

Unemployment by Constituency

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This paper shows the number of unemployed claimants recorded as resident in each constituency in the United Kingdom in April 1997, together with comparisons with the level a year ago.

Official monthly unemployment rates for parliamentary constituencies only exist for those few constituencies which are self-contained labour markets. This paper also presents up-to-date residence-based unemployment rates not published elsewhere for the constituencies in England and Wales (the constituencies on which the general election was contested). These rates are calculated using figures for the number of unemployed claimants from the monthly count and data for the economically active population from the 1991 Census of Population. Although figures for the number of unemployed claimants are available for constituencies in Scotland and Northern Ireland, data from the Census of Population have not yet been re-released on this geographical basis, meaning that unemployment rates are not yet available for these constituencies.

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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 current constituencies are not available prior to January 1996.

Notes to tables:

1. At the present time figures for the *number* of people unemployed are available for all constituencies in the United Kingdom. A full explanation of the way in which unemployment data are aggregated into constituency totals, and why it is not presently possible to estimate unemployment *rates* for constituencies in Scotland and Northern Ireland, is given in the Technical Appendix at the end of this paper.
2. The Boundary Commission reviews in 1995 defined 659 constituencies in the United Kingdom. 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.

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3. The political parties shown against each party are as they stand currently. The following abbreviations for parties have been used:

LAB	Labour	UUP	Ulster Unionist Party
CON	Conservative	DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
LD	Liberal Democrat	SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
PC	Plaid Cymru	UKU	United Kingdom Unionist
SNP	Scottish National Party	SF	Sinn Fein
SPKR	Speaker	VAC	Vacant Seat
IND	Independent		

4. One seat is presently vacant: Uxbridge.

II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency, England and Wales, April 1997

A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by overall unemployment rate		Party	Claimants			Rate			
Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
	18	Aberavon	LAB	1,497	404	1,901	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
515		Aldershot	CON	894	314	1,208	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
326		Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,376	447	1,823	5.7%	2.6%	4.4%
386		Altrincham & Sale West	CON	1,223	359	1,582	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
	37	Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,200	367	1,567	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
320		Amber Valley	LAB	1,606	481	2,087	6.0%	2.5%	4.6%
507		Arundel & South Downs	CON	625	211	836	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
190		Ashfield	LAB	2,341	608	2,949	9.1%	3.3%	6.6%
301		Ashford	CON	1,702	504	2,206	6.3%	2.6%	4.8%
232		Ashton under Lyne	LAB	2,242	568	2,810	8.3%	2.7%	5.9%
460		Aylesbury	CON	1,178	374	1,552	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
480		Banbury	CON	961	349	1,310	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
88		Barking *	LAB	2,064	685	2,749	11.6%	5.5%	9.1%
125		Barnsley Central	LAB	2,398	557	2,955	11.2%	3.5%	7.9%
104		Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,623	629	3,252	11.7%	4.0%	8.6%
203		Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,853	515	2,368	8.6%	3.2%	6.3%
170		Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,479	594	3,073	9.6%	3.3%	7.0%
231		Basildon	LAB	2,253	752	3,005	7.6%	3.5%	5.9%
469		Basingstoke *	CON	1,129	346	1,475	3.6%	1.4%	2.6%
185		Bassetlaw	LAB	2,206	595	2,801	9.0%	3.5%	6.7%
199		Bath *->	LD	2,051	698	2,749	8.8%	3.7%	6.5%
268		Batley & Spen	LAB	1,755	440	2,195	7.3%	2.5%	5.2%
126		Battersea	LAB	2,915	1,076	3,991	10.8%	4.6%	7.9%
517		Beaconsfield	CON	638	225	863	2.4%	1.1%	1.9%
250		Beckenham	CON	2,079	649	2,728	7.4%	3.0%	5.5%
227		Bedford	LAB	2,052	687	2,739	7.9%	3.5%	6.0%
214		Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,558	446	2,004	8.2%	3.2%	6.1%
9		Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	5,285	1,432	6,717	21.1%	8.7%	16.2%
316		Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,461	541	2,002	5.8%	3.0%	4.6%
343		Bexhill & Battle	CON	995	319	1,314	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
308		Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,445	519	1,964	6.0%	2.9%	4.7%
313		Billericay	CON	1,719	557	2,276	6.0%	2.8%	4.7%
25		Birkenhead	LAB	4,079	950	5,029	19.3%	5.9%	13.5%
106		Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,652	821	3,473	11.6%	4.6%	8.5%
75		Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	3,328	916	4,244	12.8%	5.0%	9.6%
151		Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	2,149	609	2,758	10.1%	3.8%	7.4%
39		Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	3,002	774	3,776	15.5%	5.8%	11.6%
1		Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	6,527	1,729	8,256	26.6%	10.3%	19.9%
132		Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,994	597	2,591	10.5%	4.2%	7.8%
69		Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	3,415	1,007	4,422	13.4%	5.3%	9.9%
140		Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,570	783	3,353	10.5%	4.1%	7.7%
7		Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,543	1,580	7,123	21.2%	10.1%	17.1%
129		Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	2,003	618	2,621	10.4%	4.4%	7.9%
211		Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,982	497	2,479	8.5%	2.9%	6.1%
489		Blaby	CON	797	316	1,113	3.0%	1.5%	2.3%
173		Blackburn	LAB	2,495	502	2,997	9.8%	2.8%	6.9%
200		Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	2,203	541	2,744	9.4%	2.9%	6.5%
128		Blackpool South	LAB	3,004	713	3,717	11.4%	3.4%	7.9%
	6	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,073	540	2,613	11.8%	4.4%	8.8%
205		Blaydon	LAB	1,991	520	2,511	8.7%	3.0%	6.2%
164		Blyth Valley	LAB	2,135	648	2,783	9.7%	3.7%	7.1%
344		Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	1,139	328	1,467	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
183		Bolsover	LAB	2,137	478	2,615	9.4%	3.0%	6.7%

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Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
230		Bolton North East	LAB	2,086	432	2,518	8.5%	2.4%	5.9%
222		Bolton South East	LAB	1,974	458	2,432	8.5%	2.7%	6.0%
412		Bolton West	LAB	1,012	312	1,324	4.5%	1.8%	3.3%
26		Bootle	LAB	3,731	828	4,559	18.7%	5.6%	13.1%
269		Boston & Skegness	CON	1,518	506	2,024	6.8%	3.1%	5.2%
500		Bosworth	CON	728	275	1,003	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
202		Bournemouth East	CON	1,821	479	2,300	9.0%	3.0%	6.4%
112		Bournemouth West	CON	2,239	557	2,796	11.6%	3.9%	8.4%
512		Bracknell	CON	862	245	1,107	2.7%	1.0%	2.0%
70		Bradford North	LAB	3,254	821	4,075	13.6%	4.6%	9.8%
172		Bradford South	LAB	2,532	635	3,167	9.9%	3.2%	6.9%
34		Bradford West	LAB	3,755	1,042	4,797	16.0%	6.5%	12.1%
355		Braintree	LAB	1,382	455	1,837	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
	38	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	917	336	1,253	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
31		Brent East	LAB	3,993	1,374	5,367	16.7%	7.2%	12.5%
201		Brent North	LAB	1,692	734	2,426	7.9%	4.5%	6.5%
28		Brent South	LAB	4,359	1,430	5,789	17.5%	7.2%	13.0%
236		Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	2,462	870	3,332	7.7%	3.4%	5.8%
459		Brentwood & Ongar	CON	910	297	1,207	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
	33	Bridgend	LAB	1,357	421	1,778	6.9%	2.9%	5.2%
210		Bridgwater	CON	1,969	612	2,581	8.0%	3.6%	6.2%
237		Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,722	512	2,234	7.5%	3.3%	5.8%
66		Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,992	951	3,943	13.4%	5.6%	10.0%
36		Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	3,723	1,347	5,070	16.0%	7.3%	12.1%
118		Bristol East	LAB	3,007	840	3,847	11.3%	4.1%	8.2%
223		Bristol North West	LAB	2,233	616	2,849	8.3%	3.0%	6.0%
136		Bristol South	LAB	3,122	765	3,887	10.8%	3.6%	7.7%
143		Bristol West	LAB	2,836	1,020	3,856	10.2%	4.4%	7.6%
354		Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,372	452	1,824	5.3%	2.3%	4.0%
394		Bromsgrove	CON	1,209	453	1,662	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
357		Broxbourne	CON	1,343	479	1,822	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%
333		Broxtowe	LAB	1,511	522	2,033	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
520		Buckingham	CON	563	178	741	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
361		Burnley	LAB	1,291	360	1,651	5.5%	1.9%	3.9%
245		Burton	LAB	1,928	619	2,547	7.2%	3.2%	5.5%
426		Bury North	LAB	1,127	336	1,463	4.3%	1.7%	3.2%
345		Bury South	LAB	1,333	393	1,726	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
425		Bury St Edmunds	CON	1,077	403	1,480	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
	2	Caernarfon	PC	1,831	503	2,334	12.0%	4.7%	9.0%
	16	Caerphilly	LAB	2,217	523	2,740	10.4%	3.4%	7.4%
329		Calder Valley	LAB	1,569	515	2,084	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
10		Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	4,321	1,502	5,823	21.0%	8.8%	15.5%
256		Cambridge	LAB	1,645	536	2,181	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
300		Cannock Chase	LAB	1,702	530	2,232	6.3%	2.8%	4.8%
247		Canterbury	CON	1,795	515	2,310	7.6%	2.8%	5.5%
	9	Cardiff Central	LAB	2,167	686	2,853	11.5%	4.6%	8.4%
	39	Cardiff North	LAB	989	305	1,294	5.4%	2.0%	3.9%
	1	Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,753	616	3,369	13.2%	4.0%	9.3%
	4	Cardiff West	LAB	2,588	603	3,191	12.9%	3.9%	9.0%
177		Carlisle	LAB	2,046	589	2,635	9.5%	3.4%	6.8%
	25	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,233	394	1,627	7.4%	3.4%	5.7%
	11	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,960	542	2,502	11.0%	4.3%	8.2%
315		Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,566	519	2,085	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%

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Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
323		Castle Point	LAB	1,439	505	1,944	5.6%	2.9%	4.5%
374		Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	1,189	402	1,591	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
	26	Ceredigion	PC	1,193	377	1,570	7.4%	3.3%	5.7%
479		Charnwood	CON	881	343	1,224	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
306		Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,795	527	2,322	6.1%	2.6%	4.7%
502		Cheadle	CON	733	228	961	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
242		Cheltenham	LD	1,915	567	2,482	7.7%	2.9%	5.6%
526		Chesham & Amersham	CON	572	163	735	2.2%	0.8%	1.6%
161		Chesterfield	LAB	2,477	682	3,159	9.8%	3.6%	7.1%
275		Chester, City of	LAB	1,711	470	2,181	7.1%	2.6%	5.2%
456		Chichester	CON	932	298	1,230	3.8%	1.6%	2.8%
287		Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,457	508	1,965	6.5%	3.0%	5.0%
330		Chipping Barnet	CON	1,423	532	1,955	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
383		Chorley	LAB	1,372	397	1,769	5.0%	1.9%	3.6%
408		Christchurch	CON	827	298	1,125	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
213		Cities of London & Westminster	CON	2,492	972	3,464	8.0%	3.8%	6.1%
166		Cleethorpes	LAB	2,226	741	2,967	8.9%	4.3%	7.0%
	34	Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,096	326	1,422	6.1%	2.6%	4.7%
	30	Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,254	316	1,570	7.6%	2.5%	5.4%
309		Colchester	LD	1,673	556	2,229	6.0%	2.8%	4.7%
332		Colne Valley	LAB	1,466	498	1,964	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
457		Congleton	CON	894	309	1,203	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
	5	Conwy	LAB	2,007	528	2,535	12.5%	4.2%	8.8%
116		Copeland	LAB	2,237	614	2,851	10.9%	4.4%	8.3%
348		Corby	LAB	1,421	462	1,883	5.3%	2.3%	4.0%
497		Cotswold	CON	641	247	888	2.8%	1.5%	2.2%
121		Coventry North East	LAB	3,040	797	3,837	11.0%	4.0%	8.1%
238		Coventry North West	LAB	2,137	687	2,824	7.5%	3.2%	5.7%
158		Coventry South	LAB	2,369	664	3,033	9.8%	3.7%	7.2%
407		Crawley	LAB	1,228	387	1,615	4.6%	1.8%	3.4%
280		Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,673	527	2,200	6.8%	2.9%	5.1%
204		Crosby	LAB	1,742	479	2,221	8.9%	3.1%	6.3%
186		Croydon Central	LAB	2,902	929	3,831	9.1%	3.7%	6.7%
91		Croydon North	LAB	3,903	1,363	5,266	12.0%	5.2%	9.0%
415		Croydon South	CON	1,251	417	1,668	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
	14	Cynon Valley	LAB	1,711	374	2,085	11.1%	3.4%	7.9%
195		Dagenham	LAB	1,832	529	2,361	8.7%	3.5%	6.5%
117		Darlington	LAB	2,702	679	3,381	11.5%	3.9%	8.3%
286		Dartford	LAB	1,772	541	2,313	6.6%	2.7%	5.0%
485		Daventry	CON	890	386	1,276	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
	35	Delyn	LAB	1,071	330	1,401	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
296		Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,716	505	2,221	6.7%	2.5%	4.8%
193		Derby North	LAB	2,383	698	3,081	8.8%	3.5%	6.6%
64		Derby South	LAB	3,789	1,002	4,791	13.7%	5.1%	10.1%
444		Devizes	CON	1,089	416	1,505	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
274		Dewsbury	LAB	1,572	394	1,966	7.2%	2.5%	5.2%
145		Don Valley	LAB	2,339	622	2,961	10.1%	3.8%	7.5%
43		Doncaster Central	LAB	3,513	915	4,428	15.0%	5.5%	11.0%
74		Doncaster North	LAB	2,884	609	3,493	13.4%	4.1%	9.6%
141		Dover	LAB	2,599	662	3,261	10.4%	3.7%	7.7%
165		Dudley North	LAB	2,373	695	3,068	9.2%	3.9%	7.1%
253		Dudley South	LAB	1,780	587	2,367	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
50		Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	3,870	1,505	5,375	14.4%	6.5%	10.7%

