REGIONAL REVIEW

Introduction

- In April 1995, Scottish unemployment rose by 2,027 to stand at 201,270. This represents a monthly rise of 1% and leaves 8.3% of the Scottish workforce unemployed. Male jobless rose by 1,079 or by 0.7%, whilst the female count rose by 948 or by 2.1%. Male unemployment presently stands at 154,573 or 11.4% of the workforce and female jobless at 46,697 or 4.3% of the female workforce.

- Examination of Table 1 indicates that British unemployment continued to fall in April. The British jobless total fell by 7,998 or 0.4% and presently stands at 2,138,372 or 7.8% of the workforce. Thus, the Scottish rate continues to be above the British rate, a trend set out in Figures 1 - 3. For both total and male unemployment, the Scottish rate has been above the British level since mid 1994, however, in April 1996 the female rate rose above the GB rate for the first time since early 1991. In April, British male unemployment fell by 11,901 or ¾% to stand at 1,628,627 or 10.7% of the male workforce whilst the female count rose by 3,904 or 0.8%.

- The jobless count tends to fall in April due to seasonal factors which are most evident amongst females and in the peripheral areas such as Scotland. The seasonally adjusted series for Scotland and GB are set out in Table 2. This indicates that total unemployment in Scotland rose by 2,400 or 1¼% which compares unfavourably with a fall of 3,900 or 0.2% evident in GB. The Scottish male count rose by 1,400 or 0.9% and the female by 1,000 or 2¼%. This is a poorer outcome than for Britain as a whole where male jobless fell by 0.4% and female rose by 0.4%.

- In April, the seasonally adjusted count stood at 1,974,000 or 8.1% of the Scottish workforce which is higher than the 7.7% posted in Britain. The Scottish rate has been at or below the GB rate since June 1995. The relative unemployment rate for Scotland is set out in Figures 4-6. A relative unemployment rate in excess of 100 indicates that Scottish unemployment is more adverse than nationally. Inspection of these figures indicates Scottish unemployment fell below the national rate in Spring 1992 for both sexes. However, the relative has been deteriorating since April 1993 and has been above 100 in the case of males since 1994 Q1. A similar picture can be drawn from the share of Scottish jobless in the GB total presented in Figures 7-9. In April 1996, Scottish male unemployment stood at 151,600 (11.2%) and the GB count at 1,594,200 (10½%). Female jobless in Scotland totally 45,800 whilst the GB count was 503,300. In both countries the female rate was 4.2%.

- In the quarter to April 1996, seasonally adjusted unemployment in Scotland rose by 3,800 or 2% whilst jobless in Britain fell by 23,500 or 1.1%. For both males and females, unemployment in Scotland rose whilst falling in GB. In the case of men, the Scottish count rose by 2,100 or 1.4% compared with a national fall of 19,800 or 1¼%. The quarterly rise in female unemployed in Scotland was 1,700 or 3.9% which compares poorly with a 3,700 drop (¾%) evident in GB.

- In the year to April 1996, Scottish jobless fell by 5,300 or 2.6% whilst the GB count decreased by 145,600 or 6½%. Clearly the rate of decline of unemployment has abated more recently. The annual fall is sharper in GB for both males and females than in Scotland. The Scottish male count fell by 5,200 or 3.3% which is a weaker performance than nationally where unemployment decreased by 115,100 or 6¾%. In the case of females, the Scottish count fell by 100 or circa ¼% compared with a drop of 30,500 or 5.7% in GB.

- As we have set out in previous

Commentaries, there have been large cyclical rises in unemployment, particularly in the South in the 1990-93 period. The trend in GB regional unemployment is set out in Figures 10-12. In the presentations, the South of England refers to London, the South East, the South West and East Anglia. Midlands and Wales consisted of East and West Midlands plus Wales and the North of England comprises, Yorkshire & Humberside, the North West and Northern region. In the 1990-93 period, unemployment growth was strongest the further south one looks. In consequence, the fall in unemployed has been sharpest in many areas experiencing the sharpest rises across the recession. However, unemployment remains relatively high compared with pre-recession levels. Indeed, male unemployment remains circa twice 1990 levels in the South and female 1¾ times higher. Only in Scotland has the jobless queue fallen back to 1990 proportions. This is true for males and females, except for females in the North where female jobless queues are marginally below pre-recession levels.

- Figures 13-15 set out the convergence of relative rates across the recession. As we have continued to suggest, the convergence is slowly unwinding. This is most evident in the case of males where relatives in Scotland and the North and in the South appear to be diverging at an increasing rate. Given likely population trends, and job forecast this process of divergence is set to continue. However, we do not expect the Scottish relative to attain the high levels obtained in the late 1980s but may settle down towards the 120 level passed in the middle of the previous decade.

- In this review, we restrict our analysis to a detailed scrutiny of trends in the claimant count. Previous analysis suggests that there is little short term correlation between unemployment change and net employment creation due to population changes and volatility in activity rates. We will examine full labour market accounts for 1995 in the next Commentary.

Unemployment in the British Regions

Tables 3-5 set out details of seasonally adjusted unemployment for Scotland, Britain and the standard planning regions for the April 1993-1996 period. Tables 6-8 presents seasonally adjusted unfilled vacancies and derived statistics, most notably the U/V ratio. The U/V ratio measures the number of unemployed chasing each vacancy and is a standard indicator of the tightness of labour markets.

Table 3 illustrates the trend in seasonally adjusted total unemployed. As set out above, the current Scottish rate is 8.1 which is circa 1.05 times the British equivalent. London, Wales and the 3 regions comprising the North of England have higher jobless rates than in Scotland. Scottish unemployment is higher than in the constructed areas of South of England and Midlands and Wales. As indicated above, Scotland's position relative to GB has been deteriorating since spring 1994.

Scottish unemployment decreased by 5,300 or 2.6% in the year to April 1996. Only Wales records a weaker performance. The sharpest falls in unemployment were posted in the Rest of the South East (-9.6%), the South West (-8.0%), West Midlands (-7.9%) and London (-7.0%). In the past 12 months, unemployment tends to have fallen faster the further south one looks reversing the situation in the recession. This conclusion is reinforced when one examines the recent quarterly and monthly performance.

In the recent quarter, Scottish unemployment rose by 1,700 or 3.9%. Wales recorded an increase whilst other regions continued to experience a decline. The strongest fall were in London (-2.9%), the Rest of the South East (-2.1%) and East Anglia (-2.1%) with the South West and East Midlands each posting falls of 1½%. In the month to April 1996, Scottish unemployment increased by 2,400 or 1¼% which was the poorest outcome in any region. Wales (0.9%) Yorkshire and Humberside (0.2%) and the Northern region (0.1%) also recorded rises whilst the sharpest falls were evident in London (-1%) and the rest of the South East (0.8%). In both the monthly and quarterly figures, the differential performance between North and South is manifest.

It is apparent from this analysis that unemployment in Britain is falling at a decreasing rate. British unemployment peaked in the first quarter of 1993. Table 3 sets out the trend between April 1993 and

April 1995 which serves as a good proxy for the decline from peak unemployment. Scottish unemployment fell by 48,900 or 19.9% with only Wales (-19.6%) and the Northern region (-16.7%) performing worse. British unemployment dropped by 750,600 or 26.4% with the sharpest falls evident in the south and North West. In GB, the yearly fall was 6½%, the quarterly fall 1.1% and the monthly fall 0.2%. In Scotland, Wales and the north, unemployment is now rising. This poor performance is set to continue on the back of a weak trend in employment growth.

Table 4 sets out the trend in male jobless. In April 1996, the Scottish male count stood at 11¼% of the workforce. Only London, Wales, Yorkshire and Humberside, The North West and the Northern region present higher male jobless rates. In the year to April 1996, Scottish male unemployment fell by 5,200 or 3.3%. Only Wales posted a weaker fall. In the last year, male unemployment fell most strongly in the Rest of the South East (-9¾%), the South West (-8.4%) and the West Midlands (-8¼%). Male unemployment is likewise falling most sharply the further south one looks.

Male unemployment in Scotland rose by 1,400 or by 0.9% in the recent quarter. Wales experienced a 1% increase whilst the English regions all posted decreases. The sharpest quarterly fall are evident in London (-2.9%), the Rest of the South East (-1.9%) and East Anglia (-1.7%). In the month to April, Scottish male jobless rose by 1,400 or 0.9%. Wales was the only other region to experience an increase with the sharpest falls evident in the South of England. In Britain, male unemployment fell by 589,500 or 27% from the 'peak' in April 1993 and the rate of decrease has been progressively slowing. Last year, GB male unemployment fell by 6¾% and by 1¼% in the latest quarter and by 0.4% in the month to April. The slow down in most evident the further north one looks.

Table 5 presents details of female unemployment. In April 1996, the Scottish female rate was 4.2%, exactly the same as in GB. Only the Rest of the South East (3.2%), East Anglia (3.3%), the South West (3.7%) and East Midlands (4%) have lower jobless rates. In the past year, Scottish female unemployment fell by 100 or o.2%. This is the lowest decrease posted in any region. The sharpest yearly falls are evident in the Rest of the South East (-9.1%), East Anglia (-8.2%) and the West Midlands. The falls were weakest in Wales and the North.

In the latest quarter, Scottish female unemployment rose by 1,700 or 3¾%. The GB count likewise rose but by a more modest 0.4%. Rises were also recorded in Wales (+3%) and the North (+2.8%) with the sharpest quarterly falls evident in East Anglia (-3.1%), London (2¾%) and the rest of the South East (2½%). In the month to April, Scottish female unemployment rose by 1,000 or 2¼%. The female jobless queue only fell in the rest of the South East (-0.8%), East Anglia (-0.6%), London (-0.6%) and West Midlands (-0.2%). In all other regions female unemployment increased, with the sharpest rise posted in Scotland. British female jobless has fallen by 161,100 or 24.2% since April 1993. Not surprisingly, the sharpest fall are to be found in the South, Midlands and North West. As with males, female unemployment has been decreasing at a decreasing rate and has recently started to rise. The rises are most pronounced in Scotland, Wales and the 'north'.

We turn next to the trends in seasonally adjusted vacancies for the 1990-1996 period. These and related statistics are set out in Tables 6-8 and Figures 16-18. Table 6 indicates that there were 22,800 unfilled vacancies in Scotland which represented 12% of the British total. Scotland's share of GB vacancies rose sharply across the recession and peaked at 15.4% in April 1993. As other parts of the country recovered more quickly Scotland's share of vacancies fell steadily. However, Scotland's share dropped a full 1% in the latest quarter. Examination of Figure 18 reveals the trend decline in Scottish share of GB vacancies since the winter of 1992.

Table 7 sets out the changes in unfilled vacancies across the 1990-1996 period. It is interesting to note that the level of unfilled vacancies in GB is very close to pre-recession levels. However, there is a marked regional disparity. Vacancies in the rest of the South East are down by 12.1% and by 35% in the Northern region but up substantially in London (+18.9%), Yorkshire and Humberside (+16.3%) and East Midlands (+16.1%). In Scotland, the level of vacancies is up by 300 or 1¼%. Because of the universally low and regionally differential reporting of vacancies, this data may be a poor guide to the underlying trend in labour demand. However, the data are consistent with a stronger recovery in the south.

Table 8 sets out the trends in the U/V ratio across the 1990-1996 period. The position of Scotland is illustrated in Figures 16 & 17. In April 1996, there were 8.7 Scottish jobless chasing each unfilled

vacancy down from 9.1 in April 1990 and 13.5 in April 1993. At present, only Wales has a lower U/V ratio. The highest ratios are evident in the Northern region (17.6), London (17.2), and Yorkshire & Humberside (13.1), all areas with high relatively high unemployment. This may indicate a strong mismatch between labour demand and labour supply.

The U/V ratio in Scotland has been falling since April 1993 and the GB ratio has been falling more sharply since the 4th quarter of 1992. The trends in Scotland and GB are presented in Figure R. In April 1996, the Scottish ratio was 78.2% of GB compared with 115.8% in 1990 and 56.3% in April 1993. The trend in the relative rate is set out in Figure 17. In terms of the British regions, the most remarkable feature is the relative decline of the Northern region where U/V ratios have remained high since 1993 an where the relative position has deteriorated in the last year.

We conclude our appraisal of unemployment and vacancies in the British regions by considering the key trend. Unemployment has virtually stopped falling with Scotland, Wales and the North cooling most noticeably. Unemployment is falling most sharply in the 'South of England' but even there the rate of decrease is abating. It is too early to tell what is driving this trend, although output has weakened substantially since mid 1995. We will present a full set of labour market accounts for in the next Commentary and examine the trend in working population, employment and participation.

To illustrate this point, we present data on employment and unemployment change in the 1990-1995 period in Figures 19-21. Males in employment fell in every region. However, only in the South West was the rise in unemployment higher than the fall in employment. In all other regions, the rise in male unemployment fall short of the decrease in employment. Indeed, in Scotland, male unemployment actually fell at a time of significant job losses. Outside the South West, the male labour market has been characterised by some combination of falling population and falling labour market participation. Past analysis of the Labour Force Survey indicates that male participation remains on a downward trend. This would serve to undermine the effects of any change in employment on unemployment and engender a poor correlation between male employment and unemployment change.

In terms of females, the workforce in employment actually rose in Scotland, the North, Wales, East Midlands, East Anglia and the South West, in the 1990-1995 period. In Wales, East Midlands, East Anglia and the South West, female unemployment actually increased. This suggests a considerable displacement of females claimants by market entrants, in these areas. In Scotland and the Northern region, employment and unemployment change are more in line. In the North West, both female employment and unemployment fell with employment falling more sharply. This suggests a marked fall in participation. In the other regions, the rise in unemployed is less than the fall in employment suggesting some change in population and/or participation.

Thus, we are sceptical about inferring to much from the claimant count. However, the 1996 unemployment data is consistent with our client forecast that employment creation in both Scotland and GB will be weak in 1996. In the case of Scotland, we expect unemployment to be fairly static, suggesting that there will continue to be rises in some of the coming months. Employment growth will be subdued, due to ongoing retrenchment in all areas of the economy, particularly, energy, engineering, banking, insurance and finance and the public sector. Prospects are better in 1997 and 1998. Our expectation is that a poor employment performance will mean very little change in Scottish unemployment and that there will be more months this year in which the seasonally adjusted count will rise. We turn next to unemployment trends within Scotland.

Unemployment in the Scottish and British Counties

In the previous section, we analysed Scottish, British and regional jobless with respect to the Department of Employment seasonally adjusted series. This series adjusts for the numerous revisions to the count which took place over the 1980s. No such adjustments are undertaken for areas smaller than the UK standard planning regions. However, there have been no significant changes in the counting procedures since 1989, and abstracting from the effects of the restart programme and stricture availability for work, the series are consistent from that point. Seasonality is another matter. More peripheral area tend to experience greater seasonality, as do female markets everywhere. We will emphasise appropriate analyses which minimise this complication.

Table 9 sets out the recent trend in unemployment

in the Scottish local authority regions. These are now redundant in Lothian, Strathclyde, Tayside, Grampian and Central where the unitary local authority structure is now in place. Greater insight into the performance of the new unitary authorities can be gained in many cases with reference to the analysis of TTWAs. We are constrained in presenting an analysis based on the new structure due to the fact that, in the central belt, the new areas are smaller than a TTWA.

Scottish unemployment stood at 201,270 in April 1996 which represents 8.3% of the workforce. The highest rates are evident in Fife (10.4%), Western Isles (10.3%), Strathclyde (9.7%), Highland (9.6%) and Central (9.05) and the lowest in Grampian (4.4%). Shetland Isles (4.4%), Orkney Isles (5%) and Borders (3.7%).

Unadjusted unemployment in Scotland fell by 5,386 or by 2.6% in the year to April. This is largely due to sharper falls in Strathclyde (-3.1%), Lothian (-5.2%) and Central (-3.6%). Unemployment change tended to be below the Scottish average in the more rural areas, excepting Shetland Isles (-11.6%) and Western Isles (-11.6%).

The monthly and quarterly changes require to be treated with more circumspection. In the quarter to April, Scottish unemployment fell by 5,557 or by 2.7%. In general, unemployment is down more sharply outside the central belt with small changes evident in Central (-0.4%), Tayside (-0.9%), Lothian (-1.2%) and Strathclyde (-2.1%). However, unemployment in the Shetland isles increased by 18.9%. In the month to April, unemployment growth in the central belt regions outpaced the Scottish average of 1% as did the Shetland Isles.

Table 10 presents the trend in male unemployment in the Scottish LA regions. Scottish male unemployment stood at 154,573 in April 1996. This constitutes 11.4% of the male workforce. Higher than average rates are evident in the Western Isles (14.7%), Strathclyde (13.9%), Highland (13.6%), Fife (13.4%) and Central (12.2%). Male unemployment in Scotland fell by 5,114 or by 3.2% in the year to April. Above average rises are evident in the Western Isles (-13.1%), Orkney Isles (-10.9%), Lothian (-6.4%), Dumfries and Galloway (-3.8%) and Strathclyde (-3.4%). Together Strathclyde and Lothian account for circa 80% of the net Scottish fall. Unemployment rose in the Shetland Isles (12½%) and in the Highlands (2.1%). In the recent quarter, Scottish unemployment fell by 5,407 or 3.4%. Below average changes are evident in the large central belt areas although unemployment increased in Shetland (17%). In the month to April, unemployment in Scotland rose by 0.7% or 1,079 with unemployment falling in most rural areas and rising in the central belt.

Table 11 presents the trend in female jobless. In April 1996, the Scottish female count stood at 46,697 or 4.3% of the female workforce. Above average rates are evident in Fife (6.3%), Dumfries and Galloway (5.8%), Western Isles (5.1%), Highland (3%), Cental (4.8%), Tayside (4.8%) and Strathclyde (4.6%). The lowest rates are found in Shetland (2.7%), Grampian (3.0%), Borders (3.2%) and Lothian (3.3%) and Orkney Isles (3.3%). Scottish female unemployment fell by 272 or 0.6% in the year to April. Unemployment fell in only 5 regions i.e. Orkney (-13.3%), Central (-5.9%), Strathclyde (-1.9%), Grampian (-1.8%) and Lothian (-1%). Elsewhere the female count rose, most sharply in Shetland (+7.3%) and Fife (+5.1%). In the quarter to April, Scottish female unemployment fell by 130 or 0.3%. Again unemployment fell in 5 areas, Orkney (-23.2%), Highlands (-25.1%), Western Isles (-8.7%), Borders (-4.5%) and Tayside (-0.5%). Unemployment rose in the less rural areas. In the month to April, Scottish female unemployment rose by 948 or 2.1%, falling only in Highland and the Orkney Isles. On the mainland, the sharpest rises are found in Central (+9.8%) and Fife (7.1%).

Table 12 sets out the unemployment position in the 66 British regions in the April 1990 - April 1996 period. In terms of total unemployment, Scottish regions occupied 2 of the worst ten positions. Fife ranks sixth and Western Isles eighth. In addition, 7 Scottish regions have unemployment rates above the GB average viz: Fife, Western Isles, Strathclyde, Highland, Central, Tayside and Dumfries and Galloway. In the case of males, Western Isles (6th) and Strathclyde feature in the top 10 areas whilst only Borders, Orkney, Shetland, Lothian and Grampian have rates below the GB average. Fife is the worst of the 66 GB "counties" in terms of female unemployment with a rate 1½ times the British average. Dumfries and Galloway rank in 4th place with a relative rate of 1.38. The same regions were below the GB average as for men. The second part of Table 12 highlights the trend in total unemployment in the 1990-93 period. In general, the Scottish regions have higher rankings than before the recession. The exception is Fife whose ranking has slipped from 7th in 1990 to 6th in 1996. Sharp improvements in relative

position are evident in Strathclyde and Central.

Table 13 sets out unemployment change across the April 1990-April 1996 period. The ranked changes in the 1990-96 and 1995-96 period are presented in Figures 22 and 23, respectively. In the year to April, Scottish counties ranked poorly in terms of unemployment change. Examination of Figure 22 indices on 8 GB counties saw unemployment rise, 4 of these were in Scotland i.e. Shetland, Highlands, Tayside and Fife. Only Orkney performed better than the GB average. Figure 23 sets out the change in the jobless queue in the April 1990-96 period. In this period, unemployment actually fell in 5 counties, 4 of which were in Scotland. Strathclyde experiences the best trend in the claimant count whilst Orkney Isles, Western Isles and Central all posted slight falls. The worst performing region is Grampian whose rise in this period is marginally below the GB average. Despite this, unemployment in many areas of Scotland remains above the British average with the problem more adverse for males.

Table 14 presents details of long term unemployment and young persons unemployment in the GB regions in the April 1990-1996 period. In Scotland, there were 62,452 people who had been unemployed for more than 1 year. This represents 31% of the Scottish jobless pool and represents 87.3% of the rate evident in GB. Indeed, only the Western Isles (36.1%) has a higher share of such long term unemployment than the 35.6% national average. The share of 1 year LTU has fallen across the 1990s from 37.4% in 1990 and Scottish regions have tumbled down the GB rankings.

Figure 24-26 set out details of long term unemployment versus unemployment. In general, long term unemployment is higher in areas of higher unemployment. However, in 1990, Orkney presented relatively low unemployment and high LTU, whilst Dumfries and Galloway, Central, Fife, Highlands and Western isles posted relative high unemployment with below average LTU. Strathclyde, Lothian and Tayside had both higher relative unemployment and LTU. In the period to April 1993, both unemployment and LTU in the non Scottish counties increased prompting those areas to shoot past the Scottish region in a north easterly direction. Although this has reversed in the period to 1996, Scotland is better placed in both dimensions. In 1996, the position in the English metropolitan counties has become relatively more adverse with Strathclyde and other Scottish areas better relatively placed than before the recession.

In April 1996, there were 35,331 Scots who had been unemployed for 2 or more years. This constitutes 17.6% of the jobless pool and compares favourably with the 19.8% rate evident in GB. Only in Strathclyde (19.9%) and Western Isles (21.9%) is the rate above the British average. As with LTU of 1 year and above, the share is down compared with April 1990 and Scottish regions have tumbled down the GB rankings. There were 54,798 jobless under 25 in April 1996. This represent 27¼% of the total count and is 1.05 times higher than the level posted in GB. Only in Dumfries and Galloway and Highlands and Islands is the share below the GB average.

Table 15 sets out the recent trend in unfilled vacancies at Scottish job centres. Again, this data is not seasonally adjusted. In April 1996, there were 23,009 unfilled vacancies at Scottish job centres which represents 12% of the British total. Strathclyde accounts for 10,942 or 47.6% of the Scottish total. The level of vacancies declined by 313 or 1.3% in Scotland in the year to April 1996. Vacancies continued to rise in our 3 constructed areas, most sharply in the South of England (15¼%). In consequence, Scotland's share of GB vacancies dropped from 13¼% to 12%, over the year.

In the year to April, the level of vacancies fell in only 4 areas, ie Lothian (-14%), Fife (-12.1%), Strathclyde (-5.1%) and Highland (-3.3%). The sharpest annual rises were evident in Shetland (27.9%), Grampian (23.7%), Borders (17.6%) and Tayside (16¼%). In the quarter to April 1996, Scottish vacancies increased by 2,455 or 11.9%. This compares unfavourably with a 21% rise posted in Britain. All Scottish regions recorded an increase, except Shetland (-40.2%). The sharpest quarterly rises are evident in Highland (46.1%), Borders (29%) and Dumfries and Galloway (24.2%).

Table 16 presents the trend in the U/V ratio in the April 1990-1996 period. In April 1990, Scottish regions accounted for 3 of the highest 10 ratios evident in the 66 GB counties, with a further 3 also in the worst third. At that time, the average ranks of the Scottish regions was 28.1. Scottish regions tumbled down the rankings across the recession. In April 1993, the Scottish regions average rank was 52.3. This has subsequently fallen to stand at 34.6 in April 1996. Currently, there are only 2 Scottish regions with U/V ratios above the British average, ie Fife (128¼% of GB) and Western Isles (190%). This compares with 6 above average regions in April 1990.

