

Unemployment in Kent

All data comes from the Claimant Count by Sex and Age data set, released monthly by the Office for National Statistics. The latest data is for October 2024 and includes revisions to data for September 2024. Data for November 2024 is due to be released on 17th December 2024.

NOTE: The term “Kent” refers to the Kent County Council area and excludes Medway.

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Headlines

- 34,700 people were claiming unemployment benefits in Kent in October 2024.
- The number of people who were unemployed in Kent in has increased by 1.7% (+590) since the previous month.
- The unemployment rate in Kent is 3.6% (GB 4.3%).
- Youth unemployment in Kent (18 to 24 year-olds) is 5.5%, above the national rate of 5.4%.
- Thanet (10.1%) has the highest rate of youth unemployment in the South East.
- Thanet, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Swale, and Gravesham have some of the highest youth unemployment rates in the South East.
- Unemployment increased for males (+2.9%) and for females (+0.4%) over the last month.

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Introduction

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This bulletin uses information from a dataset called The Claimant Count by Sex and Age. This experimental series counts the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit who are out of work.

Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

Unemployment rates are calculated using the Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Population Estimates 2007-2021. The resident working age population is defined as all males and females aged 16-64. These denominators will be updated annually with the ONS mid-year population estimates.

Introduction of Universal Credit

Since 2013 the roll out of Universal Credit has progressed across the UK. Universal Credit is replacing a number of means-tested benefits including the means-tested element of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).

DWP are gradually transferring claimants of existing benefits (those that Universal Credit was designed to replace) onto Universal Credit. This includes people claiming Working and Child Tax Credits (including people in receipt of Tax Credits and ESA), Job Seekers Allowance (Income-Related), Income Support (Income-Related) or Housing Benefit (Income-Related). This managed migration should be complete by March 2025. The managed migration of claimants on Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, except for those receiving Child Tax Credit, will now take place in 2028.

More information regarding Universal Credit can be found on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

Unemployment in Kent Districts

Table 1: Unemployment in Kent compared to Great Britain, October 2024

Area	Number	Rate	Number change since last month	Percentage change since last month	Number change since last year	Percentage change since last year
Kent	34,700	3.6%	+590	+1.7%	+3,280	+10.4%
Great Britain	1,748,355	4.3%	+21,560	+1.2%	+260,535	+17.5%

Table 2: District unemployment, October 2024

Area	Number	Rate	Number change since last month	Percentage change since last month	Number change since last year	Percentage change since last year
Ashford	2,715	3.3%	+50	+1.9%	+285	+11.7%
Canterbury	3,485	3.6%	+180	+5.4%	+410	+13.3%
Dartford	2,460	3.3%	-80	-3.1%	+235	+10.6%
Dover	2,650	3.9%	+0	+0.0%	+85	+3.3%
Folkestone & Hythe	2,740	4.3%	+85	+3.2%	+250	+10.0%
Gravesham	3,210	4.9%	+40	+1.3%	+410	+14.6%
Maidstone	3,805	3.5%	+60	+1.6%	+505	+15.3%
Sevenoaks	1,565	2.2%	+10	+0.6%	+110	+7.6%
Swale	3,555	3.8%	-10	-0.3%	+185	+5.5%
Thanet	4,665	5.7%	+140	+3.1%	+330	+7.6%
Tonbridge & Malling	1,925	2.4%	+40	+2.1%	+190	+11.0%
Tunbridge Wells	1,925	2.7%	+75	+4.1%	+290	+17.7%
Kent	34,700	3.6%	+590	+1.7%	+3,280	+10.4%
Medway	7,705	4.4%	+180	+2.4%	+985	+14.7%

Table 3: Unemployment by Sex in Kent, October 2024

Sex	Number	Rate	Number change since last month	Percentage change since last month	Number change since last year	Percentage change since last year
Males	18,545	4.0%	+520	+2.9%	+1,315	+7.6%
Females	16,155	3.3%	+70	+0.4%	+1,965	+13.8%
Total	34,515	3.6%	+550	+1.6%	+3,410	+11.0%

Table 4: District unemployment by sex, October 2024

Area	Male claimants	Male claimant rate	Female claimants	Female claimant rate
Ashford	1,400	3.5%	1,315	3.2%
Canterbury	1,965	4.2%	1,525	3.0%
Dartford	1,215	3.3%	1,245	3.3%
Dover	1,495	4.5%	1,155	3.3%
Folkestone & Hythe	1,510	4.8%	1,230	3.8%
Gravesham	1,705	5.2%	1,505	4.5%
Maidstone	1,980	3.6%	1,830	3.3%
Sevenoaks	750	2.2%	815	2.2%
Swale	1,965	4.2%	1,590	3.4%
Thanet	2,655	6.7%	2,010	4.7%
Tonbridge & Malling	930	2.4%	995	2.4%
Tunbridge Wells	980	2.9%	945	2.6%
Kent	18,545	4.0%	16,155	3.3%
Medway	4,070	4.7%	3,635	4.1%