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241		Durham, City of	LAB	1,649	516	2,165	7.7%	3.1%	5.6%
212		Ealing North *	LAB	2,460	827	3,287	8.2%	3.5%	6.1%
179		Ealing Southall	LAB	2,916	953	3,869	9.2%	3.8%	6.8%
68		Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,983	1,461	5,444	13.2%	5.9%	9.9%
187		Easington	LAB	1,879	414	2,293	9.6%	2.8%	6.7%
367		East Devon	CON	977	307	1,284	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
35		East Ham	LAB	4,049	1,158	5,207	15.6%	6.8%	12.1%
453		East Hampshire	CON	1,055	356	1,411	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
504		East Surrey	CON	814	259	1,073	2.9%	1.2%	2.2%
396		East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	1,135	376	1,511	4.7%	2.0%	3.5%
224		East Yorkshire	CON	1,799	567	2,366	7.8%	3.5%	6.0%
260		Eastbourne	CON	1,559	500	2,059	7.4%	2.9%	5.4%
473		Eastleigh	LD	940	270	1,210	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
271		Eccles	LAB	1,831	444	2,275	7.4%	2.3%	5.2%
387		Eddisbury	CON	1,102	325	1,427	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
83		Edmonton	LAB	2,989	938	3,927	12.3%	5.2%	9.3%
299		Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,603	441	2,044	6.6%	2.4%	4.8%
378		Elmet	LAB	1,304	394	1,698	5.1%	2.0%	3.7%
137		Eltham	LAB	2,187	671	2,858	10.5%	4.2%	7.7%
188		Enfield North	LAB	2,302	752	3,054	8.8%	3.8%	6.7%
219		Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,864	702	2,566	7.8%	3.8%	6.1%
336		Epping Forest	CON	1,410	529	1,939	5.2%	2.7%	4.2%
506		Epsom & Ewell	CON	765	267	1,032	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
298		Erewash	LAB	1,911	569	2,480	6.4%	2.6%	4.8%
54		Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	3,495	1,161	4,656	13.7%	6.2%	10.5%
492		Esher & Walton	CON	821	267	1,088	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
229		Exeter	LAB	2,276	676	2,952	8.4%	3.0%	6.0%
95		Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,724	762	3,486	11.8%	4.6%	8.8%
466		Fareham	CON	885	300	1,185	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
338		Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,349	457	1,806	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
218		Feltham & Heston	LAB	2,317	731	3,048	8.0%	3.4%	6.1%
235		Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	2,046	871	2,917	7.2%	4.0%	5.8%
111		Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,826	688	3,514	11.6%	4.0%	8.4%
356		Forest of Dean	LAB	1,130	404	1,534	4.9%	2.6%	4.0%
476		Fylde	CON	820	211	1,031	3.6%	1.2%	2.5%
292		Gainsborough	CON	1,353	501	1,854	6.0%	3.3%	4.9%
196		Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	2,131	578	2,709	9.1%	3.2%	6.5%
295		Gedling	LAB	1,685	556	2,241	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
294		Gillingham	LAB	1,740	607	2,347	6.1%	3.1%	4.9%
220		Gloucester	LAB	2,414	732	3,146	8.2%	3.2%	6.1%
352		Gosport	CON	1,355	452	1,807	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
	32	Gower	LAB	1,295	391	1,686	7.2%	2.9%	5.3%
358		Grantham & Stamford	CON	1,222	470	1,692	4.9%	2.6%	3.9%
209		Gravesham	LAB	2,199	662	2,861	8.1%	3.5%	6.2%
52		Great Grimsby	LAB	3,558	845	4,403	14.6%	5.0%	10.7%
65		Great Yarmouth	LAB	3,168	934	4,102	13.2%	5.6%	10.1%
32		Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,828	1,306	5,134	16.4%	7.2%	12.3%
514		Guildford	CON	781	223	1,004	2.8%	1.0%	2.0%
4		Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	5,760	2,119	7,879	24.0%	11.4%	18.5%
3		Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	6,094	2,015	8,109	25.9%	10.5%	19.0%
254		Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,728	561	2,289	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
150		Halifax	LAB	2,728	735	3,463	10.5%	3.6%	7.4%
427		Haltemprice & Howden	CON	876	365	1,241	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%

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124		Halton	LAB	2,455	677	3,132	10.8%	4.1%	8.0%
100		Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	3,709	1,609	5,318	11.6%	5.5%	8.7%
103		Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,848	1,414	4,262	10.8%	6.1%	8.6%
464		Harborough	CON	885	338	1,223	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
284		Harlow	LAB	1,708	550	2,258	6.6%	2.9%	5.0%
393		Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	1,034	407	1,441	4.7%	2.2%	3.5%
272		Harrow East	LAB	1,972	778	2,750	6.6%	3.4%	5.2%
347		Harrow West	LAB	1,434	541	1,975	5.2%	2.5%	4.0%
55		Hartlepool	LAB	3,477	792	4,269	14.7%	4.7%	10.5%
130		Harwich	LAB	2,199	592	2,791	10.6%	4.0%	7.8%
102		Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,901	764	3,665	12.1%	4.2%	8.7%
263		Havant	CON	1,857	449	2,306	7.4%	2.4%	5.3%
273		Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,602	533	2,135	6.7%	3.1%	5.2%
451		Hazel Grove	LD	945	247	1,192	4.0%	1.4%	2.9%
446		Hemel Hempstead	LAB	1,131	302	1,433	4.0%	1.4%	2.9%
189		Hemsworth	LAB	2,148	541	2,689	9.2%	3.2%	6.7%
194		Hendon	LAB	2,397	857	3,254	8.5%	4.0%	6.6%
524		Henley	CON	571	189	760	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
283		Hereford *>	LD	1,575	607	2,182	6.3%	3.3%	5.0%
491		Hertford & Stortford	CON	810	303	1,113	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
440		Hertsmere	CON	963	339	1,302	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
385		Hexham	CON	951	320	1,271	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
208		Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,311	658	2,969	8.6%	3.2%	6.2%
390		High Peak	LAB	1,312	369	1,681	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
470		Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	877	279	1,156	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
23		Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	4,060	1,481	5,541	18.4%	8.0%	13.7%
350		Hornchurch	LAB	1,211	399	1,610	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
67		Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	4,010	1,617	5,627	13.1%	6.3%	10.0%
519		Horsham	CON	671	231	902	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
146		Houghton & Washington East	LAB	2,340	548	2,888	10.7%	3.3%	7.5%
94		Hove	LAB	2,697	937	3,634	11.7%	5.2%	8.9%
96		Huddersfield	LAB	2,670	760	3,430	11.9%	4.5%	8.8%
455		Huntingdon	CON	1,090	440	1,530	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
362		Hyndburn	LAB	1,254	385	1,639	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
278		Ilford North	LAB	1,636	607	2,243	6.6%	3.2%	5.1%
120		Ilford South *	LAB	3,041	1,018	4,059	10.5%	4.9%	8.1%
178		Ipswich	LAB	2,338	631	2,969	9.2%	3.4%	6.8%
113		Isle of Wight	LD	3,431	1,109	4,540	11.0%	4.8%	8.4%
15		Islington North	LAB	4,728	1,888	6,616	19.8%	9.1%	14.8%
24		Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,894	1,501	5,395	17.6%	8.6%	13.6%
29		Islwyn	LAB	1,265	332	1,597	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
93		Jarrow	LAB	2,664	664	3,328	12.3%	4.2%	8.9%
288		Keighley	LAB	1,521	535	2,056	6.5%	3.0%	5.0%
266		Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,997	1,064	3,061	6.2%	4.1%	5.3%
414		Kettering	LAB	1,191	415	1,606	4.3%	2.0%	3.3%
78		Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,044	791	3,835	12.8%	4.8%	9.5%
49		Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,574	994	4,568	14.3%	5.7%	10.7%
62		Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,131	906	4,037	13.5%	5.5%	10.2%
366		Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,483	545	2,028	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
351		Kingswood	LAB	1,535	456	1,991	5.5%	2.1%	4.0%
84		Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	3,226	894	4,120	12.7%	4.6%	9.2%
46		Knowsley South	LAB	3,699	935	4,634	15.2%	5.2%	11.0%
334		Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,335	445	1,780	5.6%	2.4%	4.2%

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27		Leeds Central	LAB	4,383	1,021	5,404	18.4%	5.8%	13.0%
45		Leeds East	LAB	3,194	856	4,050	15.2%	5.4%	11.0%
191		Leeds North East	LAB	1,988	650	2,638	9.0%	3.6%	6.6%
279		Leeds North West	LAB	1,442	481	1,923	6.9%	2.9%	5.1%
159		Leeds West	LAB	2,416	581	2,997	10.2%	3.2%	7.2%
153		Leicester East	LAB	2,131	740	2,871	9.8%	4.3%	7.4%
82		Leicester South	LAB	3,193	899	4,092	12.8%	4.7%	9.3%
77		Leicester West	LAB	3,132	822	3,954	13.3%	4.6%	9.5%
249		Leigh	LAB	1,851	521	2,372	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
405		Leominster <*	CON	989	352	1,341	4.3%	2.2%	3.5%
369		Lewes	LD	1,039	334	1,373	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
79		Lewisham East	LAB	2,620	843	3,463	13.0%	5.2%	9.5%
41		Lewisham West	LAB	3,405	1,102	4,507	15.5%	6.0%	11.2%
17		Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	4,383	1,521	5,904	19.8%	8.2%	14.5%
53		Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	3,414	1,075	4,489	14.3%	5.7%	10.5%
447		Lichfield	CON	894	346	1,240	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
76		Lincoln	LAB	3,023	849	3,872	12.9%	5.0%	9.6%
73		Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,995	800	3,795	13.6%	4.7%	9.7%
2		Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	5,512	1,520	7,032	26.7%	9.8%	19.4%
20		Liverpool, Walton	LAB	4,394	1,137	5,531	19.4%	6.6%	13.8%
37		Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,992	1,077	5,069	17.1%	5.7%	12.0%
18		Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	4,423	1,108	5,531	20.0%	6.8%	14.4%
	13	Llanelli	LAB	1,883	549	2,432	10.7%	4.3%	8.1%
342		Loughborough	LAB	1,243	447	1,690	5.2%	2.5%	4.1%
270		Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,484	486	1,970	6.6%	3.2%	5.2%
439		Ludlow	CON	796	300	1,096	3.6%	2.0%	3.0%
276		Luton North	LAB	1,793	547	2,340	6.9%	2.9%	5.2%
155		Luton South	LAB	2,583	715	3,298	9.6%	4.0%	7.4%
445		Macclesfield	CON	1,083	315	1,398	4.0%	1.5%	2.9%
503		Maidenhead	CON	789	227	1,016	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
389		Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,316	410	1,726	4.8%	2.0%	3.6%
248		Makerfield	LAB	1,841	532	2,373	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
380		Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	1,190	382	1,572	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
58		Manchester, Blackley	LAB	3,110	676	3,786	14.6%	4.4%	10.3%
5		Manchester, Central	LAB	5,094	1,296	6,390	24.3%	8.8%	17.9%
13		Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,828	1,053	4,881	20.4%	7.7%	15.0%
47		Manchester, Withington	LAB	3,045	1,045	4,090	14.7%	6.2%	10.9%
156		Mansfield	LAB	2,318	644	2,962	9.9%	3.7%	7.3%
197		Medway	LAB	2,083	669	2,752	8.2%	3.9%	6.5%
	20	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	948	337	1,285	8.7%	4.3%	6.9%
233		Meriden	CON	2,308	707	3,015	7.7%	3.2%	5.8%
	8	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	2,133	462	2,595	11.9%	3.7%	8.5%
499		Mid Bedfordshire	CON	681	297	978	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%
437		Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	977	303	1,280	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
353		Mid Norfolk	CON	1,328	465	1,793	5.0%	2.5%	4.0%
516		Mid Sussex	CON	681	217	898	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
442		Mid Worcestershire	CON	898	342	1,240	3.7%	1.9%	3.0%
21		Middlesbrough	LAB	4,689	1,098	5,787	19.2%	6.3%	13.8%
110		Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,767	749	3,516	11.4%	4.3%	8.4%
307		Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,682	530	2,212	6.2%	2.6%	4.7%
138		Mitcham & Morden	LAB	2,545	841	3,386	10.2%	4.4%	7.7%
528		Mole Valley	CON	488	141	629	1.9%	0.7%	1.4%
	36	Monmouth	LAB	1,114	384	1,498	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%

