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# SUMMARY and KEY POINTS

## Labour Market Overview

The 3 months to September 2009 have seen three of Tyne & Wear's labour market indicators improve with, remarkably, claimant unemployment continuing to be flat (as it has been since March). Service firms report cutting employment but at much slower rates than in Q1; manufacturing firms were cutting faster than in previous quarters.

**1 Job Change announcements by firms in TW became more positive** (gains exceeded losses by about 1,180). This was twice as positive as in Q2 (+450 net gains) and both contrast with Q1's 1,100+ net loss. In gross terms, Q3 reported job gains were 2,070. Job losses were 890. [Caution: this source omits many job losses and timings of the gains coming into effect are variable.]

**2a Claimant unemployment in TW has been essentially flat for the 6 months** from Mar-Sept; this is a better performance than the UK where the rise has been very modest. Nevertheless, in Sept. TW was 52% higher than 12 months before - a rise of around 13,000 to about 38,000 – to a rate of 7.6%.

**2b Claimant unemployment over the 6 months to September has fallen in the Districts with the highest rates;** Unemployment (unusually) is lower in **S Tyneside and especially in Sunderland.**

**3 Firms report Q3 workforce reductions similar to Q2 in services but a faster rate of decline in manufacturing<sup>1</sup>.**

- Over the year to Sept., claimant unemployment rates in TW have risen by about 2.4 percentage points; they have risen by over 5 percentage points in two Sunderland wards and one Gateshead ward (map shows this).
- Notified vacancies to JobCentre Plus were down about 10% over the year to April. Vacancies in Sunderland were up – perhaps a leading indicator of the subsequent fall in Sunderland's unemployment.

Note: the employment decline can be expected to continue for some quarters even after output begins to rise again. Given that unemployment has slowed so much, it can be hoped that unemployment might peak at a lower level than previously feared. Consensus forecasts for the UK claimant count are consistent with a further rise in Tyne & Wear of about 4,000 – which would take it above 42,000 (by end-2010).

<sup>1</sup> Business Survey North East's TW results (for the Chamber of Commerce).

## Unemployment

Over the last 6 months, claimant unemployment has fallen markedly **in Sunderland** (down over 500). This could be due to the rehiring at Nissan and (presumably) at its local suppliers. There might also be more employment in construction – with a large public investment element; for example South Tyneside's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is now over a year into its programme.

In Tyne & Wear, claimant **unemployment** rose in July but **fell** marginally in August and September.

The rise in UK **Claimant unemployment has continued to slow**; rising only 20,800<sup>2</sup> in Sept.. (This is a slightly slower rate of rise than in the 3 months to June when it was around 23,800 each month, and well down from 70,000+ rises in the winter).

Caution: the rise in official UK unemployment (using the LFS definition, which is wider than the claimant count) has been much steeper<sup>3</sup> at 88,000 in the 3 months to August. It is not clear why the claimant count has been rising much less rapidly.

Claimant unemployment rose 52% in the year to September, slowing sharply from a 67% rise in the year to June.

## Local Job Gains

Large gains included Nissan in Sunderland (350 jobs, plus 100 temporary jobs), Longbenton Foods in North Tyneside (re-opening the Findus factory with 226 jobs) and a call centre (203 jobs at 2Touch in Sunderland).

Additionally, medical equipment manufacturer, Peacock, created 128 jobs in Newcastle and Jet2<sup>4</sup> is creating an est. 100 jobs at Newcastle Airport (from May). The largest reported job 'gain' is the creation of 400 (temporary 'Christmas') jobs by Sainsbury's, across stores in Tyne & Wear.

## Local Job Losses

The biggest loss was at North Tyneside council (300 job cuts).

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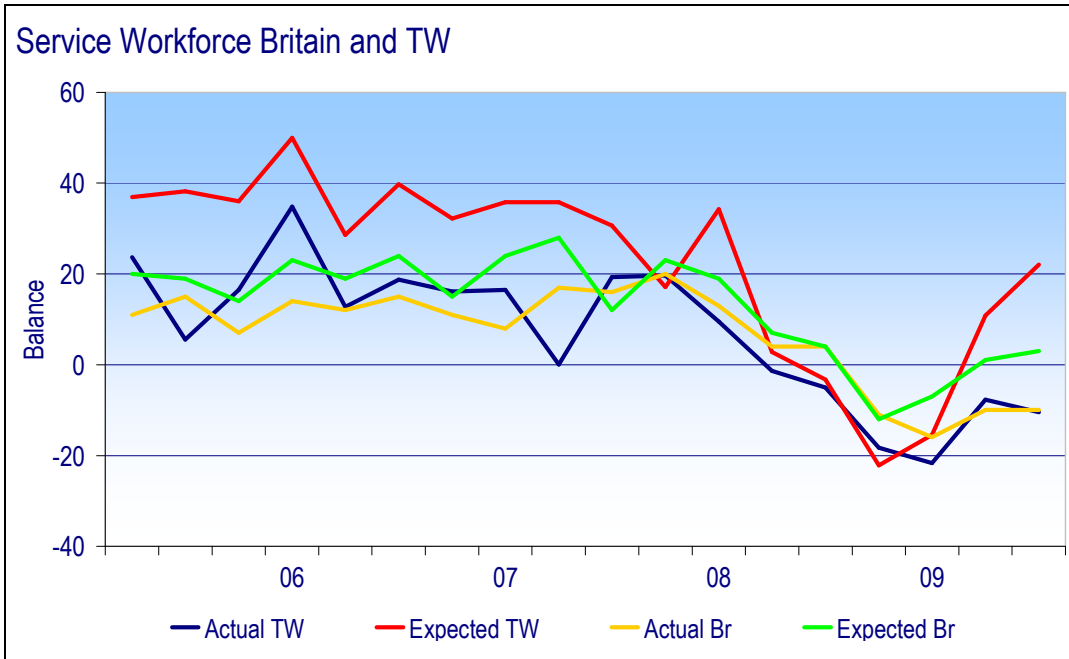
<sup>2</sup> Seasonally adjusted.

