

The British Population Survey

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Series :- UNEMPLOYMENT

Datasheet :- DIGEST - March 2010

Period :- Trends -- January 2008 to March 2010
Profiles -- January - March 2010

Sample :- Trends -- 189,319 Interviews
Profiles -- 20,099 Interviews

UNEMPLOYMENT DIGEST -- First Quarter 2010

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The content of this datasheet is based on The British Population Survey, from January 2008 to March 2010. The total of respondents interviewed face to face in their own homes over this period was 189,319. Where the charts are 'profiles', they are based on the 3 month period January to March 2010. The total number of interviews for this period was 20,099.

For full details of The British Population Survey, and a downloadable catalogue of the precise questions and response options, please visit the website at www.thebps.co.uk

This digest is a simple set of charts, intended to provide a picture of the “**Unemployed and Seeking Work**” amongst the adult population at present.

The full dataset can be downloaded from www.thebps.co.uk/data incorporating a comprehensive set of demographics, and the software to enable detailed cross-analysis of all the data to a User's own specification.

Full details of the actual percentages shown in the profile Charts are provided in the Appendix at the end of this datasheet.

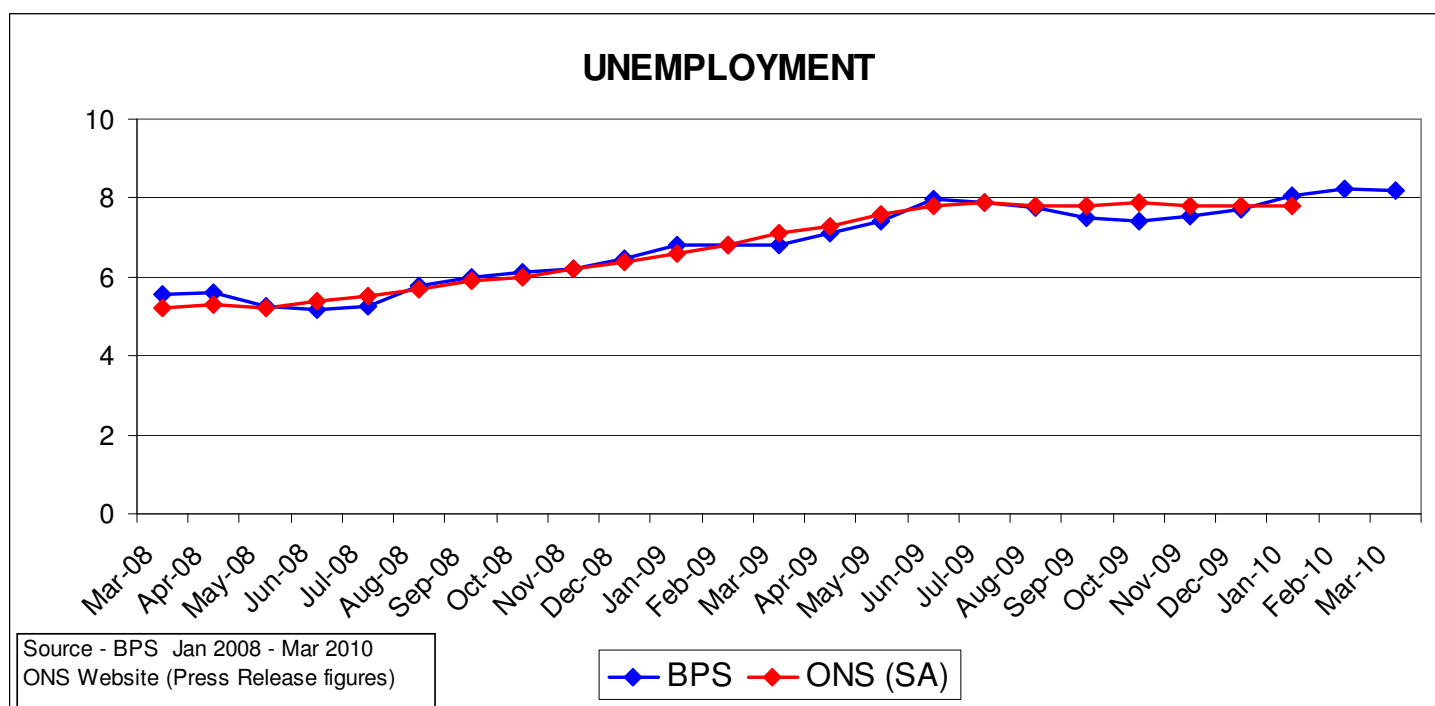
CURRENT TRENDS

The 'headline' unemployment rate announced each month by the Office for National Statistics is the percentage that those “Unemployed and Seeking Work” (as we term them in the survey 'Jobseekers') represent in terms of the adult population aged 16 and over and “economically active”. The chart shows the figures published by the ONS each month during the period covered by the chart, being the rate for the 3 months to date in each case.

We follow those criteria with our plot line in Chart 1, which is shown in comparison with the ONS plot line. There is a slight difference in that the ONS figure is 'seasonally adjusted', whereas our figures are NOT 'seasonally adjusted' but 'as they stand'.

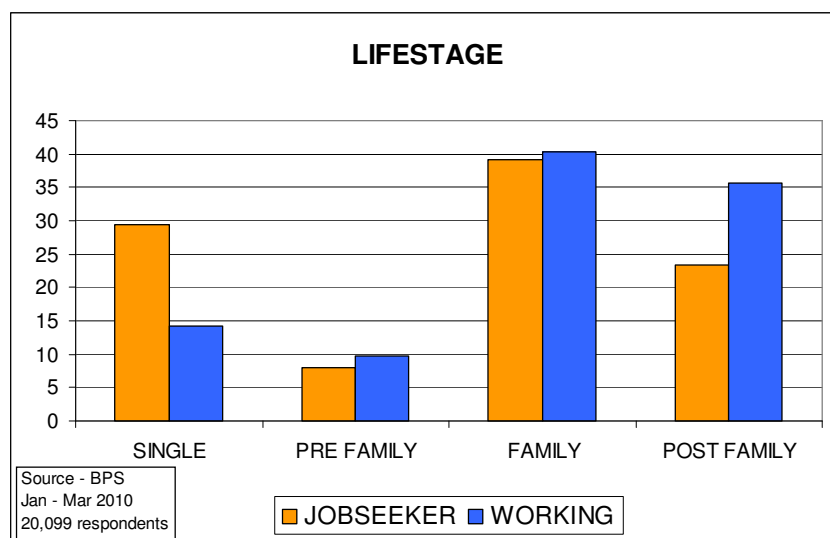
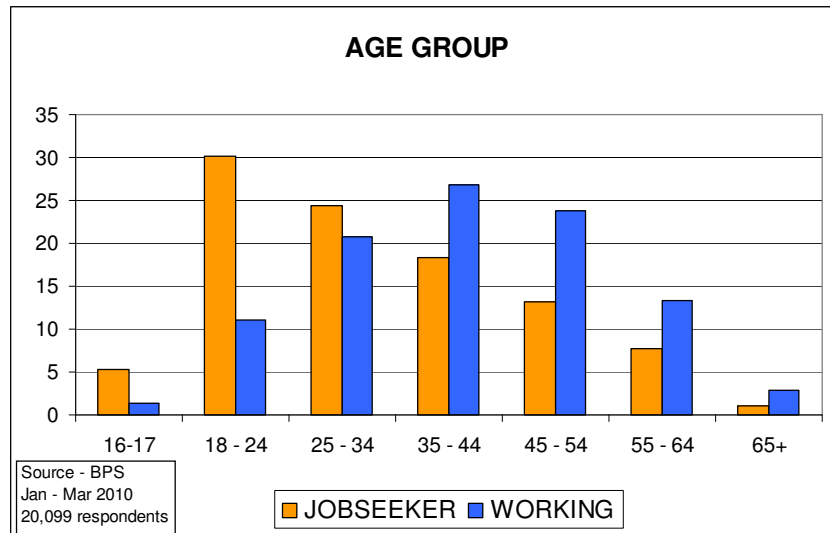
Finally, we should point out that the ONS have not yet released their figure for February 2010.

