

Table 1: Number⁽¹⁾ of Claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance by sought and usual occupation

Occupation ⁽²⁾	December 2006		December 2009	
	Sought	Usual	Sought	Usual
	occupation	occupation	occupation	occupation
0000 : Occupation unknown	4,125	4,125	3,805	3,805
1111 : Senior officials in national government	3,355	3,530	1,460	1,575
1112 : Directors and chief executives of major organisations	550	545	1,370	1,415
1113 : Senior officials in local government	170	170	290	275
1114 : Senior officials of special interest organisations	140	140	220	210
1121 : Production, works and maintenance managers	2,125	2,085	4,295	4,345
1122 : Managers in construction	940	910	5,700	5,725
1123 : Managers in mining and energy	70	75	185	190
1131 : Financial managers and chartered secretaries	720	745	2,180	2,205
1132 : Marketing and sales managers	4,780	4,740	11,760	11,910
1133 : Purchasing managers	285	305	685	675
1134 : Advertising and public relations managers	655	645	1,440	1,435
1135 : Personnel, training and industrial relations managers	1,020	985	2,290	2,275
1136 : Information and communication technology managers	2,075	1,965	4,895	4,940
1137 : Research and development managers	320	345	650	660
1141 : Quality assurance managers	290	310	740	755
1142 : Customer care managers	695	725	1,765	1,725
1151 : Financial institution managers	480	480	1,515	1,550
1152 : Office managers	1,655	1,745	3,840	3,850
1161 : Transport and distribution managers	705	675	1,675	1,680
1162 : Storage and warehouse managers	1,725	1,820	3,470	3,495
1163 : Retail and wholesale managers	3,580	3,460	6,330	6,360
1171 : Officers in armed forces	100	100	180	180
1172 : Police officers (inspectors and above)	10	20	35	35
1173 : Senior officers in fire, ambulance, prison and related services	10	10	20	25
1174 : Security managers	220	225	465	480
1181 : Hospital and health service managers	195	195	295	305
1182 : Pharmacy managers	15	20	35	25
1183 : Healthcare practice managers	85	75	140	135
1184 : Social services managers	105	105	180	190
1185 : Residential and day care managers	195	200	390	395
1211 : Farm managers	75	90	85	85
1212 : Natural environment and conservation managers	415	395	720	720
1219 : Managers in animal husbandry, forestry and fishing n.e.c.	45	55	85	90
1221 : Hotel and accommodation managers	535	540	945	990
1222 : Conference and exhibition managers	295	300	895	880
1223 : Restaurant and catering managers	1,335	1,330	2,375	2,425
1224 : Publicans and managers of licensed premises	1,700	1,680	2,620	2,625
1225 : Leisure and sports managers	415	420	710	715
1226 : Travel agency managers	65	60	105	115
1231 : Property, housing and land managers	460	460	1,335	1,345
1232 : Garage managers and proprietors	165	160	360	365
1233 : Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors	250	250	550	570
1234 : Shopkeepers and wholesale/retail dealers	1,645	1,730	855	890
1235 : Recycling and refuse disposal managers	95	105	225	220
1239 : Managers and proprietors in other services n.e.c.	900	920	1,440	1,505
2111 : Chemists	320	300	400	400
2112 : Biological scientists and biochemists	695	645	1,070	1,050
2113 : Physicists, geologists and meteorologists	200	180	325	320
2121 : Civil engineers	510	525	2,380	2,395
2122 : Mechanical engineers	1,675	1,585	4,060	4,135
2123 : Electrical engineers	650	640	1,555	1,545
2124 : Electronics engineers	760	745	1,200	1,165
2125 : Chemical engineers	90	85	220	210
2126 : Design and development engineers	605	575	1,310	1,320
2127 : Production and process engineers	510	505	1,120	1,120
