

# **Hampshire Labour Market Bulletin: May 2009**

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**Headline**

**Unemployment in the Hampshire Economic area continues to rise in 2009, but by smaller numbers than recorded so far in 2009. The rate is static at 2.9%, 0.1 points below the South East rate of 3.0%, and over a full point below the National rate of 4.1%.**

**Commentary**

Unemployed claimants in the Hampshire Economic Area continues to rise in 2009, but by smaller numbers than recorded so far this year. The unemployed claimant rate rose by 216 on April to stand at 30,857 in May. The rate remained at 2.9%, 0.1 percentage points below the South East (3.0%) and over a full percentage point below the UK rate of 4.1%. A small number of local authorities saw a decrease in unemployed benefit claimants this month, notably Havant (-119) and Fareham (-28). However, ten out of thirteen local authorities saw numbers of unemployed claimants continue to rise with Southampton (+106) recording the largest rise this month.

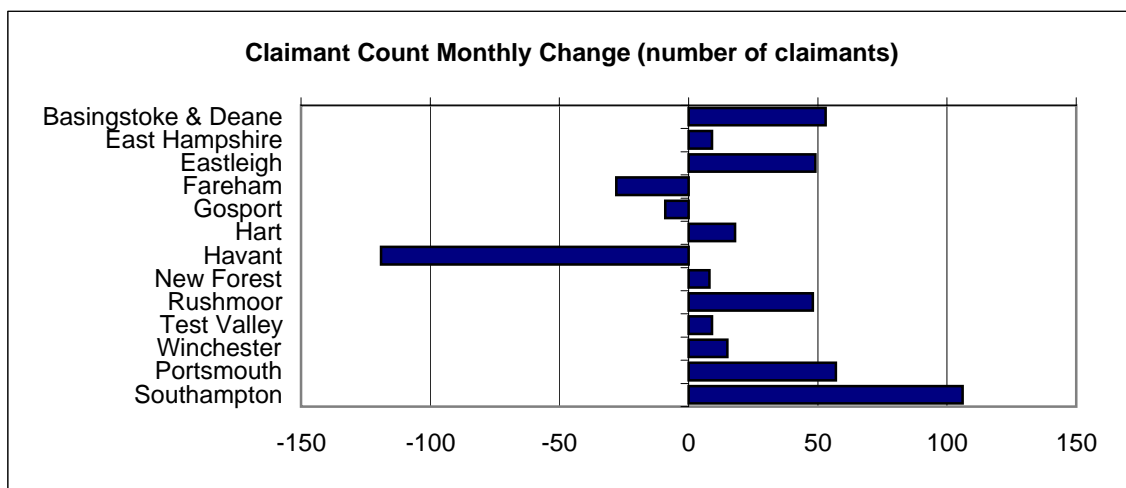
National ILO unemployment numbers (the Government's preferred measure) rose 232,000 on the quarter to 2.3 million, the highest level since November 1996. The rate increased on the quarter by 0.7 points to 7.2%, and up 1.9 points on the year. Nationally, the number of redundancies continues to rise, whilst vacancies are down. Estimated total vacancies in Hampshire in May 2009 stand at around 19,700, up on last month's estimate. This means there are around 1.6 claimants per vacancy. Around half of vacancies in May were in Financial and business services.

Source: Office for National Statistics

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<b>JSA claimants</b> <i>% working-age population</i>	<b>May 2009</b>	
	Count	Rate
<b>Hampshire (HCC)</b>	<b>19,145</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Basingstoke & Deane	2,653	2.6%
East Hampshire	1,386	2.1%
Eastleigh	1,925	2.6%
Fareham	1,339	2.1%
Gosport	1,530	3.2%
Hart	983	1.8%
Havant	2,690	4.0%
New Forest	2,215	2.3%
Rushmoor	1,881	3.3%
Test Valley	1,370	2.0%
Winchester	1,173	1.8%
Portsmouth	5,285	4.0%
Southampton	6,427	4.1%
<b>Hampshire Economic Area</b>	<b>30,857</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