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	40	Montgomeryshire	LD	534	204	738	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
147		Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	2,228	613	2,841	10.3%	3.8%	7.5%
325		Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,520	419	1,939	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
	22	Neath	LAB	1,568	411	1,979	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
454		New Forest East	CON	885	299	1,184	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
403		New Forest West	CON	865	285	1,150	4.6%	2.0%	3.5%
261		Newark	LAB	1,688	597	2,285	6.8%	3.4%	5.3%
511		Newbury	LD	782	242	1,024	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
59		Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,914	822	3,736	14.4%	5.2%	10.3%
44		Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,254	827	4,081	15.5%	5.1%	11.0%
174		Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,248	538	2,786	10.0%	3.0%	6.9%
327		Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	1,363	419	1,782	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
	21	Newport East	LAB	1,779	513	2,292	9.1%	3.7%	6.9%
	15	Newport West	LAB	2,104	573	2,677	10.6%	3.8%	7.7%
318		Normanton	LAB	1,378	451	1,829	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
167		North Cornwall	LD	2,356	806	3,162	8.8%	4.4%	7.0%
265		North Devon	LD	1,662	598	2,260	6.7%	3.3%	5.3%
496		North Dorset	CON	651	211	862	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
182		North Durham	LAB	2,197	544	2,741	9.5%	3.1%	6.8%
467		North East Bedfordshire	CON	809	327	1,136	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
291		North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,694	564	2,258	6.2%	3.0%	4.9%
246		North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,887	569	2,456	7.3%	3.1%	5.5%
521		North East Hampshire	CON	640	215	855	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
458		North East Hertfordshire	CON	934	311	1,245	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
364		North East Milton Keynes	LAB	1,307	460	1,767	5.0%	2.3%	3.9%
452		North Essex	CON	878	289	1,167	3.6%	1.7%	2.9%
289		North Norfolk	CON	1,496	504	2,000	6.2%	3.1%	5.0%
368		North Shropshire	CON	1,163	442	1,605	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
19		North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	4,540	1,480	6,020	19.2%	8.0%	14.3%
411		North Swindon	LAB	1,119	403	1,522	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
81		North Thanet	CON	2,750	716	3,466	12.9%	4.5%	9.3%
101		North Tyneside	LAB	2,743	726	3,469	12.1%	4.2%	8.7%
360		North Warwickshire	LAB	1,390	464	1,854	5.0%	2.3%	3.9%
392		North West Cambridgeshire	CON	1,276	422	1,698	4.6%	2.1%	3.5%
163		North West Durham	LAB	2,173	552	2,725	9.7%	3.4%	7.1%
523		North West Hampshire *	CON	641	234	875	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
372		North West Leicestershire	LAB	1,171	341	1,512	5.0%	2.1%	3.8%
252		North West Norfolk	LAB	1,891	593	2,484	7.2%	3.1%	5.5%
463		North Wiltshire	CON	964	370	1,334	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
258		Northampton North	LAB	2,034	618	2,652	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
317		Northampton South	LAB	1,804	572	2,376	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%
472		Northavon	LD	1,014	368	1,382	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
240		Norwich North	LAB	1,958	652	2,610	7.4%	3.3%	5.7%
108		Norwich South	LAB	2,862	774	3,636	11.7%	4.2%	8.5%
16		Nottingham East	LAB	4,655	1,294	5,949	19.9%	7.3%	14.5%
56		Nottingham North	LAB	3,470	796	4,266	14.8%	4.6%	10.5%
61		Nottingham South	LAB	3,257	852	4,109	14.1%	4.9%	10.2%
328		Nuneaton	LAB	1,555	485	2,040	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%
	27	Ogmore	LAB	1,358	358	1,716	7.7%	2.8%	5.7%
359		Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	1,246	497	1,743	4.9%	2.6%	3.9%
319		Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,797	492	2,289	6.4%	2.3%	4.6%
206		Oldham West & Royton	LAB	2,233	592	2,825	8.7%	3.0%	6.2%
402		Orpington	CON	1,391	456	1,847	4.6%	2.0%	3.5%

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221		Oxford East	LAB	1,982	614	2,596	8.4%	3.2%	6.1%
501		Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	800	294	1,094	2.9%	1.4%	2.2%
339		Pendle	LAB	1,257	354	1,611	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
422		Penrith & The Border	CON	913	395	1,308	3.8%	2.3%	3.2%
171		Peterborough	LAB	2,510	747	3,257	9.3%	3.7%	6.9%
134		Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	2,884	873	3,757	9.9%	4.5%	7.7%
29		Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,993	1,256	5,249	16.5%	7.2%	12.6%
175		Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	2,118	560	2,678	9.4%	3.4%	6.9%
	28	Pontypridd	LAB	1,640	489	2,129	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
304		Poole	CON	1,386	384	1,770	6.4%	2.4%	4.7%
11		Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,890	1,313	6,203	20.2%	7.9%	15.2%
226		Portsmouth North	LAB	1,927	531	2,458	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%
80		Portsmouth South	LD	3,352	887	4,239	12.6%	4.7%	9.4%
	10	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,025	565	2,590	10.8%	4.5%	8.3%
122		Preston	LAB	2,859	704	3,563	11.2%	3.7%	8.1%
474		Pudsey	LAB	908	285	1,193	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
207		Putney	LAB	1,851	732	2,583	8.3%	3.8%	6.2%
418		Rayleigh	CON	1,080	383	1,463	4.1%	2.1%	3.3%
382		Reading East	LAB	1,420	370	1,790	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
410		Reading West	LAB	1,331	338	1,669	4.7%	1.6%	3.4%
71		Redcar	LAB	3,363	776	4,139	13.6%	4.4%	9.8%
282		Redditch	LAB	1,545	607	2,152	6.4%	3.3%	5.1%
63		Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	4,217	1,777	5,994	13.0%	6.7%	10.2%
498		Reigate	CON	722	210	932	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
	12	Rhondda	LAB	2,028	470	2,498	11.2%	3.8%	8.2%
508		Ribble Valley	CON	694	277	971	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%
432		Richmond	CON	956	386	1,342	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
373		Richmond Park	LD	1,377	591	1,968	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
133		Rochdale	LAB	2,641	619	3,260	11.0%	3.5%	7.8%
60		Rochford & Southend East	CON	3,433	953	4,386	13.9%	5.3%	10.3%
377		Romford	LAB	1,092	378	1,470	4.8%	2.3%	3.7%
481		Romsey	CON	774	270	1,044	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
429		Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,096	342	1,438	4.3%	1.7%	3.1%
168		Rother Valley	LAB	2,368	663	3,031	9.5%	3.6%	7.0%
48		Rotherham	LAB	3,174	739	3,913	15.0%	4.9%	10.8%
401		Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,336	457	1,793	4.6%	2.1%	3.5%
449		Ruislip - Northwood	CON	880	291	1,171	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
495		Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	805	271	1,076	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
371		Rushcliffe	CON	1,431	461	1,892	5.1%	2.2%	3.8%
505		Rutland & Melton	CON	690	280	970	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
420		Ryedale	CON	878	351	1,229	4.0%	2.2%	3.2%
482		Saffron Walden	CON	826	335	1,161	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
90		Salford	LAB	2,535	593	3,128	12.7%	4.1%	9.1%
461		Salisbury	CON	1,088	339	1,427	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
181		Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	2,253	693	2,946	9.1%	3.7%	6.8%
184		Scunthorpe	LAB	1,982	574	2,556	8.8%	3.7%	6.7%
277		Sedgefield	LAB	1,573	438	2,011	7.0%	2.6%	5.1%
335		Selby	LAB	1,391	510	1,901	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
450		Sevenoaks	CON	927	330	1,257	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%
162		Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	2,318	650	2,968	9.7%	3.7%	7.1%
38		Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,462	810	4,272	16.4%	5.3%	11.8%
8		Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,727	1,311	6,038	21.6%	8.5%	16.2%
305		Sheffield, Hallam	LD	1,068	479	1,547	5.8%	3.3%	4.7%

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Rank by overall unemployment rate		Party	Claimants			Rate			
Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
85		Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,925	818	3,743	12.5%	4.7%	9.2%
239		Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	2,116	726	2,842	7.6%	3.3%	5.7%
257		Sherwood	LAB	1,906	558	2,464	7.2%	2.9%	5.4%
337		Shipley	LAB	1,388	440	1,828	5.7%	2.3%	4.2%
409		Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	1,188	348	1,536	4.6%	1.8%	3.4%
169		Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	2,203	724	2,927	8.8%	4.3%	7.0%
493		Skipton & Ripon	CON	726	279	1,005	2.8%	1.5%	2.2%
398		Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	1,096	379	1,475	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
243		Slough	LAB	2,135	555	2,690	7.7%	2.7%	5.6%
435		Solihull	CON	1,123	428	1,551	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
397		Somerton & Frome *	LD	1,151	425	1,576	4.4%	2.3%	3.5%
509		South Cambridgeshire	CON	717	253	970	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
340		South Derbyshire	LAB	1,481	471	1,952	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
251		South Dorset	CON	1,680	524	2,204	7.1%	3.1%	5.5%
488		South East Cambridgeshire	CON	832	335	1,167	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
255		South East Cornwall	LD	1,694	633	2,327	6.7%	3.6%	5.4%
471		South Holland & The Deepings	CON	749	293	1,042	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
384		South Norfolk	CON	1,256	479	1,735	4.5%	2.4%	3.6%
448		South Ribble	LAB	1,053	326	1,379	4.0%	1.6%	2.9%
33		South Shields	LAB	3,516	821	4,337	16.9%	5.6%	12.2%
406		South Staffordshire	CON	1,268	411	1,679	4.5%	2.0%	3.5%
413		South Suffolk	CON	1,015	356	1,371	4.2%	2.1%	3.3%
321		South Swindon	LAB	1,739	522	2,261	6.2%	2.4%	4.5%
109		South Thanet	LAB	2,335	646	2,981	11.4%	4.4%	8.5%
431		South West Bedfordshire	CON	1,159	390	1,549	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
376		South West Devon	CON	1,148	441	1,589	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
483		South West Hertfordshire	CON	862	279	1,141	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
349		South West Norfolk	CON	1,441	588	2,029	4.8%	2.9%	4.0%
525		South West Surrey	CON	584	167	751	2.2%	0.9%	1.6%
149		Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,734	629	3,363	10.3%	3.4%	7.5%
139		Southampton, Test	LAB	2,750	679	3,429	10.6%	3.6%	7.7%
160		Southend West	CON	2,102	664	2,766	9.5%	4.0%	7.1%
216		Southport	LD	1,858	620	2,478	8.3%	3.4%	6.1%
465		Spelthorne	CON	1,025	333	1,358	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
490		St Albans	LAB	749	293	1,042	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
192		St Helens North	LAB	2,186	630	2,816	8.8%	3.5%	6.6%
131		St Helens South	LAB	2,482	683	3,165	10.7%	4.0%	7.8%
99		St Ives	LD	2,531	924	3,455	10.8%	5.6%	8.7%
388		Stafford	LAB	1,168	387	1,555	4.7%	2.1%	3.6%
430		Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,039	346	1,385	4.1%	1.9%	3.1%
259		Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	1,765	567	2,332	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
310		Stevenage	LAB	1,627	513	2,140	6.1%	2.6%	4.7%
264		Stockport	LAB	1,866	446	2,312	7.6%	2.4%	5.3%
51		Stockton North	LAB	3,373	855	4,228	14.7%	5.2%	10.7%
135		Stockton South	LAB	2,518	726	3,244	10.5%	4.1%	7.7%
142		Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	2,300	623	2,923	10.4%	3.8%	7.6%
281		Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	1,480	400	1,880	6.9%	2.6%	5.1%
311		Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,629	458	2,087	6.4%	2.4%	4.7%
484		Stone	CON	723	300	1,023	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
314		Stourbridge	LAB	1,536	486	2,022	6.1%	2.7%	4.6%
478		Stratford-on-Avon	CON	933	364	1,297	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
30		Streatham	LAB	4,952	1,900	6,852	16.8%	7.6%	12.6%
225		Stretford & Urmston	LAB	2,194	570	2,764	8.5%	2.8%	6.0%

