



Employment and Skills Briefing (August 2014)



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The following information summarises the Job Centre Plus (Central England Group) ["State of the Group" Report August 2014](#) and provides a focus on East Midlands and District level / local authority data.

National data is also covered, providing a context for local employment and skills.

JSA Unemployment (claimant count)

The seasonally adjusted JSA Register (Central England Group) currently stands at 200,200. This is **down 6,600 (3.1%)** from the previous month (July). Claimant count levels are down by 30.4% on this time last year.

Employment Rate

The employment rate for working age people in the UK was 73.0% for the period April to June 2014 (up 0.3% on the previous quarter)

East Midlands: 74.4% (up 1.0% from previous quarter).

Unemployment Rate

The (seasonally adjusted) JSA unemployment rate for the Central England Group is currently 2.5% (compared to 3.6% a year ago).

The ILO Unemployment* rate for the **East Midlands** is 5.4%, (126,000) down 1.4% from the previous quarter.

Vacancies

Around 354,000 new vacancies were received by the Universal Jobmatch service during July 2014, **up 35% from the previous month.**

** Unemployment is different from the claimant count, which measures only those people who are claiming unemployment-related benefits (JSA since 1996). The claimant count is normally the lower measure because some unemployed people are not entitled to claim unemployment-related benefits, or choose not to do so.*

New JSA Claims (on-flows)

Seasonally adjusted on-flows in the Central England Group from April to June 2014 were 30.4% lower than the corresponding period a year ago.

In the **East Midlands** *unadjusted* on-flows were significantly down on the previous quarter, by 19.5%.

Stopping JSA Claims (off-flows)

Seasonally adjusted off-flow rates in the Central England Group have fallen by 6.9% from the previous quarter (February to April 2014) to 148,100

In the **East Midlands** they have fallen by 9.7% over the same period.

Age and Duration of the Unemployed

The number of people who have been claiming for more than 6 months (Central England Group) has fallen by nearly a third over the past year to 96,900 although it remains 75% above its pre-recession level.

Youth Unemployment

The number of young people (18-24 years old) who have been claiming for more than six months (Central England Group) fell by 1,175 in the last month (July) to 17,745.

In the **East Midlands** the number of young people claiming for more than 6 months has fallen by 47% since July 2013.

Potential redundancies

July 2014

This data should be treated as an indicator of redundancies that are due to occur where employers have announced at least 20 job losses at a single site

- Leicestershire and Northamptonshire: 761
- Midland Shires: 307
- Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland: 418

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Unemployment Levels (East Midlands) July 2014

Area	July 2013	June 2014	July 2014	change in month		change in year	
Leicestershire and Northamptonshire				-599	-2.6%	-12,849	-36.5%
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	41,038	31,032	30,227	-805	-2.6%	-10,881	-26.3%
Midland Shires	47,190	32,318	31,221	-1,097	-3.4%	-15,969	-33.8%

JSA claimant count: Local Enterprise Partnership Areas (East Midlands) July 2014*

Local Enterprise Partnership	June 2014	July 2014	change	
	number	number	change	%cha
Leicester and Leicestershire	12,872	12,644	-228	-1.8
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and	34,760	33,964	-796	-2.3
Greater Lincolnshire	17,328	16,898	-430	-2.5
South East Midlands	22,486	21,850	-636	-2.8
Northamptonshire	10,107	9,736	-371	-3.7

*Note: Data from ONS Regional Labour Market Report, August 2014

Skill Levels (East Midlands)

Data on the qualification levels of the working age population is currently available for the year to December 2013.

