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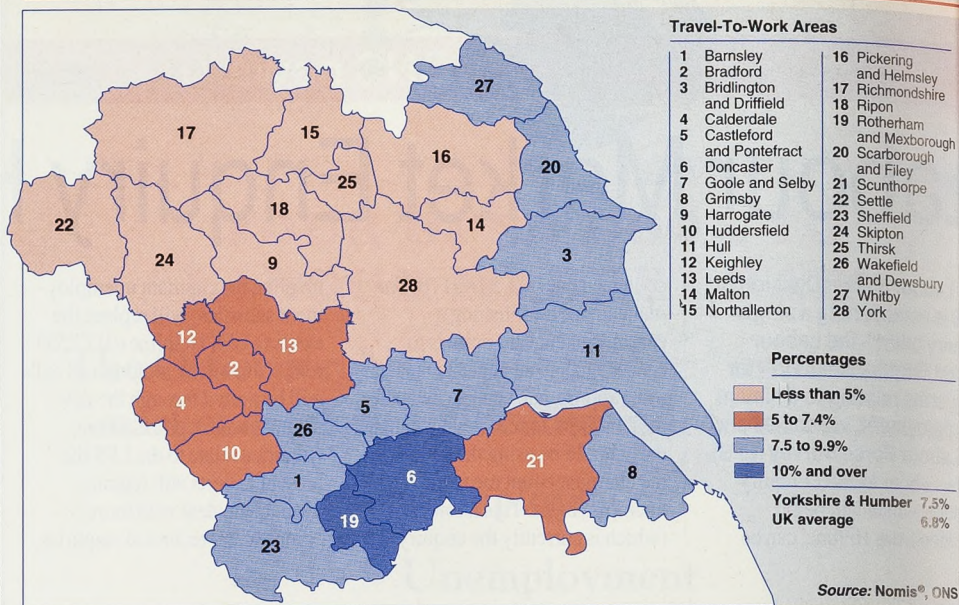






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Figure 11 Claimant unemployment rates by Travel-to-Work Area, January 1997



# LABOUR MARKET UPDATE



Prepared by the Government Statistical Service

The Office for National Statistics overview and update of trends in the labour market, drawn from the Labour Market Data section's detailed tables.

## LABOUR MARKET OVERVIEW

A fall in claimant unemployment in April - the fourteenth in a row - suggests that the improvement in the labour market is continuing. LFS results released last month showing a rise in employment and a fall in unemployment support this view.

Claimant unemployment in the UK in April (seasonally adjusted) stood at 1,651,400, down over the year by 531,000. At 5.9 per cent of the workforce, the rate is down 0.2 percentage points on the month, and 1.9 points on the year.

Claimant unemployment in April was 57,500 (4 per cent) higher than the last trough in April 1990, and 1.3 million (45 per cent) down on the last peak in December 1992.

The average monthly fall in claimant unemployment over the last six months was 62,300.

Results of the winter 1996/7 (December to February) LFS showed that the level of seasonally-adjusted ILO unemployment in Great Britain decreased by 111,000 over the quarter, and 224,000 over the year, to 2,111,000. The ILO unemployment rate according to the winter LFS was 7.5 per cent, 0.4 points down on the quarter and 0.8 over the year.

The latest estimates of employment from the LFS and UK Workforce in Employment estimates both showed a large increase during 1996. The LFS recorded a rise of 351,000 in total employment in Great Britain over the year to winter 1996/7 (December to February). The UK Workforce in Employment estimates in December 1996 were up 222,000 over the year.

Estimates of the number of employees in production industries showed a fall of 18,000 (0.4 per cent) in manufacturing and a fall of 27,000 (13 per cent) in energy and water supply over the year to March 1997.

Notifications of new vacancies to UK Jobcentres fell by 26,900 (seasonally adjusted) between March and April to 223,500. The stock of vacancies (seasonally adjusted) at Jobcentres rose by 300 in April to 275,600 - the highest level since the series began in January 1980. The number of placings by the Employment Service fell by 16,700 in April to 156,400.

The annual underlying increase in average earnings (whole economy) in the year to March was 4.5 per cent.

37,000 working days were lost in 35 stoppages of work due to labour disputes in March 1997. This was more than double the number in March 1996 and three times higher than in February 1997. An estimated 1,274,000 days were lost due to 237 disputes over the 12 months to March 1997. Although the number of disputes in the preceding year was similar, the number of days lost was much lower (447,000).

## ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Figure 1. Tables 7.1-7.3

The economic activity rate for all people in Great Britain aged 16 and over from the winter (December to February) 1996/7 LFS (seasonally adjusted) was 63 per cent, the same rate as in both autumn 1996 and winter 1995/6. (Table 7.3)

The winter 1996/7 LFS recorded 85 per cent of men of working age as economically active (seasonally adjusted), compared with 72 per cent of women. The difference between the rates for men and women has decreased over both the year and quarter to winter 1996/7. The rate for men fell by 0.1 over the

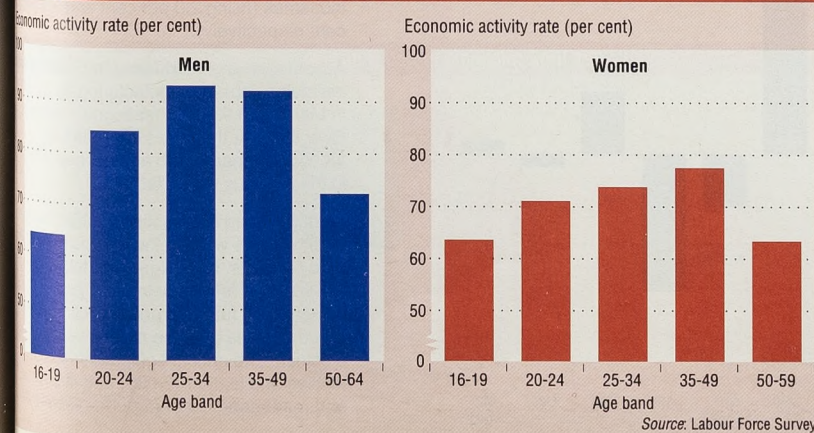
quarter and 0.3 percentage points over the year, while the rate for women was 0.1 per cent higher over the quarter and 0.5 percentage points over the year. (Table 7.3)

The LFS shows that the net increase in the number in employment of 351,000 over the year to winter 1996/7 was balanced by a decrease in ILO unemployed of 224,000, an increase in the number economically inactive of 25,000 and an increase in the total population (aged 16 and over) of 153,000 (all seasonally adjusted).

In an analysis by age band, the LFS shows that the economic activity rate was highest among men aged 25 to 34 and women aged 35 to 49 (at 93.0 per cent and 77.3 per cent respectively in winter 1996/7).

The seasonally-adjusted economic inactivity rate for women of working age was 27.9 per cent in winter 1996/7, 0.5 percentage points lower than in winter 1995/6; the rate for men increased by 0.3 percentage points over the same period, standing at 15.0 per cent in winter 1996/7.

Figure 1 Economic activity rates by age group; winter 1996/7; Great Britain; not seasonally adjusted



## HOURS OF WORK

The LFS estimate of the seasonally-adjusted total number of actual hours of work per week was 857 million during winter 1996/7, up 1.0 per cent on winter 1995/6. This was due to a rise in total employment (1.4 per cent over the year) and a decrease (0.5 per cent) in average actual weekly hours.

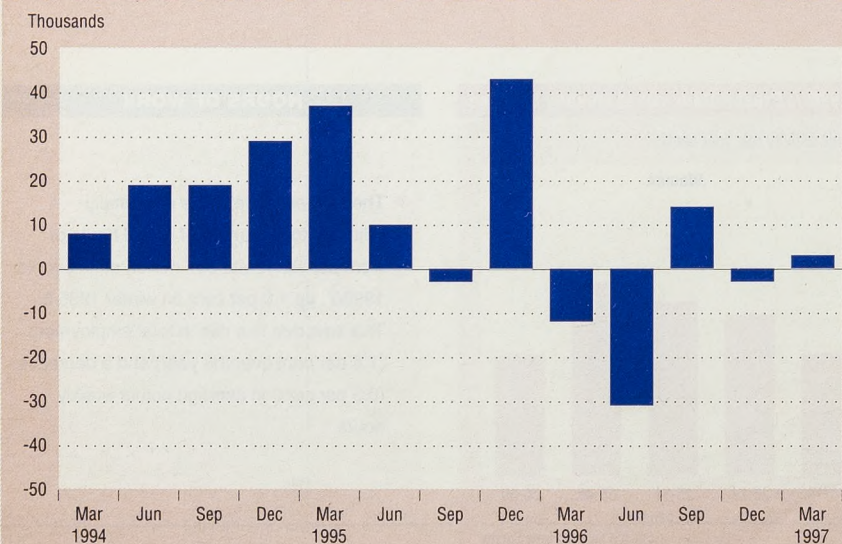


ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Tables 0.5, 6.1-6.5

- ◆ Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the first quarter of 1997 was 1.0 per cent higher than the previous quarter and 3.0 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ Excluding oil and gas, GDP in the first quarter of 1997 was 1.0 per cent higher than the previous quarter and 3.0 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ Retail sales volumes in the three months to March were 1.0 per cent higher than in the previous three months and 4.4 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ Manufacturing output in the three months to March was 0.6 per cent higher than in the previous three months and up 1.6 per cent on a year earlier.
- ◆ Construction output in the fourth quarter of 1996 was 1.1 per cent higher than the previous quarter and 1.6 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ Manufacturing investment in the fourth quarter of 1996 was 0.2 per cent lower than the previous quarter and 8.1 per cent lower than a year earlier.
- ◆ Government consumption in the fourth quarter of 1996 was 1.1 per cent higher than the previous quarter and 1.7 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ The balance of trade in goods in the three months to February was in deficit by £2.1 billion, down from a deficit of £2.9 billion in the previous three months and from £3.6 billion a year earlier.
- ◆ Excluding oil and erratics, export volumes in the three months to February were up 0.8 per cent on the previous three months and 7.2 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ Excluding oil and erratics, import volumes in the three months to February were 1.6 per cent up on the previous three months and 6.1 per cent higher than a year earlier.
- ◆ The increase over the twelve months to April in the 'all items' RPI was 2.4 per cent, down from the 2.6 per cent for March. By far the largest downward effect on the 12-month rate came from motoring costs, where prices for second-hand vehicles and for petrol and oil dropped over the month. There were smaller downward effects from housing costs as the increase in council taxes and water rates were less than last year, and because house prices have shown little change over the month in comparison to a steep rise a year ago. Household goods' prices and leisure goods' prices also exerted downward pressure. There were upward effects on the 12-month rate from seasonal food prices, in particular fresh vegetable prices which fell less than would be expected for the time of year following unusually large price falls in recent months. Household service charges also exerted upward pressure due to the increase in insurance premium tax, effective 1 April, as announced in the November Budget.
- ◆ Over the month the 'all items' RPI rose by 0.6 per cent, compared with a rise of 0.7 per cent between March and April last year.
- ◆ Excluding mortgage interest payments (RPIX), the 12-month rate of price increases was 2.5 per cent for April, down from 2.7 per cent for March.
- ◆ The index for all items excluding mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes (also known as RPIY) showed an increase over the latest 12 months of 2.0 per cent, down from 2.3 per cent for March.
- ◆ The 12-month rate of increase in the output price index for home sales of manufactured products was provisionally estimated at 0.8 per cent for April, compared with a 1.0 per cent (provisional) increase for March. The input price index for materials and fuels purchased by the manufacturing industry provisionally decreased by 10.5 per cent over the year to April, compared with a provisional decrease of 8.0 per cent for March.

Figure 2 Employees in manufacturing; quarterly changes; Great Britain; March 1994 - March 1997; seasonally adjusted



EMPLOYMENT

Figure 2. Tables 0.1-0.4, 1.1-1.5, 1.11, 7.1-7.4

- ◆ The latest results from the **Labour Force Survey (LFS)** for Great Britain, carried out in winter (December to February) 1996/7, showed that total employment (seasonally adjusted) rose by 135,000 since autumn (September to November) 1996, and 351,000 since winter 1995/6, to stand at 25,985,000. Both male and female employment increased. The number of men in employment was up over the quarter by 95,000, and over the year by 228,000, to 14,353,000. The number of women in employment has risen by 40,000 over the quarter, and 123,000 over the year, to 11,632,000.
- ◆ The **UK Workforce in Employment** (unchanged from figures published last month), rose by 47,000 (0.2 per cent) over the quarter to December and by 222,000 over the year to 26,147,000. This is the third quarterly rise in a row. It included increases for employees (54,000), the self-employed (1,000) and falls for participants in work-related government-supported training schemes (7,000) and armed forces (1,000). (Table 1.1)
- ◆ According to the **LFS**, the number of employees in Great Britain had risen by 339,000 to 22,401,000 (seasonally adjusted) between winter 1995/6 and winter 1996/7, while the number of self-employed has risen by 59,000 to 3,277,000. Over the quarter to winter 1996/7, the number of employees rose by 149,000 and the number of self-employed fell by 6,000. (Tables 0.3 and 7.1)
- ◆ The LFS also showed that the numbers of both full-time and part-time employees (seasonally adjusted) rose over the year (by 187,000 and 152,000) to winter 1996/7. The totals now stand at 16,718,000 for full-time and 5,681,000 for part-time.
- ◆ In an analysis by industry sector, the LFS shows that over the year to winter 1996/7, the numbers in employment (not seasonally adjusted) increased by 2.2 per cent in the service industries but remained stable in the manufacturing industries (a rise of 0.1 per cent). These industries together accounted for nearly nine-tenths of those in employment. The changes differ by sex in the manufacturing industries (rising 1.2 per cent for men but falling 2.9 per cent for women over the year), while the increases were similar for men and women in the service industries (rising 2.3 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively).

- ◆ According to the **Workforce in Employment** estimates, jobs in manufacturing fell by 3,000 in March to 3,933,000 (seasonally adjusted). Over the year the series has fallen by 18,000, compared with an increase of 39,000 in the previous year. (Table 1.2)
- ◆ Manufacturing sub-sections show the main monthly rises were in the groups comprising food products, beverages and tobacco (4,000), and refined petroleum products, nuclear fuel, furniture and recycling (2,000). The main falls over the month were in electrical and optical equipment (4,000), textiles and leather (2,000) and chemicals and man-made fibres (2,000). (Table 1.2)

UNEMPLOYMENT

Figures 3 and 4. Tables 0.1-0.4, 2.1-2.24, (except 2.18), 7.1-7.6

- ◆ The UK seasonally-adjusted level of **claimant unemployment** fell by 59,400 in April 1997 to stand at 1,651,400. (Table 2.1)
- ◆ The unemployment level was 57,500 (4 per cent) higher than in April 1990 when claimant unemployment reached its last trough, but 1,329,700 (45 per cent) lower than in December 1992 when unemployment last reached a peak.
- ◆ The seasonally-adjusted rate of claimant unemployment, at 5.9 per cent of the workforce, was down 0.2 percentage points on the previous month. This was the lowest rate since September 1990. (Table 2.1)
- ◆ The United Kingdom unemployment rate is 1.9 percentage points lower than 12 months ago and, over the year, has fallen in every region for both men and women. (Tables 2.1 and 2.3)
- ◆ Between March and April 1997 the total level of seasonally-adjusted claimant unemployment fell in every region. Over the month, the rate of seasonally-adjusted claimant unemployment fell in every region. The largest falls were in Merseyside, London, Scotland and Northern Ireland (Table 2.3)
- ◆ The UK unadjusted level of claimant unemployment fell by 535,958 over the year to stand at 1,687,961, or 6.0 per cent of the workforce, down 1.9 percentage points over the year. (Table 2.1)
- ◆ Unadjusted UK long-term (over 1 year) claimant unemployment fell by 74,600 over the quarter ended April 1997 to 616,500. (Tables 2.6 and 2.8)
- ◆ Unadjusted UK youth (18-24 years old) claimant unemployment also fell, by 58,300, over the quarter ended April 1997 to 421,700 (Tables 2.5 and 2.6).
- ◆ On the **ILO basis**, seasonally-adjusted unemployment in Great Britain (winter 1996/7) stood at 2.11 million (7.5 per cent), which is 367,000 higher than the GB claimant count for the same period.
- ◆ The LFS recorded that seasonally-adjusted ILO unemployment fell by 111,000 over the quarter, and 224,000 over the year to winter 1996/7.
- ◆ The ILO unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) fell over the quarter by 0.4 percentage points and the year by 0.8 percentage points to winter 1996/7 and now stands at 7.5 per cent.
- ◆ The LFS also shows that 1,326,000 men and 785,000 women were unemployed in winter 1996/7 (seasonally adjusted), down 106,000 for men and down 4,000 for women since autumn 1996, and down 213,000 and 11,000 respectively since winter 1995/6.
- ◆ The LFS recorded 633,000 ILO unemployed young people (those aged 16 to 24) in winter 1997/7, 23,000 fewer than in winter 1995/6. The youth ILO unemployment rate was 14.2 per cent.
- ◆ The LFS reports a fall in the number of long-term (over one year) ILO unemployed over the 12 months to winter 1996/7, both in total (by 101,000 to 818,000) and as a proportion of all ILO unemployed (by 0.4 percentage points to 39.6 per cent).

Figure 3 Claimant unemployment by age; United Kingdom; April 1997

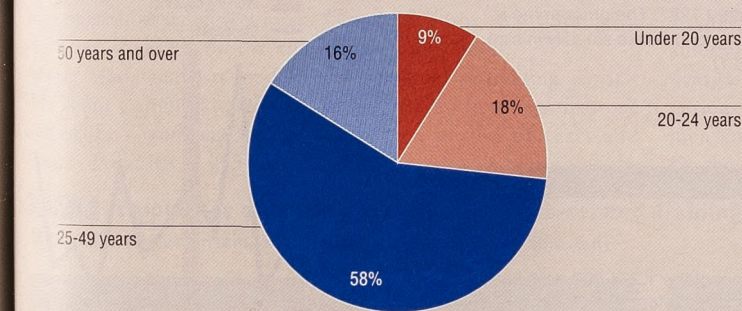
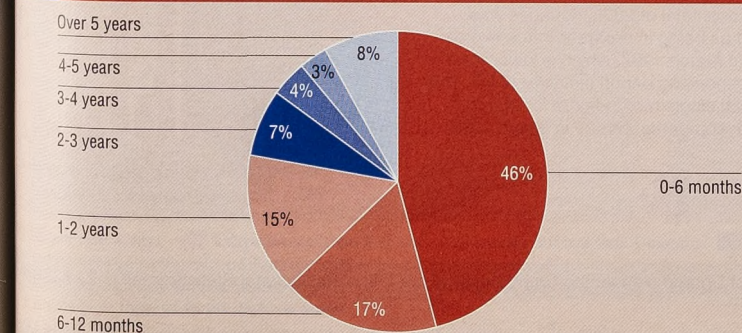


Figure 4 Claimant unemployment by duration; United Kingdom; April 1997



JOBCENTRE VACANCIES

Tables 3.1-3.3

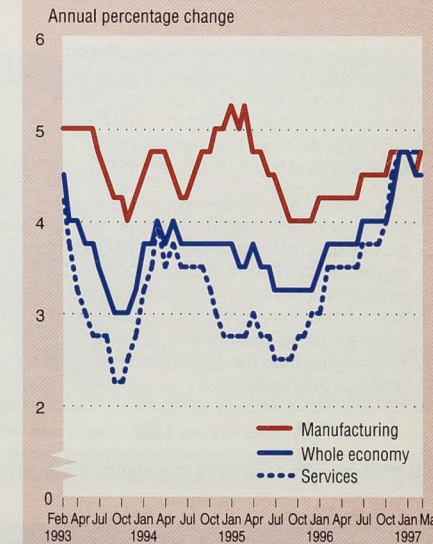
- ◆ The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres (UK, seasonally adjusted) rose by 300 to 275,600 in April 1997 (Table 3.1)
- ◆ The seasonally-adjusted number of new vacancies notified to Jobcentres fell by 26,900 to 223,500. (Table 3.1)
- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis, the number of people placed into jobs by the Employment Service fell by 16,700 to 156,400. (Table 3.1)

AVERAGE EARNINGS

Figure 5. Tables 5.1, 5.3

- ◆ The underlying rate of increase in average earnings for the whole economy in the year to March 1997 was provisionally estimated to be 4 1/2 per cent. This was unchanged from the February figure, which was revised down by 1/2 a percentage point. (Table 5.1)
- ◆ The actual increase in whole economy average earnings was 4.6 per cent. (Table 5.1)
- ◆ In the manufacturing industries, the underlying increase was 4% per cent. This was 1/4 of a percentage point higher than the February figure, which was revised down by 1/4 of a percentage point. (Table 5.1)
- ◆ The September to December 1995 and November 1993 rates are the lowest since 1967.
- ◆ The production industries increase in average earnings was 4 1/2 per cent. This was 1/4 of a percentage point higher than the February figure which was revised down by 1/2 a percentage point. (Table 5.1)
- ◆ In the service industries the increase was 4% per cent, unchanged from the February rate which was revised down by 1/4 of a percentage point. This is the third successive month at 4% per cent. (Table 5.1)

Figure 5 Underlying average earnings index; Great Britain





PRODUCTIVITY AND UNIT WAGE COSTS

Figure 6. Tables 1.8, 5.8

- Manufacturing output was 1.6 per cent higher in the three months ending March 1997 compared with a year earlier. (Table 1.8)
- Manufacturing productivity in terms of output per head was 1.7 per cent higher in the three months ending March 1997 compared with a year earlier. (Table 1.8)
- Manufacturing unit wage costs rose by 2.6 per cent in the three months ending March 1997 compared with a year earlier. (Table 5.8)
- Whole economy output per head was 1.6 per cent higher in the fourth quarter of 1996 compared with a year earlier. (Table 1.8)
- Whole economy unit wage costs were 1.8 per cent higher in the fourth quarter of 1996 compared with a year earlier. (Table 5.8)

Figure 6 Manufacturing unit wage costs and output per person; United Kingdom



TRAINING

Tables 8.1-8.6

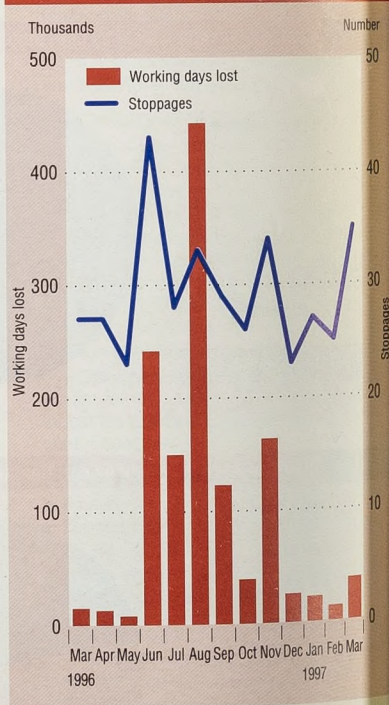
- According to the autumn 1996 LFS, three million (14 per cent) employees of working age received job-related training in the four weeks prior to interview during autumn 1996 (seasonally adjusted), little changed from summer 1996.
- The number participating in Training for Work (TFW) increased between January and February 1997. The number of participants in February 1997 was 13.5 per cent down on February 1996. (Table 8.1)
- The proportion of leavers from TFW in August 1996 who were in a job six months after leaving was 5 percentage points higher than the equivalent figure in August 1995. This proportion continues to show an upward trend. The proportion who gained a qualification in the same period was 5 percentage points lower than the equivalent for leavers a year earlier. (Table 8.3)
- The number of Youth Training (YT) participants increased slightly between January and February 1997. The number of participants was 2.5 per cent lower than in February 1996. (Table 8.1)
- The proportion of YT leavers in July 1996 who were in a job six months after leaving was 2 percentage points higher than for leavers in July 1995. (Table 8.4)
- The proportion of YT leavers in August 1996 who gained a qualification while on the programme was 1 percentage point higher than the corresponding figure for the same period in 1995 (Table 8.4).
- The number of people on Modern Apprenticeships in Great Britain was 76,300 in February 1997. The programme is continuing to increase steadily in size. (Table 8.1)

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

Tables 2.18, 5.9, 6.8-6.9

- Among our EU partners the internationally comparable ILO unemployment rate for the UK is lower than in Spain, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Portugal and Germany. (Table 2.18)
- The UK ILO unemployment rate is higher than in the Netherlands, Denmark, Austria and Luxembourg. (Table 2.18)
- The UK rate is below the EU average using the latest available data (7.1 per cent for the UK in February 1997 compared with 10.8 per cent for the EU as a whole).
- The average earnings increase in manufacturing was higher for Great Britain than in ten OECD countries (Table 5.9).
- In EU countries there was an average rise in consumer prices of 1.7 per cent (provisional) over the 12 months to March, compared with an increase of 1.8 per cent in the UK. Over the same period consumer prices rose in France by 1.1 per cent and in Germany by 1.3 per cent. Outside the EU, consumer prices (all provisional) rose by 2.4 per cent in the USA and Canada, and fell by 0.6 per cent in Japan.

Figure 7 Working days lost due to labour disputes; United Kingdom



LABOUR DISPUTES

Figure 7. Tables 4.1-4.2

- It was provisionally estimated that 37,000 working days were lost due to stoppages of work in March 1997. This was almost three times the estimate for February 1997 (13,000), and more than double the corresponding figure for March 1996 (15,000).
- The number of working days lost in the twelve months to March 1997 was provisionally estimated to be 1,274,000 - equivalent to 57 days lost per 1,000 employees. The latest estimate is higher than each of the corresponding periods for the previous six years and is almost three times higher than the corresponding period a year ago (447,000).
- 69 per cent of the 1,274,000 days were lost in the transport, storage and communication group (878,000), 11 per cent were lost in education (136,000), and a further 10 per cent were lost in public administration (121,000)
- A provisional total of 237 stoppages was recorded as being in progress in the twelve months to March 1997, which is lower than the corresponding period last year (244). The provisional single month figure for March is 35, which compares with 27 in March 1996.



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HELP-LINE



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The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a sample survey, conducted by the Social Survey Division of ONS, of around 60,000 households each quarter which provides a wide range of information about the labour force using internationally standard definitions. This feature presents some analyses carried out in response to enquiries on the Office for National Statistics' LFS Helpline. The Labour Market Division of ONS has now established a single enquiry point (the Labour Market Enquiry Helpline) for all enquiries relating to claimant unemployment, vacancies and the Labour Force Survey. This will begin from 16 June 1997 and the number will be 0171 533 6176 or GTN 3042 6176. The main aim of a centralised helpline is to enable us to advise users of the most appropriate source of data for their request, for example whether they should be using the Labour Force Survey or the claimant count measure of unemployment.

CONTENTS FOR JUNE 1997 - PRESENTING RESULTS FROM AUTUMN (SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER) 1996 LFS

1 Job-related training

- Of those employees of working age who had taken part in job-related training in the last four weeks, the proportion training for less than four days was around four in ten for both men and women.

2 Second jobs

- Around six in ten employees and self-employed who had a second job in the professional occupations were in the same occupation group in their main job.

3 Economic activity of women according to that of partner

- Around three-quarters of women whose partners were in employment were themselves in employment.

4 People in education by economic status

- Around one in ten ILO unemployed people aged 25 to retirement age were enrolled on a course.

5 Size of workplace

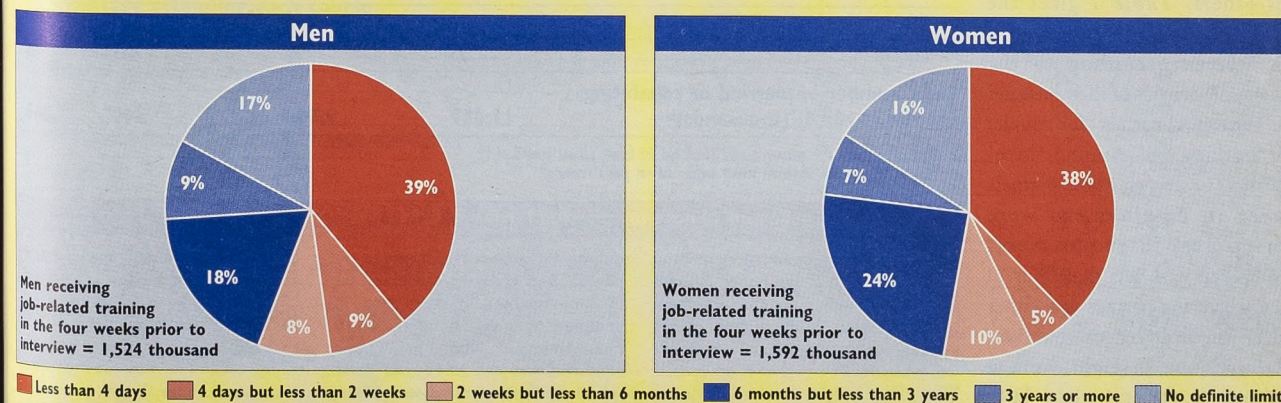
- In Central London more than 80 per cent of employees were in workplaces of 25 employees or more.

1 JOB-RELATED TRAINING

Learning throughout working life is becoming increasingly necessary because of the pace of change, and training is seen by a large number of employees as an essential investment for the future. Many requests for LFS data about training are received by the DfEE's Workforce Training Enquiry Point (0114 259 3489). In autumn 1996, 13.2 per cent of men employees of working age and 15.6 per cent of women employees of working age received job-related training in the last four weeks. A period of training can last for anything from less than one day to a period of years and another valuable feature of the

LFS is that it provides information on the duration of training courses that respondents attended in the last four weeks. Figure 1 gives these data for autumn 1996 and shows that the distributions of the duration of periods of training received by men and women were similar. Of those employees of working age who had taken part in job-related training in the last four weeks, the proportion training for less than four days was around four in ten for both men and women. Around one in six men and women employees who received training said it was ongoing or had no definite limit.

Figure 1 Employees of working age receiving job-related training in the four weeks prior to interview, by length of course (Great Britain, autumn 1996, not seasonally adjusted)



Note: The total length of the course was recorded, not just the part that was completed. For people engaged on day or block-release courses, the total length of training is given. For people who had dropped out of a course, the time spent on the course, not the total length, was recorded.

If you have any comments or suggestions on the Labour Market Update please ring Cathy Baker at the Office for National Statistics, tel: 0171 533 6086

FOR DETAILED FIGURES SEE THE LABOUR MARKET DATA SECTION



## 2 SECOND JOBS

The LFS gives a variety of data on the nature of second jobs in Great Britain. In autumn 1996 there were around 1.2 million employees and self-employed with a second job (549,000 men and 680,000 women). **Figure 2** gives the distribution of these second jobs for each occupation

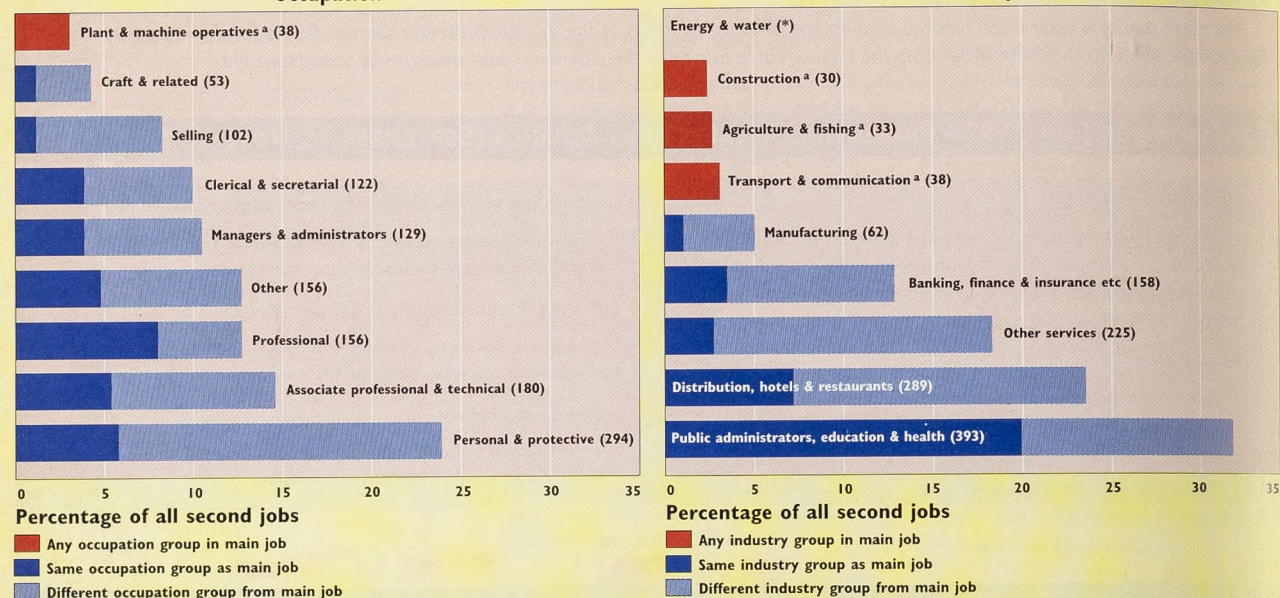
and industry group. Within the occupation categories, the highest proportion of second jobs was among the personal and protective services with around one quarter of second jobs falling into this category. For those employees and self-employed who had a second job

in the professional occupations, around six in ten were in the same occupation in their main job.

Nearly one-third of second jobs in industry were in public administration, education and health. Of those people with a second job in this industry,

around six out of ten had a main job in the same industry. Within the industry sectors there is a clear divide between the service industries, where most of the second jobs are concentrated, and the manufacturing and construction industries, where there are relatively few.

**Figure 2** Distribution of second jobs, by occupation and industry (Great Britain, autumn 1996, not seasonally adjusted)



Occupations are coded according to the Standard Occupational Classification.  
( ) The figures shown in brackets are the number (in thousands) of employees and self-employed with a second job.  
a Sample size too small for a reliable estimate of occupation group in main job.

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## 3 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF WOMEN ACCORDING TO THAT OF PARTNER

Since all members of each household in the LFS sample are interviewed, the survey can be used to produce analyses relating the economic activities of different members of the household to that of others. **Table 1** gives the economic activity in autumn 1996 of women according to the economic activity of their husband or cohabiting partner, for couples of working age. Around three-quarters of women whose partners were in employment were themselves in employment, compared with less than four in ten where the partner was either ILO unemployed or inactive. Around one in eight women whose partners were ILO unemployed were themselves ILO unemployed.

**Table 1** Economic activity of women according to that of husband or cohabiting partner, for working age couples<sup>a</sup> (Great Britain, autumn 1996, not seasonally adjusted)

| Per cent   | Economic activity of male partner |               |                |          |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
|  | All                               | In employment | ILO unemployed | Inactive |
| <b>Economic activity of female partner</b>   |                                   |               |                |          |
| In employment  | 72                                | 77            | 35             | 38       |
| ILO unemployed   | 3                                 | 3             | 12             | 3        |
| Inactive   | 25                                | 20            | 53             | 58       |
| <b>Base: number of married or cohabiting couples (=100%) (thousands)<sup>b</sup></b> |                                   |               |                |          |
|  | 11,087                            | 9,503         | 540            | 1,044    |

a Couples where the male partner is aged 16-64 and the female partner is aged 16-59.  
b Includes some couples where the female partner did not give a response.

### Technical note on grossing for family and household level analyses

The grossing procedure currently used for the Labour Force Survey works on the basis of the individual person. Household or family unit data are grossed using the weight of the head of household or family unit. If an analysis involves the joint distribution of individuals from the same household or family unit, for

example husbands and wives or parents and children, there will be inconsistencies if the data is grossed at person level. ONS recommends that in these circumstances the grossing is done on a household or family unit basis. This may, however, lead to inconsistencies with other analyses

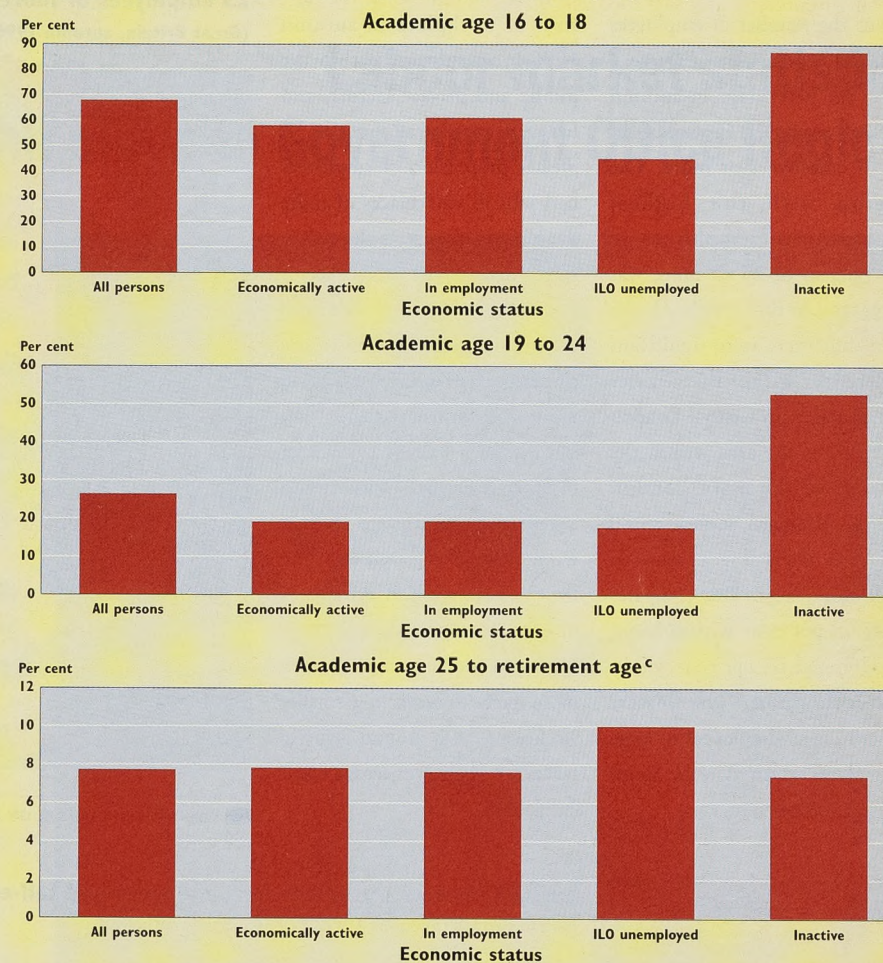
grossed at the person level. ONS is currently reviewing the grossing of LFS household and family unit level data - for more details see the technical note to the article on 'Data on households and families from the Labour Force Survey' in *Labour Market Trends*, March 1997, p98.

## 4 PEOPLE IN EDUCATION BY ECONOMIC STATUS

The LFS gives information on the economic activity of people enrolled on courses, along with the types of courses they are studying. **Figure 3** gives the proportions of people within various age groups who were enrolled on a course in autumn 1996, by economic status. For people aged 16 to 18 years and 19 to 24 years,<sup>1</sup> the highest proportions of people enrolled on a course were among the economically inactive, the proportions being nearly nine in ten and around a half respectively. Around one in ten ILO unemployed people aged 25 to retirement age were enrolled on a course.

**Table 2** gives the percentages of economically active people in autumn 1996 enrolled on and attending various types of courses, for various academic age groups. For both men and women aged from 16 to 24 more than four in ten people attending a course were in full-time education at a university or college. Of the remainder, most 16 to 18 year-olds were at school and most 19 to 24 year-olds were on a part-time course at a university or college. Around one in ten men and around one in 16 women aged 25 to retirement age were in full-time education at a university or college. However, a greater proportion of people in this age group were on either part-time courses (around six in ten men and around seven in ten women) or correspondence courses (around a third of men and one in five women) than in the other two age groups.

**Figure 3** Percentage of people enrolled on a course,<sup>a</sup> by academic age<sup>b</sup> and economic status (Great Britain, autumn 1996, not seasonally adjusted)



Note: Bases exclude people who gave no answer.  
a Courses include college-based government employment and training schemes.  
b Age in completed years at preceding 31 August.  
c Men aged 25 to 64 and women aged 25 to 59.  
1 age in completed years at preceding 31 August

**Table 2** Economically active people in education, by academic age<sup>a</sup> (Great Britain, autumn 1996, not seasonally adjusted)

|   | Academic age <sup>a</sup> (years) |              |               |            |              |               |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
|   | Men                               |              |               | Women      |              |               |
|   | 16 to 18                          | 19 to 24     | 25 to 64      | 16 to 18   | 19 to 24     | 19 to 59      |
| <b>Enrolled on and attending a course<sup>b</sup> (thousands)</b>                             | <b>349</b>                        | <b>262</b>   | <b>662</b>    | <b>374</b> | <b>281</b>   | <b>892</b>    |
| <b>Percentage attending each course:</b>  |                                   |              |               |            |              |               |
| At school   | 34                                | *            | *             | 39         | *            | *             |
| Full-time at university or college  | 44                                | 42           | 9             | 45         | 43           | 6             |
| Part-time at university or college  | 19                                | 44           | 58            | 15         | 42           | 69            |
| Open University, open college or other correspondence course                                  | *                                 | 10           | 32            | *          | 10           | 21            |
| Other course <sup>c</sup>   | *                                 | *            | 2             | *          | 5            | 5             |
| <b>All persons enrolled on a course<sup>b</sup> but not attending<sup>d</sup> (thousands)</b> | <b>26</b>                         | <b>40</b>    | <b>95</b>     | <b>27</b>  | <b>37</b>    | <b>128</b>    |
| <b>All economically active persons not enrolled on a course<sup>b</sup> (thousands)</b>       | <b>320</b>                        | <b>1,504</b> | <b>12,127</b> | <b>246</b> | <b>1,137</b> | <b>9,018</b>  |
| <b>All economically active persons<sup>e</sup> (thousands)</b>                                | <b>695</b>                        | <b>1,810</b> | <b>12,890</b> | <b>647</b> | <b>1,455</b> | <b>10,041</b> |

a Age of the respondent in completed years at preceding 31 August.  
b Courses include college-based government employment and training schemes.  
c 'Other course' includes people on nurses' training courses, sandwich courses and those people who did not state their course.  
d Includes people who had enrolled but did not state if they were attending.  
e Includes people who gave no answer to education questions.  
\* Sample size too small for a reliable estimate.







Figure 1 Government Office Region boundaries in England



Table 1 SSR and GOR composition

| Standard Statistical Regions | Government Office Regions   |  |                          |
|------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|
| North                        | Cleveland*<br>Durham  | Northumberland<br>Tyne and Wear*             | North East               |
|                              | Cumbria   |  |                          |
| North West                   | Cheshire<br>Greater Manchester*   | Lancashire                                   | North West               |
|                              | Merseyside*   |  | Merseyside               |
| Yorkshire and Humberside     | Humberside*<br>North Yorkshire  | South Yorkshire*<br>West Yorkshire*          | Yorkshire and the Humber |
| East Midlands                | Derbyshire<br>Leicestershire<br>Lincolnshire                              | Nottinghamshire<br>Northamptonshire          | East Midlands            |
| West Midlands                | Hereford and Worcester<br>Shropshire<br>Staffordshire                     | Warwickshire<br>West Midlands*               | West Midlands            |
| East Anglia                  | Cambridgeshire<br>Suffolk   | Norfolk                                      | Eastern                  |
|                              | Bedfordshire<br>Hertfordshire   | Essex  |                          |
| South East                   | Greater London  |  | London                   |
|                              | Berkshire<br>Buckinghamshire<br>East Sussex<br>Hampshire<br>Isle of Wight | Oxfordshire<br>West Sussex<br>Surrey<br>Kent | South East               |
| South West                   | Avon*<br>Cornwall<br>Devon<br>Dorset                                      | Somerset<br>Gloucestershire<br>Wiltshire     | South West               |

\* Former counties or metropolitan counties

on a GOR basis in May. Data back to September 1985, including the seasonally-adjusted series, are available on Nomis®. SSR level information is also available on Nomis®.

Information on *Training for Work, Youth*

*Training and Modern Apprenticeships* for GORs was published by the Department for Education and Employment in May. Previous data, based on TEC boundaries, are available up to 1993-1994. Information on work-related government training, which

feeds into the quarterly Workforce in Employment series (see above), will be available in July 1997 (relating to March 1997). This series, like other components of the Workforce in Employment, will be available back to December 1995.

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## Household and family data from the Labour Force Survey: recent improvements in approach

Since 1996 the approach to the collection of information on the composition of households and families in the Labour Force Survey has been improved. This article assesses the impact of the improvements.

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### Introduction

AN ARTICLE in *Labour Market Trends* in March 1997<sup>1</sup> discussed the data available on households and families from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Prior to spring 1996 there had been several changes to how information on marital and cohabitational status was collected. The *technical note* to the March article discussed inconsistencies and discontinuities dating back to 1984. This article assesses the impact of the introduction, in spring 1996, of a new approach that includes more detailed information on the composition of families and households, and which is harmonised with other government surveys as part of an initiative to standardise questions and introduce common classifications, definitions and standards for government social surveys.<sup>2</sup>

### Definitions of households and families

A *household* is defined as a single person, or a group of people who have

the same address as their only or main residence and who either share one meal a day or share the living accommodation. An *LFS family unit* is defined as a single person, or a married or cohabiting couple on their own, or with their never-married children who have no children of their own, or lone parents with such children. However, a *family* is defined as a couple or a lone parent with their children. This definition excludes single person LFS family units who would be classed as persons not in families. Children are classed as dependent or non-dependent – a dependent child is defined as a child under 16 years old, or under 19 and in full-time education. Non-dependent children are unmarried, childless adult offspring.

A recent article by Haskey<sup>3</sup> illustrates the kind of information on households and families that is of interest to demographers. This analysis uses the definition of a family in the previous paragraph.

An additional concept is that of the extended family. An extended family

includes all people within a household who are related in some way: partners; parents; children; grandparents; grandchildren; siblings; relatives by marriage; guardians; and other relations. Foster parents and children are not included in the same extended family. Foster children are assigned to separate family units within a household. The extra information available from the new approach has enabled extended family variables to be derived.

### Household matrix

Growing attention to LFS household and family data, particularly economic activity data for households and families but also for general demographic purposes, explains the need for improvement in LFS data as well as harmonisation and consistency with other government surveys. To meet these requirements, the household matrix approach was adopted in order to identify correctly all families within households and to provide flexibility in analysis of family



### Box 1 New and revised household matrix variables

- family unit type, revised from spring 1996
- household type, revised from spring 1996
- relationship to head of household, revised from spring 1996
- household composition, revised from spring 1996
- household relationships
- number of eligible people in household
- number of family units in household
- number of family units in household with dependent children only
- number of family units in household with non-dependent children only
- number of family units with more than one person
- number of extended families in household
- number of extended families in household with dependent children only
- number of extended families in household with non-dependent children only
- extended family unit member

relationships. Information is obtained on the relationship between each pair of household members. Previously, only their relationship to the head of the household was recorded and interviewers identified the number of family units. Now, a household matrix is produced from which the number and composition of families and households can be derived automatically.

#### Changes to variables

The household matrix approach collects

more information than before. The matrix records marital status, cohabitation (including same sex cohabitantes), whether children are dependent or non-dependent, step, foster or natural. As a result, some new variables have been introduced from spring 1996 and some have been revised – these are shown in *Box 1*. The LFS User Guide contains more details on the new (and old) variables.

The family unit type variable has been extended from four categories to 13,

making considerably more information available. Single person family units are divided into males and females. Couples are now categorised as either married or cohabiting and further subdivided on the basis of whether they have no children, non-dependent children only or dependent children (with or without non-dependent children). The male and female lone parent categories are also subdivided by whether their children are dependent or non-dependent only.

The household type variable has been extended from 20 to 25 categories. Couples are again divided into married or cohabiting and a separate category has been introduced for same sex couples. The relationship to head of household variable has been extended from ten to 21 categories to allow for the relationships covered by the new household relationship variable. The household composition variable has been extended from 18 to 24 categories to allow for cohabiting couples. New variables have been derived to provide a count of the number of people and the number of family units in a household, neither being available previously. Details of variables are shown in the *technical note* to this article.

It should be noted that the spring 1996 data might not be complete as there are some households (around 3 to 4 per cent)

where data has to be imputed (carried forward from the previous quarter) because of circumstantial refusal or non-contact and these households will not have data in the form of the household matrix. Complete family and household data is available from summer 1996.

#### Households with missing members

Another improvement from spring 1996 is the introduction of data on missing persons within households. This is not a direct result of harmonisation, nor of the introduction of the household matrix, but results from the requirement that basic data is recorded on all members of the household. The March 1997 article referred to a problem of missing data on non-responding people that had arisen between spring 1992 and winter 1995. During that period, if a member of a household was not present and if the respondent was unable or unwilling to give any information about that person then there was no record of that person in the survey. Thus, there could be households with missing members and some households could be without a head of the household. In the case of a married or cohabiting couple, the algorithm used to calculate family type would have assumed that no data for a partner meant no partner, classifying the responding member to be either a single person or a lone parent, depending on whether they had any children.

From spring 1996 this problem should be eliminated as people with no other data should be included in the household matrix and consequently in the derivation of the family and household types. Therefore, few cases of an apparent discrepancy

between family type and marital/cohabitational status will occur and those that do will be genuine cases where the partner has been living away from the residence for more than six months. This is confirmed by data for the first three quarters showing that the unweighted number of families with a missing partner had fallen by two-thirds. Virtually all of these respondents confirmed in response to a check question that their partner was not present – they were genuine instances of absences.

ONS is currently working on ways to correct or adjust for the problems during 1992 to 1995 with a view to producing data on households and families that are consistent with the period from 1996. When this work is completed it will be the subject of a further article.

#### Estimates of lone parents

Misclassification of the families with missing partners had resulted in the LFS estimates of single persons and lone parents being inflated and the number of married or cohabiting couples deflated for the period spring 1992 to winter 1995. (The published official estimates of the number of one parent families are not based solely on the LFS.) *Figure 1* shows lone parents as a percentage of all families – note that this is unweighted data and the base is LFS family units. Proportions for spring 1992 to winter 1995 have been adjusted by excluding cases with missing partners or no head of household. (The previously mentioned report in *Labour Market Trends*, March 1997, contains more details on this adjustment.) Proportions for spring 1996 onwards do not need to be adjusted as the much smaller number of cases with missing

partners are considered to be genuine. The adjusted series shows a much more plausible and consistent pattern over time which is confirmed by the 1996 figures.

#### Comparison with General Household Survey

Other government surveys also provide information on households and families. One commonly used source is the General Household Survey, and *Table 1* shows a comparison between the latest LFS and GHS data. The LFS quarters included are those since the introduction of the household matrix and the GHS data refers to 1995 (survey period April 1995 to March 1996). This confirms the consistency between the two surveys as reported in the article in *Labour Market Trends*, March 1997.

#### Family and household type analysis

*Tables 2* and *3*, which show the distribution of family and household types, illustrate the extent of the additional information obtained by the household matrix. *Figure 2* illustrates the different types and proportions of families based on the definition and categories used by Haskey (based on Haskey's *Figure 3*). Only those families where the head of the family is aged between 16 and 59 are included.

The extra data collected by the household matrix means that new analyses can be performed. For example, *Table 4* shows the distribution of extended families by region and as a proportion of all households by region. This shows that Greater London has the highest concentration of extended families and East Anglia has the lowest.

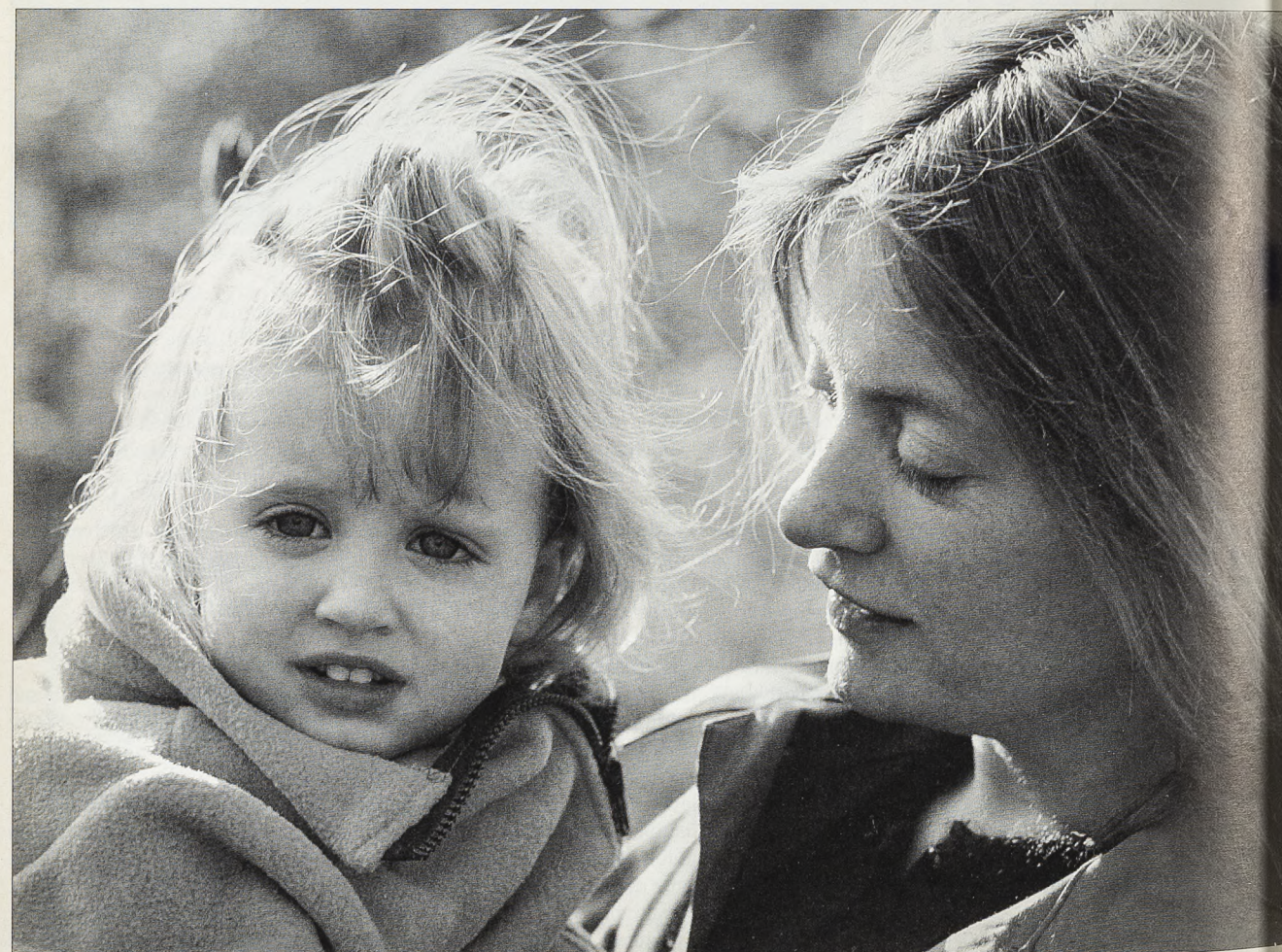
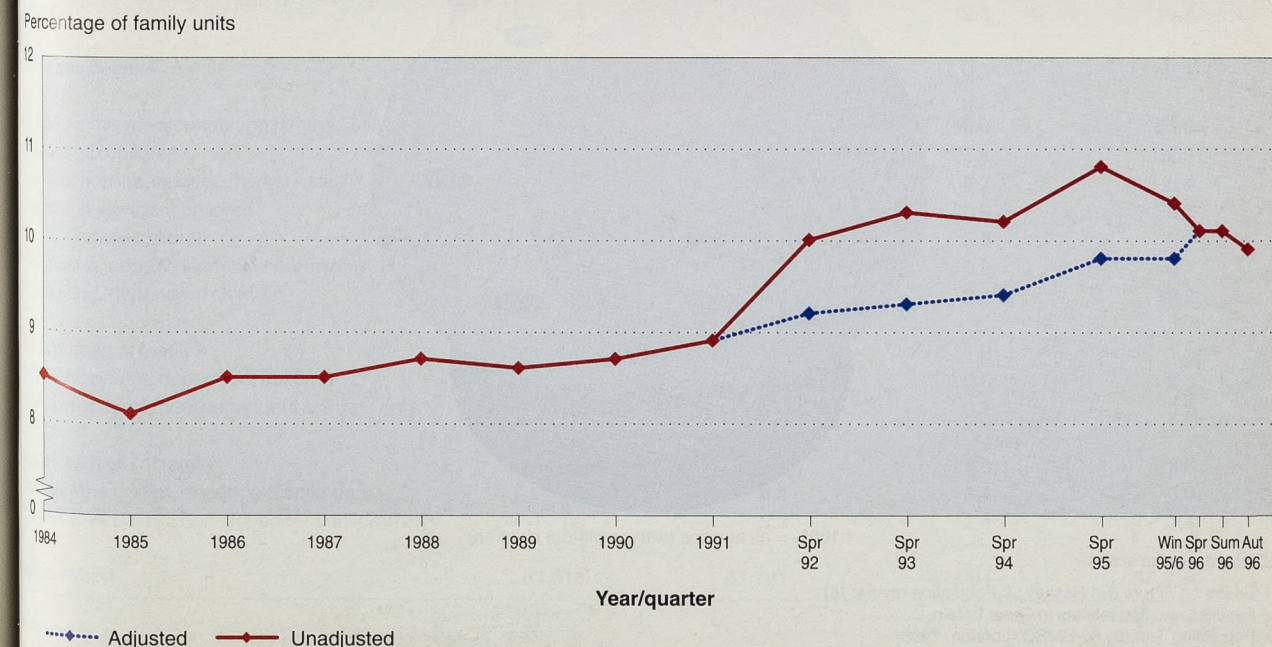


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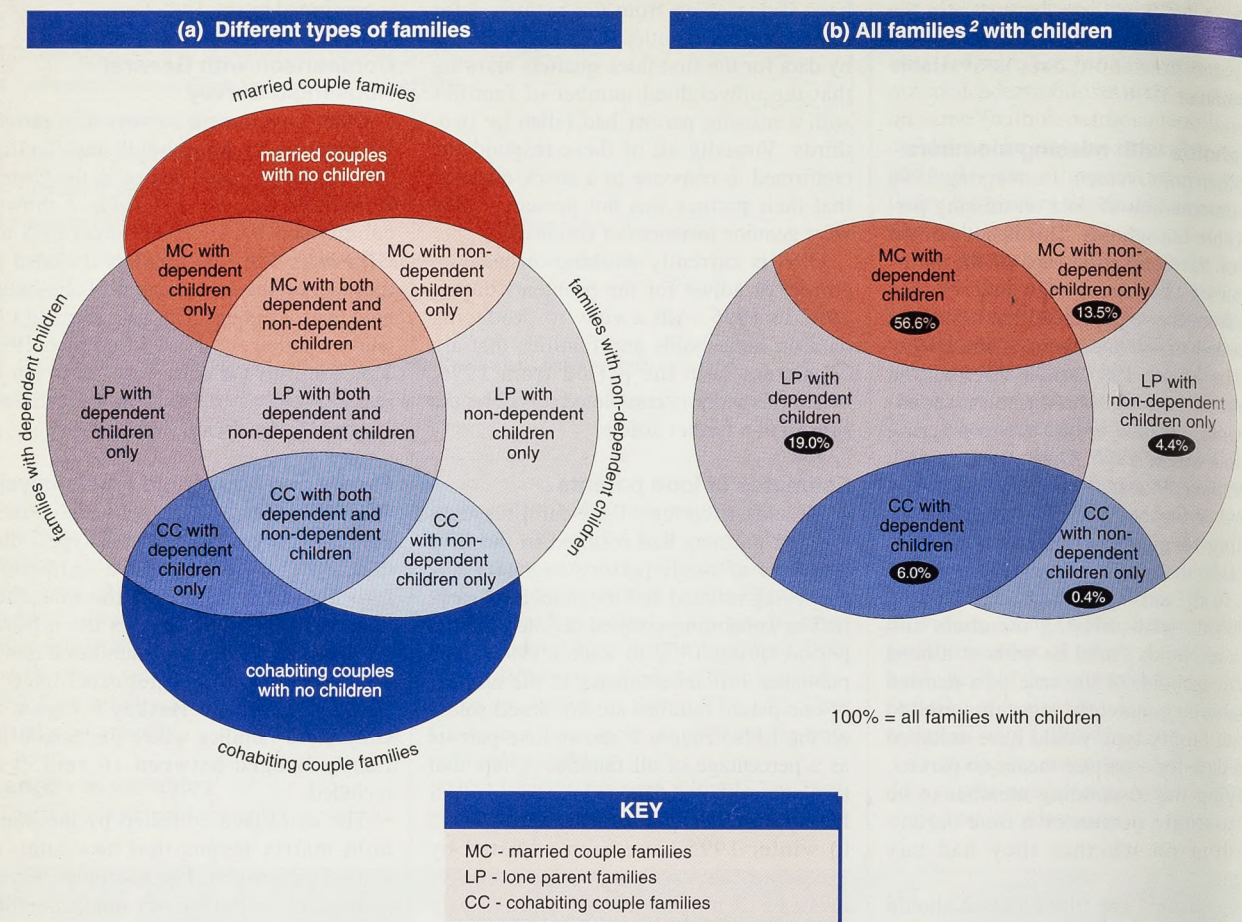
Figure 1 Lone parents as a percentage of all family units



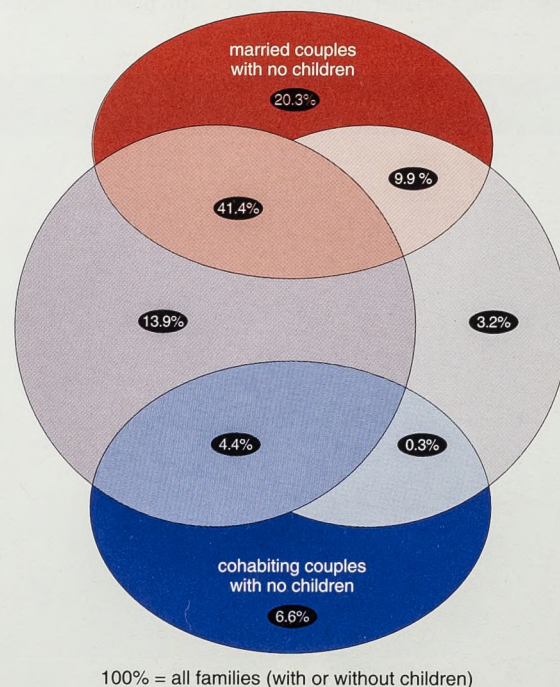
Source: Labour Force Survey unweighted data



Figure 2 Diagrams representing different types of families<sup>1</sup>



(c) All families<sup>2</sup> (including couples with no children)



(Diagrams not to scale)

<sup>1</sup> Based on Figure 3 in Haskey, J: Population review: (6) Families and households in Great Britain, Population Trends, 85 HMSO (London, 1996)

<sup>2</sup> Where head of family is aged 16-59

Source: Labour Force Survey, summer 1996, unweighted data

Summary

The introduction of the household matrix has resulted in a number of improvements to the household and family type data collected by the LFS: consistency over time has improved and consistency with GHS estimates is good; the additional information collected by the matrix approach has enabled new variables to be derived; variables for family type and household type have more categories than previously; extended family and same sex family variables have been derived and information is also available for step, foster or natural children; new analyses are possible using the additional data; the LFS, with its very large sample size, now provides an improved source of demographic data on households and families. ■

Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Tate, P: 'Data on households and families from the Labour Force Survey', *Labour Market Trends*, March 1997, pp89-98.

<sup>2</sup> See GSS: Harmonised concepts and questions for government social surveys, ONS, 1996.

<sup>3</sup> Haskey, J: Population review: (6) Families and households in Great Britain, *Population Trends*, 85 HMSO (London, 1996).

Table 1 Distribution of households and families by type for LFS and GHS, Great Britain

|   | LFS <sup>a</sup> |             |             | Per cent                 |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
|   | Spring 1996      | Summer 1996 | Autumn 1996 | GHS <sup>b</sup> 1995/96 |
| <b>Households</b>                       |                  |             |             |                          |
| One person                              | 27               | 27          | 27          | 28                       |
| Two or more unrelated adults            | 3                | 3           | 3           | 2                        |
| Married or cohabiting couple            |                  |             |             |                          |
| with dependent children                 | 24               | 24          | 24          | 24                       |
| with non-dependent children only        | 7                | 7           | 7           | 6                        |
| with no children                        | 27               | 28          | 28          | 29                       |
| Lone parent                             |                  |             |             |                          |
| with dependent children                 | 7                | 7           | 7           | 7                        |
| with non-dependent children only        | 3                | 3           | 3           | 3                        |
| Two or more families                    | 1                | 1           | 1           | 1                        |
| <b>Families with dependent children</b> |                  |             |             |                          |
| Married or cohabiting couple            | 77               | 77          | 77          | 78                       |
| Lone mother                             | 21               | 21          | 21          | 20                       |
| Single                                  | 8                | 8           | 8           | 8                        |
| Widowed                                 | 1                | 1           | 1           | 1                        |
| Divorced                                | 7                | 7           | 7           | 7                        |
| Separated                               | 4                | 5           | 5           | 5                        |
| Lone father                             | 2                | 2           | 2           | 2                        |
| All lone parents                        | 23               | 23          | 23          | 22                       |

<sup>a</sup> LFS data are unweighted.

<sup>b</sup> GHS data (which are always shown unweighted) relate to year from April to March.

Table 2 Distribution of family units by type, United Kingdom

| Family unit type                                    | Per cent      |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | Spring 95     | Spring 96     | Summer 96     | Autumn 96     |
| One person <sup>a</sup>                             | 33.8          | 34.3          | 33.9          | 34.5          |
| male  | na            | 14.8          | 14.5          | 14.7          |
| female  | na            | 19.4          | 19.3          | 19.7          |
| same sex couple <sup>b</sup>                        | na            | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.1           |
| Male head of married/cohabiting family <sup>a</sup> | 55.6          | 55.5          | 56.0          | 55.6          |
| Married, no children                                | na            | 22.6          | 22.8          | 22.9          |
| Married, non-dependent children only                | na            | 6.4           | 6.7           | 6.4           |
| Married, dependent children                         | na            | 21.1          | 20.9          | 20.7          |
| Cohabiting, no children                             | na            | 3.1           | 3.3           | 3.3           |
| Cohabiting, non-dependent children only             | na            | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.1           |
| Cohabiting, dependent children                      | na            | 2.1           | 2.1           | 2.2           |
| Female lone head of family <sup>a</sup>             | 1.6           | 1.5           | 1.3           | 1.3           |
| Male lone parent, dependent children                | na            | 0.7           | 0.6           | 0.6           |
| Male lone parent, non-dependent children only       | na            | 0.8           | 0.7           | 0.6           |
| Female lone head of family <sup>a</sup>             | 9.0           | 8.7           | 8.8           | 8.6           |
| Female lone parent, dependent children              | na            | 6.4           | 6.4           | 6.3           |
| Female lone parent, non-dependent children only     | na            | 2.3           | 2.4           | 2.4           |
| <b>Base (number)</b>                                | <b>67,518</b> | <b>67,791</b> | <b>67,084</b> | <b>67,330</b> |

<sup>a</sup> not available

<sup>b</sup> From spring 1996, category replaced by subdivisions shown. Totals for 1996 quarters reached by summing up subdivisions.

<sup>c</sup> See technical note.

Source: Labour Force Survey, unweighted data.



Table 3 Distribution of household types, United Kingdom

| Household type   | Per cent      |               |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Spring 95     | Spring 96     | Summer 96     | Autumn 96     |
| One person   | 28.0          | 27.1          | 27.3          | 27.3          |
| Two or more persons  | 2.4           | 2.9           | 2.7           | 2.9           |
| Couple, no children, no other family units <sup>a</sup>                          | 26.5          | 26.3          | 26.5          | 26.7          |
| Married  | na            | 23.2          | 23.2          | 23.4          |
| Cohabiting   | na            | 3.1           | 3.3           | 3.3           |
| Couple, no children, other family units  | 0.8           | 0.9           | 0.9           | 0.9           |
| Couple, all dependent children, no other family units <sup>a</sup>               | 20.8          | 21.0          | 20.6          | 20.7          |
| Married  | na            | 18.9          | 18.5          | 18.5          |
| Cohabiting   | na            | 2.1           | 2.1           | 2.2           |
| Couple, dependent and non-dependent children, no other family units <sup>a</sup> | 2.8           | 3.0           | 3.1           | 3.0           |
| Married  | na            | 2.9           | 3.0           | 2.9           |
| Cohabiting   | na            | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.1           |
| Couple, all non-dependent children, no other family units <sup>a</sup>           | 6.3           | 6.7           | 7.0           | 6.6           |
| Married  | na            | 6.6           | 6.8           | 6.5           |
| Cohabiting   | na            | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.1           |
| Couple, all dependent children, other family units                               | 0.5           | 0.6           | 0.5           | 0.5           |
| Couple, dependent and non-dependent children, other family units                 | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.1           |
| Couple, all non-dependent children, other family units                           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.3           |
| <b>All couples</b>   | <b>58.0</b>   | <b>58.8</b>   | <b>59.0</b>   | <b>58.9</b>   |
| Lone parent, all dependent children  | 6.8           | 6.5           | 6.4           | 6.3           |
| Lone parent, dependent and non-dependent children                                | 0.8           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.7           |
| Lone parent, all non-dependent children  | 3.4           | 3.2           | 3.2           | 3.2           |
| <b>All lone parents</b>  | <b>11.0</b>   | <b>10.4</b>   | <b>10.3</b>   | <b>10.2</b>   |
| Two or more family units   | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.7           |
| Same sex couples <sup>b</sup>  | na            | 0.1           | 0.1           | 0.1           |
| <b>Base (number)</b>   | <b>63,537</b> | <b>63,035</b> | <b>62,729</b> | <b>62,551</b> |

na not available

<sup>a</sup> From spring 1996, category replaced by subdivisions shown. Totals for 1996 quarters reached by summing up subdivisions.<sup>b</sup> Same sex couples are not included in 'all couples' nor in other 'couple' categories.

Source: Labour Force Survey, unweighted data.

Table 4 Households with extended families by region; summer 1996

| Standard Statistical Region | Per cent   |   |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
|                             | Distribution of households with an extended family | Households with extended families as a proportion of all households |
| North                       | 4.9  | 3.0   |
| Yorkshire and Humberside    | 8.1  | 3.3   |
| East Midlands               | 5.5  | 2.8   |
| East Anglia                 | 2.0  | 1.8   |
| South East                  | 31.5   | 3.6   |
| Greater London              | 15.0   | 4.7   |
| Rest of South East          | 16.5   | 3.0   |
| South West                  | 7.4  | 3.2   |
| West Midlands               | 10.3   | 4.0   |
| North West                  | 10.7   | 3.3   |
| England                     | 80.5   | 3.4   |
| Wales                       | 6.3  | 4.3   |
| Scotland                    | 8.7  | 3.1   |
| Northern Ireland            | 4.5  | 4.5   |
| Great Britain               | 95.5   | 3.4   |
| United Kingdom              | 100.0  | 3.4   |

Source: Labour Force Survey, unweighted data.

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## Technical note

## Use of unweighted data

The LFS data used to produce the analyses in this article are unweighted. While this is a reasonable basis for illustrative analyses, for most purposes it would be necessary to produce grossed up household or family level data, where the sample data are weighted to provide estimates of the population. The grossing procedure currently used for the LFS works on the basis of the individual person, and is not

necessarily suitable for applying to household or family level data. The *technical note* to 'Data on households and families from the Labour Force Survey' in *Labour Market Trends*, March 1997, discusses this issue more fully. GHS data are always shown unweighted.

## Same sex couples

Before spring 1996 same sex cohabittees were not identified and would have been categorised as two

separate family units. Now, they are identified as a same sex couple with a separate category in the household type variable. But the family type variable is still showing them as separate family units within the same sex couple family type. This has doubled the apparent number of same sex family units. There are only around 40 cases with a same sex couple. Base numbers and proportions in *Table 2* have been adjusted accordingly.

## Variable definitions

## Categories of relationships between pairs of household members in the household matrix

|                         |                          |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Spouse                  | Step parent              | Brother or sister-in-law |
| Cohabiting partner      | Guardian                 | Grandchild               |
| Natural son or daughter | Foster parent            | Grandparent              |
| Step-son or daughter    | Parent-in-law            | Other relation           |
| Foster child            | Brother or sister        | Other non-relative       |
| Son or daughter-in-law  | Step brother or sister   |                          |
| Parent                  | Foster brother or sister |                          |

## Categories of relationship to head of household

From 1989 to winter 1995

Head of household (HOH)  
Wife of HOH  
Child of HOH/wife  
Parent/grandparent of HOH/wife  
Brother/sister of HOH/wife  
Nephew/niece of HOH/wife  
Grandchild of HOH/wife  
Other relation of HOH/wife  
Cohabitee  
Other

From spring 1996

Head of household  
Spouse  
Cohabitee  
Child  
Step-child  
Foster child  
Child-in-law  
Parent  
Step-parent  
Foster parent  
Parent-in-law  
Brother/sister  
Step-brother/sister  
Foster brother/sister  
Brother/sister-in-law  
Grandchild  
Grandparent  
Other relation  
Other non-relative  
Same sex cohabitee  
Undefined







Table 1 Stoppages, workers involved and working days lost in 1996 and 1995

|  | United Kingdom |         |
|--|----------------|---------|
|  | 1996           | 1995    |
| <b>Working days lost through stoppages</b> |                |         |
| In progress in year <sup>a</sup>           | 1,303,300      | 414,700 |
| Beginning in year <sup>b</sup>             | 1,155,100      | 370,200 |
| <b>Workers involved in stoppages</b>       |                |         |
| <b>In progress in year</b>                 | 364,300        | 174,000 |
| Of which: directly involved                | 357,500        | 169,200 |
| indirectly involved                        | 6,800          | 4,800   |
| <b>Beginning in year</b>                   | 338,900        | 169,300 |
| Of which: directly involved                | 332,100        | 165,800 |
| indirectly involved                        | 6,800          | 3,500   |
| <b>Stoppages</b>                           |                |         |
| In progress in year                        | 244            | 235     |
| Beginning in year                          | 230            | 232     |

<sup>a</sup> Stoppages which began in 1995 and continued into 1996 accounted for 144,400 days lost in 1996, of which 67,700 occurred in the first two months of 1996. Stoppages which began in 1994 accounted for 5,400 of the days lost in 1995. Stoppages which began in 1993 and continued into 1996 accounted for 62,500 of the days lost in 1994, 39,200 of the days lost in 1995 and a further 3,800 days lost in 1996. See Table 11 for more details of some of the longest disputes.

<sup>b</sup> In addition, stoppages beginning in 1996 and continuing into 1997 resulted in a loss of 3,100 days in the first two months of 1997.

The number of working days lost through labour disputes more than tripled between 1995 and 1996 to 1.3 million. This is the highest annual figure since 1990 but is still historically relatively low: the average number of days lost per year was 7.2 million in the 1980s and 12.9 million in the 1970s.

The number of stoppages increased slightly in 1996 to 244, the highest figure since 1992. Of this total, 14 started in 1995 and continued during 1996. This increase was far less marked than the increase in working days lost and seems to indicate a general levelling out in the number of stoppages. To put the figure into context, the average number of stoppages in the 1980s was 1,129 and the average number in the 1990s to date is 307.

There were 364,000 workers involved in labour disputes during 1996 which is approximately double the figure for 1995. This information, combined with the information on the number of stoppages, shows that the disputes in 1996 generally involved more employees and were longer in duration than they were in 1995, rather than there being more disputes.

#### Review of 1976-96

Table 2 presents labour dispute data over the last 20 years and Figures 1 and 2 illustrate working days lost and the number of stoppages. The unusually high number of days lost in 1979 and 1984 were due to very large individual stoppages which show the impact that large disputes can have on the statistics. Indeed, this has been the major reason for the increase in working days lost in 1996 as just two disputes accounted for more than 69 per cent of the total days lost over the year.

Both Figure 1 and 2 show a substantial decline in strike activity in the 1990s and Figure 2 in particular shows that the

number of strikes has been on a general downward trend throughout the last 20 years.

The second column of Table 2 shows working days lost per 1,000 employees for each year from 1976 to 1996. This is the standard method that has been used to convert working days lost into a strike rate that takes account of the size of the labour force and hence removes any economic cycle effect. This method also enables comparisons to be made across industries

Table 2 Stoppages in progress

|      | United Kingdom           |  |                         |           |   |
|------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Year | Working days lost (000s) | Working days lost per 1,000 employees <sup>a</sup> | Workers involved (000s) | Stoppages | Stoppages involving the loss of over 100,000 working days |
| 1976 | 3,284                    | 146  | 668                     | 2,034     | 3   |
| 1977 | 10,142                   | 448  | 1,166                   | 2,737     | 12  |
| 1978 | 9,405                    | 413  | 1,041                   | 2,498     | 7   |
| 1979 | 29,474                   | 1,272  | 4,608                   | 2,125     | 15  |
| 1980 | 11,964                   | 520  | 834                     | 1,348     | 5   |
| 1981 | 4,266                    | 195  | 1,513                   | 1,344     | 7   |
| 1982 | 5,313                    | 248  | 2,103                   | 1,538     | 7   |
| 1983 | 3,754                    | 178  | 574                     | 1,364     | 6   |
| 1984 | 27,135                   | 1,278  | 1,464                   | 1,221     | 11  |
| 1985 | 6,402                    | 299  | 791                     | 903       | 4   |
| 1986 | 1,920                    | 90   | 720                     | 1,074     | 2   |
| 1987 | 3,546                    | 164  | 887                     | 1,016     | 3   |
| 1988 | 3,702                    | 166  | 790                     | 781       | 8   |
| 1989 | 4,128                    | 182  | 727                     | 701       | 6   |
| 1990 | 1,903                    | 83   | 298                     | 630       | 3   |
| 1991 | 761                      | 34   | 176                     | 369       | 1   |
| 1992 | 528                      | 24   | 148                     | 253       | -   |
| 1993 | 649                      | 30   | 385                     | 211       | 2   |
| 1994 | 278                      | 13   | 107                     | 205       | -   |
| 1995 | 415                      | 19   | 174                     | 235       | -   |
| 1996 | 1,303                    | 59   | 364                     | 244       | 2   |

<sup>a</sup> Based on the latest available mid-year (June) estimates of employees in employment.

and regions that differ in size. Since the size of the total labour force has not changed greatly over the last 20 years, the rates for the UK as a whole show the same pattern of general decline and occasional peaks that can be seen in the working days lost series.

An alternative way of putting the strike statistics into a wider context is to consider working time lost through strikes as a proportion of time actually worked. In 1996 an estimated 36,000 million hours were worked in the UK.<sup>1</sup> Comparing this with 10.2 million hours lost through strikes shows that approximately 0.03 per cent of potential working time was lost as a result of strikes in 1996. The equivalent figure for 1995 was 0.01 per cent.

#### Industrial analyses

Historically, certain industries have been more prone to strikes than others and breaking the strike statistics down into separate industries reveals some interesting patterns and shifts over time. However, it should be noted that comparisons between industries can also be affected by the methodology that is used for compiling the data. For example, because small stoppages are excluded from the figures, it is much more likely that industry groups with large firms will have disputes included in the statistics. Similarly, better reporting arrangements exist for some industries than for others.

Table 3 shows labour dispute statistics for 1996 broken down into 27 industrial

Figure 1 Working days lost 1976-96

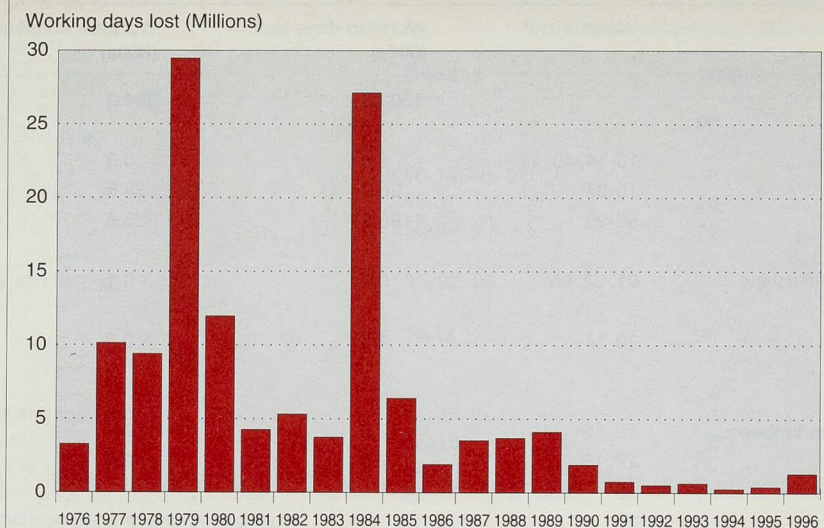


Figure 2 Stoppages in progress 1976-96

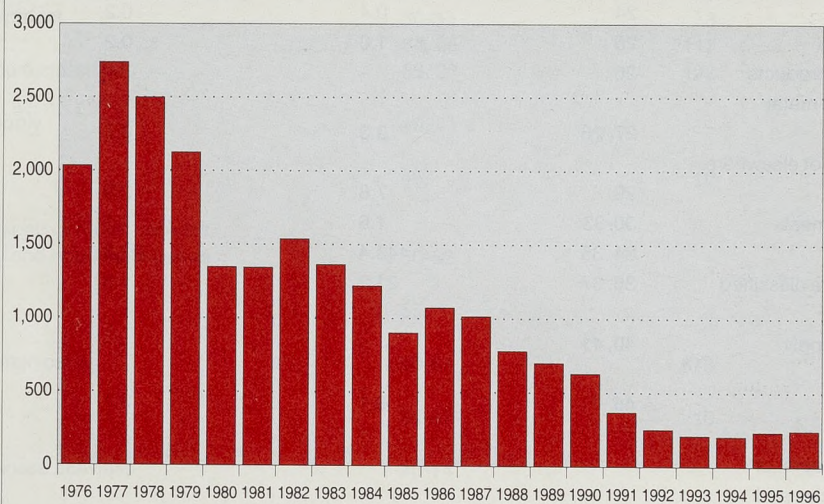


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Table 3 Stoppages in progress in 1996 by industry

| Industry group (SIC 1992)   | Class         | United Kingdom           |                         |            |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|   |               | Working days lost (000s) | Workers involved (000s) | Stoppages  |
| <b>All industries and services<sup>a, b</sup></b>   |               | <b>1303.3</b>            | <b>364.3</b>            | <b>244</b> |
| Mining, energy and water  | 10-14, 40, 41 | 1.8                      | 0.9                     | 6          |
| Manufacturing   | 15-37         | 96.7                     | 33.6                    | 67         |
| Services  | 50-99         | 1196.5                   | 326.6                   | 159        |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing  | 01, 02, 05    | 0.1                      | 0.1                     | 1          |
| Mining and quarrying  | 10-14         | 1.8                      | 0.9                     | 6          |
| Manufacturing of:   |               |                          |                         |            |
| Food products, beverages and tobacco  | 15, 16        | 2.5                      | 0.1                     | 2          |
| Textiles and textile products   | 17, 18        | 2.5                      | 2.0                     | 7          |
| Leather and leather products  | 19            | -                        | -                       | -          |
| Wood and wood products  | 20            | -                        | -                       | -          |
| Pulp, paper and paper products; printing and publishing   | 21, 22        | 4.5                      | 0.1                     | 1          |
| Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuels  | 23            | 8.4                      | 2.5                     | 2          |
| Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres  | 24            | 0.4                      | 0.2                     | 2          |
| Rubber and plastic products   | 25            | 1.0                      | 0.2                     | 3          |
| Other non-metallic mineral products   | 26            | -                        | -                       | -          |
| Basic metals and fabricated metal products  | 27, 28        | 3.3                      | 0.7                     | 10         |
| Machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified  | 29            | 7.8                      | 2.9                     | 10         |
| Electrical and optical equipment  | 30-33         | 1.6                      | 1.1                     | 4          |
| Transport equipment   | 34, 35        | 43.4                     | 22.3                    | 22         |
| Manufacturing not elsewhere classified  | 36, 37        | 21.2                     | 1.5                     | 4          |
| Electricity, gas and water supply   | 40, 41        | -                        | -                       | -          |
| Construction  | 45            | 8.1                      | 3.1                     | 11         |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods  | 50-52         | -                        | -                       | -          |
| Hotels and restaurants  | 55            | 4.6                      | 0.1                     | 3          |
| Transport, storage and communication  | 60-64         | 883.7                    | 145.7                   | 72         |
| Financial intermediation  | 65-67         | 10.1                     | 20.1                    | 2          |
| Real estate, renting and business activities  | 70-74         | 0.5                      | 0.3                     | 5          |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security   | 75            | 157.7                    | 32.1                    | 22         |
| Education   | 80            | 128.5                    | 121.7                   | 35         |
| Health and social work  | 85            | 8.4                      | 4.7                     | 9          |
| Other community, social and personal service activities, private households with employed persons, extra-territorial organisations and bodies | 90-93, 95, 99 | 3.0                      | 1.9                     | 12         |

- Means nil or negligible.

a The figures for working days lost and workers have been rounded and consequently the sums of constituent items may not agree precisely with the totals.

b Some stoppages involved workers in more than one of the above industry groups, but have each been counted as only one stoppage in the totals for all industries and services.

Table 4 Working days lost per 1,000 employees in 1996 and 1995

| Industry group (SIC 1992)   | Class         | United Kingdom                                     |           |
|---|---------------|--|-----------|
|   |               | Working days lost per 1,000 employees <sup>a</sup> |           |
|   |               | 1996   | 1995      |
| <b>All industries and services</b>  |               | <b>59</b>  | <b>19</b> |
| Mining, energy and water  | 10-14, 40, 41 | 9  | 6         |
| Manufacturing   | 15-37         | 24   | 17        |
| Services  | 50-99         | 71   | 20        |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing  | 01, 02, 05    | -  | -         |
| Mining and quarrying  | 10-14         | 28   | 6         |
| Manufacturing of:   |               |  |           |
| Food products, beverages and tobacco  | 15, 16        | 6  | 19        |
| Textiles and textile products   | 17, 18        | 8  | 7         |
| Leather and leather products  | 19            | -  | -         |
| Wood and wood products  | 20            | -  | 6         |
| Pulp, paper and paper products; printing and publishing   | 21, 22        | 10   | 2         |
| Coke, refined petroleum products and nuclear fuels  | 23            | 290  | -         |
| Chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres  | 24            | 2  | 20        |
| Rubber and plastic products   | 25            | 4  | -         |
| Other non-metallic mineral products   | 26            | -  | 4         |
| Basic metals and fabricated metal products  | 27, 28        | 6  | 14        |
| Machinery and equipment not elsewhere classified  | 29            | 19   | 21        |
| Electrical and optical equipment  | 30-33         | 3  | 9         |
| Transport equipment   | 34, 35        | 117  | 83        |
| Manufacturing not elsewhere classified  | 36, 37        | 122  | 1         |
| Electricity, gas and water supply   | 40, 41        | -  | 6         |
| Construction  | 45            | 10   | 12        |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods  | 50-52         | -  | -         |
| Hotels and restaurants  | 55            | 4  | 4         |
| Transport, storage and communication  | 60-64         | 673  | 93        |
| Financial intermediation  | 65-67         | 10   | 10        |
| Real estate, renting and business activities  | 70-74         | -  | -         |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security   | 75            | 114  | 69        |
| Education   | 80            | 70   | 36        |
| Health and social work  | 85            | 3  | 6         |
| Other community, social and personal service activities, private households with employed persons, extra-territorial organisations and bodies | 90-93, 95, 99 | 3  | 23        |

- Means nil or negligible.

a Based on the latest mid-year (June) estimates of employees in employment.

groups (classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification 1992) and Table 4 shows working days lost per 1,000 employees in 1995 and 1996 for the same industries.

More than two-thirds of the working days lost in 1996 were as a result of 72 stoppages in the transport, storage and communications group (which includes postal services). Some 12 per cent of the days lost were from 22 disputes in the public administration group and a further 10 per cent were from 35 stoppages in the

education sector. There were also 22 stoppages in the transport manufacturing industry which resulted in 43,000 working days lost.

Comparing 1995 and 1996 shows a seven-fold increase in the strike rate in the transport, storage and communication group, a doubling of the rate in the education sector and a 65 per cent increase in the public administration rate. There was also a significant increase in the rate for the non-specific manufacturing group arising from four stoppages in 1996. The rates for

the health and social services industries and food, drink and tobacco manufacturing fell over the year.

Table 5 and Figure 3 show strike rates over time for the mining and energy sector, manufacturing and services. Between 1982 and 1993 the mining, energy and water supply industries had the highest rate in each year except 1989, when there was a large public sector strike. Until the late 1980s the rate for the manufacturing industries had been significantly higher than that of the service sector. However, over the



1990s the rates have been fairly similar and, in 1996, the service sector rate was almost three times the rate for the manufacturing sector.

### Regional analyses

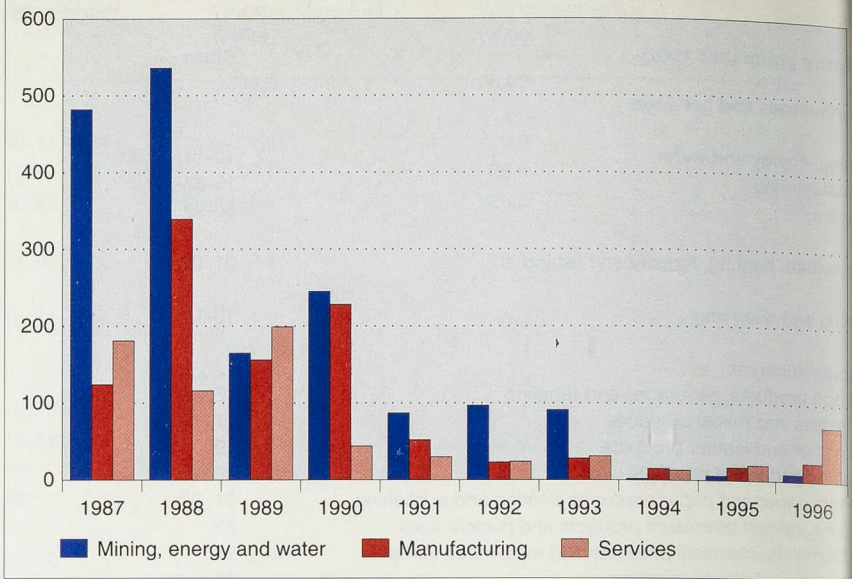
In line with all other series produced by the Government Statistical Service, presentation of labour dispute data at a sub-national level will be based on Government Office Regions (GORs) from this year rather than the previously used Standard Statistical Regions (SSRs).<sup>2</sup> Last year's annual article on labour disputes provided a time-series of data on an SSR basis (*Labour Market Trends*, June 1996, pp271-285) and anyone requiring SSR data for 1996 should contact Jackie Davies at the address provided at the end of this article.

