

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: 19 DECEMBER 2000

### UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE – AUGUST & OCTOBER 2000

#### Report by the Director of Development Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on unemployment levels as at October 2000 for East Ayrshire and Scotland, and August 2000 for Wards and Local Committee Areas.

#### 2. UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE

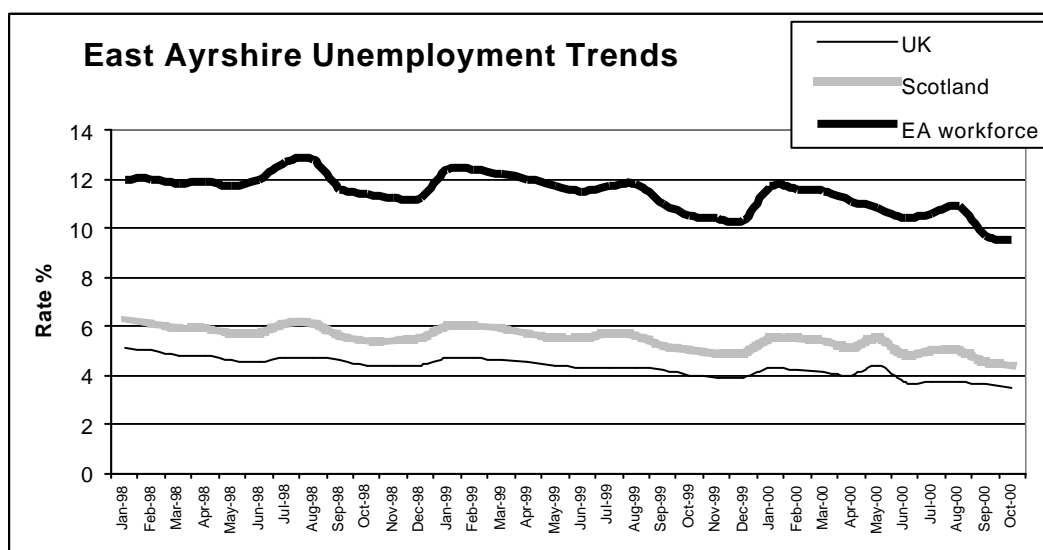
2.1 Using the workforce unemployment rate, in October 2000, a total of 3,588 people were out of work in East Ayrshire. Male claimants totalled 2,693 and female claimants totalled 895.

2.2 Unemployment in East Ayrshire for the last year compared with Scotland is:

Month	East Ayrshire	Scotland
October 2000	9.5%	4.4%
June 2000	10.4%	4.8%
February 2000	11.6%	5.5%
October 1999	10.5%	5%

#### 4. UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

4.1 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*

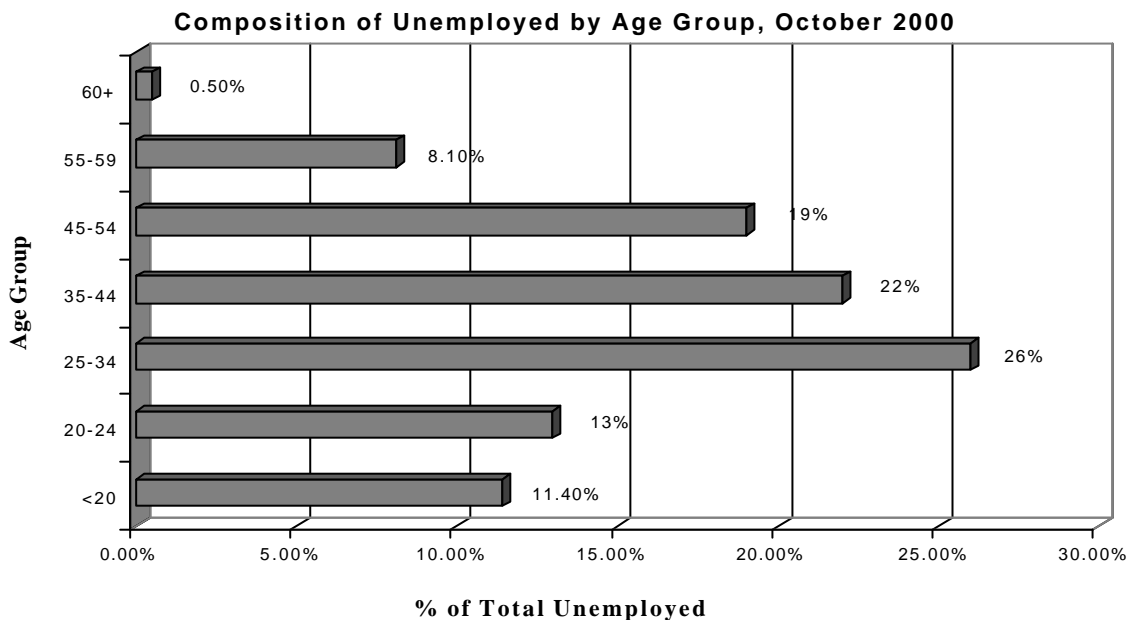


## 5. UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL WARD AND LOCAL COMMITTEE AREAS

5.1 The Office for National Statistics now publish claimant count figures for the new 1999 wards. The unemployment rates are calculated using an estimate of economically active persons from the 1998 Voluntary Population Survey. Unemployment rates at August 2000 for Wards and Local Committee Areas are appended to this report.

## 6. UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE

6.1 The following table shows claimant unemployed by age in East Ayrshire. As can be seen the highest proportion unemployed are in the 25-34 age group at 26%.



Source: ONS / SLIMS

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal implications for the Council.

## 8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no personnel implications for the Council.

## 9. RECOMMENDATION...../

**9. RECOMMENDATION**

**9.1 It is recommended that the Committee note this report.**

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**List of Background Papers**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**