<sup>3</sup> Than the claimant count.

<sup>4</sup> Jet2's stated 450 gains were "including supporting services"; TWRI estimates the Jet2 gains at more like 100.

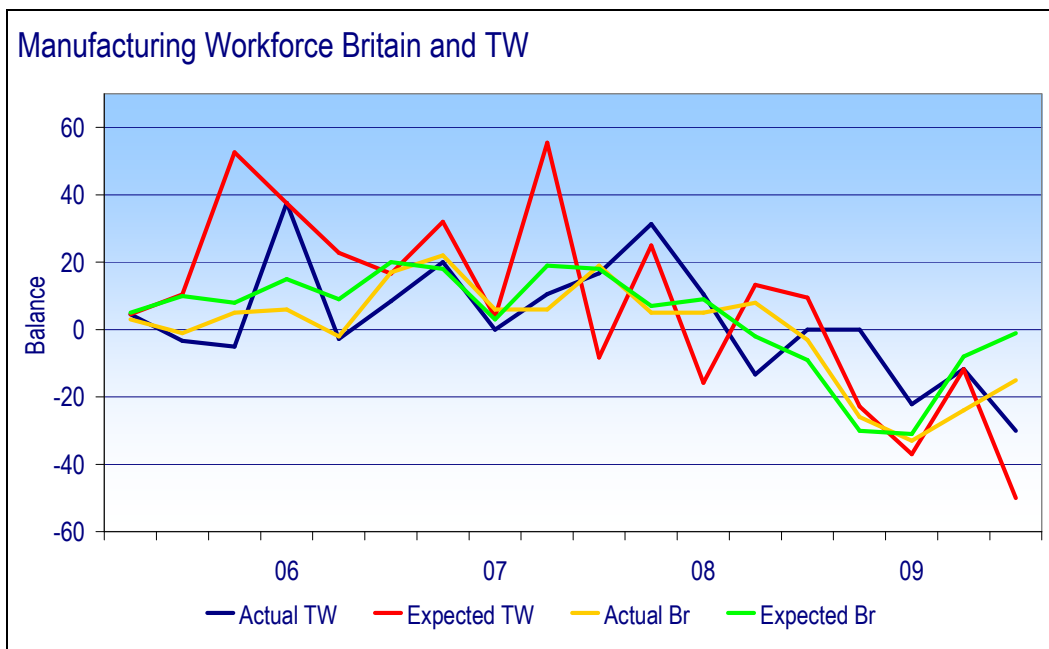
## §1: Employment Expectations<sup>5</sup>

In Q3 2009, Tyne & Wear *service* firms' employment change remained negative (blue line), but became slightly weaker than British service firms (yellow). British service firms' employment change (yellow line) has been negative in the last four quarters. Expected change was much more positive in Q3 than in Q2 in both areas (especially TW red) [but this has, historically, usually been markedly over-optimistic, especially by TW service firms].



Source: Business Survey NE (TW data) – from Economic Research Services; national data from British Chamber of Commerce. Caution: these measures weight all firms equally, and make no allowance for the different scale of job changes in different firms and industries.

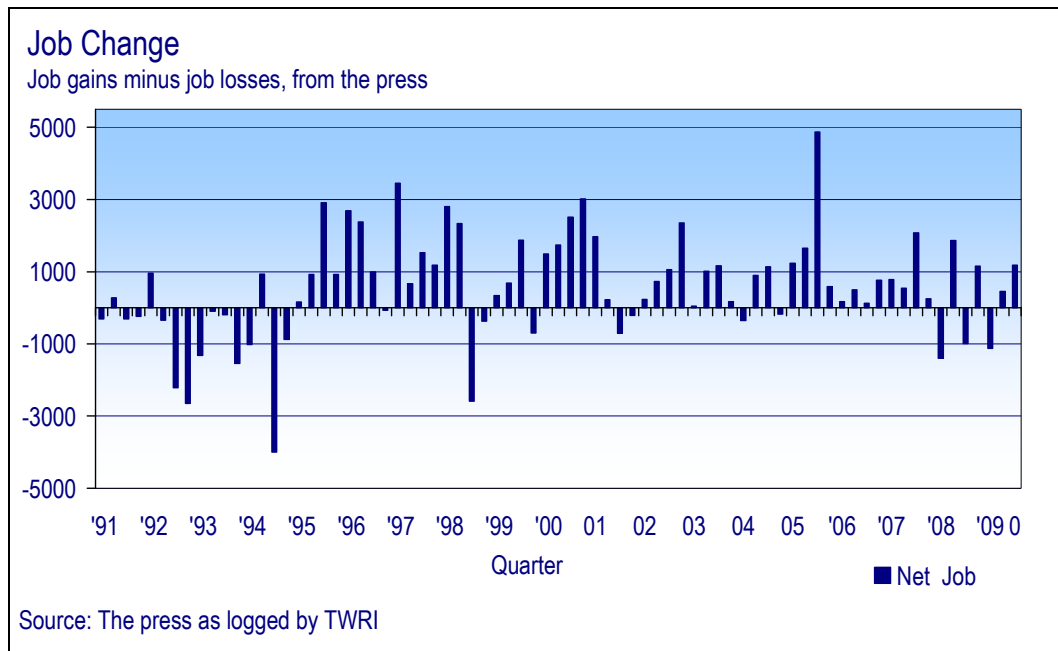
Tyne & Wear *manufacturing* firms' employment change in Q3 was more negative (blue line) than British firms (yellow line). In Q3, the position of Tyne & Wear manufacturing firms has worsened considerably; with a negative employment balance double that in Britain. The prospects for TW's expected manufacturing employment (red line) are particularly gloomy compared to Britain's (green line).



