



## Employment and Skills Briefing (September 2014)



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The following information summarises the Job Centre Plus (Central England Group) [“State of the Group” Report September 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 190,500. This is **down 8,300 (4.2%)** from the previous month (August). Claimant count levels are down by 31.7% on this time last year.

### Employment Rate

The employment rate for working age people in the UK was 73.0% for the period Amy to July 2014 (up 0.1% on the previous quarter)

**East Midlands: 73.8%** (unchanged from previous quarter).

### Unemployment Rate

The (seasonally adjusted) JSA unemployment rate for the Central England Group is currently 2.4% (compared to 3.5% a year ago).

The ILO Unemployment\* rate for the **East Midlands** is **5.6%**, (130,000) down 0.5% from the previous quarter.

### Vacancies

Around **348,000** new vacancies were received by the Universal Jobmatch service during August 2014, slightly **down (1%)** from the previous month

### New JSA Claims (on-flows)

Seasonally adjusted on-flows in the Central England Group from June to August 2014 were 8% lower compared to the previous quarter.

In the **East Midlands** *unadjusted* on-flows were **down 11.6%** on the previous quarter.

### Stopping JSA Claims (off-flows)

Seasonally adjusted off-flow rates in the Central England Group have fallen by 6.7% from the previous quarter.

In the **East Midlands** they have **fallen by 17.5%** 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 92,465 although it remains 67% 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 1,495 in the last month (August) to 16,250.

In the **East Midlands** the number of young people claiming for more than 6 months has fallen by 47.6% since July 2013.

\* 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.



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### Unemployment Levels (East Midlands Local Authorities) August 2014

Local Authority	August 2013	August 2014	Change (actual or %)	
Leicestershire	8,151	4,891	-3,260	-40.0
Leicester	11,805	7,432	-4,373	-37.0
Derby	6,445	4,197	-2,248	-34.9
Derbyshire	12,308	8,237	-4,071	-33.1
Lincolnshire	12,557	8,761	-3,796	-30.2
Nottinghamshire	14,598	10,391	-4,207	-28.8
Nottingham	12,651	9,684	-2,967	-23.5

### JSA claimant count: Local Enterprise Partnership Areas (East Midlands) August 2014

(Note: Data from ONS Regional Labour Market Report, September 2014)

JSA Claimant Count by LEP	August 2014	(not seasonally adjusted) Change on year
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	32,509	-1.0
Greater Lincolnshire	16,133	-1.0
Leicester and Leicestershire	12,323	-1.2
Northamptonshire	9,120	-1.2
South East Midlands	20,858	-0.9

### Skill Levels (East Midlands Districts)

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)

Sector	Total vacancies received	% of all vacancies received
Staffing/employment agencies	520,808	53.0%
Healthcare services	131,656	13.4%
Internet services	64,961	6.6%
Business services – other	49,633	5.0%
Advertising and PR services	25,984	2.6%
Retail	15,909	1.6%
Government and military	14,696	1.5%
Education	10,741	1.1%
Construction – residential & commercial/office	8,196	0.8%
Transport and storage – materials	7,734	0.8%
Automotive sales and repair services	7,575	0.8%
Security and surveillance	6,850	0.7%
Personal and household services	5,958	0.6%
Travel, transportation and tourism	5,014	0.5%
Restaurant/food services	4,303	0.4%

### Vacancies notified to Universal Jobmatch (East Midlands), last 3 months

District	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug-14
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	39,396	45,577	44,870
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	39,082	47,785	51,928
Midland Shires	65,900	79,594	72,732
<i>Central England</i>	<i>281,210</i>	<i>350,396</i>	<i>348,132</i>

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### UK Labour Market, September (ONS)

May to July 2014

- There were 30.61 million people in work. This was 74,000 more than for February to April 2014, the smallest quarterly increase since April to June 2013.
- The employment rate was 73%, up 0.1% from the previous quarter (April to June).
- There were 2.02 million unemployed people, 146,000 fewer than for February to April 2014 and 468,000 fewer than a year earlier. This is the largest annual fall in unemployment since 1988.
- The unemployment rate continued to fall, reaching 6.2% for May to July 2014, the lowest since late 2008.

### Regional Labour Market, September (ONS)

May to July 2014

- With the exception of Wales, all regions of the UK are either showing general increases in employment rates over recent periods, or are fairly flat, increasing over the last year. For the **East Midlands**, South West and London, the annual increase is statistically significant.
- All regions of the UK are showing decreases in the unemployment rate compared with a year ago. For the North West, Yorkshire and The Humber, **East Midlands**, West Midlands, East of England, London, South East, South West and Scotland, the annual decrease is statistically significant.
- The **East Midlands** had the highest proportion of jobs in the **production sector** at 14.0%, whilst London had the lowest proportion at 2.9%.
- For the **service sector**, London had the highest proportion at 91.9%, whilst the **East Midlands** had the lowest proportion at 78.3%.

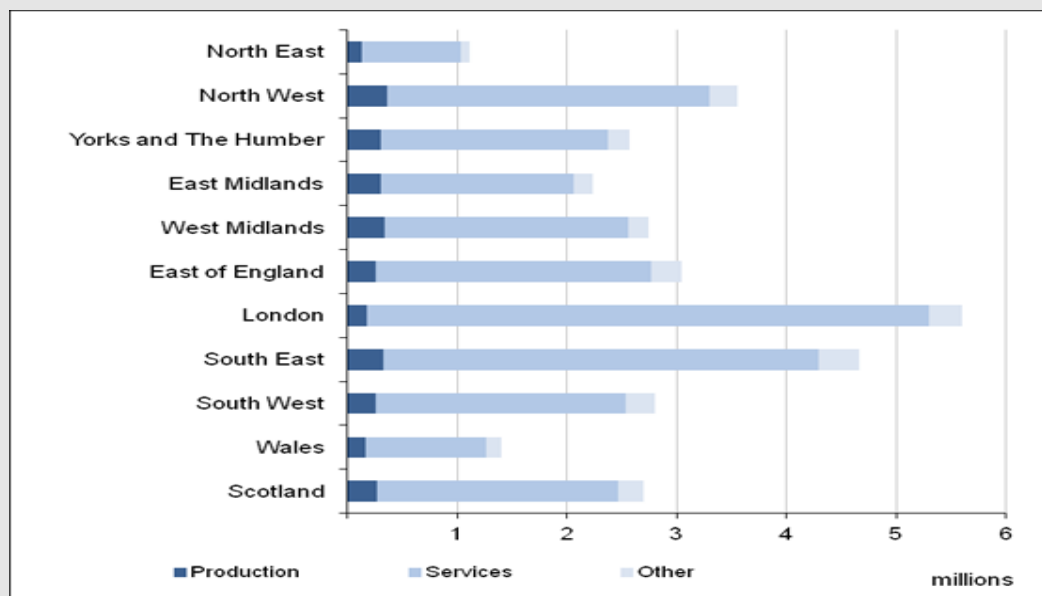


Chart: Workforce Jobs by broad Industry group, June 2014, Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Office for National Statistics

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