

Registered Unemployment May 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 and Workwise schemes¹.

Summary

On 31st May 2010:

- **The total number² of people registered as unemployed and actively seeking work (ASW) in Jersey was 1,060;**
- the latest monthly ASW total is:
 - 80 lower than that of a month earlier, April 2010;
 - 190 greater than that of a year earlier, May 2009;
- **On a seasonally adjusted basis the total number of people registered as ASW in May 2010 was at the same level as the monthly average for the previous three months.**
- 250 teenagers were registered as ASW, 20 fewer than in April 2010;
- 110 teenagers were on the Advance to Work Scheme¹.

¹ The Advance to Work scheme provides 16 to 19 year olds who have left school or college with a relevant work placement and training. Workwise comprises a team of advisors in the Social Security Department who help people with special employment needs, or particular employment barriers, to prepare for and seek suitable work.

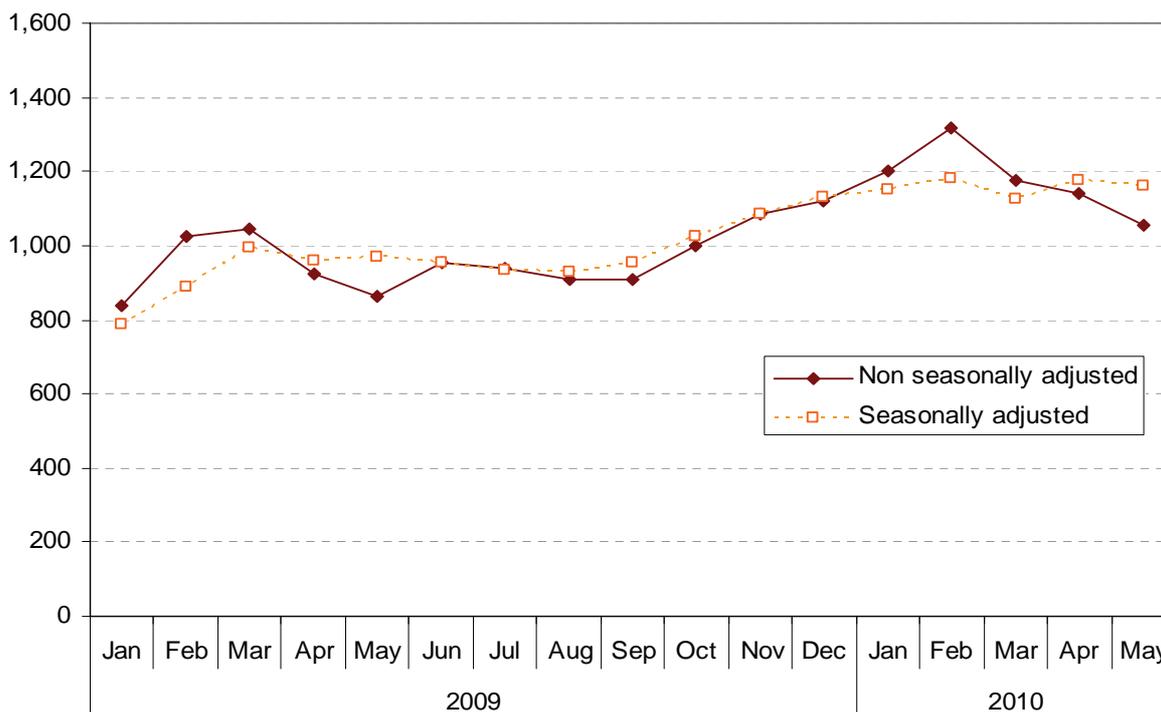
² Numbers presented in this report are rounded to the nearest 10.

Registered Unemployed people Actively Seeking Work

On 31st May 2010, 1,060 people were registered with the Social Security Department as unemployed and actively seeking work (ASW). More than two-thirds (71%) of people registered as ASW on this date (750 individuals) were receiving Income Support³.

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 September 2009 to February 2010 there was an ongoing increase in the number of people registered as ASW. However, the last three months have seen monthly decreases, the total for May 2010 being 80 lower than in April 2010, though some 190 greater than a year earlier (May 2009).

