

# Colchester Quarterly Economic Report



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# Background information

This quarterly economic report for Colchester aims to give a better understanding of the Borough's economic makeup and performance in comparison to national and local trends.

The report also aims to inform policy-making through providing an objective understanding of Colchester's communities of interest and geography.

Data is included on a range of variables including:

- **Regional changes**
- **The demographics of recession impacts**
- **Unemployment**
- **Worklessness**
- **Levels of 16-19 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)**
- **Housing market data**
- **News from the business and economy**

Due to changes and restrictions on data sets, there have been some changes in the format contents of the economic report from March 2013. Most notable is the removal of GDP data, and Jobs advertised and sought through Jobcentre Plus. We are currently investigating other routes to source similar information. All data included in this report is the most recently available at the time of writing, including data on unemployment and worklessness, which is from May 2013.

In addition, each report provides a topical focus or briefing section highlighting particular issues or economic developments.

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# National Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) provides a measure of total economic activity in a region. GDP is often referred to as one of the main 'summary indicators' of economic activity, and references to growth / fall in the economy usually refer to the growth / fall in GDP during the latest quarter.

Official Government data shows GDP growth / decline by industrial sector (manufacturing, construction etc). This data does not show regional or local difference. UK gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 0.7% in Q4 2013 compared with Q3 2013.

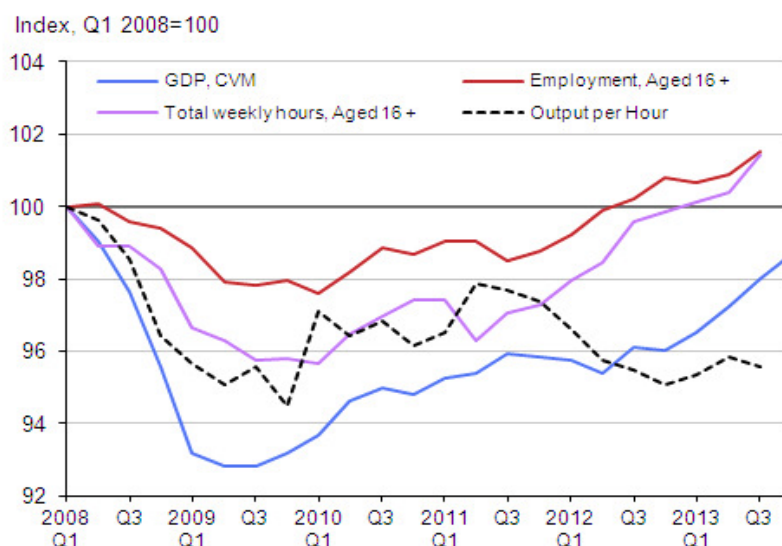
From September to November 2013 the employment rate for those aged from 16 to 64 was 72.1%, up 0.5% when compared to June to August 2013. It was up 0.7% from a year earlier. There were 280,000 more people in employment aged 16 and over, compared with June to August 2013 – bringing the total number in employment to 30.15 million.

The UK national accounts are updated with new information annually, and methodological and classification changes, along with the output from the annual supply and use balancing process, are also included. The latest results are published in Blue Book 2013. Due to this publication, there have been revisions to quarterly GDP growth rates throughout the period since 1997.

Information regarding blue book revisions can be found here:

<http://ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/naa2/quarterly-national-accounts/q1-2013/sty-economic-growth.html>

**Index of output, employment and hours since Q1 2008, seasonally adjusted, Q1 2008=100**



Source: Labour Force Survey – Office for National Statistics

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# Unemployment and Worklessness Data

Employment and unemployment (Oct 2012-Sep 2013)				
	Colchester (numbers)	Colchester (%)	East (%)	Great Britain (%)
<b>All people</b>				
Economically active <sup>†</sup>	105,000	81.8	80.3	77.4
In employment <sup>†</sup>	99,100	77.5	75.1	71.2
Employees <sup>†</sup>	84,000	66.8	64.3	61.1
Self employed <sup>†</sup>	14,000	10.3	10.3	9.5
Unemployed (model-based) <sup>§</sup>	6,200	5.9	6.3	7.7

