

Plymouth Employment & Skills Board – Employment Report

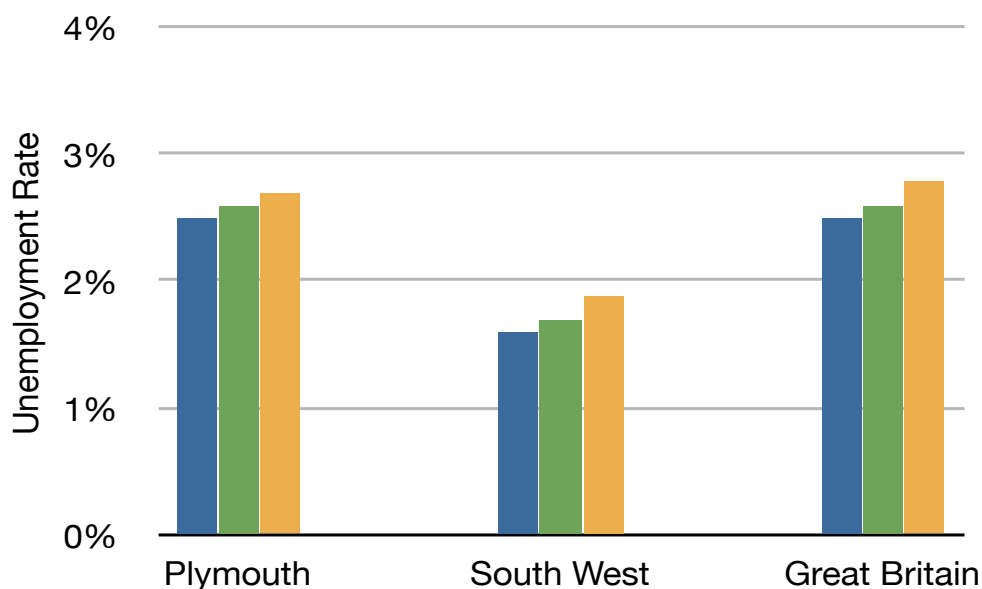
October – December 2008

6th January 2009

Unemployment data for quarter

As December data is not released until January 21st, the following tables show the quarter from September 2008 to November 2008. In November 2008 unemployment in Plymouth amounted to 4,338 people at a rate of 2.7% (rising from 3,942 (2.5%) in September. Unemployment in Plymouth grew at a slightly lower rate than that for Great Britain at the end of this period.

Claimant Unemployment Rates Sep-08 to Nov-08



Source: NOMIS official labour market statistics

Job Losses and Gains for Quarter – Oct-08 to Dec-08

This data is culled from a variety of sources, including local press and reports from agencies working in the employment field. The information provided is intended to give an understanding of the dynamics of change within the local economy and labour market, and is not claiming to represent officially vetted data.

The number of job losses increased dramatically towards the end of the quarter, largely as a result of losses in the retail sector.

Overall Job Gains reported for quarter: 437

Overall Job Losses reported for quarter: 896

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

Marine Industries

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment

Medical and Healthcare

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Air Liquide	Home oxygen services	4 +	November 2008	Facility Manager, Production Analyst, Production Technicians for new site (Plympton)
Ashleigh Manor	Care Home	30	January 2009	New extension (January)

Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Dunelm Mill	Retail (former Wickes site in Exeter ST)	130	Opening 4 December 2008	
Pets at Home	Retail	10	5 December 2008	Next to Dunelm Mill
Store 21	Retail	7	October 2008	Clothing concession within Woolworths
Lidl	Retail	30	Planning approved	New Woolwell store – developers expected on site June 09

Business Services

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment

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Creative Industries

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment

Other sectors

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Cromwell	Distribution of maintenance and repair products	12	January 2009	New distribution depot
118 118	Call Centre	90	March 09	Expansion of service (Langage)
Ginsters	Bakery	27	December	Skilled technician roles (Callington)
Tamar Foods	Food	97	Aug – Dec 08	

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Job Losses

Engineering/Manufacturing

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Mitie Engineering Services	Engineering	41	unspecified	

Marine Industries

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Babcock Marine	Ship repair	130	By 30/06/09	Reduced from media reported 300

Medical and Healthcare

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Better Life	Health Promotion	10	October	Callington based

Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
Spar Express	Retail	7	October 2008	Closure of kitchen/catering facility
Direct Wines	Retail	98	December 2008	Transfer of work to Gloucester
GT Motorcycles	Retail	7		
National Marine Aquarium	Tourism Venue	15	unspecified	
Inntra West	Hotel and Inn operator	12		Staff reductions at St Elizabeth's Hotel, Plympton and The Rose & Crown, Yealmpton
Hobby Craft	Retail	29	24 December	Concession shop in Woolworths
Woolworths	Retail	100	2/1/09	Closure of local stores

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ITV	Television News	80	March 2009	Part of regional cuts of 492 jobs (186 in Devon)

Other sectors

Company	Activity	No of jobs	Date	Comment
City College Plymouth	Further Education	7	unspecified	Due to restructuring
University College Marjon	Higher Education	15	unspecified	No compulsory
University of Plymouth	Higher Education	223	unspecified	
LS UK (formerly Lucas)	Car Parts	20	October 2008	Closure
Ryder	Transportation & Logistics	15	November	Closure of vehicle rental depot
Urban Splash	Property Developers	unspecified	unspecified	currently in consultation
KJR Synergy	Property	2	October	Callington based
Sellicks	Stationery distribution	33	October	Lee Mill
Pilkington Glass	Construction/ manufacturing	52	31 December	

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Summary – Oct-08 to Dec-08

	Job Gains	Job Losses
Engineering/Manufacturing		41
Marine Industries		130
Medical and Healthcare	34	10
Tourism and Leisure (inc Retail)	177	268
Business Services		
Creative Industries		80
Other sectors	226	367
TOTALS	437	896

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