

# Ad hoc analysis of individuals who have never worked

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# Results

## Individuals who have never worked (excluding casual and holiday work)

Individuals aged 16-64; United Kingdom; Not seasonally adjusted

Millions	Quarterly estimates (subject to seasonal variations)								
	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Q2 2010	Q3 2010	
Total never worked excluding those aged 16-24 and in education	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	
...of which...									
Aged 16-24 and not in education	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	
Aged 25-64	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	
				<b>Annual average for the year to ...</b>					
				<b>Q3 2009</b>	<b>Q4 2009</b>	<b>Q1 2010</b>	<b>Q2 2010</b>	<b>Q3 2010</b>	
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Source: Labour Force Survey, Quarter 4 2008 to Quarter 3 2010

## Notes

1. An individual is defined as having never worked if they are currently not in employment and state that they have not ever had paid work (apart from casual or holiday work, or the job that they are waiting to begin).

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2. Information is not available on the reasons why an individual has never worked. For example some of these individuals may have disabilities or caring responsibilities, or have partners who work. Likewise, some will be claiming state benefits and some will not.
3. The various definitions of people who are in education are currently being reviewed by the Office for National Statistics. In this table, an individual is defined as in education if they are attending a course, full-time or part-time, at school, university or college, on a sandwich course, training in nursing, Open University or College, or other correspondence course.
4. Estimates are not seasonally adjusted, so comparisons between individual quarters are subject to seasonal variations, such as large numbers leaving education and joining the labour market between Q2 and Q3. The annual averages provided in the second table provide a more stable measure of numbers who have never worked in a given year.
5. Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.