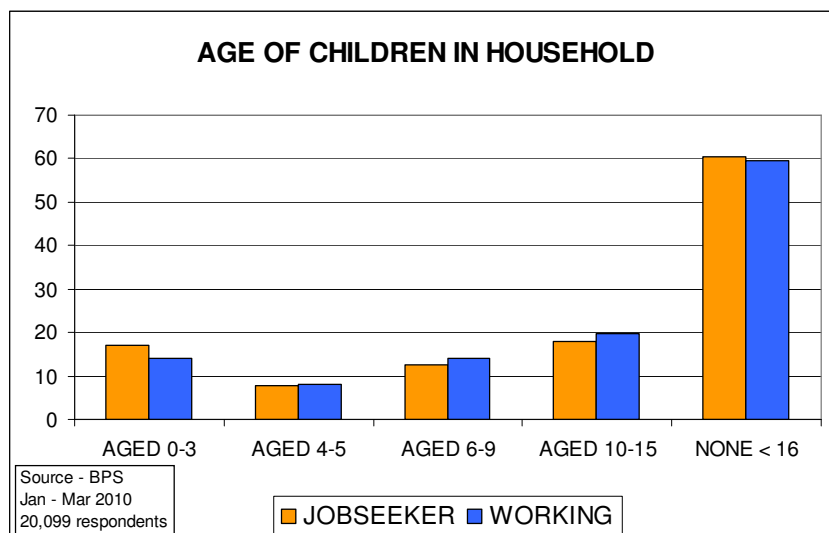
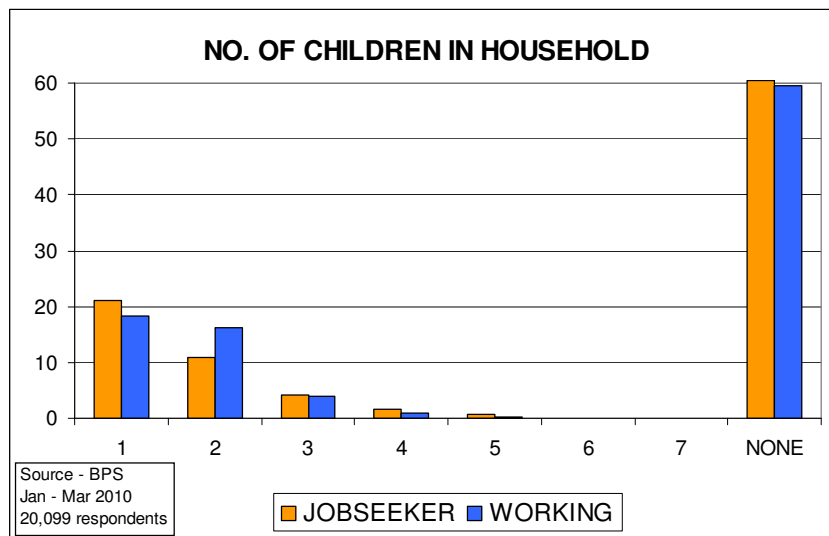
