZMY	436	96
Self raising, per 1.5kg	CZOC	206	60	Pears, dessert, per kg ^c	CZMX	433	115
Butter				Oranges, each	CZMW	439	21
Home produced, per 250g	CZOB	205	83	Bananas, per kg ^c	CZMV	450	90
Imported, per 250g	DOHX	211	88	Grapes, per kg ^c	CZMU	427	295
				Avocado pear, each	DOHT	300	72
				Grapefruit, each	DOHN	433	29

^a Or Scottish equivalent.
^b Average price estimates include prices of delivered milk and shop-bought milk. However, 80 per cent price range includes only shop-bought milk.
^c From February 1999, prices for these items are quoted as per kg. In order to calculate the price per lb (the previously published measure), divide the given price per kg by 2.203. In the case of mushrooms, in order to calculate the price per 4oz (the previously published measure), divide the given price by 8.812.

General notes - retail prices

The responsibility for the Retail Prices Index was transferred in July 1989 from the Employment Department to the Office for National Statistics (formerly Central Statistical Office). The RPI is now published in full in the ONS *Business Monitor MM23*.

Structure

With effect from February 1987 the structure of the published components was recast. In some cases, therefore, no direct comparison of the new component with the old is possible. The relationship between the old and the new index structure is shown in *Employment Gazette*, p379, September 1986.

Definitions

Seasonal food: items of food the prices of which show significant seasonal variations. These are fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh fish, eggs and home-killed lamb.

Consumer durables: Furniture, furnishings, electrical appliances and other household equipment, men's, women's and children's outerwear and footwear, audio-visual equipment, records and tapes, toys, photographic and sports goods.

