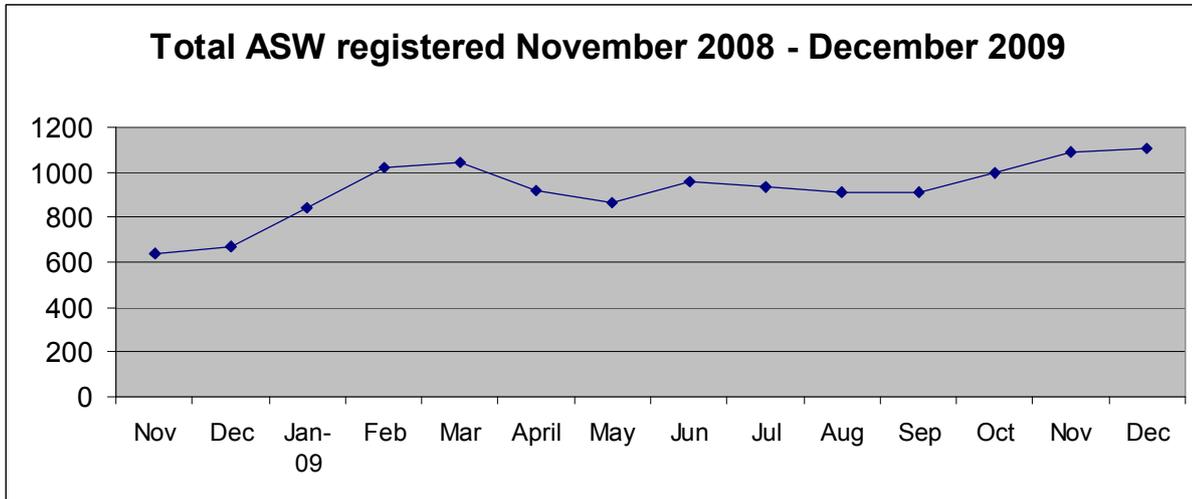


Social Security Department
Registered Unemployed Individuals Actively Seeking Work (ASW)
31 December 2009

1107 people were registered with the Department as unemployed and actively seeking work (ASW) on 31 December 2009. Of these 699 were men and 408 women.

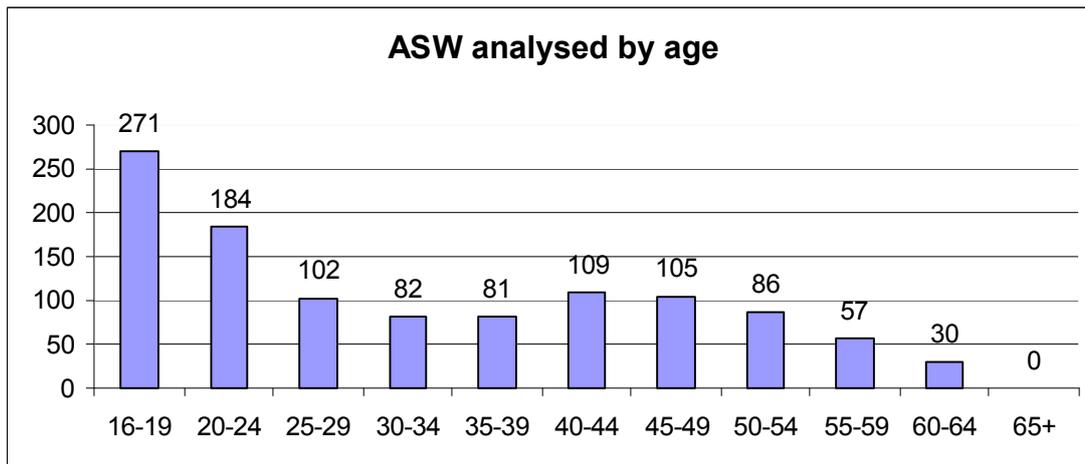


The figure for December shows the number of people actively seeking work has increased by 18 from 1089 in November. The December 2009 figure compares with 670 in December 2008.

