

	Jan 2018		Change since Dec 2017		Change since Jan 2017	
Unemployment	Number	% Rate	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Kent</b>	17,065	1.8%	540	3.3%	1,950	12.9%
<b>Great Britain</b>	797,525	2.0%	24,930	3.2%	59,345	8.0%

	Jan 2018		Change since Dec 2017		Change since Jan 2017	
	Number	% Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Ashford	1,320	1.7%	20	1.5%	140	11.9%
Canterbury	1,405	1.3%	50	3.7%	85	6.4%
Dartford	780	1.1%	15	2.0%	35	4.7%
Dover	1,990	2.9%	55	2.8%	570	40.1%
Gravesham	1,370	2.1%	35	2.6%	80	6.2%
Maidstone	1,255	1.2%	45	3.7%	35	2.9%
Sevenoaks	535	0.8%	5	0.9%	30	5.9%
Shepway	1,510	2.3%	70	4.9%	115	8.2%
Swale	2,005	2.3%	30	1.5%	40	2.0%
Thanet	3,450	4.2%	140	4.2%	665	23.9%
Tonbridge and Malling	785	1.0%	35	4.7%	55	7.5%
Tunbridge Wells	665	0.9%	45	7.3%	105	18.8%
Medway	3,360	1.9%	95	2.9%	30	0.9%
<b>Kent</b>	<b>17,065</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>12.9%</b>

## January 2018

The unemployment rate in Kent is 1.8%. This is below the rate for Great Britain (2%).

17065 people were claiming unemployment benefits in Kent. This has increased since last month.

Thanet has the highest unemployment rate at 4.2%. Sevenoaks has the lowest unemployment rate at 0.8%.

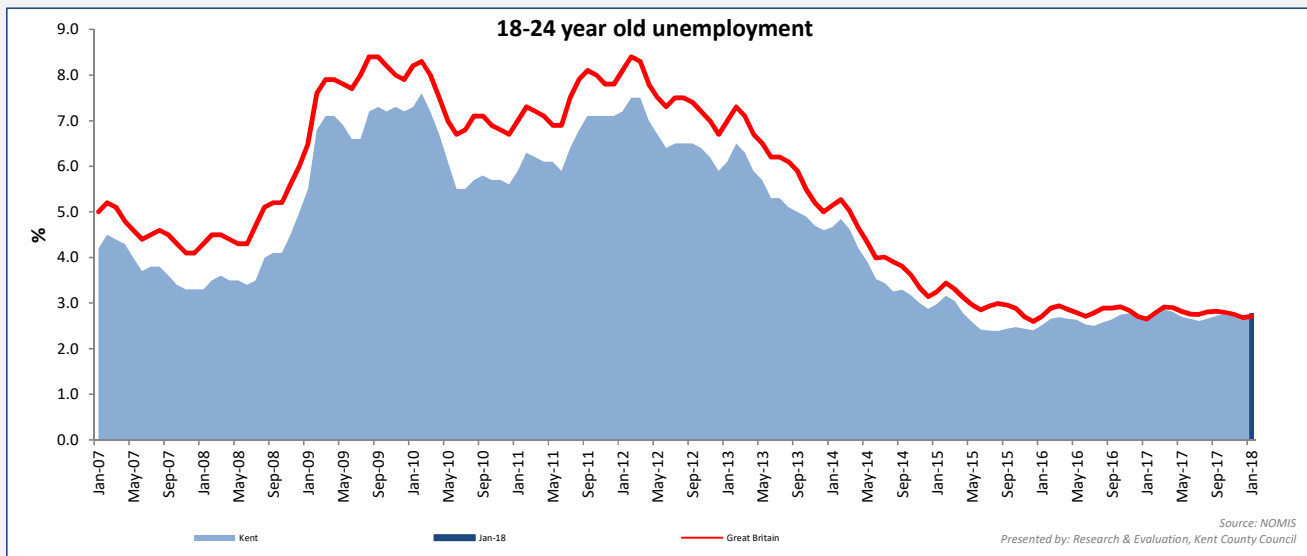
The 18-24 year old unemployment rate in Kent is 2.7%. They account for 20.8% of all unemployed people in the area

Thanet has the highest 18-24 year old unemployment rate in the South East at 6.2%.

