

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: 26 AUGUST 2003

### UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE – JUNE 2003

#### 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 May 2003 for East Ayrshire and Scotland, and for East Ayrshire Wards and Local Committee Areas.

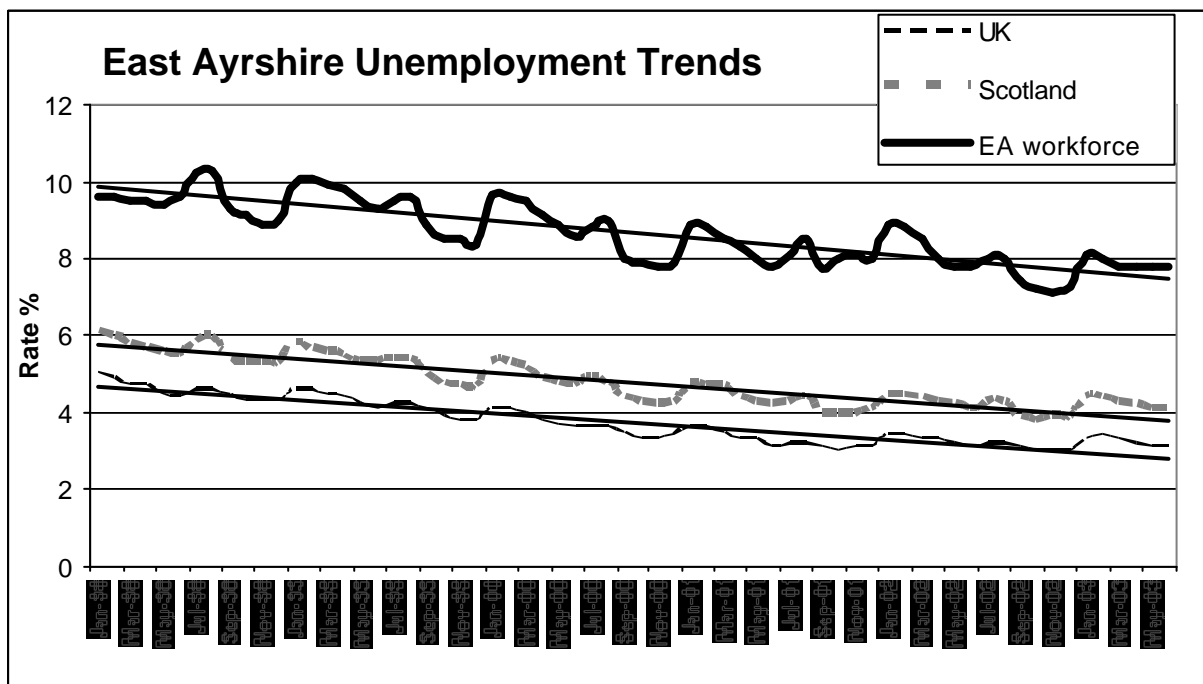
#### 2. UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE

2.1 In June 2003, a total of 3,522 people were out of work in East Ayrshire. Male claimants totalled 2,663 and female claimants totalled 859.

2.2 Unemployment in East Ayrshire in June 2003 was 7.7%. In the year since June 2002, unemployment has fallen by 0.1%.

#### 3. UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

3.1 The following table shows trends in unemployment in East Ayrshire using the workforce rate over the past five years up to June 2003. UK and Scottish rates are also shown.



