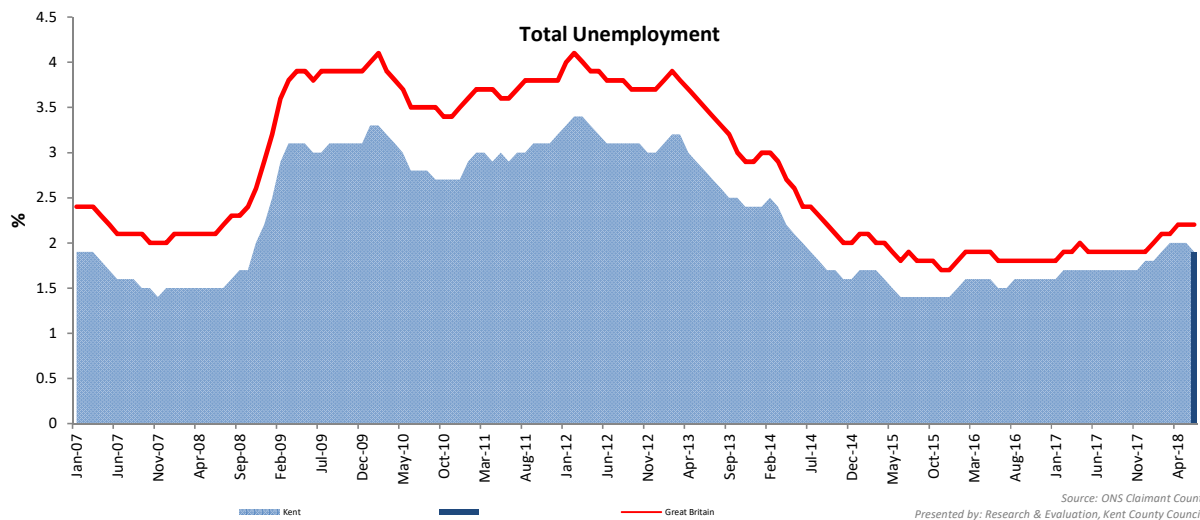


# Unemployment in Kent

Last updated: 17 Jul 2018

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Source: ONS Claimant Count  
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	Jun 2018		Change since May 2018		Change since Jun 2017	
Unemployment	Number	% Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Kent	18,125	1.9%	-370	-2.0%	2,560	16.4%
Great Britain	872,040	2.2%	-6,840	-0.8%	100,785	13.1%

	Jun 2018		Change since May 2018		Change since Jun 2017	
	Number	% Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Ashford	1,365	1.8%	5	0.4%	110	8.8%
Canterbury	1,375	1.3%	-50	-3.5%	105	8.3%
Dartford	745	1.1%	-30	-3.9%	-55	-6.9%
Dover	2,240	3.3%	30	1.4%	705	45.9%
Gravesham	1,365	2.1%	-55	-3.9%	-30	-2.2%
Maidstone	1,210	1.2%	-40	-3.2%	-60	-4.7%
Sevenoaks	490	0.7%	-45	-8.4%	-20	-3.9%
Shepway	1,505	2.3%	-95	-5.9%	95	6.7%
Swale	2,475	2.8%	-5	-0.2%	495	25.0%
Thanet	4,015	4.9%	-70	-1.7%	1,240	44.7%
Tonbridge and Malling	715	0.9%	-30	-4.0%	0	0.0%
Tunbridge Wells	615	0.9%	0	0.0%	-45	-6.8%
Medway	3,240	1.8%	-250	-7.2%	-160	-4.7%
Kent	18,125	1.9%	-370	-2.0%	2,560	16.4%

## Kent unemployment headlines June 2018

The unemployment rate in Kent is 1.9%. This is below the rate for Great Britain (2.2%).

18125 people were claiming unemployment benefits in Kent. This has fallen since last month

Thanet has the highest unemployment rate at 4.9%. Sevenoaks has the lowest unemployment rate at 0.7%.

The 18-24 year old unemployment rate in Kent is 2.9%. They account for 20.7% of all unemployed people in the area

Thanet has the highest 18-24 year old unemployment rate in the South East at 7.3%.

