

# Registered Unemployment October 2010

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## Introduction

Data on people registered as unemployed and actively seeking work in Jersey is compiled and administered by the Social Security Department. Since January 2010 the States of Jersey Statistics Unit has independently analysed this anonymised data and publishes a report on a monthly basis.

When interpreting the numbers presented in this report, it should be kept in mind that there is no legal requirement for all unemployed residents of Jersey to register as actively seeking work (ASW) with the Social Security Department. The numbers shown, therefore, constitute an informative set of indicators of the level and characteristics of unemployment in the Island at the specified point in time.

The internationally comparable unemployment rate (as defined by the International Labour Organisation, ILO) is measured on an annual basis by the Jersey Annual Social Survey and also by the Jersey Census.

The numbers of people registered as unemployed and actively seeking work include people who are on the Advance to Work, Advance Plus<sup>1</sup> and Workwise schemes<sup>2</sup>.

## Summary

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010:

- **the total number<sup>3</sup> of people registered as unemployed and actively seeking work (ASW) in Jersey was 1,290;**
- the latest monthly ASW total is:
  - 60 higher than that of a month earlier, September 2010;
  - 290 higher than that of a year earlier, October 2009;
- about a quarter of the ASW total (330 people) were teenagers aged 16-19 years; 120 teenagers were on the Advance to Work Scheme<sup>1</sup>;
- **on a seasonally adjusted basis, the total number of people registered as ASW has been at a similar level for the last three months (August – October 2010) but some 150 higher than that seen during the first six months of 2010.**

<sup>1</sup> The Advance to Work scheme provides 16 to 19 year olds who have left school or college with a relevant work placement and training. Advance Plus provides over 19 year olds with a relevant work placement and training.

<sup>2</sup> Workwise comprises a team of advisors in the Social Security Department who help people with special employment needs, or having particular employment barriers, to prepare for and seek suitable work. From October 2010, a system enabling more complete counting of individuals on Workwise placements has been implemented.

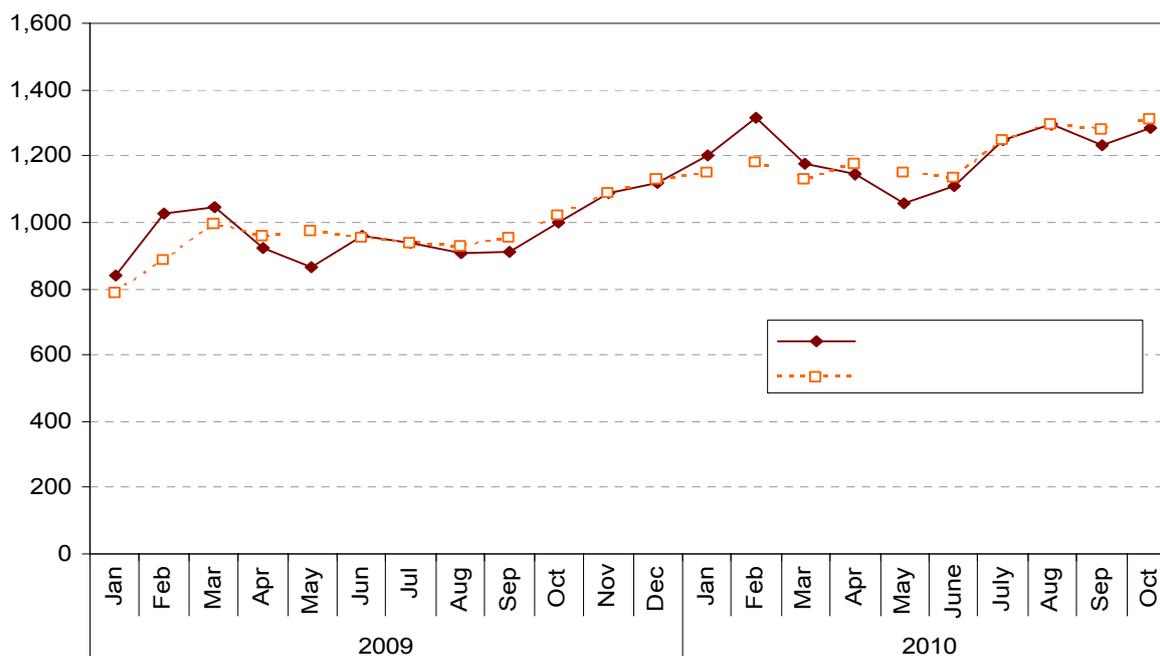
<sup>3</sup> Numbers presented in this report are rounded to the nearest 10.