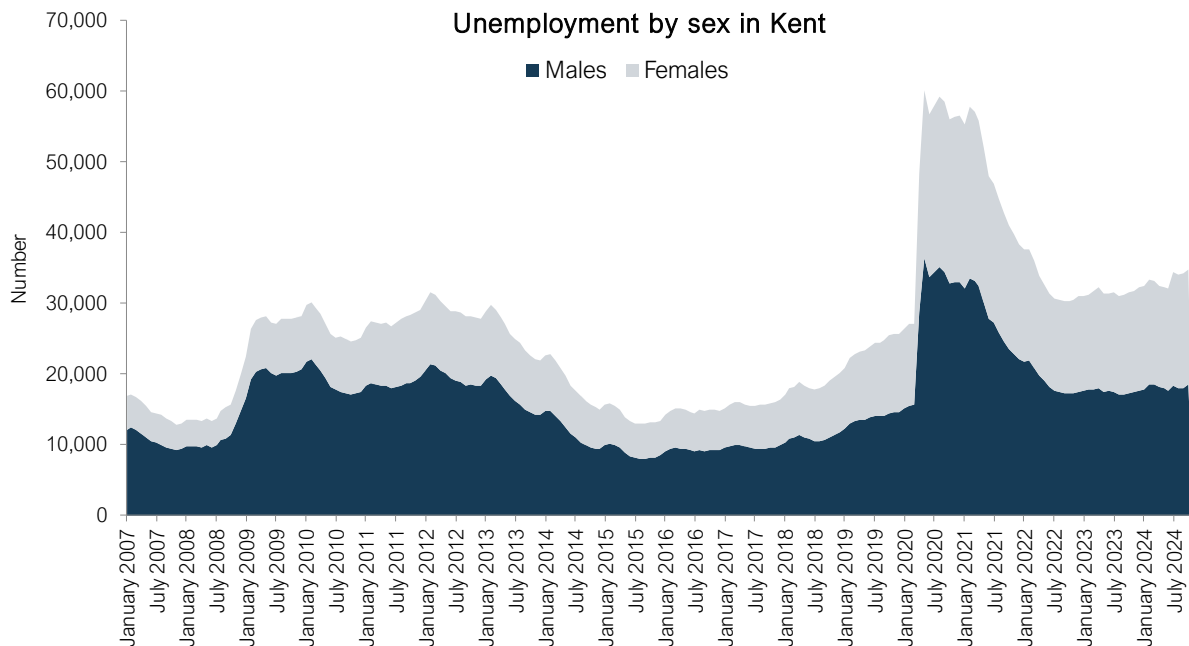
Chart 1: Unemployment by sex in Kent


Table 5: Unemployment by age group in Kent, October 2024

Age group	Number	Rate	Number change since last month	Percentage change since last month	Number change since last year	Percentage change since last year
18-24	6,380	5.5%	+295	+4.8%	+425	+7.1%
25-49	20,225	4.1%	+195	+1.0%	+1,880	+10.2%
50-64	8,040	2.5%	+95	+1.2%	+970	+13.7%

Table 6: District unemployment by age group, October 2024

Area	18-24 claimants	25-49 claimants	50-64 claimants	18-24 claimant rate	25-49 claimant rate	50-64 claimant rate
Ashford	525	1,580	605	5.7%	3.8%	2.2%
Canterbury	695	1,905	880	3.2%	4.5%	3.0%
Dartford	425	1,560	475	5.5%	3.6%	2.3%
Dover	540	1,470	630	7.1%	4.4%	2.5%
Folkestone & Hythe	455	1,560	720	6.3%	5.1%	3.0%
Gravesham	595	1,950	665	7.6%	5.5%	3.3%
Maidstone	700	2,280	820	5.8%	3.9%	2.4%
Sevenoaks	225	970	370	3.1%	2.7%	1.5%
Swale	735	2,040	780	6.8%	4.2%	2.6%
Thanet	930	2,590	1,135	10.1%	6.3%	3.9%
Tonbridge & Malling	315	1,145	465	3.7%	2.8%	1.7%
Tunbridge Wells	245	1,175	500	3.5%	3.2%	2.1%
Kent	6,380	20,225	8,040	5.5%	4.1%	2.5%
Medway	1,430	4,645	1,615	6.5%	4.9%	3.0%

Table 7: 18 to 24 year old unemployment, October 2024

Area	Number	Rate	Number change since last month	Percentage change since last month	Number change since last year	Percentage change since last year
Kent	6,380	5.5%	+295	+4.8%	+425	+7.1%
Great Britain	291,860	5.4%	+9,945	+3.5%	+26,280	+9.9%

Table 8: Unemployment by age group in Kent - % of all unemployed, October 2024

Age group	Number of claimants in Kent	% of all unemployed in Kent	Number of claimants in Great Britain	% of all unemployed in Great Britain
18-24	6,380	18.4%	291,860	16.7%
25-49	20,225	58.3%	1,044,150	59.7%
50-64	8,040	23.2%	409,185	23.4%