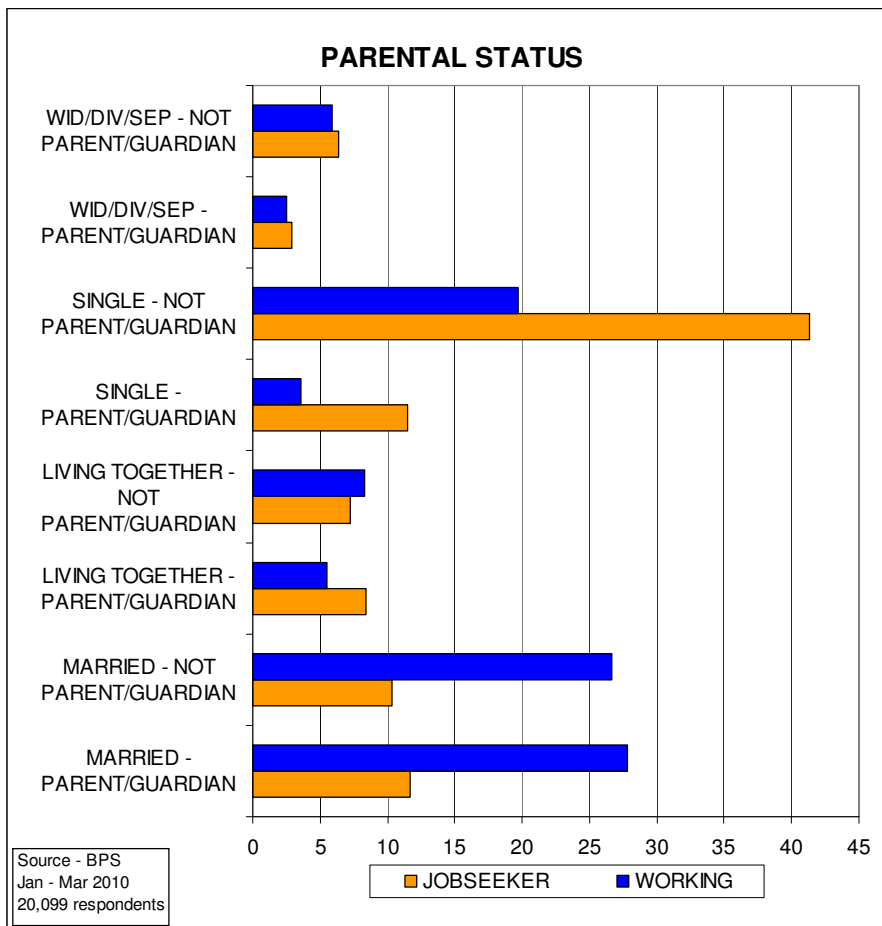
The British Population Survey Unemployment figure for March 2010 is 8.2%.