## Registered Unemployed people Actively Seeking Work

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010, 1,290 people were registered with the Social Security Department as unemployed and actively seeking work (ASW). Almost two-thirds (63%) of people registered as ASW on this date (810 individuals) were receiving Income Support<sup>4</sup>.

Figure 1 shows the total number of people registered as ASW at the end of each month since January 2009 (monthly data are also shown in Annex Table A1). From May 2010 to August 2010 there was an ongoing monthly increase in the number of people registered as ASW. The number registered in October 2010 is 60 higher than in the previous month and 290 higher than a year earlier, in October 2009.

**Figure 1– Total number of individuals registered as ASW, Jan 2009 – Oct 2010**



The seasonally adjusted series of the total registered as ASW, in which seasonal and calendar effects are removed, is also shown on Figure 1. From this perspective, the number of people registered as ASW in Jersey in October 2010 was at a similar level to the previous two months but more than 150 higher than the relatively stable level seen throughout the first six months of 2010.

## Registered ASW by age

On 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010, two-fifths (41%) of all people registered as ASW in Jersey were under the age of 25, with about a quarter of the total (26%) being teenagers aged 16-19 years.

Figure 2 shows the numbers registered as ASW by age of individuals for the last four months, from July to October 2010.

<sup>4</sup> The total number of adults receiving Income Support without work will be greater than this figure, which represents the number registered on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 as ASW.