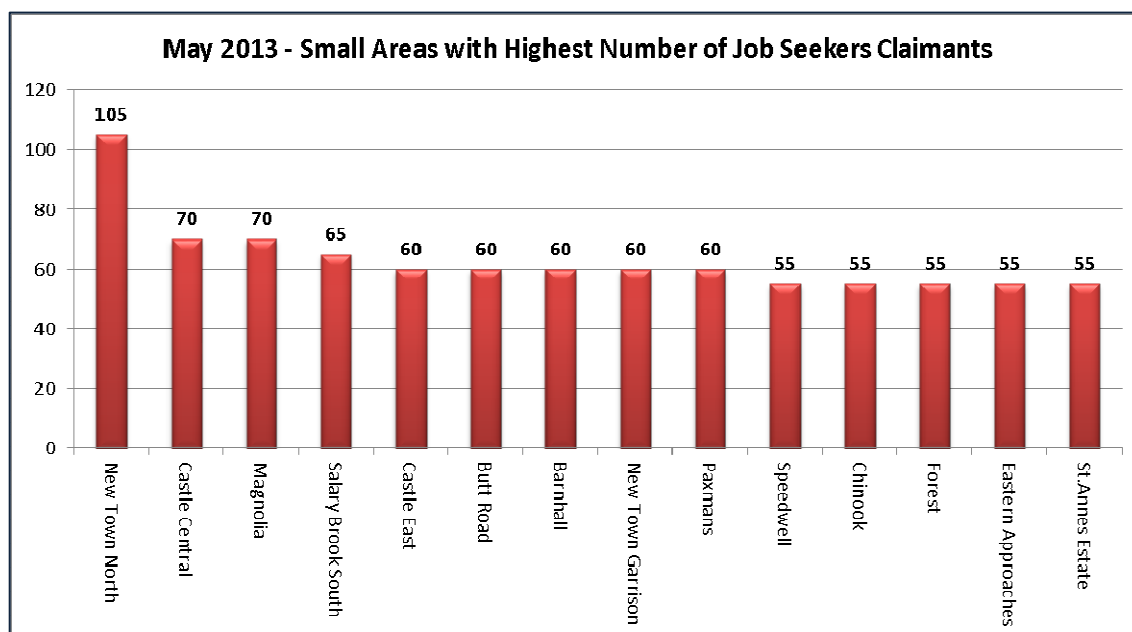
Source: ONS annual population survey

# Sample size too small for reliable estimate ([see definitions](#))

† numbers are for those aged 16 and over, % are for those aged 16-64

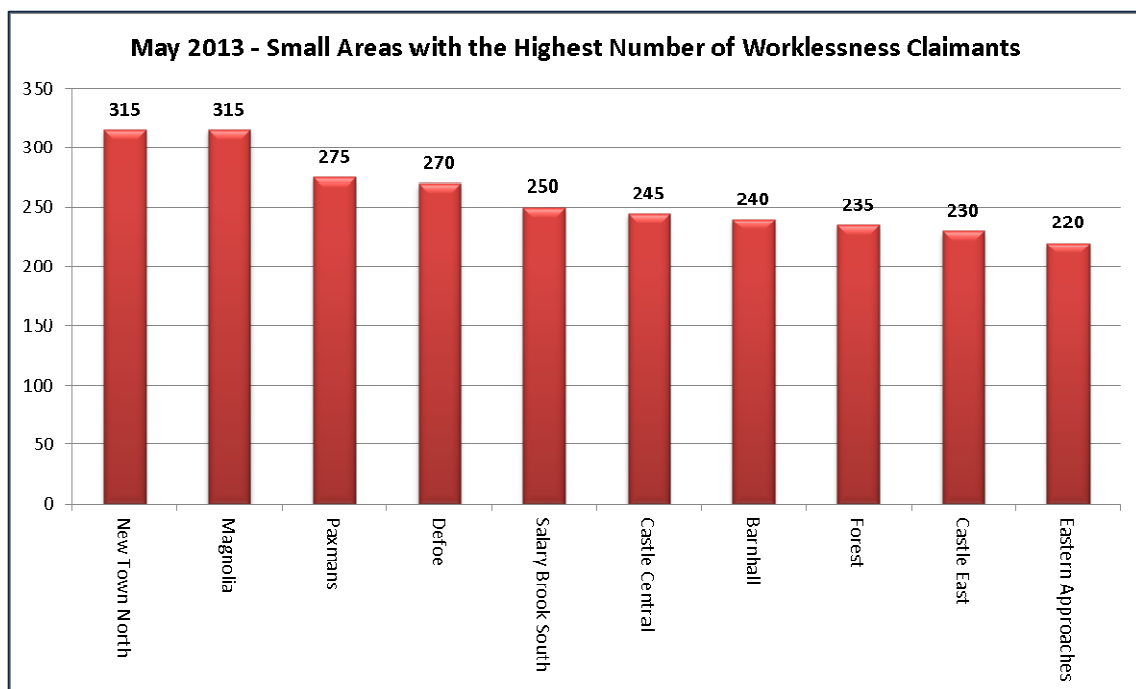
§ numbers and % are for those aged 16 and over, % is a proportion of economically active

The previous report, which featured employment data for April 2012 - March 2013, showed that Colchester had a lower unemployment rate than Great Britain (6.5% in Colchester, 7.8% in Great Britain), and only a slightly lower unemployment rate compared to the East overall (6.6% in the East). Data above for October 2012 – September 2013 shows a similar trend, with unemployment lower than Great Britain as a whole. The percentage of unemployed individuals for Colchester had fallen at a faster rate than that of the East. In the East the unemployment rate fell by 0.3%, whereas unemployment for Colchester fell by 0.6% to 5.9%. The rate for Great Britain fell by 0.1% when comparing April 2012- March 2013 to October 2012- September 2013.



Source: DWP NESS Dataset, February 2014

New Town North had the highest number of Job Seekers Allowance claimants in May 2013, as was the case in previous economic reports. However the number of claimants in New Town North has decreased, from 120 in February 2013 to 105 in May 2013. Castle Central and Magnolia had the second and third highest number of JSA claimants respectively (Magnolia and Salary Brook South had the second and third highest number of JSA claimants in February 2013 with 80 claimants each). Castle Central and Magnolia both had 70 claimants. In May 2013 there were 14 small areas in Colchester with 50 or more JSA claimants resident, a decrease from 23 small areas in February 2013.