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



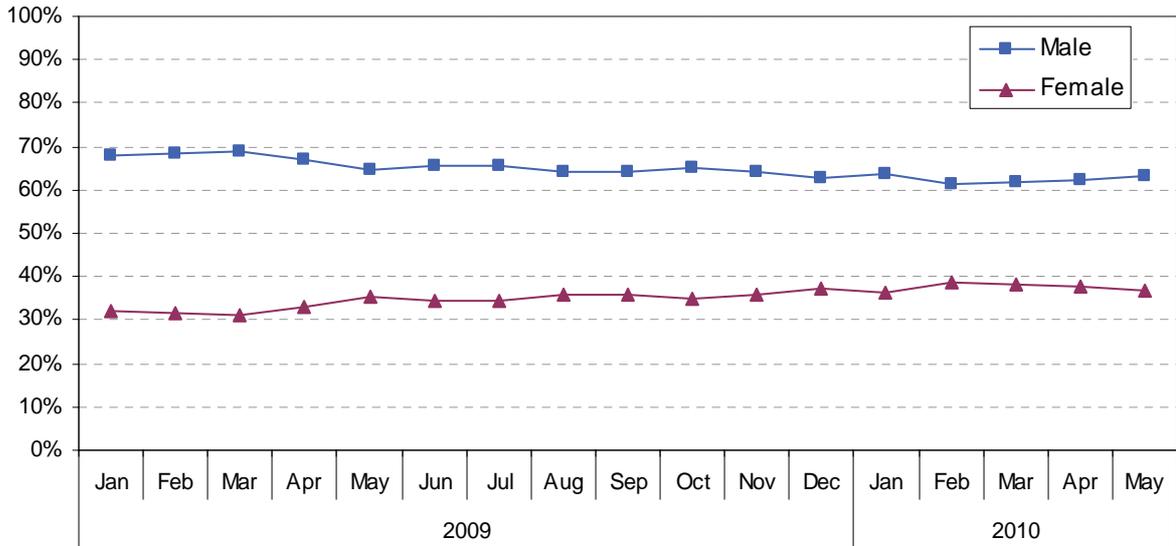
The seasonally adjusted series of the total registered as ASW, in which seasonal and calendar effects are removed, is also shown on Figure 1. From this perspective, the monthly number of people registered as ASW in Jersey has been relatively stable for the past six months compared with the ongoing increase seen in the latter half of 2009. In particular, the seasonally adjusted figure for May 2010 is at the same level as the mean monthly figure for the preceding three-month period.

Registered ASW by gender

More than three-fifths (63%) of people registered as ASW on 31st May 2010 were men. As Figure 2 shows, the proportion of the total number of ASW who were women increased during 2009 and early 2010, from 31% in January 2009 (representing 270 women) to 39% in February 2010 (510) women. During the last three months this proportion has decreased slightly to 37% (390 women) in May 2010.

³ The total number of adults receiving Income Support without work will be greater than this figure, which represents the number registered on 31st May 2010 as ASW.

Figure 2 – Percentage of registered as ASW by gender, Jan 2009 - May 2010



Registered ASW by age

On 31st May 2010 almost two fifths (39%) of all people registered as ASW in Jersey were under the aged of 25, with about a quarter of the total (24%) being teenagers aged 16-19 years.

Figure 3 shows the numbers registered as ASW by age of individuals for the last four months, February to May 2010. In all age-bands, except 40-44 years old, the number of ASW in May 2010 was lower than that of a month earlier.