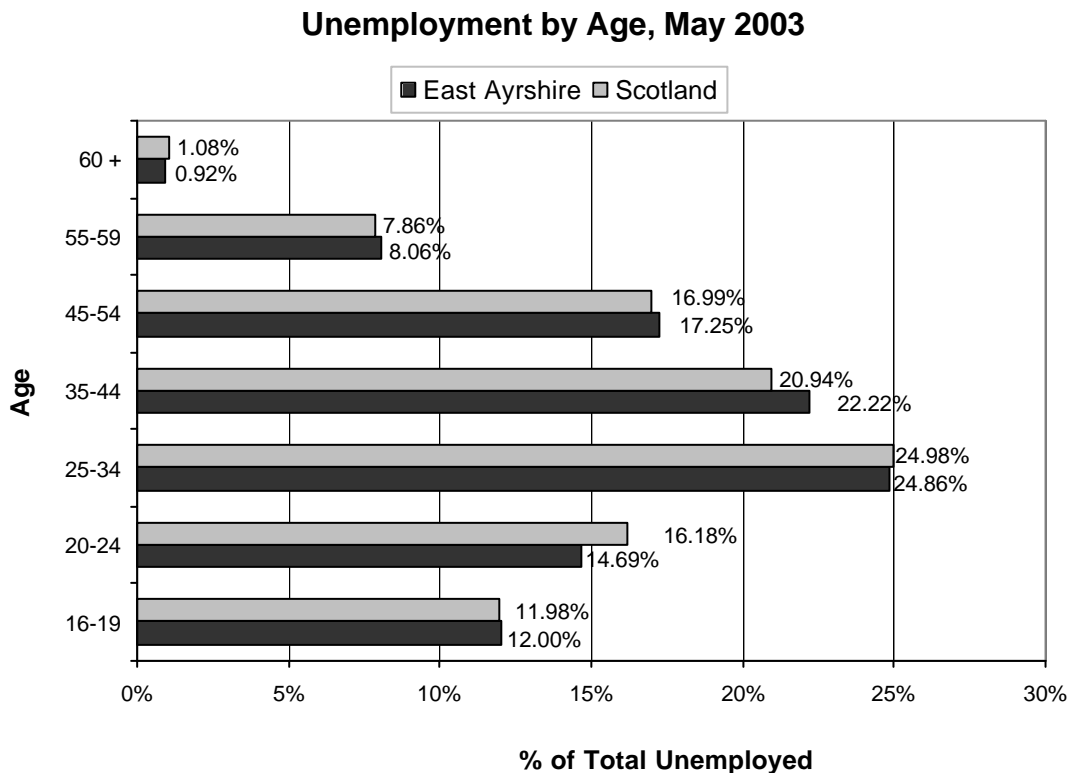
#### 4. UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL WARD AND LOCAL COMMITTEE AREAS

4.1 Unemployment rates at May 2003 for Wards and Local Committee Areas are appended to this report. These small area rates are calculated differently from that reported at paragraph 2.2. The calculations from the Office for National Statistics referred to in paragraph 2 measure claimant unemployment as a proportion of workforce, whereas the local statistics measure claimant unemployment as a proportion of the economically active population in the area. In East Ayrshire the workforce is smaller than the economically active population because more people travel out of the area to work than travel in. As a consequence unemployment rates calculated by reference to the economically active population are lower than the headline rate for East Ayrshire reported at paragraph 2.2.

4.2 It should be noted that although the Kilmarnock North and South Local Committee Areas unemployment figures are high the unemployment rate for the Kilmarnock area as a whole is 7.3%

#### 5. UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE

5.1 The following table shows claimant unemployment by age in East Ayrshire compared with Scotland (May 2003). The table shows that the profile of unemployment by age in East Ayrshire is broadly similar to that of Scotland although unemployment is slightly higher among those aged 35-44, while slightly lower among those aged 20-24.



Source: ONS / SLIMS

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no legal implications for the Council.

**7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no personnel implications for the Council.

**8. RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note this report.

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NIL**

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## Unemployment Rates for East Ayrshire Local Committee Areas - May 2003

Local Committee Area	Males			Females			Total		
	Claimants	E.A.P. *	Rate	Claimants	E.A.P. *	Rate	Claimants	E.A.P. *	Rate
Northern Area	191	4244	4.5%	66	3246	2.0%	257	7490	3.4%
Kilmarnock North	508	3973	12.8%	183	3256	5.6%	691	7229	9.6%
Kilmarnock Central	278	4585	6.1%	96	3816	2.5%	374	8401	4.5%
Kilmarnock South	331	2781	11.9%	112	2158	5.2%	443	4939	9.0%
Irvine Valley	348	5018	6.9%	105	3731	2.8%	453	8749	5.2%
Cumnock Area	709	7153	9.9%	240	5258	4.6%	949	12411	7.6%
Doon Valley	227	2718	8.4%	70	1924	3.6%	297	4642	6.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>30,472</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>23,389</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>53,861</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