## Unemployment by age group

Kent	Jan 2018		Change since Dec 2017		Change since Jan 2017	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
18-24	3,555	2.8%	30	0.9%	180	5.3%
25-49	8,540	1.8%	355	4.3%	895	11.7%
50-64	4,940	1.7%	155	3.2%	875	21.5%

January 2018	Number			Rate		
	18-24	25-49	50-64	18-24	25-49	50-64
Ashford	290	665	355	3.1%	1.7%	1.5%
Canterbury	315	690	400	1.1%	1.5%	1.4%
Dartford	160	420	200	2.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Dover	410	980	590	4.9%	3.0%	2.4%
Gravesham	265	720	385	3.1%	2.0%	2.0%
Maidstone	260	655	340	2.1%	1.2%	1.1%
Sevenoaks	105	265	165	1.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Shepway	280	745	480	3.5%	2.3%	2.1%
Swale	500	940	555	4.3%	2.1%	2.0%
Thanet	690	1765	995	6.2%	4.5%	3.6%
Tonbridge and Malling	175	370	240	1.9%	0.9%	1.0%
Tunbridge Wells	105	325	230	1.4%	0.8%	1.0%
Kent	3555	8540	4940	2.8%	1.8%	1.7%
Medway	725	1750	880	2.8%	1.8%	1.7%



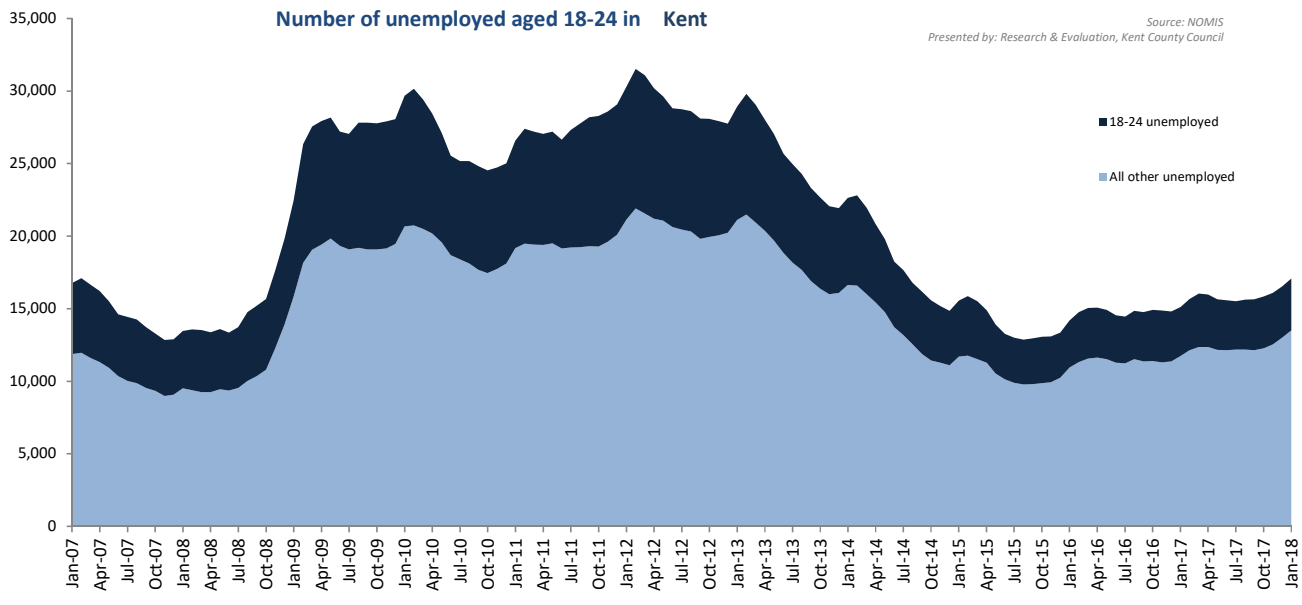
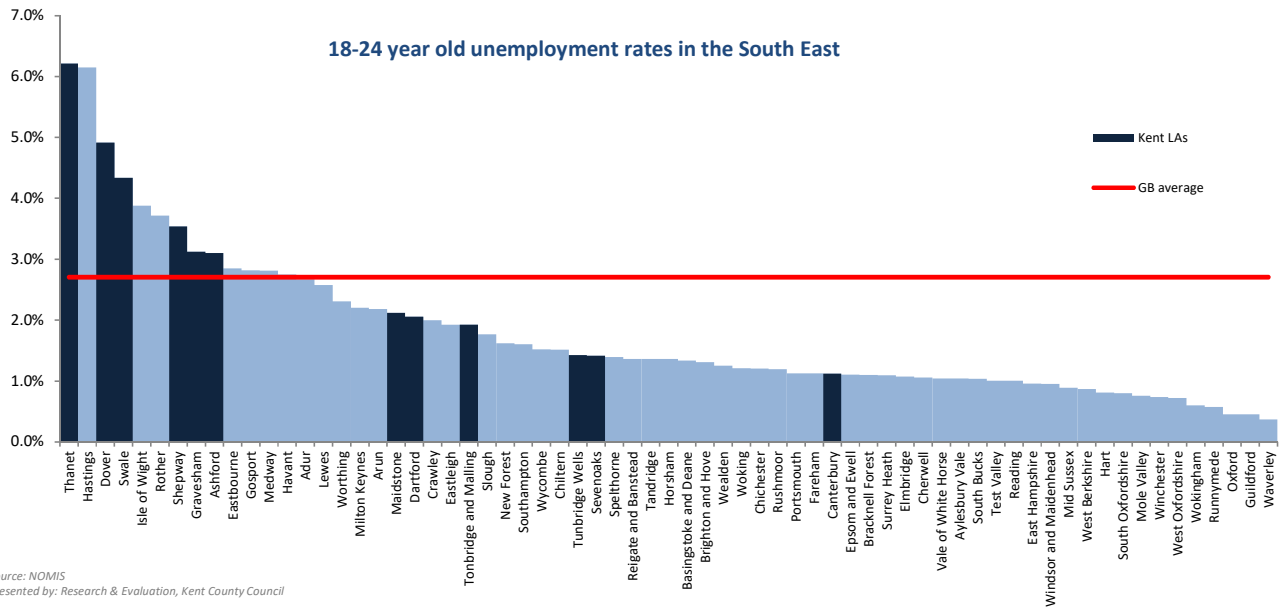
18-24 Unemployment	Number	Rate	Change since Dec 2017		Change since Jan 2017	
			Number	%	Number	%
Kent	3,555	2.8%	30	0.9%	180	5.3%
Great Britain	153,155	2.7%	1,575	1.0%	3,195	2.1%