H.14 RETAIL PRICES

General index of retail prices

UNITED KINGDOM January 13 1987=100	ALL ITEMS	All items except food	All items except seasonal food ^a	All items except housing	All items except mortgage interest	National- ised industries ^b	Consumer durables	Food			Catering	Alcoholic drink	
								All	Seasonal ^a	Non- seasonal ^a			
Weights	CZGU	CZGV	CZGW	CZGX	CZGY		CBWA	CZGZ	CZHA	CZHB	CZHC	CZHD	
1987	1,000	833	974	843	956	57	139	167	26	141	46	76	
1988	1,000	837	975	840	958	54	141	163	25	138	45	75	
1989	1,000	846	977	825	940	46	135	154	23	131	49	76	
1990	1,000	842	976	815	925	-	132	158	24	134	47	77	
1991	1,000	849	976	808	924	-	128	151	24	127	47	77	
1992	1,000	848	978	828	936	-	127	152	22	130	47	77	
1993	1,000	856	979	836	952	-	127	144	21	123	47	80	
1994	1,000	858	980	842	956	-	127	142	20	122	46	78	
1995	1,000	861	978	813	958	-	123	139	22	117	45	77	
1996	1,000	857	978	810	953	-	116	143	22	121	46	77	
1997	1,000	864	981	814	961	-	122	136	19	117	46	77	
1998	1,000	870	982	803	955	-	121	130	18	112	46	80	
1999	1,000	872	980	807	958	-	127	128	20	108	51	71	
Annual averages	CHAW	CHAY	CHAX	CHAZ	CHMK		CHBY	CHBA	CHBP	CHBB	CHBC	CHBD	Weights
1987	101.9	102.0	101.6	101.9	101.9	100.9	101.2	101.1	101.6	101.0	102.3	101.7	1987
1988	106.9	107.3	107.0	105.8	106.6	106.7	103.7	104.6	102.4	105.0	102.3	101.7	1988
1989	115.2	116.1	115.5	112.9	112.9	-	107.2	110.5	105.0	111.6	112.5	109.9	1989
1990	126.1	127.4	126.4	119.2	122.1	-	114.8	119.4	116.4	119.9	126.9	123.8	1990
1991	133.5	135.1	133.8	128.3	130.3	-	114.8	125.6	121.6	126.3	130.1	123.8	1991
1992	138.5	140.5	139.1	134.3	136.4	-	115.5	128.3	114.7	130.0	129.9	132.2	1992
1993	140.7	142.6	141.4	138.4	140.5	-	115.9	130.6	111.4	134.0	147.7	148.1	1993
1994	144.1	146.5	144.8	141.6	143.8	-	115.5	131.9	117.7	134.3	152.6	154.7	1994
1995	149.1	151.4	149.6	145.4	147.9	-	116.2	137.0	127.2	138.5	162.0	158.5	1995
1996	152.7	154.9	153.4	149.3	152.3	-	117.1	141.4	125.4	144.2	172.7	164.5	1996
1997	157.5	160.5	158.5	152.9	156.5	-	117.3	141.5	118.5	145.7	182.2	169.7	1997
1998	162.9	166.5	163.8	156.2	160.6	-	115.9	143.4	125.0	146.6	187.2	173.8	1998
1999	165.4	169.4	166.5	158.9	164.3	-	112.3	143.8	124.3	147.4	190.9	184.5	1999
1987 Jan 13	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1987 Jan 13
1988 Jan 12	103.3	103.4	103.3	103.2	103.7	102.8	101.2	102.9	103.7	102.7	106.7	103.7	1988 Jan 12
1989 Jan 17	111.0	111.7	111.2	108.5	109.4	110.9	104.5	107.4	106.2	108.2	113.7	109.9	1989 Jan 17
1990 Jan 16	119.5	120.2	119.6	114.6	116.1	-	108.0	116.0	116.3	116.0	110.6	110.8	1990 Jan 16
1991 Jan 15	130.2	131.6	130.4	122.7	126.0	-	110.7	122.9	121.2	123.1	116.3	116.3	1991 Jan 15
1992 Jan 14	135.6	137.1	135.9	131.6	133.1	-	113.2	128.4	125.2	129.0	137.4	139.8	1992 Jan 14
1993 Jan 12	137.9	138.7	138.6	135.0	137.4	-	112.8	128.8	112.7	131.7	151.0	151.0	1993 Jan 12
1994 Jan 18	141.3	143.5	142.1	139.3	141.3	-	113.0	130.0	110.3	133.5	159.9	159.9	1994 Jan 18
1995 Jan 17	146.0	148.3	146.5	142.9	146.2	-	113.2	134.1	126.3	135.3	169.7	169.7	1995 Jan 17
1996 Jan 16	150.2	152.3	150.7	146.8	149.3	-	113.8	139.6	128.5	141.4	173.1	161.8	1996 Jan 16
1997 Jan 14	154.4	157.0	155.3	150.7	153.9	-	114.2	141.0	120.3	144.7	174.2	171.1	1997 Jan 14
1998 Feb 10	160.3	163.8	161.4	154.6	158.5	-	115.2	141.9	120.1	145.8	181.0	177.9	1998 Feb 10
1998 Mar 17	160.8	164.4	161.8	155.2	158.9	-	117.3	141.6	119.6	146.6	181.0	178.6	1998 Mar 17
1998 Apr 21	162.6	166.4	163.7	155.9	160.4	-	116.5	142.0	120.1	145.9	180.4	178.7	1998 Apr 21
1998 May 19	163.5	167.2	164.4	156.8	161.3	-	117.7	144.1	130.1	146.5	180.0	180.0	1998 May 19
1998 Jun 16	163.4	167.1	164.3	156.6	161.1	-	117.0	143.5	125.9	146.6	180.0	179.9	1998 Jun 16
1998 Jul 21	163.0	166.7	164.1	155.8	160.5	-	113.1	143.1	120.6	147.1	180.0	180.0	1998 Jul 21
1998 Aug 18	163.7	167.3	164.6	156.4	161.1	-	114.2	144.6	129.4	147.2	180.0	181.0	1998 Aug 18
1998 Sep 15	164.4	168.2	165.4	157.1	161.8	-	116.8	144.1	124.3	147.6	181.0	181.2	1998 Sep 15
1998 Oct 20	164.5	168.3	165.5	157.1	161.9	-	116.8	144.4	124.5	147.5	181.0	181.0	1998 Oct 20
1998 Nov 17	164.4	168.2	165.4	157.1	162.0	-	116.7	144.1	127.4	147.0	181.0	181.6	1998 Nov 17
1998 Dec 15	164.4	168.0	165.2	157.6	162.4	-	118.0	145.2	135.2	146.8	181.0	181.0	1998 Dec 15
1999 Jan 19	163.4	166.7	164.2	156.8	161.8	-	110.6	145.8	133.1	147.9	181.0	182.9	1999 Jan 19
1999 Feb 16	163.7	167.0	164.5	157.4	162.3	-	112.3	146.0	133.4	148.1	181.0	183.4	1999 Feb 16
1999 Mar 16	164.1	167.7	165.0	158.4	163.2	-	114.2	145.1	129.6	147.9	181.0	183.3	1999 Mar 16
1999 Apr 20	165.2	169.1	166.3	159.0	164.3	-	113.1	144.2	125.1	147.7	181.0	183.7	1999 Apr 20
1999 May 18	165.6	169.5	166.5	159.4	164.7	-	114.0	144.9	130.0	147.5	181.0	184.6	1999 May 18
1999 Jun 15	165.6	169.6	166.6	159.2	164.7	-	113.1	144.2	124.5	147.8	181.0	185.4	1999 Jun 15
1999 Jul 20	165.1	169.1	166.3	158.6	164.1	-	109.6	143.3	117.6	148.1	181.0	185.1	1999 Jul 20
1999 Aug 17	165.5	169.7	166.8	158.9	164.5	-	110.5	142.6	116.2	147.6	181.0	185.3	1999 Aug 17
1999 Sep 14	166.2	170.6	167.4	159.6	165.2	-	112.7	142.4	117.1	147.2	181.0	185.3	1999 Sep 14
1999 Oct 19	166.5	171.0	167.7	159.6	165.4	-	111.6	142.1	119.8	146.3	181.0	185.5	1999 Oct 19
1999 Nov 16	166.7	171.1	167.8	159.7	165.6	-	112.3	142.7	122.2	146.5	181.0	185.0	1999 Nov 16
1999 Dec 14	167.3	171.8	168.4	160.1	165.9	-	113.2	142.9	122.4	146.7	181.0	184.5	1999 Dec 14
2000 Jan 18	166.6	171.0	167.8	159.1	165.2	-	106.3	142.9	122.4	146.7	200.0	165.8	2000 Jan 18