2128 : Planning and quality control engineers	290	290	635	640
2129 : Engineering professionals n.e.c.	840	850	1,765	1,790
2131 : IT strategy and planning professionals	1,120	1,085	2,480	2,500
2132 : Software professionals	3,880	3,690	6,085	6,040
2211 : Medical practitioners	275	275	145	155
2212 : Psychologists	305	290	450	430
2213 : Pharmacists/pharmacologists	90	95	140	145
2214 : Ophthalmic opticians	25	20	30	25
2215 : Dental practitioners	40	40	25	25
2216 : Veterinarians	30	25	75	70
2311 : Higher education teaching professionals	780	765	970	970
2312 : Further education teaching professionals	1,825	1,740	2,205	2,165
2313 : Education officers, school inspectors	120	125	150	150
2314 : Secondary education teaching professionals	1,565	1,530	2,390	2,350
2315 : Primary and nursery education teaching professionals	1,610	1,590	2,305	2,310
2316 : Special needs education teaching professionals	425	430	540	520
2317 : Registrars and senior administrators of educational establishments	110	105	215	200
2319 : Teaching professionals n.e.c.	1,900	1,915	2,555	2,500
2321 : Scientific researchers	530	510	785	770
2322 : Social science researchers	350	340	740	725
2329 : Researchers n.e.c.	545	535	910	905
2411 : Solicitors and lawyers, judges and coroners	455	415	1,620	1,670
2419 : Legal professionals n.e.c.	225	220	490	470
2421 : Chartered and certified accountants	750	685	1,715	1,680
2422 : Management accountants	480	455	1,245	1,270
2423 : Management consultants, actuaries, economists and statisticians	710	720	1,755	1,750

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	Sought	Usual	Sought	Usual
	occupation	occupation	occupation	occupation
2431 : Architects	185	180	1,445	1,455
2432 : Town planners	55	50	240	245
2433 : Quantity surveyors	135	130	1,270	1,265
2434 : Chartered surveyors (not quantity surveyors)	250	225	1,080	1,080
2441 : Public service administrative professionals	705	690	1,535	1,435
2442 : Social workers	1,070	985	1,570	1,555
2443 : Probation officers	90	90	155	155
2444 : Clergy	125	95	130	135
2451 : Librarians	260	245	395	425
2452 : Archivists and curators	285	285	510	465
3111 : Laboratory technicians	1,130	1,080	1,825	1,865
3112 : Electrical/electronics technicians	715	690	1,120	1,095
3113 : Engineering technicians	760	740	1,885	1,860
3114 : Building and civil engineering technicians	285	285	930	950
3115 : Quality assurance technicians	335	360	705	720
3119 : Science and engineering technicians n.e.c.	175	165	370	380
3121 : Architectural technologists and town planning technicians	170	155	1,020	970
3122 : Draughtspersons	685	650	1,920	1,880
3123 : Building inspectors	100	115	155	155
3131 : IT operations technicians	3,665	3,470	6,520	6,430
3132 : IT user support technicians	3,580	3,535	7,240	7,020
3211 : Nurses	915	930	1,040	1,080
3212 : Midwives	70	70	55	60
3213 : Paramedics	30	35	75	75
3214 : Medical radiographers	60	60	80	80
3215 : Chiropodists	45	40	55	55
3216 : Dispensing opticians	45	40	75	80
3217 : Pharmaceutical dispensers	125	125	270	290
3218 : Medical and dental technicians	175	180	245	240
3221 : Physiotherapists	145	130	225	230
3222 : Occupational therapists	150	145	185	185
3223 : Speech and language therapists	80	80	95	105
3229 : Therapists n.e.c.	635	580	1,015	975
3231 : Youth and community workers	3,270	3,155	5,270	5,050
3232 : Housing and welfare officers	1,500	1,400	2,080	2,095
3311 : NCOs and other ranks	260	265	485	450
3312 : Police officers (sergeant and below)	375	310	700	625
3313 : Fire service officers (leading fire officer and below)	240	215	385	340
