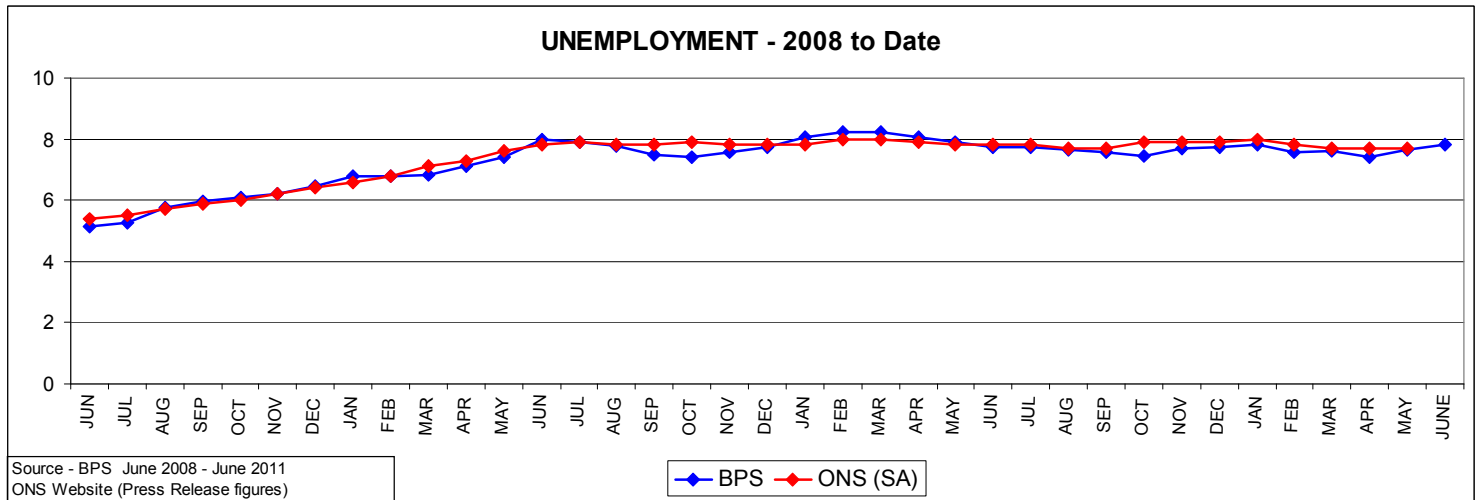


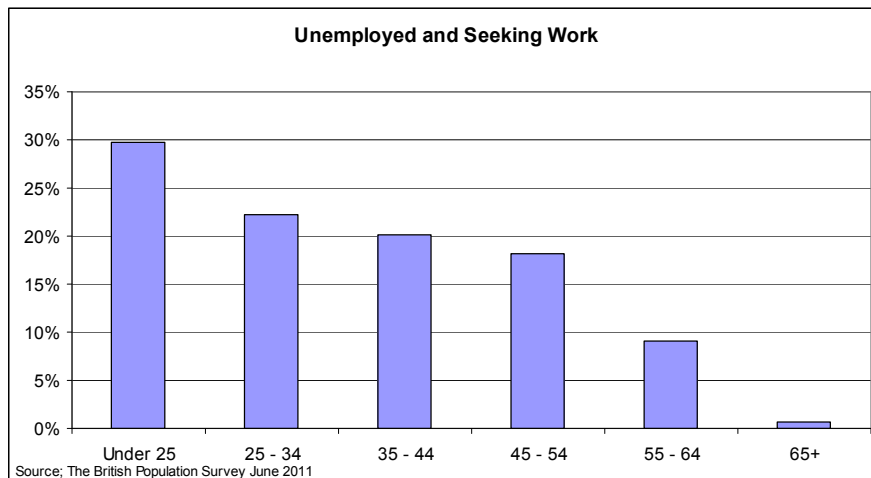
Unemployment Rises 0.1% in June.

The May unemployment figures published today by the Office for National Statistics show the headline unemployment rate to be 7.7%. Figures published last month from The British Population Survey agree with this figure.

The June headline unemployment rate from The British Population Survey (BPS) shows a rise to 7.8%. The chart below shows the trend in both the ONS (seasonally adjusted figures) and BPS figures.



The June 2011 figures confirm the upward trend in overall unemployment; this is also reflected in the rise in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance.



In terms of age 30% of those unemployed and seeking work are age 25 or under. This compares with 16% of the overall population being in this age range.

- 56% are the main income earner of the household
- 23% have a mortgage
- 44% use the internet to look for a job
- 23% have no internet access
- 37% are parents
- 13% are single parents
- 15% used to regularly read The News of the World
- 14% have a Degree

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The British Population Survey is the largest up to date survey of the population available. Full details of the Survey are available from www.thebps.co.uk