## Unemployment by age group

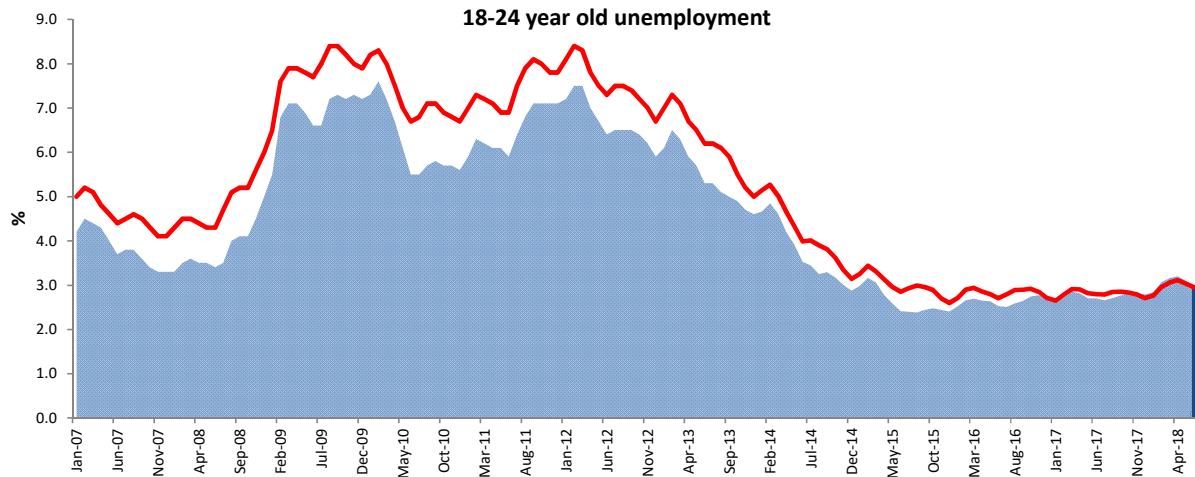
Kent

	Jun 2018		Change since May 2018		Change since Jun 2017	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>18-24</b>	3,760	3.0%	-155	-4.0%	340	9.9%
<b>25-49</b>	9,055	1.9%	-175	-1.9%	1,190	15.1%
<b>50-64</b>	5,265	1.7%	-55	-1.0%	1,010	23.7%

June 2018

	Number			Rate		
	18-24	25-49	50-64	18-24	25-49	50-64
Ashford	325	645	390	3.6%	1.6%	1.6%
Canterbury	295	685	390	1.1%	1.5%	1.4%
Dartford	150	415	180	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Dover	460	1110	665	5.5%	3.4%	2.6%
Gravesham	295	690	380	3.7%	2.0%	1.9%
Maidstone	250	625	330	2.1%	1.1%	1.0%
Sevenoaks	90	240	165	1.2%	0.7%	0.7%
Shepway	250	725	530	3.3%	2.3%	2.3%
Swale	615	1195	655	5.4%	2.6%	2.3%
Thanet	785	2095	1130	7.3%	5.2%	4.0%
Tonbridge and Malling	145	325	245	1.6%	0.8%	1.0%
Tunbridge Wells	95	305	210	1.3%	0.8%	0.9%
<b>Kent</b>	<b>3760</b>	<b>9055</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
Medway	670	1670	895	2.8%	1.8%	1.7%