Figure 3 – Individuals registered as ASW by age, Feb 2010 – May 2010

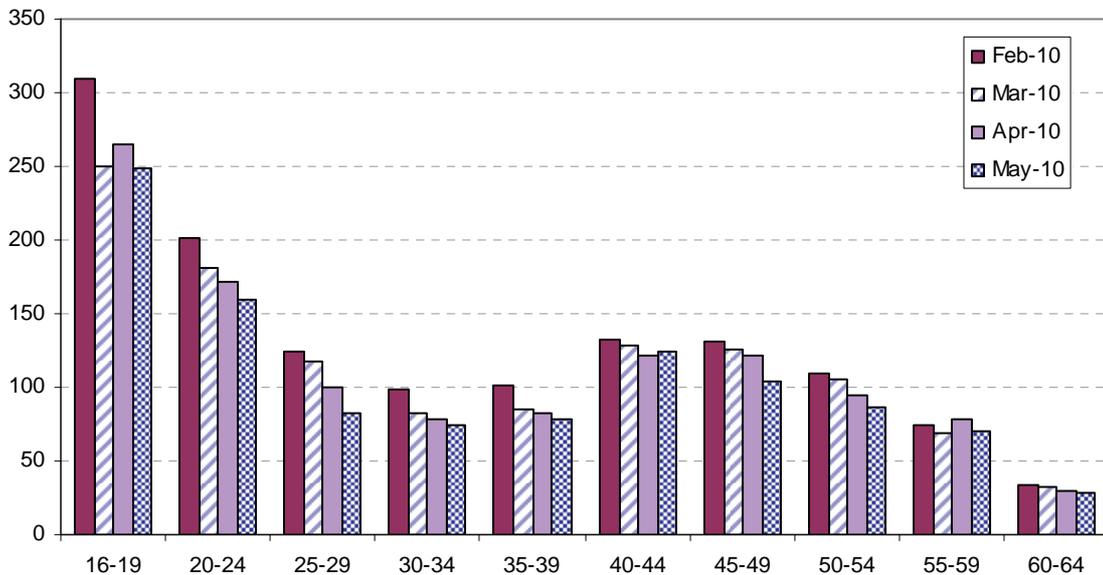
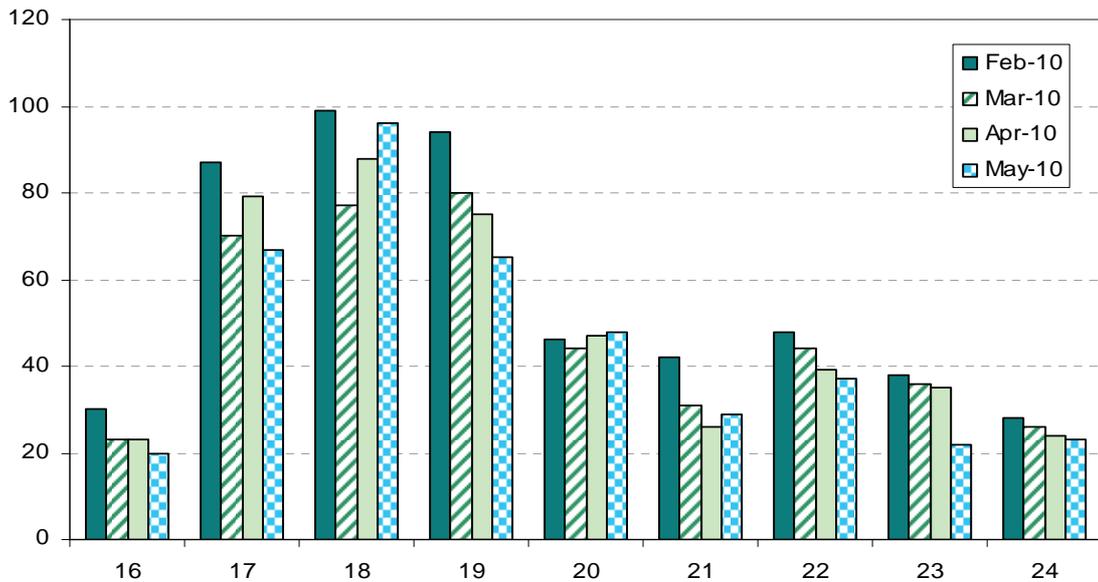


Figure 4 shows the age distribution for people under 25 years of age who were registered as ASW in February to May 2010. Of the 250 teenagers who were registered as ASW at the end of May 2010, 110 were on the Advance to Work scheme.

