

Unemployment in Kent

All data comes from the Claimant Count by Sex and Age data set, released monthly by the Office for National Statistics. The latest data is for March 2025 and includes revisions to data for February 2025. Data for April 2025 is due to be released on 13th May 2025.

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

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Headlines

- 34,290 people were claiming unemployment benefits in Kent in March 2025.
- The number of people who were unemployed in Kent has increased by 1.7% (+560) since the previous month.
- The unemployment rate in Kent is 3.5% (GB 4.2%).
- Youth unemployment in Kent (18 to 24 year-olds) is 6.1%, higher than the national rate of 5.6%.
- Thanet (11.6%) has the highest rate of youth unemployment in the South East.
- Thanet, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Swale, and Gravesham have some of the highest youth unemployment rates in the South East.
- Unemployment increased for males (+1.3%) and females (+2.1%) over the last month.

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Introduction

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

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

Unemployment rates are calculated using the Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Population Estimates 2007-2023. The resident working age population is defined as all males and females aged 16-64. These denominators will be updated annually with the ONS mid-year population estimates.

Introduction of Universal Credit

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

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

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

Unemployment in Kent Districts

Table 1: Unemployment in Kent compared to Great Britain, March 2025

| Area | Number | Rate | Number change since last month | Percentage change since last month | Number change since last year | Percentage change since last year |
|---------------|-----------|------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kent | 34,290 | 3.5% | +560 | +1.7% | +1,105 | +3.3% |
| Great Britain | 1,738,930 | 4.2% | +27,830 | +1.6% | +166,985 | +10.6% |

Table 2: District unemployment, March 2025

| Area | Number | Rate | Number change since last month | Percentage change since last month | Number change since last year | Percentage change since last year |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Ashford | 2,705 | 3.2% | +15 | +0.6% | +135 | +5.3% |
| Canterbury | 3,485 | 3.5% | +115 | +3.4% | +120 | +3.6% |
| Dartford | 2,455 | 3.2% | +60 | +2.5% | +135 | +5.8% |
| Dover | 2,515 | 3.7% | +55 | +2.2% | -245 | -8.9% |
| Folkestone & Hythe | 2,715 | 4.2% | +35 | +1.3% | +15 | +0.6% |
| Gravesham | 3,060 | 4.6% | +35 | +1.2% | +105 | +3.6% |
| Maidstone | 3,735 | 3.3% | +90 | +2.5% | +235 | +6.7% |
| Sevenoaks | 1,625 | 2.3% | +45 | +2.8% | +165 | +11.3% |
| Swale | 3,515 | 3.7% | +5 | +0.1% | -20 | -0.6% |
| Thanet | 4,650 | 5.7% | +55 | +1.2% | +90 | +2.0% |
| Tonbridge & Malling | 2,000 | 2.4% | +45 | +2.3% | +185 | +10.2% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 1,830 | 2.6% | +5 | +0.3% | +175 | +10.6% |
| Kent | 34,290 | 3.5% | +560 | +1.7% | +1,105 | +3.3% |
| Medway | 7,730 | 4.3% | +165 | +2.2% | +640 | +9.0% |

Table 3: Unemployment by Sex in Kent, March 2025

| Sex | Number | Rate | Number change since last month | Percentage change since last month | Number change since last year | Percentage change since last year |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Males | 18,900 | 4.0% | +250 | +1.3% | +415 | +2.2% |
| Females | 15,390 | 3.1% | +310 | +2.1% | +690 | +4.7% |
| Total | 34,290 | 3.5% | +560 | +1.7% | +1,105 | +3.3% |

Table 4: District unemployment by sex, March 2025

| Area | Male claimants | Male claimant rate | Female claimants | Female claimant rate |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Ashford | 1,440 | 3.5% | 1,270 | 2.9% |
| Canterbury | 1,975 | 4.1% | 1,510 | 3.0% |
| Dartford | 1,245 | 3.3% | 1,210 | 3.1% |
| Dover | 1,425 | 4.2% | 1,090 | 3.1% |
| Folkestone & Hythe | 1,550 | 4.9% | 1,170 | 3.6% |
| Gravesham | 1,670 | 5.2% | 1,390 | 4.1% |
| Maidstone | 2,020 | 3.6% | 1,715 | 3.0% |
| Sevenoaks | 810 | 2.4% | 815 | 2.2% |
| Swale | 2,025 | 4.3% | 1,490 | 3.1% |
| Thanet | 2,750 | 7.0% | 1,905 | 4.5% |
| Tonbridge & Malling | 1,010 | 2.5% | 995 | 2.4% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 990 | 2.9% | 845 | 2.4% |
| Kent | 18,900 | 4.0% | 15,390 | 3.1% |
| Medway | 4,200 | 4.8% | 3,530 | 3.9% |