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Rank by overall unemployment rate		Party	Claimants			Rate			
Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
404		Stroud	LAB	1,216	439	1,655	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
324		Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,503	493	1,996	5.7%	2.7%	4.5%
72		Sunderland North	LAB	2,842	605	3,447	13.8%	4.1%	9.8%
40		Sunderland South	LAB	3,574	784	4,358	15.9%	4.8%	11.2%
527		Surrey Heath	CON	638	194	832	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
421		Sutton Coldfield	CON	1,051	432	1,483	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
416		Sutton & Cheam	LD	1,056	358	1,414	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
	17	Swansea East	LAB	2,047	426	2,473	10.3%	2.9%	7.1%
	3	Swansea West	LAB	2,183	580	2,763	12.5%	4.4%	9.0%
331		Tamworth	LAB	1,388	481	1,869	5.3%	2.6%	4.2%
468		Tatton	IND	816	223	1,039	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
285		Taunton *	LD	1,824	559	2,383	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
302		Teignbridge	CON	1,597	512	2,109	6.3%	2.7%	4.7%
297		Telford	LAB	1,485	413	1,898	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%
438		Tewkesbury	CON	943	332	1,275	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
148		Thurrock	LAB	2,590	770	3,360	9.8%	4.1%	7.5%
417		Tiverton & Honiton	CON	1,077	373	1,450	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
436		Tonbridge & Malling	CON	959	323	1,282	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
105		Tooting	LAB	3,121	1,093	4,214	11.7%	4.8%	8.5%
98		Torbay	LD	2,773	736	3,509	12.2%	4.2%	8.7%
	23	Torfaen	LAB	1,814	486	2,300	8.6%	3.2%	6.3%
262		Torridge & West Devon	LD	1,670	667	2,337	6.5%	3.7%	5.3%
244		Totnes	CON	1,464	568	2,032	6.9%	3.7%	5.6%
6		Tottenham	LAB	6,379	2,099	8,478	22.9%	9.7%	17.1%
176		Truro & St Austell	LD	2,204	731	2,935	8.9%	4.0%	6.8%
443		Tunbridge Wells	CON	975	319	1,294	3.9%	1.7%	2.9%
400		Twickenham	LD	1,326	468	1,794	4.7%	2.1%	3.5%
22		Tyne Bridge	LAB	4,332	893	5,225	19.5%	5.6%	13.7%
152		Tynemouth	LAB	2,272	631	2,903	10.3%	3.7%	7.4%
322		Upminster	LAB	1,218	373	1,591	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
379		Uxbridge	VAC	1,136	393	1,529	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
	19	Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,551	399	1,950	9.8%	3.2%	6.9%
	24	Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,961	601	2,562	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%
486		Vale of York	CON	708	338	1,046	2.8%	1.9%	2.4%
12		Vauxhall	LAB	5,895	2,030	7,925	20.9%	8.4%	15.2%
215		Wakefield	LAB	2,174	607	2,781	8.3%	3.2%	6.1%
42		Wallasey	LAB	3,382	940	4,322	15.5%	5.5%	11.1%
114		Walsall North	LAB	2,864	743	3,607	11.0%	4.3%	8.3%
87		Walsall South	LAB	2,820	841	3,661	11.9%	5.1%	9.1%
57		Walthamstow	LAB	3,371	1,150	4,521	13.7%	6.0%	10.3%
115		Wansbeck	LAB	2,406	622	3,028	11.8%	3.9%	8.3%
441		Wansdyke <*	LAB	971	362	1,333	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
513		Wantage	CON	714	244	958	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%
86		Warley	LAB	2,587	797	3,384	12.1%	5.1%	9.2%
303		Warrington North	LAB	1,717	478	2,195	6.4%	2.4%	4.7%
365		Warrington South	LAB	1,297	447	1,744	5.0%	2.3%	3.9%
399		Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,347	439	1,786	4.7%	2.0%	3.5%
395		Watford	LAB	1,428	377	1,805	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
89		Waveney	LAB	3,000	954	3,954	11.7%	5.4%	9.1%
510		Wealden	CON	718	271	989	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
198		Weaver Vale	LAB	1,973	629	2,602	8.5%	3.7%	6.5%
381		Wellingborough	LAB	1,430	426	1,856	5.0%	2.0%	3.7%
312		Wells	CON	1,424	525	1,949	5.9%	3.0%	4.7%

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Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
462		Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	961	288	1,249	3.7%	1.5%	2.8%
107		Wentworth	LAB	2,620	623	3,243	11.8%	3.9%	8.5%
119		West Bromwich East	LAB	2,596	764	3,360	10.8%	4.5%	8.2%
97		West Bromwich West	SPKR	2,774	821	3,595	11.2%	5.0%	8.7%
391		West Chelmsford	CON	1,348	474	1,822	4.6%	2.2%	3.6%
434		West Derbyshire	CON	979	370	1,349	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
419		West Dorset	CON	862	350	1,212	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
14		West Ham	LAB	4,432	1,347	5,779	19.5%	8.3%	14.8%
228		West Lancashire	LAB	2,112	588	2,700	8.2%	3.0%	6.0%
428		West Suffolk	CON	1,183	465	1,648	3.8%	2.2%	3.2%
423		West Worcestershire	CON	907	320	1,227	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
346		Westbury	CON	1,425	509	1,934	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
477		Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	756	260	1,016	3.4%	1.5%	2.5%
234		Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,801	606	2,407	7.5%	3.4%	5.8%
157		Wigan	LAB	2,179	638	2,817	9.6%	3.9%	7.2%
341		Wimbledon	LAB	1,315	503	1,818	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%
487		Winchester	LD	882	268	1,150	3.1%	1.3%	2.4%
494		Windsor	CON	819	288	1,107	2.9%	1.4%	2.2%
267		Wirral South	LAB	1,476	463	1,939	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
217		Wirral West	LAB	1,633	567	2,200	8.1%	3.5%	6.1%
522		Witney	CON	639	257	896	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
518		Woking	CON	709	198	907	2.5%	1.0%	1.8%
529		Wokingham	CON	484	146	630	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
127		Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,415	656	3,071	10.4%	4.2%	7.9%
92		Wolverhampton South East	LAB	2,363	615	2,978	11.8%	4.6%	9.0%
154		Wolverhampton South West	LAB	2,219	719	2,938	9.6%	4.3%	7.4%
475		Woodspring	CON	835	289	1,124	3.3%	1.5%	2.6%
290		Worcester	LAB	1,572	505	2,077	6.5%	2.8%	4.9%
144		Workington	LAB	2,401	665	3,066	10.2%	3.9%	7.6%
293		Worsley	LAB	1,650	473	2,123	6.7%	2.5%	4.9%
375		Worthing West	CON	1,066	282	1,348	5.4%	1.8%	3.8%
433		Wrekin, The	LAB	896	285	1,181	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
	31	Wrexham	LAB	1,273	375	1,648	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
424		Wycombe	CON	1,311	336	1,647	4.4%	1.5%	3.2%
363		Wyre Forest	LAB	1,382	461	1,843	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
123		Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,934	636	3,570	11.6%	3.3%	8.0%
370		Yeovil *	LD	1,265	451	1,716	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
	7	Ynys-Mon	PC	2,021	590	2,611	11.2%	5.0%	8.7%
180		York, City of	LAB	2,562	769	3,331	9.4%	3.5%	6.8%
		England and Wales		1,118,350	339,553	1,457,903	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%

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B. (not seasonally adjusted) - highest and lowest

Rank by overall unemployment rate		Party	Claimants			Rate			
Eng	Wal		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
1		Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	6,527	1,729	8,256	26.6%	10.3%	19.9%
2		Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	5,512	1,520	7,032	26.7%	9.8%	19.4%
3		Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	6,094	2,015	8,109	25.9%	10.5%	19.0%
4		Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	5,760	2,119	7,879	24.0%	11.4%	18.5%
5		Manchester, Central	LAB	5,094	1,296	6,390	24.3%	8.8%	17.9%
6		Tottenham	LAB	6,379	2,099	8,478	22.9%	9.7%	17.1%
7		Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,543	1,580	7,123	21.2%	10.1%	17.1%
8		Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,727	1,311	6,038	21.6%	8.5%	16.2%
9		Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	5,285	1,432	6,717	21.1%	8.7%	16.2%
10		Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	4,321	1,502	5,823	21.0%	8.8%	15.5%
11		Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,890	1,313	6,203	20.2%	7.9%	15.2%
12		Vauxhall	LAB	5,895	2,030	7,925	20.9%	8.4%	15.2%
13		Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,828	1,053	4,881	20.4%	7.7%	15.0%
14		West Ham	LAB	4,432	1,347	5,779	19.5%	8.3%	14.8%
15		Islington North	LAB	4,728	1,888	6,616	19.8%	9.1%	14.8%
16		Nottingham East	LAB	4,655	1,294	5,949	19.9%	7.3%	14.5%
17		Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	4,383	1,521	5,904	19.8%	8.2%	14.5%
18		Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	4,423	1,108	5,531	20.0%	6.8%	14.4%
19		North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	4,540	1,480	6,020	19.2%	8.0%	14.3%
20		Liverpool, Walton	LAB	4,394	1,137	5,531	19.4%	6.6%	13.8%
21		Middlesbrough	LAB	4,689	1,098	5,787	19.2%	6.3%	13.8%
22		Tyne Bridge	LAB	4,332	893	5,225	19.5%	5.6%	13.7%
23		Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	4,060	1,481	5,541	18.4%	8.0%	13.7%
24		Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,894	1,501	5,395	17.6%	8.6%	13.6%
25		Birkenhead	LAB	4,079	950	5,029	19.3%	5.9%	13.5%
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506		Epsom & Ewell	CON	765	267	1,032	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
505		Rutland & Melton	CON	690	280	970	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
507		Arundel & South Downs	CON	625	211	836	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
508		Ribble Valley	CON	694	277	971	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%
509		South Cambridgeshire	CON	717	253	970	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
510		Wealden	CON	718	271	989	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
511		Newbury	LD	782	242	1,024	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
512		Bracknell	CON	862	245	1,107	2.7%	1.0%	2.0%
513		Wantage	CON	714	244	958	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%
514		Guildford	CON	781	223	1,004	2.8%	1.0%	2.0%
515		Aldershot	CON	894	314	1,208	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
516		Mid Sussex	CON	681	217	898	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
517		Beaconsfield	CON	638	225	863	2.4%	1.1%	1.9%
518		Woking	CON	709	198	907	2.5%	1.0%	1.8%
519		Horsham	CON	671	231	902	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
520		Buckingham	CON	563	178	741	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
521		North East Hampshire	CON	640	215	855	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
522		Witney	CON	639	257	896	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
523		North West Hampshire *	CON	641	234	875	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
524		Henley	CON	571	189	760	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
525		South West Surrey	CON	584	167	751	2.2%	0.9%	1.6%
526		Chesham & Amersham	CON	572	163	735	2.2%	0.8%	1.6%
527		Surrey Heath	CON	638	194	832	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
528		Mole Valley	CON	488	141	629	1.9%	0.7%	1.4%
529		Wokingham	CON	484	146	630	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
		England and Wales		1,118,350	339,553	1,457,903	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%

III Change in Unemployed Claimants April 1996 - April 1997

United Kingdom Constituencies

A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by % change

(largest fall first)