**Figure 2 – Individuals registered as ASW by age, Jul – Oct 2010**

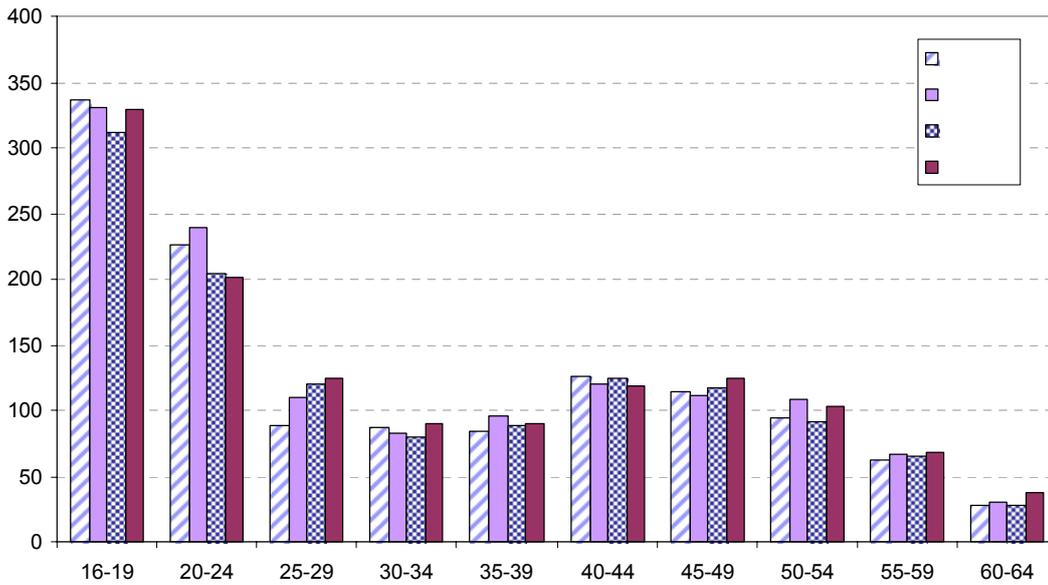
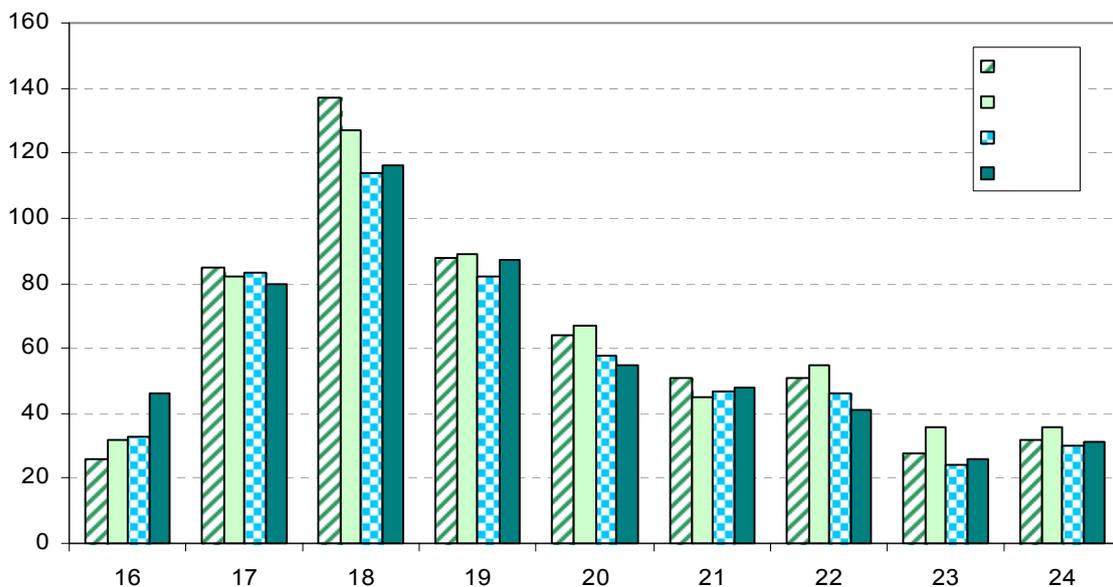


Figure 3 shows the age distribution for people under 25 years of age who were registered as ASW from July to October 2010.

Of the 330 teenagers who were registered as ASW at the end of October 2010, 120 were on the Advance to Work scheme.