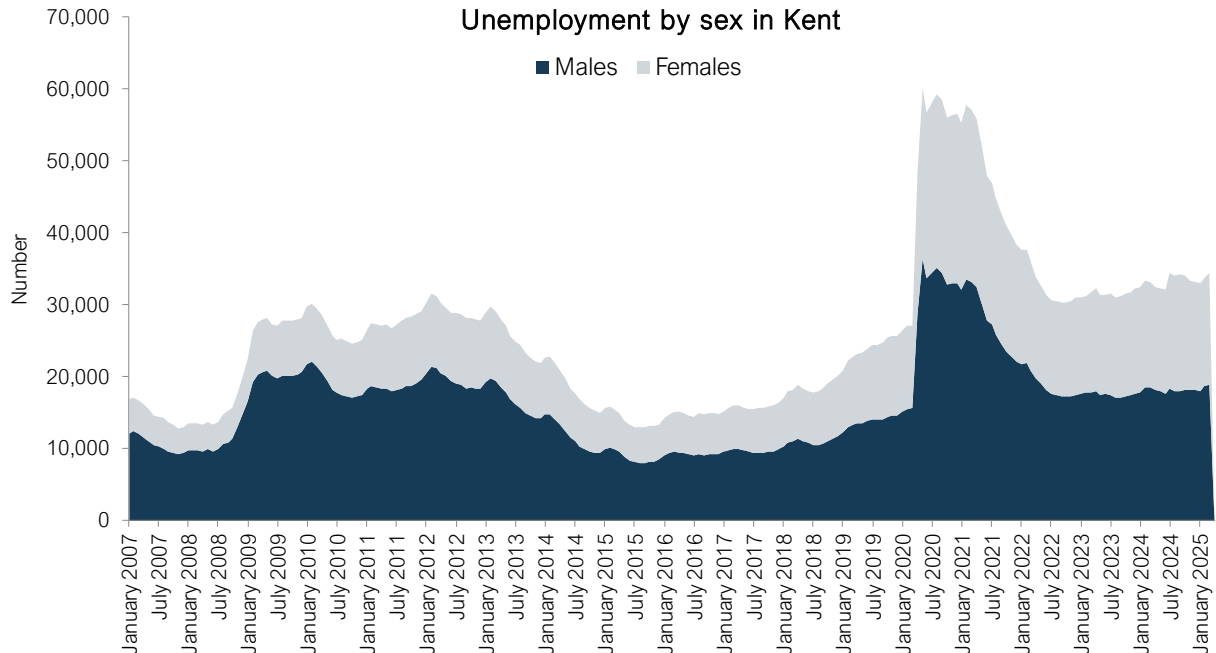
Chart 1: Unemployment by sex in Kent


Table 5: Unemployment by age group in Kent, March 2025

| Age group | Number | Rate | Number change since last month | Percentage change since last month | Number change since last year | Percentage change since last year |
|-----------|--------|------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 18-24 | 6,730 | 6.1% | +265 | +4.1% | +490 | +7.9% |
| 25-49 | 19,585 | 3.9% | +115 | +0.6% | +290 | +1.5% |
| 50-64 | 7,925 | 2.5% | +180 | +2.3% | +335 | +4.4% |

Table 6: District unemployment by age group, March 2025

| Area | 18-24 claimants | 25-49 claimants | 50-64 claimants | 18-24 claimant rate | 25-49 claimant rate | 50-64 claimant rate |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ashford | 510 | 1,560 | 630 | 5.8% | 3.6% | 2.3% |
| Canterbury | 740 | 1,915 | 815 | 3.5% | 4.3% | 2.7% |
| Dartford | 435 | 1,530 | 490 | 5.7% | 3.4% | 2.4% |
| Dover | 560 | 1,365 | 590 | 8.0% | 4.1% | 2.3% |
| Folkestone & Hythe | 565 | 1,420 | 720 | 8.5% | 4.6% | 3.0% |
| Gravesham | 635 | 1,800 | 615 | 8.5% | 5.1% | 3.0% |
| Maidstone | 710 | 2,220 | 795 | 6.2% | 3.6% | 2.2% |
| Sevenoaks | 240 | 980 | 405 | 3.5% | 2.8% | 1.6% |
| Swale | 760 | 2,000 | 755 | 7.2% | 4.0% | 2.4% |
| Thanet | 1,000 | 2,535 | 1,110 | 11.6% | 6.2% | 3.9% |
| Tonbridge & Malling | 340 | 1,160 | 500 | 4.0% | 2.7% | 1.8% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 240 | 1,100 | 490 | 3.7% | 3.1% | 2.0% |
| Kent | 6,730 | 19,585 | 7,925 | 6.1% | 3.9% | 2.5% |
| Medway | 1,525 | 4,575 | 1,620 | 7.1% | 4.7% | 3.0% |

Table 7: 18 to 24 year old unemployment, March 2025

| Area | Number | Rate | Number change since last month | Percentage change since last month | Number change since last year | Percentage change since last year |
|---------------|---------|------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kent | 6,730 | 6.1% | +265 | +4.1% | +490 | +7.9% |
| Great Britain | 305,225 | 5.6% | +8,760 | +3.0% | +26,455 | +9.5% |

Table 8: Unemployment by age group in Kent - % of all unemployed, March 2025

| Age group | Number of claimants in Kent | % of all unemployed in Kent | Number of claimants in Great Britain | % of all unemployed in Great Britain |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 18-24 | 6,730 | 19.6% | 305,225 | 17.6% |
| 25-49 | 19,585 | 57.1% | 1,025,930 | 59.0% |
| 50-64 | 7,925 | 23.1% | 404,395 | 23.3% |