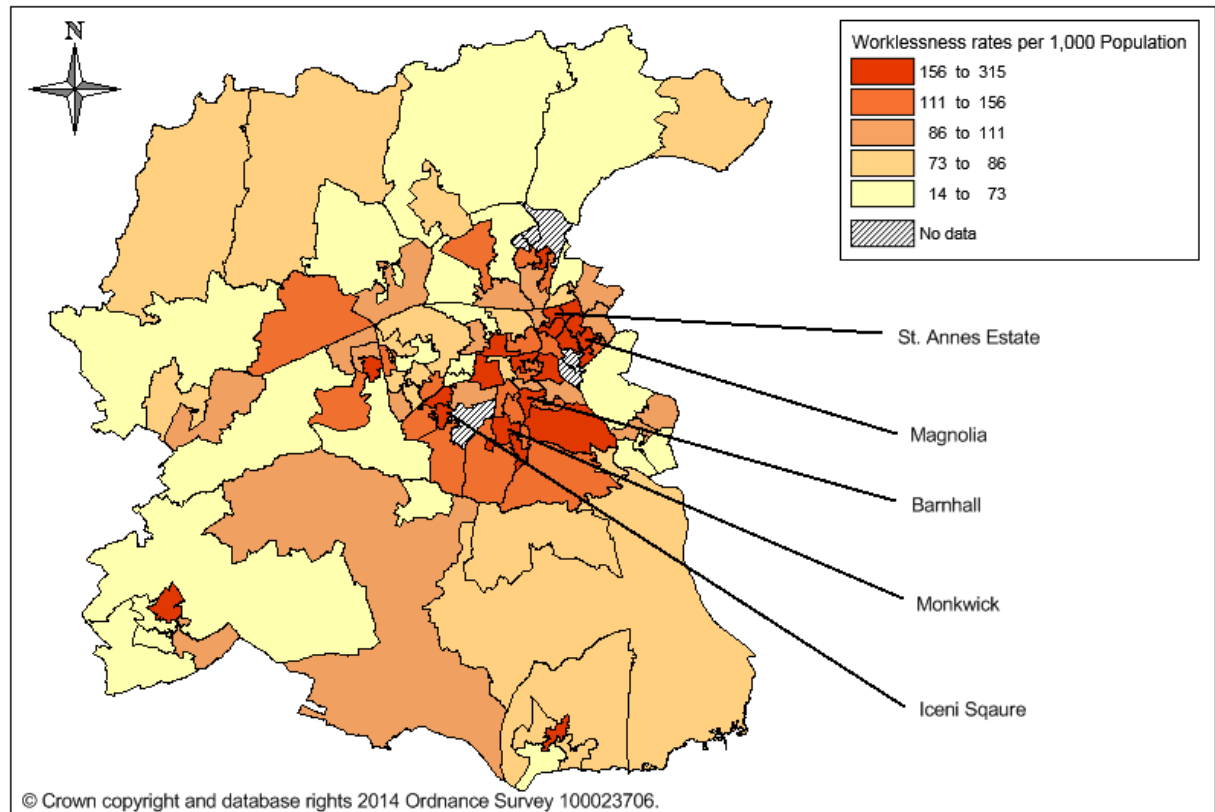
Source: DWP NESS Dataset, February 2014

In May 2013 New Town North and Magnolia had the highest number of worklessness claimants (315). The number of worklessness claimants in New Town North has fallen by 10 since the previous report, while the number in Magnolia has stayed the same. In May 2013, there were 17 small areas in Colchester where 200 or more people were claiming worklessness benefits, a reduction of one small area in February 2013 in which 18 small areas had 200 or more worklessness claimants.

In previous reports Magnolia and New Town North have consistently remained in the top two positions in terms of total numbers of worklessness claimants (they just tend to alternate between first and second position in terms of ranking). Overall, the small areas ranked 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> in May 2013, featured in the top 6 consistently from November 2011, they just switched positions.

In addition a map of 'hot spot' worklessness areas has been produced for the borough, and can be found below. This shows a calculated crude worklessness rate, as a proportion of the total population of the small area, for Colchester. When calculated in this way the top 5 'hot spot' areas are; Magnolia, Barnhall, Icen Square, St. Annes Estate and Monkwick. These top 5 areas have been labelled for reference.

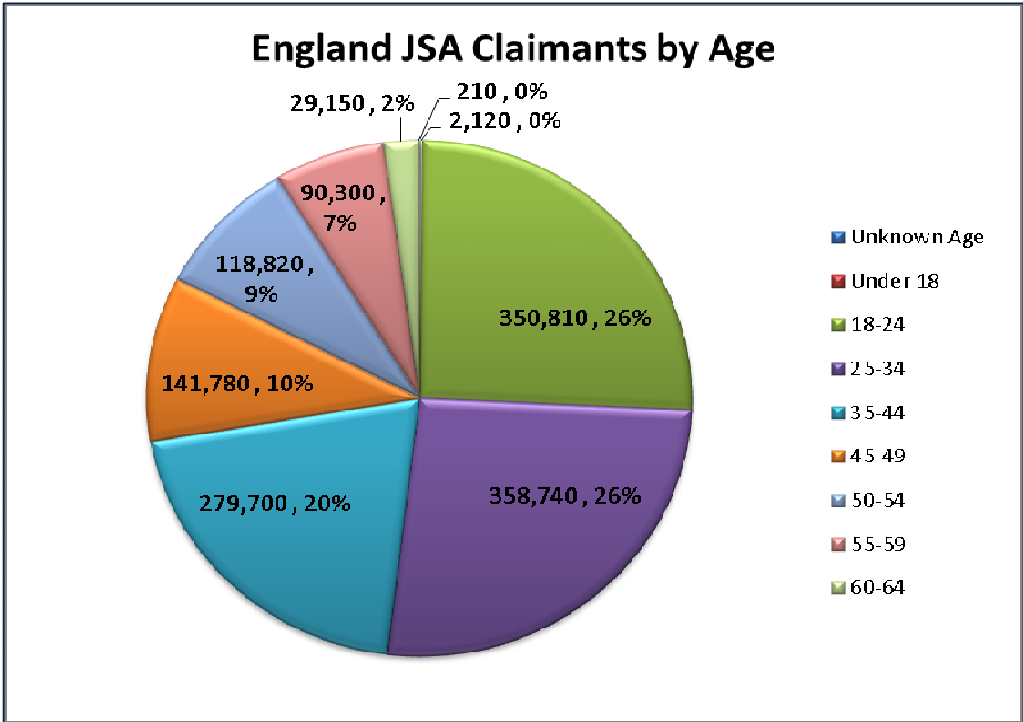
#### Crude Rate per 1,000 Working Age Population, Worklessness Claimants, May 2013



