

**Unemployment Rates for New
Constituencies in England and Wales
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Also included in the paper is a comparison between the level of unemployment in each constituency now with that a year ago.

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I Introduction

Official monthly unemployment rates for parliamentary constituencies only exist for those few constituencies which are self-contained labour markets. This paper presents up-to-date unemployment rates not published elsewhere. These use figures for the number of unemployed claimants from the monthly count and figures for the number of people economically active derived from the 1991 Census of Population.

These residence-based rates should be regarded more as a social measure of relative deprivation than as an economic measure of the mismatch between the supply of and demand for labour, as they take no account of people's ability to seek work outside the constituency in which they live. For a full exposition of the methodology used to calculate these rates, see Research Paper 96/63, *New Unemployment Rates for Parliamentary Constituencies*.

Also shown in the paper are comparisons between the level of unemployment in each constituency presently with that in the same month last year. Data for the new constituencies are not available prior to January 1996.

Notes to tables:

1. At the present time it is possible to obtain unemployment data for the new constituencies in England and Wales, but not for those in Scotland or Northern Ireland. A full explanation of the way in which unemployment data are aggregated into constituency totals, and why figures are presently unavailable for Scotland and Northern Ireland, is given in the Technical Appendix at the end of this paper.
2. The Boundary Commission's 1995 review defined 569 constituencies in England and Wales. These were defined in terms of electoral wards as they stood at the time of the review. For the purposes of the unemployment statistics however, constituencies represent a best-fit of frozen 1991 wards to the new constituencies.

Boundary alterations between 1991 and 1995 mean that there will inevitably be approximations to 1995 boundaries in many constituencies. In a number of cases however the changes to ward boundaries were substantial and some wards are now split between new constituencies. These constituencies are indicated with an asterisk in the following tables.

II Residence-based Unemployment Rates, New Constituencies in England & Wales February 1997

A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by overall

unemployment rate		Claimants			Rate					
		Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All			
	19	Aberavon			1,623	432	2,055	10.4%	3.9%	7.7%
517		Aldershot			1,021	339	1,360	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
332		Aldridge - Brownhills			1,466	471	1,937	6.1%	2.7%	4.7%
395		Altrincham & Sale West			1,350	399	1,749	5.4%	2.1%	4.0%
	37	Alyn & Deeside			1,311	398	1,709	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%
324		Amber Valley			1,707	520	2,227	6.4%	2.7%	4.9%
502		Arundel & South Downs			712	256	968	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
188		Ashfield			2,563	650	3,213	9.9%	3.5%	7.2%
288		Ashford			1,933	556	2,489	7.2%	2.9%	5.4%
239		Ashton under Lyne			2,398	639	3,037	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
463		Aylesbury			1,315	417	1,732	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
480		Banbury			1,101	390	1,491	3.6%	1.8%	2.8%
86		Barking *			2,306	712	3,018	13.0%	5.7%	10.0%
133		Barnsley Central			2,569	551	3,120	12.0%	3.5%	8.4%
109		Barnsley East & Mexborough			2,767	657	3,424	12.3%	4.2%	9.0%
215		Barnsley West & Penistone			1,958	545	2,503	9.1%	3.4%	6.7%
173		Barrow & Furness			2,662	621	3,283	10.3%	3.4%	7.5%
231		Basildon			2,491	826	3,317	8.4%	3.8%	6.5%
473		Basingstoke *			1,231	398	1,629	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
179		Bassetlaw			2,440	648	3,088	10.0%	3.8%	7.4%
181		Bath *>			2,325	804	3,129	10.0%	4.2%	7.4%
259		Batley & Spen			1,980	501	2,481	8.2%	2.8%	5.9%
129		Battersea			3,110	1,173	4,283	11.5%	5.0%	8.5%
513		Beaconsfield			762	282	1,044	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
250		Beckenham			2,281	743	3,024	8.2%	3.4%	6.1%
235		Bedford			2,201	726	2,927	8.4%	3.7%	6.4%
198		Berwick-upon-Tweed			1,762	540	2,302	9.3%	3.9%	7.0%
8		Bethnal Green & Bow			5,811	1,509	7,320	23.2%	9.2%	17.6%
304		Beverley & Holderness			1,643	632	2,275	6.5%	3.4%	5.2%
329		Bexhill & Battle			1,140	395	1,535	6.2%	2.8%	4.8%
312		Bexleyheath & Crayford			1,587	565	2,152	6.6%	3.2%	5.1%
297		Billericay			1,960	652	2,612	6.8%	3.2%	5.3%
24		Birkenhead			4,238	989	5,227	20.1%	6.1%	14.1%
116		Birmingham, Edgbaston			2,757	851	3,608	12.0%	4.7%	8.8%
73		Birmingham, Erdington			3,566	1,014	4,580	13.7%	5.5%	10.3%
158		Birmingham, Hall Green			2,256	632	2,888	10.6%	4.0%	7.8%
39		Birmingham, Hodge Hill			3,134	856	3,990	16.2%	6.5%	12.2%
1		Birmingham, Ladywood			6,727	1,826	8,553	27.4%	10.8%	20.7%
135		Birmingham, Northfield			2,141	622	2,763	11.3%	4.4%	8.3%
71		Birmingham, Perry Barr			3,533	1,092	4,625	13.9%	5.7%	10.4%
141		Birmingham, Selly Oak			2,725	841	3,566	11.2%	4.4%	8.2%
7		Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath			5,745	1,626	7,371	22.0%	10.4%	17.7%
131		Birmingham, Yardley			2,169	636	2,805	11.3%	4.5%	8.4%
232		Bishop Auckland			2,114	498	2,612	9.1%	2.9%	6.5%
499		Blaby			883	323	1,206	3.3%	1.6%	2.5%
165		Blackburn			2,725	572	3,297	10.7%	3.1%	7.6%
172		Blackpool North & Fleetwood			2,501	683	3,184	10.7%	3.6%	7.5%
92		Blackpool South			3,604	966	4,570	13.7%	4.6%	9.7%
	11	Blaenau Gwent			2,136	533	2,669	12.1%	4.4%	9.0%
228		Blaydon			2,088	542	2,630	9.2%	3.1%	6.5%
169		Blyth Valley			2,254	719	2,973	10.2%	4.1%	7.5%
323		Bognor Regis & Littlehampton			1,393	373	1,766	6.9%	2.4%	4.9%

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Rank by overall

unemployment rate		Claimants			Rate			
Eng	Wal	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
184		Bolsover	2,328	510	2,838	10.2%	3.2%	7.3%
244		Bolton North East	2,200	463	2,663	9.0%	2.5%	6.2%
225		Bolton South East	2,177	469	2,646	9.4%	2.7%	6.6%
419		Bolton West	1,122	311	1,433	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
26		Bootle	3,982	879	4,861	20.0%	5.9%	14.0%
175		Boston & Skegness	2,205	700	2,905	9.8%	4.3%	7.5%
506		Bosworth	818	285	1,103	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
178		Bournemouth East	2,084	585	2,669	10.3%	3.7%	7.4%
99		Bournemouth West	2,507	652	3,159	13.0%	4.6%	9.5%
515		Bracknell	949	270	1,219	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
82		Bradford North	3,399	813	4,212	14.2%	4.6%	10.1%
182		Bradford South	2,678	694	3,372	10.4%	3.5%	7.4%
35		Bradford West	3,917	1,075	4,992	16.7%	6.7%	12.6%
347		Braintree	1,545	524	2,069	5.6%	2.7%	4.5%
	38	Brecon & Radnorshire	1,004	375	1,379	5.8%	3.0%	4.6%
31		Brent East	4,250	1,433	5,683	17.8%	7.5%	13.2%
204		Brent North	1,798	773	2,571	8.4%	4.8%	6.9%
28		Brent South	4,518	1,508	6,026	18.2%	7.6%	13.5%
230		Brentford & Isleworth	2,767	967	3,734	8.7%	3.8%	6.5%
456		Brentwood & Ongar	1,066	328	1,394	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
	33	Bridgend	1,453	466	1,919	7.4%	3.2%	5.6%
200		Bridgwater	2,174	730	2,904	8.8%	4.2%	6.9%
236		Brigg & Goole	1,920	548	2,468	8.4%	3.5%	6.4%
62		Brighton, Kemptown	3,277	1,011	4,288	14.6%	6.0%	10.9%
32		Brighton, Pavilion	4,010	1,471	5,481	17.2%	7.9%	13.1%
121		Bristol East	3,188	927	4,115	12.0%	4.6%	8.8%
227		Bristol North West	2,450	633	3,083	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
139		Bristol South	3,311	817	4,128	11.4%	3.8%	8.2%
145		Bristol West	3,016	1,092	4,108	10.8%	4.8%	8.1%
363		Bromley & Chislehurst	1,445	508	1,953	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
406		Bromsgrove	1,311	507	1,818	4.9%	2.5%	3.9%
346		Broxbourne	1,515	547	2,062	5.7%	2.8%	4.5%
341		Broxtowe	1,638	576	2,214	6.0%	2.8%	4.6%
520		Buckingham	635	210	845	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
388		Burnley	1,367	361	1,728	5.8%	1.9%	4.1%
246		Burton	2,155	694	2,849	8.0%	3.6%	6.2%
440		Bury North	1,235	350	1,585	4.8%	1.7%	3.4%
344		Bury South	1,461	445	1,906	6.2%	2.4%	4.5%
424		Bury St Edmunds	1,178	483	1,661	4.4%	2.4%	3.6%
	1	Caernarfon	2,012	617	2,629	13.2%	5.8%	10.2%
	18	Caerphilly	2,447	557	3,004	11.4%	3.6%	8.1%
335		Calder Valley	1,658	586	2,244	6.1%	2.7%	4.6%
11		Camberwell & Peckham	4,596	1,617	6,213	22.3%	9.5%	16.5%
262		Cambridge	1,765	585	2,350	7.7%	3.3%	5.8%
306		Cannock Chase	1,836	571	2,407	6.8%	3.0%	5.2%
247		Canterbury	1,987	603	2,590	8.4%	3.3%	6.2%
	10	Cardiff Central	2,344	730	3,074	12.4%	4.9%	9.1%
	39	Cardiff North	1,088	320	1,408	6.0%	2.1%	4.2%
	2	Cardiff South & Penarth	3,013	647	3,660	14.5%	4.2%	10.1%
	6	Cardiff West	2,766	703	3,469	13.8%	4.6%	9.8%
189		Carlisle	2,146	635	2,781	10.0%	3.7%	7.2%
	27	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	1,285	444	1,729	7.7%	3.8%	6.1%