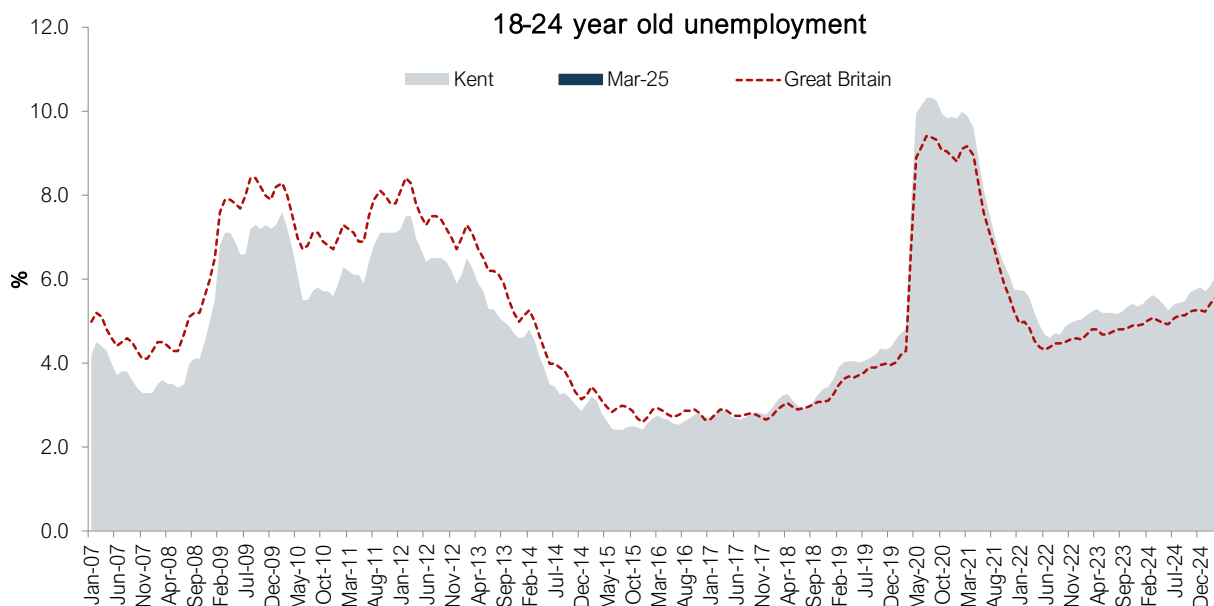
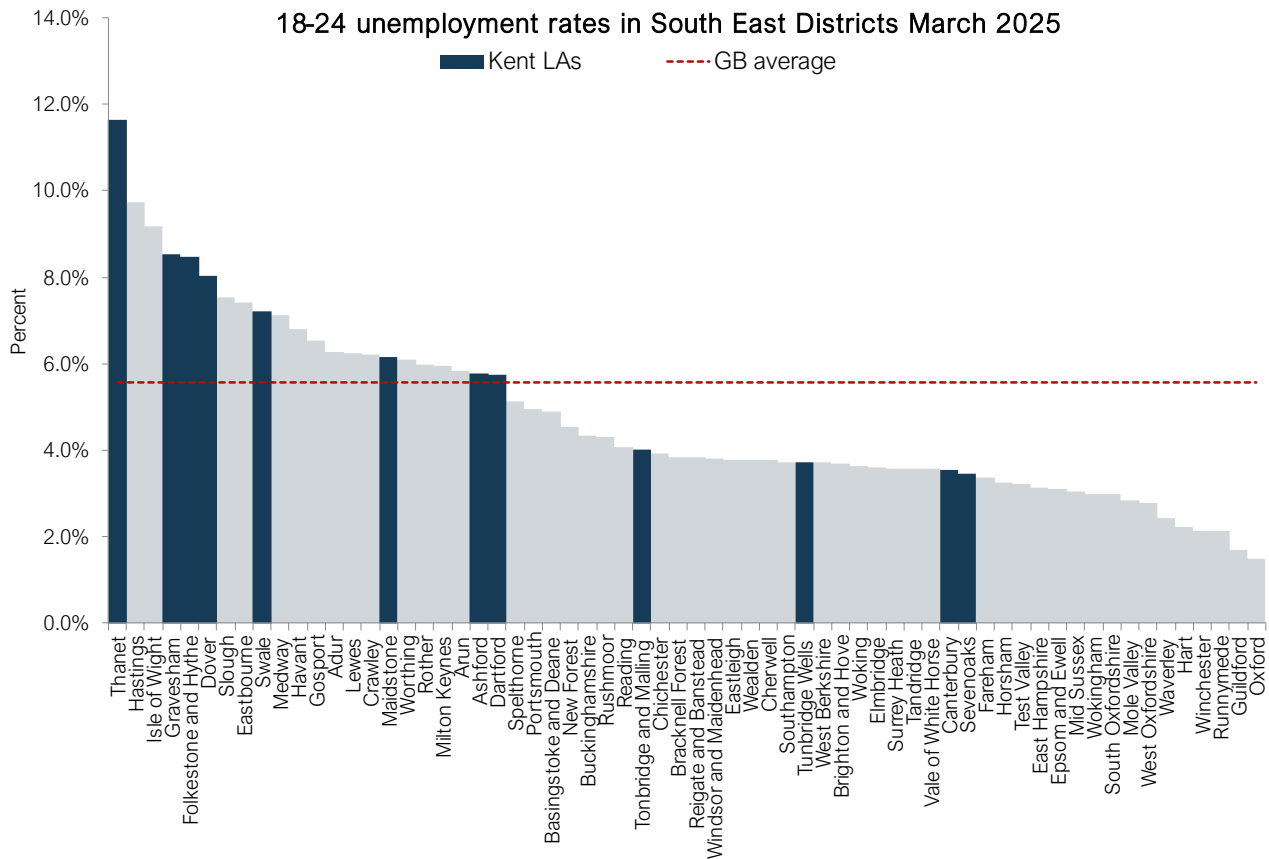
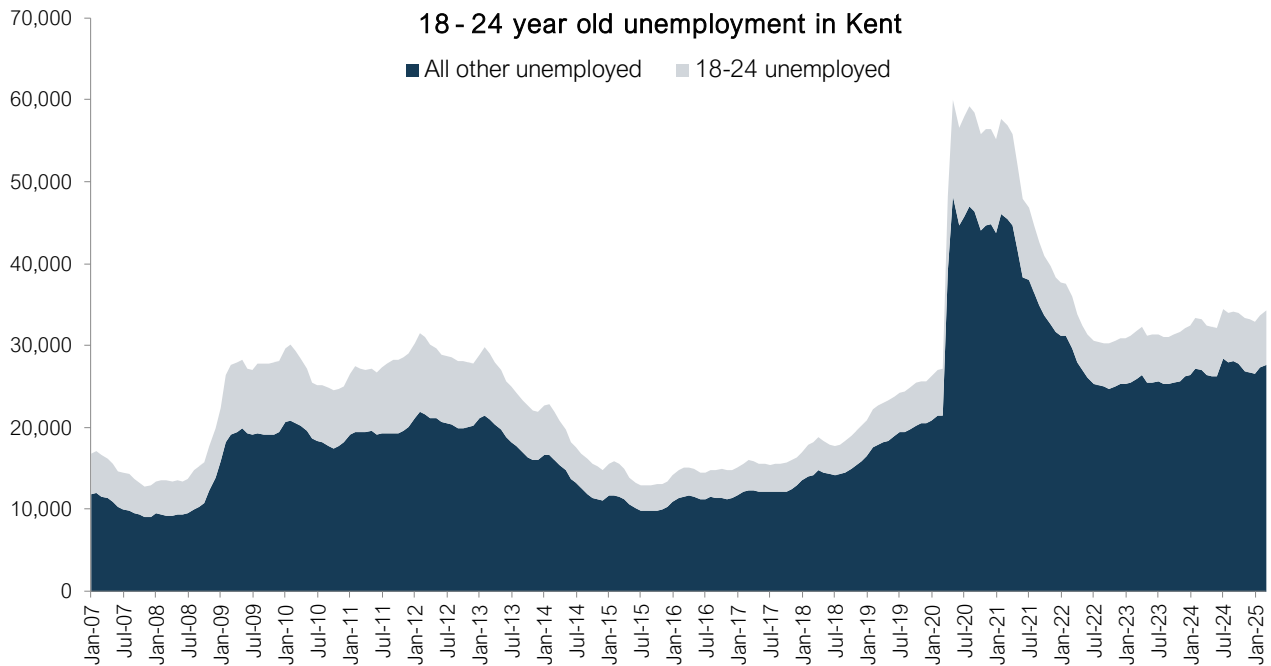
Chart 2: 18-24 year old unemployment in Kent compared to Great Britain