<sup>5</sup> Note: In the previous edition of LMR, service workforce data were incorrectly presented as manufacturing workforce data and vice-versa. TWRI is very sorry for this error.

## §2: Job Change Announcements

Job Changes in the Q3<sup>6</sup> period (as reported in the press), on a net basis, were more positive (at around +1,180) than in Q2 (around +450).



A full itemised list of job gains and losses is given at the end of this report (in size order).

## §3: Claimant Unemployment

**Claimant unemployment** has risen only slightly since March (up under 68,000 in the UK<sup>7</sup>). In **Tyne & Wear**, claimant unemployment has been flat since March, with falls in South Tyneside and, particularly, Sunderland.

### Claimant Unemployment, September 2009

	Number (Mar in brackets)		Rate <sup>8</sup> (in Sept)	Change on Year	Change from Mar
Gd	6,202	(6,078)	7.2% (R)	+2,296 (+59%)	+132 (+2.2%)
Nc	9,066	(8,579)	7.5% (R)	+2,781 (+44%)	+487 (+5.7%)
NT	5,978	(5,821)	6.3% (R)	+2,031 (+52%)	+157 (+2.7%)
ST	6,274	(6,474)	9.1% (R)	+1,903 (+44%)	-200 (-3.1%)
Sd	10,342	(10,874)	8.0% (R)	+3,909 (+61%)	-532 (-4.9%)
TW	37,862	(37,826)	7.6% (R)	+12,920 (+52%)	+36 (+0.1%)
NE	85,076	(84,344)	7.1% (W)	+29,776 (+54%)	+732 (+0.9%)
UK	1,591,112	(1,523,482)	4.9% (W)	+646,396 (+68%)	+67,630 (+4.4%)

Note: (R) means residents' rates (by TWRI). (W) means workforce rates (by ONS).

Over the year to September, in Tyne & Wear, claimant unemployment has risen by almost 13,000 people but this all occurred in the 6 months from Sept 2008.

The TW claimant unemployment rate has risen 2.4 percentage points from 5.2% a year ago.

<sup>6</sup> Jul -Sept 2009.

<sup>7</sup> TW's pro rata share of this UK rise would have been about 1,300. – but TW has performed better.

<sup>8</sup> Rates are TWRI residence-based rates (R), except for the NE and above which are ONS workforce-based rates (W).

In the year to September, unemployment rates have risen by over 5 percentage points in two wards in Sunderland and one in Gateshead (map, below). The rises in unemployment rates have been markedly greater in Sunderland in particular, (but also in Gateshead), than in other Districts. This might be because of greater reliance on manufacturing sector jobs; Nissan and its suppliers have shed about 2,000 jobs early in 2009. Sunderland also had a major Northern Rock office (at Rainton Bridge) which has now closed. However, in the 6 months to September, the fastest *fall* in the claimant count among the Tyne & Wear districts was in Sunderland. This may be due to firms such as Nissan beginning to rehire workers.

In the 3 months to September 2009, the claimant count fell in most parts of the Tyne & Wear City Region in four of the seven local authority areas.

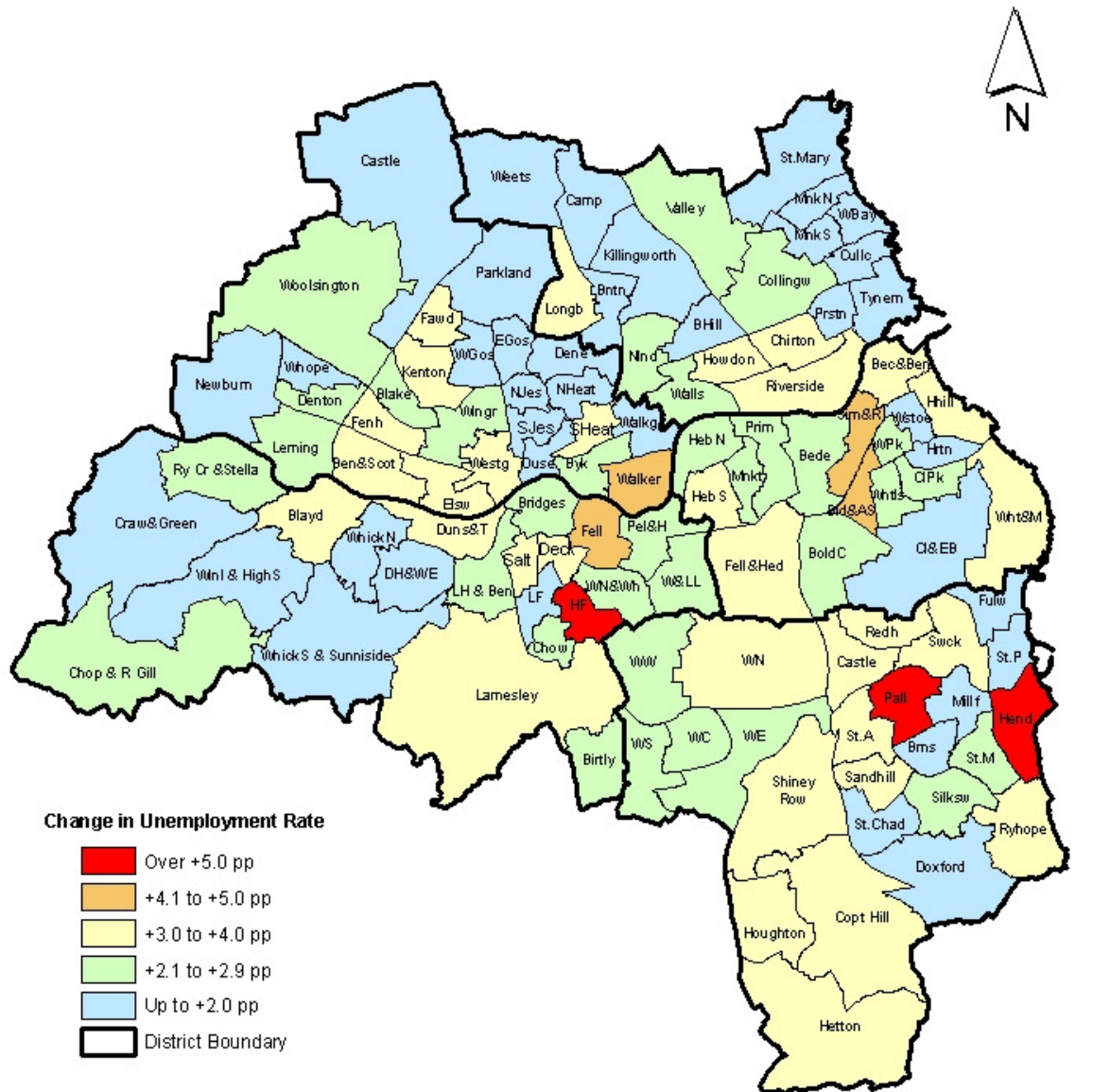
### Claimant Count: Tyne & Wear City Region

