

**Table 5 Regional claimant unemployment rates at 1st quarter in year**

Percentages

Region	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
North East	–	3.7	6.9	15.5	9.1	9.8	11.0	12.0	12.1	11.0	10.1	8.2	7.3	7.4	6.6	5.9	5.4	4.9	4.4
Yorkshire & The Humber	2.7	2.1	3.9	11.2	6.2	7.3	9.0	9.9	9.5	8.3	7.8	6.5	5.5	5.3	4.7	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.2
North West	–	3.0	5.0	12.6	7.0	7.8	9.6	10.2	9.8	8.4	7.8	6.5	5.2	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.1
West Midlands	1.8	2.0	3.9	12.1	5.4	6.7	9.4	10.6	10.0	8.0	7.3	5.8	4.6	4.6	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.5
East Midlands	2.1	1.9	3.2	9.3	4.6	5.9	8.1	9.2	8.6	7.3	6.9	5.3	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.7
East	–	1.6	2.4	7.5	2.9	4.8	7.4	9.1	8.2	6.4	6.7	5.0	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
London	–	1.4	2.5	8.1	4.4	6.3	9.2	11.0	10.5	9.1	8.9	7.1	5.3	4.7	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.6
South East	–	1.4	2.1	6.7	2.4	4.2	6.8	8.4	7.4	5.9	5.1	3.7	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
South West	2.7	2.4	3.4	8.5	3.6	5.4	8.1	9.3	8.2	6.7	6.3	4.9	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7
England	–	2.1	3.5	9.7	4.8	6.2	8.6	9.9	9.2	7.7	7.3	5.7	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8
Wales	3.9	3.0	5.1	12.9	6.3	7.6	9.2	9.9	9.4	8.2	8.0	6.8	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.2
Scotland	3.8	2.9	5.7	12.0	8.0	7.8	8.6	9.3	9.1	7.8	7.4	6.6	5.5	5.2	4.8	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6
Great Britain	2.4	2.2	3.8	10.1	5.1	6.4	8.6	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.3	5.9	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9
Northern Ireland	6.5	4.6	8.0	15.3	12.9	12.6	13.5	13.9	13.0	11.6	11.1	8.8	7.6	7.0	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.1
United Kingdom	2.5	2.2	3.9	10.2	5.3	6.6	8.7	9.9	9.3	7.9	7.4	5.9	4.7	4.3	3.8	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.9

Source: Economic Trends.

Notes: Figures are seasonally adjusted. Figures from 1997 are affected by the introduction of the jobseeker's allowance. Figures for government office regions are unavailable for the years prior to 1975, except where they coincide with standard regions.