

### Summary

- The official labour market data add to recent signs from business surveys that growing uncertainty about the economic outlook is starting to impact on labour market performance across the country.<sup>1</sup>
- In the final quarter of last year the number of jobs located in the South East fell by 31,000. The fall in the number of jobs in the region is at odds with strong growth in the number of people in employment registered in Q4. The discrepancy between the figures suggests that the strong growth in employment in the South East in the final quarter of 2012 was mainly driven by the increase in demand from outside the region.
- The latest official data shows that in sharp contrast with the strong growth seen throughout 2012 the number of people in employment in the UK fell by 2,000 in the three months to February, the first quarterly fall since late 2011.
- Full-time employment continued to increase but there was another fall in employment among young people which decreased by 62,000 on the quarter.
- Employment growth in the South East in the three months to February came almost to a standstill according to the latest official data from ONS. A small increase in employment in the region (up 2,000 on the quarter) was driven entirely by the increase in employment among women. The number of men in employment fell sharply on the quarter.
- According to the latest official data and intelligence from business surveys employment growth in Hampshire remained relatively robust last year. In the year to December 2012 Hampshire recorded the fastest growth in employment in this part of the South East after West Sussex. Hampshire and Enterprise M3 were the strongest performing areas for employment growth in the final quarter of last year according to the latest business survey.
- The outlook for employment growth in the first quarter in Hampshire and across the region has weakened compared to the final quarter of last year. The timelier business survey data shows that job creation in the private sector in the region stalled at the end of March.
- The number of unemployed people on the broader survey-based measure in the region and the UK increased sharply in the three months to February. In the UK the number of unemployed people increased by 70,000 and in the region it increased by 15,000.
- The pace of the increase in the South East was comparable to the increase reported last month. The absolute number of unemployed people reached the highest level since late 1993 and unemployment reached the highest rate for 18 years. The South East remained one of only three English regions with higher unemployment rate in the three months to February compared to the previous year.

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<sup>1</sup> For further information about the performance of the UK and sub-regional economies in this part of the South East see *Economy & Business Snapshot – March 2013*.

- The less timely sub-regional data shows that on the broader measure the number of unemployed people in Hampshire decreased by 4,500 in the year to December 2012 and the unemployment rate fell by 0.7 percentage points to 5 per cent. The decrease in the unemployment rate in Hampshire was significantly faster than the UK average. The rate in Hampshire fell faster than in Enterprise M3 but marginally slower than in Solent.
- The good news at national, regional and sub-regional level is still found in the timelier claimant count measure of unemployment. The latest sub-regional claimant count data shows falling numbers of claimants and young claimants across much of the country in March.
- The number of unemployed claimants and young unemployed claimants in the Hampshire county council area fell by 610 and 125 respectively in March. The claimant count unemployment rate remained unchanged at 2 per cent but youth unemployment fell to 3.4 per cent.
- The fall in the number of unemployed people in March was significantly larger than in March last year but at local level a relatively strong seasonal pattern is found in the latest data.
- All local authorities registered fewer claimants in March and most local authorities registered fewer young claimants compared to the previous month. However, coastal areas in Hampshire and elsewhere in the region have experienced larger falls in unemployment in March.
- The number of unemployed claimants and young unemployed claimants in Enterprise M3 and Solent fell in March. The claimant count unemployment rate fell in Solent, and youth unemployment on the claimant count measure fell in both Enterprise M3 and Solent.
- On the broader survey-based measure there were 13,200 young unemployed people in the Hampshire county council area in the year to December 2012 or 13.8 per cent of all 16-24 year olds. The unemployment rate in Hampshire was well below the national and regional average (20.9 and 16.9 per cent respectively).
- The most recent data shows that the youth unemployment rate on the broader measure decreased compared to the previous year. The fall in youth unemployment in Hampshire was comparable to Enterprise M3 but below the average decrease in the rate registered in Solent.
- Labour productivity fell at the end of last year which is consistent with the fall in GDP in the fourth quarter. Falling productivity and rising unit labour costs have affected competitiveness and wage growth which eased to a record low of just 1 per cent.
- The weakness in regular pay and ‘sticky’ inflation (UK inflation stayed unchanged at 2.8 percent in March) suggest that relatively weak consumer spending is likely to act as a drag on the economy over short-term.

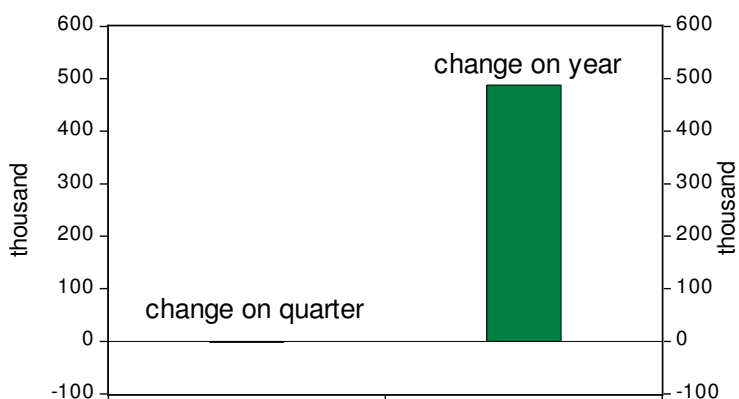
### 1. Employment

#### Overview

The official labour market data add to recent signs from business surveys that growing uncertainty about the economic outlook is starting to impact on labour market performance across much of the country. The number of people in employment in UK fell slightly for the first time since late 2011 and in sharp contrast with the strong growth seen throughout 2012. Full-time employment continued to increase but there was a sharp fall in employment among young people.

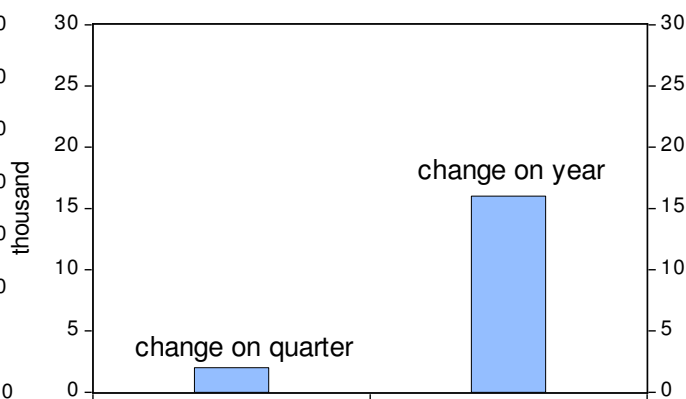
- In the three months to February 2013 the number of people in employment in the UK decreased by 2,000 to 29.7 million (Figure 1.1). The number of people in employment was 488,000 higher than at the same time last year. The employment rate for those aged from 16 to 64 was 71.4 per cent, unchanged on the previous quarter but 0.9 percentage points higher than a year earlier.
- The number of people in full-time employment increased by 60,000 but the number of people employed part-time decreased by 62,000.
- The number of young people in employment decreased by 62,000 over the previous quarter or double the number reported last month.
- Economic activity increased by 68,000 and activity among 16 to 24 year olds increased by 28,000.

**Fig 1.1: Change in employment - UK**



Source: ONS 2013

**Fig 1.2: Change in employment - South East**



Source: ONS 2013

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<sup>2</sup> For further information about the performance of the UK and sub-regional economies in this part of the South East see *Economy & Business Snapshot – March 2013*.

- Labour productivity fell by 0.8 per cent and unit labour costs increased by 0.5 per cent on the quarter.
- Regular pay growth which eased to a record low of just 1 per cent highlights the weakness of the economy. Earnings growth was relatively strong in manufacturing (2.2 per cent) and weak in construction where it fell by 1.1 per cent on the year.

The weakness in regular pay and ‘sticky’ inflation (UK inflation stayed unchanged at 2.8 percent in March) suggest that relatively weak consumer spending is likely to act as a drag on the economy over short-term.

### South East England

Employment growth in the South East in the three months to February came almost to a standstill according to the latest official data from ONS. A small increase in the region was driven entirely by the increase in employment among women. The number of men in employment fell sharply on the quarter. The ONS data follow business surveys which after reporting strong growth earlier in the year have started to report no growth in private sector employment in the region at the end of the quarter.

- The number of people in employment in the region increased by just 2,000 on the quarter and 16,000 on a year earlier (Figure 1.2). Over the past quarter the employment rate in the region remained unchanged at 74.8 per cent, alongside East of England the second highest in the UK.
- The increase in employment in the South East in the three months to February was driven entirely by the increase in employment among women. The number of women in employment increased by 30,000 and the number of men fell by 28,000.