	Change June09 - Sept09
Tyne & Wear	+195
Gateshead	+220
Newcastle	+322
North Tyneside	+139
South Tyneside	-65
Sunderland	-421
Co. Durham	-479
Durham4	-229
Northumberland	-68
Northumberland4	-29
North East	+592
Great Britain	+33,503
United Kingdom	+37,856
Source: ONS	

In the 9 months period from September 2008 to June 2009, the ONS claimant count estimate for the UK was up 608,540. This was a 1.6 percentage point increase in the rate (as a proportion of resident working-age population), to 4.1%. During this period South Tyneside (up 2.1pp), Sunderland (up 2.4pp) and Co. Durham (up 2.1pp) all had larger percentage point increases than the UK.

Increases in rates were smaller than the UK in Northumberland, which had the smallest percentage point increase (up 1.3pp), followed by Newcastle and the Northumberland 4 districts (both up 1.4pp) and North Tyneside (up 1.5pp).

## Change in Claimant Count Unemployment Rates, September 2008 to September 2009



Note: Rates are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated labour force (the economically active population), at mid-2007 (TWR1 ests. based on ONS population estimates).

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Caution: the unemployment rates are those calculated using the 2007 denominators introduced in May 2009. This change map is not comparable with those in the Unemployment monthly before that date.

## §4: Unemployment Forecasts

### Forecasts of Unemployment in the UK

	2009	2010	Comments
Economic Growth	-4.3%	+1.3%	Growth in 2010 is forecast to be slow. (2½%+ is normal).
Claimant Unemployment	1.76m (Q4)	1.98m by Q4 2010	A rise of 220,000 in 2010. Pro rata TW rise would be about 4,000.

Source: average latest revised UK forecasts from HM Treasury's survey of independent forecasts (October).

It is possible that TW may fare somewhat better than the UK in 2010; as the NE has a relatively large export-sector, and a high dependence on EU markets which have begun to grow again are forecast to grow in 2010.

## §5: Vacancies numbers;

In April, the flow of notified vacancies in Tyne & Wear overall is down by about 9% from 2 years ago, and down by 10% from a year ago. Oddly, the flow has fallen most in North Tyneside (-28%) and actually risen in Sunderland (up 9%). This could be re-hiring in Sunderland. Paradoxically, Sunderland is the District in which claimant unemployment has risen most steeply over the last year.

### Summary of Notified Vacancies, by TW District (Index April 2007=100%)

	October 2006	April 2007	October 2007	April 2008	October 2008	April 2009
Gd Total	2,372	1,470	2,611	1,316	2,092	1,286
		100.0%		89.5%		87.5%
Nc Total	2,081	1,966	2,944	2,188	2,248	1,749
		100.0%		111.3%		89.0%
NT Total	1,230	1,134	1,477	1,203	1,034	813
		100.0%		106.1%		71.7%
ST Total	604	627	1,106	627	771	506
		100.0%		100.0%		80.7%
Sd Total	2,894	2,258	3,990	2,206	4,170	2,457
		100.0%		97.7%		108.8%
TW Total		7,455		7,540		6,811
		100.0%		101.1%		91.4%

Caution: vacancies data are not of sufficient quality to be National Statistics.