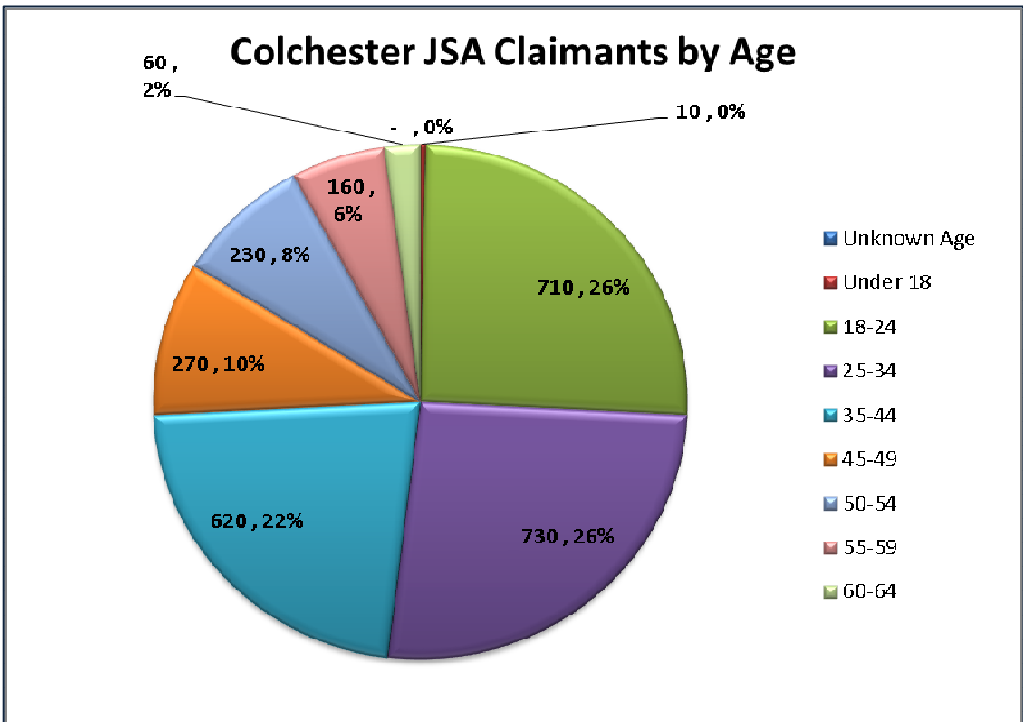
Source: DWP Benefits Working Age Client Group. LSOA rates are calculated by expressing the number of worklessness people as a percentage of the working age population from 2011 Census LSOA estimates (ONS). 16-64 year age group totals were used for both males and females – as working age split of 16-59 years for females was not available. Data for Alamein and Homefield Road small area is not available due to administrative changes with LSOA boundaries.

# Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) Claims by Age

In May 2013 in both England and Colchester, the largest proportion of JSA claimants were both the 18-24 and the 25-34 age group. In both England and Colchester they each made up approximately 26% of all claimants, although the 25-34 age group had a slightly higher number of claimants. In the previous report, which included data from February 2013, the largest proportion of JSA claimants were from the 18-24 age group.



Source: DWP tabulation tool data downloaded February 2014



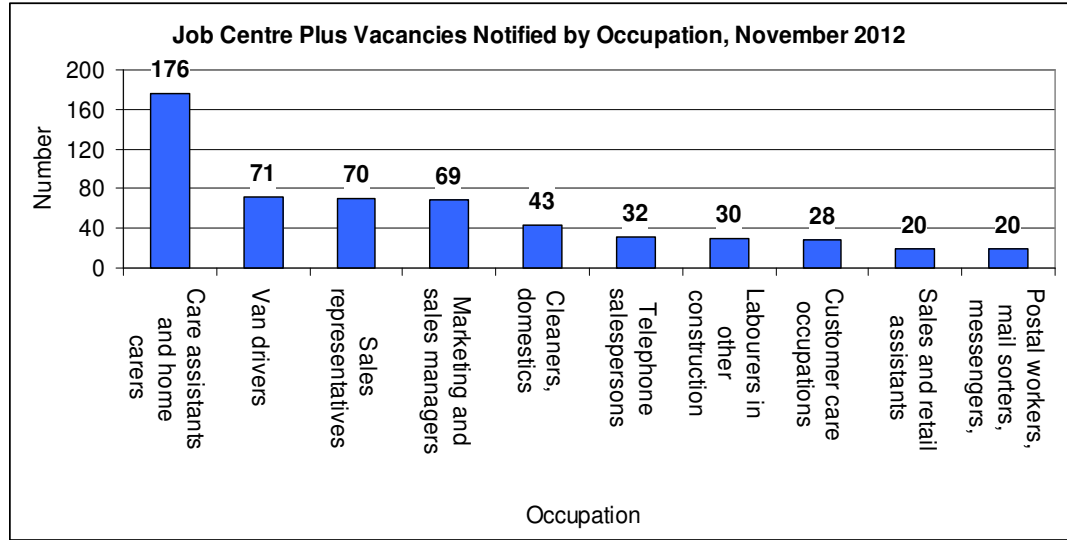
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Although the 18-24 and 25-34 age groups both made up 26% of claimants each in Colchester in May 2013, the 18-24 age group had slightly less claimants, with 20 less claimants than those found in the 25-34 age group. This is a change from the previous report, in which the largest proportion of JSA claimants in Colchester in February 2013 were from the 18-24 age group, comprising 28% of claimants, with the 25-34 comprising 26% of claimants. Colchester mirrors national statistics, in England both the 18-24 and 25-34 age groups represented 26% of all claimants, with a slightly higher number of cases in the 25-34 age group.