Scotland has returned to it's traditional position as an area of relatively high unemployment following a cyclically induced improvement in the first part of the 1990s. However, there continues to be considerable variation in performance with the country clearly split into high and low unemployment regions. At present, 7 of the 12 Scottish regions have high relative unemployment compared with GB. Strathclyde has tended to improve it's position within Scotland on the basis of the criteria discussed above. Fife and, to a lesser extent Highland, have tended to preform poorly in the Scottish context.

Unemployment Trends in Scottish TTWAs

Table 17 sets out the unemployment position in the Scottish TTWAs between April 1990 and April 1993 and presents the rates, relative rates and rankings for each area. Table 18 presents the trends in jobless across this period. A travel to work area (TTWA)corresponds to a local labour market into and out of which there is little commuting to work. This allows the calculation of unemployment rate, unlike certain of the new unitary authorities. There are 322 TTWAs in Britain and 60 in Scotland.

In April 1996, Cumnock & Sanquhar occupied it's traditional position as the TTWA with the highest unemployment in both Scotland & GB. Forres ranks 3rd worse in GB and 2nd worst in Scotland whilst Arbroath ranks 11th in GB and 3rd in Scotland. However, Scotland continues to present some of the TTWAs with lowest unemployment. Scotland's best TTWA in Aberdeen which ranks in 304th place in GB whilst Galashiels ranks 302nd, Orkney 301st and Shetland 294th.

Table 17 further sets out the trend in relative rates and ranks since April 1990. In April 1990, 43 of the 60 Scottish TTWAs had an unemployment rate above the British average. This fell back to 25 in April 1993 before rising to the present total of 32. As with the counties, the general picture is one of Scottish TTWAs slipping down the rankings in the 1990-1993 period and shifting back up thereafter. The most significant improvements in ranking in the 1990-1996 period are evident in:-

Fraserburgh
Orkney Isles
Greenock
Lochaber
Stirling
Edinburgh
Kelso & Jedburgh
Haddington
Shetland Islands
Peebles
Galashiels
Berwickshire
Glasgow
Ayr
Peterhead

It is interesting to note that this is a mix of both urban and rural areas and areas with both high and low unemployment prior to the recession. The following TTWAs have either deteriorated up the rankings are have increased position only modestly. The first 7 have either increased or maintained their position compared with 1990 and are all rural areas.

Buckie
Sutherland
Forres
Huntly
North East Fife
Dumfries
Cumnock and Sanquhar
Keith
Dunfermline
Kirkcaldy

It is interesting to note that the 3 Fife TTWAs have all fared relatively badly in the 1990s, due to the effects of the peace dividend in that area.

Table 18 sets out unemployment change across the April 1990-April 1996 period. In the year to April, unemployment fell most sharply in

Forres (-20¾%)
Crieff (-12¼%)
Western Isles (-12%)
Orkney Islands (-11.6%)
Lochaber (-10¼%)
Haddington (-10¼%)
Berwickshire (-9.9%)
Thurso (-8.9%)
Kelso & Jedburgh (-8.4%)
Alloa (-8.1%)

Again, the best performing areas tend to be in rural areas. The worst performing TTWAs in the last year are:-

Huntly (+21.1%)
Hawick (+15.1%)
Shetland Islands (+8.7%)
Banff (+11%)
Inverness (+9.9%)

Sutherland (+8.7%)
Lockerbie (+8.5%)
North East Fife (+5.8%)
Islay and Mid Argyll (+5.3%)
Keith (+3.9%)

Again, the poorest performing areas are from outwith the Scottish central belt. In the last year there has clearly been a marked disparity in unemployment change in Scotland's rural areas. with some performing extremely well and others very poorly.

In the April 1990-1996 period, Scotland has performed well relative to other parts of the UK, in terms of jobless change. However there is a marked disparity of experience within the country. The areas experiencing the best unemployment trends are:-

Greenock (-38.8%)
Glasgow (-18.4%)
Fraserburgh (-16.5%)
Lanarkshire (-10.4%)
Lochaber (-9.0%)
Cumnock & Sanquhar (-5.7%)
Orkney Isles (-5.2%)
Alloa (-4.4%)
Kilmarnock (-3.6%)
Western Isles (-3.6%)

This is a mix of mainly urban and rural areas and the listing indicates why Strathclyde was the best performing Scottish county in this period. It is by no means clear that it is employment growth which has led to this outcome. In Strathclyde and parts within, male and total activity rates have fallen sharply and population declined.

The worst performing Scottish TTWAs in terms of employment change are mainly rural areas and are as follows:-

Lockerbie (+55.9%)
Crieff (+52.5%)
Huntly (49.3%)
Dumfries (+46.7%)
North East Fife (+46.3%)
Buckie (+45.3%)
Inverness (44.3%)
Aberdeen (+43.8%)
Keith (+43.7%)
Blairgowrie (40.9%)

This suggests that, although it is less marked than for GB, the early 1990s have seen some convergence in unemployment across Scotland. In general, the peripheral areas have tended to do less well than the central belt, contributing to a modest change in the geography of Scottish unemployment. However, much of central Scotland continues to be characterised by above average joblessness.

Concluding Remarks

The cyclical improvement in Scotland's relative position is beginning to unwind. At present, the Scottish unemployment rate lies above the British average and the recent trend in Scottish unemployment change is more adverse. As set out in previous commentaries, we expect Scottish employment growth to be weak this year but for the trend fall in male participation rates to continue. Our expectation is that unemployment may remain virtually static between 1995 and 1996 with the balance of probabilities suggesting a slight rise. This implies that there will be more months when the adjusted count will rise. We expect a stronger trend in employment in both 1997 and 1998 when the Scottish jobless count ought to rise further. Although Scottish unemployment may remain high relative to GB in the medium term, we do not expect a return to the high relatives evident in the 1980s.

The sharp rise in both male and female jobless in April and in the latest quarter appears to have surprised Scottish Office ministers and officials. Indeed, as part of the overall outrage over the beef export ban, Industry Minister, George Kynoch suggested that the April rise was due to the BSE crisis. The aggregate evidence appears to belie this. Firstly, examination of the onflows and off-flows of claimants indicates that unemployment rose due to weaker than expected off-flows at a time when on-flows were not particularly strong. Secondly, we would expect many workers in the beef and related sectors to be laid off temporarily, at least initially. The trend in temporarily unemployed workers has been falling in 1996 and shows no sign of an upsurge in April.

This is not to suggest that the beef export ban is not and will not have an impact. Indeed, the bulk of the effects of this on the jobless queue may still be in front of us. At present, we suspect that the faltering unemployment trend evident is Scotland and other parts of the country is due to a more universal weakness in the demand for labour.

Unemployment within Scotland continues to be unequally dispersed. Although the central belt has

experienced a relatively good unemployment trend across the 1990s, many TTWAs in that area continue to experience high joblessness relative to GB. However, it would be fair to say that our metropolitan county, Strathclyde, has performed well in terms of the level and duration of unemployment compared with those in England. However, parts of Strathclyde and elsewhere continue to experience unacceptably high levels of unemployment and long term joblessness which require a focused approach by the authorities. It is of little comfort to the jobless in central Scotland that thing are relatively worse in London, Tyneside, Merseyside, South Yorkshire and the West Midlands.

Clearly, programmes like the successful Glasgow Works and the similar approach of the Wyse Group will continue to be required and to attract attention from the south. Both approaches seek to place long term jobless in paid temporary work, with a training element, and to provide assistance to participants to secure jobs in the formal economy. All such approaches are demonstrating considerable success in increasing the probability of participants securing a real job. However, there remain too few employment opportunities in Scotland and elsewhere. This can only be tackled by improving the supply side performance of the economy. This is a slow business. In the run in to the General Election, we should be aware that there are no quick fixes to increase the demand for labour in a sustainable way. It will be interesting to see how the political arguments unfold.

Table 1
Scottish and British Unemployment
April 1990-96
Unadjusted Time Series

Scotland

		Male			Female			Persons		
		Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %
Apr	1990	150977	-1.84	10.8	54927	-2.42	5.1	205904	-2.00	8.3
Apr	1991	163051	0.87	11.5	53940	0.82	5.0	216991	0.86	8.7
Apr	1992	180961	0.27	12.6	56936	-0.28	5.2	237897	0.14	9.4
Apr	1993	192203	-0.39	13.8	57857	0.25	5.2	250060	-0.24	10.0
Apr	1994	184199	-0.92	13.4	53376	-1.52	4.9	237575	-1.05	9.6
Apr	1995	159687	-1.81	11.8	46969	-1.74	4.4	206656	-1.79	8.5
May	1995	154650	-3.15	11.4	44335	-5.61	4.1	198985	-3.71	8.2
Jun	1995	150103	-2.94	11.1	43199	-2.56	4.0	193302	-2.86	7.9
Jul	1995	156374	4.18	11.6	53073	22.86	4.9	209447	8.35	8.6
Aug	1995	155406	-0.62	11.5	53561	0.92	5.0	208967	-0.23	8.6
Sep	1995	149290	-3.94	11.0	46035	-14.05	4.3	195325	-6.53	8.0
Oct	1995	146682	-1.75	10.8	43508	-5.49	4.0	190190	-2.63	7.8
Nov	1995	147514	0.57	10.9	43586	0.18	4.0	191100	0.48	7.9
Dec	1995	151822	2.92	11.2	43771	0.42	4.1	195593	2.35	8.0
Jan	1996	159980	5.37	11.8	46847	7.03	4.3	206827	5.74	8.5
Feb	1996	158586	-0.87	11.7	46974	0.27	4.4	205560	-0.61	8.5
Mar	1996	153494	-3.21	11.3	45749	-2.61	4.2	199243	-3.07	8.2
Apr	1996	154573	0.70	11.4	46697	2.07	4.3	201270	1.02	8.3
Change across previous										
month		1079	0.70		948	2.07		2027	1.02	
quarter		-5407	-3.38		-150	-0.32		-5557	-2.69	
year		-5114	-3.20		-272	-0.58		-5386	-2.61	

Great Britain

		Male			Female			Persons		
		Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %
Apr	1990	1124500	-1.32	7.0	404193	-1.27	3.4	1528693	-1.31	5.5
Apr	1991	1592100	2.83	10.0	507345	2.37	4.3	2099445	2.72	7.6
Apr	1992	2019095	1.24	12.8	613004	0.66	5.1	2632099	1.10	9.5
Apr	1993	2222986	0.08	14.3	672189	0.40	5.6	2895175	0.15	10.5
Apr	1994	2024328	-1.69	13.2	611723	-1.30	5.1	2636051	-1.60	9.6
Apr	1995	1746459	-1.24	11.5	540788	-0.01	4.5	2287247	-0.95	8.4
May	1995	1698429	-2.75	11.1	518200	-4.18	4.3	2216629	-3.09	8.1
Jun	1995	1661808	-2.16	10.9	507220	-2.12	4.2	2169028	-2.15	8.0
Jul	1995	1689358	1.66	11.1	554899	9.40	4.6	2244257	3.47	8.2
Aug	1995	1684734	-0.27	11.0	573461	3.35	4.8	2258195	0.62	8.3
Sep	1995	1655222	-1.75	10.9	546924	-4.63	4.6	2202146	-2.48	8.1
Oct	1995	1609778	-2.75	10.6	517020	-5.47	4.3	2126798	-3.42	7.8
Nov	1995	1604524	-0.33	10.5	507367	-1.87	4.2	2111891	-0.70	7.8
Dec	1995	1640699	2.25	10.8	503388	-0.78	4.2	2144087	1.52	7.9
Jan	1996	1698353	3.51	11.1	525854	4.46	4.4	2224207	3.74	8.2
Feb	1996	1693270	-0.30	11.1	523952	-0.36	4.4	2217222	-0.31	8.1
Mar	1996	1640528	-3.11	10.8	505841	-3.46	4.2	2146369	-3.20	7.9
Apr	1996	1628627	-0.73	10.7	509745	0.77	4.2	2138372	-0.37	7.8
Change across previous										
month		-11901	-0.73		3904	0.77		-7997	-0.37	
quarter		-69726	-4.11		-16109	-3.06		-85835	-3.86	
year		-117832	-6.75		-31043	-5.74		-148875	-6.51	

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 2
Scottish and British Unemployment
April 1990-96
Seasonally Adjusted Series

Scotland

		Male			Female			Persons		
		Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %
Apr	1990	149000	-0.80	10.7	55100	-0.90	5.1	204100	-0.83	8.3
Apr	1991	161200	1.83	11.4	53900	2.08	5.0	215100	1.89	8.6
Apr	1992	178600	0.90	12.5	56300	0.54	5.1	234900	0.82	9.3
Apr	1993	189400	0.21	13.6	56900	0.89	5.1	246300	0.37	9.8
Apr	1994	181400	-0.49	13.2	52500	-0.94	4.8	233900	-0.59	9.5
Apr	1995	156800	-1.38	11.6	45900	-1.50	4.3	202700	-1.41	8.3
May	1995	155100	-1.08	11.5	45500	-0.87	4.2	200600	-1.04	8.2
Jun	1995	153000	-1.35	11.3	45200	-0.66	4.2	198200	-1.20	8.1
Jul	1995	152700	-0.20	11.3	46000	1.77	4.3	198700	0.25	8.2
Aug	1995	151500	-0.79	11.2	46000	0.00	4.3	197500	-0.60	8.1
Sep	1995	150400	-0.73	11.1	45300	-1.52	4.2	195700	-0.91	8.0
Oct	1995	150300	-0.07	11.1	45200	-0.22	4.2	195500	-0.10	8.0
Nov	1995	150000	-0.20	11.1	45000	-0.44	4.2	195000	-0.26	8.0
Dec	1995	150900	0.60	11.1	44700	-0.67	4.1	195600	0.31	8.0
Jan	1996	149500	-0.93	11.0	44100	-1.34	4.1	193600	-1.02	8.0
Feb	1996	151000	1.00	11.2	44300	0.45	4.1	195300	0.88	8.0
Mar	1996	150200	-0.53	11.1	44800	1.13	4.2	195000	-0.15	8.0
Apr	1996	151600	0.93	11.2	45800	2.23	4.2	197400	1.23	8.1
Change across previous										
month		1400	0.93		1000	2.23		2400	1.23	
quarter		2100	1.40		1700	3.85		3800	1.96	
year		-5200	-3.32		-100	-0.22		-5300	-2.61	

Great Britain

		Male			Female			Persons		
		Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %	Total	Monthly % change	Rate %
Apr	1990	1095100	-0.48	6.8	402500	-0.15	3.4	1497600	-0.39	5.3
Apr	1991	1561000	3.45	9.8	504800	3.10	4.2	2065800	3.36	7.4
Apr	1992	1983400	1.56	12.6	607400	0.95	5.1	2590800	1.42	9.4
Apr	1993	2183700	0.30	14.0	664400	0.48	5.6	2848100	0.35	10.4
Apr	1994	1986300	-1.49	12.9	604400	-1.37	5.0	2590700	-1.46	9.5
Apr	1995	1709300	-1.03	11.2	533800	-0.22	4.4	2243100	-0.84	8.2
May	1995	1700600	-0.51	11.2	531400	-0.45	4.4	2232000	-0.49	8.2
Jun	1995	1695300	-0.31	11.1	530200	-0.23	4.4	2225500	-0.29	8.2
Jul	1995	1691300	-0.24	11.1	531400	0.23	4.4	2222700	-0.13	8.2
Aug	1995	1676700	-0.86	11.0	526200	-0.98	4.4	2202900	-0.89	8.1
Sep	1995	1659600	-1.02	10.9	517900	-1.58	4.3	2177500	-1.15	8.0
Oct	1995	1657100	-0.15	10.9	521100	0.62	4.3	2178200	0.03	8.0
Nov	1995	1641500	-0.94	10.8	516700	-0.84	4.3	2158200	-0.92	7.9
Dec	1995	1636900	-0.28	10.7	512300	-0.85	4.3	2149200	-0.42	7.9
Jan	1996	1614000	-1.40	10.6	507000	-1.03	4.2	2121000	-1.31	7.8
Feb	1996	1620300	0.39	10.6	506200	-0.16	4.2	2126500	0.26	7.8
Mar	1996	1599900	-1.26	10.5	501500	-0.93	4.2	2101400	-1.18	7.7
Apr	1996	1594200	-0.36	10.5	503300	0.36	4.2	2097500	-0.19	7.7
Change across previous										
month		-5700	-0.36		1800	0.36		-3900	-0.19	
quarter		-19800	-1.23		-3700	-0.73		-23500	-1.11	
year		-115100	-6.73		-30500	-5.71		-145600	-6.49	

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 3
Unemployment in British Regions
Seasonally Adjusted
Persons

	Apr 96		Apr 95	Annual Change		Apr 93		3 year change		Jan 95	Quarterly Change		Mar 95	Monthly Change	
	abs	rate (%)		abs	%	abs	rate (%)	abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Rest of South East	299700	5.9	331400	-31700	-9.6	469400	9.3	-169700	-36.2	306100	-6400	-2.1	302000	-2300	-0.8
East Anglia	61500	5.8	65500	-4000	-6.1	85400	8.3	-23900	-28.0	62800	-1300	-2.1	61700	-200	-0.3
London	368800	9.1	396400	-27600	-7.0	473300	11.7	-104500	-22.1	379700	-10900	-2.9	372500	-3700	-1.0
South West	153300	6.5	166700	-13400	-8.0	222500	9.7	-69200	-31.1	155600	-2300	-1.5	153400	-100	-0.1
West Midlands	195200	7.8	212000	-16800	-7.9	287600	11.1	-92400	-32.1	197400	-2200	-1.1	195700	-500	-0.3
East Midlands	138700	7.3	148800	-10100	-6.8	185400	9.7	-46700	-25.2	140800	-2100	-1.5	139100	-400	-0.3
Yorks & Humber	197100	8.4	208300	-11200	-5.4	248800	10.4	-51700	-20.8	199000	-1900	-1.0	196700	400	0.2
North West	239300	8.4	255000	-15700	-6.2	328700	10.9	-89400	-27.2	240100	-800	-0.3	240100	-800	-0.3
Northern Region	140700	10.1	148900	-8200	-5.5	168900	11.9	-28200	-16.7	141100	-400	-0.3	140500	200	0.1
Wales	105600	8.4	107000	-1400	-1.3	131400	10.3	-25800	-19.6	104100	1500	1.4	104700	900	0.9
Scotland	197400	8.1	202700	-5300	-2.6	246300	9.8	-48900	-19.9	193600	3800	2.0	195000	2400	1.2
South of England	883300	7.0	960000	-76700	-8.0	1250600	10.1	-367300	-29.4	904200	-20900	-2.3	889600	-6300	-0.7
Midlands & Wales	439500	7.8	467800	-28300	-6.0	604400	10.5	-164900	-27.3	442300	-2800	-0.6	439500	0	0.0
North of England	577100	8.8	612200	-35100	-5.7	746400	11	-169300	-22.7	580200	-3100	-0.5	577300	-200	-0.0
Great Britain	2097500	7.7	2243100	-145600	-6.5	2848100	10.4	-750600	-26.4	2121000	-23500	-1.1	2101400	-3900	-0.2
United Kingdom	2183500	7.8	2331800	-148300	-6.4	2952700	10.4	-769200	-26.1	2206800	-23300	-1.1	2186700	-3200	-0.1

Source: Dept of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 4
Unemployment in British Regions
Seasonally Adjusted
Males

	Apr 96		Apr 95	Annual Change		Apr 93		3 year change		Jan 95	Quarterly Change		Mar 95	Monthly Change	
	abs	rate (%)		abs	%	abs	rate (%)	abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Rest of South East	226700	8.1	251100	-24400	-9.7	359100	12.7	-132400	-36.9	231200	-4500	-1.9	228400	-1700	-0.7
East Anglia	45800	7.9	48400	-2600	-5.4	64300	11	-18500	-28.8	46600	-800	-1.7	45900	-100	-0.2
London	272300	11.9	293800	-21500	-7.3	351600	15	-79300	-22.6	280500	-8200	-2.9	275400	-3100	-1.1
South West	114200	8.7	124700	-10500	-8.4	168500	13.1	-54300	-32.2	116100	-1900	-1.6	114500	-300	-0.3
West Midlands	147200	10.4	160300	-13100	-8.2	220300	14.7	-73100	-33.2	148600	-1400	-0.9	147600	-400	-0.3
East Midlands	105100	9.8	113300	-8200	-7.2	142300	13.2	-37200	-26.1	106800	-1700	-1.6	105500	-400	-0.4
Yorks & Humber	152200	11.5	161100	-8900	-5.5	193400	14.3	-41200	-21.3	154200	-2000	-1.3	152600	-400	-0.3
North West	186100	11.7	198100	-12000	-6.1	256500	15.2	-70400	-27.4	186700	-600	-0.3	187100	-1000	-0.5
Northern Region	111300	14.1	118800	-7500	-6.3	134400	16.5	-23100	-17.2	112500	-1200	-1.1	111700	-400	-0.4
Wales	81600	11.5	82700	-1100	-1.3	103700	14.3	-22100	-21.3	80800	800	1.0	81100	500	0.6
Scotland	151600	11.2	156800	-5200	-3.3	189400	13.6	-37800	-20.0	149500	2100	1.4	150200	1400	0.9
South of England	659000	9.4	718000	-59000	-8.2	943500	13.4	-284500	-30.2	674400	-15400	-2.3	664200	-5200	-0.8
Midlands & Wales	333900	10.4	356300	-22400	-6.3	466300	14.2	-132400	-28.4	336200	-2300	-0.7	334200	-300	-0.1
North of England	449600	12.1	478000	-28400	-5.9	584300	15.2	-134700	-23.1	453400	-3800	-0.8	451400	-1800	-0.4
Great Britain	1594200	10.5	1709300	-115100	-6.7	2183700	14	-589500	-27.0	1614000	-19800	-1.2	1599900	-5700	-0.4
United Kingdom	1660800	10.6	1778300	-117500	-6.6	2264200	14.1	-603400	-26.6	1680900	-20100	-1.2	1666300	-5500	-0.3

Source: Dept of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 5
Unemployment in British Regions
Seasonally Adjusted
Females

	Apr 96		Apr 95	Annual Change		Apr 93		3 year change		Jan 95	Quarterly Change		Mar 95	Monthly Change	
	abs	rate (%)		abs	%	abs	rate (%)	abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Rest of South East	73000	3.2	80300	-7300	-9.1	110300	4.9	-37300	-33.8	74900	-1900	-2.5	73600	-600	-0.8
East Anglia	15700	3.3	17100	-1400	-8.2	21100	4.8	-5400	-25.6	16200	-500	-3.1	15800	-100	-0.6
London	96500	5.5	102600	-6100	-5.9	121700	7.1	-25200	-20.7	99200	-2700	-2.7	97100	-600	-0.6
South West	39100	3.7	42000	-2900	-6.9	54000	5.4	-14900	-27.6	39500	-400	-1.0	38900	200	0.5
West Midlands	48000	4.5	51700	-3700	-7.2	67300	6.1	-19300	-28.7	48800	-800	-1.6	48100	-100	-0.2
East Midlands	33600	4.0	35500	-1900	-5.4	43100	5.1	-9500	-22.0	34000	-400	-1.2	33600	0	0.0
Yorks & Humber	44900	4.3	47200	-2300	-4.9	55400	5.3	-10500	-19.0	44800	100	0.2	44100	800	1.8
North West	53200	4.2	56900	-3700	-6.5	72200	5.5	-19000	-26.3	53400	-200	-0.4	53000	200	0.4
Northern Region	29400	4.9	30100	-700	-2.3	34500	5.7	-5100	-14.8	28600	800	2.8	28800	600	2.1
Wales	24000	4.3	24300	-300	-1.2	27700	5.1	-3700	-13.4	23300	700	3.0	23600	400	1.7
Scotland	45800	4.2	45900	-100	-0.2	56900	5.1	-11100	-19.5	44100	1700	3.9	44800	1000	2.2
South of England	224300	4.0	242000	-17700	-7.3	307100	5.7	-82800	-27.0	229800	-5500	-2.4	225400	-1100	-0.5
Midlands & Wales	105600	4.3	111500	-5900	-5.3	138100	5.6	-32500	-23.5	106100	-500	-0.5	105300	300	0.3
North of England	127500	4.4	134200	-6700	-5.0	162100	5.5	-34600	-21.3	126800	700	0.6	125900	1600	1.3
Great Britain	503300	4.2	533800	-30500	-5.7	664400	5.6	-161100	-24.2	507000	-3700	-0.7	501500	1800	0.4
United Kingdom	522700	4.2	553500	-30800	-5.6	688500	5.6	-165800	-24.1	525900	-3200	-0.6	520400	2300	0.4