### 18-24 year old unemployment



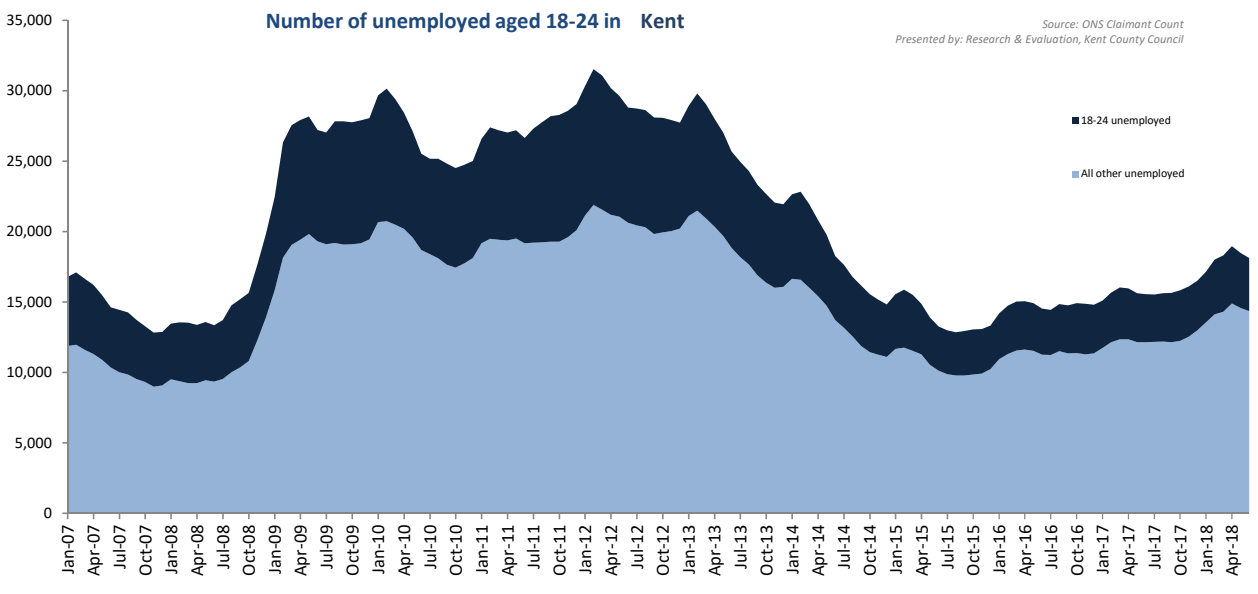
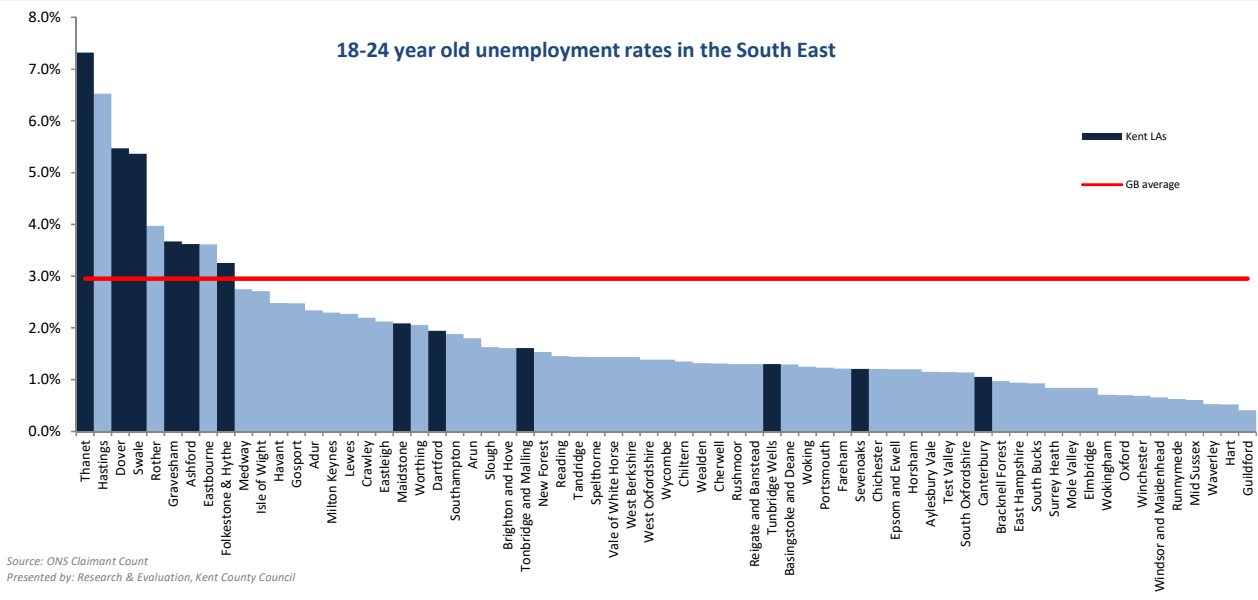
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18-24 Unemployment	Number	Rate	Change since May 2018		Change since Jun 2017	
			Number	%	Number	%
<b>Kent</b>	3,760	3.0%	-155	-4.0%	340	9.9%
<b>Great Britain</b>	165,140	3.0%	-4,645	-2.7%	8,945	5.7%

