



This chart shows the percentage of all those, male and female, over the age of 16 to the national work-force. The government's standard definition of what constitutes an unemployed person is used. Generally, there is little movement from one month to the next when the percentage is to one decimal place. In April 2008 the figures began to show the sort of increases that are symptomatic of a period of recession. The total passed through the 2 million mark in December and continued to climb but, since June, there has been a distinct levelling but with part time employment rising as full time employment falls.



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