Chart 3: 18 to 24 unemployment rates in South East local authorities, March 2025

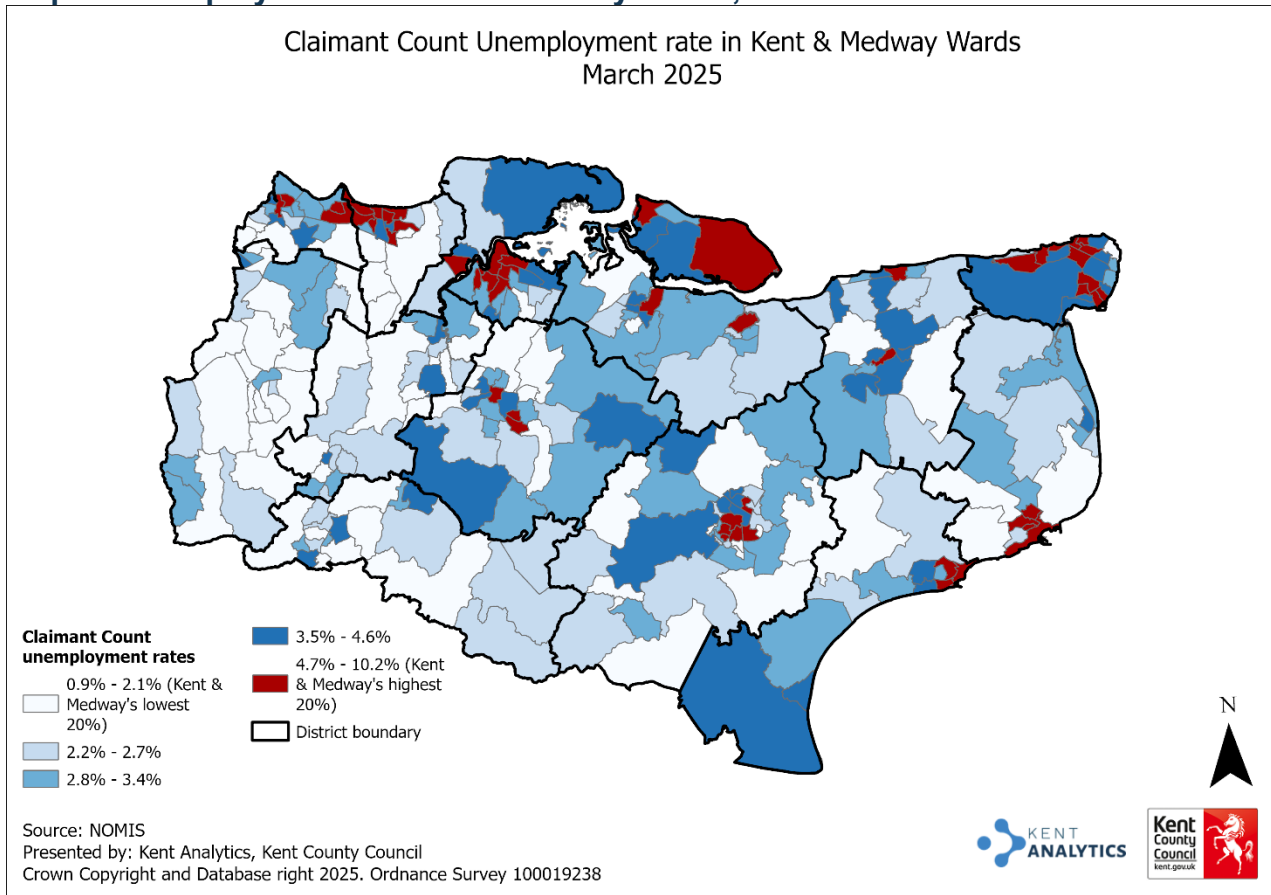


A table showing 18 to 24 year old unemployment in South East local authorities can be found in the annexe at the end of this bulletin.

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



Map 1: Unemployment in Kent & Medway wards, March 2025



Unemployment in Kent & Medway wards

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

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

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

Ashford

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Ashford District | 2,705 | 3.2 | 15 | 0.6% | 135 | 5.3% |
| Aylesford & East Stour | 215 | 4.7 | 10 | 4.9% | 15 | 7.5% |
| Beaver | 230 | 5.4 | -5 | -2.1% | -25 | -9.8% |
| Biddenden | 40 | 2.6 | 5 | 14.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Bircholt | 35 | 2.1 | 5 | 16.7% | 5 | 16.7% |
| Bockhanger | 75 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 15.4% |
| Bybrook | 90 | 4.9 | 5 | 5.9% | 20 | 28.6% |
| Charing | 50 | 3.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 11.1% |
| Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm | 25 | 2.2 | 5 | 25.0% | 10 | 66.7% |
| Downs North | 50 | 3.3 | -5 | -9.1% | 15 | 42.9% |
| Downs West | 20 | 1.2 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 100.0% |
| Furley | 200 | 4.6 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Goat Lees | 65 | 4.1 | 5 | 8.3% | 5 | 8.3% |
| Godinton | 70 | 2.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 16.7% |
| Highfield | 25 | 1.6 | 5 | 25.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Isle of Oxney | 30 | 2.1 | -5 | -14.3% | -5 | -14.3% |
| Kennington | 30 | 2.4 | -5 | -14.3% | 5 | 20.0% |
| Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield | 55 | 3.4 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 10.0% |
| Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry | 40 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Norman | 110 | 5.5 | -5 | -4.3% | 20 | 22.2% |
| Park Farm North | 35 | 1.9 | 5 | 16.7% | 5 | 16.7% |
| Park Farm South | 40 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Repton | 65 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 18.2% |
| Rolvenden & Tenterden West | 35 | 2.3 | 5 | 16.7% | 5 | 16.7% |
| Roman | 50 | 2.5 | 5 | 11.1% | 10 | 25.0% |
| Saxon Shore | 20 | 1.4 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Singleton East | 50 | 2.8 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 11.1% |
| Singleton West | 40 | 1.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 14.3% |
| Stanhope | 150 | 6.6 | 0 | 0.0% | -25 | -14.3% |
| Tenterden North | 20 | 1.7 | 0 | 0.0% | -10 | -33.3% |
| Tenterden South | 30 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0% | -10 | -25.0% |
| Tenterden St Michael's | 20 | 1.6 | -5 | -20.0% | -15 | -42.9% |
| Upper Weald | 50 | 3.2 | 5 | 11.1% | 5 | 11.1% |
| Victoria | 275 | 6.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 30 | 12.2% |
| Washford | 55 | 2.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Weald Central | 100 | 3.6 | 5 | 5.3% | 15 | 17.6% |
| Weald North | 25 | 4.0 | 5 | 25.0% | 15 | 150.0% |
| Weald South | 70 | 2.9 | -5 | -6.7% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Willesborough | 100 | 0.9 | 10 | 11.1% | 10 | 11.1% |
| Wye with Hinxhill | 40 | 2.8 | 5 | 14.3% | -5 | -11.1% |