District	% qualifications to NVQ level 4+	% qualifications to NVQ level 3+	% qualifications to NVQ level 2+	% qualifications to NVQ level 1+	% no qualifications
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	31.4%	53.0%	70.0%	82.7%	10.5%
Midland Shires	27.9%	50.6%	69.5%	83.2%	10.2%
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	29.2%	52.6%	69.5%	82.8%	10.7%

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Top 15 sectors that have advertised new positions on Universal Jobmatch in the last three months (Central England Group)

Occupation	Jobseeker vol-	Percentage of Total
Sales and retail assistants	42,590	36.4%
Other goods handling and storage occupations	12,095	10.4%
Senior officials in national government	8,855	7.6%
General office assistants/clerks	7,925	6.8%
Labourers in process and plant operations	2,665	2.3%
Packers, bottlers, canners, fillers	2,155	1.8%
Care assistants and home carers	1,810	1.5%
Cleaners, domestics	1,555	1.3%
Van drivers	1,550	1.3%
Customer care occupations	1,370	1.2%
Bar staff	1,370	1.2%
Kitchen and catering assistants	1,290	1.1%
Retail cashiers and check-out operators	1,200	1.0%
Labourers in building and woodworking trades	1,060	0.9%
Labourers in other construction trades	1,020	0.9%

Vacancies notified to Universal Jobmatch (East Midlands)

District	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014
Derbyshire	29,238	n/a*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	32,915	29,071	29,235	31,735	39,396	45,577
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	34,780	32,868	30,259	32,781	39,082	47,785
Midland Shires	n/a	58,345	43,926	67,933	65,900	79,594
Central England	69,145	234,758	211,194	262,068	281,210	350,396

*Derbyshire merged into Midland Shires District.

(July 2014 vacancy figures for Midland Shires were split 24,309 for Derbyshire and 41,591 for Staffordshire & Shropshire).

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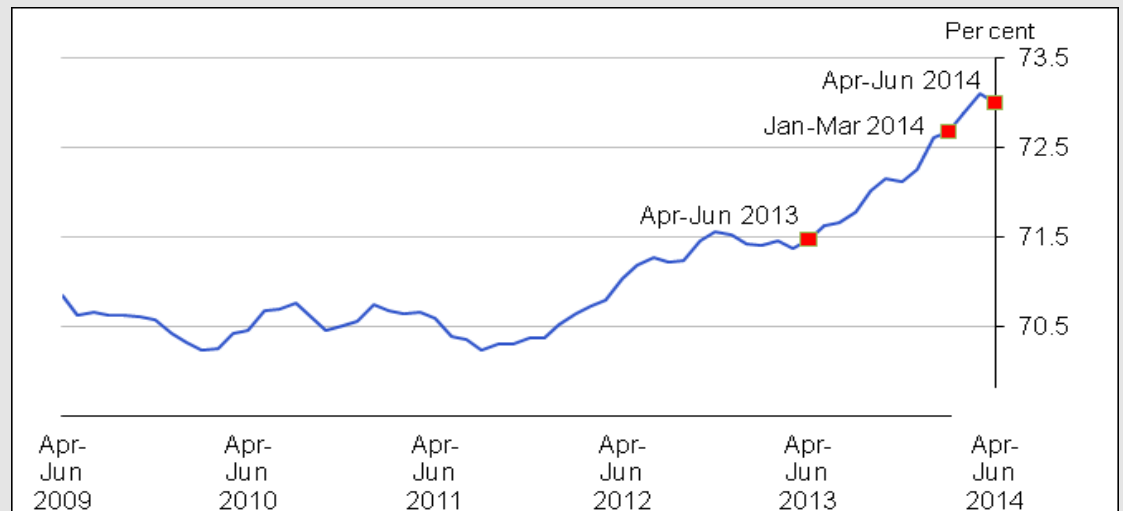
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UK Labour Market, August (ONS)

April to June 2014

- 30.60 million people in work, 167,000 more than for January to March 2014.
- Employment rate of 73%.
- 2.08 million unemployed people, 132,000 fewer than for January to March 2014
- Unemployment rate of 6.4%.
- Pay including bonuses for employees in UK was 0.2% lower than a year earlier

Chart: UK Employment rate (aged 16 to 64), seasonally adjusted



Regional Labour Market, August (ONS)

April to June 2014

- The largest increase in the employment rate was for the **East Midlands** at 1.0 percentage points (74%). The employment rate in the UK was highest in the South East (76.7%) and lowest in Wales (69.1%).
- The largest decreases in the unemployment rate for the three months to June 2014 compared to the three months to March 2014, were for the **East Midlands** at 1.3 percentage points and the North East at 0.7 percentage points.

Source: Office for National Statistics

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