

Employment and Skills Briefing (October 2014)



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The following information summarises the Job Centre Plus (Central England Group) [“State of the Group” Report October 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 186,500. This is **down 4,700 (2.5%)** from the previous month (September).

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

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).

Unemployment Rate

The (seasonally adjusted) JSA unemployment rate for the Central England Group is currently **2.3%** (compared to 3.5% a year ago).

The ILO Unemployment* rate for the **East Midlands** is **5.5%**, (128,000) down 0.2% from the previous quarter.

Vacancies

Around 379,000 new vacancies were received in Central England by the Universal Jobmatch service in September 2014, up by 9% from the previous month.

135,746 vacancies were received in the **East Midlands** in September 2014.

This is **up 9%** from the previous month also.

New JSA Claims (on-flows)

Seasonally adjusted on-flows (the number of people making new claims to JSA) in the Central England Group from July to Sept 2014 were 7% lower compared to the previous quarter.

In the **East Midlands** *unadjusted* on-flows were **down 4.6%** on the previous quarter.

Stopping JSA Claims (off-flows)

Seasonally adjusted off-flow rates (the number of people stopping JSA claims) in the Central England Group are down by 7.5% from the previous quarter.

In the **East Midlands** they have **fallen by 5.3%** 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 87,405 although it remains 58% 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 1,705 to 14,545 in the last month.

In the **East Midlands** the number of young people claiming for more than 6 months has fallen by 51% since September 2013.

In the Central England Group, young people comprise around a quarter of all JSA claimants.

**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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Employment Rates by Industry Sector (Central England Group) 2007 compared with 2014

Industry	April 2013 – March 2014		Change since	Change in last year
Agriculture and fishing	72,300	1%	10.2%	-12.3%
Energy and water	103,600	2%	9.7%	12.7%
Manufacturing	750,200	13%	-15.3%	2.7%
Construction	391,800	7%	-18.9%	4.5%
Distribution, hotels & restaurants	1,073,400	19%	-0.3%	-1.9%
Transport & communications	476,600	8%	-2.3%	2.7%
Banking, finance & insurance	777,200	14%	13.8%	3.1%
Public administration, education & health	1,676,600	30%	9.6%	2.3%
Other services	290,900	5%	3.8%	7.3%
Total	5,612,600		0.5%	2.0%

Vacancies notified to Universal Jobmatch, East Midlands (September 2014)

District	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug-14	Sep-14
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	29,235	31,735	39,396	45,577	44,870	46,883
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	30,259	32,781	39,082	47,785	51,928	58,498
Midland Shires*	43,926	67,933	65,900	79,594	72,732	88,934

September 2014 Vacancy Figures for Midland Shires contain Derbyshire, which were 30,365

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Unemployment levels (East Midlands Local Authorities) September 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
Northamptonshire	14,346	9,120	-5,226	-36.4
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)

September 2014*

	People (Sept 2014)	Change on year
Derby, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire	31,137	-12,881
Greater Lincolnshire	15,582	-5,842
Leicester and Leicestershire	11,987	-7,061
Northamptonshire	8,328	-4,599
South East Midlands	19,326	-9,855

*Data from ONS Regional Labour Market Report, October 2014

Skills in the East Midlands

- Full Year data (2012/13) recently released by the Skills Funding Agency shows an:
- 85% Success Rate for Education and Training (Classroom based), compared with national rate of 86%.
- 72% Success Rate for Apprenticeships, compared with national rate of 72.3%.
- As of December 2013*, 10.5% of people in the East Midlands had no qualifications. 29.5% of people in the East Midlands were qualified up to NVQ Level 4.

* Data as reported in State of the Group Report, October 2014

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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 volumes	Percentage of Total Jobseekers
Sales and retail assistants	48,555	39.2%
Other goods handling and storage occupations	11,500	9.3%
Senior officials in national government	10,880	8.8%
General office assistants/clerks	8,780	7.1%
Labourers in process and plant operations	2,395	1.9%
Packers, bottlers, canners, fillers	1,955	1.6%
Care assistants and home carers	1,830	1.5%
Cleaners, domestics	1,460	1.2%
Retail cashiers and check-out operators	1,395	1.1%
Van drivers	1,385	1.1%
Bar staff	1,320	1.1%
Customer care occupations	1,300	1.0%
Kitchen and catering assistants	1,210	1.0%
Labourers in building and woodworking trades	955	0.8%
Labourers in other construction trades	930	0.8%

Potential Redundancies notified by Employers, East Midlands, (September 2014)

District	All employers notifying redundancies	Public sector employers notifying redundancies	All potential job losses	Public sector potential job losses
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	5	3	207	126
Midland Shires	6	2	1,093	95
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	4	2	484	413
<i>Central England</i>	28	9	3,205	723

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UK Labour Market, October (ONS)

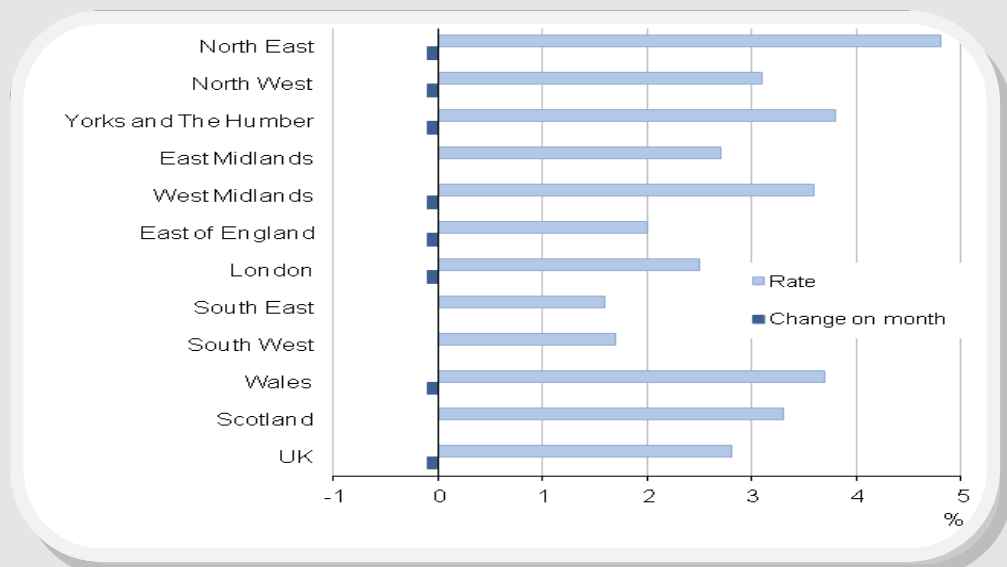
Key Points for June to August 2014

- There were **30.76 million people in work**.
- Comparing the same quarter period with a year earlier, there were 736,000 more people in work.
- The proportion of people aged from 16 to 64 in work (the employment rate), was 73.0%, slightly higher than the previous quarter.
- There were **1.97 million unemployed people**, 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**). This was 113,000 more than the previous quarter.

Regional Labour Market, October (ONS)

- Over the year, the regions with the largest increase in the employment rate were the North East and North West, both with an increase of 2.5 percentage points, followed by the **East Midlands**, with an increase of 2.4 percentage points
- Between March 2014 and June 2014, 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: Claimant Count rates, September 2014, Seasonally Adjusted. Source: ONS



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