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	5	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire					
311		2,287	705	2,992	12.8%	5.6%	9.9%
		Carshalton & Wallington					
305		1,732	579	2,311	6.8%	2.9%	5.1%
		Castle Point					
367		1,689	567	2,256	6.5%	3.2%	5.2%
		Central Suffolk & North Ipswich					
	26	Ceredigion					
494		1,321	449	1,770	8.2%	3.9%	6.4%
		Charnwood					
313		925	353	1,278	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
		Chatham & Aylesford					
498		1,940	590	2,530	6.6%	2.9%	5.1%
		Cheadle					
254		827	284	1,111	3.4%	1.5%	2.5%
		Cheltenham					
526		2,035	603	2,638	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%
		Chesham & Amersham					
167		662	184	846	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
		Chesterfield					
268		2,623	726	3,349	10.3%	3.8%	7.6%
		Chester, City of					
454		1,847	561	2,408	7.7%	3.1%	5.7%
		Chichester					
293		1,083	330	1,413	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
		Chingford & Woodford Green					
351		1,567	553	2,120	6.9%	3.3%	5.4%
		Chipping Barnet					
369		1,509	513	2,022	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
		Chorley					
391		1,577	465	2,042	5.7%	2.2%	4.2%
		Christchurch					
37		973	360	1,333	5.1%	2.6%	4.0%
		Cities of London & Westminster					
151		4,966	2,059	7,025	15.9%	8.1%	12.4%
		Cleethorpes					
	34	2,558	795	3,353	10.2%	4.6%	7.9%
		Clwyd South *>					
	25	1,255	406	1,661	7.0%	3.2%	5.5%
		Clwyd West <*					
309		1,491	430	1,921	9.0%	3.5%	6.6%
		Colchester					
333		1,870	596	2,466	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
		Colne Valley					
466		1,624	549	2,173	6.1%	2.7%	4.7%
		Congleton					
	4	964	340	1,304	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
		Conwy					
114		2,192	641	2,833	13.7%	5.1%	9.9%
		Copeland					
375		2,407	654	3,061	11.8%	4.6%	8.9%
		Corby					
489		1,468	476	1,944	5.5%	2.4%	4.1%
		Cotswold					
117		754	295	1,049	3.3%	1.8%	2.6%
		Coventry North East					
257		3,341	863	4,204	12.1%	4.3%	8.8%
		Coventry North West					
166		2,234	714	2,948	7.9%	3.4%	5.9%
		Coventry South					
412		2,466	714	3,180	10.2%	4.0%	7.6%
		Crawley					
300		1,367	429	1,796	5.1%	2.0%	3.8%
		Crewe & Nantwich					
201		1,744	522	2,266	7.0%	2.9%	5.3%
		Crosby					
194		1,878	555	2,433	9.6%	3.6%	6.9%
		Croydon Central					
91		3,083	989	4,072	9.6%	4.0%	7.1%
		Croydon North					
414		4,225	1,445	5,670	13.0%	5.5%	9.7%
		Croydon South					
	17	1,405	484	1,889	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
		Cynon Valley					
186		1,775	420	2,195	11.5%	3.8%	8.3%
		Dagenham					
118		2,029	587	2,616	9.7%	3.9%	7.2%
		Darlington					
287		2,907	702	3,609	12.4%	4.0%	8.8%
		Dartford					
486		1,922	588	2,510	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
		Daventry					
	35	987	433	1,420	3.2%	2.0%	2.7%
		Delyn					
296		1,227	360	1,587	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
		Denton & Reddish					
190		1,902	546	2,448	7.4%	2.7%	5.3%
		Derby North					
67		2,611	754	3,365	9.7%	3.8%	7.2%
		Derby South					
450		4,029	1,076	5,105	14.5%	5.4%	10.7%
		Devizes					
266		1,202	465	1,667	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
		Dewsbury					
152		1,736	449	2,185	7.9%	2.8%	5.8%
		Don Valley					
46		2,434	679	3,113	10.5%	4.2%	7.9%
		Doncaster Central					
72		3,704	950	4,654	15.8%	5.7%	11.6%
		Doncaster North					
137		3,086	663	3,749	14.3%	4.5%	10.3%
		Dover					
		2,798	725	3,523	11.2%	4.1%	8.3%

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185		Dudley North	2,452	726	3,178	9.5%	4.1%	7.3%
269		Dudley South	1,869	623	2,492	7.3%	3.4%	5.7%
53		Dulwich & West Norwood	4,075	1,548	5,623	15.1%	6.6%	11.2%
248		Durham, City of	1,864	508	2,372	8.7%	3.0%	6.2%
209		Ealing North *	2,739	924	3,663	9.1%	3.9%	6.8%
192		Ealing Southall	3,090	1,002	4,092	9.7%	4.0%	7.2%
68		Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	4,261	1,579	5,840	14.2%	6.4%	10.6%
205		Easington	1,944	411	2,355	9.9%	2.8%	6.9%
330		East Devon	1,188	400	1,588	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
34		East Ham	4,294	1,240	5,534	16.5%	7.3%	12.9%
449		East Hampshire	1,223	400	1,623	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
501		East Surrey	947	295	1,242	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
404		East Worthing & Shoreham	1,255	408	1,663	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
208		East Yorkshire	2,025	659	2,684	8.8%	4.0%	6.8%
234		Eastbourne	1,865	593	2,458	8.9%	3.4%	6.4%
470		Eastleigh	1,078	328	1,406	4.0%	1.6%	3.0%
281		Eccles	1,935	480	2,415	7.8%	2.5%	5.5%
384		Eddisbury	1,230	395	1,625	5.3%	2.4%	4.1%
83		Edmonton	3,239	1,025	4,264	13.4%	5.7%	10.1%
289		Ellesmere Port & Neston	1,770	520	2,290	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
393		Elmet	1,399	428	1,827	5.5%	2.1%	4.0%
148		Eltham	2,293	684	2,977	11.0%	4.2%	8.0%
191		Enfield North	2,498	783	3,281	9.5%	4.0%	7.2%
233		Enfield, Southgate	1,972	743	2,715	8.2%	4.1%	6.4%
340		Epping Forest	1,564	575	2,139	5.8%	2.9%	4.6%
500		Epsom & Ewell	912	294	1,206	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
291		Erewash	2,150	617	2,767	7.2%	2.8%	5.4%
60		Erith & Thamesmead	3,644	1,205	4,849	14.2%	6.4%	11.0%
491		Esher & Walton	928	331	1,259	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
243		Exeter	2,369	727	3,096	8.7%	3.3%	6.3%
100		Falmouth & Camborne	2,824	862	3,686	12.3%	5.3%	9.4%
464		Fareham	1,009	342	1,351	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
339		Faversham & Mid Kent	1,512	501	2,013	5.9%	2.8%	4.6%
214		Feltham & Heston	2,546	827	3,373	8.8%	3.9%	6.7%
245		Finchley & Golders Green	2,164	963	3,127	7.6%	4.4%	6.2%
108		Folkestone & Hythe	3,043	749	3,792	12.5%	4.3%	9.1%
338		Forest of Dean	1,306	485	1,791	5.6%	3.1%	4.6%
471		Fylde	958	265	1,223	4.2%	1.5%	3.0%
294		Gainsborough	1,468	560	2,028	6.5%	3.7%	5.4%
220		Gateshead East & Washington West	2,186	570	2,756	9.3%	3.2%	6.6%
285		Gedling	1,874	628	2,502	7.3%	3.1%	5.4%
286		Gillingham	1,940	673	2,613	6.8%	3.4%	5.4%
222		Gloucester	2,621	818	3,439	8.9%	3.6%	6.6%
358		Gosport	1,452	502	1,954	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
	30	Gower	1,406	433	1,839	7.8%	3.2%	5.8%
380		Grantham & Stamford	1,277	505	1,782	5.1%	2.8%	4.1%
199		Gravesham	2,439	783	3,222	8.9%	4.1%	7.0%
45		Great Grimsby	3,910	875	4,785	16.0%	5.2%	11.6%
47		Great Yarmouth	3,532	1,152	4,684	14.7%	6.9%	11.5%
33		Greenwich & Woolwich	4,000	1,364	5,364	17.1%	7.5%	12.9%
514		Guildford	858	259	1,117	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
4		Hackney North & Stoke Newington	6,002	2,199	8,201	25.0%	11.8%	19.2%

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3		Hackney South & Shoreditch	6,352	2,076	8,428	27.0%	10.9%	19.8%
261		Halesowen & Rowley Regis	1,884	571	2,455	7.6%	3.2%	5.8%
170		Halifax	2,737	767	3,504	10.5%	3.7%	7.5%
421		Haltemprice & Howden	1,010	401	1,411	4.5%	2.4%	3.6%
126		Halton	2,661	722	3,383	11.7%	4.4%	8.6%
101		Hammersmith & Fulham	4,000	1,721	5,721	12.5%	5.9%	9.3%
112		Hampstead & Highgate	2,983	1,465	4,448	11.3%	6.3%	9.0%
505		Harborough	811	303	1,114	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
274		Harlow	1,888	641	2,529	7.3%	3.3%	5.6%
403		Harrogate & Knaresborough	1,116	462	1,578	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%
284		Harrow East	2,095	789	2,884	7.0%	3.4%	5.4%
355		Harrow West	1,559	576	2,135	5.7%	2.7%	4.3%
59		Hartlepool	3,657	794	4,451	15.4%	4.7%	11.0%
122		Harwich	2,471	649	3,120	11.9%	4.4%	8.8%
102		Hastings & Rye	3,093	856	3,949	12.9%	4.7%	9.3%
264		Havant	2,018	481	2,499	8.1%	2.6%	5.8%
275		Hayes & Harlington	1,758	564	2,322	7.4%	3.2%	5.6%
452		Hazel Grove	1,089	264	1,353	4.6%	1.5%	3.3%
441		Hemel Hempstead	1,318	354	1,672	4.7%	1.7%	3.4%
180		Hemsworth	2,372	615	2,987	10.2%	3.6%	7.4%
203		Hendon	2,527	895	3,422	9.0%	4.2%	6.9%
521		Henley	690	243	933	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
265		Hereford *>	1,803	688	2,491	7.2%	3.8%	5.8%
493		Hertford & Stortford	908	355	1,263	3.2%	1.7%	2.6%
442		Hertsmere	1,116	381	1,497	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
382		Hexham	1,068	374	1,442	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
223		Heywood & Middleton	2,452	696	3,148	9.1%	3.3%	6.6%
387		High Peak	1,463	447	1,910	5.4%	2.2%	4.1%
476		Hitchin & Harpenden	965	303	1,268	3.8%	1.6%	2.9%
25		Holborn & St Pancras	4,189	1,508	5,697	19.0%	8.1%	14.0%
348		Hornchurch	1,351	435	1,786	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
64		Hornsey & Wood Green	4,359	1,751	6,110	14.3%	6.8%	10.9%
522		Horsham	758	245	1,003	2.7%	1.2%	2.0%
150		Houghton & Washington East	2,467	599	3,066	11.3%	3.6%	8.0%
89		Hove	2,965	1,055	4,020	12.9%	5.9%	9.8%
103		Huddersfield	2,787	837	3,624	12.5%	5.0%	9.3%
457		Huntingdon	1,217	519	1,736	3.8%	2.3%	3.2%
360		Hyndburn	1,390	406	1,796	5.9%	2.2%	4.3%
290		Ilford North	1,713	634	2,347	6.9%	3.4%	5.4%
124		Ilford South *	3,213	1,086	4,299	11.1%	5.2%	8.6%
183		Ipswich	2,541	675	3,216	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
80		Isle of Wight	4,087	1,429	5,516	13.1%	6.2%	10.2%
15		Islington North	4,934	1,959	6,893	20.7%	9.4%	15.5%
23		Islington South & Finsbury	4,073	1,515	5,588	18.5%	8.6%	14.1%
	32	Islwyn	1,311	363	1,674	7.7%	2.9%	5.7%
120		Jarrow	2,610	692	3,302	12.1%	4.3%	8.8%
315		Keighley	1,562	550	2,112	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
279		Kensington & Chelsea	2,121	1,104	3,225	6.6%	4.2%	5.5%
416		Kettering	1,336	441	1,777	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
77		Kingston upon Hull East	3,294	810	4,104	13.8%	5.0%	10.2%
44		Kingston upon Hull North	3,908	1,040	4,948	15.6%	5.9%	11.6%
63		Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	3,376	920	4,296	14.6%	5.6%	10.9%

