

Table 4 Measures of employment and unemployment in the UK*Thousands*

	1979	1984	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Employees	23,092	21,054	22,609	22,825	22,457	21,890	21,640	21,715	21,978	22,340	22,765	23,134	23,528	23,955	24,192	24,339
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,671	3,487	3,526	3,369	3,187	3,138	3,243	3,293	3,226	3,269	3,193	3,125	3,065	3,074	3,124
+ Training programmes	–	327	506	476	439	372	350	329	279	245	217	173	155	140	146	102
+ Unpaid family workers	–	–	–	–	–	179	149	144	138	125	117	100	100	108	96	95
= Total in employment	24,925	24,078	26,608	26,833	26,280	25,629	25,277	25,431	25,689	25,936	26,367	26,601	26,907	27,267	27,508	27,659
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,241	2,091	1,990	2,424	2,794	2,951	2,748	2,466	2,338	2,036	1,772	1,754	1,633	1,428	1,524
= Total economically active	26,453	27,318	28,700	28,823	28,703	28,423	28,228	28,179	28,155	28,274	28,403	28,373	28,661	28,900	28,936	29,183
Economically inactive	15,727	16,356	16,008	15,993	16,204	16,564	16,773	16,846	16,958	16,961	16,957	17,112	16,982	16,948	17,184	17,199
Claimant unemployed	1,064	2,888	1,768	1,648	2,268	2,742	2,876	2,599	2,290	2,088	1,585	1,348	1,248	1,088	970	947

Sources: Economic Trends, Labour Force Survey Historical Supplement, Office for National Statistics.

Notes: Claimant unemployment figures are for 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 the Spring of each year and include all those aged from 16 to retirement ages, and are not seasonally adjusted.

The Labour Force 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.