



Employment and Skills Briefing (November 2014)



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The following information summarises the DWP (Central England Group) "State of the Group Report" November 2014, which can be accessed [here](#).

This Briefing provides a focus on East Midlands and District level / local authority / LEP 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 183,100. This is **down 3,700 (2.5%)** from the previous month (October).

Claimant count levels are down by 30.9% on this time last year.

Unemployment Rate

The (seasonally adjusted) JSA unemployment rate for the Central England Group is currently 2.2% (compared to 3.2% a year ago).

The ILO Unemployment* rate for the **East Midlands** is **5.6%**, (132,000) up 0.2% from the previous quarter.

Employment Rate

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

East Midlands: 73.9% (down 0.4% from previous quarter).

Vacancies

Around 436,000 new vacancies were received in Central England by Universal Jobmatch service in October 2014, up by 15% from the previous month.

129,561 vacancies were received in the **East Midlands** in October 2014. This is **down 5.6%** from the previous month

New JSA Claims (on-flows)

Seasonally adjusted on-flows (the number of people making new claims to JSA) in the Central England Group from August to October 2014 were 6% lower compared to the previous quarter.

In the **East Midlands** *unadjusted* on-flows were **up 4.2%** on the previous quarter, but DWP report this is a seasonal trend.

Stopping JSA Claims (off-flows)

Seasonally adjusted off-flow rates (the number of people stopping JSA claims) in the Central England Group are down 7.4% from the previous quarter.

In the **East Midlands** they have **fallen by 2.6%** 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 35% over the past year to 81,000 although it remains 47% 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 1,850 to 12,695 in the last month.

In the **East Midlands** the number of young people claiming for more than 6 months has fallen by 52% since October 2013.

In the Central England Group, young people comprise 25% of all JSA claimants, compared to a year ago.

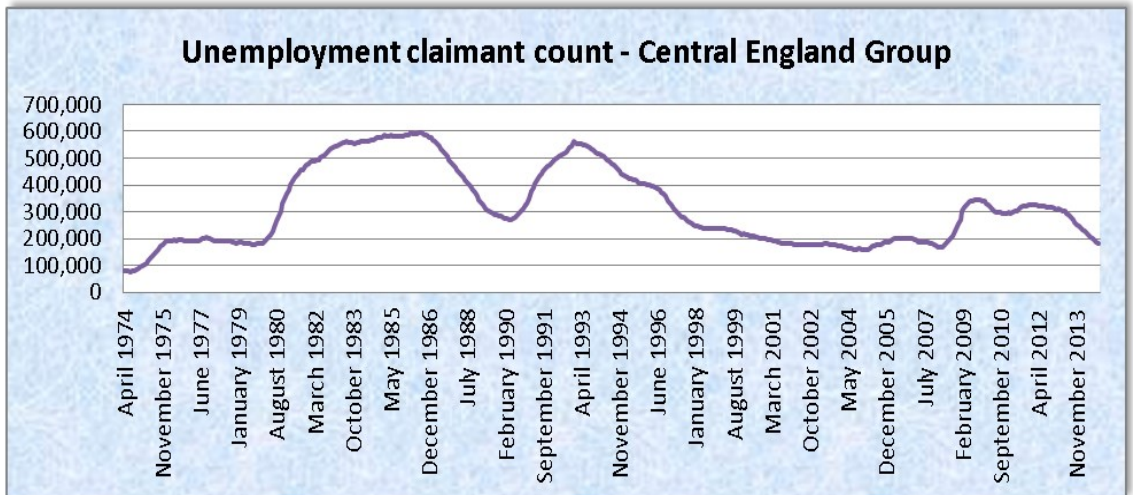
**Unemployment is different from the claimant count, which measures only those people who are claiming unemployment-related benefits (JSA since 1996).*

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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Claimant Count (Central England Group): 1974 –2013



Unemployment Levels (East Midlands Local Authorities) October 2013-2014

Local Authority	October 2013	October 2014	Change (actual and %)	
Leicestershire	7,037	4,427	-2,610	-37.1
Leicester	10,596	6,816	-3,780	-35.7
Northamptonshire	11,945	7,700	-4,245	-35.5
Derby	5,771	3,760	-2,011	-34.8
Derbyshire	11,192	7,570	-3,622	-32.4
Nottinghamshire	13,136	9,484	-3,652	-27.8
Lincolnshire	11,787	8,569	-3,218	-27.3
Nottingham	11,893	9,166	-2,727	-22.9
Rutland	225	174	-51	-22.7

JSA Claimant Count: Local Enterprise Partnership Areas (East Midlands)

October 2014*

LEP	Claimants (Oct 2014)	Unemployment Rate (%)
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	41,019	3.0
Greater Lincolnshire	20,827	3.2
Leicester and Leicestershire	16,606	2.6
Northamptonshire	11,883	2.7
South East Midlands	26,565	2.4

*Data from ONS Regional Labour Market Report, November 2014



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Top 15 Occupational areas on Universal Jobmatch in the last three months (Central England Group)