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372		Kingston & Surbiton	1,604	590	2,194	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%
364		Kingswood	1,606	493	2,099	5.7%	2.3%	4.2%
88		Knowsley North & Sefton East	3,435	969	4,404	13.5%	5.0%	9.8%
48		Knowsley South	3,867	982	4,849	15.9%	5.4%	11.5%
328		Lancaster & Wyre	1,502	521	2,023	6.3%	2.8%	4.8%
27		Leeds Central	4,616	1,112	5,728	19.4%	6.3%	13.8%
49		Leeds East	3,388	839	4,227	16.1%	5.3%	11.4%
195		Leeds North East	2,127	704	2,831	9.6%	4.0%	7.1%
278		Leeds North West	1,565	521	2,086	7.5%	3.1%	5.6%
171		Leeds West	2,535	603	3,138	10.7%	3.3%	7.5%
164		Leicester East	2,188	764	2,952	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
93		Leicester South	3,333	910	4,243	13.3%	4.8%	9.6%
90		Leicester West	3,172	848	4,020	13.5%	4.7%	9.7%
260		Leigh	1,967	568	2,535	7.9%	3.1%	5.9%
370		Leominster <*	1,182	438	1,620	5.1%	2.8%	4.2%
354		Lewes	1,192	371	1,563	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
81		Lewisham East	2,795	877	3,672	13.9%	5.4%	10.1%
41		Lewisham West	3,598	1,176	4,774	16.4%	6.4%	11.9%
16		Lewisham, Deptford	4,628	1,573	6,201	20.9%	8.5%	15.2%
52		Leyton & Wanstead	3,651	1,175	4,826	15.3%	6.3%	11.3%
460		Lichfield	959	384	1,343	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
74		Lincoln	3,274	903	4,177	14.0%	5.3%	10.3%
70		Liverpool, Garston	3,174	872	4,046	14.5%	5.1%	10.4%
2		Liverpool, Riverside	5,773	1,613	7,386	28.0%	10.4%	20.4%
22		Liverpool, Walton	4,542	1,199	5,741	20.0%	6.9%	14.4%
36		Liverpool, Wavertree	4,128	1,180	5,308	17.7%	6.3%	12.6%
18		Liverpool, West Derby	4,583	1,187	5,770	20.8%	7.3%	15.0%
	15	Llanelli	1,983	602	2,585	11.3%	4.8%	8.6%
349		Loughborough	1,351	492	1,843	5.7%	2.8%	4.4%
218		Louth & Horncastle	1,886	640	2,526	8.4%	4.2%	6.7%
433		Ludlow	957	324	1,281	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
277		Luton North	1,895	642	2,537	7.2%	3.4%	5.6%
159		Luton South	2,717	750	3,467	10.1%	4.2%	7.7%
461		Macclesfield	1,168	337	1,505	4.4%	1.6%	3.2%
497		Maidenhead	912	271	1,183	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
399		Maidstone & The Weald	1,439	464	1,903	5.2%	2.3%	4.0%
253		Makerfield	1,991	591	2,582	8.0%	3.2%	6.0%
357		Maldon & East Chelmsford	1,387	442	1,829	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
61		Manchester, Blackley	3,262	746	4,008	15.3%	4.9%	10.9%
5		Manchester, Central	5,314	1,402	6,716	25.3%	9.5%	18.8%
13		Manchester, Gorton	4,024	1,133	5,157	21.4%	8.3%	15.9%
43		Manchester, Withington	3,295	1,079	4,374	15.9%	6.4%	11.6%
157		Mansfield	2,502	666	3,168	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
211		Medway	2,140	725	2,865	8.4%	4.3%	6.8%
	13	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	1,156	472	1,628	10.6%	6.1%	8.7%
238		Meriden	2,474	810	3,284	8.3%	3.7%	6.3%
	9	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	2,342	468	2,810	13.0%	3.7%	9.2%
496		Mid Bedfordshire	813	307	1,120	3.2%	1.7%	2.6%
429		Mid Dorset & North Poole	1,163	343	1,506	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%
361		Mid Norfolk	1,423	499	1,922	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
516		Mid Sussex	773	261	1,034	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
427		Mid Worcestershire	1,065	425	1,490	4.4%	2.4%	3.6%

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21		Middlesbrough	4,883	1,132	6,015	20.0%	6.5%	14.4%
119		Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	2,886	786	3,672	11.9%	4.5%	8.8%
298		Milton Keynes South West	1,937	579	2,516	7.2%	2.9%	5.3%
140		Mitcham & Morden	2,708	887	3,595	10.9%	4.7%	8.2%
528		Mole Valley	612	184	796	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
	36	Monmouth	1,231	418	1,649	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
	40	Montgomeryshire	568	231	799	3.8%	2.2%	3.1%
142		Morecambe & Lunesdale	2,439	664	3,103	11.2%	4.1%	8.2%
327		Morley & Rothwell	1,623	481	2,104	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%
	24	Neath	1,642	412	2,054	9.3%	3.2%	6.7%
437		New Forest East	1,081	374	1,455	4.4%	2.1%	3.5%
371		New Forest West	1,021	357	1,378	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
263		Newark	1,841	630	2,471	7.4%	3.6%	5.8%
511		Newbury	888	268	1,156	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
57		Newcastle upon Tyne Central	3,102	877	3,979	15.3%	5.5%	11.0%
51		Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	3,335	880	4,215	15.9%	5.4%	11.4%
174		Newcastle upon Tyne North	2,446	586	3,032	10.9%	3.3%	7.5%
321		Newcastle-under-Lyme	1,547	462	2,009	6.7%	2.7%	4.9%
	20	Newport East	1,944	576	2,520	10.0%	4.1%	7.5%
	14	Newport West	2,355	625	2,980	11.9%	4.2%	8.6%
307		Normanton	1,563	500	2,063	7.0%	2.9%	5.2%
105		North Cornwall	2,938	1,210	4,148	11.0%	6.6%	9.2%
241		North Devon	1,918	763	2,681	7.8%	4.2%	6.3%
482		North Dorset	767	298	1,065	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
197		North Durham	2,292	556	2,848	9.9%	3.2%	7.0%
467		North East Bedfordshire	938	359	1,297	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
303		North East Cambridgeshire	1,785	634	2,419	6.6%	3.4%	5.3%
252		North East Derbyshire	2,043	620	2,663	7.9%	3.3%	6.0%
519		North East Hampshire	737	241	978	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
448		North East Hertfordshire	1,110	356	1,466	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
365		North East Milton Keynes	1,450	475	1,925	5.6%	2.4%	4.2%
447		North Essex	1,001	347	1,348	4.2%	2.1%	3.3%
270		North Norfolk	1,699	602	2,301	7.1%	3.7%	5.7%
389		North Shropshire	1,233	469	1,702	5.0%	2.7%	4.1%
19		North Southwark & Bermondsey	4,748	1,577	6,325	20.0%	8.5%	15.0%
434		North Swindon	1,166	413	1,579	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
78		North Thanet	3,030	765	3,795	14.2%	4.8%	10.2%
111		North Tyneside	2,799	798	3,597	12.3%	4.6%	9.0%
359		North Warwickshire	1,505	529	2,034	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
396		North West Cambridgeshire	1,435	466	1,901	5.2%	2.3%	4.0%
176		North West Durham	2,306	567	2,873	10.3%	3.5%	7.5%
527		North West Hampshire *	667	252	919	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
362		North West Leicestershire	1,320	368	1,688	5.7%	2.2%	4.2%
255		North West Norfolk	2,060	666	2,726	7.8%	3.5%	6.0%
462		North Wiltshire	1,104	431	1,535	3.9%	2.1%	3.1%
272		Northampton North	2,170	641	2,811	7.8%	3.0%	5.7%
325		Northampton South	1,898	593	2,491	6.5%	2.7%	4.8%
475		Northavon	1,126	405	1,531	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%
258		Norwich North	2,078	660	2,738	7.8%	3.4%	5.9%
113		Norwich South	3,029	803	3,832	12.3%	4.4%	8.9%
17		Nottingham East	4,880	1,328	6,208	20.9%	7.5%	15.1%
55		Nottingham North	3,680	826	4,506	15.7%	4.8%	11.0%

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66		Nottingham South	3,434	892	4,326	14.9%	5.2%	10.7%
336		Nuneaton	1,651	522	2,173	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
	29	Ogmore	1,414	353	1,767	8.0%	2.8%	5.8%
356		Old Bexley & Sidcup	1,414	517	1,931	5.6%	2.7%	4.3%
320		Oldham East & Saddleworth	1,922	540	2,462	6.9%	2.5%	4.9%
216		Oldham West & Royton	2,399	643	3,042	9.4%	3.2%	6.7%
398		Orpington	1,587	506	2,093	5.2%	2.2%	4.0%
213		Oxford East	2,205	679	2,884	9.3%	3.5%	6.7%
507		Oxford West & Abingdon	888	307	1,195	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
345		Pendle	1,377	362	1,739	6.2%	2.2%	4.5%
420		Penrith & The Border	1,019	459	1,478	4.2%	2.7%	3.6%
187		Peterborough	2,598	802	3,400	9.6%	4.0%	7.2%
134		Plymouth, Devonport	3,118	927	4,045	10.7%	4.8%	8.3%
30		Plymouth, Sutton	4,186	1,328	5,514	17.3%	7.6%	13.2%
160		Pontefract & Castleford	2,383	620	3,003	10.5%	3.8%	7.7%
	31	Pontypridd	1,717	518	2,235	7.8%	3.1%	5.7%
283		Poole	1,605	440	2,045	7.4%	2.8%	5.4%
10		Poplar & Canning Town	5,320	1,452	6,772	22.0%	8.8%	16.6%
240		Portsmouth North	1,999	572	2,571	8.5%	3.3%	6.3%
87		Portsmouth South	3,537	926	4,463	13.3%	5.0%	9.9%
	8	Preseli Pembrokeshire	2,266	637	2,903	12.1%	5.1%	9.3%
127		Preston	3,038	717	3,755	11.9%	3.8%	8.5%
472		Pudsey	1,019	340	1,359	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
217		Putney	1,994	787	2,781	8.9%	4.1%	6.7%
408		Rayleigh	1,274	441	1,715	4.9%	2.4%	3.8%
390		Reading East	1,586	394	1,980	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
418		Reading West	1,437	380	1,817	5.1%	1.8%	3.7%
76		Redcar	3,530	813	4,343	14.2%	4.6%	10.2%
282		Redditch	1,690	656	2,346	7.0%	3.6%	5.5%
69		Regent's Park & Kensington North	4,380	1,890	6,270	13.5%	7.1%	10.6%
487		Reigate	855	254	1,109	3.6%	1.4%	2.7%
	16	Rhondda	2,054	500	2,554	11.3%	4.0%	8.4%
509		Ribble Valley	781	293	1,074	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
430		Richmond	1,076	443	1,519	4.2%	2.5%	3.5%
379		Richmond Park	1,538	612	2,150	5.3%	2.7%	4.1%
149		Rochdale	2,668	662	3,330	11.1%	3.7%	8.0%
65		Rochford & Southend East	3,575	1,029	4,604	14.4%	5.8%	10.8%
385		Romford	1,223	394	1,617	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
478		Romsey	916	288	1,204	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
436		Rosendale & Darwen	1,224	362	1,586	4.8%	1.8%	3.5%
177		Rother Valley	2,508	713	3,221	10.0%	3.9%	7.5%
58		Rotherham	3,208	760	3,968	15.2%	5.1%	11.0%
397		Rugby & Kenilworth	1,479	553	2,032	5.0%	2.5%	4.0%
443		Ruislip - Northwood	998	368	1,366	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
490		Runnymede & Weybridge	928	341	1,269	3.4%	1.7%	2.6%
378		Rushcliffe	1,537	519	2,056	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
510		Rutland & Melton	760	293	1,053	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
405		Ryedale	1,038	423	1,461	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
477		Saffron Walden	960	404	1,364	3.4%	2.1%	2.9%
95		Salford	2,687	627	3,314	13.4%	4.3%	9.6%
459		Salisbury	1,256	375	1,631	4.2%	1.7%	3.2%
143		Scarborough & Whitby	2,613	916	3,529	10.6%	4.9%	8.1%

