

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	2018
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	25,515	25,962	26,505	26,760	27,068	27,461
+ Self-employed	1,833	2,688	3,531	3,559	3,253	3,617	3,749	3,822	3,846	3,870	3,990	4,057	4,225	4,262	4,557	4,573	4,766	4,794	4,755
+ Training programmes	–	318	471	283	147	112	98	109	108	107	128	100	150	158	120	104	82	78	51
+ Unpaid family workers	–	–	–	142	112	99	96	101	101	88	94	102	109	110	116	102	118	116	112
= Total in employment	24,925	23,974	26,717	25,771	28,093	28,802	29,138	29,378	29,628	29,156	29,228	29,376	29,697	30,045	30,755	31,284	31,726	32,056	32,380
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Full-time	–	–	–	19,445	20,523	21,469	21,740	21,930	22,084	21,496	21,300	21,421	21,549	21,897	22,470	22,886	23,202	23,550	23,844
Part-time	–	–	–	6,325	6,945	7,333	7,398	7,448	7,545	7,660	7,928	7,956	8,148	8,147	8,285	8,398	8,525	8,506	8,536
Workers with second jobs	–	–	–	1,280	1,165	1,078	1,056	1,102	1,125	1,140	1,111	1,143	1,133	1,143	1,199	1,181	1,130	1,124	1,124
+ ILO unemployed	1,528	3,209	1,959	2,445	1,588	1,427	1,671	1,655	1,786	2,403	2,497	2,593	2,572	2,474	2,026	1,780	1,633	1,480	1,389
= Total economically active	26,453	27,183	28,676	28,215	28,601	29,652	30,809	31,033	31,415	31,559	31,726	31,969	32,269	32,518	32,781	33,064	33,360	33,536	33,768
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	9,207	9,090	9,025	8,994	8,884	8,812	8,710
Claimant unemployed	1,070	2,860	1,574	2,307	1,104	853	945	865	906	1,528	1,496	1,534	1,586	1,421	1,036	798	774	799	891

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

Notes: 1. Claimant unemployment figures are for claimants aged 18+, are seasonally adjusted for the second quarter of the year and are based on the current definition of claimant unemployment. ONS caution that figures from 2015 may not be representative due to the impact of universal credit. 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.

2. 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.