

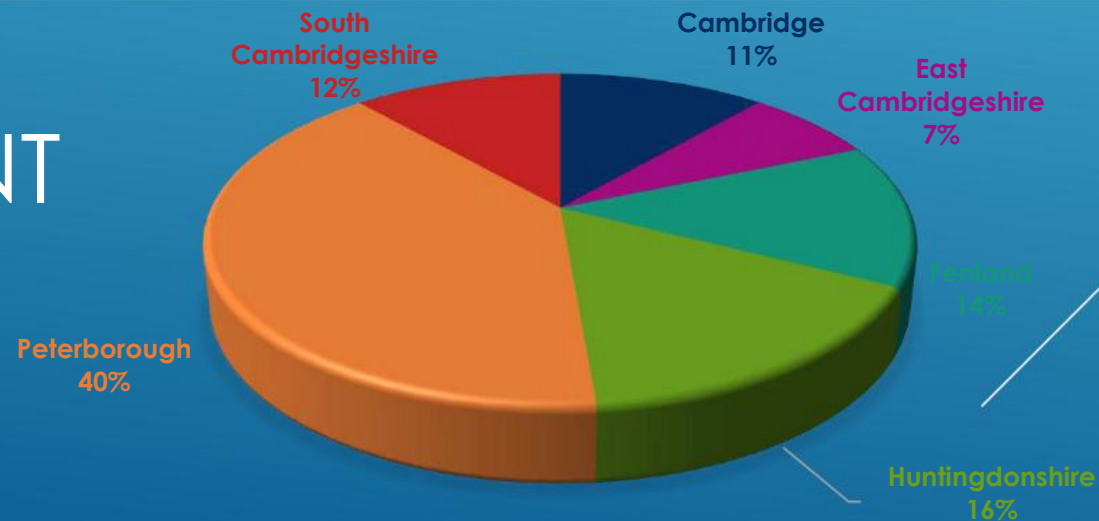
# UNEMPLOYMENT DATA AND TRENDS

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	Searching for work	Working - with requirements	No work requirements	Working - no requirements	Planning for work	Preparing for work	Total
Cambridge	2,037	1,355	3,093	1,822	124	490	8,929
East Cambridgeshire	1,010	765	2,004	1,546	90	314	5,730
Fenland	2,265	1,547	3,767	2,450	247	773	11,058
Huntingdonshire	2,326	1,747	4,382	3,258	189	781	12,687
Peterborough	7,654	5,434	9,391	6,366	660	1,981	31,486
South Cambridgeshire	1,654	1,165	3,192	2,475	144	417	9,044
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,946</b>	<b>12,020</b>	<b>25,834</b>	<b>17,920</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>4,753</b>	<b>78,931</b>

# CLAIMANT COUNT FIGURES



## Unemployment Rate - aged 16-64

Location	%
Cambridge	4.3%
East Cambridgeshire	3.0%
Fenland	4.5%
Huntingdonshire	3.3%
Peterborough	5.0%
South Cambridgeshire	3.5%
East Anglia	3.4%
United Kingdom	3.8%

# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

## FUTURE EVENTS

- ▶ 14 May: Cambridge: 29 May: University of Cambridge Jobsfair
- ▶ 20 May: Wisbech: Mid Life MOT Group Session for 50+ customers
- ▶ 29 May Peterborough: Multi Sector Jobsfair
- ▶ 3 and 17 June: Peterborough: Mid Life MOT Group Session for 50+ customers



### Work Trials

If you are not sure about if a candidate is suitable why not 'try before you buy' by offering a [work trial](#) to a candidate. If you have a specific vacancy that you are trying to fill, a work trial would be offered on a non-competitive basis – at the end of the trial if both parties are happy then the job is theirs.



### Access to Work

A grant-based award for practical support to help someone do their job. This can help people stay in work if they are facing barriers because they have a long-term health condition or disability. Grants can be given to individuals to a maximum of £60,000. If you have an employee who may need support or advice about staying in their job with a disability or long-term health condition, encourage them to find out more about [Access to Work](#).



### Disability Confident

As an employer you could make a real difference to disabled people by becoming an employer that embraces disability, and ensures individuals reach their full potential. This will help your workforce become engaged, loyal and more productive. Our Employer Advisors can speak to you further about how you can be recognised as a [Disability Confident](#) employer.



### Sector-based Work Academy Programme

A way to create a skilled work force for your business. The individual gets access to pre-employment training tailored to your business needs, a work experience placement and a guaranteed interview over a period of up to six weeks. This is a great way to help you meet your immediate and future recruitment needs. [Link](#)



### Work Place Experience

Interested in helping someone return to work? Why not think about offering an unpaid Work Experience placement? Not only will it give the person the chance to develop and grow it is also a fantastic way for you to identify possible candidates for any future vacancies.



### Mentoring Circles

Would you like to become involved in making a difference to a young jobseeker? Mentoring circles offers an opportunity for you to inspire young people within the community. The Mentoring Circle model comprises of three meetings in which your business will lead and share insight and information with mentees. Each session lasts two hours and is spread over three weeks. The total time commitment is 6 hours and each session will be of the same group of 8-10.



### Internships

These [work based](#) placements can be offered when positions require a higher level of qualification than other forms of work experience. They are often associated with gaining experience for a professional career. This could enable you to source your future candidates to help your business grow. [Link](#)

### In work progression



Universal Credit is an 'in and out' of work benefit designed to support individuals on low or no pay to progress. Increasing earnings through upskilling or working extra hours. Benefit calculators help individuals understand how much better off they could be if they earned more or consider if they could make a claim to Universal Credit due to low income [Link](#).



### Apprenticeships

A fantastic way to grow your own workforce. There are payments available for employers who hire new apprentices – £2,000 for those aged under 25, and a £1,500 payment for each new apprentice you hire aged 25 and over, from 1st August 2020 to 31st January 2021. These payments will be in addition to the existing £1,000 payment the government offers those aged under 25 years of age. [Link](#)



### Traineeships

Offering a 3 to 6 month work placement to a young person on a [Traineeship](#) would secure you up to £1000 of funding and would provide them with the experience they need to add to their CV and progress into a job. They will also participate in a training programme and might already be qualified at level 3 and below.