

# CIVITAS: Pre-election briefing on EMPLOYMENT

*Headline Statistics, 2008/09 unless otherwise stated*

## UK Workforce Rates of Employment

Employed – 72.4% (28.91 million)

Unemployed – 7.8% (2.46 million)

Inactivity – 21.3% (8.08 million)

*Inactivity includes students not in employment – 2.26 million: the highest figure since records began in 1993*

## Full and Part time Employment

73.4% of those in employment are in full time employment

F/t employment - 64% male

P/t employment - 76% female

% of the workforce in p/t time employment due to no available f/t employment – 3.6%

UK born employment rate – 75.2%

Non-UK born employment rate – 68.8%

Overall Employment rate (working age population) in the most deprived areas [1] – 54.9%

Overall Employment rate across England – 75.2%

## Unemployment

Long term unemployed (>12 months) – 663, 000

16–24 year olds Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) – 15.9%

Total Amount of Income Support claimed [2] - £8,930 million

Average weekly amount claimed - £82

No. claimants Job Seekers Allowance, 01/ 2010 [3] – 1.64 million

Single parents claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) [4] – 51,775

Redundancies – 168,000

Redundancy rate – 6.8/ 1000 employees

## Work and Pay

Average weekly hours worked – 31.5

% of jobs paying employees less than minimum wage [5] – 0.9%

**Median gross weekly earnings** [6] - £489

Public Sector - £539/ week

Private Sector - £465/ week

Median gross annual earnings - £25,800

**UK Workforce** – 30, 861,000

### By Sector:

Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing – 1.6%

Energy & water – 0.6%

Manufacturing – 9.2%

Construction – 6.8%

Distribution, hotels & restaurants – 22.1%

Transport, storage & communication – 5.9%

Banking, finance & insurance – 20.7%

Public admin, education & health – 26.7%

Other services – 6.4%

## Notes to Editors

- [1] *DSO 3.7: Overall Employment rate (working age population) at neighbourhood level (in deprived areas)*, Department for Communities and Local Government, February 2010.
- [2] *Income Related Benefits Estimates of Take-Up in 2007-08*, Department for Work and Pensions, 2009
- [3] *Labour market statistics*, Office for National Statistics, February 2010
- [4] *Lone Parents receiving JSA*, Department for Work and Pensions, February 2010
- [5] *Low pay estimates*, Office for National Statistics, November 2009
- [6] *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings*, Office for National Statistics, November 2009