Fig 1.3: Change in workforce jobs by industry (Q3 to Q4)

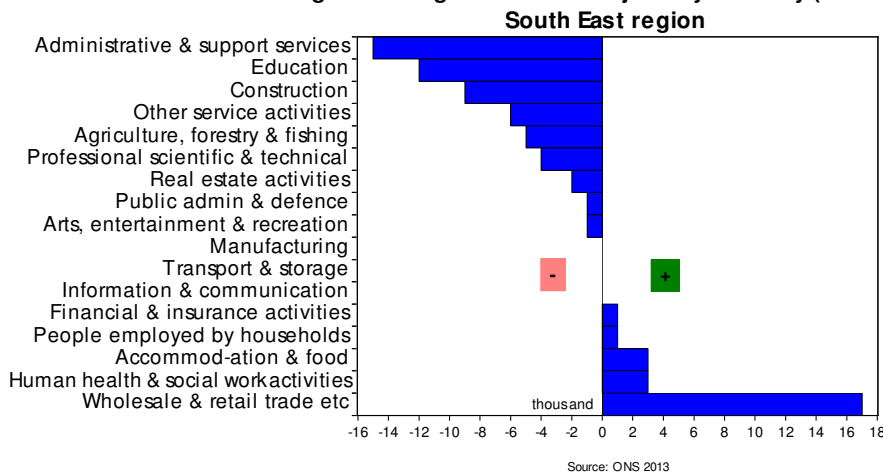
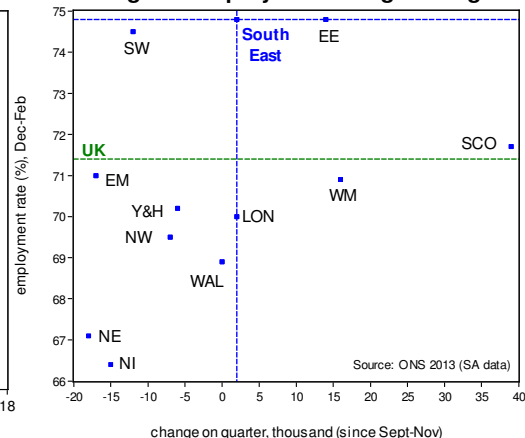


Fig 1.4: Employment rate and quarterly change in employment - English regions



- Scotland and West Midlands registered the largest increases in the number of people in employment in the country. Employment in London remained broadly unchanged but the number of people in employment in the South West decreased on the quarter (Figure 1.3).

The number of jobs in the South East fell sharply in the fourth quarter of last year. The fall in this area is at odds with strong growth in the number of people in employment registered in Q4. The discrepancy between the figures suggests that the strong growth in employment in the South East in the final quarter of 2012 was mainly driven by the increase in demand from outside the region.

- In the final quarter of last year the number of jobs located in the South East fell by 31,000, over the same period the number of workforce jobs in London increased by 27,000. The fall in the number of workforce jobs in the region was driven by the fall in self-employment jobs (the number of employee jobs remained unchanged).
- The wholesale and retail sector registered the largest increase in the number of jobs in Q4 followed by small increases in accommodation & food, human health & social work and finance & insurance (Figure 1.3). The largest decreases in the number of jobs in the region were recorded in administration & support services, education and construction.

### Selected Local Enterprise Partnerships & Counties

The most recent residence-based annual data from the Annual Population Survey (APS) for the year to December 2012 shows that most sub-regions registered growth in the number of people in employment compared to the previous year.<sup>3</sup>

- Oxfordshire was the only county/LEP in this part of the region with fewer numbers of people in employment in the year to December 2012 compared to the previous year (Table 1).

**Table 1: Employment (16-64 year olds) - selected counties/LEPs**

|  | Jan 2011-Dec 2011 |             | Jan 2012-Dec 2012 |             | change       |            |
|--|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
|  | number            | %           | number            | %           | number       | pp. change |
| United Kingdom                           | 28,110,900        | 70.0        | 28,381,400        | 70.6        | 270,500      | 0.6        |
| South East Region                        | 4,014,400         | 74.2        | 4,051,200         | 74.7        | 36,800       | 0.5        |
| <b>Hampshire County</b>                  | <b>609,100</b>    | <b>75.4</b> | <b>617,400</b>    | <b>76.9</b> | <b>8,300</b> | <b>1.5</b> |
| Surrey                                   | 547,000           | 76.4        | 554,400           | 77.1        | 7,400        | 0.7        |
| West Sussex                              | 369,500           | 76.1        | 378,000           | 77.8        | 8,500        | 1.7        |
| Oxfordshire                              | 328,900           | 78.2        | 328,100           | 77.7        | -800         | -0.5       |
| Enterprise M3                            | 777,400           | 76.2        | 786,100           | 77.4        | 8,700        | 1.2        |
| Coast to Capital                         | 867,000           | 73.2        | 896,300           | 75.3        | 29,300       | 2.1        |
| Solent                                   | 704,200           | 72.4        | 719,100           | 73.8        | 14,900       | 1.4        |
| Thames Valley Berkshire                  | 433,300           | 75.2        | 441,600           | 76.1        | 8,300        | 0.9        |
| Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough | 635,900           | 75.0        | 637,100           | 75.0        | 1,200        | 0.0        |
| South East Midlands                      | 822,700           | 74.5        | 831,000           | 74.7        | 8,300        | 0.2        |

Source: ONS 2013

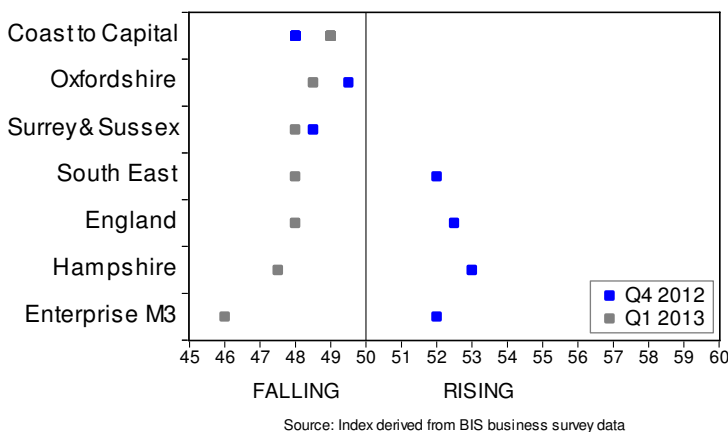
<sup>3</sup> Sub-regional data from APS is updated quarterly.

- With 77.8 per cent of all people of working-age in employment West Sussex had the highest employment rate in this part of the South East, marginally higher than Oxfordshire and Enterprise M3 (77.7 per cent and 77.4 per cent respectively) Table 1.
- The number of people in employment in the Hampshire county council area increased by 8,300 and the employment rate increased by 1.5 percentage points to 76.9 per cent in the year to December 2012. The employment rate in Hampshire remained well above the regional and UK average (74.7 and 70.6 per cent respectively), Table 1.
- The fastest annual growth in employment was recorded in Coast to Capital, West Sussex and the Hampshire county council area.

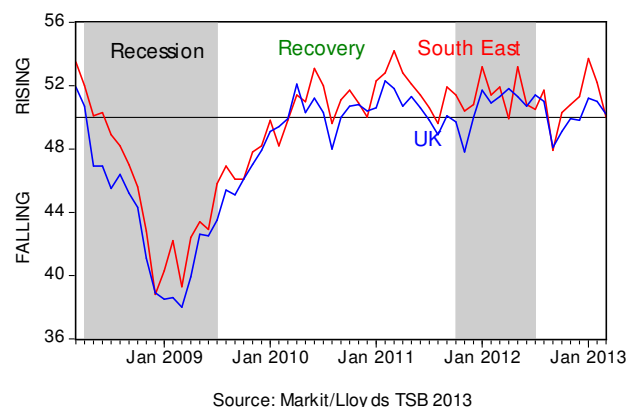
The latest sub-regional data from business surveys shows that employment remained broadly stable in this part of the region at the end of last year but the outlook for the first quarter has weakened across most sub-regions.<sup>4</sup>

- According to the latest quarterly business survey employment remained relatively stable in this part of the region in the final quarter of last year. Hampshire & the Isle of Wight and Enterprise M3 were the strongest performing areas for employment and Coast to Capital the weakest (Figure 1.5).
- Coast to Capital is the only area where the outlook for Q1 has improved compared to Q4 2012 (Figure 1.5). The outlook for Surrey & Sussex and Oxfordshire has remained similar to Q4 2012. Businesses in Enterprise M3 and Hampshire & the Isle of Wight reported the weakest expectations for employment growth in the first quarter of this year.

**Fig 1.5: Number in employment in Q4 2012 and expectations for Q1 2013**



**Fig 1.6: Private sector employment growth South East and United Kingdom**



The timelier regional data from business surveys used to point to strong growth in private sector employment in the region compared to the national average and most other UK regions.

<sup>4</sup> This section is updated quarterly following the release of APS and BIS data.

However, the data for March shows that growing uncertainty about the economic outlook is starting to impact on demand for labour in the region and across the country.

- Private sector employment growth in the region slowed sharply at the end of the first quarter. Alongside East of England the South East was the best performing UK region for private sector employment growth in January and February. However, the region registered no change in private sector employment in March according to the latest PMI survey from Markit (Figure 1.6).

### Business specific intelligence

The latest **business specific intelligence** (job creation, expansion and merger and acquisition) includes the news that:<sup>5</sup>

- **Treds** is looking to expand its chain of 28 footwear stores with new sites in the Midlands, East Anglia and **South East**.
- **Cherwell District Council** has approved plans for a Ministry of Defence distribution centre in Upper Arnclott, including a 750,000 sq ft warehouse and up to 2,000 jobs.
- **Lucketts Travel** is to create 25 new driving jobs at **Farham-based** coach travel business.
- **Wellness Foods** has appointed Rothschild to conduct a strategic review of its **Oxfordshire-based** Rowse Honey business, which could lead to a £50m sale.
- **Tesco** is said to be considering plans to set up an online groceries fulfilment centre at **Didcot in Oxfordshire**.
- **NewRiver Retail** is to submit plans to extend The Martlets shopping centre in **Burgess Hill**, including retail units totalling 51,000 sq ft and a 50,000 sq ft food store.
- **Weald & Downland Open Air Museum** near **Chichester** is seeking £4m of lottery funding for a new visitor centre.
- **Lombard Medical Technologies** is looking to expand the production of its medical devices in Ayrshire and **Oxfordshire**, in preparation for the US launch of its Aorfix stent.
- **Hammerson** has submitted outline plans for the £70m Watermark WestQuay development in **Southampton**, including a cinema, restaurants and up to 500 jobs.
- **Travelodge** has signed new operators and franchises for 38 of its budget hotels, as part of a series of deals with Moto, Best Western, Ibis, Metro Inns and others.

