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Headline

Unemployment in the Hampshire Economic area continues to rise, with the number of unemployed benefit claimants increasing on the previous month. The rate is 3.0%, in line with the South East rate of 3.0%, and over a full point below the National rate of 4.2%.

Commentary

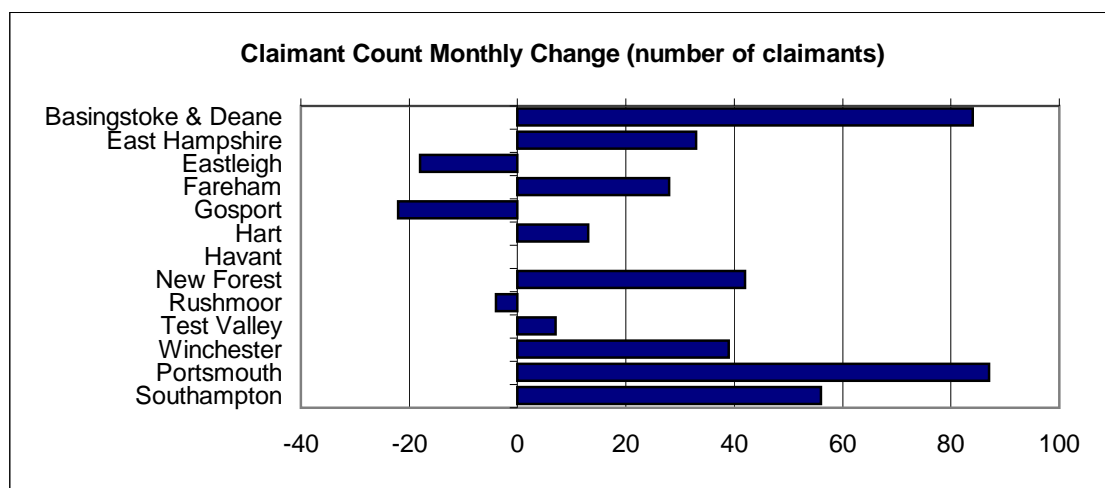
Unemployed claimants in the Hampshire Economic Area continues to rise in 2009, with the unemployed claimant count rising by 345 on June to stand at 31,401 in July. The rate is now 3.0%, in line with the South East (3.0%), and 1.2 points below the UK rate of 4.2%. Three local authorities saw a decrease in unemployed benefit claimants this month, with the largest decreases in Gosport (-22) and Eastleigh (-18). Ten local authorities saw numbers of unemployed claimants rise, with Portsmouth (+87) and Basingstoke and Deane (+84) recording the largest increases. The Main Out-of-Work benefit rates stood at 11.0% in the first Quarter of 2009, a 1.2 point increase on the previous Quarter (Nov 08), and 3.3 points up on same period last year. This means there are around 117,000 MOWB claimants in February 2009 compared 81,000 in February 2008, an increase of 44% and mostly down to JSA. The Employment Support Allowance is included with Incapacity Benefits for new IB claimants from Oct 2008. National ILO unemployment numbers (the Government's preferred measure) rose 216,000 on the quarter to 2.4 million. The rate increased on the quarter by 0.7 points to 7.8%, and up 2.4 points on the year. Estimated total vacancies in Hampshire in July 2009 stand at around 18,700, up on last month's estimate. This means there are around 1.6 claimants to every vacancy.

Source: Office for National Statistics

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JSA claimants <i>% working-age population</i>	July 2009	
	Count	Rate
Hampshire (HCC)	19,431	2.5%
Basingstoke & Deane	2,782	2.7%
East Hampshire	1,425	2.2%
Eastleigh	1,918	2.6%
Fareham	1,400	2.2%
Gosport	1,482	3.1%
Hart	1,020	1.8%
Havant	2,658	3.9%
New Forest	2,287	2.4%
Rushmoor	1,904	3.3%
Test Valley	1,357	2.0%
Winchester	1,198	1.8%
Portsmouth	5,319	4.0%
Southampton	6,651	4.2%
Hampshire Economic Area	31,401	3.0%