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI		Unemployed Claimants		Change Apr 96 - Apr 97	
						Apr 1996	Apr 1997	Number	Percentage
651		39			Aberavon	2,111	1,901	-210	-9.9%
403			14		Aberdeen Central	2,633	2,022	-611	-23.2%
390			11		Aberdeen North	1,711	1,308	-403	-23.6%
150			3		Aberdeen South	2,075	1,439	-636	-30.7%
646			64		Airdrie & Shotts	3,319	2,943	-376	-11.3%
50	50				Aldershot	1,921	1,208	-713	-37.1%
268	245				Aldridge - Brownhills	2,496	1,823	-673	-27.0%
227	213				Altrincham & Sale West	2,201	1,582	-619	-28.1%
233		6			Alyn & Deeside	2,174	1,567	-607	-27.9%
199	188				Amber Valley	2,938	2,087	-851	-29.0%
565			36		Angus	2,932	2,398	-534	-18.2%
454			21		Argyll & Bute	2,584	2,025	-559	-21.6%
36	36				Arundel & South Downs	1,360	836	-524	-38.5%
273	248				Ashfield	4,029	2,949	-1,080	-26.8%
351	315				Ashford	2,925	2,206	-719	-24.6%
308	277				Ashton under Lyne	3,785	2,810	-975	-25.8%
71	70				Aylesbury	2,410	1,552	-858	-35.6%
655			69		Ayr	2,807	2,565	-242	-8.6%
13	13				Banbury	2,283	1,310	-973	-42.6%
269			7		Banff & Buchan	1,916	1,400	-516	-26.9%
442	388				Barking *	3,530	2,749	-781	-22.1%
588	499				Barnsley Central	3,562	2,955	-607	-17.0%
574	487				Barnsley East & Mexborough	3,955	3,252	-703	-17.8%
484	423				Barnsley West & Penistone	2,981	2,368	-613	-20.6%
393	350				Barrow & Furness	4,016	3,073	-943	-23.5%
243	225				Basildon	4,159	3,005	-1,154	-27.7%
81	79				Basingstoke *	2,264	1,475	-789	-34.8%
327	293				Bassetlaw	3,739	2,801	-938	-25.1%
281	255				Bath *>	3,743	2,749	-994	-26.6%
257	236				Batley & Spen	3,021	2,195	-826	-27.3%
217	204				Battersea	5,570	3,991	-1,579	-28.3%
17	17				Beaconsfield	1,479	863	-616	-41.6%
218	205				Beckenham	3,807	2,728	-1,079	-28.3%
419	371				Bedford	3,555	2,739	-816	-23.0%
341			11		Belfast East	4,074	3,067	-1,007	-24.7%
409			15		Belfast North	5,666	4,360	-1,306	-23.0%
248			6		Belfast South	5,383	3,892	-1,491	-27.7%
364			12		Belfast West	7,640	5,790	-1,850	-24.2%
437	386				Berwick-upon-Tweed	2,578	2,004	-574	-22.3%
404	358				Bethnal Green & Bow	8,746	6,717	-2,029	-23.2%
223	209				Beverley & Holderness	2,791	2,002	-789	-28.3%
98	96				Bexhill & Battle	1,987	1,314	-673	-33.9%
244	226				Bexleyheath & Crayford	2,718	1,964	-754	-27.7%
143	139				Billericay	3,296	2,276	-1,020	-30.9%
623	517				Birkenhead	5,918	5,029	-889	-15.0%
276	251				Birmingham, Edgbaston	4,741	3,473	-1,268	-26.7%
503	440				Birmingham, Erdington	5,309	4,244	-1,065	-20.1%
487	426				Birmingham, Hall Green	3,470	2,758	-712	-20.5%
464	403				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	4,797	3,776	-1,021	-21.3%
553	477				Birmingham, Ladywood	10,142	8,256	-1,886	-18.6%
389	349				Birmingham, Northfield	3,391	2,591	-800	-23.6%
369	332				Birmingham, Perry Barr	5,820	4,422	-1,398	-24.0%
219	206				Birmingham, Selly Oak	4,678	3,353	-1,325	-28.3%
542	470				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	8,785	7,123	-1,662	-18.9%
309	278				Birmingham, Yardley	3,530	2,621	-909	-25.8%
510	446				Bishop Auckland	3,093	2,479	-614	-19.9%
163	156				Blaby	1,590	1,113	-477	-30.0%
516	451				Blackburn	3,730	2,997	-733	-19.7%
586	497				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	3,311	2,744	-567	-17.1%

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568	485				Blackpool South	4,536	3,717	-819	-18.1%
622		36			Blaenau Gwent	3,076	2,613	-463	-15.1%
347	312				Blaydon	3,331	2,511	-820	-24.6%
482	421				Blyth Valley	3,504	2,783	-721	-20.6%
32	32				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	2,404	1,467	-937	-39.0%
278	253				Bolsover	3,568	2,615	-953	-26.7%
298	269				Bolton North East	3,403	2,518	-885	-26.0%
249	230				Bolton South East	3,362	2,432	-930	-27.7%
208	196				Bolton West	1,855	1,324	-531	-28.6%
631	524				Bootle	5,322	4,559	-763	-14.3%
21	21				Boston & Skegness	3,390	2,024	-1,366	-40.3%
132	129				Bosworth	1,466	1,003	-463	-31.6%
108	106				Bournemouth East	3,450	2,300	-1,150	-33.3%
342	307				Bournemouth West	3,714	2,796	-918	-24.7%
8	8				Bracknell	1,981	1,107	-874	-44.1%
578	490				Bradford North	4,941	4,075	-866	-17.5%
497	434				Bradford South	3,973	3,167	-806	-20.3%
576	488				Bradford West	5,818	4,797	-1,021	-17.5%
93	91				Braintree	2,787	1,837	-950	-34.1%
234		7			Brecon & Radnorshire	1,738	1,253	-485	-27.9%
316	283				Brent East	7,207	5,367	-1,840	-25.5%
326	292				Brent North	3,241	2,426	-815	-25.1%
471	410				Brent South	7,323	5,789	-1,534	-20.9%
313	280				Brentford & Isleworth	4,484	3,332	-1,152	-25.7%
89	87				Brentwood & Ongar	1,837	1,207	-630	-34.3%
371		17			Bridgend	2,339	1,778	-561	-24.0%
428	378				Bridgwater	3,335	2,581	-754	-22.6%
420	372				Brigg & Goole	2,897	2,234	-663	-22.9%
412	365				Brighton, Kemptown	5,123	3,943	-1,180	-23.0%
519	454				Brighton, Pavilion	6,307	5,070	-1,237	-19.6%
352	316				Bristol East	5,089	3,847	-1,242	-24.4%
162	154				Bristol North West	4,072	2,849	-1,223	-30.0%
413	366				Bristol South	5,050	3,887	-1,163	-23.0%
329	295				Bristol West	5,143	3,856	-1,287	-25.0%
154	147				Bromley & Chislehurst	2,623	1,824	-799	-30.5%
213	201				Bromsgrove	2,322	1,662	-660	-28.4%
92	90				Broxbourne	2,766	1,822	-944	-34.1%
206	194				Broxtowe	2,849	2,033	-816	-28.6%
20	20				Buckingham	1,245	741	-504	-40.5%
495	432				Burnley	2,073	1,651	-422	-20.4%
480	419				Burton	3,208	2,547	-661	-20.6%
164	155				Bury North	2,090	1,463	-627	-30.0%
174	165				Bury South	2,452	1,726	-726	-29.6%
247	229				Bury St Edmunds	2,047	1,480	-567	-27.7%
610		33			Caernarfon	2,766	2,334	-432	-15.6%
240		8			Caerphilly	3,794	2,740	-1,054	-27.8%
525			24		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	2,723	2,192	-531	-19.5%
515	450				Calder Valley	2,595	2,084	-511	-19.7%
379	339				Camberwell & Peckham	7,643	5,823	-1,820	-23.8%
185	174				Cambridge	3,089	2,181	-908	-29.4%
221	207				Cannock Chase	3,113	2,232	-881	-28.3%
367	330				Canterbury	3,045	2,310	-735	-24.1%
452		23			Cardiff Central	3,646	2,853	-793	-21.7%
304		13			Cardiff North	1,744	1,294	-450	-25.8%
378		18			Cardiff South & Penarth	4,427	3,369	-1,058	-23.9%
463		25			Cardiff West	4,058	3,191	-867	-21.4%
608	512				Carlisle	3,125	2,635	-490	-15.7%
536		27			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	2,012	1,627	-385	-19.1%
592		31			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	3,005	2,502	-503	-16.7%

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597			44		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	3,826	3,199	-627	-16.4%
165	157				Carshalton & Wallington	2,978	2,085	-893	-30.0%
69	68				Castle Point	3,021	1,944	-1,077	-35.7%
561			34		Central Fife	3,631	2,966	-665	-18.3%
288	261				Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	2,162	1,591	-571	-26.4%
439		20			Ceredigion	2,018	1,570	-448	-22.2%
237	220				Charnwood	1,696	1,224	-472	-27.8%
76	75				Chatham & Aylesford	3,586	2,322	-1,264	-35.2%
47	47				Cheadle	1,535	961	-574	-37.4%
357	321				Cheltenham	3,280	2,482	-798	-24.3%
2	2				Chesham & Amersham	1,508	735	-773	-51.3%
535	466				Chesterfield	3,907	3,159	-748	-19.1%
245	227				Chester, City of	3,018	2,181	-837	-27.7%
65	64				Chichester	1,926	1,230	-696	-36.1%
161	153				Chingford & Woodford Green	2,809	1,965	-844	-30.0%
235	218				Chipping Barnet	2,711	1,955	-756	-27.9%
186	175				Chorley	2,505	1,769	-736	-29.4%
73	72				Christchurch	1,741	1,125	-616	-35.4%
445	391				Cities of London & Westminster	4,440	3,464	-976	-22.0%
486	425				Cleethorpes	3,734	2,967	-767	-20.5%
57		1			Clwyd South *>	2,243	1,422	-821	-36.6%
175		3			Clwyd West <*	2,230	1,570	-660	-29.6%
643			62		Clydebank & Milngavie	2,871	2,528	-343	-11.9%
554			32		Clydesdale	2,848	2,319	-529	-18.6%
633			55		Coatbridge & Chryston	2,685	2,304	-381	-14.2%
102	100				Colchester	3,353	2,229	-1,124	-33.5%
212	200				Colne Valley	2,747	1,964	-783	-28.5%
158	151				Congleton	1,722	1,203	-519	-30.1%
558		29			Conwy	3,106	2,535	-571	-18.4%
432	382				Copeland	3,678	2,851	-827	-22.5%
116	114				Corby	2,808	1,883	-925	-32.9%
41	41				Cotswold	1,435	888	-547	-38.1%
216	203				Coventry North East	5,357	3,837	-1,520	-28.4%
307	276				Coventry North West	3,804	2,824	-980	-25.8%
292	265				Coventry South	4,117	3,033	-1,084	-26.3%
87	85				Crawley	2,459	1,615	-844	-34.3%
386	346				Crewe & Nantwich	2,883	2,200	-683	-23.7%
387	347				Crosby	2,910	2,221	-689	-23.7%
361	325				Croydon Central	5,059	3,831	-1,228	-24.3%
376	337				Croydon North	6,923	5,266	-1,657	-23.9%
54	54				Croydon South	2,640	1,668	-972	-36.8%
649			66		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	2,247	2,008	-239	-10.6%
555			33		Cunninghame North	3,013	2,454	-559	-18.6%
634			56		Cunninghame South	3,353	2,882	-471	-14.0%
159		2			Cynon Valley	2,983	2,085	-898	-30.1%
177	167				Dagenham	3,352	2,361	-991	-29.6%
577	489				Darlington	4,100	3,381	-719	-17.5%
289	262				Dartford	3,143	2,313	-830	-26.4%
195	184				Daventry	1,799	1,276	-523	-29.1%
263		9			Delyn	1,922	1,401	-521	-27.1%
353	317				Denton & Reddish	2,938	2,221	-717	-24.4%
423	374				Derby North	3,991	3,081	-910	-22.8%
518	453				Derby South	5,960	4,791	-1,169	-19.6%
135	131				Devizes	2,192	1,505	-687	-31.3%
203	191				Dewsbury	2,758	1,966	-792	-28.7%
605	510				Don Valley	3,528	2,961	-567	-16.1%
612	514				Doncaster Central	5,243	4,428	-815	-15.5%
504	441				Doncaster North	4,369	3,493	-876	-20.1%
609	513				Dover	3,867	3,261	-606	-15.7%