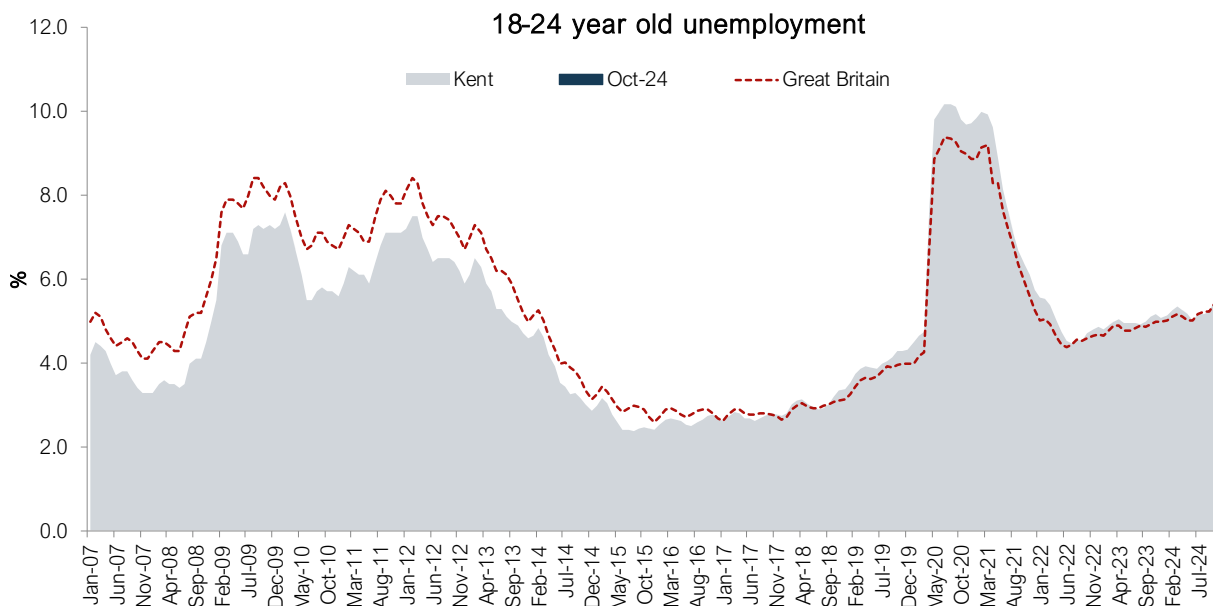
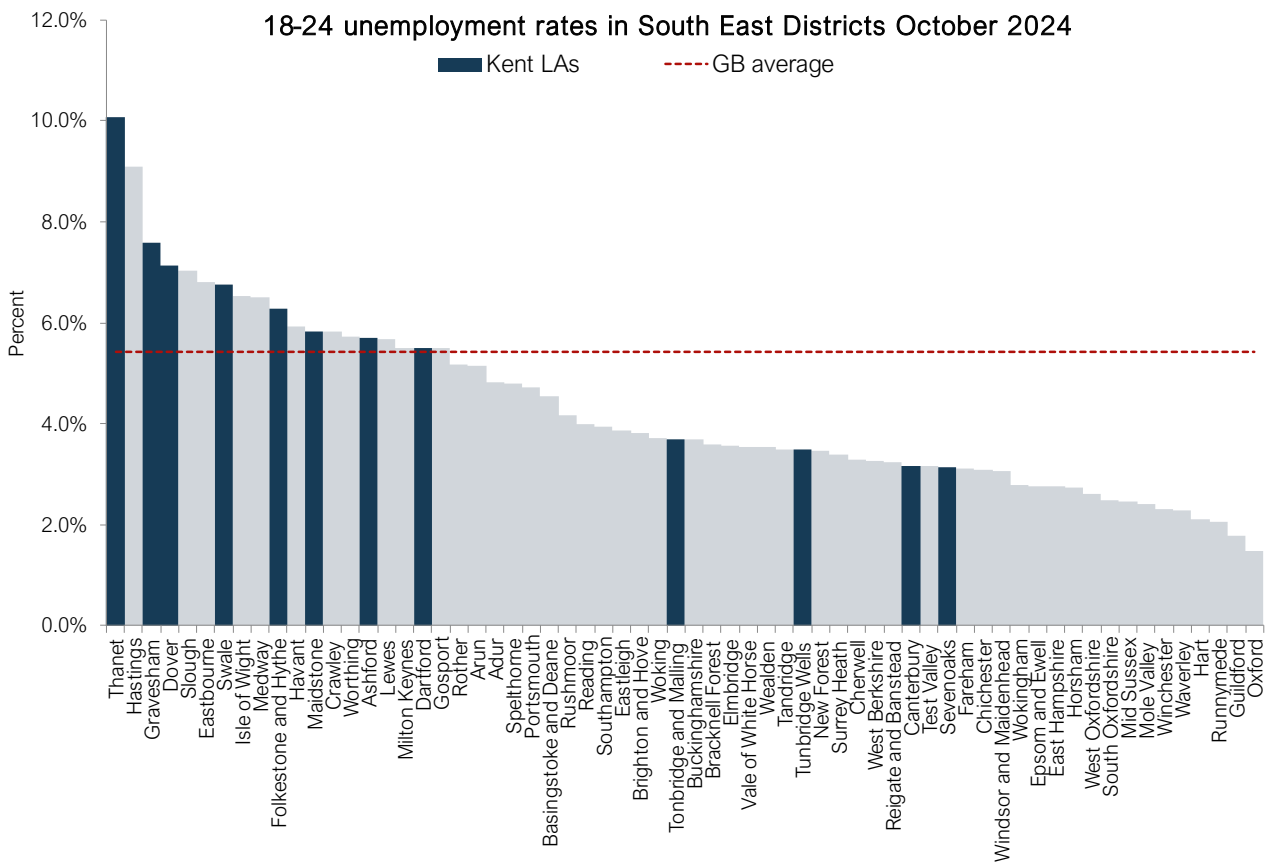
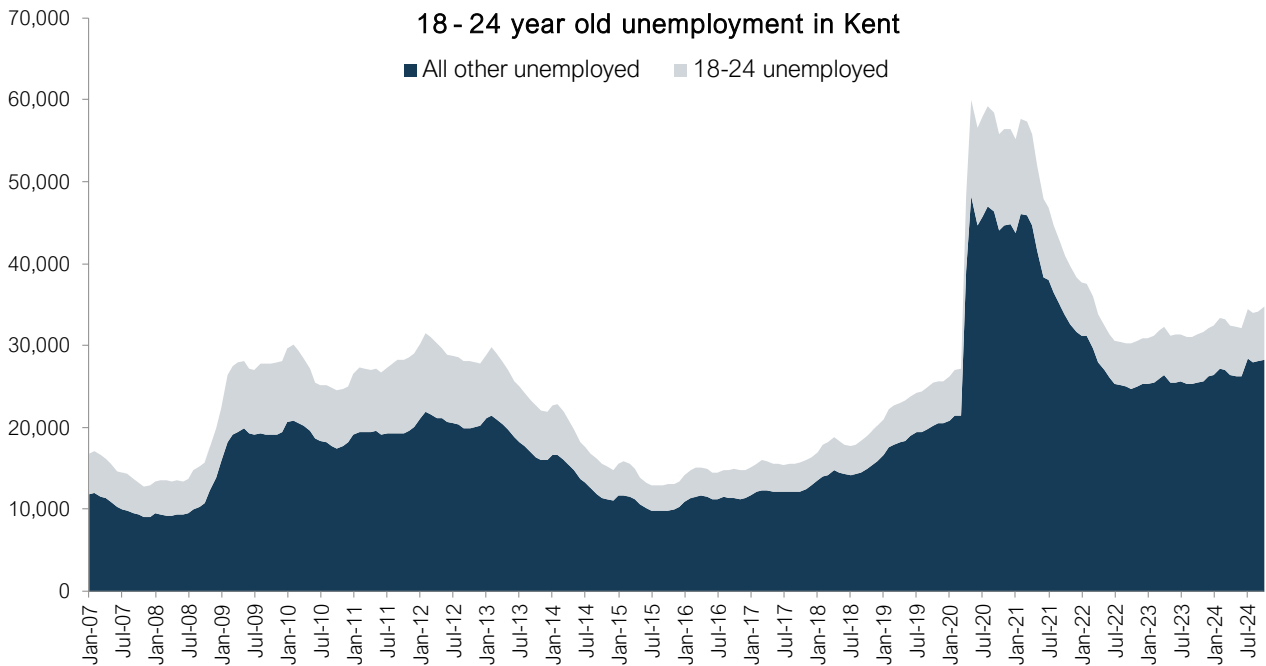
Chart 2: 18-24 year old unemployment in Kent compared to Great Britain