Table 6 shows regional strike rates for GORs in 1995 and 1996 and a further breakdown of the data for 1996 by industry.<sup>3</sup> The rates for 1996 are also presented in Figure 4. When interpreting these figures, it is important to bear in mind that the industrial composition of employment in a region is a major factor influencing the scale of labour disputes it experiences. The regions with the highest number of working days lost per 1,000 employees in 1996 were the North East and London (both 88). The regions with the lowest were Northern Ireland (35) and the South East (42), although a number of regions had rates in the 40s and lower 50s. With the exception of Merseyside, all regions saw an increase in their strike rates between 1995 and 1996. The industry breakdown for 1996 shows that one quarter of all the days lost in the transport, storage and communication group were from 20 stoppages in London. The disputes in the public administration group and the education sector were fairly evenly spread around the country.

### Causes of disputes

Table 7 shows stoppages in 1996 by principal cause and industry group, and Table 8 provides a time-series of working days lost by cause. In 1996 82 per cent of working days lost were because of disputes over pay but this cause accounted for only 36 per cent of all stoppages; this compares with 49 per cent of days lost and 40 per cent of stoppages in 1995. Some 16 per cent of stoppages related to redundancy issues and the same proportion to staffing and work allocation. However, these two causes together accounted for only 6 per cent of all working days lost, and the number of days lost from both these causes actually fell between 1995 and 1996 despite the sharp rise in days lost through disputes overall. Ninety-one per cent of working days lost in the transport, storage and communication group resulted from eight stoppages over pay, while almost 50 per cent of the days lost in public

Figure 3 Working days lost per 1,000 employees, broad industrial sectors, 1987-96



administration were from three stoppages over working conditions.

Figure 5 shows the distribution of working days lost by cause in each year from 1986 to 1996 for four causes: pay, redundancy, staffing and work allocation, and other. This shows the decline in the proportion of days lost because of disputes over pay in the early 1990s and the subsequent rise. This will, in part, reflect the differing priorities of employees

during periods of recession as opposed to periods of growth. However, it should also be remembered that the data are often dominated by one or two very large strikes which will, in turn, dominate all of the detailed analyses and can make comparisons over time difficult.

### Disputes by duration

There are two ways of defining the duration of a dispute. Previous articles have

Table 5 Working days lost per 1,000 employees<sup>a, b</sup>

| Year | United Kingdom           |               |          |                             |
|------|--------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------|
|      | Mining, energy and water | Manufacturing | Services | All industries and services |
| 1976 | 180                      | 318           | 21       | 146                         |
| 1977 | 251                      | 1,101         | 124      | 448                         |
| 1978 | 372                      | 1,135         | 77       | 413                         |
| 1979 | 232                      | 3,347         | 422      | 1,272                       |
| 1980 | 259                      | 1,691         | 42       | 520                         |
| 1981 | 374                      | 396           | 117      | 195                         |
| 1982 | 649                      | 352           | 211      | 248                         |
| 1983 | 2,212                    | 345           | 39       | 178                         |
| 1984 | 38,425                   | 529           | 114      | 1,278                       |
| 1985 | 7,518                    | 183           | 86       | 299                         |
| 1986 | 293                      | 220           | 46       | 90                          |
| 1987 | 482                      | 124           | 181      | 164                         |
| 1988 | 536                      | 339           | 116      | 166                         |
| 1989 | 165                      | 156           | 199      | 182                         |
| 1990 | 245                      | 228           | 44       | 83                          |
| 1991 | 87                       | 52            | 30       | 34                          |
| 1992 | 97                       | 23            | 24       | 24                          |
| 1993 | 91                       | 28            | 31       | 30                          |
| 1994 | 2                        | 15            | 13       | 13                          |
| 1995 | 6                        | 17            | 20       | 19                          |
| 1996 | 9                        | 24            | 71       | 59                          |

<sup>a</sup> Based on the latest available mid-year (June) estimates of employees in employment.  
<sup>b</sup> Figures for 1976-1993 are classified according to SIC 80 whereas figures for 1994-1996 are classified to SIC 92.

Figure 4 Working days lost per 1,000 employees in 1996; all industries and services

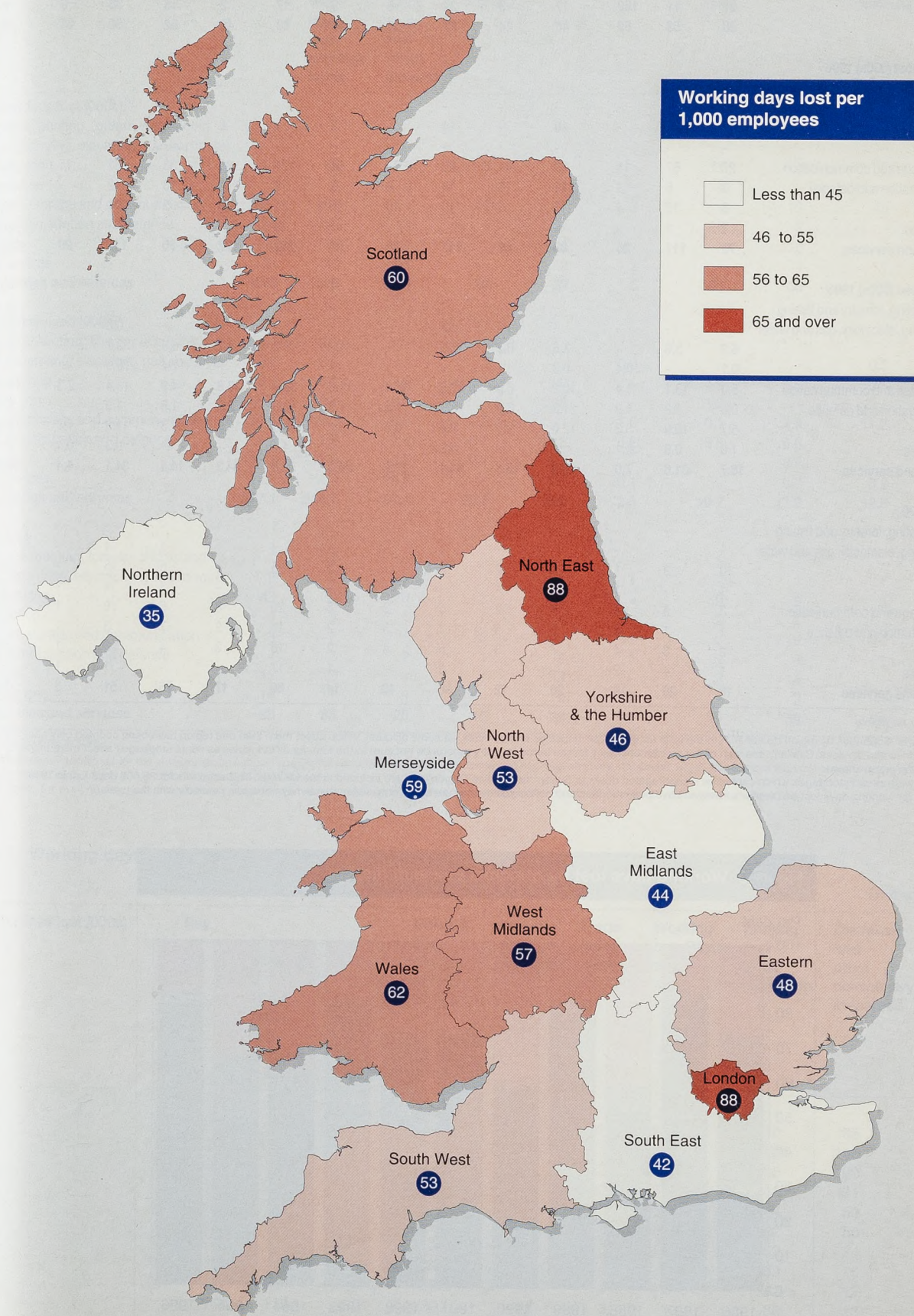




Table 6 Stoppages in progress by Government Office Region and industry group<sup>a</sup>

| Industry group (SIC1992)   | North East  | North West  | Mersey-side | Yorks & Humb | East Mids   | West Mids   | South West  | Eastern     | London      | South East  | Wales       | Scotland    | N. Ireland | UK <sup>b</sup> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
|  |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |                 |
| <b>Days lost per 1,000 employees - all industries and services</b> |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |                 |
| 1995   | 27          | 11          | 150         | 17           | 9           | 24          | 6           | 3           | 17          | 2           | 15          | 36          | 9          | 19              |
| 1996   | 88          | 53          | 59          | 46           | 44          | 57          | 53          | 48          | 88          | 42          | 62          | 60          | 35         | 59              |
| <b>Working days lost (000s) 1996<sup>c</sup></b>                   |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |                 |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing                         | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          | -               |
| Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water                      | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 2           | -          | 2               |
| Manufacturing  | 41          | 5           | -           | 10           | -           | 14          | -           | 3           | 1           | 8           | 2           | 12          | -          | 97              |
| Construction   | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 7           | 1           | -          | 8               |
| Transport, storage and communication                               | 27          | 87          | 11          | 53           | 41          | 80          | 77          | 68          | 221         | 88          | 33          | 81          | 15         | 884             |
| Public administration and defence                                  | 3           | 6           | 11          | 12           | 18          | 13          | 8           | 9           | 29          | 10          | 13          | 12          | -          | 158             |
| Education  | 6           | 12          | 4           | 13           | 9           | 10          | 10          | 10          | 21          | 16          | 5           | 11          | 2          | 128             |
| All other services   | 1           | 1           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | 10          | -           | -           | -           | 4          | 27              |
| <b>All industries and services</b>                                 | <b>78</b>   | <b>111</b>  | <b>26</b>   | <b>88</b>    | <b>69</b>   | <b>117</b>  | <b>95</b>   | <b>91</b>   | <b>282</b>  | <b>122</b>  | <b>60</b>   | <b>119</b>  | <b>20</b>  | <b>1,303</b>    |
| <b>Workers involved (000s) 1996<sup>c</sup></b>                    |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |                 |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing                         | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | 0.1         | -           | -           | -           | -          | 0.1             |
| Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water                      | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | 0.2         | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 0.6         | -          | 0.9             |
| Manufacturing  | 6.3         | 5.6         | -           | 2.6          | 0.2         | 7.5         | -           | 4.0         | 0.6         | 2.2         | 0.9         | 3.7         | -          | 33.6            |
| Construction   | 0.1         | -           | 0.4         | 0.3          | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1.4         | 0.9         | -          | 3.1             |
| Transport, storage and communication                               | 5.0         | 13.1        | 1.4         | 10.2         | 6.6         | 12.5        | 11.1        | 11.0        | 38.4        | 13.8        | 4.9         | 15.4        | 2.3        | 145.7           |
| Public administration and defence                                  | 0.6         | 1.2         | 1.9         | 1.2          | 3.9         | 3.7         | 1.5         | 1.2         | 10.5        | 2.2         | 1.9         | 1.9         | -          | 32.1            |
| Education  | 5.7         | 10.9        | 3.3         | 12.0         | 9.0         | 9.4         | 8.6         | 10.1        | 18.5        | 16.1        | 5.3         | 11.3        | 1.7        | 121.7           |
| All other services   | 1.0         | 0.8         | 0.1         | -            | -           | 0.2         | -           | -           | 4.4         | -           | -           | 0.3         | 0.4        | 27.1            |
| <b>All industries and services</b>                                 | <b>18.7</b> | <b>31.6</b> | <b>7.0</b>  | <b>26.3</b>  | <b>19.6</b> | <b>33.4</b> | <b>21.2</b> | <b>26.3</b> | <b>72.6</b> | <b>34.3</b> | <b>14.4</b> | <b>34.1</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>364.3</b>    |
| <b>Stoppages 1996</b>  |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |                 |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing                         | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | -          | 1               |
| Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water                      | -           | -           | -           | -            | -           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1           | 4           | -          | 6               |
| Manufacturing  | 10          | 9           | 1           | 3            | 2           | 12          | -           | 3           | 5           | 4           | 5           | 15          | -          | 67              |
| Construction   | 1           | -           | 1           | 2            | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 3           | 4           | -           | -          | 11              |
| Transport, storage and communication                               | 3           | 9           | 8           | 6            | 2           | 5           | 3           | 6           | 20          | 8           | 5           | 19          | 1          | 72              |
| Public administration and defence                                  | 1           | 1           | 3           | 2            | 5           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 11          | 2           | 7           | 3           | -          | 22              |
| Education  | 2           | 3           | 4           | 7            | 3           | 6           | 4           | 2           | 16          | 3           | 4           | 5           | 1          | 35              |
| All other services   | 1           | 4           | 2           | -            | -           | 3           | -           | 1           | 17          | -           | -           | 1           | 1          | 31              |
| <b>All industries and services</b>                                 | <b>18</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>    | <b>12</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>14</b>   | <b>69</b>   | <b>17</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>51</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>244</b>      |

- Means nil or negligible.

a The number of stoppages by region do not sum to the total for the UK all industries and services, as some disputes which affect more than one region have been counted only once in the total for all industries and services. Similarly, the sum of the constituent items for the broad industry groups do not sum to the total for all industries as some stoppages affect more than one industry in the group shown.

b Figures for widespread stoppages which cannot be disaggregated down to Government Office Region level are included in the UK total. This accounts for 25,000 days lost in 1996.

c The figures for working days lost and workers involved have been rounded and consequently the sum of the constituent items may not agree precisely with the totals.

Figure 5 Working days lost by principal cause of dispute

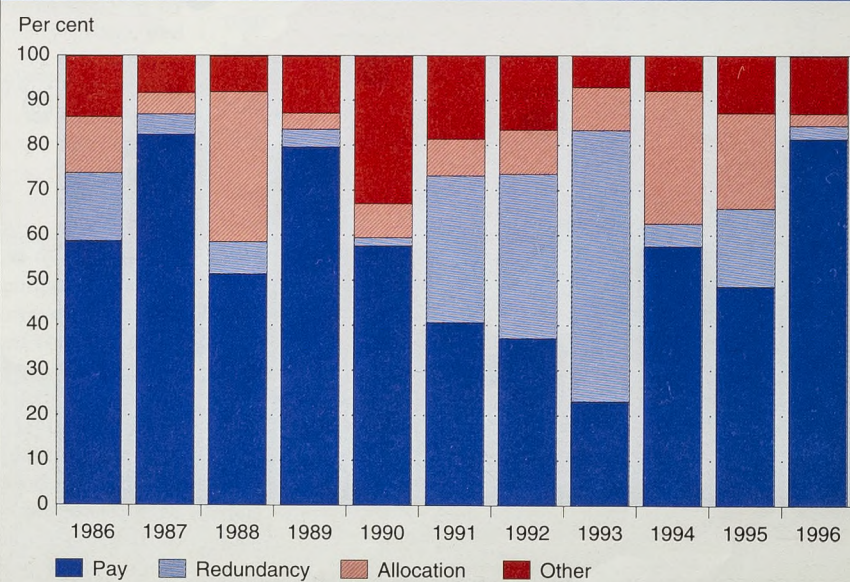


Table 7 Stoppages in progress in 1996 by main cause and broad industry group<sup>a</sup>

| Industry group (SIC 1992)                     | United Kingdom |                                |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |             |              |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|
|   | Pay            |                                | Duration and pattern of hours worked | Redundancy questions | Trade union matters | Working conditions and supervision | Staffing and work allocation | Dismissal and other disciplinary measures | All causes  |              |
|   | All            | of which                       |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |             |              |
|   |                | Wage rates and earnings levels | Extra wage and fringe benefits       |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |             |              |
| <b>Working days lost (000s)<sup>b</sup></b>   |                |                                |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |             |              |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing    | -              | -                              | -                                    | -                    | -                   | -                                  | -                            | -   | -           | -            |
| Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water | -              | -                              | -                                    | -                    | -                   | -                                  | -                            | -   | -           | 2            |
| Manufacturing                                 | 67             | 59                             | 8                                    | 6                    | -                   | 11                                 | 4                            | 2   | 97          |              |
| Construction                                  | 3              | 1                              | 3                                    | -                    | -                   | 4                                  | -                            | -   | 8           |              |
| Transport, storage and communication          | 801            | 800                            | 1                                    | 46                   | -                   | 19                                 | 15                           | 884                                       |             |              |
| Public administration and defence             | 56             | 45                             | 11                                   | -                    | 24                  | 75                                 | 2                            | 158                                       |             |              |
| Education                                     | 113            | 113                            | 1                                    | -                    | 5                   | -                                  | 10                           | 128                                       |             |              |
| Other services                                | 21             | 10                             | 11                                   | -                    | 2                   | -                                  | 1                            | 27  |             |              |
| <b>All industries and services</b>            | <b>1063</b>    | <b>1028</b>                    | <b>34</b>                            | <b>52</b>            | <b>39</b>           | <b>6</b>                           | <b>91</b>                    | <b>35</b>                                 | <b>18</b>   | <b>1303</b>  |
| <b>Workers involved (000s)<sup>b</sup></b>    |                |                                |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |             |              |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing    | 0.1            | 0.1                            | -                                    | -                    | -                   | -                                  | -                            | -   | -           | 0.1          |
| Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water | 0.2            | 0.2                            | -                                    | -                    | -                   | 0.3                                | -                            | -   | 0.3         | 0.9          |
| Manufacturing                                 | 13.7           | 6.2                            | 7.5                                  | 8.7                  | 0.8                 | 4.6                                | 5.0                          | 0.8                                       | 33.6        |              |
| Construction                                  | 0.7            | 0.4                            | 0.3                                  | -                    | 1.1                 | 1.2                                | -                            | -   | 3.1         |              |
| Transport, storage and communication          | 120.2          | 119.2                          | 0.9                                  | 7.5                  | -                   | 1.8                                | 4.9                          | 11.2                                      | 145.7       |              |
| Public administration and defence             | 4.2            | 1.6                            | 2.6                                  | 0.1                  | 13.2                | 0.2                                | 13.8                         | 0.6                                       | 32.1        |              |
| Education                                     | 113.1          | 112.8                          | 0.3                                  | 0.1                  | 1.8                 | -                                  | 6.7                          | -   | 121.7       |              |
| Other services                                | 24.8           | 4.0                            | 20.8                                 | -                    | 1.3                 | 0.1                                | 0.7                          | 0.2                                       | 27.1        |              |
| <b>All industries and services</b>            | <b>277.1</b>   | <b>244.7</b>                   | <b>32.4</b>                          | <b>16.3</b>          | <b>18.2</b>         | <b>2.5</b>                         | <b>19.7</b>                  | <b>17.9</b>                               | <b>12.5</b> | <b>364.3</b> |
| <b>Stoppages</b>                              |                |                                |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |             |              |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing    | 1              | 1                              | -                                    | -                    | -                   | -                                  | -                            | -   | -           | 1            |
| Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water | 2              | 2                              | -                                    | -                    | 1                   | 1                                  | 1                            | 1   | 6           |              |
| Manufacturing                                 | 40             | 30                             | 10                                   | 3                    | 4                   | 9                                  | 8                            | 3   | 67          |              |
| Construction                                  | 4              | 3                              | 1                                    | -                    | 4                   | 2                                  | 1                            | -   | 11          |              |
| Transport, storage and communication          | 8              | 7                              | 1                                    | 10                   | -                   | 11                                 | 3                            | 19  | 72          |              |
| Public administration and defence             | 4              | 2                              | 2                                    | 1                    | 9                   | 1                                  | 3                            | 3   | 22          |              |
| Education                                     | 15             | 12                             | 3                                    | 1                    | 13                  | -                                  | 2                            | 4   | 35          |              |
| Other services                                | 14             | 11                             | 3                                    | -                    | 9                   | 2                                  | 3                            | 3   | 31          |              |
| <b>All industries and services</b>            | <b>88</b>      | <b>68</b>                      | <b>20</b>                            | <b>15</b>            | <b>39</b>           | <b>15</b>                          | <b>19</b>                    | <b>39</b>                                 | <b>29</b>   | <b>244</b>   |

- Means nil or negligible.

a The number of stoppages for the industry groups shown may not sum to the total for all industries and services as some stoppages which affect more than the broad industry groups have been counted once only in the total for all industries and services.

b The figures for working days lost and workers involved have been rounded and consequently the sum of the constituent items may not agree with the totals.

Table 8 Working days lost<sup>a</sup> 1986-1996 by main cause in all industries and services

| Year | United Kingdom |                                |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |            |       |
|------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------|-------|
|      | Pay            |                                | Duration and pattern of hours worked | Redundancy questions | Trade union matters | Working conditions and supervision | Staffing and work allocation | Dismissal and other disciplinary measures | All causes |       |
|      | All            | of which                       |                                      |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |            |       |
|      |                | Wage rates and earnings levels | Extra wage and fringe benefits       |                      |                     |                                    |                              |   |            |       |
| 1986 | 1,128          | 1,098                          | 29                                   | 51                   | 291                 | 58                                 | 67                           | 240                                       | 85         | 1,920 |
| 1987 | 2,919          | 2,807                          | 112                                  | 57                   | 161                 | 31                                 | 63                           | 168                                       | 146        | 3,546 |
| 1988 | 1,903          | 1,126                          | 777                                  | 17                   | 266                 | 143                                | 44                           | 1,236                                     | 93         | 3,702 |
| 1989 | 3,290          | 3,254                          | 36                                   | 333                  | 164                 | 100                                | 61                           | 148                                       | 31         | 4,128 |
| 1990 | 1,098          | 1,084                          | 14                                   | 483                  | 35                  | 32                                 | 59                           | 144                                       | 50         | 1,903 |
| 1991 | 309            | 306                            | 3                                    | 16                   | 248                 | 4                                  | 66                           | 62  | 56         | 761   |
| 1992 | 196            | 182                            | 14                                   | 3                    | 193                 | 10                                 | 49                           | 52  | 24         | 528   |
| 1993 | 150            | 145                            | 5                                    | 34                   | 391                 | 4                                  | 3                            | 62  | 6          | 649   |
| 1994 | 160            | 154                            | 6                                    | 8                    | 14                  | 1                                  | 2                            | 82  | 12         | 278   |
| 1995 | 202            | 119                            | 83                                   | 30                   | 72                  | 3                                  | 1                            | 88  | 18         | 415   |
| 1996 | 1,063          | 1,028                          | 34                                   | 52                   | 39                  | 6                                  | 91                           | 35  | 18         | 1,303 |

a The figures for working days lost have been rounded and consequently the sum of the constituent items may not agree with the totals.



focused on the number of days of action in each dispute. However, the total duration measured in terms of the length of time between the first day of action and the last day is also relevant as there has been an increasing tendency for workers to stage a series of one-day strikes related to the same issue but spread over several weeks or months.

Table 9 shows the duration of the stoppages in progress in 1996 on both measures and this information is also displayed in Figure 6. Almost half of the stoppages lasted just one day and only five stoppages involved more than 50 days of action. However, 34 stoppages had a total duration of more than 50 days and 11 of these were in progress for more than 100 days. On average, stoppages that were in progress during 1996 lasted for 24 days and involved an average of six days of action. However, it should be noted that a few very long stoppages can distort this average. For example, one of the stoppages actually began in 1993 and, without that stoppage, the average duration falls to 20.

#### Disputes by size

Table 10 shows disputes in 1996 by size and Figure 7 illustrates the main finding: the majority of days lost result from large stoppages but very few stoppages are large. The chart shows that 92 per cent of working days lost in 1996 resulted from stoppages where more than 5,000 days were lost in total but that only 9 per cent of stoppages were that large. By contrast, 54 per cent of stoppages involved the loss of fewer than 250 days but only 1 per cent of all days lost came from stoppages of this size.

Table 11 shows the main details of the 22 stoppages in progress in 1996 that resulted in the loss of more than 5,000 days. There were 20 such stoppages in 1995 and ten in 1994. ■

#### Footnotes

- 1 *Labour Market Trends*, May 1997, pp183-185.
- 2 See pp205-207 of this issue.
- 3 There were 25,000 working days lost in 1996 resulting from stoppages that were widespread and cannot be disaggregated to Government Office Region level.

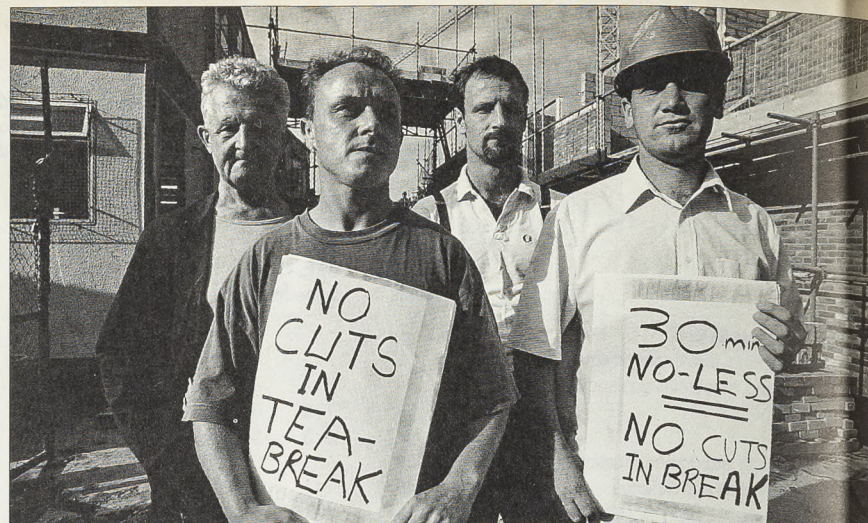


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Figure 6 Stoppages in 1996 by duration

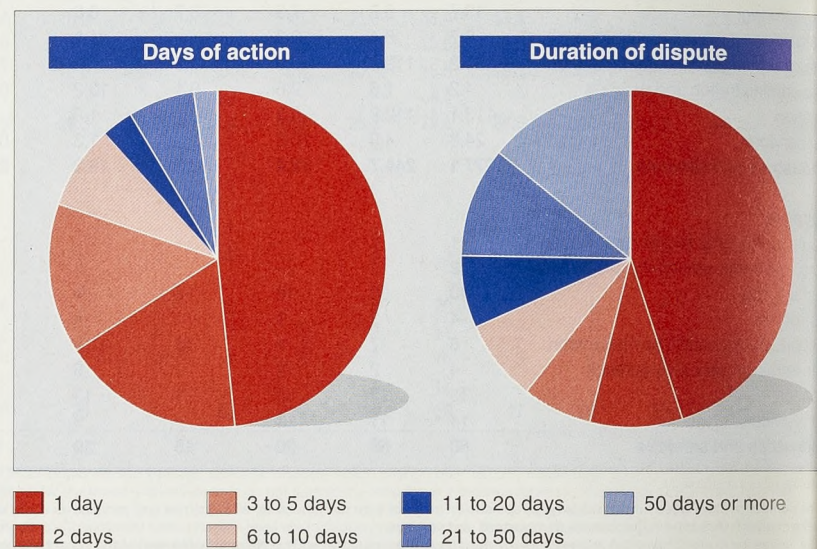


Figure 7 Stoppages in progress in 1996 by number of days lost

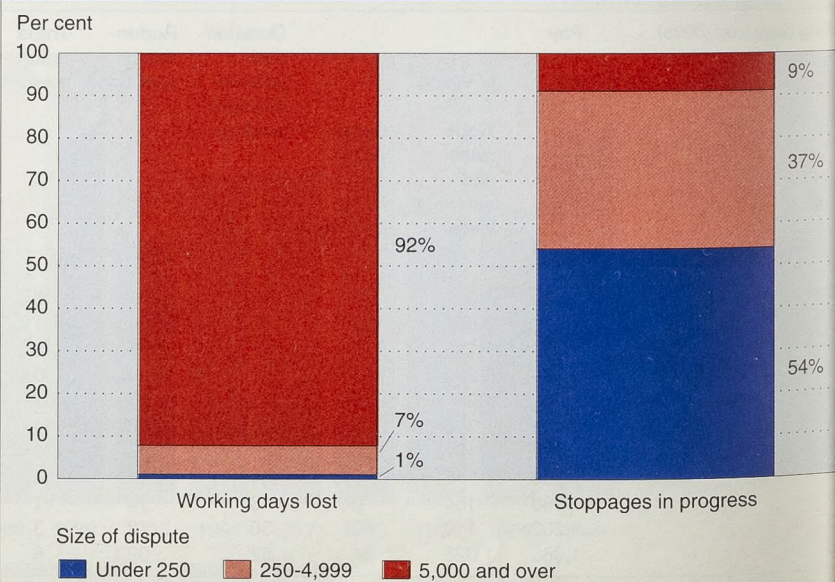


Table 9 Stoppages in progress in 1996 by duration

| Days                 | Stoppages by number of days action | Per cent of all stoppages | United Kingdom                         |                           |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|                      |                                    |                           | Stoppages by total duration of dispute | Per cent of all stoppages |
| 1                    | 118                                | 48.4                      | 110                                    | 45.1                      |
| 2                    | 43                                 | 17.6                      | 22                                     | 9.0                       |
| 3                    | 18                                 | 7.4                       | 8                                      | 3.3                       |
| 4                    | 12                                 | 4.9                       | 3                                      | 1.2                       |
| 5                    | 5                                  | 2.0                       | 5                                      | 2.0                       |
| 6-10                 | 20                                 | 8.2                       | 19                                     | 7.8                       |
| 11-15                | 6                                  | 2.5                       | 9                                      | 3.7                       |
| 16-20                | 1                                  | 0.4                       | 8                                      | 3.3                       |
| 21-30                | 6                                  | 2.5                       | 14                                     | 5.7                       |
| 31-50                | 10                                 | 4.1                       | 12                                     | 4.9                       |
| >50                  | 5                                  | 2.0                       | 34                                     | 13.9                      |
| <b>All stoppages</b> | <b>244</b>                         | <b>100</b>                | <b>244</b>                             | <b>100</b>                |

Table 10 Stoppages in progress in 1996 by size of dispute

|                         | Working days lost (000s) <sup>a</sup> | Per cent of all working days lost | Workers involved (000s) <sup>a</sup> | Per cent of all workers | United Kingdom        |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                         |                                       |                                   |                                      |                         | Stoppages in progress | Per cent of all stoppages |
| Under 250 days          | 14.3                                  | 1.1                               | 15.4                                 | 4.2                     | 132                   | 54.1                      |
| 250 and under 500       | 12.6                                  | 1.0                               | 10.7                                 | 2.9                     | 39                    | 16.0                      |
| 500 and under 1,000     | 13.3                                  | 1.0                               | 7.7                                  | 2.1                     | 19                    | 7.8                       |
| 1,000 and under 5,000   | 61.4                                  | 4.7                               | 31.3                                 | 8.6                     | 32                    | 13.1                      |
| 5,000 and under 25,000  | 123.3                                 | 9.5                               | 48.8                                 | 13.4                    | 15                    | 6.1                       |
| 25,000 and under 50,000 | 53.5                                  | 4.1                               | 8.0                                  | 2.2                     | 2                     | 0.8                       |
| 50,000 days and over    | 1024.9                                | 78.6                              | 242.4                                | 66.5                    | 5                     | 2.0                       |
| <b>All stoppages</b>    | <b>1303.3</b>                         | <b>100</b>                        | <b>364.3</b>                         | <b>100</b>              | <b>244</b>            | <b>100</b>                |

<sup>a</sup>The figures for working days lost and workers involved have been rounded and consequently the sum of the constituent items may not agree with the totals.

#### Further information:

ONS publishes data on labour disputes each month. They appear in the *Labour Market Statistics First Release* and are published in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 in the Labour Market Data section of *Labour Market Trends*.

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Table 11 Stoppages in 1996 resulting in a loss of 5,000 or more working days

| Industry and county                           | Date began | Date ended | Workers involved in whole period |          | Working days lost in 1996       | Cause or object  |
|---|------------|------------|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|--|
|   |            |            | Direct                           | Indirect |                                 |  |
| <b>COKE, REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b>       |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| Hampshire                                     | 11.03.96   | 28.03.96   | 500                              |          | 7,400                           | Over health and safety issues.   |
| <b>TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT</b>                    |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| West Midlands Metropolitan County             | 06.06.96   | 05.07.96   | 4,400                            |          | 5,100                           | Over workers' entitlement to annual/occasional holidays.                   |
| Cheshire and Bedfordshire                     | 08.12.95   | 12.01.96   | 7,600                            |          | 5,400 (total days lost 11,200)  | Over basic hours of work.  |
| Tyne and Wear                                 | 17.10.96   | 06.12.96   | 800                              |          | 16,700                          | Over straight pay increase.  |
| West Yorkshire                                | 23.10.96   | 31.12.96   | 400                              |          | 8,300                           | Over pay increases to compensate for a basic change in the payment system. |
| <b>MANUFACTURING NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED</b> |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| Durham  | 22.08.96   | 31.12.96   | 400                              |          | 20,500                          | Over straight pay increase.  |
| <b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>                 |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| London  | 03.10.95   | 29.02.96   | 100                              |          | 2,300 (total days lost 5,700)   | Over reductions in earnings.   |
| <b>TRANSPORT STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION</b>    |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| London  | 03.01.96   | 12.01.96   | 4,700                            |          | 7,100                           | Against disciplinary measures short of dismissal.                          |
| Merseyside Metropolitan County                | 26.09.95   | 30.06.96   | 600                              |          | 3,200 (total days lost 20,900)  | Over working arrangements.   |
| Various areas GB                              | 23.08.96   | 18.11.96   | 1,900                            |          | 7,200                           | Over pay increases allied to improvements in productivity.                 |
| Lothian                                       | 21.11.96   | 26.11.96   | 2,100                            |          | 12,000                          | Over temporary staffing arrangements.                                      |
| Various areas UK                              | 21.06.96   | 02.09.96   | 115,200                          |          | 789,200                         | Over pay increases allied to improvements in productivity.                 |
| London  | 27.06.96   | 23.08.96   | 1,500                            | 5,000    | 44,300                          | Over the basic hours of work (the standard working week).                  |
| <b>FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION</b>               |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| Various areas UK                              | 24.12.96   | 24.12.96   | 20,000                           |          | 10,000                          | Over workers' entitlement to annual and occasional holidays.               |
| <b>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION &amp; DEFENCE</b>    |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| Derbyshire                                    | 10.06.96   | 20.09.96   | 800                              | 100      | 8,600                           | Over market testing, privatisation, cuts in service.                       |
| South Glamorgan                               | 24.04.96   | 07.06.96   | 500                              |          | 5,000                           | Over market testing, privatisation, cuts in service.                       |
| Various areas GB                              | 11.12.95   | 08.10.96   | 14,000                           |          | 75,100 (total days lost 76,500) | Over health and safety issues.   |
| Various areas GB                              | 30.11.95   | 16.02.96   | 9,300                            |          | 45,100 (total days lost 73,600) | Over pay increases allied to improvements in productivity.                 |
| Merseyside Metropolitan County                | 17.08.95   | 12.04.96   | 1,500                            |          | 9,200 (total days lost 38,400)  | Over workers' entitlement to annual and occasional holidays.               |
| <b>EDUCATION</b>                              |            |            |                                  |          |                                 |  |
| Various areas GB                              | 19.11.96   | 19.11.96   | 111,700                          |          | 111,700                         | Over straight pay increase.  |
| Various areas GB                              | 28.11.96   | ongoing    | 4,600                            |          | 4,600 (total days lost 5,200)   | Over introduction of new contracts.  |
| Various areas GB                              | 17.11.93   | 28.06.96   | 22,000                           | 1,100    | 3,800 (total days lost 106,700) | Over introduction of new contracts.  |

## Technical note

## Definition of stoppages

The statistics cover stoppages of work in progress in the United Kingdom during a year caused by labour disputes between employers and workers, or between workers and other workers, connected with terms and conditions of employment. A distinction can be drawn between stoppages that started in the current year and those that started in earlier years.

The statistics exclude disputes which do not result in a stoppage of work, for example, *work-to-rules* and *go-slows*. This is because their effects are not quantifiable to any degree of certainty. Stoppages involving fewer than 10 workers or lasting less than one day are also excluded unless the total number of working days lost in the dispute is greater than 100.

Stoppages over issues not directly linked to terms and conditions between workers and employers are omitted, although in most years this is not significant. For example, in 1986 one stoppage was considered to be political (a protest in the coal industry against the visit of an MP) and it was excluded from the figures. The total working days lost amounted to fewer than 1,000. The next known dispute to be excluded was in 1991. This involved a boycott by self-employed market traders who, prompted by increased rent and changes to the market rules, kept their stalls closed for about 20 weeks.

The statistics include 'lock-outs,' i.e. where an employer prevents their employees from working by refusing entry to the place of work, and 'unlawful' i.e. unlawfully organised strikes. However, no distinction is made between a 'strike' and a 'lock-out' or between 'lawful' and 'unlawful' stoppages. This is principally because of the practical difficulty in deciding which category a particular stoppage falls into. It was for similar reasons that a distinction between 'official' and 'unofficial' disputes was no longer made after 1981.

## Working days lost

In measuring the number of working days lost, account is taken only of the

time lost in the *basic working week*.

Overtime work is excluded, as is weekend working where it is not a regular practice. Where an establishment is open every day, and runs two or more shifts, the statistics will record the number of working days lost for each shift. In recording the number of days lost, allowance is made for public and known annual holidays, such as factory fortnights, occurring within the strike's duration. No allowance is made for absence from work for such reasons as sickness and unauthorised leave.

Where strikes last less than the basic working day, the hours lost are converted to full-day equivalents. Similarly, days lost by part-time workers are converted to full-day equivalents. The number of working days lost in a stoppage reflects the actual number of workers involved at each point in the stoppage. Generally, this is less than the total derived by multiplying the duration of the stoppage by the total number of workers involved at any time during the stoppage, because some workers would not have been involved throughout.

In disputes where employers dismiss their employees and subsequently reinstate them, the working days lost figure includes those days lost by workers during the period of dismissal.

For disputes where employers dismiss their employees and replace them with another workforce, the statistics cannot assume that working days lost by the sacked workers continue indefinitely. In such cases the statistics measure the number of days lost in terms of the size of the replacement workforce. For example, where an employer initially recruits 100 workers and wishes to build up to 300, the number of working days lost on day one will be 200 and will then progressively reduce on subsequent days, eventually to zero when the new workforce reaches the target of 300.

## Number of stoppages

There are difficulties in ensuring complete recording of stoppages, in particular for short disputes lasting only a day or so, or involving only a few workers. Because of this recording difficulty and the cut-off applied, the number of working

days lost is considered to be a better indicator of the impact of labour disputes than the number of recorded stoppages.

## Workers involved

The figures for workers involved are for workers both *directly and indirectly involved* at the establishment where the dispute occurred. Workers indirectly involved are those who are not themselves parties to the dispute but are laid off because of the dispute. However, the statistics exclude workers at other sites who are indirectly affected. This is partially because of the difficulty in deciding to what extent a particular firm's production problems are because of the effects of a strike elsewhere or some other cause. Workers involved in more than one stoppage during the year are counted in the statistics for each stoppage in which they take part. Part-time workers are counted as whole units.

The statistics try to record the number of workers who are involved at any time in the stoppage. For example, consider a three-day strike where there were 200 workers involved on the first day; 300 on the second day, of whom 100 were involved for the first time; and 200 on the third day, of whom 50 were involved for the first time. The total number of workers involved in the dispute is 350 – the sum of all those involved on the first day, and those joining for the first time on subsequent days. However, the number of workers taking strike action for the first time during a dispute cannot always be easily ascertained. In such cases the statistics record the highest number involved at any one time (300 in the above example). Take another example, where there are 200 workers involved in a stoppage on each of days one, two and three. It may be necessary to assume that there was a total of 200 workers involved, although it is possible, but unlikely, that as many as 600 workers could have been involved. For this reason, the statistics may under-estimate the number of workers involved in a dispute. However, the estimate of the number of working days lost is unaffected by this consideration.







recognise that data from the two sources are not directly comparable. The discrepancies between the estimates can largely be explained by the different ways in which each source deals with particular categories of union membership. For example, the LFS question is only asked of those in employment. It therefore excludes union members who were unemployed or economically inactive during the 'reference week' in question, those who are wholly retired, and those whose usual residence is not in the United Kingdom. However, these groups appear in the CO count. A more detailed description of the differences is contained in *Employment Gazette*, August 1990.

Differences in the nature of these two sources of data mean that they each have different strengths, and the particular focus and nature of the analysis or information required will dictate which is the most appropriate source to refer to. The major strength of the LFS is that the sample size and the wealth of other information collected on respondents' individual and workplace characteristics permit detailed and sophisticated analyses, thus providing a detailed understanding of patterns and changes in trade union membership. This forms the bulk of the results reported below.

The LFS also collects further information about union organisation, including whether an individual employee works in a workplace where unions are recognised, and if pay is determined by collective bargaining. In 1996 data on collective bargaining was collected for the first time and the results are reported at the end of this article.

### Trade union membership and density

The LFS has collected information on the union membership status of all those in employment each year since 1989. *Table 1* presents some headline figures indicating trends in union membership and union density (the proportion of a specified group who are union members). *Table 1* shows that trade union membership fell again in 1996 – by an estimated 60,000 – as it has fallen each year since the series began, and now stands at 7.22 million. The total decline since 1989 is 1.75 million members, a fall of 19.5 per cent. Indeed, as the longer term perspective provided by the CO data shows, union membership has fallen each year since it peaked in 1979. The fall in the past year is the smallest since the LFS series began.

This pattern is repeated in the estimates of union density among all those in employment, which stood at 28.2 per cent in 1996 compared to 28.8 per cent a year earlier. Among employees only, density also fell, from 32.1 per cent in 1995 to 31.3 per cent in 1996. The magnitude of the

Table 1 Union membership<sup>a, b</sup> in Great Britain, 1989-1996

| Year <sup>c</sup>        | Number of members (000s) | Percentage change in membership since previous year | Union density of all in employment (per cent) | Union density of employees (per cent) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1989                     | 8,964                    |   | 34.1  | 39.0                                  |
| 1990                     | 8,854                    | -1.2  | 33.4  | 38.1                                  |
| 1991                     | 8,633                    | -2.5  | 33.3  | 37.5                                  |
| 1992                     | 7,999                    | -7.3  | 32.1  | 35.8                                  |
| 1993                     | 7,808                    | -2.4  | 31.3  | 35.1                                  |
| 1994                     | 7,553                    | -3.3  | 30.0  | 33.6                                  |
| 1995                     | 7,275                    | -3.7  | 28.8  | 32.1                                  |
| 1996                     | 7,215                    | -0.8  | 28.2  | 31.3                                  |
| <b>Change since 1989</b> | <b>-1,749</b>            | <b>-19.5</b>  | <b>-5.9</b>                                   | <b>-7.7</b>                           |

Source: Labour Force Survey

<sup>a</sup> Includes all those in employment, except for the final column which is employees only, excluding members of the armed forces.  
<sup>b</sup> Those who did not report their union status, or who were not contactable in the autumn quarter, have been allocated on a pro-rata basis.  
<sup>c</sup> From 1989-1991 union membership questions were asked in the spring. Since 1992 they have been asked in the autumn quarter.

decline in union density since 1989 – 5.9 percentage points (or 17 per cent) for all in employment – is a little lower than the decline in total membership, as it is partially offset by a slight net reduction in the number of people employed since 1989. Over the course of the most recent economic cycle the largest fall in union membership occurred in 1992, a period of substantial job losses, while unions have failed to recover membership loss as employment growth has recovered since 1994.

The remainder of this article focuses on employees only, excluding members of the armed forces. This excludes the self-employed and those on government training schemes.<sup>2</sup> Union membership among the self-employed has always been very low – around one-tenth of self-employed people in 1996 reported that they were union members, a figure that has been fairly stable since 1989.

*Figure 1* looks at trends in union density among employees across various individual, job-related and employer characteristics. Each of the different classifications shows a fall since 1989 (or 1993 in the case of sector, when this information was first collected), and within each category there was a fall in density from 1995 to 1996. There are, however, quite marked differences in the magnitude of the decline in density. Areas that traditionally have been a stronghold of unionism have suffered the greatest declines and in some cases have converged with those areas where unions were once weakest.

Thus, density among men has fallen from 44 per cent to 33 per cent, while among women there has been a slight decline. This is consistent with the pattern shown in the CO data where the number of male members has fallen by 28 per cent since 1989, while the number of female members has fallen by 7 per cent over the same period.<sup>3</sup>

Among manual employees density has

fallen from 44 per cent in 1989 to 31 per cent in 1996 and is now equal to non-manual employees, where it has fallen less sharply from 35 per cent in 1989. Similarly, density among employees in production industries fell from 45 per cent in 1989 to 32 per cent in 1996 and is now equal to that of employees in service industries, where density has fallen six percentage points over the same period. The decline in union density among part-time employees and those working in workplaces with fewer than 25 employees has been relatively small.

It is important to note that the trends shown here reveal the net change in union density. While they seem to convey a picture of a withering of membership among a pool of former union members, the reality is much more fluid. Studies have shown that new recruits to membership often form a substantial proportion of total union membership.

Overall, though, it is readily apparent that the decline in union membership and density is a feature of all categories of employment. It is beyond the remit of this article to examine possible causes of the decline in union membership and density, but the data do suggest that explanations based on compositional changes in employment are, of themselves, insufficient.<sup>4</sup>

The next few sections explore the wide variability in union density across a range of individual, job-related and workplace characteristics. The analysis seeks to describe some of the more important factors associated with union density from the 1996 LFS, and does so through two- or three-way tables. More elaborate statistical analyses attempting to explain the determinants of union membership have appeared elsewhere.<sup>5</sup>

### Individual characteristics

*Table 2* examines the level of union density among employees by a number of individual characteristics and compares

Figure 1 Union density by various characteristics 1989-96





Table 2 Union density by individual characteristics,<sup>a</sup> 1996

|                                  | Great Britain, per cent |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | All                     | Men       | Women     |
| <b>All employees<sup>b</sup></b> | <b>31</b>               | <b>33</b> | <b>29</b> |
| <b>Age group</b>                 |                         |           |           |
| Under 20 years                   | 6                       | 6         | 6         |
| 20 to 29 years                   | 23                      | 23        | 24        |
| 30 to 39 years                   | 34                      | 35        | 33        |
| 40 to 49 years                   | 39                      | 44        | 35        |
| 50 years and over                | 35                      | 38        | 32        |
| <b>Ethnic origin</b>             |                         |           |           |
| White                            | 31                      | 33        | 29        |
| Non-white                        | 29                      | 28        | 31        |
| of which                         |                         |           |           |
| Black                            | 36                      | 33        | 39        |
| Indian                           | 29                      | 30        | 28        |
| Pakistani/Bangladeshi            | 17                      | 15        | 21        |
| Other                            | 26                      | 27        | 25        |
| <b>Highest qualification</b>     |                         |           |           |
| Degree or equivalent             | 38                      | 33        | 46        |
| Other higher education           | 47                      | 36        | 57        |
| A level or equivalent            | 32                      | 36        | 24        |
| GCSE or equivalent               | 24                      | 27        | 22        |
| Other                            | 29                      | 34        | 24        |
| No qualifications                | 26                      | 31        | 22        |
| <b>Marital status</b>            |                         |           |           |
| Single, never married            | 22                      | 22        | 23        |
| Married or cohabiting            | 34                      | 37        | 32        |
| Divorced or separated            | 32                      | 35        | 30        |
| Widowed                          | 29                      | 34        | 27        |

<sup>a</sup> See technical note for details on classifications.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all employees, except for those in the armed forces.

Source: Labour Force Survey

results between men and women. In aggregate, a higher proportion of male employees than female employees are union members, although the difference of four percentage points is not as large as it once was (as shown in Figure 1).

#### Age group

The first part of Table 2 analyses union density by age and demonstrates an association between increasing age and increasing likelihood of union membership. In 1996 only 6 per cent of employees under the age of 20 years were union members, compared with at least one third among those aged 30 years or more. Older women – 40 years or older – are less likely to be union members than older men, but there is no difference between younger men and women.

#### Ethnic origin

Table 2 shows that there is no overall difference between white and non-white employees, but whereas proportionally more men than women are union members among white employees the situation is reversed for non-white employees.

Black people are more likely to be union members than employees in any other ethnic group. Some 36 per cent of black employees are union members compared with 31 per cent of white employees, the next highest category, but after taking

gender into account this difference arises among women only.

#### Educational qualifications

Respondents to the LFS are asked about the types of training or educational qualifications that they have. Looking at the highest qualification that individuals have, we find that employees with any type of further education are considerably more likely to be union members than those without post-school training or education. Of those employees with some post-school training or education, but without a degree, almost half are union members. The lowest level of union membership is among those with GCSEs or equivalent, where 24 per cent are union members.

There is a very clear divide between men and women in the pattern of union membership across different educational grades. There is little variability in union membership among men by educational qualifications, with density ranging from 27 per cent to 36 per cent. Among women, however, the differences are much more marked. The proportion of female employees with post-schooling qualifications who are union members is double that of female employees without any of these qualifications. Indeed, highly educated female employees are much more likely than their male counterparts to be union members.

#### Marital status

This section of Table 2 reveals clear differences between employees who are or have been married or cohabiting, and those who have never married and are not presently living with a partner. Single employees are less likely to be union members, with 22 per cent reporting membership compared with around a third for married or cohabiting, or formerly married. Among single employees there is no real difference between men and women, but married female employees are less likely to be union members than married male employees.

#### Job-related characteristics

Table 3 looks at a variety of characteristics of individual respondents' jobs, with a particular emphasis on differences between full-time and part-time employees.<sup>6</sup> Unlike differences between men and women, the higher level of union density among full-time employees is sustained across almost every category of the job-related characteristics considered. This, no doubt, reflects in part the difficulty that unions have in recruiting and organising among part-time employees.

#### Length of service

The figures for length of service demonstrate a similar, if slightly more pronounced, pattern to that of age, with density increasing with length of service. Employees with very little service have low levels of membership, just 12 per cent for those with the same employer for less than one year ranging up to 58 per cent for employees with 20 or more years of service.

#### Occupation

Union density varies enormously across employees of different occupations, ranging from 11 per cent among employees in sales occupations to 52 per cent of professional employees. With the exception of associate professional and technical occupations (e.g. nurses), density is higher among full-time employees than part-time employees within each occupational group. These differences are less pronounced, however, among the non-manual occupations.

#### Managerial status

Related to, but separate from, occupation is the managerial status of individual respondents.<sup>7</sup> Employees were asked whether their work entailed any managerial or supervisory duties. Looking at rates of union membership across the different categories, it is foremen or supervisors who have the highest level of density at 40 per cent, while there is little difference between managers and those without any managerial duties.

Among managers there is barely any

Table 3 Union density by job-related characteristics,<sup>a</sup> 1996

|                                     | Great Britain, per cent |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                     | All                     | Full-time | Part-time |
| <b>All employees<sup>b</sup></b>    | <b>31</b>               | <b>35</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>Length of service</b>            |                         |           |           |
| Less than 1 year                    | 12                      | 14        | 8         |
| 1 to 2 years                        | 17                      | 20        | 11        |
| 2 to 5 years                        | 23                      | 25        | 17        |
| 5 to 10 years                       | 37                      | 38        | 30        |
| 10 to 20 years                      | 48                      | 50        | 40        |
| 20 years or more                    | 58                      | 61        | 40        |
| <b>Occupational group</b>           |                         |           |           |
| Managers and administrators         | 20                      | 20        | 14        |
| Professional                        | 52                      | 53        | 45        |
| Associate professional/technical    | 47                      | 45        | 53        |
| Clerical and secretarial            | 27                      | 30        | 19        |
| Craft and related                   | 36                      | 37        | 16        |
| Personal and protective             | 28                      | 38        | 17        |
| Sales                               | 11                      | 13        | 10        |
| Plant and machine operatives        | 41                      | 43        | 19        |
| Other occupations                   | 26                      | 38        | 16        |
| <b>Managerial status</b>            |                         |           |           |
| Manager                             | 27                      | 27        | 25        |
| Foreman or supervisor               | 40                      | 41        | 35        |
| No managerial duties                | 31                      | 37        | 19        |
| <b>Employment status</b>            |                         |           |           |
| Permanent                           | 33                      | 36        | 21        |
| Temporary                           | 20                      | 22        | 16        |
| <b>Special working arrangements</b> |                         |           |           |
| Flexitime                           | 45                      | 49        | 29        |
| Job sharing                         | 34                      | *         | 34        |
| Term-time working                   | 46                      | 76        | 24        |
| Annualised hours contract           | 51                      | 56        | 34        |
| 9 day fortnight/4.5 day week        | 49                      | 49        | *         |
| Work mainly in own home             | 4                       | 10        | 2         |

\* Base too low to provide a reliable estimate.

<sup>a</sup> See technical note for details on classifications.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all employees, except for those in the armed forces.

Source: Labour Force Survey

difference between full-time and part-time employees with roughly a quarter in each group being union members. This contrasts markedly with the position among those without managerial duties where the proportion of full-time employees who are union members is about double that of part-time employees.

#### Employment status

Table 3 also looks at differences in union membership by the respondent's employment status – whether they consider their job to be a permanent one or not. As might be expected, union membership is considerably higher among permanent employees, with one-third reporting membership compared with one-fifth of temporary employees. Within both groups, density is higher for full-time employees than part-time employees.

#### Special working arrangements

Changes in the nature of working arrangements have been evident in Britain for some time, and are often thought to be a source of enhanced flexibility in the

labour market. One example of this is the growth in temporary and part-time working arrangements. Another is altering working time to suit both employees' personal circumstances and how employers organise the flow of work. This section of Table 3 looks at rates of union membership only among employees with these types of special working arrangements. In addition, it also looks at union membership among homeworkers (employees who work mainly in their own home).

With the exception of homeworkers, who have very low levels of union membership, rates of union membership for employees with special working arrangements are much higher than the national average. Around a half of employees on annualised contracts or who work a nine-day fortnight/four-and-a-half-day week are union members, compared with around one third overall. It is also the case for job-sharers, as the proper comparison here is the rate for part-time job-sharers, which is 34 per cent, compared with a density figure of 20 per cent for part-time employees overall.

#### Workplace characteristics

Table 4 examines levels of union density among employees by a number of workplace characteristics, here concentrating on differences between employees who work in the private and public sectors. In aggregate, there is a very substantial difference between these two categories. An estimated 21 per cent of employees in the private sector are union members, compared with 61 per cent of employees in the public sector.

#### Industry

Density, as is apparent from the table, varies enormously across different industries, ranging from 7 per cent among employees in hotels and restaurants to 61 per cent in public administration and the electricity, gas and water supply industry. The latter industry also has the highest level of density in the private sector, although it should be noted here that much of this industry was formerly nationalised. A similar tale could also apply to the transport and communication and mining industries which have the second highest levels of union density in the private sector. There is less variation within the public sector, with density ranging from 36 per cent among employees in hotels and restaurants to 77 per cent in transport and communication.

#### Region

Table 4 also shows regional variations in density among employees, ranging from 42 per cent in North England to 23 per cent in the South East (excluding Greater London). This is indicative of a broad North-South divide in England where union membership is higher among employees who work in the north of the country than those who work in the south. Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland all have levels of union density well above the English rate and the overall national rate.<sup>8</sup>

#### Workplace size

Finally, Table 4 also examines density by size of workplace in two broad size bands, demonstrating the considerable influence of workplace size as a determinant of union density. In 1996 union density stood at just 16 per cent in workplaces with fewer than 25 employees, compared with 39 per cent among those with 25 or more employees at their place of work.

There is a very pronounced difference between sectors among employees in small workplaces. Only 9 per cent of employees working in small private sector workplaces were members of a union, compared with 51 per cent in small public sector workplaces. These two factors, workplace size and sector, are very strongly associated with rates of union density, suggesting that membership is related to unions' ability to organise among employers. We return to this issue in the second part of this article.



Table 4 Union density by workplace characteristics,<sup>a</sup> 1996

|   | Great Britain, <sup>b</sup> per cent |           |           |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | All                                  | Private   | Public    |
| <b>All employees<sup>c</sup></b>              | <b>31</b>                            | <b>21</b> | <b>61</b> |
| <b>Industry</b>                               |                                      |           |           |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing             | 8                                    | 8         | *         |
| Mining and quarrying                          | 38                                   | 39        | *         |
| Manufacturing                                 | 31                                   | 31        | 62        |
| Electricity, gas and water supply             | 61                                   | 61        | *         |
| Construction                                  | 25                                   | 15        | 73        |
| Wholesale and retail trade                    | 11                                   | 11        | *         |
| Hotels and restaurants                        | 7                                    | 5         | 36        |
| Transport and communication                   | 47                                   | 40        | 77        |
| Financial intermediation                      | 36                                   | 36        | 49        |
| Real estate and business services             | 13                                   | 8         | 59        |
| Public administration                         | 61                                   | 30        | 62        |
| Education                                     | 55                                   | 27        | 59        |
| Health  | 47                                   | 13        | 64        |
| Other services                                | 23                                   | 10        | 47        |
| <b>Standard Statistical Region or country</b> |                                      |           |           |
| England                                       | 30                                   | 20        | 60        |
| Greater London                                | 27                                   | 15        | 58        |
| Rest of South East                            | 23                                   | 15        | 50        |
| East Anglia                                   | 25                                   | 18        | 46        |
| South West                                    | 28                                   | 18        | 56        |
| West Midlands                                 | 32                                   | 23        | 63        |
| East Midlands                                 | 32                                   | 23        | 62        |
| Yorkshire and Humberside                      | 35                                   | 24        | 67        |
| North West                                    | 38                                   | 26        | 69        |
| North   | 42                                   | 30        | 72        |
| Wales   | 41                                   | 29        | 68        |
| Scotland                                      | 36                                   | 22        | 68        |
| Northern Ireland                              | 41                                   | 27        | 68        |
| <b>Workplace size</b>                         |                                      |           |           |
| Less than 25 employees                        | 16                                   | 9         | 51        |
| 25 employees or more                          | 39                                   | 28        | 64        |

\* Base too low to provide a reliable estimate.

<sup>a</sup> See technical note for details on classifications.

<sup>b</sup> Table is for Great Britain, except for the regional breakdown which includes Northern Ireland.

<sup>c</sup> Includes all employees, except for those in the armed forces.

Source: Labour Force Survey



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### Density across individual, job-related and workplace characteristics

Each of the tables discussed above has provided considerable detail on how levels of union density vary across a range of different characteristics associated with individuals and their attainments, features of their job, and their employer. The results showed that there are, in many cases, significant differences between men and women, those working full-time and part-time, and those employed in the private and public sectors. Table 5 gives a detailed breakdown of trade union density rates for each section of the 1992 Standard Industrial Classification, and also for a selected number of (sub)divisional categories.<sup>9</sup> Separate density figures for these industries are provided across a range of key characteristics. In many cases the broad section level figures mask considerable variation at the (sub)divisional level. In manufacturing, for example, the level of union density is above half among employees in motor vehicles and other transport equipment, while it is well under the industry average for employees manufacturing electrical equipment and rubber and plastic goods.

Where is density highest? One or two industries stand out – rail transport has the highest rate of density among males (78 per cent), full-time employees (77 per cent), the private sector (74 per cent), manual employees (84 per cent) and workplaces with 25 employees or more (77 per cent); banks and building societies have the highest rates of density for females (56 per cent), part-time employees (55 per cent), and workplaces with fewer than 25 employees (69 per cent). Density is

Table 5 Union density: detailed selected industries by other characteristics,<sup>a</sup> 1996

| 1992 SIC  | Industry                                 | Great Britain, per cent |           |           |           |           |                |               |            |           |                        |                      |
|-----------|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|
|           |  | All                     | Men       | Women     | Full-time | Part-time | Private sector | Public sector | Non-manual | Manual    | Less than 25 employees | 25 or more employees |
|           | <b>All employees<sup>b</sup></b>         | <b>31</b>               | <b>33</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>      | <b>61</b>     | <b>31</b>  | <b>31</b> | <b>16</b>              | <b>39</b>            |
| A,B       | <b>Agriculture, forestry and fishing</b> | 8                       | 10        | 5         | 9         | 4         | 8              | *             | 10         | 8         | 8                      | 9                    |
| C         | <b>Mining and quarrying</b>              | 38                      | 42        | *         | 39        | *         | 39             | *             | 20         | 51        | *                      | 42                   |
| D         | <b>Manufacturing</b>                     | 31                      | 34        | 22        | 32        | 15        | 31             | 61            | 16         | 41        | 8                      | 36                   |
| 15-16     | Food, beverages and tobacco              | 35                      | 37        | 31        | 36        | 30        | 35             | *             | 14         | 45        | 8                      | 39                   |
| 17-19     | Textiles, clothing and footwear          | 30                      | 30        | 31        | 33        | 18        | 30             | *             | 13         | 36        | 7                      | 36                   |
| 22        | Printing and publishing                  | 27                      | 34        | 14        | 29        | 12        | 27             | *             | 15         | 42        | 17                     | 31                   |
| 24        | Chemicals                                | 26                      | 30        | 18        | 27        | *         | 26             | *             | 14         | 43        | *                      | 28                   |
| 25        | Rubber and plastics                      | 19                      | 21        | 12        | 20        | *         | 19             | *             | 10         | 24        | 0                      | 23                   |
| 27-28     | Basic and fabricated metals              | 29                      | 32        | 12        | 30        | *         | 29             | *             | 14         | 36        | 7                      | 37                   |
| 29        | Machinery                                | 31                      | 34        | 16        | 31        | *         | 31             | *             | 15         | 42        | 5                      | 37                   |
| 30-33     | Electrical equipment                     | 19                      | 20        | 17        | 19        | 14        | 19             | *             | 11         | 28        | 6                      | 22                   |
| 34        | Motor vehicles                           | 53                      | 55        | 40        | 54        | *         | 53             | *             | 27         | 65        | *                      | 56                   |
| 35        | Other transport equipment                | 54                      | 56        | *         | 55        | *         | 53             | *             | 43         | 63        | *                      | 59                   |
| E         | <b>Electricity, gas and water supply</b> | 61                      | 67        | 42        | 63        | *         | 61             | *             | 54         | 75        | *                      | 61                   |
| 40.1      | Electricity                              | 68                      | 72        | *         | 69        | *         | 67             | *             | 63         | 75        | *                      | 67                   |
| 41        | Water                                    | 51                      | 56        | *         | 53        | *         | 48             | *             | 40         | *         | *                      | 48                   |
| F         | <b>Construction</b>                      | 25                      | 28        | 12        | 27        | 8         | 15             | 74            | 19         | 31        | 12                     | 35                   |
| G         | <b>Wholesale and retail trade</b>        | 11                      | 10        | 12        | 11        | 10        | 11             | *             | 10         | 14        | 4                      | 17                   |
| 51        | Wholesale trade                          | 8                       | 9         | 7         | 8         | 5         | 8              | *             | 5          | 14        | 3                      | 12                   |
| 52        | Retail trade                             | 13                      | 12        | 13        | 15        | 11        | 13             | *             | 12         | 19        | 5                      | 21                   |
| H         | <b>Hotels and restaurants</b>            | 7                       | 5         | 8         | 8         | 6         | 5              | 39            | 8          | 6         | 5                      | 8                    |
| I         | <b>Transport and communication</b>       | 47                      | 53        | 30        | 50        | 22        | 40             | 79            | 34         | 57        | 23                     | 55                   |
| 60.1      | Rail transport                           | 75                      | 78        | *         | 77        | *         | 74             | *             | *          | 84        | *                      | 77                   |
| 64.1      | Postal services                          | 64                      | 71        | 44        | 71        | 33        | 34             | 80            | 42         | 75        | 32                     | 73                   |
| 64.2      | Telecommunications                       | 50                      | 54        | 42        | 52        | *         | 50             | *             | 41         | 70        | *                      | 48                   |
| J         | <b>Financial intermediation</b>          | 36                      | 32        | 40        | 35        | 40        | 36             | 47            | 37         | *         | 45                     | 33                   |
| 65.1      | Banks and building societies             | 49                      | 41        | 56        | 48        | 55        | 49             | *             | 50         | *         | 69                     | 43                   |
| 66        | Insurance                                | 28                      | 35        | 21        | 31        | *         | 29             | *             | 28         | *         | *                      | 28                   |
| K         | <b>Real estate and business services</b> | 13                      | 14        | 12        | 14        | 10        | 8              | 62            | 12         | 15        | 8                      | 17                   |
| L         | <b>Public administration</b>             | 61                      | 65        | 56        | 64        | 43        | 31             | 60            | 63         | 44        | 52                     | 62                   |
| M         | <b>Education</b>                         | 55                      | 65        | 51        | 69        | 31        | 28             | 60            | 65         | 29        | 47                     | 58                   |
| 80.1-80.2 | Schools                                  | 59                      | 76        | 53        | 77        | 31        | 29             | 63            | 74         | 27        | 50                     | 62                   |
| 80.3      | Higher education                         | 47                      | 52        | 43        | 52        | 33        | *              | 48            | 47         | 47        | *                      | 49                   |
| N         | <b>Health and social work</b>            | 47                      | 53        | 46        | 54        | 37        | 15             | 64            | 54         | 33        | 30                     | 55                   |
| 85.11     | Hospitals                                | 54                      | 58        | 53        | 61        | 44        | 17             | 64            | 58         | 41        | 33                     | 60                   |
| O         | <b>Other services</b>                    | 23                      | 31        | 16        | 29        | 13        | 12             | 48            | 25         | 21        | 15                     | 33                   |
| 90        | Sewage and refuse disposal               | 54                      | 60        | *         | 60        | *         | 34             | 68            | 51         | 56        | *                      | 62                   |

\* Base too low to provide a reliable estimate.

<sup>a</sup> See technical note for details on classifications.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all employees, except for those in the armed forces.

Source: Labour Force Survey

particularly low – 10 per cent or less – across all characteristics in agriculture, forestry and fishing, hotels and restaurants (except in the public sector) and wholesale trade.

Across all of the industries there are a couple of general points to emerge. First, in the production industries – mining and quarrying, manufacturing, and electricity, gas and water supply – and transport and communication, rates of union density are higher among men than women, full-time

employees rather than part-time employees, and manual employees rather than non-manual employees. This also holds for much of the service sector with the exception of non-manual employees, where density is mostly higher than for manual employees.

Second, where it is possible to make comparisons, union density is in all cases substantially higher in the public than in the private sector. A similar pattern is evident for workplace size, with density higher in

larger than in smaller workplaces except among employees in banks and building societies.

### Trade union recognition and collective bargaining

Since 1993, the LFS has collected information on another key indicator of trade union influence, union recognition. The survey measures the extent to which employees work in workplaces at which



Table 6 Union recognition and collective bargaining in Great Britain,<sup>a</sup> 1993-1996

| Year                     | Number of employees in workplaces with recognition <sup>b</sup> (000s) | Percentage change in number since previous year | Percentage of employees in workplaces with recognition | Number of employees covered by collective bargaining (000s) | Percentage of employees covered by collective bargaining |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| 1993                     | 10,420   |   | 48.9   |   |  |
| 1994                     | 10,374   | -0.4  | 48.2   |   |  |
| 1995                     | 10,226   | -1.4  | 46.8   |   |  |
| 1996                     | 10,141   | -0.8  | 45.8   | 8,091   | 36.5   |
| <b>Change since 1993</b> | -279   | -2.7  | -3.1   |   |  |

Source: Labour Force Survey

<sup>a</sup> Includes all employees, except for members of the armed forces.

<sup>b</sup> Those who did not report their union recognition status, or who were not contactable in the autumn quarter, have been allocated on a pro-rata basis.

trade unions are recognised for the purpose of negotiating the pay and conditions of employees. This does not, however, mean that individual employees reporting recognition at their workplace have their own pay and conditions determined through collective bargaining between management and unions. For this reason, a new question was added to the LFS in 1996 to establish whether an individual employee was covered by a collective agreement which directly affected their pay and conditions. The results are reported below.

#### Coverage of trade union recognition and collective bargaining

Table 6 shows that in 1996 around 10.1 million employees worked in workplaces where trade unions were recognised. This has fallen by about 280,000 employees since the question was first asked in 1993, a fall of about 3 per cent. The proportion of

employees who worked in workplaces at which trade unions were recognised stood at 45.8 per cent, a fall of about three percentage points since 1993. This decline is smaller than the fall in union density over the same period, implying that union density has fallen within workplaces with recognition.

Of more importance as an industrial relations indicator is the number of employees covered by collective bargaining. Of the 10.1 million employees in workplaces with union recognition, 8.1 million are covered by collective bargaining – this represents 37 per cent of all employees.<sup>10</sup>

#### Workplace characteristics

Bargaining coverage is not something that an individual employee can choose to opt for, unlike, in most cases, union membership. Under current law, it is largely

determined by the character of workplace relations and, ultimately, it is under the employer's control whether or not any unions representing employees are recognised for negotiating purposes. This section, therefore, concentrates on differences in the percentage of employees covered by collective bargaining among different employer or workplace characteristics.

The significant impact on bargaining coverage of both workplace size and sector is emphasised when the two are cross-tabulated against one another. Table 7 indicates that in the private sector coverage is 7 per cent in small workplaces with fewer than 25 employees, compared with 33 per cent in workplaces with 25 or more employees. In the public sector, while differences are less marked at 59 per cent and 79 per cent respectively, they are still arguably more substantial than would be expected. Smaller workplaces in the public sector

Table 7 Percentage of employees covered by collective bargaining, by workplace characteristics<sup>a</sup> and union membership, 1996

Great Britain, per cent

|                                   | All       | Private                |                      | Public                 |                      |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                                   |           | Less than 25 employees | 25 or more employees | Less than 25 employees | 25 or more employees |
| <b>All employees<sup>b</sup></b>  | <b>37</b> | <b>7</b>               | <b>33</b>            | <b>59</b>              | <b>79</b>            |
| <b>Industry</b>                   |           |                        |                      |                        |                      |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 6         | 4                      | 7                    | *                      | *                    |
| Mining and quarrying              | 34        | *                      | 37                   | *                      | *                    |
| Manufacturing                     | 34        | 6                      | 41                   | *                      | *                    |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 75        | *                      | 77                   | *                      | *                    |
| Construction                      | 27        | 6                      | 22                   | *                      | 87                   |
| Wholesale and retail trade        | 16        | 4                      | 28                   | *                      | *                    |
| Hotels and restaurants            | 8         | 3                      | 8                    | *                      | *                    |
| Transport and communication       | 52        | 19                     | 53                   | 63                     | 90                   |
| Financial intermediation          | 46        | 49                     | 44                   | *                      | 57                   |
| Real estate and business services | 13        | 3                      | 10                   | 67                     | 83                   |
| Public administration             | 78        | *                      | *                    | 65                     | 82                   |
| Education                         | 64        | 8                      | 27                   | 62                     | 73                   |
| Health                            | 52        | 6                      | 10                   | 57                     | 80                   |
| Other services                    | 28        | 4                      | 18                   | 49                     | 72                   |
| <b>Union membership</b>           |           |                        |                      |                        |                      |
| Member                            | 82        | 60                     | 82                   | 79                     | 88                   |
| Not a member                      | 15        | 2                      | 13                   | 35                     | 61                   |

Source: Labour Force Survey

\* Base too low to provide a reliable estimate.

<sup>a</sup> See technical note for details on classifications.

<sup>b</sup> Includes all employees, except for those in the armed forces.

will generally form part of a larger organisation, and it is likely that if collective bargaining does take place it does so at a higher, more centralised level of the organisation. The difference found in coverage would seem to lend support to the argument that the relative remoteness to the workplace of negotiations may lead respondents in smaller workplaces to under-report bargaining coverage.

There is considerable variation in collective bargaining coverage by industry. This largely follows a similar rank order to that for union density (see Table 4). It is highest in public administration at 78 per cent, and lowest in agriculture, fishing and forestry at 6 per cent.

Within industries, the percentage of employees covered by collective bargaining is always higher in larger than in smaller workplaces, and higher in the public than in the private sector. With the exception of those working in financial intermediation, bargaining coverage of public sector employees in large workplaces is fairly uniform with at least 70 per cent covered. Conversely, among employees in small private sector workplaces there are only two industries where bargaining coverage is greater than ten per cent: transport and communication, and financial intermediation.

#### Union membership

Finally, Table 7 examines the extent of bargaining coverage by individuals' union membership status. While an employee may work in a recognised workplace, and may even have his or her pay determined by collective bargaining, he or she may not necessarily be a member of a trade union. Such a situation is often referred to as 'free-riding' – enjoying any benefits that unions may deliver in their workplace without paying membership subscriptions to the unions that have secured those benefits.

Conversely, it can also be the case that unions may not be recognised in an employee's workplace, but he or she may still belong to a trade union. Despite the absence of union recognition by management for negotiating pay and conditions of employment at a particular workplace, unions may still play a prominent role. For example, they may retain a representational role on other issues. Indeed, with the decline in formal collective bargaining for pay over the last decade or so, which has been well documented, such situations could conceivably be increasing.

Table 7 shows that 82 per cent of union members are covered by collective bargaining. By implication, therefore, 18 per cent of union members are not covered. Meanwhile, 15 per cent of those employees who do not belong to a trade union

report that they are covered by a collective agreement.

These tables show a strong and understandable correlation between union membership and bargaining coverage, though this may be beginning to break down as unions lose members faster than recognition. What we are unable to do with this data source is to look at the direction of causality; that is, whether individuals are more likely to opt for union membership because a union is already recognised, or whether a sufficient membership base has to be established for a union to be recognised.

#### Conclusion

The combination of the trade union membership and recognition/bargaining coverage data now available in the LFS provides a wealth of information, allowing more comprehensive analyses to be made of the significance of, and part played by, trade unions in workplace industrial relations in Britain.

Furthermore, evolving time-series data on union membership provides an authoritative indicator of changing patterns in employee relations over time which can be examined in significant detail, furthering our understanding of the nature of change. The data illustrate that the downward trend in both union membership and density has continued into 1996, but may be slowing. Despite some variations in impact, generally the decline is evident across most sectors of the economy and the workforce. It has been particularly notable among men, manual employees and employees in the production industries. The downward trend has been comparatively less marked among women, part-time employees and non-manual employees. The level of trade union density now stands at just under one third of all employees, although there is significant variation in different industries and among different types of employees.

The introduction of the recognition and bargaining coverage data is more recent and cannot yet provide reliable indications of change over time. However, the data provide the most comprehensive source of information on the extent to which trade unions are recognised and the first national data on collective bargaining coverage since 1985. In 1996 trade unions were recognised by management for negotiating pay and conditions of employment in a little under half of all employees' workplaces, but this fell to slightly more than one third when restricting it to employees whose pay was directly affected by a collective agreement. The extent and patterns of bargaining coverage are significantly different in the private and public

sectors. Considerable diversity is evident among different sections of the workforce in the former, while the public sector is characterised by a much greater degree of uniformity. ■

#### Footnotes

- 1 It should be noted that estimates since 1992 are not strictly comparable with those from earlier years because in that year the trade union membership question was moved from the spring to the autumn quarter. However, any inconsistencies reflecting seasonal factors are thought to be relatively minor. A fuller discussion of possible sources of discontinuity is contained in the technical note.
- 2 Employment status is self-defined by the respondent. It is often difficult to establish, in law, whether an individual is an employee or self-employed.
- 3 See Table 4 of 'Membership of trade unions in 1995 based on information from the Certification Officer,' *Labour Market Trends*, February 1997.
- 4 In recent years a number of studies have investigated possible causes of the decline. See Disney (1990), Green (1992), and Waddington and Whitston (1995).
- 5 See Mason and Bain (1993) for a recent review of such studies.
- 6 As explained in the technical note, the distinction between full-time and part-time work is based on the respondents' own assessment of their circumstances, rather than on the number of hours worked.
- 7 This classification is based on a question about managerial duties and is not, therefore, directly comparable with the occupational classification. Hence, the difference between managers in the two classifications.
- 8 With the exception of the figures provided in Table 4 for Northern Ireland, all data pertain to Great Britain only.
- 9 The choice of industry is based on areas where there is considerable interest, but is also constrained by the number of people employed. In some subdivisions the number of survey respondents is too low to obtain statistically reliable estimates of union density.
- 10 For a time-series comparison, our best source is the New Earnings Survey which has collected data, on a periodic basis, on the proportion of full-time employees on adult rates whose pay was directly affected by any collective agreement. The estimates are: 1973 – 73 per cent; 1978 – 70 per cent; 1985 – 64 per cent.

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**The Labour Force Survey**

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a survey of around 60,000 private households throughout Great Britain. The survey was conducted once every two years between 1973 and 1983, and once every year from then until 1991, always in the spring. From 1992 onwards the survey has been conducted on a quarterly basis in Great Britain, and since 1995 for the United Kingdom as a whole.

**Trade union questions**

The question on trade union membership has been asked annually since 1989 of all individuals in employment (or away temporarily) during the reference week, either as employees or as self-employed, or of people on government employment or training programmes who were based with an employer during the reference week. The remaining trade union related questions were introduced as annual questions in the autumn 1993 survey and the data are analysed in respect of all employees. A new question on collective bargaining coverage was introduced in 1996. The exact wording and sequence of the questions are as follows:

*At your place of work, are there any unions, staff associations or groups of unions?*

If yes:

*Is it/are any of them recognised by management for negotiating pay and conditions of employment?*

If yes:

*Are your pay and conditions of employment directly affected by agreements between your employer and any trade union(s) or staff associations?*

All in employment:

*Are you a member of a trade union or staff association?*

A fuller discussion of the rationale for this line of questioning and question wording, and a comparison with results from other sources, can be found in *Employment Gazette*, December 1994.

In 1992 the trade union membership question was moved from the spring to the autumn quarter. Consequently, estimates since 1992 are not strictly comparable with those for earlier years because estimates before and after this change may reflect seasonal factors as well as longer-term trends. It is not possible to seasonally adjust the data. However, we know that at the aggregate level seasonal variations in the number of people in employment – the group that is asked the membership questions – tend to be relatively modest (see *Employment Gazette* April and May 1993 for a fuller discussion). There is also a minor discontinuity between 1992 and 1993 because of the inclusion in 1993 of the additional questions on trade unions which preceded the membership question.

**Non-contacts**

Each household in the LFS is in the sample for five consecutive quarters. For the small number of households which were not contactable in the quarter (other than the first), their responses from the

previous quarter are brought forward. For questions that do not appear every quarter, such as the trade union membership question, there is no previous response to carry forward, and a 'does not apply' response is therefore recorded. There are also cases where the respondent was interviewed in the quarter but gave no answer (either because they did not know or refused to answer the question). Both cases have been treated in the same way and allocated pro-rata according to those who did answer the question. In 1996 the 'no answer' category accounted for 1 per cent of all responses.

**Classificatory variables**

Most of the classifications used to place respondents in different categories are based on a direct question relying on the person's self-assessment of their circumstances. Some are based on a combination of more than one question, and others are coded by ONS based on standard conventions. Details are provided below.

**Individual characteristics**

Sex, age and ethnic origin are self-defined. Highest qualification is principally based on a question asking individuals to nominate their three highest qualifications from a list of 40 categories. These have then been aggregated for the purposes of analysis.

Marital status is based on two questions: first, whether individuals have ever been married; second, whether, if not presently married and living with their spouse, they are presently living with someone as a couple. Thus, people who are separated from their spouses but are cohabiting with another person have been placed in the 'married or cohabiting' category.

**Job-related characteristics**

With the exception of occupation, all classifications used in this section are self-defined. In particular, it should be noted that the two aspects of employment status – full-time or part-time, and permanent or temporary – are based on direct questions and do not rely on any set criteria (e.g. number of hours worked). The classification for special working arrangements includes only those who work under such arrangements, and the final category of 'work mainly in own home' is taken from a separate question on homeworking.

The occupational classifications are from the 1991 Standard Occupational Classification, and are assigned by ONS staff based on an open-ended question asking people what was their job, and what did they mainly do in their job.

**Workplace characteristics**

Defining the sector in which people work is based on two questions introduced in 1993. These ask: first, whether they worked in a private firm or business, a limited company, or some other kind of organisation; second, if other, what kind of non-private organisation.

The industry definition is based on respondents' answers to a question about what the firm or organisation for which they worked mainly made or did, and coded

using the Standard Industrial Classification of economic activities 1992 or SIC(92).

Region of place of work and number of employees at the workplace are both self-defined.

**Sampling and non-sampling error**

The LFS is a sample survey and, in common with all other surveys, estimates are subject to known sampling error and unknown non-sampling error.

Sampling errors relate to the fact that the sample chosen is only one of a very large number of samples which might have been chosen. It follows from this that one quarter's estimate of, say, trade union membership, is only one of a large number of such estimates that might have been made. It is possible to calculate standard errors and assign confidence intervals to estimates – based on standard statistical formulae – that takes into account the complexity of the sample design, the estimated proportion, the number of survey respondents and the size of the population. Generally, the more aggregated the results the lower the standard error, giving the estimate a greater degree of precision. All published LFS estimates have relative standard errors of 20 per cent or less.

Non-sampling errors are very difficult to quantify and can be minimised by achieving very high response rates, and by a concentration on quality management in the conduct of the survey and coding responses. LFS response rates are ordinarily above 80 per cent, which is very high for a household survey. Research conducted by ONS comparing the LFS with the Census of Population shows that some groups are under-represented in the LFS sample. These include people from households living in London; those renting from housing associations; those in converted or shared accommodation; and those with only one adult, aged 16-19, in the household.

It is possible that some non-sampling error arises in the series of questions on trade unions because of measurement problems. Around one third of the sample are proxy respondents, and the data show that this group is less likely to be union members than those responding on their own behalf, 29 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. If proxy respondents were no different from those responding on their own behalf, we would expect there to be no difference at all. This suggests that there may be a slight downward bias to the estimate of union membership.

On the questions on union recognition and collective bargaining coverage, we know from surveys of employers that only a small proportion of public sector workplaces are not covered, and that these arrangements are generally made at the head office level or across many organisations. It is therefore likely that employees who are not union members and who work in small workplaces in the public sector may be unaware that union recognition and collective bargaining arrangements apply to their organisation. Consequently, there may also be a downward bias to this measure.

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## NOTES ON SUMMARY TABLES

The Office for National Statistics publishes two regular and complementary measures of both employment and unemployment. The series is based on results from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a sample survey of households in the United Kingdom; the other uses employment information collected from employers and information on unemployment from the number of people claiming unemployment related benefits. The quarterly series of LFS data has been available for Great Britain since spring 1992; prior to this an annual LFS was conducted in the spring of each year. Quarterly information for the United Kingdom is only available from winter 1994/5 when the first quarterly LFS was conducted in Northern Ireland; prior to this the LFS in Northern Ireland (and therefore the United Kingdom) was conducted annually.

In the following summary tables the LFS and Workforce series have been used to give, as far as possible, separate overall pictures of the labour force; the construction of the 'economically active' in the LFS table and the total 'workforce' in the Workforce table represent different approaches to estimating the total number either in employment or seeking employment.

### EMPLOYMENT

The two measures of employment are compiled on very different bases. The LFS classifies people according to their main job; those in employment are people who did at least one hour's work in the reference week or had a job they were temporarily away from. In contrast, the Workforce in Employment (WiE) counts jobs which contribute to Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Further, all LFS estimates come from a single source and are necessarily consistent. This is not the case with the WiE estimates, which depend on several sources - estimates for employees and for the Armed Forces are based on data from employers; figures for the self-employed are taken from the LFS; and estimates of those on work-related government training schemes are obtained from administrative sources. Additionally, the LFS is based on an average over 13 weeks, while the WiE is a point-in-time estimate.

### GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING

Both the LFS and WiE series have separate components for people on government-supported training. Neither of these

components represent everyone on programmes. Some people on programmes do not have an element of work experience in their training so are excluded from the workforce. Others are either self-employed or have a contract of employment so are counted as self-employed or employees. For more information on government-supported training and how they are treated see the statistical note published in the October 1994 *Employment Gazette*.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

ILO (International Labour Organisation) unemployment, estimated from the LFS, is based on internationally standard definitions. It includes as unemployed all those people without a job, who were available to start work within the two weeks following their interview and had either looked for work in the four weeks prior to interview or were waiting to start a job they had already obtained.

Because interviews are conducted throughout each quarter, ILO unemployment from the LFS is based on an average over a 13-week period. The claimant unemployment figures are based on those claiming unemployment related benefits at Employment Service offices on a particular day each month who are out of work, available for, capable of and actively seeking employment. Claimant unemployment figures are published on a monthly basis (see *Table 2.1*) but have only been shown quarterly in the table opposite to fit in with the other data. A detailed comparison of the two measures of unemployment is shown in *Table 7.5* and an article giving further information was published in the October 1993 *Employment Gazette*.

### STRENGTHS

The different sources each have their own advantages and are useful in different circumstances. The following gives a brief indication of the advantages and disadvantages of each source.

**Labour Force Survey:** The LFS is very useful for providing an articulated view of the labour market on the basis of internationally agreed ILO concepts and definitions - the totals of the LFS estimates of people in employment, ILO unemployed and economically inactive add to the estimated total population\* aged 16 and over. The LFS also includes a wealth of demographic information so that people's economic status can be cross-referenced with such information as age, occupation, ethnic origin, qualifications

etc. Labour Force Surveys are conducted in all countries of the EU and OECD and also now in many of the new democracies of eastern and central Europe and so are very useful for making international comparisons. The disadvantages of the LFS are: first that, being a sample survey it is subject to sampling error and is therefore very limited in what is available at local area level; and second, as mentioned below, it is not ideal for industrial classifications.

**Workforce in Employment:** The WiE series for employees is particularly useful for analysis by industry since it is based on information supplied by employers and is consistent with other government surveys of businesses. Additionally, the sample provides information which is consistent in industry coverage and quality from one quarter to the next. Industry classification within the LFS is based on statements by individuals who may have a different perception of the sector in which they work to that of their employer. The WiE series also feeds into National Accounts and the workforce in employment total is used in the denominator for calculating claimant unemployment rates. The disadvantages of the WiE are that, to give an overall picture of employment, a number of figures from different sources have to be added together. Although the WiE has a much higher coverage rate than the LFS, with over 50 per cent of employees explicitly covered, there is some evidence that the employment figures from the WiE are not as comprehensive in their scope as those from the LFS.

**Claimant unemployment:** The claimant count is a timely and regular indicator of the number claiming unemployment-related benefits. It is particularly useful as an up-to-date indicator of latest unemployment trends and is therefore a valuable economic indicator. Since it covers all those claiming benefits (as opposed to the LFS which is only a representative sample) it is also able to provide unemployment figures for very small areas. The disadvantages of the claimant count are that: first, being an administrative by-product the coverage of the count can change whenever there is a change to the benefit system upon which it is based and compensating adjustments are necessary whenever the change is significant and relevant; and second, it is not internationally comparable.

\* Population in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation.



# 0.1 SUMMARY TABLE

## The Labour Force Survey in the United Kingdom: seasonally adjusted

THOUSANDS

|                |     | In employment |               |  |                       | ILO unemployed | Total econ. active | Econ. inactive | All aged 16 & over |
|----------------|-----|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                |     | Employees     | Self-employed | Government-supported training programmes | Unpaid family workers |                |                    |                |                    |
| <b>All</b>     |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1992           | Spr | 22,077        | 3,227         | 377                                      | 181                   | 25,862         | 2,832              | 28,694         | 16,615             |
| 1993           | Spr | 21,871        | 3,186         | 356                                      | 151                   | 25,564         | 2,998              | 28,561         | 16,838             |
| 1994           | Spr | 21,968        | 3,304         | 336                                      | 146                   | 25,754         | 2,797              | 28,551         | 16,913             |
| <b>1995</b>    |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1995           | Aut | 22,477        | 3,320         | 267                                      | 135                   | 26,199         | 2,460              | 28,659         | 16,987             |
| 1995/96        | Win | 22,603        | 3,301         | 259                                      | 122                   | 26,285         | 2,405              | 28,690         | 16,995             |
| 1996           | Spr | 22,619        | 3,294         | 248                                      | 127                   | 26,288         | 2,392              | 28,679         | 17,045             |
| 1996           | Sum | 22,641        | 3,369         | 247                                      | 118                   | 26,374         | 2,327              | 28,702         | 17,074             |
| 1996           | Aut | 22,787        | 3,372         | 223                                      | 122                   | 26,505         | 2,293              | 28,798         | 17,019             |
| <b>Changes</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| Aut95-Aut96    |     | 310           | 52            | -43                                      | -13                   | 305            | -167               | 138            | 32                 |
| <b>Males</b>   |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1992           | Spr | 11,622        | 2,443         | 246                                      | 55                    | 14,366         | 1,897              | 16,263         | 5,661              |
| 1993           | Spr | 11,414        | 2,390         | 232                                      | 43                    | 14,079         | 2,019              | 16,098         | 5,888              |
| 1994           | Spr | 11,459        | 2,487         | 220                                      | 49                    | 14,216         | 1,858              | 16,074         | 5,976              |
| <b>1995</b>    |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1995           | Aut | 11,735        | 2,518         | 171                                      | 43                    | 14,468         | 1,599              | 16,067         | 6,112              |
| 1995/96        | Win | 11,797        | 2,488         | 162                                      | 36                    | 14,484         | 1,590              | 16,074         | 6,131              |
| 1996           | Spr | 11,822        | 2,473         | 156                                      | 41                    | 14,493         | 1,577              | 16,070         | 6,162              |
| 1996           | Sum | 11,821        | 2,534         | 156                                      | 38                    | 14,549         | 1,521              | 16,070         | 6,193              |
| 1996           | Aut | 11,915        | 2,532         | 136                                      | 41                    | 14,624         | 1,481              | 16,105         | 6,183              |
| <b>Changes</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| Aut95-Aut96    |     | 179           | 14            | -35                                      | -2                    | 156            | -118               | 38             | 71                 |
| <b>Females</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1992           | Spr | 10,455        | 784           | 131                                      | 126                   | 11,497         | 935                | 12,431         | 10,955             |
| 1993           | Spr | 10,457        | 796           | 123                                      | 108                   | 11,485         | 979                | 12,464         | 10,951             |
| 1994           | Spr | 10,509        | 817           | 116                                      | 97                    | 11,539         | 939                | 12,478         | 10,938             |
| <b>1995</b>    |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1995           | Aut | 10,742        | 802           | 96                                       | 91                    | 11,731         | 861                | 12,592         | 10,875             |
| 1995/96        | Win | 10,806        | 813           | 97                                       | 86                    | 11,801         | 814                | 12,616         | 10,864             |
| 1996           | Spr | 10,797        | 821           | 92                                       | 85                    | 11,795         | 814                | 12,609         | 10,883             |
| 1996           | Sum | 10,820        | 835           | 91                                       | 81                    | 11,825         | 806                | 12,632         | 10,881             |
| 1996           | Aut | 10,872        | 840           | 87                                       | 81                    | 11,881         | 812                | 12,692         | 10,835             |
| <b>Changes</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| Aut95-Aut96    |     | 130           | 38            | -9                                       | -10                   | 149            | -49                | 100            | -39                |

Note: LFS seasonal quarters are defined as follows: spring (March-May); summer (June-August); autumn (September-November); winter (December-February).