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193		Scunthorpe	2,110	607	2,717	9.4%	3.9%	7.2%
295		Sedgefield	1,658	435	2,093	7.4%	2.6%	5.4%
334		Selby	1,535	569	2,104	5.8%	3.0%	4.6%
451		Sevenoaks	1,056	361	1,417	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
168		Sheffield, Attercliffe	2,451	694	3,145	10.2%	3.9%	7.5%
38		Sheffield, Brightside	3,606	849	4,455	17.1%	5.6%	12.3%
9		Sheffield, Central	4,962	1,355	6,317	22.7%	8.8%	16.9%
318		Sheffield, Hallam	1,115	523	1,638	6.1%	3.6%	5.0%
97		Sheffield, Heeley	3,061	825	3,886	13.1%	4.7%	9.5%
249		Sheffield, Hillsborough	2,248	780	3,028	8.0%	3.6%	6.1%
256		Sherwood	2,146	603	2,749	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
353		Shipley	1,464	468	1,932	6.0%	2.4%	4.4%
413		Shrewsbury & Atcham	1,337	364	1,701	5.2%	1.8%	3.7%
162		Sittingbourne & Sheppey	2,429	774	3,203	9.7%	4.6%	7.7%
492		Skipton & Ripon	821	345	1,166	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
392		Sleaford & North Hykeham	1,235	452	1,687	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
242		Slough	2,384	642	3,026	8.6%	3.1%	6.3%
446		Solihull	1,172	488	1,660	4.1%	2.2%	3.3%
381		Somerton & Frome *	1,348	494	1,842	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
508		South Cambridgeshire	804	300	1,104	3.0%	1.5%	2.4%
342		South Derbyshire	1,639	539	2,178	6.0%	2.7%	4.6%
224		South Dorset	2,039	615	2,654	8.7%	3.7%	6.6%
484		South East Cambridgeshire	986	371	1,357	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
229		South East Cornwall	2,010	792	2,802	7.9%	4.5%	6.5%
458		South Holland & The Deepings	938	332	1,270	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
376		South Norfolk	1,419	565	1,984	5.0%	2.8%	4.1%
453		South Ribble	1,157	377	1,534	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
40		South Shields	3,416	888	4,304	16.4%	6.0%	12.1%
407		South Staffordshire	1,386	478	1,864	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
417		South Suffolk	1,140	374	1,514	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
326		South Swindon	1,823	569	2,392	6.5%	2.6%	4.8%
106		South Thanet	2,531	689	3,220	12.4%	4.7%	9.1%
439		South West Bedfordshire	1,266	441	1,707	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
377		South West Devon	1,266	496	1,762	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%
488		South West Hertfordshire	948	306	1,254	3.5%	1.5%	2.7%
350		South West Norfolk	1,612	621	2,233	5.3%	3.1%	4.4%
523		South West Surrey	705	200	905	2.7%	1.0%	2.0%
144		Southampton, Itchen	2,974	679	3,653	11.2%	3.7%	8.1%
132		Southampton, Test	2,996	731	3,727	11.6%	3.9%	8.4%
163		Southend West	2,258	694	2,952	10.2%	4.2%	7.6%
210		Southport	2,075	688	2,763	9.3%	3.7%	6.8%
468		Spelthorne	1,132	387	1,519	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
504		St Albans	828	283	1,111	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
207		St Helens North	2,272	649	2,921	9.2%	3.6%	6.8%
130		St Helens South	2,722	700	3,422	11.7%	4.1%	8.5%
75		St Ives	2,908	1,181	4,089	12.4%	7.2%	10.3%
400		Stafford	1,286	417	1,703	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
425		Staffordshire Moorlands	1,156	412	1,568	4.6%	2.2%	3.6%
273		Stalybridge & Hyde	1,897	557	2,454	7.7%	3.0%	5.6%
302		Stevenage	1,874	540	2,414	7.1%	2.8%	5.3%
276		Stockport	1,972	475	2,447	8.0%	2.5%	5.6%
54		Stockton North	3,519	876	4,395	15.3%	5.3%	11.1%

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Rank by overall

unemployment rate		Claimants			Rate		
Eng	Wal	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
138		2,675	763	3,438	11.1%	4.3%	8.2%
153		2,415	627	3,042	10.9%	3.8%	7.9%
308		1,496	420	1,916	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
314		1,778	509	2,287	7.0%	2.6%	5.1%
474		844	386	1,230	3.4%	2.2%	2.9%
322		1,608	548	2,156	6.3%	3.0%	4.9%
479		1,032	427	1,459	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
29		5,202	2,033	7,235	17.6%	8.1%	13.3%
237		2,320	618	2,938	8.9%	3.1%	6.4%
411		1,313	487	1,800	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
319		1,666	551	2,217	6.3%	3.0%	5.0%
84		2,925	639	3,564	14.3%	4.3%	10.1%
42		3,734	861	4,595	16.7%	5.2%	11.8%
525		765	233	998	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
428		1,175	467	1,642	4.5%	2.3%	3.5%
410		1,221	413	1,634	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
	21	2,141	453	2,594	10.8%	3.1%	7.5%
	7	2,259	616	2,875	12.9%	4.7%	9.4%
331		1,550	534	2,084	5.9%	2.9%	4.7%
465		921	282	1,203	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
280		1,993	645	2,638	7.4%	3.1%	5.5%
271		1,902	629	2,531	7.5%	3.3%	5.7%
316		1,547	419	1,966	6.9%	2.5%	5.0%
445		1,046	380	1,426	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
154		2,704	845	3,549	10.2%	4.5%	7.9%
415		1,207	428	1,635	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
435		1,119	351	1,470	4.5%	2.0%	3.5%
107		3,286	1,203	4,489	12.3%	5.3%	9.1%
85		3,135	912	4,047	13.8%	5.2%	10.0%
	22	1,998	529	2,527	9.5%	3.5%	7.0%
251		1,868	775	2,643	7.2%	4.3%	6.0%
206		1,798	706	2,504	8.5%	4.6%	6.8%
6		6,755	2,181	8,936	24.2%	10.1%	18.1%
147		2,546	911	3,457	10.2%	5.0%	8.1%
423		1,214	357	1,571	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
386		1,546	544	2,090	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
20		4,579	956	5,535	20.6%	6.0%	14.5%
161		2,338	682	3,020	10.6%	4.0%	7.7%
317		1,341	418	1,759	6.5%	2.8%	5.0%
374		1,272	437	1,709	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
	12	1,902	560	2,462	12.1%	4.5%	8.8%
	23	2,248	652	2,900	9.1%	3.6%	6.8%
483		800	399	1,199	3.1%	2.2%	2.7%
12		6,123	2,225	8,348	21.7%	9.2%	16.0%
219		2,370	669	3,039	9.0%	3.5%	6.7%
50		3,454	996	4,450	15.8%	5.8%	11.4%
125		2,958	781	3,739	11.4%	4.5%	8.6%
98		2,942	855	3,797	12.4%	5.2%	9.5%
56		3,598	1,220	4,818	14.6%	6.4%	11.0%
115		2,556	668	3,224	12.5%	4.2%	8.9%
444		1,071	441	1,512	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
512		791	295	1,086	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%

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Rank by overall

unemployment rate		Claimants			Rate			
Eng	Wal	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
94		Warley	2,703	854	3,557	12.6%	5.5%	9.6%
299		Warrington North	1,902	552	2,454	7.1%	2.8%	5.3%
366		Warrington South	1,410	495	1,905	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
409		Warwick & Leamington	1,456	487	1,943	5.1%	2.2%	3.8%
401		Watford	1,575	428	2,003	5.4%	1.9%	3.9%
79		Waveney	3,310	1,109	4,419	12.9%	6.2%	10.2%
503		Wealden	858	318	1,176	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
202		Weaver Vale	2,079	697	2,776	9.0%	4.1%	6.9%
383		Wellingborough	1,561	502	2,063	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
292		Wells	1,618	627	2,245	6.7%	3.6%	5.4%
469		Welwyn Hatfield	1,033	322	1,355	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
110		Wentworth	2,770	664	3,434	12.5%	4.2%	9.0%
128		West Bromwich East	2,678	806	3,484	11.1%	4.7%	8.5%
104		West Bromwich West	2,903	895	3,798	11.7%	5.4%	9.2%
394		West Chelmsford	1,505	530	2,035	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
438		West Derbyshire	1,094	412	1,506	4.3%	2.3%	3.5%
402		West Dorset	1,019	433	1,452	4.8%	2.7%	3.9%
14		West Ham	4,746	1,423	6,169	20.8%	8.8%	15.8%
221		West Lancashire	2,334	663	2,997	9.1%	3.4%	6.6%
422		West Suffolk	1,381	490	1,871	4.4%	2.3%	3.6%
432		West Worcestershire	991	359	1,350	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
352		Westbury	1,547	568	2,115	5.6%	2.8%	4.4%
455		Westmorland & Lonsdale	952	349	1,301	4.2%	1.9%	3.2%
212		Weston-Super-Mare	2,096	695	2,791	8.8%	3.9%	6.7%
156		Wigan	2,360	683	3,043	10.4%	4.2%	7.8%
337		Wimbledon	1,517	542	2,059	6.1%	2.8%	4.6%
485		Winchester	996	325	1,321	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
495		Windsor	940	327	1,267	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
267		Wirral South	1,620	503	2,123	7.9%	3.1%	5.7%
226		Wirral West	1,751	624	2,375	8.7%	3.9%	6.6%
518		Witney	772	288	1,060	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
524		Woking	764	206	970	2.6%	1.0%	2.0%
529		Wokingham	571	190	761	2.0%	0.9%	1.6%
136		Wolverhampton North East	2,559	676	3,235	11.1%	4.3%	8.3%
96		Wolverhampton South East	2,538	659	3,197	12.7%	5.0%	9.6%
155		Wolverhampton South West	2,356	762	3,118	10.2%	4.5%	7.8%
481		Woodspring	923	310	1,233	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
301		Worcester	1,701	526	2,227	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
146		Workington	2,543	717	3,260	10.8%	4.3%	8.1%
310		Worsley	1,754	476	2,230	7.1%	2.5%	5.1%
368		Worthing West	1,172	332	1,504	5.9%	2.1%	4.2%
431		Wrekin, The	1,002	328	1,330	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
	28	Wrexham	1,383	406	1,789	8.0%	3.1%	5.9%
426		Wycombe	1,454	388	1,842	4.8%	1.8%	3.6%
343		Wyre Forest	1,591	542	2,133	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
123		Wythenshawe & Sale East	3,180	724	3,904	12.6%	3.7%	8.7%
373		Yeovil *	1,379	497	1,876	5.3%	2.6%	4.2%
	3	Ynys-Mon	2,302	680	2,982	12.8%	5.7%	10.0%
196		York, City of	2,636	824	3,460	9.7%	3.7%	7.0%
		England & Wales	1,212,250	371,885	1,584,135	8.7%	3.6%	6.5%

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B. (not seasonally adjusted) - highest and lowest

Rank by overall

unemployment rate		Claimants			Rate				
		Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All		
1	Birmingham, Ladywood			6,727	1,826	8,553	27.4%	10.8%	20.7%
2	Liverpool, Riverside			5,773	1,613	7,386	28.0%	10.4%	20.4%
3	Hackney South & Shoreditch			6,352	2,076	8,428	27.0%	10.9%	19.8%
4	Hackney North & Stoke Newington			6,002	2,199	8,201	25.0%	11.8%	19.2%
5	Manchester, Central			5,314	1,402	6,716	25.3%	9.5%	18.8%
6	Tottenham			6,755	2,181	8,936	24.2%	10.1%	18.1%
7	Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath			5,745	1,626	7,371	22.0%	10.4%	17.7%
8	Bethnal Green & Bow			5,811	1,509	7,320	23.2%	9.2%	17.6%
9	Sheffield, Central			4,962	1,355	6,317	22.7%	8.8%	16.9%
10	Poplar & Canning Town			5,320	1,452	6,772	22.0%	8.8%	16.6%
11	Camberwell & Peckham			4,596	1,617	6,213	22.3%	9.5%	16.5%
12	Vauxhall			6,123	2,225	8,348	21.7%	9.2%	16.0%
13	Manchester, Gorton			4,024	1,133	5,157	21.4%	8.3%	15.9%
14	West Ham			4,746	1,423	6,169	20.8%	8.8%	15.8%
15	Islington North			4,934	1,959	6,893	20.7%	9.4%	15.5%
16	Lewisham, Deptford			4,628	1,573	6,201	20.9%	8.5%	15.2%
17	Nottingham East			4,880	1,328	6,208	20.9%	7.5%	15.1%
18	Liverpool, West Derby			4,583	1,187	5,770	20.8%	7.3%	15.0%
19	North Southwark & Bermondsey			4,748	1,577	6,325	20.0%	8.5%	15.0%
20	Tyne Bridge			4,579	956	5,535	20.6%	6.0%	14.5%
21	Middlesbrough			4,883	1,132	6,015	20.0%	6.5%	14.4%
22	Liverpool, Walton			4,542	1,199	5,741	20.0%	6.9%	14.4%
23	Islington South & Finsbury			4,073	1,515	5,588	18.5%	8.6%	14.1%
24	Birkenhead			4,238	989	5,227	20.1%	6.1%	14.1%
25	Holborn & St Pancras			4,189	1,508	5,697	19.0%	8.1%	14.0%
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505	Harborough			811	303	1,114	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
506	Bosworth			818	285	1,103	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
507	Oxford West & Abingdon			888	307	1,195	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
508	South Cambridgeshire			804	300	1,104	3.0%	1.5%	2.4%
509	Ribble Valley			781	293	1,074	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
510	Rutland & Melton			760	293	1,053	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
511	Newbury			888	268	1,156	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
512	Wantage			791	295	1,086	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
513	Beaconsfield			762	282	1,044	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
514	Guildford			858	259	1,117	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
515	Bracknell			949	270	1,219	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
516	Mid Sussex			773	261	1,034	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
517	Aldershot			1,021	339	1,360	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
518	Witney			772	288	1,060	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
519	North East Hampshire			737	241	978	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
520	Buckingham			635	210	845	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
521	Henley			690	243	933	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
522	Horsham			758	245	1,003	2.7%	1.2%	2.0%
523	South West Surrey			705	200	905	2.7%	1.0%	2.0%
524	Woking			764	206	970	2.6%	1.0%	2.0%
525	Surrey Heath			765	233	998	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
526	Chesham & Amersham			662	184	846	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
527	North West Hampshire *			667	252	919	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
528	Mole Valley			612	184	796	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
529	Wokingham			571	190	761	2.0%	0.9%	1.6%
	England & Wales			1,212,250	371,885	1,584,135	8.7%	3.6%	6.5%