Unemployment and benefit claimants in the Hampshire Economic Area		
	Total	Rate
Labour Force Survey <i>% economically-active population</i>	Jan 08 to Dec 08	
Unemployed (ILO)	40,000	4.4%
DWP Main out-of-work (MOWB) claimants <i>% working-age population</i>		Feb 2009
Job Seekers Allowance	28,500	2.7%
ESA/IB	48,410	4.6%
Lone Parent on IS	16,540	1.6%
Others on related IS	3,710	0.3%
Total MOWB Claimants	117,190	11.0%



Source: Office for National Statistics

JSA Claimants as % of working-age population (non-seasonally adjusted)
July 2009

	Males	Rate	Females	Rate	Total	Rate	1 Month	1 Year
Hampshire (HCC)	13,830	3.4%	5,601	1.5%	19,431	2.5%	202	10,393
Basingstoke & Deane	1,891	3.5%	891	1.8%	2,782	2.7%	84	1,537
East Hampshire	1,015	2.9%	410	1.3%	1,425	2.2%	33	785
Eastleigh	1,376	3.5%	542	1.5%	1,918	2.6%	-18	931
Fareham	969	2.8%	431	1.4%	1,400	2.2%	28	717
Gosport	1,066	4.2%	416	1.8%	1,482	3.1%	-22	712
Hart	721	2.4%	299	1.1%	1,020	1.8%	13	631
Havant	1,990	5.7%	668	2.0%	2,658	3.9%	0	1,354
New Forest	1,649	3.3%	638	1.4%	2,287	2.4%	42	1,366
Rushmoor	1,336	4.4%	568	2.1%	1,904	3.3%	-4	1,074
Test Valley	961	2.7%	396	1.2%	1,357	2.0%	7	681
Winchester	856	2.4%	342	1.1%	1,198	1.8%	39	605
Portsmouth	3,930	5.7%	1,389	2.2%	5,319	4.0%	87	2,490
Southampton	5,022	5.9%	1,629	2.2%	6,651	4.2%	56	3,066
Hampshire Economic	22,782	4.1%	8,619	1.7%	31,401	3.0%	345	15,949
South East	110,166	4.1%	43,390	1.8%	153,556	3.0%	1,432	80,797
Great Britain	1,111,757	5.8%	409,952	2.3%	1,521,709	4.1%	17,592	677,821
United Kingdom	1,151,487	5.8%	421,652	2.3%	1,573,139	4.2%	19,883	701,851

Latest regional and national unemployment
July 2009
Claimants of Job Seekers Allowance as % of total workforce (seasonally adjusted)

This measure is the JSA claimant rate commonly quoted by the national media.

							1 Month	1 Year
South East	111,800	4.2%	43,200	1.8%	155,000	3.0%	2,800	82,100
Great Britain	1,126,400	5.9%	405,300	2.3%	1,531,700	4.2%	23,400	685,100
United Kingdom	1,166,500	5.9%	416,200	2.3%	1,582,700	4.2%	24,900	709,000

Apr 2009 to June 2009
LFS Unemployment as % of economically-active population (seasonally adjusted)

This data uses the ILO definition of unemployment; the government's preferred measure.

							1 Quarter*	1 Year
South East	160,000	6.7%	103,000	5.1%	263,000	5.9%	26,000	78,000
Great Britain	1,457,000	8.8%	925,000	6.6%	2,382,000	7.8%	216,000	732,000
United Kingdom	1,492,000	8.8%	942,000	6.6%	2,435,000	7.8%	22,000	750,000

* Unemployment data is published for 3-month rolling averages with changes compared to the previous non-overlapping 3-month time period

Department for Work and Pensions Main out-of-work benefits
Feb 2009

To align the Bulletin to newer reporting methods, estimates of 'worklessness' are now provided by

Main out-of-work benefits data (MOWB). The groups covered now includes those receiving Job Seekers

Allowance or ESA*/Incapacity Benefits, lone parents on Income Support (IS), and other income related benefits.

Incapacity Benefit group part of ESA includes disability claimants (SDA/DLA) inflating the total claimant count against previous 'worklessness' data. The MOWB groups do not include those on Carer Allowance only.