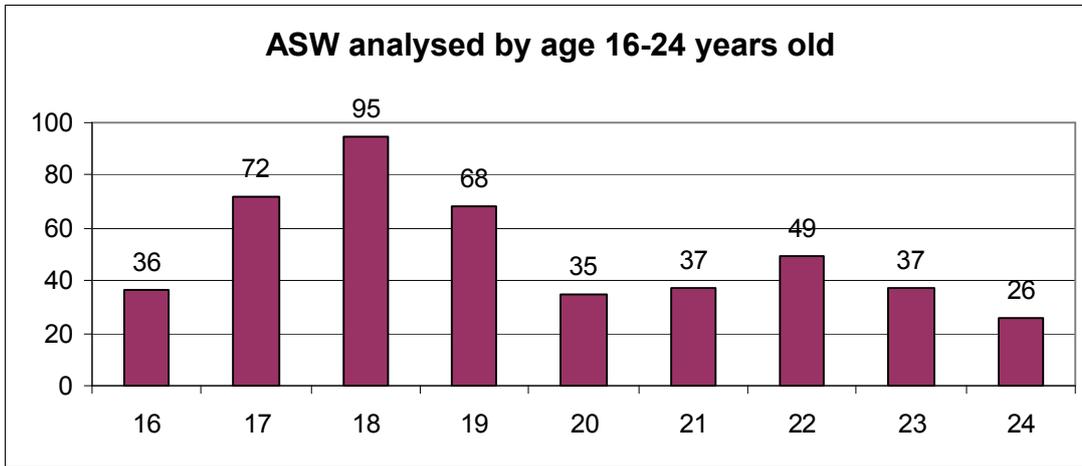
Of the 1107 people registered as ASW, 709 were receiving Income Support¹ at the end of December.

Registered ASW by age

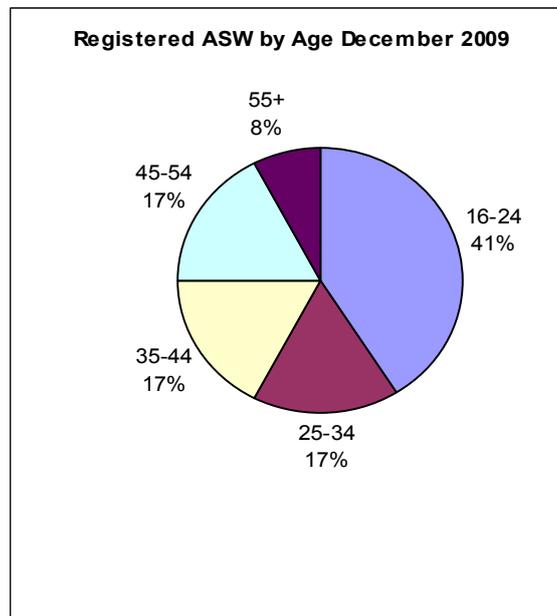
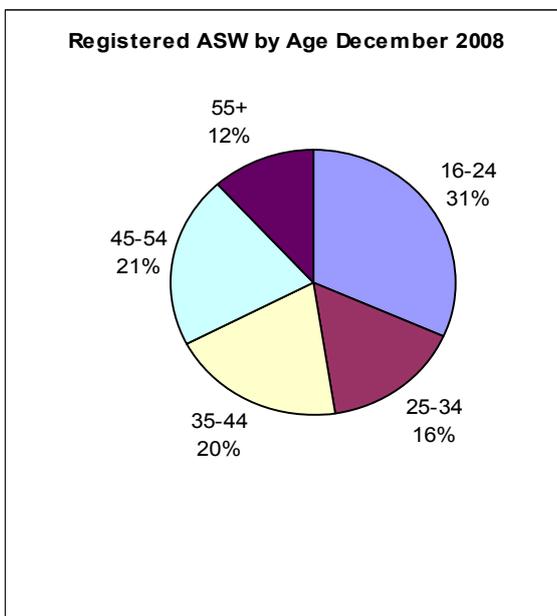
The charts below show the number of people registered as ASW by age as at 31 December 2009. 41% of those registered are aged 24 or below, compared to 31% in December 2008



¹ The total number of adults receiving Income Support without work will be greater than this figure, however this is the number registered on 31 December as ASW. Income support is also available to working age adults who are not required to actively seek work because they are caring for a young child or have a serious medical condition.

