

**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   | 2017   |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 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 | 26,952 |
| + 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  | 4,804  |
| + Training programmes       | -      | 318    | 471    | 283    | 147    | 112    | 98     | 109    | 108    | 107    | 128    | 100    | 150    | 158    | 120    | 104    | 83     | 86     |
| + Unpaid family workers     | -      | -      | -      | 142    | 112    | 99     | 96     | 101    | 101    | 88     | 94     | 102    | 109    | 110    | 116    | 103    | 117    | 112    |
| = 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 | 31,954 |
| of which                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 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 | 23,500 |
| 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  | 8,454  |
| 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  | 1,102  |
| + 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  | 1,517  |
| = 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 | 32,264 |
| 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  | 8,850  |
| 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    | 773    | 801    |

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.