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LEWISHAM TOPS THE LONDON LEAGUE WITH 21.1 UNEMPLOYED CLAIMANTS CHASING EACH JOB VACANCY

The number one political priority has to be securing a reduction in unemployment by creating jobs, by stimulating demand in the economy, not by cutting wages and shedding jobs says GMB

In second half of 2011 there were 21.1 unemployed workers chasing each live unfilled job vacancy in Lewisham a new GMB analysis shows. Lewisham was top of the London league with the highest ratio of claimants to unfilled job vacancies. In Lewisham during this period there was a monthly average of 10,590 unemployed claimants chasing a monthly average of 501 live unfilled job vacancies. Next in the league in terms of number of claimants for each unfilled vacancy were Haringey 19.5; Hackney 17.3 and Waltham Forest 15.6. Below are the figures for the 33 boroughs in London for this period.

The figures show that in the London there were a total of 234,800 unemployed claimants chasing a total of 30,480 unfilled job vacancies. That means that there were 7.7 unemployed workers chasing each unfilled job vacancy across the region as a whole.

The figures show that in Great Britain there were a total of 1,504,172 unemployed claimants chasing a total of 289,839 unfilled job vacancies. That means that there were 5.2 unemployed workers chasing each unfilled job vacancy across the country as a whole.

The number of unemployed claimants chasing each unfilled vacancy by region in Great Britain is as follows in descending order: Scotland 7.8; North East 7.8; London 7.7; Yorkshire and Humber 6.3, Wales 5.6; North West; 5.5 West Midlands 4.8; East Midlands 4.0 Eastern England 3.9; South East 3.5 and South West region 3.4.

All these figures are from a new GMB analysis of the live unfilled vacancies and total claimants. The figure were for the period between July and December 2011 and show the monthly average for both over 6 months. The full table with all 204 areas in Great Britain is set out as a pdf at the foot of the national release on this subject on the GMB website (www.gmb.org.uk).

Live unfilled vacancies and total claimants in the 33 boroughs in London, July-December 2011 (monthly average over the 6 months)

	live unfilled vacancies	total claimants	ratio
Great Britain	289,839	1,504,172	5.2
London	30,480	234,800	7.7
Local council areas			
1 Lewisham	501	10,590	21.1
2 Haringey	543	10,603	19.5

3	Hackney	643	11,122	17.3
4	Waltham Forest	636	9,891	15.6
5	Redbridge	594	7,389	12.4
6	Lambeth	1,002	12,170	12.1
7	Barking and Dagenham	624	7,540	12.1
8	Greenwich	681	7,940	11.7
9	Tower Hamlets	1,024	11,286	11.0
10	Southwark	1,027	11,287	11.0
11	Croydon	1,166	10,749	9.2
12	Brent	1,073	9,775	9.1
13	Enfield	1,302	10,641	8.2
14	Bromley	739	5,873	7.9
15	Ealing	1,241	9,208	7.4
16	Merton	537	3,959	7.4
17	Islington	1,035	7,306	7.1
18	Barnet	1,007	7,095	7.0
19	Bexley	674	4,740	7.0
20	Havering	766	5,380	7.0
21	Wandsworth	991	6,527	6.6
22	Harrow	647	4,220	6.5
23	Sutton	556	3,483	6.3
24	Newham	1,938	11,798	6.1
25	Kensington and Chelsea	575	3,360	5.8
26	Hammersmith and Fulham	1,012	5,231	5.2
27	Camden	1,261	5,643	4.5
28	Hounslow	1,321	5,419	4.1
29	Hillingdon	1,484	5,153	3.5
30	Richmond upon Thames	622	2,035	3.3
31	Westminster	1,831	5,273	2.9
32	Kingston upon Thames	760	2,010	2.6
33	City of London	670	110	0.2

Paul Hayes Regional Secretary for the London Region said **“The rise in unemployment since the recovery stalled was made in Downing Street.**

The truth is that jobs are haemorrhaging in the public and private sectors and no one in Parliament seems to know what to do to stop this.

There are parts of the capital like Barking and Dagenham, Westminster and Newham in such despair that more than a quarter of households with people of working age have no one in work. The prospects for these are bleak since the number of unemployed workers chasing each vacancy across the region is even higher than shown. Across the UK there are 1.2 million unemployed who are not claimants.

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Notes to editors

1) Source: ONS July – December 2011. Vacancy figures are those notified to Jobcentre Plus by employers. Live unfilled vacancies are those that a jobseeker can apply for, i.e. vacancies that have not yet been filled or suspended.

2) The vacancy and claimant count data is available down to district level. Journalists who require data at district level should contact the GMB press office.