Source: ONS and SLIMS

\* Economically Active Population

### 1999 Ward Unemployment - May 2003

Ward	Males	Econ. Active	%	Females	Econ Active	%	Persons	Econ Active	%
Stewarton East & Dunlop	54	<b>1,043</b>	5.2%	17	<b>745</b>	2.3%	71	<b>1,788</b>	4.0%
Stewarton Central	64	<b>991</b>	6.5%	19	<b>801</b>	2.4%	83	<b>1,792</b>	4.6%
Kilmaurs & Stewarton South	42	<b>1,045</b>	4.0%	18	<b>811</b>	2.2%	60	<b>1,856</b>	3.2%
North Kilmarnock, Fenwick & Waterside	31	<b>1,165</b>	2.7%	12	<b>889</b>	1.3%	43	<b>2,054</b>	2.1%
Crosshouse, Gatehead & Knockentiber	43	<b>913</b>	4.7%	15	<b>779</b>	1.9%	58	<b>1,692</b>	3.4%
Altonhill, Hillhead & Longpark	191	<b>1,025</b>	18.6%	72	<b>812</b>	8.9%	263	<b>1,837</b>	14.3%
Onthank	160	<b>852</b>	18.8%	50	<b>765</b>	6.5%	210	<b>1,617</b>	13.0%
Kilmarnock Central West	76	<b>808</b>	9.4%	25	<b>721</b>	3.5%	101	<b>1,529</b>	6.6%
Kilmarnock Central East	71	<b>948</b>	7.5%	18	<b>798</b>	2.3%	89	<b>1,746</b>	5.1%
North New Farm Loch & Dean	69	<b>1,058</b>	6.5%	34	<b>845</b>	4.0%	103	<b>1,903</b>	5.4%
South New Farm Loch	88	<b>1,038</b>	8.5%	27	<b>834</b>	3.2%	115	<b>1,872</b>	6.1%
Crookedholm, Moscow, Galston West & Hurlford North	68	<b>848</b>	8.0%	12	<b>620</b>	1.9%	80	<b>1,468</b>	5.4%
Newmilns	80	<b>994</b>	8.0%	18	<b>704</b>	2.6%	98	<b>1,698</b>	5.8%
Grange/Howard	23	<b>1,021</b>	2.3%	8	<b>765</b>	1.0%	31	<b>1,786</b>	1.7%
Kilmarnock Central South	65	<b>895</b>	7.3%	30	<b>753</b>	4.0%	95	<b>1,648</b>	5.8%
Riccarton	90	<b>951</b>	9.5%	27	<b>769</b>	3.5%	117	<b>1,720</b>	6.8%
Shortlees	165	<b>949</b>	17.4%	60	<b>715</b>	8.4%	225	<b>1,664</b>	13.5%
Bellfield	76	<b>881</b>	8.6%	25	<b>674</b>	3.7%	101	<b>1,555</b>	6.5%
Hurlford	76	<b>1,039</b>	7.3%	41	<b>798</b>	5.1%	117	<b>1,837</b>	6.4%
Galston East	59	<b>1,047</b>	5.6%	14	<b>789</b>	1.8%	73	<b>1,836</b>	4.0%
Darvel	65	<b>1,090</b>	6.0%	20	<b>820</b>	2.4%	85	<b>1,910</b>	4.5%
Mauchline	59	<b>957</b>	6.2%	16	<b>713</b>	2.2%	75	<b>1,670</b>	4.5%
Catrine, Sorn & Mauchline East	95	<b>947</b>	10.0%	25	<b>674</b>	3.7%	120	<b>1,621</b>	7.4%
Muirkirk, Lugar, Logan	100	<b>808</b>	12.4%	43	<b>548</b>	7.8%	143	<b>1,356</b>	10.5%
Drongan, Stair & Rankinston	76	<b>1,005</b>	7.6%	34	<b>699</b>	4.9%	110	<b>1,704</b>	6.5%
Ochiltree, Skares, Netherthird & Craighens	69	<b>940</b>	7.3%	27	<b>653</b>	4.1%	96	<b>1,593</b>	6.0%
Auchinleck	115	<b>820</b>	14.0%	30	<b>620</b>	4.8%	145	<b>1,440</b>	10.1%
Cumnock West	65	<b>901</b>	7.2%	27	<b>702</b>	3.8%	92	<b>1,603</b>	5.7%
Cumnock East	87	<b>880</b>	9.9%	30	<b>717</b>	4.2%	117	<b>1,597</b>	7.3%
Patna & Dalrymple	77	<b>933</b>	8.3%	15	<b>699</b>	2.1%	92	<b>1,632</b>	5.6%
Dalmellington	74	<b>780</b>	9.5%	21	<b>526</b>	4.0%	95	<b>1,306</b>	7.3%
New Cumnock	119	<b>900</b>	13.2%	42	<b>631</b>	6.7%	161	<b>1,531</b>	10.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>30,472</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>23,389</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>53,861</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

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