# 0.2 SUMMARY TABLE

## The Workforce in the United Kingdom: seasonally adjusted

THOUSANDS

|                 |     | Workforce in employment |               |  |           | Total  | Claimant unemployed | Workforce |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|---------------|--|-----------|--------|---------------------|-----------|
|                 |     | Employees in Employment | Self-employed | Work-related Government-supported training | HM forces |        |                     |           |
| <b>All</b>      |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1993            | Dec | 21,658                  | 3,224         | 329  | 258       | 25,469 | 2,784               | 28,253    |
| 1994            | Dec | 21,871                  | 3,352         | 296  | 237       | 25,755 | 2,424               | 28,179    |
| 1995            | Dec | 22,142                  | 3,330         | 227  | 226       | 25,925 | 2,236               | 28,160    |
| <b>1996</b>     |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1996            | Jun | 22,194                  | 3,276         | 193  | 221       | 25,884 | 2,150               | 28,035    |
| 1996            | Sep | 22,308                  | 3,368         | 206  | 218       | 26,100 | 2,071               | 28,171    |
| 1996            | Dec | 22,363                  | 3,369         | 199  | 216       | 26,147 | 1,880               | 28,027    |
| <b>Changes</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| Sep 96 - Dec 96 |     | 54                      | 1             | -7   | -1        | 47     | -191                | -144      |
| Dec 95 - Dec 96 |     | 221                     | 39            | -28  | -9        | 222    | -356                | -134      |
| <b>Males</b>    |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1993            | Dec | 10,953                  | 2,419         | 210  | 240       | 13,821 | 2,139               | 15,961    |
| 1994            | Dec | 11,038                  | 2,534         | 186  | 220       | 13,978 | 1,851               | 15,829    |
| 1995            | Dec | 11,205                  | 2,525         | 145  | 210       | 14,085 | 1,704               | 15,789    |
| <b>1996</b>     |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1996            | Jun | 11,202                  | 2,460         | 121  | 206       | 13,989 | 1,631               | 15,620    |
| 1996            | Sep | 11,259                  | 2,531         | 129  | 203       | 14,123 | 1,572               | 15,695    |
| 1996            | Dec | 11,326                  | 2,530         | 124  | 201       | 14,182 | 1,430               | 15,612    |
| <b>Changes</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| Sep 96 - Dec 96 |     | 67                      | -1            | -5   | -1        | 59     | -142                | -83       |
| Dec 95 - Dec 96 |     | 121                     | 5             | -21  | -9        | 96     | -274                | -177      |
| <b>Females</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1993            | Dec | 10,706                  | 805           | 119  | 18        | 11,648 | 644                 | 12,293    |
| 1994            | Dec | 10,833                  | 818           | 110  | 17        | 11,777 | 573                 | 12,350    |
| 1995            | Dec | 10,937                  | 805           | 82   | 16        | 11,840 | 531                 | 12,371    |
| <b>1996</b>     |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1996            | Jun | 10,991                  | 817           | 72   | 16        | 11,896 | 519                 | 12,415    |
| 1996            | Sep | 11,049                  | 837           | 76   | 15        | 11,977 | 499                 | 12,476    |
| 1996            | Dec | 11,037                  | 839           | 75   | 15        | 11,966 | 449                 | 12,415    |
| <b>Changes</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| Sep 96 - Dec 96 |     | -12                     | 2             | -2   | -0        | -12    | -50                 | -62       |
| Dec 95 - Dec 96 |     | 100                     | 34            | -7   | -1        | 126    | -82                 | 44        |

# SUMMARY TABLE 0.3

## The Labour Force Survey in Great Britain: seasonally adjusted

THOUSANDS

|                |     | In employment |               |  |                       | ILO unemployed | Total econ. active | Econ. inactive | All aged 16 & over |
|----------------|-----|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                |     | Employees     | Self-employed | Government-supported training programmes | Unpaid family workers |                |                    |                |                    |
| <b>All</b>     |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1995           | Aut | 21,945        | 3,238         | 246                                      | 131                   | 25,560         | 2,383              | 27,944         | 16,504             |
| 1995/96        | Win | 22,062        | 3,219         | 235                                      | 118                   | 25,634         | 2,334              | 27,968         | 16,517             |
| 1996           | Spr | 22,085        | 3,213         | 225                                      | 122                   | 25,645         | 2,321              | 27,966         | 16,556             |
| 1996           | Sum | 22,096        | 3,289         | 225                                      | 114                   | 25,724         | 2,255              | 27,978         | 16,582             |
| 1996           | Aut | 22,252        | 3,283         | 200                                      | 115                   | 25,851         | 2,221              | 28,072         | 16,527             |
| <b>Changes</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| Sum 96-Aut 96  |     | 156           | -6            | -24                                      | 1                     | 127            | -33                | 94             | -55                |
| Aut 95-Aut 96  |     | 307           | 45            | -46                                      | -16                   | 290            | -162               | 128            | 23                 |
| <b>Males</b>   |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1995           | Aut | 11,469        | 2,448         | 158                                      | 42                    | 14,117         | 1,542              | 15,660         | 5,945              |
| 1995/96        | Win | 11,523        | 2,419         | 148                                      | 35                    | 14,125         | 1,539              | 15,664         | 5,965              |
| 1996           | Spr | 11,551        | 2,403         | 142                                      | 40                    | 14,137         | 1,525              | 15,662         | 5,992              |
| 1996           | Sum | 11,542        | 2,466         | 143                                      | 37                    | 14,187         | 1,472              | 15,659         | 6,019              |
| 1996           | Aut | 11,637        | 2,459         | 122                                      | 40                    | 14,258         | 1,432              | 15,690         | 6,014              |
| <b>Changes</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| Sum 96-Aut 96  |     | 95            | -6            | -21                                      | 3                     | 71             | -40                | 31             | -6                 |
| Aut 95-Aut 96  |     | 169           | 11            | -36                                      | -3                    | 141            | -111               | 30             | 69                 |
| <b>Females</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| 1995           | Aut | 10,476        | 789           | 89                                       | 88                    | 11,443         | 841                | 12,284         | 10,559             |
| 1995/96        | Win | 10,539        | 800           | 87                                       | 83                    | 11,509         | 796                | 12,305         | 10,551             |
| 1996           | Spr | 10,534        | 810           | 83                                       | 82                    | 11,509         | 796                | 12,305         | 10,564             |
| 1996           | Sum | 10,554        | 823           | 82                                       | 77                    | 11,537         | 782                | 12,319         | 10,562             |
| 1996           | Aut | 10,615        | 824           | 79                                       | 75                    | 11,593         | 789                | 12,382         | 10,513             |
| <b>Changes</b> |     |               |               |  |                       |                |                    |                |                    |
| Sum 96-Aut 96  |     | 60            | 0             | -3                                       | -2                    | 56             | 7                  | 63             | -49                |
| Aut 95-Aut 96  |     | 138           | 35            | -10                                      | -13                   | 150            | -52                | 98             | -46                |

Note: LFS seasonal quarters are defined as follows: spring (March-May); summer (June-August); autumn (September-November); winter (December-February).

# SUMMARY TABLE 0.4

## The Workforce in Great Britain: seasonally adjusted

THOUSANDS

|                 |     | Workforce in employment |               |  |           | Total  | Claimant unemployed | Workforce |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|---------------|--|-----------|--------|---------------------|-----------|
|                 |     | Employees in Employment | Self-employed | Work-related Government-supported training | HM forces |        |                     |           |
| <b>All</b>      |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1995            | Sep | 21,422                  | 3,249         | 205  | 228       | 25,105 | 2,178               | 27,283    |
| 1995            | Dec | 21,566                  | 3,247         | 210  | 226       | 25,249 | 2,149               | 27,399    |
| <b>1996</b>     |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1996            | Mar | 21,559                  | 3,219         | 198  | 222       | 25,199 | 2,101               | 27,300    |
| 1996            | Jun | 21,620                  | 3,199         | 177  | 221       | 25,217 | 2,064               | 27,281    |
| 1996            | Sep | 21,732                  | 3,290         | 185  | 218       | 25,425 | 1,985               | 27,410    |
| 1996            | Dec | 21,784                  | 3,291         | 178  | 216       | 25,469 | 1,809               | 27,278    |
| <b>Changes</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| Sep 96 - Dec 96 |     | 51                      | 1             | -7   | -1        | 44     | -176                | -132      |
| Dec 95 - Dec 96 |     | 218                     | 44            | -32  | -9        | 220    | -340                | -120      |
| <b>Males</b>    |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1995            | Sep | 10,822                  | 2,450         | 134  | 212       | 13,617 | 1,660               | 15,277    |
| 1995            | Dec | 10,919                  | 2,454         | 135  | 210       | 13,718 | 1,637               | 15,355    |
| <b>1996</b>     |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1996            | Mar | 10,899                  | 2,421         | 125  | 207       | 13,652 | 1,600               | 15,252    |
| 1996            | Jun | 10,918                  | 2,394         | 111  | 206       | 13,628 | 1,565               | 15,193    |
| 1996            | Sep | 10,974                  | 2,465         | 116  | 203       | 13,758 | 1,506               | 15,264    |
| 1996            | Dec | 11,039                  | 2,464         | 111  | 201       | 13,815 | 1,375               | 15,190    |
| <b>Changes</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| Sep 96 - Dec 96 |     | 65                      | -1            | -5   | -1        | 57     | -131                | -74       |
| Dec 95 - Dec 96 |     | 120                     | 10            | -24  | -9        | 97     | -262                | -165      |
| <b>Females</b>  |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1995            | Sep | 10,600                  | 800           | 72   | 16        | 11,488 | 518                 | 12,006    |
| 1995            | Dec | 10,647                  | 793           | 76   | 16        | 11,532 | 512                 | 12,044    |
| <b>1996</b>     |     |                         |               |  |           |        |                     |           |
| 1996            | Mar | 10,660                  | 798           | 73   | 16        | 11,547 | 502                 | 12,048    |
| 1996            | Jun | 10,702                  | 8             |  |           |        |                     |           |



# 0.5 BACKGROUND ECONOMIC INDICATORS \*

Seasonally adjusted

UNITED KINGDOM

|                                  | Output    |                        |                    |                        | Income                          |                 |                                      |   | Employees in employment |                               |             |                        | Self-employed persons (with or without employees) ** | HM Forces #                   | Work-related government training programmes ++ | Workforce in employment ## | Workforce * THOUSAND |             |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                  | GDP       |                        | Index of output UK |                        | Real personal disposable income |                 | Gross trading profits of companies 4 |   | Male                    |                               | Female      |                        |  |                               |  |                            |                      | All         |             |
|                                  | 1990=100  |                        | 1990=100           |                        | 1990=100                        |                 | 1990=100                             |   | All                     |                               | All         |                        |  |                               |  |                            |                      | All         |             |
|                                  | £ billion | %                      | %                  | %                      | %                               | %               | %                                    | %   | Part-time +             | Part-time +                   | Part-time + | Part-time +            |  |                               |  |                            |                      | Part-time + | Part-time + |
| 1991                             | 98.0      | 468.9                  | -2.1               | 96.3                   | -3.7                            | 94.6            | -5.4                                 | 99.6  | -0.4                    | 100.0                         | -           | 68.0                   | -  | 21,468                        | 3,141  | 275                        | 354                  | 25,238      | 28,235      |
| 1992                             | 97.5      | 466.5                  | -0.5               | 96.2                   | -0.1                            | 94.0            | -0.6                                 | 99.2  | -0.4                    | 102.0                         | 2.0         | 67.7                   | -0.4   | 21,613                        | 3,189  | 271                        | 311                  | 25,384      | 28,249      |
| 1993                             | 99.5      | 476.8                  | 2.2                | 98.3                   | 2.2                             | 95.3            | 1.4                                  | 98.6  | -0.6                    | 103.8                         | 1.8         | 75.2                   | 11.0   | 21,656                        | 3,196  | 267                        | 306                  | 25,424      | 28,336      |
| 1994                             | 103.4     | 495.7                  | 4.0                | 103.2                  | 5.0                             | 99.3            | 4.2                                  | 102.9   | 4.4                     | 105.1                         | 1.3         | 85.4                   | 13.6   | 21,733                        | 3,245  | 258                        | 329                  | 25,564      | 28,347      |
| 1995                             | 105.9     | 508.1                  | 2.5                | 105.9                  | 2.6                             | 101.5           | 2.2                                  | 106.0   | 3.0                     | 108.1                         | 2.9         | 88.7                   | 3.9  | 21,551                        | 3,246  | 254                        | 323                  | 25,374      | 28,152      |
| 1996                             | 108.2     | 520.0                  | 2.4                | 107.2                  | 1.2                             | 102.0           | 0.5                                  | 108.1   | 2.0                     | 112.2                         | 3.8         | 98.1                   | 10.6   | 21,698                        | 3,298  | 250                        | 302                  | 25,548      | 28,134      |
| 1996 Q1                          | 107.3     | 128.8                  | 2.1                | 106.6                  | 1.3                             | 101.6           | 1.0                                  | 106.7r  | 0.9                     | 110.9                         | 3.5         | 23.6                   | 8.6  | 21,835                        | 3,306  | 246                        | 289                  | 25,676      | 28,256      |
| 1996 Q2                          | 107.8     | 129.5                  | 2.2                | 106.9                  | 1.1                             | 101.4           | -0.2                                 | 107.6   | 1.7                     | 111.7                         | 4.3         | 24.5                   | 10.9   | 21,952                        | 3,371  | 237                        | 296                  | 25,857      | 28,274      |
| 1996 Q3                          | 108.2     | 130.3                  | 2.4                | 107.4                  | 0.8                             | 102.2           | 0.2                                  | 108.7   | 2.5                     | 112.7                         | 4.5         | 24.8                   | 11.0   | 21,804                        | 3,341  | 233                        | 270                  | 25,648      | 28,047      |
| 1996 Q4                          | 109.5     | 131.4                  | 2.6                | 108.0                  | 1.5                             | 102.6           | 0.7                                  | 109.6   | 3.0                     | 113.6                         | 3.0         | 25.2                   | 11.8   | 22,024                        | 3,351  | 230                        | 227                  | 25,832      | 28,087      |
| 1997 Q1                          | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 108.1                  | 1.4                             | 103.2           | 1.6                                  | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 22,010                        | 3,330  | 228                        | 220                  | 25,789      | 28,081      |
| 1996 Sep                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 107.5                  | 0.8                             | 102.3           | 0.3                                  | 108.7r  | 2.5                     | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 22,230                        | 3,348  | 226                        | 227                  | 26,032      | 28,260      |
| 1996 Oct                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 107.4                  | 0.8                             | 102.7           | 0.2                                  | 109.4   | 2.5                     | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 21,804                        | 3,341  | 233                        | 270                  | 25,648      | 28,047      |
| 1996 Nov                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 108.0                  | 1.1                             | 102.4           | 0.4                                  | 109.6   | 2.9                     | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 22,024                        | 3,351  | 230                        | 227                  | 25,832      | 28,087      |
| 1996 Dec                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 108.6                  | 1.5                             | 102.7           | 0.7                                  | 109.7   | 3.0                     | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 22,010                        | 3,330  | 228                        | 220                  | 25,789      | 28,081      |
| 1997 Jan                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 108.6r                 | 1.8                             | 103.1r          | 1.1                                  | 110.9   | 3.3                     | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 22,230                        | 3,348  | 226                        | 227                  | 26,032      | 28,260      |
| 1997 Feb                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 107.8                  | 1.8                             | 103.3           | 1.5                                  | 110.8   | 3.3                     | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 21,804                        | 3,341  | 233                        | 270                  | 25,648      | 28,047      |
| 1997 Mar                         | ..        | ..                     | ..                 | 107.8                  | 1.4                             | 103.2           | 1.6                                  | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | ..                     | ..   | 22,230                        | 3,348  | 226                        | 227                  | 26,032      | 28,260      |
| <b>Expenditure</b>               |           |                        |                    |                        |                                 |                 |                                      |   |                         |                               |             |                        |  |                               |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| Consumer expenditure 1990 prices |           | Retail sales volumes 1 |                    | Fixed investments 5    |                                 |                 |                                      | General government consumption at 1990 prices |                         | Stock changes 1990 prices 7   |             | Base lending rates + 8 |  | Effective exchange rate + 1.9 |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| 1990=100                         |           | 1990=100               |                    | 1990=100               |                                 | 1990=100        |                                      | 1990=100                                      |                         | 1990=100                      |             | 1990=100               |  | 1990=100                      |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| £ billion                        |           | %                      |                    | £ billion              |                                 | %               |                                      | £ billion                                     |                         | %                             |             | %                      |  | %                             |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| 1991                             | 340.0     | -2.2                   | 98.7               | -1.3                   | 75.4                            | -7.9            | 12.8                                 | -10.0   | 115.8                   | 2.6                           | -4.2        | 10.50                  | 100.7  | 0.7                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1992                             | 339.7     | -0.1                   | 99.4               | 0.7                    | 74.1                            | -1.8            | 11.8                                 | -7.6  | 115.7                   | -0.1                          | -0.97       | 7.00                   | 96.9   | -3.8                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1993                             | 348.0     | 2.5                    | 102.4              | 3.0                    | 73.1                            | -1.2            | 11.2                                 | -5.1  | 115.6                   | -0.1                          | -0.88       | 5.50                   | 88.9   | -8.3                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1994                             | 356.9     | 2.6                    | 106.2              | 3.7                    | 75.1                            | 2.7             | 12.0                                 | 6.8   | 117.6                   | 1.7                           | 3.13        | 6.30                   | 89.2   | 0.3                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1995                             | 363.8     | 1.9                    | 107.5              | 1.2                    | 75.4                            | 0.4             | 12.5                                 | 4.4   | 119.3                   | 1.5                           | 2.80        | 6.80                   | 84.8   | -4.9                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996                             | 374.8     | 3.0                    | 110.6              | 2.9                    | 76.2                            | 1.0             | 11.5                                 | -8.0  | 120.3                   | 0.8                           | 0.73        | 5.96                   | 86.3   | 1.8                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q1                          | 92.6      | 2.5                    | 108.6R             | 2.1                    | 19.3                            | 1.9             | 3.0                                  | -1.3  | 29.9                    | 0.7                           | 1.08        | 6.23                   | 83.5   | -4.2                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q2                          | 93.3      | 2.4                    | 110.2              | 2.8                    | 19.2                            | 1.8             | 2.8                                  | -11.1   | 30.0                    | 0.2                           | -0.10       | 5.92                   | 84.8   | 0.6                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q3                          | 94.1      | 3.3                    | 111.1              | 3.4                    | 18.7                            | -0.4            | 2.9                                  | -11.2   | 30.1                    | 0.7                           | -0.83       | 5.75                   | 85.5   | 1.5                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q4                          | 94.9      | 4.0                    | 112.3              | 3.8                    | 19.1                            | 0.9             | 2.9                                  | -8.1  | 30.4                    | 1.7                           | 0.58        | 5.92                   | 91.4   | 9.5                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1997 Q1                          | ..        | ..                     | 113.4              | 4.4                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 6.00                   | 96.9   | 16.0                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Sep                         | ..        | ..                     | 111.3              | 3.4                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 5.75                   | 86.1   | 1.5                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Oct                         | ..        | ..                     | 111.9              | 4.1                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 5.77                   | 88.4   | 2.2                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Nov                         | ..        | ..                     | 113.1              | 4.1                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 6.00                   | 92.0   | 3.6                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Dec                         | ..        | ..                     | 112.1              | 3.9                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 6.00                   | 93.8   | 9.5                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1997 Jan                         | ..        | ..                     | 113.0R             | 4.1                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 6.00                   | 95.9   | 13.0                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1997 Feb                         | ..        | ..                     | 113.4R             | 4.1                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 6.00                   | 97.4   | 14.9                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1997 Mar                         | ..        | ..                     | 113.8              | 4.4                    | ..                              | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | ..                      | ..                            | ..          | 6.00                   | 97.4   | 16.0                          | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| <b>Trade in goods</b>            |           |                        |                    |                        |                                 |                 |                                      |   |                         |                               |             |                        |  |                               |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| Export volume 1.11               |           | Import volume 1.11     |                    | Trade in goods balance |                                 | Current balance |                                      | Prices  |                         |                               |             |                        |  |                               |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| 1990=100                         |           | 1990=100               |                    | £ billion              |                                 | £ billion       |                                      | Tax and price index + 1.10                    |                         | Producer price index + 1.3,10 |             | Materials and fuels    |  | Home sales                    |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| %                                |           | %                      |                    | %                      |                                 | %               |                                      | Jan 1987=100                                  |                         | 1990=100                      |             | 1990=100               |  | 1990=100                      |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| 1991                             | 101.2     | 1.2                    | 94.7               | -5.3                   | -10.3                           | -8.0            | ..                                   | ..  | 126.2                   | 5.4                           | 97.9        | -2.1                   | 105.4  | 5.4                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1992                             | 103.7     | 2.5                    | 100.9              | 6.5                    | -13.1                           | -10.1           | ..                                   | ..  | 129.8                   | 2.9                           | 97.4        | -0.5                   | 108.7  | 3.1                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1993                             | 107.4     | 3.6                    | 104.8              | 3.9                    | -13.5                           | -10.8           | ..                                   | ..  | 131.4                   | 1.2                           | 101.8       | 4.5                    | 112.9  | 3.9                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1994                             | 118.5     | 10.3                   | 109.2              | 4.2                    | -10.8                           | -2.4            | ..                                   | ..  | 135.2                   | 2.9                           | 104.4       | 2.6                    | 115.8  | 2.6                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1995                             | 127.7     | 7.8                    | 114.3              | 4.7                    | -11.6                           | -3.7            | ..                                   | ..  | 140.4                   | 3.8                           | 114.4       | 9.6                    | 120.6  | 4.1                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996                             | 136.6     | 7.0                    | 123.8              | 8.3                    | -12.2                           | -               | ..                                   | ..  | 142.4                   | 1.4                           | 113.1       | -1.1                   | 123.8  | 2.7                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1995 Q4                          | 130.8     | 5.7                    | 117.3              | 3.3                    | -3.2                            | -1.2            | ..                                   | ..  | 141.5                   | 3.5                           | 115.5       | 6.4                    | 121.9  | 4.4                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q1                          | 133.3     | 5.6                    | 122.2              | 10.6                   | -3.7                            | -1.4            | ..                                   | ..  | 142.3                   | 3.1                           | 116.1       | 3.0                    | 123.4  | 3.6                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q2                          | 136.0     | 9.1                    | 122.8              | 8.6                    | -3.0                            | 0.8             | ..                                   | ..  | 141.9                   | 0.8                           | 114.8       | -                      | 123.9  | 2.9                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q3                          | 137.3     | 6.1                    | 124.3              | 8.6                    | -2.9                            | -0.3            | ..                                   | ..  | 142.2                   | 0.7                           | 111.2       | -2.7                   | 123.7  | 2.1                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Q4                          | 139.6     | 6.7                    | 125.7              | 7.2                    | -2.6                            | 0.9             | ..                                   | ..  | 143.2                   | 1.2                           | 110.3       | -4.6                   | 124.4  | 2.0                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Aug                         | 137.2     | 7.0                    | 121.7              | 7.1                    | -0.7                            | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 142.2                   | 0.7                           | 110.9       | -2.5                   | 123.6  | 2.3                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Sep                         | 137.3     | 6.2                    | 125.0              | 6.8                    | -1.1                            | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 143.0                   | 0.7                           | 111.2       | -2.7                   | 124.0  | 2.1                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Oct                         | 142.0     | 7.4                    | 125.0              | 4.9                    | -0.7                            | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 143.0                   | 0.9                           | 111.2       | -2.7                   | 124.2  | 2.2                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Nov                         | 137.7     | 6.0                    | 126.2              | 6.2                    | -1.0                            | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 143.1                   | 1.1                           | 109.5       | -3.5                   | 124.3  | 2.2                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1996 Dec                         | 139.2     | 6.8                    | 125.8              | 7.1                    | -0.8                            | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 143.6                   | 1.2                           | 110.3       | -4.6                   | 124.7  | 2.0                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1997 Jan                         | 144.6R    | 5.9                    | 128.1R             | 7.4                    | -0.5R                           | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 143.6                   | 1.3                           | 109.4       | -5.9                   | 125.0  | 1.7                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |
| 1997 Feb                         | 143.4     | 8.0                    | 128.2              | 6.2                    | -0.8                            | ..              | ..                                   | ..  | 144.2                   | 1.3                           | 107.9       | -6.4                   | 124.9  | 1.4                           | ..   | ..                         | ..                   | ..          | ..          |

P = Provisional  
R = Revised  
r = Series revised from indicated entry onwards.  
Data values from which percentage changes are calculated may have been rounded.  
\* For most indicators two series are given, representing the series itself in the units stated and the percentage change in the series on the same period a year earlier.  
+ Not seasonally adjusted.  
1 The percentage change series for the monthly data is the percentage change between the three months ending in the month shown and the same period a year earlier.  
2 Production industries: SIC divisions 1 to 4.  
3 Manufacturing industries: SIC divisions 2 to 4.  
4 Industrial and commercial companies (excluding North Sea oil companies) net of stock appreciation.  
5 Gross domestic fixed capital formation, excluding fixed investment in dwellings, the transfer costs of land and existing buildings and the national accounts statistical adjustment.  
6 Including leased assets.  
7 Value of physical increase in stocks and work in progress.  
8 Base lending rate of the London clearing banks on the last Friday of the period shown.  
9 Average of daily rates.  
10 Annual and quarterly figures are average of monthly indices.  
11 March 1996 published figures are the first to be released using export price indices (EPI's) and import price indices (IPI's) based on price data collected directly from businesses. These deflators replace the trade-based price indicators used previously. This had led to revisions to the constant price estimates for 1995 and the first two months of 1996.

# EMPLOYMENT Workforce \* 1.1

THOUSAND

|  | Employees in employment |             |             |             | Self-employed persons (with or without employees) ** | HM Forces # | Work-related government training programmes ++ | Workforce in employment ## | Workforce * THOUSAND |             |             |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | Male                    |             | Female      |             |  |             |  |                            |                      | All         |             |
|  | 1990=100                |             | 1990=100    |             |  |             |  |                            |                      | 1990=100    |             |
|  | Part-time +             | Part-time + | Part-time + | Part-time + |  |             |  |                            |                      | Part-time + | Part-time + |
| <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>                    |                         |             |             |             |  |             |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| <b>Unadjusted for seasonal variation</b> |                         |             |             |             |  |             |  |                            |                      |             |             |
| 1993 Mar                                 |                         |             |             |             |  |             |  |                            |                      |             |             |



# 1.2 EMPLOYMENT Employees in employment in Great Britain

| GREAT BRITAIN                       |                          | All industries and services A-Q |                          | Manufacturing industries D |                          | Production industries C-E |                          | Production and construction industries C-F |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| SIC 1992 Section, subsection, group | All employees unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted             | All employees unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted        | All employees unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted       | All employees unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted                        |  |
| 1983 Jun                            | 20,572                   | 20,562                          | 5,034                    | 5,052                      | 5,644                    | 5,664                     | 6,685                    | 6,706                                      |  |
| 1984 Jun                            | 20,741                   | 20,735                          | 4,928                    | 4,946                      | 5,504                    | 5,524                     | 6,542                    | 6,564                                      |  |
| 1985 Jun                            | 20,920                   | 20,909                          | 4,882                    | 4,895                      | 5,431                    | 5,446                     | 6,457                    | 6,474                                      |  |
| 1986 Jun                            | 20,886                   | 20,874                          | 4,763                    | 4,777                      | 5,262                    | 5,277                     | 6,263                    | 6,280                                      |  |
| 1987 Jun                            | 21,090                   | 21,071                          | 4,697                    | 4,713                      | 5,157                    | 5,174                     | 6,179                    | 6,197                                      |  |
| 1988 Jun                            | 21,740                   | 21,736                          | 4,735                    | 4,754                      | 5,170                    | 5,192                     | 6,233                    | 6,254                                      |  |
| 1989 Jun                            | 22,134                   | 22,133                          | 4,723                    | 4,747                      | 5,140                    | 5,166                     | 6,242                    | 6,267                                      |  |
| 1990 Jun                            | 22,382                   | 22,370                          | 4,605                    | 4,628                      | 5,000                    | 5,026                     | 6,114                    | 6,142                                      |  |
| 1991 Jun                            | 21,728                   | 21,707                          | 4,196                    | 4,215                      | 4,566                    | 4,588                     | 5,592                    | 5,616                                      |  |
| 1992 Jun                            | 21,387                   | 21,359                          | 3,983                    | 3,995                      | 4,316                    | 4,331                     | 5,242                    | 5,260                                      |  |
| 1993 Jun                            | 21,066                   | 21,039                          | 3,808                    | 3,814                      | 4,097                    | 4,106                     | 4,937                    | 4,950                                      |  |
| 1994 Jun                            | 21,141                   | 21,103                          | 3,823                    | 3,827                      | 4,078                    | 4,084                     | 4,917                    | 4,928                                      |  |
| 1994 Nov                            | 21,382                   | 21,303                          | 3,879                    | 3,856                      | 4,122                    | 4,098                     | 4,973                    | 4,949                                      |  |
| 1994 Dec                            |                          |                                 | 3,891                    | 3,875                      | 4,133                    | 4,115                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Jan                            |                          |                                 | 3,873                    | 3,892                      | 4,110                    | 4,128                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Feb                            |                          |                                 | 3,889                    | 3,908                      | 4,126                    | 4,142                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Mar                            | 21,238                   | 21,353                          | 3,893                    | 3,912                      | 4,129                    | 4,148                     | 4,932                    | 4,961                                      |  |
| 1995 Apr                            |                          |                                 | 3,881                    | 3,909                      | 4,113                    | 4,142                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 May                            |                          |                                 | 3,898                    | 3,922                      | 4,129                    | 4,157                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Jun                            | 21,452                   | 21,410                          | 3,918                    | 3,922                      | 4,149                    | 4,155                     | 4,963                    | 4,973                                      |  |
| 1995 Jul                            |                          |                                 | 3,930                    | 3,922                      | 4,159                    | 4,153                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Aug                            |                          |                                 | 3,943                    | 3,924                      | 4,171                    | 4,152                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Sep                            | 21,437                   | 21,422                          | 3,945                    | 3,919                      | 4,173                    | 4,146                     | 4,982                    | 4,948                                      |  |
| 1995 Oct                            |                          |                                 | 3,955                    | 3,938                      | 4,180                    | 4,161                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Nov                            |                          |                                 | 3,965                    | 3,942                      | 4,188                    | 4,163                     |                          |  |  |
| 1995 Dec                            | 21,651                   | 21,566                          | 3,981                    | 3,962                      | 4,204                    | 4,184                     | 5,014                    | 4,991                                      |  |
| 1996 Jan                            |                          |                                 | 3,915                    | 3,934                      | 4,133                    | 4,150                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Feb                            |                          |                                 | 3,918                    | 3,936                      | 4,135                    | 4,149                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Mar                            | 21,439                   | 21,559                          | 3,932                    | 3,950                      | 4,148                    | 4,166                     | 4,940                    | 4,967                                      |  |
| 1996 Apr                            |                          |                                 | 3,903                    | 3,930                      | 4,089                    | 4,118                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 May                            |                          |                                 | 3,902                    | 3,924                      | 4,085                    | 4,112                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Jun                            | 21,645                   | 21,620                          | 3,913                    | 3,919                      | 4,102                    | 4,111                     | 4,904                    | 4,909                                      |  |
| 1996 Jul                            |                          |                                 | 3,950                    | 3,942                      | 4,128                    | 4,125                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Aug                            |                          |                                 | 3,955                    | 3,935                      | 4,133                    | 4,115                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Sep                            | 21,756                   | 21,732                          | 3,950                    | 3,933                      | 4,136                    | 4,119                     | 4,944                    | 4,924                                      |  |
| 1996 Oct                            |                          |                                 | 3,959                    | 3,938                      | 4,146                    | 4,124                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Nov                            |                          |                                 | 3,952                    | 3,929                      | 4,138                    | 4,113                     |                          |  |  |
| 1996 Dec                            | 21,884                   | 21,784                          | 3,955                    | 3,930                      | 4,141                    | 4,114                     | 4,971                    | 4,936                                      |  |
| 1997 Jan P                          |                          |                                 | 3,928                    | 3,945                      | 4,118                    | 4,133                     |                          |  |  |
| 1997 Feb P                          |                          |                                 | 3,917                    | 3,936                      | 4,107                    | 4,120                     |                          |  |  |
| 1997 Mar P                          |                          |                                 | 3,917                    | 3,933                      | 4,106                    | 4,121                     |                          |  |  |

| GREAT BRITAIN                       |                          | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED                                  |  |  |   |                              |  |  |     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|------------------------------|--|--|-----|--|
| Service Industries G-Q              |                          | Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing A,B 01-05 | Mining and quarrying, supply of electricity, gas and water C,E 10-12,40-41 | Food products beverages and tobacco DA 15-16 | Manufacture of clothing, textiles, leather and leather products DB/DC 17-19 | Wood and wood products DD 20 | Paper, pulp, printing, publishing & recording media DE 21-22 | Chemicals, chemical products & man-made fibres DG 24 |     |  |
| SIC 1992 Section, subsection, group | All employees unadjusted | Seasonally adjusted                                  |  |  |   |                              |  |  |     |  |
| 1983 Jun                            | 13,541                   | 13,502   | 355  | 610  | 546   | 550                          | 78   | 459  | 327 |  |
| 1984 Jun                            | 13,863                   | 13,825   | 346  | 577  | 531   | 549                          | 78   | 455  | 326 |  |
| 1985 Jun                            | 14,126                   | 14,089   | 346  | 550  | 525   | 552                          | 80   | 458  | 322 |  |
| 1986 Jun                            | 14,297                   | 14,261   | 334  | 500  | 508   | 557                          | 83   | 448  | 313 |  |
| 1987 Jun                            | 14,584                   | 14,549   | 325  | 461  | 504   | 546                          | 85   | 454  | 306 |  |
| 1988 Jun                            | 15,198                   | 15,166   | 317  | 437  | 495   | 549                          | 89   | 457  | 311 |  |
| 1989 Jun                            | 15,596                   | 15,563   | 303  | 419  | 485   | 519                          | 92   | 466  | 317 |  |
| 1990 Jun                            | 15,974                   | 15,931   | 297  | 398  | 479   | 476                          | 91   | 467  | 305 |  |
| 1991 Jun                            | 15,849                   | 15,802   | 289  | 373  | 481   | 404                          | 80   | 456  | 276 |  |
| 1992 Jun                            | 15,855                   | 15,808   | 291  | 336  | 455   | 388                          | 78   | 447  | 268 |  |
| 1993 Jun                            | 15,822                   | 15,783   | 307  | 292  | 442   | 382                          | 84   | 439  | 255 |  |
| 1994 Jun                            | 15,944                   | 15,894   | 281  | 258  | 432   | 373                          | 86   | 453  | 244 |  |
| 1994 Nov                            |                          |  | 263  | 242  | 430   | 370                          | 80   | 447  | 248 |  |
| 1994 Dec                            | 16,158                   | 16,092   |  | 240  | 429   | 371                          | 80   | 454  | 247 |  |
| 1995 Jan                            |                          |  | 256  | 235  | 432   | 369                          | 78   | 454  | 253 |  |
| 1995 Feb                            |                          |  |  | 234  | 435   | 368                          | 79   | 454  | 256 |  |
| 1995 Mar                            | 16,063                   | 16,136   |  | 236  | 428   | 367                          | 77   | 456  | 251 |  |
| 1995 Apr                            |                          |  | 253  | 234  | 434   | 362                          | 76   | 455  | 252 |  |
| 1995 May                            |                          |  |  | 234  | 433   | 363                          | 77   | 454  | 253 |  |
| 1995 Jun                            | 16,236                   | 16,184   |  | 233  | 431   | 358                          | 77   | 459  | 252 |  |
| 1995 Jul                            |                          |  | 255  | 231  | 437   | 358                          | 77   | 453  | 253 |  |
| 1995 Aug                            |                          |  |  | 229  | 436   | 357                          | 77   | 453  | 254 |  |
| 1995 Sep                            | 16,175                   | 16,219   |  | 227  | 432   | 354                          | 77   | 450  | 253 |  |
| 1995 Oct                            |                          |  | 259  | 223  | 438   | 351                          | 78   | 454  | 253 |  |
| 1995 Nov                            |                          |  |  | 221  | 440   | 351                          | 78   | 455  | 252 |  |
| 1995 Dec                            | 16,389                   | 16,317   |  | 222  | 442   | 353                          | 86   | 454  | 252 |  |
| 1996 Jan                            |                          |  | 259  | 216  | 434   | 352                          | 75   | 449  | 250 |  |
| 1996 Feb                            |                          |  |  | 214  | 436   | 350                          | 74   | 450  | 250 |  |
| 1996 Mar                            | 16,250                   | 16,332   |  | 215  | 438   | 349                          | 87   | 450  | 251 |  |
| 1996 Apr                            |                          |  | 250  | 187  | 439   | 352                          | 82   | 446  | 250 |  |
| 1996 May                            |                          |  |  | 188  | 439   | 352                          | 82   | 446  | 252 |  |
| 1996 Jun                            | 16,493                   | 16,461   |  | 192  | 439   | 349                          | 77   | 447  | 253 |  |
| 1996 Jul                            |                          |  | 248  | 183  | 439   | 355                          | 84   | 451  | 251 |  |
| 1996 Aug                            |                          |  |  | 180  | 440   | 354                          | 85   | 447  | 248 |  |
| 1996 Sep                            | 16,540                   | 16,560   |  | 186  | 441   | 352                          | 79   | 440  | 250 |  |
| 1996 Oct                            |                          |  | 252  | 186  | 439   | 354                          | 83   | 443  | 246 |  |
| 1996 Nov                            |                          |  |  | 184  | 438   | 352                          | 84   | 442  | 246 |  |
| 1996 Dec                            | 16,671                   | 16,596   |  | 184  | 440   | 350                          | 83   | 443  | 245 |  |
| 1997 Jan P                          |                          |  | 247  | 188  | 439   | 362                          | 84   | 448  | 247 |  |
| 1997 Feb P                          |                          |  |  | 185  | 441   | 361                          | 82   | 446  | 246 |  |
| 1997 Mar P                          |                          |  |  | 188  | 445   | 359                          | 82   | 445  | 244 |  |

# EMPLOYMENT 1.2 Employees in employment in Great Britain: seasonally adjusted

| GREAT BRITAIN                       |     | Rubber and plastic products DH 25 | Non-metallic mineral products, metal & metal products DI/DJ 26-28 | Machinery and equipment nec DK 29 | Electrical and optical equipment DL 30-33 | Transport equipment DM 34-35 | Coke, nuclear fuel and other manufacturing nec DF, DN 23,36-37 | Construction F 45 | Wholesale and retail trade, and repairs G 50-52 | Hotels and restaurants H 55 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| SIC 1992 Section, subsection, group |     |                                   |   |                                   |   |                              |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1983 Jun                            | 196 | 954                               | 504   | 617                               | 583                                       | 220                          | 1,042  | 3,189             | 917   |                             |
| 1984 Jun                            | 201 | 925                               | 491   | 615                               | 540                                       | 217                          | 1,040  | 3,268             | 959   |                             |
| 1985 Jun                            | 202 | 911                               | 492   | 613                               | 523                                       | 219                          | 1,029  | 3,287             | 989   |                             |
| 1986 Jun                            | 203 | 866                               | 460   | 596                               | 506                                       | 223                          | 1,002  | 3,267             | 968   |                             |
| 1987 Jun                            | 208 | 844                               | 475   | 588                               | 485                                       | 226                          | 1,022  | 3,291             | 993   |                             |
| 1988 Jun                            | 218 | 854                               | 485   | 586                               | 482                                       | 232                          | 1,063  | 3,395             | 1,068   |                             |
| 1989 Jun                            | 222 | 870                               | 489   | 582                               | 474                                       | 238                          | 1,101  | 3,530             | 1,158   |                             |
| 1990 Jun                            | 216 | 856                               | 488   | 550                               | 470                                       | 238                          | 1,116  | 3,597             | 1,216   |                             |
| 1991 Jun                            | 190 | 765                               | 457   | 488                               | 425                                       | 209                          | 1,028  | 3,532             | 1,188   |                             |
| 1992 Jun                            | 185 | 722                               | 422   | 447                               | 398                                       | 203                          | 929  | 3,521             | 1,174   |                             |
| 1993 Jun                            | 188 | 681                               | 381   | 425                               | 353                                       | 203                          | 844  | 3,500             | 1,139   |                             |
| 1994 Jun                            | 198 | 690                               | 377   | 440                               | 328                                       | 207                          | 844  | 3,583             | 1,143   |                             |
| 1994 Nov                            | 210 | 686                               | 383   | 453                               | 332                                       | 215                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1994 Dec                            | 213 | 691                               | 385   | 458                               | 333                                       | 214                          | 834  | 3,619             | 1,177   |                             |
| 1995 Jan                            | 216 | 694                               | 385   | 456                               | 336                                       | 218                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Feb                            | 217 | 695                               | 386   | 459                               | 339                                       | 221                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Mar                            | 219 | 696                               | 389   | 471                               | 340                                       | 218                          | 813  | 3,624             | 1,206   |                             |
| 1995 Apr                            | 218 | 693                               | 391   | 465                               | 343                                       | 219                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 May                            | 220 | 693                               | 393   | 468                               | 347                                       | 222                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Jun                            | 218 | 690                               | 391   | 477                               | 348                                       | 220                          | 818  | 3,631             | 1,204   |                             |
| 1995 Jul                            | 220 | 689                               | 394   | 474                               | 349                                       | 220                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Aug                            | 219 | 688                               | 395   | 476                               | 352                                       | 217                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Sep                            | 220 | 691                               | 395   | 481                               | 353                                       | 214                          | 802  | 3,621             | 1,202   |                             |
| 1995 Oct                            | 221 | 695                               | 397   | 482                               | 354                                       | 215                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Nov                            | 222 | 694                               | 399   | 482                               | 356                                       | 211                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1995 Dec                            | 221 | 693                               | 400   | 485                               | 359                                       | 218                          | 806  | 3,662             | 1,203   |                             |
| 1996 Jan                            | 221 | 691                               | 403   | 486                               | 360                                       | 212                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Feb                            | 220 | 695                               | 405   | 486                               | 359                                       | 211                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Mar                            | 220 | 690                               | 401   | 493                               | 357                                       | 214                          | 802  | 3,654             | 1,216   |                             |
| 1996 Apr                            | 221 | 689                               | 400   | 491                               | 357                                       | 202                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 May                            | 221 | 687                               | 399   | 492                               | 355                                       | 200                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Jun                            | 222 | 683                               | 401   | 489                               | 360                                       | 200                          | 798  | 3,690             | 1,255   |                             |
| 1996 Jul                            | 219 | 689                               | 399   | 496                               | 358                                       | 202                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Aug                            | 221 | 689                               | 399   | 494                               | 359                                       | 199                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Sep                            | 222 | 686                               | 401   | 494                               | 360                                       | 202                          | 805  | 3,714             | 1,262   |                             |
| 1996 Oct                            | 221 | 690                               | 399   | 495                               | 363                                       | 204                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Nov                            | 220 | 689                               | 396   | 494                               | 364                                       | 204                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1996 Dec                            | 221 | 688                               | 399   | 493                               | 364                                       | 204                          | 822  | 3,720             | 1,271   |                             |
| 1997 Jan P                          | 221 | 683                               | 402   | 489                               | 369                                       | 201                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1997 Feb P                          | 221 | 682                               | 401   | 487                               | 366                                       | 201                          |  |                   |   |                             |
| 1997 Mar P                          | 221 | 682                               | 402   | 483                               | 366                                       | 204                          |  |                   |   |                             |

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|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---|--|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| SIC 1992 Section, subsection, group |     |                             |                               |                                  |                  |   |  |                |                             |                            |  |
| 1983 Jun                            | 881 | 446                         | 811                           | 140                              | 1,562            | 1,468   | 1,522  | 1,247          | 568                         | 751                        |  |
| 1984 Jun                            | 876 | 447                         | 837                           | 147                              | 1,643            | 1,453   | 1,544  | 1,250          | 613                         | 787                        |  |
| 1985 Jun                            | 868 | 442                         | 858                           | 152                              | 1,719            | 1,424   | 1,570  | 1,296          | 654                         | 831                        |  |
| 1986 Jun                            | 846 | 436                         | 881                           | 157                              | 1,777            | 1,418   | 1,617  | 1,307          | 707                         | 841                        |  |
| 1987 Jun                            | 832 | 436                         | 920                           | 165                              | 1,846            | 1,436   | 1,680  | 1,332          | 767                         | 852                        |  |
| 1988 Jun                            | 849 | 453                         | 996                           | 176                              | 1,964            | 1,419   | 1,742  | 1,381          | 848                         | 874                        |  |
| 1989 Jun                            | 878 | 463                         | 1,038                         | 183                              | 2,083            | 1,341   | 1,784  | 1,409          | 812                         | 884                        |  |
| 1990 Jun                            | 910 | 462                         | 1,047                         | 190                              | 2,202            | 1,363   | 1,8  |                |                             |                            |  |



# 1.3 EMPLOYMENT

## Employees in employment: industry: production industries: unadjusted

| GREAT BRITAIN  | Section, sub-section or group                     | THOUSANDS                                      |   |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|
|  |   | Dec 1995                                       |   |   | Dec 1996                                       |   |   | 1995   |   |   | 1996   |  |   |
|  |   | Male   | Female  | All   | Male   | Female  | All   | Oct All  | Nov   | Dec   | Jan  | Feb  | Mar   |
| <b>PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES</b>   | <b>C-E</b>  | <b>3,004.7</b>                                 | <b>1,199.4</b>                                | <b>4,204.1</b>                                    | <b>2,977.4</b>                                 | <b>1,163.4</b>                                | <b>4,140.8</b>                                    | <b>4,179.7</b>                                   | <b>4,188.1</b>                                    | <b>4,204.1</b>                                    | <b>4,133.4</b>                                   | <b>4,135.5</b>                                   | <b>4,148.5</b>                                    |
| <b>MINING AND QUARRYING</b>  | <b>C</b>  | <b>57.5</b>                                    | <b>7.9</b>                                    | <b>65.4</b>                                       | <b>53.5</b>                                    | <b>9.3</b>                                    | <b>62.7</b>                                       | <b>64.6</b>                                      | <b>64.3</b>                                       | <b>65.4</b>                                       | <b>63.7</b>                                      | <b>63.5</b>                                      | <b>63.4</b>                                       |
| Mining and quarrying of energy producing materials   | CA (10-12)  | 30.8   | 4.7   | 35.6  | 30.5   | 5.5   | 35.9  | 35.3   | 35.0  | 35.6  | 34.8   | 35.2   | 34.2  |
| Mining   | 10/12   | 10.5   | 0.6   | 11.1  | 9.0  | 0.6   | 9.5   | 10.9   | 11.0  | 11.1  | 10.9   | 10.9   | 10.2  |
| Oil & natural gas extraction & incidental services   | 11  | 20.3   | 4.1   | 24.4  | 21.5   | 4.9   | 26.4  | 24.3   | 24.1  | 24.4  | 23.9   | 24.3   | 24.0  |
| Mining and quarrying except of energy producing materials  | CB (13/14)  | 26.7   | 3.2   | 29.9  | 23.0   | 3.8   | 26.8  | 29.4   | 29.3  | 29.9  | 28.8   | 28.3   | 29.2  |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b>   | <b>D</b>  | <b>2,826.2</b>                                 | <b>1,154.6</b>                                | <b>3,980.8</b>                                    | <b>2,828.1</b>                                 | <b>1,126.7</b>                                | <b>3,954.8</b>                                    | <b>3,955.5</b>                                   | <b>3,965.0</b>                                    | <b>3,980.8</b>                                    | <b>3,915.1</b>                                   | <b>3,917.8</b>                                   | <b>3,931.7</b>                                    |
| Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco of food of beverages & tobacco   | DA 15.1-15.8 15.9/16                              | 277.5 236.6 40.9                               | 168.0 152.8 15.2                              | 445.4 389.4 56.1                                  | 277.5 238.9 38.6                               | 168.3 151.3 17.0                              | 445.8 390.2 55.6                                  | 446.7 389.7 57.0                                 | 451.4 394.4 57.0                                  | 445.4 389.4 56.1                                  | 431.6 378.2 53.4                                 | 432.5 379.5 53.0                                 | 426.8 373.5 53.3                                  |
| Manufacture of textiles & textile products of textiles of made-up textile articles, except apparel   | DB 17   | 133.8 96.7                                     | 186.1 77.7                                    | 319.9 174.5                                       | 131.8 93.6                                     | 189.1 80.1                                    | 320.9 173.7                                       | 315.7 174.6                                      | 316.8 175.0                                       | 319.9 174.4                                       | 314.3 172.5                                      | 311.8 171.1                                      | 313.5 171.5                                       |
| of textiles, excluding made-up textiles of wearing apparel; dressing & dyeing of fur   | Rest of 17  | 17.4 82.1                                      | 14.7 58.2                                     | 34.2 140.2  | 14.3 79.3                                      | 21.6 58.5                                     | 35.9 137.8  | 34.3 140.4                                       | 34.8 140.2  | 34.2 140.2  | 34.1 138.4                                       | 33.5 137.6                                       | 33.7 137.8  |
| Manufacture of leather & leather products including footwear of leather and leather goods of footwear  | DC 19.1/19.2 19.3                                 | 20.2 7.9 12.3                                  | 16.7 5.3 11.4                                 | 36.9 13.2 23.7                                    | 19.3 8.2 11.1                                  | 13.7 4.1 9.6                                  | 32.9 12.3 20.6                                    | 37.2 13.2 24.0                                   | 37.1 13.3 23.8                                    | 36.9 13.2 23.7                                    | 36.3 13.0 23.3                                   | 36.0 13.1 23.0                                   | 35.3 13.0 22.4                                    |
| Manufacture of wood & wood products  | DD (20)   | 63.9   | 22.2  | 86.1  | 67.1   | 15.9  | 82.9  | 77.0   | 76.8  | 86.1  | 73.6   | 72.8   | 87.0  |
| Manufacture of pulp, paper & paper products; publishing & printing of pulp, paper & paper products of corrugated paper & paperboard, sacks & bags, cartons, boxes, cases and other containers of pulp, paper, sanitary goods, stationery, wallpaper and paper products nec   | DE 21 21.21 Rest of 21                            | 288.0 82.3 .. ..                               | 167.8 35.2 .. ..                              | 455.8 117.5 .. ..                                 | 283.5 82.2 33.0 10.2 43.2                      | 161.7 35.1 10.2 43.2                          | 445.2 117.3 .. ..                                 | 453.8 120.0 .. ..                                | 456.3 118.3 .. ..                                 | 455.8 117.5 .. ..                                 | 447.2 115.5 .. ..                                | 449.2 117.6 .. ..                                | 448.3 116.7 .. ..                                 |
| Publishing, printing & reproduction of recorded media printing & service activities related to printing publishing & reproduction of recorded media  | 22 22.2 Rest of 22                                | 205.7 .. ..                                    | 132.6 .. ..                                   | 338.4 .. ..                                       | 201.3 135.8 65.5                               | 126.6 57.7 68.9                               | 327.9 193.5 134.4                                 | 333.8 .. ..                                      | 338.0 .. ..                                       | 338.4 .. ..                                       | 331.8 .. ..                                      | 331.6 .. ..                                      | 331.6 200.0 131.6                                 |
| Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products & nuclear fuel of refined petroleum products   | DF (23) 23.2                                      | 24.5 14.3                                      | 5.2 3.1                                       | 29.7 17.4   | 23.6 13.8                                      | 4.8 3.0                                       | 28.3 16.7   | 29.4 17.1  | 29.2 16.9   | 29.7 17.4   | 28.9 16.9  | 28.8 16.8  | 29.4 17.4   |
| Manufacture of chemicals, chemical products & man-made fibres  | DG (24)   | 175.1  | 77.6  | 252.7   | 173.6  | 72.6  | 246.2   | 253.7  | 252.3   | 252.7   | 248.0  | 248.1  | 250.6   |
| Manufacture of rubber and plastic products   | DH (25)   | 165.3  | 56.5  | 221.8   | 169.2  | 52.5  | 221.6   | 222.6  | 223.9   | 221.8   | 221.2  | 219.9  | 218.8   |
| Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products   | DI (26)   | 107.1  | 30.5  | 137.6   | 104.2  | 29.4  | 133.6   | 142.9  | 141.6   | 137.6   | 136.8  | 135.7  | 136.9   |
| Manufacture of basic metals and fabricated metal products of basic metals of fabricated metal products, except machinery   | DJ 27 28  | 469.3 350.8                                    | 87.8 72.7                                     | 557.1 423.5                                       | 468.9 353.6                                    | 87.8 73.9                                     | 556.8 427.5                                       | 550.3 415.1                                      | 552.5 418.5                                       | 557.1 423.5                                       | 550.7 417.5                                      | 556.9 423.9                                      | 553.0 421.6                                       |
| Manufacture of machinery & eqpt. nec   | DK (29)   | 325.0  | 76.0  | 401.0   | 327.9  | 72.4  | 400.2   | 398.9  | 401.4   | 401.0   | 403.3  | 404.3  | 397.8   |
| Manufacture of electrical & optical equipment of office machinery & computers of electrical machinery & apparatus nec of electric motors, etc; control apparatus & insulated cable of accumulators, primary cells, batteries, lighting eqpt., lamps & electrical eqpt. nec of radio, television & communication eqpt. of electronic components of radio & TV and telephone apparatus; sound & video recorders etc. of medical, precision & optical eqpt; watches | DL 30 31 31.1-31.3 31.4-31.6 32 32.1 32.2-32.3 33 | 326.0 36.1 117.1 69.5 47.6 75.4 32.9 42.5 97.4 | 162.4 15.6 57.2 33.8 23.4 43.3 19.1 24.1 46.3 | 488.4 51.7 174.3 103.2 71.1 118.7 52.0 66.6 143.7 | 330.4 37.3 120.5 72.9 47.6 74.0 32.9 41.0 98.6 | 165.4 13.8 60.5 35.0 25.5 44.8 18.9 25.9 46.4 | 495.9 51.1 181.1 107.9 73.1 118.7 51.8 67.0 144.9 | 484.1 52.3 168.8 99.3 69.5 121.6 53.9 67.6 141.4 | 484.2 52.0 174.3 100.0 69.4 121.1 54.3 66.8 141.7 | 488.4 51.7 174.3 103.2 71.1 118.7 52.0 66.6 143.7 | 481.8 52.2 167.6 97.8 69.6 120.1 53.4 66.7 141.9 | 481.6 52.3 166.3 96.6 69.6 120.5 53.8 66.7 142.6 | 492.9 52.9 173.7 103.1 70.6 121.2 53.8 67.4 145.1 |
| Manufacture of transport equipment of motor vehicles, trailers of other transport equipment of aircraft and spacecraft of other transport equipment except aircraft & spacecraft   | DM 34 35 35.3 Rest of 35                          | 315.8 181.0 134.8 ..                           | 44.4 26.5 17.9 ..                             | 360.1 207.5 152.7 ..                              | 320.1 209.3 139.2 87.7                         | 45.4 28.4 17.0 11.6                           | 365.5 209.3 156.2 99.3                            | 355.1 204.7 150.5 ..                             | 356.5 205.4 151.1 ..                              | 360.1 207.5 151.8 ..                              | 359.0 207.1 150.9 ..                             | 358.4 207.5 150.9 ..                             | 357.9 205.7 152.2 96.6 55.6                       |
| Manufacturing nec of furniture   | DN 36.1   | 134.8 86.1                                     | 53.5 24.8                                     | 188.3 110.9                                       | 131.2 88.4                                     | 47.8 24.9                                     | 179.0 113.3                                       | 188.0 108.1                                      | 185.0 108.8                                       | 188.3 110.9                                       | 182.2 109.5                                      | 181.8 109.4                                      | 183.5 107.4                                       |
| <b>ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY</b>   | <b>E</b>  | <b>120.9</b>                                   | <b>37.0</b>                                   | <b>157.9</b>                                      | <b>95.8</b>                                    | <b>27.4</b>                                   | <b>123.2</b>                                      | <b>159.6</b>                                     | <b>158.8</b>                                      | <b>157.9</b>                                      | <b>154.6</b>                                     | <b>154.1</b>                                     | <b>153.4</b>                                      |
| Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply   | 40  | 88.9   | 25.9  | 114.8   | 65.0   | 17.0  | 82.0  | 116.5  | 116.2   | 114.8   | 112.6  | 112.3  | 111.2   |
| Collection, purification and distribution of water   | 41  | 32.0   | 11.1  | 43.1  | 30.8   | 10.4  | 41.2  | 43.1   | 42.6  | 43.1  | 42.0   | 41.9   | 42.2  |

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# EMPLOYMENT 1.3

## Employees in employment: industry: production industries: unadjusted

| GREAT BRITAIN  | Section sub-section or group                      | THOUSANDS   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |   | 1996  |   |   | 1997  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|  |   | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Jan P   | Feb P   | Mar P   |
| <b>PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES</b>   | <b>C-E</b>  | <b>4,088.7</b>                                    | <b>4,084.6</b>                                    | <b>4,101.7</b>                                    | <b>4,128.5</b>                                    | <b>4,133.1</b>                                    | <b>4,135.9</b>                                    | <b>4,146.4</b>                                    | <b>4,138.4</b>                                    | <b>4,140.8</b>                                    | <b>4,118.3</b>                                    | <b>4,107.2</b>                                    | <b>4,105.7</b>                                    |
| <b>MINING AND QUARRYING</b>  | <b>C</b>  | <b>63.4</b>                                       | <b>62.3</b>                                       | <b>63.3</b>                                       | <b>62.2</b>                                       | <b>62.0</b>                                       | <b>62.5</b>                                       | <b>63.0</b>                                       | <b>63.1</b>                                       | <b>62.7</b>                                       | <b>64.1</b>                                       | <b>62.9</b>                                       | <b>62.1</b>                                       |
| Mining and quarrying of energy producing materials   | CA (10-12)  | 34.3  | 33.4  | 35.1  | 33.4  | 34.0  | 36.1  | 36.4  | 36.4  | 35.9  | 37.7  | 36.8  | 36.4  |
| Mining   | 10/12   | 10.7  | 10.6  | 10.3  | 10.7  | 10.7  | 10.0  | 10.1  | 10.1  | 9.5   | 9.5   | 9.5   | 9.6   |
| Oil & natural gas extraction & incidental services   | 11  | 23.6  | 22.8  | 24.8  | 22.7  | 23.3  | 26.1  | 26.3  | 26.3  | 26.4  | 28.2  | 27.3  | 26.8  |
| Mining and quarrying except of energy producing materials  | CB (13/14)  | 29.1  | 28.9  | 28.2  | 28.8  | 28.0  | 26.4  | 26.7  | 26.7  | 26.8  | 26.4  | 26.1  | 25.7  |
| <b>MANUFACTURING</b>   | <b>D</b>  | <b>3,903.5</b>                                    | <b>3,901.5</b>                                    | <b>3,912.6</b>                                    | <b>3,949.8</b>                                    | <b>3,955.2</b>                                    | <b>3,950.0</b>                                    | <b>3,958.5</b>                                    | <b>3,952.3</b>                                    | <b>3,954.8</b>                                    | <b>3,927.5</b>                                    | <b>3,917.3</b>                                    | <b>3,916.8</b>                                    |
| Manufacture of food products, beverages and tobacco of food of beverages & tobacco   | DA 15.1-15.8 15.9/16                              | 431.6 377.3 54.4                                  | 430.7 376.5 54.2                                  | 432.3 378.4 54.0                                  | 443.3 387.1 56.2                                  | 445.8 389.2 56.6                                  | 446.1 390.0 56.1                                  | 446.7 389.6 57.1                                  | 449.7 393.7 56.1                                  | 445.8 390.2 55.6                                  | 437.2 382.3 54.9                                  | 436.1 381.5 54.6                                  | 433.8 379.8 54.0                                  |
| Manufacture of textiles & textile products of textiles of made-up textile articles, except apparel   | DB 17   | 313.2 170.5                                       | 313.1 170.0                                       | 312.0 167.7                                       | 319.3 173.3                                       | 319.7 173.2                                       | 320.1 172.6                                       | 322.6 173.2                                       | 321.7 172.9                                       | 320.9 173.7                                       | 327.2 177.1                                       | 325.9 175.9                                       | 325.7 175.0                                       |
| of textiles, excluding made-up textiles of wearing apparel; dressing & dyeing of fur   | Rest of 17  | 17.4 34.3   | 17.4 33.9   | 17.4 32.7   | 17.4 37.9   | 17.4 37.7   | 17.4 35.2   | 17.4 36.1   | 17.4 35.7   | 17.4 35.9   | 17.4 37.6   | 17.4 37.0   | 17.4 34.7   |
| Manufacture of leather & leather products including footwear of leather and leather goods of footwear  | DC 19.1/19.2 19.3                                 | 35.4 12.8 22.5                                    | 35.0 12.4 22.6                                    | 35.6 12.9 22.7                                    | 35.7 12.9 22.8                                    | 35.4 12.4 23.0                                    | 34.0 11.8 22.1                                    | 33.6 12.2 21.4                                    | 33.3 12.7 20.7                                    | 32.9 12.3 20.6                                    | 33.8 12.2 21.6                                    | 33.0 11.8 21.2                                    | 33.6 11.9 21.7                                    |
| Manufacture of wood & wood products  | DD (20)   | 82.7  | 82.9  | 78.4  | 85.2  | 85.2  | 79.6  | 82.7  | 83.2  | 82.9  | 82.7  | 80.6  | 81.8  |
| Manufacture of pulp, paper & paper products; publishing & printing of pulp, paper & paper products of corrugated paper & paperboard, sacks & bags, cartons, boxes, cases and other containers of pulp, paper, sanitary goods, stationery, wallpaper and paper products nec   | DE 21 21.21 Rest of 21                            | 444.1 116.7 41.4                                  | 444.6 117.3 41.6                                  | 446.3 116.9 42.1                                  | 451.0 117.9 41.9                                  | 449.0 117.9 41.9                                  | 444.3 117.0 41.7                                  | 444.2 116.5 42.3                                  | 442.5 117.3 42.9                                  | 445.2 117.3 43.2                                  | 446.2 118.2 42.9                                  | 445.5 118.5 43.7                                  | 444.0 117.0 43.3                                  |
| Publishing, printing & reproduction of recorded media printing & service activities related to printing publishing & reproduction of recorded media  | 22 22.2 Rest of 22                                | 327.4 196.5 130.9                                 | 327.2 196.8 130.4                                 | 329.4 198.4 131.0                                 | 333.1 200.3 132.8                                 | 331.0 198.4 132.6                                 | 327.3 196.4 130.9                                 | 327.7 195.7 132.0                                 | 325.2 193.3 131.8                                 | 327.9 193.5 134.4                                 | 328.1 193.4 134.7                                 | 327.1 193.6 133.5                                 | 327.0 194.1 132.9                                 |
| Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products & nuclear fuel of refined petroleum products   | DF (23) 23.2                                      | 29.0 17.2   | 29.1 17.3   | 28.9 17.1   | 28.8 17.1   | 28.9 17.1   | 28.7 17.0   | 28.7 17.1   | 28.2 16.5   | 28.3 16.7   | 28.3 16.7   | 28.1 16.6   | 27.7 16.2   |
| Manufacture of chemicals, chemical products & man-made fibres  | DG (24)   | 250.2   | 251.4   | 252.2   | 251.1   | 250.2   | 249.1   | 246.6   | 246.2   | 246.2   | 244.5   | 244.8   | 243.8   |
| Manufacture of rubber and plastic products   | DH (25)   | 219.8   | 219.0   | 221.0   | 218.6   | 222.0   | 222.8   | 221.4   | 221.0   | 221.6   | 220.5   | 220.6   | 220.2   |
| Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products   | DI (26)   | 134.7   | 134.1   | 133.5   | 134.9   | 134.3   | 132.7   | 133.1   | 133.7   | 133.6   | 131.8   | 131.9   | 131.5   |
| Manufacture of basic metals and fabricated metal products of basic metals of fabricated metal products, except machinery   | DJ 27 28  | 551.8 421.3                                       | 551.5 420.8                                       | 550.2 420.1                                       | 556.1 426.1                                       | 559.1 429.2                                       | 555.6 426.2                                       | 558.2 429.8                                       | 556.1 427.4                                       | 556.8 427.5                                       | 547.9 419.9                                       | 548.5 420.8                                       | 550.5 421.7                                       |
| Manufacture of machinery & eqpt. nec   | DK (29)   | 398.5   | 398.5   | 400.6   | 399.2   | 400.1   | 401.3   | 400.5   | 397.5   | 400.2   | 402.6   | 400.8   | 399.3   |
| Manufacture of electrical & optical equipment of office machinery & computers of electrical machinery & apparatus nec of electric motors, etc; control apparatus & insulated cable of accumulators, primary cells, batteries, lighting eqpt., lamps & electrical eqpt. nec of radio, television & communication eqpt. of electronic components of radio & TV and telephone apparatus; sound & video recorders etc. of medical, precision & optical eqpt; watches | DL 30 31 31.1-31.3 31.4-31.6 32 32.1 32.2-32.3 33 | 487.1 51.0 174.7 103.1 71.6 117.5 51.1 66.4 144.0 | 488.2 51.2 175.1 103.4 71.7 118.7 51.9 66.7 143.3 | 490.4 50.6 176.9 103.9 73.0 118.9 51.5 67.4 144.9 | 495.6 50.9 177.8 105.6 72.3 121.9 52.6 69.3 146.1 | 496.5 50.6 178.0 105.7 72.3 120.7 52.1 68.4 145.9 | 499.5 50.9 181.3 108.8 72.5 122.1 52.9 68.5 149.9 | 497.9 50.6 181.1 108.8 72.5 120.1 51.7 68.5 144.0 | 495.4 50.1 181.1 106.3 73.2 120.1 51.8 68.5 144.0 | 495.9 51.1 181.1 106.3 73.1 118.7 51.8 67.0 144.9 | 483.9 49.4 177.4 104.6 71.0 113.3 49.4 63.8 143.9 | 481.9 49.7 175.4 104.2 70.9 112.9 49.4 63.6 143.8 | 484.1 50.4 174.7 104.2 70.5 115.1 51.3 63.9 143.9 |
| Manufacture of transport equipment of motor vehicles, trailers of other transport equipment of aircraft and spacecraft of other transport equipment except aircraft & spacecraft   | DM 34 35 35.3 Rest of 35                          | 355.7 208.9 146.8 93.7                            | 354.4 208.3 146.0 93.2                            | 360.8 208.4 152.3 96.2                            | 357.5 210.2 147.3 94.1                            | 361.3 207.0 150.6 94.9                            | 364.5 209.1 155.4 98.8                            | 364.5 209.1 155.2 98.1                            | 364.8 209.1 156.2 98.1                            | 365.5 209.3 156.2 99.3                            | 368.3 206.4 161.8 103.2                           | 366.3 205.5 160.8 102.                            |   |



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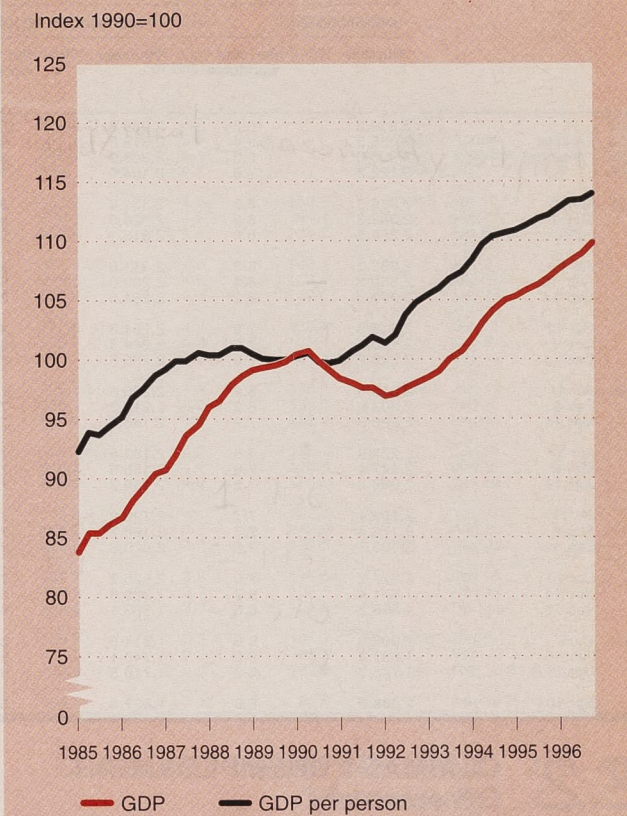
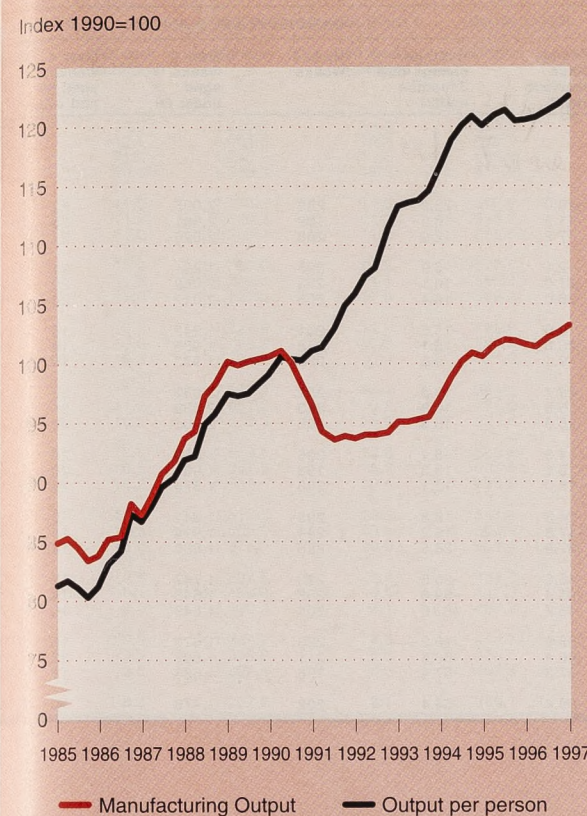
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| UNITED KINGDOM | Whole economy |                           |                            | Production industries |                           |                            | Manufacturing industries |                           |                            |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                | Output *      | Workforce in employment + | Output per person employed | Output                | Workforce in employment + | Output per person employed | Output                   | Workforce in employment + | Output per person employed |
| SIC 1992       |               |                           |                            |                       |                           |                            |                          |                           |                            |
| 1989           | 99.4          | 99.4                      | 100.0                      | 100.3                 | 102.9                     | 97.5                       | 100.2                    | 102.7                     | 97.6                       |
| 1990           | 100.0         | 100.0                     | 100.0                      | 100.0                 | 100.0                     | 100.0                      | 100.0                    | 100.0                     | 100.0                      |
| 1991           | 97.9          | 97.1                      | 100.8                      | 96.3                  | 92.5                      | 104.2                      | 94.6                     | 92.3                      | 102.5                      |
| 1992           | 97.4          | 94.6                      | 102.9                      | 96.2                  | 86.8                      | 111.0                      | 94.0                     | 86.8                      | 108.4                      |
| 1993           | 99.6          | 93.6                      | 106.3                      | 98.3                  | 118.3                     | 83.1                       | 95.3                     | 83.8                      | 113.7                      |
| 1994           | 103.5         | 94.4                      | 109.7                      | 103.2                 | 82.2                      | 125.7                      | 99.3                     | 83.4                      | 119.1                      |
| 1995           | 106.1         | 95.2                      | 111.5                      | 105.9                 | 82.3                      | 128.6                      | 101.5                    | 84.1                      | 120.7                      |
| 1996           | 108.6         | 95.8                      | 113.3                      | 106.2                 | 82.4                      | 128.9                      | 102.0                    | 84.2                      | 121.1                      |
| 1988 Q4        | 98.6          | 97.8                      | 100.9                      | 99.6                  | 103.1                     | 96.6                       | 98.3                     | 102.6                     | 95.7                       |
| 1989 Q1        | 99.1          | 98.7                      | 100.4                      | 99.9                  | 103.2                     | 96.9                       | 100.2                    | 102.8                     | 97.4                       |
| Q2             | 99.3          | 99.3                      | 100.0                      | 99.9                  | 103.0                     | 96.9                       | 99.9                     | 102.8                     | 97.2                       |
| Q3             | 99.5          | 99.6                      | 99.9                       | 100.5                 | 102.9                     | 97.7                       | 100.2                    | 102.8                     | 97.4                       |
| Q4             | 99.8          | 100.0                     | 99.9                       | 100.8                 | 102.4                     | 98.5                       | 100.4                    | 102.3                     | 98.2                       |
| 1990 Q1        | 100.4         | 100.1                     | 100.2                      | 100.3                 | 101.6                     | 98.7                       | 100.6                    | 101.5                     | 99.0                       |
| Q2             | 100.7         | 100.3                     | 100.5                      | 101.6                 | 100.7                     | 100.9                      | 101.1                    | 100.6                     | 100.5                      |
| Q3             | 99.8          | 100.1                     | 99.7                       | 99.8                  | 99.7                      | 100.1                      | 100.1                    | 99.8                      | 100.3                      |
| Q4             | 99.1          | 99.5                      | 99.6                       | 98.3                  | 98.0                      | 100.4                      | 98.3                     | 98.0                      | 100.2                      |
| 1991 Q1        | 98.4          | 98.5                      | 99.8                       | 97.6                  | 95.6                      | 102.1                      | 96.6                     | 95.6                      | 101.0                      |
| Q2             | 98.0          | 97.4                      | 100.6                      | 96.1                  | 93.2                      | 103.1                      | 94.3                     | 93.1                      | 101.3                      |
| Q3             | 97.6          | 96.6                      | 101.1                      | 95.4                  | 91.3                      | 104.6                      | 93.6                     | 91.0                      | 102.9                      |
| Q4             | 97.6          | 95.9                      | 101.8                      | 96.2                  | 89.8                      | 107.1                      | 93.9                     | 89.6                      | 104.8                      |
| 1992 Q1        | 96.9          | 95.7                      | 101.3                      | 95.9                  | 88.7                      | 108.1                      | 93.7                     | 88.6                      | 105.8                      |
| Q2             | 97.1          | 95.2                      | 102.0                      | 95.6                  | 87.7                      | 109.0                      | 94.0                     | 87.6                      | 107.3                      |
| Q3             | 97.6          | 94.2                      | 103.7                      | 96.4                  | 86.2                      | 111.8                      | 94.0                     | 86.3                      | 109.0                      |
| Q4             | 98.0          | 93.5                      | 104.7                      | 97.2                  | 84.5                      | 115.0                      | 94.2                     | 84.6                      | 111.3                      |
| 1993 Q1        | 98.5          | 93.5                      | 105.4                      | 97.0                  | 83.7                      | 115.9                      | 95.1                     | 84.0                      | 113.2                      |
| Q2             | 99.0          | 93.5                      | 105.9                      | 97.5                  | 83.3                      | 117.0                      | 95.1                     | 83.8                      | 113.5                      |
| Q3             | 100.0         | 93.7                      | 106.7                      | 98.8                  | 82.9                      | 119.2                      | 95.3                     | 83.8                      | 113.7                      |
| Q4             | 100.7         | 93.9                      | 107.3                      | 100.0                 | 82.5                      | 121.2                      | 95.8                     | 83.7                      | 114.5                      |
| 1994 Q1        | 101.8         | 94.0                      | 108.3                      | 100.9                 | 82.3                      | 122.6                      | 97.3                     | 83.3                      | 116.8                      |
| Q2             | 103.1         | 94.1                      | 109.6                      | 103.1                 | 82.1                      | 125.6                      | 98.9                     | 83.4                      | 118.6                      |
| Q3             | 104.1         | 94.5                      | 110.3                      | 104.5                 | 82.1                      | 127.3                      | 100.2                    | 83.5                      | 120.0                      |
| Q4             | 105.0         | 94.9                      | 110.6                      | 104.4                 | 82.1                      | 127.1                      | 100.9                    | 83.5                      | 120.8                      |
| 1995 Q1        | 105.3         | 95.1                      | 110.8                      | 105.2                 | 82.2                      | 127.9                      | 100.6                    | 83.9                      | 120.0                      |
| Q2             | 105.8         | 95.1                      | 111.2                      | 105.7                 | 82.3                      | 128.3                      | 101.6                    | 84.0                      | 120.9                      |
| Q3             | 106.3         | 95.1                      | 111.8                      | 106.5                 | 82.2                      | 129.5                      | 102.0                    | 84.0                      | 121.3                      |
| Q4             | 106.9         | 95.4                      | 112.1                      | 106.4                 | 82.6                      | 128.8                      | 101.9                    | 84.6                      | 120.4                      |
| 1996 Q1        | 107.6         | 95.5                      | 112.7                      | 106.6                 | 82.5                      | 129.1                      | 101.6                    | 84.3                      | 120.5                      |
| Q2             | 108.2         | 95.5                      | 113.3                      | 106.9                 | 81.8                      | 130.7                      | 101.4                    | 84.0                      | 120.7                      |
| Q3             | 108.9         | 96.0                      | 113.4                      | 107.4                 | 81.5                      | 131.8                      | 102.2                    | 84.3                      | 121.3                      |
| Q4             | 109.8         | 96.4                      | 113.9                      | 108.0                 | 81.5                      | 132.5                      | 102.6                    | 84.2                      | 121.8                      |
| 1997 Q1        | NA            | NA                        | NA                         | 108.1                 | 81.5                      | 132.5                      | 103.2                    | 84.2                      | 122.5                      |

\* Gross domestic product for whole economy.  
+ The workforce in employment comprises: employees in employment, the self-employed, HM Forces and participants in work-related government-supported training and employment programmes.  
This series is used as a denominator for the productivity calculations for the reasons explained on page S6 of the August 1988 issue of *Employment Gazette*.  
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## 2.1 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT UK summary

THOUSANDS

|      |                 | MALE AND FEMALE |                      |                       |                      |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               |  |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|      |                 | UNEMPLOYED      |                      | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                      |                             |                                    | UNEMPLOYED BY DURATION |                            |                               |  |
|      |                 | Number          | Per cent workforce * | Number                | Per cent workforce * | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Up to 4 weeks          | Over 4 weeks aged under 60 | Over 4 weeks aged 60 and over |  |
| 1993 | Annual averages | 2,919.2         | 10.3                 | 2,900.6               | 10.3                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               |  |
| 1994 |                 | 2,636.5         | 9.4                  | 2,619.3               | 9.3                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               |  |
| 1995 |                 | 2,325.6         | 8.3                  | 2,308.2               | 8.2                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               |  |
| 1996 |                 | 2,122.2         | 7.6                  | 2,104.0               | 7.5                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               |  |
| 1995 | Apr 13          | 2,375.3         | 8.5                  | 2,331.8               | 8.3                  | -20.0                       | -23.2                              | 259                    | 2,095                      | 23                            |  |
|      | May 11          | 2,302.3         | 8.2                  | 2,320.3               | 8.3                  | -11.5                       | -16.9                              | 199                    | 2,081                      | 23                            |  |
|      | Jun 8           | 2,254.5         | 8.0                  | 2,313.1               | 8.2                  | -7.2                        | -12.9                              | 208                    | 2,026                      | 21                            |  |
|      | Jul 13          | 2,336.2         | 8.3                  | 2,311.0               | 8.2                  | -2.1                        | -6.9                               | 325                    | 1,991                      | 21                            |  |
|      | Aug 10          | 2,350.2         | 8.4                  | 2,290.0               | 8.2                  | -21.0                       | -10.1                              | 263                    | 2,068                      | 20                            |  |
|      | Sep 14          | 2,292.2         | 8.2                  | 2,264.0               | 8.1                  | -26.0                       | -16.4                              | 256                    | 2,017                      | 20                            |  |
|      | Oct 12          | 2,212.3         | 7.9                  | 2,264.6               | 8.1                  | 0.6                         | -15.5                              | 251                    | 1,942                      | 19                            |  |
|      | Nov 9           | 2,196.1         | 7.8                  | 2,244.6               | 8.0                  | -20.0                       | -15.1                              | 242                    | 1,935                      | 19                            |  |
|      | Dec 14          | 2,228.2         | 7.9                  | 2,235.5               | 8.0                  | -9.1                        | -9.5                               | 236                    | 1,972                      | 19                            |  |
| 1996 | Jan 11          | 2,310.5         | 8.2                  | 2,206.8               | 7.9                  | -28.7                       | -19.3                              | 252                    | 2,037                      | 20                            |  |
|      | Feb 8           | 2,303.0         | 8.2                  | 2,212.3               | 7.9                  | 5.5                         | -10.8                              | 243                    | 2,039                      | 21                            |  |
|      | Mar 14          | 2,230.8         | 7.9                  | 2,186.7               | 7.8                  | -25.6                       | -16.3                              | 206                    | 2,005                      | 20                            |  |
|      | Apr 11          | 2,223.9         | 7.9                  | 2,182.4               | 7.8                  | -4.3                        | -8.1                               | 236                    | 1,968                      | 20                            |  |
|      | May 9           | 2,147.4         | 7.6                  | 2,166.3               | 7.7                  | -16.1                       | -15.3                              | 196                    | 1,931                      | 20                            |  |
|      | Jun 13          | 2,096.3         | 7.5                  | 2,150.3               | 7.7                  | -16.0                       | -12.1                              | 203                    | 1,874                      | 19                            |  |
|      | Jul 11          | 2,158.1         | 7.7                  | 2,126.0               | 7.6                  | -24.3                       | -18.8                              | 299                    | 1,841                      | 19                            |  |
|      | Aug 8           | 2,176.4         | 7.7                  | 2,108.7               | 7.5                  | -17.3                       | -19.2                              | 244                    | 1,914                      | 19                            |  |
|      | Sep 12          | 2,103.7         | 7.5                  | 2,070.8               | 7.4                  | -37.9                       | -26.5                              | 226                    | 1,860                      | 18                            |  |
|      | Oct 10          | 1,977.2         | 7.0                  | 2,025.2               | 7.2                  | -45.6                       | -33.6                              | 213                    | 1,747                      | 17                            |  |
|      | Nov 14          | 1,871.4         | 6.7                  | 1,929.8               | 6.9                  | -95.4                       | -59.6                              | 208                    | 1,648                      | 15                            |  |
|      | Dec 12          | 1,868.2         | 6.6                  | 1,883.1               | 6.7                  | -46.7                       | -62.6                              | 204                    | 1,649                      | 15                            |  |
| 1997 | Jan 9           | 1,907.8         | 6.8                  | 1,814.5               | 6.5                  | -68.6                       | -70.2                              | 223                    | 1,670                      | 15                            |  |
|      | Feb 13          | 1,827.8         | 6.5                  | 1,748.1               | 6.2                  | -66.4                       | -60.6                              | 211                    | 1,603                      | 13                            |  |
|      | Mar 13 R        | 1,745.3         | 6.2                  | 1,710.8               | 6.1                  | -37.3                       | -57.4                              | 196                    | 1,538                      | 12                            |  |
|      | Apr 10 P        | 1,688.0         | 6.0                  | 1,651.4               | 5.9                  | -59.4                       | -54.4                              | 202                    | 1,476                      | 10                            |  |

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|      |                 |         |      |         |      |       |       |     |       |    |
|------|-----------------|---------|------|---------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------|----|
| 1993 | Annual averages | 2,814.1 | 10.2 | 2,796.9 | 10.2 |       |       |     |       |    |
| 1994 |                 | 2,539.2 | 9.3  | 2,522.3 | 9.2  |       |       |     |       |    |
| 1995 |                 | 2,237.4 | 8.2  | 2,220.1 | 8.1  |       |       |     |       |    |
| 1996 |                 | 2,038.1 | 7.5  | 2,020.0 | 7.4  |       |       |     |       |    |
|      | Apr 13          | 2,287.2 | 8.4  | 2,243.1 | 8.2  | -19.0 | -22.3 | 252 | 2,014 | 21 |
|      | May 11          | 2,216.6 | 8.1  | 2,232.0 | 8.2  | -11.1 | -16.1 | 194 | 2,001 | 21 |
|      | Jun 8           | 2,169.0 | 7.9  | 2,225.5 | 8.1  | -6.5  | -12.2 | 201 | 1,947 | 20 |
|      | Jul 13          | 2,244.3 | 8.2  | 2,222.7 | 8.1  | -2.8  | -6.8  | 315 | 1,909 | 19 |
|      | Aug 10          | 2,258.2 | 8.3  | 2,202.9 | 8.1  | -19.8 | -9.7  | 256 | 1,983 | 19 |
|      | Sep 14          | 2,202.1 | 8.1  | 2,177.5 | 8.0  | -25.4 | -16.0 | 248 | 1,936 | 19 |
|      | Oct 12          | 2,126.8 | 7.8  | 2,178.2 | 8.0  | 0.7   | -14.8 | 244 | 1,864 | 19 |
|      | Nov 9           | 2,111.9 | 7.7  | 2,158.2 | 7.9  | -20.0 | -14.9 | 236 | 1,857 | 18 |
|      | Dec 14          | 2,144.1 | 7.8  | 2,149.2 | 7.9  | -9.0  | -9.4  | 231 | 1,894 | 19 |
| 1996 | Jan 11          | 2,224.2 | 8.1  | 2,121.0 | 7.8  | -28.2 | -19.1 | 246 | 1,958 | 20 |
|      | Feb 8           | 2,217.2 | 8.1  | 2,126.5 | 7.8  | 5.5   | -10.6 | 237 | 1,960 | 20 |
|      | Mar 14          | 2,146.4 | 7.9  | 2,101.4 | 7.7  | -25.1 | -15.9 | 200 | 1,926 | 20 |
|      | Apr 11          | 2,138.4 | 7.8  | 2,096.4 | 7.7  | -5.0  | -8.2  | 230 | 1,889 | 19 |
|      | May 9           | 2,064.7 | 7.6  | 2,080.6 | 7.6  | -15.8 | -15.3 | 191 | 1,854 | 19 |
|      | Jun 11          | 2,011.7 | 7.4  | 2,063.6 | 7.6  | -17.0 | -12.6 | 195 | 1,799 | 19 |
|      | Jul 11          | 2,067.3 | 7.6  | 2,039.3 | 7.5  | -24.3 | -19.0 | 288 | 1,762 | 18 |
|      | Aug 8           | 2,083.9 | 7.6  | 2,021.3 | 7.4  | -18.0 | -19.8 | 238 | 1,828 | 18 |
|      | Sep 12          | 2,014.1 | 7.4  | 1,985.0 | 7.3  | -36.3 | -26.2 | 218 | 1,778 | 17 |
|      | Oct 10          | 1,895.7 | 6.9  | 1,942.8 | 7.1  | -42.2 | -32.2 | 207 | 1,672 | 16 |
|      | Nov 14          | 1,797.5 | 6.6  | 1,853.8 | 6.8  | -89.0 | -55.8 | 203 | 1,580 | 15 |
|      | Dec 12          | 1,836.9 | 6.6  | 1,808.8 | 6.6  | -45.0 | -44.7 | 218 | 1,604 | 15 |
| 1997 | Jan 9           | 1,836.9 | 6.7  | 1,743.5 | 6.4  | -65.3 | -36.8 | 218 | 1,604 | 15 |
|      | Feb 13          | 1,760.2 | 6.4  | 1,679.9 | 6.1  | -63.6 | -58.0 | 206 | 1,541 | 13 |
|      | Mar 13 R        | 1,679.5 | 6.1  | 1,643.8 | 6.0  | -36.1 | -55.0 | 191 | 1,477 | 12 |
|      | Apr 10 P        | 1,624.1 | 5.9  | 1,586.6 | 5.8  | -57.2 | -52.3 | 197 | 1,417 | 10 |

P R The latest national and regional seasonally-adjusted unemployment figures are provisional and subject to revision, mainly in the following month. Revised.  
National and regional unemployment rates are calculated by expressing the number of unemployed claimants as a percentage of the estimated total workforce (the sum of unemployed claimants, employees in employment, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related government training programmes) at mid-1996 for 1996 and 1997 figures and at the corresponding mid-year estimates for earlier years.