**Figure 3 – Individuals under the age of 25 registered as ASW, Jul - Oct 2010**



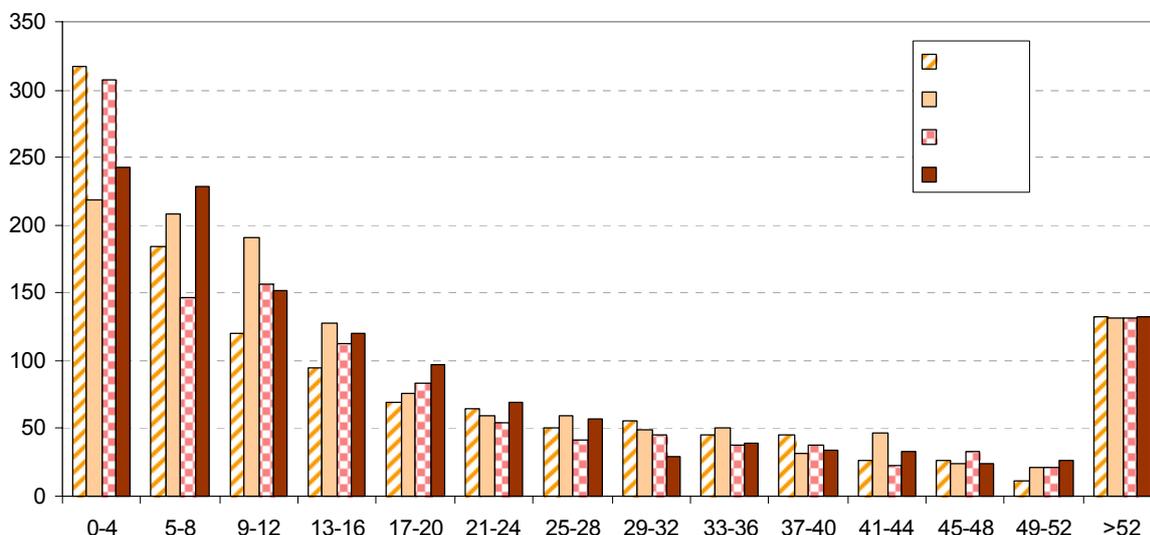
**Registered ASW by gender**

Almost two-thirds (65%) of people registered as ASW on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 were men (840 individuals), a slightly greater proportion than seen in recent months.

## Duration as ASW

Almost half (48%) of all people registered as ASW on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 had been registered for fewer than 13 weeks (approximately 3 months). Approximately 10% of the total (130 individuals) had been registered as ASW for more than a year - see Figure 4.

**Figure 4 – Registered ASW by length of period registered (weeks), Jul - Oct 2010**



About 70 fewer people had registered in the latest 4 weeks compared to the corresponding number as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

## Occupation and Industry

Individuals working in some occupations and industries of the economy, notably in the Finance sector, often seek employment through private agencies instead of registering with the Social Security Department. Such occupations and industries will, therefore, be under-represented in the ASW numbers. Nevertheless, the change over time for all recorded occupations and industries will be informative.

### Occupation

**Table 1 – Recorded occupation of last employment of individuals registered as ASW**

| Occupation <sup>5</sup>               | Jul 2010 | Aug 2010 | Sep 2010 | Oct 2010 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Managers and Senior Officials         | 5%       | 5%       | 7%       | 6%       |
| Professional                          | 3%       | 3%       | 2%       | 2%       |
| Associate Professional and Technical  | 7%       | 7%       | 8%       | 8%       |
| Administrative and Secretarial        | 13%      | 12%      | 14%      | 13%      |
| Skilled Trades                        | 18%      | 19%      | 18%      | 17%      |
| Personal Service                      | 6%       | 6%       | 6%       | 6%       |
| Sales and Customer Service            | 15%      | 14%      | 12%      | 13%      |
| Process, Plant and Machine Operatives | 2%       | 3%       | 3%       | 3%       |
| Elementary Occupations                | 30%      | 32%      | 31%      | 32%      |

<sup>5</sup> Standard Occupational Classification SOC2000.

As Table 1 shows, almost a third of people registered as ASW in October 2010 had worked in the category of “Elementary occupations”, and about a sixth in “Skilled Trades” (see Notes for example occupations within the different categories).

## Industry

The totals for each reported industry have been aggregated into groups of similar industries in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Recorded industry of last employer of individuals registered as ASW, Percentage of all reported industries**

| Industry   | July 2010 | Aug 2010 | Sep 2010 | Oct 2010 |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Banking, Miscellaneous Insurance, Finance and Business     | 19%       | 17%      | 16%      | 16%      |
| Miscellaneous professional and domestic Services           | 18%       | 19%      | 19%      | 18%      |
| Retail and Wholesale, Motor repairs and sales              | 16%       | 15%      | 15%      | 15%      |
| Construction and allied trades, mining and quarrying       | 17%       | 18%      | 18%      | 17%      |
| Public Administration, including States Trading committees | 8%        | 8%       | 8%       | 8%       |
| Hotels, restaurants, pubs and clubs                        | 6%        | 7%       | 8%       | 9%       |
| Educational establishments and medical services            | 5%        | 5%       | 5%       | 5%       |
| Transport and Communications                               | 3%        | 4%       | 4%       | 5%       |
| Manufacturing and Engineering                              | 4%        | 4%       | 3%       | 4%       |
| Agriculture, Fishing and Horticulture                      | 2%        | 3%       | 2%       | 3%       |

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## Notes

### **Standard Occupational Classification (SOC 2000):**

Example occupations within each category:

#### **Managers and Senior Officials**

managers and senior offices in public and private sectors.