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<sup>5</sup> Business specific intelligence includes announcements from Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex, Oxfordshire, Enterprise M3 and Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnerships.

- **Innovation Group** the **Whitley based** global provider of business process services and software solutions has acquired Gemini Vehicle Solutions, the Kidderminster-based provider of accident management services with 45 staff, for £4.5m.
- **Science Oxford** has submitted plans to build a £38m science exhibition centre in **Oxford** by 2015, including a planetarium, laboratory and up to 150 jobs.
- **CooperVision** has submitted plans to expand its contact lens factory at **Hamble in Hampshire** by about 10,000 sq ft.
- **Southampton City Council** is seeking bids from the private sector to build and operate a new distribution centre to cut the number of commercial vehicles entering the city.
- **Minoan Group** the **Croydon-based** travel and leisure group is looking to open new travel outlets in Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Glasgow, and is rebranding its sites under the Stewart Travel name.
- **Quindell Portfolio** the **Fareham-based** consultancy has acquired Compass Costs Consultants, the Merseyside-based legal costs consultancy, for £14m.
- **Fishawack**, the healthcare communications firm with offices in Knutsford and **Oxford**, has been acquired by Growth Capital Partners for £13m.
- **KFC** the **Woking-based** fast-food supplier is planning to open 40 new fast food outlets this year, with the creation of 1,600 jobs.
- **Chandlers BMW** is looking to build a new car dealership at Angmering in **West Sussex**, with the relocation of up to 88 staff from existing sites.
- **Bicester Heritage** is planning to develop a heritage business park at the former RAF Bicester airfield, in order to provide space for motoring and aviation companies.
- **Smiths Bletchington** has submitted plans to extend the Gill Mill sand and gravel quarry in **Oxfordshire** by 239 acres, securing 100 jobs for 14 years.
- **Grafton Merchanting** the **Oxford-based** builders and plumbers has bought Sunderland-based Thompson Building Centres and sister company TAPS plumbers merchants out of administration, saving 20 jobs.
- **EasyJet** is looking to recruit 200 additional pilots to work from its 11 UK airports by 2014.
- **Bristow Helicopters** the **Redhil-based** provider of helicopter services is to set up a new base at Inverness Airport, having won a ten-year contract to operate search and rescue operations from ten sites nationwide.

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- **Sainsbury's** is planning to open a further 50 Local convenience stores in London and the **South East** over the next year, with the creation of 1,000 jobs.
- **Whiteley Shopping Centre** is looking to recruit more than 1,000 staff for its new £84m retail centre due to open in **Hampshire** in May.
- **Surrey County Council** has approved plans from Bio Group to develop a 25,000 tonne-a-year capacity anaerobic digestion plant at Dunsfold Park.
- **MEPC** has announced plans for a new £15m office development at Milton Park in **Oxfordshire**, providing space for 500 staff.

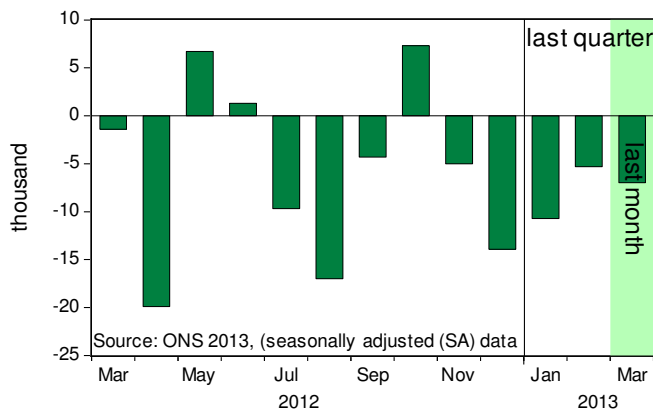
## 2. Unemployment

### Overview

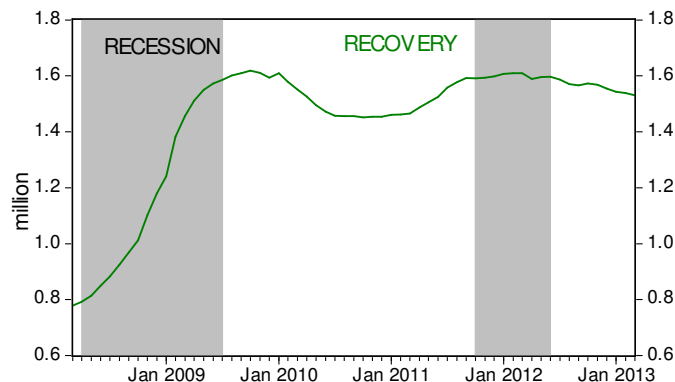
Unemployment on the broader survey-based measure increased sharply in the UK in the three months to February according to the latest official data. However, the number of unemployed people on the timelier claimant count measure fell in March. Youth unemployment on the broader measure increased but the pace of the increase was slower than reported last month.

- On the broader (survey based) measure of unemployment the number of unemployed people in the UK increased by 70,000 in the three months to February, compared to the increase of 7,000 in the three months to January. The number of unemployed people was 71,000 lower than in the previous 12 months. The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 7.9 per cent.
- The number of young unemployed people (16 to 24 year olds) increased by 20,000 to 979,000 compared to the increase of 48,000 reported last month. The youth unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 21.1 per cent. Excluding people in full-time education (FTE) the number of young unemployed people increased by 36,000 to 670,000 and the corresponding unemployment rate increased by 1.1 percentage points to 19.1 per cent.

**Fig 2.1: Change in unemployment (claimant count) United Kingdom**



**Fig 2.2: Unemployment (claimant count) United Kingdom**



- Unemployment on the timelier but narrower claimant count measure (adjusted for seasonal factors) fell by 7,000 to 1.53 million, a faster decrease than in February but below the quarterly average of -10,000 (Figure 2.1 and Figure 2.2). The number of claimants not-adjusted for seasonal factors in the UK fell by 29,300.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Sub-regional claimant count data is not adjusted for seasonal factors.

### South East England

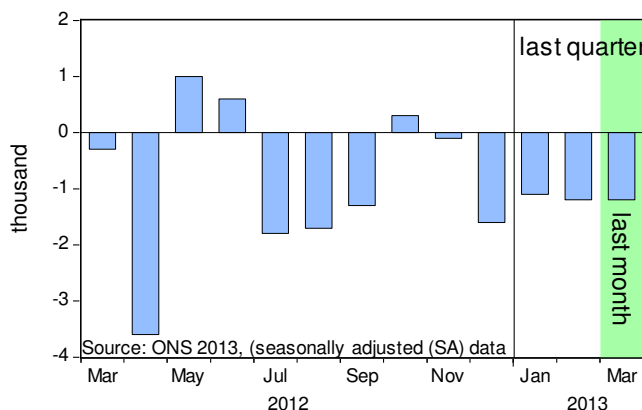
The number of unemployed people on the broader survey-based measure in the South East increased in the three months to February. The pace of the increase was comparable to the increase reported last month but the absolute number of unemployed people reached the highest level since late 1993. The unemployment rate increased to the highest in 18 years and the South East remained one of only three English regions with higher unemployment rate compared to the previous year.

- The number of unemployed people on the broader survey-based measure in the region increased by 15,000 to 306,000 in the three months to February, the highest number since late 1993. The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points to 6.8 per cent, the highest rate since 1995.
- The increase in unemployment in the region was driven by the increase in male unemployment. In the three months to February the number of unemployed people in the region was 23,000 higher than at the same time last year.
- South East, East of England and West Midlands were the only English regions with higher unemployment rates in the three months to February compared to the same time last year.

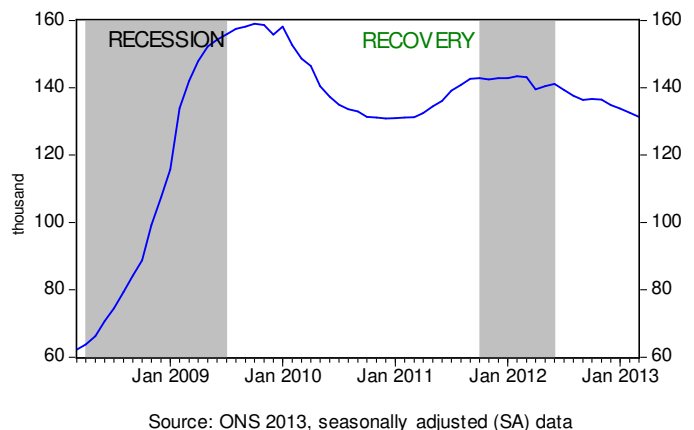
### Claimant count unemployment

The number of unemployed people on the timelier measure fell in March, the decline was larger than in February and comparable to the average fall on a quarterly basis. The unemployment rate in the region remained unchanged in March.