<b>Unemployment and benefit claimants in the Hampshire Economic Area</b>		
	Total	Rate
<b>Labour Force Survey</b> <i>% economically-active population</i>	<b>Oct 07 to Nov 08</b>	
<b>Unemployed (ILO)</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>DWP Main out-of-work (MOWB) claimants</b> <i>% working-age population</i>		<b>Aug 2008</b>
Job Seekers Allowance	15,750	1.5%
Incapacity Benefit	47,910	4.5%
Lone Parent on IS	16,480	1.6%
Others on related IS	3,480	0.3%
<b>Total MOWB Claimants</b>	<b>83,620</b>	<b>7.9%</b>



Source: Office for National Statistics

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

	Males	Rate	Females	Rate	Total	Rate	1 Month	1 Year
<b>Hampshire (HCC)</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>5,407</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>19,145</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11,029</b>
Basingstoke & Deane	1,849	3.5%	804	1.7%	2,653	2.6%	53	1,574
East Hampshire	969	2.8%	417	1.3%	1,386	2.1%	9	820
Eastleigh	1,399	3.6%	526	1.5%	1,925	2.6%	49	1,054
Fareham	940	2.7%	399	1.3%	1,339	2.1%	-28	765
Gosport	1,079	4.3%	451	1.9%	1,530	3.2%	-9	819
Hart	684	2.3%	299	1.1%	983	1.8%	18	673
Havant	1,994	5.7%	696	2.1%	2,690	4.0%	-119	1,369
New Forest	1,651	3.3%	564	1.2%	2,215	2.3%	8	1,382
Rushmoor	1,319	4.3%	562	2.1%	1,881	3.3%	48	1,140
Test Valley	983	2.7%	387	1.2%	1,370	2.0%	9	809
Winchester	871	2.5%	302	0.9%	1,173	1.8%	15	624
Portsmouth	3,945	5.7%	1,340	2.1%	5,285	4.0%	57	2,587
Southampton	4,910	5.8%	1,517	2.1%	6,427	4.1%	106	3,057
<b>Hampshire Economic</b>	<b>22,593</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>8,264</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>30,857</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>16,673</b>
South East	112,154	4.2%	42,714	1.8%	154,868	3.0%	1,260	86,116
Great Britain	1,122,400	5.8%	394,521	2.2%	1,516,921	4.1%	6,162	709,730
United Kingdom	1,160,589	5.9%	404,389	2.2%	1,564,978	4.1%	7,362	733,127

**Latest regional and national unemployment**
**May 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	110,200	4.1%	42,200	1.7%	152,400	3.0%	8,200	78,906
Great Britain	1,106,600	5.8%	390,200	2.2%	1,496,800	4.1%	71,800	651,862
United Kingdom	1,144,500	5.8%	400,300	2.2%	1,544,800	4.1%	73,700	672,137

**Feb 2009 to Apr 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	139,000	5.8%	106,000	5.2%	244,000	5.5%	32,000	74,000
Great Britain	1,341,000	8.1%	870,000	6.2%	2,211,000	7.2%	229,000	590,000
United Kingdom	1,376,000	8.1%	885,000	6.2%	2,261,000	7.2%	232,000	486,000

\* 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**
**Aug 2008**

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 Incapacity Benefits, lone parents on Income Support (IS), and other income related benefits.