	Total MOWB		JSA		ESA and IB		Lone Parent		Others on IS	
Hampshire CC	75,030	9.7	17,850	2.3	31,040	4.0	9,550	1.2	2,200	0.3
Basingstoke & Deane	9,370	9.2	2,420	2.4	3,760	3.7	1,290	1.3	230	0.2
East Hampshire	5,510	8.4	1,330	2.0	2,340	3.5	600	0.9	160	0.2
Eastleigh	7,020	9.4	1,810	2.4	2,810	3.7	810	1.1	190	0.3
Fareham	5,570	8.6	1,330	2.0	2,260	3.5	590	0.9	190	0.3
Gosport	6,430	13.2	1,450	3.0	2,650	5.5	1,000	2.1	220	0.5
Hart	3,330	5.9	870	1.6	1,230	2.2	360	0.6	60	0.1
Havant	10,660	15.7	2,600	3.8	4,400	6.5	1,530	2.3	350	0.5
New Forest	10,020	10.3	2,030	2.1	4,470	4.6	1,210	1.3	290	0.3
Rushmoor	6,060	10.5	1,670	2.9	2,390	4.1	840	1.5	160	0.3
Test Valley	5,930	8.5	1,260	1.8	2,430	3.5	750	1.1	190	0.3
Winchester	5,120	7.6	1,060	1.6	2,290	3.4	550	0.8	160	0.2
Portsmouth	19,250	14.5	4,760	3.6	7,920	6.0	3,310	2.5	790	0.6
Southampton	22,920	14.5	5,890	3.7	9,450	6.0	3,690	2.3	720	0.5
Hampshire Economic	117,190	11.0	28,500	2.7	48,410	4.6	16,540	1.6	3,710	0.3
Great Britain	5,784,320	15.7	1,421,390	3.9	2,592,110	7.0	735,990	2.0	181,840	0.5

*ESA = Employment Support Allowance

Labour Market Indicators (totals represent '000s) (non-seas adjusted)
Jan 08 to Dec 08

	Labour Supply						Lab.Demand		
	Employed		Unemployed			Econ Inactive		Jobs (2007)	
	Total	%	Total	% a	% b	Total	%	Total	Density
Hampshire (HCC)	646	80.6	26	3.9	3.0	124	16.4	658	0.86
Basingstoke & Deane	87	81.7	4	3.8	4.1	15	14.2	91	0.89
East Hampshire	53	79.3	2	3.5	2.1	12	18.6	55	0.83
Eastleigh	64	81.7	3	3.6	2.9	12	15.4	66	0.88
Fareham	53	77.5	2	3.9	4.7	11	17.8	57	0.87
Gosport	40	82.5	2	4.8	3.9	6	13.6	26	0.54
Hart	52	88.0	1	2.8	1.5	6	10.5	48	0.85
Havant	53	73.0	3	5.9	3.7	16	23.3	44	0.65
New Forest	81	77.2	3	3.5	2.9	19	19.9	80	0.82
Rushmoor	46	81.3	2	4.6	3.6	8	15.1	52	0.89
Test Valley	63	85.1	2	3.2	1.2	10	13.7	61	0.87
Winchester	55	82.4	2	3.1	2.1	10	15.5	79	1.18
Portsmouth	100	73.9	7	5.9	5.2	27	20.9	119	0.90
Southampton	121	74.7	7	5.9	3.7	34	21.6	130	0.82
Hampshire Economic	867	78.9	40	4.4	3.4	185	17.7	907	0.88
South East	4,186	78.5	194	4.4	3.8	897	17.7	4,400	0.86
United Kingdom	29,270	74.0	1,766	5.7	4.6	8,068	21.4	31,517	0.83

Source: Annual Population Survey (Table 12, ONS First Release: Labour Market Statistics: South East)

Employed (total 16+, as a percentage of the working age popn) and **Economically Inactive** (total working age, as a percentage of the working age popn), 2007 mid year population estimates released in 2008.

Unemployed - Unemployment rate 'a' refers to the percentage of the 16+ economically active population. This is the government's preferred unemployment measure, consistent with international definitions. It counts people actively looking for work whether claiming benefit or not. Unemployment rate 'b' is derived from the remaining percentage of the working-age population not accounted for by those classified as being employed or those classified as economically inactive. Hampshire CC and Hampshire Economic rates are calculated from latest APS 16+ denominators. Districts, region and national rates are taken from ONS First Release.