Source: Dept of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 6

Vacancies in British Regions: 1990-1996
Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 90		Apr 93		Apr 95		Jan 96		Apr 96	
	Total	shr	Total	shr	Total	shr	Total	shr	Total	shr
Rest of South East	38900	20.4	21200	17.8	32000	18.4	31600	17.5	34200	18.1
East Anglia	6400	3.3	4000	3.4	6300	3.6	6200	3.4	6400	3.4
London	18000	9.4	9800	8.2	16400	9.4	18400	10.2	21400	11.3
South West	16200	8.5	8900	7.5	13700	7.9	15500	8.6	16900	8.9
West Midlands	16800	8.8	8500	7.1	15400	8.8	16000	8.9	16400	8.7
East Midlands	11200	5.9	8600	7.2	12700	7.3	12500	6.9	13000	6.9
Yorks & Humb	12900	6.8	9600	8.1	13400	7.7	13800	7.7	15000	7.9
North West	22900	12.0	15400	12.9	20600	11.8	21300	11.8	22000	11.6
Northern Region	12300	6.4	5800	4.9	7900	4.5	7900	4.4	8000	4.2
Wales	13100	6.9	9100	7.6	13100	7.5	13400	7.4	13200	7.0
Scotland	22500	11.8	18300	15.4	22800	13.1	23500	13.0	22800	12.0
South of England	79500	41.6	43900	36.8	68400	39.2	71700	39.8	78900	41.7
Midlands & Wales	41100	21.5	26200	22.0	41200	23.6	41900	23.3	42600	22.5
North of England	48100	25.2	30800	25.8	41900	24.0	43000	23.9	45000	23.8
Great Britain	191100	100.0	119200	100.0	174300	100.0	180100	100.0	189400	100.0
United Kingdom	195800	102.5	123700	103.8	181700	104.2	187300	104.0	196500	103.7

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 7
Vacancy Trend: 1990-96
Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 96	Apr 90	Change 90/96		Apr 93	Change 90/93		Change 93/96		Apr 95	Change 95/96		Jan 96	Qrt Change	
			abs	%		abs	%	abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Rest of South East	34200	38900	-4700	-12.1	21200	-17700	-45.5	13000	61.3	32000	2200	6.9	31600	2600	8.2
East Anglia	6400	6400	0	0.0	4000	-2400	-37.5	2400	60.0	6300	100	1.6	6200	200	3.2
London	21400	18000	3400	18.9	9800	-8200	-45.6	11600	118.4	16400	5000	30.5	18400	3000	16.3
South West	16900	16200	700	4.3	8900	-7300	-45.1	8000	89.9	13700	3200	23.4	15500	1400	9.0
West Midlands	16400	16800	-400	-2.4	8500	-8300	-49.4	7900	92.9	15400	1000	6.5	16000	400	2.5
East Midlands	13000	11200	1800	16.1	8600	-2600	-23.2	4400	51.2	12700	300	2.4	12500	500	4.0
Yorks & Humb	15000	12900	2100	16.3	9600	-3300	-25.6	5400	56.3	13400	1600	11.9	13800	1200	8.7
North West	22000	22900	-900	-3.9	15400	-7500	-32.8	6600	42.9	20600	1400	6.8	21300	700	3.3
Northern Region	8000	12300	-4300	-35.0	5800	-6500	-52.8	2200	37.9	7900	100	1.3	7900	100	1.3
Wales	13200	13100	100	0.8	9100	-4000	-30.5	4100	45.1	13100	100	0.8	13400	-200	-1.5
Scotland	22800	22500	300	1.3	18300	-4200	-18.7	4500	24.6	22800	0	0.0	23500	-700	-3.0
South of England	78900	79500	-600	-0.8	43900	-35600	-44.8	35000	79.7	68400	10500	15.4	71700	7200	10.0
Midlands & Wales	42600	41100	1500	3.6	26200	-14900	-36.3	16400	62.6	41200	1400	3.4	41900	700	1.7
North of England	45000	48100	-3100	-6.4	30800	-17300	-36.0	14200	46.1	41900	3100	7.4	43000	2000	4.7
Great Britain	189400	191100	-1700	-0.9	119200	-71900	-37.6	70200	58.9	174300	15100	8.7	180100	9300	5.2
United Kingdom	196500	195800	700	0.4	123700	-72100	-36.8	72800	58.9	181700	14800	8.1	187300	9200	4.9

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 8

U/V Ratios in the British Regions
1900-1996

	Apr 90		Apr 93		Apr 95		Jan 96		Apr 96	
	U/V	% GB	U/V	% GB	U/V	% GB	U/V	% GB	U/V	% GB
Rest of South East	3.6	46.4	22.1	92.7	10.4	80.5	9.7	82.3	8.8	79.1
East Anglia	5.4	68.8	21.4	89.4	10.4	80.8	10.1	86.0	9.6	86.8
London	11.0	140.7	48.3	202.1	24.2	187.8	20.6	175.2	17.2	155.6
South West	5.5	69.9	25.0	104.6	12.2	94.6	10.0	85.2	9.1	81.9
West Midlands	8.8	111.7	33.8	141.6	13.8	107.0	12.3	104.8	11.9	107.5
East Midlands	8.4	107.1	21.6	90.2	11.7	91.0	11.3	95.6	10.7	96.3
Yorks & Humb	12.1	154.1	25.9	108.5	15.5	120.8	14.4	122.4	13.1	118.7
North West	10.1	128.4	21.3	89.3	12.4	96.2	11.3	95.7	10.9	98.2
Northern Region	9.7	124.3	29.1	121.9	18.8	146.5	17.9	151.7	17.6	158.8
Wales	6.4	81.0	14.4	60.4	8.2	63.5	7.8	66.0	8.0	72.2
Scotland	9.1	115.8	13.5	56.3	8.9	69.1	8.2	70.0	8.7	78.2
South of England	5.8	74.3	28.5	119.2	14.0	109.1	12.6	107.1	11.2	101.1
Midlands & Wales	7.9	100.7	23.1	96.5	11.4	88.2	10.6	89.6	10.3	93.2
North of England	10.5	134.3	24.2	101.4	14.6	113.5	13.5	114.6	12.8	115.8
Great Britain	7.8	100.0	23.9	100.0	12.9	100.0	11.8	100.0	11.1	100.0
United Kingdom	8.1	103.9	23.9	99.9	12.8	99.7	11.8	100.0	11.1	100.3

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 9
Unemployment in the Scottish Regions
Unadjusted Series

	rate (%)		Apr 96	Apr 95	Annual Change		Jan 96	Quarterly Change		Mar 96	Monthly Change	
	narrow	wide			abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Borders	6.4	5.1	2513	2550	-37	-1.5	2659	-146	-5.7	2557	-44	-1.7
Central	10.2	9.0	10357	10740	-383	-3.6	10398	-41	-0.4	9912	445	4.5
Dum & Gall	10.5	8.8	5752	5851	-99	-1.7	5967	-215	-3.7	5749	3	0.1
Fife	12.5	10.4	15094	15059	35	0.2	15107	-13	-0.1	14717	377	2.6
Grampian	5.1	4.4	13886	14184	-298	-2.1	14441	-555	-3.9	13891	-5	-0.0
Highland	11.3	9.6	9420	9265	155	1.7	11112	-1692	-18.3	10182	-762	-7.5
Lothian	7.4	6.7	26837	28301	-1464	-5.2	27177	-340	-1.2	26331	506	1.9
Strathclyde	10.9	9.7	99308	102470	-3162	-3.1	101493	-2185	-2.1	98081	1227	1.3
Tayside	9.8	8.5	15870	15826	44	0.3	16006	-136	-0.9	15610	260	1.7
Orkney Is.	5.7	5.0	435	492	-57	-11.6	510	-75	-15.2	467	-32	-6.9
Shetland Is.	5.0	4.4	528	475	53	11.2	438	90	18.9	446	82	18.4
Western Isles	11.8	10.3	1270	1443	-173	-12.0	1519	-249	-17.3	1300	-30	-2.3
Scotland	9.4	8.3	201270	206656	-5386	-2.6	206827	-5557	-2.7	199243	2027	1.0
South of England	8.5	7.2	900024	979326	-79302	-8.1	942618	-42594	-4.3	909267	-9243	-1.0
Midlands & Wales	9.0	7.9	446653	475499	-28846	-6.1	464369	-17716	-3.7	448494	-1841	-0.4
North of England	10.1	9.0	590425	625766	-35341	-5.6	610393	-19968	-3.2	589365	1060	0.2
GB	9.1	7.8	2138372	2287247	-148875	-6.5	2224207	-85835	-3.8	2146369	-7997	-0.4
UK	9.2	7.9	2223919	2375290	-151371	-6.4	2310483	-86564	-3.6	2230799	-6880	-0.3

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 10
Male Unemployment in the Scottish Regions
Unadjusted Series

	rate (%)		Apr 96	Apr 95	Annual Change		Jan 96	Quarterly Change		Mar 96	Monthly Change	
	narrow	wide			abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Borders	8.9	6.6	1828	1883	-55	-2.9	1944	-116	-6.2	1866	-38	-2.0
Central	14.4	12.2	7897	8125	-228	-2.8	8074	-177	-2.2	7671	226	2.9
Dum & Gall	13.8	11.0	4168	4331	-163	-3.8	4406	-238	-5.5	4193	-25	-0.6
Fife	17.2	13.4	11310	11459	-149	-1.3	11463	-153	-1.3	11184	126	1.1
Grampian	6.4	5.4	10145	10373	-228	-2.2	10771	-626	-6.0	10236	-91	-0.9
Highland	17.1	13.6	7138	6993	145	2.1	8259	-1121	-16.0	7495	-357	-4.8
Lothian	11.2	9.6	20600	22004	-1404	-6.4	21058	-458	-2.1	20302	298	1.5
Strathclyde	16.4	13.9	77958	80706	-2748	-3.4	80030	-2072	-2.6	77180	778	1.0
Tayside	14.0	11.5	11840	11955	-115	-1.0	12083	-243	-2.0	11688	152	1.3
Orkney Is.	7.5	6.3	311	349	-38	-10.9	350	-39	-11.2	320	-9	-2.8
Shetland Is.	6.7	5.6	396	352	44	12.5	336	60	17.0	347	49	14.1
Western Isles	17.6	14.7	982	1157	-175	-15.1	1206	-224	-19.4	1012	-30	-3.0
Scotland	13.7	11.4	154573	159687	-5114	-3.2	159980	-5407	-3.4	153494	1079	0.7
South of England	12.1	9.6	673394	734301	-60907	-8.3	705350	-31956	-4.4	681743	-8349	-1.2
Midlands & Wales	12.8	10.6	340111	363109	-22998	-6.3	354757	-14646	-4.0	343020	-2909	-0.8
North of England	14.8	12.4	460549	489362	-28813	-5.9	478266	-17717	-3.6	462271	-1722	-0.4
GB	13.1	10.7	1628627	1746459	-117832	-6.7	1698353	-69726	-4.0	1640528	-11901	-0.7
UK	13.3	10.8	1695457	1815537	-120080	-6.6	1766388	-70931	-3.9	1707195	-11738	-0.7

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 11
Female Unemployment in the Scottish Regions
Unadjusted Series

	rate (%)		Apr 96	Apr 95	Annual Change		Jan 96	Quarterly Change		Mar 96	Monthly Change	
	narrow	wide			abs	%		abs	%		abs	%
Borders	3.6	3.2	685	667	18	2.7	715	-30	-4.5	691	-6	-0.9
Central	5.2	4.8	2460	2615	-155	-5.9	2324	136	5.2	2241	219	9.8
Dum & Gall	6.4	5.8	1584	1520	64	4.2	1561	23	1.5	1556	28	1.8
Fife	6.8	6.3	3784	3600	184	5.1	3644	140	3.9	3533	251	7.1
Grampian	3.3	3.0	3741	3811	-70	-1.8	3670	71	1.9	3655	86	2.4
Highland	5.5	5.0	2282	2272	10	0.4	2853	-571	-25.1	2687	-405	-15.1
Lothian	3.5	3.3	6237	6297	-60	-1.0	6119	118	1.9	6029	208	3.4
Strathclyde	4.9	4.6	21350	21764	-414	-1.9	21463	-113	-0.5	20901	449	2.1
Tayside	5.2	4.8	4030	3871	159	4.1	3923	107	2.8	3922	108	2.8
Orkney Is.	3.5	3.3	124	143	-19	-13.3	160	-36	-25.2	147	-23	-15.6
Shetland Is.	2.9	2.7	132	123	9	7.3	102	30	24.4	99	33	33.3
Western Isles	5.5	5.1	288	286	2	0.7	313	-25	-8.7	288	0	0.0
Scotland	4.6	4.3	46697	46969	-272	-0.6	46847	-150	-0.3	45749	948	2.1
South of England	4.5	4.1	226630	245025	-18395	-7.5	237268	-10638	-4.3	227524	-894	-0.4
Midlands & Wales	4.7	4.3	106542	112390	-5848	-5.2	109612	-3070	-2.7	105474	1068	1.0
North of England	4.8	4.5	129876	136404	-6528	-4.8	132127	-2251	-1.7	127094	2782	2.2
GB	4.6	4.2	509745	540788	-31043	-5.7	525854	-16109	-3.0	505841	3904	0.8
UK	4.6	4.3	528462	559753	-31291	-5.6	544095	-15633	-2.8	523604	4858	0.9

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 12
Unemployment in the British Regions
April 1996

	Males				Females				Persons			
	count	rates		Rank	count	rates		Rank	count	rates		Rank
		%	% GB	vs GB		%	% GB	vs GB		%	% GB	vs GB
Bedfordshire	12942	9.3	86.9	38	4285	3.9	92.9	34	17227	6.9	88.5	37
Berkshire	13697	5.8	54.2	62	4161	2.3	54.8	63	17858	4.3	55.1	64
Buckinghamshire	11031	6	56.1	60	3598	2.5	59.5	62	14629	4.4	56.4	61
East Sussex	22339	13.9	129.9	9	7550	5.3	126.2	12	29889	9.8	125.6	11
Essex	39475	10.9	101.9	29	13047	4.6	109.5	23	52522	8.1	103.8	29
Hampshire	33096	7.7	72.0	48	9993	2.9	69.0	59	43089	5.6	71.8	48
Hertfordshire	18405	7.1	66.4	51	6091	2.8	66.7	60	24496	5.2	66.7	54
Isle of Wight	4292	14.6	136.4	7	1424	5.6	133.3	5	5716	10.4	133.3	7
Kent	43012	11.4	106.5	25	12731	4.2	100.0	27	55743	8.2	105.1	28
Oxfordshire	8910	5.1	47.7	66	3110	2.2	52.4	65	12020	3.8	48.7	65
Surrey	13705	5.1	47.7	65	4550	2.1	50.0	66	18255	3.7	47.4	66
West Sussex	11589	6.4	59.8	57	3623	2.3	54.8	64	15212	4.5	57.7	60
Cambridgeshire	13810	7.1	66.4	52	4832	3	71.4	56	18642	5.2	66.7	55
Norfolk	19619	9.7	90.7	34	6456	3.8	90.5	36	26075	7	89.7	36
Suffolk	14470	8.1	75.7	45	4933	3.4	81.0	43	19403	6	76.9	45
Greater London	275801	12	112.1	21	96929	5.5	131.0	6	372730	9.2	117.9	18
Avon	26775	9.1	85.0	40	8762	3.8	90.5	35	35537	6.8	87.2	38
Cornwall and Scilly	14671	12.4	115.9	18	5223	5.5	131.0	7	19894	9.4	120.5	15
Devon	28739	10.3	96.3	32	9522	4.1	97.6	32	38261	7.5	96.2	32
Dorset	14974	8.6	80.4	42	4578	3.2	76.2	52	19552	6.2	79.5	43
Gloucestershire	11153	7.3	68.2	50	3782	3.1	73.8	55	14935	5.5	70.5	50
Somerset	10240	8.1	75.7	46	3511	3.4	81.0	44	13751	6	76.9	46
Wiltshire	10649	6.2	57.9	59	3939	3	71.4	57	14588	4.8	61.5	59
Hereford and Worcester	14211	7.8	72.9	47	5342	3.8	90.5	37	19553	6.1	78.2	44
Shropshire	7855	6.8	63.6	55	2776	3.3	78.6	50	10631	5.3	67.9	53
Staffordshire	22381	8.8	82.2	41	7224	3.7	88.1	39	29605	6.6	84.6	41
Warwickshire	8849	6.8	63.6	54	3274	3.3	78.6	49	12123	5.3	67.9	52
West Midlands	96058	13	121.5	15	29728	5.4	128.6	8	125786	9.8	125.6	10
Derbyshire	26149	11.2	104.7	26	7968	4.5	107.1	25	34117	8.3	106.4	27
Leicestershire	19938	8.1	75.7	44	6674	3.3	78.6	46	26612	5.9	75.6	47
Lincolnshire	14737	9.3	86.9	37	4973	4.2	100.0	28	19710	7.1	91.0	35
Northamptonshire	11885	7.6	71.0	49	4089	3.2	76.2	53	15974	5.6	71.8	49
Nottinghamshire	35425	12.7	118.7	16	10273	4.8	114.3	17	45698	9.3	119.2	16
Humberside	30568	13.1	122.4	13	8858	5	119.0	15	39426	9.6	123.1	13
North Yorkshire	14414	7	65.4	53	5299	3.3	78.6	48	19713	5.4	69.2	51
South Yorkshire	48847	15.3	143.0	5	13220	5.4	128.6	9	62067	11	141.0	4
West Yorkshire	62409	11.1	103.7	27	18344	4.1	97.6	31	80753	8	102.6	30
Cheshire	21583	8.4	78.5	43	6455	3.4	81.0	42	28038	6.2	79.5	42
Greater Manchester	76936	11.6	108.4	23	21551	4.1	97.6	30	98487	8.3	106.4	26
Lancashire	31874	9.1	85.0	39	9303	3.4	81.0	41	41177	6.6	84.6	40
Merseyside	60351	18.7	174.8	1	16939	6.2	147.6	2	77290	13	166.7	1
Cumbria	13768	9.9	92.5	33	3989	4	95.2	33	17757	7.4	94.9	33
Cleveland	25374	17.4	162.6	2	6191	5.9	140.5	3	31565	12.6	161.5	2
Durham	17646	13.1	122.4	14	4618	4.4	104.8	26	22264	9.3	119.2	17
Northumberland	9128	12.7	118.7	17	2707	4.8	114.3	20	11835	9.2	117.9	19
Tyne and Wear	47651	16.2	151.4	3	12402	5.3	126.2	11	60053	11.3	144.9	3
Clwyd	10150	9.6	89.7	36	3335	4.2	100.0	29	13485	7.3	93.6	34
Dyfed	9566	10.7	100.0	31	3181	5.3	126.2	13	12747	8.5	109.0	24
Gwent	12910	11.7	109.3	22	3801	4.6	109.5	24	16711	8.7	111.5	22
Gwynedd	8203	13.6	127.1	10	2496	5.4	128.6	10	10699	10.1	129.5	9
Mid Glamorgan	16229	15.4	143.9	4	4187	4.8	114.3	18	20416	10.6	135.9	5
Powys	1936	6	56.1	61	848	3.4	81.0	45	2784	4.9	62.8	58
South Glamorgan	13592	10.9	101.9	30	3774	3.6	85.7	40	17366	7.6	97.4	31
West Glamorgan	10037	12.2	114.0	19	2599	3.8	90.5	38	12636	8.4	107.7	25
Borders region	1828	6.6	61.7	56	685	3.2	76.2	54	2513	5.1	65.4	56
Central region	7897	12.2	114.0	20	2460	4.8	114.3	21	10357	9	115.4	20
Dumfries and Galloway	4168	11	102.8	28	1584	5.8	138.1	4	5752	8.8	112.8	21
Fife region	11310	13.4	125.2	12	3784	6.3	150.0	1	15094	10.4	133.3	6
Grampian region	10145	5.4	50.5	64	3741	3	71.4	58	13886	4.4	56.4	62
Highland region	7138	13.6	127.1	11	2282	5	119.0	16	9420	9.6	123.1	14
Lothian region	20600	9.6	89.7	35	6237	3.3	78.6	47	26837	6.7	85.9	39
Strathclyde region	77958	13.9	129.9	8	21350	4.6	109.5	22	99308	9.7	124.4	12
Tayside region	11840	11.5	107.5	24	4030	4.8	114.3	19	15870	8.5	109.0	23
Orkney Islands	311	6.3	58.9	58	124	3.3	78.6	51	435	5	64.1	57
Shetland Islands	396	5.6	52.3	63	132	2.7	64.3	61	528	4.4	56.4	63
Western Isles	982	14.7	137.4	6	288	5.1	121.4	14	1270	10.3	132.1	8
GB	1628627	10.7	100.0		509745	4.2	100.0		2138372	7.8	100.0	

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 12cont/....
Unemployment in the British Regions
Persons
Apr 1990-95