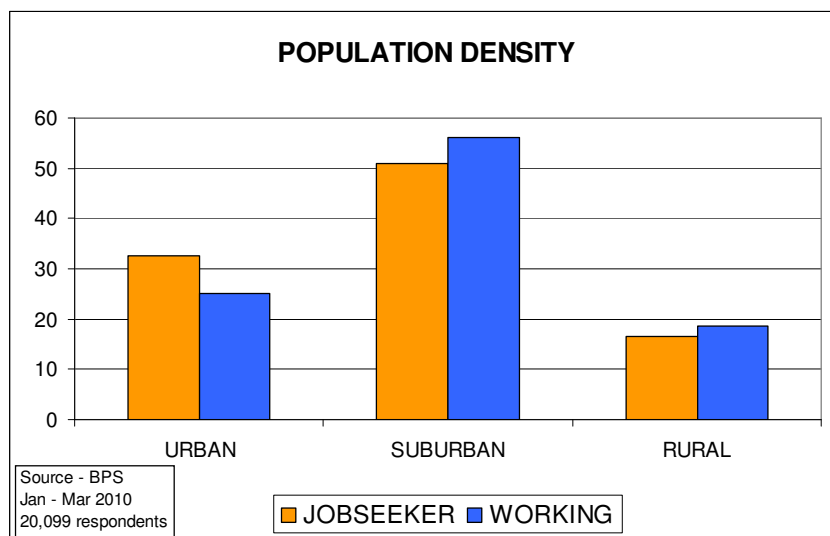
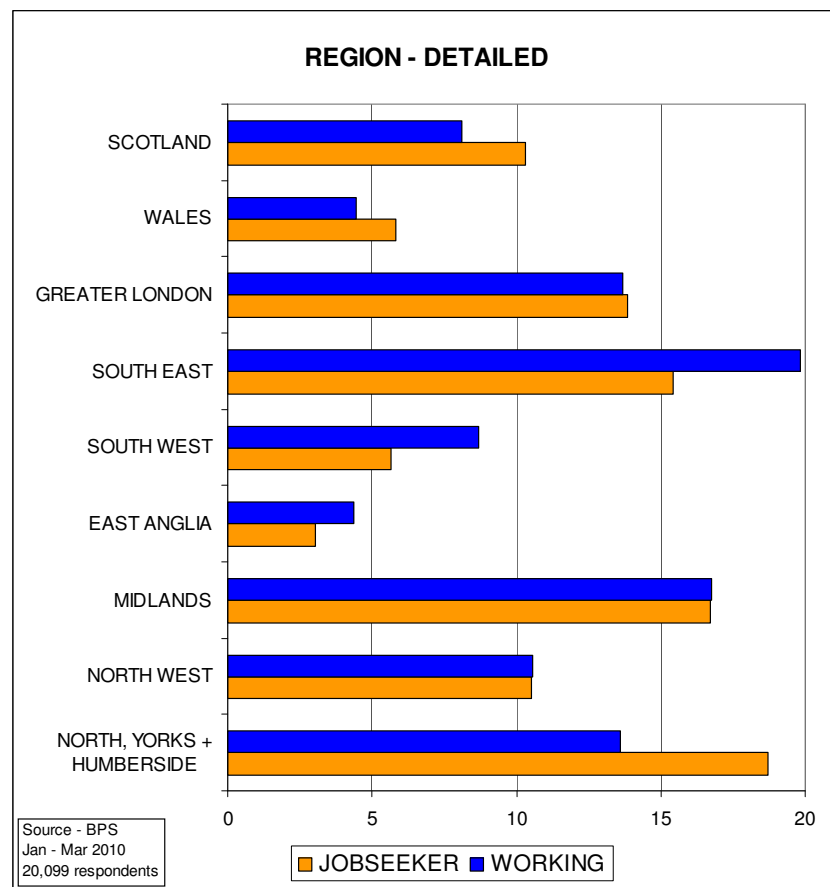
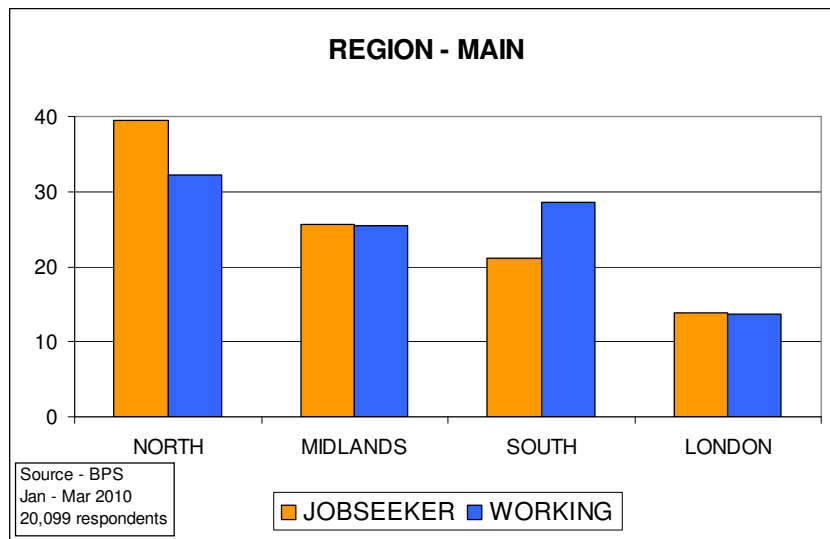