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499	436				Dudley North	3,847	3,068	-779	-20.2%
475	414				Dudley South	2,990	2,367	-623	-20.8%
370	333				Dulwich & West Norwood	7,071	5,375	-1,696	-24.0%
580			41		Dumbarton	3,541	2,924	-617	-17.4%
534			27		Dumfries	2,985	2,412	-573	-19.2%
641			60		Dundee East	4,407	3,849	-558	-12.7%
647			65		Dundee West	3,730	3,318	-412	-11.0%
491			22		Dunfermline East	3,237	2,575	-662	-20.5%
426			17		Dunfermline West	2,644	2,045	-599	-22.7%
469	408				Durham, City of	2,742	2,165	-577	-21.0%
265	242				Ealing North *	4,506	3,287	-1,219	-27.1%
225	211				Ealing Southall	5,384	3,869	-1,515	-28.1%
505	442				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	6,809	5,444	-1,365	-20.0%
270	246				Easington	3,136	2,293	-843	-26.9%
201				4	East Antrim	4,222	3,004	-1,218	-28.8%
380	340				East Devon	1,685	1,284	-401	-23.8%
382	342				East Ham	6,828	5,207	-1,621	-23.7%
139	135				East Hampshire	2,050	1,411	-639	-31.2%
533			26		East Kilbride	2,824	2,281	-543	-19.2%
392				13	East Londonderry	4,945	3,783	-1,162	-23.5%
401			13		East Lothian	2,134	1,638	-496	-23.2%
24	24				East Surrey	1,780	1,073	-707	-39.7%
157	150				East Worthing & Shoreham	2,166	1,511	-655	-30.2%
398	354				East Yorkshire	3,086	2,366	-720	-23.3%
209	197				Eastbourne	2,884	2,059	-825	-28.6%
63	62				Eastleigh	1,902	1,210	-692	-36.4%
526			25		Eastwood	2,022	1,628	-394	-19.5%
275	250				Eccles	3,106	2,275	-831	-26.8%
202	190				Eddisbury	2,003	1,427	-576	-28.8%
562			35		Edinburgh Central	3,265	2,668	-597	-18.3%
629			53		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	2,623	2,243	-380	-14.5%
589			42		Edinburgh North & Leith	4,196	3,483	-713	-17.0%
616			50		Edinburgh Pentlands	2,354	1,991	-363	-15.4%
573			40		Edinburgh South	2,503	2,058	-445	-17.8%
391			12		Edinburgh West	2,202	1,684	-518	-23.5%
474	413				Edmonton	4,961	3,927	-1,034	-20.8%
188	177				Ellesmere Port & Neston	2,891	2,044	-847	-29.3%
191	180				Elmet	2,398	1,698	-700	-29.2%
530	463				Eltham	3,542	2,858	-684	-19.3%
343	308				Enfield North	4,056	3,054	-1,002	-24.7%
366	329				Enfield, Southgate	3,384	2,566	-818	-24.2%
168	160				Epping Forest	2,766	1,939	-827	-29.9%
12	12				Epsom & Ewell	1,821	1,032	-789	-43.3%
145	141				Erewash	3,588	2,480	-1,108	-30.9%
556	478				Erith & Thamesmead	5,712	4,656	-1,056	-18.5%
16	16				Esher & Walton	1,873	1,088	-785	-41.9%
424	375				Exeter	3,818	2,952	-866	-22.7%
434			18		Falkirk East	2,726	2,115	-611	-22.4%
540			29		Falkirk West	2,891	2,341	-550	-19.0%
544	471				Falmouth & Camborne	4,294	3,486	-808	-18.8%
42	42				Fareham	1,901	1,185	-716	-37.7%
131	128				Faversham & Mid Kent	2,640	1,806	-834	-31.6%
384	344				Feltham & Heston	3,995	3,048	-947	-23.7%
551				17	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	4,713	3,835	-878	-18.6%
451	394				Finchley & Golders Green	3,729	2,917	-812	-21.8%
595	503				Folkestone & Hythe	4,209	3,514	-695	-16.5%
259	238				Forest of Dean	2,110	1,534	-576	-27.3%
563				18	Foyle	7,140	5,835	-1,305	-18.3%
180	170				Fylde	1,463	1,031	-432	-29.5%

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236	219				Gainsborough	2,569	1,854	-715	-27.8%
421			16		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	2,767	2,134	-633	-22.9%
297	268				Gateshead East & Washington West	3,665	2,709	-956	-26.1%
181	171				Gedling	3,180	2,241	-939	-29.5%
40	40				Gillingham	3,795	2,347	-1,448	-38.2%
604			46		Glasgow Anniesland	3,051	2,558	-493	-16.2%
621			52		Glasgow Baillieston	4,078	3,457	-621	-15.2%
637			57		Glasgow Cathcart	2,464	2,138	-326	-13.2%
614			48		Glasgow Govan	3,840	3,245	-595	-15.5%
638			58		Glasgow Kelvin	4,079	3,545	-534	-13.1%
652			68		Glasgow Maryhill	4,916	4,466	-450	-9.2%
632			54		Glasgow Pollok	3,689	3,164	-525	-14.2%
570			37		Glasgow Rutherglen	2,742	2,247	-495	-18.1%
639			59		Glasgow Shettleston	3,706	3,225	-481	-13.0%
644			63		Glasgow Springburn	4,369	3,866	-503	-11.5%
496	433				Gloucester	3,947	3,146	-801	-20.3%
284			8		Gordon	1,528	1,123	-405	-26.5%
300	270				Gosport	2,440	1,807	-633	-25.9%
575		30			Gower	2,050	1,686	-364	-17.8%
319	286				Grantham & Stamford	2,267	1,692	-575	-25.4%
194	183				Gravesham	4,034	2,861	-1,173	-29.1%
625	519				Great Grimsby	5,179	4,403	-776	-15.0%
591	501				Great Yarmouth	4,935	4,102	-833	-16.9%
571			38		Greenock & Inverclyde	2,339	1,918	-421	-18.0%
596	504				Greenwich & Woolwich	6,143	5,134	-1,009	-16.4%
18	18				Guildford	1,706	1,004	-702	-41.1%
579	491				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	9,548	7,879	-1,669	-17.5%
599	505				Hackney South & Shoreditch	9,687	8,109	-1,578	-16.3%
400	356				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	2,984	2,289	-695	-23.3%
627	521				Halifax	4,060	3,463	-597	-14.7%
140	136				Haltemprice & Howden	1,800	1,241	-559	-31.1%
569	486				Halton	3,822	3,132	-690	-18.1%
615			49		Hamilton North & Bellshill	3,122	2,640	-482	-15.4%
642			61		Hamilton South	2,302	2,020	-282	-12.3%
511	447				Hammersmith & Fulham	6,634	5,318	-1,316	-19.8%
359	323				Hampstead & Highgate	5,631	4,262	-1,369	-24.3%
320	287				Harborough	1,638	1,223	-415	-25.3%
271	247				Harlow	3,088	2,258	-830	-26.9%
96	94				Harrogate & Knaresborough	2,180	1,441	-739	-33.9%
422	373				Harrow East	3,563	2,750	-813	-22.8%
228	214				Harrow West	2,746	1,975	-771	-28.1%
617	516				Hartlepool	5,045	4,269	-776	-15.4%
197	186				Harwich	3,931	2,791	-1,140	-29.0%
325	291				Hastings & Rye	4,898	3,665	-1,233	-25.2%
182	172				Havant	3,272	2,306	-966	-29.5%
232	217				Hayes & Harlington	2,964	2,135	-829	-28.0%
105	103				Hazel Grove	1,791	1,192	-599	-33.4%
37	37				Hemel Hempstead	2,328	1,433	-895	-38.4%
493	430				Hemsworth	3,379	2,689	-690	-20.4%
567	484				Hendon	3,974	3,254	-720	-18.1%
5	5				Henley	1,395	760	-635	-45.5%
354	318				Hereford *>	2,886	2,182	-704	-24.4%
7	7				Hertford & Stortford	1,996	1,113	-883	-44.2%
33	33				Hertsmere	2,129	1,302	-827	-38.8%
137	133				Hexham	1,850	1,271	-579	-31.3%
395	352				Heywood & Middleton	3,877	2,969	-908	-23.4%
258	237				High Peak	2,313	1,681	-632	-27.3%
100	98				Hitchin & Harpenden	1,742	1,156	-586	-33.6%
585	496				Holborn & St Pancras	6,699	5,541	-1,158	-17.3%

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113	111				Hornchurch	2,404	1,610	-794	-33.0%
344	309				Hornsey & Wood Green	7,473	5,627	-1,846	-24.7%
46	46				Horsham	1,442	902	-540	-37.4%
314	281				Houghton & Washington East	3,884	2,888	-996	-25.6%
385	345				Hove	4,763	3,634	-1,129	-23.7%
539	468				Huddersfield	4,237	3,430	-807	-19.0%
97	95				Huntingdon	2,314	1,530	-784	-33.9%
406	360				Hyndburn	2,133	1,639	-494	-23.2%
238	221				Ilford North	3,107	2,243	-864	-27.8%
449	393				Ilford South *	5,196	4,059	-1,137	-21.9%
416			15		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	3,354	2,583	-771	-23.0%
509	445				Ipswich	3,707	2,969	-738	-19.9%
483	422				Isle of Wight	5,716	4,540	-1,176	-20.6%
490	429				Islington North	8,317	6,616	-1,701	-20.5%
583	494				Islington South & Finsbury	6,523	5,395	-1,128	-17.3%
457		24			Islwyn	2,037	1,597	-440	-21.6%
494	431				Jarrow	4,179	3,328	-851	-20.4%
306	275				Keighley	2,770	2,056	-714	-25.8%
214	202				Kensington & Chelsea	4,276	3,061	-1,215	-28.4%
107	105				Kettering	2,412	1,606	-806	-33.4%
659			72		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	3,417	3,292	-125	-3.7%
388	348				Kingston upon Hull East	5,024	3,835	-1,189	-23.7%
365	328				Kingston upon Hull North	6,025	4,568	-1,457	-24.2%
274	249				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	5,515	4,037	-1,478	-26.8%
160	152				Kingston & Surbiton	2,900	2,028	-872	-30.1%
125	123				Kingswood	2,931	1,991	-940	-32.1%
506			23		Kirkcaldy	3,627	2,900	-727	-20.0%
481	420				Knowsley North & Sefton East	5,188	4,120	-1,068	-20.6%
602	508				Knowsley South	5,534	4,634	-900	-16.3%
133			3		Lagan Valley	2,963	2,031	-932	-31.5%
470	409				Lancaster & Wyre	2,254	1,780	-474	-21.0%
532	465				Leeds Central	6,691	5,404	-1,287	-19.2%
549	474				Leeds East	4,982	4,050	-932	-18.7%
427	377				Leeds North East	3,409	2,638	-771	-22.6%
317	284				Leeds North West	2,579	1,923	-656	-25.4%
330	296				Leeds West	3,997	2,997	-1,000	-25.0%
267	244				Leicester East	3,931	2,871	-1,060	-27.0%
455	396				Leicester South	5,221	4,092	-1,129	-21.6%
444	390				Leicester West	5,072	3,954	-1,118	-22.0%
460	400				Leigh	3,021	2,372	-649	-21.5%
52	52				Leominster <*	2,131	1,341	-790	-37.1%
74	73				Lewes	2,124	1,373	-751	-35.4%
383	343				Lewisham East	4,541	3,463	-1,078	-23.7%
550	475				Lewisham West	5,539	4,507	-1,032	-18.6%
517	452				Lewisham, Deptford	7,346	5,904	-1,442	-19.6%
305	274				Leyton & Wanstead	6,049	4,489	-1,560	-25.8%
80	78				Lichfield	1,904	1,240	-664	-34.9%
394	351				Lincoln	5,059	3,872	-1,187	-23.5%
171			4		Linlithgow	2,453	1,723	-730	-29.8%
581	492				Liverpool, Garston	4,591	3,795	-796	-17.3%
624	518				Liverpool, Riverside	8,273	7,032	-1,241	-15.0%
635	525				Liverpool, Walton	6,424	5,531	-893	-13.9%
606	511				Liverpool, Wavertree	6,036	5,069	-967	-16.0%
628	522				Liverpool, West Derby	6,477	5,531	-946	-14.6%
264			6		Livingston	2,755	2,009	-746	-27.1%
657		40			Llanelli	2,638	2,432	-206	-7.8%
303	273				Loughborough	2,279	1,690	-589	-25.8%
286	259				Louth & Horncastle	2,679	1,970	-709	-26.5%
70	69				Ludlow	1,702	1,096	-606	-35.6%