Economically Inactive - those retiring early, along with students, those looking after home or family, and those sick or disabled form the main components of economic inactivity.

Jobs Density 2006 - Expressed as a ratio of total jobs to total working-age population

Vacancies: Claimants to Vacancies Ratio
July 2009

	Total Claimants	Official Reported Vacancies		Estimated Total Vacancies	
		Number	Ratio	Number	Ratio
Hampshire	31,401	7,313	4.29	18,751	1.67
South East	153,556	31,745	4.84	81,397	1.89
Great Britain	1,521,709	266,020	5.72	682,103	2.23

Job Centre Plus: Notified Vacancies by Districts and Unitary Authorities
July 2009

	Total	Change			Total	Change	
		1 month	1 year			1 month	1 year
Basingstoke	656	101	-61	Rushmoor	500	60	-155
East Hampshire	315	85	-59	Test Valley	538	88	-86
Eastleigh	394	11	-217	Winchester	543	152	-138
Fareham	359	62	-198	Portsmouth	1,404	189	40
Gosport	161	17	-42	Southampton	1,287	191	-46
Hart	275	3	-15	Hampshire Economic	7,313	1,100	-1,248
Havant	296	-22	-83	South East	31,745	1,876	-4,874
New Forest	585	163	-188	Great Britain	266,020	12,657	-50,549

Notes and Definitions

Hampshire (HCC) refers to the County Council area only. **Hampshire Economic Area** refers to the Hampshire Economic Partnership area, which includes the Hampshire County Council area plus the Portsmouth and Southampton Unitary Authority areas.

The **Claimant Count** is a count of all people in receipt of unemployment related benefits, principally Job Seekers Allowance. The data is taken by National Statistics from the Department for Work and Pensions database. It does not count everyone that is looking for work, only those receiving benefits. Because it is administrative data rather than a survey it is available on a monthly basis for smaller areas. At the national and regional level, data is seasonally adjusted. For county and district areas, data is unadjusted. This explains the difference in the monthly and annual changes in the claimant count for the SE, GB and UK as reported in the table at the top of the second page compared to the changes for the SE, GB and UK reported in the second table on the same page.

* LFS data for Hampshire and other counties is only produced annually. The date of publication of this data is reported above the table at the top of the third page.

Unemployment data is collected by National Statistics from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). It uses the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment, that is, everyone who is available for work and who has actively been seeking work in the past 4 weeks.

The **unemployment rates** quoted for the Hampshire Economic Area on the front page and second page are calculated using the total number of unemployed people of working age, divided by the total number of economically active people of working age. This is the government's preferred measure of unemployment and is the rate quoted in the national media. The number of unemployed people of working age is also quoted on the third page of this bulletin for all district and UAs in Hampshire. This time the rate is expressed as a percentage of the total working-age population, making it consistent with the rest of the table. The rates in columns one, three, and four of the table should add to 100% for each area.

In recent years both the government and the media have begun to focus an equal level of attention on those claiming benefits other than Job Seekers Allowance, as on those claiming only Job Seekers Allowance (the 'traditional' measure for unemployment). There has been a particular focus on what has been termed areas of '**worklessness**'. Worklessness has been defined by the Social Exclusion Unit as: '*people who are unemployed or economically inactive, and who are in receipt of working age benefits*'. Identifying areas with high concentrations of 'worklessness' is seen as crucial in tackling areas with long-standing deprivation issues. The totals in the table at the bottom of the second page are considered to be one measure of 'worklessness' for the authorities of Hampshire.

Estimated total **vacancies** have been calculated using the estimate calculated in research by IFF Research Ltd, commissioned by Job Centre Plus. The survey, of a representative random sample of 4542 GB employers carried out between Nov '05 and Jan '06, found that of the 3.8 million vacancies advertised externally over the last 12 months, 39% were advertised with Job Centre Plus.

The **vacancy data** shown here are those notified to Employer Direct, a new central system which has replaced notification to individual Job Centres. The system uses the postcode of the employer to allocate the vacancy to a Job Centre area. This allows vacancies to be recorded using Local Authority district boundaries, as opposed to the broad Job Centre Plus areas.

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