Chart 3: 18 to 24 unemployment rates in South East local authorities, October 2024

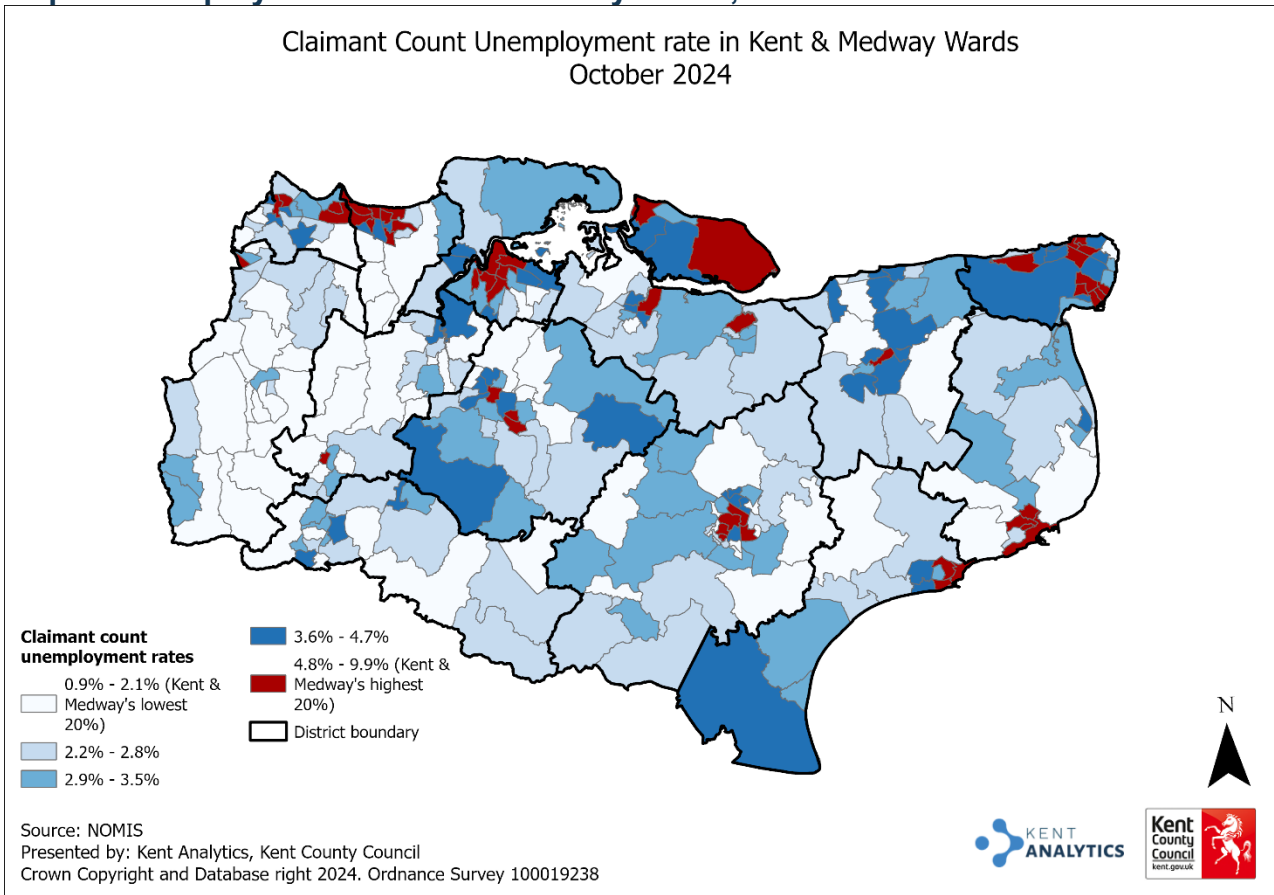


A table showing 18 to 24 year old unemployment in South East local authorities can be found in the annexe at the end of this bulletin.

Chart 4: 18 to 24 year old unemployment in Kent compared to all other unemployed



Map 1: Unemployment in Kent & Medway wards, October 2024



Unemployment in Kent & Medway wards

This section presents tables showing the number and proportion of working age people who are unemployed and claiming Jobseekers Allowance or out of work and claiming Universal Credit at local Job Centre Plus offices in Kent and Medway wards.

Ward unemployment rates are calculated using the Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Population Estimates 2007-2020. The resident working age population is defined as all males and females aged 16-64.

Data is presented for Kent and Medway electoral ward boundaries as of 2021.