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155	148				Luton North	3,363	2,340	-1,023	-30.4%
363	327				Luton South	4,353	3,298	-1,055	-24.2%
489	428				Macclesfield	1,758	1,398	-360	-20.5%
44	44				Maidenhead	1,625	1,016	-609	-37.5%
85	83				Maidstone & The Weald	2,635	1,726	-909	-34.5%
472	411				Makerfield	3,001	2,373	-628	-20.9%
104	102				Maldon & East Chelmsford	2,363	1,572	-791	-33.5%
315	282				Manchester, Blackley	5,087	3,786	-1,301	-25.6%
545	472				Manchester, Central	7,866	6,390	-1,476	-18.8%
601	507				Manchester, Gorton	5,829	4,881	-948	-16.3%
560	481				Manchester, Withington	5,011	4,090	-921	-18.4%
302	272				Mansfield	3,995	2,962	-1,033	-25.9%
335	301				Medway	3,664	2,752	-912	-24.9%
492		26			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	1,615	1,285	-330	-20.4%
356	320				Meriden	3,985	3,015	-970	-24.3%
299		12			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	3,507	2,595	-912	-26.0%
45	45				Mid Bedfordshire	1,564	978	-586	-37.5%
43	43				Mid Dorset & North Poole	2,051	1,280	-771	-37.6%
323	289				Mid Norfolk	2,400	1,793	-607	-25.3%
19	19				Mid Sussex	1,514	898	-616	-40.7%
128				2	Mid Ulster	4,690	3,202	-1,488	-31.7%
83	81				Mid Worcestershire	1,900	1,240	-660	-34.7%
468	407				Middlesbrough	7,338	5,787	-1,551	-21.1%
410	363				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	4,569	3,516	-1,053	-23.0%
146			1		Midlothian	1,957	1,354	-603	-30.8%
285	258				Milton Keynes South West	3,009	2,212	-797	-26.5%
429	379				Mitcham & Morden	4,373	3,386	-987	-22.6%
1	1				Mole Valley	1,308	629	-679	-51.9%
272		10			Monmouth	2,048	1,498	-550	-26.9%
184		4			Montgomeryshire	1,046	738	-308	-29.4%
440			19		Moray	2,727	2,122	-605	-22.2%
507	443				Morecambe & Lunesdale	3,551	2,841	-710	-20.0%
204	192				Morley & Rothwell	2,720	1,939	-781	-28.7%
619			51		Motherwell & Wishaw	2,888	2,446	-442	-15.3%
636		37			Neath	2,291	1,979	-312	-13.6%
110	108				New Forest East	1,770	1,184	-586	-33.1%
114	112				New Forest West	1,717	1,150	-567	-33.0%
290	263				Newark	3,103	2,285	-818	-26.4%
10	10				Newbury	1,813	1,024	-789	-43.5%
374	336				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	4,914	3,736	-1,178	-24.0%
415	368				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	5,300	4,081	-1,219	-23.0%
196	185				Newcastle upon Tyne North	3,927	2,786	-1,141	-29.1%
176	166				Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,530	1,782	-748	-29.6%
348		16			Newport East	3,040	2,292	-748	-24.6%
446		21			Newport West	3,430	2,677	-753	-22.0%
220				5	Newry & Armagh	6,184	4,433	-1,751	-28.3%
287	260				Normanton	2,487	1,829	-658	-26.5%
296				9	North Antrim	4,590	3,392	-1,198	-26.1%
198	187				North Cornwall	4,453	3,162	-1,291	-29.0%
266	243				North Devon	3,095	2,260	-835	-27.0%
88	86				North Dorset	1,312	862	-450	-34.3%
310				10	North Down	3,076	2,284	-792	-25.7%
600	506				North Durham	3,274	2,741	-533	-16.3%
14	14				North East Bedfordshire	1,956	1,136	-820	-41.9%
318	285				North East Cambridgeshire	3,026	2,258	-768	-25.4%
241	223				North East Derbyshire	3,400	2,456	-944	-27.8%
375			10		North East Fife	1,955	1,487	-468	-23.9%
109	107				North East Hampshire	1,282	855	-427	-33.3%
39	39				North East Hertfordshire	2,020	1,245	-775	-38.4%

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337	303				North East Milton Keynes	2,352	1,767	-585	-24.9%
22	22				North Essex	1,941	1,167	-774	-39.9%
355	319				North Norfolk	2,644	2,000	-644	-24.4%
253	233				North Shropshire	2,212	1,605	-607	-27.4%
408	362				North Southwark & Bermondsey	7,832	6,020	-1,812	-23.1%
123	121				North Swindon	2,244	1,522	-722	-32.2%
598			45		North Tayside	2,112	1,766	-346	-16.4%
333	299				North Thanet	4,617	3,466	-1,151	-24.9%
360	324				North Tyneside	4,581	3,469	-1,112	-24.3%
295	267				North Warwickshire	2,509	1,854	-655	-26.1%
134	130				North West Cambridgeshire	2,476	1,698	-778	-31.4%
603	509				North West Durham	3,252	2,725	-527	-16.2%
68	67				North West Hampshire *	1,364	875	-489	-35.9%
183	173				North West Leicestershire	2,145	1,512	-633	-29.5%
566	483				North West Norfolk	3,037	2,484	-553	-18.2%
60	59				North Wiltshire	2,100	1,334	-766	-36.5%
514	449				Northampton North	3,304	2,652	-652	-19.7%
488	427				Northampton South	2,989	2,376	-613	-20.5%
64	63				Northavon	2,166	1,382	-784	-36.2%
552	476				Norwich North	3,207	2,610	-597	-18.6%
498	435				Norwich South	4,560	3,636	-924	-20.3%
372	334				Nottingham East	7,826	5,949	-1,877	-24.0%
500	437				Nottingham North	5,345	4,266	-1,079	-20.2%
418	370				Nottingham South	5,335	4,109	-1,226	-23.0%
465	404				Nuneaton	2,590	2,040	-550	-21.2%
572			39		Ochil	2,787	2,290	-497	-17.8%
438		19			Ogmore	2,206	1,716	-490	-22.2%
222	208				Old Bexley & Sidcup	2,430	1,743	-687	-28.3%
106	104				Oldham East & Saddleworth	3,439	2,289	-1,150	-33.4%
173	164				Oldham West & Royton	4,016	2,825	-1,191	-29.7%
658			71		Orkney & Shetland	963	898	-65	-6.7%
112	110				Orpington	2,760	1,847	-913	-33.1%
141	137				Oxford East	3,761	2,596	-1,165	-31.0%
119	117				Oxford West & Abingdon	1,625	1,094	-531	-32.7%
547			31		Paisley North	2,934	2,385	-549	-18.7%
594			43		Paisley South	3,365	2,805	-560	-16.6%
187	176				Pendle	2,281	1,611	-670	-29.4%
476	415				Penrith & The Border	1,652	1,308	-344	-20.8%
650			67		Perth	2,409	2,156	-253	-10.5%
381	341				Peterborough	4,273	3,257	-1,016	-23.8%
340	306				Plymouth, Devonport	4,995	3,757	-1,238	-24.8%
456	397				Plymouth, Sutton	6,696	5,249	-1,447	-21.6%
443	389				Pontefract & Castleford	3,436	2,678	-758	-22.1%
450		22			Pontypridd	2,724	2,129	-595	-21.8%
147	142				Poole	2,558	1,770	-788	-30.8%
301	271				Poplar & Canning Town	8,372	6,203	-2,169	-25.9%
242	224				Portsmouth North	3,402	2,458	-944	-27.7%
512	448				Portsmouth South	5,284	4,239	-1,045	-19.8%
607		32			Preseli Pembrokeshire	3,074	2,590	-484	-15.7%
466	405				Preston	4,520	3,563	-957	-21.2%
82	80				Pudsey	1,830	1,193	-637	-34.8%
229	215				Putney	3,591	2,583	-1,008	-28.1%
31	31				Rayleigh	2,399	1,463	-936	-39.0%
53	53				Reading East	2,835	1,790	-1,045	-36.9%
51	51				Reading West	2,654	1,669	-985	-37.1%
425	376				Redcar	5,352	4,139	-1,213	-22.7%
478	417				Redditch	2,714	2,152	-562	-20.7%
467	406				Regent's Park & Kensington North	7,601	5,994	-1,607	-21.1%
9	9				Reigate	1,665	932	-733	-44.0%

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640		38			Rhondda	2,863	2,498	-365	-12.7%
277	252				Ribble Valley	1,325	971	-354	-26.7%
126	124				Richmond	1,973	1,342	-631	-32.0%
193	182				Richmond Park	2,777	1,968	-809	-29.1%
590	500				Rochdale	3,927	3,260	-667	-17.0%
584	495				Rochford & Southend East	5,303	4,386	-917	-17.3%
34	34				Romford	2,401	1,470	-931	-38.8%
152	145				Romsey	1,503	1,044	-459	-30.5%
226	212				Rossendale & Darwen	2,001	1,438	-563	-28.1%
611			47		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	3,343	2,821	-522	-15.6%
522	457				Rother Valley	3,767	3,031	-736	-19.5%
653	528				Rotherham	4,297	3,913	-384	-8.9%
149			2		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	1,524	1,055	-469	-30.8%
239	222				Rugby & Kenilworth	2,483	1,793	-690	-27.8%
91	89				Ruislip - Northwood	1,780	1,171	-609	-34.2%
29	29				Runnymede & Weybridge	1,772	1,076	-696	-39.3%
117	115				Rushcliffe	2,817	1,892	-925	-32.8%
38	38				Rutland & Melton	1,574	970	-604	-38.4%
312	279				Ryedale	1,655	1,229	-426	-25.7%
35	35				Saffron Walden	1,895	1,161	-734	-38.7%
179	169				Salford	4,439	3,128	-1,311	-29.5%
48	48				Salisbury	2,279	1,427	-852	-37.4%
527	460				Scarborough & Whitby	3,658	2,946	-712	-19.5%
362	326				Scunthorpe	3,375	2,556	-819	-24.3%
349	313				Sedgefield	2,667	2,011	-656	-24.6%
282	256				Selby	2,588	1,901	-687	-26.5%
56	56				Sevenoaks	1,983	1,257	-726	-36.6%
485	424				Sheffield, Attercliffe	3,736	2,968	-768	-20.6%
630	523				Sheffield, Brightside	4,993	4,272	-721	-14.4%
537	467				Sheffield, Central	7,464	6,038	-1,426	-19.1%
345	310				Sheffield, Hallam	2,054	1,547	-507	-24.7%
559	480				Sheffield, Heeley	4,586	3,743	-843	-18.4%
459	399				Sheffield, Hillsborough	3,620	2,842	-778	-21.5%
190	179				Sherwood	3,480	2,464	-1,016	-29.2%
479	418				Shipley	2,305	1,828	-477	-20.7%
58	57				Shrewsbury & Atcham	2,421	1,536	-885	-36.6%
373	335				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	3,850	2,927	-923	-24.0%
26	26				Skipton & Ripon	1,663	1,005	-658	-39.6%
118	116				Sleaford & North Hykeham	2,191	1,475	-716	-32.7%
122	120				Slough	3,975	2,690	-1,285	-32.3%
414	367				Solihull	2,015	1,551	-464	-23.0%
95	93				Somerton & Frome *	2,387	1,576	-811	-34.0%
77				1	South Antrim	3,436	2,227	-1,209	-35.2%
15	15				South Cambridgeshire	1,670	970	-700	-41.9%
339	305				South Derbyshire	2,597	1,952	-645	-24.8%
280	254				South Dorset	3,003	2,204	-799	-26.6%
256				8	South Down	4,924	3,576	-1,348	-27.4%
79	77				South East Cambridgeshire	1,794	1,167	-627	-34.9%
166	158				South East Cornwall	3,323	2,327	-996	-30.0%
115	113				South Holland & The Deepings	1,555	1,042	-513	-33.0%
192	181				South Norfolk	2,449	1,735	-714	-29.2%
167	159				South Ribble	1,969	1,379	-590	-30.0%
582	493				South Shields	5,245	4,337	-908	-17.3%
120	118				South Staffordshire	2,488	1,679	-809	-32.5%
101	99				South Suffolk	2,064	1,371	-693	-33.6%
255	235				South Swindon	3,115	2,261	-854	-27.4%
541	469				South Thanet	3,678	2,981	-697	-19.0%
62	61				South West Bedfordshire	2,436	1,549	-887	-36.4%
189	178				South West Devon	2,247	1,589	-658	-29.3%

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Rank by % change

(largest fall first)

