

	City/large town	Unemployment rate 2005	Employment rate 2005	Per cent population growth 1996-2004	Per cent employment growth/decline 1995-2004	Per cent of the working age population claiming work related benefits 2005	Per cent of working age adults with no qualifications 2003
HIGH PERFORMERS	Reading	3.5% (6)	80.4% (3)	4.7% (11)	25.1% (4)	4.5% (2)	8.5% (3)
	York	2.2% (2)	79.0% (7)	7.0% (5)	19.9% (13)	5.2% (4)	12.6% (14)
	Southampton	3.7% (10)	77.8% (14)	4.9% (10)	18.5% (16)	6.9% (11)	10.9% (10)
	Cambridge	4.4% (24)	75.2% (25)	10.1% (3)	8.8% (45)	5.1% (3)	7.8% (1)
	Bristol	4.2% (17)	78.1% (10)	3.0% (16)	22.0% (9)	7.5% (16)	10.4% (8)
MIDDLE PERFORMERS	London	6.5% (45)	70.5% (44)	6.9% (6)	14.7% (27)	10.3% (40)	13.5% (17)
	Leeds	4.3% (21)	74.7% (26)	0.8% (32)	16.6% (21)	8.6% (23)	13.9% (19)
	Derby	7.1% (52)	70.3% (45)	2.7% (18)	22.4% (7)	10% (35)	16.9% (35)
	Mansfield	4.1% (16)	73.6% (30)	1% (31)	12.2% (33)	9.1% (27)	21% (49)
	Manchester	4.8% (29)	71.7% (38)	-0.4% (45)	16.9% (19)	11% (45)	19.4% (45)
LOW PERFORMERS	Newcastle	6.5% (45)	69.9% (48)	-2.9% (52)	12.7% (31)	11.5% (48)	16.8% (34)
	Sunderland	7.2% (53)	67.6%	-3.8%	15.3% (24)	11.2% (46)	20.1% (47)

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	Birmingham	7.4% (54)	69.8% (49)	-1.1% (48)	4.7% (54)	12.8% (53)	21.1% (50)
	Middlesbrough	6.5% (45)	70.1% (47)	-0.5% (46)	10.0% (41)	12.1% (51)	18.8% (43)
	Liverpool	7.0% (50)	64.8% (56)	-3.1% (53)	19.4% (14)	16.5% (56)	28.6% (56)