Ashford

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Ashford District	2,715	3.3	50	1.9%	285	11.7%
Aylesford & East Stour	215	4.8	5	2.4%	20	10.3%
Beaver	255	5.9	5	2.0%	25	10.9%
Biddenden	45	3.2	0	0.0%	10	28.6%
Bircholt	35	2.1	0	0.0%	10	40.0%
Bockhanger	70	4.4	0	0.0%	20	40.0%
Bybrook	70	3.9	-5	-6.7%	10	16.7%
Charing	40	3.0	-5	-11.1%	0	0.0%
Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	25	2.1	5	25.0%	5	25.0%
Downs North	40	2.8	5	14.3%	5	14.3%
Downs West	15	1.0	-5	-25.0%	0	0.0%
Furley	215	5.0	0	0.0%	10	4.9%
Goat Lees	70	4.3	10	16.7%	15	27.3%
Godinton	60	2.1	5	9.1%	-5	-7.7%
Highfield	20	1.4	0	0.0%	5	33.3%
Isle of Oxney	40	2.7	0	0.0%	10	33.3%
Kennington	35	2.9	5	16.7%	10	40.0%
Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield	50	3.0	-5	-9.1%	10	25.0%
Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry	45	3.3	0	0.0%	10	28.6%
Norman	95	4.6	0	0.0%	10	11.8%
Park Farm North	35	2.0	5	16.7%	0	0.0%
Park Farm South	35	1.8	5	16.7%	-10	-22.2%
Repton	55	3.1	5	10.0%	5	10.0%
Rolvenden & Tenterden West	35	2.5	5	16.7%	10	40.0%
Roman	55	2.7	0	0.0%	15	37.5%
Saxon Shore	30	2.0	5	20.0%	10	50.0%
Singleton East	30	1.8	-10	-25.0%	-15	-33.3%
Singleton West	45	2.2	0	0.0%	15	50.0%
Stanhope	160	7.0	0	0.0%	5	3.2%
Tenterden North	30	2.7	5	20.0%	-5	-14.3%
Tenterden South	35	3.5	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Tenterden St Michael's	25	1.6	5	25.0%	-5	-16.7%
Upper Weald	45	3.0	5	12.5%	5	12.5%
Victoria	275	6.6	-5	-1.8%	30	12.2%
Washford	50	2.7	-5	-9.1%	5	11.1%
Weald Central	90	3.2	0	0.0%	15	20.0%
Weald North	25	3.8	5	25.0%	10	66.7%
Weald South	80	2.8	5	6.7%	20	33.3%
Willesborough	105	0.9	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Wye with Hinxhill	35	2.7	0	0.0%	-10	-22.2%

Canterbury

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Canterbury District	3,485	3.6	180	5.4%	410	13.3%
Barton	385	3.8	15	4.1%	45	13.2%
Beltinge	95	2.8	10	11.8%	15	18.8%
Blean Forest	75	0.9	5	7.1%	10	15.4%
Chartham & Stone Street	125	2.7	10	8.7%	30	31.6%
Chestfield	80	2.1	0	0.0%	-10	-11.1%
Gorrell	235	3.6	0	0.0%	35	17.5%
Greenhill	105	4.4	15	16.7%	10	10.5%
Herne & Broomfield	170	2.9	30	21.4%	40	30.8%
Heron	375	4.7	30	8.7%	45	13.6%
Little Stour & Adisham	55	2.1	0	0.0%	10	22.2%
Nailbourne	55	2.4	0	0.0%	5	10.0%
Northgate	355	5.5	-5	-1.4%	45	14.5%
Reculver	75	3.2	-5	-6.3%	5	7.1%
Seasalter	105	2.3	10	10.5%	15	16.7%
St Stephen's	295	3.6	0	0.0%	30	11.3%
Sturry	185	3.9	15	8.8%	20	12.1%
Swalecliffe	55	2.5	5	10.0%	5	10.0%
Tankerton	35	1.7	0	0.0%	10	40.0%
West Bay	95	3.9	0	0.0%	15	18.8%
Westgate	255	3.2	15	6.3%	10	4.1%
Wincheap	280	4.0	25	9.8%	10	3.7%

Dartford

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Dartford District	2,460	3.3	-80	-3.1%	235	10.6%
Bean & Village Park	35	2.2	-10	-22.2%	5	16.7%
Brent	90	2.5	0	0.0%	10	12.5%
Bridge	45	2.5	-5	-10.0%	5	12.5%
Burnham	95	4.1	0	0.0%	25	35.7%
Darenth	75	4.1	0	0.0%	15	25.0%
Ebbsfleet	40	5.3	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Greenhithe & Knockhall	215	3.1	-10	-4.4%	20	10.3%
Heath	60	1.8	-10	-14.3%	15	33.3%
Joyden's Wood	55	1.9	5	10.0%	15	37.5%
Longfield, New Barn & Southfleet	75	2.0	-15	-16.7%	15	25.0%
Maypole & Leyton Cross	45	2.3	10	28.6%	10	28.6%
Newtown	165	3.7	-5	-2.9%	5	3.1%
Princes	150	4.3	-10	-6.3%	0	0.0%
Stone Castle	175	3.2	-15	-7.9%	25	16.7%
Stone House	135	3.2	-5	-3.6%	-20	-12.9%
Swanscombe	260	5.5	5	2.0%	40	18.2%
Temple Hill	390	5.1	-5	-1.3%	35	9.9%
Town	100	7.6	-5	-4.8%	10	11.1%
West Hill	155	2.8	5	3.3%	5	3.3%
Wilmington, Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley	105	2.3	5	5.0%	0	0.0%

Dover

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Dover District	2,650	3.9	0	0.0%	85	3.3%
Alkham & Capel-le-Ferne	35	2.0	0	0.0%	5	16.7%
Aylesham, Eythorne & Shepherdswell	220	3.3	10	4.8%	35	18.9%
Buckland	260	5.2	0	0.0%	15	6.1%
Dover Downs & River	55	1.4	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Eastry Rural	105	2.6	0	0.0%	-5	-4.5%
Guston, Kingsdown & St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	85	2.1	-5	-5.6%	-10	-10.5%
Little Stour & Ashstone	105	2.5	5	5.0%	5	5.0%
Maxton & Elms Vale	60	2.5	-5	-7.7%	-5	-7.7%
Middle Deal	165	4.0	5	3.1%	15	10.0%
Mill Hill	155	3.3	-10	-6.1%	5	3.3%
North Deal	120	2.7	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sandwich	110	3.1	-5	-4.3%	10	10.0%
St Radigunds	315	6.7	5	1.6%	50	18.9%
Tower Hamlets	215	6.8	-5	-2.3%	-40	-15.7%
Town & Castle	455	7.8	-5	-1.1%	-25	-5.2%
Walmer	75	2.1	0	0.0%	-10	-11.8%
Whitfield	105	3.0	-5	-4.5%	20	23.5%