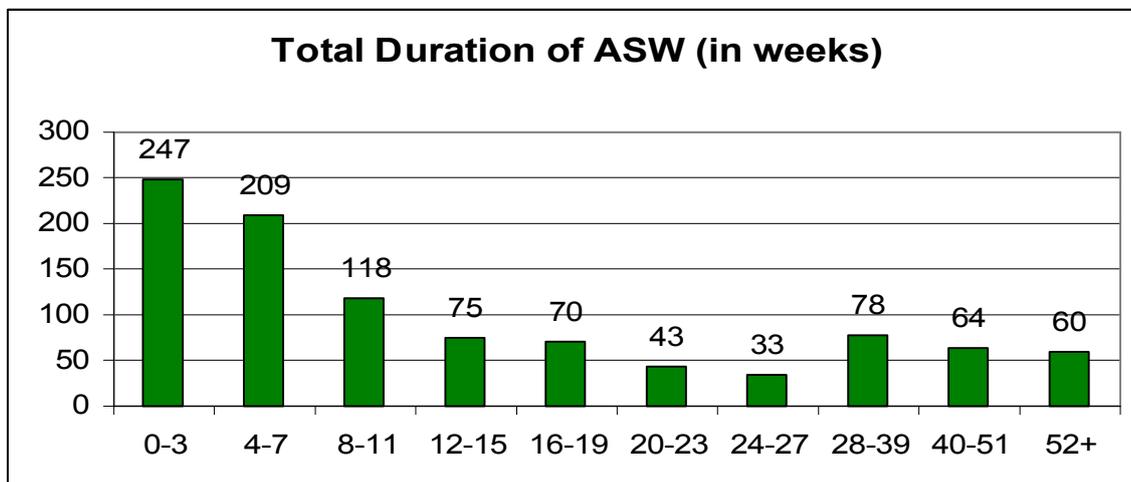


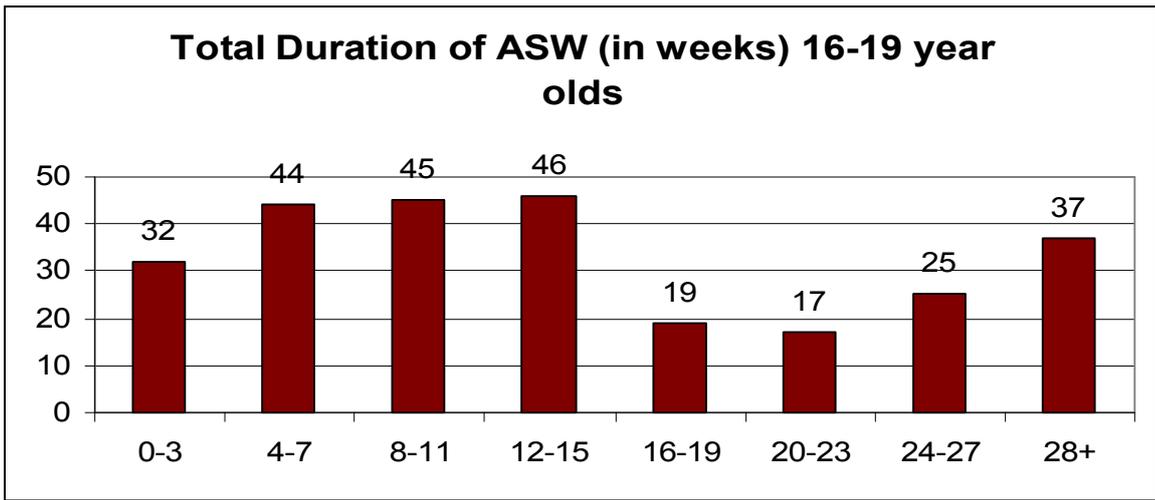
The following charts show that the proportion of people registered as ASW who are below the age of 25 has increased since December 2008.



