

Table 4 Measures of employment and unemployment in the UK

Thousands

	1979	1984	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Employees	23,092	20,942	22,710	21,744	23,901	24,139	24,330	24,414	24,494	24,856	25,060	25,124	25,416	24,817	24,801	25,010
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,688	3,531	3,543	3,241	3,266	3,320	3,536	3,649	3,592	3,679	3,762	3,810	3,790	3,895	3,950
+ Training programmes	–	318	471	280	147	145	105	91	122	113	94	113	112	106	134	98
+ Unpaid family workers	–	–	–	143	110	93	95	86	95	98	90	97	110	96	88	91
= Total in employment	24,925	23,974	26,717	25,711	27,399	27,643	27,850	28,127	28,361	28,658	28,923	29,096	29,448	28,809	28,918	29,159
of which																
Full-time	–	–	–	19,177	20,306	20,518	20,609	29,752	20,877	21,213	21,478	21,609	21,849	21,149	20,986	21,181
Part-time	–	–	–	6,109	6,827	6,878	7,031	7,184	7,255	7,227	7,249	7,262	7,362	7,440	7,693	7,773
Workers with second jobs	–	–	–	1,299	1,187	1,202	1,148	1,122	1,085	1,093	1,066	1,130	1,155	1,150	1,161	1,157
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,209	1,959	2,445	1,599	1,468	1,519	1,467	1,439	1,439	1,686	1,655	1,674	2,435	2,462	2,494
= Total economically active	26,453	27,183	28,676	28,215	29,067	29,174	29,430	29,654	29,864	30,165	30,684	30,833	31,209	31,336	31,476	31,759
Economically inactive	15,727	16,557	16,133	16,990	17,085	17,293	17,326	17,392	17,534	17,668	17,543	17,809	17,832	18,060	18,309	18,398
Claimant unemployed	1,070	2,860	1,574	2,307	1,104	971	951	944	859	853	951	870	819	1,544	1,497	1,485

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