III Change in Unemployed Claimants February 1996 - February 1997

New Constituencies in England & Wales

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Rank by % change
(largest fall first)

Eng	Wal		Unemployed Claimants		Change Feb 1996 - Feb 1997	
			Feb 1996	Feb 1997	Number	Percentage
	39	Aberavon	2,204	2,055	-149	-6.8%
68		Aldershot	1,994	1,360	-634	-31.8%
149		Aldridge - Brownhills	2,641	1,937	-704	-26.7%
289		Altrincham & Sale West	2,238	1,749	-489	-21.8%
	11	Alyn & Deeside	2,187	1,709	-478	-21.9%
168		Amber Valley	3,006	2,227	-779	-25.9%
26		Arundel & South Downs	1,501	968	-533	-35.5%
292		Ashfield	4,109	3,213	-896	-21.8%
434		Ashford	2,998	2,489	-509	-17.0%
273		Ashton under Lyne	3,912	3,037	-875	-22.4%
38		Aylesbury	2,600	1,732	-868	-33.4%
8		Banbury	2,440	1,491	-949	-38.9%
469		Barking *	3,578	3,018	-560	-15.7%
462		Barnsley Central	3,708	3,120	-588	-15.9%
493		Barnsley East & Mexborough	3,990	3,424	-566	-14.2%
339		Barnsley West & Penistone	3,153	2,503	-650	-20.6%
354		Barrow & Furness	4,115	3,283	-832	-20.2%
229		Basildon	4,364	3,317	-1,047	-24.0%
54		Basingstoke *	2,413	1,629	-784	-32.5%
359		Bassetlaw	3,860	3,088	-772	-20.0%
377		Bath *>	3,883	3,129	-754	-19.4%
300		Batley & Spen	3,167	2,481	-686	-21.7%
235		Battersea	5,624	4,283	-1,341	-23.8%
30		Beaconsfield	1,609	1,044	-565	-35.1%
325		Beckenham	3,820	3,024	-796	-20.8%
383		Bedford	3,626	2,927	-699	-19.3%
425		Berwick-upon-Tweed	2,790	2,302	-488	-17.5%
463		Bethnal Green & Bow	8,698	7,320	-1,378	-15.8%
319		Beverley & Holderness	2,879	2,275	-604	-21.0%
139		Bexhill & Battle	2,104	1,535	-569	-27.0%
302		Bexleyheath & Crayford	2,745	2,152	-593	-21.6%
165		Billericay	3,534	2,612	-922	-26.1%
504		Birkenhead	6,018	5,227	-791	-13.1%
220		Birmingham, Edgbaston	4,761	3,608	-1,153	-24.2%
464		Birmingham, Erdington	5,442	4,580	-862	-15.8%
426		Birmingham, Hall Green	3,500	2,888	-612	-17.5%
412		Birmingham, Hodge Hill	4,853	3,990	-863	-17.8%
461		Birmingham, Ladywood	10,168	8,553	-1,615	-15.9%
380		Birmingham, Northfield	3,426	2,763	-663	-19.4%
341		Birmingham, Perry Barr	5,825	4,625	-1,200	-20.6%
206		Birmingham, Selly Oak	4,726	3,566	-1,160	-24.5%
439		Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	8,849	7,371	-1,478	-16.7%
271		Birmingham, Yardley	3,618	2,805	-813	-22.5%
440		Bishop Auckland	3,134	2,612	-522	-16.7%
95		Blaby	1,708	1,206	-502	-29.4%
494		Blackburn	3,842	3,297	-545	-14.2%
521		Blackpool North & Fleetwood	3,600	3,184	-416	-11.6%
491		Blackpool South	5,339	4,570	-769	-14.4%
	29	Blaenau Gwent	3,089	2,669	-420	-13.6%
295		Blaydon	3,362	2,630	-732	-21.8%
418		Blyth Valley	3,611	2,973	-638	-17.7%
46		Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	2,634	1,766	-868	-33.0%
249		Bolsover	3,697	2,838	-859	-23.2%
231		Bolton North East	3,499	2,663	-836	-23.9%

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261		Bolton South East	3,435	2,646	-789	-23.0%
162		Bolton West	1,940	1,433	-507	-26.1%
527		Bootle	5,381	4,861	-520	-9.7%
94		Boston & Skegness	4,117	2,905	-1,212	-29.4%
131		Bosworth	1,518	1,103	-415	-27.3%
77		Bournemouth East	3,875	2,669	-1,206	-31.1%
321		Bournemouth West	3,995	3,159	-836	-20.9%
3		Bracknell	2,169	1,219	-950	-43.8%
437		Bradford North	5,068	4,212	-856	-16.9%
444		Bradford South	4,040	3,372	-668	-16.5%
466		Bradford West	5,924	4,992	-932	-15.7%
57		Braintree	3,060	2,069	-991	-32.4%
	3	Brecon & Radnorshire	1,843	1,379	-464	-25.2%
203		Brent East	7,539	5,683	-1,856	-24.6%
291		Brent North	3,289	2,571	-718	-21.8%
351		Brent South	7,556	6,026	-1,530	-20.2%
398		Brentford & Isleworth	4,576	3,734	-842	-18.4%
76		Brentwood & Ongar	2,024	1,394	-630	-31.1%
	12	Bridgend	2,450	1,919	-531	-21.7%
449		Bridgwater	3,473	2,904	-569	-16.4%
415		Brigg & Goole	2,999	2,468	-531	-17.7%
279		Brighton, Kemptown	5,516	4,288	-1,228	-22.3%
375		Brighton, Pavilion	6,809	5,481	-1,328	-19.5%
332		Bristol East	5,191	4,115	-1,076	-20.7%
158		Bristol North West	4,185	3,083	-1,102	-26.3%
251		Bristol South	5,377	4,128	-1,249	-23.2%
252		Bristol West	5,348	4,108	-1,240	-23.2%
138		Bromley & Chislehurst	2,677	1,953	-724	-27.0%
192		Bromsgrove	2,421	1,818	-603	-24.9%
118		Broxbourne	2,870	2,062	-808	-28.2%
232		Broxtowe	2,908	2,214	-694	-23.9%
22		Buckingham	1,323	845	-478	-36.1%
335		Burnley	2,178	1,728	-450	-20.7%
460		Burton	3,387	2,849	-538	-15.9%
172		Bury North	2,132	1,585	-547	-25.7%
228		Bury South	2,509	1,906	-603	-24.0%
274		Bury St Edmunds	2,139	1,661	-478	-22.3%
	31	Caernarfon	2,997	2,629	-368	-12.3%
	15	Caerphilly	3,807	3,004	-803	-21.1%
468		Calder Valley	2,661	2,244	-417	-15.7%
388		Camberwell & Peckham	7,673	6,213	-1,460	-19.0%
318		Cambridge	2,974	2,350	-624	-21.0%
126		Cannock Chase	3,321	2,407	-914	-27.5%
422		Canterbury	3,141	2,590	-551	-17.5%
	18	Cardiff Central	3,831	3,074	-757	-19.8%
	6	Cardiff North	1,849	1,408	-441	-23.9%
	14	Cardiff South & Penarth	4,645	3,660	-985	-21.2%
	19	Cardiff West	4,291	3,469	-822	-19.2%
482		Carlisle	3,263	2,781	-482	-14.8%
	30	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	1,979	1,729	-250	-12.6%
	36	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	3,320	2,992	-328	-9.9%
213		Carshalton & Wallington	3,058	2,311	-747	-24.4%
114		Castle Point	3,148	2,256	-892	-28.3%
420		Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	2,157	1,777	-380	-17.6%

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	25	Ceredigion	2,090	1,770	-320	-15.3%
93		Charnwood	1,812	1,278	-534	-29.5%
66		Chatham & Aylesford	3,711	2,530	-1,181	-31.8%
36		Cheadle	1,677	1,111	-566	-33.8%
346		Cheltenham	3,316	2,638	-678	-20.4%
1		Chesham & Amersham	1,542	846	-696	-45.1%
451		Chesterfield	3,993	3,349	-644	-16.1%
241		Chester, City of	3,154	2,408	-746	-23.7%
40		Chichester	2,117	1,413	-704	-33.3%
108		Chingford & Woodford Green	2,973	2,120	-853	-28.7%
90		Chipping Barnet	2,877	2,022	-855	-29.7%
303		Chorley	2,604	2,042	-562	-21.6%
87		Christchurch	1,899	1,333	-566	-29.8%
253		Cities of London & Westminster	9,144	7,025	-2,119	-23.2%
489		Cleethorpes	3,922	3,353	-569	-14.5%
	1	Clwyd South *>	2,308	1,661	-647	-28.0%
	21	Clwyd West <*	2,354	1,921	-433	-18.4%
84		Colchester	3,532	2,466	-1,066	-30.2%
265		Colne Valley	2,813	2,173	-640	-22.8%
154		Congleton	1,773	1,304	-469	-26.5%
	24	Conwy	3,374	2,833	-541	-16.0%
455		Copeland	3,646	3,061	-585	-16.0%
50		Corby	2,894	1,944	-950	-32.8%
81		Cotswold	1,510	1,049	-461	-30.5%
152		Coventry North East	5,720	4,204	-1,516	-26.5%
163		Coventry North West	3,990	2,948	-1,042	-26.1%
188		Coventry South	4,252	3,180	-1,072	-25.2%
60		Crawley	2,647	1,796	-851	-32.1%
312		Crewe & Nantwich	2,883	2,266	-617	-21.4%
419		Crosby	2,955	2,433	-522	-17.7%
281		Croydon Central	5,237	4,072	-1,165	-22.2%
396		Croydon North	6,957	5,670	-1,287	-18.5%
49		Croydon South	2,814	1,889	-925	-32.9%
	5	Cynon Valley	2,895	2,195	-700	-24.2%
218		Dagenham	3,459	2,616	-843	-24.4%
520		Darlington	4,099	3,609	-490	-12.0%
298		Dartford	3,206	2,510	-696	-21.7%
113		Daventry	1,982	1,420	-562	-28.4%
	22	Delyn	1,942	1,587	-355	-18.3%
328		Denton & Reddish	3,091	2,448	-643	-20.8%
423		Derby North	4,079	3,365	-714	-17.5%
438		Derby South	6,140	5,105	-1,035	-16.9%
133		Devizes	2,292	1,667	-625	-27.3%
105		Dewsbury	3,074	2,185	-889	-28.9%
519		Don Valley	3,536	3,113	-423	-12.0%
510		Doncaster Central	5,332	4,654	-678	-12.7%
456		Doncaster North	4,463	3,749	-714	-16.0%
512		Dover	4,032	3,523	-509	-12.6%
358		Dudley North	3,975	3,178	-797	-20.1%
392		Dudley South	3,071	2,492	-579	-18.9%
299		Dulwich & West Norwood	7,182	5,623	-1,559	-21.7%
448		Durham, City of	2,837	2,372	-465	-16.4%
329		Ealing North *	4,625	3,663	-962	-20.8%
160		Ealing Southall	5,548	4,092	-1,456	-26.2%