Occupation	Jobseeker volumes	Percentage of Total Jobseekers
Sales and retail assistants	48,945	40.1%
Senior officials in national government	11,145	9.1%
Other goods handling and storage occupations	11,005	9.0%
General office assistants/clerks	8,455	6.9%
Labourers in process and plant operations	2,320	1.9%
Packers, bottlers, canners, fillers	1,820	1.5%
Care assistants and home carers	1,690	1.4%
Retail cashiers and check-out operators	1,445	1.2%
Cleaners, domestics	1,425	1.2%
Van drivers	1,345	1.1%
Bar staff	1,230	1.0%
Customer care occupations	1,210	1.0%
Kitchen and catering assistants	1,180	1.0%
Labourers in other construction trades	980	0.8%
Labourers in building and woodworking trades	940	0.8%

Top 15 Sectors advertising on Universal Jobmatch in the last three months (Central England Group)

Sector	Total vacancies received	% of all vacancies received
Staffing/employment agencies	581,277	50.0%
Healthcare services	228,443	19.6%
Internet services	73,346	6.3%
Business services – other	57,897	5.0%
Advertising and PR services	23,152	2.0%
Retail	16,804	1.4%
Government and military	14,850	1.3%
Education	11,170	1.0%
Automotive sales and repair services	8,868	0.8%
Construction – residential & commercial/office	8,635	0.7%
Personal and household services	7,101	0.6%
Transport and storage – materials	6,547	0.6%
Security and surveillance	6,255	0.5%
Restaurant/food services	5,308	0.5%
Travel, transportation & tourism	4,228	0.4%



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Potential redundancies notified by employers in October 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 (via HR1 notifications).

District	All employers notifying redundancies	Public sector employers notifying re-	All potential job losses	Public sector potential job
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	8	3	359	152
Midland Shires*	6	0	524	0
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	10	1	671	46
<i>Central England</i>	42	11	2,571	832

*Includes Derbyshire

Skills: Qualification levels in the East Midlands

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

This shows that people in the Central England Group have generally lower levels of qualifications than the national average although there is some variation to this at District level (East Midlands Districts data below)

District	% quals to NVQ level 4+	% quals to NVQ level 3+	% quals to NVQ level 2+	% quals to NVQ level 1+	% no quals
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%
<i>Central England</i>	30.0%	51.4%	69.2%	82.0%	11.3%

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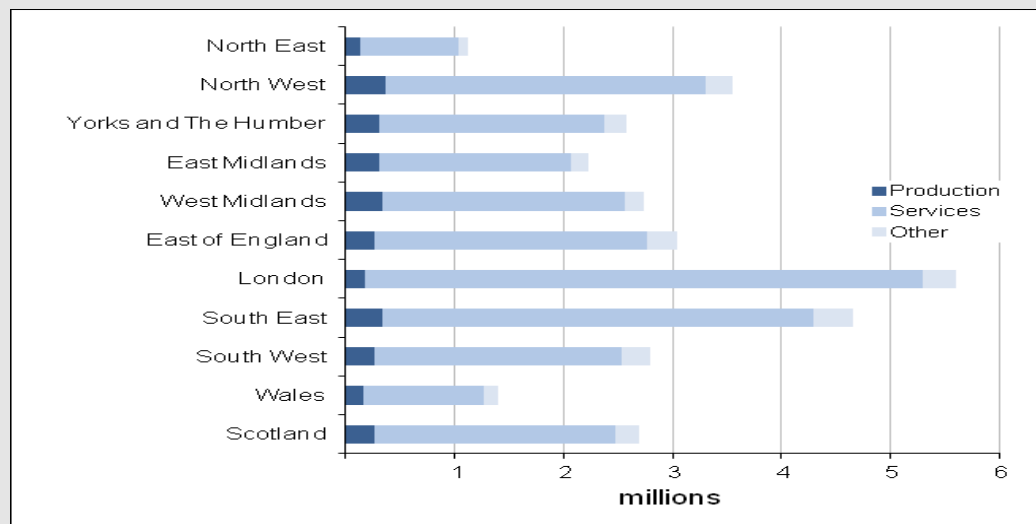
UK Labour Market, November (ONS)

- Comparing the estimates for June to August 2014 with those for March to May 2014, employment continued to rise and unemployment continued to fall. These changes continue the general direction of movement since late 2011/early 2012.
- There were 30.76 million people in work. This was 46,000 more than for March to May 2014, the smallest quarterly increase since March to May 2013.
- The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 in work (the employment rate), was 73.0%.
- There were 1.97 million unemployed people, 154,000 fewer than for March to May 2014 and 538,000 fewer than a year earlier. This is the largest annual fall in unemployment on record.
- The unemployment rate continued to fall, reaching 6.0% for June to August 2014, the lowest since late 2008.
- There were 9.03 million people aged from 16 to 64 who were out of work and not seeking or available to work (known as economically inactive).

Regional Labour Market, November (ONS)

- The region with the largest increase in the employment rate on the previous period (April 2014 to June 2014), was the North West, with an increase of 0.7%, followed by Scotland, London, and Yorkshire and The Humber, all with an increase of 0.4 % and the **East Midlands**, with an increase of 0.2%.
- 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: ONS