	Apr90				Apr 93				Apr 95			
	count	rates		Rank	count	rates		Rank	count	rates		Rank
		%	% GB	vs GB		%	% GB	vs GB		%	% GB	vs GB
Bedfordshire	8692	3.3	58.9	54	26998	10.5	98.1	25	19056	7.7	90.6	33
Berkshire	7951	1.9	33.9	64	30095	7.5	70.1	58	20484	4.9	57.6	61
Buckinghamshire	6351	2	35.7	63	25638	7.8	72.9	57	17505	5.3	62.4	56
East Sussex	13571	4.3	76.8	39	38917	12.4	115.9	9	31413	10.4	122.4	7
Essex	25730	3.9	69.6	44	78291	12	112.1	11	57110	8.8	103.5	26
Hampshire	25316	3.3	58.9	53	71714	9.3	86.9	38	48316	6.3	74.1	48
Hertfordshire	10912	2.2	39.3	61	42786	8.9	83.2	43	28415	6	70.6	51
Isle of Wight	3612	6.3	112.5	24	7402	13	121.5	6	5593	10.2	120.0	11
Kent	26922	3.9	69.6	43	76259	11	102.8	21	59923	8.8	103.5	25
Oxfordshire	6215	2.1	37.5	62	20543	7.1	66.4	59	13850	4.4	51.8	64
Surrey	6911	0	0.0	66	33629	0	0.0	66	20639	0	0.0	66
West Sussex	5687	1.6	28.6	65	26572	8	74.8	54	17357	5.1	60.0	59
Cambridgeshire	10233	3.1	55.4	57	28285	8.3	77.6	52	19535	5.5	64.7	55
Norfolk	16498	4.6	82.1	35	35078	9.5	88.8	34	28605	7.6	89.4	34
Suffolk	9920	3.2	57.1	55	25110	7.9	73.8	55	20123	6.2	72.9	49
Greater London	201196	4.8	85.7	33	478177	11.8	110.3	12	400796	9.9	116.5	14
Avon	21249	4.2	75.0	40	51202	10	93.5	31	39249	7.5	88.2	35
Cornwall and Scilly	13146	6.5	116.1	20	26378	12.9	120.6	8	21326	10	117.6	13
Devon	22892	4.8	85.7	34	52458	10.6	99.1	24	41243	8	94.1	31
Dorset	10092	3.5	62.5	51	31078	10.2	95.3	28	21918	7	82.4	42
Gloucestershire	8317	3.2	57.1	56	23100	8.9	83.2	45	16487	6	70.6	52
Somerset	7749	3.6	64.3	48	19732	8.9	83.2	46	14700	6.4	75.3	47
Wiltshire	7880	2.9	51.8	60	22867	7.9	73.8	56	15683	5.2	61.2	57
Hereford and Worcester	10902	3.5	62.5	50	29032	9.1	85.0	39	20893	6.5	76.5	45
Shropshire	7330	3.8	67.9	45	16651	8.5	79.4	49	12349	6.1	71.8	50
Staffordshire	20925	4.4	78.6	38	46406	9.9	92.5	32	32756	7.3	85.9	37
Warwickshire	8265	3.4	60.7	52	21349	9	84.1	42	13843	6	70.6	53
West Midlands	101290	7.3	130.4	14	177228	12.9	120.6	7	134954	10.5	123.5	6
Derbyshire	23467	5.3	94.6	30	43743	10.1	94.4	29	36912	9	105.9	21
Leicestershire	18604	4.2	75.0	41	38541	8.6	80.4	47	29199	6.5	76.5	44
Lincolnshire	14502	5.5	98.2	29	24910	9.5	88.8	35	20185	7.3	85.9	38
Northamptonshire	8829	3.1	55.4	58	25733	8.9	83.2	44	18081	6.4	75.3	46
Nottinghamshire	31968	6.4	114.3	21	56588	11.7	109.3	13	48233	9.8	115.3	15
Humberside	30421	7.2	128.6	17	48831	11.5	107.5	15	41974	10.2	120.0	10
North Yorkshire	12363	3.5	62.5	49	23723	6.9	64.5	60	20265	5.6	65.9	54
South Yorkshire	53469	9.1	162.5	6	77793	13.3	124.3	4	66827	11.8	138.8	4
West Yorkshire	62415	6	107.1	26	103085	10	93.5	30	84036	8.3	97.6	29
Cheshire	23191	4.9	87.5	32	39629	8.5	79.4	48	30265	6.7	78.8	43
Greater Manchester	91811	7.2	128.6	16	137948	11	102.8	20	105713	8.9	104.7	23
Lancashire	37256	5.7	101.8	28	59276	9	84.1	41	44046	7	82.4	40
Merseyside	81848	12.7	226.8	1	98092	15.6	145.8	1	80969	13.6	160.0	2
Cumbria	10414	4.2	75.0	42	19940	8.3	77.6	53	17953	7.5	88.2	36
Cleveland	28226	10.9	194.6	2	38815	14.6	136.4	2	34410	13.7	161.2	1
Durham	20318	8.2	146.4	10	28162	11.4	106.5	16	22912	9.6	112.9	18
Northumberland	8823	7.3	130.4	15	13378	11.2	104.7	19	12481	9.7	114.1	17
Tyne and Wear	54553	10.2	182.1	4	71367	13.1	122.4	5	63915	12.1	142.4	3
Clwyd	9724	5.2	92.9	31	16578	9.1	85.0	40	13334	7.2	84.7	39
Dyfed	9339	6.1	108.9	25	14388	9.5	88.8	36	11769	7.9	92.9	32
Gwent	13580	6.9	123.2	18	21968	11.2	104.7	18	17196	8.9	104.7	24
Gwynedd	8127	7.4	132.1	12	12148	11	102.8	22	10378	9.8	115.3	16
Mid Glamorgan	18053	8.5	151.8	9	26704	13.4	125.2	3	20888	10.8	127.1	5
Powys	1780	3	53.6	59	3646	5.9	55.1	62	2908	5.1	60.0	60
South Glamorgan	13079	6	107.1	27	21368	9.9	92.5	33	18486	8.1	95.3	30
West Glamorgan	10875	6.8	121.4	19	15786	10.3	96.3	26	13135	8.7	102.4	27
Borders region	2145	4.5	80.4	36	3015	6.7	62.6	61	2550	5.2	61.2	58
Central region	10700	8.6	153.6	8	12491	10.3	96.3	27	10740	9.3	109.4	20
Dumfries and Galloway	4448	6.4	114.3	23	6129	8.4	78.5	51	5851	9	105.9	22
Fife region	12697	8.8	157.1	7	16847	11.6	108.4	14	15059	10.4	122.4	8
Grampian region	10091	3.6	64.3	47	14057	4.7	43.9	64	14184	4.5	52.9	62
Highland region	7637	7.4	132.1	13	11992	10.9	101.9	23	9265	9.5	111.8	19
Lothian region	25742	6.4	114.3	22	34679	8.4	78.5	50	28301	7	82.4	41
Strathclyde region	115680	10.5	187.5	3	130696	12.1	113.1	10	102470	10	117.6	12
Tayside region	14525	7.7	137.5	11	17526	9.4	87.9	37	15826	8.5	100.0	28
Orkney Islands	459	4.5	80.4	37	494	4.8	44.9	63	492	4.5	52.9	63
Shetland Islands	463	3.8	67.9	46	522	4.3	40.2	65	475	3.8	44.7	65
Western Isles	1317	9.9	176.8	5	1612	11.3	105.6	17	1443	10.4	122.4	9
GB	1528693	5.6	100.0		2895175	10.7	100.0		2287247	8.5	100.0	

Table 13
Employment Change in the British Regions
April 1990-96

	Apr 90	Apr 93	Change 90/93		Apr 96	Change 93/96		Change 90/96		Apr 95	Change 95/96	
			abs	%		abs	%	abs	%		abs	%
Bedfordshire	8692	26998	18306	210.6	17227	-9771	-36.2	8535	98.2	19056	-1829	-9.6
Berkshire	7951	30095	22144	278.5	17858	-12237	-40.7	9907	124.6	20484	-2626	-12.8
Buckinghamshire	6351	25638	19287	303.7	14629	-11009	-42.9	8278	130.3	17505	-2876	-16.4
East Sussex	13571	38917	25346	186.8	29889	-9028	-23.2	16318	120.2	31413	-1524	-4.9
Essex	25730	78291	52561	204.3	52522	-25769	-32.9	26792	104.1	57110	-4588	-8.0
Hampshire	25316	71714	46398	183.3	43089	-28625	-39.9	17773	70.2	48316	-5227	-10.8
Hertfordshire	10912	42786	31874	292.1	24496	-18290	-42.7	13584	124.5	28415	-3919	-13.8
Isle of Wight	3612	7402	3790	104.9	5716	-1686	-22.8	2104	58.3	5593	123	2.2
Kent	26922	76259	49337	183.3	55743	-20516	-26.9	28821	107.1	59923	-4180	-7.0
Oxfordshire	6215	20543	14328	230.5	12020	-8523	-41.5	5805	93.4	13850	-1830	-13.2
Surrey	6911	33629	26718	386.6	18255	-15374	-45.7	11344	164.1	20639	-2384	-11.6
West Sussex	5687	26572	20885	367.2	15212	-11360	-42.8	9525	167.5	17357	-2145	-12.4
Cambridgeshire	10233	28285	18052	176.4	18642	-9643	-34.1	8409	82.2	19535	-893	-4.6
Norfolk	16498	35078	18580	112.6	26075	-9003	-25.7	9577	58.0	28605	-2530	-8.8
Suffolk	9920	25110	15190	153.1	19403	-5707	-22.7	9483	95.6	20123	-720	-3.6
Greater London	201196	478177	276981	137.7	372730	-105447	-22.1	171534	85.3	400796	-28066	-7.0
Avon	21249	51202	29953	141.0	35537	-15665	-30.6	14288	67.2	39249	-3712	-9.5
Cornwall and Scilly	13146	26378	13232	100.7	19894	-6484	-24.6	6748	51.3	21326	-1432	-6.7
Devon	22892	52458	29566	129.2	38261	-14197	-27.1	15369	67.1	41243	-2982	-7.2
Dorset	10092	31078	20986	207.9	19552	-11526	-37.1	9460	93.7	21918	-2366	-10.8
Gloucestershire	8317	23100	14783	177.7	14935	-8165	-35.3	6618	79.6	16487	-1552	-9.4
Somerset	7749	19732	11983	154.6	13751	-5981	-30.3	6002	77.5	14700	-949	-6.5
Wiltshire	7880	22867	14987	190.2	14588	-8279	-36.2	6708	85.1	15683	-1095	-7.0
Hereford and Worcester	10902	29032	18130	166.3	19553	-9479	-32.7	8651	79.4	20893	-1340	-6.4
Shropshire	7330	16651	9321	127.2	10631	-6020	-36.2	3301	45.0	12349	-1718	-13.9
Staffordshire	20925	46406	25481	121.8	29605	-16801	-36.2	8680	41.5	32756	-3151	-9.6
Warwickshire	8265	21349	13084	158.3	12123	-9226	-43.2	3858	46.7	13843	-1720	-12.4
West Midlands	101290	177228	75938	75.0	125786	-51442	-29.0	24496	24.2	134954	-9168	-6.8
Derbyshire	23467	43743	20276	86.4	34117	-9626	-22.0	10650	45.4	36912	-2795	-7.6
Leicestershire	18604	38541	19937	107.2	26612	-11929	-31.0	8008	43.0	29189	-2587	-8.9
Lincolnshire	14502	24910	10408	71.8	19710	-5200	-20.9	5208	35.9	20185	-475	-2.4
Northamptonshire	8829	25733	16904	191.5	15974	-9759	-37.9	7145	80.9	18081	-2107	-11.7
Nottinghamshire	31968	56588	24620	77.0	45698	-10890	-19.2	13730	42.9	48233	-2535	-5.3
Humberside	30421	48831	18410	60.5	39426	-9405	-19.3	9005	29.6	41974	-2548	-6.1
North Yorkshire	12363	23723	11360	91.9	19713	-4010	-16.9	7350	59.5	20265	-552	-2.7
South Yorkshire	53469	77793	24324	45.5	62067	-15726	-20.2	8598	16.1	66827	-4760	-7.1
West Yorkshire	62415	103085	40670	65.2	80753	-22332	-21.7	18338	29.4	84036	-3283	-3.9
Cheshire	23191	39629	16438	70.9	28038	-11591	-29.2	4847	20.9	30265	-2227	-7.4
Greater Manchester	91811	137948	46137	50.3	98487	-39461	-28.6	6676	7.3	105713	-7226	-6.8
Lancashire	37256	59276	22020	59.1	41177	-18099	-30.5	3921	10.5	44046	-2869	-6.5
Merseyside	81848	98092	16244	19.8	77290	-20802	-21.2	-4558	-5.6	80969	-3679	-4.5
Cumbria	10414	19940	9526	91.5	17757	-2183	-10.9	7343	70.5	17953	-196	-1.1
Cleveland	28226	38815	10589	37.5	31565	-7250	-18.7	3339	11.8	34410	-2845	-8.3
Durham	20318	28162	7844	38.6	22264	-5898	-20.9	1946	9.6	22912	-648	-2.8
Northumberland	8823	13378	4555	51.6	11835	-1543	-11.5	3012	34.1	12481	-646	-5.2
Tyne and Wear	54553	71367	16814	30.8	60053	-11314	-15.9	5500	10.1	63915	-3862	-6.0
Clwyd	9724	16578	6854	70.5	13485	-3093	-18.7	3761	38.7	13334	151	1.1
Dyfed	9339	14388	5049	54.1	12747	-1641	-11.4	3408	36.5	11769	978	8.3
Gwent	13580	21968	8388	61.8	16711	-5257	-23.9	3131	23.1	17196	-485	-2.8
Gwynedd	8127	12148	4021	49.5	10699	-1449	-11.9	2572	31.6	10378	321	3.1
Mid Glamorgan	18053	26704	8651	47.9	20416	-6288	-23.5	2363	13.1	20888	-472	-2.3
Powys	1780	3646	1866	104.8	2784	-862	-23.6	1004	56.4	2908	-124	-4.3
South Glamorgan	13079	21368	8289	63.4	17366	-4002	-18.7	4287	32.8	18486	-1120	-6.1
West Glamorgan	10875	15786	4911	45.2	12636	-3150	-20.0	1761	16.2	13135	-499	-3.8
Borders region	2145	3015	870	40.6	2513	-502	-16.7	368	17.2	2550	-37	-1.5
Central region	10700	12491	1791	16.7	10357	-2134	-17.1	-343	-3.2	10740	-383	-3.6
Dumfries and Galloway	4448	6129	1681	37.8	5752	-377	-6.2	1304	29.3	5851	-99	-1.7
Fife region	12697	16847	4150	32.7	15094	-1753	-10.4	2397	18.9	15059	35	0.2
Grampian region	10091	14057	3966	39.3	13886	-171	-1.2	3795	37.6	14184	-298	-2.1
Highland region	7637	11992	4355	57.0	9420	-2572	-21.4	1783	23.3	9265	155	1.7
Lothian region	25742	34679	8937	34.7	26837	-7842	-22.6	1095	4.3	28301	-1464	-5.2
Strathclyde region	115680	130696	15016	13.0	99308	-31388	-24.0	-16372	-14.2	102470	-3162	-3.1
Tayside region	14525	17526	3001	20.7	15870	-1656	-9.4	1345	9.3	15826	44	0.3
Orkney Islands	459	494	35	7.6	435	-59	-11.9	-24	-5.2	492	-57	-11.6
Shetland Islands	463	522	59	12.7	528	6	1.1	65	14.0	475	53	11.2
Western Isles	1317	1612	295	22.4	1270	-342	-21.2	-47	-3.6	1443	-173	-12.0
Britain	1528693	2895175	1366482	89.4	2138372	-756803	-26.1	609679	39.9	2287247	-148875	-6.5

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 14
Unemployment in the British Counties
April 1996

	All Jobless	LTU > 1 year				LTU > 2 year				Young People (< 25yrs)			
	abs	abs	share	%GB	rank	abs	share	%GB	rank	abs	share	%GB	rank
Bedfordshire	17227	5383	31.2	87.9	37	2693	15.6	78.9	45	4480	26.0	100.0	37
Berkshire	17858	5447	30.5	85.8	42	2696	15.1	76.2	48	3890	21.8	83.7	62
Buckinghamshire	14629	4166	28.5	80.1	52	2061	14.1	71.1	55	3607	24.7	94.8	51
East Sussex	29889	12484	41.8	117.5	4	7213	24.1	121.8	5	6766	22.6	87.0	57
Essex	52522	18347	34.9	98.3	17	9700	18.5	93.2	21	13375	25.5	97.9	44
Hampshire	43089	13561	31.5	88.5	34	7188	16.7	84.2	31	10565	24.5	94.2	53
Hertfordshire	24496	7844	32.0	90.1	30	4023	16.4	82.9	35	5318	21.7	83.4	63
Isle of Wight	5716	2019	35.3	99.4	13	1049	18.4	92.6	23	1456	25.5	97.9	43
Kent	55743	19643	35.2	99.1	14	10368	18.6	93.9	20	14221	25.5	98.1	42
Oxfordshire	12020	3709	30.9	86.8	39	1782	14.8	74.8	50	2982	24.8	95.4	50
Surrey	18255	5072	27.8	78.2	58	2546	13.9	70.4	56	3598	19.7	75.8	65
West Sussex	15212	4627	30.4	85.6	43	2467	16.2	81.8	37	3345	22.0	84.5	61
Cambridgeshire	18642	5433	29.1	82.0	50	2877	15.4	77.9	46	4838	26.0	99.7	38
Norfolk	26075	7955	30.5	85.8	41	4233	16.2	81.9	36	6831	26.2	100.7	36
Suffolk	19403	5885	30.3	85.3	44	3079	15.9	80.1	43	4932	25.4	97.7	45
Greater London	372730	160465	43.1	121.1	2	90296	24.2	122.3	4	84409	22.6	87.0	56
Avon	35537	12452	35.0	98.6	16	7147	20.1	101.5	13	8685	24.4	93.9	54
Cornwall and Isles of Scill	19894	5859	29.5	82.8	49	2757	13.9	69.9	57	5221	26.2	100.9	35
Devon	38261	12216	31.9	89.8	31	6098	15.9	80.4	40	10305	26.9	103.5	28
Dorset	19552	6302	32.2	90.7	28	3235	16.5	83.5	33	4337	22.2	85.3	60
Gloucestershire	14935	4894	32.8	92.2	24	2800	18.7	94.6	19	3666	24.5	94.3	52
Somerset	13751	4390	31.9	89.8	32	2362	17.2	86.7	28	3425	24.9	95.7	49
Wiltshire	14588	3865	26.5	74.5	60	1919	13.2	66.4	60	3830	26.3	100.9	34
Hereford and Worcester	19553	5892	30.1	84.8	45	3156	16.1	81.5	38	4942	25.3	97.1	46
Shropshire	10631	2805	26.4	74.2	61	1456	13.7	69.1	58	2888	27.2	104.4	25
Staffordshire	29605	9140	30.9	86.8	38	4764	16.1	81.2	39	8111	27.4	105.3	20
Warwickshire	12123	3638	30.0	84.4	46	1928	15.9	80.3	42	3058	25.2	97.0	47
West Midlands	125786	54556	43.4	122.0	1	34143	27.1	137.0	1	34047	27.1	104.0	26
Derbyshire	34117	11706	34.3	96.5	18	6467	19.0	95.7	18	9502	27.9	107.0	15
Leicestershire	26612	8646	32.5	91.4	26	4783	18.0	90.7	24	7108	26.7	102.7	30
Lincolnshire	19710	5537	28.1	79.0	56	2899	14.7	74.2	51	5104	25.9	99.5	39
Northamptonshire	15974	5124	32.1	90.2	29	2701	16.9	85.3	30	4098	25.7	98.6	41
Nottinghamshire	45698	17486	38.3	107.6	7	10377	22.7	114.6	7	12246	26.8	103.0	29
Humberside	39426	14202	36.0	101.3	11	8036	20.4	102.9	11	11056	28.0	107.8	10
North Yorkshire	19713	5597	28.4	79.9	55	2859	14.5	73.2	54	4629	23.5	90.3	55
South Yorkshire	62067	23576	38.0	106.8	8	13501	21.8	109.8	9	17196	27.7	106.5	16
West Yorkshire	80753	27251	33.7	94.9	21	14875	18.4	93.0	22	22629	28.0	107.7	11
Cheshire	28038	8085	28.8	81.1	51	4093	14.6	73.7	53	7645	27.3	104.8	22
Greater Manchester	98487	31855	32.3	91.0	27	17387	17.7	89.1	25	28712	29.2	112.0	4
Lancashire	41177	9874	24.0	67.5	63	4872	11.8	59.7	63	11713	28.4	109.3	7
Merseyside	77290	32434	42.0	118.0	3	19848	25.7	129.6	2	23059	29.8	114.7	3
Cumbria	17757	5791	32.6	91.7	25	3005	16.9	85.4	29	4963	27.9	107.4	13
Cleveland	31565	12485	39.6	111.3	6	7394	23.4	118.2	6	8604	27.3	104.8	23
Durham	22264	6595	29.6	83.3	48	3409	15.3	77.3	47	6332	28.4	109.3	8
Northumberland	11835	4151	35.1	98.7	15	2386	20.2	101.7	12	3191	27.0	103.6	27
Tyne and Wear	60053	24643	41.0	115.4	5	14743	24.5	123.9	3	15958	26.6	102.1	32
Clwyd	13485	3830	28.4	79.9	54	1969	14.6	73.7	52	3852	28.6	109.8	6
Dyfed	12747	3503	27.5	77.3	59	1674	13.1	66.3	61	3483	27.3	105.0	21
Gwent	16711	5531	33.1	93.1	23	3191	19.1	96.4	16	4839	29.0	111.3	5
Gwynedd	10699	3847	36.0	101.1	12	2256	21.1	106.4	10	2857	26.7	102.6	31
Mid Glamorgan	20416	6930	33.9	95.5	19	3877	19.0	95.8	17	6350	31.1	119.5	1
Powys	2784	708	25.4	71.5	62	331	11.9	60.0	62	696	25.0	96.1	48
South Glamorgan	17366	6372	36.7	103.2	9	3411	19.6	99.1	15	4761	27.4	105.4	18
West Glamorgan	12636	3951	31.3	88.0	36	2013	15.9	80.4	41	3858	30.5	117.3	2
Borders region	2513	573	22.8	64.1	65	245	9.7	49.2	65	714	28.4	109.2	9
Central region	10357	2942	28.4	79.9	53	1718	16.6	83.7	32	2839	27.4	105.4	19
Dumfries and Galloway re	5752	1832	31.8	89.6	33	947	16.5	83.1	34	1482	25.8	99.0	40
Fife region	15094	4623	30.6	86.2	40	2625	17.4	87.8	26	4107	27.2	104.6	24
Grampian region	13886	3214	23.1	65.1	64	1468	10.6	53.4	64	3830	27.6	106.0	17
Highland region	9420	2803	29.8	83.7	47	1475	15.7	79.0	44	2022	21.5	82.5	64
Lothian region	26837	7496	27.9	78.6	57	4032	15.0	75.8	49	7112	26.5	101.9	33
Strathclyde region	99308	33296	33.5	94.3	22	19714	19.9	100.2	14	27814	28.0	107.6	12
Tayside region	15870	4985	31.4	88.4	35	2732	17.2	86.9	27	4432	27.9	107.3	14
Orkney Islands	435	147	33.8	95.1	20	59	13.6	68.4	59	97	22.3	85.7	59
Shetland Islands	528	82	15.5	43.7	66	38	7.2	36.3	66	118	22.3	85.9	58
Western Isles	1270	459	36.1	101.7	10	278	21.9	110.5	8	231	18.2	69.9	66
Scotland	201270	62452	31.0	87.3	43	35331	17.6	88.6	41	54798	27.2	104.6	35
South of England	900024	332018	36.9	103.8	33	180589	20.1	101.3	35	214082	23.8	91.4	48
Midlands & Wales	446653	159202	35.6	100.3	33	91396	20.5	103.3	32	121800	27.3	104.8	25
North of England	590425	206539	35.0	98.4	26	116408	19.7	99.5	26	165687	28.1	107.9	18
Great Britain	2138372	760211	35.6	100.0	n/a	423724	19.8	100.0	n/a	556367	26.0	100.0	n/a