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446		Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	6,987	5,840	-1,147	-16.4%
150		Easington	3,209	2,355	-854	-26.6%
286		East Devon	2,038	1,588	-450	-22.1%
315		East Ham	7,026	5,534	-1,492	-21.2%
144		East Hampshire	2,219	1,623	-596	-26.9%
19		East Surrey	1,947	1,242	-705	-36.2%
132		East Worthing & Shoreham	2,288	1,663	-625	-27.3%
405		East Yorkshire	3,277	2,684	-593	-18.1%
336		Eastbourne	3,098	2,458	-640	-20.7%
110		Eastleigh	1,969	1,406	-563	-28.6%
224		Eccles	3,182	2,415	-767	-24.1%
264		Eddisbury	2,104	1,625	-479	-22.8%
450		Edmonton	5,091	4,264	-827	-16.2%
175		Ellesmere Port & Neston	3,075	2,290	-785	-25.5%
166		Elmet	2,468	1,827	-641	-26.0%
417		Eltham	3,616	2,977	-639	-17.7%
411		Enfield North	3,993	3,281	-712	-17.8%
306		Enfield, Southgate	3,459	2,715	-744	-21.5%
119		Epping Forest	2,976	2,139	-837	-28.1%
23		Epsom & Ewell	1,886	1,206	-680	-36.1%
182		Erewash	3,705	2,767	-938	-25.3%
473		Erith & Thamesmead	5,739	4,849	-890	-15.5%
12		Esher & Walton	1,997	1,259	-738	-37.0%
287		Exeter	3,970	3,096	-874	-22.0%
326		Falmouth & Camborne	4,655	3,686	-969	-20.8%
52		Fareham	2,009	1,351	-658	-32.8%
156		Faversham & Mid Kent	2,733	2,013	-720	-26.3%
410		Feltham & Heston	4,105	3,373	-732	-17.8%
389		Finchley & Golders Green	3,858	3,127	-731	-18.9%
508		Folkestone & Hythe	4,348	3,792	-556	-12.8%
337		Forest of Dean	2,257	1,791	-466	-20.6%
171		Fylde	1,649	1,223	-426	-25.8%
196		Gainsborough	2,698	2,028	-670	-24.8%
117		Gateshead East & Washington West	3,837	2,756	-1,081	-28.2%
205		Gedling	3,317	2,502	-815	-24.6%
35		Gillingham	3,950	2,613	-1,337	-33.8%
435		Gloucester	4,142	3,439	-703	-17.0%
222		Gosport	2,578	1,954	-624	-24.2%
	34	Gower	2,063	1,839	-224	-10.9%
313		Grantham & Stamford	2,266	1,782	-484	-21.4%
248		Gravesham	4,199	3,222	-977	-23.3%
515		Great Grimsby	5,445	4,785	-660	-12.1%
404		Great Yarmouth	5,721	4,684	-1,037	-18.1%
496		Greenwich & Woolwich	6,244	5,364	-880	-14.1%
18		Guildford	1,753	1,117	-636	-36.3%
483		Hackney North & Stoke Newington	9,620	8,201	-1,419	-14.8%
513		Hackney South & Shoreditch	9,637	8,428	-1,209	-12.5%
386		Halesowen & Rowley Regis	3,038	2,455	-583	-19.2%
490		Halifax	4,095	3,504	-591	-14.4%
191		Haltemprice & Howden	1,884	1,411	-473	-25.1%
495		Halton	3,940	3,383	-557	-14.1%
478		Hammersmith & Fulham	6,750	5,721	-1,029	-15.2%
278		Hampstead & Highgate	5,723	4,448	-1,275	-22.3%
51		Harborough	1,657	1,114	-543	-32.8%

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304		Harlow	3,225	2,529	-696	-21.6%
89		Harrogate & Knaresborough	2,246	1,578	-668	-29.7%
324		Harrow East	3,645	2,884	-761	-20.9%
255		Harrow West	2,778	2,135	-643	-23.1%
485		Hartlepool	5,218	4,451	-767	-14.7%
184		Harwich	4,177	3,120	-1,057	-25.3%
334		Hastings & Rye	4,979	3,949	-1,030	-20.7%
136		Havant	3,430	2,499	-931	-27.1%
254		Hayes & Harlington	3,022	2,322	-700	-23.2%
123		Hazel Grove	1,877	1,353	-524	-27.9%
44		Hemel Hempstead	2,497	1,672	-825	-33.0%
498		Hemsworth	3,470	2,987	-483	-13.9%
441		Hendon	4,104	3,422	-682	-16.6%
7		Henley	1,530	933	-597	-39.0%
402		Hereford *>	3,044	2,491	-553	-18.2%
9		Hertford & Stortford	2,038	1,263	-775	-38.0%
39		Hertsmere	2,246	1,497	-749	-33.3%
233		Hexham	1,894	1,442	-452	-23.9%
378		Heywood & Middleton	3,906	3,148	-758	-19.4%
268		High Peak	2,465	1,910	-555	-22.5%
41		Hitchin & Harpenden	1,898	1,268	-630	-33.2%
427		Holborn & St Pancras	6,891	5,697	-1,194	-17.3%
134		Hornchurch	2,453	1,786	-667	-27.2%
344		Hornsey & Wood Green	7,688	6,110	-1,578	-20.5%
11		Horsham	1,593	1,003	-590	-37.0%
276		Houghton & Washington East	3,946	3,066	-880	-22.3%
357		Hove	5,035	4,020	-1,015	-20.2%
458		Huddersfield	4,311	3,624	-687	-15.9%
143		Huntingdon	2,374	1,736	-638	-26.9%
518		Hyndburn	2,042	1,796	-246	-12.0%
101		Ilford North	3,307	2,347	-960	-29.0%
345		Ilford South *	5,405	4,299	-1,106	-20.5%
514		Ipswich	3,664	3,216	-448	-12.2%
471		Isle of Wight	6,533	5,516	-1,017	-15.6%
395		Islington North	8,458	6,893	-1,565	-18.5%
393		Islington South & Finsbury	6,880	5,588	-1,292	-18.8%
	8	Islwyn	2,183	1,674	-509	-23.3%
258		Jarrow	4,292	3,302	-990	-23.1%
207		Keighley	2,798	2,112	-686	-24.5%
135		Kensington & Chelsea	4,428	3,225	-1,203	-27.2%
88		Kettering	2,531	1,777	-754	-29.8%
320		Kingston upon Hull East	5,193	4,104	-1,089	-21.0%
353		Kingston upon Hull North	6,202	4,948	-1,254	-20.2%
250		Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	5,596	4,296	-1,300	-23.2%
91		Kingston & Surbiton	3,117	2,194	-923	-29.6%
65		Kingswood	3,080	2,099	-981	-31.9%
479		Knowsley North & Sefton East	5,187	4,404	-783	-15.1%
484		Knowsley South	5,686	4,849	-837	-14.7%
522		Lancaster & Wyre	2,281	2,023	-258	-11.3%
414		Leeds Central	6,961	5,728	-1,233	-17.7%
373		Leeds East	5,254	4,227	-1,027	-19.5%
284		Leeds North East	3,639	2,831	-808	-22.2%
230		Leeds North West	2,741	2,086	-655	-23.9%
226		Leeds West	4,134	3,138	-996	-24.1%

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200		Leicester East	3,917	2,952	-965	-24.6%
348		Leicester South	5,329	4,243	-1,086	-20.4%
282		Leicester West	5,169	4,020	-1,149	-22.2%
429		Leigh	3,061	2,535	-526	-17.2%
128		Leominster <*	2,234	1,620	-614	-27.5%
83		Lewes	2,247	1,563	-684	-30.4%
371		Lewisham East	4,567	3,672	-895	-19.6%
480		Lewisham West	5,608	4,774	-834	-14.9%
430		Lewisham, Deptford	7,486	6,201	-1,285	-17.2%
186		Leyton & Wanstead	6,456	4,826	-1,630	-25.2%
53		Lichfield	1,995	1,343	-652	-32.7%
277		Lincoln	5,375	4,177	-1,198	-22.3%
500		Liverpool, Garston	4,692	4,046	-646	-13.8%
517		Liverpool, Riverside	8,400	7,386	-1,014	-12.1%
524		Liverpool, Walton	6,437	5,741	-696	-10.8%
505		Liverpool, Wavertree	6,110	5,308	-802	-13.1%
523		Liverpool, West Derby	6,485	5,770	-715	-11.0%
40		Llanelli	2,619	2,585	-34	-1.3%
322		Loughborough	2,330	1,843	-487	-20.9%
442		Louth & Horncastle	3,029	2,526	-503	-16.6%
92		Ludlow	1,818	1,281	-537	-29.5%
177		Luton North	3,404	2,537	-867	-25.5%
236		Luton South	4,551	3,467	-1,084	-23.8%
445		Macclesfield	1,803	1,505	-298	-16.5%
69		Maidenhead	1,734	1,183	-551	-31.8%
99		Maidstone & The Weald	2,689	1,903	-786	-29.2%
472		Makerfield	3,057	2,582	-475	-15.5%
246		Maldon & East Chelmsford	2,393	1,829	-564	-23.6%
285		Manchester, Blackley	5,149	4,008	-1,141	-22.2%
454		Manchester, Central	8,001	6,716	-1,285	-16.1%
503		Manchester, Gorton	5,943	5,157	-786	-13.2%
501		Manchester, Withington	5,072	4,374	-698	-13.8%
267		Mansfield	4,096	3,168	-928	-22.7%
210		Medway	3,794	2,865	-929	-24.5%
27		Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	1,908	1,628	-280	-14.7%
309		Meriden	4,181	3,284	-897	-21.5%
9		Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	3,644	2,810	-834	-22.9%
32		Mid Bedfordshire	1,703	1,120	-583	-34.2%
79		Mid Dorset & North Poole	2,182	1,506	-676	-31.0%
208		Mid Norfolk	2,546	1,922	-624	-24.5%
17		Mid Sussex	1,626	1,034	-592	-36.4%
106		Mid Worcestershire	2,094	1,490	-604	-28.8%
349		Middlesbrough	7,544	6,015	-1,529	-20.3%
296		Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	4,693	3,672	-1,021	-21.8%
368		Milton Keynes South West	3,133	2,516	-617	-19.7%
390		Mitcham & Morden	4,434	3,595	-839	-18.9%
4		Mole Valley	1,407	796	-611	-43.4%
17		Monmouth	2,062	1,649	-413	-20.0%
10		Montgomeryshire	1,027	799	-228	-22.2%
507		Morecambe & Lunesdale	3,563	3,103	-460	-12.9%
257		Morley & Rothwell	2,735	2,104	-631	-23.1%
32		Neath	2,312	2,054	-258	-11.2%
170		New Forest East	1,962	1,455	-507	-25.8%
161		New Forest West	1,867	1,378	-489	-26.2%