Canterbury

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Canterbury District | 3,485 | 3.5 | 115 | 3.4% | 120 | 3.6% |
| Barton | 400 | 4.0 | 25 | 6.7% | 10 | 2.6% |
| Beltinge | 95 | 2.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 11.8% |
| Blean Forest | 80 | 0.9 | -5 | -5.9% | 15 | 23.1% |
| Chartham & Stone Street | 130 | 2.8 | 10 | 8.3% | 10 | 8.3% |
| Chestfield | 85 | 2.2 | 5 | 6.3% | 10 | 13.3% |
| Gorrell | 230 | 3.5 | 10 | 4.5% | 10 | 4.5% |
| Greenhill | 85 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.0% | -20 | -19.0% |
| Herne & Broomfield | 145 | 2.5 | 10 | 7.4% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Heron | 370 | 4.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 4.2% |
| Little Stour & Adisham | 55 | 2.1 | -5 | -8.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Nailbourne | 55 | 2.4 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Northgate | 355 | 5.5 | 20 | 6.0% | 10 | 2.9% |
| Reculver | 65 | 2.7 | -10 | -13.3% | -10 | -13.3% |
| Seasalter | 110 | 2.6 | -5 | -4.3% | -5 | -4.3% |
| St Stephen's | 300 | 3.7 | 15 | 5.3% | 25 | 9.1% |
| Sturry | 190 | 4.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 11.8% |
| Swalecliffe | 65 | 3.2 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 18.2% |
| Tankerton | 30 | 1.5 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -14.3% |
| West Bay | 95 | 3.8 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 11.8% |
| Westgate | 250 | 3.2 | 20 | 8.7% | -5 | -2.0% |
| Wincheap | 280 | 4.0 | 5 | 1.8% | -5 | -1.8% |

Dartford

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Dartford District | 2,455 | 3.2 | 60 | 2.5% | 135 | 5.8% |
| Bean & Village Park | 60 | 3.4 | 20 | 50.0% | 25 | 71.4% |
| Brent | 95 | 2.6 | 5 | 5.6% | 5 | 5.6% |
| Bridge | 50 | 2.8 | 5 | 11.1% | 10 | 25.0% |
| Burnham | 80 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Darenth | 75 | 4.1 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 15.4% |
| Ebbsfleet | 45 | 5.7 | 5 | 12.5% | 10 | 28.6% |
| Greenhithe & Knockhall | 230 | 3.2 | 0 | 0.0% | 30 | 15.0% |
| Heath | 75 | 2.2 | 10 | 15.4% | 5 | 7.1% |
| Joyden's Wood | 35 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0% | -15 | -30.0% |
| Longfield, New Barn & Southfleet | 65 | 1.8 | 5 | 8.3% | -5 | -7.1% |
| Maypole & Leyton Cross | 30 | 1.6 | -5 | -14.3% | -10 | -25.0% |
| Newtown | 140 | 3.3 | -10 | -6.7% | -20 | -12.5% |
| Princes | 150 | 4.3 | -10 | -6.3% | -10 | -6.3% |
| Stone Castle | 190 | 3.4 | 15 | 8.6% | 35 | 22.6% |
| Stone House | 140 | 3.4 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -3.4% |
| Swanscombe | 260 | 5.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 35 | 15.6% |
| Temple Hill | 385 | 5.0 | 15 | 4.1% | 35 | 10.0% |
| Town | 95 | 7.1 | 0 | 0.0% | -10 | -9.5% |
| West Hill | 165 | 2.9 | 10 | 6.5% | 35 | 26.9% |
| Wilmington, Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley | 90 | 2.0 | -5 | -5.3% | -15 | -14.3% |

Dover

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Dover District | 2,515 | 3.7 | 55 | 2.2% | -245 | -8.9% |
| Alkham & Capel-le-Ferne | 35 | 2.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Aylesham, Eythorne & Shepherdswell | 205 | 3.1 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 5.1% |
| Buckland | 235 | 4.7 | 5 | 2.2% | -20 | -7.8% |
| Dover Downs & River | 50 | 1.2 | -5 | -9.1% | -15 | -23.1% |
| Eastry Rural | 95 | 2.5 | 5 | 5.6% | -20 | -17.4% |
| Guston, Kingsdown & St Margaret's-at-Cliffe | 85 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0% | -20 | -19.0% |
| Little Stour & Ashstone | 115 | 2.7 | 5 | 4.5% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Maxton & Elms Vale | 65 | 2.6 | 5 | 8.3% | -5 | -7.1% |
| Middle Deal | 140 | 3.5 | -10 | -6.7% | -15 | -9.7% |
| Mill Hill | 150 | 3.2 | 15 | 11.1% | 5 | 3.4% |
| North Deal | 135 | 3.0 | 10 | 8.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sandwich | 100 | 2.8 | 0 | 0.0% | -15 | -13.0% |
| St Radigunds | 280 | 6.0 | 5 | 1.8% | -25 | -8.2% |
| Tower Hamlets | 185 | 5.9 | -5 | -2.6% | -70 | -27.5% |
| Town & Castle | 450 | 7.7 | 5 | 1.1% | -45 | -9.1% |
| Walmer | 80 | 2.2 | -5 | -5.9% | -10 | -11.1% |
| Whitfield | 110 | 3.1 | 10 | 10.0% | 5 | 4.8% |

Folkestone & Hythe

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Folkestone & Hythe District | 2,715 | 4.2 | 35 | 1.3% | 15 | 0.6% |
| Broadmead | 75 | 3.4 | -5 | -6.3% | -5 | -6.3% |
| Cheriton | 320 | 3.9 | -5 | -1.5% | 35 | 12.3% |
| East Folkestone | 435 | 5.9 | 15 | 3.6% | -15 | -3.3% |
| Folkestone Central | 510 | 6.4 | -5 | -1.0% | -40 | -7.3% |
| Folkestone Harbour | 305 | 7.3 | 5 | 1.7% | -5 | -1.6% |
| Hythe | 170 | 2.9 | 5 | 3.0% | -15 | -8.1% |
| Hythe Rural | 85 | 2.5 | 5 | 6.3% | 20 | 30.8% |
| New Romney | 140 | 3.7 | -5 | -3.4% | 20 | 16.7% |
| North Downs East | 175 | 2.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 6.1% |
| North Downs West | 60 | 1.6 | 0 | 0.0% | -20 | -25.0% |
| Romney Marsh | 110 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0% | -25 | -18.5% |
| Sandgate & West Folkestone | 120 | 3.6 | 15 | 14.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Walland & Denge Marsh | 200 | 4.3 | 5 | 2.6% | 45 | 29.0% |