3314 : Prison service officers (below principal officer)	170	155	295	275
3319 : Protective service associate professionals n.e.c.	40	40	70	75
3411 : Artists	1,605	1,500	1,795	1,740
3412 : Authors, writers	1,450	1,455	2,075	2,045
3413 : Actors, entertainers	1,985	1,830	2,075	2,075
3414 : Dancers and choreographers	230	225	345	360
3415 : Musicians	1,535	1,390	1,530	1,510
3416 : Arts officers, producers and directors	1,005	1,005	1,870	1,875
3421 : Graphic designers	4,050	3,750	6,765	6,720
3422 : Product, clothing and related designers	1,195	1,095	2,185	2,225
3431 : Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors	1,065	1,005	2,065	2,075
3432 : Broadcasting associate professionals	765	730	1,550	1,555
3433 : Public relations officers	315	320	795	735
3434 : Photographers and audio-visual equipment operators	2,520	2,280	3,640	3,605
3441 : Sports players	175	185	160	200
3442 : Sports coaches, instructors and officials	1,500	1,430	2,945	2,860
3443 : Fitness instructors	1,075	960	2,205	2,140
3449 : Sports and fitness occupations n.e.c.	485	485	1,020	1,005
3511 : Air traffic controllers	35	25	50	50
3512 : Aircraft pilots and flight engineers	145	150	305	295
3513 : Ship and hovercraft officers	60	70	100	100
3514 : Train drivers	65	90	140	140
3520 : Legal associate professionals	470	420	1,305	1,325
3531 : Estimators, valuers and assessors	245	250	765	750
3532 : Brokers	315	320	815	845
3533 : Insurance underwriters	135	135	450	470
3534 : Finance and investment analysts/advisers	965	950	3,105	3,205
3535 : Taxation experts	40	45	160	165
3536 : Importers, exporters	160	165	270	270
3537 : Financial and accounting technicians	380	380	1,080	1,065
3539 : Business and related associate professionals n.e.c.	555	565	1,730	1,705
3541 : Buyers and purchasing officers	610	640	1,560	1,590
3542 : Sales representatives	3,720	3,745	7,685	7,585
3543 : Marketing associate professionals	1,065	1,060	2,830	2,810
3544 : Estate agents, auctioneers	580	540	1,075	1,110
3551 : Conservation and environmental protection officers	750	670	1,065	1,020
3552 : Countryside and park rangers	285	295	445	440
3561 : Public service associate professionals	80	85	190	175
3562 : Personnel and industrial relations officers	825	810	2,430	2,410
3563 : Vocational and industrial trainers and instructors	910	875	1,615	1,625
3564 : Careers advisers and vocational guidance specialists	255	275	485	490
3565 : Inspectors of factories, utilities and trading standards	65	75	130	130
3566 : Statutory examiners	50	50	70	75
3567 : Occupational hygienists and safety officers (health and safety)	300	290	695	695

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3568 : Environmental health officers	100	100	190	195
4111 : Civil Service executive officers	980	750	1,725	1,430
4112 : Civil Service administrative officers and assistants	3,040	3,390	6,515	6,420
4113 : Local government clerical officers and assistants	1,350	1,425	2,515	2,360
4114 : Officers of non-governmental organisations	285	290	435	420
4121 : Credit controllers	430	415	1,050	1,080
4122 : Accounts and wages clerks, book-keepers, other financial clerks	4,640	4,475	9,555	9,565
4123 : Counter clerks	730	800	1,040	1,035
4131 : Filing and other records assistants/clerks	1,080	1,255	1,490	1,510
4132 : Pensions and insurance clerks	300	330	640	645
4133 : Stock control clerks	1,075	1,225	2,065	2,095
4134 : Transport and distribution clerks	320	340	845	845
4135 : Library assistants/clerks	690	695	850	895