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	Persons	Persons	share	%GB		Persons	share	%GB		Persons	share	%GB	
Bedfordshire	19056	6300	33.1	90.4	32	3454	18.1	86.8	31	5029	26.4	97.5	40
Berkshire	20484	6497	31.7	86.7	43	3594	17.5	84.0	42	4644	22.7	83.7	63
Buckinghamshire	17505	5298	30.3	82.7	51	2785	15.9	76.2	54	4375	25.0	92.3	52
East Sussex	31413	13162	41.9	114.5	4	7657	24.4	116.7	4	7510	23.9	88.3	56
Essex	57110	20183	35.3	96.6	19	10964	19.2	91.9	23	14965	26.2	96.8	43
Hampshire	48316	16037	33.2	90.7	30	8814	18.2	87.4	29	12187	25.2	93.1	50
Hertfordshire	28415	9349	32.9	89.9	33	5134	18.1	86.5	34	6742	23.7	87.6	58
Isle of Wight	5593	2035	36.4	99.4	15	1173	21.0	100.4	16	1449	25.9	95.7	47
Kent	59923	20910	34.9	95.4	24	11355	18.9	90.8	25	15381	25.7	94.8	48
Oxfordshire	13850	4046	29.2	79.8	57	2154	15.6	74.5	57	3650	26.4	97.3	41
Surrey	20639	6146	29.8	81.4	55	3247	15.7	75.3	55	4193	20.3	75.0	65
West Sussex	17357	5854	33.7	92.2	27	3203	18.5	88.4	27	3941	22.7	83.8	62
Cambridgeshire	19535	6197	31.7	86.7	42	3431	17.6	84.1	41	5313	27.2	100.4	36
Norfolk	28605	8845	30.9	84.5	47	4795	16.8	80.3	46	7873	27.5	101.6	33
Suffolk	20123	6138	30.5	83.4	50	3296	16.4	78.4	50	5245	26.1	96.2	45
Greater London	400796	168584	42.1	115.0	3	93608	23.4	111.9	6	95663	23.9	88.1	57
Avon	39249	14626	37.3	101.8	10	8440	21.5	103.0	12	9788	24.9	92.1	54
Cornwall and Isles of Scill	21326	6201	29.1	79.5	59	3074	14.4	69.0	60	5620	26.4	97.3	42
Devon	41243	13105	31.8	86.8	40	7073	17.1	82.1	43	11265	27.3	100.9	34
Dorset	21918	7183	32.8	89.6	35	3906	17.8	85.3	38	5122	23.4	86.3	60
Gloucestershire	16487	5888	35.7	97.6	17	3321	20.1	96.5	20	4115	25.0	92.2	53
Somerset	14760	4863	33.1	90.4	31	2675	18.2	87.1	30	3936	26.8	98.9	38
Wiltshire	15683	4580	29.2	79.8	58	2451	15.6	74.8	56	4248	27.1	100.0	37
Hereford and Worcester	20893	6964	33.3	91.1	29	3773	18.1	86.5	35	5332	25.5	94.2	49
Shropshire	12349	3794	30.7	84.0	48	2115	17.1	82.0	44	3359	27.2	100.4	35
Staffordshire	32756	10506	32.1	87.7	38	5888	18.0	86.1	36	9391	28.7	105.9	14
Warwickshire	13843	4530	32.7	89.4	36	2480	17.9	85.8	37	3622	26.2	96.6	44
West Midlands	134954	61908	45.9	125.4	1	39634	29.4	140.7	1	38036	28.2	104.1	24
Derbyshire	36912	13414	36.3	99.3	16	7518	20.4	97.5	19	10447	28.3	104.5	23
Leicestershire	29199	10237	35.1	95.8	21	6047	20.7	99.2	18	8124	27.8	102.7	29
Lincolnshire	20185	6010	29.8	81.4	56	3221	16.0	76.4	53	5575	27.6	102.0	32
Northamptonshire	18081	5774	31.9	87.3	39	3218	17.8	85.2	39	4823	26.7	98.5	39
Nottinghamshire	48233	19221	39.9	108.9	6	11578	24.0	115.0	5	13380	27.7	102.4	31
Humberside	41974	14681	35.0	95.6	22	8825	21.0	100.7	15	12328	29.4	108.5	11
North Yorkshire	20265	5764	28.4	77.7	60	3053	15.1	72.2	58	5101	25.2	93.0	51
South Yorkshire	66827	25614	38.3	104.8	8	15015	22.5	107.6	8	19141	28.6	105.8	15
West Yorkshire	84036	28955	34.5	94.2	25	16902	20.1	96.3	21	24842	29.6	109.2	8
Cheshire	30265	9151	30.2	82.6	52	4945	16.3	78.3	51	8618	28.5	105.2	19
Greater Manchester	105713	36907	34.9	95.4	23	21058	19.9	95.4	22	32070	30.3	112.0	5
Lancashire	44046	11908	27.0	73.9	62	6161	14.0	67.0	61	13193	30.0	110.6	6
Merseyside	80969	35963	44.4	121.4	2	22588	27.9	133.6	2	25517	31.5	116.4	3
Cumbria	17953	5667	31.6	86.3	44	3189	17.8	85.1	40	5059	28.2	104.1	25
Cleveland	34410	13447	39.1	106.8	7	7985	23.2	111.1	7	9838	28.6	105.6	16
Durham	22912	6838	29.8	81.6	54	3818	16.7	79.8	47	6679	29.2	107.6	12
Northumberland	12481	4428	35.5	97.0	18	2356	18.9	90.4	26	3536	28.3	104.6	21
Tyne and Wear	63915	25634	40.1	109.6	5	15582	24.4	116.8	3	17750	27.8	102.6	30
Clwyd	13334	4233	31.7	86.8	41	2192	16.4	78.7	49	4095	30.7	113.4	4
Dyfed	11769	3553	30.2	82.5	53	1884	16.0	76.7	52	3315	28.2	104.0	26
Gwent	17196	6477	37.7	102.9	9	3834	22.3	106.8	9	5084	29.6	109.2	7
Gwynedd	10378	3857	37.2	101.6	11	2301	22.2	106.2	11	2965	28.6	105.5	17
Mid Glamorgan	20888	7325	35.1	95.8	20	4473	21.4	102.6	13	6807	32.6	120.3	1
Powys	2908	814	28.0	76.5	61	397	13.7	65.4	62	710	24.4	90.2	55
South Glamorgan	18486	6864	37.1	101.5	12	3857	20.9	99.9	17	5440	29.4	108.7	9
West Glamorgan	13135	4291	32.7	89.3	37	2374	18.1	86.6	33	4209	32.0	118.3	2
Borders region	2550	561	22.0	60.1	65	284	11.1	53.3	64	733	28.7	106.1	13
Central region	10740	3597	33.5	91.5	28	1945	18.1	86.7	32	3042	28.3	104.6	22
Dumfries and Galloway re	5851	1789	30.6	83.6	49	856	14.6	70.1	59	1525	26.1	96.2	46
Fife region	15059	5123	34.0	93.0	26	2855	19.0	90.8	24	4211	28.0	103.3	28
Grampian region	14184	3355	23.7	64.6	64	1494	10.5	50.4	65	4020	28.3	104.7	20
Highland region	9265	2901	31.3	85.6	45	1577	17.0	81.5	45	2112	22.8	84.2	61
Lothian region	28301	8821	31.2	85.2	46	4654	16.4	78.8	48	7964	28.1	103.9	27
Strathclyde region	102470	38035	37.1	101.4	13	22754	22.2	106.3	10	30150	29.4	108.7	10
Tayside region	15826	5207	32.9	89.9	34	2908	18.4	88.0	28	4519	28.6	105.4	18
Orkney Islands	492	120	24.4	66.7	63	57	11.6	55.5	63	115	23.4	86.3	59
Shetland Islands	475	70	14.7	40.3	66	31	6.5	31.3	66	107	22.5	83.2	64
Western Isles	1443	526	36.5	99.6	14	309	21.4	102.6	14	258	17.9	66.0	66
Scotland	206656	70105	33.9	92.7	43	39724	19.2	92.1	43	58756	28.4	105.0	36
South of England	979326	362027	37.0	101.0	34	199604	20.4	97.6	35	242254	24.7	91.3	48
Midlands & Wales	475499	179772	37.8	103.3	30	106784	22.5	107.6	30	134714	28.3	104.6	25
North of England	625766	224957	35.9	98.3	29	131477	21.0	100.6	28	183672	29.4	108.4	17
Great Britain	2287247	836861	36.6	100.0	n/a	477589	20.9	100.0	n/a	619396	27.1	100.0	n/a

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Bedfordshire	26998	8600	31.9	90.6	34	3420	12.7	78.5	40	7127	26.4	93.8	52
Berkshire	30095	8908	29.6	84.2	51	3159	10.5	65.0	59	7422	24.7	87.6	59
Buckinghamshire	25638	7294	28.4	80.9	56	2601	10.1	62.8	60	6506	25.4	90.2	56
East Sussex	38917	14842	38.1	108.4	8	6186	15.9	98.5	23	9496	24.4	86.7	61
Essex	78291	24428	31.2	88.7	41	9252	11.8	73.2	50	21307	27.2	96.7	44
Hampshire	71714	22978	32.0	91.1	32	8961	12.5	77.4	41	19416	27.1	96.2	46
Hertfordshire	42786	13275	31.0	88.2	44	4731	11.1	68.5	58	10373	24.2	86.2	62
Isle of Wight	7402	2536	34.3	97.4	22	1132	15.3	94.7	26	2063	27.9	99.0	42
Kent	76259	24500	32.1	91.3	31	9496	12.5	77.1	44	20385	26.7	95.0	50
Oxfordshire	20543	6085	29.6	84.2	50	2382	11.6	71.8	54	5575	27.1	96.4	45
Surrey	33629	8961	26.6	75.8	60	2645	7.9	48.7	65	7534	22.4	79.6	65
West Sussex	26572	8022	30.2	85.8	45	2621	9.9	61.1	62	6525	24.6	87.3	60
Cambridgeshire	28285	8794	31.1	88.4	42	3628	12.8	79.4	39	7992	28.3	100.4	39
Norfolk	35078	10263	29.3	83.2	52	4376	12.5	77.3	42	10049	28.6	101.8	34
Suffolk	25110	7253	28.9	82.1	55	2918	11.6	72.0	53	7164	28.5	101.4	37
Greater London	478177	178809	37.4	106.3	10	77384	16.2	100.2	21	118624	24.8	88.2	58
Avon	51202	18504	36.1	102.8	14	8684	17.0	105.1	16	13297	26.0	92.3	54
Cornwall and Isles of Scill	26378	7913	30.0	85.3	48	3169	12.0	74.4	47	6899	26.2	92.9	53
Devon	52458	16702	31.8	90.5	35	6809	13.0	80.4	38	14071	26.8	95.3	49
Dorset	31078	10162	32.7	93.0	26	4065	13.1	81.0	37	7862	25.3	89.9	57
Gloucestershire	23100	7489	32.4	92.2	28	3122	13.5	83.7	32	6254	27.1	96.2	47
Somerset	19732	6277	31.8	90.4	36	2843	14.4	89.2	29	5535	28.1	99.7	40
Wiltshire	22867	7103	31.1	88.3	43	2735	12.0	74.1	48	6544	28.6	101.7	35
Hereford and Worcester	29032	8712	30.0	85.3	47	3430	11.8	73.2	51	7788	26.8	95.3	48
Shropshire	16651	4963	29.8	84.7	49	2185	13.1	81.3	36	4846	29.1	103.4	28
Staffordshire	46406	14575	31.4	89.3	40	5783	12.5	77.2	43	13950	30.1	106.8	13
Warwickshire	21349	7011	32.8	93.4	24	2522	11.8	73.2	52	5665	26.5	94.3	51
West Midlands	177228	76701	43.3	123.1	2	38722	21.8	135.3	2	52080	29.4	104.4	24
Derbyshire	43743	15350	35.1	99.8	20	7028	16.1	99.5	22	12916	29.5	104.9	21
Leicestershire	38541	13360	34.7	98.6	21	6239	16.2	100.3	20	11213	29.1	103.4	29
Lincolnshire	24910	6744	27.1	77.0	58	3030	12.2	75.3	46	7143	28.7	101.9	32
Northamptonshire	25733	8281	32.2	91.5	30	3442	13.4	82.8	33	7372	28.6	101.8	33
Nottinghamshire	56588	21964	38.8	110.4	6	11175	19.7	122.3	8	16692	29.5	104.8	22
Humberside	48831	17145	35.1	99.8	19	8871	18.2	112.5	12	14429	29.5	105.0	20
North Yorkshire	23723	6108	25.7	73.2	61	2634	11.1	68.8	57	6459	27.2	96.7	43
South Yorkshire	77793	31131	40.0	113.8	3	16411	21.1	130.7	4	24360	31.3	111.3	6
West Yorkshire	103085	36851	35.7	101.6	15	18241	17.7	109.6	13	31565	30.6	108.8	11
Cheshire	39629	12581	31.7	90.3	38	5631	14.2	88.0	30	11776	29.7	105.6	18
Greater Manchester	137948	49982	36.2	103.0	13	24009	17.4	107.8	15	43197	31.3	111.3	5
Lancashire	59276	17185	29.0	82.4	54	7025	11.9	73.4	49	17908	30.2	107.4	12
Merseyside	98092	44761	45.6	129.7	1	25637	26.1	161.9	1	31400	32.0	113.7	2
Cumbria	19940	5794	29.1	82.6	53	2622	13.1	81.4	35	6120	30.7	109.1	10
Cleveland	36815	14591	37.6	106.9	9	7666	19.8	122.3	7	11336	29.2	103.8	27
Durham	28162	9227	32.8	93.2	25	4433	15.7	97.5	25	8445	30.0	106.6	15
Northumberland	13378	4202	31.4	89.3	39	2029	15.2	93.9	28	3918	29.3	104.1	25
Tyne and Wear	71367	28051	39.3	111.8	4	15463	21.7	134.2	3	20619	28.9	102.7	30
Clwyd	16578	4995	30.1	85.7	46	2020	12.2	75.5	45	5193	31.3	111.3	4
Dyfed	14388	4585	31.9	90.6	33	1951	13.6	84.0	31	4136	28.7	102.1	31
Gwent	21968	8090	36.8	104.7	12	4137	18.8	116.6	9	6843	31.1	110.7	7
Gwynedd	12148	4324	35.6	101.2	16	2048	16.9	104.4	17	3646	30.0	106.7	14
Mid Glamorgan	26704	10267	38.4	109.3	7	5361	20.1	124.3	6	8866	33.2	118.0	1
Powys	3646	913	25.0	71.2	62	359	9.8	61.0	63	1074	29.5	104.7	23
South Glamorgan	21368	7944	37.2	105.7	11	3931	18.4	113.9	10	6244	29.2	103.8	26
West Glamorgan	15786	5572	35.3	100.4	18	2643	16.7	103.7	18	4987	31.6	112.3	3
Borders region	3015	707	23.4	66.7	64	258	8.6	53.0	64	929	30.8	109.5	9
Central region	12491	3973	31.8	90.4	37	2088	16.7	103.5	19	3736	29.9	106.3	17
Dumfries and Galloway re	6129	1677	27.4	77.8	57	707	11.5	71.4	55	1753	28.6	101.6	36
Fife region	16847	5427	32.2	91.6	29	2571	15.3	94.5	27	5051	30.0	106.5	16
Grampian region	14057	3109	22.1	62.9	65	1388	9.9	61.2	61	3940	28.0	99.6	41
Highland region	11992	2874	24.0	68.1	63	1352	11.3	69.8	56	2732	22.8	81.0	63
Lothian region	34679	11289	32.6	92.6	27	5469	15.8	97.7	24	10298	29.7	105.5	19
Strathclyde region	130696	50853	38.9	110.6	5	27011	20.7	128.0	5	40546	31.0	110.2	8
Tayside region	17526	5902	33.7	95.7	23	3199	18.3	113.1	11	4992	28.5	101.2	38
Orkney Islands	494	132	26.7	76.0	59	65	13.2	81.5	34	111	22.5	79.8	64
Shetland Islands	522	75	14.4	40.9	66	32	6.1	38.0	66	135	25.9	91.9	55
Western Isles	1612	573	35.5	101.1	17	282	17.5	108.4	14	313	19.4	69.0	66
Scotland	250060	86591	34.6	98.5	43	44422	17.8	110.0	36	74536	29.8	105.9	36
South of England	1272309	429698	33.8	96.0	38	176319	13.9	85.8	43	328020	25.8	91.6	50
Midlands & Wales	612767	224351	36.6	104.1	28	106006	17.3	107.2	28	180654	29.5	104.8	23
North of England	760039	277609	36.5	103.9	26	140672	18.5	114.6	21	231532	30.5	108.3	17
Great Britain	2895175	1018249	35.2	100.0	n/a	467419	16.1	100.0	n/a	814742	28.1	100.0	n/a

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 14 cont/....
Unemployment in the British Counties
April 1990

	All Jobless	LTU > 1 year				LTU > 2 year				Young People (< 25 yrs)			
	Persons	Persons	share	%GB		Persons	share	%GB		Persons	share	%GB	
Bedfordshire	8692	1787	20.6	64.4	56	1071	12.3	62.5	54	2380	27.4	95.0	43
Berkshire	7951	1397	17.6	55.0	63	788	9.9	50.3	63	1775	22.3	77.5	63
Buckinghamshire	6351	974	15.3	48.0	65	540	8.5	43.2	66	1535	24.2	83.9	58
East Sussex	13571	3299	24.3	76.1	43	1970	14.5	73.7	45	3337	24.6	85.3	56
Essex	25730	5572	21.7	67.8	51	3327	12.9	65.6	49	6730	26.2	90.8	51
Hampshire	25316	5617	22.2	69.5	49	3519	13.9	70.5	48	6717	26.5	92.1	50
Hertfordshire	10912	1961	18.0	56.3	61	1147	10.5	53.3	62	2615	24.0	83.2	60
Isle of Wight	3612	1021	28.3	88.5	29	586	16.2	82.3	32	976	27.0	93.8	47
Kent	26922	6080	22.6	70.7	47	3329	12.4	62.8	52	7331	27.2	94.5	45
Oxfordshire	6215	1246	20.0	62.8	57	766	12.3	62.6	53	1555	25.0	86.8	54
Surrey	6911	1065	15.4	48.3	64	599	8.7	44.0	65	1462	21.2	73.4	65
West Sussex	5687	861	15.1	47.4	66	505	8.9	45.1	64	1351	23.8	82.4	61
Cambridgeshire	10233	2255	22.0	69.0	50	1282	12.5	63.6	51	2853	27.9	96.8	40
Norfolk	16498	3671	22.3	69.7	48	2376	14.4	73.1	46	4642	28.1	97.6	37
Suffolk	9920	1937	19.5	61.1	59	1130	11.4	57.8	58	3037	30.6	106.2	13
Greater London	201196	61599	30.6	95.9	24	36741	18.3	92.7	21	51007	25.4	88.0	53
Avon	21249	6511	30.6	96.0	22	3971	18.7	94.8	20	5266	24.8	86.0	55
Cornwall and Isles of Scill	13146	2845	21.6	67.8	53	1612	12.3	62.2	55	3384	25.7	89.3	52
Devon	22892	5513	24.1	75.4	44	3250	14.2	72.1	47	6220	27.2	94.3	46
Dorset	10092	2185	21.7	67.8	52	1266	12.5	63.7	50	2435	24.1	83.7	59
Gloucestershire	8317	2001	24.1	75.3	45	1210	14.5	73.8	43	2387	28.7	99.6	32
Somerset	7749	1929	24.9	78.0	39	1163	15.0	76.2	39	2177	28.1	97.5	38
Wiltshire	7880	1406	17.8	55.9	62	845	10.7	54.4	61	2383	30.2	105.0	20
Hereford and Worcester	10902	2670	24.5	76.7	42	1704	15.6	79.3	36	2984	27.4	95.0	44
Shropshire	7330	1833	25.0	78.3	38	1243	17.0	86.1	28	2079	28.4	98.4	35
Staffordshire	20925	5190	24.8	77.7	40	3116	14.9	75.6	40	6440	30.8	106.8	11
Warwickshire	8265	1940	23.5	73.5	46	1228	14.9	75.4	41	2355	28.5	98.9	34
West Midlands	101290	40500	40.0	125.2	4	26821	26.5	134.4	3	30113	29.7	103.2	23
Derbyshire	23467	7311	31.2	97.6	18	4763	20.3	103.0	12	6795	29.0	100.5	30
Leicestershire	18604	5117	27.5	86.1	33	3130	16.8	85.4	29	5225	28.1	97.5	39
Lincolnshire	14502	3590	24.8	77.5	41	2137	14.7	74.8	42	4174	28.8	99.9	31
Northamptonshire	8829	1823	20.6	64.7	55	1073	12.2	61.7	56	2503	28.3	98.4	36
Nottinghamshire	31968	10475	32.8	102.6	12	6743	21.1	107.1	9	9297	29.1	100.9	27
Humberside	30421	9919	32.6	102.1	14	6407	21.1	106.9	10	8825	29.0	100.7	29
North Yorkshire	12363	3366	27.2	85.3	34	1939	15.7	79.6	35	3319	26.8	93.2	49
South Yorkshire	53469	19636	36.7	115.0	8	12534	23.4	119.0	8	17130	32.0	111.2	1
West Yorkshire	62415	20401	32.7	102.4	13	12250	19.6	99.6	13	19061	30.5	106.0	15
Cheshire	23191	6429	27.7	86.8	31	3831	16.5	83.8	31	7215	31.1	108.0	6
Greater Manchester	91811	32183	35.1	109.8	9	19327	21.1	106.8	11	28893	31.5	109.2	3
Lancashire	37256	9896	26.6	83.2	35	5773	15.5	78.6	37	10910	29.3	101.6	25
Merseyside	81848	37872	46.3	144.9	1	24855	30.4	154.1	1	25517	31.2	108.2	5
Cumbria	10414	3135	30.1	94.3	27	1860	17.9	90.6	24	3258	31.3	108.6	4
Cleveland	28226	10508	37.2	116.6	7	6711	23.8	120.7	7	8193	29.0	100.7	28
Durham	20318	6372	31.4	98.2	17	3658	18.0	91.4	22	6222	30.6	106.3	12
Northumberland	8823	2699	30.6	95.8	25	1548	17.5	89.0	27	2627	29.8	103.3	22
Tyne and Wear	54553	21033	38.6	120.7	5	13244	24.3	123.2	5	16155	29.6	102.8	24
Clwyd	9724	2481	25.5	79.9	37	1412	14.5	73.7	44	2974	30.6	106.1	14
Dyfed	9339	2400	25.7	80.5	36	1406	15.1	76.4	38	2512	26.9	93.3	48
Gwent	13580	4161	30.6	95.9	23	2587	19.1	96.7	16	4215	31.0	107.7	7
Gwynedd	8127	2492	30.7	96.0	21	1436	17.7	89.7	25	2443	30.1	104.3	21
Mid Glamorgan	18053	5582	30.9	96.8	20	3235	17.9	90.9	23	5745	31.8	110.4	2
Powys	1780	337	18.9	59.3	60	204	11.5	58.2	57	496	27.9	96.7	41
South Glamorgan	13079	4125	31.5	98.8	16	2488	19.0	96.5	18	3963	30.3	105.2	18
West Glamorgan	10875	3028	27.8	87.2	30	1731	15.9	80.8	34	3365	30.9	107.4	8
Borders region	2145	450	21.0	65.7	54	232	10.8	54.9	59	650	30.3	105.2	17
Central region	10700	3515	32.9	102.9	11	2036	19.0	96.6	17	3297	30.8	106.9	10
Dumfries and Galloway re	4448	1228	27.6	86.5	32	714	16.1	81.5	33	1269	28.5	99.0	33
Fife region	12697	4108	32.4	101.3	15	2400	18.9	95.9	19	3846	30.3	105.1	19
Grampian region	10091	2893	28.7	89.8	28	1778	17.6	89.4	26	2773	27.5	95.4	42
Highland region	7637	2325	30.4	95.3	26	1478	19.4	98.2	14	1850	24.2	84.1	57
Lothian region	25742	8641	33.6	105.1	10	4957	19.3	97.7	15	7860	30.5	106.0	16
Strathclyde region	115680	47649	41.2	129.0	2	30352	26.2	133.2	4	35654	30.8	107.0	9
Tayside region	14525	5449	37.5	117.5	6	3477	23.9	121.5	6	4241	29.2	101.3	26
Orkney Islands	459	187	40.7	127.6	3	127	27.7	140.4	2	94	20.5	71.1	66
Shetland Islands	463	92	19.9	62.2	58	50	10.8	54.8	60	108	23.3	81.0	62
Western Isles	1317	409	31.1	97.2	19	221	16.8	85.2	30	286	21.7	75.4	64
Scotland	205904	76946	37.4	117.0	22	47822	23.2	117.9	24	61928	30.1	104.4	35
South of England	477042	122732	25.7	80.6	50	72993	15.3	77.7	50	123555	25.9	89.9	48
Midlands & Wales	330639	105055	31.8	99.5	32	66457	20.1	102.0	31	97678	29.5	102.5	26
North of England	515108	183449	35.6	111.5	17	113937	22.1	112.3	18	157325	30.5	106.0	17
Great Britain	1528693	488182	31.9	100.0	n/a	301209	19.7	100.0	n/a	440486	28.8	100.0	n/a