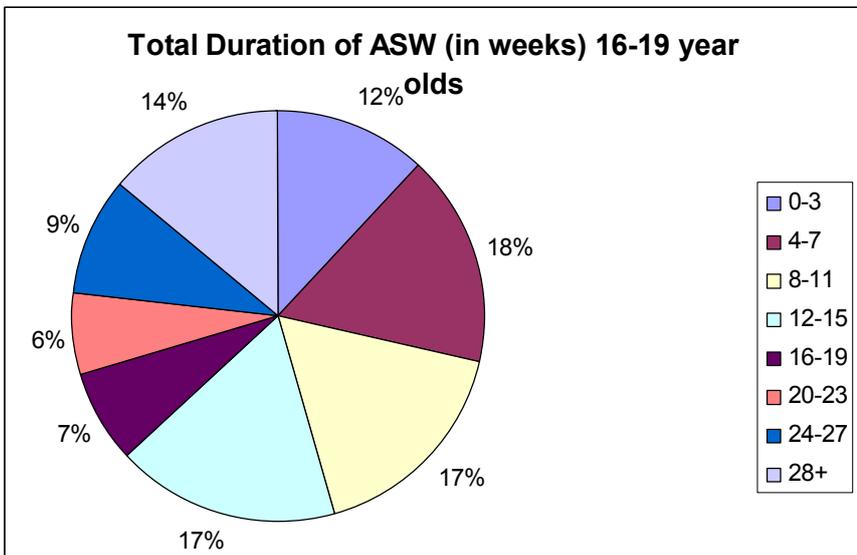
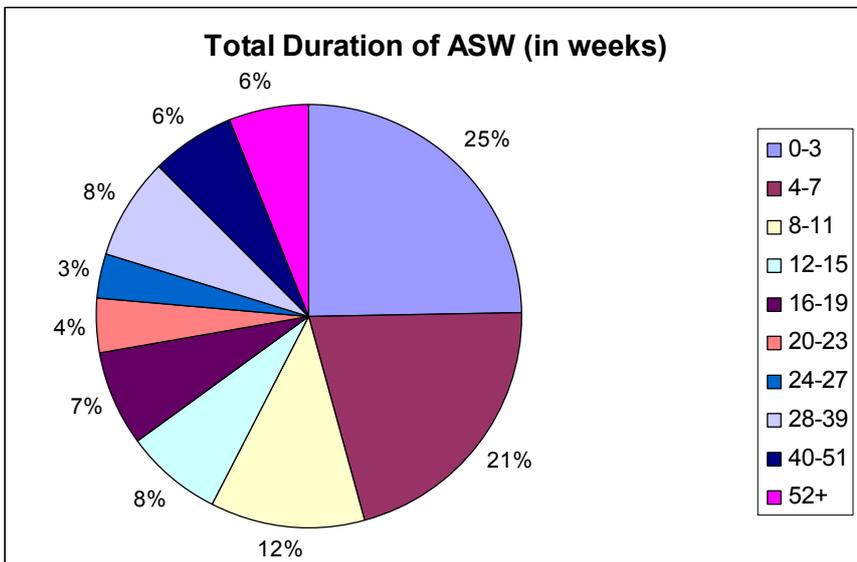
Duration as ASW

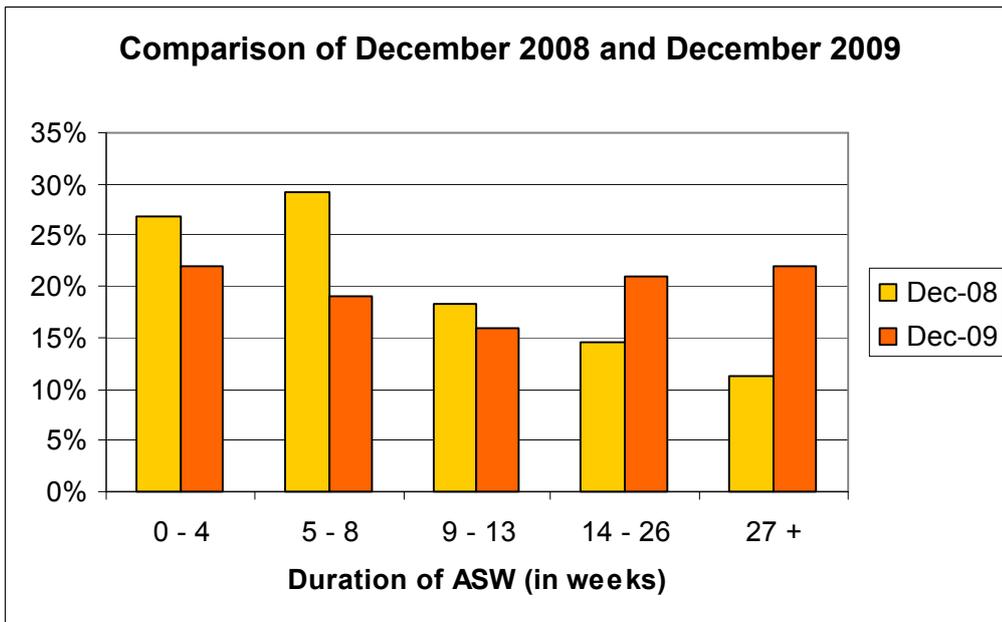
The majority of people who register as ASW with the Social Security Department remain registered for less than 12 weeks. The chart below provides information on the periods of time people have been registered with the Department as at 31 December 2009.