Folkestone & Hythe

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Folkestone & Hythe District	2,740	4.3	85	3.2%	250	10.0%
Broadmead	75	3.3	15	25.0%	0	0.0%
Cheriton	325	3.9	10	3.2%	50	18.2%
East Folkestone	440	5.9	25	6.0%	20	4.8%
Folkestone Central	520	6.6	5	1.0%	-5	-1.0%
Folkestone Harbour	315	7.6	10	3.3%	10	3.3%
Hythe	160	2.8	0	0.0%	10	6.7%
Hythe Rural	90	2.7	10	12.5%	40	80.0%
New Romney	130	3.3	0	0.0%	15	13.0%
North Downs East	200	2.7	5	2.6%	60	42.9%
North Downs West	60	1.6	0	0.0%	-15	-20.0%
Romney Marsh	120	3.2	0	0.0%	10	9.1%
Sandgate & West Folkestone	125	3.7	10	8.7%	20	19.0%
Walland & Denge Marsh	185	4.0	15	8.8%	45	32.1%

Gravesham

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Gravesham District	3,210	4.9	40	1.3%	410	14.6%
Central	280	5.8	10	3.7%	25	9.8%
Chalk	35	2.8	0	0.0%	5	16.7%
Coldharbour	140	4.8	-10	-6.7%	0	0.0%
Higham	65	3.0	5	8.3%	20	44.4%
Istead Rise	25	1.3	0	0.0%	5	25.0%
Meopham North	45	1.8	0	0.0%	15	50.0%
Meopham South and Vigo	45	1.7	5	12.5%	-10	-18.2%
Northfleet North	380	6.9	10	2.7%	50	15.2%
Northfleet South	275	4.9	10	3.8%	25	10.0%
Painters Ash	115	3.8	0	0.0%	30	35.3%
Pelham	365	6.8	-5	-1.4%	0	0.0%
Riverside	465	7.0	0	0.0%	40	9.4%
Riverview	55	2.2	5	10.0%	5	10.0%
Shorne, Cobham and Luddesdown	45	2.0	-5	-10.0%	15	50.0%
Singlewell	315	6.4	20	6.8%	60	23.5%
Westcourt	265	6.5	-10	-3.6%	50	23.3%
Whitehill	110	4.1	5	4.8%	20	22.2%
Woodlands	185	4.2	5	2.8%	50	37.0%

Maidstone

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Maidstone District	3,805	3.5	60	1.6%	505	15.3%
Allington	75	1.8	0	0.0%	10	15.4%
Barming and Teston	30	2.7	0	0.0%	10	50.0%
Bearsted	65	1.4	5	8.3%	15	30.0%
Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	40	2.5	-5	-11.1%	10	33.3%
Boxley	80	1.5	-5	-5.9%	15	23.1%
Bridge	160	3.8	10	6.7%	-10	-5.9%
Coxheath and Hunton	135	2.9	-5	-3.6%	10	8.0%
Detling and Thurnham	35	1.9	-5	-12.5%	5	16.7%
Downswood and Otham	65	3.5	5	8.3%	10	18.2%
East	180	3.3	5	2.9%	10	5.9%
Fant	315	4.3	25	8.6%	65	26.0%
Harrietsham and Lenham	145	3.9	20	16.0%	50	52.6%
Headcorn	100	2.8	0	0.0%	10	11.1%
Heath	125	2.7	15	13.6%	25	25.0%
High Street	645	8.0	10	1.6%	65	11.2%
Leeds	30	2.0	0	0.0%	5	20.0%
Loose	40	2.7	5	14.3%	10	33.3%
Marden and Yalding	190	3.6	-5	-2.6%	30	18.8%
North	245	3.7	-10	-3.9%	25	11.4%
North Downs	45	3.2	5	12.5%	10	28.6%
Park Wood	290	5.1	0	0.0%	15	5.5%
Shepway North	230	4.2	5	2.2%	40	21.1%
Shepway South	185	5.3	-5	-2.6%	35	23.3%
South	180	3.0	-15	-7.7%	15	9.1%
Staplehurst	115	3.1	10	9.5%	10	9.5%
Sutton Valence and Langley	60	2.7	0	0.0%	5	9.1%

Sevenoaks

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Sevenoaks District	1,565	2.2	10	0.6%	110	7.6%
Ash and New Ash Green	85	2.5	-5	-5.6%	20	30.8%
Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge	65	1.7	5	8.3%	10	18.2%
Cowden and Hever	20	1.5	0	0.0%	5	33.3%
Crockenhill and Well Hill	30	2.4	5	20.0%	0	0.0%
Dunton Green and Riverhead	75	1.9	0	0.0%	15	25.0%
Edenbridge North and East	100	3.2	10	11.1%	20	25.0%
Edenbridge South and West	85	3.0	0	0.0%	10	13.3%
Eynsford	15	1.3	0	0.0%	-10	-40.0%
Farningham, Horton Kirby and South Darenth	75	2.5	0	0.0%	5	7.1%
Fawkham and West Kingsdown	70	2.2	-5	-6.7%	0	0.0%
Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount	30	1.4	5	20.0%	-5	-14.3%
Hartley and Hodsoll Street	50	1.6	-10	-16.7%	-5	-9.1%
Hextable	45	1.9	5	12.5%	5	12.5%
Kemsing	40	1.7	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leigh and Chiddingstone Causeway	25	1.7	-5	-16.7%	5	25.0%
Otford and Shoreham	35	1.3	-5	-12.5%	-15	-30.0%
Penshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone	30	2.0	0	0.0%	15	100.0%
Seal and Weald	45	1.9	-5	-10.0%	5	12.5%
Sevenoaks Eastern	60	2.3	0	0.0%	20	50.0%
Sevenoaks Kippington	35	1.2	5	16.7%	0	0.0%
Sevenoaks Northern	80	2.9	10	14.3%	15	23.1%
Sevenoaks Town and St John's	65	1.5	-5	-7.1%	0	0.0%
Swanley Christchurch and Swanley Village	80	2.2	0	0.0%	-20	-20.0%
Swanley St Mary's	140	4.9	-5	-3.4%	10	7.7%
Swanley White Oak	120	3.2	15	14.3%	-5	-4.0%
Westerham and Crockham Hill	65	2.5	-5	-7.1%	10	18.2%