a For the February, March and April 1988 indices the weights used for seasonal and non-seasonal food were 24 and 139 respectively. Thereafter the weight for home-killed lamb (a seasonal item) was increased by 1 and that for imported lamb (a non-seasonal item) correspondingly reduced by 1, in the light of new information about the relative shares of household expenditure.

b The nationalised industries index is no longer published from December 1989, see also general notes under Table H.13.

Note: The structures of the published components of the index were recast in February 1987, (see general notes under Table H.13).

RETAIL PRICES H.14

General index of retail prices

Tobacco	Housing	Fuel and light	Household goods	Household services	Clothing and footwear	Personal goods and services	Motoring expenditure	Fares and other travel	Leisure goods	Leisure services	Weights
1987	157	61	73	44	74	38	127	22	47	30	1987
1988	160	55	74	41	72	37	128	23	50	29	1988
1989	175	54	71	40	69	39	131	20	48	30	1989
1990	185	50	71	40	69	39	131	20	48	30	1990
1991	192	46	70	45	63	38	141	20	48	30	1991
1992	172	47	77	48	59	40	143	20	47	32	1992
1993	164	46	77	47	58	39	136	21	46	32	1993
1994	158	46	79	47	58	39	142	20	48	30	1994
1995	187	46	77	47	54	39	125	19	46	29	1995
1996	190	43	72	48	54	38	124	17	45	29	1996
1997	186	41	72	48	56	40	126	20	46	31	1997
1998	197	36	74	54	55	40	139	21	47	31	1998
1999	193	34	74	57	55	40	139	21	47	31	1999
Annual averages	CHBE	CHBF	CHBG	CHBH	CHBI	CHBJ	CHBK	CHBL	CHBM	CHBN	Annual averages
1987	101.1	103.3	99.1	102.1	101.9	101.1	101.9	103.4	101.5	101.6	1987
1988	104.4	112.5	101.6	105.9	106.8	104.4	106.8	108.1	107.5	106.1	1988
1989	103.4	135.3	107.3	110.1	112.5	109.9	114.1	114.0	114.0	114.0</	