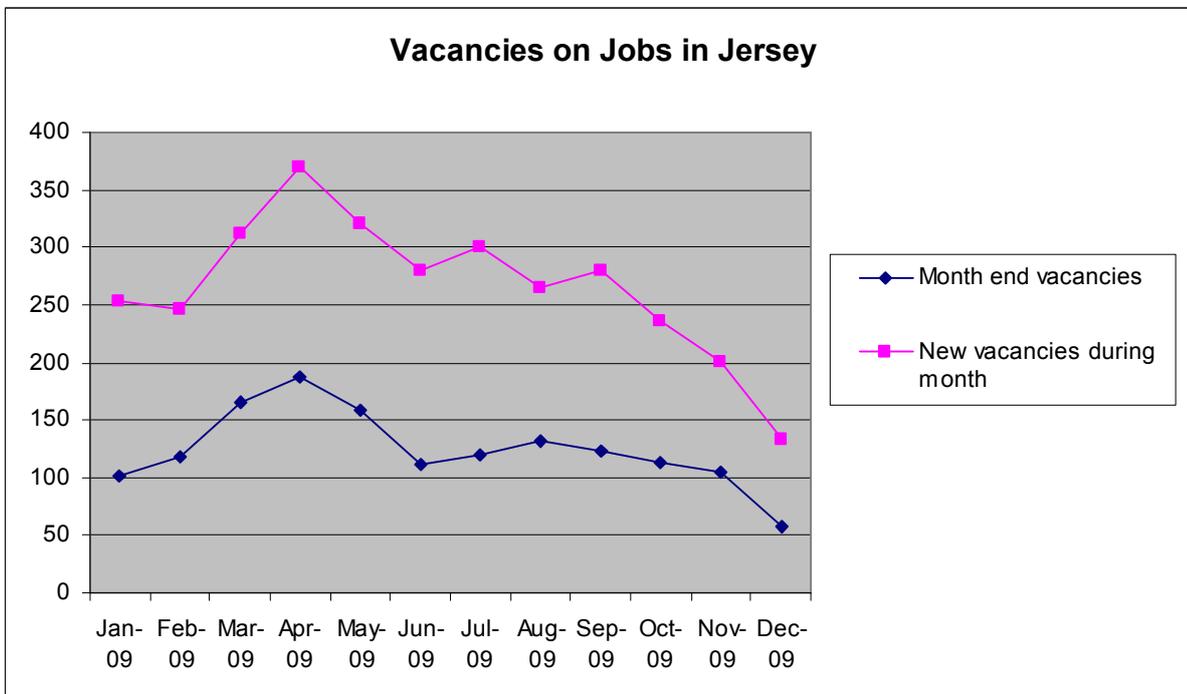
The percentage of time spent as ASW can be seen from the following charts:





Comparing the percentage of ASW registered between December 2008 and December 2009 indicates that individuals are remaining as ASW for longer periods than at this time last year.

At the end of December 2009, 58 vacancies were advertised on the Jobs in Jersey website (<http://www.gov.je/jobs/>). This compares with 54 vacancies at the end of December 2008. During the month 133 new vacancies were posted, compared to 163 in December 2008. Although new vacancies are running at a lower level than this time last year, numbers continue to follow the normal seasonal trend.



The use of the learning area facilities has increased slightly with 808 sessions in December compared to 783 in November.

General Note

It should be remembered that there is no statutory requirement for all unemployed residents of Jersey to register as actively seeking work with the Social Security Department. As such the data above is a useful indicator of the level of unemployment in the Island but it does not attempt to measure the actual rate of unemployment. This is undertaken on an annual basis through the Jersey Annual Social Survey.