Gravesham

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Gravesham District | 3,060 | 4.6 | 35 | 1.2% | 105 | 3.6% |
| Central | 250 | 5.2 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -2.0% |
| Chalk | 30 | 2.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Coldharbour | 145 | 4.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 3.6% |
| Higham | 55 | 2.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Istead Rise | 15 | 1.0 | -5 | -25.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Meopham North | 40 | 1.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Meopham South and Vigo | 35 | 1.4 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -12.5% |
| Northfleet North | 390 | 7.1 | 0 | 0.0% | 50 | 14.7% |
| Northfleet South | 275 | 4.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 7.8% |
| Painters Ash | 105 | 3.4 | 15 | 16.7% | -5 | -4.5% |
| Pelham | 355 | 6.6 | 15 | 4.4% | 5 | 1.4% |
| Riverside | 460 | 6.9 | 10 | 2.2% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Riverview | 40 | 1.7 | -5 | -11.1% | -5 | -11.1% |
| Shorne, Cobham and Luddesdown | 45 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Singlewell | 275 | 5.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 3.8% |
| Westcourt | 275 | 6.6 | 25 | 10.0% | 25 | 10.0% |
| Whitehill | 115 | 4.2 | -5 | -4.2% | 15 | 15.0% |
| Woodlands | 155 | 3.6 | -20 | -11.4% | 5 | 3.3% |

Maidstone

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Maidstone District | 3,735 | 3.3 | 90 | 2.5% | 235 | 6.7% |
| Allington | 85 | 2.0 | 10 | 13.3% | 15 | 21.4% |
| Barming and Teston | 25 | 2.0 | 5 | 25.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Bearsted | 65 | 1.4 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 18.2% |
| Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton | 40 | 2.6 | 5 | 14.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Boxley | 80 | 1.5 | 10 | 14.3% | 10 | 14.3% |
| Bridge | 165 | 3.9 | 15 | 10.0% | 20 | 13.8% |
| Coxheath and Hunton | 115 | 2.4 | 5 | 4.5% | -20 | -14.8% |
| Detling and Thurnham | 35 | 1.8 | 5 | 16.7% | -5 | -12.5% |
| Downswood and Otham | 65 | 3.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 8.3% |
| East | 175 | 3.2 | 10 | 6.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Fant | 320 | 4.3 | -20 | -5.9% | 40 | 14.3% |
| Harrietsham and Lenham | 150 | 4.0 | 10 | 7.1% | 35 | 30.4% |
| Headcorn | 110 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 15.8% |
| Heath | 110 | 2.4 | 5 | 4.8% | 5 | 4.8% |
| High Street | 645 | 8.1 | 0 | 0.0% | 40 | 6.6% |
| Leeds | 30 | 2.3 | -5 | -14.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Loose | 40 | 2.8 | 5 | 14.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Marden and Yalding | 195 | 3.7 | 10 | 5.4% | 40 | 25.8% |
| North | 200 | 3.0 | -20 | -9.1% | -10 | -4.8% |
| North Downs | 40 | 2.8 | 5 | 14.3% | 10 | 33.3% |
| Park Wood | 305 | 5.3 | 25 | 8.9% | 20 | 7.0% |
| Shepway North | 240 | 4.4 | 10 | 4.3% | 20 | 9.1% |
| Shepway South | 170 | 4.8 | 0 | 0.0% | -10 | -5.6% |
| South | 185 | 3.1 | 10 | 5.7% | 15 | 8.8% |
| Staplehurst | 110 | 2.9 | 10 | 10.0% | 5 | 4.8% |
| Sutton Valence and Langley | 45 | 2.1 | -5 | -10.0% | -20 | -30.8% |

Sevenoaks

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Sevenoaks District | 1,625 | 2.3 | 45 | 2.8% | 165 | 11.3% |
| Ash and New Ash Green | 85 | 2.5 | 5 | 6.3% | 15 | 21.4% |
| Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge | 60 | 1.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 9.1% |
| Cowden and Hever | 25 | 2.1 | -5 | -16.7% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Crockenhill and Well Hill | 30 | 2.7 | -5 | -14.3% | 5 | 20.0% |
| Dunton Green and Riverhead | 85 | 2.1 | 5 | 6.3% | 20 | 30.8% |
| Edenbridge North and East | 105 | 3.4 | 10 | 10.5% | 25 | 31.3% |
| Edenbridge South and West | 90 | 3.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 12.5% |
| Eynsford | 15 | 1.3 | 5 | 50.0% | -5 | -25.0% |
| Farningham, Horton Kirby and South Darenth | 90 | 3.0 | -5 | -5.3% | 15 | 20.0% |
| Fawkham and West Kingsdown | 95 | 2.9 | 10 | 11.8% | 20 | 26.7% |
| Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount | 30 | 1.5 | 5 | 20.0% | 10 | 50.0% |
| Hartley and Hodsoll Street | 65 | 2.0 | 10 | 18.2% | 10 | 18.2% |
| Hextable | 45 | 1.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 12.5% |
| Kemsing | 25 | 1.2 | -5 | -16.7% | -15 | -37.5% |
| Leigh and Chiddingstone Causeway | 25 | 1.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 25.0% |
| Otford and Shoreham | 40 | 1.5 | -5 | -11.1% | 5 | 14.3% |
| Penshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone | 30 | 2.2 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 20.0% |
| Seal and Weald | 40 | 1.7 | -10 | -20.0% | -5 | -11.1% |
| Sevenoaks Eastern | 65 | 2.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 44.4% |
| Sevenoaks Kippington | 30 | 1.0 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -14.3% |
| Sevenoaks Northern | 75 | 2.8 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 25.0% |
| Sevenoaks Town and St John's | 85 | 2.0 | 10 | 13.3% | 20 | 30.8% |
| Swanley Christchurch and Swanley Village | 75 | 2.0 | 5 | 7.1% | -15 | -16.7% |
| Swanley St Mary's | 120 | 4.2 | 5 | 4.3% | -15 | -11.1% |
| Swanley White Oak | 120 | 3.1 | 5 | 4.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Westerham and Crockham Hill | 70 | 2.5 | 5 | 7.7% | 30 | 75.0% |