#### **Professional -**

science professionals, civil engineers, pharmacists, veterinarians, teachers, lawyers, judges, chartered accountants, architects, social workers, librarians, clergy. -

#### **Associate Professional and Technical**

science technicians, engineering technicians, nurses, dental technicians, physiotherapists, youth workers, police officers (sergeant and below), artists, actors, graphic designers, journalists, sport coaches, air traffic controllers.

#### **Administrative and Secretarial**

office clerks, secretaries, personal assistants, receptionists, book-keepers, telephonists.

#### **Skilled Trades**

farmers, gardeners, fishermen, mechanics, electricians, telecommunication engineer, computer engineer, bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters, plasterers, tailors, printers, butchers, bakers, chefs.

#### **Personal Service**

nursing auxiliaries and assistants, care assistants, home carers, animal care, leisure and travel assistants, travel agents, hairdressers, nursery nurses, childminders, education assistants, housekeepers.

#### **Sales and Customer Service**

sales assistants, retail cashiers, call centre agents, check out operators, customer care occupations, telephone sales person.

#### **Process, Plant and Machine Operatives**

plant and machine operatives, fork-lift truck drivers, taxi cab drivers, chauffeurs, bus drivers, van drivers, construction operatives.

#### **Elementary Occupations**

farm workers, labourer, packers, postal workers, messengers, couriers, hotel porters, kitchen and catering assistants, waiters, bar staff, domestic cleaners, security guards.

## Annex

**Table A1: Number of individuals registered as ASW, Jan 2009 – Oct 2010<sup>6</sup>**

|             |            | Male | Female | Total | Seasonally adjusted total |
|-------------|------------|------|--------|-------|---------------------------|
| <b>2009</b> | <b>Jan</b> | 570  | 270    | 840   | 790                       |
|             | <b>Feb</b> | 700  | 320    | 1,020 | 890                       |
|             | <b>Mar</b> | 720  | 330    | 1,050 | 1,000                     |
|             | <b>Apr</b> | 620  | 300    | 920   | 960                       |
|             | <b>May</b> | 560  | 300    | 870   | 970                       |
|             | <b>Jun</b> | 630  | 330    | 960   | 950                       |
|             | <b>Jul</b> | 620  | 320    | 940   | 940                       |
|             | <b>Aug</b> | 580  | 320    | 910   | 930                       |
|             | <b>Sep</b> | 580  | 330    | 910   | 960                       |
|             | <b>Oct</b> | 650  | 350    | 1,000 | 1,020                     |
|             | <b>Nov</b> | 700  | 390    | 1,090 | 1,090                     |
|             | <b>Dec</b> | 700  | 420    | 1,120 | 1,130                     |
| <b>2010</b> | <b>Jan</b> | 770  | 440    | 1,200 | 1,150                     |
|             | <b>Feb</b> | 810  | 510    | 1,320 | 1,180                     |
|             | <b>Mar</b> | 730  | 450    | 1,180 | 1,130                     |
|             | <b>Apr</b> | 710  | 430    | 1,140 | 1,180                     |
|             | <b>May</b> | 670  | 390    | 1,060 | 1,150                     |
|             | <b>Jun</b> | 690  | 420    | 1,110 | 1,130                     |
|             | <b>Jul</b> | 760  | 490    | 1,250 | 1,250                     |
|             | <b>Aug</b> | 810  | 490    | 1,290 | 1,300                     |
|             | <b>Sep</b> | 770  | 460    | 1,230 | 1,280 (r)                 |
|             | <b>Oct</b> | 840  | 450    | 1,290 | 1,310                     |

<sup>6</sup> Numbers are rounded independently to the nearest 10; hence components may not sum to totals.  
(r) seasonally adjusted figure revised.