## §6: Employment Change by Industry;

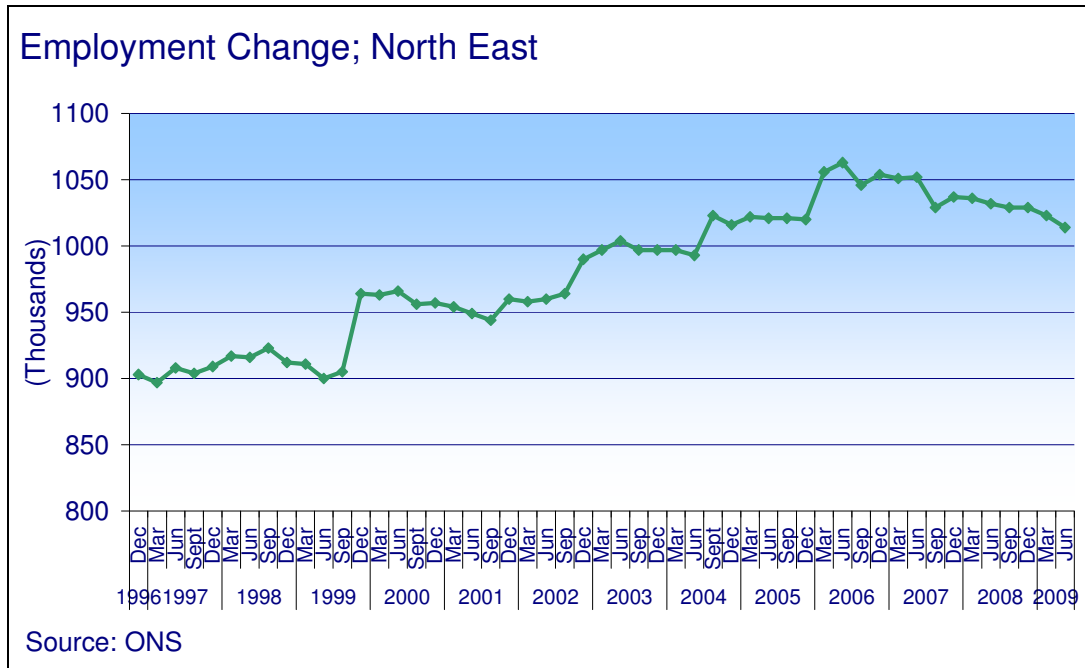
Data on employment change by main industry sectors in the NE may suggest the broad structural changes in TW

NE total employees, in the year to June 2009, fell by 1.7% to 1.014m or almost 1 percentage point slower than in the UK (where total employees fell by 2.6% to 25.819m) partly due to construction rising (perhaps boosted by Govt stimulus).



	North East	UK
Production (C-E)	Down 9,000 (6%) to 131,000	Down 228,000 (8%) to 2.821m
Construction (F)	Up 1,000 (2%) to 59,000	Down 40,000 (3%) to 1.278m
Services (G-Q)	Down 8,000 (1%) to 816,000	Down 437,000 (2%) to 22.137m

Employment in the North East peaked in June 2006, at 1.052m but has been falling since this time.



Caution: Series was revised upward in 1999 (after the new ABI in 1998). NE employees are still over 50,000 (5%) higher than in 1997, even excluding this unreal rise in 1999.

## §7 Tables of Local Job Gains & Losses

Summary of job gains and losses announced in the press,  
July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, for Tyne and Wear

District	Gain	Loss	Net
Gateshead	170	80	90
Newcastle	458*	214	244*
North Tyneside	246	380	-134
South Tyneside	78	20	58
Sunderland	668	156	512
Unallocated (Districts to be determined)	450	40	410
Tyne and Wear (Total)	2,070*	890	1,180*

Note: Unallocated gains and losses are usually estimates at County-level of regional change. These numbers have been reduced by TWRI by 350 due to the Jet2 claim of 450 jobs.

TWRI has a database of job gains and losses announced in the press since the beginning of 1996. Listings are available on request by District, industry (2 Digit SIC 80) and cluster. This database and the lists given below, record gains and losses reported in the press.

**Cautions:** The press tends to under-record net job losses overall (by roughly 2,200pa on average, TWRI estimates by comparison with other sources). For example, particularly notable under-recordings have been numerous small losses from retailing and possibly from the offshore engineering industry. The **construction industry is especially hard to track and measure** (and grew very significantly from about 1999 until 2006). Small firms are not included at all in the data below, since gains of fewer than 10 are not recorded by TWRI (and not generally reported by the press).

## Job Gains

(+2,070 announced in the press July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, for Tyne & Wear)

\* means new opening.

