

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	2005	2006
Employees	23,092	20,942	22,504	22,710	22,330	21,576	21,314	21,420	21,741	22,097	22,655	23,030	23,446	23,890	24,129	24,321	24,412	24,471	24,803	24,974
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,688	3,494	3,531	3,374	3,445	3,406	3,491	3,546	3,486	3,456	3,355	3,316	3,247	3,268	3,326	3,545	3,661	3,612	3,699
+ Training programmes	-	318	496	471	436	381	359	337	280	241	217	164	157	147	145	105	91	122	112	93
+ Unpaid family workers	-	-	-	-	-	180	150	145	143	122	115	99	98	110	93	95	86	96	98	90
= Total in employment	24,925	23,974	26,502	26,717	26,154	25,582	25,228	25,392	25,710	25,945	26,443	26,648	27,017	27,394	27,636	27,847	28,134	28,349	28,625	28,856
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,209	2,059	1,959	2,391	2,734	2,892	2,690	2,415	2,313	2,024	1,761	1,709	1,556	1,420	1,468	1,416	1,389	1,393	1,646
= Total economically active	26,453	27,183	28,561	28,676	28,545	28,316	28,120	28,082	28,125	28,258	28,467	28,409	28,726	28,950	29,056	29,315	29,550	29,738	30,018	30,502
Economically inactive	15,727	16,557	16,146	16,133	16,350	16,681	16,906	16,989	17,076	17,097	17,042	17,266	17,154	17,178	17,384	17,411	17,470	17,614	17,736	17,628
Claimant unemployed	1,070	2,860	1,790	1,574	2,208	2,691	2,912	2,651	2,307	2,153	1,618	1,351	1,275	1,104	971	951	944	859	852	951

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.