H.21 RETAIL PRICES

EU countries - Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)^a

RETAIL PRICES H.21

EU countries - Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)^a

1996=100	European Union (15) ^c	United Kingdom	Austria	Belgium	Denmark	Finland	France	Germany
	CLNJ	CHVJ	CLMV	CLMW	CLMX	CLMY	CLMZ	CLNA
Annual averages								
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	101.7	101.9	101.2	101.5	101.9	101.2	101.3	101.5
1998	103.0	103.4	102.0	102.4	103.3	102.6	102.0	102.1
1999	104.3P	104.8	102.5P	103.6	105.4	103.9	102.6P	102.8
Monthly								
1997 Oct	102.2	102.6	101.2	101.8	102.4	101.9	101.5	101.6
Nov	102.3	102.6	101.5	101.9	102.5	101.8	101.7	101.6
Dec	102.4	102.8	101.7	101.7	102.3	101.8	101.7	101.8
1998 Jan	102.2	102.1	101.8	101.8	102.4	101.9	101.3	101.7
Feb	102.5	102.4	102.1	102.0	102.8	101.9	101.7	102.0
Mar	102.7	102.7	102.2	101.8	103.0	102.1	101.9	101.8
Apr	103.0	103.3	102.3	102.4	103.2	102.6	102.1	101.9
May	103.2	103.8	102.1	102.9	103.7	102.8	102.2	102.3
Jun	103.3	103.7	101.9	102.8	103.7	103.0	102.3	102.4
Jul	103.2	103.1	101.9	103.0	103.3	102.5	101.9	102.7
Aug	103.2	103.5	101.9	102.6	103.2	102.7	102.0	102.6
Sep	103.3	104.0	101.7	102.5	103.6	103.1	102.1	102.2
Oct	103.3	103.9	101.9	102.5	103.5	103.0	102.0	102.0
Nov	103.3	104.0	102.0	102.5	103.6	102.7	101.9	102.0
Dec	103.4	104.3	102.2	102.4	103.4	102.6	102.0	102.0
1999 Jan	103.2	103.7	102.1	102.8	103.6	102.4	101.7	101.9
Feb	103.5	103.9	102.3	103.0	104.1	102.8	102.0	102.1
Mar	103.8	104.4	102.4	103.1	104.7	103.0	102.4	102.3
Apr	104.2	104.9	102.4	103.5	105.0	103.9	102.7	102.7
May	104.3	105.2	102.5	103.7	105.4	104.2	102.7	102.7
Jun	104.3	105.1	102.1	103.5	105.7	104.2	102.7	102.8
Jul	104.3	104.4	102.2	103.7	105.4	103.9	102.3	103.3
Aug	104.4	104.8	102.4	103.5	105.7	104.0	102.5	103.3
Sep	104.6	105.2	102.3	103.8	106.1	104.5	102.7	103.0
Oct	104.6	105.1	102.7	103.9	106.2	104.6	102.8	102.9
Nov	104.8	105.3	103.0	104.1	106.4	104.6	102.9	103.0
Dec	105.1P	105.5	103.9P	104.5	106.6	104.9	103.4P	103.4
Increases on a year earlier								
Annual averages								
	CLNX	CJYR	CLNL	CLNM	CLNN	CLNO	CLNP	CLNQ
1996	2.4E	2.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.1	2.1	1.2
1997	1.7E	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.5
1998	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.6
1999	1.2P	1.3	0.5P	1.1	2.1	1.3	0.6P	0.6
Monthly								
1998 Oct	1.1	1.3	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.4
Nov	1.0	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.4
Dec	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.2
1999 Jan	0.9	1.6	0.3	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.2
Feb	1.0	1.5	0.2	1.0	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.1
Mar	1.2	1.7	0.1	1.3	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.5
Apr	1.2	1.5	0.1	1.1	1.7	1.3	0.6	0.8
May	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.8	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.4
Jun	1.0	1.4	0.2	0.7	1.9	1.2	0.4	0.4
Jul	1.1	1.3	0.3	0.7	2.0	1.4	0.4	0.6
Aug	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.9	2.4	1.3	0.5	0.7
Sep	1.2	1.2	0.6	1.3	2.4	1.4	0.6	0.8
Oct	1.3	1.2	0.8	1.4	2.6	1.6	0.8	0.9
Nov	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.6	2.7	1.9	1.0	1.0
Dec	1.7P	1.2	1.7P	2.1	3.1	2.2	1.4P	1.4