The Incapacity Benefit group 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		Incapacity Benefit		Lone Parent on IS		Others on IS	
<b>Hampshire (HCC)</b>	<b>51,520</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>9,250</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>30,760</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>9,490</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Basingstoke & Deane	6,450	6.3	1,240	1.2	3,760	3.7	1,260	1.2	190	0.2
East Hampshire	3,730	5.7	660	1.0	2,300	3.5	630	1.0	140	0.2
Eastleigh	4,850	6.5	1,040	1.4	2,810	3.8	810	1.1	190	0.2
Fareham	3,630	5.6	690	1.1	2,220	3.4	570	0.9	150	0.2
Gosport	4,680	9.6	800	1.6	2,650	5.5	1,030	2.1	200	0.4
Hart	2,010	3.6	400	0.7	1,210	2.2	350	0.6	50	0.1
Havant	7,470	11.0	1,370	2.0	4,240	6.3	1,530	2.3	330	0.5
New Forest	6,880	7.1	950	1.0	4,460	4.6	1,200	1.2	270	0.3
Rushmoor	4,200	7.3	840	1.5	2,380	4.1	830	1.4	150	0.3
Test Valley	4,040	5.8	670	1.0	2,430	3.5	740	1.1	200	0.3
Winchester	3,580	5.3	600	0.9	2,290	3.4	540	0.8	150	0.2
Portsmouth	14,630	11.0	2,920	2.2	7,670	5.8	3,270	2.5	770	0.6
Southampton	17,470	11.1	3,570	2.3	9,480	6.0	3,720	2.4	700	0.4
<b>Hampshire Economic</b>	<b>83,620</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>47,910</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>16,480</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Great Britain	4,368,560	11.9	868,620	2.4	2,579,110	7.0	744,620	2.0	176,210	0.5

Due to the introduction of the Employment and Support Allowance last Autumn, November Quarter data are not published. Data will be next published in late summer 2009

**Labour Market Indicators (totals represent '000s) (non-seas adjusted)**
**Oct 07 to Nov 08**

	Labour Supply						Lab.Demand		
	Employed		Unemployed			Econ Inactive		Jobs (2007)	
	Total	%	Total	% a	% b	Total	%	Total	Density
<b>Hampshire (HCC)</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>0.86</b>
Basingstoke & Deane	86	81.1	3	3.8	3.5	16	15.4	92	0.90
East Hampshire	53	78.4	2	3.5	2.1	13	19.5	55	0.83
Eastleigh	63	80.6	2	3.6	2.7	13	16.7	67	0.89
Fareham	53	77.6	2	3.9	3.7	12	18.7	57	0.88
Gosport	40	82.5	2	4.8	5.3	6	12.2	27	0.55
Hart	50	85.8	1	2.8	1.1	7	13.1	48	0.86
Havant	53	73.7	3	5.9	2.9	16	23.4	45	0.67
New Forest	82	78.1	3	3.5	2.9	18	19.0	81	0.83
Rushmoor	46	79.3	2	4.6	5.9	8	14.8	52	0.89
Test Valley	63	85.9	2	3.2	2.3	8	11.8	61	0.87
Winchester	57	83.9	2	3.1	2.1	9	14.0	79	1.19
Portsmouth	101	74.8	6	5.9	4.5	27	20.7	129	0.98
Southampton	121	74.3	8	5.9	4.4	34	21.3	142	0.90
<b>Hampshire Economic</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>0.90</b>
South East	<b>4,178</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>4567</b>	<b>0.90</b>
United Kingdom	<b>29,350</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8048</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>33580</b>	<b>0.89</b>

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**
**May 2009**

	Total Claimants	Official Reported Vacancies		Estimated Total Vacancies	
		Number	Ratio	Number	Ratio
<b>Hampshire</b>	<b>30,857</b>	<b>7,669</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>19,664</b>	<b>1.57</b>
South East	154,868	33,183	4.67	85,085	1.82
Great Britain	1,516,921	274,445	5.53	703,705	2.16

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

	Total	Change			Total	Change	
		1 month	1 year			1 month	1 year
Basingstoke	818	150	-70	Rushmoor	799	373	-90
East Hampshire	393	115	-49	Test Valley	279	-27	-479
Eastleigh	387	45	-190	Winchester	519	24	-260
Fareham	435	116	-213	Portsmouth	1,260	439	-602
Gosport	225	50	33	Southampton	1,318	392	-263
Hart	358	122	-41	<b>Hampshire Economic</b>	<b>7,669</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>-2,565</b>
Havant	297	-24	-218	South East	33,183	6,152	-7,775
New Forest	581	-202	-123	Great Britain	274,445	36,855	-66,872

## 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 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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