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|      |                 | MALE       |                      |                       |                      |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               |        | FEMALE               |        |                       |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--|--|--|
|      |                 | UNEMPLOYED |                      | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                      |                             |                                    | UNEMPLOYED BY DURATION |                            |                               |        | UNEMPLOYED           |        | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |        |                      |        | MARRIED              |  |  |  |
|      |                 | Number     | Per cent workforce * | Number                | Per cent workforce * | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Up to 4 weeks          | Over 4 weeks aged under 60 | Over 4 weeks aged 60 and over | Number | Per cent workforce * | Number | Per cent workforce *  | Number | Per cent workforce * | Number | Per cent workforce * |  |  |  |
| 1993 | Annual averages | 2,236.1    | 14.0                 | 2,225.7               | 13.9                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               | 683.1  | 5.6                  | 674.9  | 5.5                   |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
| 1994 |                 | 2,014.4    | 12.7                 | 2,004.8               | 12.7                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               | 622.1  | 5.1                  | 614.6  | 5.0                   |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
| 1995 |                 | 1,770.0    | 11.2                 | 1,760.2               | 11.2                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               | 555.6  | 4.5                  | 548.1  | 4.4                   |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
| 1996 |                 | 1,610.3    | 10.3                 | 1,599.9               | 10.2                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            |                               | 511.9  | 4.1                  | 504.1  | 4.1                   |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
| 1995 | Apr 13          | 1,615.5    | 11.5                 | 1,778.3               | 11.3                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 559.8                         | 4.5    | 553.5                | 4.5    | 150.9                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | May 11          | 1,766.1    | 11.2                 | 1,769.4               | 11.2                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 536.2                         | 4.3    | 550.9                | 4.5    | 141.1                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Jun 8           | 1,728.9    | 11.0                 | 1,763.7               | 11.2                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 525.6                         | 4.3    | 549.4                | 4.4    | 136.7                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Jul 13          | 1,758.6    | 11.2                 | 1,759.6               | 11.2                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 577.5                         | 4.7    | 551.4                | 4.5    | 143.1                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Aug 10          | 1,753.7    | 11.1                 | 1,744.4               | 11.1                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 596.4                         | 4.8    | 545.6                | 4.4    | 152.1                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Sep 14          | 1,724.0    | 11.0                 | 1,727.0               | 11.0                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 568.2                         | 4.6    | 537.0                | 4.3    | 139.2                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Oct 12          | 1,676.4    | 10.7                 | 1,724.6               | 11.0                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 535.9                         | 4.3    | 540.0                | 4.4    | 133.4                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Nov 9           | 1,670.7    | 10.6                 | 1,708.9               | 10.9                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 525.5                         | 4.3    | 535.7                | 4.3    | 131.1                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Dec 14          | 1,707.2    | 10.8                 | 1,704.2               | 10.8                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 521.0                         | 4.2    | 531.3                | 4.3    | 131.4                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
| 1996 | Jan 11          | 1,766.4    | 11.3                 | 1,680.9               | 10.7                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 544.1                         | 4.4    | 525.9                | 4.2    | 138.2                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Feb 8           | 1,761.0    | 11.2                 | 1,687.2               | 10.8                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 541.9                         | 4.4    | 525.1                | 4.2    | 136.6                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Mar 14          | 1,707.2    | 10.9                 | 1,666.3               | 10.6                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 523.6                         | 4.2    | 520.4                | 4.2    | 132.0                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Apr 11          | 1,695.5    | 10.8                 | 1,659.9               | 10.6                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 528.5                         | 4.3    | 522.5                | 4.2    | 138.7                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | May 9           | 1,643.9    | 10.5                 | 1,647.5               | 10.5                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 503.5                         | 4.1    | 518.8                | 4.2    | 128.4                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Jun 13          | 1,599.5    | 10.2                 | 1,631.4               | 10.4                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 496.8                         | 4.0    | 518.9                | 4.2    | 125.0                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Jul 11          | 1,616.5    | 10.3                 | 1,613.5               | 10.3                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 541.6                         | 4.4    | 512.5                | 4.1    | 133.1                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Aug 8           | 1,614.1    | 10.3                 | 1,600.0               | 10.2                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 562.4                         | 4.5    | 508.7                | 4.1    | 142.9                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Sep 12          | 1,572.4    | 10.0                 | 1,572.0               | 10.0                 |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 531.4                         | 4.3    | 498.8                | 4.0    | 128.5                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Oct 10          | 1,492.6    | 9.5                  | 1,537.5               | 9.8                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 484.6                         | 3.9    | 487.7                | 3.9    | 116.5                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Nov 14          | 1,424.1    | 9.1                  | 1,469.9               | 9.4                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 447.3                         | 3.6    | 459.9                | 3.7    | 105.5                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Dec 12          | 1,430.5    | 9.1                  | 1,432.9               | 9.1                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 437.7                         | 3.5    | 450.2                | 3.6    | 102.5                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
| 1997 | Jan 9           | 1,463.5    | 9.3                  | 1,384.7               | 8.8                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 444.3                         | 3.6    | 429.8                | 3.5    | 104.7                 |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Feb 13          | 1,403.3    | 9.0                  | 1,335.8               | 8.5                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 424.5                         | 3.4    | 412.3                | 3.3    | 96.5                  |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Mar 13 R        | 1,342.4    | 8.6                  | 1,307.5               | 8.3                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 402.9                         | 3.2    | 403.3                | 3.2    | 89.9                  |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |
|      | Apr 10 P        | 1,298.8    | 8.3                  | 1,267.2               | 8.1                  |                             |                                    |                        |                            | 389.1                         | 3.1    | 384.2                | 3.1    | 86.6                  |        |                      |        |                      |  |  |  |

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|      |                 |         |      |         |      |  |  |  |  |       |     |       |     |  |  |  |  |
|------|-----------------|---------|------|---------|------|--|--|--|--|-------|-----|-------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| 1993 | Annual averages | 1,155.4 | 13.9 | 2,145.7 | 13.8 |  |  |  |  | 658.8 | 5.5 | 651.2 | 5.5 |  |  |  |  |
| 1994 |                 | 939.1   | 12.6 | 1,929.5 | 12.6 |  |  |  |  | 600.1 | 5.0 | 592.8 | 4.9 |  |  |  |  |
| 1995 |                 | 701.4   | 11.1 | 1,691.5 | 11.1 |  |  |  |  | 536.1 |     |       |     |  |  |  |  |



## 2.3 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Government office regions

THOUSANDS

|                                 | NUMBER UNEMPLOYED |       |        | PER CENT WORKFORCE * |      |        | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------|
|                                 | All               | Male  | Female | All                  | Male | Female | Number                | Per cent workforce | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Male  | Female |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>               |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )                          | 149.6             | 119.8 | 29.8   | 13.0                 | 18.3 | 6.0    | 148.7                 | 12.9               |                             |                                    | 119.3 | 29.4   |
| 1994 ) Annual                   | 141.6             | 113.5 | 28.1   | 12.4                 | 17.8 | 5.6    | 141.2                 | 12.4               |                             |                                    | 113.3 | 27.9   |
| 1995 ) average                  | 130.5             | 104.4 | 26.1   | 11.5                 | 16.5 | 5.2    | 130.3                 | 11.5               |                             |                                    | 104.2 | 26.1   |
| 1996 )                          | 118.4             | 94.0  | 24.4   | 10.6                 | 15.3 | 4.8    | 118.0                 | 10.6               |                             |                                    | 93.8  | 24.3   |
| 1996 Apr 11                     | 125.7             | 99.8  | 25.9   | 11.3                 | 16.3 | 5.1    | 123.6                 | 11.1               | -0.3                        | -0.6                               | 98.1  | 25.5   |
| May 9                           | 120.8             | 96.5  | 24.3   | 10.8                 | 15.7 | 4.8    | 121.8                 | 10.9               | -1.8                        | -1.3                               | 96.8  | 25.0   |
| Jun 13                          | 117.1             | 93.3  | 23.7   | 10.5                 | 15.2 | 4.7    | 120.0                 | 10.7               | -1.8                        | -1.3                               | 95.3  | 24.7   |
| Jul 11                          | 119.3             | 93.7  | 25.6   | 10.7                 | 15.3 | 5.1    | 118.9                 | 10.7               | -1.1                        | -1.6                               | 94.2  | 24.7   |
| Aug 8                           | 118.6             | 92.2  | 26.4   | 10.6                 | 15.0 | 5.2    | 117.4                 | 10.5               | -1.5                        | -1.5                               | 93.3  | 24.1   |
| Sep 12                          | 115.5             | 90.2  | 25.3   | 10.3                 | 14.7 | 5.0    | 115.0                 | 10.3               | -2.4                        | -1.7                               | 91.0  | 24.0   |
| Oct 10                          | 108.9             | 85.9  | 23.1   | 9.8                  | 14.0 | 4.6    | 112.1                 | 10.0               | -2.9                        | -2.3                               | 88.6  | 23.5   |
| Nov 14                          | 105.2             | 83.9  | 21.3   | 9.4                  | 13.7 | 4.2    | 107.3                 | 9.6                | -4.8                        | -3.4                               | 85.5  | 21.8   |
| Dec 12                          | 104.7             | 84.1  | 20.7   | 9.4                  | 13.7 | 4.1    | 105.5                 | 9.5                | -1.8                        | -3.2                               | 83.6  | 21.9   |
| 1997 Jan 9                      | 107.3             | 85.9  | 21.4   | 9.6                  | 14.0 | 4.3    | 101.8                 | 9.1                | -3.7                        | -3.4                               | 80.9  | 20.9   |
| Feb 13                          | 102.6             | 81.9  | 20.7   | 9.2                  | 13.4 | 4.1    | 98.8                  | 8.8                | -3.0                        | -2.8                               | 78.7  | 20.1   |
| Mar 13 R                        | 99.4              | 79.5  | 19.9   | 8.9                  | 13.0 | 3.9    | 97.4                  | 8.7                | -1.4                        | -2.7                               | 77.7  | 19.7   |
| Apr 10 P                        | 97.8              | 78.2  | 19.6   | 8.8                  | 12.8 | 3.9    | 94.7                  | 8.5                | -2.7                        | -2.4                               | 75.9  | 18.8   |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>               |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )                          | 248.1             | 192.7 | 55.4   | 9.5                  | 13.1 | 4.9    | 246.2                 | 9.5                |                             |                                    | 191.6 | 54.6   |
| 1994 ) Annual                   | 221.2             | 171.5 | 49.7   | 8.7                  | 11.9 | 4.5    | 220.5                 | 8.7                |                             |                                    | 171.1 | 49.4   |
| 1995 ) average                  | 192.2             | 148.8 | 43.4   | 7.6                  | 10.5 | 3.9    | 188.6                 | 7.4                |                             |                                    | 148.4 | 40.2   |
| 1996 )                          | 175.8             | 136.1 | 39.7   | 6.9                  | 9.5  | 3.5    | 175.3                 | 6.8                |                             |                                    | 135.9 | 39.5   |
| 1996 Apr 11                     | 185.5             | 144.2 | 41.3   | 7.2                  | 10.1 | 3.6    | 182.8                 | 7.1                | 1.4                         | 0.1                                | 141.2 | 41.6   |
| May 9                           | 178.6             | 139.6 | 39.0   | 7.0                  | 9.8  | 3.4    | 181.8                 | 7.1                | -1.0                        | -0.6                               | 139.8 | 42.0   |
| Jun 13                          | 173.3             | 135.2 | 38.1   | 6.8                  | 9.4  | 3.4    | 180.2                 | 7.0                | -1.6                        | -0.4                               | 138.1 | 42.1   |
| Jul 11                          | 178.9             | 137.0 | 41.9   | 7.0                  | 9.6  | 3.7    | 178.2                 | 7.0                | -2.0                        | -1.5                               | 136.6 | 41.6   |
| Aug 8                           | 180.9             | 136.8 | 44.1   | 7.1                  | 9.6  | 3.9    | 175.7                 | 6.9                | -2.5                        | -2.0                               | 135.4 | 40.3   |
| Sep 12                          | 173.9             | 132.8 | 41.1   | 6.8                  | 9.3  | 3.6    | 170.8                 | 6.7                | -4.9                        | -3.1                               | 132.9 | 37.9   |
| Oct 10                          | 161.9             | 124.9 | 37.0   | 6.3                  | 8.7  | 3.3    | 168.5                 | 6.6                | -2.3                        | -3.2                               | 131.3 | 37.2   |
| Nov 14                          | 153.1             | 119.1 | 34.0   | 6.0                  | 8.3  | 3.0    | 160.5                 | 6.3                | -8.0                        | -5.1                               | 125.3 | 35.2   |
| Dec 12                          | 154.1             | 120.8 | 33.3   | 6.0                  | 8.4  | 2.9    | 157.7                 | 6.2                | -2.8                        | -4.4                               | 123.2 | 34.5   |
| 1997 Jan 9                      | 160.9             | 125.7 | 35.2   | 6.3                  | 8.8  | 3.1    | 151.2                 | 5.9                | -6.5                        | -5.8                               | 118.6 | 32.6   |
| Feb 13                          | 154.0             | 120.6 | 33.4   | 6.0                  | 8.4  | 2.9    | 142.7                 | 5.6                | -8.5                        | -5.9                               | 112.2 | 30.5   |
| Mar 13 R                        | 146.6             | 115.0 | 31.5   | 5.7                  | 8.0  | 2.8    | 141.4                 | 5.5                | -1.3                        | -5.4                               | 111.0 | 30.4   |
| Apr 10 P                        | 141.7             | 111.3 | 30.4   | 5.5                  | 7.8  | 2.7    | 137.2                 | 5.4                | -4.2                        | -4.7                               | 107.4 | 29.8   |
| <b>MERSEYSIDE</b>               |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )                          | 95.9              | 75.2  | 20.7   | 15.2                 | 21.8 | 7.3    | 95.2                  | 15.1               |                             |                                    | 74.8  | 20.4   |
| 1994 ) Annual                   | 88.5              | 69.2  | 19.3   | 14.9                 | 21.5 | 7.1    | 88.2                  | 14.8               |                             |                                    | 69.0  | 19.2   |
| 1995 ) average                  | 79.5              | 61.9  | 17.6   | 13.7                 | 19.5 | 6.7    | 79.4                  | 13.7               |                             |                                    | 61.8  | 17.6   |
| 1996 )                          | 74.9              | 58.3  | 16.5   | 13.1                 | 18.8 | 6.3    | 74.7                  | 13.0               |                             |                                    | 58.2  | 16.4   |
| 1996 Apr 11                     | 77.3              | 60.4  | 16.9   | 13.5                 | 19.4 | 6.4    | 76.3                  | 13.3               | -0.5                        | -0.1                               | 59.5  | 16.8   |
| May 9                           | 75.5              | 59.2  | 16.3   | 13.2                 | 19.1 | 6.2    | 75.8                  | 13.2               | -0.5                        | -0.5                               | 59.1  | 16.7   |
| Jun 13                          | 75.0              | 58.6  | 16.4   | 13.1                 | 18.9 | 6.2    | 75.9                  | 13.2               | 0.1                         | -0.3                               | 59.1  | 16.8   |
| Jul 11                          | 76.6              | 59.1  | 17.5   | 13.4                 | 19.0 | 6.7    | 75.3                  | 13.1               | -0.6                        | -0.3                               | 58.6  | 16.7   |
| Aug 8                           | 76.8              | 58.8  | 18.0   | 13.4                 | 18.9 | 6.8    | 75.2                  | 13.1               | -0.1                        | -0.2                               | 58.4  | 16.8   |
| Sep 12                          | 75.5              | 58.1  | 17.4   | 13.2                 | 18.7 | 6.6    | 74.0                  | 12.9               | -1.2                        | -0.6                               | 57.7  | 16.3   |
| Oct 10                          | 71.3              | 55.5  | 15.8   | 12.4                 | 17.9 | 6.0    | 73.0                  | 12.7               | -1.0                        | -0.8                               | 56.9  | 16.1   |
| Nov 14                          | 68.0              | 53.4  | 14.7   | 11.9                 | 17.2 | 5.6    | 70.3                  | 12.3               | -2.7                        | -1.6                               | 55.1  | 15.2   |
| Dec 12                          | 68.1              | 53.6  | 14.5   | 11.9                 | 17.2 | 5.5    | 69.3                  | 12.1               | -1.0                        | -1.6                               | 54.3  | 15.0   |
| 1997 Jan 9                      | 69.7              | 54.7  | 15.0   | 12.2                 | 17.6 | 5.7    | 67.5                  | 11.8               | -1.8                        | -1.8                               | 52.8  | 14.7   |
| Feb 13                          | 68.1              | 53.5  | 14.6   | 11.9                 | 17.2 | 5.6    | 65.7                  | 11.5               | -1.8                        | -1.5                               | 51.6  | 14.1   |
| Mar 13 R                        | 66.0              | 52.0  | 14.0   | 11.5                 | 16.7 | 5.3    | 65.2                  | 11.4               | -0.5                        | -1.4                               | 51.2  | 14.0   |
| Apr 10 P                        | 64.4              | 50.8  | 13.6   | 11.2                 | 16.4 | 5.2    | 63.3                  | 11.0               | -1.9                        | -1.4                               | 49.8  | 13.5   |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b> |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )                          | 245.6             | 190.8 | 54.8   | 10.4                 | 14.3 | 5.3    | 244.0                 | 10.2               |                             |                                    | 189.9 | 54.1   |
| 1994 ) Annual                   | 226.4             | 175.2 | 51.2   | 9.7                  | 13.5 | 5.0    | 224.8                 | 9.6                |                             |                                    | 174.3 | 50.5   |
| 1995 ) average                  | 207.9             | 160.6 | 47.3   | 8.7                  | 12.0 | 4.5    | 206.1                 | 8.7                |                             |                                    | 159.6 | 46.5   |
| 1996 )                          | 191.8             | 147.9 | 43.9   | 8.0                  | 11.0 | 4.2    | 190.0                 | 8.0                |                             |                                    | 146.9 | 43.1   |
| 1996 Apr 11                     | 202.0             | 156.2 | 45.7   | 8.5                  | 11.6 | 4.4    | 196.9                 | 8.2                | 0.2                         | -0.7                               | 152.1 | 44.8   |
| May 9                           | 193.1             | 150.2 | 42.9   | 8.1                  | 11.2 | 4.1    | 194.5                 | 8.1                | -2.4                        | -1.8                               | 150.3 | 44.2   |
| Jun 13                          | 188.8             | 146.3 | 42.5   | 7.9                  | 10.9 | 4.1    | 193.4                 | 8.1                | -1.1                        | -1.1                               | 149.2 | 44.2   |
| Jul 11                          | 193.2             | 147.3 | 45.9   | 8.1                  | 10.9 | 4.4    | 191.1                 | 8.0                | -2.3                        | -1.9                               | 147.6 | 43.5   |
| Aug 8                           | 195.7             | 146.7 | 49.0   | 8.2                  | 10.9 | 4.7    | 190.1                 | 8.0                | -1.0                        | -1.5                               | 146.7 | 43.4   |
| Sep 12                          | 188.8             | 143.4 | 45.5   | 7.9                  | 10.6 | 4.4    | 186.1                 | 7.8                | -4.0                        | -2.4                               | 143.8 | 42.3   |
| Oct 10                          | 178.1             | 136.6 | 41.4   | 7.5                  | 10.1 | 4.0    | 183.1                 | 7.7                | -3.0                        | -2.7                               | 141.3 | 41.8   |
| Nov 14                          | 170.0             | 131.8 | 38.3   | 7.1                  | 9.8  | 3.7    | 175.7                 | 7.4                | -7.4                        | -4.8                               | 136.1 | 39.6   |
| Dec 12                          | 172.1             | 134.1 | 38.0   | 7.2                  | 10.0 | 3.7    | 172.8                 | 7.2                | -2.9                        | -4.4                               | 133.7 | 39.1   |
| 1997 Jan 9                      | 176.6             | 137.5 | 39.1   | 7.4                  | 10.2 | 3.8    | 166.7                 | 7.0                | -6.1                        | -5.5                               | 129.1 | 37.6   |
| Feb 13                          | 169.9             | 132.3 | 37.6   | 7.1                  | 9.8  | 3.6    | 161.2                 | 6.8                | -5.5                        | -4.8                               | 124.9 | 36.3   |
| Mar 13 R                        | 162.7             | 126.8 | 35.9   | 6.8                  | 9.4  | 3.4    | 158.2                 | 6.6                | -3.0                        | -4.9                               | 122.6 | 35.6   |
| Apr 10 P                        | 158.3             | 123.4 | 34.9   | 6.6                  | 9.2  | 3.4    | 153.5                 | 6.4                | -4.7                        | -4.4                               | 119.6 | 33.9   |

See footnotes to Tables 2.1 and 2.2.

## CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Government office regions 2.3

THOUSANDS

|                      | NUMBER UNEMPLOYED |       |        | PER CENT WORKFORCE * |      |        | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------|
|                      | All               | Male  | Female | All                  | Male | Female | Number                | Per cent workforce | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Male  | Female |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b> |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )               | 183.8             | 140.8 | 43.0   | 9.6                  | 13.0 | 5.1    | 182.5                 | 9.5                |                             |                                    | 140.1 | 42.4   |
| 1994 ) Annual        | 168.8             | 128.7 | 40.1   | 8.8                  | 11.7 | 4.9    | 167.6                 | 8.7                |                             |                                    | 128.0 | 38.6   |
| 1995 ) average       | 148.3             | 112.5 | 35.7   | 7.7                  | 10.3 | 4.2    | 147.2                 | 7.6                |                             |                                    | 111.9 | 35.3   |
| 1996 )               | 133.6             | 101.0 | 32.5   | 6.9                  | 9.4  | 3.8    | 132.5                 | 6.8                |                             |                                    | 100.4 | 32.1   |
| 1996 Apr 11          | 142.1             | 108.1 | 34.0   | 7.3                  | 10.1 | 3.9    | 138.6                 | 7.2                | -0.5                        | -0.7                               | 105.0 | 33.6   |
| May 9                | 136.5             | 104.2 | 32.3   | 7.0                  | 9.7  | 3.7    | 137.0                 | 7.1                | -1.6                        | -1.5                               | 103.9 | 33.1   |
| Jun 13               | 131.3             | 100.0 | 31.3   | 6.8                  | 9.3  | 3.6    | 135.0                 | 7.0                | -2.0                        | -1.4                               | 102.2 | 32.8   |
| Jul 11               | 134.8             | 100.5 | 34.3   | 7.0                  | 9.4  | 4.0    | 133.4                 | 6.9                | -1.6                        | -1.7                               | 101.0 | 32.4   |
| Aug 8                | 135.7             | 100.2 | 35.5   | 7.0                  | 9.3  | 4.1    | 132.0                 | 6.8                | -1.4                        | -1.7                               | 99.9  | 32.1   |
| Sep 12               | 130.7             | 97.1  | 33.6   | 6.7                  | 9.0  | 3.9    | 129.5                 | 6.7                | -2.5                        | -1.8                               | 98.0  | 31.5   |
| Oct 10               | 121.4             | 91.0  | 30.4   | 6.3                  | 8.5  | 3.5    | 126.5                 | 6.5                | -3.0                        | -2.3                               | 95.6  | 30.9   |
| Nov 14               | 114.3             | 86.5  | 27.7   | 5.9                  | 8.1  | 3.2    | 120.1                 | 6.2                | -6.4                        | -4.0                               | 91.1  | 29.0   |
| Dec 12               | 114.6             | 87.6  | 27.0   | 5.9                  | 8.2  | 3.1    | 116.2                 | 6.0                | -3.9                        | -4.4                               | 88.2  | 28.0   |
| 1997 Jan 9           | 118.8             | 91.2  | 27.7   | 6.1                  | 8.5  | 3.2    | 114.4                 | 5.8                | -4.8                        | -5.0                               | 84.9  | 26.5   |
| Feb 13               | 113.8             | 87.5  | 26.3   | 5.9                  | 8.1  | 3.0    | 106.5                 | 5.5                | -4.9                        | -4.5                               | 81.3  | 25.2   |
| Mar 13 R             | 108.7             | 83.5  | 25.2   | 5.6                  | 7.8  | 2.9    | 105.0                 | 5.4                | -1.5                        | -3.7                               | 79.9  | 25.1   |
| Apr 10 P             | 104.8             | 80.5  | 24.3   | 5.4                  | 7.5  | 2.8    | 101.4                 | 5.2                | -3.6                        | -3.3                               | 77.4  | 24.0   |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b> |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )               | 281.9             | 215.6 | 66.3   | 10.9                 | 14.6 | 6.1    | 280.6                 | 10.8               |                             |                                    | 214.9 | 65.8   |
| 1994 ) Annual        | 246.2             | 186.8 | 59.4   | 9.9                  | 13.3 | 5.5    | 244                   |                    |                             |                                    |       |        |



## 2.3 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Government office regions

THOUSANDS

|                   | NUMBER UNEMPLOYED |       |        | PER CENT WORKFORCE * |      |        | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                      |                             |                                    |       |        |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------|
|                   | All               | Male  | Female | All                  | Male | Female | Number                | Per cent workforce * | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Male  | Female |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b> |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                      |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )            | 318.6             | 244.7 | 73.9   | 8.7                  | 12.1 | 4.5    | 316.8                 | 8.7                  |                             |                                    | 243.7 | 73.2   |
| 1994 ) Annual     | 272.8             | 208.5 | 64.3   | 7.3                  | 10.1 | 3.9    | 271.9                 | 7.3                  |                             |                                    | 208.0 | 63.9   |
| 1995 ) average    | 229.0             | 173.8 | 55.1   | 6.2                  | 8.4  | 3.4    | 228.6                 | 6.2                  |                             |                                    | 173.5 | 55.2   |
| 1996 )            | 200.2             | 151.3 | 48.9   | 5.4                  | 7.4  | 3.0    | 199.6                 | 5.4                  |                             |                                    | 151.0 | 48.6   |
| 1996 Apr 11       | 212.4             | 161.7 | 50.7   | 5.8                  | 7.9  | 3.1    | 208.8                 | 5.7                  | -1.7                        | -2.2                               | 158.4 | 50.4   |
| May 9             | 204.6             | 156.2 | 48.4   | 5.5                  | 7.6  | 3.0    | 207.4                 | 5.6                  | -1.4                        | -2.1                               | 157.2 | 50.2   |
| Jun 13            | 196.9             | 149.8 | 47.1   | 5.3                  | 7.3  | 2.9    | 204.7                 | 5.5                  | -2.7                        | -1.9                               | 154.6 | 50.1   |
| Jul 11            | 201.2             | 150.7 | 50.4   | 5.4                  | 7.3  | 3.1    | 202.0                 | 5.5                  | -2.7                        | -2.3                               | 152.5 | 49.5   |
| Aug 8             | 203.1             | 150.6 | 52.6   | 5.5                  | 7.3  | 3.2    | 198.6                 | 5.4                  | -3.4                        | -2.9                               | 150.2 | 48.4   |
| Sep 12            | 196.0             | 145.4 | 50.6   | 5.3                  | 7.1  | 3.1    | 194.5                 | 5.3                  | -4.1                        | -3.4                               | 146.6 | 47.9   |
| Oct 10            | 183.3             | 137.1 | 46.2   | 5.0                  | 6.7  | 2.8    | 189.8                 | 5.1                  | -4.7                        | -4.1                               | 142.9 | 46.9   |
| Nov 14            | 171.1             | 129.2 | 42.0   | 4.6                  | 6.3  | 2.6    | 178.4                 | 4.8                  | -11.4                       | -6.7                               | 135.2 | 43.2   |
| Dec 12            | 169.7             | 129.0 | 40.7   | 4.6                  | 6.3  | 2.5    | 171.9                 | 4.7                  | -6.5                        | -7.5                               | 129.8 | 42.1   |
| 1997 Jan 9        | 173.2             | 132.3 | 40.9   | 4.7                  | 6.4  | 2.5    | 164.0                 | 4.4                  | -7.9                        | -8.6                               | 124.8 | 39.2   |
| Feb 13            | 163.5             | 125.2 | 38.4   | 4.4                  | 6.1  | 2.3    | 153.3                 | 4.2                  | -10.7                       | -8.4                               | 116.6 | 36.7   |
| Mar 13 R          | 153.7             | 117.8 | 35.9   | 4.2                  | 5.7  | 2.2    | 149.7                 | 4.1                  | -3.6                        | -7.4                               | 113.8 | 35.9   |
| Apr 10 P          | 146.2             | 112.1 | 34.1   | 4.0                  | 5.4  | 2.1    | 142.8                 | 3.9                  | -6.9                        | -7.1                               | 109.0 | 33.8   |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b> |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                      |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )            | 217.8             | 164.6 | 53.2   | 9.5                  | 12.7 | 5.5    | 216.4                 | 9.5                  |                             |                                    | 163.8 | 52.6   |
| 1994 ) Annual     | 191.7             | 143.9 | 47.8   | 8.2                  | 10.9 | 4.6    | 190.4                 | 8.1                  |                             |                                    | 143.2 | 47.2   |
| 1995 ) average    | 166.3             | 124.1 | 42.3   | 7.1                  | 9.5  | 4.1    | 164.9                 | 7.0                  |                             |                                    | 123.3 | 41.6   |
| 1996 )            | 148.2             | 110.3 | 38.0   | 6.3                  | 8.4  | 3.6    | 146.9                 | 6.2                  |                             |                                    | 109.5 | 37.4   |
| 1996 Apr 11       | 156.5             | 117.2 | 39.3   | 6.6                  | 8.9  | 3.8    | 153.3                 | 6.5                  | -0.1                        | -0.8                               | 114.2 | 39.1   |
| May 9             | 149.6             | 112.4 | 37.1   | 6.3                  | 8.6  | 3.5    | 152.4                 | 6.5                  | -0.9                        | -1.2                               | 113.6 | 38.8   |
| Jun 13            | 142.9             | 107.4 | 35.6   | 6.1                  | 8.2  | 3.4    | 150.5                 | 6.4                  | -1.9                        | -1.0                               | 111.9 | 38.6   |
| Jul 11            | 146.4             | 108.3 | 38.2   | 6.2                  | 8.2  | 3.6    | 148.8                 | 6.3                  | -1.7                        | -1.5                               | 110.6 | 38.2   |
| Aug 8             | 147.8             | 108.3 | 39.5   | 6.3                  | 8.3  | 3.8    | 146.8                 | 6.2                  | -2.0                        | -1.9                               | 109.4 | 37.4   |
| Sep 12            | 143.5             | 105.6 | 37.9   | 6.1                  | 8.0  | 3.6    | 143.4                 | 6.1                  | -3.4                        | -2.4                               | 106.9 | 36.5   |
| Oct 10            | 135.5             | 100.3 | 35.2   | 5.7                  | 7.6  | 3.4    | 139.8                 | 5.9                  | -3.6                        | -3.0                               | 104.3 | 35.5   |
| Nov 14            | 130.5             | 96.7  | 33.8   | 5.5                  | 7.4  | 3.2    | 133.1                 | 5.6                  | -6.7                        | -4.6                               | 99.3  | 33.8   |
| Dec 12            | 131.1             | 97.8  | 33.3   | 5.6                  | 7.5  | 3.2    | 129.4                 | 5.5                  | -3.7                        | -4.7                               | 96.4  | 33.0   |
| 1997 Jan 9        | 135.8             | 101.4 | 34.4   | 5.8                  | 7.7  | 3.3    | 124.4                 | 5.3                  | -5.0                        | -5.1                               | 93.0  | 31.4   |
| Feb 13            | 128.4             | 96.1  | 32.3   | 5.4                  | 7.3  | 3.1    | 118.5                 | 5.0                  | -5.9                        | -4.9                               | 88.8  | 29.7   |
| Mar 13 R          | 120.0             | 90.2  | 29.8   | 5.1                  | 6.9  | 2.8    | 115.1                 | 4.9                  | -3.4                        | -4.8                               | 85.0  | 29.0   |
| Apr 10 P          | 114.0             | 86.2  | 27.8   | 4.8                  | 6.6  | 2.7    | 111.3                 | 4.7                  | -3.8                        | -4.4                               | 81.9  | 27.6   |
| <b>WALES</b>      |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                      |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )            | 131.1             | 103.2 | 28.0   | 10.4                 | 14.4 | 5.1    | 130.3                 | 10.3                 |                             |                                    | 102.7 | 27.6   |
| 1994 ) Annual     | 120.7             | 94.1  | 26.6   | 9.4                  | 12.7 | 4.9    | 119.9                 | 9.3                  |                             |                                    | 93.6  | 26.3   |
| 1995 ) average    | 107.8             | 83.4  | 24.4   | 8.8                  | 12.2 | 4.5    | 106.9                 | 8.7                  |                             |                                    | 82.9  | 24.0   |
| 1996 )            | 102.7             | 79.2  | 23.5   | 8.2                  | 11.4 | 4.3    | 101.7                 | 8.2                  |                             |                                    | 78.6  | 23.1   |
| 1996 Apr 11       | 106.8             | 82.6  | 24.2   | 8.6                  | 11.9 | 4.4    | 105.5                 | 8.5                  | 0.8                         | 0.5                                | 81.5  | 24.0   |
| May 9             | 102.5             | 79.7  | 22.8   | 8.2                  | 11.5 | 4.1    | 104.6                 | 8.4                  | -0.9                        | -0.3                               | 80.7  | 23.9   |
| Jun 13            | 99.6              | 77.2  | 22.4   | 8.0                  | 11.1 | 4.1    | 103.8                 | 8.3                  | -0.8                        | -0.3                               | 79.8  | 24.0   |
| Jul 11            | 104.1             | 79.1  | 25.0   | 8.4                  | 11.4 | 4.5    | 102.8                 | 8.3                  | -1.0                        | -0.9                               | 79.2  | 23.6   |
| Aug 8             | 105.3             | 79.1  | 26.2   | 8.5                  | 11.4 | 4.7    | 102.0                 | 8.2                  | -0.8                        | -0.9                               | 78.5  | 23.5   |
| Sep 12            | 102.5             | 77.8  | 24.7   | 8.2                  | 11.2 | 4.5    | 100.5                 | 8.1                  | -1.5                        | -1.1                               | 77.6  | 22.9   |
| Oct 10            | 96.6              | 74.3  | 22.3   | 7.8                  | 10.7 | 4.0    | 99.3                  | 8.0                  | -1.2                        | -1.2                               | 76.7  | 22.6   |
| Nov 14            | 92.5              | 71.9  | 20.6   | 7.4                  | 10.4 | 3.7    | 95.0                  | 7.6                  | -4.3                        | -2.3                               | 73.7  | 21.3   |
| Dec 12            | 93.1              | 72.6  | 20.5   | 7.5                  | 10.5 | 3.7    | 92.8                  | 7.4                  | -2.2                        | -2.6                               | 71.9  | 20.9   |
| 1997 Jan 9        | 96.4              | 75.3  | 21.1   | 7.7                  | 10.9 | 3.8    | 90.0                  | 7.2                  | -2.8                        | -3.1                               | 70.0  | 20.0   |
| Feb 13            | 91.8              | 71.7  | 20.1   | 7.4                  | 10.3 | 3.6    | 86.9                  | 7.0                  | -3.1                        | -2.7                               | 67.6  | 19.3   |
| Mar 13 R          | 87.0              | 68.1  | 18.9   | 7.0                  | 9.8  | 3.4    | 85.0                  | 6.8                  | -1.9                        | -2.6                               | 66.2  | 18.8   |
| Apr 10 P          | 83.6              | 65.6  | 18.0   | 6.7                  | 9.5  | 3.3    | 82.4                  | 6.6                  | -2.6                        | -2.5                               | 64.6  | 17.8   |
| <b>SCOTLAND</b>   |                   |       |        |                      |      |        |                       |                      |                             |                                    |       |        |
| 1993 )            | 246.4             | 189.5 | 56.9   | 9.9                  | 13.7 | 5.1    | 243.3                 | 9.7                  |                             |                                    | 187.7 | 55.6   |
| 1994 ) Annual     | 231.5             | 178.6 | 52.8   | 9.4                  | 13.0 | 4.8    | 228.4                 | 9.3                  |                             |                                    | 176.8 | 51.5   |
| 1995 ) average    | 203.5             | 156.3 | 47.2   | 8.2                  | 11.6 | 4.2    | 200.3                 | 8.1                  |                             |                                    | 154.5 | 45.9   |
| 1996 )            | 195.1             | 149.3 | 45.7   | 8.0                  | 11.3 | 4.1    | 191.9                 | 7.9                  |                             |                                    | 147.5 | 44.4   |
| 1996 Apr 11       | 201.3             | 154.6 | 46.7   | 8.2                  | 11.7 | 4.1    | 197.4                 | 8.1                  | 2.4                         | 1.3                                | 151.6 | 45.8   |
| May 9             | 194.7             | 150.5 | 44.2   | 8.0                  | 11.4 | 3.9    | 196.6                 | 8.0                  | -0.8                        | 0.4                                | 150.9 | 45.7   |
| Jun 13            | 191.7             | 147.6 | 44.1   | 7.8                  | 11.2 | 3.9    | 196.4                 | 8.0                  | -0.2                        | 0.5                                | 150.3 | 46.1   |
| Jul 11            | 206.1             | 152.8 | 53.3   | 8.4                  | 11.6 | 4.7    | 194.7                 | 8.0                  | -1.7                        | -0.9                               | 148.7 | 46.0   |
| Aug 8             | 206.4             | 152.5 | 53.9   | 8.4                  | 11.6 | 4.8    | 194.0                 | 7.9                  | -0.7                        | -0.9                               | 148.2 | 45.8   |
| Sep 12            | 191.1             | 145.3 | 45.8   | 7.8                  | 11.0 | 4.1    | 191.3                 | 7.8                  | -2.7                        | -1.7                               | 146.4 | 44.9   |
| Oct 10            | 183.4             | 141.2 | 42.2   | 7.5                  | 10.7 | 3.7    | 188.9                 | 7.7                  | -2.4                        | -1.9                               | 145.0 | 43.9   |
| Nov 14            | 176.4             | 136.7 | 39.7   | 7.2                  | 10.4 | 3.5    | 181.4                 | 7.4                  | -7.5                        | -4.2                               | 140.1 | 41.3   |
| Dec 12            | 178.1             | 138.8 | 39.2   | 7.3                  | 10.5 | 3.5    | 178.7                 | 7.3                  | -2.7                        | -4.2                               | 138.3 | 40.4   |
| 1997 Jan 9        | 185.6             | 144.5 | 41.1   | 7.6                  | 11.0 | 3.6    | 173.3                 | 7.1                  | -5.4                        | -5.2                               | 134.5 | 38.8   |
| Feb 13            | 179.6             | 139.6 | 39.9   | 7.3                  | 10.6 | 3.5    | 169.7                 | 6.9                  | -3.6                        | -3.9                               | 132.0 | 37.7   |
| Mar 13 R          | 172.1             | 134.1 | 38.0   | 7.0                  | 10.2 | 3.4    | 167.6                 | 6.9                  | -2.1                        | -3.7                               | 130.3 | 37.3   |
| Apr 10 P          | 166.2             | 129.4 | 36.8   | 6.8                  | 9.8  | 3.3    | 162.0                 | 6.6                  | -5.6                        | -3.8                               | 126.2 | 35.8   |

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## CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Government office regions

2.3  
THOUSANDS

|                         | NUMBER UNEMPLOYED |      |        | PER CENT WORKFORCE * |      |        | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                      |                             |                                    |      |        |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------|--------|----------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------|--------|
|                         | All               | Male | Female | All                  | Male | Female | Number                | Per cent workforce * | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Male | Female |
| <b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b> |                   |      |        |                      |      |        |                       |                      |                             |                                    |      |        |
| 1993 )                  | 105.1             | 80.7 | 24.5   | 14.1                 | 18.6 | 7.8    | 103.7                 | 13.8                 |                             |                                    | 80.1 | 23.6   |
| 1994 ) Annual           | 97.3              | 75.3 | 21.9   | 12.7                 | 16.6 | 6.9    | 97.1                  | 12.6                 |                             |                                    | 75.2 | 21.8   |
| 1995 ) average          | 88.2              | 68.7 | 19.5   | 11.4                 | 15.3 | 6.0    | 88.1                  | 11.4                 |                             |                                    | 68.6 | 19.5   |
| 1996 )                  | 84.2              | 65.0 | 19.1   | 10.9                 | 14.7 | 5.8    | 84.0                  | 10.9                 |                             |                                    | 65.0 | 19.0   |
| 1996 Apr 11             | 85.5              | 66.8 | 18.7   | 11.1                 | 15.1 | 5.7    | 86.0                  | 11.2                 | 0.7                         | 0.1                                | 66.6 | 19.4   |
| May 9                   | 82.7              | 65.2 | 17.5   | 10.8                 | 14.8 | 5.4    | 85.7                  | 11.1                 | -0.3                        | 0.0                                | 66.5 | 19.2   |
| Jun 13                  | 84.7              | 65.5 | 19.2   | 11.0                 | 14.8 | 5.9    | 86.7                  | 11.3                 | 1.0                         | 0.5                                | 66.8 | 19.9   |
| Jul 11                  | 90.8              | 67.5 | 23.3   | 11.8                 | 15.3 | 7.1    | 86.7                  | 11.3                 | 0.0                         | 0.2                                | 66.5 | 20.2   |
| Aug 8                   | 92.6              | 68.3 | 24.3   | 12.0                 | 15.5 | 7.4    | 87.4                  | 11.4                 | 0.7                         | 0.6                                | 66.8 | 20.6   |
| Sep 12                  | 89.7              | 67.4 | 22.3   | 11.7                 | 15.2 | 6.8    | 85.8                  | 11.2                 | -1.6                        | -0.3                               | 65.9 | 19.9   |
| Oct 10                  | 81.6              | 62.8 | 18.8   | 10.6                 | 14.2 | 5.8    | 82.4                  | 10.7                 | -3.4                        | -1.4                               | 63.5 | 18.9   |
| Nov 14                  | 73.9              | 57.8 | 16.2   | 9.6                  | 13.1 | 4.9    | 76.0                  | 9.9                  | -6.4                        | -3.8                               | 59.0 | 17.0   |
| Dec 12                  | 71.9              | 56.7 | 15.3   | 9.4                  | 12.8 | 4.7    | 74.3                  | 9.7                  | -1.7                        | -3.8                               | 57.6 | 16.7   |
| 1997 Jan 9              | 70.8              | 56.0 | 14.8   | 9.2                  | 12.7 | 4.5    | 71.0                  | 9.2                  | -3.3                        | -3.8                               | 55.2 | 15.8   |
| Feb 13                  | 67.5              | 53.8 | 13.8   | 8.8                  | 12.2 | 4.2    | 68.2                  | 8.9                  | -2.8                        | -2.6                               | 53.2 | 15.0   |
| Mar 13 R                | 65.7              | 52.5 | 13.2   | 8.6                  | 11.9 | 4.0    | 67.0                  | 8.7                  | -1.2                        | -2.4                               | 52.4 | 14.6   |
| Apr 10 P                | 63.8              | 51.1 | 12.7   | 8.3                  | 11.6 | 3.9    | 64.8                  | 8.4                  | -2.2                        | -2.1                               | 51.2 | 13.6   |

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## 2.3 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Standard statistical regions+

|                    | NUMBER UNEMPLOYED |              |              | PER CENT WORKFORCE* |             |            | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED # |                     |                             |                                    | THOUSANDS    |              |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                    | All               | Male         | Female       | All                 | Male        | Female     | Number                | Per cent workforce* | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Male         | Female       |
|                    |                   |              |              |                     |             |            |                       |                     |                             |                                    |              |              |
| <b>NORTH</b>       |                   |              |              |                     |             |            |                       |                     |                             |                                    |              |              |
| 1993 )             | 169.3             | 134.9        | 34.4         | 12.0                | 16.7        | 5.7        | 168.3                 | 11.9                |                             |                                    | 134.4        | 33.9         |
| 1994 ) Annual      | 160.4             | 128.0        | 32.4         | 11.6                | 16.5        | 5.4        | 127.4                 | 11.6                |                             |                                    | 127.4        | 31.9         |
| 1995 ) average     | 148.2             | 118.1        | 30.1         | 10.9                | 15.4        | 5.1        | 147.0                 | 10.8                |                             |                                    | 117.4        | 29.6         |
| 1996 )             | 134.9             | 106.7        | 28.2         | 10.0                | 14.3        | 4.7        | 133.6                 | 9.9                 |                             |                                    | 105.9        | 27.7         |
| 1996 Apr 11        | 143.5             | 113.6        | 29.9         | 10.6                | 15.2        | 4.9        | 140.5                 | 10.4                | 0.0                         | -0.2                               | 111.2        | 29.3         |
| May 9              | 137.8             | 109.7        | 28.1         | 10.2                | 14.7        | 4.6        | 138.6                 | 10.3                | -1.9                        | -1.1                               | 109.7        | 28.9         |
| Jun 13             | 133.3             | 105.9        | 27.4         | 9.9                 | 14.2        | 4.5        | 136.6                 | 10.1                | -2.0                        | -1.3                               | 108.0        | 28.6         |
| Jul 11             | 135.8             | 106.3        | 29.6         | 10.0                | 14.2        | 4.9        | 134.7                 | 10.0                | -1.9                        | -1.9                               | 106.6        | 28.1         |
| Aug 8              | 135.0             | 104.6        | 30.4         | 10.0                | 14.0        | 5.0        | 132.9                 | 9.8                 | -1.8                        | -1.9                               | 105.2        | 27.7         |
| Sep 12             | 131.2             | 102.1        | 29.0         | 9.7                 | 13.7        | 4.8        | 129.9                 | 9.6                 | -3.0                        | -2.2                               | 102.7        | 27.2         |
| Oct 10             | 123.7             | 97.2         | 26.5         | 9.2                 | 13.0        | 4.4        | 126.6                 | 9.4                 | -3.3                        | -2.7                               | 99.9         | 26.7         |
| Nov 14             | 119.7             | 95.1         | 24.6         | 8.9                 | 12.7        | 4.1        | 121.2                 | 9.0                 | -5.4                        | -3.9                               | 96.3         | 24.9         |
| Dec 12             | 119.5             | 95.6         | 23.9         | 8.8                 | 12.8        | 3.9        | 119.1                 | 8.8                 | -2.1                        | -3.6                               | 94.4         | 24.7         |
| 1997 Jan 9         | 123.1             | 98.1         | 25.0         | 9.1                 | 13.2        | 4.1        | 115.7                 | 8.6                 | -3.4                        | -3.6                               | 91.8         | 23.9         |
| Feb 13             | 117.8             | 93.6         | 24.1         | 8.7                 | 12.5        | 4.0        | 112.6                 | 8.3                 | -3.1                        | -2.9                               | 89.4         | 23.2         |
| Mar 13 R           | 113.8             | 90.8         | 23.1         | 8.4                 | 12.2        | 3.8        | 111.3                 | 8.2                 | -1.3                        | -2.6                               | 88.5         | 22.8         |
| <b>Apr 10 P</b>    | <b>111.8</b>      | <b>89.0</b>  | <b>22.7</b>  | <b>8.3</b>          | <b>11.9</b> | <b>3.8</b> | <b>108.5</b>          | <b>8.0</b>          | <b>-2.8</b>                 | <b>-2.4</b>                        | <b>86.5</b>  | <b>22.0</b>  |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>  |                   |              |              |                     |             |            |                       |                     |                             |                                    |              |              |
| 1993 )             | 324.3             | 252.7        | 71.5         | 10.8                | 15.0        | 5.4        | 321.8                 | 10.7                |                             |                                    | 251.3        | 70.5         |
| 1994 ) Annual      | 290.9             | 225.2        | 64.7         | 10.0                | 13.9        | 5.1        | 288.6                 | 10.0                |                             |                                    | 224.9        | 63.8         |
| 1995 ) average     | 254.0             | 197.0        | 57.1         | 8.8                 | 12.3        | 4.4        | 251.7                 | 8.7                 |                             |                                    | 195.6        | 56.1         |
| 1996 )             | 234.1             | 181.7        | 52.4         | 8.1                 | 11.3        | 4.1        | 232.0                 | 8.0                 |                             |                                    | 180.5        | 51.5         |
| 1996 Apr 11        | 245.0             | 190.7        | 54.2         | 8.4                 | 11.9        | 4.2        | 239.2                 | 8.2                 | -0.9                        | -0.3                               | 186.0        | 53.2         |
| May 9              | 237.1             | 185.6        | 51.5         | 8.2                 | 11.5        | 4.0        | 238.0                 | 8.2                 | -1.2                        | -1.5                               | 185.0        | 53.0         |
| Jun 13             | 232.1             | 181.2        | 50.9         | 8.0                 | 11.3        | 3.9        | 236.7                 | 8.2                 | -1.3                        | -1.1                               | 183.8        | 52.9         |
| Jul 11             | 239.0             | 183.5        | 55.5         | 8.2                 | 11.4        | 4.3        | 234.1                 | 8.1                 | -2.6                        | -1.7                               | 182.1        | 52.0         |
| Aug 8              | 241.2             | 183.2        | 58.0         | 8.3                 | 11.4        | 4.5        | 232.7                 | 8.0                 | -1.4                        | -1.8                               | 180.9        | 51.8         |
| Sep 12             | 233.7             | 178.9        | 54.7         | 8.1                 | 11.1        | 4.2        | 229.3                 | 7.9                 | -3.4                        | -2.5                               | 178.4        | 50.9         |
| Oct 10             | 218.5             | 169.0        | 49.4         | 7.5                 | 10.5        | 3.8        | 225.5                 | 7.8                 | -3.8                        | -2.9                               | 175.3        | 50.2         |
| Nov 14             | 206.7             | 161.3        | 45.4         | 7.1                 | 10.0        | 3.5        | 214.8                 | 7.4                 | -10.7                       | -6.0                               | 167.5        | 47.3         |
| Dec 12             | 207.5             | 162.8        | 44.6         | 7.1                 | 10.1        | 3.5        | 211.0                 | 7.3                 | -3.8                        | -6.1                               | 164.5        | 46.5         |
| 1997 Jan 9         | 214.8             | 168.2        | 46.6         | 7.4                 | 10.5        | 3.6        | 203.9                 | 7.0                 | -7.1                        | -7.2                               | 159.2        | 44.7         |
| Feb 13             | 206.9             | 162.3        | 44.6         | 7.1                 | 10.1        | 3.4        | 197.8                 | 6.8                 | -6.1                        | -5.7                               | 154.8        | 43.0         |
| Mar 13 R           | 198.1             | 155.8        | 42.3         | 6.8                 | 9.7         | 3.3        | 193.4                 | 6.7                 | -4.4                        | -5.9                               | 151.4        | 42.0         |
| <b>Apr 10 P</b>    | <b>192.2</b>      | <b>151.3</b> | <b>40.9</b>  | <b>6.6</b>          | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>3.2</b> | <b>187.1</b>          | <b>6.4</b>          | <b>-6.3</b>                 | <b>-5.6</b>                        | <b>147.0</b> | <b>40.1</b>  |
| <b>EAST ANGLIA</b> |                   |              |              |                     |             |            |                       |                     |                             |                                    |              |              |
| 1993 )             | 84.0              | 63.1         | 20.9         | 8.2                 | 10.7        | 4.7        | 83.4                  | 8.1                 |                             |                                    | 62.8         | 20.6         |
| 1994 ) Annual      | 74.2              | 55.3         | 18.9         | 7.1                 | 9.5         | 4.1        | 73.6                  | 7.1                 |                             |                                    | 55.0         | 18.6         |
| 1995 ) average     | 65.9              | 48.7         | 17.2         | 6.4                 | 8.3         | 3.9        | 65.4                  | 6.3                 |                             |                                    | 48.4         | 17.0         |
| 1996 )             | 60.6              | 44.9         | 15.7         | 5.9                 | 7.6         | 3.5        | 60.1                  | 5.8                 |                             |                                    | 44.7         | 15.4         |
| 1996 Apr 11        | 64.1              | 47.9         | 16.2         | 6.2                 | 8.2         | 3.7        | 61.5                  | 6.0                 | -0.2                        | -0.4                               | 45.8         | 15.7         |
| May 9              | 61.6              | 46.0         | 15.6         | 6.0                 | 7.8         | 3.5        | 61.5                  | 6.0                 | 0.0                         | -0.4                               | 45.7         | 15.8         |
| Jun 13             | 58.9              | 44.0         | 14.9         | 5.7                 | 7.5         | 3.4        | 61.0                  | 5.9                 | -0.5                        | -0.2                               | 45.4         | 15.6         |
| Jul 11             | 60.1              | 44.2         | 15.9         | 5.8                 | 7.5         | 3.6        | 60.7                  | 5.9                 | -0.3                        | -0.3                               | 45.1         | 15.6         |
| Aug 8              | 60.9              | 44.2         | 16.7         | 5.9                 | 7.5         | 3.8        | 60.7                  | 5.9                 | 0.0                         | -0.3                               | 45.0         | 15.7         |
| Sep 12             | 59.2              | 43.2         | 16.0         | 5.8                 | 7.3         | 3.6        | 59.8                  | 5.8                 | -0.9                        | -0.4                               | 44.3         | 15.5         |
| Oct 10             | 55.3              | 40.7         | 14.6         | 5.4                 | 6.9         | 3.3        | 58.4                  | 5.7                 | -1.4                        | -0.8                               | 43.4         | 15.0         |
| Nov 14             | 53.5              | 39.7         | 13.7         | 5.2                 | 6.8         | 3.1        | 56.0                  | 5.4                 | -2.4                        | -1.6                               | 41.7         | 14.3         |
| Dec 12             | 53.9              | 40.3         | 13.6         | 5.2                 | 6.9         | 3.1        | 54.5                  | 5.3                 | -1.5                        | -1.8                               | 40.5         | 14.0         |
| 1997 Jan 9         | 56.1              | 42.1         | 14.0         | 5.4                 | 7.2         | 3.2        | 51.8                  | 5.0                 | -2.7                        | -2.2                               | 38.6         | 13.2         |
| Feb 13             | 53.4              | 40.0         | 13.4         | 5.2                 | 6.8         | 3.0        | 49.4                  | 4.8                 | -2.4                        | -2.2                               | 36.8         | 12.6         |
| Mar 13 R           | 50.6              | 38.0         | 12.6         | 4.9                 | 6.5         | 2.9        | 47.8                  | 4.6                 | -1.6                        | -2.2                               | 35.6         | 12.2         |
| <b>Apr 10 P</b>    | <b>48.5</b>       | <b>36.5</b>  | <b>12.0</b>  | <b>4.7</b>          | <b>6.2</b>  | <b>2.7</b> | <b>46.3</b>           | <b>4.5</b>          | <b>-1.5</b>                 | <b>-1.8</b>                        | <b>34.6</b>  | <b>11.7</b>  |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>  |                   |              |              |                     |             |            |                       |                     |                             |                                    |              |              |
| 1993 )             | 929.9             | 700.3        | 229.6        | 10.2                | 13.5        | 5.8        | 925.6                 | 10.2                |                             |                                    | 698.0        | 227.6        |
| 1994 ) Annual      | 828.3             | 622.2        | 206.1        | 9.0                 | 12.1        | 5.1        | 824.1                 | 9.0                 |                             |                                    | 619.9        | 204.2        |
| 1995 ) average     | 725.2             | 542.0        | 183.1        | 7.9                 | 10.6        | 4.5        | 720.9                 | 7.9                 |                             |                                    | 539.7        | 181.1        |
| 1996 )             | 648.5             | 482.1        | 166.3        | 7.1                 | 9.5         | 4.1        | 644.0                 | 7.0                 |                             |                                    | 479.7        | 164.3        |
| 1996 Apr 11        | 679.4             | 508.3        | 171.1        | 7.4                 | 10.0        | 4.2        | 668.3                 | 7.3                 | -6.2                        | -5.8                               | 498.8        | 169.5        |
| May 9              | 660.0             | 494.6        | 165.3        | 7.2                 | 9.7         | 4.1        | 663.3                 | 7.3                 | -5.0                        | -6.6                               | 494.6        | 168.7        |
| Jun 13             | 644.9             | 481.9        | 163.0        | 7.1                 | 9.5         | 4.0        | 657.7                 | 7.2                 | -5.6                        | -5.6                               | 489.0        | 168.7        |
| Jul 11             | 654.6             | 483.2        | 171.4        | 7.2                 | 9.5         | 4.2        | 650.0                 | 7.1                 | -7.7                        | -6.1                               | 483.6        | 166.4        |
| Aug 8              | 661.1             | 483.3        | 177.8        | 7.2                 | 9.5         | 4.4        | 643.5                 | 7.0                 | -6.5                        | -6.6                               | 478.8        | 164.7        |
| Sep 12             | 644.8             | 471.8        | 173.0        | 7.1                 | 9.3         | 4.3        | 632.1                 | 6.9                 | -11.4                       | -8.5                               | 469.9        | 162.2        |
| Oct 10             | 607.2             | 447.7        | 159.5        | 6.6                 | 8.8         | 3.9        | 615.5                 | 6.7                 | -16.6                       | -11.5                              | 457.5        | 158.0        |
| Nov 14             | 570.1             | 422.9        | 147.2        | 6.2                 | 8.3         | 3.6        | 585.7                 | 6.4                 | -29.8                       | -19.3                              | 436.0        | 149.7        |
| Dec 12             | 563.8             | 420.4        | 143.4        | 6.2                 | 8.2         | 3.5        | 568.4                 | 6.2                 | -17.3                       | -21.2                              | 422.0        | 146.4        |
| 1997 Jan 9         | 563.8             | 422.6        | 141.2        | 6.2                 | 8.3         | 3.5        | 546.2                 | 6.0                 | -22.2                       | -23.1                              | 407.1        | 139.1        |
| Feb 13             | 539.5             | 404.8        | 134.7        | 5.9                 | 7.9         | 3.3        | 523.2                 | 5.7                 | -23.0                       | -20.8                              | 390.2        | 133.0        |
| Mar 13 R           | 514.5             | 386.3        | 128.2        | 5.6                 | 7.6         | 3.2        | 507.8                 | 5.6                 | -15.4                       | -20.2                              | 378.6        | 129.2        |
| <b>Apr 10 P</b>    | <b>496.1</b>      | <b>372.1</b> | <b>124.0</b> | <b>5.4</b>          | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>3.1</b> | <b>488.6</b>          | <b>5.3</b>          | <b>-19.2</b>                | <b>-19.2</b>                       | <b>365.1</b> | <b>123.5</b> |

See footnotes to Tables 2.1 and 2.2.  
+ Where different from government office regions.

## CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Area statistics 2.4

Unemployment by Travel-to-Work Areas+ as at April 10 1997

| TRAVEL TO WORK AREAS        | Male   |                                   |                    | Female |                                   |                    | All    |                                   |                    | Rate # |                                   | Male               |        |                                   | Female             |        |                                   | All                |        |                                   | Rates #            |  |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|
|                             | Number | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce | Number | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce | Number | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce | Rate # | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce | Rate # | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce | Rate # | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce | Rate # | per cent employees and unemployed | per cent workforce |  |
|                             |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Hastings                    | 3,757  |                                   |                    | 1,013  |                                   |                    | 4,770  |                                   |                    | 9.7    |                                   |                    | 7.5    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Haverhill                   | 483    |                                   |                    | 208    |                                   |                    | 691    |                                   |                    | 5.4    |                                   |                    | 4.5    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Heathrow                    | 23,809 |                                   |                    | 8,131  |                                   |                    | 31,940 |                                   |                    | 4.6    |                                   |                    | 4.0    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Helston                     | 547    |                                   |                    | 244    |                                   |                    | 791    |                                   |                    | 12.7   |                                   |                    | 8.5    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Hereford and Leominster     | 1,945  |                                   |                    | 734    |                                   |                    | 2,679  |                                   |                    | 5.8    |                                   |                    | 4.7    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Hertford and Harlow         | 6,971  |                                   |                    | 2,324  |                                   |                    | 9,295  |                                   |                    | 4.0    |                                   |                    | 3.5    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Hexham                      | 623    |                                   |                    | 217    |                                   |                    | 840    |                                   |                    | 5.7    |                                   |                    | 4.3    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Hitchin and Letchworth      | 1,865  |                                   |                    | 686    |                                   |                    | 2,551  |                                   |                    | 4.8    |                                   |                    | 4.1    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Honiton and Axminster       | 575    |                                   |                    | 188    |                                   |                    | 763    |                                   |                    | 4.9    |                                   |                    | 3.3    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Horncastle and Market Rasen | 507    |                                   |                    | 206    |                                   |                    | 713    |                                   |                    | 6.9    |                                   |                    | 4.8    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Huddersfield                | 4,627  |                                   |                    | 1,411  |                                   |                    | 6,038  |                                   |                    | 5.5    |                                   |                    | 4.9    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Hull                        | 11,951 |                                   |                    | 3,536  |                                   |                    | 15,487 |                                   |                    | 8.3    |                                   |                    | 7.4    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Huntingdon and St.Neots     | 1,396  |                                   |                    | 553    |                                   |                    | 1,949  |                                   |                    | 3.6    |                                   |                    | 3.1    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Ipswich                     | 4,309  |                                   |                    | 1,324  |                                   |                    | 5,633  |                                   |                    | 5.4    |                                   |                    | 4.7    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Isle of Wight               | 3,431  |                                   |                    | 1,109  |                                   |                    | 4,540  |                                   |                    | 10.8   |                                   |                    | 9.3    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Keighley                    | 1,475  |                                   |                    | 532    |                                   |                    | 2,007  |                                   |                    | 6.8    |                                   |                    | 5.7    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |
| Kendal                      | 584    |                                   |                    | 196    |                                   |                    | 780    |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |        |                                   |                    |  |



# 2.4 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT

## Area statistics

Unemployment by Travel-to-Work Areas+ as at April 10 1997

|                               | Male   |       | Female |      | All  |  | Rate #                             |                     |       | Male  |       | Female |      | All |  | Rates # |                                    |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|------|------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-----|--|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                               |        |       |        |      |      |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
|                               |        |       |        |      |      |  | per cent employees and unem-ployed | per cent workforce  |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         | per cent employees and unem-ployed | per cent workforce |
| South Tyneside                | 5,942  | 1,428 | 7,370  | 15.5 | 13.9 |  |                                    | South Pembrokeshire | 1,363 | 376   | 1,739 | 14.3   | 10.7 |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Southampton                   | 8,010  | 2,143 | 10,153 | 5.7  | 4.8  |  |                                    | Swansea             | 6,317 | 1,572 | 7,889 | 8.3    | 7.3  |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Southend                      | 15,708 | 4,923 | 20,631 | 8.5  | 7.0  |  |                                    | Wrexham             | 2,332 | 691   | 3,023 | 5.0    | 3.4  |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Spalding and Holbeach         | 586    | 224   | 810    | 4.1  | 2.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| St.Austell                    | 1,464  | 488   | 1,952  | 8.5  | 6.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Stafford                      | 1,925  | 647   | 2,572  | 4.2  | 3.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Stamford                      | 534    | 235   | 769    | 4.5  | 3.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Stockton-on-Tees              | 5,891  | 1,581 | 7,472  | 9.8  | 9.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Stoke                         | 8,046  | 2,390 | 10,426 | 5.8  | 5.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Stroud                        | 1,308  | 467   | 1,775  | 5.0  | 3.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Sudbury                       | 703    | 244   | 947    | 5.4  | 4.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Sunderland                    | 12,625 | 2,961 | 15,586 | 10.2 | 9.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Swindon                       | 3,414  | 1,131 | 4,545  | 3.7  | 3.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Taunton                       | 1,859  | 551   | 2,410  | 5.1  | 4.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Telford and Bridgnorth        | 2,657  | 824   | 3,481  | 4.2  | 3.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Thanet                        | 4,127  | 1,101 | 5,228  | 13.9 | 11.0 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Thetford                      | 882    | 348   | 1,230  | 6.0  | 4.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Thirsk                        | 135    | 73    | 208    | 3.6  | 2.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Tiverton                      | 392    | 134   | 526    | 5.2  | 3.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Torbay                        | 3,527  | 1,011 | 4,538  | 9.1  | 6.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Torrington                    | 247    | 111   | 358    | 8.1  | 5.0  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Totnes                        | 399    | 184   | 583    | 7.7  | 5.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Trowbridge and Frome          | 1,802  | 631   | 2,433  | 5.1  | 4.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Truro                         | 1,249  | 423   | 1,672  | 6.6  | 5.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Tunbridge Wells               | 2,294  | 759   | 3,053  | 3.2  | 2.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Uttoxeter and Ashbourne       | 285    | 128   | 413    | 3.2  | 2.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wakefield and Dewsbury        | 6,452  | 1,669 | 8,121  | 7.6  | 6.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Walsall                       | 8,917  | 2,619 | 11,536 | 8.0  | 7.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wareham and Swanage           | 334    | 111   | 445    | 3.9  | 3.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Warminster                    | 271    | 101   | 372    | 4.6  | 3.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Warrington                    | 3,014  | 925   | 3,939  | 4.4  | 4.0  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Warwick                       | 2,032  | 685   | 2,717  | 3.2  | 2.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Watford and Luton             | 10,846 | 3,301 | 14,147 | 4.3  | 3.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wellingborough and Rushden    | 1,707  | 521   | 2,228  | 4.6  | 4.0  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wells                         | 1,122  | 402   | 1,524  | 6.1  | 4.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Weston-super-Mare             | 2,173  | 743   | 2,916  | 7.3  | 5.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Whitby                        | 496    | 151   | 647    | 9.9  | 6.5  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Whitchurch and Market Drayton | 436    | 176   | 612    | 4.2  | 3.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Whitehaven                    | 2,146  | 594   | 2,740  | 9.9  | 8.8  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Widnes and Runcom             | 3,869  | 1,119 | 4,988  | 8.6  | 7.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wigan and St.Helens           | 11,094 | 3,154 | 14,248 | 9.1  | 8.0  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Winchester and Eastleigh      | 1,309  | 387   | 1,696  | 2.2  | 1.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Windermere                    | 117    | 39    | 156    | 1.8  | 1.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wirral and Chester            | 14,004 | 3,871 | 17,875 | 9.1  | 8.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wisbech                       | 1,019  | 344   | 1,363  | 9.6  | 7.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Wolverhampton                 | 7,969  | 2,295 | 10,264 | 8.3  | 7.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Woodbridge and Leiston        | 863    | 251   | 1,114  | 5.2  | 4.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Worcester                     | 2,133  | 741   | 2,874  | 4.4  | 3.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Workington                    | 2,368  | 641   | 3,009  | 12.0 | 9.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Worksop                       | 1,599  | 416   | 2,015  | 8.5  | 7.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Worthing                      | 2,542  | 733   | 3,275  | 4.5  | 3.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Yeovil                        | 1,375  | 511   | 1,886  | 4.2  | 3.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| York                          | 3,685  | 1,209 | 4,894  | 4.7  | 4.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| <b>Wales</b>                  |        |       |        |      |      |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Aberdare                      | 1,443  | 316   | 1,759  | 12.9 | 10.8 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Aberystwyth                   | 565    | 170   | 735    | 7.5  | 5.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Bangor and Caernarfon         | 2,432  | 611   | 3,043  | 10.0 | 8.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Blaenau, Gwent & Abergaven    | 2,595  | 703   | 3,298  | 9.9  | 8.5  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Brecon                        | 268    | 117   | 385    | 4.6  | 3.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Bridgend                      | 2,757  | 845   | 3,602  | 6.4  | 5.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Cardiff                       | 11,562 | 3,027 | 14,589 | 6.8  | 6.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Cardigan                      | 542    | 185   | 727    | 10.0 | 6.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Cardiff                       | 810    | 243   | 1,053  | 5.5  | 4.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Conwy and Colwyn              | 2,184  | 567   | 2,751  | 9.4  | 7.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Denbigh                       | 485    | 160   | 645    | 7.6  | 5.2  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Dolgellau and Barmouth        | 283    | 97    | 380    | 8.6  | 6.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Fishguard                     | 253    | 87    | 340    | 13.8 | 7.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Haverfordwest                 | 1,640  | 436   | 2,076  | 13.6 | 10.5 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Holyhead                      | 1,710  | 498   | 2,208  | 15.2 | 12.0 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Lampeter and Aberaeron        | 419    | 131   | 550    | 11.2 | 7.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Llandeilo                     | 226    | 92    | 318    | 11.2 | 6.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Llandrindod Wells             | 353    | 131   | 484    | 6.1  | 4.0  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Llanelli                      | 2,401  | 699   | 3,100  | 10.5 | 8.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Machynlleth                   | 280    | 102   | 382    | 12.2 | 7.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Merthyr and Rhymney           | 3,910  | 884   | 4,794  | 10.6 | 9.4  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Monmouth                      | 189    | 69    | 258    | 6.7  | 4.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Neath and Port Talbot         | 2,578  | 702   | 3,280  | 8.4  | 7.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Newport                       | 4,608  | 1,318 | 5,926  | 7.6  | 6.9  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Newtown                       | 220    | 65    | 285    | 2.8  | 2.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Pontypool and Cwmbran         | 2,003  | 566   | 2,569  | 6.4  | 5.8  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Pontypridd and Rhondda        | 4,050  | 1,042 | 5,092  | 8.5  | 7.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Porthmadoc and Ffestiniog     | 449    | 160   | 609    | 10.0 | 7.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Pwllheli                      | 426    | 147   | 573    | 9.9  | 7.1  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Shotton, Flint and Rhyl       | 3,754  | 1,074 | 4,828  | 6.2  | 5.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| <b>Northern Ireland</b>       |        |       |        |      |      |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Ballymena                     | 1,248  | 402   | 1,650  | 6.8  | 5.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Belfast                       | 24,447 | 6,480 | 30,927 | 8.4  | 7.3  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Coleraine                     | 3,245  | 838   | 4,083  | 12.0 | 10.0 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Cookstown                     | 970    | 217   | 1,187  | 13.0 | 10.5 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Craigavon                     | 3,814  | 1,016 | 4,830  | 7.8  | 6.6  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Dungannon                     | 1,591  | 413   | 2,004  | 11.5 | 9.5  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Enniskillen                   | 2,101  | 504   | 2,605  | 12.7 | 10.2 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Londonderry                   | 6,046  | 1,231 | 7,277  | 13.9 | 12.0 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Magherafelt                   | 992    | 249   | 1,241  | 9.7  | 8.0  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Newry                         | 3,313  | 715   | 4,028  | 13.8 | 11.6 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Omagh                         | 1,695  | 406   | 2,101  | 11.9 | 9.7  |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |
| Strabane                      | 1,639  | 286   | 1,925  | 16.2 | 13.3 |  |                                    |                     |       |       |       |        |      |     |  |         |                                    |                    |

+ Travel-to-Work Areas (TTWA's) are defined in the supplement to the September 1984 *Employment Gazette*, with slight amendments as given in the October 1984 (p 467), March 1985 (p 126), February 1986 (p 86) and December 1987 (p S25) issues.  
 # Unemployment rates are calculated as a percentage of the estimated total workforce (the sum of employees in employment, unemployment claimants, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related Government-supported training programmes) and as a percentage of employees in employment and the unemployed only.  
 Data on claimant unemployment for Assisted Areas, which were redefined on 1 August 1993, are available from the Office for National Statistics Nomis database. Unemployment rates are available only for those Assisted Areas which map precisely to Travel-to-Work Areas. All the TTWA rates shown are calculated using mid-1996 based denominators.

# CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT

## Age and duration

THOUSANDS

| UNITED KINGDOM         | 18-24          |                            |               |       | 25-49          |                            |               |        | 50 and over    |                            |               |       | All ages +     |                            |               |        |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|--------|
|                        | Up to 26 weeks | Over 26 and up to 52 weeks | Over 52 weeks | All   | Up to 26 weeks | Over 26 and up to 52 weeks | Over 52 weeks | All    | Up to 26 weeks | Over 26 and up to 52 weeks | Over 52 weeks | All   | Up to 26 weeks | Over 26 and up to 52 weeks | Over 52 weeks | All    |
| <b>MALE AND FEMALE</b> |                |                            |               |       |                |                            |               |        |                |                            |               |       |                |                            |               |        |
| 1995                   | 316.8          | 150.3                      | 155.2         | 622.3 | 545.1          | 257.9                      | 554.8         | 1357.9 | 136.3          | 64.6                       | 176.5         | 377.3 | 1014.1         | 474.4                      | 886.7         | 2375.3 |
| Apr                    | 368.2          | 132.4                      | 153.3         | 653.8 | 525.3          | 243.9                      | 542.8         | 1312.1 | 124.0          | 62.2                       | 165.9         | 352.1 | 1033.9         |                            |               |        |



# 2.6 UNEMPLOYMENT

## Age and duration: April 10 1997

### Government office regions

| Duration of unemployment in weeks | Male  |        |             |           | Female  |        |             |           | Male              |        |             |           | Female  |        |             |           |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|--------|
|                                   | 18-24 | 25-49  | 50 and over | All ages* | 18-24   | 25-49  | 50 and over | All ages* | 18-24             | 25-49  | 50 and over | All ages* | 18-24   | 25-49  | 50 and over | All ages* |        |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>                 |       |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| 2 or less                         | 1,354 | 2,343  | 694         | 4,554     | 549     | 766    | 224         | 1,641     | <b>EASTERN</b>    |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| Over 2 and up to 4                | 1,163 | 2,229  | 602         | 4,125     | 457     | 623    | 193         | 1,344     | 1,482             | 3,045  | 1,002       | 5,615     | 764     | 1,194  | 350         | 2,401     |        |
| Over 4                            | 2,011 | 3,650  | 908         | 6,756     | 740     | 915    | 216         | 1,996     | 2,276             | 4,226  | 1,151       | 7,802     | 1,149   | 1,393  | 488         | 3,153     |        |
| 8                                 | 13    | 2,130  | 3,291       | 807       | 6,379   | 802    | 947         | 276       | 2,123             | 2,383  | 4,313       | 1,217     | 8,047   | 1,143  | 1,560       | 460       | 3,267  |
| 13                                | 26    | 3,643  | 6,365       | 1,544     | 11,675  | 1,367  | 1,519       | 514       | 3,487             | 4,000  | 8,140       | 2,325     | 14,553  | 1,636  | 2,416       | 882       | 5,031  |
| 26                                | 52    | 4,236  | 6,801       | 1,549     | 12,622  | 1,537  | 1,436       | 449       | 3,439             | 3,606  | 7,939       | 2,351     | 13,931  | 1,664  | 2,249       | 851       | 4,795  |
| 52                                | 104   | 2,897  | 7,311       | 1,928     | 12,137  | 867    | 1,330       | 554       | 2,752             | 2,492  | 8,190       | 2,559     | 13,249  | 938    | 1,822       | 859       | 3,620  |
| 104                               | 156   | 923    | 3,679       | 1,050     | 5,652   | 236    | 523         | 229       | 988               | 728    | 3,885       | 1,250     | 5,863   | 230    | 779         | 398       | 1,407  |
| 156                               | 208   | 432    | 2,246       | 748       | 3,426   | 99     | 306         | 136       | 541               | 322    | 2,156       | 811       | 3,289   | 109    | 386         | 231       | 726    |
| 208                               | 260   | 223    | 1,749       | 529       | 2,501   | 43     | 199         | 104       | 346               | 186    | 1,637       | 728       | 2,551   | 37     | 277         | 217       | 531    |
| Over 260                          |       | 198    | 5,991       | 2,197     | 8,386   | 35     | 576         | 361       | 972               | 143    | 4,058       | 1,663     | 5,864   | 33     | 567         | 382       | 982    |
| All                               |       | 19,210 | 45,655      | 12,556    | 78,213  | 6,732  | 9,140       | 3,256     | 19,629            | 18,967 | 50,073      | 15,725    | 85,371  | 8,361  | 13,487      | 5,401     | 27,759 |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>                 |       |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| 2 or less                         | 2,332 | 4,036  | 1,193       | 7,757     | 1,036   | 1,357  | 444         | 2,994     | <b>LONDON</b>     |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| Over 2 and up to 4                | 2,129 | 3,511  | 745         | 6,551     | 873     | 1,111  | 293         | 2,428     | 2,279             | 5,821  | 1,155       | 9,382     | 1,344   | 2,620  | 562         | 4,640     |        |
| Over 4                            | 3,417 | 5,853  | 1,269       | 10,826    | 1,375   | 1,683  | 442         | 3,712     | 4,128             | 9,453  | 1,568       | 15,350    | 2,387   | 3,656  | 719         | 6,962     |        |
| 8                                 | 13    | 3,570  | 5,959       | 1,308     | 11,050  | 1,396  | 1,613       | 487       | 3,658             | 4,694  | 10,300      | 1,867     | 17,050  | 2,639  | 3,882       | 803       | 7,502  |
| 13                                | 26    | 6,250  | 11,301      | 2,592     | 20,338  | 2,209  | 2,667       | 841       | 5,841             | 6,484  | 16,981      | 3,376     | 27,017  | 3,568  | 6,040       | 1,377     | 11,103 |
| 26                                | 52    | 5,530  | 10,944      | 2,386     | 18,917  | 2,087  | 2,448       | 734       | 5,308             | 7,884  | 22,863      | 4,152     | 35,875  | 5,055  | 7,579       | 1,776     | 14,487 |
| 52                                | 104   | 3,503  | 9,928       | 2,464     | 15,898  | 1,078  | 1,708       | 671       | 3,459             | 6,643  | 25,423      | 5,064     | 37,139  | 3,272  | 7,120       | 2,024     | 12,428 |
| 104                               | 156   | 965    | 4,337       | 1,052     | 6,354   | 239    | 644         | 273       | 1,156             | 2,581  | 14,204      | 2,965     | 19,750  | 1,104  | 3,335       | 1,015     | 5,454  |
| 156                               | 208   | 392    | 2,344       | 652       | 3,388   | 94     | 308         | 147       | 549               | 1,242  | 8,866       | 2,059     | 12,167  | 429    | 1,761       | 653       | 2,843  |
| 208                               | 260   | 200    | 1,624       | 545       | 2,369   | 44     | 206         | 85        | 335               | 628    | 6,399       | 1,698     | 8,725   | 170    | 1,050       | 431       | 1,851  |
| Over 260                          |       | 195    | 5,632       | 2,049     | 7,877   | 21     | 578         | 366       | 965               | 444    | 14,909      | 4,605     | 19,958  | 78     | 1,898       | 1,044     | 3,020  |
| All                               |       | 28,484 | 65,469      | 16,255    | 111,325 | 10,452 | 14,323      | 4,783     | 30,405            | 40,157 | 140,543     | 29,453    | 211,047 | 21,332 | 41,119      | 10,851    | 74,125 |
| <b>MERSEYSIDE</b>                 |       |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| 2 or less                         | 698   | 1,172  | 352         | 2,297     | 345     | 404    | 122         | 908       | <b>SOUTH EAST</b> |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| Over 2 and up to 4                | 642   | 1,118  | 248         | 2,067     | 288     | 336    | 84          | 743       | 1,966             | 4,191  | 1,416       | 7,721     | 847     | 1,531  | 497         | 2,986     |        |
| Over 4                            | 1,134 | 1,939  | 373         | 3,536     | 479     | 495    | 129         | 1,153     | 2,898             | 5,905  | 1,539       | 10,534    | 1,243   | 1,899  | 628         | 3,918     |        |
| 8                                 | 13    | 1,309  | 2,061       | 420       | 3,875   | 605    | 560         | 150       | 1,364             | 3,027  | 5,949       | 1,574     | 10,699  | 1,343  | 1,853       | 574       | 3,900  |
| 13                                | 26    | 2,426  | 3,980       | 865       | 7,332   | 961    | 1,055       | 315       | 2,369             | 4,549  | 10,623      | 2,875     | 18,192  | 1,776  | 2,907       | 1,010     | 5,758  |
| 26                                | 52    | 3,025  | 4,879       | 956       | 8,876   | 1,205  | 1,075       | 299       | 2,591             | 4,350  | 10,640      | 2,908     | 17,945  | 1,841  | 2,920       | 1,049     | 5,838  |
| 52                                | 104   | 2,315  | 5,194       | 1,052     | 8,562   | 827    | 1,074       | 310       | 2,213             | 3,102  | 11,043      | 3,302     | 17,453  | 1,161  | 2,375       | 1,161     | 4,698  |
| 104                               | 156   | 725    | 2,484       | 522       | 3,731   | 226    | 405         | 149       | 780               | 974    | 5,365       | 1,813     | 8,152   | 300    | 995         | 557       | 1,852  |
| 156                               | 208   | 389    | 1,498       | 333       | 2,220   | 100    | 220         | 92        | 412               | 385    | 2,814       | 1,078     | 4,277   | 119    | 493         | 321       | 933    |
| 208                               | 260   | 240    | 1,136       | 283       | 1,659   | 54     | 162         | 76        | 292               | 201    | 2,080       | 834       | 3,115   | 57     | 332         | 218       | 607    |
| Over 260                          |       | 213    | 4,938       | 1,504     | 6,655   | 34     | 499         | 273       | 806               | 160    | 5,237       | 2,345     | 7,742   | 35     | 668         | 484       | 1,187  |
| All                               |       | 13,116 | 30,399      | 6,907     | 50,810  | 5,124  | 6,285       | 1,999     | 13,631            | 23,376 | 67,387      | 20,550    | 112,114 | 9,471  | 17,148      | 6,888     | 34,100 |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b>   |       |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| 2 or less                         | 2,242 | 4,207  | 1,246       | 7,896     | 1,047   | 1,381  | 531         | 3,119     | <b>SOUTH WEST</b> |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| Over 2 and up to 4                | 2,003 | 3,758  | 901         | 6,840     | 826     | 1,127  | 308         | 2,380     | 1,568             | 3,184  | 1,010       | 5,895     | 769     | 1,241  | 376         | 2,489     |        |
| Over 4                            | 3,356 | 5,946  | 1,369       | 10,928    | 1,412   | 1,753  | 487         | 3,834     | 2,468             | 2,618  | 707         | 4,902     | 602     | 914    | 266         | 1,853     |        |
| 8                                 | 13    | 3,563  | 6,020       | 1,406     | 11,234  | 1,491  | 1,721       | 494       | 3,877             | 2,347  | 4,186       | 1,069     | 7,713   | 1,108  | 1,438       | 421       | 3,050  |
| 13                                | 26    | 6,232  | 11,520      | 2,859     | 20,778  | 2,359  | 3,100       | 879       | 6,487             | 4,056  | 8,072       | 2,290     | 14,487  | 1,605  | 2,529       | 886       | 5,081  |
| 26                                | 52    | 6,276  | 11,801      | 2,956     | 21,080  | 2,509  | 2,745       | 958       | 6,260             | 3,836  | 8,576       | 2,391     | 14,844  | 1,667  | 2,487       | 867       | 5,048  |
| 52                                | 104   | 4,288  | 11,567      | 2,983     | 18,848  | 1,476  | 2,153       | 906       | 4,540             | 2,559  | 8,144       | 2,587     | 13,297  | 883    | 1,970       | 869       | 3,725  |
| 104                               | 156   | 1,274  | 5,461       | 1,582     | 8,317   | 393    | 839         | 408       | 1,640             | 731    | 3,823       | 1,338     | 5,892   | 253    | 778         | 427       | 1,458  |
| 156                               | 208   | 502    | 2,692       | 918       | 4,112   | 159    | 408         | 234       | 801               | 269    | 1,993       | 778       | 3,040   | 83     | 356         | 217       | 656    |
| 208                               | 260   | 267    | 1,891       | 697       | 2,855   | 73     | 243         | 147       | 463               | 164    | 1,451       | 634       | 2,249   | 41     | 258         | 151       | 450    |
| Over 260                          |       | 285    | 7,294       | 2,985     | 10,564  | 42     | 852         | 601       | 1,495             | 146    | 4,223       | 1,764     | 6,133   | 33     | 586         | 430       | 1,049  |
| All                               |       | 30,288 | 72,157      | 19,902    | 123,452 | 11,787 | 16,322      | 5,953     | 34,896            | 19,547 | 50,412      | 15,601    | 86,194  | 8,040  | 13,990      | 5,326     | 27,841 |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>              |       |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| 2 or less                         | 1,454 | 2,743  | 791         | 5,104     | 721     | 1,160  | 300         | 2,256     | <b>WALES</b>      |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| Over 2 and up to 4                | 1,258 | 2,293  | 577         | 4,239     | 622     | 776    | 197         | 1,663     | 1,291             | 2,217  | 678         | 4,288     | 486     | 750    | 236         | 1,546     |        |
| Over 4                            | 2,239 | 3,925  | 984         | 7,301     | 1,041   | 1,317  | 372         | 2,844     | 1,044             | 1,874  | 445         | 3,466     | 422     | 647    | 176         | 1,316     |        |
| 8                                 | 13    | 2,360  | 3,841       | 939       | 7,296   | 1,007  | 1,266       | 332       | 2,698             | 1,935  | 2,992       | 703       | 5,771   | 842    | 918         | 243       | 2,092  |
| 13                                | 26    | 4,116  | 7,460       | 2,029     | 13,726  | 1,613  | 2,034       | 672       | 4,411             | 3,556  | 5,929       | 1,411     | 10,990  | 1,303  | 1,559       | 459       | 3,379  |
| 26                                | 52    | 3,715  | 7,342       | 1,913     | 12,997  | 1,661  | 1,907       | 659       | 4,259             | 3,695  | 6,558       | 1,595     | 11,872  | 1,314  | 1,451       | 508       | 3,292  |
| 52                                | 104   | 2,528  | 7,315       | 2,111     | 11,960  | 871    | 1,568       | 686       | 3,127             | 2,444  | 6,600       | 1,761     | 10,806  | 662    | 1,075       | 525       | 2,265  |
| 104                               | 156   | 789    | 3,470       | 1,002     | 5,261   | 249    | 560         | 257       | 1,066             | 690    | 2,850       | 731       | 4,271   | 189    | 411         | 200       | 800    |
| 156                               | 208   | 309    | 1,986       | 677       | 2,972   | 81     | 292         | 173       | 546               | 271    | 1,405       | 443       | 2,119   | 73     | 230         | 107       | 410    |
| 208                               | 260   | 197    | 1,562       | 525       | 2,284   | 42     | 225         | 107       | 374               | 152    | 1,064       | 305       | 1,521   | 36     | 153         | 89        | 278    |
| Over 260                          |       | 171    | 5,162       | 2,023     | 7,356   | 33     | 647         | 412       | 1,092             | 118    | 3,606       | 1,281     | 5,005   | 20     | 387         | 257       | 664    |
| All                               |       | 19,136 | 47,099      | 13,571    | 80,496  | 7,941  | 11,752      | 4,167     | 24,336            | 16,999 | 37,987      | 10,040    | 65,638  | 6,057  | 8,482       | 3,035     | 17,986 |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>              |       |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| 2 or less                         | 2,006 | 3,579  | 984         | 6,693     | 933     | 1,215  | 394         | 2,627     | <b>SCOTLAND</b>   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |
| Over 2 and up to 4                | 1,922 | 3,237  | 808         | 6,074     | 838     | 1,059  | 290         | 2,261     | 2,480             | 4,565  | 1,550       | 9,014     | 1,010   | 1,742  | 661         | 3,707     |        |
| Over 4                            | 3,196 | 5,207  | 1,246       | 9,826     | 1,425   | 1,690  | 457         | 3,715     | 1,982             | 3,822  | 776         | 6,881     | 811     | 1,289  | 320         | 2,621     |        |
| 8                                 | 13    | 3,311  | 5,263       | 1,183     | 9,929   | 1,503  | 1,683       | 505       | 3,795             | 3,926  | 6,679       | 1,595     | 12,669  | 1,564  | 2,030       | 574       | 4,493  |
| 13                                | 26    | 5,175  | 9,612       | 2,385     | 17,271  | 2,292  | 2,671       | 889       | 5,943             | 6,978  | 12,229      | 3,030     | 22,587  | 2,411  | 3,328       | 1,053     | 7,066  |
| 26                                | 52    | 5,328  | 10,406      | 2,689     |         |        |             |           |                   |        |             |           |         |        |             |           |        |



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## 2.7 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Age

|                  |          | THOUSANDS       |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |            |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|
| UNITED KINGDOM   |          | All 18 and over | 18 to 19 | 20 to 24 | 25 to 29 | 30 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 | 60 and over | All ages * |
| Males and Female | 1996 Apr | 2205.9          | 152.2    | 406.1    | 368.7    | 528.9    | 387.1    | 339.4    | 23.6        | 2223.9     |
|                  | 1996 Jul | 2139.8          | 149.7    | 429.6    | 353.9    | 503.7    | 366.4    | 315.1    | 21.3        | 2158.1     |
|                  | 1996 Oct | 1960.9          | 140.7    | 367.7    | 324.6    | 466.6    | 340.0    | 301.5    | 19.7        | 1907.8     |
| Males            | 1997 Jan | 1890.7          | 136.1    | 343.8    | 314.0    | 456.9    | 330.4    | 291.3    | 18.2        | 1907.8     |
|                  | 1997 Apr | 1669.6          | 125.5    | 296.2    | 275.6    | 404.9    | 292.8    | 261.7    | 12.9        | 1688.0     |
|                  | 1997 Jul | 1685.0          | 97.9     | 295.4    | 289.4    | 432.9    | 293.4    | 252.7    | 23.2        | 1695.5     |
| Females          | 1996 Apr | 1606.1          | 94.8     | 299.0    | 274.6    | 408.9    | 275.3    | 232.5    | 20.9        | 1616.5     |
|                  | 1996 Jul | 1483.4          | 88.6     | 261.9    | 252.7    | 380.6    | 257.5    | 222.7    | 19.4        | 1463.5     |
|                  | 1996 Oct | 1453.6          | 87.7     | 251.0    | 248.5    | 378.4    | 253.1    | 217.0    | 18.0        | 1463.5     |
| Males            | 1997 Jan | 1288.2          | 81.3     | 217.8    | 219.5    | 336.8    | 224.9    | 195.2    | 12.7        | 1298.8     |
|                  | 1997 Apr | 520.9           | 54.3     | 110.7    | 79.2     | 96.0     | 93.7     | 86.7     | 0.3         | 528.5      |
|                  | 1997 Jul | 533.7           | 54.9     | 130.6    | 79.3     | 94.8     | 91.1     | 82.6     | 0.3         | 541.6      |
| Females          | 1996 Apr | 477.5           | 52.1     | 105.8    | 71.9     | 86.0     | 82.5     | 78.8     | 0.3         | 444.3      |
|                  | 1996 Jul | 437.1           | 48.4     | 92.9     | 65.5     | 78.6     | 77.2     | 74.3     | 0.2         | 444.3      |
|                  | 1996 Oct | 381.4           | 44.2     | 78.4     | 56.0     | 68.2     | 67.9     | 66.5     | 0.1         | 389.1      |

\* Including some aged under 18.