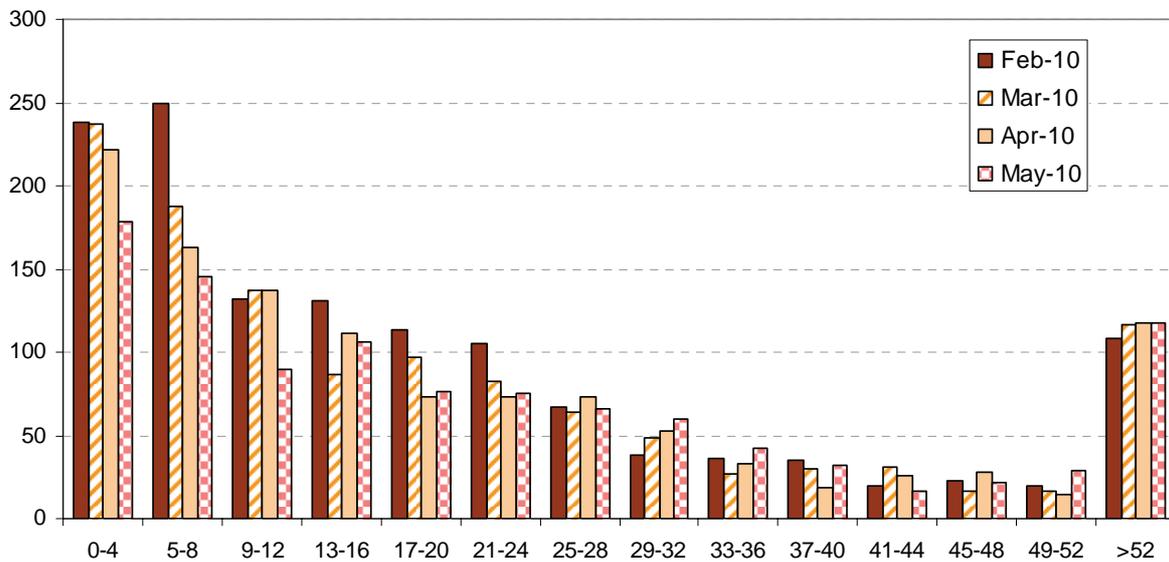
Figure 4 – Individuals under the age of 25 registered as ASW, Feb 2010 - May 2010



Duration as ASW

Almost two-fifths (39%) of people who were registered as ASW on 31st May 2010 had been registered for less than 13 weeks (approximately 3 months). 120 individuals (corresponding to 11% of the total) had been registered as ASW for more than a year - see Figure 5.

Figure 5 – Individuals registered as ASW by length of period registered (weeks), Feb 2010 - May 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

Almost half of people who were registered as ASW in the last four months had recorded the occupation of their last job.

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

Occupation ⁴	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	May 2010
Managers and Senior Officials	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Professional	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Associate Professional and Technical	5%	5%	7%	7%	6%
Administrative and Secretarial	13%	14%	14%	13%	12%
Skilled Trades	18%	17%	17%	19%	17%
Personal Service	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Sales and Customer Service	18%	18%	16%	16%	18%
Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Elementary Occupations	27%	28%	28%	27%	28%

As Table 1 shows, more than a quarter of people registered as ASW worked in the category of “Elementary occupations”, whilst almost a sixth each worked in the Skilled Trades and Sales and Customer Service occupations (see Notes for example occupations within the different categories).

Industry

Around half (47%) of people who were registered as ASW on 31st May 2010 had recorded the industry of their last employer. The totals for each reported industry has been aggregated into groups of similar industries in Table 2.

Table 2 – Recorded industry of last employer of individuals registered as ASW, May 2010

Industry	Percentage of all reported industries
Banking, Miscellaneous Insurance, Finance and Business	20%
Miscellaneous professional and domestic Services	18%
Retail and Wholesale, Motor repairs and sales	18%
Construction and allied trades, mining and quarrying	14%
Public Administration, including States Trading committees	9%
Hotels, restaurants, pubs and clubs	5%
Educational establishments and medical services	4%
Transport and Communications	4%
Manufacturing and Engineering	4%
Fishing, Agriculture and Horticulture	2%

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⁴ Standard Occupational Classification SOC2000.

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 – May 2010⁵

		Male	Female	Total	Seasonally adjusted total
2009	Jan	570	270	840	790
	Feb	700	320	1,020	890
	Mar	720	330	1,050	1,000
	Apr	620	300	920	960
	May	560	300	870	970
	Jun	630	330	960	950
	Jul	620	320	940	940
	Aug	580	320	910	930
	Sep	580	330	910	960
	Oct	650	350	1,000	1,020
	Nov	700	390	1,090	1,090
	Dec	700	420	1,120	1,130
2010	Jan	770	440	1,200	1,150
	Feb	810	510	1,320	1,180
	Mar	730	450	1,180	1,130
	Apr	710	430	1,140	1,180
	May	670	390	1,060	1,160

⁵ Numbers are rounded independently to the nearest 10; hence components may not sum to totals.