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI		Unemployed Claimants		Change Apr 96 - Apr 97	
						Apr 1996	Apr 1997	Number	Percentage
55	55				South West Hertfordshire	1,802	1,141	-661	-36.7%
207	195				South West Norfolk	2,843	2,029	-814	-28.6%
4	4				South West Surrey	1,385	751	-634	-45.8%
252	232				Southampton, Itchen	4,640	3,363	-1,277	-27.5%
336	302				Southampton, Test	4,565	3,429	-1,136	-24.9%
368	331				Southend West	3,646	2,766	-880	-24.1%
441	387				Southport	3,184	2,478	-706	-22.2%
84	82				Spelthorne	2,077	1,358	-719	-34.6%
28	28				St Albans	1,720	1,042	-678	-39.4%
477	416				St Helens North	3,556	2,816	-740	-20.8%
461	401				St Helens South	4,028	3,165	-863	-21.4%
613	515				St Ives	4,089	3,455	-634	-15.5%
328	294				Stafford	2,075	1,555	-520	-25.1%
508	444				Staffordshire Moorlands	1,731	1,385	-346	-20.0%
230	216				Stalybridge & Hyde	3,242	2,332	-910	-28.1%
67	66				Stevenage	3,343	2,140	-1,203	-36.0%
448			20		Stirling	2,233	1,744	-489	-21.9%
417	369				Stockport	3,002	2,312	-690	-23.0%
593	502				Stockton North	5,076	4,228	-848	-16.7%
431	381				Stockton South	4,185	3,244	-941	-22.5%
648	527				Stoke-on-Trent Central	3,282	2,923	-359	-10.9%
350	314				Stoke-on-Trent North	2,493	1,880	-613	-24.6%
453	395				Stoke-on-Trent South	2,665	2,087	-578	-21.7%
127	125				Stone	1,500	1,023	-477	-31.8%
293	266				Stourbridge	2,743	2,022	-721	-26.3%
397				14	Strangford	3,157	2,420	-737	-23.3%
130	127				Stratford-on-Avon	1,896	1,297	-599	-31.6%
543			30		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	2,295	1,863	-432	-18.8%
435	384				Streattham	8,827	6,852	-1,975	-22.4%
473	412				Stretford & Urmston	3,492	2,764	-728	-20.8%
205	193				Stroud	2,321	1,655	-666	-28.7%
436	385				Suffolk Coastal	2,569	1,996	-573	-22.3%
334	300				Sunderland North	4,591	3,447	-1,144	-24.9%
346	311				Sunderland South	5,784	4,358	-1,426	-24.7%
11	11				Surrey Heath	1,470	832	-638	-43.4%
124	122				Sutton Coldfield	2,185	1,483	-702	-32.1%
94	92				Sutton & Cheam	2,145	1,414	-731	-34.1%
618		34			Swansea East	2,922	2,473	-449	-15.4%
620		35			Swansea West	3,262	2,763	-499	-15.3%
211	199				Tamworth	2,616	1,869	-747	-28.6%
129	126				Tatton	1,520	1,039	-481	-31.6%
407	361				Taunton *	3,101	2,383	-718	-23.2%
283	257				Teignbridge	2,871	2,109	-762	-26.5%
331	297				Telford	2,531	1,898	-633	-25.0%
148	143				Tewkesbury	1,842	1,275	-567	-30.8%
521	456				Thurrock	4,176	3,360	-816	-19.5%
144	140				Tiverton & Honiton	2,099	1,450	-649	-30.9%
99	97				Tonbridge & Malling	1,936	1,282	-654	-33.8%
324	290				Tooting	5,637	4,214	-1,423	-25.2%
358	322				Torbay	4,637	3,509	-1,128	-24.3%
322		15			Torfaen	3,080	2,300	-780	-25.3%
254	234				Torridge & West Devon	3,220	2,337	-883	-27.4%
169	161				Totnes	2,898	2,032	-866	-29.9%
546	473				Tottenham	10,432	8,478	-1,954	-18.7%
462	402				Truro & St Austell	3,735	2,935	-800	-21.4%
27	27				Tunbridge Wells	2,136	1,294	-842	-39.4%
215			5		Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	1,384	991	-393	-28.4%
178	168				Twickenham	2,546	1,794	-752	-29.5%
411	364				Tyne Bridge	6,789	5,225	-1,564	-23.0%

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Rank by % change

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UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI		Unemployed Claimants		Change Apr 96 - Apr 97	
						Apr 1996	Apr 1997	Number	Percentage
338	304				Tynemouth	3,863	2,903	-960	-24.9%
250	231				Upminster	2,197	1,591	-606	-27.6%
251				7	Upper Bann	3,727	2,701	-1,026	-27.5%
103	101				Uxbridge	2,299	1,529	-770	-33.5%
311		14			Vale of Clwyd	2,626	1,950	-676	-25.7%
279		11			Vale of Glamorgan	3,491	2,562	-929	-26.6%
75	74				Vale of York	1,618	1,046	-572	-35.4%
564	482				Vauxhall	9,697	7,925	-1,772	-18.3%
405	359				Wakefield	3,620	2,781	-839	-23.2%
654	529				Wallasey	4,744	4,322	-422	-8.9%
447	392				Walsall North	4,620	3,607	-1,013	-21.9%
531	464				Walsall South	4,535	3,661	-874	-19.3%
402	357				Walthamstow	5,889	4,521	-1,368	-23.2%
433	383				Wansbeck	3,903	3,028	-875	-22.4%
25	25				Wansdyke <*	2,206	1,333	-873	-39.6%
72	71				Wantage	1,484	958	-526	-35.4%
458	398				Warley	4,315	3,384	-931	-21.6%
399	355				Warrington North	2,862	2,195	-667	-23.3%
332	298				Warrington South	2,324	1,744	-580	-25.0%
121	119				Warwick & Leamington	2,645	1,786	-859	-32.5%
90	88				Watford	2,746	1,805	-941	-34.3%
645	526				Waveney	4,467	3,954	-513	-11.5%
6	6				Wealden	1,803	989	-814	-45.1%
520	455				Weaver Vale	3,235	2,602	-633	-19.6%
156	149				Wellingborough	2,662	1,856	-806	-30.3%
170	162				Wells	2,778	1,949	-829	-29.8%
86	84				Welwyn Hatfield	1,904	1,249	-655	-34.4%
587	498				Wentworth	3,912	3,243	-669	-17.1%
294			9		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	1,296	956	-340	-26.2%
524	459				West Bromwich East	4,174	3,360	-814	-19.5%
502	439				West Bromwich West	4,501	3,595	-906	-20.1%
200	189				West Chelmsford	2,561	1,822	-739	-28.9%
260	239				West Derbyshire	1,855	1,349	-506	-27.3%
172	163				West Dorset	1,723	1,212	-511	-29.7%
430	380				West Ham	7,459	5,779	-1,680	-22.5%
396	353				West Lancashire	3,525	2,700	-825	-23.4%
538			28		West Renfrewshire	1,772	1,434	-338	-19.1%
142	138				West Suffolk	2,387	1,648	-739	-31.0%
513				16	West Tyrone	5,017	4,026	-991	-19.8%
224	210				West Worcestershire	1,710	1,227	-483	-28.2%
261	240				Westbury	2,658	1,934	-724	-27.2%
656			70		Western Isles	1,270	1,169	-101	-8.0%
136	132				Westmorland & Lonsdale	1,479	1,016	-463	-31.3%
291	264				Weston-Super-Mare	3,268	2,407	-861	-26.3%
626	520				Wigan	3,307	2,817	-490	-14.8%
138	134				Wimbledon	2,644	1,818	-826	-31.2%
59	58				Winchester	1,812	1,150	-662	-36.5%
66	65				Windsor	1,733	1,107	-626	-36.1%
523	458				Wirral South	2,409	1,939	-470	-19.5%
557	479				Wirral West	2,696	2,200	-496	-18.4%
30	30				Witney	1,472	896	-576	-39.1%
78	76				Woking	1,398	907	-491	-35.1%
3	3				Wokingham	1,242	630	-612	-49.3%
262	241				Wolverhampton North East	4,220	3,071	-1,149	-27.2%
210	198				Wolverhampton South East	4,170	2,978	-1,192	-28.6%
246	228				Wolverhampton South West	4,065	2,938	-1,127	-27.7%
23	23				Woodspring	1,869	1,124	-745	-39.9%
153	146				Worcester	2,990	2,077	-913	-30.5%
528	461				Workington	3,807	3,066	-741	-19.5%

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Rank by % change

(largest fall first)

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI		Unemployed Claimants		Change Apr 96 - Apr 97	
						Apr 1996	Apr 1997	Number	Percentage
529	462				Worsley	2,632	2,123	-509	-19.3%
151	144				Worthing West	1,941	1,348	-593	-30.6%
111	109				Wrekin, The	1,765	1,181	-584	-33.1%
231		5			Wrexham	2,290	1,648	-642	-28.0%
49	49				Wycombe	2,626	1,647	-979	-37.3%
61	60				Wyre Forest	2,900	1,843	-1,057	-36.4%
321	288				Wythenshawe & Sale East	4,781	3,570	-1,211	-25.3%
501	438				Yeovil *	2,150	1,716	-434	-20.2%
548		28			Ynys-Mon	3,212	2,611	-601	-18.7%
377	338				York, City of	4,378	3,331	-1,047	-23.9%
United Kingdom						2,223,919	1,687,961	-535,958	-24.1%

III Change in Unemployed Claimants April 1996 - April 1997

United Kingdom Constituencies

B. (not seasonally adjusted) - highest and lowest

Rank by % change

(largest fall first)

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI		Unemployed Claimants		Change Apr 96 - Apr 97	
						Apr 1996	Apr 1997	Number	Percentage
1	1				Mole Valley	1,308	629	-679	-51.9%
2	2				Chesham & Amersham	1,508	735	-773	-51.3%
3	3				Wokingham	1,242	630	-612	-49.3%
4	4				South West Surrey	1,385	751	-634	-45.8%
5	5				Henley	1,395	760	-635	-45.5%
6	6				Wealden	1,803	989	-814	-45.1%
7	7				Hertford & Stortford	1,996	1,113	-883	-44.2%
8	8				Bracknell	1,981	1,107	-874	-44.1%
9	9				Reigate	1,665	932	-733	-44.0%
10	10				Newbury	1,813	1,024	-789	-43.5%
11	11				Surrey Heath	1,470	832	-638	-43.4%
12	12				Epsom & Ewell	1,821	1,032	-789	-43.3%
13	13				Banbury	2,283	1,310	-973	-42.6%
14	14				North East Bedfordshire	1,956	1,136	-820	-41.9%
15	15				South Cambridgeshire	1,670	970	-700	-41.9%
16	16				Esher & Walton	1,873	1,088	-785	-41.9%
17	17				Beaconsfield	1,479	863	-616	-41.6%
18	18				Guildford	1,706	1,004	-702	-41.1%
19	19				Mid Sussex	1,514	898	-616	-40.7%
20	20				Buckingham	1,245	741	-504	-40.5%
21	21				Boston & Skegness	3,390	2,024	-1,366	-40.3%
22	22				North Essex	1,941	1,167	-774	-39.9%
23	23				Woodspring	1,869	1,124	-745	-39.9%
24	24				East Surrey	1,780	1,073	-707	-39.7%
25	25				Wansdyke <*	2,206	1,333	-873	-39.6%
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635	525				Liverpool, Walton	6,424	5,531	-893	-13.9%
636		37			Neath	2,291	1,979	-312	-13.6%
637			57		Glasgow Cathcart	2,464	2,138	-326	-13.2%
638			58		Glasgow Kelvin	4,079	3,545	-534	-13.1%
639			59		Glasgow Shettleston	3,706	3,225	-481	-13.0%
640		38			Rhondda	2,863	2,498	-365	-12.7%
641			60		Dundee East	4,407	3,849	-558	-12.7%
642			61		Hamilton South	2,302	2,020	-282	-12.3%
643			62		Clydebank & Milngavie	2,871	2,528	-343	-11.9%
644			63		Glasgow Springburn	4,369	3,866	-503	-11.5%
645	526				Waveney	4,467	3,954	-513	-11.5%
646			64		Airdrie & Shotts	3,319	2,943	-376	-11.3%
647			65		Dundee West	3,730	3,318	-412	-11.0%
648	527				Stoke-on-Trent Central	3,282	2,923	-359	-10.9%
649			66		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	2,247	2,008	-239	-10.6%
650			67		Perth	2,409	2,156	-253	-10.5%
651		39			Aberavon	2,111	1,901	-210	-9.9%
652			68		Glasgow Maryhill	4,916	4,466	-450	-9.2%
653	528				Rotherham	4,297	3,913	-384	-8.9%
654	529				Wallasey	4,744	4,322	-422	-8.9%
655			69		Ayr	2,807	2,565	-242	-8.6%
656			70		Western Isles	1,270	1,169	-101	-8.0%
657		40			Llanelli	2,638	2,432	-206	-7.8%
658			71		Orkney & Shetland	963	898	-65	-6.7%
659			72		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	3,417	3,292	-125	-3.7%
United Kingdom						2,223,919	1,687,961	-535,958	-24.1%

IV Technical Appendix

Part of the information held about unemployed claimants is their postcode. The ONS uses the postcode to allocate claimants to the electoral ward in which they live. This mapping exercise is done 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 wards were used since it was this geographical basis on 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 the present 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

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

these areas are only available from January 1996 onwards.

Although figures for the *number* of unemployed claimants are available for all constituencies, it is presently possible to calculate unemployment *rates* for constituencies in England and Wales only. This is because data for the economically active population, taken from the 1991 Census and used for the denominators, is not presently available for constituencies in Scotland and Northern Ireland on a frozen 1991 ward base².

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)³ 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 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.

² *Constituency Monitors* have however been published which provide data based on the "true" 1995 constituency boundaries. Such figures are not however suitable for calculating unemployment rates since the unemployment data is only available for areas defined in terms of frozen 1991 wards.

³ OPCS has since merged with the Central Statistical Office to form the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

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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 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 Census data for constituencies in Scotland is still some way off. Since the constituencies in Scotland are 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. 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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97/38	Unemployment by Constituency - February 1997	19.03.97
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