

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: 28 AUGUST 2001

UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE – JUNE 2001

Report by the Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on unemployment levels as at June 2001 for East Ayrshire and Scotland, and for Wards and Local Committee Areas.

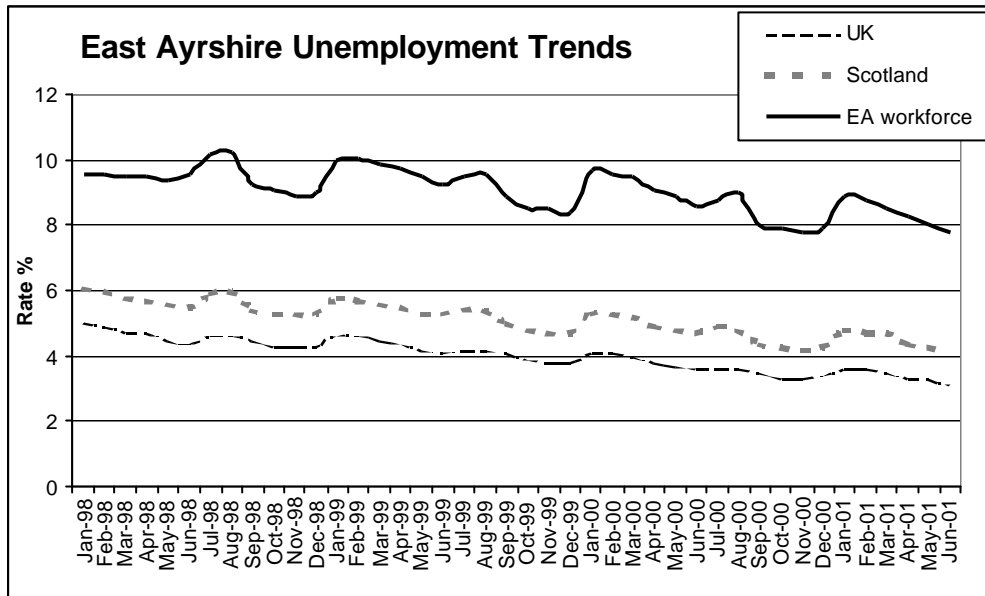
2. UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE

- 2.1 In June 2001, a total of 3,571 people were out of work in East Ayrshire. Male claimants totalled 2,651 and female claimants totalled 920.
- 2.2 Unemployment in East Ayrshire for the last year compared with Scotland is:

Month	East Ayrshire	Scotland
June 2001	7.8%	4.2%
February 2001	8.8%	4.7%
October 2000	7.9%	4.3%
June 2000	8.6%	4.7%

3. UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

- 3.1 The following table shows unemployment trends in East Ayrshire using the Workforce rate over the past three years. UK and Scottish rates are also shown.



Source: ONS

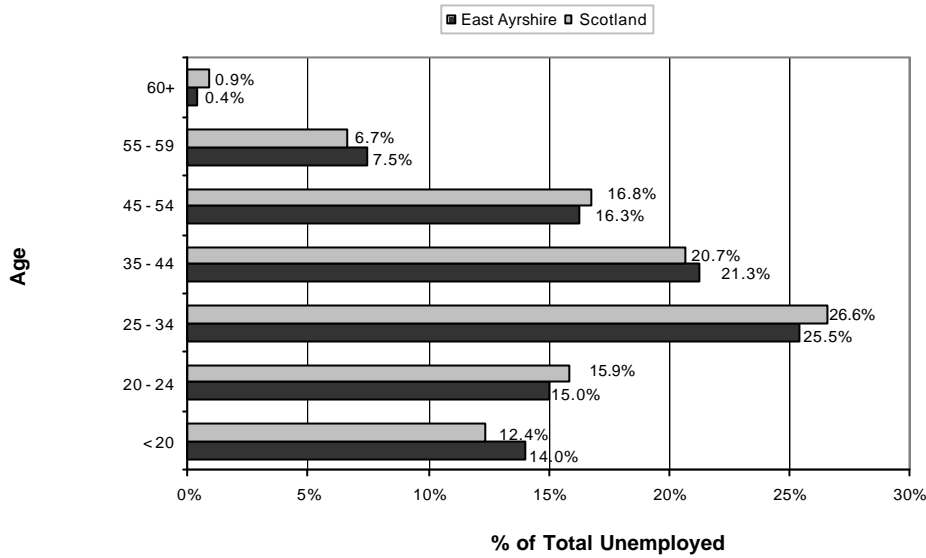
4. UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL WARD AND LOCAL COMMITTEE AREAS

4.1 The Office for National Statistics publishes claimant count figures for 1999 wards. The unemployment rates are calculated using an estimate of economically active persons from the 1998 Voluntary Population Survey. Unemployment rates at June 2001 for Wards and Local Committee Areas are appended to this report.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE

5.1 The following table shows claimant unemployed by age in East Ayrshire compared with Scotland. As can be seen the largest proportion of claimants are in the 35 – 44 years old age band. The age band split of the unemployed in East Ayrshire is similar to that of Scotland.