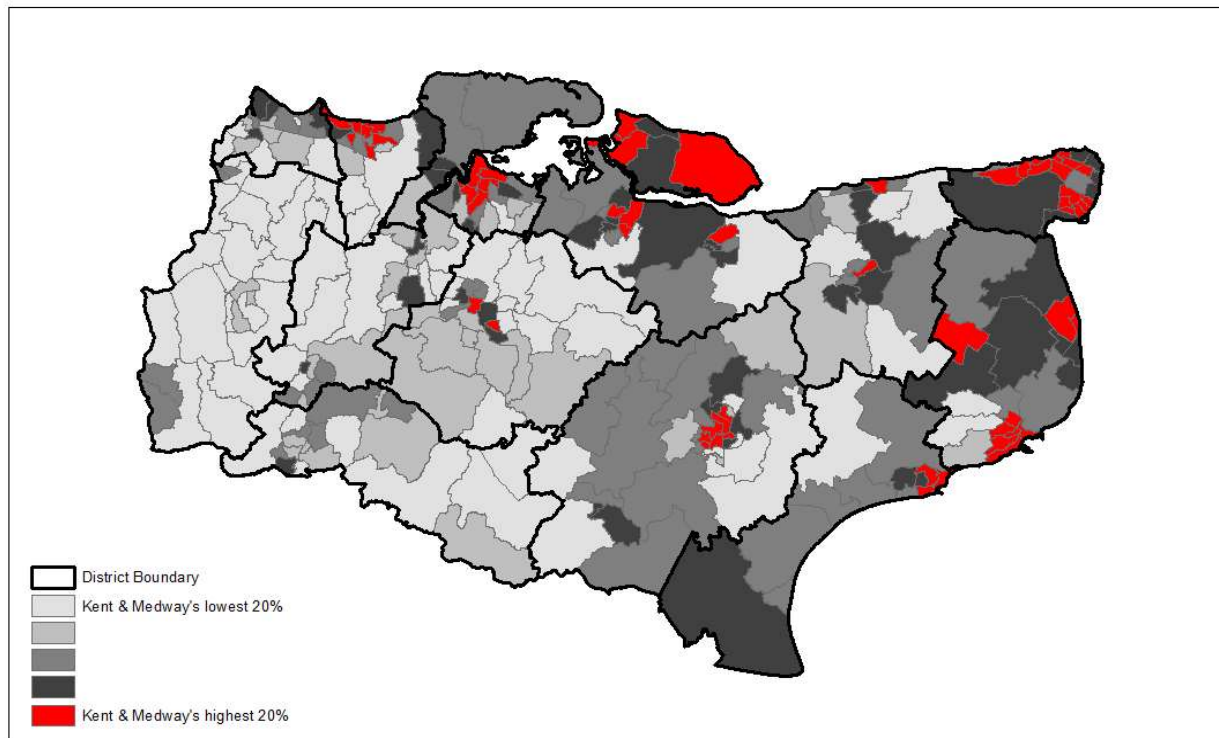
## Unemployment by age group - % of all unemployed

January 2018

	Kent		Great Britain	
	Number	% of unemployed	Number	% of unemployed
18-24	3,555	20.8%	153,155	19.2%
25-49	8,540	50.0%	431,160	54.1%
50-64	4,940	28.9%	211,460	26.5%



## Ward Unemployment Rates January 2018



Source: NOMIS Claimant Count  
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This workbook looks at the total number of people claiming either Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit principally for the reason of being unemployed. It also looks at the age profile of claimants, in particular at youth unemployment which is defined as those aged 18 to 24.

**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 DWP 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	Shepway
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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