In both geographies the under 18s made up the smallest proportion of overall JSA claimants, but this may largely be due to eligibility. If they still live in the family home they may not be entitled to income based claims, and lack of previous work may mean they are not entitled to contribution based claims. The group with the second smallest proportion of claimants was the 60 to 64 age group, excluding those with an unknown age.

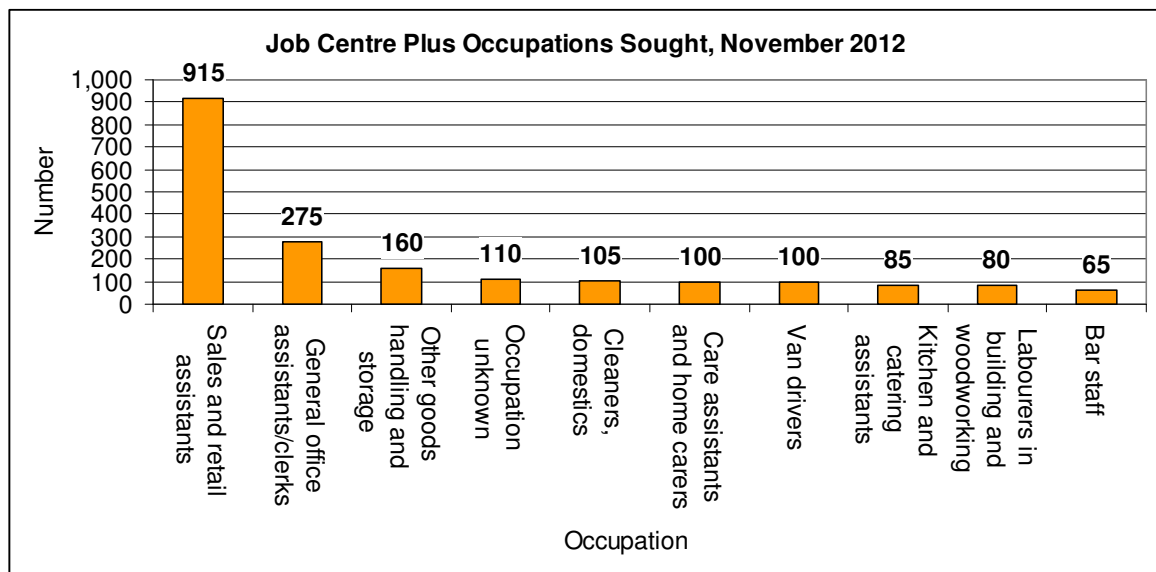


Following a consultation by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), data on Job Centre Plus vacancies notified and occupations sought is no longer available. See the [Jobcentre Vacancies Consultation](#) news article for further details and a link to the consultation. As a result, this section has not been updated for the February 2014 edition of the economic report, and the data included is the most recent available, from November 2012. We are currently sourcing alternative statistical information. However, we are able to report on active jobs listed for Colchester on the Universal Job Match website, an analysis of which is provided later in this report.



Data: Nomis, Colchester branch site level occupations sought, January 2013

In November 2012 the total number of vacancies notified appears to have decreased compared to July 2012 (1,008 in November 2012 compared to 1,177 in July). The top occupation in November 2012 (care assistants and home carers) was the same as in July 2012. Data for November 2012 shows that compared with July there was a decrease of approximately 10% in care assistants and home carer vacancies (176 vacancies in November). This occupation accounted for the highest number of vacancies, and falls in the sixth highest position in relation to the top ten occupations sought.



Data: Nomis, Colchester branch site level occupations sought, January 2013

As in the previous economic reports, sales and retail assistant jobs were the top occupation sought, with 915 job seekers seeking those roles in November 2012, a decrease of approximately 1% from July 2012. This was followed by general office assistants with 275 job seekers and other goods handling & storage with 160 job seekers. The top three occupations sought remained the same as in the July 2012 data.

Data shows that there is a large void between notified and sought occupations. There were a total of 1,008 jobs notified in November 2012, compared to 3,415 sought occupations. The number of sought occupations has decreased by approximately 7%, when comparing July 2012 and November 2012 data.

## Universal Job Match Data

Limited reporting is available from the Universal Job Match website, for full report information please follow this link:

<https://jobsearch.direct.gov.uk/Reports/Reports.aspx>

A brief summary of active Jobs for the Week of 26 January – 1 February 2014 is provided below:

	<b>Occupational classification</b>	<b>Number of active jobs</b>
Top Ten Occupation Groups	Staffing/Employment Agencies	702
	Retail	278
	Business Services - Other	269
	Healthcare Services	153
	Other/Not Classified	78
	Advertising and PR Services	72
	Government and Military	59
	Construction - Residential & Commercial/Office	47
	Internet Services	29
	Financial Services	24
	Other Occupation Groups	234
	Total Active Jobs	1945
	Total Closed Jobs	27

There were 1,945 active jobs listed on the Universal Job Match website in the week of 26 January – 1 February 2014, an increase of 309 jobs when compared to the last report, which focused on the week of 2 October – 8 October 2013. The largest occupation group remained job listed by Staffing/Employment agencies (which may be doubled up in other sectors), however the number of active jobs has fallen by 25 since October. The biggest growth in active jobs was in the Retail occupation group, which overtook Business Services – Other to second place with 135 more active jobs than in October.

# Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) Data

Please note that for district level NEET figures, adjusted figures are used, whereas the ward data uses actual NEET numbers.