Swale

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Swale District	3,555	3.8	-10	-0.3%	185	5.5%
Abbey	100	3.2	5	5.3%	5	5.3%
Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow	65	1.7	-10	-13.3%	-10	-13.3%
Borden and Grove Park	90	2.4	-5	-5.3%	10	12.5%
Boughton and Courtenay	110	2.5	-10	-8.3%	25	29.4%
Chalkwell	85	3.9	-10	-10.5%	0	0.0%
East Downs	45	2.7	10	28.6%	5	12.5%
Hartlip, Newington and Upchurch	100	2.7	0	0.0%	20	25.0%
Homewood	135	3.5	-10	-6.9%	15	12.5%
Kemsley	120	2.5	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Milton Regis	175	4.4	-5	-2.8%	25	16.7%
Minster Cliffs	145	3.4	10	7.4%	5	3.6%
Murston	215	4.9	-5	-2.3%	5	2.4%
Priory	90	5.5	10	12.5%	15	20.0%
Queenborough and Halfway	200	4.1	0	0.0%	10	5.3%
Roman	180	4.3	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Sheerness	680	8.5	0	0.0%	-5	-0.7%
Sheppey Central	205	3.8	0	0.0%	20	10.8%
Sheppey East	330	7.4	20	6.5%	40	13.8%
St Ann's	95	2.8	-5	-5.0%	-5	-5.0%
Teynham and Lynsted	115	3.1	-5	-4.2%	-5	-4.2%
The Meads	70	2.7	-15	-17.6%	-10	-12.5%
Watling	105	2.9	0	0.0%	-10	-8.7%
West Downs	45	2.8	0	0.0%	15	50.0%
Woodstock	45	1.4	5	12.5%	-5	-10.0%

Thanet

	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
October 2024						
Thanet District	4,665	5.7	140	3.1%	330	7.6%
Beacon Road	125	4.4	5	4.2%	20	19.0%
Birchington North	45	2.6	5	12.5%	5	12.5%
Birchington South	170	5.3	10	6.3%	45	36.0%
Bradstowe	60	2.9	-10	-14.3%	5	9.1%
Central Harbour	390	7.4	10	2.6%	40	11.4%
Cliffsend and Pegwell	75	2.9	10	15.4%	-5	-6.3%
Cliftonville East	120	3.7	10	9.1%	25	26.3%
Cliftonville West	650	9.7	20	3.2%	-40	-5.8%
Dane Valley	355	7.8	15	4.4%	-15	-4.1%
Eastcliff	375	7.3	0	0.0%	10	2.7%
Garlinge	125	4.4	10	8.7%	20	19.0%
Kingsgate	25	2.1	0	0.0%	5	25.0%
Margate Central	395	9.9	0	0.0%	-30	-7.1%
Nethercourt	105	3.8	0	0.0%	10	10.5%
Newington	280	8.5	5	1.8%	45	19.1%
Northwood	240	6.2	10	4.3%	20	9.1%
Salmestone	190	5.2	10	5.6%	25	15.2%
Sir Moses Montefiore	160	5.1	15	10.3%	10	6.7%
St Peters	150	3.9	5	3.4%	25	20.0%
Thanet Villages	185	4.2	5	2.8%	50	37.0%
Viking	130	3.3	0	0.0%	15	13.0%
Westbrook	125	4.7	5	4.2%	25	25.0%
Westgate-on-Sea	205	4.6	10	5.1%	35	20.6%

Tonbridge & Malling

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Tonbridge & Malling District	1,925	2.4	40	2.1%	190	11.0%
Aylesford North and Walderslade	75	1.9	15	25.0%	15	25.0%
Aylesford South	85	2.8	5	6.3%	-5	-5.6%
Borough Green and Long Mill	85	1.9	-5	-5.6%	5	6.3%
Burham and Wouldham	80	3.9	5	6.7%	35	77.8%
Cage Green	70	2.9	5	7.7%	10	16.7%
Castle	45	1.4	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ditton	55	1.8	5	10.0%	15	37.5%
Downs and Mereworth	40	1.3	5	14.3%	10	33.3%
East Malling	115	3.5	5	4.5%	10	9.5%
Hadlow and East Peckham	100	2.4	5	5.3%	10	11.1%
Higham	40	1.6	-15	-27.3%	-10	-20.0%
Hildenborough	35	1.2	0	0.0%	5	16.7%
Judd	90	2.5	5	5.9%	-10	-10.0%
Kings Hill	105	1.7	5	5.0%	20	23.5%
Larkfield North	75	2.4	-10	-11.8%	0	0.0%
Larkfield South	40	1.7	5	14.3%	-5	-11.1%
Medway	150	3.2	-10	-6.3%	25	20.0%
Snodland East and Ham Hill	135	3.9	10	8.0%	30	28.6%
Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	110	2.7	0	0.0%	10	10.0%
Trench	130	4.8	0	0.0%	15	13.0%
Vauxhall	90	2.5	5	5.9%	-10	-10.0%
Wateringbury	20	1.7	-5	-20.0%	0	0.0%
West Malling and Leybourne	90	2.2	0	0.0%	10	12.5%
Wrotham, Ightham and Stansted	55	2.1	-5	-8.3%	0	0.0%