**Fig 2.3: Change in unemployment (claimant count South East)**



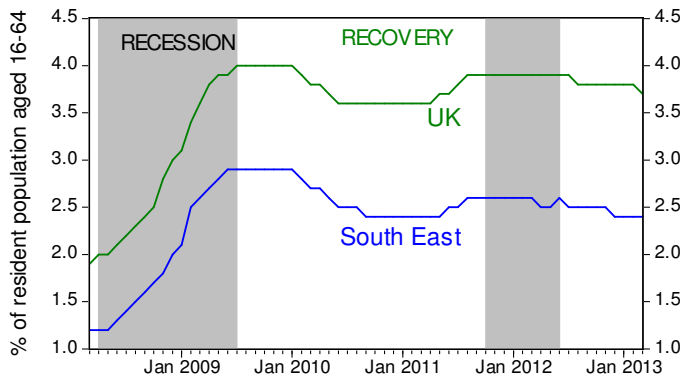
**Fig 2.4: Unemployment (claimant count) South East**



- The number of unemployed claimants in the South East fell by 1,200 to 131,400, the lowest level since March 2011 (Figure 2.3 and Figure 2.4). The decline was larger than in February and comparable to the average decline in claimant count unemployment reported in the previous three months. On the non-adjusted measure, the number of claimants fell by 3,500.

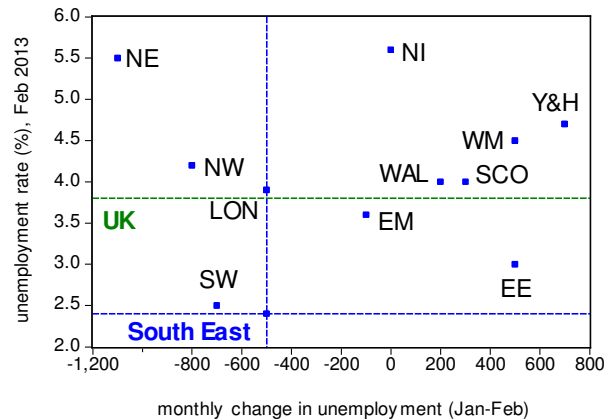
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (claimant count unemployment) in the region remained unchanged at 2.4 per cent, the UK rate fell from 3.8 per cent in February to 3.7 per cent in March (Figure 2.5).<sup>7</sup> The South East had the lowest unemployment rate (claimant count unemployment) in the country (Figure 2.6).

**Fig 2.5: Unemployment rate (claimant count) United Kingdom and South East England**



Source: ONS 2013 (SA data)

**Figure 2.6: Unemployment rate (claimant count) and change in unemployment**



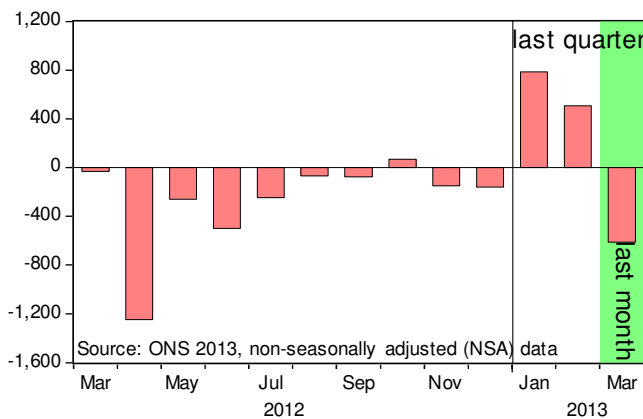
Source: ONS 2013 (SA data)

### Claimant count unemployment - Hampshire

The number of unemployed people on the claimant count measure in the Hampshire county council area fell in March. The decrease in the number of claimants in March was significantly larger than the modest decrease recorded in March last year.

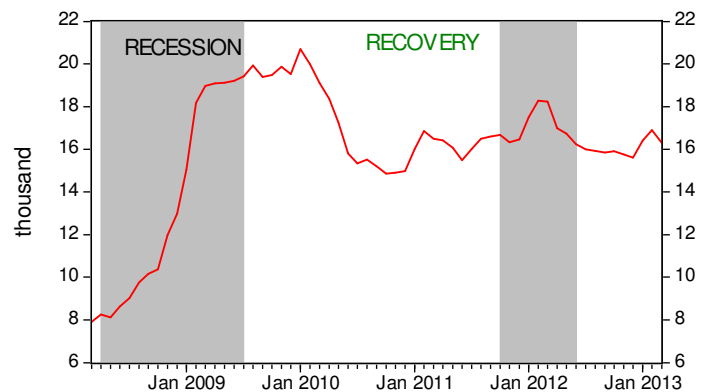
- The number of unemployed people in the Hampshire CC area decreased by 610 to 16,291 in March 2013 (Figure 2.7).<sup>8</sup> The fall in the number of claimants in March was significantly larger than the modest fall of just 32 reported in March 2012.

**Fig 2.7: Change in unemployment (claimant count) Hampshire CC**



Source: ONS 2013, non-seasonally adjusted (NSA) data

**Fig 2.8: Unemployment (claimant count) Hampshire CC**



Source: ONS 2013, non-seasonally adjusted (NSA) data

<sup>7</sup> The rate refers to the proportion of resident population aged 16-64.

<sup>8</sup> Sub-regional estimates are not adjusted for seasonal factors.

- The number of unemployed claimants fell across all local authorities in Hampshire, ranging from 8 fewer claimants in Test Valley to 120 and 258 fewer claimants in New Forest and the Isle of Wight respectively. All local authorities in Hampshire had fewer numbers of claimants in March compared to March last year (Annex A).
- The claimant count unemployment rate in the Hampshire CC area remained unchanged at 2 per cent in March. The rate remained unchanged in the UK but fell slightly in the South East. The claimant count rate in Hampshire was 0.5 percentage points below the regional average and 1.9 percentage points below the national average (Figure 2.9).<sup>9</sup>
- The unemployment rate in the Hampshire CC area in March was 0.2 percentage points lower than the rate recorded in March last year and well below the 1990's peak of 6.2 per cent recorded in January 1993.

Timely estimates of unemployment on the broader (survey based) measure at sub-regional level are not available. The most recent annual data shows that in the year to December 2012 there were approximately 32,300 unemployed people in the Hampshire county council area or 5 per cent of all economically active people (Table 2).<sup>10</sup>

**Table 2: Unemployment rate (16-64 year olds)  
(broader, survey-based estimate)**

|                         | Jan 2011-Dec<br>2011 |            | Jan 2012-Dec<br>2012 |            | change        |               |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | number               | %          | number               | %          | number        | pp.<br>change |
| United Kingdom          | 2,483,700            | 8.1        | 2,475,400            | 8.0        | -8,300        | -0.1          |
| South East              | 259,700              | 6.1        | 262,400              | 6.1        | 2,700         | 0.0           |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>36,800</b>        | <b>5.7</b> | <b>32,300</b>        | <b>5.0</b> | <b>-4,500</b> | <b>-0.7</b>   |
| Enterprise M3           | 41,000               | 5.0        | 38,200               | 4.6        | -2,800        | -0.4          |
| Solent                  | 48,800               | 6.5        | 43,800               | 5.7        | -5,000        | -0.8          |

Source: ONS 2012

- The number of unemployed people in Hampshire decreased by 4,500 over the previous year and the unemployment rate fell by 0.7 percentage points. The decrease in the unemployment rate in Hampshire was significantly faster than the UK average. The rate in Hampshire fell faster than in Enterprise M3 but marginally slower than in Solent (Table 2). The unemployment rate in the South East remained unchanged over the year.

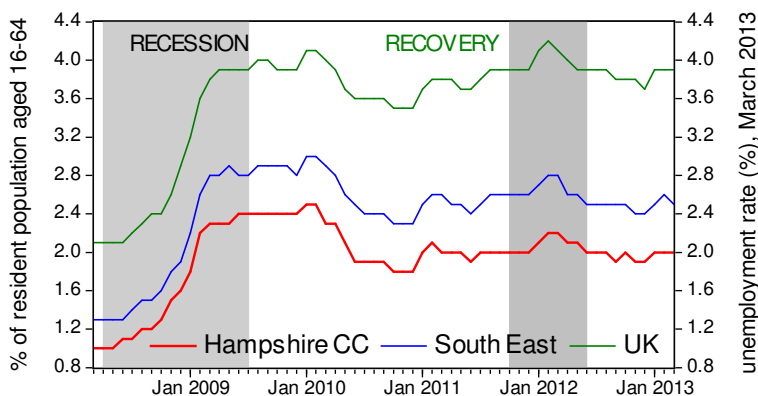
The unemployment rate on the claimant count measure fell in most local authorities in Hampshire in March. Most local authorities along the coast recorded a small fall in the unemployment rate last month (Annex A).

<sup>9</sup> Non-seasonally adjusted estimates.