Swale

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Swale District | 3,515 | 3.7 | 5 | 0.1% | -20 | -0.6% |
| Abbey | 105 | 3.2 | 10 | 10.5% | 5 | 5.0% |
| Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow | 75 | 1.9 | 5 | 7.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Borden and Grove Park | 80 | 2.3 | -5 | -5.9% | -5 | -5.9% |
| Boughton and Courtenay | 95 | 2.3 | -5 | -5.0% | -15 | -13.6% |
| Chalkwell | 95 | 4.2 | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 26.7% |
| East Downs | 40 | 2.4 | 5 | 14.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Hartlip, Newington and Upchurch | 110 | 2.9 | 10 | 10.0% | 15 | 15.8% |
| Homewood | 120 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0% | -10 | -7.7% |
| Kemsley | 130 | 2.8 | 5 | 4.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Milton Regis | 175 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -2.8% |
| Minster Cliffs | 130 | 3.0 | -10 | -7.1% | -20 | -13.3% |
| Murston | 210 | 4.9 | -5 | -2.3% | -10 | -4.5% |
| Priory | 80 | 4.9 | 5 | 6.7% | -10 | -11.1% |
| Queenborough and Halfway | 210 | 4.4 | -5 | -2.3% | -5 | -2.3% |
| Roman | 185 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 12.1% |
| Sheerness | 675 | 8.4 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 0.7% |
| Sheppey Central | 200 | 3.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sheppey East | 335 | 7.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 4.7% |
| St Ann's | 85 | 2.4 | 5 | 6.3% | -10 | -10.5% |
| Teynham and Lynsted | 115 | 3.1 | -5 | -4.2% | -5 | -4.2% |
| The Meads | 65 | 2.4 | -5 | -7.1% | -10 | -13.3% |
| Watling | 105 | 2.9 | 5 | 5.0% | -5 | -4.5% |
| West Downs | 50 | 3.1 | -5 | -9.1% | 5 | 11.1% |
| Woodstock | 45 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |

Thanet

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Thanet District | 4,650 | 5.7 | 55 | 1.2% | 90 | 2.0% |
| Beacon Road | 120 | 4.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 9.1% |
| Birchington North | 35 | 2.2 | 0 | 0.0% | -15 | -30.0% |
| Birchington South | 170 | 5.4 | 5 | 3.0% | 30 | 21.4% |
| Bradstowe | 70 | 3.4 | -5 | -6.7% | 5 | 7.7% |
| Central Harbour | 410 | 7.8 | 5 | 1.2% | 40 | 10.8% |
| Cliffsend and Pegwell | 85 | 3.5 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -5.6% |
| Cliftonville East | 125 | 4.0 | 5 | 4.2% | 10 | 8.7% |
| Cliftonville West | 625 | 9.4 | 15 | 2.5% | -70 | -10.1% |
| Dane Valley | 355 | 7.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 4.4% |
| Eastcliff | 380 | 7.4 | 10 | 2.7% | 20 | 5.6% |
| Garlinge | 115 | 4.1 | -5 | -4.2% | -5 | -4.2% |
| Kingsgate | 20 | 1.9 | -5 | -20.0% | -5 | -20.0% |
| Margate Central | 405 | 10.2 | 5 | 1.3% | -15 | -3.6% |
| Nethercourt | 110 | 4.1 | 5 | 4.8% | -5 | -4.3% |
| Newington | 260 | 7.9 | 5 | 2.0% | -15 | -5.5% |
| Northwood | 215 | 5.6 | -5 | -2.3% | 10 | 4.9% |
| Salmestone | 170 | 4.7 | -10 | -5.6% | -15 | -8.1% |
| Sir Moses Montefiore | 145 | 4.6 | 5 | 3.6% | -15 | -9.4% |
| St Peters | 160 | 4.2 | 20 | 14.3% | 20 | 14.3% |
| Thanet Villages | 200 | 4.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 45 | 29.0% |
| Viking | 130 | 3.3 | -5 | -3.7% | 5 | 4.0% |
| Westbrook | 130 | 4.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 8.3% |
| Westgate-on-Sea | 210 | 4.7 | 0 | 0.0% | 20 | 10.5% |

Tonbridge & Malling

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Tonbridge & Malling District | 2,000 | 2.4 | 45 | 2.3% | 185 | 10.2% |
| Aylesford North and Walderslade | 75 | 1.9 | 10 | 15.4% | 20 | 36.4% |
| Aylesford South | 85 | 2.7 | 5 | 6.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Borough Green and Long Mill | 105 | 2.3 | -5 | -4.5% | 25 | 31.3% |
| Burham and Wouldham | 70 | 3.4 | -5 | -6.7% | 10 | 16.7% |
| Cage Green | 65 | 2.7 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -7.1% |
| Castle | 45 | 1.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 12.5% |
| Ditton | 60 | 2.0 | 5 | 9.1% | 10 | 20.0% |
| Downs and Mereworth | 40 | 1.5 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 14.3% |
| East Malling | 130 | 4.0 | 5 | 4.0% | 15 | 13.0% |
| Hadlow and East Peckham | 100 | 2.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 10 | 11.1% |
| Higham | 60 | 2.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 33.3% |
| Hildenborough | 45 | 1.4 | 10 | 28.6% | 20 | 80.0% |
| Judd | 110 | 3.0 | 10 | 10.0% | 15 | 15.8% |
| Kings Hill | 110 | 1.9 | 5 | 4.8% | 20 | 22.2% |
| Larkfield North | 75 | 2.4 | -5 | -6.3% | -10 | -11.8% |
| Larkfield South | 50 | 2.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Medway | 140 | 3.0 | 5 | 3.7% | -5 | -3.4% |
| Snodland East and Ham Hill | 150 | 4.3 | 5 | 3.4% | 50 | 50.0% |
| Snodland West and Holborough Lakes | 115 | 2.9 | -5 | -4.2% | -5 | -4.2% |
| Trench | 110 | 4.0 | -5 | -4.3% | -10 | -8.3% |
| Vauxhall | 85 | 2.3 | 5 | 6.3% | -10 | -10.5% |
| Wateringbury | 25 | 2.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| West Malling and Leybourne | 105 | 2.6 | 0 | 0.0% | 25 | 31.3% |
| Wrotham, Ightham and Stansted | 40 | 1.5 | -5 | -11.1% | -15 | -27.3% |

