

Employment Report

January – March 2010

1st May 2010

Unemployment data for quarter

	December 09	January 10	February 10	March 10
Plymouth	5,914 (3.7%)	6,674 (4.1%)	6,774 (4.2%)	6,489 (4.0%)
South West	90,035 (2.9%)	97,758 (3.1%)	98,015 (3.1%)	94,277 (3.0%)
Great Britain	1,513,921 (4.1%)	1,597,855 (4.3%)	1,600,181 (4.3%)	1,558,194 (4.2%)

Source: NOMIS

Unemployment in Plymouth fell in December, in line with regional and national figures and returned to the pre Christmas level in January. Plymouth unemployment rate has remained one point above regional levels, and slightly below national figures.

Job Losses and Gains for Quarter – January 2010 to March 2010

Overall Job Gains reported for quarter: 70 (last quarter 110)

Overall Job Losses reported for quarter: 432 (last quarter 206)

New Business registrations for quarter: not yet known (It is hoped that a source for this data will be established for future reports.)

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Job Creations

Engineering/Manufacturing

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Becton Dickinson	Manufacturer – medical products	19	January	Government grant (£2.2m) to support factory development, also safeguarding 118 jobs
Kawasaki Precision Machinery (UK) Ltd	Manufacturing	3	February	Improving business prospects and award of £1m Business Investment grant from SWRDA

Marine Industries

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Plymouth Science and Innovation Programme	Research, innovation and enterprise support from University of Plymouth & Tamar Science Park	500	2011 - 2016	New Marine Centre to be built on University campus and additional facilities at Tamar Science Park expected to create 500 new jobs and 30 new businesses within 5 years.

Medical and Healthcare

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
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Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Tesco	Retail	18	February	New Express store in Plympton
Loungers	Restaurant chain	20	March	Opening of Seco Lounge restaurant in Royal William Yard

Business Services

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
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Creative Industries

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
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Other sectors

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
2G Services	Car Wash service	10	March	2G Services (formerly Caribbean Car Wash) to open second centre in Plymstock

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Job Losses

Engineering/Manufacturing

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Pluss	Sheltered manufacturing	27	March	Manufacturing plant employing people with disabilities- closure due to loss of funding
Patronics	Electronic circuit board manufacture	37	March	Ceased trading

Marine Industries

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Medical and Healthcare

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Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)

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Business Services

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Creative Industries

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Other sectors

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Plymouth Citybus	Pubic transport	14	February	Job cuts after sale of company to Go Ahead
The Resettle-ment Agency	Charity reselling houseful furniture	20	February	Redundancy following insolvency
The Herald	Newspaper	95	February	Closure of printing

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				press at Derriford – future printing to be centred in Weymouth
The Number UK Ltd	Telephone directory enquiries service	179	May	Closure of 118118 call centre in Plymouth
MOD Defence Storage & Distribution Agency	Defence – munitions provision	60	tba	Consultation on reduction of staff at Ernesettle depot

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Summary this quarter (January – March 2010)

	Job Gains	Job Losses
Engineering/Manufacturing	22	64
Marine Industries	(500 future jobs)	
Medical and Healthcare		
Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)	38	
Business Services		
Creative Industries		
Other sectors	10	368
TOTALS	70	432

Summary last 4 quarters (April 09 – March 10)

	Job Gains	Job Losses
Engineering/Manufacturing	102	678
Marine Industries	280	105
Medical and Healthcare	10	
Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)	363	56
Business Services	130	36
Creative Industries		
Other sectors	93	536
TOTALS	978	1411