<sup>10</sup> This series is updated quarterly

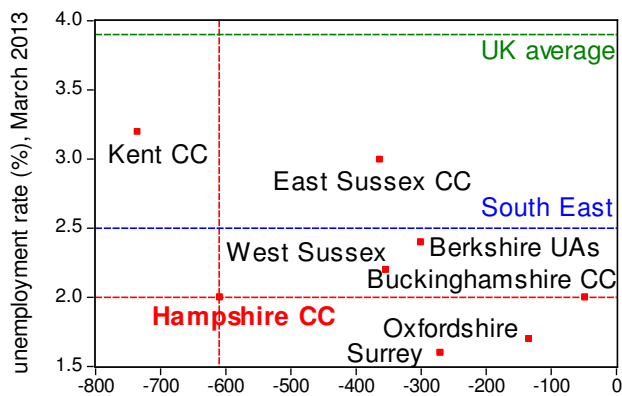
- The unemployment rates fell in Rushmoor, East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Gosport, Hart, Havant, New Forest, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. The fastest monthly decrease was recorded in the Isle of Wight. (Annex A).
- All local authorities in the Hampshire Economic Area (HEA) registered lower unemployment rates in March compared to March 2012. The fastest annual fall was recorded in Gosport (Annex A).
- Hart had the lowest claimant count unemployment rate in the area in March (1.1 per cent) and the Isle of Wight the highest (4.7 per cent, above the UK average). The rates in Rushmoor, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth and Southampton were above the regional average but below the national average (Annex A).

**Fig 2.9: Unemployment rate (claimant count) Hampshire CC**



Source: ONS 2013

**Fig 2.10: Unemployment rate and monthly change - South East Counties**



monthly change in unemployment (Feb-Mar)

Source: ONS 2013 (NSA data)

### Claimant count unemployment – South East Counties

The number of JSA claimants decreased in all counties in the South East in March but East Sussex was the only county to register a small fall in the unemployment rate.

- The largest absolute decreases were registered in Kent and Hampshire and the smallest in Buckinghamshire (Figure 2.10 and Annex A).
- The number of claimants in all counties was higher than in the previous three months but all counties had fewer claimants in March compared to March 2012 (Annex A).
- East Sussex was the only county where the claimant count unemployment rate fell in March. The rates remained unchanged in all other counties in the region (Annex A).

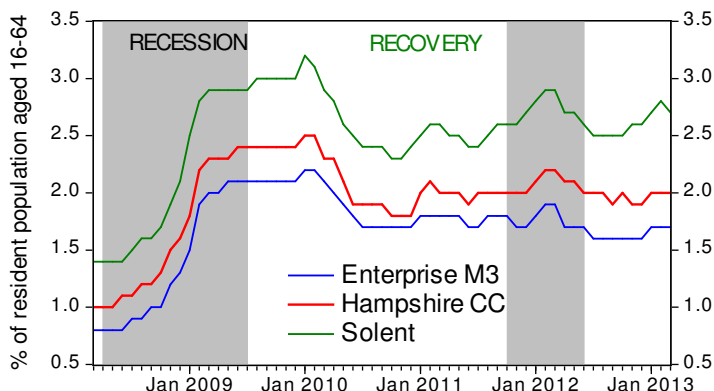
- Surrey is the county with the lowest claimant count unemployment rate in the region (1.6 per cent). Kent had the highest claimant count rate, 3.2 per cent above the regional average but below the UK average (Figure 2.10).<sup>11</sup>
- All counties in the region registered lower unemployment rates in March compared to March 2012 (Annex A).

### Claimant count unemployment – Local Enterprise Partnerships

South East Midlands was the only LEP in the South East where the number of unemployed claimants increased in March. The unemployment rate fell in three LEPs in the region.

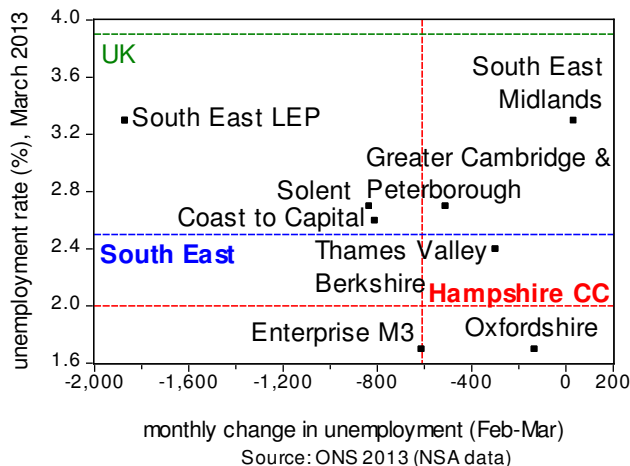
- The number of unemployed claimants increased in South East Midlands and fell in all other LEPs in the region. The largest decrease was registered in the South East LEP and the smallest in Oxfordshire (Figure 2.12 and Annex A).
- The unemployment rates fell in the South East LEP, Coast to Capital and Solent (Annex A). Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough also recorded a small fall in the unemployment rate.
- The lowest unemployment rates in March were recorded in Oxfordshire and Enterprise M3 (1.7 per cent respectively), and the highest in the South East LEP and South East Midlands (3.3 per cent respectively), above the South East average but below the national average (Figure 2.12). Oxfordshire, Enterprise M3 and Thames Valley Berkshire were the only LEPs in the region with unemployment rates below the regional average in March (Annex A).
- All LEPs in the South East recorded lower claimant count unemployment rate in March compared to March 2012 (Annex A).

**Fig 2.11: Unemployment rate (claimant count) Hampshire CC, Solent and Enterprise M3 LEP**



Source: ONS 2013, NSA data

**Fig 2.12: Unemployment rate and change in unemployment: South East LEPs**



Source: ONS 2013 (NSA data)

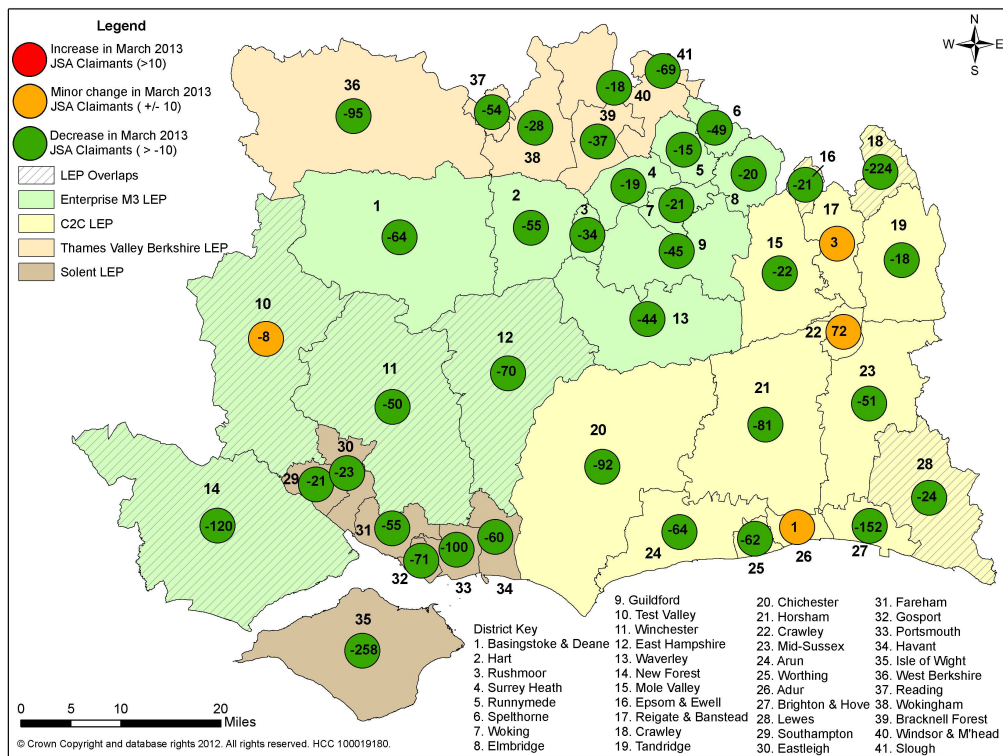
<sup>11</sup> The switch from 2010 to 2011 mid-year population estimate has led to larger than expected changes in the rates and in some cases at local level it has led to a rise in the unemployment rate even though the number fell by a small amount. In some cases the switch has affected the previous months' estimate.

### Claimant count unemployment – Enterprise M3

The number of claimants in Enterprise M3 decreased by 614 in March and the claimant count unemployment rate remained unchanged at 1.7 per cent, alongside Oxfordshire the lowest in the South East.