When looking at changes over a two month period (December 2013 –January 2014), all districts saw a decrease in NEET numbers, except for Colchester. In the previous report covering July-August 2013 data, eight areas had an increase in NEET numbers. In January 2014, the areas with the highest percentage of individuals NEET were; Tendring (6.6%), Basildon (5.6%) and Harlow (5.6%).

Between December 2013 and January 2014, there was an increase of 5 individuals classed as NEET in Colchester. In January 2014 in Colchester, 5.2% of the total 16-19 age cohort were NEET, compared to 5.8% in August 2013.

NEET Adjusted Figures by District, December 2013-January 2014

	<b>NEET Adjusted</b>				
<b>District</b>	<b>Jan-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>	<b>Jan-14</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>	<b>DOT*</b>
<b>Braintree</b>	4.5%	4.6%	227	231	↓
<b>Maldon</b>	3.9%	4.7%	89	108	↓
<b>Chelmsford</b>	3.6%	3.8%	204	216	↓
<b>Basildon</b>	5.6%	5.9%	364	384	↓
<b>Brentwood</b>	4.2%	4.3%	104	106	↓
<b>Castle Point</b>	4.6%	5.0%	151	163	↓
<b>Rochford</b>	3.3%	3.4%	105	105	↓
<b>Colchester</b>	5.2%	5.1%	300	295	↑
<b>Tendring</b>	6.6%	6.7%	312	317	↓
<b>Epping</b>	3.9%	4.2%	136	146	↓
<b>Harlow</b>	5.6%	6.0%	169	183	↓
<b>Uttlesford</b>	2.9%	3.1%	76	79	↓
<b>Essex</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>2237</b>	<b>2334</b>	<b>↓</b>

\* Direction of Travel

Data Source: CCIS February 2014

The table below shows the top 12 Colchester District Wards by number of NEETs, along with the percentage of the total NEET numbers in Colchester based in each ward. In the previous report, St. Anne's, St. Andrews and Berechurch had the highest proportion of NEET residents, with 30, 29 and 28 NEETs respectively. In January, the number of NEETs in St. Anne's has halved to 15, and while Berechurch still has one of the highest proportions of NEETs, the number of NEET residents had fallen by 3. St. Andrew's has gained 2 NEET residents to become the ward with the highest proportion of NEET residents, with 31.

NEET Actual Numbers by Ward, January 2014

Colchester NEET by ward			
	Jan-14	NEET Total	NEET %
	St. Andrew's	31	10.8%
	New Town	29	10.1%
	Berechurch	25	8.7%
	Shrub End	21	7.3%
	Castle	16	5.6%
	St. Anne's	15	5.2%
	Highwoods	15	5.2%
	Mile End	14	4.9%
	Lexden	14	4.9%
	Tiptree	13	4.5%
	Stanway	13	4.5%
	Harbour	13	4.5%

*Note: Data for other Colchester wards with lower numbers of NEETs was not available at time of writing.*



### Housing Trends Update

The Land Registry reports that in December 2013 house prices were up 1.1% compared to November, with the average house in England and Wales now costing £167,353. Over the past 12 months London has had the largest increase in relation to average property value – with a 11.2% rise. Data for the East shows a 5.2% rise from December 2012. Repossessions decreased by 31% between October 2012 and October 2013 to 1,129 compared with 1,636.

The most recent data available in relation to house sales shows that during October 2013, completed house sales in England and Wales increased by 21% to 71,929 sales, compared with 59,213 sales in October 2012.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) reports that gross mortgage lending held steady in December and was an estimated £17 billion, matching November's gross lending total. This increased since August's gross lending total of £16.6 billion, and is 49% higher than December 2012 (£11.4 billion).

Additionally in December, it was reported that first-time buyers took out 26,700 loans, an increase of 1% on June and of 37% compared to December 2012. In December, there were 26,700 loans advanced to first-time buyers, worth £3.7bn. First-time buyer lending was 3% up on November and 48% up on December last year (by value).

In October 2013 the Help to Buy mortgage guarantee scheme was launched. Several lenders are currently involved with the scheme that aims to offer high loan-to-value lending to creditworthy customers.

The most recently available Housing Trends Report (February 2014) reports that average prices for the year from December 2012 to December 2013 in Colchester experienced an increase in price of £13,273. This was the fourth highest reported increase in the Greater Haven Gateway, with the largest increase in Maldon (£25,021).

In relation to lower quartile prices for flats and maisonettes across the sub region, Maldon showed a notable decrease in prices of -£11,000. Four other local authorities saw a decrease in prices, including Babergh (-£6,000 decrease), Ipswich (-£2,000), Mid Suffolk (-£1,000) and Tendring (-£1,000). Three local authorities saw lower quartile prices for flats and maisonettes rise, the highest being Braintree (£6,000 increase), followed by Colchester (£3,500) and Suffolk Coastal (£1,125).

The average turnover of private housing stock in the region from January 2013 to December 2013 was 2.8%. Of all local authorities, Colchester had the highest turnover of 3.2%, while Ipswich had the lowest turnover of 2.6%. The other local authorities in the region were close to the average turnover of

private housing stock. Colchester had the highest number of sales at 2,403 and the highest number of new build properties at 211. The low numbers of new build properties in most local authorities is notable, but particularly in Maldon where only 21 new build properties were sold in 2013.

Data available on the average number of weeks it took to sell a property was not available at the time of writing this report. Hometrack are in the process of reviewing the market indicator information they provide, and new indicators should be made available from next month.