## 2.8 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Duration

| UNITED KINGDOM   |                                 | Up to 4 weeks | Over 4 and up to 26 weeks | Over 26 and up to 52 weeks | Over 52 and up to 104 weeks | Over 104 and up to 156 weeks | Over 156 weeks | All unemployed | Total over 52 weeks |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Males and Female | 1996 Apr                        | 236.3         | 735.8                     | 445.5                      | 348.3                       | 139.9                        | 318.1          | 2223.9         | Thousand<br>806.3   |
|                  | 1996 Jul                        | 298.7         | 661.9                     | 418.5                      | 336.5                       | 136.4                        | 306.1          | 2158.1         | 779.0               |
|                  | 1996 Oct                        | 213.4         | 654.8                     | 366.6                      | 319.7                       | 130.8                        | 291.9          | 1977.2         | 742.4               |
| Males            | 1997 Jan                        | 222.7         | 661.4                     | 332.6                      | 296.3                       | 122.8                        | 271.9          | 1907.8         | 691.1               |
|                  | 1997 Apr                        | 201.8         | 582.2                     | 287.5                      | 256.9                       | 112.8                        | 246.8          | 1688.0         | 616.5               |
|                  | Proportion of number unemployed |               |                           |                            |                             |                              |                |                | Per cent            |
| Females          | 1996 Apr                        | 10.6          | 33.1                      | 20.0                       | 15.7                        | 6.3                          | 14.3           | 100.0          | 36.3                |
|                  | 1996 Jul                        | 13.8          | 30.7                      | 19.4                       | 15.6                        | 6.3                          | 14.2           | 100.0          | 36.1                |
|                  | 1996 Oct                        | 10.8          | 33.1                      | 18.5                       | 16.2                        | 6.6                          | 14.8           | 100.0          | 37.5                |
| Males            | 1997 Jan                        | 11.7          | 34.7                      | 17.4                       | 15.5                        | 6.4                          | 14.3           | 100.0          | 36.2                |
|                  | 1997 Apr                        | 12.0          | 34.5                      | 17.0                       | 15.2                        | 6.7                          | 14.6           | 100.0          | 36.5                |
|                  | Proportion of number unemployed |               |                           |                            |                             |                              |                |                | Per cent            |
| Males and Female | 1996 Apr                        | 162.7         | 539.4                     | 329.9                      | 274.9                       | 114.6                        | 274.0          | 1695.5         | Thousand<br>663.5   |
|                  | 1996 Jul                        | 189.9         | 475.1                     | 312.6                      | 264.2                       | 111.2                        | 263.5          | 1616.5         | 638.9               |
|                  | 1996 Oct                        | 149.7         | 460.9                     | 274.1                      | 250.8                       | 106.2                        | 250.9          | 1492.6         | 607.9               |
| Males            | 1997 Jan                        | 159.4         | 486.2                     | 248.8                      | 234.6                       | 100.4                        | 234.1          | 1463.5         | 569.1               |
|                  | 1997 Apr                        | 144.1         | 429.9                     | 217.2                      | 203.2                       | 92.2                         | 212.3          | 1298.8         | 507.6               |
|                  | Proportion of number unemployed |               |                           |                            |                             |                              |                |                | Per cent            |
| Females          | 1996 Apr                        | 9.6           | 31.8                      | 19.5                       | 16.2                        | 6.8                          | 16.2           | 100.0          | 39.1                |
|                  | 1996 Jul                        | 11.7          | 29.4                      | 19.3                       | 16.3                        | 6.9                          | 16.3           | 100.0          | 39.5                |
|                  | 1996 Oct                        | 10.0          | 30.9                      | 18.4                       | 16.8                        | 7.1                          | 16.8           | 100.0          | 40.7                |
| Males            | 1997 Jan                        | 10.9          | 33.2                      | 17.0                       | 16.0                        | 6.9                          | 16.0           | 100.0          | 38.9                |
|                  | 1997 Apr                        | 11.1          | 33.1                      | 16.7                       | 15.6                        | 7.1                          | 16.3           | 100.0          | 39.1                |
|                  | Proportion of number unemployed |               |                           |                            |                             |                              |                |                | Per cent            |
| Males and Female | 1996 Apr                        | 73.6          | 196.4                     | 115.6                      | 73.4                        | 25.3                         | 44.1           | 528.5          | 142.8               |
|                  | 1996 Jul                        | 108.8         | 186.8                     | 105.9                      | 72.3                        | 25.2                         | 42.6           | 541.6          | 140.1               |
|                  | 1996 Oct                        | 63.6          | 193.9                     | 92.6                       | 68.9                        | 24.6                         | 41.0           | 484.6          | 134.5               |
| Males            | 1997 Jan                        | 63.3          | 175.2                     | 83.7                       | 61.8                        | 22.4                         | 37.9           | 444.3          | 122.0               |
|                  | 1997 Apr                        | 57.7          | 152.3                     | 70.2                       | 53.7                        | 20.7                         | 34.5           | 389.1          | 108.9               |
|                  | Proportion of number unemployed |               |                           |                            |                             |                              |                |                | Per cent            |
| Females          | 1996 Apr                        | 13.9          | 37.2                      | 21.9                       | 13.9                        | 4.8                          | 8.4            | 100.0          | 27.0                |
|                  | 1996 Jul                        | 20.1          | 34.5                      | 19.6                       | 13.3                        | 4.7                          | 7.9            | 100.0          | 25.9                |
|                  | 1996 Oct                        | 13.1          | 40.0                      | 19.1                       | 14.2                        | 5.1                          | 8.5            | 100.0          | 27.7                |
| Males            | 1997 Jan                        | 14.3          | 39.4                      | 18.8                       | 13.9                        | 5.0                          | 8.5            | 100.0          | 27.5                |
|                  | 1997 Apr                        | 14.8          | 39.1                      | 18.0                       | 13.8                        | 5.3                          | 8.9            | 100.0          | 28.0                |



# 2.9 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Area statistics

Unemployment in counties and local authority districts as at April 10 1997

|  | Male           | Female        | All            | Rate +                            |                    |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
|  |                |               |                | Per cent employees and unemployed | Per cent workforce |
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>                      |                |               |                |                                   |                    |
| <b>Berkshire</b>                       | <b>8,622</b>   | <b>2,411</b>  | <b>11,033</b>  | <b>3.1</b>                        | <b>2.7</b>         |
| Bracknell                              | 874            | 250           | 1,124          |                                   |                    |
| Newbury                                | 1,061          | 342           | 1,403          |                                   |                    |
| Reading                                | 2,392          | 585           | 2,977          |                                   |                    |
| Slough                                 | 2,290          | 605           | 2,895          |                                   |                    |
| Windsor and Maidenhead                 | 1,239          | 395           | 1,634          |                                   |                    |
| Wokingham                              | 766            | 234           | 1,000          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Buckinghamshire (former county)</b> | <b>2,989</b>   | <b>990</b>    | <b>3,979</b>   | <b>4.0</b>                        | <b>3.6</b>         |
| Milton Keynes                          | 2,989          | 990           | 3,979          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Rest of Buckinghamshire</b>         | <b>4,262</b>   | <b>1,276</b>  | <b>5,538</b>   | <b>3.0</b>                        | <b>2.4</b>         |
| Aylesbury Vale                         | 1,542          | 500           | 2,042          |                                   |                    |
| Chiltern                               | 596            | 170           | 766            |                                   |                    |
| South Buckinghamshire                  | 458            | 165           | 623            |                                   |                    |
| Wycombe                                | 1,666          | 441           | 2,107          |                                   |                    |
| <b>East Sussex (former county)</b>     | <b>9,041</b>   | <b>3,129</b>  | <b>12,170</b>  | <b>11.5</b>                       | <b>9.8</b>         |
| Brighton and Hove                      | 9,041          | 3,129         | 12,170         |                                   |                    |
| <b>Rest of East Sussex</b>             | <b>7,583</b>   | <b>2,294</b>  | <b>9,877</b>   | <b>6.8</b>                        | <b>5.2</b>         |
| Eastbourne                             | 1,512          | 485           | 1,997          |                                   |                    |
| Hastings                               | 2,657          | 683           | 3,340          |                                   |                    |
| Lewes                                  | 1,319          | 400           | 1,719          |                                   |                    |
| Rother                                 | 1,152          | 354           | 1,506          |                                   |                    |
| Wealden                                | 943            | 372           | 1,315          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Hampshire (former county)</b>       | <b>5,279</b>   | <b>1,418</b>  | <b>6,697</b>   | <b>7.9</b>                        | <b>6.9</b>         |
| Potsmouth                              | 5,279          | 1,418         | 6,697          |                                   |                    |
| Southampton                            | 5,733          | 1,403         | 7,136          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Rest of Hampshire</b>               | <b>12,553</b>  | <b>3,963</b>  | <b>16,516</b>  | <b>4.0</b>                        | <b>3.2</b>         |
| Basingstoke and Deane                  | 1,424          | 447           | 1,871          |                                   |                    |
| East Hampshire                         | 944            | 342           | 1,286          |                                   |                    |
| Eastleigh                              | 1,033          | 300           | 1,333          |                                   |                    |
| Fareham                                | 992            | 338           | 1,330          |                                   |                    |
| Gosport                                | 1,248          | 414           | 1,662          |                                   |                    |
| Hart                                   | 381            | 141           | 522            |                                   |                    |
| Havant                                 | 2,317          | 571           | 2,888          |                                   |                    |
| New Forest                             | 1,750          | 584           | 2,334          |                                   |                    |
| Rushmoor                               | 804            | 280           | 1,084          |                                   |                    |
| Test Valley                            | 778            | 278           | 1,056          |                                   |                    |
| Winchester                             | 882            | 268           | 1,150          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Isle of Wight</b>                   | <b>3,431</b>   | <b>1,109</b>  | <b>4,540</b>   | <b>10.8</b>                       | <b>9.3</b>         |
| <b>Kent</b>                            | <b>31,325</b>  | <b>9,300</b>  | <b>40,625</b>  | <b>7.1</b>                        | <b>5.9</b>         |
| Ashford                                | 1,702          | 504           | 2,206          |                                   |                    |
| Canterbury                             | 2,563          | 727           | 3,290          |                                   |                    |
| Dartford                               | 1,640          | 504           | 2,144          |                                   |                    |
| Dover                                  | 2,789          | 711           | 3,500          |                                   |                    |
| Gillingham                             | 1,740          | 607           | 2,347          |                                   |                    |
| Gravesham                              | 2,199          | 662           | 2,861          |                                   |                    |
| Maidstone                              | 1,915          | 643           | 2,558          |                                   |                    |
| Rochester-upon-Medway                  | 3,495          | 1,056         | 4,551          |                                   |                    |
| Sevenoaks                              | 1,213          | 414           | 1,627          |                                   |                    |
| Shepway                                | 2,826          | 688           | 3,514          |                                   |                    |
| Swale                                  | 2,784          | 905           | 3,689          |                                   |                    |
| Thanet                                 | 4,127          | 1,101         | 5,228          |                                   |                    |
| Tonbridge and Malling                  | 1,188          | 416           | 1,604          |                                   |                    |
| Tunbridge Wells                        | 1,144          | 362           | 1,506          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Oxfordshire</b>                     | <b>5,667</b>   | <b>1,947</b>  | <b>7,614</b>   | <b>2.9</b>                        | <b>2.4</b>         |
| Cherwell                               | 1,080          | 402           | 1,482          |                                   |                    |
| Oxford                                 | 2,348          | 749           | 3,097          |                                   |                    |
| South Oxfordshire                      | 893            | 315           | 1,208          |                                   |                    |
| Vale of White Horse                    | 732            | 234           | 966            |                                   |                    |
| West Oxfordshire                       | 614            | 247           | 861            |                                   |                    |
| <b>Surrey</b>                          | <b>8,152</b>   | <b>2,530</b>  | <b>10,682</b>  | <b>2.6</b>                        | <b>2.1</b>         |
| Elmbridge                              | 995            | 332           | 1,327          |                                   |                    |
| Epsom and Ewell                        | 554            | 206           | 760            |                                   |                    |
| Guildford                              | 954            | 282           | 1,236          |                                   |                    |
| Mole Valley                            | 445            | 125           | 570            |                                   |                    |
| Reigate and Banstead                   | 1,041          | 300           | 1,341          |                                   |                    |
| Runnymede                              | 631            | 206           | 837            |                                   |                    |
| Spelthorne                             | 1,025          | 333           | 1,358          |                                   |                    |
| Surrey Heath                           | 478            | 154           | 632            |                                   |                    |
| Tandridge                              | 650            | 211           | 861            |                                   |                    |
| Waverley                               | 702            | 196           | 898            |                                   |                    |
| Woking                                 | 677            | 185           | 862            |                                   |                    |
| <b>West Sussex</b>                     | <b>7,477</b>   | <b>2,330</b>  | <b>9,807</b>   | <b>3.3</b>                        | <b>2.8</b>         |
| Adur                                   | 730            | 247           | 977            |                                   |                    |
| Arun                                   | 1,521          | 433           | 1,954          |                                   |                    |
| Chichester                             | 966            | 313           | 1,279          |                                   |                    |
| Crawley                                | 1,228          | 387           | 1,615          |                                   |                    |
| Horsham                                | 846            | 290           | 1,136          |                                   |                    |
| MidSussex                              | 874            | 290           | 1,164          |                                   |                    |
| Worthing                               | 1,312          | 370           | 1,682          |                                   |                    |
| <b>LONDON</b>                          |                |               |                |                                   |                    |
| <b>Greater London</b>                  | <b>211,047</b> | <b>74,125</b> | <b>285,172</b> | <b>8.0</b>                        | <b>7.1</b>         |
| Barking and Dagenham                   | 3,896          | 1,214         | 5,110          |                                   |                    |
| Barnet                                 | 2,260          | 812           | 3,072          |                                   |                    |
| Bexley                                 | 4,261          | 1,534         | 5,795          |                                   |                    |
| Brent                                  | 10,044         | 3,538         | 13,582         |                                   |                    |
| Bromley                                | 4,842          | 1,557         | 6,399          |                                   |                    |
| Camden                                 | 6,908          | 2,895         | 9,803          |                                   |                    |
| City of London                         | 80             | 32            | 112            |                                   |                    |
| City of Westminster                    | 4,796          | 1,949         | 6,745          |                                   |                    |
| Croydon                                | 8,056          | 2,709         | 10,765         |                                   |                    |
| Ealing                                 | 7,167          | 2,426         | 9,593          |                                   |                    |
| Enfield                                | 7,155          | 2,392         | 9,547          |                                   |                    |
| Greenwich                              | 7,940          | 2,620         | 10,560         |                                   |                    |
| Hackney                                | 11,854         | 4,134         | 15,988         |                                   |                    |
| Hammersmith and Fulham                 | 5,901          | 2,424         | 8,325          |                                   |                    |
| Haringey                               | 10,389         | 3,716         | 14,105         |                                   |                    |
| Harrow                                 | 3,406          | 1,319         | 4,725          |                                   |                    |
| Havering                               | 3,521          | 1,150         | 4,671          |                                   |                    |
| Hillingdon                             | 3,618          | 1,217         | 4,835          |                                   |                    |
| Hounslow                               | 4,779          | 1,601         | 6,380          |                                   |                    |
| Islington                              | 8,622          | 3,389         | 12,011         |                                   |                    |
| Kensington and Chelsea                 | 3,830          | 1,832         | 5,662          |                                   |                    |
| Kingston-upon-Thames                   | 1,924          | 717           | 2,641          |                                   |                    |
| Lambeth                                | 12,905         | 4,675         | 17,580         |                                   |                    |
| Lewisham                               | 10,408         | 3,466         | 13,874         |                                   |                    |
| Merton                                 | 3,860          | 1,344         | 5,204          |                                   |                    |
| Newham                                 | 9,940          | 2,936         | 12,876         |                                   |                    |
| Redbridge                              | 5,278          | 1,870         | 7,148          |                                   |                    |
| Richmond-upon-Thames                   | 2,262          | 887           | 3,149          |                                   |                    |
| Southwark                              | 10,673         | 3,742         | 14,415         |                                   |                    |
| Sutton                                 | 2,622          | 877           | 3,499          |                                   |                    |
| Tower Hamlets                          | 8,716          | 2,314         | 11,030         |                                   |                    |
| Waltham Forest                         | 7,641          | 2,488         | 10,129         |                                   |                    |
| Wandsworth                             | 7,887          | 2,901         | 10,788         |                                   |                    |
| <b>EASTERN</b>                         |                |               |                |                                   |                    |
| <b>Bedfordshire (former county)</b>    | <b>4,324</b>   | <b>1,244</b>  | <b>5,568</b>   | <b>7.0</b>                        | <b>6.2</b>         |
| Luton                                  | 4,324          | 1,244         | 5,568          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Rest of Bedfordshire</b>            | <b>4,753</b>   | <b>1,719</b>  | <b>6,472</b>   | <b>4.7</b>                        | <b>3.9</b>         |
| Mid Bedfordshire                       | 981            | 430           | 1,411          |                                   |                    |
| North Bedfordshire                     | 2,453          | 836           | 3,289          |                                   |                    |
| South Bedfordshire                     | 1,319          | 453           | 1,772          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Cambridgeshire</b>                  | <b>9,764</b>   | <b>3,297</b>  | <b>13,061</b>  | <b>4.3</b>                        | <b>3.7</b>         |
| Cambridge                              | 1,805          | 594           | 2,399          |                                   |                    |
| East Cambridgeshire                    | 583            | 237           | 820            |                                   |                    |
| Fenland                                | 1,470          | 480           | 1,950          |                                   |                    |
| Huntingdon                             | 1,489          | 585           | 2,074          |                                   |                    |
| Peterborough                           | 3,480          | 1,065         | 4,545          |                                   |                    |
| South Cambridgeshire                   | 937            | 336           | 1,273          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Essex</b>                           | <b>28,140</b>  | <b>9,043</b>  | <b>37,183</b>  | <b>6.8</b>                        | <b>5.7</b>         |
| Basildon                               | 3,467          | 1,142         | 4,609          |                                   |                    |
| Braintree                              | 1,702          | 585           | 2,287          |                                   |                    |
| Brentwood                              | 744            | 228           | 972            |                                   |                    |
| Castle Point                           | 1,439          | 505           | 1,944          |                                   |                    |
| Chelmsford                             | 2,024          | 705           | 2,729          |                                   |                    |
| Colchester                             | 2,135          | 711           | 2,846          |                                   |                    |
| Epping Forest                          | 1,695          | 642           | 2,337          |                                   |                    |
| Harlow                                 | 1,589          | 506           | 2,095          |                                   |                    |
| Mid Essex                              | 822            | 255           | 1,077          |                                   |                    |
| Rochford                               | 1,072          | 371           | 1,443          |                                   |                    |
| Southend-on-Sea                        | 5,235          | 1,525         | 6,760          |                                   |                    |
| Tendring                               | 2,615          | 726           | 3,341          |                                   |                    |
| Thurrock                               | 3,095          | 937           | 4,032          |                                   |                    |
| Uttlesford                             | 506            | 205           | 711            |                                   |                    |
| <b>Hertfordshire</b>                   | <b>11,685</b>  | <b>3,763</b>  | <b>15,448</b>  | <b>3.6</b>                        | <b>3.1</b>         |
| Broxbourne                             | 1,305          | 464           | 1,769          |                                   |                    |
| Dasoum                                 | 1,438          | 406           | 1,844          |                                   |                    |
| East Hertfordshire                     | 1,025          | 333           | 1,418          |                                   |                    |
| Hertsmere                              | 963            | 339           | 1,302          |                                   |                    |
| North Hertfordshire                    | 1,423          | 467           | 1,890          |                                   |                    |
| St Albans                              | 986            | 359           | 1,345          |                                   |                    |
| Stevenage                              | 1,529          | 470           | 1,999          |                                   |                    |
| Three Rivers                           | 778            | 243           | 1,021          |                                   |                    |
| Watford                                | 1,239          | 319           | 1,558          |                                   |                    |
| Welwyn Hatfield                        | 999            | 303           | 1,302          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Norfolk</b>                         | <b>15,400</b>  | <b>4,989</b>  | <b>20,389</b>  | <b>7.0</b>                        | <b>5.6</b>         |
| Breckland                              | 1,602          | 605           | 2,207          |                                   |                    |
| Broadland                              | 1,291          | 515           | 1,806          |                                   |                    |
| Great Yarmouth                         | 3,168          | 934           | 4,102          |                                   |                    |
| North Norfolk                          | 1,496          | 504           | 2,000          |                                   |                    |
| Norwich                                | 4,169          | 1,152         | 5,321          |                                   |                    |
| South Norfolk                          | 1,340          | 499           | 1,839          |                                   |                    |
| West Norfolk                           | 2,334          | 780           | 3,114          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Suffolk</b>                         | <b>11,305</b>  | <b>3,704</b>  | <b>15,009</b>  | <b>5.6</b>                        | <b>4.8</b>         |
| Babergh                                | 975            | 341           | 1,316          |                                   |                    |
| Forest Heath                           | 616            | 205           | 821            |                                   |                    |
| Ipswich                                | 2,912          | 806           | 3,718          |                                   |                    |
| Mid Suffolk                            | 812            | 324           | 1,136          |                                   |                    |
| St Edmundsbury                         | 1,217          | 481           | 1,698          |                                   |                    |
| Suffolk Coastal                        | 1,557          | 510           | 2,067          |                                   |                    |
| Waveney                                | 3,216          | 1,037         | 4,253          |                                   |                    |
| <b>SOUTH WEST</b>                      |                |               |                |                                   |                    |
| <b>Avon (former county)</b>            | <b>2,870</b>   | <b>1,006</b>  | <b>3,876</b>   | <b>5.1</b>                        | <b>4.5</b>         |
| Bath and North East Somerset           | 2,870          | 1,006         | 3,876          |                                   |                    |
| Bristol                                | 11,138         | 3,180         | 14,318         |                                   |                    |
| North Somerset                         | 2,636          | 895           | 3,531          |                                   |                    |
| South Gloucestershire                  | 2,761          | 939           | 3,700          |                                   |                    |
| <b>Cornwall</b>                        | <b>11,509</b>  | <b>3,856</b>  | <b>15,365</b>  | <b>9.6</b>                        | <b>7.3</b>         |
| Caradon                                | 1,333          | 498           | 1,831          |                                   |                    |
| Carrick                                | 2,160          | 697           | 2,857          |                                   |                    |
| Isles of Scilly                        | 7              | 7             | 14             |                                   |                    |
| Kerrier                                | 2,364          | 731           | 3,095          |                                   |                    |
| North Cornwall                         | 1,494          | 519           | 2,013          |                                   |                    |
| Penwith                                | 1,908          | 651           | 2,559          |                                   |                    |
| Restormel                              | 2,243          | 753           | 2,996          |                                   |                    |

+ Unemployment rates are calculated as a percentage of the estimated total workforce (the sum of employees in employment, unemployed claimants, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related government supported training programmes) and as a percentage of estimates of employees in employment and the unemployed only. All the county rates shown are calculated using mid-1996 based denominators.

# CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Area statistics 2.9

Unemployment in counties and local authority districts as at April 10 1997

|                               | Male          | Female       | All           | Rate +                            |                    |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
|                               |               |              |               | Per cent employees and unemployed | Per cent workforce |
| <b>Devon</b>                  | <b>21,521</b> | <b>7,007</b> | <b>28,528</b> | <b>7.1</b>                        | <b>5.6</b>         |
| East Devon                    | 1,341         | 422          | 1,763         |                                   |                    |
| Exeter                        | 2,276         | 676          | 2,952         |                                   |                    |
| Mid Devon                     | 759           | 284          | 1,043         |                                   |                    |
| North Devon                   | 1,616         | 572          | 2,188         |                                   |                    |
| Plymouth                      | 7,539         | 2,380        | 9,919         |                                   |                    |
| South Hams                    | 1,077         | 447          | 1,524         |                                   |                    |
| Teignbridge                   | 1,782         | 571          | 2,353         |                                   |                    |
| Torbay                        | 3,421         | 971          | 4,392         |                                   |                    |
| Torridge                      | 1,093         | 432          | 1,525         |                                   |                    |
| West Devon                    | 617           | 252          | 869           |                                   |                    |
| <b>Dorset (former county)</b> | <b>4,060</b>  |              |               |                                   |                    |



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Unemployment in counties and local authority districts as at April 10 1997

|                               | Male          | Female        | All           | Rate +                             |                    | Male                    | Female        | All           | Rate +                             |                    |            |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                               |               |               |               | Per cent employees and unem-ployed | Per cent workforce |                         |               |               | Per cent employees and unem-ployed | Per cent workforce |            |
| Rochdale                      | 5,114         | 1,317         | 6,431         |                                    |                    | Edinburgh, City of      | 10,795        | 3,012         | 13,807                             | 5.1                | 4.8        |
| Salford                       | 5,239         | 1,291         | 6,530         |                                    |                    | Falkirk                 | 3,476         | 980           | 4,456                              | 8.4                | 7.1        |
| Stockport                     | 4,201         | 1,066         | 5,267         |                                    |                    | Fife                    | 9,195         | 2,778         | 11,973                             | 9.6                | 7.9        |
| Tameside                      | 4,302         | 1,314         | 5,616         |                                    |                    | Glasgow, City of        | 24,123        | 6,065         | 30,188                             | 8.6                | 8.3        |
| Trafford                      | 3,811         | 1,036         | 4,847         |                                    |                    | Highland                | 5,764         | 1,832         | 7,596                              | 8.9                | 7.7        |
| Wigan                         | 6,648         | 1,910         | 8,558         |                                    |                    | Inverclyde              | 2,117         | 530           | 2,647                              | 8.3                | 7.7        |
| <b>Lancashire</b>             | <b>25,073</b> | <b>6,758</b>  | <b>31,831</b> | <b>5.2</b>                         | <b>4.6</b>         | Midlothian              | 1,307         | 326           | 1,633                              | 8.0                | 6.7        |
| Blackburn                     | 2,945         | 654           | 3,599         |                                    |                    | Moray                   | 1,652         | 657           | 2,309                              | 7.5                | 6.3        |
| Blackpool                     | 4,194         | 1,001         | 5,195         |                                    |                    | North Ayrshire          | 4,096         | 1,240         | 5,336                              | 11.3               | 10.2       |
| Burnley                       | 1,291         | 360           | 1,651         |                                    |                    | North Lanarkshire       | 9,169         | 2,347         | 11,516                             | 10.4               | 9.3        |
| Chorley                       | 1,372         | 397           | 1,769         |                                    |                    | Orkney Islands          | 295           | 108           | 403                                | 5.5                | 4.4        |
| Fylde                         | 553           | 139           | 692           |                                    |                    | Perthshire and Kinross  | 2,428         | 758           | 3,186                              | 6.9                | 5.7        |
| Hyndburn                      | 1,141         | 348           | 1,489         |                                    |                    | Renfrewshire            | 4,643         | 1,252         | 5,895                              | 6.6                | 6.1        |
| Lancaster                     | 3,132         | 909           | 4,041         |                                    |                    | Shetland Islands        | 382           | 113           | 495                                | 4.6                | 4.1        |
| Pendle                        | 1,257         | 354           | 1,611         |                                    |                    | South Ayrshire          | 3,010         | 942           | 3,952                              | 8.3                | 7.3        |
| Preston                       | 3,237         | 840           | 4,077         |                                    |                    | South Lanarkshire       | 7,148         | 1,930         | 9,078                              | 8.6                | 7.5        |
| Ribble Valley                 | 359           | 134           | 493           |                                    |                    | Stirling                | 1,687         | 494           | 2,181                              | 6.0                | 5.2        |
| Rossendale                    | 759           | 227           | 986           |                                    |                    | West Dunbartonshire     | 3,558         | 866           | 4,424                              | 12.2               | 10.9       |
| South Ribble                  | 1,122         | 352           | 1,474         |                                    |                    | West Lothian            | 2,910         | 822           | 3,732                              | 6.7                | 6.1        |
| West Lancashire               | 2,247         | 638           | 2,885         |                                    |                    | Western Isles           | 905           | 264           | 1,169                              | 12.0               | 8.5        |
| Wyre                          | 1,464         | 405           | 1,869         |                                    |                    | <b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b> | <b>51,101</b> | <b>12,757</b> | <b>63,858</b>                      | <b>9.7</b>         | <b>8.3</b> |
| <b>MERSEYSIDE</b>             |               |               |               |                                    |                    | Antrim                  | 939           | 271           | 1,210                              |                    |            |
| Merseyside                    | <b>50,810</b> | <b>13,631</b> | <b>64,441</b> | <b>12.5</b>                        | <b>11.2</b>        | Ards                    | 1,487         | 429           | 1,916                              |                    |            |
| Knowsley                      | 6,177         | 1,590         | 7,767         |                                    |                    | Armagh                  | 1,428         | 391           | 1,819                              |                    |            |
| Liverpool                     | 21,316        | 5,642         | 26,958        |                                    |                    | Ballymena               | 1,248         | 402           | 1,650                              |                    |            |
| Sefton                        | 8,079         | 2,166         | 10,245        |                                    |                    | Ballymoney              | 791           | 174           | 965                                |                    |            |
| St Helens                     | 4,668         | 1,313         | 5,981         |                                    |                    | Banbridge               | 594           | 180           | 774                                |                    |            |
| Wirral                        | 10,570        | 2,920         | 13,490        |                                    |                    | Belfast                 | 12,316        | 2,792         | 15,108                             |                    |            |
| <b>NORTH EAST</b>             |               |               |               |                                    |                    | Carrickfergus           | 866           | 259           | 1,125                              |                    |            |
| Cleveland (former county)     |               |               |               |                                    |                    | Castlereagh             | 1,175         | 323           | 1,498                              |                    |            |
| Hartlepool                    | 3,477         | 792           | 4,269         | 12.6                               | 11.3               | Coleraine               | 1,802         | 539           | 2,341                              |                    |            |
| Middlesborough                | 6,027         | 1,451         | 7,478         | 11.6                               | 11.0               | Cookstown               | 970           | 217           | 1,187                              |                    |            |
| Redcar and Cleveland          | 4,792         | 1,172         | 5,964         | 12.6                               | 11.0               | Craigavon               | 1,792         | 445           | 2,237                              |                    |            |
| Stockton-on-Tees              | 5,891         | 1,581         | 7,472         | 9.8                                | 8.8                | Derry                   | 4,852         | 983           | 5,835                              |                    |            |
| <b>Durham (former county)</b> |               |               |               |                                    |                    | Down                    | 1,715         | 555           | 2,270                              |                    |            |
| Darlington                    | 2,834         | 734           | 3,568         | 7.6                                | 7.2                | Dungannon               | 1,591         | 413           | 2,004                              |                    |            |
| <b>Rest of Durham</b>         | <b>11,321</b> | <b>2,906</b>  | <b>14,227</b> | <b>8.8</b>                         | <b>7.8</b>         | Fermanagh               | 2,101         | 504           | 2,605                              |                    |            |
| Chester-le-Street             | 1,217         | 335           | 1,552         |                                    |                    | Lame                    | 720           | 200           | 920                                |                    |            |
| Derwentside                   | 2,380         | 564           | 2,944         |                                    |                    | Limavady                | 1,194         | 248           | 1,442                              |                    |            |
| Durham                        | 1,649         | 516           | 2,165         |                                    |                    | Lisburn                 | 2,299         | 630           | 2,929                              |                    |            |
| Easington                     | 2,125         | 459           | 2,584         |                                    |                    | Magherafelt             | 992           | 249           | 1,241                              |                    |            |
| Sedgefield                    | 1,824         | 502           | 2,326         |                                    |                    | Moyle                   | 652           | 125           | 777                                |                    |            |
| Teesside                      | 389           | 145           | 534           |                                    |                    | Newry and Mourne        | 3,313         | 715           | 4,028                              |                    |            |
| Wear Valley                   | 1,737         | 385           | 2,122         |                                    |                    | Newtownabbey            | 1,516         | 460           | 1,976                              |                    |            |
| <b>Northumberland</b>         | <b>7,050</b>  | <b>2,036</b>  | <b>9,086</b>  | <b>8.5</b>                         | <b>7.3</b>         | North Down              | 1,414         | 561           | 1,975                              |                    |            |
| Alnwick                       | 697           | 208           | 905           |                                    |                    | Omagh                   | 1,695         | 406           | 2,101                              |                    |            |
| Berwick-upon-Tweed            | 486           | 132           | 618           |                                    |                    | Strabane                | 1,639         | 286           | 1,925                              |                    |            |
| Blyth Valley                  | 2,135         | 648           | 2,783         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Castle Morpeth                | 885           | 264           | 1,149         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Tynedale                      | 814           | 265           | 1,079         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Wansbeck                      | 2,033         | 519           | 2,552         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| <b>Tyne and Wear</b>          | <b>36,821</b> | <b>8,957</b>  | <b>45,778</b> | <b>9.7</b>                         | <b>8.9</b>         |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Gateshead                     | 5,697         | 1,349         | 7,046         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Newcastle upon Tyne           | 10,020        | 2,472         | 12,492        |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| North Tyneside                | 5,678         | 1,535         | 7,213         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| South Tyneside                | 5,942         | 1,428         | 7,370         |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Sunderland                    | 9,484         | 2,173         | 11,657        |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| <b>WALES</b>                  |               |               |               |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Blaenau Gwent                 | 2,073         | 540           | 2,613         | 12.4                               | 10.9               |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Bridgend                      | 2,409         | 685           | 3,094         | 8.7                                | 7.6                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Caerphilly                    | 4,032         | 956           | 4,988         | 10.1                               | 9.0                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Cardiff                       | 8,189         | 2,127         | 10,316        | 6.0                                | 5.5                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Camarthenshire                | 3,713         | 1,109         | 4,822         | 8.8                                | 7.1                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Ceredigion                    | 1,193         | 377           | 1,570         | 8.2                                | 5.8                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Conwy                         | 2,410         | 649           | 3,059         | 9.5                                | 7.2                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Denbighshire                  | 1,900         | 511           | 2,411         | 7.7                                | 6.6                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Flintshire                    | 2,271         | 697           | 2,968         | 5.3                                | 4.7                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Gwynedd                       | 3,476         | 989           | 4,465         | 9.7                                | 7.5                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Isle of Anglesey              | 2,021         | 590           | 2,611         | 14.3                               | 11.0               |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Merthyr Tydfil                | 1,583         | 361           | 1,944         | 9.8                                | 8.3                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Monmouthshire                 | 1,188         | 417           | 1,605         | 5.6                                | 4.8                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Neath Port Talbot             | 3,065         | 815           | 3,880         | 8.8                                | 7.8                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Newport                       | 3,668         | 1,010         | 4,678         | 7.6                                | 6.9                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Pembrokeshire                 | 3,388         | 941           | 4,329         | 13.8                               | 9.6                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Powys                         | 1,478         | 548           | 2,026         | 5.0                                | 3.7                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff          | 5,541         | 1,375         | 6,916         | 9.2                                | 7.9                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Swansea                       | 5,525         | 1,397         | 6,922         | 7.8                                | 7.1                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| The Vale of Glamorgan         | 2,413         | 736           | 3,149         | 6.2                                | 5.4                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Torfaen                       | 1,955         | 529           | 2,484         | 6.6                                | 5.7                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Wrexham                       | 2,147         | 627           | 2,774         | 5.5                                | 4.8                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| <b>SCOTLAND</b>               |               |               |               |                                    |                    |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Aberdeen, City of             | 3,679         | 1,090         | 4,769         | 2.8                                | 2.6                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Aberdeenshire                 | 2,382         | 910           | 3,292         | 4.8                                | 4.1                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Angus                         | 2,391         | 974           | 3,365         | 10.2                               | 8.9                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Argyll and Bute               | 2,077         | 652           | 2,729         | 8.5                                | 6.6                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Borders, The Scottish         | 1,333         | 434           | 1,767         | 4.7                                | 3.9                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Clackmannanshire, The         | 1,269         | 353           | 1,622         | 12.3                               | 8.1                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Dumfries and Galloway         | 3,396         | 1,150         | 4,546         | 8.2                                | 6.7                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| Dundee, City of               | 5,651         | 1,516         | 7,167         | 8.9                                | 8.5                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| East Ayrshire                 | 4,027         | 1,077         | 5,104         | 12.7                               | 10.6               |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| East Dunbartonshire           | 1,731         | 546           | 2,277         | 9.5                                | 8.0                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| East Lothian                  | 1,553         | 405           | 1,958         | 8.9                                | 4.7                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |
| East Renfrewshire             | 1,214         | 414           | 1,628         | 10.1                               | 7.9                |                         |               |               |                                    |                    |            |

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# 2.10 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Area statistics

Unemployment in Parliamentary constituencies as at April 10 1997

|   | Male  | Female | All   |                                    | Male  | Female | All   |
|---|-------|--------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| <b>SOUTH EAST</b>                       |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| <b>Berkshire</b>                        |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Bracknell                               | 862   |        | 1,107 | Beckenham                          | 2,079 | 649    | 2,728 |
| Maidenhead                              | 789   | 245    | 1,034 | Bethnal Green and Bow              | 5,285 | 1,432  | 6,717 |
| Newbury                                 | 782   | 242    | 1,024 | Bexleyheath and Crayford           | 1,445 | 519    | 1,964 |
| Reading East                            | 1,420 | 370    | 1,790 | Brent East                         | 3,993 | 1,374  | 5,367 |
| Reading West                            | 1,331 | 338    | 1,669 | Brent North                        | 1,692 | 734    | 2,426 |
| Slough                                  | 2,135 | 555    | 2,690 | Brent South                        | 4,359 | 1,430  | 5,789 |
| Windsor                                 | 819   | 288    | 1,107 | Brentford and Isleworth            | 2,462 | 870    | 3,332 |
| Wokingham                               | 484   | 146    | 630   | Bromley and Chislehurst            | 1,372 | 452    | 1,824 |
| <b>Isle of Wight</b>                    |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Isle of Wight                           | 3,431 | 1,109  | 4,540 | Camden and Peckham                 | 4,321 | 1,502  | 5,823 |
| <b>Kent</b>                             |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Ashford                                 | 1,702 | 504    | 2,206 | Carshalton and Wallington          | 1,566 | 519    | 2,085 |
| Canterbury                              | 1,795 | 515    | 2,310 | Chingford and Woodford Green       | 1,457 | 532    | 1,989 |
| Chatham and Aylesford                   | 1,795 | 527    | 2,322 | Chipping Barnet                    | 1,423 | 417    | 1,840 |
| Dartford                                | 1,772 | 541    | 2,313 | Cities of London and Westminster   | 2,492 | 972    | 3,464 |
| Dover                                   | 2,599 | 662    | 3,261 | Croydon Central                    | 2,902 | 929    | 3,831 |
| Faversham and Mid Kent                  | 1,349 | 457    | 1,806 | Croydon North                      | 3,903 | 1,363  | 5,266 |
| Folkestone and Hythe                    | 2,826 | 688    | 3,514 | Croydon South                      | 1,251 | 417    | 1,668 |
| Gillingham                              | 1,740 | 607    | 2,347 | Dagenham                           | 1,832 | 529    | 2,361 |
| Gravesend                               | 2,199 | 662    | 2,861 | Dulwich and West Norwood           | 3,870 | 1,505  | 5,375 |
| Maidstone and The Weald                 | 1,316 | 410    | 1,726 | Ealing, Acton and Shepherd's Bush  | 3,983 | 1,461  | 5,444 |
| Medway                                  | 2,083 | 669    | 2,752 | Ealing North                       | 2,460 | 827    | 3,287 |
| North Thanet                            | 2,750 | 716    | 3,466 | Ealing Southall                    | 2,916 | 953    | 3,869 |
| Sevenoaks                               | 927   | 330    | 1,257 | East Ham                           | 4,049 | 1,158  | 5,207 |
| Sittingbourne and Sheppey               | 2,203 | 724    | 2,927 | Edmonton                           | 2,989 | 938    | 3,927 |
| South Thanet                            | 2,335 | 646    | 2,981 | Eltham                             | 2,187 | 671    | 2,858 |
| Tonbridge and Malling                   | 959   | 323    | 1,282 | Enfield North                      | 2,302 | 752    | 3,054 |
| Tunbridge Wells                         | 975   | 319    | 1,294 | Enfield, Southgate                 | 1,864 | 702    | 2,566 |
| <b>Oxfordshire</b>                      |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Banbury                                 | 961   | 349    | 1,310 | Erith and Thamesmead               | 3,495 | 1,161  | 4,656 |
| Henley                                  | 571   | 189    | 760   | Finchley and Golders Green         | 2,046 | 871    | 2,917 |
| Oxford East                             | 1,982 | 614    | 2,596 | Greenwich and Woolwich             | 3,828 | 1,306  | 5,134 |
| Oxford West and Abingdon                | 800   | 294    | 1,094 | Hackney North and Stoke Newington  | 5,760 | 2,119  | 7,879 |
| Wantage                                 | 714   | 244    | 958   | Hackney South and Shoreditch       | 6,094 | 2,015  | 8,109 |
| Witney                                  | 639   | 257    | 896   | Hammersmith and Fulham             | 3,709 | 1,609  | 5,318 |
| <b>Buckinghamshire</b>                  |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Aylesbury                               | 1,178 | 374    | 1,552 | Hampstead and Highgate             | 2,848 | 1,414  | 4,262 |
| Beaconsfield                            | 638   | 225    | 863   | Harrow East                        | 1,972 | 778    | 2,750 |
| Buckingham                              | 563   | 178    | 741   | Harrow West                        | 1,434 | 541    | 1,975 |
| Chesham and Amersham                    | 572   | 163    | 735   | Hayes and Harlington               | 1,602 | 533    | 2,135 |
| Milton Keynes South West                | 1,682 | 530    | 2,212 | Hendon                             | 2,397 | 857    | 3,254 |
| North East Milton Keynes                | 1,307 | 460    | 1,767 | Holborn and St Pancras             | 4,060 | 1,481  | 5,541 |
| Wycombe                                 | 1,311 | 336    | 1,647 | Hornchurch                         | 1,211 | 399    | 1,610 |
| <b>East Sussex</b>                      |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Bexhill and Battle                      | 995   | 319    | 1,314 | Hornsey and Wood Green             | 4,010 | 1,617  | 5,627 |
| Brighton Kemptown                       | 2,992 | 951    | 3,943 | Ilford North                       | 1,636 | 607    | 2,243 |
| Brighton Pavilion                       | 3,723 | 1,347  | 5,070 | Ilford South                       | 3,041 | 1,018  | 4,059 |
| Eastbourne                              | 1,559 | 500    | 2,059 | Islington North                    | 4,728 | 1,888  | 6,616 |
| Hastings and Rye                        | 2,901 | 764    | 3,665 | Islington South and Finsbury       | 3,894 | 1,501  | 5,395 |
| Hove                                    | 2,697 | 937    | 3,634 | Kensington and Chelsea             | 1,997 | 1,064  | 3,061 |
| Lewes                                   | 1,039 | 334    | 1,373 | Kingston and Surbiton              | 1,483 | 545    | 2,028 |
| Wealden                                 | 718   | 271    | 989   | Lewisham, Deptford                 | 4,383 | 1,521  | 5,904 |
| <b>Hampshire</b>                        |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Aldershot                               | 894   | 314    | 1,208 | Lewisham East                      | 2,620 | 843    | 3,463 |
| Basingstoke                             | 1,129 | 346    | 1,475 | Lewisham West                      | 3,405 | 1,102  | 4,507 |
| East Hampshire                          | 1,055 | 356    | 1,411 | Leyton and Wanstead                | 3,414 | 1,075  | 4,489 |
| Eastleigh                               | 940   | 270    | 1,210 | Mitcham and Morden                 | 2,545 | 841    | 3,386 |
| Fareham                                 | 885   | 300    | 1,185 | North Southwark and Bermondsey     | 4,540 | 1,480  | 6,020 |
| Gosport                                 | 1,355 | 452    | 1,807 | Old Bexley and Sidcup              | 1,246 | 497    | 1,743 |
| Havant                                  | 1,857 | 449    | 2,306 | Orpington                          | 1,391 | 456    | 1,847 |
| New Forest East                         | 885   | 299    | 1,184 | Poplar and Canning Town            | 4,890 | 1,313  | 6,203 |
| New Forest West                         | 865   | 285    | 1,150 | Putney                             | 1,851 | 732    | 2,583 |
| North East Hampshire                    | 640   | 215    | 855   | Regent's Park and Kensington North | 4,217 | 1,777  | 5,994 |
| North West Hampshire                    | 641   | 234    | 875   | Richmond Park                      | 1,377 | 591    | 1,968 |
| Portsmouth North                        | 1,927 | 531    | 2,458 | Romford                            | 1,092 | 378    | 1,470 |
| Portsmouth South                        | 3,352 | 887    | 4,239 | Ruislip - Northwood                | 880   | 291    | 1,171 |
| Romsey                                  | 774   | 270    | 1,044 | Streatham                          | 4,952 | 1,900  | 6,852 |
| Southampton Itchen                      | 2,734 | 629    | 3,363 | Sutton and Cheam                   | 1,056 | 358    | 1,414 |
| Southampton Test                        | 2,750 | 679    | 3,429 | Tooting                            | 3,121 | 1,093  | 4,214 |
| Winchester                              | 882   | 268    | 1,150 | Tottenham                          | 6,379 | 2,099  | 8,478 |
| <b>Surrey</b>                           |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| East Surrey                             | 814   | 259    | 1,073 | Twickenham                         | 1,326 | 468    | 1,794 |
| Epsom and Ewell                         | 765   | 267    | 1,032 | Upminster                          | 1,218 | 373    | 1,591 |
| Esher and Walton                        | 821   | 267    | 1,088 | Uxbridge                           | 1,136 | 393    | 1,529 |
| Guildford                               | 781   | 223    | 1,004 | Vauxhall                           | 5,895 | 2,030  | 7,925 |
| Mole Valley                             | 488   | 141    | 629   | Walthamstow                        | 3,371 | 1,150  | 4,521 |
| Reigate                                 | 722   | 210    | 932   | West Ham                           | 4,432 | 1,347  | 5,779 |
| Runnymede and Weybridge                 | 805   | 271    | 1,076 | Wimbledon                          | 1,315 | 503    | 1,818 |
| South West Surrey                       | 584   | 167    | 751   | <b>EASTERN</b>                     |       |        |       |
| Spelthorne                              | 1,025 | 333    | 1,358 | <b>Cambridgeshire</b>              |       |        |       |
| Surrey Heath                            | 638   | 194    | 832   | Cambridge                          | 1,645 | 536    | 2,181 |
| Woking                                  | 709   | 198    | 907   | Huntingdon                         | 1,090 | 440    | 1,530 |
| <b>West Sussex</b>                      |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Arundel and South Downs                 | 625   | 211    | 836   | North East Cambridgeshire          | 1,694 | 564    | 2,258 |
| Bognor Regis and Littlehampton          | 1,139 | 328    | 1,467 | North West Cambridgeshire          | 1,276 | 422    | 1,698 |
| Chichester                              | 932   | 298    | 1,230 | Peterborough                       | 2,510 | 747    | 3,257 |
| Crawley                                 | 1,228 | 387    | 1,615 | South Cambridgeshire               | 717   | 253    | 970   |
| East Worthing and Shoreham              | 1,135 | 376    | 1,511 | South East Cambridgeshire          | 832   | 335    | 1,167 |
| Horsham                                 | 671   | 231    | 902   | <b>Essex</b>                       |       |        |       |
| Mid Sussex                              | 681   | 217    | 898   | Basildon                           | 2,253 | 752    | 3,005 |
| Worthing West                           | 1,066 | 282    | 1,348 | Billerica                          | 1,719 | 557    | 2,276 |
| <b>LONDON</b>                           |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Barking                                 | 2,064 | 685    | 2,749 | Braintree                          | 1,382 | 455    | 1,837 |
| Battersea                               | 2,915 | 1,076  | 3,991 | Brentwood and Ongar                | 910   | 297    | 1,207 |
| <b>HERTFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE</b> |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Bromsgrove                              | 1,209 | 453    | 1,662 | Castle Point                       | 1,439 | 505    | 1,944 |
| High Peak                               | 1,312 | 369    | 1,681 | Colchester                         | 1,673 | 556    | 2,229 |
| Lichfield                               | 1,268 | 346    | 1,614 | Epping Forest                      | 1,410 | 529    | 1,939 |
| North Warwickshire                      | 1,390 | 464    | 1,854 | Harlow                             | 1,708 | 550    | 2,258 |
| North West Warwickshire                 | 1,555 | 485    | 2,040 | Harwich                            | 2,199 | 592    | 2,791 |
| Rugby and Kenilworth                    | 1,336 | 457    | 1,793 | Maldon and East Chelmsford         | 1,190 | 382    | 1,572 |
| Stratford-on-Avon                       | 933   | 364    | 1,297 | North Essex                        | 878   | 289    | 1,167 |
| Warwick and Leamington                  | 1,347 | 439    | 1,786 | Rayleigh                           | 1,080 | 383    | 1,463 |
| <b>SHROPSHIRE</b>                       |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Ludlow                                  | 796   | 300    | 1,096 | Rochford and Southend East         | 3,433 | 953    | 4,386 |
| North Shropshire                        | 1,163 | 442    | 1,605 | Saffron Walden                     | 826   | 335    | 1,161 |
| Shrewsbury and Atcham                   | 1,188 | 348    | 1,536 | Southend West                      | 2,102 | 664    | 2,766 |
| Telford                                 | 1,485 | 413    | 1,898 | Thurrock                           | 2,590 | 770    | 3,360 |
| The Wrekin                              | 896   | 285    | 1,181 | West Chelmsford                    | 1,348 | 474    | 1,822 |
| <b>WARWICKSHIRE</b>                     |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| North Warwickshire                      | 1,390 | 464    | 1,854 | <b>HERTFORDSHIRE</b>               |       |        |       |
| Rugby and Kenilworth                    | 1,336 | 457    | 1,793 | Broxbourne                         | 1,343 | 479    | 1,822 |
| Stratford-on-Avon                       | 933   | 364    | 1,297 | Hemel Hempstead                    | 1,131 | 302    | 1,433 |
| Warwick and Leamington                  | 1,347 | 439    | 1,786 | Hertford and Stortford             | 810   | 303    | 1,113 |
| <b>WEST MIDLANDS</b>                    |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Aldridge - Brownhills                   | 1,376 | 447    | 1,823 | <b>GLoucestershire</b>             |       |        |       |
| Birmingham Edgbaston                    | 2,652 | 821    | 3,473 | Cheltenham                         | 1,915 | 567    | 2,482 |
| Birmingham Erdington                    | 3,328 | 916    | 4,244 | Cotswold                           | 641   | 247    | 888   |
| Birmingham Hall Green                   | 2,149 | 609    | 2,758 | Forest of Dean                     | 1,130 | 404    | 1,534 |
| Birmingham Hodge Hill                   | 3,002 | 774    | 3,776 | Gloucester                         | 2,414 | 732    | 3,146 |
| Birmingham Ladywood                     | 6,527 | 1,729  | 8,256 | Stroud                             | 1,216 | 439    | 1,655 |
| Birmingham Northfield                   | 1,994 | 597    | 2,591 | Tewkesbury                         | 943   | 332    | 1,275 |
| Birmingham Perry Barr                   | 3,415 | 1,007  | 4,422 | <b>DORSET</b>                      |       |        |       |
| Birmingham Selly Oak                    | 2,570 | 783    | 3,353 | Bournemouth East                   | 1,821 | 479    | 2,300 |
| Birmingham Sparkbrook and Small         | 5,543 | 1,580  | 7,123 | Bournemouth West                   | 2,239 | 557    | 2,796 |
| Birmingham Yardley                      | 2,003 | 618    | 2,621 | Christchurch                       | 827   | 298    | 1,125 |
| Coventry North East                     | 3,040 | 797    | 3,837 | Mid Dorset and North Poole         | 977   | 303    | 1,280 |
| Coventry North West                     | 2,137 | 687    | 2,824 | North Dorset                       | 651   | 211    | 862   |
| Coventry South                          | 2,369 | 664    | 3,033 | Poole                              | 1,386 | 384    | 1,770 |
| Dudley North                            | 2,373 | 695    | 3,068 | South Dorset                       | 1,680 | 524    | 2,204 |
| Dudley South                            | 1,780 | 587    | 2,367 | West Dorset                        | 862   | 350    | 1,212 |
| Halesowen and Rowley Regis              | 1,728 | 561    | 2,289 | <b>DEVON</b>                       |       |        |       |
| Meriden                                 | 2,308 | 707    | 3,015 | East Devon                         | 977   | 307    | 1,284 |
| Stourbridge                             | 1,123 | 428    | 1,551 | Exeter                             | 2,276 | 676    | 2,952 |
| Sutton Coldfield                        | 1,536 | 486    | 2,022 | North Devon                        | 1,662 | 598    | 2,260 |
| Walsall North                           | 1,051 | 432    | 1,483 | Plymouth Devonport                 | 2,884 | 873    | 3,757 |
| Walsall South                           | 2,864 | 743    | 3,607 | Plymouth Sutton                    | 3,993 | 1,256  | 5,249 |
| Warley                                  | 2,587 | 797    | 3,384 | South East Devon                   | 1,148 | 441    | 1,589 |
| West Bromwich East                      | 2,596 | 764    | 3,360 | Taunton and Honiton                | 1,597 | 512    | 2,109 |
| West Bromwich West                      | 2,774 | 821    | 3,595 | Torbay                             | 1,077 | 373    | 1,450 |
| Wolverhampton North East                | 2,415 | 656    | 3,071 | Torridge and West Devon            | 2,773 | 736    | 3,509 |
| Wolverhampton South East                | 2,363 | 615    | 2,978 | Totnes                             | 1,670 | 667    | 2,337 |
| Wolverhampton South West                | 2,219 | 719    | 2,938 | <b>GLoucestershire</b>             |       |        |       |
| <b>EAST MIDLANDS</b>                    |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| <b>Lincolnshire</b>                     |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |
| Boston and Skegness                     | 1,518 | 506    | 2,024 | Cheltenham                         | 1,915 | 567    | 2,482 |
| Gainsborough                            | 1,353 | 501    | 1,854 | Cotswold                           | 641   | 247    | 888   |
| Grantham and Stamford                   | 1,222 | 470    | 1,692 | Forest of Dean                     | 1,130 | 404    | 1,534 |
| Lincoln                                 | 3,023 | 849    | 3,872 | Gloucester                         | 2,414 | 732    | 3,146 |
| Louth and Horncastle                    | 1,484 | 486    | 1,970 | Stroud                             | 1,216 | 439    | 1,655 |
| Sleaford and North Hykeham              | 1,096 | 379    | 1,475 | Tewkesbury                         | 943   | 332    | 1,275 |
| South Holland and The Deepings          | 749   | 293    | 1,042 | <b>DORSET</b>                      |       |        |       |
| <b>Northamptonshire</b>                 |       |        |       |                                    |       |        |       |



# 2.10 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT

## Area statistics

Unemployment in Parliamentary constituencies as at April 10 1997

|                                    | Male  | Female | All   |                                      | Male  | Female | All   |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| North East Derbyshire              | 1,887 | 569    | 2,456 | Ashton under Lyne                    | 2,242 | 568    | 2,810 |
| South Derbyshire                   | 1,481 | 471    | 1,952 | Bolton North East                    | 2,086 | 432    | 2,518 |
| West Derbyshire                    | 979   | 370    | 1,349 | Bolton South East                    | 1,974 | 458    | 2,432 |
| <b>Leicestershire</b>              |       |        |       | Bolton West                          | 1,012 | 312    | 1,324 |
| Blaby                              | 797   | 316    | 1,113 | Bury North                           | 1,127 | 336    | 1,463 |
| Bosworth                           | 728   | 275    | 1,003 | Bury South                           | 1,333 | 393    | 1,726 |
| Charnwood                          | 881   | 343    | 1,224 | Cheadle                              | 733   | 228    | 961   |
| Harborough                         | 885   | 338    | 1,223 | Denton and Reddish                   | 1,716 | 505    | 2,221 |
| Leicester East                     | 2,131 | 740    | 2,871 | Eccles                               | 1,831 | 444    | 2,275 |
| Leicester South                    | 3,193 | 899    | 4,092 | Hazel Grove                          | 945   | 247    | 1,192 |
| Leicester West                     | 3,132 | 822    | 3,954 | Heywood and Middleton                | 2,311 | 658    | 2,969 |
| Loughborough                       | 1,243 | 447    | 1,690 | Leigh                                | 1,851 | 521    | 2,372 |
| North West Leicestershire          | 1,171 | 341    | 1,512 | Makerfield                           | 1,841 | 532    | 2,373 |
| Rutland and Melton                 | 690   | 280    | 970   | Manchester Blackley                  | 3,110 | 676    | 3,786 |
| <b>YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER</b>    |       |        |       | Manchester Central                   | 5,094 | 1,296  | 6,390 |
| <b>Humberside (former county)</b>  |       |        |       | Manchester Gorton                    | 3,828 | 1,053  | 4,881 |
| Beverley and Holderness            | 1,461 | 541    | 2,002 | Manchester Withington                | 3,045 | 1,045  | 4,090 |
| Brigg and Goole                    | 1,722 | 512    | 2,234 | Oldham East and Saddleworth          | 1,797 | 492    | 2,289 |
| Cleethorpes                        | 2,226 | 741    | 2,967 | Oldham West and Royton               | 2,233 | 592    | 2,825 |
| East Yorkshire                     | 1,799 | 567    | 2,366 | Rochdale                             | 2,641 | 619    | 3,260 |
| Great Grimsby                      | 3,558 | 845    | 4,403 | Salford                              | 2,535 | 593    | 3,128 |
| Halterprice and Howden             | 876   | 365    | 1,241 | Stalybridge and Hyde                 | 1,765 | 567    | 2,332 |
| Kingston upon Hull East            | 3,044 | 791    | 3,835 | Stockport                            | 1,866 | 446    | 2,312 |
| Kingston upon Hull North           | 3,574 | 994    | 4,568 | Stretford and Urmston                | 2,194 | 570    | 2,764 |
| Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle | 3,131 | 906    | 4,037 | Wigan                                | 2,179 | 638    | 2,817 |
| Scunthorpe                         | 1,982 | 574    | 2,556 | Worsley                              | 1,650 | 473    | 2,123 |
| <b>North Yorkshire</b>             |       |        |       | Wythenshawe and Sale East            | 2,934 | 636    | 3,570 |
| Harrogate and Knaresborough        | 1,034 | 407    | 1,441 | <b>Lancashire</b>                    |       |        |       |
| Richmond                           | 956   | 386    | 1,342 | Blackburn                            | 2,495 | 502    | 2,997 |
| Ryedale                            | 878   | 351    | 1,229 | Blackpool North and Fleetwood        | 2,203 | 541    | 2,744 |
| Scarborough and Whitby             | 2,253 | 693    | 2,946 | Blackpool South                      | 3,004 | 713    | 3,717 |
| Selby                              | 1,391 | 510    | 1,901 | Burnley                              | 1,291 | 360    | 1,651 |
| Skipton and Ripon                  | 708   | 279    | 987   | Chorley                              | 1,372 | 397    | 1,769 |
| Vale of York                       | 338   | 124    | 462   | Fylde                                | 820   | 211    | 1,031 |
| York, City of                      | 2,562 | 769    | 3,331 | Hyndburn                             | 1,254 | 385    | 1,639 |
| <b>South Yorkshire</b>             |       |        |       | Lancaster and Wyre                   | 1,335 | 445    | 1,780 |
| Barnsley Central                   | 2,398 | 557    | 2,955 | Morcambe and Lunesdale               | 2,228 | 613    | 2,841 |
| Barnsley East and Mexborough       | 2,623 | 629    | 3,252 | Pendle                               | 1,257 | 354    | 1,611 |
| Barnsley West and Penistone        | 1,853 | 515    | 2,368 | Preston                              | 2,859 | 704    | 3,563 |
| Don Valley                         | 2,339 | 622    | 2,961 | Ribble Valley                        | 694   | 277    | 971   |
| Doncaster Central                  | 3,513 | 915    | 4,428 | Rossendale and Darwen                | 1,096 | 342    | 1,438 |
| Doncaster North                    | 2,884 | 609    | 3,493 | South Ribble                         | 1,053 | 326    | 1,379 |
| Rother Valley                      | 2,368 | 663    | 3,031 | West Lancashire                      | 2,112 | 588    | 2,700 |
| Rotherham                          | 3,174 | 739    | 3,913 | <b>MERSEYSIDE</b>                    |       |        |       |
| Sheffield Attercliffe              | 2,318 | 650    | 2,968 | <b>Merseyside</b>                    |       |        |       |
| Sheffield Brightside               | 3,462 | 810    | 4,272 | Birkenhead                           | 4,079 | 950    | 5,029 |
| Sheffield Central                  | 4,727 | 1,311  | 6,038 | Bootle                               | 3,731 | 828    | 4,559 |
| Sheffield Hallam                   | 1,068 | 479    | 1,547 | Crosby                               | 1,742 | 479    | 2,221 |
| Sheffield Heeley                   | 2,925 | 818    | 3,743 | Knowsley North and Sefton East       | 3,226 | 894    | 4,120 |
| Sheffield Hillsborough             | 2,116 | 726    | 2,842 | Knowsley South                       | 3,699 | 935    | 4,634 |
| Wentworth                          | 2,620 | 623    | 3,243 | Liverpool Garston                    | 2,995 | 800    | 3,795 |
| <b>West Yorkshire</b>              |       |        |       | Liverpool Riverside                  | 5,512 | 1,520  | 7,032 |
| Batley and Spen                    | 1,755 | 440    | 2,195 | Liverpool Walton                     | 4,394 | 1,137  | 5,531 |
| Bradford North                     | 3,254 | 821    | 4,075 | Liverpool Wavertree                  | 3,992 | 1,077  | 5,069 |
| Bradford South                     | 2,532 | 635    | 3,167 | Liverpool West Derby                 | 4,423 | 1,108  | 5,531 |
| Bradford West                      | 3,755 | 1,042  | 4,797 | Southport                            | 1,858 | 620    | 2,478 |
| Calder Valley                      | 1,569 | 515    | 2,084 | St Helens North                      | 2,186 | 630    | 2,816 |
| Colne Valley                       | 1,466 | 498    | 1,964 | St Helens South                      | 2,482 | 683    | 3,165 |
| Dewsbury                           | 1,572 | 394    | 1,966 | Wallasey                             | 3,392 | 940    | 4,332 |
| Elmet                              | 1,304 | 394    | 1,698 | Wirral South                         | 1,476 | 463    | 1,939 |
| Halifax                            | 2,728 | 735    | 3,463 | Wirral West                          | 1,633 | 567    | 2,200 |
| Hemsworth                          | 2,148 | 541    | 2,689 | <b>NORTH EAST</b>                    |       |        |       |
| Huddersfield                       | 2,670 | 760    | 3,430 | <b>Cleveland (former county)</b>     |       |        |       |
| Keighley                           | 1,521 | 535    | 2,056 | Hartlepool                           | 3,477 | 792    | 4,269 |
| Leeds Central                      | 4,383 | 1,021  | 5,404 | Middlesbrough                        | 4,689 | 1,098  | 5,787 |
| Leeds East                         | 3,194 | 856    | 4,050 | Middlesbrough South and East         | 2,767 | 749    | 3,516 |
| Leeds North East                   | 1,988 | 650    | 2,638 | Redcar                               | 3,363 | 776    | 4,139 |
| Leeds North West                   | 1,442 | 481    | 1,923 | Stockton North                       | 3,373 | 855    | 4,228 |
| Leeds West                         | 2,416 | 581    | 2,997 | Stockton South                       | 2,518 | 726    | 3,244 |
| Morley and Rothwell                | 1,520 | 419    | 1,939 | <b>Northumberland</b>                |       |        |       |
| Normanton                          | 1,378 | 451    | 1,829 | Berwick-upon-Tweed                   | 1,558 | 446    | 2,004 |
| Pontefract and Castleford          | 2,118 | 560    | 2,678 | Blyth Valley                         | 2,135 | 648    | 2,783 |
| Pudsey                             | 908   | 285    | 1,193 | Hexham                               | 951   | 320    | 1,271 |
| Shipley                            | 1,388 | 440    | 1,828 | Wansbeck                             | 2,406 | 622    | 3,028 |
| Wakefield                          | 2,174 | 607    | 2,781 | <b>Durham</b>                        |       |        |       |
| <b>NORTH WEST</b>                  |       |        |       | Bishop Auckland                      | 1,982 | 497    | 2,479 |
| <b>Cheshire</b>                    |       |        |       | Darlington                           | 2,702 | 679    | 3,381 |
| Chester, City of                   | 1,711 | 470    | 2,181 | Durham City of                       | 1,649 | 516    | 2,165 |
| Congleton                          | 894   | 309    | 1,203 | Easington                            | 1,879 | 414    | 2,293 |
| Crewe and Nantwich                 | 1,673 | 527    | 2,200 | North Durham                         | 2,197 | 544    | 2,741 |
| Eddisbury                          | 1,102 | 325    | 1,427 | North West Durham                    | 2,173 | 552    | 2,725 |
| Ellesmere Port and Neston          | 1,603 | 441    | 2,044 | Sedgefield                           | 1,573 | 438    | 2,011 |
| Halton                             | 2,455 | 677    | 3,132 | <b>Tyne and Wear</b>                 |       |        |       |
| Macclesfield                       | 1,083 | 315    | 1,398 | Blaydon                              | 1,991 | 520    | 2,511 |
| Tatton                             | 816   | 223    | 1,039 | Gateshead East and Washington West   | 2,131 | 578    | 2,709 |
| Warrington North                   | 1,717 | 478    | 2,195 | Houghton and Washington East         | 2,340 | 548    | 2,888 |
| Warrington South                   | 1,297 | 447    | 1,744 | Jarrow                               | 2,664 | 664    | 3,328 |
| Weaver Vale                        | 1,973 | 629    | 2,602 | Newcastle upon Tyne Central          | 2,914 | 822    | 3,736 |
| <b>Cumbria</b>                     |       |        |       | Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsen | 3,254 | 827    | 4,081 |
| Barrow and Furness                 | 2,479 | 594    | 3,073 | Newcastle upon Tyne North            | 2,248 | 538    | 2,786 |
| Carlisle                           | 2,046 | 589    | 2,635 | North Tyneside                       | 2,743 | 726    | 3,469 |
| Copeland                           | 2,237 | 614    | 2,851 | South Shields                        | 3,516 | 821    | 4,337 |
| Penrith and The Border             | 913   | 395    | 1,308 | Sunderland North                     | 2,842 | 605    | 3,447 |
| Westmorland and Lonsdale           | 756   | 260    | 1,016 | Sunderland South                     | 3,574 | 784    | 4,358 |
| Workington                         | 2,401 | 665    | 3,066 | Tyne Bridge                          | 4,332 | 893    | 5,225 |
| <b>Greater Manchester</b>          |       |        |       | Tynemouth                            | 2,272 | 631    | 2,903 |
| Altrincham and Sale West           | 1,223 | 359    | 1,582 |                                      |       |        |       |

# CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT 2.10

## Area statistics

Unemployment in Parliamentary constituencies as at April 10 1997

|                                    | Male  | Female | All   |                                   | Male  | Female | All   |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| <b>WALES</b>                       |       |        |       | Paisley South                     | 2,241 | 564    | 2,805 |
| Aberavon                           | 1,497 | 404    | 1,901 | Perth                             | 1,668 | 488    | 2,156 |
| Alyn and Deeside                   | 1,200 | 367    | 1,567 | Ross Skye and Inverness West      | 2,104 | 717    | 2,821 |
| Blaenau Gwent                      | 2,073 | 540    | 2,613 | Roxburgh and Berwickshire         | 789   | 266    | 1,055 |
| Blecon and Radnorshire             | 917   | 336    | 1,253 | Stirling                          | 1,345 | 399    | 1,744 |
| Bridgend                           | 1,357 | 421    | 1,778 | Strathkelvin and Bearsden         | 1,433 | 430    | 1,863 |
| Caernarfon                         | 1,831 | 503    | 2,334 | Tweeddale Ettrick and Lauderdale  | 751   | 240    | 991   |
| Caerphilly                         | 2,217 | 523    | 2,740 | West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine | 653   | 303    | 956   |
| Cardiff Central                    | 2,167 | 686    | 2,853 | West Renfrewshire                 | 1,122 | 312    | 1,434 |
| Cardiff North                      | 989   | 305    | 1,294 | Western Isles                     | 905   | 264    | 1,169 |
| Cardiff South and Penarth          | 2,753 | 616    | 3,369 | <b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>           |       |        |       |
| Cardiff West                       | 2,588 | 603    | 3,191 | Belfast East                      | 2,418 | 649    | 3,067 |
| Cardiff West                       | 1,233 | 394    | 1,627 | Belfast North                     | 3,643 | 717    | 4,360 |
| Cardmarthen East and Dinefwr       | 1,233 | 394    | 1,627 | Belfast South                     | 2,852 | 1,040  | 3,892 |
| Cardmarthen West and South         | 1,960 | 542    | 2,502 | Belfast West                      | 5,046 | 744    | 5,790 |
| Ceredigion                         | 1,193 | 377    | 1,570 | East Antrim                       | 2,355 | 649    | 3,004 |
| Cwyd South                         | 1,096 | 326    | 1,422 | East Londonderry                  | 2,996 | 787    | 3,783 |
| Cwyd West                          | 1,254 | 316    | 1,570 | Fermanagh and South Tyrone        | 3,043 | 792    | 3,835 |
| Conwy                              | 2,007 | 528    | 2,535 | Foyle                             | 4,852 | 983    | 5,835 |
| Cynon Valley                       | 1,711 | 374    | 2,085 | Lagan Valley                      | 1,518 | 513    | 2,031 |
| Delyn                              | 1,071 | 330    | 1,401 | Mid Ulster                        | 2,611 | 591    | 3,202 |
| Gower                              | 1,295 | 391    | 1,686 | Newry and Armagh                  | 3,616 | 817    | 4,433 |
| Islwyn                             | 1,265 | 332    | 1,597 | North Antrim                      | 2,691 | 701    | 3,392 |
| Llanelli                           | 1,883 | 549    | 2,432 | North Down                        | 1,645 | 639    | 2,284 |
| Mairionnydd Nant Conwy             | 948   | 337    | 1,285 | North Down                        | 1,686 | 541    | 2,227 |
| Marthyr Tydfil and Rhymney         | 2,333 | 462    | 2,795 | South Antrim                      | 2,771 | 805    | 3,576 |
| Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney         | 1,114 | 384    | 1,498 | South Down                        | 1,882 | 538    | 2,420 |
| Monmouth                           | 534   | 204    | 738   | Strangford                        | 2,142 | 559    | 2,701 |
| Montgomeryshire                    | 1,568 | 411    | 1,979 | Upper Bann                        | 3,334 | 692    | 4,026 |
| Neath                              | 1,779 | 513    | 2,292 | West Tyrone                       |       |        |       |
| Newport East                       | 2,104 | 573    | 2,677 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Newport West                       | 1,358 | 358    | 1,716 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cymore                             | 1,640 | 489    | 2,129 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Pontypridd                         | 2,025 | 565    | 2,590 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire              | 2,028 | 470    | 2,498 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Rhondda                            | 2,047 | 426    | 2,473 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Swansea East                       | 2,183 | 580    | 2,763 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Swansea West                       | 1,814 | 486    | 2,300 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Tarfaerdd                          | 1,551 | 399    | 1,950 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Vale of Clwyd                      | 1,961 | 601    | 2,562 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Vale of Glamorgan                  | 1,273 | 375    | 1,648 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Wrexham                            | 2,021 | 590    | 2,611 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Ynys-Mon                           |       |        |       |                                   |       |        |       |
| <b>SCOTLAND</b>                    |       |        |       |                                   |       |        |       |
| Aberdeen Central                   | 1,564 | 458    | 2,022 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Aberdeen North                     | 1,019 | 289    | 1,308 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Aberdeen South                     | 1,096 | 343    | 1,439 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Airdrie and Shotts                 | 2,346 | 597    | 2,943 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Angus                              | 1,691 | 707    | 2,398 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Ardyll and Bute                    | 1,537 | 488    | 2,025 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Barnff and Buchan                  | 1,073 | 327    | 1,400 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cathness Sutherland and Easter Ros | 1,714 | 478    | 2,192 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cerrick Cumnock and Doon Valley    | 2,551 | 648    | 3,199 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Central Fife                       | 2,260 | 706    | 2,966 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cirdebank and Milngavie            | 2,038 | 490    | 2,528 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cirdesdale                         | 1,844 | 475    | 2,319 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Coatbridge and Chryston            | 1,828 | 476    | 2,304 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cumbernauld and Kilsyth            | 1,531 | 477    | 2,008 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cunninghame North                  | 1,901 | 553    | 2,454 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Cunninghame South                  | 2,195 | 687    | 2,882 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Dumfries                           | 2,294 | 630    | 2,924 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Dumfries                           | 1,772 | 640    | 2,412 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Dumfries                           | 3,039 | 910    | 3,849 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Dumfries                           | 2,612 | 706    | 3,318 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Dumfries                           | 2,027 | 548    | 2,575 |                                   |       |        |       |
| Dumfries                           | 1,599 | 446    | 2,045 |                                   |       |        |       |
|                                    |       |        |       |                                   |       |        |       |



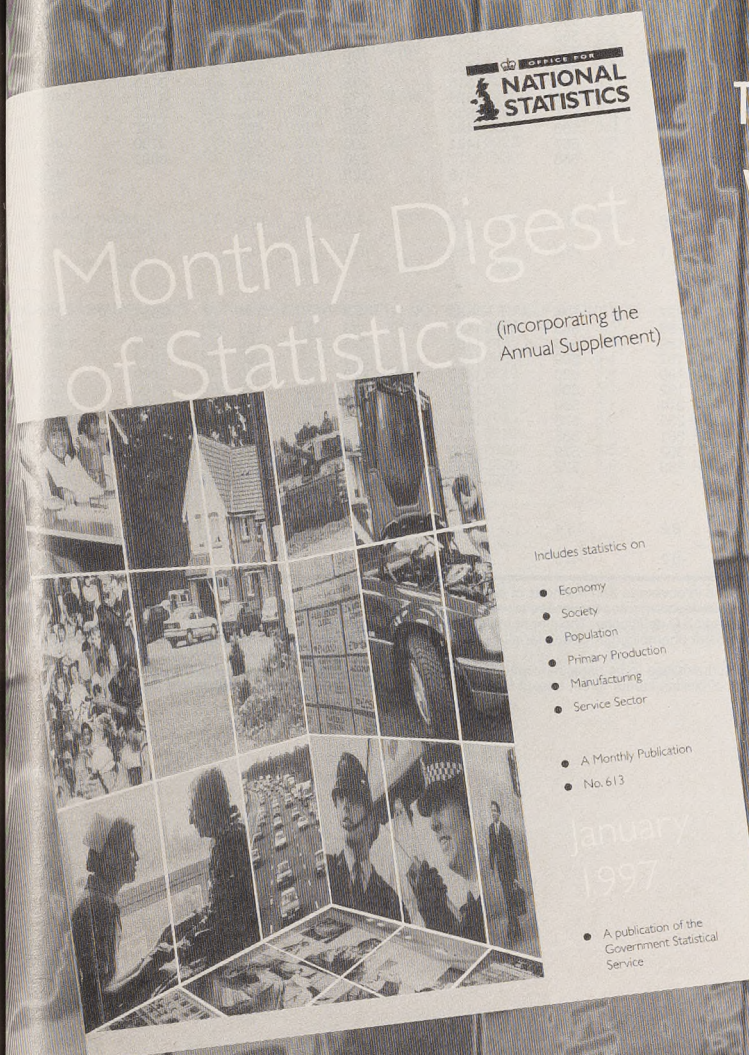
## 2.15 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT Rates by age

| UNITED KINGDOM         | 18-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60 and over | All ages* |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>MALE AND FEMALE</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |           |
| 1994 Apr               | 20.1  | 16.5  | 11.9  | 8.9   | 7.0   | 9.5   | 2.8         | 9.8       |
| Jul                    | 20.0  | 17.2  | 11.4  | 8.5   | 6.6   | 8.7   | 2.3         | 9.4       |
| Oct                    | 18.7  | 15.3  | 10.6  | 8.0   | 6.2   | 8.3   | 2.1         | 8.8       |
| 1995 Jan               | 18.6  | 15.3  | 10.9  | 8.3   | 6.3   | 8.4   | 2.1         | 8.9       |
| Apr                    | 17.3  | 14.2  | 10.3  | 7.9   | 6.1   | 8.1   | 1.9         | 8.5       |
| Jul                    | 17.3  | 15.2  | 10.0  | 7.7   | 5.9   | 7.6   | 1.7         | 8.3       |
| Oct                    | 16.6  | 13.5  | 9.5   | 7.4   | 5.6   | 7.4   | 1.6         | 7.9       |
| 1996 Jan               | 16.8  | 13.7  | 10.0  | 7.8   | 6.0   | 7.8   | 1.8         | 8.3       |
| Apr                    | 15.7  | 12.7  | 9.5   | 7.6   | 5.9   | 7.8   | 1.7         | 7.9       |
| Jul                    | 15.9  | 14.2  | 9.4   | 7.0   | 5.5   | 7.1   | 1.6         | 7.7       |
| Oct                    | 14.5  | 11.4  | 8.3   | 6.3   | 5.0   | 6.6   | 1.3         | 6.8       |
| 1997 Jan               | 14.5  | 11.4  | 8.3   | 6.3   | 5.0   | 6.6   | 1.3         | 6.8       |
| Apr                    | 13.3  | 9.8   | 7.3   | 5.6   | 4.4   | 5.9   | 0.9         | 6.0       |
| <b>MALE</b>            |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |           |
| 1994 Apr               | 24.3  | 21.6  | 16.1  | 12.5  | 10.0  | 12.9  | 4.4         | 13.3      |
| Jul                    | 23.7  | 21.6  | 15.2  | 11.9  | 9.3   | 11.8  | 3.7         | 12.6      |
| Oct                    | 22.1  | 19.5  | 14.3  | 11.3  | 8.8   | 11.3  | 3.2         | 11.8      |
| 1995 Jan               | 22.3  | 19.8  | 14.7  | 11.7  | 9.0   | 11.5  | 3.2         | 12.1      |
| Apr                    | 20.8  | 18.4  | 13.8  | 11.2  | 8.7   | 11.0  | 2.9         | 11.5      |
| Jul                    | 20.5  | 18.9  | 13.4  | 10.8  | 8.2   | 10.2  | 2.6         | 11.1      |
| Oct                    | 19.5  | 17.2  | 12.7  | 10.4  | 8.0   | 10.0  | 2.6         | 10.6      |
| 1996 Jan               | 20.2  | 17.7  | 13.5  | 11.1  | 8.5   | 10.5  | 2.8         | 11.2      |
| Apr                    | 18.9  | 16.4  | 12.8  | 10.6  | 8.2   | 10.5  | 2.7         | 10.7      |
| Jul                    | 19.4  | 17.6  | 12.6  | 9.8   | 7.8   | 9.6   | 2.4         | 10.3      |
| Oct                    | 18.1  | 15.4  | 11.6  | 9.1   | 7.3   | 9.2   | 2.2         | 9.5       |
| 1997 Jan               | 18.0  | 14.8  | 11.4  | 9.1   | 7.1   | 9.0   | 2.1         | 9.3       |
| Apr                    | 16.6  | 12.8  | 10.1  | 8.1   | 6.3   | 8.1   | 1.5         | 8.3       |
| <b>FEMALE</b>          |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |           |
| 1994 Apr               | 15.3  | 10.1  | 6.1   | 3.8   | 3.5   | 5.1   | 0.1         | 5.2       |
| Jul                    | 15.7  | 11.6  | 6.1   | 3.7   | 3.4   | 4.9   | 0.1         | 5.3       |
| Oct                    | 14.9  | 9.9   | 5.6   | 3.4   | 3.1   | 4.6   | 0.1         | 4.8       |
| 1995 Jan               | 14.5  | 9.6   | 5.6   | 3.4   | 3.2   | 4.6   | 0.1         | 4.8       |
| Apr                    | 13.3  | 8.8   | 5.3   | 3.4   | 3.1   | 4.5   | 0.1         | 4.6       |
| Jul                    | 13.7  | 10.4  | 5.3   | 3.4   | 3.1   | 4.3   | 0.1         | 4.7       |
| Oct                    | 13.3  | 8.9   | 5.0   | 3.2   | 2.9   | 4.2   | 0.1         | 4.4       |
| 1996 Jan               | 13.0  | 8.6   | 5.1   | 3.3   | 3.0   | 4.4   | 0.1         | 4.5       |
| Apr                    | 12.0  | 7.8   | 4.9   | 3.3   | 3.1   | 4.5   | 0.1         | 4.3       |
| Jul                    | 12.1  | 9.8   | 5.0   | 3.1   | 3.0   | 4.2   | 0.1         | 4.4       |
| Oct                    | 11.5  | 8.0   | 4.5   | 2.8   | 2.7   | 4.0   | 0.1         | 3.9       |
| 1997 Jan               | 10.7  | 7.0   | 4.1   | 2.6   | 2.5   | 3.7   | 0.0         | 3.6       |
| Apr                    | 9.7   | 5.9   | 3.5   | 2.2   | 2.2   | 3.3   | 0.0         | 3.2       |

\* Includes those aged under 18. These figures have been affected by the benefit regulations for under 18-year olds introduced in September 1988. See also note + to Tables 2.1 and 2.2.  
 Notes: 1 Unemployment rates by age are expressed as a percentage of the estimated workforce in the corresponding age groups at mid-1995 for 1995 and 1996, and at the corresponding mid-year estimates for earlier years.  
 2 While the figures are presented to one decimal place, they should not be regarded as implying precision to that degree. The figures for those aged 18-19 are subject to the widest errors.

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# 2.18 UNEMPLOYMENT Selected countries

|  |  | EC average | Major 7 nations (G7) | United Kingdom * | Australia ## | Austria # | Belgium ++ | Canada ## | Denmark ++ | Finland ++ | France ++ | Germany # (FR) |
|--|--|------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| STANDARDISED RATE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (2)                           |  |            |                      |                  |              |           |            |           |            |            |           |                |
| 1992   |  | 9.3        | 6.9                  | 10.1             | 10.7         | ..        | 7.3        | 11.2      | 9.2        | 13.0       | 10.4      | 6.6            |
| 1993   |  | 10.7       | 7.2                  | 10.4             | 10.8         | ..        | 8.9        | 11.2      | 10.1       | 17.5       | 11.7      | 7.9            |
| 1994   |  | 11.1       | 7.0                  | 9.6              | 9.7          | ..        | 10.0       | 10.3      | 8.2        | 17.9       | 12.3      | 8.4            |
| 1995   |  | 10.7       | 6.8                  | 8.8              | 8.5          | 3.8       | 9.9        | 9.5       | 7.1        | 16.6       | 11.6      | 8.2            |
| 1996   | Feb  | 10.9       | 6.9                  | 8.4              | 8.5          | 4.4       | 10.0       | 9.5       | 6.4        | 15.6       | 12.3      | 8.9            |
|  | Mar  | 11.0       | 6.9                  | 8.4              | 8.5          | 4.3       | 9.9        | 9.3       | 6.4        | 16.3       | 12.1      | 9.0            |
|  | Apr  | 10.9       | 6.8                  | 8.4              | 8.9          | 4.2       | 10.0       | 9.4       | 6.3        | 15.8       | 12.1      | 8.9            |
|  | May  | 10.9       | 6.9                  | 8.3              | 8.5          | 4.1       | 9.8        | 9.4       | 6.1        | 16.5       | 12.2      | 8.9            |
|  | Jun  | 10.9       | 6.8                  | 8.3              | 8.3          | 4.1       | 9.7        | 10.0      | 6.0        | 16.1       | 12.3      | 8.9            |
|  | Jul  | 10.9       | 6.8                  | 8.2              | 8.5          | 4.1       | 9.7        | 9.9       | 6.4        | 15.5       | 12.3      | 8.9            |
|  | Aug  | 10.9       | 6.7                  | 8.2              | 8.7          | 4.1       | 9.8        | 9.5       | 6.1        | 15.7       | 12.4      | 8.9            |
|  | Sep  | 10.9       | 6.8                  | 8.4              | 8.7          | 4.1       | 9.7        | 10.0      | 5.7        | 15.1       | 12.5      | 9.0            |
|  | Oct  | 10.9       | 6.8                  | 8.1              | 8.8          | 4.4       | 9.6        | 10.0      | 5.6        | 15.0       | 12.6      | 9.1            |
|  | Nov  | 10.8       | 6.8                  | 7.8              | 8.4          | 4.3       | 9.5        | 10.0      | 5.5        | 15.3       | 12.6      | 9.3            |
|  | Dec  | 10.8       | 6.7                  | 7.5              | 8.6          | 4.3       | 9.5        | 9.7       | 5.5        | 14.9       | 12.5      | 9.3            |
| 1997   | Jan  | 10.8       | 6.8                  | 7.3              | 8.6          | 4.4       | 9.5        | 9.7       | 5.8        | 15.2       | 12.5      | 9.6            |
|  | Feb  | 10.8       | 6.8                  | 7.1              | 8.8          | 4.4       | 9.5        | 9.7       | 5.8        | 15.0       | 12.5      | 9.6            |
| NUMBERS UNEMPLOYED, NATIONAL DEFINITIONS (1) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED     |  |            |                      |                  |              |           |            |           |            |            |           |                |
| 1992   |  |            | 2765                 | 925              | 193          | 473       | 1640       | 315       | 328        | 2818       | 2993      |                |
| 1993   |  |            | 2901                 | 939              | 222          | 550       | 1649       | 345       | 444        | 2999       | 3426      |                |
| 1994   |  |            | 2618                 | 856              | 215          | 589       | 1541       | 340       | 456        | 3094       | 3693      |                |
| 1995   |  |            | 2308                 | 766              | 216          | 597       | 1422       | 285       | 430        | 2976       | 3622      |                |
| 1996   | Apr  |            | 2182                 | 796              | 236          | 599       | 1421       | 249       | 453        | 3012       | 3919      |                |
|  | May  |            | 2166                 | 775              | 232          | 593       | 1418       | 247       | 453        | 3043       | 3924      |                |
|  | Jun  |            | 2150                 | 757              | 232          | 589       | 1510       | 243       | 452        | 3066       | 3932      |                |
|  | Jul  |            | 2126                 | 781              | 231          | 586       | 1488       | 255       | 450        | 3046       | 3938      |                |
|  | Aug  |            | 2109                 | 806              | 231          | 584       | 1432       | 246       | 446        | 3085       | 3963      |                |
|  | Sep  |            | 2071                 | 800              | 230          | 581       | 1510       | 235       | 442        | 3113       | 4009      |                |
|  | Oct  |            | 2025                 | 804              | 230          | 576       | 1526       | 233       | 440        | 3101       | 4057      |                |
|  | Nov  |            | 1930                 | 779              | 228          | 571       | 1532       | 229       | 439        | 3122       | 4118      |                |
|  | Dec  |            | 1883                 | 792              | 219          | 568       | 1485       | 226       | 439        | 3082       | 4165      |                |
| 1997   | Jan  |            | 1815                 | 791              | 229          | 567       | 1481       | 230       | 435        | 3100       | 4311      |                |
|  | Feb  |            | 1748                 | 811              | 232          | 568       | 1477       | 226       | 430        | 3092       | 4313      |                |
|  | Mar  |            | 1711                 | 803              | ..           | ..        | 1418       | 222       | 426        | ..         | 4291      |                |
|  | Apr  |            | 1651                 | 802              | ..           | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | 4299      |                |
|  | % rate: latest month                         |            | 5.9                  | 8.7              | 7.0          | 13.3      | 9.3        | 8.0       | 16.9       | 12.7       | 11.2      |                |
|  | Latest 3 months: change on previous 3 months |            | -0.6                 | 0.2              | -0.1         | -0.2      | -0.3       | -0.1      | -0.4       | 0.1        | 0.3       |                |
| NUMBERS UNEMPLOYED, NATIONAL DEFINITIONS (1) NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |  |            |                      |                  |              |           |            |           |            |            |           |                |
| 1996   | Apr  |            | 2224                 | 793              | 237          | 574       | 1460       | 257       | 444        | 2957       | 3967      |                |
|  | May  |            | 2147                 | 758              | 208          | 555       | 1444       | 233       | 432        | 2910       | 3818      |                |
|  | Jun  |            | 2096                 | 731              | 189          | 545       | 1467       | 225       | 459        | 2879       | 3785      |                |
|  | Jul  |            | 2158                 | 732              | 187          | 599       | 1540       | 243       | 468        | 2919       | 3912      |                |
|  | Aug  |            | 2176                 | 771              | 190          | 620       | 1453       | 249       | 440        | 3039       | 3902      |                |
|  | Sep  |            | 2104                 | 800              | 192          | 608       | 1379       | 221       | 427        | 3150       | 3848      |                |
|  | Oct  |            | 1977                 | 765              | 214          | 590       | 1397       | 218       | 425        | 3179       | 3867      |                |
|  | Nov  |            | 1871                 | 737              | 235          | 579       | 1447       | 214       | 428        | 3197       | 3942      |                |
|  | Dec  |            | 1868                 | 806              | 261          | 588       | 1412       | 214       | 468        | 3189       | 4148      |                |
| 1997   | Jan  |            | 1908                 | 854              | 302          | 579       | 1578       | 259       | 453        | 3264       | 4658      |                |
|  | Feb  |            | 1828                 | 906              | 289          | 572       | 1566       | 245       | 438        | 3205       | 4672      |                |
|  | Mar  |            | 1745                 | 845              | ..           | ..        | 1530       | 237       | 424        | ..         | 4477      |                |
|  | Apr  |            | 1688                 | 800              | ..           | ..        | ..         | ..        | ..         | ..         | 4347      |                |
|  | % rate: latest month                         |            | 6.0                  | 8.7              | 8.8          | 13.4      | 10.2       | 8.5       | 16.9       | N/A        | 11.3      |                |
|  | Latest month: change on a year ago           |            | -1.9                 | N/C              | -0.2         | -0.9      | -0.2       | -1.2      | -1.5       | N/A        | 0.9       |                |

Note 1: The figures on national definitions are not directly comparable due to differences in coverage and methods of compilation.  
 Note 2: Unemployment as a percentage of the total labour force. The standardised unemployment rates are based on national statistics but have been adjusted when necessary, and as far as the available data allow, to bring them as close as possible to the internationally agreed ILO definitions. The standardised rates are therefore more suitable than the national figures for comparing the levels of unemployment between countries. The OECD are now using Eurostat unemployment rates for all EU countries. Rates for all other countries are calculated by the OECD.  
 The following symbols apply only to the figures on national definitions.  
 \* The seasonally adjusted series for the United Kingdom takes account of past discontinuities to be consistent with the current coverage (see notes to Table 2.1).  
 + Numbers registered at employment offices. Rates are calculated as percentages of civilian labour force, except Greece, which excludes civil servants, professional people, and farmers.