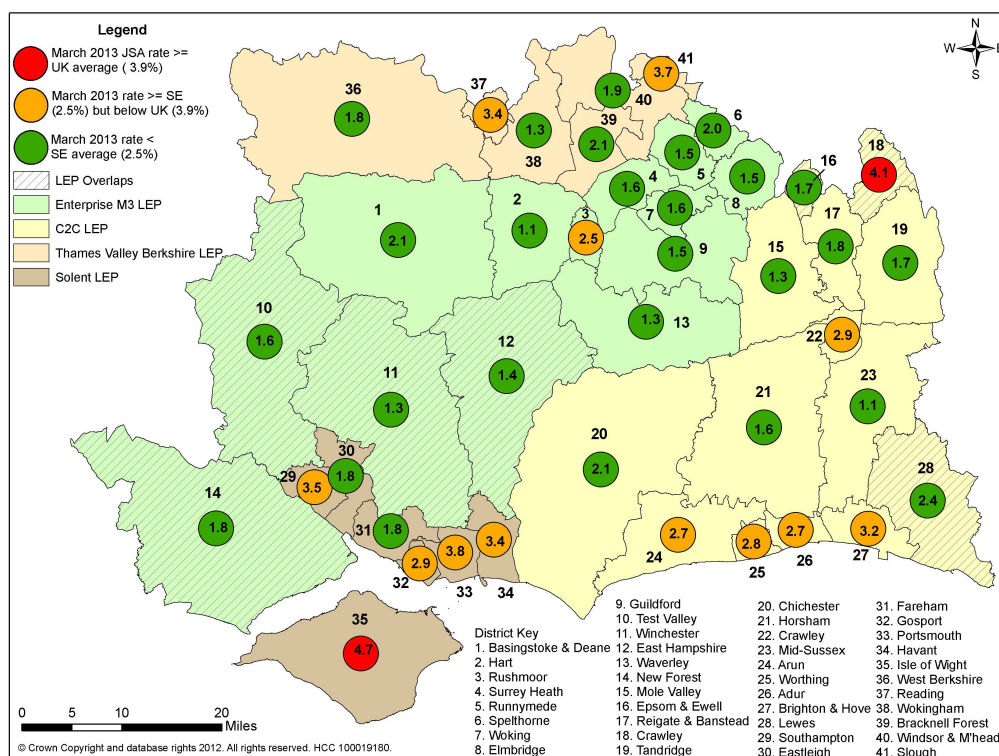
- The number of claimants fell in all 14 local authorities in this LEP ranging from 8 fewer claimants in Test Valley to 120 fewer claimants in New Forest (Figure 2.13).
- Ten local authorities registered lower unemployment rates in March. The rate remained unchanged in Basingstoke & Deane, Surrey Heath, Test Valley and Winchester.<sup>12</sup>
- Hart had the lowest unemployment rate in the area in March (1.1 per cent) and Rushmoor the highest (2.5 per cent) Figure 2.14. Rushmoor was the only local authority in Enterprise M3 with the unemployment rate above the regional average in March.

**Figure 2.13 Change in unemployment (claimant count): February - March Enterprise M3 and Solent Local Enterprise Partnerships**



<sup>12</sup> Due to frequent data revisions a change in claimant count unemployment rate in a local authority could be driven by not just the change in the number of unemployed claimants but also by any change/revision to the population estimate.

**Figure 2.14 Unemployment rate (claimant count): March 2013**  
**Enterprise M3 and Solent Local Enterprise Partnerships**



### Claimant count unemployment – Solent

The number of claimants in Solent decreased by 836 in March and the unemployment rate fell to 2.7 per cent. Solent was one of the three LEPs in the region to register lower unemployment rate in March.

- The number of claimants fell in all 11 local authorities in this LEP ranging from 8 fewer claimants in Test Valley to 258 fewer claimants in the Isle of Wight (Figure 2.13).
- Seven local authorities registered lower unemployment rates in March. The rate remained unchanged in Fareham, Southampton, Test Valley and Winchester.<sup>13</sup>
- Winchester had the lowest unemployment rate in the area in March (1.3 per cent) and the Isle of Wight the highest (4.7 per cent), Figure 2.14. Isle of Wight was the only local authority in the area with the unemployment rate above the national average but several local authorities along the coast had the unemployment rates above the regional average in March (Figure 2.14).

<sup>13</sup> Due to frequent data revisions a change in claimant count unemployment rate in a local authority could be driven by not just the change in the number of unemployed claimants but also by any change/revision to the population estimate.

### Youth unemployment – Hampshire

The number of young unemployed claimants decreased in the Hampshire county council area in March. The unemployment rate fell and most local authorities in the area registered lower claimant count youth unemployment.

- The total number of young JSA claimants decreased by 125 to 4,660 (Annex B). The number of young unemployed claimants in Hampshire was 395 higher than in December and 885 lower than in March 2012.
- The youth unemployment rate in the Hampshire CC area decreased by 0.1 percentage points to 3.4 per cent. The pace of the decrease was comparable to the average decrease registered in the South East and the UK (Annex B).
- The claimant count unemployment rate in Hampshire remained below the South East average (3.6 per cent) and well below the UK average (5.7 per cent).
- The claimant count unemployment rates across all broad age groups in Hampshire were below the regional and national average in March (*see Annex B and Annex C for a summary of claimant count unemployment by age group and local authority*).
- The number of young unemployed claimants decreased in most local authorities in Hampshire in March. Eastleigh and Southampton were the only local authorities to register higher rates in March compared to the previous month (Annex B).
- All 14 local authorities in the area had lower youth unemployment rate in March compared to March last year.
- At just 1.5 per cent of all 16-24 year olds, Winchester had the lowest youth unemployment rate in Hampshire in March (Annex B). The highest rate was registered in the Isle of Wight (8.2 per cent, above the national average). Isle of Wight and Havant were the only local authorities in the area with the claimant count unemployment rates above the national average in March.
- The rates in Portsmouth, New Forest, Fareham, Gosport and Rushmoor were below the national average but above the South East average.

The claimant count estimate of youth unemployment is not comparable to the estimate reported by the media. Timely estimates of youth unemployment on the broader (survey based) measure at sub-national level are not available.

- The latest survey based estimate for Hampshire CC area refers to the annual based estimate, and as such is not directly comparable to quarterly national and regional estimates.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> This series is updated quarterly.

**Table 3: Youth unemployment (16-24 year olds)**

|                  | Jan 2011-Dec 2011 |             | Jan 2012-Dec 2012 |             | change        |             |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                  | number            | %           | number            | %           | number        | pp. change  |
| United Kingdom   | 969,800           | 21.0        | 954,900           | 20.9        | -14,900       | -0.1        |
| South East       | 104,700           | 16.6        | 106,800           | 16.9        | 2,100         | 0.3         |
| <b>Hampshire</b> | <b>14,800</b>     | <b>13.9</b> | <b>13,200</b>     | <b>13.8</b> | <b>-1,600</b> | <b>-0.1</b> |
| Enterprise M3    | 16,700            | 13.0        | 15,000            | 12.9        | -1,700        | -0.1        |
| Solent           | 20,700            | 16.5        | 16,900            | 14.2        | -3,800        | -2.3        |

Source: ONS 2012

- On this measure in the year to December 2012 there were 13,200 young unemployed people in the Hampshire county council area or 13.8 per cent of all 16-24 year olds. The unemployment rate in Hampshire was below the national and regional average (20.9 and 16.9 per cent respectively).

The most recent data shows that the youth unemployment rate on the broader measure decreased compared to the previous year. The fall in youth unemployment in Hampshire was comparable to Enterprise M3 but well below the fall registered in Solent (Table 3).

### Youth unemployment – South East Counties

The number of young unemployed claimants decreased in all counties in the South East. Four counties registered lower rates in March compared to the previous month.

- The number of young claimants decreased in all counties in the region ranging from 5 fewer in Buckinghamshire to 185 fewer in Kent (Annex B).
- The unemployment rates fell in Hampshire, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex and remained unchanged in other counties in March.
- Oxfordshire had the lowest youth unemployment in the South East in March (2.0 per cent) and Kent the highest (5 per cent). Kent and East Sussex were the only counties in the region with unemployment rates above the regional average but below the national average.

### Youth unemployment – Local Enterprise Partnerships

South East Midlands was the only LEP in the South East to register a small increase in the number of young claimants in March. Most LEPs registered lower unemployment rates in March.

- The largest absolute decreases were registered in the South East LEP and Coast to Capital (Annex B). The unemployment rates fell in the South East LEP, Coast to Capital, Solent and Enterprise M3.
- Oxfordshire had the lowest youth unemployment in the South East in March (2.0 per cent) and the South East the highest (5.3 per cent, below the national average).

### Business specific intelligence

The latest **business specific intelligence** (job losses) includes the news that:<sup>15</sup>

- **General Dynamics** is looking to shed 185 of the 1,600 jobs in its UK defence contracting business.
- **Axa** is to shed 450 insurance jobs at Co-operative, Yorkshire and Clydesdale bank branches across the country, following a change in the financial advice regulations.
- **All Leisure Group** is to relocate the headquarters of its travel business and up to 50 jobs from **West Sussex** to the Page & Moy site in Market Harborough.
- **Condor Office Solutions** is to relocate its **Southampton-based** photocopier business to Cando House in Chandler's Ford in 2014.
- **Holloid Plastics** has gone into administration through Smith & Williamson with the loss of 38 jobs at its **Basingstoke-based** injection moulding business.
- **Nestle** the **Croydon-based** food manufacturer is planning to close its Jenny Craig weight-loss business in the UK.

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<sup>15</sup> Business specific intelligence includes announcements from Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex, Oxfordshire, Enterprise M3 and Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnerships.