Data sources:

<http://www.landregistry.gov.uk/media/all-releases/press-releases/2014/market-trend-data-december-2013>

<http://www.cml.org.uk/cml/media/press/3809>

<http://www.cml.org.uk/cml/media/press/3816>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/221897/help\\_to\\_buy\\_mortgage\\_guarantee\\_scheme\\_outline.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/221897/help_to_buy_mortgage_guarantee_scheme_outline.pdf)

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## Retail Sales and Spending

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) reports that in December 2013, the quantity bought in the retail industry (volume) increased by 5.3% compared with a year ago. The amount spent (value) increased by 6.1%. Non-seasonally adjusted data show s that since December 2012 the prices of goods sold in the retail industry increased by 0.5% (this is measured by the implied price deflator).

When looking at where money was spent in December 2013, for every pound spent in the retail sector 42 pence was spent in food stores, 41 pence was spent in non-food stores, 6 pence in non-store retailing and 11 pence was spent on fuel.

The non-store retailing sector consists of retailers that sell predominantly on-line or through mail order. Compared with a year ago, in December 2013 the quantity bought in the non-store sector increased by 21.6%. The amount spent increased by 21.7% in the same period.

Data sources:

[http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778\\_349320.pdf](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778_349320.pdf)

## **Jobs boost as firm doubles its space**

High-Tech Nordson DAGE business has doubled the size of its premises with a relocation from Greenstead Road, Colchester, to a 12,500 sq ft building at Phoenix Square, on Severalls Business Park.

Finance director Phil McMahon said: “This new facility will allow us to grow our business in Colchester.”

The company designs and manufactures X-ray inspection machines, which are distributed worldwide with its Colchester office serving as a research and development centre.

The firm has doubled its staff with the relocation, from 20 to 40 employees and has space for further expansion.

## **Jobcentre to vacate Colchester High Street base**

Colchester’s JobCentre is to move from its High Street base to their other JobCentre Plus offices in Chapel Street South, off Southway.

A Department for Work and Pensions spokesman said there was no date yet set for the move, although it would happen later this year.

## **New enterprise programme offers support to digitally creative entrepreneurs in Essex**

The Colchester Enterprise Hub is delivering a new, highly practical course for digital startups in the Essex area. The Creative Technology Programme is a dynamic and engaging course for digital entrepreneurs who want to launch, market and monetise their business ideas.

The course will enable its students to develop everything they need to know about running their own digital enterprise, including business planning, finance, building a website, marketing, sales and how to successfully establish a brand. In addition, the Hub works with local investors such as Foundation East and national banks to provide accessible, financial support for its students.



The Hub, which is based at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, will deliver the 12-session course over a three-month period. Simon Mead, CEO at the EEHub said:

“The digital economy is key to business growth in Essex. It’s one of the cornerstones of the county’s development strategy and seen as a way to develop new business and stimulate the creation of jobs in the region.

Since 2011 the Eastern Enterprise Hub has supported the set up of 99 enterprises that have created in excess of 740 jobs and contributed more than £23 million to the local economy. It supports people from all walks of life who have a good business idea to develop key business skills, commercial expertise and the confidence to make it a success.

To apply for the Creative Technology Programme, email Amy Bramwell at [amy@eehub.co.uk](mailto:amy@eehub.co.uk) or call the Hub on 01206 755166. Alternatively, visit the website: [www.eehub.co.uk](http://www.eehub.co.uk)

## New £5 Million hotel plans for Colchester submitted

PLANS have been submitted to knock down the River Lodge pub in Middleborough, Colchester, and replace it with a £5million complex.

The Elysium Group wants to build a 50-bed hotel, wine bar and 150-space restaurant. Work would start soon after Colchester Council grants permission with between 50 and 70 jobs created.

## Essex University set for leading role in £5 Million ‘big data’ project

The University of Essex is to play a leading role in a “big data” project which aims to help policymakers make better use of information collected by businesses and local government organisations. A new £5million Data Research Centre for Smart Analytics, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for five years, will be led by the University of Essex, working in partnership with the universities of East Anglia and Kent and with partners in business and local government.

The Data Research Centre will make data routinely collected by business and local government organisations accessible for academics as a national resource, in order to undertake outstanding research that will provide a sound evidence-base to inform policy development, implementation and evaluation. The centre at Essex will offer a suite of big data solutions, from training to consultancy, to help the business and local government communities maximise the value of their big data to research the drivers of economic growth and the provision of services.

University of Essex vice-chancellor Professor Anthony Forster said the centre would be central to showcasing the University's excellence in big data analytics.

"This is a fantastic initiative for Essex and really helps us position ourselves as number one in the UK and Europe for harvesting data analytics and applying the data in new and exciting ways to support our business partners," he said.

The Data Research Centre will be based within the university's new £21m state-of-the-art Essex Business School, which carries out business-based research and collaborations with industry on big data, and is adjacent to the Knowledge Gateway development, providing a high quality environment for innovative business start-ups and SMEs.

The university has an international reputation for the collection, curation, management and analysis of big data and is home to the UK Data Archive – the UK's largest collection of digital research data in the social sciences and humanities.

## **Firm signs £30 Million deal to bring clean water to two million people**

Marks Tey- based Lifesaver Systems has signed a £30million deal to bring clean water to more than two million people in South America. The firm, which has developed a range of nano-filtration products that convert dirty water into clean, sterile drinking water, has been chosen to supply its technology to some of the poorest people in Colombia in conjunction with local charity PAIS 21.

The signing took place at the residence of the British Ambassador to Colombia in the capital, Bogota, between the charity and LifeSaver Systems' founder and inventor, Michael Pritchard MBE, and was witnessed by Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg who was in Colombia leading a business delegation from the UK.

“I’m immensely proud to have the British company Lifesaver as part of my trade and investment delegation to Latin America, and to be here to witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for a \$47 million (£30m) project in Colombia,” he said.

“But what Lifesaver is doing here in Colombia is more than securing a contract of business. The project beginning in March 2014 will help end water poverty by helping to bring clean, sterile drinking water to over two million people in rural and low income families across Colombia.”