4136 : Database assistants/clerks	6,050	6,210	7,785	7,780
4137 : Market research interviewers	220	240	340	325
4141 : Telephonists	335	390	405	410
4142 : Communication operators	155	150	255	245
4150 : General office assistants/clerks	60,350	57,945	95,925	94,495
4211 : Medical secretaries	210	210	335	340
4212 : Legal secretaries	455	450	1,375	1,410
4213 : School secretaries	70	75	175	165
4214 : Company secretaries	230	225	400	380
4215 : Personal assistants and other secretaries	1,925	1,960	4,450	4,410
4216 : Receptionists	6,545	7,005	12,300	12,205
4217 : Typists	245	265	280	300
5111 : Farmers	245	255	295	315
5112 : Horticultural trades	1,210	1,215	1,445	1,500
5113 : Gardeners and groundsman/groundswomen	14,460	14,170	22,675	22,680
5119 : Agricultural and fishing trades n.e.c.	665	660	940	935
5211 : Smiths and forge workers	100	105	195	210
5212 : Moulders, core makers, die casters	260	270	390	400
5213 : Sheet metal workers	600	625	1,290	1,320
5214 : Metal plate workers, shipwrights, riveters	400	405	960	965
5215 : Welding trades	3,815	3,640	8,680	8,495
5216 : Pipe fitters	760	785	1,785	1,745
5221 : Metal machining setters and setter-operators	1,365	1,310	3,030	2,985
5222 : Tool makers, tool fitters and markers-out	335	315	705	725
5223 : Metal working production and maintenance fitters	2,700	2,685	5,355	5,335
5224 : Precision instrument makers and repairers	175	185	285	285
5231 : Motor mechanics, auto engineers	6,675	6,185	11,020	10,840
5232 : Vehicle body builders and repairers	1,080	1,060	1,945	1,910
5233 : Auto electricians	245	215	420	415
5234 : Vehicle spray painters	1,025	1,000	1,775	1,785
5241 : Electricians, electrical fitters	4,530	4,170	12,240	12,030
5242 : Telecommunications engineers	910	885	2,020	2,030
5243 : Lines repairers and cable jointers	255	250	570	570
5244 : TV, video and audio engineers	650	640	975	980
5245 : Computer engineers, installation and maintenance	3,355	3,055	4,210	4,055
5249 : Electrical/electronics engineers n.e.c.	1,120	1,095	2,135	2,130
5311 : Steel erectors	555	540	1,675	1,680
5312 : Bricklayers, masons	4,980	4,570	13,805	13,420
5313 : Roofers, roof tilers and slaters	2,460	2,405	5,825	5,805
5314 : Plumbers, heating and ventilating engineers	4,480	4,205	11,295	11,110
5315 : Carpenters and joiners	8,215	7,610	23,085	22,460
5316 : Glaziers, window fabricators and fitters	2,335	2,260	4,770	4,840
5319 : Construction trades n.e.c.	2,650	2,730	6,520	6,585
5321 : Plasterers	3,805	3,565	10,375	10,135
5322 : Floorers and wall tilers	1,745	1,725	4,605	4,550
5323 : Painters and decorators	13,555	12,610	21,500	20,940
5411 : Weavers and knitters	105	100	60	60
5412 : Upholsterers	345	335	530	505
5413 : Leather and related trades	130	125	115	120
5414 : Tailors and dressmakers	285	270	290	305
5419 : Textiles, garments and related trades n.e.c.	215	215	250	265
5421 : Originators, compositors and print preparers	195	175	305	305
5422 : Printers	1,065	1,055	1,790	1,800
5423 : Bookbinders and print finishers	380	385	680	685
5424 : Screen printers	230	230	320	335
5431 : Butchers, meat cutters	950	910	1,175	1,150
5432 : Bakers, flour confectioners	755	730	1,000	1,050
5433 : Fishmongers, poultry dressers	95	95	140	150
5434 : Chefs, cooks	9,480	8,550	13,440	13,420
5491 : Glass and ceramics makers, decorators and finishers	295	280	300	310
5492 : Furniture makers, other craft woodworkers	775	770	1,205	1,205
5493 : Pattern makers (moulds)	45	45	55	60
5494 : Musical instrument makers and tuners	70	65	65	65
5495 : Goldsmiths, silversmiths, precious stone workers	190	175	210	215
