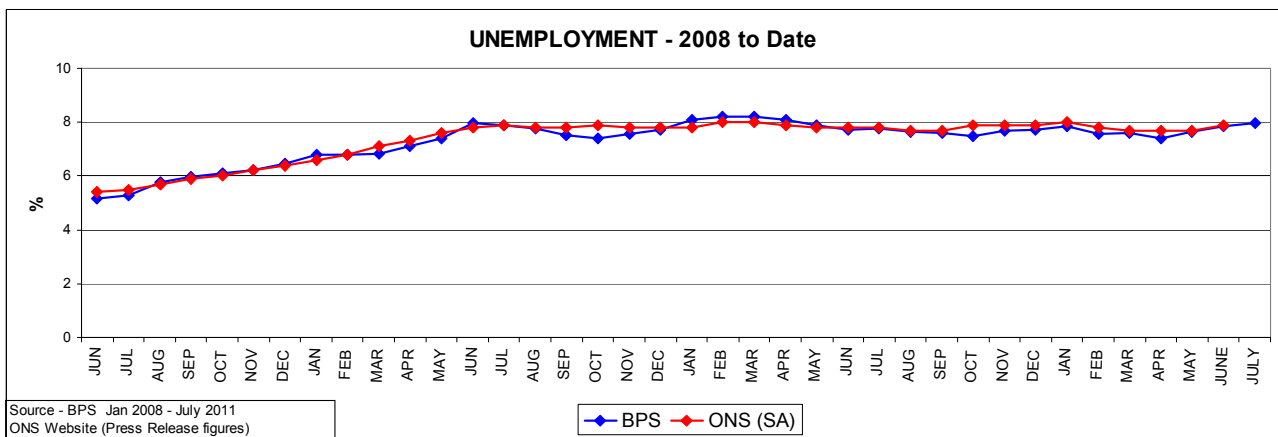


Unemployment back up to 8% in July

The July 2011 British Population Survey Unemployment rate is back up to 8% from 7.8% in June. This is back to the level last reached in April 2010.

The British Population Survey (BPS) monitors unemployment (defined as 'unemployed and seeking work') each month using very similar methods to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) but publish the figures about six weeks before ONS announce the 'official' figures. BPS figures are also published in a non seasonal adjusted form so provide the raw, unadjusted figures before any manipulation.

As can be seen from the chart below the BPS and ONS figures are highly correlated.



In terms of the current make up of the unemployed group:

- 31% are under 25
- 60% are male
- 55% are the main income earner for the household
- 34% are parents
- 24% have no internet access
- 43% look for jobs on line
- 49% have no cars in the household
- 30% live in London and the South of England
- 29% have A levels or a Degree

Full details of The British Population Survey are available from www.thebps.co.uk or by email at info@thebps.co.uk