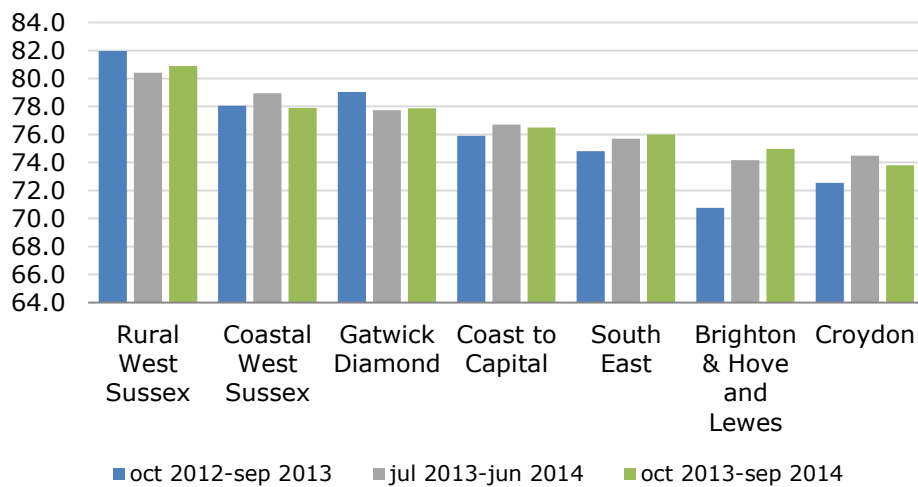


## **Coast to Capital Employment Snapshot - January 2015**

Since the highs of the previous quarter the employment rate has fallen slightly in the Coast to Capital region, down 0.2% to 76.5%, and the number of people in employment has fallen by 1,600. Some of this is due to a continued rise in the level of the economically active which is up 3,000 since last quarter and up 11,000 since the same quarter in the previous year. The South East region has continued to increase its employment rate, up 0.3% since the last quarter. The Coast to Capital region is still slightly ahead of the South East region and both have continued to rise year on year.

### **Coast to Capital Region Employment Rates**



**Figure 1 – Employment Rate in the Coast to Capital region - Source: APS September 2014**

Rural West Sussex, the Gatwick Diamond, and Brighton & Hove and Lewes have seen rises in employment quarter on quarter, however in Rural West Sussex and the Gatwick Diamond this is partly a recovery from a fall in the previous two quarters. The Brighton & Hove and Lewes rate is the most positive, up 0.8% since last quarter and up 4.2% over the year. Both Croydon and Coastal West Sussex have had falls in the employment rate since the last quarter, down 0.7% and 1.1% respectively, Croydon has improved year on year however, whereas Coastal West Sussex has seen a slight fall of 0.2%

### Local Authority Area Employment Rates

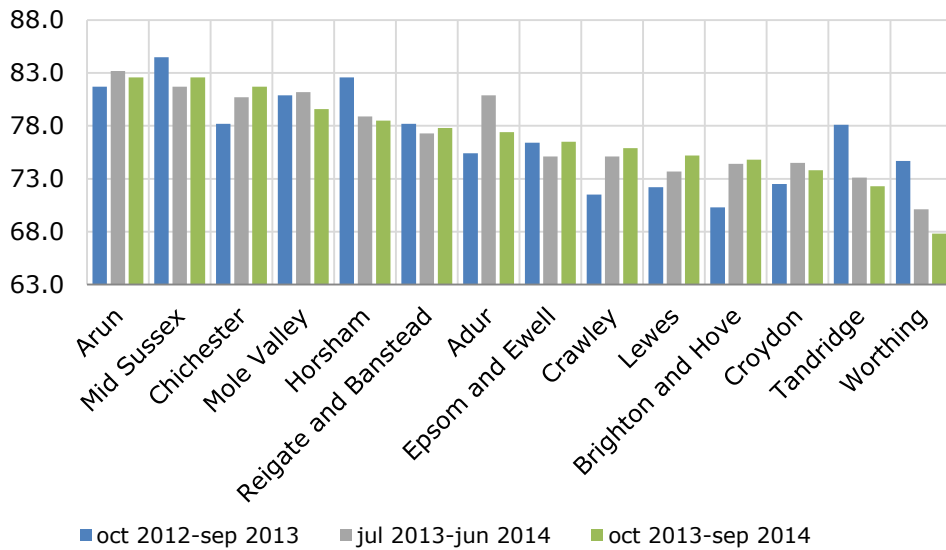


Figure 2 – Employment Rates in Local Authorities – Source: APS September 2014

Figure 2 shows the employment rate at the Local Authority level and highlights the local variations, particularly where they do not follow the wider trends, such as Crawley, Brighton and Hove, Lewes, and Chichester which have seen strong growth both year on year and since last quarter, and Worthing, Tandridge, and Horsham which have been steadily falling. Worthing’s employment rate in particular is 4.5% lower than in Tandridge and 8.7% lower the Coast to Capital region.