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215		Newark	3,268	2,471	-797	-24.4%
6		Newbury	1,902	1,156	-746	-39.2%
266		Newcastle upon Tyne Central	5,146	3,979	-1,167	-22.7%
260		Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	5,477	4,215	-1,262	-23.0%
146		Newcastle upon Tyne North	4,141	3,032	-1,109	-26.8%
204		Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,665	2,009	-656	-24.6%
	13	Newport East	3,205	2,520	-685	-21.4%
	23	Newport West	3,593	2,980	-613	-17.1%
408		Normanton	2,514	2,063	-451	-17.9%
399		North Cornwall	5,081	4,148	-933	-18.4%
225		North Devon	3,532	2,681	-851	-24.1%
141		North Dorset	1,459	1,065	-394	-27.0%
453		North Durham	3,393	2,848	-545	-16.1%
24		North East Bedfordshire	2,019	1,297	-722	-35.8%
221		North East Cambridgeshire	3,192	2,419	-773	-24.2%
244		North East Derbyshire	3,487	2,663	-824	-23.6%
104		North East Hampshire	1,377	978	-399	-29.0%
80		North East Hertfordshire	2,124	1,466	-658	-31.0%
214		North East Milton Keynes	2,547	1,925	-622	-24.4%
25		North Essex	2,097	1,348	-749	-35.7%
331		North Norfolk	2,904	2,301	-603	-20.8%
202		North Shropshire	2,258	1,702	-556	-24.6%
355		North Southwark & Bermondsey	7,926	6,325	-1,601	-20.2%
61		North Swindon	2,326	1,579	-747	-32.1%
314		North Thanet	4,821	3,795	-1,026	-21.3%
197		North Tyneside	4,782	3,597	-1,185	-24.8%
242		North Warwickshire	2,664	2,034	-630	-23.6%
169		North West Cambridgeshire	2,565	1,901	-664	-25.9%
474		North West Durham	3,397	2,873	-524	-15.4%
14		North West Hampshire *	1,453	919	-534	-36.8%
219		North West Leicestershire	2,231	1,688	-543	-24.3%
465		North West Norfolk	3,238	2,726	-512	-15.8%
129		North Wiltshire	2,116	1,535	-581	-27.5%
403		Northampton North	3,435	2,811	-624	-18.2%
316		Northampton South	3,161	2,491	-670	-21.2%
20		Northavon	2,400	1,531	-869	-36.2%
372		Norwich North	3,404	2,738	-666	-19.6%
416		Norwich South	4,655	3,832	-823	-17.7%
174		Nottingham East	8,344	6,208	-2,136	-25.6%
333		Nottingham North	5,684	4,506	-1,178	-20.7%
195		Nottingham South	5,759	4,326	-1,433	-24.9%
256		Nuneaton	2,827	2,173	-654	-23.1%
	2	Ogmore	2,380	1,767	-613	-25.8%
317		Old Bexley & Sidcup	2,448	1,931	-517	-21.1%
56		Oldham East & Saddleworth	3,646	2,462	-1,184	-32.5%
115		Oldham West & Royton	4,238	3,042	-1,196	-28.2%
120		Orpington	2,912	2,093	-819	-28.1%
140		Oxford East	3,953	2,884	-1,069	-27.0%
100		Oxford West & Abingdon	1,688	1,195	-493	-29.2%
272		Pendle	2,242	1,739	-503	-22.4%
310		Penrith & The Border	1,881	1,478	-403	-21.4%
343		Peterborough	4,280	3,400	-880	-20.6%
352		Plymouth, Devonport	5,072	4,045	-1,027	-20.2%
366		Plymouth, Sutton	6,871	5,514	-1,357	-19.7%

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509		Pontefract & Castleford	3,443	3,003	-440	-12.8%
	16	Pontypridd	2,799	2,235	-564	-20.2%
159		Poole	2,775	2,045	-730	-26.3%
350		Poplar & Canning Town	8,493	6,772	-1,721	-20.3%
167		Portsmouth North	3,472	2,571	-901	-26.0%
407		Portsmouth South	5,442	4,463	-979	-18.0%
	37	Preseli Pembrokeshire	3,149	2,903	-246	-7.8%
376		Preston	4,663	3,755	-908	-19.5%
148		Pudsey	1,854	1,359	-495	-26.7%
263		Putney	3,603	2,781	-822	-22.8%
78		Rayleigh	2,485	1,715	-770	-31.0%
27		Reading East	3,066	1,980	-1,086	-35.4%
47		Reading West	2,710	1,817	-893	-33.0%
290		Redcar	5,557	4,343	-1,214	-21.8%
486		Redditch	2,749	2,346	-403	-14.7%
340		Regent's Park & Kensington North	7,897	6,270	-1,627	-20.6%
28		Reigate	1,714	1,109	-605	-35.3%
	28	Rhondda	2,977	2,554	-423	-14.2%
364		Ribble Valley	1,339	1,074	-265	-19.8%
96		Richmond	2,149	1,519	-630	-29.3%
194		Richmond Park	2,863	2,150	-713	-24.9%
506		Rochdale	3,828	3,330	-498	-13.0%
481		Rochford & Southend East	5,405	4,604	-801	-14.8%
31		Romford	2,486	1,617	-869	-35.0%
173		Romsey	1,619	1,204	-415	-25.6%
247		Rossendale & Darwen	2,074	1,586	-488	-23.5%
406		Rother Valley	3,928	3,221	-707	-18.0%
528		Rotherham	4,328	3,968	-360	-8.3%
311		Rugby & Kenilworth	2,586	2,032	-554	-21.4%
198		Ruislip - Northwood	1,815	1,366	-449	-24.7%
64		Runnymede & Weybridge	1,863	1,269	-594	-31.9%
48		Rushcliffe	3,065	2,056	-1,009	-32.9%
34		Rutland & Melton	1,593	1,053	-540	-33.9%
374		Ryedale	1,815	1,461	-354	-19.5%
45		Saffron Walden	2,036	1,364	-672	-33.0%
127		Salford	4,572	3,314	-1,258	-27.5%
58		Salisbury	2,411	1,631	-780	-32.4%
447		Scarborough & Whitby	4,221	3,529	-692	-16.4%
338		Scunthorpe	3,423	2,717	-706	-20.6%
323		Sedgefield	2,646	2,093	-553	-20.9%
365		Selby	2,622	2,104	-518	-19.8%
59		Sevenoaks	2,090	1,417	-673	-32.2%
342		Sheffield, Attercliffe	3,960	3,145	-815	-20.6%
499		Sheffield, Brightside	5,171	4,455	-716	-13.8%
387		Sheffield, Central	7,810	6,317	-1,493	-19.1%
217		Sheffield, Hallam	2,166	1,638	-528	-24.4%
356		Sheffield, Heeley	4,868	3,886	-982	-20.2%
370		Sheffield, Hillsborough	3,769	3,028	-741	-19.7%
121		Sherwood	3,823	2,749	-1,074	-28.1%
497		Shipley	2,245	1,932	-313	-13.9%
62		Shrewsbury & Atcham	2,498	1,701	-797	-31.9%
361		Sittingbourne & Sheppey	3,998	3,203	-795	-19.9%
33		Skipton & Ripon	1,770	1,166	-604	-34.1%
98		Sleaford & North Hykeham	2,384	1,687	-697	-29.2%

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187		Slough	4,047	3,026	-1,021	-25.2%
237		Solihull	2,178	1,660	-518	-23.8%
130		Somerton & Frome *	2,537	1,842	-695	-27.4%
75		South Cambridgeshire	1,606	1,104	-502	-31.3%
347		South Derbyshire	2,736	2,178	-558	-20.4%
293		South Dorset	3,394	2,654	-740	-21.8%
223		South East Cambridgeshire	1,790	1,357	-433	-24.2%
185		South East Cornwall	3,749	2,802	-947	-25.3%
111		South Holland & The Deepings	1,773	1,270	-503	-28.4%
193		South Norfolk	2,642	1,984	-658	-24.9%
153		South Ribble	2,087	1,534	-553	-26.5%
391		South Shields	5,305	4,304	-1,001	-18.9%
137		South Staffordshire	2,556	1,864	-692	-27.1%
74		South Suffolk	2,205	1,514	-691	-31.3%
190		South Swindon	3,197	2,392	-805	-25.2%
475		South Thanet	3,800	3,220	-580	-15.3%
70		South West Bedfordshire	2,500	1,707	-793	-31.7%
179		South West Devon	2,364	1,762	-602	-25.5%
29		South West Hertfordshire	1,938	1,254	-684	-35.3%
145		South West Norfolk	3,052	2,233	-819	-26.8%
10		South West Surrey	1,456	905	-551	-37.8%
297		Southampton, Itchen	4,667	3,653	-1,014	-21.7%
308		Southampton, Test	4,747	3,727	-1,020	-21.5%
379		Southend West	3,662	2,952	-710	-19.4%
424		Southport	3,349	2,763	-586	-17.5%
157		Spelthorne	2,062	1,519	-543	-26.3%
5		St Albans	1,905	1,111	-794	-41.7%
369		St Helens North	3,637	2,921	-716	-19.7%
492		St Helens South	3,997	3,422	-575	-14.4%
487		St Ives	4,790	4,089	-701	-14.6%
183		Stafford	2,280	1,703	-577	-25.3%
436		Staffordshire Moorlands	1,887	1,568	-319	-16.9%
164		Stalybridge & Hyde	3,321	2,454	-867	-26.1%
63		Stevenage	3,544	2,414	-1,130	-31.9%
212		Stockport	3,238	2,447	-791	-24.4%
477		Stockton North	5,186	4,395	-791	-15.3%
367		Stockton South	4,282	3,438	-844	-19.7%
511		Stoke-on-Trent Central	3,484	3,042	-442	-12.7%
142		Stoke-on-Trent North	2,621	1,916	-705	-26.9%
384		Stoke-on-Trent South	2,833	2,287	-546	-19.3%
112		Stone	1,717	1,230	-487	-28.4%
305		Stourbridge	2,748	2,156	-592	-21.5%
103		Stratford on Avon	2,055	1,459	-596	-29.0%
381		Streatham	8,966	7,235	-1,731	-19.3%
360		Stretford & Urmston	3,671	2,938	-733	-20.0%
178		Stroud	2,415	1,800	-615	-25.5%
385		Suffolk Coastal	2,745	2,217	-528	-19.2%
259		Sunderland North	4,632	3,564	-1,068	-23.1%
280		Sunderland South	5,910	4,595	-1,315	-22.3%
21		Surrey Heath	1,564	998	-566	-36.2%
85		Sutton Coldfield	2,351	1,642	-709	-30.2%
125		Sutton & Cheam	2,260	1,634	-626	-27.7%
33		Swansea East	2,910	2,594	-316	-10.9%
35		Swansea West	3,206	2,875	-331	-10.3%

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97			Tamworth	2,946	2,084	-862	-29.3%
181			Tatton	1,611	1,203	-408	-25.3%
476			Taunton *	3,113	2,638	-475	-15.3%
327			Teignbridge	3,196	2,531	-665	-20.8%
269			Telford	2,537	1,966	-571	-22.5%
301			Tewkesbury	1,820	1,426	-394	-21.6%
413			Thurrock	4,314	3,549	-765	-17.7%
124			Tiverton & Honiton	2,266	1,635	-631	-27.8%
102			Tonbridge & Malling	2,071	1,470	-601	-29.0%
283			Tooting	5,771	4,489	-1,282	-22.2%
307			Torbay	5,155	4,047	-1,108	-21.5%
		20	Torfaen	3,103	2,527	-576	-18.6%
240			Torridge & West Devon	3,463	2,643	-820	-23.7%
238			Totnes	3,283	2,504	-779	-23.7%
470			Tottenham	10,586	8,936	-1,650	-15.6%
457			Truro & St Austell	4,115	3,457	-658	-16.0%
116			Tunbridge Wells	2,188	1,571	-617	-28.2%
362			Twickenham	2,608	2,090	-518	-19.9%
330			Tyne Bridge	6,987	5,535	-1,452	-20.8%
288			Tynemouth	3,868	3,020	-848	-21.9%
294			Upminster	2,249	1,759	-490	-21.8%
73			Uxbridge	2,491	1,709	-782	-31.4%
		26	Vale of Clwyd	2,896	2,462	-434	-15.0%
		4	Vale of Glamorgan	3,848	2,900	-948	-24.6%
71			Vale of York	1,750	1,199	-551	-31.5%
502			Vauxhall	9,667	8,348	-1,319	-13.6%
421			Wakefield	3,688	3,039	-649	-17.6%
525			Wallasey	4,989	4,450	-539	-10.8%
363			Walsall North	4,663	3,739	-924	-19.8%
431			Walsall South	4,582	3,797	-785	-17.1%
239			Walthamstow	6,313	4,818	-1,495	-23.7%
394			Wansbeck	3,958	3,224	-734	-18.5%
43			Wansdyke *>	2,261	1,512	-749	-33.1%
42			Wantage	1,625	1,086	-539	-33.2%
400			Warley	4,354	3,557	-797	-18.3%
401			Warrington North	3,003	2,454	-549	-18.3%
234			Warrington South	2,502	1,905	-597	-23.9%
72			Warwick & Leamington	2,834	1,943	-891	-31.4%
107			Watford	2,813	2,003	-810	-28.8%
526			Waveney	4,921	4,419	-502	-10.2%
13			Wealden	1,863	1,176	-687	-36.9%
443			Weaver Vale	3,326	2,776	-550	-16.5%
201			Wellingborough	2,737	2,063	-674	-24.6%
275			Wells	2,890	2,245	-645	-22.3%
67			Welwyn Hatfield	1,987	1,355	-632	-31.8%
459			Wentworth	4,084	3,434	-650	-15.9%
397			West Bromwich East	4,270	3,484	-786	-18.4%
433			West Bromwich West	4,580	3,798	-782	-17.1%
245			West Chelmsford	2,664	2,035	-629	-23.6%
262			West Derbyshire	1,955	1,506	-449	-23.0%
211			West Dorset	1,922	1,452	-470	-24.5%
409			West Ham	7,513	6,169	-1,344	-17.9%
428			West Lancashire	3,619	2,997	-622	-17.2%
243			West Suffolk	2,450	1,871	-579	-23.6%

