

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	2003	2004
Employees	23,092	21,054	22,609	22,825	22,457	21,583	21,329	21,439	21,699	22,090	22,560	22,968	23,392	23,822	24,060	24,213	24,332	24,468
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,671	3,487	3,526	3,369	3,447	3,410	3,495	3,561	3,472	3,471	3,373	3,295	3,241	3,263	3,321	3,512	3,613
+ Training programmes	-	327	506	476	439	381	359	337	285	252	220	176	159	145	155	111	97	131
+ Unpaid family workers	-	-	-	-	-	180	150	145	139	127	118	102	100	109	96	94	83	99
= Total in employment	24,925	24,078	26,608	26,833	26,280	25,591	25,248	25,417	25,685	25,937	26,369	26,619	26,945	27,317	27,574	27,739	28,025	28,311
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,241	2,091	1,990	2,424	2,735	2,894	2,692	2,414	2,290	2,091	1,732	1,706	1,583	1,375	1,483	1,425	1,379
= Total economically active	26,453	27,318	28,700	28,823	28,703	28,326	28,141	28,109	28,098	28,227	28,362	28,351	28,652	28,900	28,948	29,222	29,450	29,690
Economically inactive	15,727	16,356	16,008	15,993	16,204	16,678	16,889	16,980	17,101	17,118	17,132	17,292	17,173	17,154	17,402	17,406	17,453	17,604
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	933	854

Sources: Economic Trends, 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 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. All figures, other than claimant unemployed, have been substantially revised for the years from 1992.