5496 : Floral arrangers, florists	310	280	520	520
5499 : Hand craft occupations n.e.c.	240	230	375	390
6111 : Nursing auxiliaries and assistants	1,455	1,410	2,215	2,125
6112 : Ambulance staff (excluding paramedics)	160	165	300	295
6113 : Dental nurses	405	375	510	525

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6114 : Houseparents and residential wardens	205	210	310	290
6115 : Care assistants and home carers	16,605	15,775	31,250	30,830
6121 : Nursery nurses	3,865	3,655	6,365	6,345
6122 : Childminders and related occupations	3,665	3,415	4,570	4,565
6123 : Playgroup leaders/assistants	1,220	1,260	1,810	1,790
6124 : Educational assistants	3,830	3,625	8,490	8,050
6131 : Veterinary nurses and assistants	280	270	390	380
6139 : Animal care occupations n.e.c.	2,785	2,580	5,110	4,985
6211 : Sports and leisure assistants	2,230	2,230	4,020	3,980
6212 : Travel agents	785	725	1,215	1,230
6213 : Travel and tour guides	335	365	450	455
6214 : Air travel assistants	385	375	750	715
6215 : Rail travel assistants	195	225	240	240
6219 : Leisure and travel service occupations n.e.c.	375	365	455	460
6221 : Hairdressers, barbers	3,755	3,500	6,215	6,165
6222 : Beauticians and related occupations	1,600	1,485	3,195	3,150
6231 : Housekeepers and related occupations	740	810	1,455	1,495
6232 : Caretakers	2,160	2,125	3,495	3,525
6291 : Undertakers and mortuary assistants	145	130	235	235
6292 : Pest control officers	90	70	205	190
7111 : Sales and retail assistants	116,760	113,070	197,620	197,500
7112 : Retail cashiers and check-out operators	6,170	8,365	15,415	15,500
7113 : Telephone salespersons	1,920	2,060	3,440	3,440
7121 : Collector salespersons and credit agents	220	270	300	325
7122 : Debt, rent and other cash collectors	225	250	425	435
7123 : Roundsmen/women and van salespersons	130	160	200	195
7124 : Market and street traders and assistants	140	170	165	165
7125 : Merchandisers and window dressers	400	400	695	710
7129 : Sales related occupations n.e.c.	1,675	1,740	3,095	3,120
7211 : Call centre agents/operators	4,560	4,810	9,285	9,355
7212 : Customer care occupations	10,120	11,085	22,425	22,115
8111 : Food, drink and tobacco process operatives	4,640	4,915	7,400	7,650
8112 : Glass and ceramics process operatives	290	285	325	365
8113 : Textile process operatives	485	525	445	445
8114 : Chemical and related process operatives	375	380	785	790
8115 : Rubber process operatives	90	90	125	135
8116 : Plastics process operatives	710	720	1,255	1,245
8117 : Metal making and treating process operatives	260	270	490	515
8118 : Electroplaters	195	195	335	345
8119 : Process operatives n.e.c.	2,655	2,840	4,810	5,035
8121 : Paper and wood machine operatives	915	945	1,320	1,325
8122 : Coal mine operatives	165	175	210	215
8123 : Quarry workers and related operatives	140	140	415	415
8124 : Energy plant operatives	60	60	125	115
8125 : Metal working machine operatives	2,615	2,640	4,065	4,075
8126 : Water and sewerage plant operatives	60	70	340	360
8129 : Plant and machine operatives n.e.c.	1,545	1,570	3,160	3,185
8131 : Assemblers (electrical products)	2,795	2,830	2,860	2,950
8132 : Assemblers (vehicles and metal goods)	660	735	1,260	1,270
8133 : Routine inspectors and testers	605	640	990	1,040
8134 : Weighers, graders, sorters	140	175	185	205
8135 : Tyre, exhaust and windscreen fitters	1,240	1,250	2,225	2,235
8136 : Clothing cutters	170	155	150	140
8137 : Sewing machinists	1,765	1,680	1,590	1,590
8138 : Routine laboratory testers	160	170	275	255
8139 : Assemblers and routine operatives n.e.c.	10,025	10,825	15,945	16,445