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 15

Unfilled Vacancies at Job Centres

	Apr 96	Share %	Apr 95	Share %	Annual Change abs	Annual Change %	Jan 96	Share %	Quarterly Change abs	Quarterly Change %
Borders	507	2.2	431	1.8	76	17.6	393	1.9	114	29.0
Central	1,179	5.1	1,050	4.5	129	12.3	1,099	5.3	80	7.3
Dum & Gall	588	2.6	647	2.8	-59	-9.1	474	2.3	114	24.1
Fife	1,045	4.5	1,189	5.1	-144	-12.1	971	4.7	74	7.6
Grampian	2,647	11.5	2,140	9.2	507	23.7	2,250	10.9	397	17.6
Highland	1,369	5.9	1,416	6.1	-47	-3.3	937	4.6	432	46.1
Lothian	2,807	12.2	3,263	14.0	-456	-14.0	2,596	12.6	211	8.1
Strathclyde	10,942	47.6	11,530	49.4	-588	-5.1	10,061	48.9	881	8.8
Tayside	1,770	7.7	1,523	6.5	247	16.2	1,590	7.7	180	11.3
Orkney Is.	40	0.2	37	0.2	3	8.1	35	0.2	5	14.3
Shetland Is.	55	0.2	43	0.2	12	27.9	92	0.4	-37	-40.2
Western Isles	60	0.3	53	0.2	7	13.2	56	0.3	4	7.1
Scotland	23,009	100.0	23,322	100.0	-313	-1.3	20,554	100.0	2455	11.9
Scotland	23,009	12.0	23,322	13.2	-313	-1.3	20,554	13.0	2455	11.9
South of England	80,353	41.9	69,733	39.4	10620	15.2	62,091	39.2	18262	29.4
Midlands & Wales	43,281	22.6	41,878	23.7	1403	3.4	37,396	23.6	5885	15.7
North of England	45,063	23.5	41,943	23.7	3120	7.4	38,377	24.2	6686	17.4
GB	191,706	100.0	176,876	100.0	14830	8.4	158,418	100.0	33288	21.0

SOurce: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 16
British Counties
U/V Ratios

	Apr 96			Apr 95			Apr 94			Apr93			Apr 90		
	U/V	% GB	rank	U/V	% GB	rank	U/V	% GB	rank	U/V	% GB	rank	U/V	% GB	rank
Bedfordshire	13.4	120.5	16	13.9	107.3	18	23.3	125.7	11	30.9	128.8	9	5.7	71.1	38
Berkshire	3.8	34.4	66	8.2	63.2	49	14.3	77.2	34	19.7	82.0	36	2.1	26.1	65
Buckinghamshire	9.8	87.9	27	12.2	94.8	26	16.4	88.6	27	22.3	93.1	25	3.2	39.3	59
East Sussex	16.5	148.2	10	21.5	166.5	7	27.7	149.3	9	42.5	177.5	4	9.2	114.5	18
Essex	14.8	132.7	13	14.0	108.0	17	21.7	117.3	13	25.0	104.3	21	5.1	62.9	43
Hampshire	8.8	78.9	39	9.4	72.4	42	16.7	90.4	25	23.8	99.1	24	4.7	58.0	47
Hertfordshire	7.8	70.3	48	8.4	65.3	47	13.0	70.0	44	20.8	86.8	32	3.1	38.8	60
Isle of Wight	17.9	160.2	6	13.0	100.9	20	17.6	95.1	22	28.9	120.6	12	6.6	82.6	30
Kent	15.4	138.2	12	15.3	118.5	13	22.3	120.4	12	27.3	114.0	15	5.4	66.6	41
Oxfordshire	5.1	46.1	62	6.9	53.4	59	13.4	72.3	41	16.0	66.7	46	2.3	28.4	63
Surrey	4.2	37.3	65	5.1	39.4	66	10.4	56.2	54	16.1	67.1	45	1.6	20.1	66
West Sussex	5.6	50.3	59	7.8	60.6	51	9.8	53.0	57	13.6	56.9	53	2.2	27.1	64
Cambridgeshire	7.6	68.1	50	7.0	53.9	58	10.1	54.4	56	18.1	75.4	38	4.3	53.8	51
Norfolk	12.2	109.1	18	14.9	115.3	14	20.6	111.3	15	26.2	109.5	18	9.4	117.2	17
Suffolk	9.3	83.7	34	11.3	87.7	30	15.6	84.3	31	20.8	86.7	33	4.4	54.8	48
Greater London	17.4	155.8	8	24.2	187.4	4	39.0	210.5	2	48.4	202.1	1	11.4	141.9	10
Avon	9.0	80.7	38	11.5	89.2	29	17.3	93.6	23	25.5	106.3	19	5.7	71.1	39
Cornwall & Scilly	9.5	85.0	30	12.8	98.6	21	15.8	85.3	29	21.9	91.3	26	5.2	65.1	42
Devon	9.8	88.0	26	14.6	112.6	15	16.7	90.2	26	24.5	102.4	22	5.8	72.3	37
Dorset	8.7	78.3	40	12.6	97.3	22	19.3	104.4	18	27.7	115.7	13	4.4	54.6	50
Gloucestershire	8.0	72.0	46	9.6	74.0	38	14.1	76.2	37	19.0	79.3	37	5.5	67.9	40
Somerset	8.3	74.4	44	9.7	75.1	36	13.7	74.2	39	21.3	89.0	30	6.0	74.9	33
Wiltshire	6.9	61.5	55	9.2	71.0	43	11.8	63.7	49	18.0	75.1	40	3.9	48.6	57
Hereford and Worcester	8.4	75.7	42	10.7	83.0	34	15.9	85.8	28	25.4	106.2	20	4.1	51.5	55
Shropshire	8.5	76.3	41	8.1	62.8	50	14.0	75.4	38	21.3	89.0	29	4.2	52.1	53
Staffordshire	9.4	84.6	31	12.5	96.8	24	20.9	112.8	14	30.8	128.6	10	8.0	100.0	24
Warwickshire	5.1	45.6	63	7.7	59.3	53	14.2	76.6	36	18.1	75.3	39	4.3	53.5	52
West Midlands	16.2	145.0	11	17.4	134.9	9	28.7	155.0	7	47.7	199.0	2	13.5	168.4	6
Derbyshire	10.5	94.4	23	11.8	91.2	27	16.9	91.0	24	21.6	90.2	27	9.1	113.0	19
Leicestershire	7.0	62.6	52	7.5	58.2	55	12.0	65.0	47	15.5	64.6	49	7.9	98.8	25
Lincolnshire	10.1	90.4	25	9.7	75.0	37	13.1	70.7	43	16.1	67.1	44	6.1	76.2	32
Northamptonshire	7.9	70.7	47	9.4	72.9	40	12.3	66.3	46	20.2	84.3	34	4.2	51.9	54
Nottinghamshire	21.5	192.5	3	24.9	192.8	3	36.0	194.1	3	43.7	182.3	3	19.1	237.5	3
Humberside	11.2	100.8	20	16.6	128.3	11	19.1	103.1	20	24.5	102.2	23	13.8	171.4	5
North Yorkshire	7.0	62.5	53	7.8	60.1	52	11.4	61.8	50	13.1	54.6	54	4.9	60.7	45
South Yorkshire	21.3	190.8	4	22.5	174.3	6	32.6	175.9	4	41.6	173.6	5	26.9	335.1	1
West Yorkshire	13.8	123.3	15	15.6	120.7	12	20.0	107.7	16	27.5	114.7	14	10.8	133.9	11
Cheshire	8.3	74.8	43	8.2	63.7	48	10.8	58.4	52	14.9	62.3	50	5.8	72.5	35
Greater Manchester	12.5	111.7	17	14.3	110.9	16	18.2	98.4	21	26.3	109.7	17	10.3	128.4	12
Lancashire	6.8	60.9	56	7.6	58.9	54	10.5	56.9	53	13.8	57.6	52	6.2	77.3	31
Merseyside	16.7	150.2	9	21.4	165.7	8	28.0	151.0	8	30.9	128.9	8	21.4	266.4	2
Cumbria	10.9	97.6	21	11.7	90.6	28	13.5	72.7	40	15.8	65.9	47	5.0	61.7	44
Cleveland	23.7	212.1	1	27.8	214.7	1	31.8	171.9	5	40.7	169.6	6	14.3	177.8	4
Durham	12.1	108.8	19	12.4	96.3	25	19.1	103.2	19	20.9	87.3	31	9.9	122.8	16
Northumberland	17.7	159.0	7	17.4	134.8	10	23.4	126.3	10	26.9	112.1	16	8.9	110.5	21
Tyne and Wear	22.6	202.3	2	23.9	184.8	5	30.9	166.6	6	38.5	160.7	7	10.2	126.4	13
Clwyd	7.0	62.7	51	7.2	56.0	56	9.1	49.1	60	12.0	50.2	56	4.4	54.6	49
Dyfed	7.8	70.0	49	7.0	54.2	57	10.3	55.7	55	10.5	43.9	58	4.0	49.4	56
Gwent	9.1	81.9	35	9.4	72.9	41	15.5	83.6	32	21.5	89.8	28	8.7	108.0	23
Gwynedd	6.4	57.8	57	5.7	44.3	64	7.9	42.7	62	9.7	40.5	59	5.8	72.8	34
Mid Glamorgan	10.3	92.7	24	9.5	73.5	39	14.3	76.9	35	20.0	83.5	35	9.9	123.5	15
Powys	5.2	47.0	60	5.3	40.8	65	7.3	39.2	63	5.9	24.5	64	2.7	33.5	61
South Glamorgan	8.3	74.2	45	10.8	83.6	33	12.8	69.3	45	16.9	70.4	42	7.8	97.5	26
West Glamorgan	6.2	55.2	58	6.5	50.5	61	9.5	51.1	58	12.3	51.3	55	7.2	89.3	29
Borders region	4.9	44.1	64	5.9	45.6	63	7.1	38.4	65	8.1	33.7	62	3.6	45.0	58
Central region	9.3	83.8	33	10.9	84.5	32	14.5	78.1	33	10.6	44.4	57	8.9	111.0	20
Dumfries & Galloway	9.6	85.7	29	8.8	68.4	45	8.6	46.4	61	9.3	38.9	60	7.3	91.4	28
Fife region	14.3	128.3	14	12.5	96.8	23	13.1	70.8	42	16.7	69.5	43	11.7	145.3	9
Grampian region	5.2	46.6	61	6.6	50.8	60	9.1	49.4	59	6.8	28.3	63	2.6	32.9	62
Highlands region	6.9	61.6	54	6.5	50.5	62	11.3	61.2	51	8.9	37.3	61	4.7	58.2	46
Lothians region	9.4	84.0	32	8.5	65.8	46	15.8	85.2	30	15.8	65.7	48	8.7	108.5	22
Strathclyde region	9.1	81.5	36	8.9	68.8	44	12.0	64.6	48	14.8	61.7	51	11.9	148.3	8
Tayside region	9.0	81.1	37	10.5	81.1	35	19.5	105.1	17	17.8	74.4	41	13.3	165.9	7
Orkney Islands	10.9	97.5	22	13.3	102.9	19	7.2	39.1	64	5.3	21.9	65	5.8	72.3	36
Shetland Islands	9.6	86.1	28	11.1	85.6	31	6.0	32.5	66	3.6	14.9	66	7.5	92.7	27
Western Isles	21.2	190.0	5	27.2	210.6	2	40.3	217.4	1	30.4	126.9	11	10.1	126.1	14
Scotland	8.7	78.4	34.6	8.9	68.5	38.5	12.4	67.1	44.8	13.2	55.0	52.3	9.0	111.9	28.1
South of England	11.2	100.5	35.3	14.0	108.7	31.5	21.0	113.3	29.3	28.3	118.0	26.0	6.0	74.7	44.3
Midlands & Wales	10.3	92.3	39.8	11.3	87.6	41.6	17.0	91.8	38.7	23.3	97.2	36.3	8.2	101.9	34.2
North of England	13.1	117.6	20.5	14.9	115.5	21.2	19.4	104.8	23.4	24.9	103.7	25.4	10.8	134.9	18.5
Britain	11.2	100.0	n/a	12.9	100.0	n/a	18.5	100.0	n/a	24.0	100.0	n/a	8.0	100.0	n/a

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Table 17
Unemployment in Scottish TTWAs

	April 1996	rate			Rank vs		April 1995	rate			Rank vs	
		%	% GB	% Scot	GB	Scot		%	% GB	% Scot	GB	Scot
Aberdeen	8174	3.8	48.7	45.8	304	60	8411	3.9	46.4	45.9	309	59
Alloa	2189	11.7	150.0	141.0	22	6	2381	12.8	152.4	150.6	17	4
Annan	723	6.9	88.5	83.1	171	42	705	6.7	79.8	78.8	204	46
Arbroath	1434	12.4	159.0	149.4	11	3	1407	12.2	145.2	143.5	21	6
Ayr	4037	7.3	93.6	88.0	147	36	4037	7.3	86.9	85.9	165	36
Badenoch	415	8.1	103.8	97.6	120	31	411	8	95.2	94.1	133	29
Banff	675	5.5	70.5	66.3	246	54	608	5	59.5	58.8	277	55
Bathgate	4960	9	115.4	108.4	85	22	4852	8.8	104.8	103.5	106	26
Berwickshire	483	6.5	83.3	78.3	196	47	536	7.2	85.7	84.7	180	42
Blairgowrie and Pitlochry	848	6	76.9	72.3	219	52	895	6.3	75.0	74.1	223	50
Brechin and Montrose	1293	7.1	91.0	85.5	158	40	1298	7.2	85.7	84.7	177	41
Buckie	484	9.8	125.6	118.1	69	18	471	9.5	113.1	111.8	84	21
Campbeltown	487	9.8	125.6	118.1	68	17	489	9.8	116.7	115.3	75	19
Crieff	334	6.5	83.3	78.3	198	48	381	7.4	88.1	87.1	164	35
Cumnock and Sanquhar	2394	16.2	207.7	195.2	1	1	2368	16	190.5	188.2	2	1
Dumbarton	3541	10	128.2	120.5	57	16	3593	10.1	120.2	118.8	67	17
Dumfries	2112	7.3	93.6	88.0	149	37	2160	7.4	88.1	87.1	162	33
Dundee	9159	9.6	123.1	115.7	73	20	9072	9.6	114.3	112.9	77	20
Dunfermline	5675	10.1	129.5	121.7	47	12	5758	10.3	122.6	121.2	60	16
Dunoon and Bute	1168	10.1	129.5	121.7	52	14	1199	10.4	123.8	122.4	58	14
Edinburgh	20740	6.2	79.5	74.7	208	50	22193	6.6	78.6	77.6	206	48
Elgin	1442	7.4	94.9	89.2	145	34	1449	7.4	88.1	87.1	163	34
Falkirk	5865	8.8	112.8	106.0	93	24	5962	8.9	106.0	104.7	102	25
Forfar	805	7.4	94.9	89.2	146	35	786	7.3	86.9	85.9	171	39
Forres	539	14.1	180.8	169.9	3	2	567	14.8	176.2	174.1	4	2
Fraserburgh	415	4.9	62.8	59.0	269	55	524	6.2	73.8	72.9	233	51
Galashiels	733	3.9	50.0	47.0	302	59	770	4.1	48.8	48.2	305	58
Girvan	534	11.6	148.7	139.8	24	8	573	12.4	147.6	145.9	19	5
Glasgow	56868	8.9	114.1	107.2	88	23	59326	9.2	109.5	108.2	90	23
Greenock	3425	8.1	103.8	97.6	116	30	3625	8.6	102.4	101.2	113	27
Haddington	889	6.1	78.2	73.5	215	51	990	6.8	81.0	80.0	201	45
Hawick	640	6.9	88.5	83.1	172	43	556	6	71.4	70.6	247	53
Huntly	327	7.3	93.6	88.0	153	39	270	6	71.4	70.6	249	54
Invergordon and Dingwall	1757	10.1	129.5	121.7	50	13	1762	10.1	120.2	118.8	68	18
Inverness	3875	8	102.6	96.4	128	32	3526	7.3	86.9	85.9	166	37
Irvine	6342	11	141.0	132.5	28	9	6639	11.6	138.1	136.5	27	7
Islay/Mid Argyll	455	8.2	105.1	98.8	114	29	432	7.8	92.9	91.8	140	31
Keith	503	7.5	96.2	90.4	141	33	484	7.3	86.9	85.9	172	40
Kelso and Jedburgh	293	4.3	55.1	51.8	289	56	320	4.7	56.0	55.3	289	56
Kilmarnock	3417	9.7	124.4	116.9	71	19	3693	10.5	125.0	123.5	53	11
Kirkcaldy	7664	11.6	148.7	139.8	23	7	7562	11.5	136.9	135.3	29	8
Lanarkshire	16442	10.4	133.3	125.3	35	10	16350	10.3	122.6	121.2	59	15
Lochaber	686	7	89.7	84.3	165	41	764	7.8	92.9	91.8	139	30
Lockerbie	407	8.4	107.7	101.2	106	27	375	7.8	92.9	91.8	141	32
Newton Stewart	495	12.4	159.0	149.4	12	4	521	13	154.8	152.9	13	3
North East Fife	1542	7.3	93.6	88.0	151	38	1457	6.9	82.1	81.2	196	44
Oban	632	5.9	75.6	71.1	226	53	643	6	71.4	70.6	246	52
Orkney Islands	435	4	51.3	48.2	301	58	492	4.5	53.6	52.9	295	57
Peebles	364	6.6	84.6	79.5	189	46	368	6.7	79.8	78.8	205	47
Perth	2264	6.3	80.8	75.9	206	49	2281	6.4	76.2	75.3	221	49
Peterhead	1081	6.8	87.2	81.9	176	44	1161	7.3	86.9	85.9	170	38
Shetland Islands	528	4.2	53.8	50.6	294	57	475	3.8	45.2	44.7	313	60
Skye and Wester Ross	736	8.5	109.0	102.4	102	25	797	9.2	109.5	108.2	94	24
Stewartry	777	8.2	105.1	98.8	113	28	762	8	95.2	94.1	131	28
Stirling	2641	6.6	84.6	79.5	186	45	2772	6.9	82.1	81.2	194	43
Stranraer	906	10.1	129.5	121.7	53	15	949	10.5	125.0	123.5	54	12
Sutherland	677	12.2	156.4	147.0	15	5	623	11.2	133.3	131.8	38	9
Thurso	689	8.5	109.0	102.4	103	26	756	9.3	110.7	109.4	89	22
Western Isles	1270	9.2	117.9	110.8	79	21	1443	10.4	123.8	122.4	57	13
Wick	585	10.4	133.3	125.3	37	11	626	11.1	132.1	130.6	40	10

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Table 17 Cont/....
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	April 1993	rate			Rank vs		April 1990	rate			Rank vs	
		%	% GB	% Scot	GB	Scot		%	% GB	% Scot	GB	Scot
Aberdeen	8105	3.8	36.2	38.0	263	46	5683	2.8	50.9	33.7	263	60
Alloa	2543	13.6	129.5	136.0	77	16	2289	11.7	212.7	141.0	7	4
Annan	946	8.7	82.9	87.0	1	1	555	5	90.9	60.2	158	50
Arbroath	1380	12.1	115.2	121.0	232	40	1080	9.5	172.7	114.5	28	17
Ayr	4861	8.8	83.8	88.0	307	56	3759	6.9	125.5	83.1	80	28
Badenoch	528	10.4	99.0	104.0	27	5	319	6	109.1	72.3	116	39
Banff	612	5.1	48.6	51.0	42	10	521	4.4	80.0	53.0	185	54
Bathgate	6172	11.1	105.7	111.0	26	4	4946	9.2	167.3	110.8	33	19
Berwickshire	681	9.1	86.7	91.0	319	59	407	5.9	107.3	71.1	118	40
Blairgowrie and Pitlochry	1039	7.3	69.5	73.0	82	19	602	4.3	78.2	51.8	191	56
Brechin and Montrose	1351	7.5	71.4	75.0	248	43	1031	6.1	110.9	73.5	109	34
Buckie	479	9.9	94.3	99.0	59	12	333	6.5	118.2	78.3	90	31
Campbeltown	508	10.3	98.1	103.0	295	54	381	7.8	141.8	94.0	58	26
Crieff	364	7.1	67.6	71.0	66	14	219	4.4	80.0	53.0	186	55
Cumnock and Sanquhar	2934	19.4	184.8	194.0	94	20	2538	16.4	298.2	197.6	1	1
Dumbarton	4125	11.6	110.5	116.0	264	47	3390	10	181.8	120.5	23	13
Dumfries	2110	7.2	68.6	72.0	211	35	1440	5.1	92.7	61.4	151	48
Dundee	10490	11	104.8	110.0	271	49	9217	9.4	170.9	113.3	29	18
Dunfermline	6257	11.1	105.7	111.0	223	37	4667	8.4	152.7	101.2	46	23
Dunoon and Bute	1417	12.2	116.2	122.0	136	28	980	8.6	156.4	103.6	43	22
Edinburgh	26990	8	76.2	80.0	228	39	19814	6	109.1	72.3	111	36
Elgin	1556	8	76.2	80.0	98	23	1032	5.5	100.0	66.3	134	42
Falkirk	7203	10.7	101.9	107.0	302	55	6069	8.8	160.0	106.0	42	21
Forfar	852	7.8	74.3	78.0	219	36	712	6.2	112.7	74.7	106	32
Forres	624	16.3	155.2	163.0	62	13	399	10.8	196.4	130.1	12	6
Fraserburgh	619	7.4	70.5	74.0	81	18	497	5.4	98.2	65.1	139	44
Galashiels	889	4.8	45.7	48.0	126	27	651	3.4	61.8	41.0	224	59
Girvan	593	13	123.8	130.0	252	44	509	10.7	194.5	128.9	14	8
Glasgow	75283	11.6	110.5	116.0	6	2	69727	10.6	192.7	127.7	15	9
Greenock	5726	13.3	126.7	133.0	310	57	5595	13	236.4	156.6	3	2
Haddington	1220	8.4	80.0	84.0	253	45	767	5.6	101.8	67.5	130	41
Hawick	633	6.8	64.8	68.0	36	8	501	5.3	96.4	63.9	146	47
Huntly	266	6.1	58.1	61.0	76	15	219	5	90.9	60.2	159	51
Invergordon and Dingwall	2447	13.9	132.4	139.0	95	21	1523	9.5	172.7	114.5	27	16
Inverness	4890	10.1	96.2	101.0	105	24	2686	6	109.1	72.3	113	37
Irvine	8494	14.6	139.0	146.0	34	7	6384	10.7	194.5	128.9	13	7
Islay/Mid Argyll	451	8.3	79.0	83.0	108	25	380	6.8	123.6	81.9	84	29
Keith	499	7.4	70.5	74.0	266	48	350	5.4	98.2	65.1	140	45
Kelso and Jedburgh	375	5.6	53.3	56.0	150	29	260	4	72.7	48.2	202	57
Kilmarnock	4581	12.9	122.9	129.0	80	17	3545	10	181.8	120.5	22	12
Kirkcaldy	8678	13.1	124.8	131.0	237	41	6771	10	181.8	120.5	20	11
Lanarkshire	21483	13.5	128.6	135.0	288	53	18355	11.1	201.8	133.7	10	5
Lochaber	1146	11.6	110.5	116.0	96	22	754	7.8	141.8	94.0	56	24
Lockerbie	426	8.9	84.8	89.0	181	30	261	5.5	100.0	66.3	135	43
Newton Stewart	553	13.9	132.4	139.0	121	26	505	11.9	216.4	143.4	6	3
North East Fife	1671	7.9	75.2	79.0	44	11	1054	5.1	92.7	61.4	153	49
Oban	705	6.6	62.9	66.0	239	42	469	4.5	81.8	54.2	179	52
Orkney Islands	494	4.8	45.7	48.0	227	38	459	4.5	81.8	54.2	180	53
Peebles	437	8	76.2	80.0	195	32	326	6.1	110.9	73.5	110	35
Perth	2316	6.5	61.9	65.0	287	52	1880	5.3	96.4	63.9	144	46
Peterhead	1047	6.7	63.8	67.0	282	50	885	6	109.1	72.3	115	38
Shetland Islands	522	4.3	41.0	43.0	190	31	463	3.8	69.1	45.8	211	58
Skye and Wester Ross	926	10.8	102.9	108.0	33	6	693	7.8	141.8	94.0	57	25
Stewartry	672	7.2	68.6	72.0	197	33	584	6.2	112.7	74.7	107	33
Stirling	3159	7.8	74.3	78.0	200	34	2657	6.6	120.0	79.5	88	30
Stranraer	1065	11.7	111.4	117.0	322	60	832	9.2	167.3	110.8	34	20
Sutherland	662	12	114.3	120.0	16	3	536	9.7	176.4	116.9	26	15
Thurso	749	9.4	89.5	94.0	285	51	564	7	127.3	84.3	77	27
Western Isles	1612	11.3	107.6	113.0	311	58	1317	9.9	180.0	119.3	24	14
Wick	644	11.6	110.5	116.0	39	9	562	10.4	189.1	125.3	18	10