# UNEMPLOYMENT 2.18 Selected countries

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|  |  | Greece + | Irish Republic + | Italy ** | Japan ** | Luxembourg # | Netherlands ++ | Norway ++ | Portugal # | Spain + | Sweden ## | Switzerland ++ | United States ## |
|--|--|----------|------------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| STANDARDISED RATE: SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (2)                           |  |          |                  |          |          |              |                |           |            |         |           |                |                  |
| 1992   |  | 7.9      | 15.4             | 9.0      | 2.2      | 2.1          | 5.6            | 5.9       | 4.2        | 18.5    | 5.8       | 2.9            | 7.3              |
| 1993   |  | 8.6      | 15.6             | 10.3     | 2.5      | 2.7          | 6.6            | 6.0       | 5.7        | 22.8    | 9.5       | 3.8            | 6.7              |
| 1994   |  | 8.9      | 14.3             | 11.4     | 2.9      | 3.2          | 7.1            | 5.4       | 7.0        | 24.1    | 9.8       | 3.6            | 6.0              |
| 1995   |  | 9.7      | 12.4             | 11.9     | 3.1      | 2.9          | 7.0            | 4.9       | 7.3        | 22.9    | 9.2       | ..             | 5.5              |
| 1996   | Feb  | ..       | 12.5             | 12.0     | 3.3      | 3.0          | 6.4            | 5.1       | 7.3        | 22.6    | 9.7       | ..             | 5.5              |
|  | Mar  | ..       | 12.4             | 12.0     | 3.1      | 3.0          | 6.7            | ..        | 7.5        | 22.7    | 9.7       | ..             | 5.6              |
|  | Apr  | ..       | 12.5             | 12.0     | 3.4      | 3.1          | 6.7            | ..        | 7.5        | 22.4    | 10.1      | ..             | 5.5              |
|  | May  | ..       | 12.4             | 12.0     | 3.6      | 3.1          | 6.5            | 5.0       | 7.4        | 22.2    | 10.2      | ..             | 5.5              |
|  | Jun  | ..       | 12.5             | 12.0     | 3.5      | 3.1          | 6.5            | ..        | 7.3        | 22.3    | 9.9       | ..             | 5.3              |
|  | Jul  | ..       | 12.5             | 12.0     | 3.4      | 3.1          | 6.7            | ..        | 7.3        | 22.1    | 10.0      | ..             | 5.4              |
|  | Aug  | ..       | 12.5             | 12.1     | 3.3      | 3.1          | 6.7            | 4.8       | 7.3        | 22.0    | 10.1      | ..             | 5.2              |
|  | Sep  | ..       | 12.4             | 11.9     | 3.3      | 3.2          | 6.7            | ..        | 7.2        | 22.1    | 10.2      | ..             | 5.2              |
|  | Oct  | ..       | 12.1             | 11.9     | 3.4      | 3.2          | 6.2            | ..        | 7.1        | 21.7    | 10.0      | ..             | 5.2              |
|  | Nov  | ..       | 11.9             | 12.0     | 3.2      | 3.3          | 6.2            | ..        | 7.1        | 21.7    | 10.2      | ..             | 5.3              |
|  | Dec  | ..       | 11.8             | 12.1     | 3.3      | 3.5          | 6.1            | ..        | 7.2        | 21.6    | 10.5      | ..             | 5.3              |
| 1997   | Jan  | ..       | 11.7             | 12.2     | 3.3      | 3.4          | 6.0            | ..        | 7.2        | 21.6    | 10.4      | ..             | 5.4              |
|  | Feb  | ..       | 11.6             | ..       | 3.3      | 3.4          | ..             | ..        | 7.3        | 21.7    | 10.9      | ..             | 5.3              |
| NUMBERS UNEMPLOYED, NATIONAL DEFINITIONS (1) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED     |  |          |                  |          |          |              |                |           |            |         |           |                |                  |
| 1992   |  | 185      | 283              | 2549     | 1421     | 2.7          | 337            | 114       | 317        | 2260    | ..        | 92.3           | 9384             |
| 1993   |  | 176      | 294              | 2335     | 1656     | 3.5          | 417            | 118       | 347        | 2538    | ..        | 163.1          | 8734             |
| 1994   |  | 180      | 282              | 2561     | 1920     | 4.6          | 485            | 110       | 396        | 2647    | ..        | 171.0          | 7997             |
| 1995   |  | 184      | 278              | 2724     | 2098     | 5.1          | 462            | 102       | 430        | 2449    | ..        | 153.3          | 7404             |
| 1996   | Apr  | 190      | 282              | 2804     | 2310     | 5.6          | 446            | 94        | ..         | 2310    | ..        | 162            | 7302             |
|  | May  | 185      | 282              | ..       | 2350     | 5.7          | 438            | 96        | ..         | 2286    | ..        | 164            | 7331             |
|  | Jun  | 190      | 285              | ..       | 2350     | 5.6          | 432            | 91        | ..         | 2267    | ..        | 166            | 7119             |
|  | Jul  | 185      | 286              | 2754     | 2310     | 5.6          | 441            | 91        | ..         | 2252    | ..        | 167            | 7276             |
|  | Aug  | 178      | 284              | ..       | 2220     | 5.6          | 441            | 90        | ..         | 2236    | ..        | 170            | 6910             |
|  | Sep  | 183      | 281              | ..       | 2210     | 5.6          | 441            | 89        | ..         | 2233    | ..        | 174            | 7043             |
|  | Oct  | 183      | 274              | 2729     | 2270     | 5.8          | 433            | 88        | ..         | 2232    | ..        | 180            | 7019             |
|  | Nov  | 180      | 269              | ..       | 2180     | 6.0          | 431            | 87        | ..         | 2220    | ..        | 184            | 7187             |
|  | Dec  | 181      | 266              | ..       | 2220     | 6.3          | 428            | 84        | ..         | 2208    | ..        | 188            | 7167             |
| 1997   | Jan  | 191      | 262              | 2817     | 2220     | 6.2          | 417            | 82        | ..         | 2198    | ..        | 194            | 7268             |
|  | Feb  | 191      | 260              | ..       | 2280     | ..           | 398            | 81        | ..         | 2190    | ..        | 195            | 7205             |
|  | Mar  | ..       | 261              | ..       | ..       | ..           | ..             | ..        | ..         | ..      | ..        | ..             | 7144             |
|  | Apr  | ..       | 256              | ..       | ..       | ..           | ..             | ..        | ..         | ..      | ..        | ..             | ..               |
|  | % rate: latest month                         | N/A      | N/A              | 12.3     | 3.3      | N/A          | ..             | 3.5       | ..         | 13.6    | ..        | 5.4            | 5.2              |
|  | Latest 3 months: change on previous 3 months | N/A      | N/A              | 0.3      | N/C      | N/A          | ..             | -0.2      | ..         | -0.4    | ..        | 0.4            | 0.0              |
| NUMBERS UNEMPLOYED, NATIONAL DEFINITIONS (1) NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED |  |          |                  |          |          |              |                |           |            |         |           |                |                  |
| 1996   | Apr  | 189      | 281              | 2816     | 2350     | 5.5          | 441            | 92        | 488        | 2335    | 312       | 164            | 7124             |
|  | May  | 157      | 275              | ..       | 2400     | 5.3          | 418            | 88        | 478        | 2268    | 324       | 162            | 7166             |
|  | Jun  | 166      | 283              | ..       | 2260     | 5.1          | 415            | 95        | 465        | 2235    | 420       | 160            | 7377             |
|  | Jul  | 164      | 288              | 2690     | 2210     | 5.1          | 433            | 103       | 455        | 2171    | 466       | 162            | 7693             |
|  | Aug  | 152      | 288              | ..       | 2240     | 5.1          | 441            | 98        | 453        | 2144    | 431       | 164            | 6868             |
|  | Sep  | 156      | 279              | ..       | 2240     | 5.7          | 438            | 85        | 452        | 2195    | 369       | 166            | 6700             |
|  | Oct  | 173      | 268              | 2790     | 2270     | 6.0          | 431            | 79        | 457        | 2235    | 349       | 174            | 6577             |
|  | Nov  | 197      | 263              | ..       | 2120     | 6.4          | 432            | 77        | 463        | 2251    | 343       | 183            | 6816             |
|  | Dec  | 211      | 270              | ..       | 2080     | 6.5          | 437            | 79        | 460        | 2216    | 385       | 192            | 6680             |
| 1997   | Jan  | 226      | 269              | 2809     | 2220     | 6.9          | 429            | 90        | 471        | 2257    | 383       | 206            | 7933             |
|  | Feb  | 226      | 264              | ..       | 2300     | ..           | 415            | 84        | 481        | 2263    | 357       | 206            | 7647             |
|  | Mar  | ..       | 262              | ..       | ..       | ..           | ..             | ..        | ..         | ..      | ..        | ..             | ..               |
|  | Apr  | ..       | 256              | ..       | ..       | ..           | ..             | ..        | ..         | ..      | ..        | ..             | ..               |
|  | % rate: latest month                         | N/A      | N/A              | 12.4     | 3.5      | N/A          | 6.2            | 3.7       | ..         | 14.1    | 7.5       | 5.7            | 5.7              |
|  | Latest 3 months: change on previous 3 months | N/A      | N/A              | 0.2      | 0.1      | N/A          | -0.8           | -0.7      | ..         | -1.4    | 0.1       | 1.1            | -0.3             |

# Numbers registered at employment offices. Rates are calculated as percentages of total employees.  
 ++ Insured unemployed. Rates are calculated as percentages of total insured labour force.  
 \*\* Labour force sample survey. Rates are calculated as a percentage of total labour force.  
 # Labour force sample survey. Rates are calculated as a percentage of the civilian labour force.  
 + No change.  
 N/A Not available.



# 2.19 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT

Flows: standardised, not seasonally adjusted \*

THOUSANDS

| UNITED KINGDOM |                 | INFLOW +                   |       |                            |        |                            |         |      |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------|------|
| Month ending   | Male and Female |                            | Male  |                            | Female |                            | Married |      |
|                | All             | Change since previous year | All   | Change since previous year | All    | Change since previous year |         |      |
|                | 1996 Apr 11     | 291.4                      | -14.2 | 200.6                      | -13.7  | 90.8                       |         | -0.6 |
| May 9          | 253.1           | 1.1                        | 179.3 | 0.5                        | 73.7   | 0.6                        | 21.7    |      |
| Jun 13         | 255.5           | -9.8                       | 177.6 | -9.6                       | 78.0   | -0.1                       | 22.0    |      |
| Jul 11         | 364.4           | -14.4                      | 232.9 | -14.1                      | 131.4  | -0.4                       | 30.6    |      |
| Aug 8          | 308.7           | -27.5                      | 199.8 | -19.4                      | 108.9  | -8.1                       | 31.6    |      |
| Sep 12         | 280.7           | -38.4                      | 188.9 | -26.9                      | 91.8   | -11.5                      | 23.5    |      |
| Oct 10         | 279.0           | -41.8                      | 194.7 | -29.1                      | 84.3   | -12.6                      | 21.1    |      |
| Nov 14         | 268.7           | -43.1                      | 190.3 | -28.7                      | 78.3   | -14.6                      | 21.2    |      |
| Dec 12         | 257.7           | -30.6                      | 189.9 | -22.9                      | 67.8   | -7.7                       | 17.9    |      |
| 1997 Jan 9     | 303.3           | -19.0                      | 215.0 | -8.6                       | 88.3   | -10.4                      | 25.3    |      |
| Feb 13         | 292.3           | -16.9                      | 206.6 | -13.1                      | 85.7   | -3.8                       | 23.0    |      |
| Mar 13         | 263.4           | -6.1                       | 188.3 | -1.8                       | 75.1   | -4.3                       | 21.4    |      |
| Apr 10         | 270.4           | -21.0                      | 190.2 | -10.4                      | 80.2   | -10.6                      | 25.2    |      |

| UNITED KINGDOM |                 | OUTFLOW +                  |       |                            |        |                            |         |      |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------|------|
| Month ending   | Male and Female |                            | Male  |                            | Female |                            | Married |      |
|                | All             | Change since previous year | All   | Change since previous year | All    | Change since previous year |         |      |
|                | 1996 Apr 11     | 298.8                      | -26.7 | 213.3                      | -21.1  | 85.5                       |         | -5.6 |
| May 9          | 336.0           | 4.9                        | 235.2 | 2.8                        | 100.8  | 2.1                        | 32.8    |      |
| Jun 13         | 299.8           | -17.3                      | 216.0 | -11.6                      | 83.8   | -5.8                       | 25.0    |      |
| Jul 11         | 297.5           | -10.5                      | 214.5 | -6.7                       | 82.9   | -3.9                       | 21.8    |      |
| Aug 8          | 288.8           | -32.3                      | 202.5 | -22.0                      | 86.3   | -10.3                      | 21.0    |      |
| Sep 12         | 343.7           | -25.6                      | 225.1 | -16.5                      | 118.6  | -9.1                       | 36.0    |      |
| Oct 10         | 416.0           | 8.8                        | 281.1 | 5.7                        | 134.9  | 3.0                        | 34.1    |      |
| Nov 14         | 360.4           | 31.0                       | 249.7 | 24.5                       | 110.7  | 6.5                        | 30.8    |      |
| Dec 12         | 261.1           | 0.7                        | 182.9 | 1.8                        | 78.2   | -1.2                       | 21.2    |      |
| 1997 Jan 9     | 260.5           | 27.3                       | 179.4 | 19.9                       | 81.1   | 7.4                        | 23.0    |      |
| Feb 13         | 361.6           | 44.3                       | 258.8 | 33.3                       | 102.8  | 11.0                       | 30.1    |      |
| Mar 13         | 352.8           | -20.8                      | 254.3 | -17.5                      | 98.5   | -3.3                       | 28.5    |      |
| Apr 10         | 326.0           | 27.2                       | 232.6 | 19.3                       | 93.4   | 7.9                        | 28.5    |      |

\* The unemployment flow statistics are described in *Employment Gazette*, August 1983, pp 351-358. Flow figures are collected for four or five-week periods between count dates; the figures in the table are converted to a standard 4 1/3 week month.  
 + The flows in this table are not on quite the same basis as those in Table 2.20. While Table 2.20 relates to computerised records only for GB, this table gives estimates of total flows for the UK. It is assumed that computerised inflows are the best estimates of total inflows, while outflows are calculated by subtracting the changes in stocks from the inflows.

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Flows by age (GB): standardised\* not seasonally adjusted: computerised claims only

THOUSANDS

| INFLOW<br>Month ending    | Age group |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |          |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|----------|
|                           | Under 18  | 18-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-59 | 60 and over | All ages |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 4.0       | 16.4  | 39.6  | 31.2  | 23.7  | 31.7  | 25.9  | 10.0  | 3.3         | 185.9    |
| Dec 12                    | 4.2       | 16.7  | 39.1  | 31.6  | 24.5  | 32.7  | 25.0  | 8.7   | 2.9         | 185.5    |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 3.9       | 17.9  | 43.3  | 35.8  | 28.4  | 37.1  | 30.1  | 10.3  | 3.5         | 210.4    |
| Feb 13                    | 6.2       | 20.2  | 42.7  | 33.9  | 25.9  | 33.9  | 26.4  | 9.4   | 3.1         | 201.7    |
| Mar 13                    | 5.0       | 17.3  | 37.7  | 31.0  | 24.0  | 32.1  | 24.9  | 8.9   | 2.7         | 183.6    |
| Apr 10                    | 4.8       | 16.2  | 36.0  | 30.6  | 24.2  | 33.1  | 27.9  | 10.1  | 3.1         | 186.0    |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 3.0       | 9.8   | 17.8  | 11.3  | 6.8   | 11.3  | 12.2  | 3.9   | 0.0         | 76.0     |
| Dec 12                    | 2.8       | 9.0   | 14.8  | 9.6   | 6.3   | 9.8   | 10.4  | 3.1   | 0.0         | 65.9     |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 2.9       | 10.9  | 20.4  | 12.9  | 8.1   | 13.0  | 13.6  | 3.9   | 0.0         | 85.7     |
| Feb 13                    | 4.5       | 12.3  | 19.4  | 12.1  | 7.7   | 11.9  | 12.0  | 3.5   | 0.0         | 83.4     |
| Mar 13                    | 3.7       | 10.3  | 15.9  | 10.5  | 7.1   | 10.9  | 11.5  | 3.4   | 0.0         | 73.2     |
| Apr 10                    | 3.5       | 9.3   | 15.7  | 11.0  | 7.6   | 12.7  | 13.9  | 4.2   | 0.0         | 77.9     |
| Changes on a year earlier |           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |          |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 0.1       | -2.7  | -7.1  | -4.3  | -3.6  | -4.6  | -3.9  | -0.7  | -0.8        | -27.8    |
| Dec 12                    | 0.4       | -1.0  | -4.5  | -3.7  | -3.4  | -3.8  | -3.9  | -1.6  | -0.7        | -22.2    |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 0.0       | 0.2   | -2.7  | -0.4  | 0.0   | -1.2  | -2.4  | -0.7  | -0.7        | -7.8     |
| Feb 13                    | 0.6       | 0.7   | -2.1  | -1.9  | -2.2  | -3.3  | -3.0  | -1.0  | -0.5        | -12.7    |
| Mar 13                    | 0.6       | 0.8   | 0.0   | 0.2   | -0.2  | -0.5  | -1.6  | -0.4  | -0.7        | -1.8     |
| Apr 10                    | 1.2       | 0.9   | -1.1  | -0.4  | -0.7  | -1.1  | -5.5  | -1.8  | -1.3        | -9.7     |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 0.2       | -1.8  | -4.7  | -2.1  | -1.6  | -2.1  | -1.8  | -0.2  | 0.0         | -14.2    |
| Dec 12                    | 0.3       | -0.6  | -2.6  | -1.5  | -0.9  | -1.2  | -1.0  | -0.1  | 0.0         | -7.7     |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 0.1       | -0.9  | -3.0  | -1.3  | -1.3  | -1.8  | -1.4  | -0.2  | 0.0         | -9.8     |
| Feb 13                    | 0.7       | -0.1  | -1.4  | -0.8  | -0.9  | -0.7  | -0.6  | 0.2   | 0.0         | -3.7     |
| Mar 13                    | 0.6       | 0.3   | -1.2  | -0.9  | -0.5  | -1.2  | -0.8  | 0.0   | 0.0         | -3.9     |
| Apr 10                    | 0.8       | 0.2   | -1.8  | -1.5  | -1.1  | -2.7  | -3.0  | -0.7  | 0.0         | -9.9     |

| OUTFLOW<br>Month ending   | Age group |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |               |          |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------------|----------|
|                           | Under 18  | 18-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 + | 55-59 + | 60 and over + | All ages |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 3.6       | 17.3  | 51.9  | 40.2  | 30.7  | 39.9  | 31.8    | 11.9    | 4.9           | 232.0    |
| Dec 12                    | 2.3       | 12.4  | 37.1  | 29.0  | 22.4  | 30.0  | 24.8    | 9.2     | 4.1           | 171.3    |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 2.9       | 11.2  | 33.8  | 27.9  | 21.7  | 29.0  | 24.0    | 8.9     | 3.9           | 163.4    |
| Feb 13                    | 4.4       | 16.7  | 49.1  | 42.1  | 33.9  | 45.0  | 35.3    | 12.7    | 5.8           | 244.9    |
| Mar 13                    | 4.3       | 17.4  | 49.1  | 41.0  | 32.6  | 43.2  | 34.6    | 12.8    | 5.5           | 240.4    |
| Apr 10                    | 4.3       | 16.3  | 45.1  | 37.2  | 29.3  | 39.2  | 31.9    | 12.7    | 5.0           | 221.0    |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 2.8       | 11.9  | 27.0  | 15.5  | 9.9   | 14.3  | 15.2    | 4.9     | 0.2           | 101.7    |
| Dec 12                    | 1.8       | 8.2   | 18.7  | 11.4  | 7.1   | 10.4  | 11.2    | 3.8     | 0.2           | 72.7     |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 2.3       | 7.3   | 17.2  | 11.7  | 7.7   | 10.9  | 11.5    | 3.8     | 0.2           | 72.6     |
| Feb 13                    | 3.4       | 10.6  | 22.9  | 15.2  | 10.1  | 14.4  | 15.2    | 4.8     | 0.2           | 96.8     |
| Mar 13                    | 3.1       | 10.8  | 21.7  | 14.0  | 9.3   | 13.9  | 15.0    | 4.9     | 0.2           | 92.9     |
| Apr 10                    | 3.1       | 10.0  | 20.0  | 13.2  | 8.8   | 13.2  | 14.5    | 5.2     | 0.2           | 88.1     |
| Changes on a year earlier |           |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |               |          |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 0.7       | -0.2  | 0.4   | 3.4   | 2.5   | 3.4   | 2.8     | 1.0     | 0.2           | 14.2     |
| Dec 12                    | 0.3       | -0.7  | -3.0  | -0.3  | -0.1  | 0.0   | 0.2     | -0.2    | 0.1           | -3.7     |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 0.4       | 0.6   | 1.3   | 1.8   | 1.0   | 1.4   | 1.7     | 0.5     | 0.2           | 8.8      |
| Feb 13                    | 1.3       | 2.0   | 3.0   | 4.2   | 4.0   | 5.4   | 4.4     | 1.6     | 0.6           | 26.4     |
| Mar 13                    | 0.7       | 1.2   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 2.5   | 2.9     | 1.3     | 0.3           | 10.9     |
| Apr 10                    | 1.2       | 1.8   | 1.7   | 2.1   | 1.5   | 2.8   | 3.0     | 0.5     | 0.2           | 14.8     |
| 1996 Nov 14               | 0.5       | -0.4  | -1.3  | 0.7   | 0.6   | 0.3   | 1.0     | 0.6     | 0.0           | 2.0      |
| Dec 12                    | 0.2       | -1.2  | -3.1  | -0.4  | -0.2  | 0.0   | 0.8     | 0.5     | 0.0           | -3.4     |
| 1997 Jan 9                | 0.3       | 0.2   | -0.1  | 0.6   | 0.3   | 0.1   | 0.3     | 0.3     | 0.0           | 2.1      |
| Feb 13                    | 0.9       | 0.6   | 0.0   | 1.2   | 0.9   | 1.6   | 2.4     | 0.9     | 0.0           | 8.5      |
| Mar 13                    | 0.4       | 0.4   | -1.5  | -0.1  | 0.0   | 0.1   | 1.2     | 0.8     | -0.1          | 1.2      |
| Apr 10                    | 0.8       | 0.4   | -0.8  | 0.2   | 0.8   | 1.5   | 2.1     | 0.9     | -0.1          | 5.8      |

Flows figures are collected for four or five-week periods between count dates; the figures in the table are converted to a standard 4 1/3 week month.  
 The outflows, for older age groups in particular, are affected by the exclusion of non-computerised records from this table. Those who attend benefit offices only quarterly, who are mainly aged 50 and over, cease to be part of the computerised records.



## 2.23 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT

### Claim history: interval between claims

Claims starting during the quarter ending January 1997 by the interval between the latest and previous claim

| Interval (weeks)      | Onflows (per cent) |      |     | Onflows (thousands) |       |       |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|-----|---------------------|-------|-------|
|                       | Female             | Male | All | Female              | Male  | All   |
|                       |                    |      |     |                     |       |       |
| 4 or less             | 14                 | 17   | 16  | 29.9                | 93.9  | 123.8 |
| Over 4 and up to 13   | 18                 | 20   | 19  | 35.4                | 109.5 | 144.9 |
| Over 13 and up to 26  | 10                 | 14   | 13  | 21.6                | 74.6  | 96.1  |
| Over 26 and up to 39  | 7                  | 9    | 8   | 15.0                | 48.7  | 63.8  |
| Over 39 and up to 52  | 4                  | 5    | 5   | 8.3                 | 26.9  | 35.2  |
| Over 52 and up to 104 | 8                  | 9    | 8   | 16.7                | 47.5  | 64.2  |
| Over 104              | 13                 | 12   | 12  | 29.0                | 65.5  | 94.5  |
| No previous Claims    | 28                 | 15   | 18  | 60.2                | 79.5  | 139.8 |
| Total                 | 100                | 100  | 100 | 216.1               | 546.2 | 762.3 |

| Interval (weeks)      | REGIONS    |             |            |               |               |                  |            |          |       |          |               |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|----------|-------|----------|---------------|
|                       | South East | East Anglia | South West | West Midlands | East Midlands | Yorks and Humber | North West | Northern | Wales | Scotland | Great Britain |
| <b>PER CENT</b>       |            |             |            |               |               |                  |            |          |       |          |               |
| 4 or less             | 15         | 16          | 14         | 16            | 16            | 18               | 17         | 19       | 15    | 16       | 16            |
| Over 4 and up to 13   | 18         | 15          | 18         | 20            | 20            | 20               | 19         | 21       | 20    | 20       | 19            |
| Over 13 and up to 26  | 12         | 12          | 13         | 11            | 12            | 12               | 14         | 14       | 13    | 13       | 13            |
| Over 26 and up to 39  | 8          | 9           | 10         | 8             | 9             | 8                | 7          | 9        | 9     | 9        | 8             |
| Over 39 and up to 52  | 4          | 5           | 5          | 4             | 5             | 5                | 4          | 5        | 5     | 5        | 5             |
| Over 52 and up to 104 | 9          | 9           | 8          | 9             | 9             | 8                | 7          | 8        | 8     | 8        | 8             |
| Over 104              | 13         | 14          | 14         | 12            | 12            | 11               | 12         | 10       | 13    | 12       | 12            |
| No previous Claims    | 21         | 20          | 19         | 19            | 17            | 17               | 18         | 14       | 16    | 17       | 18            |
| Total                 | 100        | 100         | 100        | 100           | 100           | 100              | 100        | 100      | 100   | 100      | 100           |
| <b>THOUSANDS</b>      |            |             |            |               |               |                  |            |          |       |          |               |
| 4 or less             | 30.6       | 4.2         | 9.0        | 10.6          | 8.3           | 14.5             | 16.4       | 9.9      | 6.5   | 13.8     | 123.8         |
| Over 4 and up to 13   | 35.5       | 4.2         | 11.0       | 13.4          | 10.2          | 15.9             | 18.1       | 10.9     | 8.3   | 17.6     | 144.9         |
| Over 13 and up to 26  | 23.8       | 3.3         | 7.9        | 7.4           | 6.2           | 9.6              | 13.5       | 7.4      | 5.4   | 11.7     | 96.1          |
| Over 26 and up to 39  | 15.3       | 2.6         | 6.4        | 5.3           | 4.8           | 6.5              | 7.0        | 4.5      | 3.8   | 7.6      | 63.8          |
| Over 39 and up to 52  | 8.2        | 1.3         | 3.2        | 2.8           | 2.5           | 4.0              | 4.3        | 2.6      | 2.0   | 4.3      | 35.2          |
| Over 52 and up to 104 | 17.0       | 2.4         | 4.9        | 6.0           | 4.8           | 6.0              | 7.5        | 3.7      | 3.5   | 8.2      | 64.2          |
| Over 104              | 25.6       | 3.8         | 8.6        | 8.1           | 6.1           | 9.0              | 11.9       | 5.3      | 5.7   | 10.4     | 94.5          |
| No previous Claims    | 41.7       | 5.5         | 11.6       | 12.7          | 8.6           | 13.4             | 17.6       | 6.9      | 6.8   | 14.9     | 139.8         |
| Total                 | 197.6      | 27.2        | 62.6       | 66.2          | 51.5          | 79.0             | 96.5       | 51.1     | 42.1  | 88.5     | 762.3         |

Note 1: JUVOS cohort is a 5% sample of computerised claims.  
 Note 2: Latest claims in this table started between 11 October 1996 and 9 January 1997 inclusive.  
 Note 3: Previous claims in this table must have started after 9 October 1986.  
 Note 4: The widest 95% Confidence Interval for the regional percentages is +/- 2.1 percentage points (East Anglia).  
 Note 5: The widest 95% Confidence Interval for the male/female percentages is +/- 0.8 percentage points.  
 Note 6: All claims have been grossed by a factor of 20 to represent the population.

## 2.24 CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT

### By sought and usual occupation

United Kingdom as at April 10 1997

| Description  | SOC Sub-major groups | Usual occupation |          |              |          |                |          | Sought occupation |          |              |          |                |          |
|--|----------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|  |                      | Men              |          | Women        |          | All            |          | Men               |          | Women        |          | All            |          |
|  |                      | Thousand         | Per cent | Thousand     | Per cent | Thousand       | Per cent | Thousand          | Per cent | Thousand     | Per cent | Thousand       | Per cent |
| Corporate managers and administrators                | 10-15&19             | 37.1             | 2.9      | 9.1          | 2.4      | 46.2           | 2.8      | 38.0              | 2.9      | 9.5          | 2.5      | 47.4           | 2.8      |
| Managers/proprietors in agriculture and services     | 16-17                | 19.7             | 1.5      | 5.4          | 1.4      | 25.1           | 1.5      | 19.0              | 1.5      | 5.4          | 1.4      | 24.4           | 1.5      |
| Science and engineering professionals                | 20-21                | 14.1             | 1.1      | 1.7          | 0.4      | 15.8           | 0.9      | 15.8              | 1.2      | 2.2          | 0.6      | 18.0           | 1.1      |
| Health professionals                                 | 22                   | 0.5              | 0.0      | 0.3          | 0.1      | 0.8            | 0.1      | 0.6               | 0.0      | 0.3          | 0.1      | 0.9            | 0.1      |
| Teaching professionals                               | 23                   | 10.6             | 0.8      | 8.8          | 2.3      | 19.5           | 1.2      | 11.3              | 0.9      | 9.3          | 2.4      | 20.6           | 1.2      |
| Other professional occupations                       | 24-29                | 9.3              | 0.7      | 3.2          | 0.8      | 12.5           | 0.7      | 10.5              | 0.8      | 4.0          | 1.0      | 14.5           | 0.9      |
| Science and engineering associate professionals      | 30-32                | 13.6             | 1.1      | 1.7          | 0.4      | 15.4           | 0.9      | 16.4              | 1.3      | 2.1          | 0.5      | 18.5           | 1.1      |
| Health associate professionals                       | 34                   | 1.5              | 0.1      | 3.1          | 0.8      | 4.5            | 0.3      | 1.6               | 0.1      | 3.2          | 0.8      | 4.8            | 0.3      |
| Other associate professional occupations             | 33&35-39             | 39.0             | 3.0      | 16.5         | 4.3      | 55.5           | 3.3      | 48.0              | 3.7      | 21.3         | 5.5      | 69.3           | 4.1      |
| Clerical occupations                                 | 40-44&49             | 114.8            | 8.9      | 67.2         | 17.5     | 182.1          | 10.9     | 145.0             | 11.3     | 80.9         | 21.0     | 225.9          | 13.5     |
| Secretarial occupations                              | 45-46                | 1.8              | 0.1      | 18.0         | 4.7      | 19.9           | 1.2      | 1.9               | 0.1      | 19.9         | 5.2      | 21.8           | 1.3      |
| Skilled construction trades                          | 50                   | 86.2             | 6.7      | 0.6          | 0.2      | 86.8           | 5.2      | 88.7              | 6.9      | 0.7          | 0.2      | 89.4           | 5.3      |
| Skilled engineering trades                           | 51-52                | 43.8             | 3.4      | 0.7          | 0.2      | 44.5           | 2.7      | 44.9              | 3.5      | 0.7          | 0.2      | 45.6           | 2.7      |
| Other skilled trades                                 | 53-59                | 117.8            | 9.1      | 9.2          | 2.4      | 127.0          | 7.6      | 122.1             | 9.5      | 8.9          | 2.3      | 131.0          | 7.8      |
| Protective service occupations                       | 60-61                | 17.8             | 1.4      | 0.9          | 0.2      | 18.7           | 1.1      | 18.0              | 1.4      | 1.0          | 0.3      | 19.1           | 1.1      |
| Personal service occupations                         | 62-69                | 49.2             | 3.8      | 50.2         | 13.0     | 99.4           | 5.9      | 51.9              | 4.0      | 58.7         | 15.2     | 110.6          | 6.6      |
| Buyers, brokers and sales representatives            | 70-71                | 14.5             | 1.1      | 2.4          | 0.6      | 16.9           | 1.0      | 15.2              | 1.2      | 2.5          | 0.6      | 17.7           | 1.1      |
| Other sales occupations                              | 72-73&79             | 50.4             | 3.9      | 54.4         | 14.1     | 104.8          | 6.3      | 60.2              | 4.7      | 70.4         | 18.3     | 130.5          | 7.8      |
| Industrial plant and machine operators, assemblers   | 80-86&89             | 57.9             | 4.5      | 16.5         | 4.3      | 74.4           | 4.4      | 57.0              | 4.4      | 15.6         | 4.0      | 72.6           | 4.3      |
| Drivers and mobile machine operators                 | 87-88                | 92.9             | 7.2      | 2.3          | 0.6      | 95.2           | 5.7      | 112.5             | 8.7      | 3.1          | 0.8      | 115.5          | 6.9      |
| Other occupations in agriculture, forestry & fishing | 90                   | 14.6             | 1.1      | 2.5          | 0.6      | 17.1           | 1.0      | 15.2              | 1.2      | 3.0          | 0.8      | 18.2           | 1.1      |
| Other elementary occupations                         | 91-99                | 365.3            | 28.3     | 56.6         | 14.7     | 421.9          | 25.2     | 382.3             | 29.7     | 57.8         | 15.0     | 440.1          | 26.3     |
| No previous occupation/sought occupation unknown     |                      | 116.4            | 9.0      | 53.7         | 13.9     | 170.1          | 10.2     | 12.8              | 1.0      | 4.6          | 1.2      | 17.3           | 1.0      |
| <b>Total</b>   |                      | <b>1,288.9</b>   |          | <b>385.0</b> |          | <b>1,673.8</b> |          | <b>1,288.9</b>    |          | <b>385.0</b> |          | <b>1,673.8</b> |          |

Note: Excludes clerically operated claims.  
 Not seasonally adjusted.

## REDUNDANCIES IN GREAT BRITAIN

THOUSANDS

|  | 1994 Spring | 1994 Summer | 1994 Autumn | 1994 Winter | 1995 Spring | 1995 Summer | 1995 Autumn | 1995 Winter | 1996 Spring | 1996 Summer | 1996 Autumn |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Now in employment (found new job since redundancy) | 50          | 49          | 61          | 53          | 87          | 80          | 82          | 77          | 74          | 84          | 76          |
| Not in employment                                  | 156         | 145         | 129         | 66          | 133         | 130         | 131         | 148         | 133         | 124         | 109         |
| All people   | 205         | 194         | 190         | 119         | 220         | 210         | 213         | 225         | 207         | 208         | 185         |
| Men  | 142         | 132         | 129         | 80          | 137         | 132         | 135         | 149         | 143         | 136         | 116         |
| Women  | 63          | 62          | 61          | 39          | 82          | 78          | 78          | 75          | 64          | 72          | 69          |

Note: Figures are based on estimates from the Labour Force Survey, and show the numbers of people who were made redundant in the three months prior to their interview.

## REDUNDANCIES BY REGION

|  | Great Britain | Northern | Yorkshire and Humber | East Midlands | East Anglia | South East | South East excluding Greater London | Greater London | South West | West Midlands | North West | Wales | Scotland |
|--|---------------|----------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------|----------|
| <b>Redundancies (thousands)</b>                            |               |          |                      |               |             |            |                                     |                |            |               |            |       |          |
| All  | 213           | 15       | 16                   | 18            | *           | 70         | 45                                  | 25             | 14         | 20            | 21         | 11    | 20       |
| Autumn 1995  | 225           | 16       | 19                   | 16            | 13          | 70         | 40                                  | 30             | 16         | 17            | 23         | 10    | 25       |
| Winter 1995  | 207           | 11       | 16                   | 13            | *           | 61         | 39                                  | 22             | 17         | 22            | 26         | 11    | 21       |
| Spring 1996  | 208           | 13       | 19                   | 17            | *           | 55         | 39                                  | 16             | 16         | 19            | 25         | 13    | 23       |
| Summer 1996  | 185           | 13       | 20                   | 15            | *           | 58         | 37                                  | 21             | 15         | 15            | 19         | *     | 22       |
| <b>Redundancy rates (redundancies per 1,000 employees)</b> |               |          |                      |               |             |            |                                     |                |            |               |            |       |          |
| All  | 10            | 13       | 8                    | 11            | *           | 10         | 10                                  | 10             | 8          | 10            | 9          | 11    | 10       |
| Autumn 1995  | 10            | 14       | 10                   | 10            | 15          | 10         | 9                                   | 11             | 9          | 8             | 10         | 10    | 13       |
| Winter 1995  | 9             | 10       | 8                    | 8             | *           | 9          | 9                                   | 8              | 10         | 11            | 11         | 11    | 11       |
| Spring 1996  | 9             | 11       | 10                   | 10            | *           | 8          | 9                                   | 6              | 9          | 9             | 11         | 13    | 11       |
| Summer 1996  | 8             | *        | 11                   | 9             | *           | 8          | 8                                   | 8              | 8          | 7             | 8          | *     | 11       |

\* Less than 10,000 in cell: estimate not shown.

## REDUNDANCIES BY AGE

| Age  | 16 to 24 | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 and over | All ages |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Redundancies (thousands)</b>                            |          |          |          |          |             |          |
| Autumn 1995  |          | 47       | 46       | 53       | 42          | 25       |
| Winter 1995  |          | 56       | 59       | 43       | 33          | 34       |
| Spring 1996  |          | 41       | 49       | 46       | 44          | 27       |
| Summer 1996  |          | 47       | 48       | 45       | 42          | 25       |
| Autumn 1996  |          | 41       | 52       | 31       | 38          | 22       |
| <b>Redundancy rates (redundancies per 1,000 employees)</b> |          |          |          |          |             |          |
| Autumn 1995  |          | 13       | 8        | 10       | 9           | 10       |
| Winter 1995  |          | 16       | 10       | 8        | 7           | 14       |
| Spring 1996  |          | 12       | 8        | 9        | 9           | 11       |
| Summer 1996  |          | 13       | 8        | 9        | 9           | 11       |
| Autumn 1996  |          | 11       | 9        | 6        | 8           | 9        |

## REDUNDANCIES BY INDUSTRY

| SIC 1992   | Agriculture & fishing (A,B) | Energy and water (C,E) | Manufacturing (D) | Construction (F) | Distribution, hotels & restaurants (G,H) | Transport (I) | Banking, finance & insurance (J,K) | Public admin, education & health (L,M,N) | Other services (O,P,Q) |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|---------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>Redundancies (thousands)</b>                            |                             |                        |                   |                  |  |               |                                    |  |                        |
| Autumn 1995  | *                           | *                      | 63                | 18               | 46                                       | 16            | 28                                 | 26                                       | *                      |
| Winter 1995  | *                           | *                      | 66                | 30               | 44                                       | 15            | 34                                 | 16                                       | *                      |
| Spring 1996  | *                           | *                      | 64                | 24               | 42                                       | 14            | 27                                 | 14                                       | 10                     |
| Summer 1996  | *                           | *                      | 64                | 20               | 43                                       | 12            | 31                                 | 20                                       | 11                     |
| Autumn 1996  | *                           | *                      | 44                | 20               | 44                                       | 12            | 28                                 | 19                                       | *                      |
| <b>Redundancy rates (redundancies per 1,000 employees)</b> |                             |                        |                   |                  |  |               |                                    |  |                        |
| Autumn 1995  | *                           | *                      | 14                | 19               | 11                                       | 11            | 9                                  | 5  | *                      |
| Winter 1995  | *                           | *                      | 14                | 30               | 10                                       | 11            | 11                                 | 3  | 11                     |
| Spring 1996  | *                           | *                      | 14                | 26               | 10                                       | 10            | 9                                  | 3  | 8                      |
| Summer 1996  | *                           | *                      | 14                | 21               | 10                                       | 8             | 10                                 | 3  | 10                     |
| Autumn 1996  | *                           | *                      | 9                 | 20               | 10                                       | 8             | 9                                  | 3  | *                      |

Note: Table 2.35 assumes that people do not change industry when starting employment after having been made redundant.  
 \* Less than 10,000 in cell: estimate not shown.

## REDUNDANCIES BY OCCUPATION

| SOC                             | Managers and administrators | Professional | Associate professional and technical | Clerical and secretarial | Craft and related | Personal and protective services | Sales | Plant and machine operatives | Other |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Redundancies (thousands)</b> |                             |              |                                      |                          |                   |                                  |       |                              |       |
| Autumn 1995                     | 31                          | 12           | 14                                   | 38                       | 31                | 17                               | 19    | 31                           | 19    |
| Winter 1995                     | 32                          | *            | 12                                   | 33                       | 36                | 14                               | 24    | 41                           | 23    |
| Spring 1996                     | 27                          | 15           | 10                                   | 33                       | 30                | 16                               | 20    | 30                           | 23    |
| Summer 1996                     | 33                          | 11           | 12                                   | 28                       | 37                | 17                               | 23    | 30                           | 16    |
| Autumn 1996                     | 26                          | 11           | 11                                   | 28                       | 30                | 15                               | 19    | 22                           |       |



### 3.1 VACANCIES UK vacancies at Jobcentres:\* seasonally adjusted

| UNITED KINGDOM  | UNFILLED VACANCIES |                             |                                    | INFLOW |                                    | OUTFLOW |                                    | of which PLACINGS |                                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
|                 | Level              | Change since previous month | Average change over 3 months ended | Level  | Average change over 3 months ended | Level   | Average change over 3 months ended | Level             | Average change over 3 months ended |
|                 |                    |                             |                                    |        |                                    |         |                                    |                   |                                    |
| 1993 )          | 127.8              |                             |                                    | 185.6  |                                    | 183.7   |                                    | 138.1             |                                    |
| 1994 ) Annual   | 158.0              |                             |                                    | 211.4  |                                    | 208.1   |                                    | 160.6             |                                    |
| 1995 ) averages | 182.8              |                             |                                    | 223.5  |                                    | 222.5   |                                    | 170.9             |                                    |
| 1996 )          | 225.8              |                             |                                    | 203.0  |                                    | 196.9   |                                    | 139.0             |                                    |
| 1995 Apr        | 182.0              | 7.4                         | 2.3                                | 217.9  | -0.1                               | 216.6   | -0.8                               | 165.9             | -0.1                               |
| May             | 179.9              | -2.1                        | 1.9                                | 219.6  | 0.0                                | 217.9   | -0.9                               | 167.1             | -0.7                               |
| Jun             | 180.1              | 0.2                         | 1.8                                | 219.7  | 0.6                                | 219.4   | 0.5                                | 170.9             | 1.0                                |
| Jul             | 180.8              | 0.7                         | -0.4                               | 223.9  | 2.0                                | 222.5   | 2.0                                | 172.9             | 2.3                                |
| Aug             | 183.0              | 2.2                         | 1.0                                | 229.8  | 3.4                                | 227.7   | 3.3                                | 176.1             | 3.1                                |
| Sep             | 193.1              | 10.1                        | 4.3                                | 228.0  | 2.8                                | 221.2   | 0.6                                | 170.0             | -0.4                               |
| Oct             | 190.7              | -2.4                        | 3.3                                | 231.2  | 2.4                                | 231.9   | 3.1                                | 179.7             | 2.0                                |
| Nov             | 192.0              | 1.3                         | 3.0                                | 235.1  | 1.8                                | 234.0   | 2.1                                | 178.9             | 0.7                                |
| Dec             | 188.3              | -3.7                        | -1.6                               | 221.4  | -2.2                               | 221.4   | 0.1                                | 167.3             | -0.8                               |
| 1996 Jan        | 187.3              | -1.0                        | -1.1                               | 217.1  | -4.7                               | 219.3   | -4.2                               | 167.0             | -4.2                               |
| Feb             | 187.9              | 0.6                         | -1.4                               | 225.7  | -3.1                               | 225.4   | -2.9                               | 166.8             | -3.9                               |
| Mar             | 195.1              | 7.2                         | 2.3                                | 224.7  | 1.1                                | 219.7   | -0.6                               | 158.5             | -2.9                               |
| Apr             | 197.0              | 1.9                         | 3.2                                | 228.0  | 3.6                                | 222.7   | 1.1                                | 157.8             | -3.1                               |
| May             | 205.1              | 8.1                         | 5.7                                | 228.6  | 1.0                                | 222.4   | -1.0                               | 157.3             | -3.2                               |
| Jun             | 218.8              | 13.7                        | 7.9                                | 218.1  | -2.2                               | 206.9   | -4.3                               | 145.3             | -4.4                               |
| Jul             | 230.1              | 11.3                        | 11.0                               | 223.1  | -1.6                               | 212.4   | -3.4                               | 147.7             | -3.4                               |
| Aug             | 237.0              | 6.9                         | 10.6                               | 218.7  | -3.3                               | 212.1   | -3.4                               | 147.3             | -3.3                               |
| Sep             | 253.6              | 16.6                        | 11.6                               | 220.6  | 0.8                                | 207.1   | 0.1                                | 143.8             | -0.5                               |
| Oct             | 262.6              | 9.0                         | 10.8                               | 202.2  | -7.0                               | 193.6   | -6.3                               | 131.7             | -5.3                               |
| Nov             | 268.7              | 6.1                         | 10.6                               | 229.6  | 3.6                                | 220.9   | 2.9                                | 145.2             | -0.7                               |
| Dec             | 266.3              | -2.4                        | 4.2                                | 225.7  | 1.7                                | 234.4   | 9.1                                | 160.0             | 5.4                                |
| 1997 Jan        | 263.1              | -3.2                        | 0.2                                | 204.1  | 0.6                                | 213.5   | 6.6                                | 150.0             | 6.1                                |
| Feb             | 271.6              | 8.5                         | 1.0                                | 243.4  | 4.6                                | 236.6   | 5.2                                | 160.6             | 5.1                                |
| Mar R           | 275.3              | 3.7                         | 3.0                                | 250.4  | 8.2                                | 255.6   | 7.1                                | 173.1             | 4.4                                |
| Apr P           | 275.6              | 0.3                         | 4.2                                | 223.5  | 6.5                                | 220.9   | 2.5                                | 156.4             | 2.1                                |

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

\* Excluding vacancies on government programmes (except vacancies on Enterprise Ulster and Action for Community Employment (ACE) which are included in the seasonally-adjusted figures for Northern Ireland). Figures on the current basis are available back to 1980. For further details, see *Employment Gazette*, p 143, October 1985.

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

R Revised.

### VACANCIES Government office regions: vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres:\* seasonally adjusted

|          | North East | North West | Mersey-side | Yorkshire and the Humber | East Midlands | West Midlands | Eastern | London | South East | South West | Wales | Scotland | Great Britain | Northern Ireland | United Kingdom |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|--------|------------|------------|-------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1995 Apr | 6.5        | 18.4       | 3.9         | 13.5                     | 12.7          | 15.4          | 15.3    | 16.4   | 23.2       | 13.7       | 13.1  | 22.9     | 174.6         | 7.4              | 182.0          |
| May      | 6.5        | 18.8       | 3.9         | 12.9                     | 12.7          | 15.0          | 15.2    | 16.3   | 23.4       | 13.4       | 12.9  | 22.6     | 172.7         | 7.2              | 179.9          |
| Jun      | 6.3        | 18.7       | 4.1         | 12.6                     | 12.9          | 14.9          | 15.0    | 16.0   | 23.1       | 13.7       | 13.1  | 23.1     | 172.9         | 7.2              | 180.1          |
| Jul      | 6.3        | 18.6       | 4.1         | 13.5                     | 12.8          | 14.9          | 14.6    | 15.7   | 22.0       | 14.3       | 13.1  | 23.6     | 173.5         | 7.3              | 180.8          |
| Aug      | 6.3        | 18.9       | 4.3         | 13.5                     | 13.2          | 15.1          | 14.6    | 15.5   | 21.9       | 14.4       | 13.5  | 24.0     | 175.6         | 7.4              | 183.0          |
| Sep      | 6.4        | 19.2       | 4.2         | 14.2                     | 13.4          | 16.6          | 14.6    | 16.9   | 22.6       | 15.4       | 14.3  | 24.4     | 185.0         | 8.1              | 193.1          |
| Oct      | 6.4        | 19.5       | 4.2         | 13.9                     | 13.3          | 16.7          | 14.6    | 17.5   | 22.0       | 15.9       | 14.0  | 24.2     | 183.2         | 7.5              | 190.7          |
| Nov      | 6.5        | 19.4       | 4.2         | 13.7                     | 13.0          | 16.7          | 15.0    | 18.1   | 22.7       | 16.1       | 14.1  | 23.9     | 184.6         | 7.4              | 192.0          |
| Dec      | 6.4        | 18.8       | 4.1         | 13.6                     | 12.5          | 15.9          | 14.3    | 18.8   | 23.3       | 15.9       | 13.5  | 23.7     | 180.9         | 7.4              | 188.3          |
| 1996 Jan | 6.4        | 18.9       | 4.1         | 13.8                     | 12.5          | 16.0          | 14.5    | 18.4   | 23.7       | 15.5       | 13.4  | 23.5     | 180.1         | 7.2              | 187.3          |
| Feb      | 6.6        | 18.7       | 4.0         | 13.9                     | 12.7          | 16.0          | 14.6    | 19.5   | 24.1       | 15.4       | 13.2  | 23.5     | 180.9         | 7.0              | 187.9          |
| Mar      | 6.8        | 19.4       | 4.5         | 14.6                     | 13.0          | 16.5          | 15.3    | 21.0   | 24.8       | 16.6       | 13.5  | 23.1     | 187.9         | 7.2              | 195.1          |
| Apr      | 6.6        | 19.0       | 4.8         | 15.0                     | 13.0          | 16.5          | 14.6    | 21.6   | 26.4       | 17.0       | 13.3  | 22.9     | 190.0         | 7.0              | 197.0          |
| May      | 7.2        | 20.2       | 4.7         | 15.3                     | 13.1          | 17.4          | 16.3    | 25.1   | 25.7       | 17.3       | 13.4  | 23.4     | 198.3         | 6.8              | 205.1          |
| Jun      | 7.9        | 21.5       | 4.6         | 15.7                     | 13.7          | 18.5          | 17.3    | 28.3   | 27.7       | 18.9       | 14.0  | 24.4     | 212.0         | 6.8              | 218.8          |
| Jul      | 8.4        | 23.3       | 4.7         | 16.6                     | 14.4          | 19.5          | 17.9    | 30.1   | 28.9       | 19.4       | 14.6  | 25.8     | 223.4         | 6.7              | 230.1          |
| Aug      | 8.8        | 22.7       | 5.0         | 17.9                     | 14.9          | 19.8          | 18.6    | 31.8   | 29.5       | 20.0       | 15.1  | 26.0     | 230.5         | 6.5              | 237.0          |
| Sep      | 9.5        | 23.8       | 5.2         | 19.4                     | 16.5          | 20.6          | 19.6    | 34.5   | 30.7       | 21.6       | 15.7  | 27.6     | 246.8         | 6.8              | 253.6          |
| Oct      | 9.9        | 25.3       | 5.3         | 19.6                     | 17.4          | 21.5          | 21.1    | 37.0   | 32.2       | 22.0       | 16.0  | 28.6     | 255.8         | 6.8              | 262.6          |
| Nov      | 9.7        | 25.4       | 5.9         | 19.8                     | 18.1          | 21.6          | 21.5    | 39.5   | 32.4       | 22.9       | 15.7  | 28.7     | 261.1         | 7.6              | 268.7          |
| Dec      | 9.6        | 25.1       | 5.7         | 19.0                     | 18.4          | 21.7          | 22.2    | 38.6   | 32.3       | 23.0       | 15.7  | 28.2     | 259.2         | 7.1              | 266.3          |
| 1997 Jan | 9.3        | 24.5       | 5.8         | 19.1                     | 17.9          | 21.2          | 22.0    | 38.0   | 31.6       | 23.0       | 15.8  | 28.0     | 256.5         | 6.6              | 263.1          |
| Feb      | 9.8        | 25.7       | 6.0         | 20.3                     | 18.6          | 21.9          | 23.9    | 36.9   | 33.0       | 24.1       | 17.1  | 28.5     | 265.0         | 6.6              | 271.6          |
| Mar R    | 10.0       | 25.5       | 6.1         | 20.8                     | 18.7          | 22.5          | 23.1    | 36.0   | 35.2       | 25.1       | 17.3  | 28.7     | 268.8         | 6.5              | 275.3          |
| Apr P    | 9.9        | 25.3       | 6.2         | 21.1                     | 18.7          | 23.2          | 22.1    | 36.0   | 34.2       | 25.9       | 17.7  | 29.0     | 269.3         | 6.3              | 275.6          |

See footnote to Table 3.1.  
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### VACANCIES Standard statistical regions+: vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres:\* seasonally adjusted

|          | North | North West | East Anglia | South East |
|----------|-------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1995 Apr | 7.9   | 20.6       | 6.3         | 48.5       |
| May      | 7.8   | 20.8       | 6.4         | 48.2       |
| Jun      | 7.5   | 21.3       | 6.6         | 47.3       |
| Jul      | 7.6   | 21.4       | 6.5         | 45.7       |
| Aug      | 7.8   | 21.9       | 6.8         | 45.4       |
| Sep      | 8.1   | 23.0       | 7.2         | 48.5       |
| Oct      | 8.1   | 22.5       | 6.9         | 47.8       |
| Nov      | 8.2   | 22.5       | 6.9         | 49.4       |
| Dec      | 7.9   | 21.3       | 6.3         | 50.3       |
| 1996 Jan | 7.9   | 21.3       | 6.2         | 50.0       |
| Feb      | 8.0   | 20.9       | 6.1         | 51.2       |
| Mar      | 8.1   | 21.9       | 6.4         | 54.3       |
| Apr      | 8.1   | 22.1       | 6.5         | 55.8       |
| May      | 8.7   | 22.9       | 7.5         | 59.4       |
| Jun      | 9.7   | 24.1       | 8.2         | 65.0       |
| Jul      | 10.5  | 25.7       | 8.1         | 68.7       |
| Aug      | 11.1  | 25.8       | 8.3         | 71.8       |
| Sep      | 12.1  | 27.3       | 8.9         | 77.2       |
| Oct      | 12.5  | 27.9       | 8.9         | 81.3       |
| Nov      | 12.4  | 28.7       | 8.8         | 84.4       |
| Dec      | 11.8  | 28.4       | 9.2         | 83.7       |
| 1997 Jan | 11.5  | 28.3       | 9.3         | 82.5       |
| Feb      | 11.9  | 29.4       | 10.4        | 82.8       |
| Mar R    | 12.2  | 29.5       | 10.0        | 84.0       |
| Apr P    | 12.2  | 29.1       | 9.8         | 82.8       |

See footnote to Table 3.1.  
See footnote to Table 3.1.  
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+ Where different from government office regions.



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### Government office regions: vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres and careers offices

|   | North East | North West | Mersey-side | Yorkshire and the Humber | East Midlands | West Midlands | Eastern | London | South East | South West | Wales | Scotland | Great Britain | Northern Ireland | United Kingdom |
|---|------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|--------|------------|------------|-------|----------|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Vacancies at Jobcentres: total +</b> |            |            |             |                          |               |               |         |        |            |            |       |          |               |                  |                |
| 1993 )                                  | 4.9        | 13.7       | 3.2         | 9.9                      | 8.8           | 8.9           | 10.2    | 10.0   | 15.3       | 9.6        | 9.6   | 18.5     | 122.7         | 4.0              | 126.6          |
| 1994 ) Annual                           | 5.6        | 16.8       | 3.6         | 11.8                     | 10.8          | 12.2          | 13.0    | 13.1   | 20.8       | 12.4       | 11.2  | 19.8     | 150.3         | 5.0              | 155.4          |
| 1995 ) averages                         | 6.4        | 18.7       | 4.0         | 13.5                     | 12.8          | 15.3          | 14.8    | 16.5   | 22.8       | 14.4       | 13.3  | 23.2     | 175.6         | 5.8              | 181.2          |
| 1996 )                                  | 8.1        | 22.0       | 4.9         | 16.7                     | 14.9          | 18.9          | 17.8    | 28.9   | 28.2       | 19.2       | 14.5  | 25.6     | 219.6         | 5.6              | 225.1          |
| 1996 Apr                                | 6.5        | 18.8       | 4.6         | 15.1                     | 13.1          | 16.5          | 14.7    | 21.5   | 26.3       | 17.8       | 13.7  | 23.0     | 191.7         | 5.5              | 197.2          |
| May                                     | 7.1        | 20.5       | 4.6         | 15.3                     | 13.1          | 17.7          | 16.6    | 25.1   | 26.1       | 18.3       | 13.9  | 24.0     | 202.3         | 5.3              | 207.5          |
| Jun                                     | 8.0        | 22.3       | 4.5         | 16.2                     | 14.1          | 18.9          | 18.3    | 28.7   | 29.0       | 20.7       | 15.0  | 25.7     | 221.4         | 5.5              | 226.9          |
| Jul                                     | 8.5        | 23.1       | 4.7         | 16.8                     | 14.5          | 19.4          | 18.2    | 29.8   | 29.6       | 20.3       | 15.0  | 26.1     | 226.0         | 5.3              | 231.3          |
| Aug                                     | 8.8        | 22.3       | 5.1         | 18.1                     | 14.6          | 19.3          | 18.5    | 30.8   | 29.8       | 20.3       | 15.1  | 26.3     | 228.9         | 4.9              | 233.8          |
| Sep                                     | 10.3       | 26.1       | 5.8         | 20.5                     | 17.5          | 21.7          | 21.5    | 35.0   | 33.5       | 23.2       | 16.7  | 29.8     | 261.7         | 5.8              | 267.4          |
| Oct                                     | 10.9       | 28.1       | 6.0         | 21.7                     | 19.7          | 24.0          | 23.3    | 39.6   | 35.9       | 23.7       | 17.3  | 30.8     | 281.1         | 6.1              | 287.2          |
| Nov                                     | 10.4       | 27.0       | 6.3         | 20.9                     | 19.4          | 23.1          | 22.6    | 41.3   | 34.6       | 23.2       | 16.2  | 29.8     | 274.7         | 6.6              | 281.3          |
| Dec                                     | 9.1        | 24.0       | 5.5         | 18.1                     | 18.0          | 21.0          | 21.2    | 38.6   | 30.8       | 21.3       | 14.5  | 27.2     | 249.2         | 6.0              | 255.2          |
| 1997 Jan                                | 8.6        | 22.3       | 5.3         | 17.3                     | 16.2          | 19.3          | 19.6    | 36.5   | 28.0       | 19.9       | 14.2  | 24.9     | 232.1         | 5.4              | 237.5          |
| Feb                                     | 9.0        | 23.5       | 5.6         | 18.7                     | 17.1          | 20.3          | 21.7    | 35.1   | 29.3       | 21.9       | 15.9  | 25.9     | 244.1         | 5.5              | 249.5          |
| Mar                                     | 9.4        | 24.2       | 5.7         | 19.6                     | 17.7          | 21.4          | 21.7    | 35.0   | 32.5       | 24.1       | 16.8  | 27.2     | 255.3         | 5.6              | 260.8          |
| Apr                                     | 9.6        | 24.6       | 6.1         | 20.8                     | 18.3          | 22.6          | 22.0    | 35.4   | 34.0       | 26.3       | 17.6  | 28.7     | 265.9         | 5.4              | 271.3          |
| <b>Vacancies at careers offices *</b>   |            |            |             |                          |               |               |         |        |            |            |       |          |               |                  |                |
| 1993 )                                  | ..         | ..         | ..          | 0.4                      | 0.3           | 0.8           | ..      | 1.7    | ..         | 0.5        | 0.1   | 0.5      | 6.6           | 0.6              | 7.2            |
| 1994 ) Annual                           | ..         | ..         | ..          | 0.3                      | 0.3           | 0.8           | ..      | 1.4    | ..         | 0.7        | 0.1   | 0.6      | 6.5           | 0.8              | 7.2            |
| 1995 ) averages                         | ..         | ..         | ..          | 0.4                      | 0.4           | 0.6           | ..      | 0.8    | ..         | 0.8        | 0.2   | 0.6      | 6.8           | 0.7              | 7.5            |
| 1996 )                                  | 0.2        | 1.0        | 0.1         | 1.3                      | 0.5           | 1.4           | 1.4     | 2.0    | 2.3        | 0.9        | 0.2   | 0.6      | 11.9          | 0.8              | 12.7           |
| 1996 Apr                                | 0.1        | 0.4        | 0.0         | 0.5                      | 0.4           | 0.7           | 1.1     | 0.5    | 1.5        | 0.4        | 0.1   | 0.5      | 6.2           | 0.7              | 6.9            |
| May                                     | 0.2        | 0.8        | 0.2         | 1.3                      | 0.5           | 2.0           | 1.5     | 1.1    | 1.4        | 0.9        | 0.2   | 0.7      | 10.5          | 0.8              | 11.3           |
| Jun                                     | 0.2        | 1.2        | 0.2         | 1.6                      | 0.6           | 6.1           | 1.7     | 2.6    | 2.2        | 1.1        | 0.3   | 0.8      | 18.7          | 0.8              | 19.5           |
| Jul                                     | 0.3        | 1.4        | 0.2         | 1.8                      | 0.7           | 1.1           | 1.8     | 1.7    | 8.3        | 1.3        | 0.3   | 0.8      | 19.7          | 0.8              | 20.5           |
| Aug                                     | 0.3        | 1.7        | 0.2         | 1.5                      | 0.6           | 1.1           | 1.8     | 2.9    | 2.3        | 1.4        | 0.5   | 0.8      | 15.0          | 0.8              | 15.8           |
| Sep                                     | 0.2        | 1.8        | 0.2         | 1.9                      | 0.6           | 1.1           | 1.8     | 2.9    | 2.3        | 1.1        | 0.3   | 0.6      | 14.9          | 0.9              | 15.9           |
| Oct                                     | 0.2        | 1.1        | 0.2         | 2.2                      | 0.6           | 1.3           | 1.7     | 3.4    | 2.2        | 1.1        | 0.3   | 0.8      | 14.9          | 1.0              | 15.8           |
| Nov                                     | 0.2        | 1.2        | 0.2         | 1.8                      | 0.5           | 1.2           | 1.5     | 2.9    | 2.0        | 1.1        | 0.2   | 0.6      | 13.4          | 1.1              | 14.5           |
| Dec                                     | 0.2        | 1.1        | 0.2         | 1.4                      | 0.5           | 0.9           | 1.4     | 3.0    | 1.8        | 0.9        | 0.1   | 0.5      | 11.9          | 1.0              | 12.9           |
| 1997 Jan                                | 0.1        | 1.0        | 0.1         | 1.3                      | 0.5           | 1.0           | 1.3     | 0.5    | 1.9        | 0.9        | 0.2   | 0.5      | 9.4           | 0.9              | 10.2           |
| Feb                                     | 0.2        | 1.4        | 0.2         | 1.5                      | 0.6           | 1.1           | 1.4     | 3.1    | 2.1        | 0.9        | 0.2   | 0.6      | 13.1          | 0.9              | 14.0           |
| Mar                                     | 0.2        | 1.6        | 0.2         | 1.7                      | 0.6           | 1.3           | 1.2     | 3.2    | 0.8        | 1.1        | 0.2   | 0.7      | 12.8          | 0.9              | 13.6           |
| Apr                                     | 0.2        | 2.0        | 0.2         | 1.9                      | 0.7           | 1.2           | 1.7     | 3.0    | 2.8        | 1.2        | 0.3   | 0.7      | 15.9          | 0.8              | 16.7           |

Note: About one third of all vacancies nationally are notified to Jobcentres. These could include some that are suitable for young people and similarly vacancies notified to careers offices could include some for adults. The figures represent only the number of vacancies notified by employers and remaining unfilled on the day of the count. Because of possible duplication and also due to a difference between the timing of the two counts, the two series should not be added together.

+ Excluding vacancies on government programmes. See note to Table 3.1.

\* Annual averages for government office regions vacancies at careers offices are not available prior to 1996.

## VACANCIES 3.3

THOUSANDS

### Standard statistical regions+: vacancies remaining unfilled at Jobcentres and careers offices

|   | North | North West | East Anglia | South East |
|---|-------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Vacancies at Jobcentres: total +</b> |       |            |             |            |
| 1993 )                                  | 6.1   | 15.7       | 4.2         | 31.4       |
| 1994 ) Annual                           | 6.8   | 19.0       | 5.4         | 41.1       |
| 1995 ) averages                         | 7.8   | 21.3       | 6.5         | 47.6       |
| 1996 )                                  | 10.1  | 24.9       | 7.8         | 67.1       |
| 1996 Apr                                | 8.1   | 21.8       | 6.6         | 55.9       |
| May                                     | 9.0   | 23.1       | 8.0         | 59.8       |
| Jun                                     | 10.0  | 24.8       | 8.8         | 67.1       |
| Jul                                     | 10.8  | 25.5       | 8.5         | 69.1       |
| Aug                                     | 10.9  | 25.3       | 8.4         | 70.7       |
| Sep                                     | 12.8  | 29.3       | 9.7         | 80.5       |
| Oct                                     | 13.7  | 31.4       | 9.9         | 88.9       |
| Nov                                     | 12.8  | 30.8       | 9.2         | 89.3       |
| Dec                                     | 11.0  | 27.5       | 8.4         | 82.3       |
| 1997 Jan                                | 10.4  | 25.9       | 7.9         | 76.2       |
| Feb                                     | 10.9  | 27.1       | 9.3         | 76.8       |
| Mar                                     | 11.6  | 27.7       | 9.4         | 79.8       |
| Apr                                     | 12.0  | 28.3       | 9.6         | 81.7       |
| <b>Vacancies at careers offices</b>     |       |            |             |            |
| 1993 )                                  | 0.3   | 0.5        | 0.3         | 2.8        |
| 1994 ) Annual                           | 0.1   | 0.5        | 0.3         | 2.8        |
| 1995 ) averages                         | 0.1   | 0.6        | 0.4         | 3.1        |
| 1996 )                                  | 0.2   | 1.0        | 0.5         | 5.1        |
| 1996 Apr                                | 0.1   | 0.4        | 0.4         | 2.7        |
| May                                     | 0.2   | 0.8        | 0.4         | 3.5        |
| Jun                                     | 0.3   | 1.3        | 0.8         | 5.7        |
| Jul                                     | 0.4   | 1.4        | 0.8         | 11.1       |
| Aug                                     | 0.3   | 1.8        | 0.7         | 6.3        |
| Sep                                     | 0.3   | 1.9        | 0.6         | 6.4        |
| Oct                                     | 0.2   | 1.2        | 0.7         | 6.5        |
| Nov                                     | 0.2   | 1.3        | 0.6         | 5.9        |
| Dec                                     | 0.2   | 1.2        | 0.5         | 5.7        |
| 1997 Jan                                | 0.1   | 1.2        | 0.5         | 3.2        |
| Feb                                     | 0.2   | 1.5        | 0.5         | 6.0        |
| Mar                                     | 0.2   | 1.9        | 0.4         | 4.8        |
| Apr                                     | 0.2   | 2.2        | 0.7         | 6.8        |

+ Where different from government office regions.

## LABOUR DISPUTES 4.1

### Stoppages of work

#### Stoppages in progress: industry

| United Kingdom   | 12 months to March 1996 |                  |                   | 12 months to March 1997 |                  |                   |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | Stop-pages              | Workers involved | Working days lost | Stop-pages              | Workers involved | Working days lost |
| <b>SIC 1992</b>  |                         |                  |                   |                         |                  |                   |
| Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing               | 1                       | 100              | 100               | -                       | -                | -                 |
| Mining and quarrying                                     | 4                       | 600              | 1,600             | 4                       | 600              | 500               |
| Manufacturing of:  |                         |                  |                   |                         |                  |                   |
| food, beverages and tobacco;                             | 13                      | 2,200            | 10,400            | 2                       | 100              | 700               |
| textiles and textile products;                           | 6                       | 7,500            | 2,700             | 7                       | 2,000            | 2,900             |
| leather and leather products;                            | -                       | -                | -                 | -                       | -                | -                 |
| wood and wood products;                                  | -                       | -                | -                 | -                       | -                | -                 |
| pulp, paper and paper products; printing and publishing; | 2                       | 400              | 1,200             | 1                       | 100              | 4,500             |
| coke, refined petroleum products, nuclear fuels;         | 1                       | 500              | 7400              | 1                       | 2,000            | 1,000             |
| chemicals, chemical products and man-made fibres;        | 2                       | 1,700            | 4,700             | 2                       | 200              | 400               |
| rubber and plastics;                                     | 1                       | 100              | 700               | 2                       | 100              | 300               |
| other non-metallic mineral products;                     | 1                       | 100              | 400               | 1                       | 700              | 4,900             |
| basic metals and fabricated metal products;              | 12                      | 2,000            | 7,900             | 6                       | 400              | 3,500             |
| machinery and equipment nec;                             | 10                      | 2,100            | 9,000             | 8                       | 2,300            | 9,900             |
| electrical and optical equipment;                        | 9                       | 3,400            | 3,900             | 6                       | 1,300            | 3,500             |
| transport equipment;                                     | 15                      | 12,600           | 28,500            | 22                      | 18,700           | 41,900            |
| manufacturing nec.                                       | 1                       | 300              | 100               | 5                       | 1,800            | 21,600            |
| Electricity, gas and water supply                        | 1                       | 2,000            | 1,000             | -                       | -                | -                 |
| Construction   | 14                      | 3,500            | 10,500            | 5                       | 800              | 2,900             |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repairs                      | 1                       | +                | 200               | -                       | -                | -                 |
| Hotels and restaurants                                   | 6                       | 900              | 10,300            | -                       | -                | -                 |
| Transport, storage and communication                     | 56                      | 46,900           | 116,400           | 71                      | 143,100          | 877,700           |
| Financial intermediation                                 | 3                       | 7,200            | 6,700             | 2                       | 30,000           | 19,000            |
| Real estate, renting and business activities             | 6                       | 1,100            | 1,300             | 3                       | 100              | 200               |
| Public administration and defence                        | 25                      | 27,700           | 149,600           | 29                      | 48,100           | 121,000           |
| Education  | 20                      | 17,200           | 37,100            | 41                      | 129,100          | 136,400           |
| Health and social work                                   | 18                      | 4,200            | 16,800            | 11                      | 8,700            | 15,400            |
| Other community, social and personal service activities  | 19                      | 2,100            | 18,300            | 10                      | 1,900            | 5,300             |
| <b>All industries and services</b>                       | <b>244 *</b>            | <b>146,300</b>   | <b>446,600</b>    | <b>237 *</b>            | <b>391,900</b>   | <b>1,273,600</b>  |

\* Some stoppages which affected more than one industry group have been counted under each of the industries but only once in the total for all industries and services.

+ Less than 50 workers involved.

# Less than 50 working days lost.

#### Stoppages: March 1997

| United Kingdom                 | Number of stoppages | Workers involved | Working days lost |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Stoppages in progress          | 35                  | 32,100           | 37,400            |
| of which, stoppages:           |                     |                  |                   |
| Beginning in month             | 22                  | 17,100 *         | 19,400            |
| Continuing from earlier months | 13                  | 14,900 **        | 18,100            |

\* Includes 16,100 directly involved

\*\* Includes 12,000 involved for the first time in the month

The monthly figures are provisional and subject to revision, normally upwards, to take account of additional or revised information received after going to press. For notes on coverage, see *Definitions* page at the end of the *Labour Market Data* section. The figures for 1997 are provisional.

#### Stoppages in progress: cause

| United Kingdom                            | 12 months to March 1997 |                  |                   |
|---|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|   | Stoppages               | Workers involved | Working days lost |
| Pay: wage-rates and earnings levels       | 66                      | 248,600          | 992,700           |
| extra wage and fringe benefits            | 16                      | 41,100           | 33,600            |
| Duration and pattern of hours worked      | 17                      | 8,900            | 48,000            |
| Redundancy questions                      | 40                      | 42,600           | 69,800            |
| Trade union matters                       | 15                      | 2,200            | 4,900             |
| Working conditions and supervision        | 18                      | 22,800           | 83,100            |
| Manning and work allocation               | 40                      | 18,000           | 30,400            |
| Dismissal and other disciplinary measures | 25                      | 7,800            | 11,100            |
| <b>All causes</b>                         | <b>237</b>              | <b>391,900</b>   | <b>1,273,600</b>  |



# 4.2 LABOUR DISPUTES \* Stoppages of work: summary

| United Kingdom | Number of stoppages |                       | Number of workers (000)                        |                           | Working days lost in all stoppages in progress in period (000) |                              |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|
|                | Beginning in period | In progress in period | Beginning involvement in period in any dispute | All involvement in period | All industries and services                                    | All manufacturing industries |
| 1994           | 203                 | 205                   | 107  | 107                       | 278  | 58                           |
| 1995           | 232                 | 235                   | 170  | 174                       | 415  | 65                           |
| 1996           | 230                 | 244                   | 353  | 364                       | 1303   | 97                           |
| 1994           | Jan 10              | 12                    | 1.8  | 1.9                       | 2.5  | 0.9                          |
|                | Feb 7               | 9                     | 3.2  | 3.5                       | 4.2  | 1.3                          |
|                | Mar 19              | 22                    | 5.2  | 8.0                       | 8.5  | 1.3                          |
|                | Apr 19              | 22                    | 4.5  | 5.0                       | 15.1   | 2.7                          |
|                | May 25              | 33                    | 18.1   | 19.0                      | 33.4   | 13.0                         |
|                | Jun 29              | 36                    | 29.0   | 42.4                      | 70.5   | 10.0                         |
|                | Jul 22              | 28                    | 8.1  | 14.6                      | 31.7   | 8.1                          |
|                | Aug 12              | 18                    | 10.9   | 15.1                      | 39.0   | 8.3                          |
|                | Sep 12              | 19                    | 5.4  | 9.6                       | 19.6   | 2.6                          |
|                | Oct 16              | 19                    | 6.9  | 9.9                       | 14.5   | 1.1                          |
|                | Nov 17              | 19                    | 5.5  | 6.9                       | 17.0   | 3.8                          |
|                | Dec 15              | 21                    | 8.4  | 10.4                      | 22.6   | 4.8                          |
| 1995           | Jan 12              | 15                    | 14.7   | 17.9                      | 24.3   | 4.5                          |
|                | Feb 16              | 19                    | 20.9   | 22.1                      | 18.0   | 0.3                          |
|                | Mar 16              | 17                    | 7.0  | 19.0                      | 28.3   | 1.3                          |
|                | Apr 22              | 26                    | 18.1   | 20.4                      | 33.9   | 5.4                          |
|                | May 24              | 29                    | 26.1   | 29.8                      | 51.3   | 11.1                         |
|                | Jun 16              | 23                    | 2.5  | 4.3                       | 16.0   | 5.4                          |
|                | Jul 25              | 29                    | 16.5   | 16.9                      | 32.2   | 1.6                          |
|                | Aug 24              | 31                    | 9.9  | 10.5                      | 18.5   | 3.0                          |
|                | Sep 24              | 35                    | 4.7  | 13.4                      | 24.5   | 1.6                          |
|                | Oct 13              | 25                    | 4.0  | 10.4                      | 30.6   | 7.3                          |
|                | Nov 21              | 34                    | 21.7   | 30.4                      | 77.2   | 13.5                         |
|                | Dec 19              | 32                    | 24.4   | 29.0                      | 59.6   | 9.9                          |
| 1996           | Jan 10              | 24                    | 5.6  | 17.1                      | 51.3   | 5.9                          |
|                | Feb 26              | 36                    | 6.3  | 9.8                       | 36.0   | 2.7                          |
|                | Mar 16              | 27                    | 4.2  | 5.1                       | 15.2   | 9.3                          |
|                | Apr 18              | 27                    | 6.1  | 8.3                       | 13.2   | 3.5                          |
|                | May 14              | 23                    | 2.5  | 4.1                       | 7.6  | 0.6                          |
|                | Jun 32              | 43                    | 138.6  | 140.4                     | 241.0  | 8.7                          |
|                | Jul 14              | 28                    | 6.5  | 127.2                     | 148.6  | 7.6                          |
|                | Aug 25              | 33                    | 22.4   | 135.7                     | 442.2  | 3.5                          |
|                | Sep 19              | 29                    | 5.4  | 120.7                     | 121.9  | 8.4                          |
|                | Oct 20              | 26                    | 3.8  | 16.5                      | 39.3   | 13.7                         |
|                | Nov 24              | 34                    | 124.4  | 127.1                     | 162.1  | 23.0                         |
|                | Dec 12              | 23                    | 27.1   | 28.8                      | 24.9   | 9.8                          |
| 1997           | Jan 17              | 27                    | 18.0   | 19.2                      | 22.4   | 9.4                          |
|                | Feb 11              | 25                    | 5.8  | 8.0                       | 13.0   | 2.7                          |
|                | Mar 22              | 35                    | 29.1   | 32.1                      | 37.4   | 4.2                          |

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

| United Kingdom | Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing | Mining, quarrying, electricity, gas and water | Manufacturing | Construction | Wholesale & retail trade; repairs; hotels and restaurants | Transport, storage & communication | Finance, real estate, renting & business activities | Public administration and defence | Education | Health and social work | Other community, social and personal service activities O,P,Q |
|----------------|--|---|---------------|--------------|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|---|
|                | A,B                                      | C,E   | D             | F            | G,H   | I                                  | J,K   | L                                 | M         | N                      |   |
| 1994           | -  | 1   | 58            | 5            | 1   | 110                                | 7   | 11                                | 70        | 5                      | 11  |
| 1995           | -  | 1   | 65            | 10           | 6   | 120                                | 10  | 95                                | 67        | 16                     | 23  |
| 1996           | -  | 2   | 97            | 8            | 5   | 884                                | 11  | 158                               | 129       | 8                      | 3   |
| 1994           | Jan                                      | -   | 0.9           | -            | -   | -                                  | 0.1   | 0.6                               | 0.5       | -                      | 0.4   |
|                | Feb                                      | -   | 1.3           | -            | -   | 0.1                                | 2.4   | -                                 | 0.4       | -                      | -   |
|                | Mar                                      | -   | 1.3           | -            | -   | 0.7                                | 1.6   | 2.4                               | 0.6       | 0.5                    | 1.4   |
|                | Apr                                      | -   | 2.7           | 0.2          | -   | 8.7                                | 0.7   | 0.2                               | 0.5       | -                      | 2.0   |
|                | May                                      | -   | 13.0          | 0.1          | -   | 13.0                               | -   | -                                 | 4.0       | 1.3                    | 2.1   |
|                | Jun                                      | -   | 10.0          | 4.3          | -   | 27.9                               | 0.1   | 0.8                               | 23.9      | 0.4                    | 2.3   |
|                | Jul                                      | -   | 8.1           | -            | -   | 15.9                               | -   | 2.3                               | 4.4       | -                      | 0.9   |
|                | Aug                                      | -   | 8.3           | -            | -   | 18.2                               | -   | 6.2                               | 4.6       | 1.6                    | 0.6   |
|                | Sep                                      | -   | 2.6           | -            | -   | 13.0                               | 1.1   | 0.3                               | 1.8       | 0.1                    | 0.1   |
|                | Oct                                      | -   | 1.1           | 0.3          | -   | 3.5                                | -   | 0.1                               | 9.5       | -                      | 1.0   |
|                | Nov                                      | -   | 0.3           | 3.8          | -   | 1.4                                | -   | 0.1                               | 9.8       | 0.5                    | -   |
|                | Dec                                      | -   | 0.3           | 4.8          | -   | 6.4                                | -   | 0.5                               | 10.2      | 0.4                    | -   |
| 1995           | Jan                                      | -   | 4.5           | -            | -   | 13.6                               | -   | 1.0                               | 5.3       | -                      | -   |
|                | Feb                                      | -   | 0.1           | 0.3          | -   | 1.0                                | 2.5   | 0.9                               | 6.9       | -                      | 6.2   |
|                | Mar                                      | -   | 0.1           | 1.3          | 5.0   | 1.7                                | -   | 20.1                              | -         | -                      | 0.2   |
|                | Apr                                      | -   | 5.4           | 0.9          | 0.2   | 11.8                               | -   | 0.6                               | 13.9      | 0.3                    | 0.8   |
|                | May                                      | -   | 1.0           | 11.1         | 0.2   | 0.1                                | 24.0  | 6.5                               | 4.5       | 0.9                    | 0.1   |
|                | Jun                                      | -   | 5.4           | 0.7          | 0.1   | 0.8                                | 0.1   | 1.1                               | 0.6       | 0.8                    | 6.4   |
|                | Jul                                      | -   | 1.6           | 0.1          | -   | 18.5                               | 0.7   | 0.6                               | 1.5       | 0.1                    | 9.1   |
|                | Aug                                      | -   | 0.2           | 3.0          | -   | 4.9                                | -   | 7.7                               | -         | 2.6                    | 0.1   |
|                | Sep                                      | -   | 0.1           | 1.6          | 0.3   | 4.4                                | 0.1   | 8.0                               | 5.5       | 4.4                    | 0.1   |
|                | Oct                                      | -   | 7.3           | -            | -   | 7.8                                | 0.1   | 9.0                               | 1.6       | 3.7                    | 0.4   |
|                | Nov                                      | -   | 13.5          | 2.4          | -   | 27.9                               | -   | 26.4                              | 4.3       | 0.1                    | -   |
|                | Dec                                      | -   | 9.9           | 0.5          | -   | 4.1                                | -   | 36.7                              | 2.8       | 3.4                    | 0.1   |
| 1996           | Jan                                      | -   | 5.9           | -            | -   | 9.2                                | -   | 33.0                              | 0.9       | -                      | 0.2   |
|                | Feb                                      | -   | 2.7           | 5.2          | -   | 2.2                                | 0.2   | 21.8                              | 0.4       | 0.1                    | 0.5   |
|                | Mar                                      | 0.1   | 9.3           | 0.1          | 0.3   | 0.2                                | 0.2   | 1.8                               | 1.0       | 0.5                    | 0.5   |
|                | Apr                                      | -   | 3.5           | 2.5          | -   | 1.8                                | -   | 3.7                               | 1.1       | 0.5                    | -   |
|                | May                                      | -   | 0.6           | 0.1          | -   | 0.9                                | -   | 3.9                               | 2.1       | -                      | -   |
|                | Jun                                      | -   | 8.7           | 0.2          | -   | 221.0                              | -   | 8.1                               | 2.9       | -                      | 0.2   |
|                | Jul                                      | -   | 7.6           | -            | -   | 135.7                              | -   | 4.0                               | 1.1       | -                      | 0.2   |
|                | Aug                                      | -   | 3.5           | -            | -   | 394.0                              | 0.1   | 44.6                              | -         | -                      | -   |
|                | Sep                                      | -   | 8.4           | -            | -   | 98.9                               | -   | 13.0                              | 0.3       | 1.3                    | -   |
|                | Oct                                      | -   | 13.7          | 0.1          | -   | 1.6                                | -   | 23.0                              | 0.1       | 0.5                    | -   |
|                | Nov                                      | -   | 23.0          | -            | -   | 16.1                               | -   | 0.6                               | 117.1     | 3.8                    | 1.4   |
|                | Dec                                      | -   | 0.2           | 9.8          | -   | 1.5                                | 10.0  | 0.1                               | 1.5       | 1.7                    | -   |
| 1997           | Jan                                      | -   | 9.4           | -            | -   | 0.5                                | 9.0   | -                                 | 2.6       | 0.3                    | 0.6   |
|                | Feb                                      | -   | 2.7           | -            | -   | 1.9                                | -   | 0.3                               | 0.7       | 4.5                    | 2.8   |
|                | Mar                                      | -   | 4.2           | -            | -   | 3.8                                | -   | 19.6                              | 6.9       | 2.8                    | 0.1   |

\* See 'Definitions' page at the end of 'Labour Market Data' section for notes of coverage. The figures for 1997 are provisional.

# Average Earnings Index: all employees: main industrial sectors 5.1

| GREAT BRITAIN<br>SIC 1992 | Whole economy (Divisions 01-93) |                     | Manufacturing industries (Divisions 15-37) |                     | Production industries (Divisions 10-41) |                     | Service industries (Divisions 50-93)    |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
|                           | Actual                          | Seasonally adjusted | Actual                                     | Seasonally adjusted | Actual                                  | Seasonally adjusted | Actual                                  | Seasonally adjusted |
|                           |                                 |                     | Per cent change over previous 12 months    |                     | Per cent change over previous 12 months |                     | Per cent change over previous 12 months |                     |
|                           |                                 |                     | Underlying *                               |                     | Underlying *                            |                     | Underlying *                            |                     |
| 1990=100                  |                                 |                     |  |                     |   |                     |   |                     |
| 1993                      | 118.5                           |                     |  |                     | 120.5                                   |                     | 117.5                                   |                     |
| 1994                      | 123.2                           |                     |  |                     | 126.2                                   |                     | 121.7                                   |                     |
| 1995                      | 127.4                           |                     |  |                     | 126.9                                   |                     | 125.1                                   |                     |
| 1996                      | 132.3                           |                     |  |                     | 132.4                                   |                     | 129.7                                   |                     |
| 1993                      | 116.1                           | 117.0               | 4.5  | 4 3/4               | 117.1                                   | 118.2               | 4.9                                     | 5 1/4               |
| 1994                      | 116.7                           | 117.2               | 4.0  | 4 1/2               | 118.3                                   | 118.7               | 4.9                                     | 5                   |
| 1995                      | 119.6                           | 117.2               | 2.8  | 4                   | 121.9                                   | 118.8               | 3.9                                     | 5                   |
| 1996                      | 117.5                           | 117.6               | 4.0  | 4                   | 119.0                                   | 119.2               | 5.4                                     | 5                   |
| 1997                      | 118.0                           | 117.9               | 3.5  | 3 3/4               | 120.4                                   | 120.1               | 4.9                                     | 5                   |
| 1998                      | 118.5                           | 118.3               | 3.6  | 3 3/4               | 120.9                                   | 120.4               | 5.0                                     | 5                   |
| 1999                      | 119.5                           | 118.8               | 3.8  | 3 1/2               | 121.8                                   | 121.0               | 4.9                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2000                      | 118.2                           | 118.9               | 3.3  | 3 1/4               | 119.5                                   | 121.2               | 3.8                                     | 4 1/2               |
| 2001                      | 118.0                           | 119.2               | 3.1  | 3                   | 120.1                                   | 121.9               | 4.6                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2002                      | 118.4                           | 119.7               | 2.1  | 3                   | 121.3                                   | 122.1               | 3.8                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2003                      | 120.0                           | 120.4               | 3.3  | 3                   | 122.4                                   | 122.6               | 4.1                                     | 4                   |
| 2004                      | 121.6                           | 120.5               | 3.2  | 3 1/4               | 123.5                                   | 122.5               | 3.9                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2005                      | 120.3                           | 121.2               | 4.3  | 3 3/4               | 122.6                                   | 123.6               | 4.2                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2006                      | 124.9                           | 121.8               | 3.9  | 4                   | 128.4                                   | 124.7               | 5.0                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2007                      | 121.6                           | 121.7               | 3.5  | 3 3/4               | 124.6                                   | 124.7               | 4.6                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2008                      | 123.5                           | 123.3               | 4.6  | 4 1/2               | 125.6                                   | 125.4               | 4.4                                     | 4 1/2               |
| 2009                      | 123.0                           | 123.0               | 3.9  | 3 3/4               | 126.2                                   | 125.8               | 4.5                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2010                      | 124.0                           | 123.3               | 3.8  | 3 3/4               | 126.9                                   | 126.1               | 4.2                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2011                      | 122.8                           | 123.7               | 4.1  | 3 3/4               | 125.0                                   | 126.9               | 4.8                                     | 4 1/2               |
| 2012                      | 122.7                           | 124.1               | 4.1  | 3 3/4               | 125.6                                   | 127.6               | 4.7                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2013                      | 122.9                           | 124.4               | 3.9  | 3 3/4               | 127.2                                   | 128.2               | 5.0                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2014                      | 124.0                           | 124.6               | 3.5  | 3 3/4               | 128.5                                   | 128.9               | 5.1                                     | 5                   |
| 2015                      | 127.0                           | 125.8               | 4.4  | 3 3/4               | 130.8                                   | 129.5               | 5.7                                     | 5                   |
| 2016                      | 124.8                           | 125.7               | 3.8  | 3 3/4               | 128.4                                   | 129.6               | 4.8                                     | 5 1/4               |
| 2017                      | 125.9                           | 125.9               | 3.0  | 3 1/2               | 130.4                                   | 130.2               | 5.3                                     | 5                   |
| 2018                      | 130.3                           | 126.5               | 3.8  | 3 1/2               | 134.5                                   | 130.4               | 4.5                                     | 5 1/4               |
| 2019                      | 126.2                           | 126.3               | 3.8  | 3 3/4               | 131.1                                   | 131.1               | 5.1                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2020                      | 127.0                           | 126.8               | 2.8  | 3 1/2               | 131.1                                   | 131.2               | 4.6                                     | 4 3/4               |
| 2021                      | 126.8                           | 127.0               | 3.2  | 3 1/2               | 131.8                                   | 131.5               | 4.5                                     | 4 1/2               |
| 2022                      | 127.9                           | 127.2               | 3.2  | 3 1/4               | 133.2                                   | 132.2               | 4.9                                     | 4 1/2               |
| 2023                      | 126.6                           | 127.8               | 3.3  | 3 1/4               | 130.2                                   | 132.4               | 4.3                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2024                      | 126.6                           | 128.1               | 3.2  | 3 1/4               | 130.5                                   | 132.7               | 4.0                                     | 4                   |
| 2025                      | 127.2                           | 128.8               | 3.6  | 3 1/4               | 132.3                                   | 133.6               | 4.2                                     | 4                   |
| 2026                      | 128.3                           | 129.0               | 3.6  | 3 1/4               | 133.2                                   | 133.7               | 3.8                                     | 4                   |
| 2027                      | 130.6                           | 129.4               | 2.8  | 3 1/4               | 136.1                                   | 134.6               | 3.9                                     | 4                   |
| 2028                      | 128.9                           | 129.9               | 3.3  | 3 1/2               | 133.6                                   | 134.9               | 4.1                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2029                      | 130.8                           | 130.6               | 3.7  | 3 3/4               | 136.4                                   | 135.8               | 4.4                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2030                      | 135.5                           | 131.1               | 3.7  | 3 3/4               | 140.7                                   | 136.2               | 4.4                                     | 4 1/4               |
| 2031                      | 131.4                           | 131.6               | 4.1  | 3 3/4               | 136.7                                   | 136.5               | 4.2                                     | 4 1/4               |
|                           |                                 |                     |  |                     |   |                     |   |                     |



# 5.3 EARNINGS

## Average Earnings Index: all employees: by industry (unadjusted)

| GREAT BRITAIN SIC 1992 | Agriculture and forestry (E&W) | Mining and quarries | Food products; beverages and tobacco | Textiles | Clothing leather and footwear | Wood, wood products and other manu'g n.e.c. (20,23,36,37) | Pulp, paper products printing and publishing (21,22) | Chemicals and chemical products | Rubber and plastic products | Other non-metallic mineral products | Basic metals | Fabric'd metal products (excl. machinery) | Machinery and equipment n.e.c. |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1990=100               | (01,02)                        | (10-14)             | (15,16)                              | (17)     | (18,19)                       | (20,23,36,37)   | (21,22)  | (24)                            | (25)                        | (26)                                | (27)         | (28)                                      | (29)                           |
| 1993 } annual          | 117.7                          | 126.1               | 125.0                                | 123.2    | 117.7                         | 114.5   | 118.9  | 121.2                           | 122.6                       | 115.3                               | 115.6        | 119.2                                     | 122.7                          |
| 1994 } averages        | 121.5                          | 136.2               | 130.6                                | 128.7    | 123.6                         | 120.0   | 123.6  | 125.6                           | 128.4                       | 120.6                               | 123.7        | 127.4                                     | 128.2                          |
| 1995 } averages        | 126.4                          | 139.0               | 136.2                                | 132.7    | 129.3                         | 123.9   | 128.5  | 131.7                           | 133.7                       | 124.8                               | 131.8        | 133.4                                     | 134.3                          |
| 1996 } averages        | 133.7                          | 142.2               | 140.9                                | 138.8    | 134.1                         | 131.2   | 133.9  | 137.1                           | 137.7                       | 128.7                               | 137.8        | 139.0                                     | 139.8                          |
| 1993 Jan               | 109.7                          | 122.5               | 120.4                                | 119.0    | 115.2                         | 110.7   | 114.5  | 119.4                           | 118.1                       | 112.2                               | 117.8        | 114.9                                     | 120.3                          |
| 1993 Feb               | 108.9                          | 122.2               | 123.9                                | 119.3    | 117.1                         | 114.0   | 115.4  | 119.2                           | 120.8                       | 114.3                               | 108.9        | 115.6                                     | 121.5                          |
| 1993 Mar               | 113.0                          | 125.9               | 129.2                                | 121.2    | 116.0                         | 114.9   | 118.8  | 130.4                           | 124.1                       | 114.1                               | 111.0        | 118.3                                     | 124.5                          |
| 1993 Apr               | 114.4                          | 126.3               | 123.3                                | 123.5    | 116.9                         | 112.2   | 117.3  | 118.6                           | 120.2                       | 114.2                               | 116.0        | 120.3                                     | 121.0                          |
| 1993 May               | 114.7                          | 125.0               | 125.9                                | 123.4    | 117.1                         | 116.6   | 118.5  | 118.9                           | 122.5                       | 114.8                               | 113.5        | 120.1                                     | 121.5                          |
| 1993 June              | 118.6                          | 126.1               | 123.7                                | 125.8    | 118.7                         | 114.2   | 119.5  | 120.9                           | 123.8                       | 117.4                               | 112.4        | 120.4                                     | 123.5                          |
| 1993 July              | 124.1                          | 128.1               | 123.9                                | 123.8    | 120.5                         | 115.5   | 119.0  | 120.2                           | 124.0                       | 115.9                               | 123.8        | 120.3                                     | 124.0                          |
| 1993 Aug               | 134.7                          | 123.2               | 123.5                                | 124.0    | 117.4                         | 113.2   | 119.4  | 118.5                           | 120.9                       | 115.9                               | 110.5        | 119.1                                     | 121.1                          |
| 1993 Sep               | 126.0                          | 125.3               | 123.2                                | 124.4    | 118.8                         | 114.4   | 120.8  | 118.6                           | 123.3                       | 115.8                               | 114.8        | 118.9                                     | 122.6                          |
| 1993 Oct               | 121.2                          | 126.8               | 123.6                                | 125.4    | 118.0                         | 114.2   | 120.6  | 119.2                           | 123.4                       | 115.3                               | 124.4        | 120.0                                     | 123.6                          |
| 1993 Nov               | 117.8                          | 128.5               | 129.0                                | 125.3    | 117.5                         | 116.1   | 121.1  | 124.4                           | 123.3                       | 116.0                               | 113.8        | 120.9                                     | 124.9                          |
| 1993 Dec               | 108.7                          | 133.5               | 130.3                                | 125.4    | 119.1                         | 118.3   | 122.1  | 126.5                           | 126.2                       | 118.1                               | 117.8        | 121.1                                     | 124.4                          |
| 1994 Jan               | 112.6                          | 131.5               | 126.0                                | 124.8    | 119.6                         | 114.9   | 120.2  | 123.2                           | 124.4                       | 116.9                               | 122.4        | 121.4                                     | 125.2                          |
| 1994 Feb               | 112.5                          | 129.4               | 126.2                                | 125.4    | 122.9                         | 120.4   | 119.9  | 124.1                           | 125.0                       | 118.4                               | 114.8        | 125.3                                     | 126.7                          |
| 1994 Mar               | 121.6                          | 132.2               | 137.4                                | 129.0    | 125.4                         | 118.9   | 124.5  | 134.4                           | 129.4                       | 120.2                               | 118.9        | 126.5                                     | 130.3                          |
| 1994 Apr               | 117.1                          | 132.9               | 127.8                                | 127.1    | 123.8                         | 116.6   | 120.8  | 123.1                           | 126.4                       | 120.6                               | 126.8        | 124.0                                     | 127.7                          |
| 1994 May               | 119.4                          | 189.4               | 129.6                                | 127.8    | 123.1                         | 121.1   | 123.4  | 123.0                           | 130.2                       | 121.2                               | 119.4        | 126.9                                     | 128.3                          |
| 1994 June              | 121.3                          | 131.1               | 129.3                                | 130.7    | 123.5                         | 118.4   | 125.0  | 126.4                           | 128.9                       | 122.5                               | 118.2        | 128.3                                     | 127.1                          |
| 1994 July              | 127.7                          | 133.2               | 129.9                                | 130.9    | 121.8                         | 119.5   | 122.9  | 123.8                           | 129.8                       | 123.1                               | 138.7        | 127.3                                     | 127.9                          |
| 1994 Aug               | 134.9                          | 126.9               | 130.1                                | 128.1    | 122.3                         | 120.2   | 123.3  | 122.0                           | 126.6                       | 119.5                               | 120.5        | 126.3                                     | 126.3                          |
| 1994 Sep               | 130.6                          | 129.4               | 129.1                                | 128.2    | 123.3                         | 119.5   | 125.2  | 123.7                           | 128.6                       | 120.0                               | 121.2        | 129.0                                     | 127.8                          |
| 1994 Oct               | 124.7                          | 129.6               | 129.7                                | 130.2    | 124.9                         | 119.7   | 124.8  | 123.7                           | 129.3                       | 120.4                               | 133.1        | 130.3                                     | 129.0                          |
| 1994 Nov               | 119.4                          | 131.1               | 135.7                                | 130.3    | 124.7                         | 123.9   | 125.9  | 126.7                           | 130.7                       | 121.3                               | 122.6        | 131.1                                     | 130.3                          |
| 1994 Dec               | 115.9                          | 137.5               | 136.5                                | 132.2    | 128.0                         | 127.1   | 127.1  | 133.6                           | 131.6                       | 123.6                               | 128.1        | 132.4                                     | 131.2                          |
| 1995 Jan               | 118.1                          | 139.7               | 132.7                                | 129.3    | 126.8                         | 119.1   | 124.7  | 128.5                           | 130.3                       | 121.5                               | 133.8        | 128.4                                     | 129.9                          |
| 1995 Feb               | 114.7                          | 142.2               | 132.4                                | 131.0    | 128.2                         | 124.5   | 125.8  | 134.0                           | 132.2                       | 124.3                               | 124.7        | 132.3                                     | 131.7                          |
| 1995 Mar               | 122.4                          | 141.0               | 142.7                                | 134.0    | 130.9                         | 122.7   | 129.3  | 141.8                           | 135.0                       | 125.0                               | 128.0        | 137.0                                     | 135.2                          |
| 1995 Apr               | 129.5                          | 135.7               | 133.3                                | 130.7    | 128.0                         | 121.6   | 128.6  | 129.4                           | 132.8                       | 124.6                               | 139.9        | 132.4                                     | 131.7                          |
| 1995 May               | 124.9                          | 137.6               | 135.4                                | 133.6    | 129.5                         | 124.6   | 127.9  | 129.0                           | 134.5                       | 124.6                               | 126.6        | 133.6                                     | 133.0                          |
| 1995 June              | 120.7                          | 144.3               | 134.3                                | 134.1    | 128.8                         | 122.4   | 131.4  | 131.5                           | 133.5                       | 125.6                               | 127.2        | 133.6                                     | 134.8                          |
| 1995 July              | 123.0                          | 134.5               | 136.1                                | 133.4    | 127.8                         | 123.7   | 128.9  | 129.7                           | 135.4                       | 127.5                               | 148.7        | 134.0                                     | 136.2                          |
| 1995 Aug               | 141.0                          | 135.8               | 135.8                                | 132.3    | 128.6                         | 122.8   | 127.5  | 127.2                           | 132.4                       | 123.0                               | 124.4        | 131.4                                     | 133.0                          |
| 1995 Sep               | 143.5                          | 138.2               | 133.8                                | 131.5    | 129.5                         | 123.0   | 129.5  | 128.0                           | 133.4                       | 124.0                               | 125.3        | 133.6                                     | 134.6                          |
| 1995 Oct               | 135.1                          | 140.9               | 134.0                                | 132.6    | 129.7                         | 123.9   | 129.2  | 128.2                           | 133.5                       | 124.7                               | 143.2        | 134.1                                     | 136.5                          |
| 1995 Nov               | 122.9                          | 141.0               | 140.6                                | 134.1    | 130.9                         | 125.9   | 128.8  | 131.1                           | 134.6                       | 124.9                               | 126.7        | 135.8                                     | 136.6                          |
| 1995 Dec               | 121.2                          | 137.1               | 142.7                                | 135.2    | 132.3                         | 132.1   | 129.8  | 141.9                           | 136.8                       | 127.5                               | 133.4        | 135.0                                     | 138.3                          |
| 1996 Jan               | 116.0                          | 142.1               | 136.5                                | 132.5    | 131.6                         | 126.8   | 129.8  | 133.2                           | 133.5                       | 125.1                               | 137.2        | 134.7                                     | 136.2                          |
| 1996 Feb               | 123.1                          | 144.8               | 137.0                                | 133.9    | 134.8                         | 132.4   | 131.3  | 134.5                           | 137.8                       | 126.9                               | 133.1        | 137.4                                     | 140.8                          |
| 1996 Mar               | 133.1                          | 148.9               | 145.9                                | 136.9    | 134.3                         | 129.7   | 135.9  | 149.2                           | 139.1                       | 129.3                               | 132.8        | 142.3                                     | 142.1                          |
| 1996 Apr               | 129.6                          | 144.2               | 138.0                                | 135.7    | 132.9                         | 128.9   | 132.0  | 135.8                           | 136.9                       | 128.8                               | 146.0        | 137.8                                     | 138.8                          |
| 1996 May               | 133.8                          | 140.5               | 139.6                                | 137.9    | 133.3                         | 131.5   | 132.6  | 134.4                           | 137.1                       | 128.8                               | 132.5        | 136.6                                     | 139.0                          |
| 1996 June              | 126.8                          | 136.5               | 139.0                                | 144.1    | 134.9                         | 131.1   | 136.7  | 136.7                           | 138.0                       | 128.6                               | 132.8        | 138.6                                     | 139.5                          |
| 1996 July              | 134.1                          | 139.3               | 142.9                                | 140.3    | 133.6                         | 131.7   | 133.2  | 136.8                           | 137.4                       | 131.1                               | 151.8        | 138.6                                     | 141.1                          |
| 1996 Aug               | 151.4                          | 134.4               | 140.3                                | 138.3    | 132.8                         | 128.4   | 133.1  | 133.0                           | 136.7                       | 127.7                               | 132.9        | 138.1                                     | 137.9                          |
| 1996 Sep               | 153.1                          | 140.4               | 138.9                                | 139.2    | 135.1                         | 130.7   | 134.6  | 134.2                           | 137.4                       | 128.1                               | 133.6        | 140.1                                     | 138.7                          |
| 1996 Oct               | 136.4                          | 140.8               | 138.3                                | 141.7    | 135.1                         | 131.5   | 134.4  | 134.3                           | 137.9                       | 128.8                               | 144.3        | 139.9                                     | 138.7                          |
| 1996 Nov               | 130.5                          | 146.3               | 146.9                                | 141.7    | 134.9                         | 132.3   | 135.2  | 137.2                           | 139.5                       | 129.9                               | 135.7        | 142.1                                     | 141.8                          |
| 1996 Dec               | 135.9                          | 148.4               | 147.4                                | 143.8    | 136.4                         | 138.8   | 137.9  | 145.6                           | 141.3                       | 130.8                               | 141.3        | 142.4                                     | 143.1                          |
| 1997 Jan               | 123.1                          | 147.6               | 140.2                                | 139.9    | 137.1                         | 132.0   | 136.4  | 138.0                           | 139.7                       | 129.2                               | 144.8        | 140.6                                     | 139.5                          |
| 1997 Feb               | 128.6                          | 147.1               | 142.7                                | 141.1    | 141.8                         | 138.9   | 137.3  | 141.2                           | 141.9                       | 130.4                               | 137.0        | 144.2                                     | 145.0                          |
| 1997 Mar P             | 141.6                          | 152.6               | 155.2                                | 143.4    | 143.2                         | 137.3   | 140.3  | 155.4                           | 145.2                       | 133.8                               | 141.1        | 148.2                                     | 145.1                          |

Notes:  
 1 Figures for the years 1985 to 1989 on a 1985=100 basis were published in *Employment Gazette* in October 1989; the 1985=100 series was discontinued after July 1989.  
 2 Figures on a 1988=100 basis were last published in *Employment Gazette* in September 1993.  
 3 The Index has been reclassified from SIC 1980 to SIC 1992, in common with other economic series in the national accounts. Figures on an SIC 1980 basis were last published in *Employment Gazette*, May 1995.  
 4 Industrial groupings which have not changed are: agriculture and forestry, chemical and man-made fibres (now called chemicals and chemical products); mechanical engineering (machinery and equipment n.e.c.); electrical, electronic and instrument engineering (electrical and optical equipment); food, drink and tobacco (food products, beverages and tobacco); paper products, printing and publishing (pulp, paper products, printing and publishing); construction; hotels and catering (hotels and restaurants); transport and communication (transport, storage and communication); public administration; education and health services (education, health and social work).  
 5 For enquiries, see telephone numbers on p S84.