Gains		Source
400 jobs (temporary)	<b>Sainsburys</b> , Tyne & Wear. (Supermarket.) It plans to create up to 20,000 seasonal jobs to meet demand over the Christmas and New Year period. [TWRI assumes up to 400 temporary job gains in TW – Ed.]	(J 27/8)
350 jobs	<b>Nissan</b> , Washington, Sunderland. (Car manufacturer.) Jobs to be created with its first big step to building electric cars. It will be producing 60,000 advanced lithium-ion batteries a year.	(Sh Gaz 20/7)
create initially 226 jobs	<b>Longbenton Foods</b> (at the former Findus factory), at Balliol Business Park, North Tyneside. (Food manufacturer). It was awarded £2m by the Government to rebuild the former Findus factory, which was seriously damaged by fire resulting in closure and 420 job losses in January. [The factory made crispy pancakes. Longbenton Foods is a management team.]	(J 25/9)
203 jobs (by March 2010.)	<b>2Touch</b> , at Doxford Business Park, Sunderland. (Call centre operator.) It already employs 700 staff at Doxford. [2Touch is part of Acxiom Corporation of the US. It has won three major contracts.]	(Sd Echo 21/9 & J 22/9)
128 jobs	<b>Peacocks Medical Group</b> , Benton, Newcastle. (Medical equipment.) The firm which manufactures orthotics increased its workforce over the past 18 months. This followed a rise in demand for their products and increased production capacity.	(J 27/7)
100 jobs (TWRI est.) not the 450 jobs reported (which included other jobs in support services).	<b>Jet2</b> , Newcastle Airport. (Budget airline.) It will start flying 5 new international routes from Newcastle Airport from May 2010. The destinations are to Turkey (Dalaman), Gran Canaria, Cyprus (Paphos), Greece (Crete) and Egypt (Sharm-el-Sheikh). It is also adding extra weekly services to Tenerife and Lanzarote. [The 450 job gains in the press release were “including supporting services”. The five new routes bring 100,000 new seats, which if all filled, might support about 100 jobs on the ground – Ed.]	(J 25/8)
100 jobs (temporary)	<b>Nissan</b> , Washington, Sunderland. (Car manufacturer.) Its car factory is creating temporary contract jobs, following increased demand for cars resulting from the scrappage scheme.	(J 23/7)
70 jobs (by 2012.)	<b>INEX</b> , Newcastle University. (Hi-tech electronics.) It has won a £2m investment from the Government’s Technology Strategy Board and commercial partners. It is part of Newcastle University and a pioneer in the development of special microchips, made with diamonds instead of silicon, which can withstand greater extremes of temperature. It is already trialled at MBDA, a £2.8bn-a-year manufacturer of missiles and missile systems.	(J 20/8)
61 jobs	<b>Tyneside Cyrenians</b> , Gateshead (Other Services. Charity organisation). Gateshead-based charity for the homeless.	(J 22/7)
60 jobs	<b>The P and I Association</b> , at its HQ on Newcastle’s Quayside. (Marine insurer.) It is investing £7m expanding its base. It aims to grow its turnover by a third to £240m in five years. It insures 10% of the world’s shipping fleet and currently employs 170 people.	(J 21/9)
50 jobs (est.)	<b>British Gas</b> (Gas distributor). It is planning to create 2,600 jobs as it prepares for the roll-out of new smart meter technology. The new jobs include 2,100 engineers as well as 400 supporting team members and 130 managerial staff. It has opened a new Energy Academy in Leicester which will train the engineers responsible for installing the meters.	(J 02/7)
40 jobs	<b>Express Engineering</b> , Team Valley, Gateshead. (Contract mechanical engineering). It has successfully completed the first phase of a £3.2m expansion to its site.	(J 10/9)
40 jobs	<b>Commercial Utility Brokers Ltd</b> , Jarrow, South Tyneside. (Energy broker.) It is looking to double its workforce and more than	(J 7/9)

Gains		Source
	triple its turnover to £10m by 2012. The energy broker has launched new business EMU Systems to distribute its "eddie" device.	
36 jobs*	<b>Senergy Econnect</b> , Newcastle's Quayside. (Electrical power engineering consultancy.) It has relocated to Newcastle's Quayside from Hexham, Northumberland. It also provides a project support service.	(J 23/7)
36 jobs*	<b>Zodiac Training</b> , Gateshead. (Business Services. Training Company.) It is to create 90 jobs and open six new NE offices. The company has seen a surge in demand for its vocational courses. [TWRI assumes 36 job gains in Tyne and Wear – Ed.]	(J 10/8)
33 jobs*	<b>Furniture Clinic</b> , Team Valley, Gateshead. (Chemicals). It is opening a factory in Team Valley. It is a manufacturer and retailer of leather cleaning, conditioning, protection, repair and restoration products.	(J 29/8)
28 jobs*	<b>Westoe Village Kindergarten</b> , South Shields, South Tyneside. (Other Services. Nursery.) New opening.	(Sh. Gaz 20/8)
24 jobs	<b>Godfrey Syrett</b> , Newcastle. (Office furniture manufacturer.) Jobs recently created. It won a £20m contract to supply furniture to the DfT and ODPM and has ongoing work with the MoD and the Government's Building Schools for the Future (BSF). It employs over 240 staff.	(J 9/9)
20 jobs	<b>Hempsons</b> , Newcastle. (Law firm.) The London-based law firm, is to create initially 20 jobs in Newcastle as it sets up a base at West One, Forth Banks.	(J 5/8)
20 jobs	<b>Echo-U</b> , Newcastle's Quayside. (Call centre.) Jobs to be created by October.	(J 19/8)
20 jobs	<b>Metnor</b> , Killingworth, North Tyneside. (Construction.) Jobs to be created at its building services division Norstead this year.	(J 8/9)
15 jobs	<b>Smithers-Oasis (UK)</b> , Washington, Sunderland. (Other manufacturing).The company makes foam for flower arrangements. It is to add to its Washington workforce.	(J 8/8)
10 jobs	<b>HVR International Ltd</b> , Jarrow, South Tyneside. (Electronics. Ceramic-resistor manufacturer.) It has just won the Queen's Award for Enterprise 2009. It is based at Bede Ind. Est. It has also created 40 jobs in recent months.	(Sh Gaz 8/8)
?	<b>ITyX</b> (AI software firm.) The German firm develops artificially intelligent software, and has opened its UK Headquarters in Newcastle.	(J 27/7)

### Jobs Saved in Tyne & Wear:

Gains		Source
64 jobs	<b>HFW Plastics</b> (to be renamed Thermopak), Gateshead (Plastics manufacturer). A management buyout. The company went into administration in August.	(J 14/9)