### Annex A1: Claimant count unemployment - Hampshire

|                |               |              |                  |               |                 |              |                  |               |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| March-13       | 1             | 2            | 3                | 4             | 5               | 6            | 7                | 8             |
| <b>Legend:</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>lower</b> | <b>no change</b> | <b>higher</b> | <b>Rate (%)</b> | <b>lower</b> | <b>no change</b> | <b>higher</b> |

- Green = lower, amber = no change, red = higher
- The only exception is the rate (column 5) where green implies that unemployment is below the South East average, the amber implies that it is higher than the South East average but lower than the national average and red implies that it is above the national average.
- You can use this section to observe performance over time and for comparison within and between Local Authorities and LEAs.
- *Note:* this data is not adjusted for seasonal factors. To make meaningful comparison between areas it is advisable to look at changes over 12 months.

|                         | Number<br>Mar-13 | Change      |            |               | Rate<br>(%)<br>Mar-13 | Change (percentage point) |            |             |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
|                         |                  | Monthly     | Quarterly  | Annual        |                       | Monthly                   | Quarterly  | Annual      |
| United Kingdom          | 1,584,468        | -29,321     | 61,246     | -82,391       | 3.9                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| South East Region       | 138,029          | -3,502      | 6,152      | -12,518       | 2.5                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.2        |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>16,291</b>    | <b>-610</b> | <b>682</b> | <b>-1,952</b> | <b>2.0</b>            | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>0.1</b> | <b>-0.2</b> |
| Basingstoke and Deane   | 2,292            | -64         | 198        | -229          | 2.1                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| Rushmoor                | 1,604            | -34         | 101        | -142          | 2.5                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.2        |
| Test Valley             | 1,185            | -8          | 94         | -45           | 1.6                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.1        |
| Winchester              | 934              | -50         | 28         | -111          | 1.3                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.1        |
| East Hampshire          | 1,038            | -70         | -5         | -102          | 1.4                   | -0.1                      | 0.0        | -0.2        |
| Eastleigh               | 1,481            | -23         | 88         | -269          | 1.8                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.4        |
| Fareham                 | 1,217            | -55         | 97         | -178          | 1.8                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| Gosport                 | 1,511            | -71         | -31        | -263          | 2.9                   | -0.1                      | 0.0        | -0.5        |
| Hart                    | 658              | -55         | 12         | -112          | 1.1                   | -0.1                      | 0.0        | -0.2        |
| Havant                  | 2,502            | -60         | 96         | -266          | 3.4                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.4        |
| New Forest              | 1,869            | -120        | 4          | -235          | 1.8                   | -0.1                      | 0.0        | -0.2        |
| Portsmouth              | 5,294            | -100        | 268        | -210          | 3.8                   | -0.1                      | 0.2        | -0.1        |
| Southampton             | 5,723            | -21         | 447        | -513          | 3.5                   | 0.0                       | 0.3        | -0.3        |
| Isle of Wight           | 3,852            | -258        | 151        | -34           | 4.7                   | -0.3                      | 0.2        | 0.0         |

### Annex A2: Claimant count unemployment – South East Counties

|                         | Number<br>Mar-13 | Change      |            |               | Rate<br>(%)<br>Mar-13 | Change (percentage point) |            |             |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
|                         |                  | Monthly     | Quarterly  | Annual        |                       | Monthly                   | Quarterly  | Annual      |
| United Kingdom          | 1,584,468        | -29,321     | 61,246     | -82,391       | 3.9                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| South East Region       | 138,029          | -3,502      | 6,152      | -12,518       | 2.5                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.2        |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>16,291</b>    | <b>-610</b> | <b>682</b> | <b>-1,952</b> | <b>2.0</b>            | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>0.1</b> | <b>-0.2</b> |
| Surrey                  | 11,508           | -271        | 366        | -1,518        | 1.6                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.2        |
| Oxfordshire             | 7,090            | -135        | 528        | -930          | 1.7                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| Berkshire               | 13,559           | -301        | 432        | -688          | 2.4                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.1        |
| Buckinghamshire County  | 6,319            | -49         | 311        | -312          | 2.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.1        |
| West Sussex             | 10,781           | -355        | 381        | -1,366        | 2.2                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.3        |
| East Sussex County      | 9,507            | -364        | 49         | -1,050        | 3.0                   | -0.1                      | 0.0        | -0.3        |
| Kent County             | 29,063           | -736        | 1,316      | -2,025        | 3.2                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |

### Annex A3: Claimant count unemployment – Local Enterprise Partnerships

|  | Number<br>Mar-13 | Change      |              |               | Rate<br>(%)<br>Mar-13 | Change (percentage point) |            |             |
|--|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
|  |                  | Monthly     | Quarterly    | Annual        |                       | Monthly                   | Quarterly  | Annual      |
| United Kingdom                           | 1,584,468        | -29,321     | 61,246       | -82,391       | 3.9                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| South East Region                        | 138,029          | -3,502      | 6,152        | -12,518       | 2.5                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.2        |
| South East                               | 82,014           | -1,872      | 3,328        | -5,930        | 3.3                   | -0.1                      | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| Coast to Capital                         | 32,180           | -813        | 596          | -3,682        | 2.6                   | -0.1                      | 0.0        | -0.3        |
| <b>Solent</b>                            | <b>26,606</b>    | <b>-836</b> | <b>1,237</b> | <b>-2,226</b> | <b>2.7</b>            | <b>-0.1</b>               | <b>0.1</b> | <b>-0.2</b> |
| <b>Enterprise M3</b>                     | <b>17,110</b>    | <b>-614</b> | <b>683</b>   | <b>-2,020</b> | <b>1.7</b>            | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>0.1</b> | <b>-0.1</b> |
| Thames Valley Berkshire                  | 13,559           | -301        | 432          | -688          | 2.4                   | 0.0                       | 0.1        | -0.1        |
| Oxfordshire                              | 7,090            | -135        | 528          | -930          | 1.7                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.2        |
| Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough | 24,031           | -513        | 1,760        | -691          | 2.7                   | -0.1                      | 0.2        | -0.1        |
| South East Midlands                      | 36,717           | 30          | 3,867        | -2,249        | 3.3                   | 0.0                       | 0.4        | -0.2        |

Annex B1: Youth unemployment (claimant count, 16-24 year olds) - Hampshire

|                         | Number<br>Mar-13 | Change      |            |             | Rate<br>(%)<br>Mar-13 | Change (percentage point) |            |             |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
|                         |                  | Monthly     | Quarterly  | Annual      |                       | Monthly                   | Quarterly  | Annual      |
| United Kingdom          | 428,575          | -9,640      | 20,595     | -71,720     | 5.7                   | -0.1                      | 0.3        | -1.0        |
| South East Region       | 35,360           | -915        | 2,460      | -7,670      | 3.6                   | -0.1                      | 0.2        | -0.8        |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>4,660</b>     | <b>-125</b> | <b>395</b> | <b>-885</b> | <b>3.4</b>            | <b>-0.1</b>               | <b>0.3</b> | <b>-0.7</b> |
| Basingstoke and Deane   | 565              | 0           | 115        | -70         | 3.4                   | 0.0                       | 0.7        | -0.5        |
| Rushmoor                | 420              | 0           | 55         | -65         | 3.6                   | 0.0                       | 0.4        | -0.6        |
| Test Valley             | 330              | -5          | 25         | -60         | 2.9                   | -0.1                      | 0.2        | -0.5        |
| Winchester              | 210              | -15         | 10         | -100        | 1.5                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.7        |
| East Hampshire          | 295              | -35         | 15         | -50         | 2.5                   | -0.4                      | 0.1        | -0.5        |
| Eastleigh               | 385              | 10          | 60         | -150        | 2.9                   | 0.1                       | 0.4        | -1.1        |
| Fareham                 | 405              | 0           | 65         | -45         | 3.7                   | 0.0                       | 0.7        | -0.3        |
| Gosport                 | 505              | -25         | -15        | -110        | 5.6                   | -0.3                      | -0.2       | -1.2        |
| Hart                    | 150              | -25         | 10         | -50         | 1.7                   | -0.3                      | 0.1        | -0.6        |
| Havant                  | 815              | 5           | 60         | -105        | 6.3                   | 0.0                       | 0.4        | -0.8        |
| New Forest              | 580              | -30         | 0          | -90         | 3.6                   | -0.2                      | -0.1       | -0.6        |
| Portsmouth              | 1,365            | -60         | 90         | -140        | 3.8                   | -0.1                      | 0.3        | -0.4        |
| Southampton             | 1,485            | 35          | 155        | -370        | 3.4                   | 0.1                       | 0.3        | -0.8        |
| Isle of Wight           | 1,095            | -95         | 15         | -175        | 8.2                   | -0.8                      | 0.1        | -1.3        |

Annex B2: Youth unemployment (claimant count, 16-24 year olds) – South East Counties

|                         | Number<br>Mar-13 | Change      |            |             | Rate<br>(%)<br>Mar-13 | Change (percentage point) |            |             |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
|                         |                  | Monthly     | Quarterly  | Annual      |                       | Monthly                   | Quarterly  | Annual      |
| United Kingdom          | 428,575          | -9,640      | 20,595     | -71,720     | 5.7                   | -0.1                      | 0.3        | -1.0        |
| South East Region       | 35,360           | -915        | 2,460      | -7,670      | 3.6                   | -0.1                      | 0.2        | -0.8        |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>4,660</b>     | <b>-125</b> | <b>395</b> | <b>-885</b> | <b>3.4</b>            | <b>-0.1</b>               | <b>0.3</b> | <b>-0.7</b> |
| Surrey                  | 2,480            | -115        | 120        | -770        | 2.1                   | -0.1                      | 0.1        | -0.7        |
| Oxfordshire             | 1,595            | -45         | 140        | -425        | 2.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.5        |
| Berkshire               | 3,005            | -65         | 145        | -650        | 3.2                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.7        |
| Buckinghamshire County  | 1,510            | -5          | 95         | -335        | 3.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.2        | -0.6        |
| West Sussex             | 2,595            | -125        | 115        | -730        | 3.3                   | -0.2                      | 0.1        | -1.0        |
| East Sussex County      | 2,475            | -110        | -15        | -690        | 4.8                   | -0.2                      | 0.0        | -1.3        |
| Kent County             | 8,190            | -185        | 605        | -1,450      | 5.0                   | -0.1                      | 0.4        | -0.8        |

