

Facts about Kent (2006-2007)

Population: 1,382,800 – compared to 8,237,800 in the South East

Population of working age: 830,700 – compared to 5,175,600 in the South East

Percentage of population under 16 years: 20.1% – compared to 19.3% in the South East

Employment rates: 75.9% – compared to 78.4% in the South East

- Male employment rates: 80.4% – compared to 83.5% in the South East
- Female employment rates: 71.2% – compared to 73.6% in the South East

Economic activity rate: 80.3% – compared to 82% in the South East

Economic inactivity rate: 19.7% – compared to 18% in the South East

Number of unemployed: 36,400 – compared to 197,000 in the South East

Percentage unemployed: 5.4% – compared to 4.6% in the South East

JSA Claimants: 1.6% of residents of working age – compared to 1.3% in the South East

Top sectors and percentage of workforce:

- Public administration, education and health: 28.1%
- Distribution, hotels and restaurants: 27.1%
- Finance, IT and other business activities: 17%

Total number of business sites (2004): 390,900 in the South East

Employment by occupation:

SOC 2000 major group <i>Percent</i>	Kent	South East
1: managers and senior officials	15.1	17.5
2: professional occupations	12.5	14.0
3: associate prof & tech occupations	13.9	15.4
4: administrative and secretarial occupations	12.9	12.4
5: skilled trades occupations	11.6	10.0
6: personal service occupations	8.3	8.0
7: sales and customer service occupations	7.4	7.2
8: process, plant and machine operatives	6.3	5.2
9: elementary occupations	11.9	10.2

Gross weekly pay for full-time workers:

- Males: £542.10 compared to £558.80 in the South East
- Females: £481.60 compared to £421.60 in the South East

Education:

- Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more grades A*-C at GCSE level or equivalent: 64.2% compared to 61.4% in the South East
- Full-time staying on rates: 78% for 16 year olds (87% in the South East) and 64% for 17 year olds (77% in the South East)

Sources: Office for National Statistics and nomis (using the Labour Force Survey, Annual Population Survey, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, Claimant Count and Annual Business Inquiry)