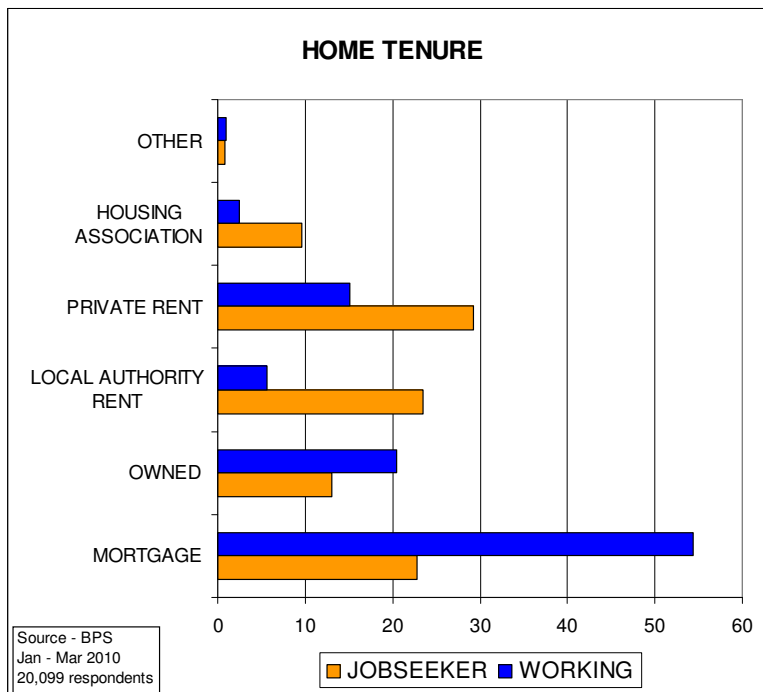
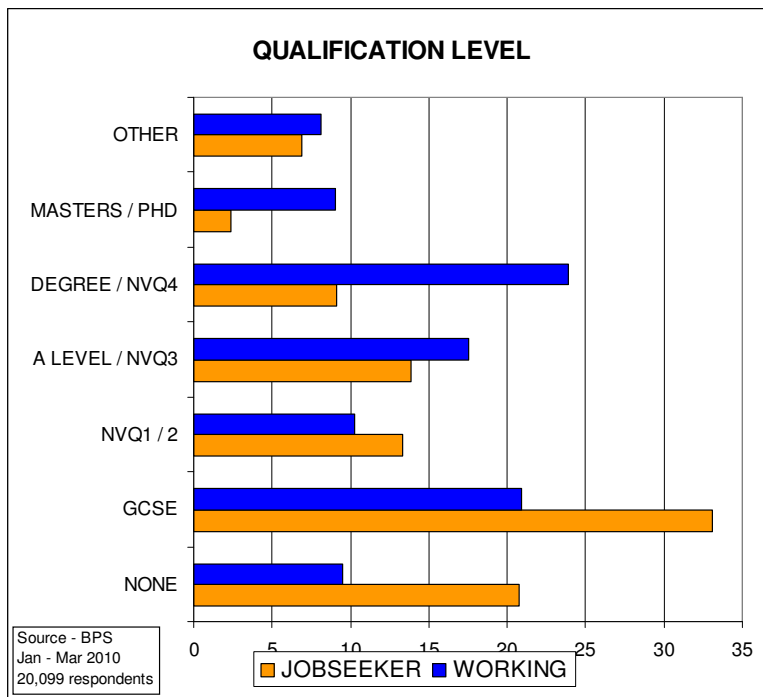
PROFILE CHARTS