Annex B3: Youth unemployment (claimant count, 16-24 year olds) – Local Enterprise Partnerships

|  | Number<br>Mar-13 | Change  |           |         | Rate<br>(%)<br>Mar-13 | Change (percentage point) |           |        |
|--|------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|
|  |                  | Monthly | Quarterly | Annual  |                       | Monthly                   | Quarterly | Annual |
| United Kingdom                           | 428,575          | -9,640  | 20,595    | -71,720 | 5.7                   | -0.1                      | 0.3       | -1.0   |
| South East Region                        | 35,360           | -915    | 2,460     | -7,670  | 3.6                   | -0.1                      | 0.2       | -0.8   |
| South East                               | 23,150           | -490    | 1,380     | -3,680  | 5.3                   | -0.1                      | 0.3       | -0.9   |
| Coast to Capital                         | 7,655            | -250    | 140       | -1,985  | 3.7                   | -0.1                      | 0.1       | -0.9   |
| Solent                                   | 7,465            | -220    | 470       | -1,385  | 3.9                   | -0.1                      | 0.3       | -0.7   |
| Enterprise M3                            | 4,180            | -195    | 315       | -1,005  | 2.5                   | -0.1                      | 0.2       | -0.6   |
| Thames Valley Berkshire                  | 3,005            | -65     | 145       | -650    | 3.2                   | 0.0                       | 0.2       | -0.7   |
| Oxfordshire                              | 1,595            | -45     | 140       | -425    | 2.0                   | 0.0                       | 0.2       | -0.5   |
| Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough | 6,390            | -145    | 730       | -890    | 4.1                   | -0.1                      | 0.4       | -0.6   |
| South East Midlands                      | 8,920            | 10      | 1,240     | -1,740  | 4.8                   | 0.0                       | 0.7       | -0.9   |

Annex C1: Claimant count unemployment by age group – Hampshire

| Legend:                 | Mar-13        | Age groups (number)                 |              |              |              | Rate (%)   | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #2e8b57; color: white; padding: 2px;">below South East</div> <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px;">&gt; SE &lt; UK</div> <div style="background-color: #ff0000; color: white; padding: 2px;">above UK</div> </div> |            |            |            |  |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|--|
|                         |               | Unemployment: by age group (number) |              |              |              |            | Unemployment: by age group (%)  |            |            |            |  |
|                         | All           | Age: 16-64                          | Age: 16-24   | Age: 25-49   | Age: 50-64   | All        | Age: 16-64  | Age: 16-24 | Age: 25-49 | Age: 50-64 |  |
| United Kingdom          | 1,584,468     | 1,581,430                           | 428,575      | 889,145      | 263,710      | 3.9        | 3.9   | 5.7        | 4.1        | 2.3        |  |
| South East Region       | 138,029       | 137,565                             | 35,360       | 76,105       | 26,100       | 2.5        | 2.5   | 3.6        | 2.6        | 1.6        |  |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>16,291</b> | <b>16,150</b>                       | <b>4,660</b> | <b>8,380</b> | <b>3,110</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>1.9</b>  | <b>3.4</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>1.2</b> |  |
| Basingstoke and Deane   | 2,292         | 2,270                               | 565          | 1,235        | 465          | 2.1        | 2.1   | 3.4        | 2.0        | 1.5        |  |
| Rushmoor                | 1,604         | 1,590                               | 420          | 830          | 340          | 2.5        | 2.5   | 3.6        | 2.2        | 2.3        |  |
| Test Valley             | 1,185         | 1,170                               | 330          | 610          | 235          | 1.6        | 1.6   | 2.9        | 1.6        | 1.0        |  |
| Winchester              | 934           | 925                                 | 210          | 525          | 195          | 1.3        | 1.3   | 1.5        | 1.4        | 0.9        |  |
| East Hampshire          | 1,038         | 1,035                               | 295          | 520          | 225          | 1.4        | 1.4   | 2.5        | 1.4        | 0.9        |  |
| Eastleigh               | 1,481         | 1,470                               | 385          | 770          | 315          | 1.8        | 1.8   | 2.9        | 1.8        | 1.3        |  |
| Fareham                 | 1,217         | 1,205                               | 405          | 600          | 200          | 1.8        | 1.7   | 3.7        | 1.7        | 0.9        |  |
| Gosport                 | 1,511         | 1,480                               | 505          | 765          | 215          | 2.9        | 2.8   | 5.6        | 2.8        | 1.4        |  |
| Hart                    | 658           | 650                                 | 150          | 365          | 135          | 1.1        | 1.1   | 1.7        | 1.1        | 0.8        |  |
| Havant                  | 2,502         | 2,500                               | 815          | 1,270        | 415          | 3.4        | 3.4   | 6.3        | 3.5        | 1.7        |  |
| New Forest              | 1,869         | 1,855                               | 580          | 895          | 380          | 1.8        | 1.8   | 3.6        | 1.8        | 1.0        |  |
| Portsmouth              | 5,294         | 5,295                               | 1,365        | 3,035        | 895          | 3.8        | 3.8   | 3.8        | 4.2        | 2.9        |  |
| Southampton             | 5,723         | 5,665                               | 1,485        | 3,220        | 960          | 3.5        | 3.5   | 3.4        | 3.8        | 2.8        |  |
| Isle of Wight           | 3,852         | 3,850                               | 1,095        | 1,950        | 805          | 4.7        | 4.7   | 8.2        | 4.9        | 2.7        |  |

## Annex C2: Claimant count unemployment by age group – South East Counties

|                         | Unemployment: by age group (number) |               |              |              |              | Unemployment: by age group (%) |            |            |            |            |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                         | All                                 | Age: 16-64    | Age: 16-24   | Age: 25-49   | Age: 50-64   | All                            | Age: 16-64 | Age: 16-24 | Age: 25-49 | Age: 50-64 |
| United Kingdom          | 1,584,468                           | 1,581,430     | 428,575      | 889,145      | 263,710      | 3.9                            | 3.9        | 5.7        | 4.1        | 2.3        |
| South East Region       | 138,029                             | 137,565       | 35,360       | 76,105       | 26,100       | 2.5                            | 2.5        | 3.6        | 2.6        | 1.6        |
| <b>Hampshire County</b> | <b>16,291</b>                       | <b>16,150</b> | <b>4,660</b> | <b>8,380</b> | <b>3,110</b> | <b>2.0</b>                     | <b>1.9</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>1.2</b> |
| Surrey                  | 11,508                              | 11,405        | 2,480        | 6,405        | 2,520        | 1.6                            | 1.6        | 2.1        | 1.6        | 1.2        |
| Oxfordshire             | 7,090                               | 7,090         | 1,595        | 4,140        | 1,350        | 1.7                            | 1.7        | 2.0        | 1.8        | 1.2        |
| Thames Valley Berkshire | 13,559                              | 13,555        | 3,005        | 7,995        | 2,550        | 2.4                            | 2.4        | 3.2        | 2.5        | 1.7        |
| Buckinghamshire         | 6,319                               | 6,315         | 1,510        | 3,455        | 1,350        | 2.0                            | 2.0        | 3.0        | 2.0        | 1.4        |
| West Sussex             | 10,781                              | 10,760        | 2,595        | 5,910        | 2,255        | 2.2                            | 2.2        | 3.3        | 2.3        | 1.4        |
| East Sussex             | 9,507                               | 9,410         | 2,475        | 5,070        | 1,865        | 3.0                            | 3.0        | 4.8        | 3.3        | 1.7        |
| Kent                    | 29,063                              | 29,045        | 8,190        | 15,585       | 5,270        | 3.2                            | 3.2        | 5.0        | 3.3        | 1.9        |

## Annex C3: Claimant count unemployment by age group – Local Enterprise Partnerships

|  |        |        |        |        |        |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| South East                               | 82,014 | 81,885 | 23,150 | 44,135 | 14,600 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Coast to Capital                         | 32,180 | 32,100 | 7,655  | 18,350 | 6,095  | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 1.7 |
| Solent                                   | 26,606 | 26,450 | 7,465  | 14,155 | 4,835  | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 1.7 |
| Enterprise M3                            | 17,110 | 16,955 | 4,180  | 9,150  | 3,625  | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Thames Valley Berkshire                  | 13,559 | 13,555 | 3,005  | 7,995  | 2,550  | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| Oxfordshire                              | 7,090  | 7,090  | 1,595  | 4,140  | 1,350  | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough | 24,031 | 24,010 | 6,390  | 13,280 | 4,340  | 2.7 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 1.7 |
| South East Midlands                      | 36,717 | 36,695 | 8,920  | 20,990 | 6,785  | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 |

## **Glossary**

**Claimant count rate:** The percentage figures express the number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the population aged 16-64 resident in that area.

**Claimant count unemployment:** Records the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices.

**Employment rate:** The number of people in employment expressed as a percentage of all people aged 16-64.

**In employment:** People who did some paid work in the reference week (whether as an employee or self employed); those who had a job that they were temporarily away from (e.g. on holiday); those on government-supported training and employment programmes; and those doing unpaid family work.

**Unemployed:** Refers to people without a job who were available to start work in the two weeks following their interview and who had either looked for work in the four weeks prior to interview or were waiting to start a job they had already obtained.

**Unemployment rate:** Unemployed as a percentage of the economically active population.

**Workforce jobs** is a measure of the number of filled jobs in the economy and as some people have more than one job it differs from the number of people in employment.

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