1996=100	Irish Republic ^b	Italy ^c	Luxembourg	Netherlands	Portugal	Spain	Sweden
	CLNB	CLNC	CLND	CLNE	CLNF	CLNG	CLNH
Annual averages							
1996	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1997	105.4	101.2	101.9	101.4	101.9	101.9	101.9
1998	110.2	103.4	103.9	102.4	103.7	104.2	103.7
1999	112.8	106.0	105.7	103.4	105.8P	106.4	103.4
Monthly							
1997 Oct	106.8	101.5	102.4	102.0	103.0	102.1	102.6
Nov	107.3	101.9	102.7	102.1	103.0	102.6	102.7
Dec	108.1	102.2	102.8	102.1	102.6	102.8	103.0
1998 Jan	107.1	101.5	103.1	102.2	102.0	102.7	103.2
Feb	106.5	102.0	103.4	102.1	102.7	102.5	102.9
Mar	108.2	102.5	103.6	102.2	103.8	102.8	103.0
Apr	111.0	103.1	103.8	102.0	104.2	103.6	103.2
May	111.4	103.5	103.9	102.3	104.0	103.4	103.4
Jun	111.7	104.0	104.0	102.3	103.5	104.5	103.2
Jul	109.3	103.7	104.0	102.5	103.2	104.7	103.9
Aug	109.4	103.9	104.1	102.5	103.2	104.6	104.2
Sep	111.6	104.2	104.1	102.5	104.2	104.4	104.2
Oct	111.6	104.1	104.4	102.6	104.5	105.3	104.1
Nov	111.5	104.1	104.5	102.5	104.1	105.7	104.4
Dec	112.1	104.4	104.5	102.5	104.1	105.7	104.4
1999 Jan	110.8	103.6	104.6	100.8	104.1	105.3	104.7
Feb	110.2	104.3	104.8	102.7	104.8	105.3	104.8
Mar	112.7	104.6	105.0	102.8	105.9	105.7	105.2
Apr	113.9	105.2	105.2	103.3	106.2	106.4	105.6
May	113.8	105.9	105.9	103.6	106.2	106.5	105.6
Jun	113.7	106.2	105.5	103.5	105.7	106.7	105.6
Jul	111.3	105.7	105.8	102.2	105.1	106.7	106.1
Aug	111.2	105.4	105.8	103.9	105.8	106.5	106.6
Sep	113.3	106.9	106.1	104.1	106.3	106.4	106.8
Oct	113.7	107.0	106.3	104.4	106.4	106.6	106.7
Nov	114.0	107.2	106.5	104.5	106.6	107.3	106.9
Dec	114.8	108.5	106.7	104.9	106.1P	107.5	107.3
Increases on a year earlier							
Annual averages							
	CLNR	LNT	CLNU	CLNV	CLNW	CLNY	CLNZ
1996	7.9	2.2	4.0	1.2	1.4	2.9	3.6
1997	5.4	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.9
1998	4.5	2.1	2.0	1.0	1.8	2.2	1.8
1999	2.3	2.5	1.7	1.0	2.0P	2.2	0.6
Monthly							
1998 Oct	4.5	2.6	1.9	0.5	1.5	2.5	1.6
Nov	3.9	2.2	1.7	0.5	1.5	2.6	1.4
Dec	3.7	2.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	2.8	1.4
1999 Jan	3.5	2.1	1.5	-1.4	2.1	2.5	1.5
Feb	3.5	2.3	1.4	0.6	2.0	2.7	1.8
Mar	3.2	2.0	1.4	0.6	2.0	2.8	2.1
Apr	2.6	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.7	2.3
May	2.2	2.3	1.5	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Jun	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
Jul	1.8	1.9	1.7	-0.3	1.8	1.9	2.1
Aug	1.6	2.4	1.6	1.4	2.5	1.8	2.3
Sep	1.5	2.6	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.5
Oct	1.9	2.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.4
Nov	2.2	3.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.7
Dec	2.4	3.9	2.1	2.3	1.9P	1.7	2.8

Notes: a Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) are being calculated in each member state of the European Union for the purpose of international comparisons. This is in the context of one of the convergence criteria for monetary union as required by the Maastricht Treaty. The rules underlying the construction of the HICPs for EU member states were published in a Commission Regulation of 9 September 1996. The HICPs replace the Interim Indices of Consumer Prices which were published by Eurostat in a monthly news release.
 b Figures for Irish Republic for 1996 are only available on a quarterly basis.
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