Statistics

Population

Population estimates, 2001-2008 - districts

Age group	All ages	0-15	16-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Geography						
England and Wales	54439654	10254465	10185267	11542061	13633215	8824646
South East	8380086	1592296	1464139	1766270	2154817	1402564
East Sussex	509872	90676	70764	90008	141997	116427
Eastbourne	96103	16482	15897	17580	23920	22224
Hastings	86396	16748	14326	17259	23030	15033
Lewes	95192	16609	12915	16599	27001	22068
Rother	88838	14545	10309	13315	25673	24996
Wealden	143343	26292	17317	25255	42373	32106

Unemployment Statistics

All claimants:

JSA claimant count by age, 2008-2010 - districts

Month	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10
Geography												
Great Britain	1412355	1473655	1506420	1512440	1499510	1516905	1543810	1532720	1524710	1511195	1507730	1591510
South East	142170	149700	153415	154670	151910	153325	156390	154935	154570	154405	152285	162160
East Sussex	10040	10240	10400	10460	9770	9520	9610	9605	9750	9885	10155	10770
Eastbourne	2345	2385	2430	2425	2175	2095	2105	2120	2120	2160	2200	2380
Hastings	2885	2935	2960	2980	2965	2915	2950	2935	3065	3195	3340	3495
Lewes	1700	1725	1770	1765	1585	1545	1530	1550	1550	1555	1580	1655
Rother	1480	1500	1540	1555	1460	1420	1460	1440	1490	1490	1535	1620
Wealden	1620	1685	1710	1745	1575	1550	1560	1555	1535	1480	1490	1635

Claimants under 20

JSA claimant count by age, 2008-2010 - districts

Month	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10
Geography												
Great Britain	148995	155245	154010	150275	146390	149775	154030	157085	155810	151945	150015	153205
South East	14540	15300	15240	14900	14380	14700	15285	15495	15400	15190	14710	15305
East Sussex	1225	1240	1195	1150	1045	1065	1045	1055	1130	1140	1145	1165
Eastbourne	250	245	235	230	195	210	205	210	220	225	215	225
Hastings	335	340	325	325	315	330	315	305	355	365	380	395
Lewes	255	255	255	225	200	205	205	220	220	215	195	190
Rother	200	200	195	190	170	175	165	160	180	190	200	190
Wealden	185	200	190	185	160	150	155	160	155	145	155	170

Claimants aged 20-24

JSA claimant count by age, 2008-2010 - districts

Month	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10
Geography												
Great Britain	287670	298685	299770	295955	294060	309060	324525	319000	312550	304205	300235	319590
South East	27350	28540	28700	28205	27560	28955	31085	30505	29615	28980	28210	30195
East Sussex	1920	1960	1950	1900	1765	1770	1895	1855	1870	1850	1950	2070
Eastbourne	435	475	460	450	380	355	400	390	380	385	400	445
Hastings	585	575	575	570	580	560	595	600	620	640	695	705
Lewes	325	330	330	325	280	325	320	305	295	280	300	315
Rother	275	270	270	250	240	245	275	260	270	260	290	310
Wealden	295	305	315	305	280	290	300	300	305	280	270	295

Future Jobs Fund

In the summer of 2009 the Government invited local authorities and other organisations to bid for a share of the £1 billion Future Jobs Fund, which aims to create around 150,000 new jobs.

Jobs had to be suitable for:

- Young people aged 18-24 who have been unemployed and claiming Job Seekers' Allowance for around 12 months;
- Those aged 25+ from unemployment hotspots (within Wealden the only area qualifying is Hailsham East)

The jobs had to be:

- For at least 25 hours per week, pay national minimum wage and last for six months;
- Additional, new jobs;
- Include skills development / training;
- Should benefit the local community.

The guidance was particularly interested in green jobs and required bids for a minimum of 100 jobs. These jobs are to be delivered over three 6-month cohorts.

The funding providing by Government covers the cost of minimum wages (and on costs) with an additional amount being paid to cover other costs of the placement, e.g. support costs.

Wealden Officers worked with Lewes, Rother, Hastings and Eastbourne Councils, together with East Sussex County Council, and other partners including JobCentre Plus, Sussex Downs College and NewCEP (a support agency) to prepare a cross-county bid. The bid included help for individuals with training via Sussex Downs College and support from NewCEP in this locality.

We successfully bid for £2,301,000 to create 354 jobs.

Hastings Borough Council are managing the project and are the accountable body. They are working with 21 Third Sector employers and 7 public sector employers (or their service providers). Together these will provide 354 jobs over 18 months, in a variety of fields. 25% are in “green” activities.

Of these 354 jobs 36 new six month positions have been created by the work of Wealden District Council over an 18 month period. The jobs will be varied in nature and offered across 6 employers. We have been working with JobCentre Plus to find eligible candidates for these positions, with 16 of the posts starting around October 2009.

A cross county partnership has been set up to deliver and monitor the project and through keeping support costs, oncosts and management costs down we hope to be able to create a further 50-100 jobs on top of these 354 posts within our £2,301,000 allocated funding. The group have also prioritised ensuring that Future Job Fund employees receive appropriate training via the colleges from within the budget if they do not qualify from existing other funding streams. If we can deliver the first phrase of 125 posts we hope to be able to gain additional funding for phrases 2 and 3 to deliver more posts.

We are currently hosting two posts within Housing from the scheme to provide an insight into how we work.