

Table 4 Measures of employment and unemployment in the UK

Thousands

	1979	1984	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Employees	23,092	20,942	22,710	21,744	22,099	22,661	23,030	23,456	23,901	24,139	24,331	24,418	24,498	24,863	25,062	25,122	25,412	24,836	24,815
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,688	3,531	3,543	3,482	3,450	3,349	3,311	3,241	3,266	3,320	3,537	3,650	3,592	3,680	3,763	3,810	3,796	3,896
+ Training programmes	–	318	471	280	242	218	164	158	147	145	105	91	122	112	94	113	112	104	134
+ Unpaid family workers	–	–	–	143	122	115	99	98	110	93	95	86	95	98	90	97	110	96	88
= Total in employment	24,925	23,974	26,717	25,711	25,945	26,444	26,642	27,023	27,399	27,643	27,852	28,132	28,365	28,665	28,926	29,095	29,444	28,832	28,933
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Full-time	–	–	–	19,348	19,394	19,721	19,881	20,177	20,413	20,617	20,679	20,818	20,957	21,300	21,541	21,666	21,898	21,215	21,040
Part-time	–	–	–	6,354	6,544	6,714	6,754	6,840	6,977	7,016	7,161	7,298	7,388	7,353	7,369	7,407	7,495	7,566	7,831
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,209	1,959	2,418	2,315	2,026	1,764	1,710	1,559	1,423	1,472	1,420	1,394	1,397	1,649	1,621	1,641	2,408	2,433
= Total economically active	26,453	27,183	28,676	28,129	28,261	28,470	28,405	28,733	28,958	29,066	29,324	29,552	29,759	30,062	30,575	30,715	31,084	31,240	31,366
Economically inactive	15,727	16,557	16,133	17,076	17,101	17,050	17,285	17,172	17,195	17,402	17,426	17,489	17,632	17,761	17,642	17,930	17,953	18,178	18,444
Claimant unemployed	1,070	2,860	1,574	2,307	2,153	1,618	1,351	1,275	1,104	971	951	944	859	853	951	870	815	1,540	1,490

Sources: Economic & Labour Market Review, Labour Force Survey Historical Supplement, Office for National Statistics.

Notes: Claimant unemployment figures are seasonally adjusted for the second quarter of the year. This series relates only to claimants aged 18+, and is based on the current definition of claimant unemployment. All other figures are from the Labour Force Survey for all those aged from 16 to retirement ages, and are not seasonally adjusted. For the years to 1991 they are for the April of the year; from 1992 they are for the second quarter of the year. The Labour Force Survey definitions of unemployment and inactivity apply for 1979. Thereafter the ILO definition (based on a four-week instead of a one-week job search period) applies.