The following charts show a variety of Profiles comparing the percentage profiles of 'Jobseekers' to 'Working'. 'Working' is defined as the combined total of the four categories Paid Job 30+ hours per week, Paid Job 8-29 hours per week, Paid Job under 8 hours per week, and Self Employed. This comparison provides a clear view of the 'weight of impact' of Unemployment on various sections of the population. For example in the first chart, AGE GROUP, it is perfectly clear that Unemployment is impacting on the younger age groups far more severely than it is on the older age groups, with a clear 'cross-over' point around the age of 30. For example, the Age Group 18-24 contributes 11.0% of the Working Population, but contributes 30.17% of the Unemployed and Seeking Work.









AFTERTHOUGHTS

The purpose of this datasheet is simply to put at everyone's disposal some additional information concerning the topic of Unemployment, which is an extremely important issue at this particular time. We also believe that it is equally important to make available topical information as quickly as possible, as far too many sources tend to provide what we would consider to be 'out of date' data.

We do not offer 'insight', 'commentary' or 'explanation', just an extended database of information from which interested parties can draw their own conclusions.

The full database, containing not only the data shown in this datasheet, but also a significant range of additional topics, is available for download from our website at www.thebps.co.uk together with our delivery and analysis software The DataTalk Explorer.

The BPS Team
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APPENDIX

The full Data Catalogue of The British Population Survey can be downloaded from the website at www.thebps.co.uk/data providing the actual texts of the responses on the showcards used in the interviews.

The following section provides the percentages of 'Jobseekers' and the percentage of 'Working' applicable to each of the analysis points shown in the charts in the datasheet.

AGE GROUP	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
16-17	5.28	1.32
18 - 24	30.17	11.00
25 - 34	24.37	20.77
35 - 44	18.26	26.86
45 - 54	13.24	23.78
55 - 64	7.66	13.37
65+	1.03	2.90

LIFESTAGE	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
SINGLE	29.41	14.23
PRE FAMILY	7.99	9.71
FAMILY	39.20	40.27
POST FAMILY	23.40	35.72

NO IN HOUSEHOLD	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
1	18.44	11.57
2	27.97	31.04
3	22.12	22.31
4	17.13	23.99
5+	14.12	10.85

PARENTAL STATUS	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
MARRIED - PARENT/GUARDIAN	11.64	27.77
MARRIED - NOT PARENT/GUARDIAN	10.38	26.65
LIVING TOGETHER - PARENT/GUARDIAN	8.44	5.54
LIVING TOGETHER - NOT PARENT/GUARDIAN	7.25	8.26
SINGLE - PARENT/GUARDIAN	11.50	3.53
SINGLE - NOT PARENT/GUARDIAN	41.29	19.72
WID/DIV/SEP - PARENT/GUARDIAN	2.85	2.47
WID/DIV/SEP - NOT PARENT/GUARDIAN	6.37	5.92

NO OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
1	21.11	18.31
2	10.98	16.33
3	4.24	4.00
4	1.70	.86
5	.62	.20
6	.08	.04
7	-	.03
NONE	60.48	59.55

AGE OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
AGED 0-3	17.12	14.19
AGED 4-5	7.77	8.13
AGED 6-9	12.59	14.01
AGED 10-15	17.93	19.65
NONE < 16	60.48	59.55

REGION - MAIN	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
NORTH	39.53	32.28
MIDLANDS	25.56	25.54
SOUTH	21.07	28.49
LONDON	13.84	13.69

REGION - DETAILED	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
NORTH, YORKS + HUMBERSIDE	18.70	13.61
NORTH WEST	10.52	10.57
MIDLANDS	16.70	16.75
EAST ANGLIA	3.04	4.35
SOUTH WEST	5.64	8.67
SOUTH EAST	15.42	19.83
GREATER LONDON	13.84	13.69
WALES	5.83	4.44
SCOTLAND	10.31	8.10

POPULATION DENSITY	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
URBAN	32.46	25.18
SUBURBAN	50.97	56.10
RURAL	16.47	18.51

QUALIFICATION LEVEL	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
NONE	20.76	9.53
GCSE	33.05	20.93
NVQ1 / 2	13.35	10.29
A LEVEL / NVQ3	13.90	17.56
DEGREE / NVQ4	9.09	23.88
MASTERS / PHD	2.41	9.06
OTHER	6.91	8.10

HOME TENURE	%age of JOBSEEKER	%age of WORKING
MORTGAGE	22.78	54.36
OWNED	13.03	20.43
LOCAL AUTHORITY RENT	23.45	5.65
PRIVATE RENT	29.19	15.05
HOUSING ASSOCIATION	9.60	2.52
OTHER	.80	.97