### Potential Job Gains in Tyne & Wear:

Gains		Source
Potentially 2,000	<b>SLP, in Wallsend</b> , North Tyneside (Offshore engineering company). It is preparing to create 2,000 jobs after moving into a new site at Wallsend. [SLP arrived in March to work on an order for the N. Sea oilfield, which created 100 jobs until August. They are using the former Amec yard (the old Hadrian Yard in Howdon, Wallsend) - Ed.]	(J 8/7)
12 jobs	<b>Midway Studio (spin-off from)</b> . The former directors are making plans to open a new programming studio in the North East, with the intention of initially employing 12 people. There is the possibility of additional freelance work for other ex-Midway workers.	(J 16/7)

## Job Gains in rest of the NE:

Gains		Source
350 jobs	<b>Diverse Energy</b> , Wilton, Tees Valley (Manufacturing; electrical engineering). It has received £100,000 from OneNorthEast for the development of its ammonia-powered fuel cells. Diverse has offices at Wilton on Teesside. The fuel-cells are designed for use in developing countries and off-grid.	(J 23/7)
250 jobs	<b>'Printable Electronics Technology Centre'</b> (PETEC), Co. Durham. A £20m government investment to fund expansion of PETEC. It is anticipated that 250 jobs will be created in the North. The centre will contribute to the manufacture of flexible lights, displays and even solar panels on paper-thin plastic sheet.	(J 29/7)
200 jobs*	<b>Tesco</b> , Berwick, Northumberland (Retailing). The supermarket won approval to open a new store.	(J 8/8)
90 jobs	<b>JDR Cable Systems</b> at Hartlepool Docks, Teesside. (Cable factory.) It has invested £20m in the development of its 100,000sq ft facility.	(J 10/7)
60 jobs	<b>Carevision@home</b> , based in Newcastle. (Care provider.) It is aiming to create the jobs in the NE over the next year.	(J 16/9)
30 jobs	<b>Aesica</b> , Cramlington, Northumberland. (Pharmaceuticals.) The firm will recruit up to 30 scientists for its research and development centre.	(J 30/7)
25 jobs	<b>TechDrill</b> , Morpeth, Northumberland. (Mechanical engineering.) Offshore. It is looking to more than double its workforce to 50 in the next four years. The company, which sells safety fittings for offshore oil rigs, expects to continue its growth after more than doubling its sales to £28.8m in 2008-9.	(J 3/8)
20 jobs	<b>Visualsoft</b> , Stockton, Tees Valley. (Software. Web developer.) Jobs to be added next year.	(J 30/7)
20 jobs	<b>Thermacore Europe</b> , Ashington, Northumberland (Electrical engineering manufacturer.) The company specialises in work for the telecommunications industry and designs and manufactures cooling systems for original equipment manufacturers.	(J 10/8)
13 jobs	<b>'Jeff the Chef'</b> , Middlesbrough, Tees Valley. (Food production.) The factory has won a supermarket contract for the mass production of a specialist ready meal. As a result of the contract, the factory will be recruiting 13 staff.	(J 30/7)

## Potential Job Gains in the NE:

Gains		Source
Up to 150 jobs	<b>Tees Alliance Group</b> (TAG), Billingham, Tees Valley (Offshore engineering). Jobs will be created if a new concept to create electricity from wave power goes into full production. TAG would build a prototype and full-scale wave-power platforms for Norwegian renewable energy firm Langlee Wave Power.	(J 15/9)

## Job Losses in Tyne & Wear

(-890 losses announced in the press.)

\* means closure.

Losses		Source
300 jobs	<b>North Tyneside Council</b> (Local authority.) It is to cut ~4% of its workforce. It aims to save £104m over the next 4½ years through its Value for Money programme.	(J 14/8)
90 jobs	<b>Shop Direct</b> , at Hendon, in Sunderland. (Retailer's contact centre, formerly Littlewoods). The cuts have been blamed on overstaffing, as rising numbers of customers are shopping online.	(Sd. Echo 28/9)
80 jobs	<b>National Grid</b> , Quorum Business Park, North Tyneside. Energy provider. Job cuts at the base as part of further cost cutting. [These have been subsequently raised to over 180 job loses with closure.]	(J 12/9)
74 jobs	<b>Midway Studio</b> , Gateshead.	(J 16/7)

Losses		Source
	Video games designer. The firm went into liquidation this week after its American owners had financial problems and filed for bankruptcy.	
69 jobs	<b>Entec</b> , Newcastle-based (Environmental and engineering consultancy). The company had seen lower levels of activity, due to a lack of confidence in the economy.	(J 28/9)
60 jobs	<b>Grundfos</b> , Sunderland. (Central heating pump maker.) It has relocated its assembly production to Hungary.	(J 13/7)
40 jobs (est. for TW, if pro rata).	<b>Lloyds Banking Group</b> , all Districts (Retail bank). It is cutting a further 2,100 jobs, on top of the 5,000 cut already this year. The main areas affected will be Scotland, the Midlands and Yorkshire. The latest round of cuts will see 1,400 posts cut from its operations division and a further 700 from its wholesale division. It also said it would be creating 350 new roles in its commercial, corporate, finance and risk operations.	(J 01/7)
30 jobs*	<b>The Cooperage</b> , Newcastle's Quayside (Pub.). Due to closure.	(J 22/7)
23 jobs*	<b>Premium Bars and Restaurants (PBR)</b> , Newcastle. (Bar and restaurant operator.) PBR shut the Rewind bar in Newcastle's Bigg Market with the loss of 23 jobs, after going into administration. [PBR employed around 1,800 people. It has been acquired by the Orchid Group, from Hertfordshire, which owns 250 bars and restaurants (J 9/10).]	(J 5/8)
20 jobs	<b>HM Plant</b> , Hebburn, South Tyneside Construction vehicles distributor. Its revenues fell 21% to £109m in the 15-months to March.	(J 20/8)
12 jobs*	<b>Allied Carpets</b> , Gateshead and Sunderland (Retailer.) It is to close five stores in the NE (142 nationally), including its Gateshead and Washington stores, with the loss of 30 jobs. [Est. 6 job losses at each store – Ed.]	(J 18/7 and J 15/8)
<b>Late News:</b>		
92 jobs*	<b>Simpson &amp; Gregg, Benton</b> , Newcastle (Plumbing and electrical contractor firm.) It went into administration, due to cashflow difficulties. It was a major contractor in new house-building, which has suffered a dramatic decline in activity in the recession in the last year.	(J 29/6).

