

Facts about Medway (2006-2007)

Population: 251,700 – compared to 8,237,800 in the South East

Population of working age: 159,100 – compared to 5,175,600 in the South East

Percentage of population under 16 years: 21.6% – compared to 19.3% in the South East

Employment rates: 76.5% – compared to 78.4% in the South East

- Male employment rates: 81.8% – compared to 83.5% in the South East
- Female employment rates: 71.1% – compared to 73.6% in the South East

Economic activity rate: 81% – compared to 82% in the South East

Economic inactivity rate: 19% – compared to 18% in the South East

Number of unemployed: 7,300 – compared to 197,000 in the South East

Percentage unemployed: 5.5% – compared to 4.6% in the South East

JSA Claimants: 2.1% of residents of working age – compared to 1.3% in the South East

Top sectors and percentage of workforce:

- Public administration, education and health: 29.8%
- Distribution, hotels and restaurants: 22.5%
- Finance, IT and other business activities: 19.2%

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

Employment by occupation:

| SOC 2000 major group | Medway | South East |
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| <i>Percent</i> | | |
| 1: managers and senior officials | 11.2 | 17.5 |
| 2: professional occupations | 9.1 | 14.0 |
| 3: associate prof & tech occupations | 14.8 | 15.4 |
| 4: administrative and secretarial occupations | 13.4 | 12.4 |
| 5: skilled trades occupations | 12.8 | 10.0 |
| 6: personal service occupations | 9.1 | 8.0 |
| 7: sales and customer service occupations | 9.0 | 7.2 |
| 8: process, plant and machine operatives | 8.8 | 5.2 |
| 9: elementary occupations | 11.5 | 10.2 |

Gross weekly pay for full-time workers:

- Males: £499.60 compared to £558.80 in the South East
- Females: £383.50 compared to £421.60 in the South East

Education:

- Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more grades A*-C at GCSE level or equivalent: 63% compared to 61.4% in the South East
- Full-time staying on rates: 73% for 16 year olds (87% in the South East) and 59% 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)