# EARNINGS 5.3

## Average Earnings Index: all employees: by industry (unadjusted)

| Electrical and optical equipment | Transport equipment | Electricity, gas and water supply | Construction | Wholesale trade | Retail trade and repairs | Hotels and restaurants | Transport, storage and communication + | Financial intermediation | Real estate renting and business activities | Public administration services | Education health and social work | Other services # | GREAT BRITAIN SIC 1992 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| (30-33)                          | (34,35)             | (40,41)                           | (45)         | (51)            | (50,52)                  | (55)                   | (60-64)                                | (65-67)                  | (70-74)                                     | (75)                           | (80-85)                          | (90-93)          | 1990=100               |
| 121.7                            | 119.2               | 123.1                             | 116.5        | 114.9           | 112.3                    | 118.0                  | 119.9                                  | 119.1                    | 113.2                                       | 119.3                          | 120.2                            | 117.3            | 1993 Annual            |
| 127.2                            | 126.4               | 127.1                             | 120.0        | 119.1           | 115.9                    | 119.9                  | 124.3                                  | 128.1                    | 115.8                                       | 123.5                          | 122.9                            | 122.5            | 1994 Averages          |
| 132.9                            | 133.2               | 133.6                             | 123.5        | 124.4           | 118.3                    | 122.3                  | 128.2                                  | 133.4                    | 119.3                                       | 126.0                          | 124.6                            | 129.5            | 1995 Averages          |
| 140.2                            | 140.4               | 138.7                             | 127.8        | 130.2           | 123.2                    | 125.3                  | 132.5                                  | 140.5                    | 124.3                                       | 128.7                          | 128.5                            | 136.1            | 1996 Averages          |
| 117.8                            | 114.9               | 120.5                             | 114.9        | 113.5           | 110.9                    | 115.7                  | 119.1                                  | 113.8                    | 111.0                                       | 117.2                          | 118.7                            | 118.6            | 1993 Jan               |
| 119.1                            | 117.3               | 121.1                             | 114.6        | 114.3           | 110.4                    | 117.4                  | 116.7                                  | 119.1                    | 111.2                                       | 118.4                          | 118.5                            | 118.1            | 1993 Feb               |
| 122.7                            | 120.4               | 121.9                             | 119.0        | 117.4           | 113.8                    | 117.7                  | 118.7                                  | 127.6                    | 116.6                                       | 117.8                          | 118.7                            | 117.8            | 1993 Mar               |
| 120.1                            | 117.7               | 122.9                             | 116.5        | 115.9           | 111.6                    | 116.8                  | 117.5                                  | 117.5                    | 114.6                                       | 117.6                          | 118.5                            | 118.5            | 1993 Apr               |
| 123.4                            | 118.4               | 121.7                             | 115.9        | 113.3           | 111.2                    | 118.1                  | 119.2                                  | 118.3                    | 112.7                                       | 119.5                          | 119.3                            | 118.1            | 1993 May               |
| 122.2                            | 120.7               | 121.5                             | 119.0        | 112.8           | 113.8                    | 118.1                  | 120.6                                  | 116.5                    | 111.2                                       | 120.1                          | 119.7                            | 114.3            | 1993 June              |
| 122.8                            | 122.1               | 125.2                             | 116.5        | 119.6           | 113.2                    | 117.3                  | 120.9                                  | 118.5                    | 112.8                                       | 119.5                          | 122.3                            | 114.4            | 1993 July              |
| 120.9                            | 118.8               | 122.7                             | 115.2        | 113.6           | 111.3                    | 117.2                  | 118.2                                  | 116.5                    | 112.3                                       | 120.3                          | 124.4                            | 114.1            | 1993 Aug               |
| 120.5                            | 118.6               | 122.5                             | 114.9        | 111.5           | 112.3                    | 119.6                  | 118.7                                  | 117.3                    | 110.8                                       | 119.5                          | 121.8                            | 114.9            | 1993 Sept              |
| 122.5                            | 119.9               | 124.1                             | 115.3        | 113.4           | 111.8                    | 116.4                  | 119.3                                  | 117.5                    | 112.6                                       | 120.2                          | 120.2                            | 115.8            | 1993 Oct               |
| 123.7                            | 120.5               |                                   |              |                 |                          |                        |  |                          |   |                                |                                  |                  |                        |



# 5.8 UNIT WAGE COSTS \*

All employees: index for main industrial sectors

| UNITED KINGDOM<br>SIC 1992<br>1990=100 | Manufacturing |   | Energy and<br>water supply | Production<br>industries | Construction | Whole economy |   |
|--|---------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---|
|  |               | Per cent<br>change from<br>a year earlier |                            |                          |              |               | Per cent<br>change from<br>a year earlier |
| 1982                                   | 74.9          | 4.5                                       | 80.1                       | 67.7                     | 60.0         | 60.3          | 5.2                                       |
| 1983                                   | 75.7          | 1.1                                       | 76.3                       | 67.1                     | 61.1         | 62.6          | 3.8                                       |
| 1984                                   | 78.3          | 3.6                                       | 94.5                       | 66.2                     | 63.9         | 66.7          | 6.5                                       |
| 1985                                   | 82.2          | 5.0                                       | 80.9                       | 72.5                     | 67.3         | 70.2          | 5.4                                       |
| 1986                                   | 85.5          | 4.0                                       | 76.2                       | 75.0                     | 70.2         | 73.5          | 4.6                                       |
| 1987                                   | 87.5          | 2.3                                       | 84.9                       | 79.4                     | 71.7         | 77.2          | 5.1                                       |
| 1988                                   | 89.8          | 2.7                                       | 95.2                       | 84.6                     | 77.6         | 82.8          | 7.2                                       |
| 1989                                   | 93.7          | 4.3                                       | 96.2                       | 93.7                     | 90.7         | 91.0          | 1.9                                       |
| 1990                                   | 100.0         | 6.7                                       | 100.0                      | 100.0                    | 100.0        | 100.0         | 9.9                                       |
| 1991                                   | 105.6         | 5.6                                       | 111.3                      | 101.3                    | 107.7        | 107.0         | 7.0                                       |
| 1992                                   | 106.5         | 0.8                                       | 113.0                      | 105.2                    | 104.1        | 110.9         | 3.6                                       |
| 1993                                   | 106.0         | -0.4                                      | 105.6                      | 103.8                    | 99.2         | 111.0         | 0.1                                       |
| 1994                                   | 106.0         | 0.0                                       | 97.8                       | 100.6                    | 98.9         | 110.7         | -0.3                                      |
| 1995                                   | 109.3         | 3.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 112.4         | 1.5                                       |
| 1996                                   | 113.8         | 4.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 114.3         | 1.7                                       |
| 1992 Q1                                | 107.1         | 3.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.5         | 5.1                                       |
| Q2                                     | 106.4         | 0.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 111.2         | 4.5                                       |
| Q3                                     | 106.6         | 0.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.7         | 2.9                                       |
| Q4                                     | 105.8         | -0.4                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 111.0         | 1.8                                       |
| 1993 Q1                                | 104.7         | -2.3                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.7         | 0.2                                       |
| Q2                                     | 105.6         | -0.7                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 111.3         | 0.1                                       |
| Q3                                     | 106.8         | 0.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 111.2         | 0.4                                       |
| Q4                                     | 106.9         | 1.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.8         | -0.2                                      |
| 1994 Q1                                | 106.2         | 1.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.8         | 0.1                                       |
| Q2                                     | 105.6         | -0.0                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.4         | -0.8                                      |
| Q3                                     | 105.7         | -1.0                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.7         | -0.4                                      |
| Q4                                     | 106.7         | -0.2                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 110.7         | -0.0                                      |
| 1995 Q1                                | 108.4         | 2.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 111.7         | 0.9                                       |
| Q2                                     | 108.5         | 2.8                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 112.1         | 1.6                                       |
| Q3                                     | 109.1         | 3.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 112.4         | 1.5                                       |
| Q4                                     | 111.2         | 4.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 113.1         | 2.2                                       |
| 1996 Q1                                | 112.6         | 3.9                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 113.5         | 1.6                                       |
| Q2                                     | 113.4         | 4.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 113.6         | 1.3                                       |
| Q3                                     | 114.1         | 4.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 114.7         | 2.1                                       |
| Q4                                     | 115.1         | 3.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | 115.2         | 1.8                                       |
| 1997 Q1                                | 115.5         | 2.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | N/A           | N/A                                       |
| 1994 Aug                               | 105.3         | -1.7                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Sep                                    | 106.3         | -0.3                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Oct                                    | 106.1         | -1.7                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Nov                                    | 106.2         | -1.0                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Dec                                    | 107.6         | 2.0                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| 1995 Jan                               | 108.9         | 2.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Feb                                    | 107.9         | 2.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Mar                                    | 108.4         | 1.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Apr                                    | 108.5         | 2.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| May                                    | 108.5         | 3.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jun                                    | 108.7         | 2.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jul                                    | 109.5         | 3.7                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Aug                                    | 108.7         | 3.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Sep                                    | 109.3         | 2.8                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Oct                                    | 110.4         | 4.0                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Nov                                    | 110.7         | 4.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Dec                                    | 112.7         | 4.7                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| 1996 Jan                               | 112.2         | 3.0                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Feb                                    | 112.7         | 4.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Mar                                    | 112.9         | 4.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Apr                                    | 113.3         | 4.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| May                                    | 113.3         | 4.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jun                                    | 113.6         | 4.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jul                                    | 113.8         | 3.9                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Aug                                    | 114.3         | 5.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Sep                                    | 114.3         | 4.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Oct                                    | 114.3         | 3.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Nov                                    | 115.1         | 4.0                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Dec                                    | 115.8         | 2.8                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| 1997 Jan                               | 115.1         | 2.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Feb                                    | 115.8         | 2.8                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Mar                                    | 115.6         | 2.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Three months ending: 1994 Aug          | 105.6         | -1.4                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Sep                                    | 105.7         | -1.0                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Oct                                    | 105.9         | -1.2                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Nov                                    | 106.2         | -1.0                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Dec                                    | 106.7         | -0.2                                      | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| 1995 Jan                               | 107.6         | 1.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Feb                                    | 108.1         | 2.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Mar                                    | 108.4         | 2.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Apr                                    | 108.3         | 2.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| May                                    | 108.5         | 2.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jun                                    | 108.5         | 2.8                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jul                                    | 108.9         | 3.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Aug                                    | 108.9         | 3.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Sep                                    | 109.1         | 3.2                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Oct                                    | 109.4         | 3.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Nov                                    | 110.1         | 3.7                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Dec                                    | 111.2         | 4.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| 1996 Jan                               | 111.8         | 3.9                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Feb                                    | 112.5         | 4.0                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Mar                                    | 112.6         | 3.9                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Apr                                    | 112.9         | 4.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| May                                    | 113.1         | 4.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jun                                    | 113.4         | 4.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Jul                                    | 113.6         | 4.3                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Aug                                    | 113.9         | 4.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Sep                                    | 114.1         | 4.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Oct                                    | 114.3         | 4.5                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Nov                                    | 114.6         | 4.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Dec                                    | 115.1         | 3.4                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| 1997 Jan                               | 115.3         | 3.1                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Feb                                    | 115.6         | 2.7                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |
| Mar                                    | 115.5         | 2.6                                       | ..                         | ..                       | ..           | ..            | ..  |

Note: Manufacturing is based on seasonally adjusted monthly statistics of average earnings, employed labour force and output. Other sectors are based on national accounts data of wages and salaries, employment and output. Wages and salaries per unit of output. The indices have been rebased from 1988=100 to 1990=100, in common with other economic series. Figures on a 1985=100 basis were last published in *Employment Gazette*, September 1993.

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

| 1990=100           | Great Britain<br>(1,2) | Belgium<br>(7,8) | Canada<br>(8) | Denmark<br>(6,8) | France<br>(4) | Germany<br>(FR)<br>(4) | Greece<br>(8) | Irish Republic<br>(8) | Italy<br>(4) | Japan<br>(2,5) | Netherlands<br>(4) | Spain<br>(2,8,9) | Sweden<br>(6,8) | United States<br>(8,10) |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Annual averages    |                        |                  |               |                  |               |                        |               |                       |              |                |                    |                  |                 |                         |
| 1990               | 100.0                  | 100              | 100.0         | 100.0            | 100.0         | 100.0                  | 100           | 100                   | 100.0        | 100.0          | 100.0              | 100.0            | 100.0           | 100.0                   |
| 1991               | 108.2                  | 105              | 104.8         | 104.5            | 104.6         | 106.6                  | 117           | 105                   | 109.8        | 103.5          | 104.0              | 108.2            | 105.5           | 103.0                   |
| 1992               | 115.4                  | 110              | 108.4         | 107.9            | 108.7         | 114.2                  | 133           | 110                   | 115.7        | 104.6          | 108.3              | 116.5            | 110.3           | 106.0                   |
| 1993               | 120.5                  | 114              | 110.7         | 110.6            | 111.1         | 120.4                  | 147           | 117                   | 120.0        | 104.7          | 111.9              | 124.4            | 113.9           | 108.0                   |
| 1994               | 126.2                  | 117              | 112.5         | 113.2            | 113.4         | 123.9                  | 166           | 118                   | 124.0        | 106.9          | 113.9              | 130.0            | 118.6           | 111.0                   |
| 1995               | 131.9                  | 118              | 114.1         | 117.6            | 116.1         | 128.0                  | 188           | 123                   | 127.8        | 110.4          | 115.2              | 136.4            | 124.9           | 114.0                   |
| 1996               | 137.8                  | 120              | 117.6         | 122.4            | 119.0         | 134.7                  | ..            | ..                    | 130.1        | 113.1          | ..                 | ..               | 133.1           | 118.0                   |
| Quarterly averages |                        |                  |               |                  |               |                        |               |                       |              |                |                    |                  |                 |                         |
| 1994 Q4            | 128.9                  | 118.0            | 113.0         | 113.3            | 114.0         | 124.9                  | 174.0         | 118.0                 | 124.6        | 108.3          | 114.1              | 131.8            | 120.5           | 113.0                   |
| 1995 Q1            | 130.1                  | 118.0            | 113.4         | 115.5            | 114.5         | 125.2                  | 179.0         | 119.0                 | 126.4        | 110.3          | 114.6              | 133.5            | 121.2           | 113.0                   |
| Q2                 | 131.3                  | 118.0            | 113.5         | 119.1            | 115.5         | 126.3                  | 186.0         | 119.0                 | 126.7        | 111.4          | 115.1              | 135.5            | 124.5           | 114.0                   |
| Q3                 | 132.4                  | 118.0            | 114.1         | 117.6            | 116.3         | 129.3                  | 190.0         | 120.0                 | 128.7        | 108.5          | 115.5              | 136.7            | 126.0           | 115.0                   |
| Q4                 | 134.0                  | 118.0            | 115.3         | 118.2            | 116.8         | 131.4                  | 196.0         | 123.0                 | 129.5        | 111.0          | 115.5              | 139.2            | 127.9           | 115.0                   |
| 1996 Q1            | 135.6                  | 120.0            | 115.4         | 120.4            | 117.1         | 134.1                  | 198.0         | 122.0                 | 128.8        | 112.2          | 116.3              | 140.7            | 129.6           | 116.0                   |
| Q2                 | 136.8                  | 120.0            | 116.9         | 124.3            | 118.1         | 134.7                  | 202.0         | 124.0                 | 129.3        | 113.2          | 116.8              | 143.2            | 135.1           | 118.0                   |
| Q3                 | 138.4                  | 121.0            | 118.4         | 122.3            | 119.3         | 134.9                  | ..            | ..                    | 130.9        | 113.8          | ..                 | 144.1            | 133.1           | 118.0                   |
| Q4                 | 140.1                  | ..               | 119.8         | 122.7            | 119.8         | 135.2                  | ..            | ..                    | 131.6        | 113.5          | ..                 | ..               | 134.8           | 120.0                   |
| 1997 Q1            | 141.5                  | ..               | ..            | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | ..           | ..             | ..                 | ..               | ..              | ..                      |
| Monthly            |                        |                  |               |                  |               |                        |               |                       |              |                |                    |                  |                 |                         |
| 1994 Nov           | 128.9                  | ..               | 113.0         | 113.3            | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 124.6        | 109.8          | 114.0              | ..               | 119.9           | 112.0                   |
| Dec                | 129.5                  | ..               | 113.8         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 118.0                 | 124.6        | 105.7          | 114.0              | ..               | 121.5           | 113.0                   |
| 1995 Jan           | 129.6                  | ..               | 113.5         | ..               | 115.3         | 125.2                  | ..            | ..                    | 126.4        | 111.0          | 115.0              | ..               | 121.1           | 113.0                   |
| Feb                | 130.2                  | ..               | 113.6         | ..               | 115.5         | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 126.4        | 110.6          | 115.0              | ..               | 121.2           | 113.0                   |
| Mar                | 130.4                  | ..               | 113.2         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 119.0                 | 126.5        | 110.9          | 115.0              | ..               | 121.4           | 113.0                   |
| Apr                | 131.1                  | ..               | 113.4         | ..               | ..            | 126.3                  | ..            | ..                    | 126.8        | 111.1          | 115.1              | ..               | 124.4           | 113.0                   |
| May                | 131.2                  | ..               | 113.5         | 118.6            | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 126.7        | 110.5          | 115.1              | ..               | 122.2           | 113.0                   |
| Jun                | 131.5                  | 118.0            | 113.5         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 119.0                 | 126.7        | 116.8          | 115.1              | ..               | 125.1           | 114.0                   |
| Jul                | 132.2                  | ..               | 113.0         | ..               | 116.3         | 129.3                  | ..            | ..                    | 128.5        | 106.1          | 115.5              | ..               | 127.2           | 114.0                   |
| Aug                | 132.4                  | ..               | 114.3         | 117.6            | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 128.5        | 106.2          | 115.5              | ..               | 123.8           | 114.0                   |
| Sep                | 132.7                  | 118.0            | 114.7         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 120.0                 | 129.2        | 111.0          | 115.5              | ..               | 126.8           | 115.0                   |
| Oct                | 133.6                  | ..               | 114.8         | ..               | 116.8         | 131.4                  | ..            | ..                    | 129.4        | 111.4          | 115.5              | ..               | 126.8           | 115.0                   |
| Nov                | 133.7                  | ..               | 114.9         | 118.2            | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 129.5        | 110.8          | 115.4              | ..               | 127.1           | 115.0                   |
| Dec                | 134.6                  | 118.0            | 116.3         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 123.0                 | 129.5        | 110.5          | 115.5              | ..               | 129.7           | 116.0                   |
| 1996 Jan           | 134.9                  | ..               | 115.2         | ..               | 117.1         | 134.1                  | ..            | ..                    | 128.8        | 110.2          | 116.2              | ..               | 129.3           | 117.0                   |
| Feb                | 135.8                  | ..               | 115.7         | 120.4            | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 128.8        | 112.9          | 116.4              | ..               | 129.3           | 116.0                   |
| Mar                | 136.2                  | 120.0            | 115.4         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 122.0                 | 128.8        | 113.0          | 116.4              | ..               | 130.4           | 116.0                   |
| Apr                | 136.5                  | ..               | 115.2         | ..               | 118.1         | 134.7                  | ..            | ..                    | 129.1        | 112.8          | 116.8              | ..               | 134.5           | 118.0                   |
| May                | 136.7                  | ..               | 116.8         | 124.3            | ..            | ..                     | ..            | ..                    | 129.2        | 112.7          | 116.8              | ..               | 136.1           | 117.0                   |
| Jun                | 137.3                  | 120.0            | 116.7         | ..               | ..            | ..                     | ..            | 124.0                 | 129.5        | 114.2          | 116.8              | ..               | 134.7           | 118.0                   |
| Jul                | 137.9                  | ..               | 117.2         | ..               | ..            | 134.9                  | ..            | ..                    | 130.9        | 112.6          | 117.5              | ..               | 134.3           | 118.0                   |
| Aug                |                        |                  |               |                  |               |                        |               |                       |              |                |                    |                  |                 |                         |



## 6.1 RETAIL PRICES Summary of recent movements

|          | All items (RPI)        |                                  | All items excluding               |                                  |  |                                  |         |                                  |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
|          | Index Jan 13, 1987=100 | Percentage change over 12 months | Mortgage interest payments (RPIX) | Percentage change over 12 months | Mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes (RPIY) | Percentage change over 12 months | Housing | Percentage change over 12 months |
| 1996 Apr | 152.6                  | 2.4                              | 152.0                             | 2.9                              | 147.9  | 2.6                              | 149.0   | 2.8                              |
| May      | 152.9                  | 2.2                              | 152.5                             | 2.8                              | 148.4  | 2.3                              | 149.5   | 2.5                              |
| Jun      | 153.0                  | 2.1                              | 152.6                             | 2.8                              | 148.5  | 2.3                              | 149.7   | 2.7                              |
| Jul      | 152.4                  | 2.2                              | 151.9                             | 2.8                              | 147.7  | 2.4                              | 148.8   | 2.6                              |
| Aug      | 153.1                  | 2.1                              | 152.8                             | 2.8                              | 148.7  | 2.4                              | 149.7   | 2.6                              |
| Sep      | 153.8                  | 2.1                              | 153.6                             | 2.9                              | 149.6  | 2.5                              | 150.5   | 2.6                              |
| Oct      | 153.8                  | 2.7                              | 153.6                             | 3.3                              | 149.6  | 3.0                              | 150.5   | 2.9                              |
| Nov      | 153.9                  | 2.7                              | 153.7                             | 3.3                              | 149.7  | 3.0                              | 150.6   | 3.0                              |
| Dec      | 154.4                  | 2.5                              | 154.2                             | 3.1                              | 149.5  | 2.7                              | 151.6   | 2.6                              |
| 1997 Jan | 154.4                  | 2.8                              | 153.9                             | 3.1                              | 149.3  | 2.8                              | 150.7   | 2.7                              |
| Feb      | 155.0                  | 2.7                              | 154.5                             | 2.9                              | 149.9  | 2.5                              | 151.3   | 2.5                              |
| Mar      | 155.4                  | 2.6                              | 154.9                             | 2.7                              | 150.3  | 2.3                              | 151.7   | 2.2                              |
| Apr      | 156.3                  | 2.4                              | 155.8                             | 2.5                              | 150.8  | 2.0                              | 152.2   | 2.1                              |

## 6.2 RETAIL PRICES Detailed figures for various groups, sub-groups and sections for April 15 1997

|   | Index Jan 1987=100 | Percentage change over |           | Index Jan 1987=100                     | Percentage change over |           |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-----------|--|------------------------|-----------|
|   |                    | 1 month                | 12 months |  | 1 month                | 12 months |
| <b>ALL ITEMS</b>  | 156.3              | 0.6                    | 2.4       |  |                        |           |
| Food and catering                                       | 149.3              | 0.4                    | 0.1       | <b>Tobacco</b>                         | 203.9                  | 1.2       |
| Alcohol and tobacco                                     | 181.9              | 0.6                    | 4.1       | Cigarettes                             | 206.5                  | 7         |
| Housing and household expenditure                       | 156.9              | 0.8                    | 2.3       | Tobacco                                | 182.6                  | 4         |
| Personal expenditure                                    | 138.3              | 0.9                    | 2.1       | <b>Housing</b>                         | 176.1                  | 1.9       |
| Travel and leisure                                      | 157.6              | 0.1                    | 3.8       | Rent                                   | 216.6                  | 3         |
| <b>Consumer durables</b>                                | 117.8              | -0.1                   | 0.3       | Mortgage interest payments             | 166.3                  | 2         |
| Seasonal food   | 114.4              | 0.4                    | -13.5     | Depreciation (Jan 1995 = 100)          | 106.3                  | 2         |
| Food excluding seasonal                                 | 145.2              | 0.3                    | 1.0       | Community charge and rates/council tax | 154.5                  | 7         |
| All items excluding seasonal food                       | 157.4              | 0.6                    | 2.9       | Water and other payments               | 257.8                  | 4         |
| All items excluding food                                | 159.3              | 0.6                    | 3.0       | Repairs and maintenance charges        | 176.7                  | 10        |
| <b>Other indices</b>                                    |                    |                        |           | Do-it-yourself materials               | 154.1                  | 3         |
| All items excluding:                                    |                    |                        |           | Dwelling insurance & ground rent       | 185.9                  | 3         |
| mortgage interest payments(RPIX)                        | 155.8              | 0.6                    | 2.5       | <b>Fuel and light</b>                  | 132.8                  | -0.3      |
| housing   | 152.2              | 0.3                    | 2.1       | Coal and solid fuels                   | 130.6                  | 1         |
| mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes (RPIY)[1] | 150.8              | 0.3                    | 2.0       | Electricity                            | 143.5                  | -3        |
| mortgage interest payments and council tax              | 155.7              | 0.4                    | 2.4       | Gas                                    | 124.2                  | 0         |
| mortgage interest payments and depreciation             | 155.9              | 0.6                    | 2.5       | Oil and other fuels                    | 119.2                  | -3        |
| <b>Food</b>   | 140.4              | 0.3                    | -1.3      | <b>Household goods</b>                 | 139.0                  | -0.8      |
| Bread   | 135.2              |                        | -3        | Furniture                              | 142.0                  | 2         |
| Cereals   | 142.1              |                        | -1        | Furnishings                            | 142.5                  | 2         |
| Biscuits and cakes                                      | 151.7              |                        | 1         | Electrical appliances                  | 102.5                  | -2        |
| Beef  | 133.3              |                        | -1        | Other household equipment              | 142.7                  | 3         |
| Lamb  | 160.6              |                        | 7         | Household consumables                  | 156.4                  | -1        |
| of which, home-killed lamb                              | 168.2              |                        | -3        | Pet care                               | 144.7                  | 4         |
| Pork  | 152.9              |                        | -3        | <b>Household services</b>              | 143.4                  | 0.4       |
| Bacon   | 159.9              |                        | 8         | Postage                                | 153.0                  | 5         |
| Poultry   | 112.7              |                        | -1        | Telephones, telemessages, etc          | 103.7                  | -4        |
| Other meat  | 133.1              |                        | 1         | Domestic services                      | 180.7                  | 4         |
| Fish  | 122.8              |                        | 1         | Fees and subscriptions                 | 163.6                  | 4         |
| of which, fresh fish                                    | 122.1              |                        | -1        | <b>Clothing and footwear</b>           | 121.6                  | 1.0       |
| Butter  | 163.0              |                        | -2        | Men's outerwear                        | 119.0                  | 0         |
| Oil and fats  | 140.7              |                        | 5         | Women's outerwear                      | 106.4                  | 2         |
| Cheese  | 166.6              |                        | 3         | Children's outerwear                   | 124.8                  | 2         |
| Eggs  | 152.3              |                        | 2         | Other clothing                         | 156.1                  | 5         |
| Milk fresh  | 152.9              |                        | 0         | Footwear                               | 120.8                  | -4        |
| Milk products   | 142.8              |                        | -3        | <b>Personal goods and services</b>     | 169.6                  | 0.8       |
| Tea   | 149.5              |                        | -1        | Personal articles                      | 120.7                  | 1         |
| Coffee and other hot drinks                             | 125.9              |                        | 1         | Chemists goods                         | 178.5                  | 4         |
| Soft drinks   | 180.7              |                        | 4         | Personal services                      | 219.4                  | 5         |
| Sugar and preserves                                     | 156.8              |                        | -1        | <b>Motoring expenditure</b>            | 163.3                  | -0.2      |
| Sweets and chocolates                                   | 146.4              |                        | 4         | Purchase of motor vehicles             | 141.7                  | 3         |
| Potatoes  | 126.9              |                        | -21       | Maintenance of motor vehicles          | 185.6                  | 6         |
| of which, unprocessed potatoes                          | 93.7               |                        | -43       | Petrol and oil                         | 173.9                  | 8         |
| Vegetables  | 110.5              |                        | -19       | Vehicles tax and insurance             | 194.0                  | 5         |
| of which, other fresh vegetables                        | 96.1               |                        | -25       | <b>Fares and other travel costs</b>    | 168.6                  | 0.6       |
| Fruit   | 128.0              |                        | 3         | Rail fares                             | 187.7                  | 3         |
| of which, fresh fruit                                   | 124.8              |                        | 2         | Bus and coach fares                    | 182.5                  | 4         |
| Other foods   | 146.5              |                        | 2         | Other travel costs                     | 148.2                  | 3         |
| <b>Catering</b>   | 181.2              | 0.7                    | 4.1       | <b>Leisure goods</b>                   | 124.2                  | -0.1      |
| Restaurant meals  | 178.8              |                        | 4         | Audio-visual equipment                 | 65.4                   | -6        |
| Canteen meals   | 197.2              |                        | 5         | Tapes and discs                        | 119.6                  | 1         |
| Take-aways and snacks                                   | 177.8              |                        | 4         | Toys, photographic and sport goods     | 121.1                  | -1        |
| <b>Alcoholic drink</b>                                  | 172.7              | 0.3                    | 2.8       | Books and newspapers                   | 181.5                  | 3         |
| Beer  | 182.7              |                        | 4         | Gardening products                     | 146.7                  | 2         |
| on sales  | 186.8              |                        | 4         | <b>Leisure services</b>                | 180.2                  | 1.0       |
| off sales   | 154.0              |                        | 3         | Television licences and rentals        | 127.1                  | 4         |
| Wines and spirits                                       | 159.0              |                        | 2         | Entertainment and other recreation     | 219.0                  | 5         |
| on sales  | 177.8              |                        | 3         | Foreign holidays (Jan 1993 = 100)      | 115.4                  | 5         |
| off sales   | 148.2              |                        | 1         | UK holidays (Jan 1994 = 100)           | 107.3                  | 3         |

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

[1] The taxes excluded are council tax, VAT, duties, vehicle excise duty, insurance tax and airport tax.

## RETAIL PRICES 6.3 Average retail prices of selected items

Average retail prices on April 15 for a number of important items derived from prices collected by the Office for National Statistics for the purpose of the General Index of Retail Prices in more than 146 areas in the United Kingdom are given below.

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

### Average prices on April 15 1997

| Item   | Number of quotations | Average price (pence) | Price range within which 80 per cent of quotations fell (pence) | Item                               | Number of quotations | Average price (pence) | Price range within which 80 per cent of quotations fell (pence) |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Beef: home-killed, per kg</b>             |                      |                       |   | <b>Margarine</b>                   |                      |                       |   |
| Best beef mince                              | 667                  | 375                   | 218-516   | Margarine/Low fat spread, per 500g | 238                  | 73                    | 41-99   |
| Topside                                      | 657                  | 613                   | 438-725   | <b>Cheese, per kg</b>              |                      |                       |   |
| Brisket (without bone)                       | 528                  | 441                   | 350-509   | Cheddar type                       | 224                  | 528                   | 359-634   |
| Rump steak *                                 | 659                  | 890                   | 769-988   | <b>Eggs</b>                        |                      |                       |   |
| Stewing steak                                | 679                  | 477                   | 309-695   | Size 2 (65-70g), per dozen         | 241                  | 166                   | 118-198   |
| <b>Lamb: home-killed, per kg</b>             |                      |                       |   | Size 4 (55-60g), per dozen         | 241                  | 142                   | 96-178  |
| Loin (with bone)                             | 448                  | 908                   | 659-1069  | <b>Milk</b>                        |                      |                       |   |
| Shoulder (with bone)                         | 501                  | 412                   | 350-518   | Pasteurised, per pint +            | 282                  | 35                    | 27-35   |
| <b>Lamb: imported (frozen), per kg</b>       |                      |                       |   | <b>Tea</b>                         |                      |                       |   |
| Loin (with bone)                             | 159                  | 527                   | 394-622   | Loose, per 125g                    | 254                  | 63                    | 46-85   |
| Leg (with bone)                              | 155                  | 445                   | 405-499   | Tea bags, per 250g                 | 255                  | 132                   | 94-165  |
| <b>Pork: home-killed, per kg</b>             |                      |                       |   | <b>Coffee</b>                      |                      |                       |   |
| Loin (with bone)                             | 674                  | 505                   | 399-629   | Pure, instant, per 100g            | 280                  | 198                   | 179-239   |
| Shoulder (without bone)                      | 521                  | 362                   | 299-428   | Ground/filter fine, 227g/per 8oz   | 237                  | 202                   | 129-289   |
| <b>Bacon, per kg</b>                         |                      |                       |   | <b>Sugar</b>                       |                      |                       |   |
| Sreaky *                                     | 562                  | 425                   | 291-585   | Granulated, per kg                 | 257                  | 76                    | 57-80   |
| Cammon *                                     | 600                  | 593                   | 439-699   | <b>Fresh vegetables</b>            |                      |                       |   |
| Back *                                       | 629                  | 589                   | 438-840   | Potatoes, old loose, 454g/per lb   | 404                  | 18                    | 10-22   |
| <b>Ham</b>                                   |                      |                       |   | Potatoes, new loose, 454g/per lb   | 460                  | 30                    | 19-55   |
| Ham (not shoulder), 113g/per 4oz             | 585                  | 92                    | 59-118  | Tomatoes, 454g/per lb              | 606                  | 59                    | 48-89   |
| <b>Sauces, 454g/per lb</b>                   |                      |                       |   | Cabbage, hearted, 454g/per lb      | 578                  | 30                    | 19-39   |
| Pork   | 596                  | 137                   | 109-169   | Cauliflower, each                  | 584                  | 58                    | 39-69   |
| <b>Canned meats</b>                          |                      |                       |   | Brussels sprouts, 454g/per lb      | -                    | -                     | -   |
| Corned beef, 340g                            | 254                  | 92                    | 68-115  | <b>Fresh fruit</b>                 |                      |                       |   |
| <b>Chicken: roasting, oven ready, per kg</b> |                      |                       |   | Carrots, 454g/per lb               | 598                  | 19                    | 16-25   |
| Frozen                                       | 202                  | 179                   | 150-215   | Onions, 454g/per lb                | 587                  | 22                    | 18-29   |
| Fresh or chilled                             | 653                  | 240                   | 181-263   | Mushrooms, 113g/per 4oz            | 601                  | 33                    | 25-40   |
| <b>Fresh and smoked fish, per kg</b>         |                      |                       |   | Cucumber, each                     | 603                  | 47                    | 39-68   |
| Cod filets                                   | 429                  | 555                   | 417-772   | Lettuce - iceberg, each            | 592                  | 58                    | 49-69   |
| Rainbow trout                                | 340                  | 455                   | 351-585   | Leeks, 454g/per lb                 | 584                  | 55                    | 45-60   |
| <b>Bread</b>                                 |                      |                       |   | <b>Fresh fruit</b>                 |                      |                       |   |
| White loaf, sliced, 800g                     | 237                  | 51                    | 42-81   | Apples, cooking, 454g/per lb       | 568                  | 53                    | 39-59   |
| White loaf, unwrapped, 800g                  | 223                  | 69                    | 49-88   | Apples, dessert, 454g/per lb       | 596                  | 50                    | 38-59   |
| Brown loaf, sliced, 400g                     | 227                  | 52                    | 29-69   | Pears, dessert, 454g/per lb        | 575                  | 50                    | 39-69   |
| Brown loaf, unsliced, 800g                   | 228                  | 69                    | 49-90   | Oranges, each                      | 589                  | 21                    | 15-29   |
| <b>Flour</b>                                 |                      |                       |   | Bananas, 454g/per lb               | 556                  | 47                    | 45-55   |
| Self raising, per 1.5kg                      | 231                  | 60                    | 38-77   | Grapes, 454g/per lb                | 566                  | 118                   | 99-140  |
| <b>Butter</b>                                |                      |                       |   | Avocado pear, each                 | 494                  | 51                    | 39-69   |
| Home produced, per 250g                      | 230                  | 84                    | 78-91   | Grapes, each                       | 583                  | 26                    | 19-35   |
| Imported, per 250g                           | 237                  | 83                    | 64-99   | <b>Items other than food</b>       |                      |                       |   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Draught bitter, per pint           | 543                  | 161                   | 138-190   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Draught lager, per pint            | 550                  | 179                   | 160-201   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Whisky per nip                     | 558                  | 128                   | 110-149   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Cigarettes 20 king size filter     | 853                  | 292                   | 253-319   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Coal, per 50kg                     | 220                  | 674                   | 535-915   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Smokeless fuel per 50kg            | 254                  | 973                   | 820-1250  |
|  |                      |                       |   | 4-star petrol, per litre           | 549                  | 66                    | 62-68   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Derv per litre                     | 546                  | 61                    | 57-64   |
|  |                      |                       |   | Unleaded petrol ord. per litre     | 549                  | 60                    | 57-63   |

\* Or Scottish equivalent.

+ Average price estimates include prices of delivered milk and shop-bought milk. However, 80 per cent price range includes only shop-bought milk.

### General Notes - Retail Prices

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

### Structure

With effect from February 1987 the structure of the published components was recast. In some cases, therefore, no direct comparison of the new component with the old is possible. The relationship between the old and the new index structure is shown in *Employment Gazette*, p 379, September 1986.

### Definitions

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

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



# 6.4 RETAIL PRICES

## General index of retail prices

| UNITED KINGDOM<br>January 13 1987 = 100 |                 | ALL ITEMS | All items except food | All items except seasonal food + | All items except housing | All items except mortgage interest | Nationalised industries** | Consumer durables | Food  | Catering   | Alcoholic drink     |       |       |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
|   |                 |           |                       |                                  |                          |                                    |                           |                   | All   | Seasonal + | Non-seasonal + food |       |       |
| 1987                                    | Weights         | 1,000     | 833                   | 974                              | 843                      | 956                                | 57                        | 139               | 167   | 26         | 141                 | 46    | 76    |
| 1988                                    |                 | 1,000     | 837                   | 975                              | 840                      | 958                                | 54                        | 141               | 163   | 25         | 138                 | 50    | 78    |
| 1989                                    |                 | 1,000     | 846                   | 977                              | 825                      | 940                                | 46                        | 135               | 154   | 23         | 131                 | 49    | 83    |
| 1990                                    |                 | 1,000     | 842                   | 976                              | 815                      | 925                                | —                         | 132               | 158   | 24         | 134                 | 47    | 77    |
| 1991                                    |                 | 1,000     | 849                   | 976                              | 808                      | 924                                | —                         | 128               | 151   | 24         | 127                 | 47    | 77    |
| 1992                                    |                 | 1,000     | 848                   | 978                              | 828                      | 936                                | —                         | 127               | 152   | 22         | 130                 | 47    | 80    |
| 1993                                    |                 | 1,000     | 856                   | 979                              | 836                      | 952                                | —                         | 127               | 144   | 21         | 123                 | 45    | 78    |
| 1994                                    |                 | 1,000     | 858                   | 980                              | 842                      | 956                                | —                         | 127               | 142   | 20         | 117                 | 45    | 76    |
| 1995                                    |                 | 1,000     | 861                   | 978                              | 813                      | 958                                | —                         | 123               | 139   | 22         | 117                 | 45    | 77    |
| 1996                                    |                 | 1,000     | 857                   | 978                              | 810                      | 958                                | —                         | 116               | 143   | 22         | 121                 | 48    | 78    |
| 1997                                    |                 | 1,000     | 864                   | 981                              | 814                      | 961                                | —                         | 122               | 136   | 19         | 117                 | 49    | 80    |
| 1987                                    | Annual averages | 101.9     | 102.0                 | 101.9                            | 101.6                    | 101.9                              | 100.9                     | 101.2             | 101.1 | 101.6      | 101.0               | 102.8 | 101.7 |
| 1988                                    |                 | 106.9     | 107.3                 | 107.0                            | 105.8                    | 106.6                              | 106.7                     | 103.7             | 102.4 | 105.0      | 105.0               | 106.6 | 106.9 |
| 1989                                    |                 | 115.2     | 116.1                 | 115.5                            | 111.5                    | 112.9                              | —                         | 107.2             | 110.5 | 111.6      | 111.6               | 116.5 | 112.9 |
| 1990                                    |                 | 126.1     | 127.4                 | 126.4                            | 119.2                    | 122.1                              | —                         | 111.3             | 119.4 | 116.4      | 119.9               | 126.4 | 123.8 |
| 1991                                    |                 | 133.5     | 135.1                 | 133.8                            | 128.3                    | 130.3                              | —                         | 114.8             | 125.6 | 121.6      | 126.3               | 139.1 | 139.2 |
| 1992                                    |                 | 138.5     | 140.5                 | 139.1                            | 134.3                    | 136.4                              | —                         | 115.5             | 128.3 | 114.7      | 130.6               | 147.9 | 148.8 |
| 1993                                    |                 | 140.7     | 142.6                 | 141.4                            | 138.4                    | 140.5                              | —                         | 115.9             | 130.6 | 111.4      | 134.0               | 155.6 | 154.7 |
| 1994                                    |                 | 144.1     | 146.5                 | 144.8                            | 141.6                    | 143.8                              | —                         | 115.5             | 131.9 | 117.7      | 134.3               | 162.1 | 158.5 |
| 1995                                    |                 | 149.1     | 151.4                 | 149.6                            | 145.4                    | 147.9                              | —                         | 116.2             | 137.0 | 127.2      | 138.5               | 169.0 | 164.5 |
| 1996                                    |                 | 152.7     | 154.9                 | 153.4                            | 149.3                    | 152.3                              | —                         | 117.1             | 141.4 | 125.4      | 142.2               | 175.7 | 169.2 |
| 1987                                    | Jan 13          | 100.0     | 100.0                 | 100.0                            | 100.0                    | 100.0                              | 100.0                     | 100.0             | 100.0 | 100.0      | 100.0               | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1988                                    | Jan 12          | 103.3     | 103.4                 | 103.3                            | 103.2                    | 103.7                              | 102.8                     | 101.2             | 102.9 | 103.7      | 102.7               | 106.4 | 103.7 |
| 1989                                    | Jan 17          | 111.0     | 111.7                 | 111.2                            | 108.5                    | 109.4                              | 110.9                     | 104.5             | 107.4 | 103.2      | 108.2               | 113.1 | 109.9 |
| 1990                                    | Jan 16          | 119.5     | 120.2                 | 119.6                            | 116.1                    | 116.3                              | —                         | 108.0             | 116.0 | 116.0      | 121.2               | 116.3 | 116.3 |
| 1991                                    | Jan 15          | 130.2     | 131.6                 | 130.4                            | 122.7                    | 126.0                              | —                         | 110.7             | 122.9 | 121.2      | 123.1               | 132.2 | 129.7 |
| 1992                                    | Jan 14          | 135.6     | 137.1                 | 135.9                            | 131.6                    | 133.1                              | —                         | 113.2             | 128.4 | 125.2      | 129.0               | 144.3 | 143.9 |
| 1993                                    | Jan 12          | 137.9     | 139.7                 | 138.6                            | 135.0                    | 137.4                              | —                         | 112.8             | 128.8 | 112.2      | 131.7               | 151.7 | 151.0 |
| 1994                                    | Jan 18          | 141.3     | 143.5                 | 142.1                            | 139.3                    | 141.3                              | —                         | 113.0             | 130.0 | 110.3      | 133.5               | 159.1 | 156.9 |
| 1995                                    | Jan 17          | 146.0     | 148.3                 | 146.5                            | 142.9                    | 145.2                              | —                         | 113.2             | 134.1 | 126.3      | 135.3               | 165.7 | 161.3 |
|   | Apr 11          | 149.0     | 151.5                 | 149.4                            | 145.0                    | 147.7                              | —                         | 116.5             | 135.8 | 130.3      | 136.4               | 167.8 | 163.2 |
|   | May 16          | 149.6     | 151.8                 | 150.0                            | 145.8                    | 148.4                              | —                         | 117.2             | 136.1 | 135.6      | 138.2               | 169.5 | 164.1 |
|   | Jun 13          | 149.8     | 152.2                 | 150.4                            | 145.8                    | 148.5                              | —                         | 116.9             | 137.0 | 125.2      | 139.0               | 168.8 | 164.8 |
|   | Jul 18          | 149.1     | 151.6                 | 149.9                            | 145.0                    | 147.7                              | —                         | 113.4             | 135.9 | 116.9      | 139.3               | 169.2 | 165.6 |
|   | Aug 15          | 149.9     | 152.1                 | 150.3                            | 145.9                    | 148.6                              | —                         | 114.9             | 138.7 | 132.2      | 139.6               | 169.8 | 165.8 |
|   | Sep 12          | 150.6     | 152.8                 | 151.0                            | 146.7                    | 149.2                              | —                         | 117.5             | 139.1 | 132.0      | 140.1               | 170.4 | 166.0 |
|   | Oct 17          | 149.8     | 152.1                 | 150.5                            | 146.2                    | 148.7                              | —                         | 117.2             | 137.5 | 122.0      | 140.2               | 171.0 | 166.8 |
|   | Nov 14          | 149.8     | 152.2                 | 150.5                            | 146.2                    | 148.8                              | —                         | 118.1             | 137.6 | 121.2      | 140.5               | 171.5 | 165.9 |
|   | Dec 12          | 150.7     | 152.9                 | 151.3                            | 147.2                    | 149.6                              | —                         | 119.0             | 138.8 | 126.2      | 140.9               | 171.9 | 166.6 |
| 1996                                    | Jan 16          | 150.2     | 152.3                 | 150.7                            | 146.8                    | 149.3                              | —                         | 113.8             | 139.6 | 128.5      | 141.4               | 172.5 | 166.0 |
|   | Feb 13          | 150.9     | 152.8                 | 151.3                            | 147.6                    | 150.2                              | —                         | 115.5             | 141.1 | 131.8      | 142.5               | 172.9 | 167.1 |
|   | Mar 12          | 151.5     | 153.3                 | 151.9                            | 148.4                    | 150.9                              | —                         | 117.4             | 142.3 | 134.9      | 143.3               | 173.3 | 167.4 |
|   | Apr 16          | 152.6     | 154.6                 | 153.0                            | 149.0                    | 152.0                              | —                         | 117.5             | 142.3 | 132.3      | 143.8               | 174.0 | 168.0 |
|   | May 14          | 152.9     | 154.8                 | 153.3                            | 149.5                    | 152.5                              | —                         | 118.0             | 143.3 | 134.9      | 144.5               | 174.6 | 168.6 |
|   | Jun 11          | 153.0     | 154.9                 | 153.5                            | 149.7                    | 152.6                              | —                         | 118.0             | 143.2 | 132.1      | 144.9               | 175.5 | 169.7 |
|   | Jul 16          | 152.4     | 154.5                 | 153.2                            | 148.8                    | 151.9                              | —                         | 114.1             | 141.3 | 120.1      | 145.0               | 176.3 | 170.5 |
|   | Aug 13          | 153.1     | 155.1                 | 153.7                            | 149.7                    | 152.8                              | —                         | 115.6             | 142.9 | 126.5      | 145.8               | 176.9 | 170.5 |
|   | Sep 10          | 153.8     | 156.2                 | 154.7                            | 150.5                    | 153.6                              | —                         | 118.5             | 141.4 | 119.2      | 145.5               | 177.5 | 170.7 |
|   | Oct 15          | 153.8     | 156.4                 | 154.8                            | 150.5                    | 153.6                              | —                         | 118.1             | 140.3 | 114.4      | 145.0               | 177.9 | 171.0 |
|   | Nov 12          | 153.9     | 156.6                 | 154.9                            | 150.6                    | 153.7                              | —                         | 119.3             | 139.7 | 113.7      | 144.5               | 178.3 | 170.7 |
|   | Dec 16          | 154.4     | 157.2                 | 155.4                            | 151.1                    | 154.2                              | —                         | 120.0             | 139.9 | 116.0      | 144.2               | 178.8 | 170.1 |
| 1997                                    | Jan 14          | 154.4     | 157.0                 | 155.3                            | 150.7                    | 153.9                              | —                         | 114.2             | 141.0 | 120.3      | 144.7               | 179.2 | 171.1 |
|   | Feb 11          | 155.0     | 157.7                 | 156.0                            | 151.3                    | 154.5                              | —                         | 115.5             | 140.8 | 116.9      | 145.1               | 179.7 | 172.2 |
|   | Mar 11          | 155.4     | 158.4                 | 156.5                            | 151.7                    | 154.9                              | —                         | 117.9             | 140.0 | 113.9      | 144.7               | 180.0 | 172.1 |
|   | Apr 15          | 156.3     | 159.3                 | 157.4                            | 152.2                    | 155.8                              | —                         | 117.8             | 140.4 | 114.4      | 145.2               | 181.2 | 172.7 |

+ For the February, March and April 1988 indices the weights used for seasonal and non-seasonal food were 24 and 139 respectively. Thereafter the weight for home-killed lamb (a seasonal item) was increased by 1 and that for imported lamb (a non-seasonal item) correspondingly reduced by 1, in the light of new information about the relative shares of household expenditure.  
 \*\* The nationalised industries index is no longer published from December 1989, see also General Notes under Table 6.3.

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## General index of retail prices

| Tobacco | Housing | Fuel and light | Household goods | Household services | Clothing and footwear | Personal goods and services | Motoring expenditure | Fares and other travel | Leisure goods | Leisure services |
|---------|---------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 38      | 157     | 61             | 73              | 44                 | 74                    | 38                          | 127                  | 22                     | 47            | 30               |
| 36      | 160     | 55             | 74              | 41                 | 72                    | 37                          | 132                  | 23                     | 50            | 29               |
| 36      | 175     | 54             | 71              | 41                 | 73                    | 37                          | 128                  | 23                     | 47            | 29               |
| 34      | 185     | 50             | 71              | 40                 | 69                    | 39                          | 131                  | 21                     | 48            | 30               |
| 32      | 192     | 46             | 70              | 45                 | 63                    | 38                          | 141                  | 20                     | 48            | 30               |
| 36      | 172     | 47             | 77              | 48                 | 59                    | 40                          | 143                  | 20                     | 47            | 32               |
| 35      | 164     | 46             | 79              | 47                 | 58                    | 39                          | 136                  | 21                     | 46            | 62               |
| 35      | 158     | 45             | 76              | 47                 | 58                    | 37                          | 142                  | 20                     | 48            | 71               |
| 34      | 187     | 45             | 77              | 47                 | 54                    | 39                          | 125                  | 19                     | 46            | 66               |
| 35      | 190     | 43             | 72              | 48                 | 54                    | 38                          | 124                  | 17                     | 45            | 65               |
| 34      | 186     | 41             | 72              | 52                 | 56                    | 40                          | 128                  | 20                     | 47            | 59               |
| 100.1   | 103.3   | 99.1           | 102.1           | 101.9              | 101.1                 | 101.9                       | 103.4                | 101.5                  | 101.6         | 101.6            |
| 103.4   | 112.5   | 101.6          | 105.9           | 106.8              | 104.4                 | 106.8                       | 108.1                | 107.5                  | 104.2         | 108.1            |
| 106.4   | 135.3   | 107.3          | 110.1           | 112.5              | 109.9                 | 114.1                       | 114.0                | 115.2                  | 107.4         | 115.1            |
| 113.6   | 163.7   | 115.9          | 115.4           | 119.6              | 115.0                 | 122.7                       | 120.9                | 123.4                  | 112.4         | 124.5            |
| 129.9   | 160.8   | 125.1          | 122.5           | 129.5              | 118.5                 | 133.4                       | 129.9                | 135.5                  | 117.7         | 138.8            |
| 144.2   | 159.6   | 127.8          | 126.5           | 137.0              | 118.8                 | 142.2                       | 138.7                | 143.9                  | 120.8         | 150.0            |
| 156.4   | 151.0   | 126.2          | 128.0           | 141.9              | 119.8                 | 144.7                       | 144.7                | 151.4                  | 122.5         | 156.7            |
| 168.2   | 156.0   | 131.7          | 128.4           | 142.0              | 120.4                 | 153.3                       | 149.7                | 155.4                  | 121.8         | 162.5            |
| 179.5   | 166.4   | 134.5          | 133.1           | 141.6              | 120.6                 | 158.2                       | 152.4                | 159.3                  | 121.7         | 167.7            |
| 191.5   | 168.6   | 134.8          | 137.5           | 141.7              | 119.7                 | 164.1                       | 157.0                | 164.1                  | 123.6         | 173.8            |
| 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0          | 100.0           | 100.0              | 100.0                 | 100.0                       | 100.0                | 100.0                  | 100.0         | 100.0            |
| 101.4   | 103.9   | 98.3           | 103.3           | 105.0              | 101.1                 | 104.3                       | 105.1                | 102.8                  | 103.6         | 103.6            |
| 105.6   | 124.6   | 104.2          | 107.5           | 110.3              | 105.9                 | 110.4                       | 110.6                | 112.9                  | 105.1         | 112.1            |
| 108.3   | 145.8   | 110.6          | 112.0           | 116.3              | 110.8                 | 118.6                       | 116.0                | 117.5                  | 110.1         | 119.6            |
| 118.2   | 170.6   | 121.6          | 116.7           | 125.5              | 114.2                 | 127.2                       | 122.8                | 130.8                  | 114.9         | 130.7            |
| 137.4   | 156.0   | 127.7          | 123.9           | 135.3              | 115.7                 | 138.4                       | 134.0                | 140.9                  | 119.3         | 145.5            |
| 150.0   | 151.6   | 127.1          | 125.8           | 139.8              | 114.9                 | 144.7                       | 137.9                | 148.6                  | 121.3         | 153.6            |
| 166.5   | 150.2   | 125.4          | 126.1           | 142.4              | 116.2                 | 149.5                       | 147.5                | 154.0                  | 122.3         | 160.1            |
| 156.6   | 160.6   | 134.1          | 128.3           | 141.9              | 117.1                 | 154.9                       | 150.9                | 157.5                  | 121.2         | 165.0            |
| 179.1   | 168.1   | 134.7          | 132.1           | 142.9              | 121.8                 | 158.8                       | 152.9                | 158.9                  | 121.5         | 166.0            |
| 180.0   | 167.8   | 134.4          | 133.5           | 142.9              | 122.1                 | 158.0                       | 153.1                | 159.2                  | 121.3         | 166.6            |
| 180.2   | 168.8   | 134.3          | 133.4           | 142.7              | 121.8                 | 157.8                       | 153.9                | 159.3                  | 121.6         | 167.2            |
| 180.2   | 168.3   | 134.4          | 132.0           | 140.7              | 116.2                 | 158.3                       | 153.9                | 159.9                  | 121.3         | 167.9            |
| 180.1   | 168.8   | 134.4          | 133.5           | 140.8              | 118.0                 | 159.1                       | 153.4                | 160.2                  | 121.6         | 168.7            |
| 180.1   | 169.1   | 134.7          | 134.9           | 140.9              | 122.6                 | 160.0                       | 153.0                | 160.0                  | 121.8         | 170.1            |
| 180.0   | 167.0   | 134.6          | 134.7           | 140.5              | 122.4                 | 160.5                       | 151.0                | 159.7                  | 122.1         | 169.9            |
| 180.0   | 167.3   | 134.6          | 135.0           | 140.6              | 123.0                 | 160.9                       | 149.8                | 159.8                  | 122.1         | 170.2            |
| 184.4   | 167.2   | 134.8          | 137.4           | 140.6              | 123.2                 | 161.1                       | 153.0                | 159.7                  | 122.7         | 170.5            |
| 188.1   | 166.4   | 134.9          | 133.3           | 141.6              | 116.3                 | 159.9                       | 154.0                | 161.1                  | 122.4         | 171.0            |
| 188.8   | 166.3   | 134.9          | 135.5           | 141.7              | 117.4                 | 161.6                       | 153.8                | 161.4                  | 123.1         | 171.1            |
| 189.0   | 166.2   | 135.0          | 137.8           | 141.8              | 119.1                 | 162.1                       | 154.0                | 161.4                  | 123.6         | 171.4            |
| 190.6   | 169.6   |                |                 |                    |                       |                             |                      |                        |               |                  |



# 6.8 RETAIL PRICES EU countries - Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)<sup>1</sup>

| 1985=100                           |     | European<br>Comm (15) <sup>3</sup> | United<br>Kingdom | Austria | Belgium | Denmark | Finland | France | Germany |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>Annual averages</b>             |     |                                    |                   |         |         |         |         |        |         |
| 1995                               |     | 97.7 e                             | NA                | 98.3    | 98.3    | 98.1    | 98.5    | 98.0   | 98.8    |
| 1996                               |     | 100.0                              | 100.0             | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0   | 100.0  | 100.0   |
| <b>Monthly</b>                     |     |                                    |                   |         |         |         |         |        |         |
| 1995                               | Jan | 96.2 e                             | NA                | 97.8    | 97.8    | 97.2    | 97.8    | 97.0   | 98.0    |
|                                    | Feb | 96.7 e                             | NA                | 98.0    | 97.9    | 97.6    | 98.2    | 97.3   | 98.5    |
|                                    | Mar | 97.0 e                             | NA                | 98.1    | 97.9    | 97.9    | 98.3    | 97.5   | 98.4    |
|                                    | Apr | 97.4 e                             | NA                | 98.1    | 98.0    | 98.2    | 98.4    | 97.7   | 98.6    |
|                                    | May | 97.6 e                             | NA                | 98.2    | 98.1    | 98.5    | 98.5    | 97.8   | 98.7    |
|                                    | Jun | 97.8 e                             | NA                | 98.4    | 98.1    | 98.3    | 98.7    | 97.8   | 99.0    |
|                                    | Jul | 97.7 e                             | NA                | 98.4    | 98.4    | 97.7    | 98.7    | 97.6   | 99.2    |
|                                    | Aug | 97.9 e                             | NA                | 98.4    | 98.7    | 97.9    | 98.5    | 98.1   | 99.1    |
|                                    | Sep | 98.2 e                             | NA                | 98.5    | 98.6    | 98.5    | 98.7    | 98.5   | 99.0    |
|                                    | Oct | 98.3 e                             | NA                | 98.4    | 98.4    | 98.5    | 98.8    | 98.6   | 98.9    |
|                                    | Nov | 98.4 e                             | NA                | 98.4    | 98.5    | 98.7    | 98.6    | 98.7   | 98.8    |
|                                    | Dec | 98.6 e                             | NA                | 98.4    | 98.5    | 98.6    | 98.5    | 98.8   | 99.1    |
| 1996                               | Jan | 98.8 p                             | 98.5              | 99.1 p  | 99.1    | 98.4    | 99.2    | 98.9   | 99.2    |
|                                    | Feb | 99.2 p                             | 98.9              | 99.4 p  | 99.2    | 99.0    | 99.5    | 99.3   | 99.7    |
|                                    | Mar | 99.6 p                             | 99.3              | 99.6 p  | 99.5    | 99.6    | 99.7    | 100.0  | 99.8    |
|                                    | Apr | 99.9 p                             | 99.9              | 99.7 p  | 100.0   | 99.9    | 99.9    | 100.1  | 99.8    |
|                                    | May | 100.1 p                            | 100.2             | 99.5 p  | 100.1   | 100.1   | 100.3   | 100.3  | 100.0   |
|                                    | Jun | 100.2 p                            | 100.3             | 100.0 p | 100.0   | 100.1   | 100.3   | 100.2  | 100.1   |
|                                    | Jul | 100.1 p                            | 99.7              | 100.3 p | 99.9    | 99.9    | 100.1   | 100.0  | 100.4   |
|                                    | Aug | 100.1 p                            | 100.2             | 100.3 p | 99.9    | 100.1   | 99.9    | 99.8   | 100.3   |
|                                    | Sep | 100.4 p                            | 100.7             | 100.5 p | 100.1   | 100.6   | 100.2   | 100.1  | 100.1   |
|                                    | Oct | 100.5 p                            | 100.7             | 100.5 p | 100.6   | 100.8   | 100.4   | 100.4  | 100.1   |
|                                    | Nov | 100.5 p                            | 100.7             | 100.6 p | 100.6   | 100.8   | 100.2   | 100.3  | 100.1   |
|                                    | Dec | 100.7 p                            | 101.0             | 100.6 p | 100.8   | 100.7   | 100.2   | 100.5  | 100.3   |
| 1997                               | Jan | 100.9 p                            | 100.6             | 100.7 p | 101.3   | 101.0   | 99.9    | 100.7  | 100.9   |
|                                    | Feb | 101.1 p                            | 100.9             | 100.9 p | 101.2   | 101.0   | 100.2   | 101.0  | 101.3   |
|                                    | Mar | 101.3 p                            | 101.1             | 100.8 p | 100.8   | 101.1   | 100.6   | 101.1  | 101.1   |
| <b>Increases on a year earlier</b> |     |                                    |                   |         |         |         |         |        |         |
| <b>Annual averages</b>             |     |                                    |                   |         |         |         |         |        |         |
| 1996                               |     | 2.4 e                              | NA                | 1.8 p   | 1.8     | 1.9     | 1.5     | 2.1    | 1.2     |
| <b>Monthly</b>                     |     |                                    |                   |         |         |         |         |        |         |
| 1996                               | Jan | 2.7 e                              | NA                | 1.3 p   | 1.3     | 1.2     | 1.4     | 2.0    | 1.2     |
|                                    | Feb | 2.6 e                              | NA                | 1.4 p   | 1.3     | 1.4     | 1.3     | 2.1    | 1.2     |
|                                    | Mar | 2.6 e                              | NA                | 1.5 p   | 1.6     | 1.7     | 1.4     | 2.6    | 1.4     |
|                                    | Apr | 2.6 e                              | NA                | 1.6 p   | 2.0     | 1.7     | 1.5     | 2.5    | 1.2     |
|                                    | May | 2.6 e                              | NA                | 1.3 p   | 2.0     | 1.6     | 1.8     | 2.6    | 1.3     |
|                                    | Jun | 2.4 e                              | NA                | 1.6 p   | 1.9     | 1.8     | 1.6     | 2.5    | 1.1     |
|                                    | Jul | 2.4 e                              | NA                | 1.9 p   | 1.5     | 2.3     | 1.4     | 2.5    | 1.2     |
|                                    | Aug | 2.2 e                              | NA                | 1.9 p   | 1.2     | 2.2     | 1.4     | 1.7    | 1.2     |
|                                    | Sep | 2.2 e                              | NA                | 2.0 p   | 1.5     | 2.1     | 1.5     | 1.6    | 1.1     |
|                                    | Oct | 2.3 e                              | NA                | 2.1 p   | 2.2     | 2.3     | 1.6     | 1.8    | 1.2     |
|                                    | Nov | 2.2 e                              | NA                | 2.2 p   | 2.1     | 2.1     | 1.6     | 1.6    | 1.3     |
|                                    | Dec | 2.1 e                              | NA                | 2.2 p   | 2.1     | 2.1     | 1.7     | 1.7    | 1.2     |
| 1997                               | Jan | 2.2 p                              | 2.1               | 1.6 p   | 2.2     | 2.6     | 0.7     | 1.8    | 1.7     |
|                                    | Feb | 2.0 p                              | 2.0               | 1.5 p   | 2.0     | 2.0     | 0.6     | 1.7    | 1.6     |
|                                    | Mar | 1.7 p                              | 1.8               | 1.2 p   | 1.3     | 1.5     | 0.8     | 1.1    | 1.3     |

Source: Office for National Statistics/Eurostat

Notes: 1 Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs) are being calculated in each member state of the European Union for the purpose of international comparisons. This is in the context of one of the convergence criteria for monetary union as required by the Maastricht treaty. The rules underlying the construction of the HICPs for EU member states were published in a Commission Regulation of 9 September 1996. The HICPs replace the Interim Indices of Consumer Prices which were published by Eurostat in a monthly news release.  
2 Figures for Irish Republic for 1996 are only available on a quarterly basis.  
3 Percentage change figures for 1996 are estimated.

# 6.8 RETAIL PRICES EU countries - Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICPs)<sup>1</sup>

| 1985=100                   |     | Greece | Irish<br>Republic <sup>2</sup> | Italy <sup>3</sup> | Luxembourg | Netherlands | Portugal | Spain   | Sweden |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|----------|---------|--------|
| <b>Annual averages</b>     |     |        |                                |                    |            |             |          |         |        |
| 1995                       |     | 92.7   | NA                             | 96.2 e             | 98.8 p     | 98.6        | 97.2     | 96.6 p  | 99.2   |
| 1996                       |     | 100.0  | 100.0                          | 100.0              | 100.0      | 100.0       | 100.0    | 100.0   | 100.0  |
| <b>Monthly</b>             |     |        |                                |                    |            |             |          |         |        |
| 1995                       | Jan | 89.3   | NA                             | 93.3 e             | 98.4 p     | 97.6        | 95.9     | 94.9 p  | 97.9   |
|                            | Feb | 88.9   | 97.0                           | 94.0 e             | 98.5 p     | 98.2        | 96.4     | 95.3 p  | 98.3   |
|                            | Mar | 91.1   | NA                             | 94.8 e             | 98.6 p     | 98.9        | 96.8     | 95.9 p  | 98.8   |
|                            | Apr | 92.1   | NA                             | 95.3 e             | 98.6 p     | 99.1        | 97.3     | 96.4 p  | 99.4   |
|                            | May | 93.0   | 98.0                           | 95.9 e             | 98.7 p     | 98.9        | 97.2     | 96.4 p  | 99.5   |
|                            | Jun | 93.5   | NA                             | 96.5 e             | 98.8 p     | 98.7        | 96.9     | 96.5 p  | 99.3   |
|                            | Jul | 91.8   | NA                             | 96.7 e             | 98.8 p     | 98.0        | 96.9     | 96.5 p  | 99.0   |
|                            | Aug | 91.9   | 98.0                           | 96.9 e             | 98.8 p     | 98.1        | 97.3     | 96.8 p  | 99.0   |
|                            | Sep | 94.1   | NA                             | 97.2 e             | 98.9 p     | 99.0        | 97.5     | 97.2 p  | 99.9   |
|                            | Oct | 94.8   | NA                             | 97.5 e             | 99.1 p     | 99.0        | 97.8     | 97.3 p  | 100.0  |
|                            | Nov | 95.2   | 98.4                           | 98.1 e             | 99.2 p     | 99.0        | 97.9     | 97.6 p  | 100.0  |
|                            | Dec | 96.7   | NA                             | 98.2 e             | 99.3 p     | 98.5        | 97.9     | 97.9 p  | 99.7   |
| 1996                       | Jan | 96.3   | NA                             | 98.6               | 99.4       | 98.9        | 98.3     | 98.5 p  | 99.1   |
|                            | Feb | 96.1   | 99.1                           | 99.0               | 99.5       | 99.3        | 98.8     | 98.7 p  | 99.3   |
|                            | Mar | 98.9   | NA                             | 99.3               | 99.6       | 100.3       | 99.0     | 99.1 p  | 100.0  |
|                            | Apr | 99.9   | NA                             | 99.7               | 99.8       | 100.5       | 99.8     | 99.7 p  | 100.4  |
|                            | May | 100.7  | 100.0                          | 100.1              | 99.9       | 100.2       | 100.2    | 100.1 p | 100.5  |
|                            | Jun | 100.9  | NA                             | 100.3              | 99.9       | 99.7        | 100.2    | 100.0 p | 100.1  |
|                            | Jul | 99.1   | NA                             | 100.2              | 100.0      | 99.5        | 100.4    | 100.1 p | 99.9   |
|                            | Aug | 99.0   | 100.2                          | 100.3              | 100.1      | 99.4        | 100.7    | 100.4 p | 99.6   |
|                            | Sep | 101.3  | NA                             | 100.4              | 100.1      | 100.4       | 100.7    | 100.7 p | 100.4  |
|                            | Oct | 102.1  | NA                             | 100.5              | 100.3      | 100.8       | 100.5    | 100.8 p | 100.4  |
|                            | Nov | 102.2  | 100.7                          | 100.9              | 100.6      | 100.7       | 100.7    | 100.8 p | 100.2  |
|                            | Dec | 103.4  | NA                             | 101.0              | 100.6      | 100.5       | 100.7    | 101.1 p | 100.2  |
| 1997                       | Jan | 102.7  | 100.3                          | 101.2              | 100.7      | 100.7       | 101.1    | 101.3 p | 100.4  |
|                            | Feb | 102.3  | 100.9                          | 101.3              | 101.0      | 100.9       | 101.2    | 101.2 p | 100.4  |
|                            | Mar | 104.7  | 101.0                          | 101.5              | 100.9      | 101.6       | 101.3    | 101.3 p | 101.0  |
| <b>Increases on a year</b> |     |        |                                |                    |            |             |          |         |        |
| <b>Annual averages</b>     |     |        |                                |                    |            |             |          |         |        |
| 1996                       |     | 7.9    | NA                             | 4.0 e              | 1.2 p      | 1.5         | 2.9      | 3.6 p   | 0.8    |
| <b>Monthly</b>             |     |        |                                |                    |            |             |          |         |        |
| 1996                       | Jan | 7.8    | NA                             | 5.7 e              | 1.0 p      | 1.3         | 2.5      | 3.8 p   | 1.2    |
|                            | Feb | 8.1    | 2.2                            | 5.3 e              | 1.0 p      | 1.1         | 2.5      | 3.6 p   | 1.0    |
|                            | Mar | 8.6    | NA                             | 4.7 e              | 1.0 p      | 1.4         | 2.3      | 3.3 p   | 1.2    |
|                            | Apr | 8.5    | NA                             | 4.6 e              | 1.2 p      | 1.4         | 2.6      | 3.4 p   | 1.0    |
|                            | May | 8.3    | 2.0                            | 4.4 e              | 1.2 p      | 1.3         | 3.1      | 3.8 p   | 1.0    |
|                            | Jun | 7.9    | NA                             | 3.9 e              | 1.1 p      | 1.0         | 3.4      | 3.6 p   | 0.8    |
|                            | Jul | 8.0    | NA                             | 3.6 e              | 1.2 p      | 1.5         | 3.6      | 3.7 p   | 0.9    |
|                            | Aug | 7.7    | 2.2                            | 3.5 e              | 1.3 p      | 1.3         | 3.5      | 3.7 p   | 0.6    |
|                            | Sep | 7.7    | NA                             | 3.3 e              | 1.2 p      | 1.4         | 3.3      | 3.6 p   | 0.5    |
|                            | Oct | 7.7    | NA                             | 3.1 e              | 1.2 p      | 1.8         | 2.8      | 3.6 p   | 0.4    |
|                            | Nov | 7.4    | 2.3                            | 2.9 e              | 1.4 p      | 1.7         | 2.9      | 3.3 p   | 0.2    |
|                            | Dec | 6.9    | NA                             | 2.9 e              | 1.3 p      | 2.0         | 2.9      | 3.3 p   | 0.5    |
| 1997                       | Jan | 6.6    | NA                             | 2.6                | 1.3        | 1.8         | 2.8      | 2.8 p   | 1.3    |
|                            | Feb | 6.5    | 1.7                            | 2.3                | 1.5        | 1.6         | 2.4      | 2.5 p   | 1.1    |
|                            | Mar | 5.9    | NA                             | 2.2                | 1.3        | 1.3         | 2.3      | 2.2 p   | 1.0    |

Source: Office for National Statistics/Eurostat



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Selected countries: all items excluding housing costs<sup>1,2</sup>

| 1990=100                           | United Kingdom <sup>1</sup> | Germany (West) <sup>1</sup> | France <sup>1</sup> | Italy <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Annual averages</b>             |                             |                             |                     |                    |
| 1993                               | 116.1                       | 111.0                       | 107.5               | 116.7              |
| 1994                               | 118.8                       | 113.9                       | 109.2               | 121.4              |
| 1995                               | 122.0                       | 115.7 P                     | 111.1               | 127.7              |
| 1996                               | 125.3                       | 117.1 P                     | 113.3 P             | 132.6 P            |
| <b>Monthly</b>                     |                             |                             |                     |                    |
| 1995 Dec                           | 123.5                       | 115.6 P                     | 111.9               | 130.4              |
| 1996 Jan                           | 123.2                       | 116.2 P                     | 112.1               | 130.7 P            |
| Feb                                | 123.8                       | 116.4 P                     | 112.5               | 131.1 P            |
| Mar                                | 124.5                       | 116.7 P                     | 113.2               | 131.5 P            |
| Apr                                | 125.0                       | 117.2 P                     | 113.4               | 132.2 P            |
| May                                | 125.4                       | 117.7 P                     | 113.6               | 132.7 P            |
| Jun                                | 125.6                       | 117.8 P                     | 113.5               | 133.0 P            |
| Jul                                | 124.8                       | 117.8 P                     | 113.3               | 132.8 P            |
| Aug                                | 125.6                       | 117.1 P                     | 113.0               | 132.9 P            |
| Sep                                | 126.3                       | 117.1 P                     | 113.4               | 133.3 P            |
| Oct                                | 126.3                       | 117.2 P                     | 113.7               | 133.4 P            |
| Nov                                | 126.3                       | 117.1 P                     | 113.7 P             | 133.8 P            |
| Dec                                | 126.8                       | 117.2 P                     | 113.7 P             | 133.9 P            |
| 1997 Jan                           | 126.4                       | 118.4 P                     | 113.7 P             | 133.9 P            |
| Feb                                | 126.9                       | 118.4 P                     | 113.7 P             | 133.9 P            |
| Mar                                | 127.3                       | 118.5 P                     | 113.9 P             | 133.9 P            |
| <b>Increases on a year earlier</b> |                             |                             |                     |                    |
| <b>Annual averages</b>             |                             |                             |                     |                    |
| 1993                               | 3.0                         | 3.6                         | 2.2                 | 4.4                |
| 1994                               | 2.3                         | 2.6                         | 1.6                 | 4.0                |
| 1995                               | 2.7                         | 1.6 P                       | 1.7                 | 5.2                |
| 1996                               | 2.7                         | 1.2 P                       | 2.0                 | 3.8 P              |
| <b>Monthly</b>                     |                             |                             |                     |                    |
| 1995 Dec                           | 3.0                         | 1.0 P                       | 2.0                 | 5.6                |
| 1996 Jan                           | 2.7                         | 0.9 P                       | 1.9                 | 5.4 P              |
| Feb                                | 2.7                         | 0.9 P                       | 1.9                 | 4.9 P              |
| Mar                                | 2.7                         | 1.0 P                       | 2.3                 | 4.5 P              |
| Apr                                | 2.8                         | 1.2 P                       | 2.3                 | 4.6 P              |
| May                                | 2.5                         | 1.5 P                       | 2.3                 | 4.4 P              |
| Jun                                | 2.7                         | 1.2 P                       | 2.3                 | 3.9 P              |
| Jul                                | 2.6                         | 1.3 P                       | 2.3                 | 3.6 P              |
| Aug                                | 2.6                         | 1.4 P                       | 1.6                 | 3.4 P              |
| Sep                                | 2.6                         | 1.4 P                       | 1.6                 | 3.4 P              |
| Oct                                | 2.9                         | 1.5 P                       | 1.8                 | 3.1 P              |
| Nov                                | 3.0                         | 1.5 P                       | 1.7 P               | 2.7 P              |
| Dec                                | 2.6                         | 1.4 P                       | 1.6 P               | 2.6 P              |
| 1997 Jan                           | 2.7                         | 1.9 P                       | 1.4 P               | 2.4 P              |
| Feb                                | 2.5                         | 1.7 P                       | 1.1 P               | 2.1 P              |
| Mar                                | 2.2                         | 1.6 P                       | 0.6 P               | 1.8 P              |

Notes: 1 Comparisons of consumer price indices are affected by differences in national concepts and definitions especially in the treatment of housing costs. Consumer price indices excluding housing costs are therefore given as the best available basis for comparison for non-EU countries. This is in accordance with a resolution adopted by the 14th International Conference of Labour Statisticians that countries should "provide for the dissemination at the international level of an index which excludes shelter, in addition to the all-items index." Figures are given for each country on the nearest basis to the UK series "All items excluding housing." Where necessary the figures in this table have been estimated by the ONS using data kindly supplied by other countries.

2 The definition of housing costs varies between countries. The figures shown for most countries exclude owner-occupiers' costs, rents, repairs and maintenance. For Canada, fuel and lighting are also excluded.

3 Figures for the four EU member states have been provided in this table for comparison with non-EU countries only. The best measure of comparison between these four countries are the Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices shown in Table 6.8.