8141 : Scaffolders, staggers, riggers	1,610	1,560	4,800	4,740
8142 : Road construction operatives	1,490	1,430	3,510	3,535
8143 : Rail construction and maintenance operatives	660	640	1,965	1,930
8149 : Construction operatives n.e.c.	3,835	3,845	9,060	9,395
8211 : Heavy goods vehicle drivers	3,255	3,100	10,665	10,570
8212 : Van drivers	34,015	31,340	59,905	58,020
8213 : Bus and coach drivers	1,760	1,780	2,925	2,935
8214 : Taxi, cab drivers and chauffeurs	1,260	1,385	2,025	2,090
8215 : Driving instructors	310	285	515	520
8216 : Rail transport operatives	190	210	505	515
8217 : Seafarers (merchant navy); barge, lighter and boat operatives	325	320	445	440
8218 : Air transport operatives	205	200	455	470
8219 : Transport operatives n.e.c.	155	180	275	295
8221 : Crane drivers	265	255	830	845
8222 : Fork-lift truck drivers	14,090	13,070	21,625	21,035
8223 : Agricultural machinery drivers	215	230	400	390
8229 : Mobile machine drivers and operatives n.e.c.	1,060	1,065	3,435	3,335
9111 : Farm workers	2,715	2,805	2,790	2,805
9112 : Forestry workers	580	580	820	840
9119 : Fishing and agriculture related occupations n.e.c.	720	770	975	1,015
9121 : Labourers in building and woodworking trades	35,820	35,575	48,760	49,400
9129 : Labourers in other construction trades n.e.c.	31,085	32,025	38,720	39,800
9131 : Labourers in foundries	565	620	670	710
9132 : Industrial cleaning process occupations	1,320	1,370	2,770	2,830
9133 : Printing machine minders and assistants	500	535	710	770
9134 : Packers, bottlers, canners, fillers	22,820	24,540	30,480	31,520

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	Sought occupation	Usual occupation	Sought occupation	Usual occupation
9139 : Labourers in process and plant operations n.e.c.	55,275	62,925	49,770	52,270
9141 : Stevedores, dockers and slingers	655	665	980	1,015
9149 : Other goods handling and storage occupations n.e.c.	72,255	72,635	123,100	123,255
9211 : Postal workers, mail sorters, messengers, couriers	4,130	4,240	5,185	5,195
9219 : Elementary office occupations n.e.c.	820	835	1,405	1,385
9221 : Hospital porters	1,115	1,200	1,940	2,005
9222 : Hotel porters	1,315	1,420	2,140	2,095
9223 : Kitchen and catering assistants	15,570	16,545	28,315	28,810
9224 : Waiters, waitresses	4,305	4,755	7,935	8,335
9225 : Bar staff	13,350	14,025	26,720	27,290
9226 : Leisure and theme park attendants	440	540	620	665
9229 : Elementary personal services occupations n.e.c.	200	230	250	290
9231 : Window cleaners	760	785	1,135	1,180
9232 : Road sweepers	505	560	760	790
9233 : Cleaners, domestics	21,905	21,975	41,310	41,435
9234 : Launderers, dry cleaners, pressers	555	590	625	665
9235 : Refuse and salvage occupations	1,305	1,335	2,955	2,935
9239 : Elementary cleaning occupations n.e.c.	965	995	2,035	2,035
9241 : Security guards and related occupations	10,320	9,925	15,405	15,080
9242 : Traffic wardens	85	125	160	165
9243 : School crossing patrol attendants	35	40	735	745
9244 : School mid-day assistants	305	335	835	820
9245 : Car park attendants	505	505	665	655
9249 : Elementary security occupations n.e.c.	1,185	1,260	1,515	1,540
9251 : Shelf fillers	5,930	6,575	11,520	11,855
9259 : Elementary sales occupations n.e.c.	210	210	360	370
Total	919,075	919,075	1,560,305	1,560,305

Source: Jobcentre Plus Administrative System

data rounded to nearest 5.

1. Occupation data is only available for computerised claims, which account for 99.7% of all claims.

2. Occupation based on Standard Occupational Classification 2000