

Table 4 Measures of employment and unemployment in the UK

Thousands

	1979	1984	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Employees	23,092	20,942	22,710	21,787	24,581	24,974	25,195	25,345	25,574	25,092	25,017	25,117	25,213	25,514	25,962	26,517	26,760
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,688	3,531	3,559	3,253	3,617	3,749	3,823	3,845	3,870	3,989	4,058	4,224	4,262	4,558	4,573	4,790
+ Training programmes	-	318	471	283	147	112	98	109	108	107	128	100	150	158	120	104	83
+ Unpaid family workers	-	-	-	142	112	99	96	101	101	88	94	102	109	110	116	103	117
= Total in employment	24,925	23,974	26,717	25,771	28,093	28,802	29,138	29,378	29,628	29,157	29,228	29,377	29,696	30,044	30,756	31,297	31,750
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Full-time	-	-	-	19,445	20,523	21,469	21,740	21,930	22,084	21,496	21,300	21,421	21,548	21,897	22,472	22,898	23,217
Part-time	-	-	-	6,325	6,945	7,333	7,398	7,448	7,545	7,660	7,928	7,956	8,149	8,147	8,284	8,399	8,533
Workers with second jobs	-	-	-	1,280	1,165	1,078	1,056	1,102	1,125	1,140	1,111	1,143	1,133	1,144	1,200	1,182	1,128
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,209	1,959	2,445	1,588	1,427	1,657	1,642	1,771	2,381	2,476	2,570	2,550	2,450	2,004	1,760	1,622
= Total economically active	26,453	27,183	28,676	28,215	28,601	29,652	30,795	31,020	31,399	31,538	31,704	31,947	32,246	32,494	32,760	33,057	33,372
Economically inactive	8,327	8,657	7,877	8,717	8,670	9,068	8,987	9,157	9,138	9,271	9,446	9,454	9,208	9,090	9,025	8,990	8,844
Claimant unemployed	1,070	2,860	1,574	2,307	1,104	853	945	865	906	1,528	1,496	1,534	1,586	1,422	1,037	799	768

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 16 and over; except the economically inactive which are those aged 16 to 64. For the years to 1990 they are for the April of the year; from 1995 they are for the second quarter of the year and are seasonally adjusted. The LFS 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.