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Table 18
Unemployment Change in Scottish TTWAs
1990-1996

	Apr 90	Apr 93	Change 90/93		Apr 96	Change 93/96		Change 90/96		Apr 95	Change 95/96	
			abs	%		abs	%	abs	%		abs	%
Aberdeen	5683	8105	2422	42.6	8174	69	0.9	2491	43.8	8411	-237	-2.8
Alloa	2289	2543	254	11.1	2189	-354	-13.9	-100	-4.4	2381	-192	-8.1
Annan	555	946	391	70.5	723	-223	-23.6	168	30.3	705	18	2.6
Arbroath	1080	1380	300	27.8	1434	54	3.9	354	32.8	1407	27	1.9
Ayr	3759	4861	1102	29.3	4037	-824	-17.0	278	7.4	4037	0	0.0
Badenoch	319	528	209	65.5	415	-113	-21.4	96	30.1	411	4	1.0
Banff	521	612	91	17.5	675	63	10.3	154	29.6	608	67	11.0
Bathgate	4946	6172	1226	24.8	4960	-1212	-19.6	14	0.3	4852	108	2.2
Berwickshire	407	681	274	67.3	483	-198	-29.1	76	18.7	536	-53	-9.9
Blairgowrie and Pitlochry	602	1039	437	72.6	848	-191	-18.4	246	40.9	895	-47	-5.3
Brechin and Montrose	1031	1351	320	31.0	1293	-58	-4.3	262	25.4	1298	-5	-0.4
Buckie	333	479	146	43.8	484	5	1.0	151	45.3	471	13	2.8
Campbeltown	381	508	127	33.3	487	-21	-4.1	106	27.8	489	-2	-0.4
Crieff	219	364	145	66.2	334	-30	-8.2	115	52.5	381	-47	-12.3
Cumnock and Sanquhar	2538	2934	396	15.6	2394	-540	-18.4	-144	-5.7	2368	26	1.1
Dumbarton	3390	4125	735	21.7	3541	-584	-14.2	151	4.5	3593	-52	-1.4
Dumfries	1440	2110	670	46.5	2112	2	0.1	672	46.7	2160	-48	-2.2
Dundee	9217	10490	1273	13.8	9159	-1331	-12.7	-58	-0.6	9072	87	1.0
Dunfermline	4667	6257	1590	34.1	5675	-582	-9.3	1008	21.6	5758	-83	-1.4
Dunoon and Bute	980	1417	437	44.6	1168	-249	-17.6	188	19.2	1199	-31	-2.6
Edinburgh	19814	26990	7176	36.2	20740	-6250	-23.2	926	4.7	22193	-1453	-6.5
Elgin	1032	1556	524	50.8	1442	-114	-7.3	410	39.7	1449	-7	-0.5
Falkirk	6069	7203	1134	18.7	5865	-1338	-18.6	-204	-3.4	5962	-97	-1.6
Forfar	712	852	140	19.7	805	-47	-5.5	93	13.1	786	19	2.4
Forres	399	624	225	56.4	539	-85	-13.6	140	35.1	567	-28	-4.9
Fraserburgh	497	619	122	24.5	415	-204	-33.0	-82	-16.5	524	-109	-20.8
Galashiels	651	889	238	36.6	733	-156	-17.5	82	12.6	770	-37	-4.8
Girvan	509	593	84	16.5	534	-59	-9.9	25	4.9	573	-39	-6.8
Glasgow	69727	75283	5556	8.0	56868	-18415	-24.5	-12859	-18.4	59326	-2458	-4.1
Greenock	5595	5726	131	2.3	3425	-2301	-40.2	-2170	-38.8	3625	-200	-5.5
Haddington	767	1220	453	59.1	889	-331	-27.1	122	15.9	990	-101	-10.2
Hawick	501	633	132	26.3	640	7	1.1	139	27.7	556	84	15.1
Huntly	219	266	47	21.5	327	61	22.9	108	49.3	270	57	21.1
Invergordon and Dingwall	1523	2447	924	60.7	1757	-690	-28.2	234	15.4	1762	-5	-0.3
Inverness	2686	4890	2204	82.1	3875	-1015	-20.8	1189	44.3	3526	349	9.9
Irvine	6384	8494	2110	33.1	6342	-2152	-25.3	-42	-0.7	6639	-297	-4.5
Islay/Mid	380	451	71	18.7	455	4	0.9	75	19.7	432	23	5.3
Keith	350	499	149	42.6	503	4	0.8	153	43.7	484	19	3.9
Kelso and	260	375	115	44.2	293	-82	-21.9	33	12.7	320	-27	-8.4
Kilmarnock	3545	4581	1036	29.2	3417	-1164	-25.4	-128	-3.6	3693	-276	-7.5
Kirkcaldy	6771	8678	1907	28.2	7664	-1014	-11.7	893	13.2	7562	102	1.3
Lanarkshire	18355	21483	3128	17.0	16442	-5041	-23.5	-1913	-10.4	16350	92	0.6
Lochaber	754	1146	392	52.0	686	-460	-40.1	-68	-9.0	764	-78	-10.2
Lockerbie	261	426	165	63.2	407	-19	-4.5	146	55.9	375	32	8.5
Newton Stewart	505	553	48	9.5	495	-58	-10.5	-10	-2.0	521	-26	-5.0
North East Fife	1054	1671	617	58.5	1542	-129	-7.7	488	46.3	1457	85	5.8
Oban	469	705	236	50.3	632	-73	-10.4	163	34.8	643	-11	-1.7
Orkney Islands	459	494	35	7.6	435	-59	-11.9	-24	-5.2	492	-57	-11.6
Peebles	326	437	111	34.0	364	-73	-16.7	38	11.7	368	-4	-1.1
Perth	1880	2316	436	23.2	2264	-52	-2.2	384	20.4	2281	-17	-0.7
Peterhead	885	1047	162	18.3	1081	34	3.2	196	22.1	1161	-80	-6.9
Shetland Islands	463	522	59	12.7	528	6	1.1	65	14.0	475	53	11.2
Skye and Wester Ross	693	926	233	33.6	736	-190	-20.5	43	6.2	797	-61	-7.7
Stewartry	584	672	88	15.1	777	105	15.6	193	33.0	762	15	2.0
Stirling	2657	3159	502	18.9	2641	-518	-16.4	-16	-0.6	2772	-131	-4.7
Stranraer	832	1065	233	28.0	906	-159	-14.9	74	8.9	949	-43	-4.5
Sutherland	536	662	126	23.5	677	15	2.3	141	26.3	623	54	8.7
Thurso	564	749	185	32.8	689	-60	-8.0	125	22.2	756	-67	-8.9
Western Isles	1317	1612	295	22.4	1270	-342	-21.2	-47	-3.6	1443	-173	-12.0
Wick	562	644	82	14.6	585	-59	-9.2	23	4.1	626	-41	-6.5

Source: Department of Employment, Fraser of Allander Institute

Figures 1-3

Scottish and British Unemployment
1974-1996
15
10
5
0
rate (%)
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
April
Scotland
Britain

Scottish and British Male Unemployment
1974-1996
20
15
10
5
0
rate (%)
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
April
Scotland
Britain

Scottish and British Female Unemployment
1974-1996
12
10
8
6
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2
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rate (%)
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April
Scotland
Britain

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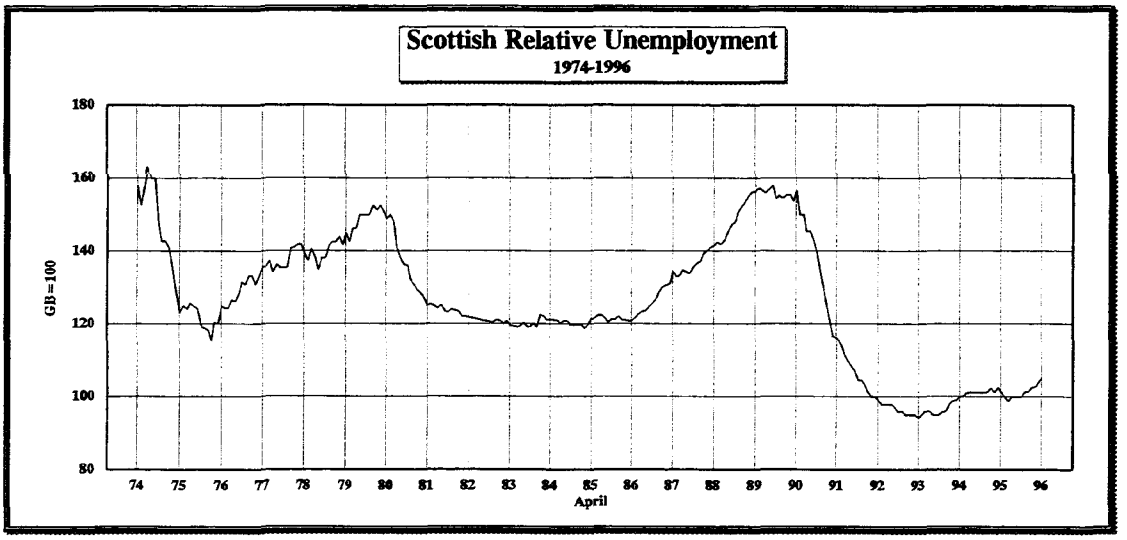
Scottish Relative Unemployment
1974-1996
GB=100
180
160
140
120
100
80
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April

Scottish Male Relative Unemployment
1974-1996
GB=100
180
160
140
120
100
80
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
April

Scottish Female Relative Unemployment
1974-1996
GB=100
220
200
180
160
140
120
100
80
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
April

Figures 7-9

Scottish Share of GB Unemployment
1974-1996
share GB (%)
16
14
12
10
8
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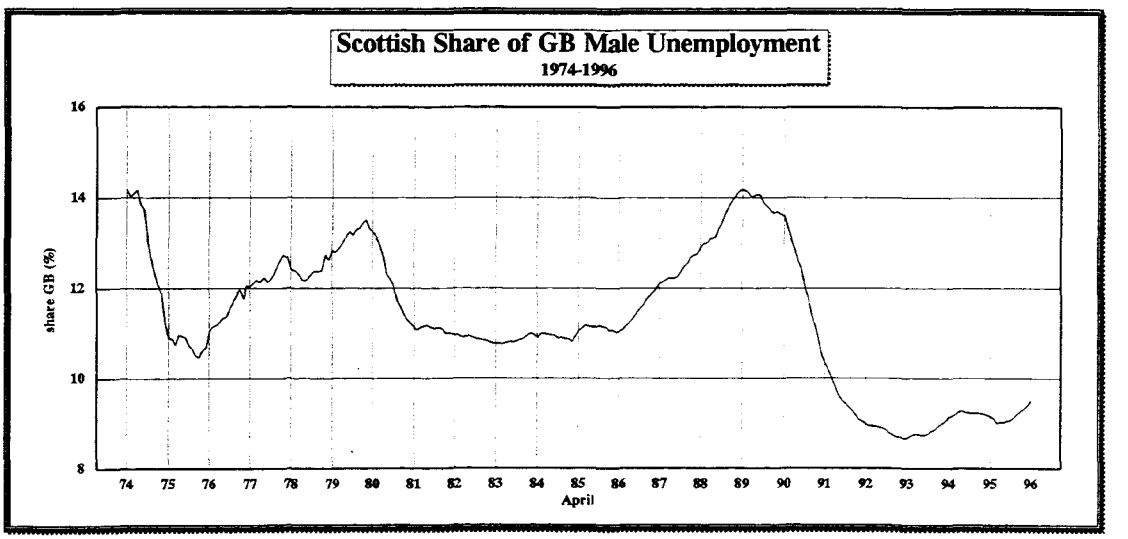
April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1974-1996
share GB (%)
16
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April

Scottish Share of GB Female Unemployment
1974-1996
share GB (%)
20
18
16
14
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10
8
6
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96
April

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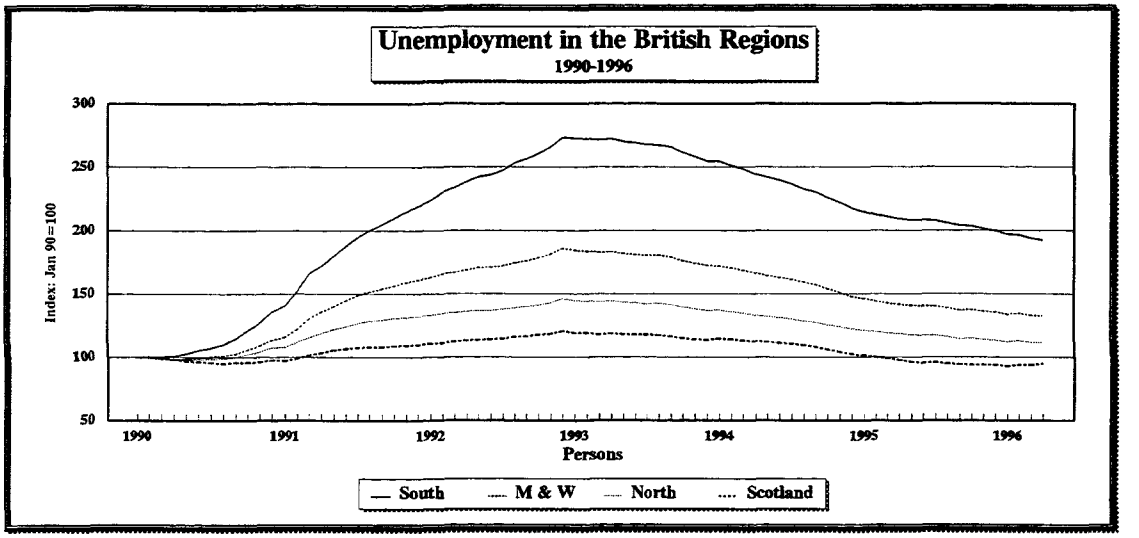

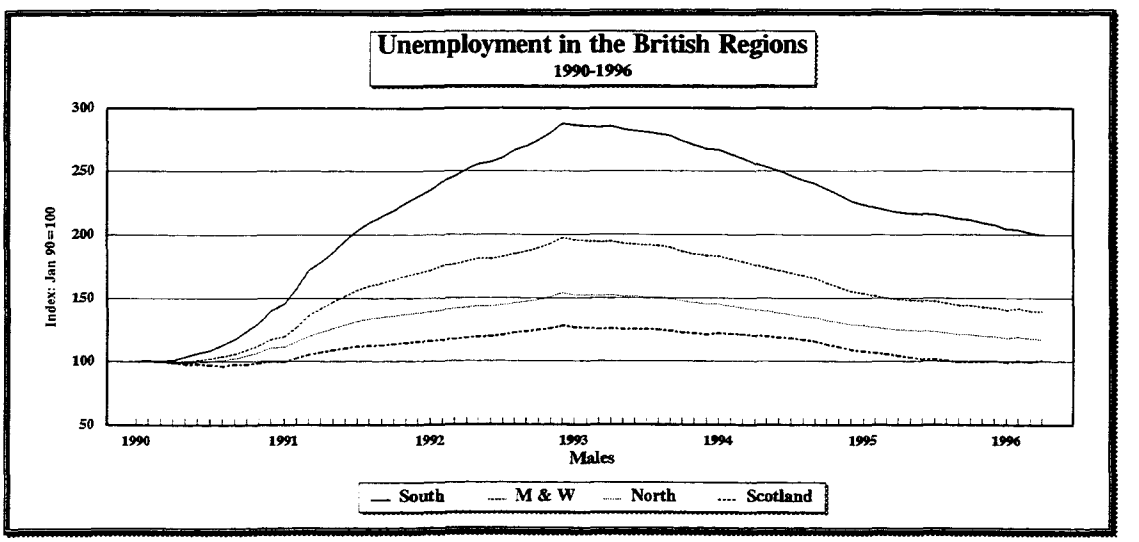

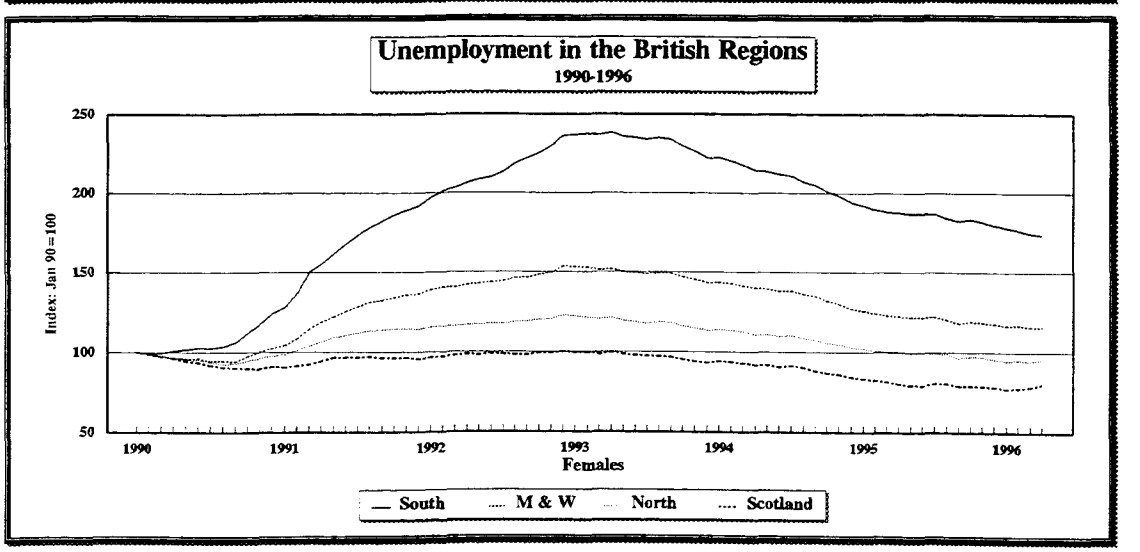

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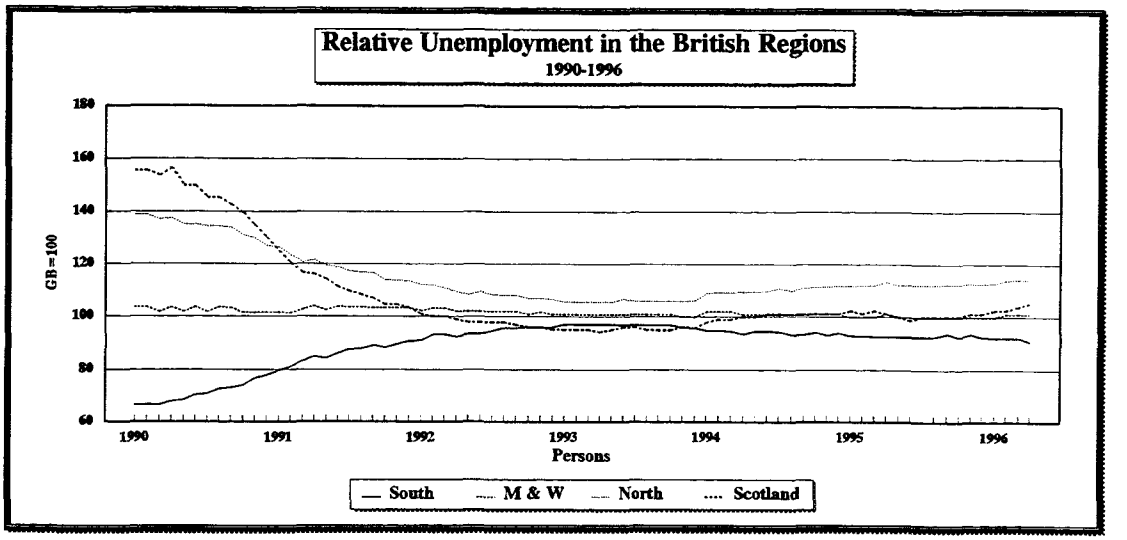