The multi-million pound programme was agreed after Lifesaver’s jerrycans proved successful in a pilot project held in the Putumayo region of Colombia last year. The jerrycans hold 20 litres at a time and the filters last long enough to provide a family of four with clean water for five years. Clean water is obtained through the use of a filter that removes all harmful bacteria and viruses without the need for power, chemicals or UV light. The technology is now used in around 100 countries and has proved effective in disaster zones such as the recent storms in Philippines and the Haiti earthquake.

Mr Pritchard said the agreement “marks the beginning of a major national programme to eliminate water poverty across every region.” He added: “Knowing that we will be able to secure the long-term health of over two million people is a fantastic achievement and testament to the effectiveness and track record of Lifesaver’s nano-filtration technology.”

## Colbea wins funding to support women in enterprise

Female entrepreneurs are to be encouraged by Colbea – Colchester’s centre of excellence for business incubation – with a new programme of skills development.

Colbea has been awarded a grant from the Royal Bank of Scotland under its ‘RBS Inspiring Women in Enterprise’ initiative. Bob Baggalley, Chief Executive of Colbea, said: “This award will provide funding for 20 women to have a free place on 5 of our ‘Step Into Business’ training courses that consist of a series of 2-hour workshops on how to set up and run a business. This means that a maximum of 100 women will benefit throughout the life of the programme. Any women with a business idea, who live in the Colchester Borough area, can apply for a place.”

During the course the delegates will be given every opportunity to progress their business plan they have prepared. A dedicated and fully equipped workspace will be made available in Colbea’s Central Colchester Business Centre, on-site business advice will be provided from Business Advisors and

further support will be on offer in the form of a free 12-month subscription to Colbea's virtual tenancy service for those who have produced an approved business plan within the 90 day and start trading.

For more information about the programme, please contact [liz.bourne@colbea.co.uk](mailto:liz.bourne@colbea.co.uk) or phone 01206 548833 / 848420.



The Census 2011 for England and Wales was conducted on the 27 March 2011, and the first wave of Census data was released on 16 July 2012. At the end of January 2013, the release of Key Statistics (35 tables) and Quick Statistics (69 tables) for Output Area, ward, parish and parliamentary constituency geographies occurred. This data included information on national identity, passports held, qualifications, employment status and living arrangements. A more comprehensive list of data publications can be found on the Research and Engagement area of the website.

## Overview Indicators for Colchester:

Indicator	Value
Usual Resident Population	173,074
Number of Households	71,634
Males	49.3%
Females	50.7%
Lives in a household	96.5%
Lives in a communal establishment	3.5%
Area (Hectares)	32,908
Population Density (Persons per Hectare)	5.3

## Highest Level of Qualification Obtained:

Indicator	Value	Percentage
All categories: Highest level of qualification	141,427	-
No qualifications	27,440	19.4
Highest level of qualification: Level 1 qualifications	20,294	14.3
Highest level of qualification: Level 2 qualifications	23,629	16.7
Highest level of qualification: Apprenticeship	4,772	3.4
Highest level of qualification: Level 3 qualifications	19,572	13.8
Highest level of qualification: Level 4 qualifications and above	38,412	27.2
Highest level of qualification: Other qualifications	7,308	5.2

*Level 1 qualifications: 1-4 O Levels/CSE/GCSEs (any grades), Entry Level, Foundation Diploma, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ, Basic/Essential Skills*

*Level 2 qualifications: 5+ O Level (Passes)/CSEs (Grade 1)/GCSEs (Grades A\*-C), School Certificate, 1 A Level/ 2-3 AS Levels/VCEs, Intermediate/Higher Diploma, Welsh*

*Baccalaureate Intermediate Diploma, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ, City and Guilds Craft, BTEC First/General Diploma, RSA Diploma, Apprenticeship*

*Level 3 qualifications: 2+ A Levels/VCEs, 4+ AS Levels, Higher School Certificate, Progression/Advanced Diploma, Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma, NVQ Level 3; Advanced GNVQ, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, ONC, OND, BTEC National, RSA Advanced Diploma*

*Level 4+ qualifications: Degree (for example BA, BSc), Higher Degree (for example MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ Level 4-5, HNC, HND, RSA Higher Diploma, BTEC Higher level, Foundation degree (NI), Professional qualifications (for example teaching, nursing, accountancy)*

*Other qualifications: Vocational/Work-related Qualifications, Foreign Qualifications (Not stated/ level unknown).*

#### National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) in Colchester:

Indicator	Value	Percentage
All categories: NS-SeC	128,562	
1. Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations	13,711	10.7
1.1 Large employers and higher managerial and administrative occupations	3,443	2.7
1.2 Higher professional occupations	10,268	8.0
2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations	29,004	22.6
3. Intermediate occupations	17,418	13.5
4. Small employers and own account workers	11,684	9.1
5. Lower supervisory and technical occupations	8,154	6.3
6. Semi-routine occupations	18,241	14.2
7. Routine occupations	11,087	8.6
8. Never worked and long-term unemployed	4,881	3.8

*The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification.*

Of all employees in Colchester:

- **11.3%** work 15 hours or fewer a week
- **18.9%** work between 16 and 30 hours a week
- **54.9%** work between 31 and 48 hours a week
- **15.0%** work 49 hours or more

On Census day **3.8%** of people over 16 years of age in Colchester were described as having never worked and being long-term unemployed. This is lower than the England and Wales average of **5.6%**.

To view the ONS website for the Census please visit:

[www.ons.gov.uk/census](http://www.ons.gov.uk/census)

Keep up to date with local Census developments at:

[http://www.colchester.gov.uk/census\\_2011](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/census_2011)