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Selected countries: all items excluding housing costs

| United States | Japan   | Canada  | 1990=100                           |
|---------------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
|               |         |         | <b>Annual averages</b>             |
| 110.3         | 105.9   | 109.5   | 1993                               |
| 112.9         | 106.3   | 109.6   | 1994                               |
| 115.9         | 105.8   | 112.5   | 1995                               |
| 119.2         | 105.8   | 114.9   | 1996                               |
|               |         |         | <b>Monthly</b>                     |
| 116.7         | 105.6   | 112.8   | 1995 Dec                           |
| 117.2         | 105.4   | 113.2   | 1996 Jan                           |
| 117.6         | 105.2   | 113.4   | Feb                                |
| 118.3         | 105.4   | 114.0   | Mar                                |
| 118.9         | 106.2   | 114.6   | Apr                                |
| 119.2         | 106.4   | 115.0   | May                                |
| 119.2         | 105.9   | 114.9   | Jun                                |
| 119.2         | 105.6   | 114.9   | Jul                                |
| 119.3         | 105.5   | 115.0   | Aug                                |
| 119.8         | 105.9   | 115.2   | Sep                                |
| 120.3         | 106.1   | 115.4   | Oct                                |
| 120.6         | 105.8   | 116.3   | Nov                                |
| 120.7         | 105.9   | 116.2   | Dec                                |
| 120.9         | 105.1 P | 116.5   | 1997 Jan                           |
| 121.1         | 104.8 P | 116.7   | Feb                                |
| 121.1 P       | 104.8 P | 116.7 P | Mar                                |
|               |         |         | <b>Increases on a year earlier</b> |
|               |         |         | <b>Annual averages</b>             |
| 3.0           | 1.0     | 2.0     | 1993                               |
| 2.4           | 0.4     | 0.2     | 1994                               |
| 2.6           | -0.5    | 2.6     | 1995                               |
| 2.8           | 0.0     | 2.1     | 1996                               |
|               |         |         | <b>Monthly</b>                     |
| 2.3           | -0.6    | 2.1     | 1995 Dec                           |
| 2.4           | -0.8    | 2.0     | 1996 Jan                           |
| 2.4           | -0.5    | 1.6     | Feb                                |
| 2.6           | -0.2    | 1.9     | Mar                                |
| 2.8           | 0.2     | 1.9     | Apr                                |
| 2.8           | 0.1     | 2.0     | May                                |
| 2.7           | -0.3    | 1.9     | Jun                                |
| 2.8           | 0.3     | 1.7     | Jul                                |
| 2.7           | 0.2     | 2.0     | Aug                                |
| 2.8           | 0.0     | 1.9     | Sep                                |
| 2.9           | 0.5     | 2.3     | Oct                                |
| 3.3           | 0.5     | 2.8     | Nov                                |
| 3.4           | 0.6     | 3.1     | Dec                                |
| 3.1           | -0.3 P  | 2.9     | 1997 Jan                           |
| 3.0           | -0.4 P  | 2.9     | Feb                                |
| 2.4 P         | -0.6 P  | 2.4 P   | Mar                                |

Source: Office for National Statistics/National Statistical Offices/OECD



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## Economic activity <sup>+</sup>, seasonally adjusted §§

| GREAT BRITAIN     | In employment # |               |   |                          |                  | ILO unemployed | Total economically active | Economically inactive | All aged 16 and over |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                   | Employees       | Self-employed | Govt-supported training and employment programmes § | Unpaid family workers ** | In Employment ++ |                |                           |                       |                      |
|                   |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| ALL               |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Spr 1979          | 22,600          | 1,769         | ..  | ..                       | 24,369           | 1,466 X        | 25,836 X                  | 15,310 X              | 41,146               |
| Spr 1981          | 21,574          | 2,191         | ..  | ..                       | 23,765           | 2,521 X        | 15,654 X                  | 15,654 X              | 41,940               |
| Spr 1983          | 20,446          | 2,292         | 366   | ..                       | 23,103           | 2,891 X        | 25,994 X                  | 16,399 X              | 42,394               |
| Spr 1984          | 20,673          | 2,606         | 321   | ..                       | 23,626           | 2,964 X        | 26,590 X                  | 16,130 X              | 42,720               |
| Spr 1985          | 20,673          | 2,606         | 321   | ..                       | 23,626           | 3,143          | 26,768                    | 15,951                | 42,720               |
| Spr 1986          | 20,890          | 2,703         | 402   | ..                       | 23,995           | 3,026          | 27,021                    | 15,990                | 43,011               |
| Spr 1987          | 20,982          | 2,718         | 414   | ..                       | 24,117           | 3,031          | 27,148                    | 16,100                | 43,246               |
| Spr 1988          | 21,010          | 2,957         | 513   | ..                       | 24,899           | 2,946          | 27,435                    | 16,053                | 43,487               |
| Spr 1989          | 21,708          | 3,139         | 541   | ..                       | 25,389           | 2,424          | 27,813                    | 16,852                | 43,665               |
| Spr 1990          | 22,269          | 3,196         | 490   | ..                       | 26,195           | 2,021          | 28,216                    | 16,623                | 43,839               |
| Spr 1991          | 22,488          | 3,471         | 458   | ..                       | 26,421           | 1,925          | 28,346                    | 15,616                | 44,362               |
| Spr 1992          | 22,132          | 3,318         | 418   | ..                       | 25,883           | 2,361          | 28,243                    | 15,835                | 44,078               |
| Spr 1993          | 21,577          | 3,147         | 356   | 176                      | 25,255           | 2,745          | 28,000                    | 16,159                | 44,159               |
| Win 1993/3        | 21,373          | 3,084         | 325   | 152                      | 24,934           | 2,965          | 27,899                    | 16,304                | 44,203               |
| Spr 1993          | 21,371          | 3,109         | 333   | 145                      | 24,959           | 2,909          | 27,868                    | 16,349                | 44,217               |
| Sum 1993          | 21,363          | 3,111         | 329   | 151                      | 24,953           | 2,879          | 27,832                    | 16,398                | 44,230               |
| Aut 1993          | 21,404          | 3,140         | 323   | 140                      | 25,007           | 2,851          | 27,858                    | 16,388                | 44,246               |
| Win 1993/4        | 21,404          | 3,193         | 323   | 135                      | 25,055           | 2,798          | 27,853                    | 16,409                | 44,262               |
| Spr 1994          | 21,475          | 3,219         | 315   | 140                      | 25,150           | 2,716          | 27,865                    | 16,412                | 44,272               |
| Sum 1994          | 21,557          | 3,220         | 296   | 138                      | 25,211           | 2,667          | 27,878                    | 16,415                | 44,293               |
| Aut 1994          | 21,597          | 3,263         | 291   | 142                      | 25,293           | 2,523          | 27,816                    | 16,507                | 44,322               |
| Win 1994/5        | 21,644          | 3,289         | 277   | 128                      | 25,338           | 2,457          | 27,795                    | 16,557                | 44,352               |
| Spr 1995          | 21,737          | 3,274         | 267   | 133                      | 25,412           | 2,435          | 27,846                    | 16,534                | 44,381               |
| Sum 1995          | 21,894          | 3,242         | 254   | 125                      | 25,515           | 2,408          | 27,923                    | 16,487                | 44,410               |
| Aut 1995          | 21,945          | 3,238         | 246   | 131                      | 25,560           | 2,383          | 27,944                    | 16,504                | 44,447               |
| Win 1995/6        | 22,062          | 3,219         | 235   | 118                      | 25,634           | 2,334          | 27,968                    | 16,517                | 44,483               |
| Spr 1996          | 22,085          | 3,213         | 225   | 122                      | 25,645           | 2,321          | 27,966                    | 16,556                | 44,522               |
| Sum 1996          | 22,096          | 3,289         | 225   | 114                      | 25,724           | 2,255          | 27,978                    | 16,582                | 44,560               |
| Aut 1996          | 22,252          | 3,283         | 200   | 115                      | 25,851           | 2,221          | 28,072                    | 16,527                | 44,599               |
| Win 1996/7        | 22,401          | 3,277         | 199   | 108                      | 25,985           | 2,111          | 28,096                    | 16,542                | 44,638               |
| Changes           |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Aut 96 - Win 96/7 | 149             | -6            | -2  | -7                       | 135              | -111           | 24                        | 15                    | 39                   |
| Per cent          | 0.7             | -0.2          | -0.9  | -5.9                     | 0.5              | -5.0           | 0.1                       | 0.1                   | 0.1                  |

| GREAT BRITAIN     | In employment # |               |   |                          |                  | ILO unemployed | Total economically active | Economically inactive | All aged 16 and over |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                   | Employees       | Self-employed | Govt-supported training and employment programmes § | Unpaid family workers ** | In Employment ++ |                |                           |                       |                      |
|                   |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| MEN               |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Spr 1979          | 13,381          | 1,449         | ..  | ..                       | 14,830           | 787 X          | 15,617 X                  | 4,067 X               | 19,684               |
| Spr 1981          | 12,427          | 1,753         | ..  | ..                       | 14,180           | 1,583 X        | 15,783 X                  | 4,324 X               | 20,087               |
| Spr 1983          | 11,672          | 1,759         | 221   | ..                       | 13,651           | 1,838 X        | 15,490 X                  | 4,842 X               | 20,332               |
| Spr 1984          | 11,643          | 1,988         | 201   | ..                       | 13,832           | 1,802 X        | 15,845 X                  | 4,872 X               | 20,519               |
| Spr 1985          | 11,643          | 1,988         | 201   | ..                       | 13,845           | 1,861          | 15,707                    | 4,813                 | 20,519               |
| Spr 1986          | 11,683          | 2,039         | 255   | ..                       | 13,977           | 1,818          | 15,795                    | 4,886                 | 20,681               |
| Spr 1987          | 11,583          | 2,057         | 278   | ..                       | 13,920           | 1,817          | 15,736                    | 5,071                 | 20,806               |
| Spr 1988          | 11,487          | 2,231         | 329   | ..                       | 14,052           | 1,755          | 15,807                    | 5,138                 | 20,945               |
| Spr 1989          | 11,836          | 2,375         | 339   | ..                       | 14,552           | 1,425          | 15,978                    | 5,074                 | 21,052               |
| Spr 1990          | 11,984          | 2,626         | 313   | ..                       | 14,928           | 1,173          | 16,101                    | 5,058                 | 21,158               |
| Spr 1991          | 12,082          | 2,647         | 286   | ..                       | 15,029           | 1,122          | 16,150                    | 5,099                 | 21,249               |
| Spr 1992          | 11,803          | 2,535         | 252   | ..                       | 14,598           | 1,170          | 16,068                    | 5,251                 | 21,318               |
| Spr 1993          | 11,363          | 2,374         | 234   | 54                       | 14,025           | 1,835          | 15,860                    | 5,509                 | 21,369               |
| Sum 1992          | 11,301          | 2,368         | 231   | 54                       | 13,953           | 1,857          | 15,810                    | 5,572                 | 21,382               |
| Spr 1993          | 11,154          | 2,321         | 219   | 41                       | 13,735           | 1,955          | 15,690                    | 5,730                 | 21,420               |
| Sum 1993          | 11,147          | 2,331         | 219   | 47                       | 13,744           | 1,907          | 15,651                    | 5,782                 | 21,432               |
| Aut 1993          | 11,178          | 2,346         | 215   | 42                       | 13,781           | 1,882          | 15,663                    | 5,785                 | 21,448               |
| Win 1993/4        | 11,169          | 2,383         | 217   | 37                       | 13,826           | 1,837          | 15,663                    | 5,801                 | 21,464               |
| Spr 1994          | 11,209          | 2,414         | 207   | 47                       | 13,877           | 1,797          | 15,673                    | 5,806                 | 21,479               |
| Sum 1994          | 11,252          | 2,425         | 194   | 49                       | 13,920           | 1,774          | 15,693                    | 5,801                 | 21,495               |
| Aut 1994          | 11,313          | 2,458         | 192   | 44                       | 14,007           | 1,664          | 15,670                    | 5,846                 | 21,516               |
| Win 1994/5        | 11,317          | 2,478         | 187   | 41                       | 14,022           | 1,611          | 15,633                    | 5,904                 | 21,537               |
| Spr 1995          | 11,380          | 2,480         | 173   | 40                       | 14,073           | 1,582          | 15,655                    | 5,904                 | 21,559               |
| Sum 1995          | 11,447          | 2,447         | 160   | 44                       | 14,098           | 1,566          | 15,664                    | 5,916                 | 21,580               |
| Aut 1995          | 11,469          | 2,448         | 158   | 42                       | 14,117           | 1,542          | 15,660                    | 5,945                 | 21,604               |
| Win 1995/6        | 11,523          | 2,419         | 148   | 35                       | 14,125           | 1,539          | 15,664                    | 5,965                 | 21,629               |
| Spr 1996          | 11,551          | 2,433         | 142   | 40                       | 14,226           | 1,525          | 15,662                    | 5,992                 | 21,643               |
| Sum 1996          | 11,542          | 2,466         | 143   | 37                       | 14,187           | 1,472          | 15,659                    | 6,019                 | 21,678               |
| Aut 1996          | 11,637          | 2,459         | 122   | 40                       | 14,258           | 1,432          | 15,690                    | 6,014                 | 21,703               |
| Win 1996/7        | 11,743          | 2,454         | 119   | 37                       | 14,353           | 1,326          | 15,679                    | 6,050                 | 21,728               |
| Changes           |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Aut 96 - Win 96/7 | 106             | -5            | -3  | -3                       | 95               | -106           | -11                       | 36                    | 25                   |
| Per cent          | 0.9             | -0.2          | -2.1  | -7.0                     | 0.7              | -7.4           | -0.1                      | 0.6                   | 0.1                  |

| GREAT BRITAIN     | In employment # |               |   |                          |                  | ILO unemployed | Total economically active | Economically inactive | All aged 16 and over |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                   | Employees       | Self-employed | Govt-supported training and employment programmes § | Unpaid family workers ** | In Employment ++ |                |                           |                       |                      |
|                   |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| WOMEN             |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Spr 1979          | 9,220           | 319           | ..  | ..                       | 9,539            | 679 X          | 10,218 X                  | 11,243 X              | 21,462               |
| Spr 1981          | 9,147           | 438           | ..  | ..                       | 9,585            | 937 X          | 10,522 X                  | 11,330 X              | 21,852               |
| Spr 1983          | 8,774           | 533           | 145   | ..                       | 9,452            | 1,053 X        | 10,505 X                  | 11,557 X              | 22,062               |
| Spr 1984          | 9,030           | 619           | 120   | ..                       | 9,780            | 1,162 X        | 10,943 X                  | 11,258 X              | 22,200               |
| Spr 1985          | 9,030           | 619           | 120   | ..                       | 9,780            | 1,282          | 11,062                    | 11,138                | 22,200               |
| Spr 1986          | 9,207           | 664           | 147   | ..                       | 10,018           | 1,208          | 11,226                    | 11,104                | 22,330               |
| Spr 1987          | 9,399           | 661           | 136   | ..                       | 10,197           | 1,214          | 11,411                    | 11,029                | 22,440               |
| Spr 1988          | 9,522           | 727           | 185   | ..                       | 10,437           | 1,191          | 11,628                    | 10,915                | 22,543               |
| Spr 1989          | 9,872           | 761           | 202   | ..                       | 10,836           | 999            | 11,835                    | 10,778                | 22,613               |
| Spr 1990          | 10,285          | 803           | 177   | ..                       | 11,267           | 848            | 12,116                    | 10,565                | 22,681               |
| Spr 1991          | 10,406          | 824           | 162   | ..                       | 11,393           | 803            | 12,196                    | 10,517                | 22,713               |
| Spr 1992          | 10,329          | 784           | 166   | ..                       | 11,285           | 891            | 12,176                    | 10,584                | 22,760               |
| Spr 1993          | 10,214          | 773           | 122   | 122                      | 11,230           | 910            | 12,140                    | 10,650                | 22,790               |
| Sum 1992          | 10,169          | 779           | 121   | 121                      | 11,190           | 928            | 12,119                    | 10,675                | 22,794               |
| Spr 1993          | 10,217          | 788           | 114   | 104                      | 11,224           | 954            | 12,178                    | 10,619                | 22,797               |
| Sum 1993          | 10,215          | 780           | 110   | 104                      | 11,210           | 972            | 12,182                    | 10,616                | 22,798               |
| Aut 1993          | 10,226          | 794           | 108   | 98                       | 11,226           | 969            | 12,195                    | 10,603                | 22,798               |
| Win 1993/4        | 10,216          | 810           | 105   | 98                       | 11,229           | 961            | 12,190                    | 10,608                | 22,798               |
| Spr 1994          | 10,265          | 806           | 108   | 93                       | 11,273           | 919            | 12,192                    | 10,606                | 22,798               |
| Sum 1994          | 10,305          | 794           | 103   | 89                       | 11,291           | 893            | 12,185                    | 10,613                | 22,798               |
| Aut 1994          | 10,284          | 805           | 99  | 88                       | 11,286           | 859            | 12,146                    | 10,661                | 22,806               |
| Win 1994/5        | 10,327          | 810           | 90  | 88                       | 11,266           | 845            | 12,161                    | 10,653                | 22,814               |
| Spr 1995          | 10,357          | 795           | 93  | 93                       | 11,339           | 853            | 12,191                    | 10,631                | 22,822               |
| Sum 1995          | 10,447          | 795           | 94  | 81                       | 11,417           | 842            | 12,259                    | 10,571                | 22,830               |
| Aut 1995          | 10,476          | 789           | 89  | 88                       | 11,443           | 841            | 12,284                    | 10,559                | 22,843               |
| Win 1995/6        | 10,539          | 800           | 87  | 83                       | 11,509           | 796            | 12,305                    | 10,551                | 22,856               |
| Spr 1996          | 10,534          | 810           | 83  | 82                       | 11,509           | 796            | 12,305                    | 10,564                | 22,869               |
| Sum 1996          | 10,554          | 823           | 77  | 77                       | 11,537           | 782            | 12,319                    | 10,562                | 22,881               |
| Aut 1996          | 10,615          | 824           | 79  | 75                       | 11,593           | 789            | 12,382                    | 10,513                | 22,895               |
| Win 1996/7        | 10,658          | 824           | 79  | 71                       | 11,632           | 785            | 12,417                    | 10,492                | 22,909               |
| Changes           |                 |               |   |                          |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Aut 96 - Win 96/7 | 43              | 0             | 1   | -4                       | 40               | -4             | 35                        | -21                   | 14                   |
| Per cent          | 0.4             | 0.0           | 1.0   | -5.3                     | 0.3              | -0.6           | 0.3                       | -2.2                  | 0.1                  |

+ Since 1984 the definitions used in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) have been fully in line with international recommendations. For details see 'The quarterly Labour Force Survey: a new dimension to labour market statistics', *Employment Gazette*, October 1992, pp 483-490.

# People in full-time education who also did some paid work in the reference week have been classified as in employment since spring 1983.

§ Those on employment and training programmes have been classified as in employment since spring 1983. Some of those on government-supported training programmes may consider themselves to be employees or self-employed and so appear in other categories. Full information on those on government-supported training programmes is in Table 8.1.

X The Labour Force (LF) definition of unemployment and inactivity applies for these years. LF unemployment is based on a one week job search period, rather than four weeks with the ILO definition.

\*\* Unpaid family workers have been classified as in employment since spring 1992.

++ Includes those who did not state whether they were employees or self-employed.

§§ Revised March 1995.

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## Economic activity <sup>+</sup>, not seasonally adjusted

| GREAT BRITAIN | In employment # |               |   |                         |                  | ILO unemployed | Total economically active | Economically inactive | All aged 16 and over |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|               | Employees       | Self-employed | Govt-supported training and employment programmes § | Unpaid family workers** | In Employment ++ |                |                           |                       |                      |
|               |                 |               |   |                         |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| ALL           |                 |               |   |                         |                  |                |                           |                       |                      |
| Spr 1979      | 22,432          | 1,778         | ..  | ..                      | 24,210           | 1,428 X        | 25,638 X                  | 15,507 X              | 41,146               |
| Spr 1981      | 21,405          | 2,201         | ..  | ..                      | 23,606           | 2,483 X        | 26,089 X                  | 15,851 X              | 41,940               |
| Spr 1983      | 20,288          | 2,301         | 355   | ..                      | 22,944           | 2,853 X        | 25,797 X                  | 16,595 X              | 42,394               |
| Spr 1984      | 20,515          | 2,616         | 311   | ..                      | 23,467           | 2,926 X        | 26,393 X                  | 16,327 X              | 42,720               |
| Spr 1985      | 20,515          | 2,616         | 311   | ..                      | 23,467           | 3,105          | 26,571                    | 16,148                | 42,720               |
| Spr 1986      | 20,746          | 2,713         | 390   | ..                      | 23,850           | 2,990          | 26,840                    | 16,171                | 43,011               |
| Spr 1987      | 20,852          | 2,729         | 400   | ..                      | 23,984           | 2,996          | 26,979                    | 16,267                | 43,246               |







# 7.5 LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

## Alternative measures of unemployment

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| GREAT BRITAIN       | ILO unemployment measure |               |       |            | Claimant unemployment measure + |                |                       |               |       |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
|                     | Seasonally adjusted      |               |       |            | Not ILO unemployed              |                |                       |               |       |
|                     | Claimants                | Non claimants | Total | Difference | Total #                         | ILO unemployed | Economically inactive | In employment | Total |
| ALL                 |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1984            |                          |               | 3,143 | 369        | 2,774                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1985            |                          |               | 3,026 | 115        | 2,911                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1986            |                          |               | 3,031 | 38         | 2,993                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1987            |                          |               | 2,946 | 147        | 2,799                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1988            |                          |               | 2,424 | 154        | 2,270                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1989            |                          |               | 2,021 | 279        | 1,742                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1990            |                          |               | 1,925 | 422        | 1,502                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1991            |                          |               | 2,361 | 294        | 2,067                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1992            | 1,798                    | 947           | 2,745 | 157        | 2,588                           | 1,798          | 496                   | 294           | 790   |
| Sum 1992            | 1,828                    | 957           | 2,785 | 126        | 2,659                           | 1,828          | 568                   | 264           | 831   |
| Aut 1992            | 1,883                    | 974           | 2,857 | 94         | 2,763                           | 1,883          | 543                   | 337           | 880   |
| Win 1992/3          | 1,938                    | 1,027         | 2,965 | 104        | 2,861                           | 1,938          | 584                   | 339           | 923   |
| Spr 1993            | 1,909                    | 1,000         | 2,909 | 72         | 2,837                           | 1,909          | 574                   | 354           | 928   |
| Sum 1993            | 1,862                    | 1,017         | 2,879 | 72         | 2,807                           | 1,862          | 633                   | 312           | 945   |
| Aut 1993            | 1,820                    | 1,031         | 2,851 | 104        | 2,747                           | 1,820          | 584                   | 343           | 927   |
| Win 1993/4          | 1,762                    | 1,036         | 2,798 | 123        | 2,675                           | 1,762          | 583                   | 330           | 913   |
| Spr 1994            | 1,698                    | 1,018         | 2,716 | 119        | 2,597                           | 1,698          | 559                   | 340           | 899   |
| Sum 1994            | 1,657                    | 1,010         | 2,667 | 150        | 2,518                           | 1,657          | 544                   | 317           | 861   |
| Aut 1994            | 1,551                    | 972           | 2,523 | 105        | 2,417                           | 1,551          | 536                   | 330           | 866   |
| Win 1994/5          | 1,480                    | 977           | 2,457 | 149        | 2,307                           | 1,480          | 544                   | 284           | 828   |
| Spr 1995            | 1,443                    | 991           | 2,435 | 189        | 2,246                           | 1,443          | 500                   | 303           | 803   |
| Sum 1995            | 1,399                    | 1,009         | 2,408 | 191        | 2,217                           | 1,399          | 519                   | 299           | 818   |
| Aut 1995            | 1,412                    | 971           | 2,383 | 212        | 2,171                           | 1,412          | 494                   | 265           | 759   |
| Win 1995/6          | 1,379                    | 956           | 2,334 | 202        | 2,132                           | 1,379          | 474                   | 279           | 753   |
| Spr 1996            | 1,327                    | 994           | 2,321 | 229        | 2,093                           | 1,327          | 468                   | 297           | 766   |
| Sum 1996            | 1,255                    | 999           | 2,255 | 213        | 2,041                           | 1,255          | 481                   | 305           | 786   |
| Aut 1996            | 1,147                    | 1,075         | 2,221 | 293        | 1,928                           | 1,147          | 470                   | 311           | 781   |
| Win 1996/7          | 1,060                    | 1,050         | 2,111 | 367        | 1,744                           | 1,060          | 412                   | 272           | 684   |
| Changes             |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Aut 96 - Win 96/7   | -86                      | -24           | -111  |            | -184                            | -86            | -58                   | -39           | -98   |
| Win 95/6 - Win 96/7 | -318                     | 95            | -224  |            | -388                            | -318           | -62                   | -7            | -70   |
| MEN                 |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1984            |                          |               | 1,861 | -95        | 1,956                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1985            |                          |               | 1,818 | -208       | 2,026                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1986            |                          |               | 1,817 | -251       | 2,067                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1987            |                          |               | 1,755 | -188       | 1,943                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1988            |                          |               | 1,425 | -150       | 1,575                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1989            |                          |               | 1,173 | -62        | 1,234                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1990            |                          |               | 1,122 | 22         | 1,100                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1991            |                          |               | 1,470 | -92        | 1,562                           |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1992            | 1,409                    | 426           | 1,835 | -146       | 1,981                           | 1,409          | 354                   | 218           | 572   |
| Sum 1992            | 1,437                    | 420           | 1,857 | -181       | 2,038                           | 1,437          | 404                   | 197           | 601   |
| Aut 1992            | 1,482                    | 436           | 1,919 | -202       | 2,120                           | 1,482          | 379                   | 259           | 638   |
| Win 1992/3          | 1,516                    | 467           | 1,983 | -212       | 2,195                           | 1,516          | 420                   | 259           | 679   |
| Spr 1993            | 1,481                    | 474           | 1,955 | -221       | 2,176                           | 1,481          | 416                   | 280           | 695   |
| Sum 1993            | 1,443                    | 464           | 1,907 | -247       | 2,154                           | 1,443          | 468                   | 243           | 711   |
| Aut 1993            | 1,403                    | 479           | 1,882 | -224       | 2,106                           | 1,403          | 434                   | 269           | 703   |
| Win 1993/4          | 1,364                    | 473           | 1,837 | -217       | 2,053                           | 1,364          | 431                   | 259           | 690   |
| Spr 1994            | 1,320                    | 476           | 1,797 | -194       | 1,990                           | 1,320          | 396                   | 274           | 670   |
| Sum 1994            | 1,287                    | 487           | 1,774 | -149       | 1,923                           | 1,287          | 385                   | 251           | 636   |
| Aut 1994            | 1,217                    | 445           | 1,664 | -182       | 1,846                           | 1,217          | 372                   | 257           | 628   |
| Win 1994/5          | 1,147                    | 465           | 1,611 | -149       | 1,761                           | 1,147          | 393                   | 221           | 614   |
| Spr 1995            | 1,129                    | 452           | 1,582 | -131       | 1,712                           | 1,129          | 345                   | 238           | 583   |
| Sum 1995            | 1,084                    | 482           | 1,566 | -122       | 1,688                           | 1,084          | 369                   | 235           | 604   |
| Aut 1995            | 1,092                    | 451           | 1,542 | -110       | 1,653                           | 1,092          | 357                   | 204           | 561   |
| Win 1995/6          | 1,085                    | 454           | 1,539 | -85        | 1,624                           | 1,085          | 330                   | 209           | 539   |
| Spr 1996            | 1,034                    | 491           | 1,525 | -66        | 1,591                           | 1,034          | 336                   | 221           | 557   |
| Sum 1996            | 987                      | 485           | 1,472 | -76        | 1,548                           | 987            | 335                   | 226           | 561   |
| Aut 1996            | 894                      | 538           | 1,432 | -32        | 1,464                           | 894            | 340                   | 230           | 570   |
| Win 1996/7          | 814                      | 512           | 1,326 | -4         | 1,329                           | 814            | 312                   | 204           | 515   |
| Changes             |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Aut 96 - Win 96/7   | -80                      | -26           | -106  |            | -135                            | -80            | -29                   | -26           | -55   |
| Win 95/6 - Win 96/7 | -271                     | 58            | -213  |            | -295                            | -271           | -18                   | -5            | -23   |
| WOMEN               |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1984            |                          |               | 1,282 | 464        | 817                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1985            |                          |               | 1,208 | 323        | 885                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1986            |                          |               | 1,214 | 288        | 926                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1987            |                          |               | 1,191 | 335        | 856                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1988            |                          |               | 999   | 304        | 695                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1989            |                          |               | 848   | 340        | 508                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1990            |                          |               | 803   | 401        | 402                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1991            |                          |               | 891   | 386        | 505                             |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1992            | 389                      | 520           | 910   | 303        | 607                             | 389            | 142                   | 76            | 218   |
| Sum 1992            | 391                      | 537           | 928   | 307        | 622                             | 391            | 164                   | 67            | 231   |
| Aut 1992            | 401                      | 538           | 938   | 295        | 643                             | 401            | 164                   | 78            | 242   |
| Win 1992/3          | 422                      | 560           | 982   | 316        | 665                             | 422            | 164                   | 80            | 244   |
| Spr 1993            | 428                      | 526           | 954   | 294        | 661                             | 428            | 158                   | 75            | 232   |
| Sum 1993            | 418                      | 553           | 972   | 319        | 653                             | 418            | 165                   | 70            | 234   |
| Aut 1993            | 417                      | 552           | 969   | 328        | 641                             | 417            | 151                   | 74            | 224   |
| Win 1993/4          | 398                      | 563           | 961   | 340        | 621                             | 398            | 152                   | 72            | 223   |
| Spr 1994            | 378                      | 541           | 919   | 313        | 607                             | 378            | 163                   | 65            | 228   |
| Sum 1994            | 370                      | 524           | 893   | 299        | 595                             | 370            | 159                   | 66            | 225   |
| Aut 1994            | 334                      | 525           | 859   | 287        | 572                             | 334            | 165                   | 73            | 238   |
| Win 1994/5          | 333                      | 512           | 845   | 299        | 547                             | 333            | 151                   | 63            | 214   |
| Spr 1995            | 314                      | 539           | 853   | 319        | 533                             | 314            | 154                   | 65            | 220   |
| Sum 1995            | 316                      | 527           | 842   | 313        | 529                             | 316            | 150                   | 64            | 214   |
| Aut 1995            | 320                      | 521           | 841   | 322        | 519                             | 320            | 137                   | 61            | 198   |
| Win 1995/6          | 294                      | 502           | 796   | 287        | 509                             | 294            | 144                   | 71            | 215   |
| Spr 1996            | 293                      | 504           | 796   | 295        | 501                             | 293            | 132                   | 77            | 209   |
| Sum 1996            | 268                      | 514           | 782   | 289        | 493                             | 268            | 146                   | 80            | 225   |
| Aut 1996            | 253                      | 537           | 789   | 326        | 464                             | 253            | 130                   | 82            | 211   |
| Win 1996/7          | 247                      | 538           | 785   | 370        | 415                             | 247            | 100                   | 68            | 168   |
| Changes             |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Aut 96 - Win 96/7   | -6                       | 2             | -4    |            | -49                             | -6             | -30                   | -13           | -43   |
| Win 95/6 - Win 96/7 | -47                      | 36            | -11   |            | -94                             | -47            | -44                   | -2            | -46   |

+ The figures are derived with reference to both the claimant count and the LFS results; the total is controlled to the actual claimant count. For a full description of the method, see the technical note to the article 'Measures of unemployment: the claimant count and the LFS compared' in the October 1993 issue of the *Employment Gazette*.

# The claimant count figures shown are the averages of the published figures for the months of each LFS quarter.

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## Alternative measures of unemployment

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| GREAT BRITAIN | ILO unemployment measure |               |       |            | Claimant unemployment measure + |                |                       |               |       |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------|
|               | Not seasonally adjusted  |               |       |            | Not ILO unemployed              |                |                       |               |       |
|               | Claimants                | Non claimants | Total | Difference | Total #                         | ILO unemployed | Economically inactive | In employment | Total |
| ALL           |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1984      | 2,233                    | 872           | 3,105 | 114        | 2,991                           | 2,233          | 574                   | 184           | 758   |
| Spr 1985      | 2,164                    | 826           | 2,990 | -149       | 3,139                           | 2,164          | 778                   | 197           | 975   |
| Spr 1986      | 2,202                    | 794           | 2,996 | -186       | 3,181                           | 2,202          | 783                   | 196           | 980   |
| Spr 1987      | 2,096                    | 815           | 2,912 | -41        | 2,952                           | 2,096          | 673                   | 183           | 856   |
| Spr 1988      | 1,655                    | 737           | 2,392 | -10        | 2,401                           | 1,655          | 568                   | 178           | 746   |
| Spr 1989      | 1,143                    | 846           | 1,989 | 214        | 1,775                           | 1,143          | 423                   | 209           | 632   |
| Spr 1990      | 1,034                    | 860           | 1,894 | 373        | 1,520                           | 1,034          | 300                   | 186           | 486   |
| Spr 1991      | 1,447                    | 883           | 2,329 | 243        | 2,086                           | 1,447          | 390                   | 250           | 640   |
| Spr 1992      | 1,790                    | 894           | 2,684 | 71         | 2,613                           | 1,790          | 517                   | 306           | 823   |
| Sum 1992      | 1,828                    | 1,018         | 2,846 | 189        | 2,657                           | 1,828          | 567                   | 263           | 829   |
| Aut 1992      | 1,861                    | 987           | 2,847 | 113        | 2,735                           | 1,861          | 540                   | 335           | 874   |
| Win 1992/3    | 1,970                    | 997           | 2,967 | 45         | 2,922                           | 1,970          | 602                   | 350           | 952   |
| Spr 1993      | 1,901                    | 948           | 2,849 | -18        | 2,867                           | 1,901          | 596                   | 368           | 966   |
| Sum 1993      | 1,862                    | 1,080         | 2,942 | 131        | 2,811                           | 1,862          | 636                   | 313           | 949   |
| Aut 1993      | 1,797                    | 1,045         | 2,842 | 120        | 2,721                           | 1,797          | 583                   | 342           | 924   |
| Win 1993/4    | 1,791                    | 999           | 2,790 | 53         | 2,737                           | 1,791          | 604                   | 342           | 946   |
| Spr 1994      | 1,689                    | 967           | 2,656 | 32         | 2,624                           | 1,689          | 582                   | 353           | 935   |
| Sum 1994      | 1,658                    | 1,077         | 2,734 | 212        | 2,523                           | 1,658          | 547                   | 318           | 865   |
| Aut 1994      | 1,526                    | 991           | 2,517 | 125        | 2,392                           | 1,526          | 536                   | 329           | 866   |
| Win 1994/5    | 1,505                    | 930           | 2,435 | 66         | 2,369                           | 1,505          | 567                   | 296           | 864   |
| Spr 1995      | 1,434                    | 942           | 2,376 | 105        | 2,271                           | 1,434          | 521                   | 315           | 837   |
| Sum 1995      | 1,402                    | 1,077         | 2,479 | 255        | 2,224                           | 1,402          | 522                   | 300           | 822   |
| Aut 1995      | 1,385                    | 998           | 2,382 | 235        | 2,147                           | 1,385          | 496                   | 266           | 762   |
| Win 1995/6    | 1,400                    | 899           | 2,299 | 104        | 2,195                           | 1,400          | 500                   | 295           | 795   |
| Spr 1996      | 1,318                    | 947           | 2,265 | 149        | 2,116                           | 1,318          | 488                   | 310           | 798   |
| Sum 1996      | 1,259                    | 1,068         | 2,327 | 273        | 2,054                           | 1,259          | 487                   | 309           | 796   |
| Aut 1996      | 1,118                    | 1,108         | 2,226 | 324        | 1,902                           | 1,118          | 472                   | 313           | 785   |
| MEN           |                          |               |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |
| Spr 1984      | 1,607                    | 231           | 1,838 | -257       | 2,094                           | 1,607          | 367                   | 121           | 488   |
| Spr 1985      | 1,567                    | 229           | 1,796 | -377       | 2,173                           | 1,567          | 487                   | 118           | 605   |
| Spr 1986      | 1,571                    | 225           | 1,796 | -392       | 2,188                           | 1,571          | 492                   | 125           | 617   |
| Spr 1987      | 1,490                    | 246           | 1,736 | -311       | 2,047                           | 1,490          | 435                   | 122           | 557   |
| Spr 1988      | 1,176                    | 231           | 1,408 | -260       | 1,667                           | 1,176          | 373                   | 118           | 491   |
| Spr 1989      | 834                      | 322           | 1,156 | -114       | 1,270                           | 834            | 294                   | 142           | 436   |
| Spr 1990      | 777                      | 329           | 1,106 | -14        | 1,120                           | 777            | 206                   | 137           | 344   |
| Spr 1991      | 1,111                    | 343           | 1,454 | -129       | 1,583                           | 1,111          | 278                   | 194           | 472   |
| Spr 1992      | 1,415                    | 390</         |       |            |                                 |                |                       |               |       |



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## Job-related training received by employees

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GREAT BRITAIN All who received job-related training in the last 4 weeks

|              | Seasonally adjusted  |                         | Age Groups           |       |       |       |          |  |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--|
|              | All of working age + | Not seasonally adjusted | All of working age + |       |       |       |          |  |
|              |                      |                         | 16-19                | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-49 | 50-59/64 |  |
| <b>ALL</b>   |                      |                         |                      |       |       |       |          |  |
| 1984         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1985         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1986         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1987         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1988         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1989         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1990         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1991         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1992         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1992/3       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1993         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1993/4       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1994         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1994/5       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1995         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1995/6       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1996         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1996/7       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| <b>Men</b>   |                      |                         |                      |       |       |       |          |  |
| 1984         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1985         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1986         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1987         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1988         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1989         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1990         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1991         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1992         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1992/3       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1993         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1993/4       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1994         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1994/5       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1995         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1995/6       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1996         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1996/7       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| <b>Women</b> |                      |                         |                      |       |       |       |          |  |
| 1984         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1985         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1986         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1987         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1988         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1989         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1990         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1991         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1992         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1992/3       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1993         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1993/4       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1994         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1994/5       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1995         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1995/6       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1996         | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |
| 1996/7       | 1,099                | 1,099                   | 410                  | 464   | 505   | 544   | 1,448    |  |

% of all employees #

PERCENT

|              | Seasonally adjusted  |                         | Age Groups           |       |       |       |          |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
|              | All of working age + | Not seasonally adjusted | All of working age + |       |       |       |          |
|              |                      |                         | 16-19                | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-49 | 50-59/64 |
| <b>ALL</b>   |                      |                         |                      |       |       |       |          |
| 1984         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1985         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1986         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1987         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1988         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1989         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1990         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1991         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1992         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1992/3       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1993         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1993/4       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1994         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1994/5       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1995         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1995/6       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1996         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1996/7       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| <b>Men</b>   |                      |                         |                      |       |       |       |          |
| 1984         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1985         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1986         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1987         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1988         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1989         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1990         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1991         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1992         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1992/3       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1993         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1993/4       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1994         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1994/5       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1995         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1995/6       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1996         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1996/7       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| <b>Women</b> |                      |                         |                      |       |       |       |          |
| 1984         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1985         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1986         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1987         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1988         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1989         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1990         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1991         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1992         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1992/3       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1993         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1993/4       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1994         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1994/5       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1995         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1995/6       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1996         | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |
| 1996/7       | 10.0                 | 10.0                    | 22.3                 | 22.3  | 22.3  | 22.3  | 7.8      |

+ Men aged 16-64 and women aged 16-59.  
 # Employees receiving job-related training as a percentage of employees in the relevant age group.  
 \$ Data for summer 1994 onwards are not comparable with earlier periods.  
 Data for 1984 are not comparable with other years and are therefore not shown.

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## Average actual weekly hours<sup>+</sup> of work by industry sector, HOURS

GREAT BRITAIN

SIC 92 (Standard Industrial Classification)

|            | Seasonally adjusted |         | Not seasonally adjusted |         | Industry Sector         |      |                  |                |               |                                |                   |                                  |                                 |                |                |  |
|------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
|            | Total (millions) #  | Average | Total (millions) #      | Average | Agriculture and fishing |      | Energy and water | Manufac-turing | Constr-uction | Distribution hotels & catering | Transport & comms | Banking, finance & insurance etc | Public admin education & health | Other services | Total Services |  |
|            |                     |         |                         |         | A-B                     | C,E  | D                | F              | G,H           | I                              | J,K               | L-N                              | O-Q                             | G-Q            |                |  |
| <b>ALL</b> |                     |         |                         |         |                         |      |                  |                |               |                                |                   |                                  |                                 |                |                |  |
| 1984       | 782                 | 33.1    | 790                     | 33.7    | 47.7                    | 28.2 | 36.3             | 38.2           | 32.5          | 37.8                           | 34.5              | 29.1                             | 30.2                            | 31.7           |                |  |
| 1985       | 810                 | 33.8    | 818                     | 34.4    | 47.1                    | 35.0 | 37.1             | 38.2           | 33.1          | 38.6                           | 33.6              | 29.8                             | 30.1                            | 32.3           |                |  |
| 1986       | 814                 | 33.8    | 823                     | 34.4    | 47.4                    | 36.9 | 37.2             | 38.3           | 33.2          | 38.9                           | 33.9              | 29.2                             | 30.6                            | 32.3           |                |  |
| 1987       | 821                 | 33.6    | 830                     | 34.1    | 47.4                    | 36.2 | 37.1             | 38.3           | 32.8          | 39.0                           | 33.1              | 28.9                             | 31.4                            | 32.1           |                |  |
| 1988       | 872                 | 34.4    | 882                     | 34.9    | 47.7                    | 37.0 | 38.1             | 39.8           | 33.2          | 39.4                           | 34.4              | 29.7                             | 31.4                            | 32.7           |                |  |
| 1989       | 894                 | 34.2    | 905                     | 34.7    | 49.0                    | 37.4 | 37.6             | 39.3           | 33.1          | 39.7                           | 34.0              | 29.3                             | 31.5                            | 32.6           |                |  |
| 1990       | 894                 | 33.9    | 905                     | 34.4    | 47.5                    | 37.2 | 37.5             | 39.4           | 32.7          | 38.4                           | 33.9              | 29.0                             | 31.8                            | 32.2           |                |  |
| 1991       | 876                 | 33.9    | 887                     | 34.4    | 48.0                    | 37.8 | 37.2             | 39.0           | 32.7          | 37.7                           | 33.9              | 29.0                             | 31.2                            | 32.4           |                |  |
| 1992       | 832                 | 33.1    | 835                     | 33.3    | 45.8                    | 37.0 | 36.2             | 37.1           | 32.1          | 37.7                           | 33.1              | 28.8                             | 30.6                            | 33.2           |                |  |
| 1992/3     | 829                 | 33.1    | 828                     | 32.9</  |                         |      |                  |                |               |                                |                   |                                  |                                 |                |                |  |



## 8.1 GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING Number of people participating in the programmes

| Period ending | Training For Work |           |               | Youth Training (including Youth Credits) |           |               | Modern Apprenticeships |           |               |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|--|-----------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
|               | England and Wales | Scotland* | Great Britain | England and Wales                        | Scotland* | Great Britain | England and Wales      | Scotland* | Great Britain |
|               | THOUSANDS         |           |               |  |           |               |                        |           |               |
| 1994 Jun      | 116.2             | 14.2      | 130.3         | 231.3                                    | 32.5      | 263.7         |                        |           |               |
| Jul           | 108.2             | 13.7      | 121.9         | 241.8                                    | 32.1      | 273.9         |                        |           |               |
| Aug           | 104.0             | 13.8      | 117.8         | 242.1                                    | 32.3      | 274.5         |                        |           |               |
| Sep           | 103.2             | 14.1      | 117.3         | 242.4                                    | 33.0      | 275.4         |                        |           |               |
| Oct           | 113.7             | 14.3      | 128.0         | 252.4                                    | 33.2      | 285.6         |                        |           |               |
| Nov           | 116.6             | 14.7      | 131.3         | 254.4                                    | 33.3      | 287.7         |                        |           |               |
| Dec           | 118.1             | 14.2      | 132.3         | 255.7                                    | 33.0      | 288.7         |                        |           |               |
| 1995 Jan      | 115.8             | 14.4      | 130.2         | 253.2                                    | 34.0      | 287.2         |                        |           |               |
| Feb           | 117.0             | 14.6      | 131.6         | 252.7                                    | 34.3      | 287.0         |                        |           |               |
| Mar           | 103.4             | 14.4      | 117.8         | 239.5                                    | 33.6      | 273.1         |                        |           |               |
| Apr           | 82.1              | 14.0      | 96.1          | 229.0                                    | 31.7      | 260.8         | 1.7                    |           | 1.7           |
| May           | 79.3              | 13.8      | 93.2          | 228.7                                    | 31.1      | 259.8         | 1.8                    |           | 1.8           |
| Jun           | 75.9              | 13.6      | 89.5          | 227.0                                    | 31.5      | 258.4         | 1.8                    | 0.0       | 1.9           |
| Jul           | 69.3              | 13.1      | 82.4          | 237.5                                    | 31.3      | 268.8         | 2.4                    | 0.0       | 2.5           |
| Aug           | 65.0              | 12.9      | 77.9          | 239.9                                    | 31.8      | 271.7         | 3.2                    | 0.0       | 3.2           |
| Sep           | 63.1              | 12.8      | 76.0          | 240.1                                    | 33.0      | 273.1         | 6.1                    | 0.0       | 6.1           |
| Oct           | 66.6              | 13.0      | 79.6          | 245.6                                    | 32.0      | 277.5         | 11.1                   | 0.0       | 11.1          |
| Nov           | 68.8              | 13.0      | 81.8          | 246.0                                    | 32.7      | 278.7         | 14.2                   | 0.0       | 14.2          |
| Dec           | 70.5              | 12.8      | 83.3          | 244.5                                    | 34.5      | 279.0         | 16.8                   | 0.1       | 17.0          |
| 1996 Jan      | 68.8              | 12.7      | 81.5          | 236.4                                    | 34.8      | 271.1         | 21.0                   | 0.1       | 21.1          |
| Feb           | 71.8              | 13.4      | 85.2          | 232.0                                    | 35.7      | 267.6         | 24.1                   | 0.1       | 24.2          |
| Mar           | 72.7              | 13.0      | 85.7          | 224.1                                    | 35.2      | 259.3         | 27.8                   | 0.2       | 28.0          |
| Apr           | 66.7              | 13.4      | 80.1          | 216.0                                    | 32.6      | 248.6         | 30.7                   | 1.5       | 32.2          |
| May           | 66.4              | 13.6      | 80.0          | 213.1                                    | 31.9      | 244.9         | 32.7                   | 1.6       | 34.2          |
| June          | 65.1              | 13.4      | 78.5          | 211.7                                    | 32.9      | 244.6         | 35.1                   | 1.7       | 36.7          |
| July          | 62.5              | 13.3      | 75.8          | 222.7                                    | 33.3      | 256.0         | 38.9                   | 1.7       | 40.6          |
| Aug           | 60.1              | 13.4      | 73.5          | 225.0                                    | 34.7      | 259.8         | 43.2                   | 2.3       | 45.5          |
| Sep           | 59.7              | 13.5      | 73.1          | 227.0                                    | 35.6      | 262.6         | 52.1                   | 2.6       | 54.7          |
| Oct           | 62.1              | 13.6      | 75.7          | 228.9                                    | 36.0      | 264.9         | 58.9                   | 2.6       | 61.5          |
| Nov           | 63.1              | 14.2      | 77.3          | 228.9                                    | 36.2      | 265.0         | 64.1                   | 2.7       | 66.8          |
| Dec           | 63.8              | 13.8      | 77.6          | 228.6                                    | 35.8      | 264.4         | 68.8                   | 2.7       | 71.6          |
| 1996 Jan      | 57.8              | 14.1      | 71.9          | 225.0                                    | 36.5      | 261.5         | 70.1                   | 2.8       | 72.9          |
| Feb           | 62.1              | 14.5      | 76.6          | 224.5                                    | 36.3      | 260.8         | 73.4                   | 2.8       | 76.3          |

Note: Modern Apprenticeships were launched in September 1995 (in England and Wales; at the end of 1995 in Scotland), following prototyping in 17 industry sectors. Accelerated Modern Apprenticeships for 18- and 19-year-old school and college leavers, also launched in September 1995, has been merged with Modern Apprenticeships from April 1996 in England (although it will continue separately in Wales). Modern Apprenticeships aim to increase significantly the number of young people trained to technician, supervisory and equivalent-level skills, at NVQ level 3 as a minimum plus the breadth and flexibility required for the relevant industry sector. Accelerated Modern Apprenticeships figures have been merged with Modern Apprenticeships. Because of the different ways in which the programmes are administered in England, Wales and Scotland, the Scotland figures, provided by the Scottish Office, are shown separately. See *Employment Gazette*, pp57-8, December 1993 for more detail.

## 8.2 GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING Number of starts on the programmes

| Period ending  | Training For Work |           |               | Youth Training (including Youth Credits) |           |               | Modern Apprenticeships |           |               |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------|--|-----------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                | England and Wales | Scotland* | Great Britain | England and Wales                        | Scotland* | Great Britain | England and Wales      | Scotland* | Great Britain |
|                | THOUSANDS         |           |               |  |           |               |                        |           |               |
| 1994 24/29 Apr | 20.1              | 2.6       | 22.7          | 13.8                                     | 1.9       | 15.7          |                        |           |               |
| 22/27 May      | 20.8              | 2.5       | 23.3          | 11.3                                     | 1.5       | 12.7          |                        |           |               |
| 19 Jun/1 Jul   | 20.3              | 3.0       | 22.7          | 15.4                                     | 4.4       | 18.9          |                        |           |               |
| 17/29 Jul      | 21.8              | 1.9       | 23.8          | 38.5                                     | 2.3       | 41.1          |                        |           |               |
| 14/26 Aug      | 20.0              | 2.8       | 22.5          | 26.1                                     | 4.3       | 29.9          |                        |           |               |
| 11/30 Sep      | 21.6              | 3.8       | 24.6          | 29.8                                     | 4.4       | 33.5          |                        |           |               |
| 9/28 Oct       | 35.4              | 2.8       | 38.3          | 36.8                                     | 3.0       | 40.1          |                        |           |               |
| 6/25 Nov       | 25.7              | 2.9       | 28.6          | 20.6                                     | 2.5       | 23.3          |                        |           |               |
| 4/30 Dec       | 24.6              | 2.0       | 26.9          | 19.3                                     | 1.8       | 21.3          |                        |           |               |
| 1995 1 Jan     | 12.3              | n/a       | 14.2          | 9.6                                      | n/a       | 11.5          |                        |           |               |
| 30/27 Jan      | 26.0              | 2.6       | 28.7          | 17.0                                     | 3.5       | 20.3          |                        |           |               |
| 26/24 Feb      | 23.9              | 2.9       | 25.3          | 16.3                                     | 2.8       | 18.9          |                        |           |               |
| 26/31 Mar      | 16.7              | 3.3       | 18.5          | 14.0                                     | 2.9       | 16.3          |                        |           |               |
| 23/28 Apr      | 12.0              | 2.2       | 14.3          | 12.3                                     | 2.5       | 14.8          | 0.1                    |           | 0.1           |
| 21/26 May      | 15.9              | 2.6       | 18.0          | 12.8                                     | 1.8       | 14.2          | 0.1                    |           | 0.1           |
| 18/30 Jun      | 15.5              | 2.8       | 18.1          | 14.7                                     | 4.2       | 18.2          | 0.2                    | 0.0       | 0.2           |
| 16/28 Jul      | 16.2              | 1.7       | 18.2          | 36.6                                     | 2.6       | 39.6          | 0.6                    | 0.0       | 0.6           |
| 13/25 Aug      | 14.7              | 2.3       | 16.5          | 26.7                                     | 5.0       | 30.3          | 0.8                    | 0.0       | 0.8           |
| 10/29 Sep      | 15.3              | 3.3       | 17.8          | 28.0                                     | 5.2       | 32.6          | 3.0                    | 0.0       | 3.0           |
| 8/27 Oct       | 22.0              | 2.6       | 24.9          | 35.2                                     | 3.8       | 39.7          | 5.0                    | 0.0       | 5.0           |
| 5/24 Nov       | 19.6              | 2.4       | 21.8          | 21.0                                     | 2.6       | 23.9          | 3.0                    | 0.0       | 3.0           |
| 3/22 Dec       | 19.6              | 1.8       | 21.5          | 18.5                                     | 2.0       | 20.4          | 3.0                    | 0.0       | 3.0           |
| 31 Dec         | 10.8              | n/a       | 12.3          | 10.9                                     | n/a       | 12.6          | 2.3                    | n/a       | 2.3           |
| 1996 28/2 Jan  | 18.8              | 2.1       | 20.9          | 16.6                                     | 3.0       | 19.6          | 2.6                    | 0.0       | 2.6           |
| 25/1 Feb       | 21.6              | 2.7       | 24.3          | 17.1                                     | 2.7       | 19.8          | 3.4                    | 0.0       | 3.4           |
| 24/29 Mar      | 22.6              | 2.8       | 25.5          | 17.9                                     | 2.2       | 20.1          | 4.4                    | 0.0       | 4.4           |
| 28/26 Apr      | 19.4              | 2.3       | 21.7          | 17.5                                     | 3.4       | 20.9          | 3.1                    | 0.2       | 3.2           |
| 26/31 May      | 18.1              | 2.9       | 21.1          | 13.0                                     | 2.2       | 15.2          | 2.7                    | 0.1       | 2.7           |
| 23/28 June     | 17.1              | 2.1       | 19.2          | 17.2                                     | 3.6       | 20.8          | 3.0                    | 0.1       | 3.0           |
| 21/26 July     | 18.0              | 1.8       | 19.4          | 35.7                                     | 2.8       | 38.0          | 5.2                    | 0.1       | 5.2           |
| 18/30 Aug      | 16.3              | 3.0       | 18.9          | 24.7                                     | 5.3       | 29.2          | 5.5                    | 0.6       | 5.9           |
| 15/27 Sep      | 17.2              | 2.6       | 19.9          | 30.8                                     | 3.8       | 35.0          | 10.5                   | 0.3       | 10.8          |
| 13/25 Oct      | 21.2              | 2.5       | 23.3          | 26.6                                     | 2.6       | 29.1          | 8.8                    | 0.1       | 8.9           |
| 10/29 Nov      | 19.4              | 3.3       | 22.1          | 19.6                                     | 3.0       | 22.2          | 7.2                    | 0.1       | 7.3           |
| 8/27 Dec       | 18.7              | 1.5       | 21.0          | 17.0                                     | 1.3       | 19.1          | 6.5                    | 0.1       | 6.6           |
| 5/31 Jan       | 7.4               | 2.6       | 9.0           | 7.6                                      | 3.2       | 9.2           | 3.1                    | 0.1       | 3.2           |
| 2/28 Feb       | 18.7              | 2.2       | 21.2          | 16.1                                     | 2.0       | 19.0          | 5.1                    | 0.1       | 5.2           |

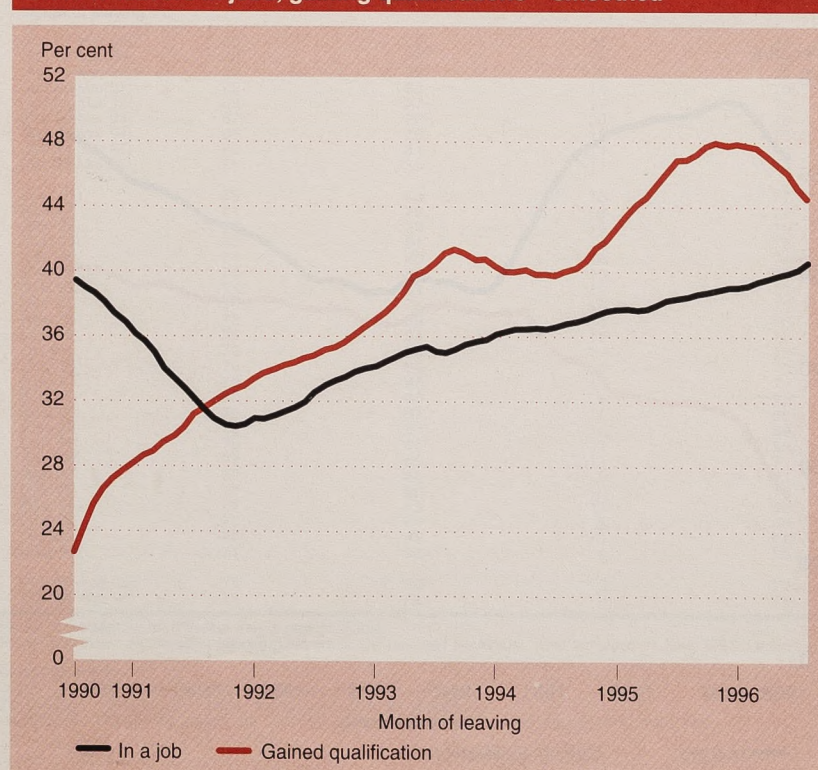
Note: See Table 8.1 note.

## GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING Destinations and qualifications of Training for Work/Employment Training## leavers 8.3

| Month of survey*    | Month of leaving TFW/ET## | Percentage of survey respondents who were: |                        |               | Percentage of survey respondents who:       |                             |  |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
|                     |                           | In a Job*                                  | In a positive outcome# | Unemployed \$ | Completed their agreed course of training** | Studied for a qualification | Gained a qualification or credit towards one |
| 1994 Oct 89-June 90 | (Jul 89-Mar 90)           | 39   | 42                     | 52            | 45  | 40                          | 22   |
| Jul 90-Sept 91      | (Apr 90-Mar 91)           | 34   | 37                     | 55            | 49  | 47                          | 29   |
| Oct 91-Sept 92      | (Apr 91-Mar 92)           | 31   | 37                     | 55            | 55  | 51                          | 34   |
| Oct 92-Sept 93      | (Apr 92-Mar 93)           | 35   | 41                     | 52            | 60  | 55                          | 39   |
| Oct 93-Sept 94      | (Apr 93-Mar 94)           | 36   | 43                     | 48            | 61  | 58                          | 41   |
| Oct 94-Sept 95      | (Apr 94-Mar 95)           | 38   | 42                     | 48            | 66  | 61                          | 45   |
| Oct 95-Sept 96      | (Apr 95-Mar 96)           | 39   | 44                     | 47            | 70  | 63                          | 48   |
| 1994 Oct            | (Apr 94)                  | 37   | 43                     | 47            | 64  | 56                          | 41   |
| Nov                 | (May 94)                  | 37   | 43                     | 48            | 62  | 57                          | 41   |
| Dec                 | (Jun 94)                  | 36   | 43                     | 47            | 66  | 62                          | 47   |
| 1995 Jan            | (Jul 94)                  | 36   | 45                     | 45            | 71  | 65                          | 53   |
| Feb                 | (Aug 94)                  | 37   | 43                     | 48            | 66  | 59                          | 44   |
| Mar                 | (Sep 94)                  | 38   | 44                     | 46            | 65  | 61                          | 44   |
| Apr                 | (Oct 94)                  | 40   | 43                     | 48            | 61  | 58                          | 40   |
| May                 | (Nov 94)                  | 39   | 41                     | 50            | 62  | 59                          | 42   |
| Jun                 | (Dec 94)                  | 41   | 43                     | 48            | 69  | 59                          | 43   |
| Jul                 | (Jan 95)                  | 37   | 40                     | 51            | 63  | 63                          | 45   |
| Aug                 | (Feb 95)                  | 37   | 40                     | 50            | 65  | 63                          | 46   |
| Sep                 | (Mar 95)                  | 37   | 41                     | 49            | 70  | 64                          | 49   |
| Oct                 | (Apr 95)                  | 40   | 44                     | 46            | 68  | 65                          | 50   |
| Nov                 | (May 95)                  | 41   | 45                     | 46            | 69  | 66                          | 50   |
| Dec                 | (Jun 95)                  | 38   | 45                     | 45            | 72  | 71                          | 57   |
| 1996 Jan            | (Jul 95)                  | 38   | 44                     | 47            | 72  | 67                          | 53   |
| Feb                 | (Aug 95)                  | 40   | 45                     | 46            | 69  | 64                          | 48   |
| Mar                 | (Sep 95)                  | 39   | 45                     | 46            | 68  | 66                          | 50   |
| Apr                 | (Oct 95)                  | 41   | 45                     | 48            | 67  | 60                          | 43   |
| May                 | (Nov 95)                  | 40   | 44                     | 48            | 67  | 56                          | 40   |
| Jun                 | (Dec 95)                  | 41   | 44                     | 47            | 73  | 59                          | 44   |
| Jul                 | (Jan 96)                  | 39   | 42                     | 50            | 67  | 62                          | 44   |
| Aug                 | (Feb 96)                  | 40   | 44                     | 48            | 70  | 59                          | 43   |
| Sep                 | (Mar 96)                  | 39   | 44                     | 46            | 72  | 59                          | 45   |
| Oct                 | (Apr 96)                  | 43   | 48                     | 43            | 68  | 59                          | 43   |
| Nov                 | (May 96)                  | 42   | 47                     | 44            | 71  | 59                          | 44   |
| Dec                 | (Jun 96)                  | 40   | 47                     | 44            | 72  | 61                          | 46   |
| 1997 Jan            | (Jul 96)                  | 43   | 48                     | 42            | 70  | 61                          | 45   |
| Feb                 | (Aug 96)                  | 45   | 51                     | 40            | 71  | 58                          | 43   |
| Oct 95-Feb 96       | (Apr 95-Aug 95)           | 39   | 45                     | 46            | 70  | 67                          | 52   |
| Oct 96-Feb 97       | (Apr 96-Aug 96)           | 42   | 47                     | 43            | 70  | 59                          | 44   |

Note: There have been minor revisions to incorporate all the data that is now available. Leavers to December 1990 surveyed three months after leaving. Leavers from January 1991 surveyed six months after leaving. For further details, see pp S7-8 of the December 1993 *Employment Gazette*.  
\* According to respondents' own classification.  
# In a positive outcome = In a job, full-time education or other government-supported training.  
\$ Those whose response to the question, 'What are you mainly doing now?' was, 'unemployed'.  
\*\* Those who responded positively to the question, 'When you left the Training Programme, had you completed the training that was agreed between you and the organiser of your training?'  
## Training For Work (TFW) superseded Employment Training (ET) and Employment Action in April 1993. The figures in this table for leavers from April 1993 onwards include all those who joined Employment Action before 29 March 1993, and left after that date. This will have the effect of reducing the proportions going into a job or gaining qualifications for leavers from April 1993 onwards.

ET/TFW leavers in jobs, gaining qualifications – smoothed





## 8.4 GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING Destinations and qualifications of Youth Training leavers

| ENGLAND and WALES |                     | Percentage of survey respondents who were: |                                    |              | Percentage of survey respondents who:       |                             |  |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Month of survey*  | Month of leaving YT | In a job <sup>+</sup>                      | In a positive outcome <sup>#</sup> | Unemployed § | Completed their agreed course of training** | Studied for a qualification | Gained a qualification or credit towards one |
| Jul 87-June 88    | (Apr 87-Mar 88)     | 61   | 77                                 | 20           | 22  | 41                          | 29   |
| Jul 88-June 89    | (Apr 88-Mar 89)     | 69   | 84                                 | 13           | 34  | 52                          | 42   |
| Jul 89-June 90    | (Apr 89-Mar 90)     | 68   | 82                                 | 14           | 37  | 56                          | 45   |
| Jul 90-Sept 91    | (Apr 90-Mar 91)     | 58   | 74                                 | 20           | 37  | 54                          | 51   |
| Oct 91-Sept 92    | (Apr 91-Mar 92)     | 52   | 68                                 | 25           | 44  | 58                          | 51   |
| Oct 92-Sept 93    | (Apr 92-Mar 93)     | 50   | 67                                 | 28           | 43  | 62                          | 48   |
| Oct 93-Sept 94    | (Apr 93-Mar 94)     | 53   | 70                                 | 25           | 46  | 64                          | 50   |
| Oct 94-Sept 95    | (Apr 94-Mar 95)     | 58   | 72                                 | 22           | 46  | 65                          | 50   |
| Oct 95-Sept 96    | (Apr 95-Mar 96)     | 63   | 76                                 | 18           | 52  | 66                          | 51   |
| 1994 Oct          | (Apr 94)            | 54   | 67                                 | 27           | 35  | 62                          | 44   |
| Nov               | (May 94)            | 53   | 66                                 | 28           | 37  | 63                          | 44   |
| Dec               | (Jun 94)            | 63   | 74                                 | 21           | 59  | 73                          | 61   |
| 1995 Jan          | (Jul 94)            | 61   | 75                                 | 20           | 56  | 72                          | 59   |
| Feb               | (Aug 94)            | 53   | 74                                 | 21           | 47  | 66                          | 52   |
| Mar               | (Sep 94)            | 54   | 76                                 | 17           | 48  | 64                          | 49   |
| Apr               | (Oct 94)            | 55   | 69                                 | 25           | 37  | 60                          | 40   |
| May               | (Nov 94)            | 56   | 68                                 | 25           | 37  | 59                          | 38   |
| Jun               | (Dec 94)            | 60   | 70                                 | 23           | 45  | 62                          | 46   |
| Jul               | (Jan 95)            | 57   | 68                                 | 26           | 39  | 61                          | 43   |
| Aug               | (Feb 95)            | 59   | 70                                 | 23           | 43  | 62                          | 46   |
| Sep               | (Mar 95)            | 64   | 75                                 | 20           | 51  | 66                          | 53   |
| Oct               | (Apr 95)            | 59   | 71                                 | 22           | 43  | 65                          | 48   |
| Nov               | (May 95)            | 60   | 72                                 | 22           | 42  | 65                          | 49   |
| Dec               | (Jun 95)            | 65   | 76                                 | 19           | 58  | 71                          | 59   |
| 1996 Jan          | (Jul 95)            | 61   | 76                                 | 18           | 55  | 70                          | 56   |
| Feb               | (Aug 95)            | 57   | 76                                 | 17           | 50  | 66                          | 51   |
| Mar               | (Sep 95)            | 57   | 75                                 | 15           | 53  | 66                          | 52   |
| Apr               | (Oct 95)            | 63   | 75                                 | 19           | 47  | 63                          | 46   |
| May               | (Nov 95)            | 64   | 75                                 | 19           | 48  | 62                          | 44   |
| Jun               | (Dec 95)            | 68   | 77                                 | 16           | 57  | 64                          | 49   |
| Jul               | (Jan 96)            | 64   | 75                                 | 20           | 49  | 63                          | 46   |
| Aug               | (Feb 96)            | 67   | 76                                 | 18           | 54  | 64                          | 50   |
| Sep               | (Mar 96)            | 68   | 79                                 | 15           | 56  | 65                          | 53   |
| Oct               | (Apr 96)            | 65   | 77                                 | 16           | 49  | 64                          | 49   |
| Nov               | (May 96)            | 65   | 77                                 | 17           | 48  | 64                          | 48   |
| Dec               | (Jun 96)            | 68   | 80                                 | 15           | 60  | 69                          | 58   |
| 1997 Jan          | (Jul 96)            | 63   | 78                                 | 16           | 58  | 67                          | 55   |
| Feb               | (Aug 96)            | 59   | 81                                 | 13           | 54  | 66                          | 52   |
| Oct 95 - Feb 96   | (Apr 95-Aug 95)     | 61   | 75                                 | 19           | 51  | 68                          | 54   |
| Oct 96 - Feb 97   | (Apr 96-Aug 96)     | 64   | 79                                 | 15           | 55  | 66                          | 53   |

Note 1: There have been minor revisions to incorporate all the data that is now available.  
 Note 2: From April 1995 the definition of Y.T. leavers changed, no longer counting those making planned transfers from one training provider to another as leavers. Many of these transferring trainees will not have gained a job or qualification or completed their training. Therefore the change in definition will increase slightly the proportions with jobs and qualification and completing their training. An analysis of the effect of the change will be prepared when more data are available.  
 This does not affect the data for completers (Table 8.6), or Training for Work (Tables 8.3, 8.5).

\* Leavers to September 1990 surveyed three months after leaving. Leavers in October and November 1990 surveyed in June 1991. Leavers from December 1990 surveyed six months after leaving.

For further details, see pp S7-8 of the December 1993 Employment Gazette.

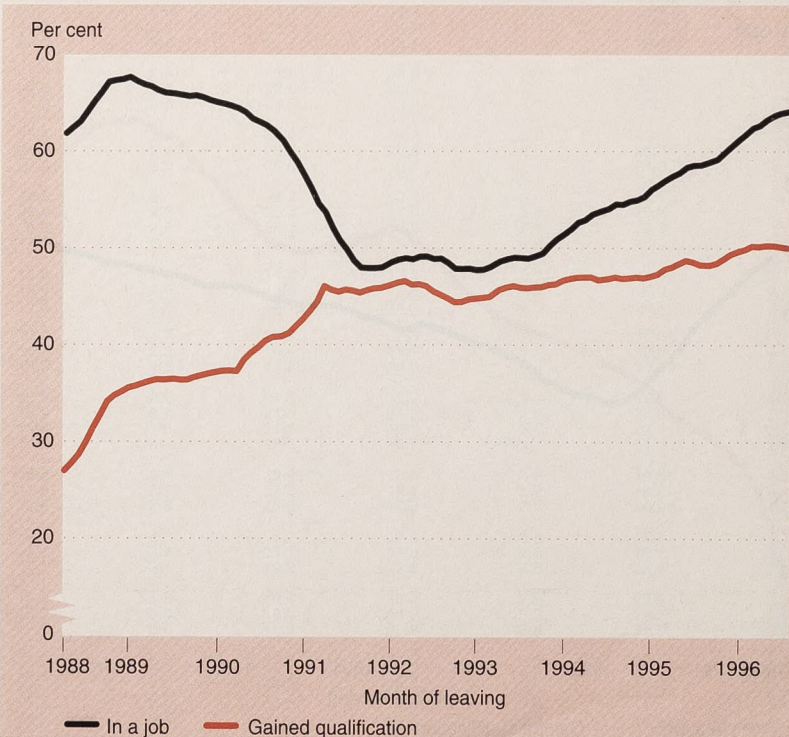
+ According to respondents' own classification.

# In a positive outcome = In a job, full-time education or other government-supported training.

§ Those whose response to the question, 'What are you mainly doing now?' was, 'unemployed'.

\*\* Those whose response to the question, 'Did you leave your last Training Programme before you were due to finish?' was, 'No'.

YT leavers in jobs, gaining qualifications – smoothed



## 8.5 GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING Destinations and qualifications of Training for Work/Employment Training leavers who completed\*\* their agreed training

| ENGLAND and WALES |                           | Percentage of survey respondents who were: |                                    |              | Percentage of survey respondents who: |  |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Month of survey*  | Month of leaving TFW/ET## | In a job <sup>+</sup>                      | In a positive outcome <sup>#</sup> | Unemployed § | Studied for a qualification           | Gained a qualification or credit towards one |
| Oct 89 - June 90  | (Jul 89-Mar 90)           | 43   | 45                                 | 48           | 48                                    | 35   |
| Jul 90-Sept 91    | (Apr 90-Mar 91)           | 37   | 41                                 | 51           | 55                                    | 47   |
| Oct 91-Sept 92    | (Apr 91-Mar 92)           | 35   | 41                                 | 51           | 56                                    | 48   |
| Oct 92-Sept 93    | (Apr 92-Mar 93)           | 38   | 44                                 | 48           | 60                                    | 54   |
| Oct 93-Sept 94    | (Apr 93-Mar 94)           | 40   | 47                                 | 45           | 64                                    | 57   |
| Oct 94-Sept 95    | (Apr 94-Mar 95)           | 40   | 45                                 | 46           | 64                                    | 58   |
| Oct 95-Sept 96    | (Apr 95-Mar 96)           | 41   | 46                                 | 45           | 66                                    | 60   |
| 1995 Mar          | (Sep 94)                  | 40   | 46                                 | 45           | 65                                    | 58   |
| Apr               | (Oct 94)                  | 43   | 47                                 | 45           | 61                                    | 55   |
| May               | (Nov 94)                  | 42   | 45                                 | 47           | 62                                    | 56   |
| Jun               | (Dec 94)                  | 44   | 46                                 | 46           | 60                                    | 54   |
| Jul               | (Jan 95)                  | 40   | 43                                 | 49           | 66                                    | 60   |
| Aug               | (Feb 95)                  | 40   | 42                                 | 48           | 66                                    | 60   |
| Sep               | (Mar 95)                  | 39   | 43                                 | 48           | 66                                    | 61   |
| Oct               | (Apr 95)                  | 42   | 46                                 | 45           | 67                                    | 61   |
| Nov               | (May 95)                  | 42   | 46                                 | 45           | 68                                    | 61   |
| Dec               | (Jun 95)                  | 38   | 46                                 | 44           | 75                                    | 69   |
| 1996 Jan          | (Jul 95)                  | 39   | 46                                 | 45           | 71                                    | 65   |
| Feb               | (Aug 95)                  | 42   | 47                                 | 45           | 67                                    | 60   |
| Mar               | (Sep 95)                  | 41   | 47                                 | 45           | 71                                    | 64   |
| Apr               | (Oct 95)                  | 44   | 47                                 | 46           | 64                                    | 56   |
| May               | (Nov 95)                  | 43   | 46                                 | 47           | 58                                    | 52   |
| Jun               | (Dec 95)                  | 43   | 46                                 | 46           | 61                                    | 55   |
| Jul               | (Jan 96)                  | 41   | 44                                 | 48           | 66                                    | 58   |
| Aug               | (Feb 96)                  | 42   | 45                                 | 47           | 63                                    | 55   |
| Sep               | (Mar 96)                  | 40   | 46                                 | 45           | 62                                    | 56   |
| Oct               | (Apr 96)                  | 44   | 49                                 | 42           | 61                                    | 54   |
| Nov               | (May 96)                  | 43   | 47                                 | 44           | 61                                    | 54   |
| Dec               | (Jun 96)                  | 40   | 49                                 | 43           | 64                                    | 64   |
| 1997 Jan          | (Jul 96)                  | 45   | 51                                 | 41           | 64                                    | 64   |
| Feb               | (Aug 96)                  | 47   | 53                                 | 39           | 60                                    | 60   |
| Oct 95-Jan 96     | (Apr 95-Aug 95)           | 40   | 46                                 | 45           | 70                                    | 64   |
| Oct 96-Jan 97     | (Apr 96-Aug 96)           | 44   | 50                                 | 43           | 62                                    | 56   |

Note: There have been minor revisions to incorporate all the data that is now available.

\* Leavers to December 1990 surveyed three months after leaving. Leavers from January 1991 surveyed six months after leaving.

+ According to respondents' own classification.

# In a positive outcome = In a job, full-time education or other government-supported training.

§ Those whose response to the question, 'What are you mainly doing now?' was, 'unemployed'.

\*\* Those who responded positively to the question, 'When you left the Training Programme, had you completed the training that was agreed between you and the organiser of your training?'.

## Training For Work superseded Employment Training and Employment Action in April 1993. The figures in this table for leavers from April 1993 onwards include all those who joined Employment Action before 29 March 1993, and left after that date. This will have the effect of reducing the proportions going into a job or gaining qualifications for leavers from April 1993 onwards.

## 8.6 GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING Destinations and qualifications of Youth Training leavers who completed\*\* their agreed training

| ENGLAND and WALES |                       | Percentage of survey respondents who were: |                                    |              | Percentage of survey respondents who: |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Month of survey*  | Month of leaving Y.T. | In a job <sup>+</sup>                      | In a positive outcome <sup>#</sup> | Unemployed § | Studied for a qualification           | Gained a qualification or credit towards one** |
| Jul 87-June 88    | (Apr 87-Mar 88)       | 73   | 80                                 | 18           | 63                                    | 53   |
| Jul 88-June 89    | (Apr 88-Mar 89)       | 83   | 88                                 | 10           | 73                                    | 66   |
| Jul 89-June 90    | (Apr 89-Mar 90)       | 84   | 89                                 | 9            | 75                                    | 68   |
| Jul 90-Sept 91    | (Apr 90-Mar 91)       | 75   | 83                                 | 14           | 70                                    | 72   |
| Oct 91-Sept 92    | (Apr 91-Mar 92)       | 69   | 77                                 | 17           | 73                                    | 73   |
| Oct 92-Sept 93    | (Apr 92-Mar 93)       | 67   | 76                                 | 20           | 76                                    | 72   |
| Oct 93-Sept 94    | (Apr 93-Mar 94)       | 68   | 78                                 | 18           | 76                                    | 72   |
| Oct 94-Sept 95    | (Apr 94-Mar 95)       | 72   | 81                                 | 14           | 76                                    | 71   |
| Oct 95-Sept 96    | (Apr 95-Mar 96)       | 75   | 85                                 | 11           | 74                                    | 70   |
| 1995 Mar          | (Sep 94)              | 69   | 83                                 | 13           | 77                                    | 74   |
| Apr               | (Oct 94)              | 71   | 79                                 | 16           | 72                                    | 66   |
| May               | (Nov 94)              | 73   | 80                                 | 16           | 70                                    | 65   |
| Jun               | (Dec 94)              | 76   | 81                                 | 14           | 70                                    | 65   |
| Jul               | (Jan 95)              | 74   | 80                                 | 15           | 71                                    | 66   |
| Aug               | (Feb 95)              | 74   | 80                                 | 15           | 72                                    | 69   |
| Sep               | (Mar 95)              | 78   | 84                                 | 12           | 72                                    | 69   |
| Oct               | (Apr 95)              | 70   | 78                                 | 16           | 73                                    | 68   |
| Nov               | (May 95)              | 72   | 80                                 | 15           | 73                                    | 68   |
| Dec               | (Jun 95)              | 76   | 84                                 | 12           | 78                                    | 74   |
| 1996 Jan          | (Jul 95)              | 72   | 84                                 | 12           | 78                                    | 74   |
| Feb               | (Aug 95)              | 70   | 85                                 | 10           | 77                                    | 74   |
| Mar               | (Sep 95)              | 70   | 85                                 | 10           | 77                                    | 73   |
| Apr               | (Oct 95)              | 80   | 86                                 | 9            | 73                                    | 68   |
| May               | (Nov 95)              | 78   | 85                                 | 10           | 69                                    | 64   |
| Jun               | (Dec 95)              | 79   | 85                                 | 10           | 69                                    | 64   |
| Jul               | (Jan 96)              | 78   | 85                                 | 11           | 69                                    | 64   |
| Aug               | (Feb 96)              | 79   | 85                                 | 11           | 71                                    | 68   |
| Sep               | (Mar 96)              | 79   | 86                                 | 9            | 71                                    | 68   |
| Oct               | (Apr 96)              | 77   | 85                                 | 10           | 70                                    | 67   |
| Nov               | (May 96)              | 77   | 85                                 | 11           | 70                                    | 66   |
| Dec               | (Jun 96)              | 79   | 87                                 | 9            | 77                                    | 74   |
| 1997 Jan          | (Jul 96)              | 74   | 85                                 | 11           | 76                                    | 73   |
| Feb               | (Aug 96)              | 71   | 88                                 | 8            | 76                                    | 72   |
| Oct 95-Jan 97     | (Apr 95-Aug 95)       | 72   | 83                                 | 12           | 77                                    | 73   |
| Oct 96-Jan 97     | (Apr 96-Aug 96)       | 75   | 86                                 | 9            | 75                                    | 71   |

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\* Leavers to September 1990 surveyed three months after leaving. Leavers in October and November 1990 surveyed in June 1991. Leavers from December 1990 surveyed six months after leaving.

+ According to respondents' own classification.

# In a positive outcome = In a job, full-time education or other government-supported training.

§ Those whose response to the question, 'What are you mainly doing now?' was, 'unemployed'.

\*\* Those whose response to the question, 'Did you leave your last Training Programme before you were due to finish?' was, 'No'.



# A.1 OTHER FACTS AND FIGURES

## Jobseekers with disabilities: registrations and placement into employment

Placed into employment by jobcentre advisory service, 10 March 1997 - 4 April 1997 +  
Registered as disabled on 2 December 1996  
This is the last count of the register, which was repealed (on 2/12/96) by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The count of the register will no longer appear in Labour Market Trends.#

7,415  
366,332

- + Not including placings through displayed vacancies.  
# Registration as a disabled person under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Acts 1944 and 1958 is voluntary. People eligible to register are those who, because of injury, disease or congenital deformity, are substantially handicapped in obtaining or keeping employment of a kind otherwise suited to their age, experience and qualifications.  
\* The Disability Discrimination Act gives employment and other rights to people who have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

## DEFINITIONS

### CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYED

The claimant count consists of all those people who are claiming unemployment-related benefits at Employment Service local offices and who have declared that they are unemployed, capable of, available for, and actively seeking work during the week in which their claim is made. All people claiming unemployment-related benefits are included in the claimant count. (Students claiming benefit during a vacation and who intend to return to full-time education are excluded.)

### EARNINGS

Total gross remuneration which employees receive from their employers in the form of money. Income in kind and employers' contributions to National Insurance and pension funds are excluded.

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE

In Tables 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.5 and 7.6 (Labour Force Survey) people aged 16 and over who are in employment (as employees, self-employed, on government-supported employment and training programmes, or from 1992, as unpaid family workers) together with those who are ILO unemployed.

### ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE

In Tables 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.5 and 7.6 (Labour Force Survey) people aged 16 and over who are neither in employment nor ILO unemployed; this group includes people who are, for example, retired or looking after their home/family.

### EMPLOYEES IN EMPLOYMENT

A count of civilian jobs of employees paid by employers who run a PAYE scheme. Participants in government employment and training schemes are included if they have a contract of employment. HM Forces, homeworkers and private domestic servants are excluded. As the estimates of employees in employment are derived from employers' reports of the number of people they employ, individuals holding two jobs with different employers will be counted twice.

### FULL-TIME WORKERS

People normally working for more than 30 hours a week except where otherwise stated.

### GENERAL INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES

The general index covers almost all goods and services purchased by most households, excluding only those for which the income of the household is in the top 4 per cent and those one and two person pensioner households (covered by separate indices) who depend mainly on state benefits, i.e. more than three-quarters of their income is from state benefits.

### H.M. FORCES

All UK service personnel of HM Regular Forces, wherever serving, including those on release leave.

### I.L.O. UNEMPLOYED

In Tables 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.5 and 7.6 (Labour Force Survey) people without a paid job in the reference week who were available to start work in the next fortnight and who either looked for work at some time in the last four weeks or were waiting to start a job already obtained.

### LABOUR DISPUTES

Statistics of stoppages of work due to industrial disputes in the United Kingdom relate only to disputes connected with terms and conditions of employment. Stoppages involving fewer than 10 workers or lasting less than one day are excluded except where the aggregate of working days lost exceeded 100. Workers involved and working days lost relate to persons both directly and indirectly involved (thrown out of work although not parties to the disputes) at the establishments where the

*The terms used in the tables are defined more fully in the periodic articles in Labour Market Trends which relate to particular statistical series*

disputes occurred. People laid off and working days lost elsewhere, owing for example to resulting shortages of supplies, are not included. There are difficulties in ensuring complete recording of stoppages, in particular those near the margins of the definitions; for example, short disputes lasting only a day or so. Any under-recording would particularly bear on those industries most affected by such stoppages, and would affect the total number of stoppages much more than the number of working days lost.

### MANUAL WORKERS (OPERATIVES)

Employees other than those in administrative, professional, technical and clerical occupations.

### MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

SIC 1992 Section D.

### NORMAL WEEKLY HOURS

The time which the employee is expected to work in a normal week, excluding all overtime and main meal breaks. This may be specified in national collective agreements and statutory wages orders for manual workers.

### OVERTIME

Work outside normal hours for which a premium rate is paid.

## CONVENTIONS

The following standard symbols are used:

- .. not available
- nil or negligible (less than half the final digit shown)
- P provisional
- break in series
- R revised
- r series revised from indicated entry onwards
- nes not elsewhere specified
- SIC UK Standard Industrial Classification
- EC European Community

Where figures have been rounded to the final digit, there may be an apparent slight discrepancy between the sum of the constituent items and the total as shown. Although figures may be given in unrounded form to facilitate the calculation of percentage changes, rates of change etc by users, this does not imply that the figures can be estimated to this degree of precision, and it must be recognised that they may be the subject of sampling and other errors.

### PART-TIME WORKERS

People normally working for not more than 30 hours a week except where otherwise stated.

### PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES

SIC 1992 Sections C-E.

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Adjusted for regular seasonal variations.

### SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE

Those who in their main employment work on their own account, whether or not they have any employees. Second occupations classified as self-employed are not included.

### SERVICE INDUSTRIES

SIC 1992 Sections G-Q.

### SHORT-TIME WORKING

Arrangements made by an employer for working less than regular hours. Therefore time lost through sickness, holidays, absenteeism and the direct effects of industrial disputes is not counted as short-time.

### STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC)

The classification system used to provide a consistent industrial breakdown for UK official statistics. It was revised in 1968, 1980 and 1992.

### TAX AND PRICE INDEX

Measures the increase in gross taxable income needed to compensate taxpayers for any increase in retail prices, taking account of changes to direct taxes (including employees' National Insurance contributions). Annual and quarterly figures are averages of monthly indices.

### TEMPORARILY STOPPED

People who at the date of the unemployment count are suspended by their employers on the understanding that they will shortly resume work and are claiming benefit. These people are not included in the unemployment figures.

### VACANCY

A job opportunity notified by an employer to a Jobcentre or Careers Office (including 'self employed' opportunities created by employers) which remained unfilled on the day of the count.

### WEEKLY HOURS WORKED

Actual hours worked during the reference week and hours not worked but paid for under guarantee agreements.

### WORKFORCE

Workforce in employment plus the claimant unemployed as defined above.

### WORKFORCE IN EMPLOYMENT

Employees in employment, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related government-supported training programmes.

### WORK-RELATED GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Those participants on government programmes and schemes who in the course of their participation receive training in the context of a workplace but are not employees, self-employed or HM Forces.

## REGULARLY PUBLISHED statistics

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| <b>SUMMARY TABLES</b>  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Labour Force Survey: UK  | M         | Jun 97       | 0.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Workforce: UK  | M         | Jun 97       | 0.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Labour Force Survey: GB  | M         | Jun 97       | 0.3                  |           |              |                      |
| Workforce: GB  | M         | Jun 97       | 0.4                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>BACKGROUND ECONOMIC INDICATORS</b>                                      |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
|  | M         | Jun 97       | 0.5                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE</b>  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Workforce: UK and GB   | M(Q)      | Jun 97       | 1.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Quarterly series   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Labour force estimates, projections  |           | Feb 97       | 51                   |           |              |                      |
| Employees in employment industry: GB                                       |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| All industries: by division, class or group                                | Q         | Jun 97       | 1.4                  |           |              |                      |
| : time series, by order group  | M         | Jun 97       | 1.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Manufacturing: by division, class or group                                 | M         | Jun 97       | 1.3                  |           |              |                      |
| Administrative, technical and clerical in manufacturing                    | D         | Dec 94       | 1.10                 |           |              |                      |
| Local authorities manpower   | D         | Jan 94       | 1.7                  |           |              |                      |
| Employees in employment by region and sector                               | B(Q)      | May 97       | 1.5                  |           |              |                      |
| Census of Employment   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| UK and regions by industry (Sept 1993)                                     |           | Oct 95       | 369                  |           |              |                      |
| GB and regions by industry (Sept 1993)                                     |           | Oct 95       | 369                  |           |              |                      |
| International comparisons  | Q         | May 97       | 1.9                  |           |              |                      |
| Registered disabled in the public sector                                   | A         | Aug 96       | 325                  |           |              |                      |
| Trade union membership   | A         | Jun 97       | 231                  |           |              |                      |
| Tourism-related industries in Great Britain                                | Q         | May 97       | 1.14                 |           |              |                      |
| <b>CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES</b>                                 |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Claimant unemployment  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Summary: UK  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.1                  |           |              |                      |
| : GB   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Age and duration: UK   | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.5                  |           |              |                      |
| Broad category: UK   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Detailed category: GB  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Region: summary  | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.6                  |           |              |                      |
| Age: time series UK  | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.7                  |           |              |                      |
| : estimated rates  | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.15                 |           |              |                      |
| Duration: time series UK   | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.8                  |           |              |                      |
| Region and area  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Time series summary: by region   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.3                  |           |              |                      |
| : assisted areas, travel-to work areas                                     | M         | Jun 97       | 2.4                  |           |              |                      |
| : counties, local areas  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.9                  |           |              |                      |
| : parliamentary constituencies   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.10                 |           |              |                      |
| Age and duration: summary  | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.6                  |           |              |                      |
| Flows  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| UK, time series  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.19                 |           |              |                      |
| Age time series  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.20                 |           |              |                      |
| Mean duration  | Q         | Apr 97       | 2.21                 |           |              |                      |
| Claim history: number of previous claims                                   | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.22                 |           |              |                      |
| Claim history: interval between claims                                     | Q         | Jun 97       | 2.23                 |           |              |                      |
| By sought and usual occupation   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.24                 |           |              |                      |
| Students: by region  | D         | Mar 93       | 2.13                 |           |              |                      |
| Disabled jobseekers: GB  | M         | Jun 97       | A.1                  |           |              |                      |
| International comparisons  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.18                 |           |              |                      |
| Ethnic origin  | A         | Jun 96       | 259                  |           |              |                      |
| Temporarily stopped  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Latest figures: by UK region   | D         | Nov 93       | 2.14                 |           |              |                      |
| Vacancies  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Unfilled, inflow, outflow and placings seasonally adjusted                 | M         | Jun 97       | 3.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Unfilled seasonally adjusted by region                                     | M         | Jun 97       | 3.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Unfilled unadjusted by region  | M         | Jun 97       | 3.3                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>REDUNDANCIES</b>  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| In Great Britain   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.32                 |           |              |                      |
| by region  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.33                 |           |              |                      |
| by age   | M         | Jun 97       | 2.34                 |           |              |                      |
| by industry  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.35                 |           |              |                      |
| by occupation  | M         | Jun 97       | 2.36                 |           |              |                      |
| <b>EARNINGS AND HOURS</b>  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Average earnings (index)   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Whole economy  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Main industrial sectors  | M         | Jun 97       | 5.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Industries   | M         | Jun 97       | 5.3                  |           |              |                      |
| Underlying trends  | Q         | Feb 96       | 75                   |           |              |                      |
| Levels of earnings and hours for main industrial sectors and industries    |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Manual employees   | Q(A)      | May 97       | 5.4                  |           |              |                      |
| Non manual employees   | Q(A)      | May 97       | 5.5                  |           |              |                      |
| All employees  | Q(A)      | May 97       | 5.6                  |           |              |                      |
| Quarterly estimates of levels  | Q(A)      | Nov 96       | 237                  |           |              |                      |
| International comparisons (index)  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Manufacturing  | M         | Jun 97       | 5.9                  |           |              |                      |
| Overtime and short-time: manufacturing                                     |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Latest figures: industry   | D         | Dec 96       | 1.11                 |           |              |                      |
| Regions: summary   | D         | Dec 96       | 1.13                 |           |              |                      |
| Hours of work: manufacturing   | D         | Sep 95       | 1.12                 |           |              |                      |
| <b>OUTPUT PER HEAD</b>   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Output per head: quarterly and annual indices                              | M(Q)      | Jun 97       | 1.8                  |           |              |                      |
| Wages and salaries per unit of output                                      |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Manufacturing index, time series   | M         | Jun 97       | 5.8                  |           |              |                      |
| Quarterly and annual indices   | M         | Jun 97       | 5.8                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>LABOUR COSTS</b>  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Survey results 1992 Quadrennial  |           |              |                      |           | Sep 94       | 313                  |
| Annual update  | A         | Feb 96       | 5.7                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>RETAIL PRICES</b>   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| General index (RPI)  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Latest figures: detailed indices   | M         | Jun 97       | 6.2                  |           |              |                      |
| : percentage changes   | M         | Jun 97       | 6.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Recent movements and the index excluding seasonal foods                    | M         | Jun 97       | 6.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Main components: time series and weights                                   | M         | Jun 97       | 6.4                  |           |              |                      |
| Changes on a year earlier: time series                                     | M         | Jun 97       | 6.5                  |           |              |                      |
| Food prices  | M         | Jun 97       | 6.3                  |           |              |                      |
| International comparisons  | M         | Jun 97       | 6.8                  |           |              |                      |
| All items excluding housing costs  | M         | Jun 97       | 6.9                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>LABOUR FORCE SURVEY</b>   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Economic activity: seasonally adjusted                                     | M         | Jun 97       | 7.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Economic activity: not seasonally adjusted                                 | M         | Jun 97       | 7.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Economic activity by age: not seasonally adjusted                          | M         | Jun 97       | 7.3                  |           |              |                      |
| Full-time and part-time workers  | M         | Jun 97       | 7.4                  |           |              |                      |
| Alternative measures of unemployment (seasonally adjusted)                 | M         | Jun 97       | 7.5                  |           |              |                      |
| Alternative measures of unemployment (not seasonally adjusted)             | M         | Jun 97       | 7.6                  |           |              |                      |
| Job-related training received by employees                                 | M         | Jun 97       | 7.7                  |           |              |                      |
| Average actual weekly hours of work by industry sector                     | M         | Jun 97       | 7.8                  |           |              |                      |
| Occupations (employees and self-employed)                                  | D         | Dec 95       | 7.6                  |           |              |                      |
| Industry Sectors (employees and self-employed)                             | D         | Dec 95       | 7.7                  |           |              |                      |
| Self-employed (occupations and industry sectors)                           | D         | Dec 95       | 7.8                  |           |              |                      |
| Part-time workers (occupations and industry sectors)                       | D         | Dec 95       | 7.9                  |           |              |                      |
| Age groups numbers and rates (employment)                                  | D         | Dec 95       | 7.10                 |           |              |                      |
| Average actual weekly hours of work (full-time, part-time and second jobs) | D         | Dec 95       | 7.12                 |           |              |                      |
| Temporary employees (all and part-time)                                    | D         | Dec 95       | 7.14                 |           |              |                      |
| Previous occupations (ILO unemployment rates)                              | D         | Dec 95       | 7.15                 |           |              |                      |
| Previous industry sectors (ILO unemployment rates)                         | D         | Dec 95       | 7.16                 |           |              |                      |
| Age groups numbers and rates (ILO unemployment rates)                      | D         | Dec 95       | 7.17                 |           |              |                      |
| Duration of ILO unemployment   | D         | Dec 95       | 7.18                 |           |              |                      |
| People made redundant (in 3 months prior to interview)                     | D         | Dec 95       | 7.19                 |           |              |                      |
| Economically active (numbers and rates by age group)                       | D         | Dec 95       | 7.20                 |           |              |                      |
| Economically inactive (by age group)                                       | D         | Dec 95       | 7.21                 |           |              |                      |
| Economically inactive (by reason including discouraged workers)            | D         | Dec 95       | 7.22                 |           |              |                      |
| Ethnic group (by economic activity)  | D         | Dec 95       | 7.23                 |           |              |                      |
| Labour market and educational status of young people                       | D         | Mar 96       | 7.24                 |           |              |                      |
| <b>LABOUR DISPUTES: STOPPAGES OF WORK</b>                                  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Summary: latest figures  | M         | Jun 97       | 4.1                  |           |              |                      |
| : time series  | M         | Jun 97       | 4.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Latest year and annual series  | A         | Jun 97       | 217                  |           |              |                      |
| Industry   |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Monthly: broad sector time series  | M         | Jun 97       | 4.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Annual: detailed   | A         | Jun 97       | 217                  |           |              |                      |
| : prominent stoppages  | A         | Jun 97       | 217                  |           |              |                      |
| Main causes of stoppage  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Cumulative   | M         | Jun 97       | 4.1                  |           |              |                      |
| Latest year for main industries  | A         | Jun 97       | 217                  |           |              |                      |
| Size of stoppages  | A         | Jun 97       | 217                  |           |              |                      |
| Days lost per 1,000 employees in recent years by industry                  | A         | Jun 97       | 217                  |           |              |                      |
| International comparisons  | A         | Apr 97       | 129                  |           |              |                      |
| <b>GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED TRAINING</b>                                       |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| Participants in the programmes   | M         | Jun 97       | 8.1                  |           |              |                      |
| New starts on the programmes   | M         | Jun 97       | 8.2                  |           |              |                      |
| Destinations and qualifications  |           |              |                      |           |              |                      |
| TFW/ET leavers   | M         | Jun 97       | 8.3                  |           |              |                      |



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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Census of Employment    | 01928 792690 |
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|--|---------------|
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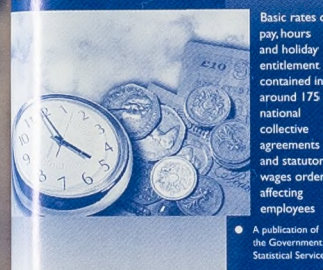
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