Tunbridge Wells

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Tunbridge Wells District	1,925	2.7	75	4.1%	290	17.7%
Benenden and Cranbrook	105	2.4	5	5.0%	10	10.5%
Brenchley and Horsmonden	75	2.5	0	0.0%	20	36.4%
Broadwater	105	3.8	10	10.5%	25	31.3%
Capel	30	2.3	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Culverden	155	2.6	5	3.3%	35	29.2%
Frittenden and Sissinghurst	25	2.1	5	25.0%	5	25.0%
Goudhurst and Lamberhurst	50	1.6	-5	-9.1%	-15	-23.1%
Hawkhurst and Sandhurst	95	2.7	5	5.6%	-5	-5.0%
Paddock Wood East	85	3.5	0	0.0%	15	21.4%
Paddock Wood West	95	3.9	10	11.8%	30	46.2%
Pantiles and St Mark's	50	1.2	-5	-9.1%	-15	-23.1%
Park	120	2.6	5	4.3%	20	20.0%
Pembury	60	1.8	5	9.1%	0	0.0%
Rusthall	85	2.9	-15	-15.0%	15	21.4%
Sherwood	240	4.7	15	6.7%	45	23.1%
Southborough North	70	2.9	0	0.0%	25	55.6%
Southborough and High Brooms	160	3.1	15	10.3%	5	3.2%
Speldhurst and Bidborough	40	1.3	0	0.0%	5	14.3%
St James'	175	3.5	10	6.1%	45	34.6%
St John's	100	2.0	0	0.0%	25	33.3%

Medway

October 2024	Number unemployed	Percentage unemployed (%)	Number change since previous month	% change since previous month	Number change since previous year	% change since previous year
Medway District	7,705	4.4	180	2.4%	985	14.7%
Chatham Central	770	6.7	-20	-2.5%	10	1.3%
Cuxton and Halling	95	2.3	10	11.8%	25	35.7%
Gillingham North	780	5.8	0	0.0%	10	1.3%
Gillingham South	745	6.3	35	4.9%	95	14.6%
Hempstead and Wigmore	50	1.2	5	11.1%	5	11.1%
Lordswood and Capstone	155	2.8	0	0.0%	45	40.9%
Luton and Wayfield	750	7.6	35	4.9%	130	21.0%
Peninsula	300	3.5	5	1.7%	50	20.0%
Princes Park	220	3.3	5	2.3%	75	51.7%
Rainham Central	135	2.0	-10	-6.9%	0	0.0%
Rainham North	190	3.7	10	5.6%	50	35.7%
Rainham South	210	2.7	5	2.4%	35	20.0%
River	610	7.1	10	1.7%	120	24.5%
Rochester East	355	5.2	5	1.4%	5	1.4%
Rochester South and Horsted	235	2.9	20	9.3%	55	30.6%
Rochester West	250	3.5	5	2.0%	10	4.2%
Strood North	390	4.3	20	5.4%	75	23.8%
Strood Rural	255	2.8	5	2.0%	30	13.3%
Strood South	475	4.6	20	4.4%	30	6.7%
Twydall	330	4.1	15	4.8%	55	20.0%
Walderslade	225	3.9	0	0.0%	50	28.6%
Watling	175	2.9	0	0.0%	15	9.4%

Annexe

Table showing the latest 18 to 24 unemployment in South East local authorities.

October 2024	18 to 24 number unemployed	18 to 24 unemployment rate
Adur	185	4.8%
Arun	535	5.1%
Ashford	525	5.7%
Basingstoke and Deane	570	4.5%
Bracknell Forest	320	3.6%
Brighton and Hove	1,385	3.8%
Buckinghamshire	1,360	3.7%
Canterbury	695	3.2%
Cherwell	360	3.3%
Chichester	290	3.1%
Crawley	520	5.8%
Dartford	425	5.5%
Dover	540	7.1%
East Hampshire	215	2.7%
Eastbourne	490	6.8%
Eastleigh	345	3.9%
Elmbridge	270	3.6%
Epsom and Ewell	155	2.8%
Fareham	235	3.1%
Folkestone and Hythe	455	6.3%
Gosport	325	5.5%
Gravesham	595	7.6%
Guildford	335	1.8%
Hart	145	2.1%
Hastings	560	9.1%
Havant	485	5.9%
Horsham	245	2.7%
Isle of Wight	540	6.5%
Lewes	350	5.7%
Maidstone	700	5.8%
Medway	1,430	6.5%
Mid Sussex	225	2.5%

October 2024	18 to 24 number unemployed	18 to 24 unemployment rate
Milton Keynes	1,145	5.5%
Mole Valley	130	2.4%
New Forest	355	3.5%
Oxford	455	1.5%
Portsmouth	1,275	4.7%
Reading	775	4.0%
Reigate and Banstead	300	3.2%
Rother	275	5.2%
Runnymede	225	2.1%
Rushmoor	315	4.2%
Sevenoaks	225	3.1%
Slough	875	7.0%
South Oxfordshire	230	2.5%
Southampton	1,340	4.0%
Spelthorne	325	4.8%
Surrey Heath	200	3.4%
Swale	735	6.8%
Tandridge	195	3.5%
Test Valley	255	3.2%
Thanet	930	10.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	315	3.7%
Tunbridge Wells	245	3.5%
Vale of White Horse	315	3.5%
Waverley	195	2.3%
Wealden	340	3.5%
West Berkshire	350	3.3%
West Oxfordshire	200	2.6%
Winchester	290	2.3%
Windsor and Maidenhead	300	3.1%
Woking	250	3.7%
Wokingham	335	2.8%
Worthing	415	5.7%

Related documents

Interactive Excel models showing a timeseries of district and ward unemployment can be found on our [Unemployment and Benefits](#) webpage.