

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

Percentages

Region	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
North East	–	3.7	6.9	15.4	9.1	11.0	10.3	8.4	7.3	7.2	6.6	5.8	5.2	4.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.8	6.1	6.8	6.5	7.5
Yorkshire & The Humber	2.7	2.2	3.9	11.2	6.2	8.3	7.7	6.5	5.5	5.3	4.6	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.2	2.8	4.9	5.9	5.5	6.3
North West	–	3.0	4.9	12.6	7.0	8.4	7.5	6.3	5.1	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.0	4.8	5.5	5.1	5.8
West Midlands	1.8	2.0	3.9	12.1	5.4	8.0	7.1	5.7	4.6	4.6	4.1	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.1	3.7	3.9	3.3	5.6	6.4	5.7	6.2
East Midlands	2.1	1.9	3.2	9.3	4.6	7.3	6.8	5.2	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.3	4.3	4.9	4.3	4.9
East	–	1.6	2.5	7.5	2.9	6.4	6.1	4.6	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	1.8	3.5	4.0	3.6	4.0
London	–	1.4	2.5	8.2	4.4	9.1	8.7	7.0	5.2	4.6	4.0	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.6	3.7	4.5	4.3	4.6
South East	–	1.4	2.1	6.7	2.4	5.8	5.2	3.8	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.4	2.9	3.4	2.9	3.2
South West	2.7	2.4	3.5	8.5	3.6	6.7	6.2	4.8	3.4	3.2	2.7	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.3	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.3
England	–	2.1	3.5	9.7	4.8	7.7	7.1	5.6	4.4	4.1	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.3	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.8
Wales	3.9	3.0	5.1	13.0	6.3	8.2	7.9	6.7	5.5	5.3	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.6	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.5
Scotland	3.8	2.9	5.7	12.0	8.0	7.8	7.2	6.5	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.4	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.2
Great Britain	2.4	2.2	3.8	10.1	5.1	7.8	7.2	5.8	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.4	4.1	4.8	4.4	4.9
Northern Ireland	6.5	4.6	8.0	15.3	13.0	11.6	10.8	8.7	7.5	6.9	5.5	5.0	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.3	3.2	2.9	2.6	4.7	6.1	6.4	6.7
United Kingdom	2.5	2.2	3.9	10.2	5.3	7.9	7.3	5.8	4.6	4.3	3.8	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.4	4.1	4.8	4.5	4.9

Source: Office for National Statistics, claimant count and vacancies dataset.

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.