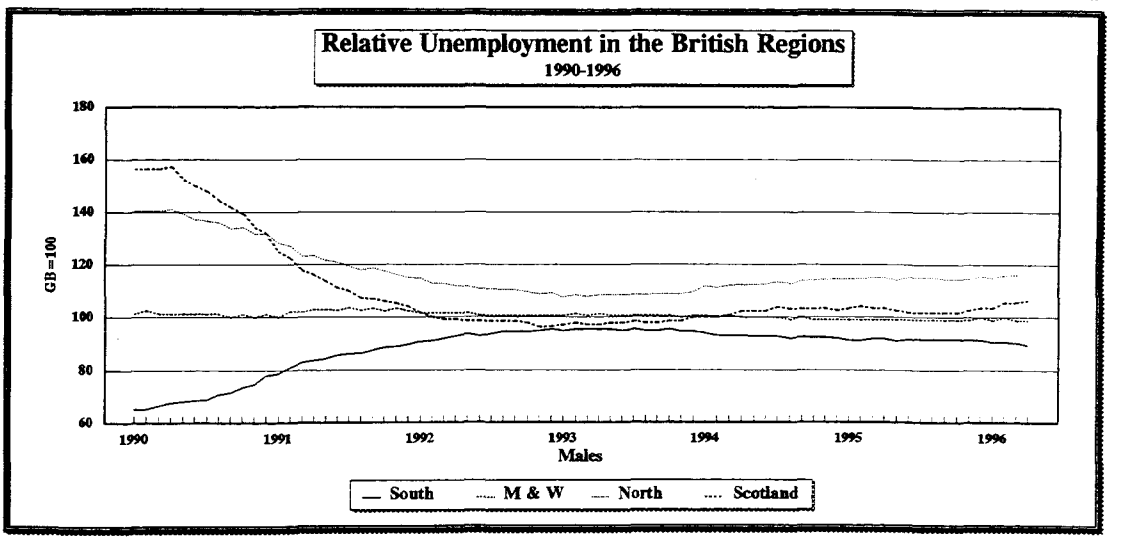

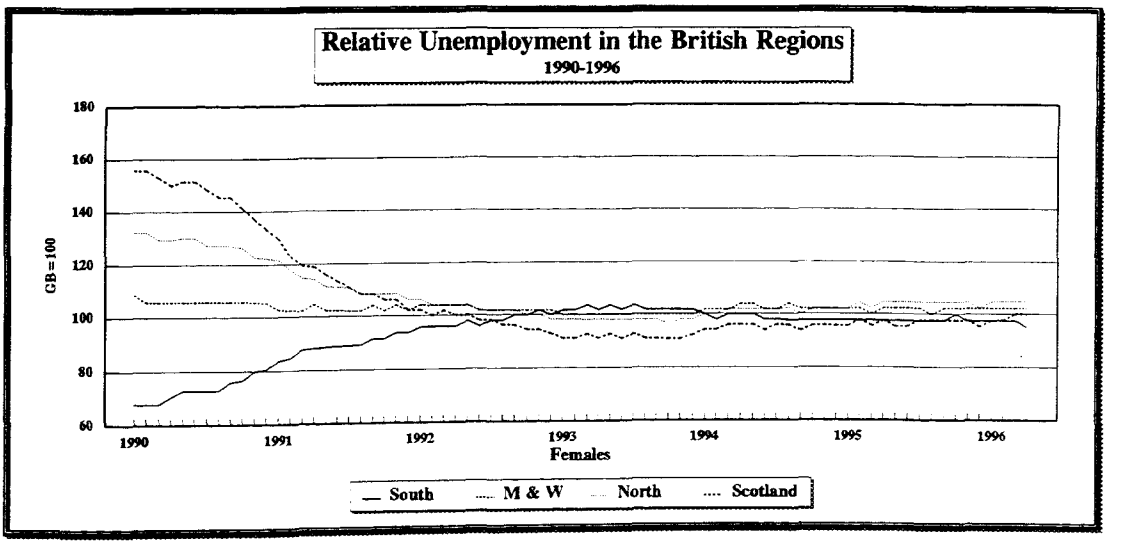

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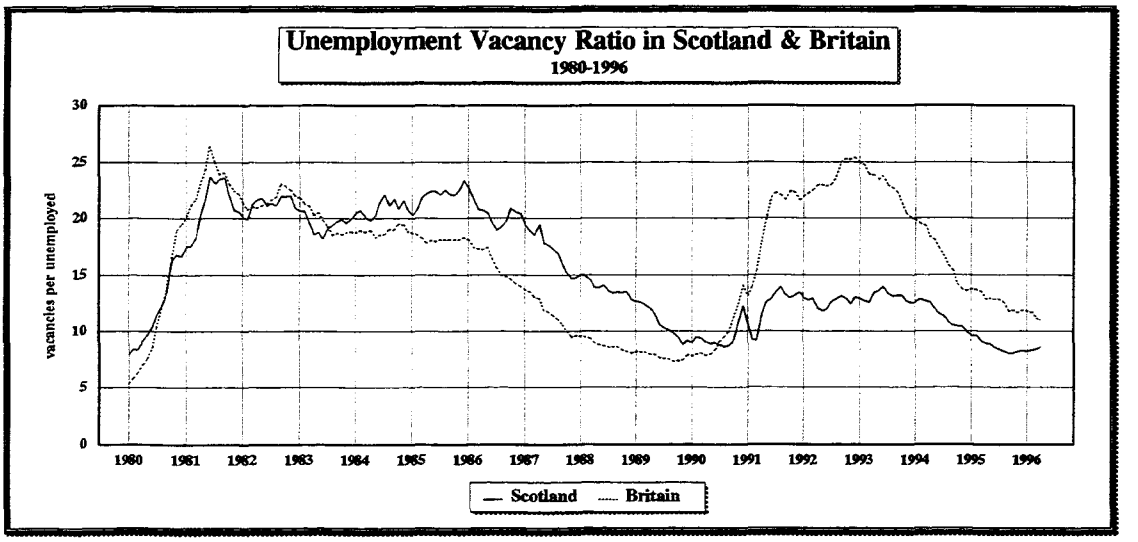

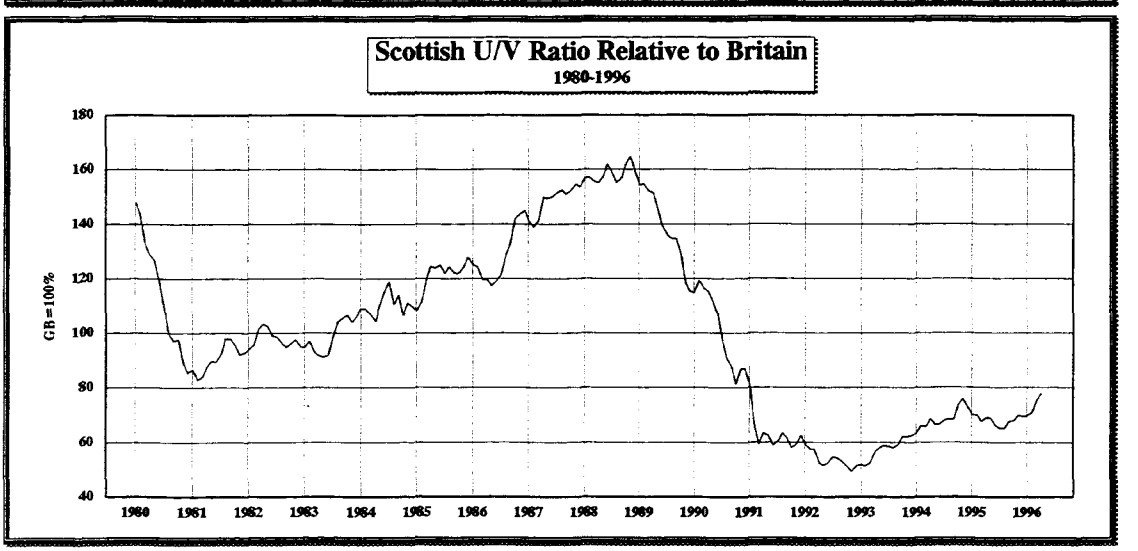

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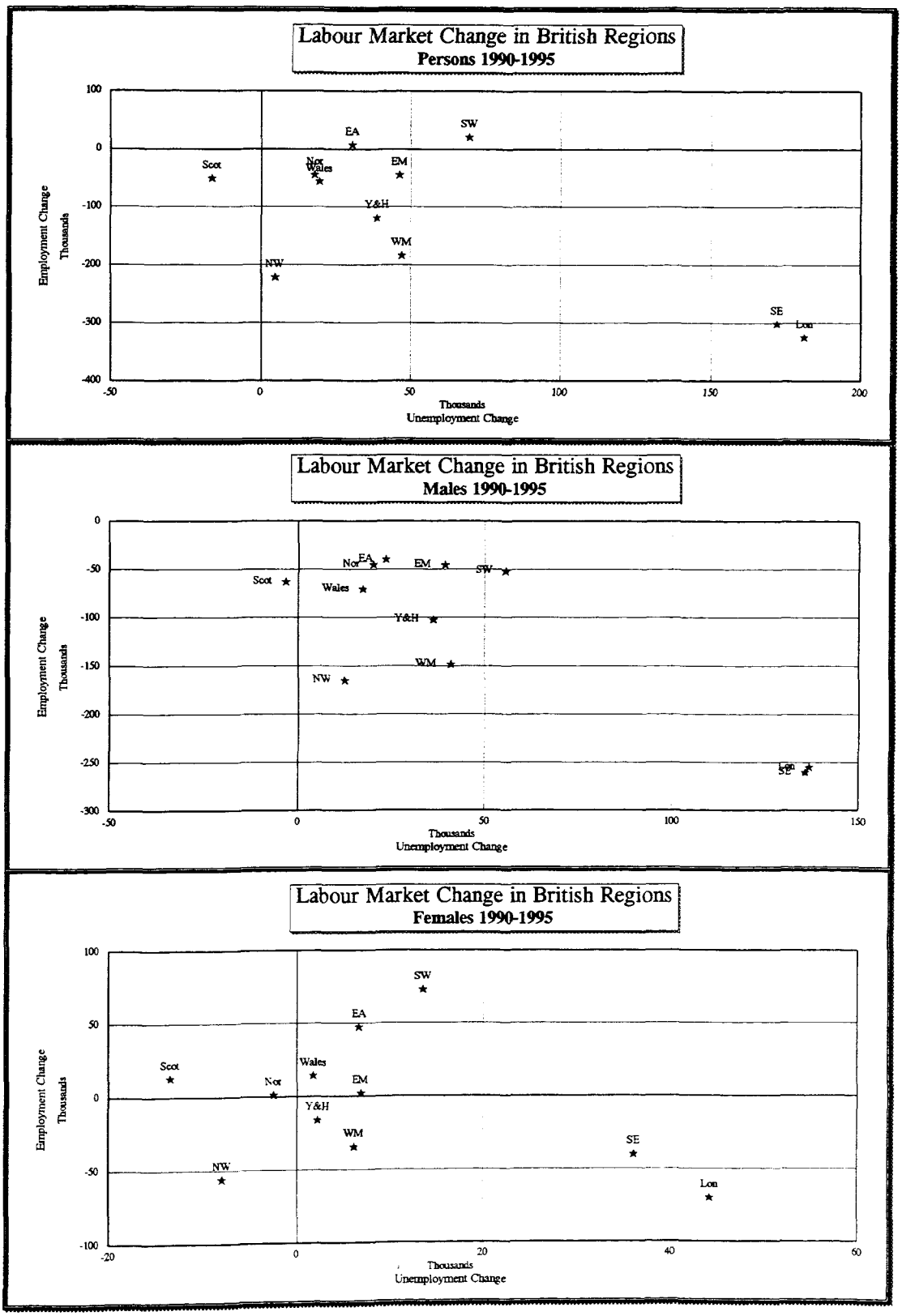

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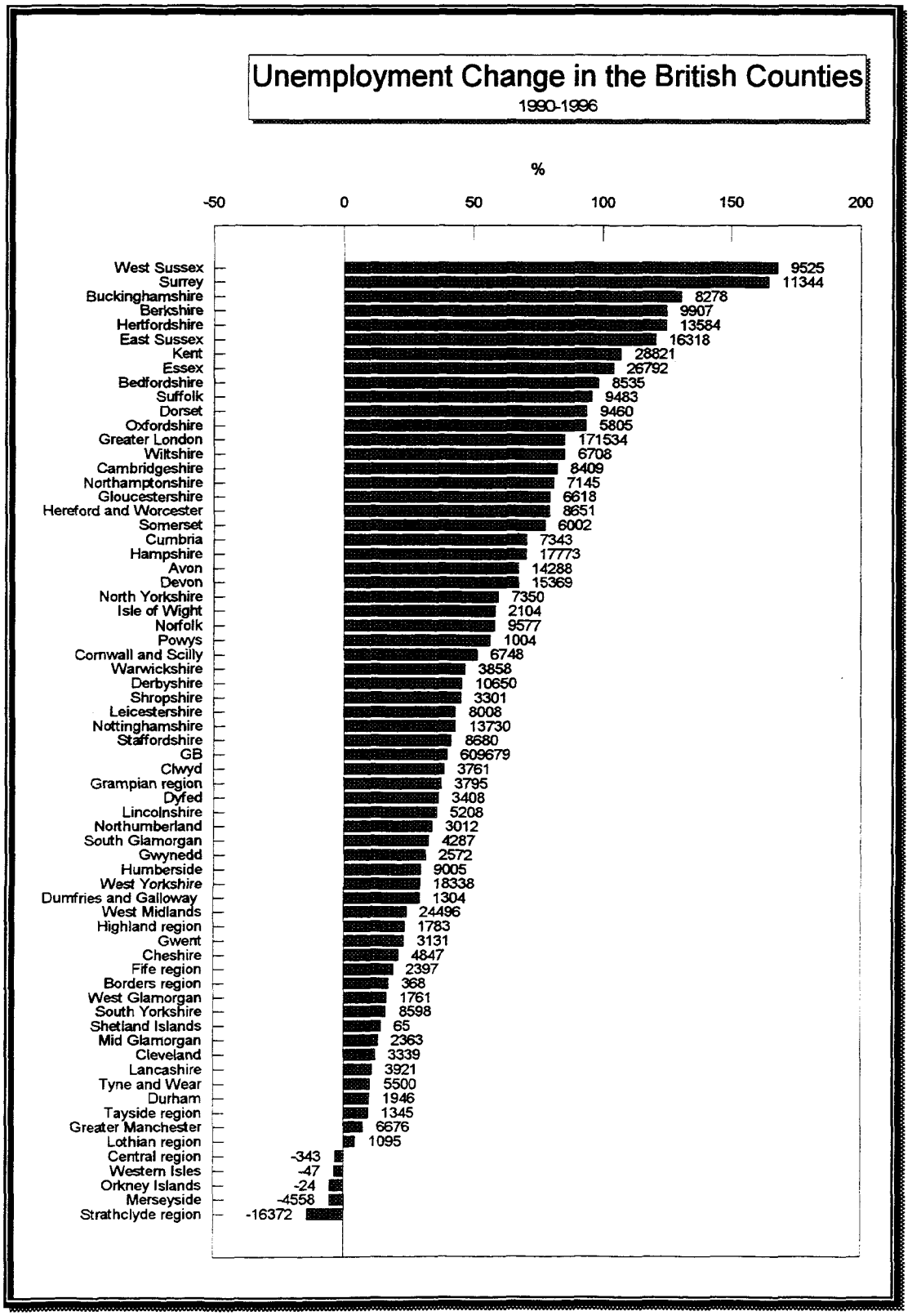
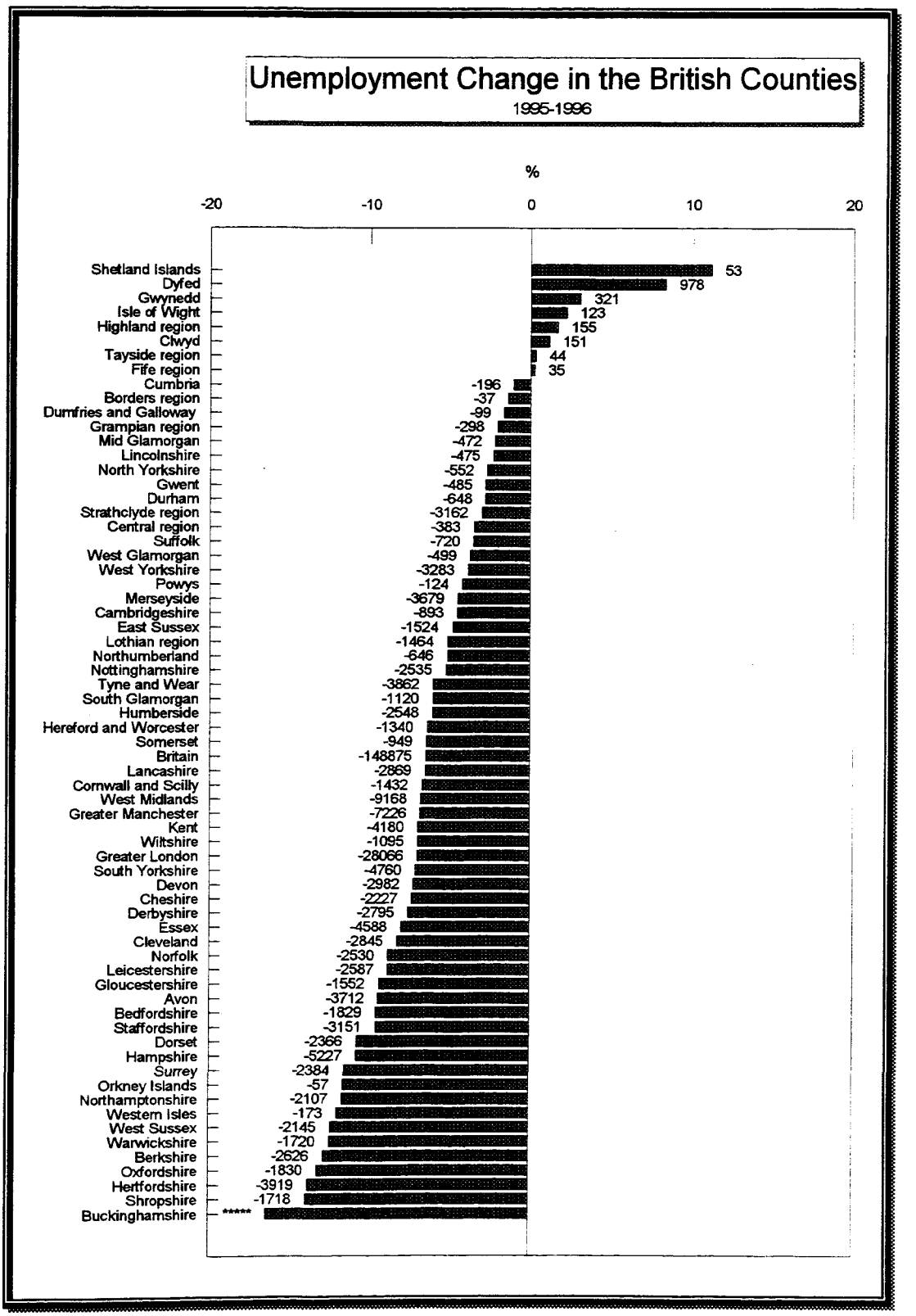

Unemployment Change in the British Counties
1990-1996
%
-50
0
50
100
150
200
West Sussex 9525
Surrey 11344
Buckinghamshire 8278
Berkshire 9907
Hertfordshire 13584
East Sussex 16318
Kent 28821
Essex 26792
Bedfordshire 8535
Suffolk 9483
Dorset 9460
Oxfordshire 5805
Greater London 171534
Wiltshire 6708
Cambridgeshire 8409
Northamptonshire 7145
Gloucestershire 6618
Hereford and Worcester 8651
Somerset 6002
Cumbria 7343
Hampshire 17773
Avon 14288
Devon 15369
North Yorkshire 7350
Isle of Wight 2104
Norfolk 9577
Powys 1004
Cornwall and Scilly 6748
Warwickshire 3858
Derbyshire 10650
Shropshire 3301
Leicestershire 8008
Nottinghamshire 13730
Staffordshire 8680
GB 609679
Clwyd 3761
Grampian region 3795
Dyfed 3408
Lincolnshire 5208
Northumberland 3012
South Glamorgan 4287
Gwynedd 2572
Humberside 9005
West Yorkshire 18338
Dumfries and Galloway 1304
West Midlands 24496
Highland region 1783
Gwent 3131
Cheshire 4847
Fife region 2397
Borders region 368
West Glamorgan 1761
South Yorkshire 8598
Shetland Islands 65
Mid Glamorgan 2363
Cleveland 3339
Lancashire 3921
Tyne and Wear 5500
Durham 1946
Tayside region 1345
Greater Manchester 6676
Lothian region 1095
Central region -343
Western Isles -47
Orkney Islands -24
Merseyside -4558
Strathclyde region -16372

Figure 23


Unemployment Change in the British Counties
1995-1996
%
-20
-10
0
10
20
Shetland Islands 53
Dyfed 978
Gwynedd 321
Isle of Wight 123
Highland region 155
Clwyd 151
Tayside region 44
Fife region 35
Cumbria -196
Borders region -37
Dumfries and Galloway -99
Grampian region -298
Mid Glamorgan -472
Lincolnshire -475
North Yorkshire -552
Gwent -485
Durham -648
Strathclyde region -3162
Central region -383
Suffolk -720
West Glamorgan -499
West Yorkshire -3283
Powys -124
Merseyside -3679
Cambridgeshire -893
East Sussex -1524
Lothian region -1464
Northumberland -646
Nottinghamshire -2535
Tyne and Wear -3862
South Glamorgan -1120
Humberside -2548
Hereford and Worcester -1340
Somerset -949
Britain -148875
Lancashire -2869
Cornwall and Scilly -1432
West Midlands -9168
Greater Manchester -7226
Kent -4180
Wiltshire -1095
Greater London -28066
South Yorkshire -4760
Devon -2982
Cheshire -2227
Derbyshire -2795
Essex -4588
Cleveland -2845
Norfolk -2530
Leicestershire -2587
Gloucestershire -1552
Avon -3712
Bedfordshire -1829
Staffordshire -3151
Dorset -2366
Hampshire -5227
Surrey -2384
Orkney Islands -57
Northamptonshire -2107
Western Isles -173
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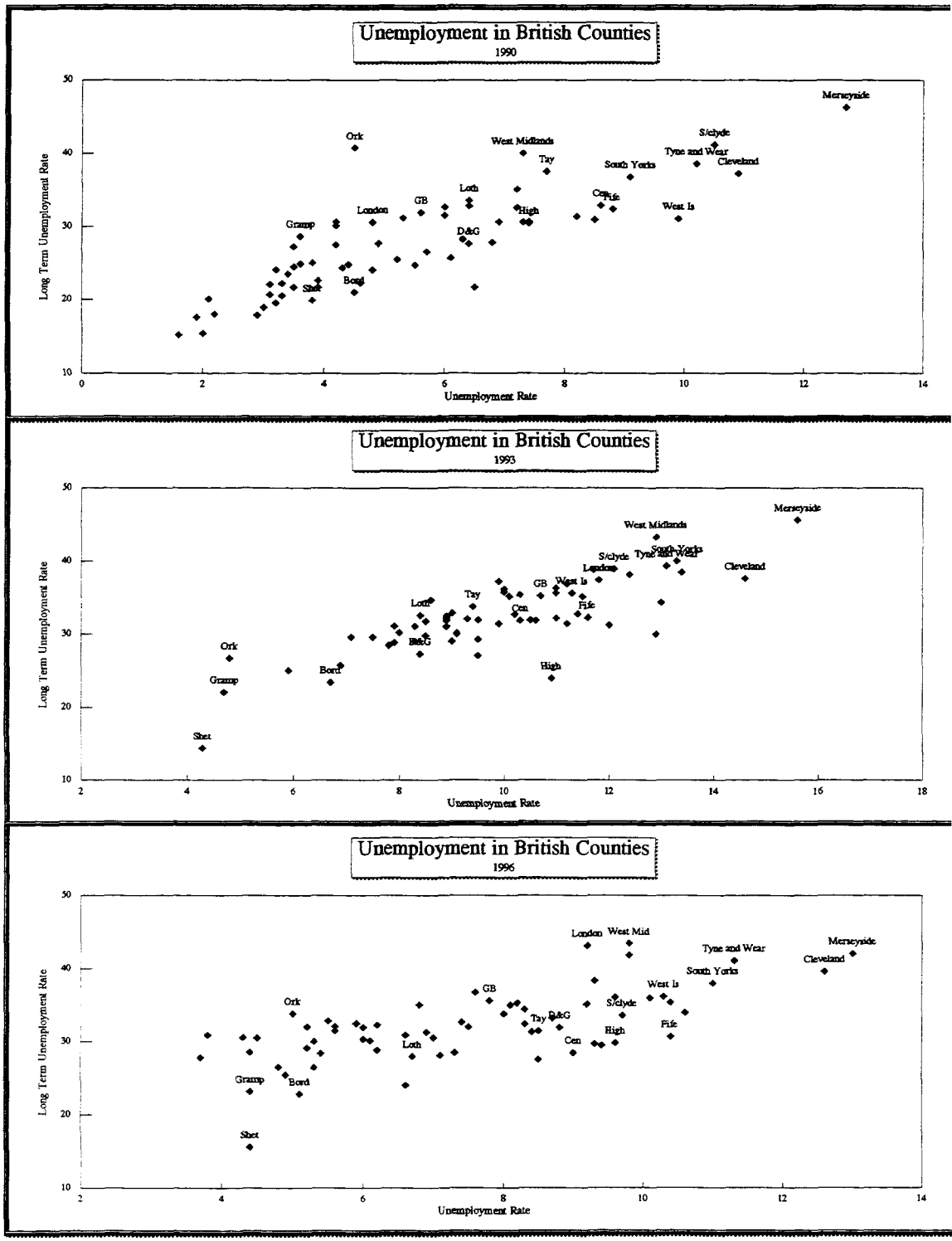
Buckinghamshire *****

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