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155		West Worcestershire	1,835	1,350	-485	-26.4%
176		Westbury	2,840	2,115	-725	-25.5%
189		Westmorland & Lonsdale	1,739	1,301	-438	-25.2%
382		Weston-Super-Mare	3,458	2,791	-667	-19.3%
529		Wigan	3,310	3,043	-267	-8.1%
216		Wimbledon	2,723	2,059	-664	-24.4%
82		Winchester	1,900	1,321	-579	-30.5%
86		Windsor	1,810	1,267	-543	-30.0%
516		Wirral South	2,415	2,123	-292	-12.1%
488		Wirral West	2,780	2,375	-405	-14.6%
55		Witney	1,570	1,060	-510	-32.5%
15		Woking	1,530	970	-560	-36.6%
2		Wokingham	1,373	761	-612	-44.6%
209		Wolverhampton North East	4,284	3,235	-1,049	-24.5%
227		Wolverhampton South East	4,209	3,197	-1,012	-24.0%
180		Wolverhampton South West	4,176	3,118	-1,058	-25.3%
16		Woodspring	1,939	1,233	-706	-36.4%
151		Worcester	3,032	2,227	-805	-26.6%
452		Workington	3,885	3,260	-625	-16.1%
432		Worsley	2,690	2,230	-460	-17.1%
122		Worthing West	2,090	1,504	-586	-28.0%
147		Wrekin, The	1,816	1,330	-486	-26.8%
	7	Wrexham	2,338	1,789	-549	-23.5%
37		Wycombe	2,772	1,842	-930	-33.5%
109		Wyre Forest	2,990	2,133	-857	-28.7%
270		Wythenshawe & Sale East	5,037	3,904	-1,133	-22.5%
467		Yeovil *	2,225	1,876	-349	-15.7%
	38	Ynys-Mon	3,206	2,982	-224	-7.0%
199		York, City of	4,593	3,460	-1,133	-24.7%
England & Wales			2,016,286	1,584,135	-432,151	-21.4%

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		Unemployed Claimants		Change Feb 1996 - Feb 1997		
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Eng	Wal					
1		Chesham & Amersham	1,542	846	-696	-45.1%
2		Wokingham	1,373	761	-612	-44.6%
3		Bracknell	2,169	1,219	-950	-43.8%
4		Mole Valley	1,407	796	-611	-43.4%
5		St Albans	1,905	1,111	-794	-41.7%
6		Newbury	1,902	1,156	-746	-39.2%
7		Henley	1,530	933	-597	-39.0%
8		Banbury	2,440	1,491	-949	-38.9%
9		Hertford & Stortford	2,038	1,263	-775	-38.0%
10		South West Surrey	1,456	905	-551	-37.8%
11		Horsham	1,593	1,003	-590	-37.0%
12		Esher & Walton	1,997	1,259	-738	-37.0%
13		Wealden	1,863	1,176	-687	-36.9%
14		North West Hampshire *	1,453	919	-534	-36.8%
15		Woking	1,530	970	-560	-36.6%
16		Woodspring	1,939	1,233	-706	-36.4%
17		Mid Sussex	1,626	1,034	-592	-36.4%
18		Guildford	1,753	1,117	-636	-36.3%
19		East Surrey	1,947	1,242	-705	-36.2%
20		Northavon	2,400	1,531	-869	-36.2%
21		Surrey Heath	1,564	998	-566	-36.2%
22		Buckingham	1,323	845	-478	-36.1%
23		Epsom & Ewell	1,886	1,206	-680	-36.1%
24		North East Bedfordshire	2,019	1,297	-722	-35.8%
25		North Essex	2,097	1,348	-749	-35.7%
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514		Ipswich	3,664	3,216	-448	-12.2%
515		Great Grimsby	5,445	4,785	-660	-12.1%
516		Wirral South	2,415	2,123	-292	-12.1%
517		Liverpool, Riverside	8,400	7,386	-1,014	-12.1%
518		Hyndburn	2,042	1,796	-246	-12.0%
519		Don Valley	3,536	3,113	-423	-12.0%
520		Darlington	4,099	3,609	-490	-12.0%
521		Blackpool North & Fleetwood	3,600	3,184	-416	-11.6%
522		Lancaster & Wyre	2,281	2,023	-258	-11.3%
523	32	Neath	2,312	2,054	-258	-11.2%
		Liverpool, West Derby	6,485	5,770	-715	-11.0%
	33	Swansea East	2,910	2,594	-316	-10.9%
	34	Gower	2,063	1,839	-224	-10.9%
524		Liverpool, Walton	6,437	5,741	-696	-10.8%
525		Wallasey	4,989	4,450	-539	-10.8%
	35	Swansea West	3,206	2,875	-331	-10.3%
526		Waveney	4,921	4,419	-502	-10.2%
	36	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	3,320	2,992	-328	-9.9%
527		Bootle	5,381	4,861	-520	-9.7%
528		Rotherham	4,328	3,968	-360	-8.3%
529		Wigan	3,310	3,043	-267	-8.1%
	37	Preseli Pembrokeshire	3,149	2,903	-246	-7.8%
	38	Ynys-Mon	3,206	2,982	-224	-7.0%
	39	Aberavon	2,204	2,055	-149	-6.8%
	40	Llanelli	2,619	2,585	-34	-1.3%
		England & Wales	2,016,286	1,584,135	-432,151	-21.4%

IV Technical Appendix

Part of the information held about unemployed claimants includes details of their postcodes. The ONS uses postcode information to allocate claimants to the electoral ward in which they live. This mapping exercise is done by with the aid of a computer file known as the Central Postcode Directory (CPD), which is compiled and jointly maintained by the Royal Mail and ONS. The CPD cross-references postcodes with codes for electoral wards and grid references. Claims which have an invalid or missing postcode are allocated to wards in proportion to the geographical distribution of correctly coded claims at the relevant local office. Data for wards then form the building blocks for larger geographical areas: constituencies, local authority districts, travel-to-work areas, etc.

CPDs can either be current, reflecting up-to-date ward boundaries, or frozen, in which case they reflect the situation at a particular point in time. Figures from the monthly count of unemployed claimants are coded using a CPD in which the ward boundaries are frozen, which enables comparisons in the level of unemployment in a particular area to be made over a number of months or years without being affected by geographical changes. In May 1996 the ONS moved from using a frozen 1981 CPD to a frozen 1991 CPD.

Between September 1984, when unemployment statistics became available on a ward basis (with data back-calculated to June 1983), and April 1996 the figures for England and Wales have related to frozen 1981 ward boundaries¹ (constituencies, districts and counties being aggregations of wards). 1981 was used since it was a year in which the Census of Population was carried out. The results of the Census were already published for constituencies defined in these terms, so it was an obvious choice to use the same date for the ward-based unemployment data.

The unemployment figures for April 1996 (released in May 1996) and subsequent months use frozen 1991 ward boundaries as their geographical basis for all parts of the United Kingdom (again, to coincide with the geographical definitions used for the Census). Figures for January, February and March 1996 were also re-released on a 1991 ward basis so that a complete calendar year's data for 1996 are now available.

Certain geographical areas (unitary authorities and new parliamentary constituencies) are *only* defined in terms of frozen 1991 wards for the purposes of unemployment statistics since they have only come into existence recently. This means that unemployment data for these areas are only available from January 1996 onwards.

¹ Frozen 1984 wards in Scotland and frozen 1985 wards in Northern Ireland.

At the present time it is possible to obtain unemployment data for the new constituencies in England and Wales, but not for those in Scotland or Northern Ireland. The reasons for this stem primarily from the fact that the Census of Population was carried out by three separate bodies: Office for Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS)² in England and Wales, the General Register Office for Scotland, GRO(S) and the Northern Ireland Census Office.

In the case of the Censuses for England and Wales, and also for Northern Ireland, the raw data relate to areas known as "Enumeration Districts". These data are first best-fitted into electoral wards and then wards are aggregated to form constituency totals. In Scotland the raw data relate to "Output Areas". Census data are not available at a ward level but are aggregated directly into higher level geographical areas such as constituencies and districts.

Because of the way in which the Census was organised fully digitised ward boundaries are available for England and Wales, meaning that frozen 1991 wards have been created for use on the NOMIS database (which holds all the unemployment data for local areas in addition to the Census data in electronic form).

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland the new parliamentary constituencies are defined in terms of wards. In Scotland however they are defined in terms of aggregations of the regional electoral divisions which were in existence in 1994. The GRO(S) has published Census data for the new constituencies in Scotland, but this was done by means of aggregating output area data directly into constituencies. In the process of doing this they by-passed the creation of 1994 electoral divisions completely, which means that there are no electronically-held geographical definitions of new constituencies defined in terms of frozen 1991 wards, the format in which the unemployment data are held.

This leads to two problems. Firstly, there was no need to digitally define the 1994 regional electoral divisions. Secondly, and more importantly for unemployment statistics, there is no linkage between 1991 frozen wards and the new constituencies. ONS are presently attempting to build the geographies for the new constituencies in Scotland by performing a three-way best-fit between output areas, new constituencies and frozen 1991 wards. However, because digitised frozen 1991 ward boundaries were never fully developed for Scotland, this is a very protracted exercise.

At the present time it would appear that the availability of unemployment data for new constituencies in Scotland is still some way off. Since the new constituencies in Scotland are

² OPCS has since merged with the Central Statistical Office to form the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

not defined in terms of wards at all, there are a number of wards which are split between two (or even more) constituencies. These have to be allocated on a best-fit basis (and it is known that in some cases split wards have been wrongly allocated, for instance between non-adjacent constituencies). Output areas have also been wrongly assigned to constituencies in other cases. Only by meticulous manual checking of all the geographical definitions will the situation be resolved.

An alternative option is also being investigated at present. This is looking at whether it is possible to build the new constituencies from postcode areas (output areas are defined in terms of postcodes in Scotland). In theory this should speed up the exercise, but it does have drawbacks when trying to make comparisons over time.

The problems with creating the new constituencies for Northern Ireland differ from those for Scotland. The Northern Ireland Census data are available for enumeration districts, but a widespread boundary review held in 1992 has complicated the matter somewhat. New constituencies are defined in terms of wards as they existed after the boundary review in 1992 but the geographical definitions held in electronic form from the Census are based on frozen 1991 wards. It would appear that no real progress is likely to be made with Northern Ireland until the situation with Scottish constituencies is resolved.

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