Tunbridge Wells

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Tunbridge Wells District | 1,830 | 2.6 | 5 | 0.3% | 175 | 10.6% |
| Benenden and Cranbrook | 115 | 2.5 | 5 | 4.5% | 15 | 15.0% |
| Brenchley and Horsmonden | 75 | 2.4 | 5 | 7.1% | 15 | 25.0% |
| Broadwater | 105 | 3.8 | 0 | 0.0% | 25 | 31.3% |
| Capel | 30 | 2.1 | -5 | -14.3% | -5 | -14.3% |
| Culverden | 130 | 2.2 | -5 | -3.7% | -10 | -7.1% |
| Frittenden and Sissinghurst | 30 | 2.6 | 5 | 20.0% | 15 | 100.0% |
| Goudhurst and Lamberhurst | 55 | 1.8 | 5 | 10.0% | -15 | -21.4% |
| Hawkhurst and Sandhurst | 90 | 2.5 | -5 | -5.3% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Paddock Wood East | 100 | 4.1 | 5 | 5.3% | 40 | 66.7% |
| Paddock Wood West | 75 | 3.1 | -5 | -6.3% | 5 | 7.1% |
| Pantiles and St Mark's | 60 | 1.4 | 5 | 9.1% | 5 | 9.1% |
| Park | 100 | 2.1 | -5 | -4.8% | 5 | 5.3% |
| Pembury | 70 | 2.0 | 5 | 7.7% | 5 | 7.7% |
| Rusthall | 95 | 3.2 | 5 | 5.6% | 15 | 18.8% |
| Sherwood | 210 | 4.1 | -15 | -6.7% | 30 | 16.7% |
| Southborough North | 55 | 2.3 | 0 | 0.0% | 5 | 10.0% |
| Southborough and High Brooms | 140 | 2.7 | -10 | -6.7% | -5 | -3.4% |
| Speldhurst and Bidborough | 35 | 1.1 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| St James' | 160 | 3.2 | 5 | 3.2% | 25 | 18.5% |
| St John's | 100 | 2.1 | 5 | 5.3% | 15 | 17.6% |

Medway

| | Number unemployed | Percentage unemployed (%) | Number change since previous month | % change since previous month | Number change since previous year | % change since previous year |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| March 2025 | | | | | | |
| Medway District | 7,730 | 4.3 | 165 | 2.2% | 640 | 9.0% |
| Chatham Central | 780 | 6.8 | 5 | 0.6% | 15 | 2.0% |
| Cuxton and Halling | 90 | 2.2 | 0 | 0.0% | 15 | 20.0% |
| Gillingham North | 810 | 6.0 | 50 | 6.6% | 75 | 10.2% |
| Gillingham South | 745 | 6.3 | 15 | 2.1% | 50 | 7.2% |
| Hempstead and Wigmore | 60 | 1.3 | 5 | 9.1% | 5 | 9.1% |
| Lordswood and Capstone | 155 | 2.8 | 5 | 3.3% | 25 | 19.2% |
| Luton and Wayfield | 735 | 7.4 | -5 | -0.7% | 60 | 8.9% |
| Peninsula | 300 | 3.5 | 10 | 3.4% | 15 | 5.3% |
| Princes Park | 205 | 3.0 | 0 | 0.0% | 30 | 17.1% |
| Rainham Central | 150 | 2.2 | 5 | 3.4% | 10 | 7.1% |
| Rainham North | 175 | 3.5 | -15 | -7.9% | -10 | -5.4% |
| Rainham South | 205 | 2.5 | -5 | -2.4% | 5 | 2.5% |
| River | 610 | 7.0 | 10 | 1.7% | 55 | 9.9% |
| Rochester East | 370 | 5.4 | 15 | 4.2% | 5 | 1.4% |
| Rochester South and Horsted | 240 | 2.9 | 10 | 4.3% | 50 | 26.3% |
| Rochester West | 240 | 3.3 | 20 | 9.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Strood North | 380 | 4.2 | -5 | -1.3% | 60 | 18.8% |
| Strood Rural | 255 | 2.7 | 25 | 10.9% | 30 | 13.3% |
| Strood South | 495 | 4.8 | 10 | 2.1% | 50 | 11.2% |
| Twydall | 350 | 4.4 | 25 | 7.7% | 65 | 22.8% |
| Walderslade | 220 | 3.9 | 0 | 0.0% | 40 | 22.2% |
| Watling | 170 | 2.9 | 0 | 0.0% | -5 | -2.9% |

Annexe

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

| March 2025 | 18 to 24 number unemployed | 18 to 24 unemployment rate |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Adur | 230 | 6.3% |
| Arun | 595 | 5.8% |
| Ashford | 510 | 5.8% |
| Basingstoke and Deane | 590 | 4.9% |
| Bracknell Forest | 325 | 3.8% |
| Brighton and Hove | 1,445 | 3.7% |
| Buckinghamshire | 1,530 | 4.3% |
| Canterbury | 740 | 3.5% |
| Cherwell | 385 | 3.8% |
| Chichester | 385 | 3.9% |
| Crawley | 530 | 6.2% |
| Dartford | 435 | 5.7% |
| Dover | 560 | 8.0% |
| East Hampshire | 235 | 3.1% |
| Eastbourne | 535 | 7.4% |
| Eastleigh | 330 | 3.8% |
| Elmbridge | 270 | 3.6% |
| Epsom and Ewell | 175 | 3.1% |
| Fareham | 245 | 3.4% |
| Folkestone and Hythe | 565 | 8.5% |
| Gosport | 385 | 6.5% |
| Gravesham | 635 | 8.5% |
| Guildford | 325 | 1.7% |
| Hart | 145 | 2.2% |
| Hastings | 575 | 9.7% |
| Havant | 535 | 6.8% |
| Horsham | 270 | 3.3% |
| Isle of Wight | 710 | 9.2% |
| Lewes | 385 | 6.2% |
| Maidstone | 710 | 6.2% |
| Medway | 1,525 | 7.1% |
| Mid Sussex | 270 | 3.0% |

| | 18 to 24 number unemployed | 18 to 24 unemployment rate |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| March 2025 | | |
| Milton Keynes | 1,215 | 5.9% |
| Mole Valley | 145 | 2.8% |
| New Forest | 435 | 4.5% |
| Oxford | 490 | 1.5% |
| Portsmouth | 1,350 | 5.0% |
| Reading | 865 | 4.1% |
| Reigate and Banstead | 350 | 3.8% |
| Rother | 305 | 6.0% |
| Runnymede | 260 | 2.1% |
| Rushmoor | 330 | 4.3% |
| Sevenoaks | 240 | 3.5% |
| Slough | 945 | 7.5% |
| South Oxfordshire | 270 | 3.0% |
| Southampton | 1,410 | 3.7% |
| Spelthorne | 340 | 5.1% |
| Surrey Heath | 195 | 3.6% |
| Swale | 760 | 7.2% |
| Tandridge | 195 | 3.6% |
| Test Valley | 245 | 3.2% |
| Thanet | 1,000 | 11.6% |
| Tonbridge and Malling | 340 | 4.0% |
| Tunbridge Wells | 240 | 3.7% |
| Vale of White Horse | 320 | 3.6% |
| Waverley | 205 | 2.4% |
| Wealden | 350 | 3.8% |
| West Berkshire | 370 | 3.7% |
| West Oxfordshire | 210 | 2.8% |
| Winchester | 270 | 2.1% |
| Windsor and Maidenhead | 360 | 3.8% |
| Woking | 235 | 3.6% |
| Wokingham | 365 | 3.0% |
| Worthing | 425 | 6.1% |

Related documents

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