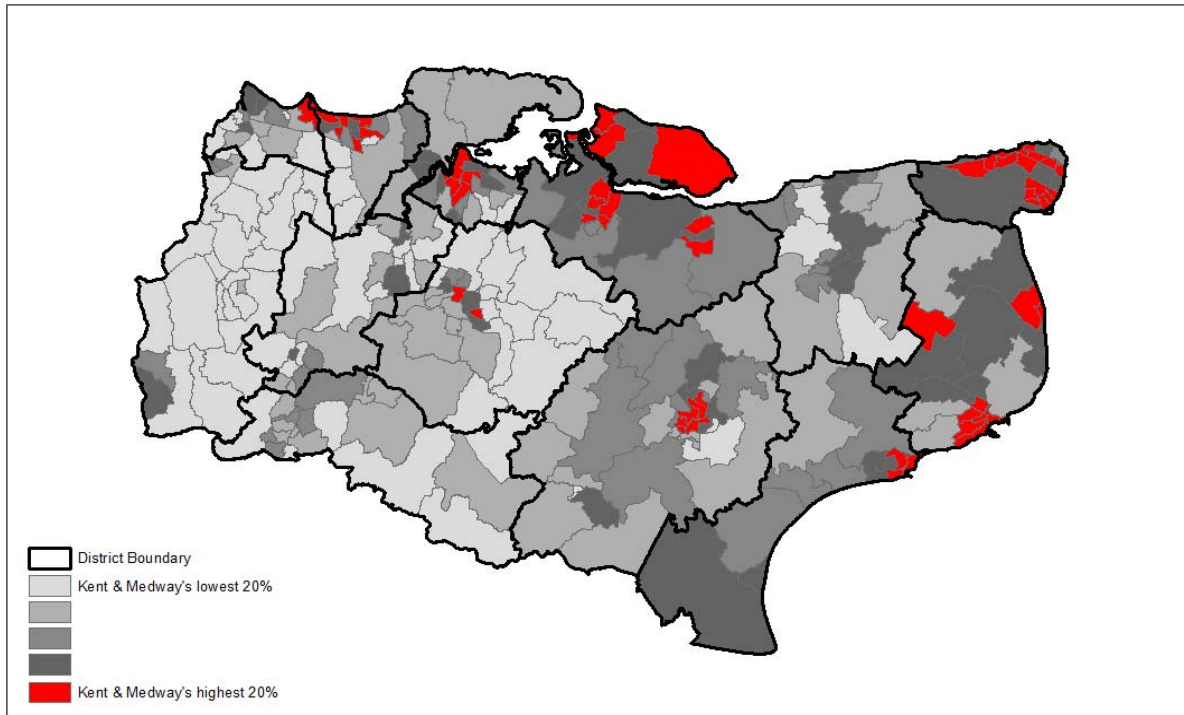
# Unemployment by age group - % of all unemployed

June 2018

	Kent		Great Britain	
	Number	% of unemployed	Number	% of unemployed
18-24	3,760	20.7%	165,140	18.9%
25-49	9,055	50.0%	473,305	54.3%
50-64	5,265	29.0%	231,415	26.5%



## Ward unemployment rates June 2018



Source: NOMIS Claimant Count  
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**This workbook 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. The dataset currently includes some out of work claimants of Universal Credit who are not required to look for work; for example, due to illness or disability. Therefore this dataset is considered experimental and the results should be interpreted with caution.**

Unemployment rates are calculated using the Office for National Statistics Mid-year Population Estimates 2001-2015. 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.

**Data back to December 2014 were revised by ONS on 18th October 2017. This bulletin contains these revisions and therefore supersedes any previously released data.**

### Introduction of Universal Credit

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

From April 2015 Universal Credit started to be rolled out within Kent. It is now available in all Jobcentre areas in Kent & Medway however it is only available to single claimants without a partner and without child dependents. Full roll out of Universal Credit to all claimant types began in 2017. The following table shows the planned roll out within Kent districts

<b>Date of roll out</b>	<b>Job Centre Plus Office</b>	<b>District Served</b>
May-17	Dover	Dover
Jul-17	Margate	Thanet
Jul-17	Ramsgate	Thanet
Dec-17	Sheerness	Swale
Dec-17	Sittingbourne	Swale
Feb-18	Gravesend	Gravesham
Feb-18	Gravesend	Sevenoaks (part)
Feb-18	Folkestone	Folkestone & Hythe
Feb-18	Chatham	Medway
Mar-18	Ashford	Ashford
Apr-18	Canterbury	Canterbury
Apr-18	Hernebay	Canterbury
Apr-18	Whitstable	Canterbury
May-18	Dartford	Dartford
May-18	Dartford	Sevenoaks (part)
Aug-18	Maidstone	Maidstone
Aug-18	Tonbridge	Tonbridge & Malling
Aug-18	Tonbridge	Tunbridge Wells

For more information on Universal Credit: <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

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