Unemployment by Age, June 2001



Source: ONS / SLIMS

6. LEGAL/PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications for the Council.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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**1999 Ward Unemployment -
June 2001**

Ward	Males Econ. Active	%	Females Econ Active	%	Persons Econ Active	%			
Stewarton East & Dunlop	51	1,043	4.9%	20	745	2.7%	71	1,788	4.0%
Stewarton Central	76	991	7.7%	22	801	2.7%	98	1,792	5.5%
Kilmaurs & Stewarton South	56	1,045	5.4%	14	811	1.7%	70	1,856	3.8%
North Kilmarnock, Fenwick & Waterside	29	1,165	2.5%	14	889	1.6%	43	2,054	2.1%
Crosshouse, Gatehead & Knockentiber	61	913	6.7%	24	779	3.1%	85	1,692	5.0%
Altonhill, Hillhead & Longpark	183	1,025	17.9%	64	812	7.9%	247	1,837	13.4%
Onthank	174	852	20.4%	68	765	8.9%	242	1,617	15.0%
Kilmarnock Central West	70	808	8.7%	23	721	3.2%	93	1,529	6.1%
Kilmarnock Central East	67	948	7.1%	26	798	3.3%	93	1,746	5.3%
North New Farm Loch & Dean	74	1,058	7.0%	30	845	3.6%	104	1,903	5.5%
South New Farm Loch	83	1,038	8.0%	29	834	3.5%	112	1,872	6.0%
Crookedholm, Moscow, Galston West & Hurlford North	72	848	8.5%	15	620	2.4%	87	1,468	5.9%
Newmilns	73	994	7.3%	13	704	1.8%	86	1,698	5.1%
Grange/Howard	31	1,021	3.0%	11	765	1.4%	42	1,786	2.4%
Kilmarnock Central South	64	895	7.2%	25	753	3.3%	89	1,648	5.4%
Riccarton	89	951	9.4%	33	769	4.3%	122	1,720	7.1%
Shortlees	188	949	19.8%	64	715	9.0%	252	1,664	15.1%
Bellfield	78	881	8.9%	38	674	5.6%	116	1,555	7.5%
Hurlford	62	1,039	6.0%	33	798	4.1%	95	1,837	5.2%
Galston East	42	1,047	4.0%	11	789	1.4%	53	1,836	2.9%
Darvel	52	1,090	4.8%	34	820	4.1%	86	1,910	4.5%
Mauchline	63	957	6.6%	23	713	3.2%	86	1,670	5.1%
Catrine, Sorn & Mauchline East	98	947	10.3%	24	674	3.6%	122	1,621	7.5%
Muirkirk, Lugar, Logan	104	808	12.9%	32	548	5.8%	136	1,356	10.0%
Drongan, Stair & Rankinston	87	1,005	8.7%	16	699	2.3%	103	1,704	6.0%
Ochiltree, Skares, Netherthird & Craigen	67	940	7.1%	18	653	2.8%	85	1,593	5.3%
Auchinleck	104	820	12.7%	39	620	6.3%	143	1,440	9.9%
Cumnock West	66	901	7.3%	31	702	4.4%	97	1,603	6.1%
Cumnock East	95	880	10.8%	21	717	2.9%	116	1,597	7.3%

Patna & Dalrymple	77	933	8.3%	24	699	3.4%	101	1,632	6.2%
Dalmellington	94	780	12.1	27	526	5.1%	121	1,306	9.3%
			%						
New Cumnock	113	900	12.6	48	631	7.6%	161	1,531	10.5%
			%						
Total	2,643	30,472	8.7%	914	23,389	3.9%	3,557	53,861	6.6%

Source: ONS and SLIMS

Unemployment Rates for East Ayrshire Local Committee Areas - June 2001									
	Males			Females			Total		
Local Committee Area	Claimants	E.A.P. *	Rate	Claimants	E.A.P. *	Rate	Claimants	E.A.P. *	Rate
Northern Area	212	4244	5.0%	70	3246	2.2%	282	7490	3.8%
Kilmarnock North	514	3973	12.9%	191	3256	5.9%	705	7229	9.8%
Kilmarnock Central	293	4585	6.4%	109	3816	2.9%	402	8401	4.8%
Kilmarnock South	355	2781	12.8%	135	2158	6.3%	490	4939	9.9%
Irvine Valley	301	5018	6.0%	106	3731	2.8%	407	8749	4.7%
Cumnock Area	710	7153	9.9%	236	5258	4.5%	946	12411	7.6%
Doon Valley	258	2718	9.5%	67	1924	3.5%	325	4642	7.0%
TOTAL	2,643	30,472	8.7%	914	23,389	3.9%	3,557	53,861	6.6%
Source: ONS and SLIMS									
* Economically Active Population									

AGENDA