### Jobs at risk in Tyne & Wear:

Up to 130 jobs are at risk	<b>Garlands</b> in South Shields, South Tyneside. (Contract call centre.) Its contract with TalkTalk is to be "re-focused" elsewhere. The call centre was opened in 2008, expecting to create 1,000 jobs over a three-year period.	(Sh. Gaz. 10/8)
Over 40 jobs are under threat	<b>NCJ Media</b> , Newcastle city centre (Newspaper publisher). This follows a decision to review the titles it publishes, as a result of the economic downturn. [NCJ is part of Trinity Mirror and owner of the Journal – Ed.]	(J 7/7)

### Job losses in rest of the NE:

Losses		Source
360 jobs	<b>Northgate</b> , Darlington (Tees Valley). (Business Services. Van Hire company). It wants to raise £108m in a share issue to help it service its £195m debt.	(J 11/7)
200 jobs	<b>Glaxosmithkline</b> , Barnard Castle, Co. Durham. (Pharmaceuticals.) Job cuts to take place over the next 12 months.	(J 25/07)
160 jobs	<b>NSK</b> , Peterlee, Co. Durham. (Car part maker.) It is to close its factory (by the spring 2010). The Japanese company, which makes steering systems for the motor industry, will move some of its production work to Poland.	(J 8/8)
160 jobs (up to)	<b>Northumberland unitary authority</b> (Local authority.) It is seeking to cut posts in its in-house home care service.	(J 19/8)

Losses		Source
137 jobs*	<b>Artenius</b> , Teesside (Chemicals.) The plant has gone into administration.	(J 28/7)
125 jobs*	<b>Croda International</b> , Wilton facility in Redcar, Tees Valley. (Chemicals manufacturer.) It is to close in 2010.	(J 9/7)
70 jobs*	The <b>Swallow Hotel</b> , Stockton, Teesside. (Hotel.) Closure after its parent company Brentwood Hotels went into administration.	(J 6/8)
60 jobs	<b>Eddis Transport</b> , Consett Co. Durham. (Transport logistics.) The company shed posts through natural wastage and redundancy.	(J 22/7)
58 jobs*	<b>Artenius</b> , Teesside. (Chemicals.) A further 58 jobs have been cut at Artenius' chemical plant on Teesside.	(J 15/8)
58 jobs	<b>CAV Aerospace</b> , Consett, Co. Durham. (Mechanical engineering. Aircraft component maker.) CAV also cut 60 jobs in May and 40 in November 2008 as a result of falling global demand for new planes. It employs 600 worldwide with 330 based at Consett.	(J 02/9)
50 jobs	<b>Filtronic</b> , Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham (RF electronics company.) The Bradford-based wireless communications and electronic defence equipment group cut posts at Aycliffe, due to a reduction in demand for its products.	(J 28/7)
36 jobs*	<b>Senergy Econnect</b> , Hexham, Northumberland. (Engineering consultancy.) It has completed its relocation to Newcastle's Quayside. It is a specialist in electrical power engineering and project support services.	(J 23/7)
28 jobs *	<b>Greenholme</b> , based in Haltwhistle, in Northumberland. (Health & Social. Care home.) It is set for closure.	(J 14/9, Hexham Courant 18/9)
18 jobs (est.)	<b>Allied Carpets</b> , Rest of NE (Retailer.) It has been put into administration with the loss of 30 jobs at five stores in the NE. Two of the NE stores are in Tyne & Wear. [According to the Journal, the national number of jobs lost is 1,100.]	(J 18/7 and J 15/8)

## Job under threat in rest of NE

2,000 jobs. Saved at least until end of the year. Subsidiary of Tata Steel.	<b>Corus</b> , Redcar. Steel maker. Corus' Teesside Cast Products factory is in talks with the Consortium who are considering renegeing on their contract to take the factory's output for the next 5 years. In recent talks, the Consortium agreed to buy Corus' steel until September and the plant will start looking for other buyers for its output. If the Consortium end their contract, and no other buyer can be found for the production, then the 2,000 jobs are at risk.	(J 25/7)
More than 200 jobs	<b>Garlands Call Centres</b> , based in Hartlepool, Tees Valley. (Contract call centre operator). Orange decided to move its business away. Garlands, which has more than 3,000 staff in the region, has begun a 90-day consultation with workers.	(J 04/7)
180 jobs	<b>Petroplus</b> , Billingham, Tees Valley. (Swiss-owned oil refinery). It has been reviewing the fate of the North Tees plant since February when its finances plunged £528.4m into the red after a volatile year in global oil markets.	(J 03/7)
170 jobs	<b>Sanofi-Aventis</b> , in Alnwick, Northumberland, (French-Swiss pharmaceutical company). It has put the site up for sale. The Alnwick site is one of six company premises in the UK, but its only base for R&D (in particular pre-clinical research in the UK). Note: Its manufacturing site at Fawdon, Newcastle, is not thought to be affected by the company's global remodelling.	(J 02/7)