

UNEMPLOYMENT

Introduction

Information on unemployment is collected every month by the Office for National Statistics. Unemployment in Hertfordshire has fallen by 22.7% over the last year, with a lot of that being in the last quarter.

Indicator UN1: Unemployment by Age/Sex

Unemployment figures are spilt into male and female data but it is necessary to use just long term unemployment figures to demonstrate the distribution by age.

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This data for Hertfordshire is not seasonally adjusted, whereas regional and national level data is.

Unemployment in Hertfordshire is lower than the rate for the East of England, which in turn is lower than the unemployment rate for Great Britain.

October 2000 unemployment rates:

- Hertfordshire 1.3%
- East of England 2.2%
- Great Britain 3.4%

Indicator UN2: Long Term Unemployment

Long term unemployment poses more problems with social exclusion, deprivation and poor health than for those unemployed for a short period of time.

The unemployment data shows that there continues to be a drop in the number of people long term unemployed in Hertfordshire. In October 2000 there were 1,277 people in long term unemployment compared to 1,729 in October 1999.

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