### Coast to Capital Region Unemployment Rates

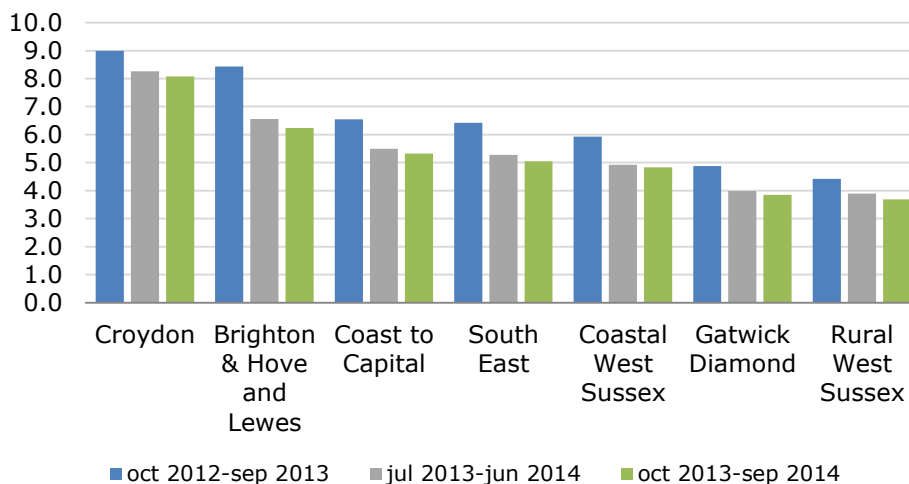
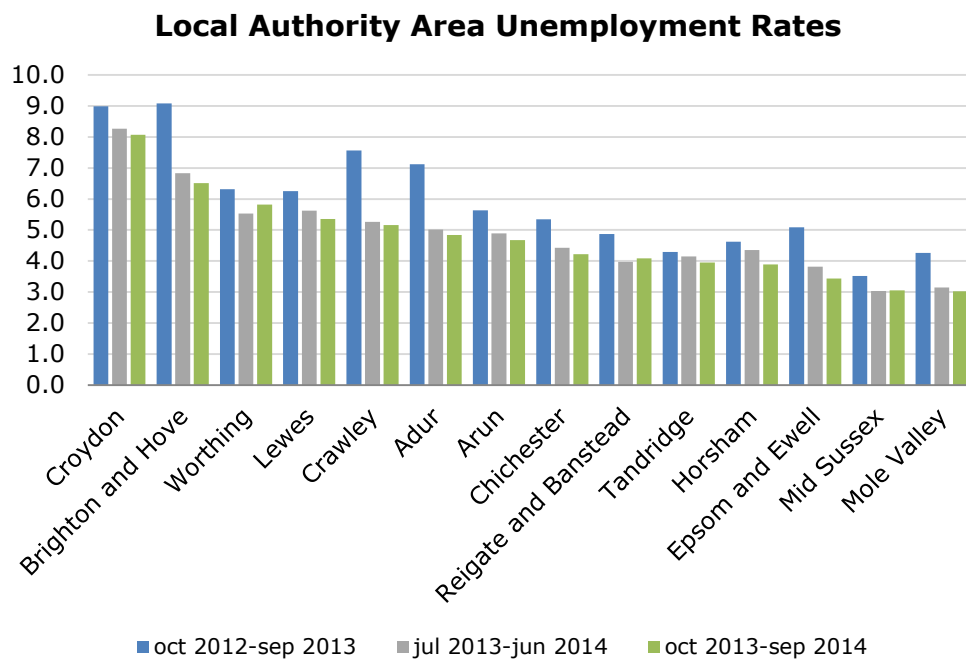


Figure 3 – Unemployment Rate in the Coast to Capital region – Source: APS September 2014

The Coast to Capital unemployment rate is now 5.3%, down 0.2% since last quarter and 1.2% since last year. Now this the lowest rate since June 2009, replacing the last quarter. The South East unemployment rate is 5.1%, also down 0.2% since the last quarter but down 1.4% year on year.

This trend has been consistent across the area partnerships. The number of unemployed people fell by a more modest 1,500 on the quarter (compared to 5,000 in the last quarter on quarter performance) but has still fallen by 11,000 year on year; the number of unemployed people is now 52,000.



**Figure 4 – Unemployment Rate in Local Authorities – Source: APS September 2014**

Unlike the employment rate at Local Authority level the unemployment rate has more consistently followed the wider trends; however Worthing has seen a rise in unemployment, up 0.3% since the last quarter. The only other areas to see a rise were Reigate and Banstead and Mid Sussex, each up by 0.1%. Horsham and Epsom and Ewell had the largest falls, down 0.5% and 0.4% respectively.

oct 2013-sep 2014	Employment %	Unemployment %
<b>South East</b>	76.0	5.1
<b>Coast to Capital</b>	76.5	5.3
<b>Brighton &amp; Hove and Lewes</b>	75.0	6.2
<b>Coastal West Sussex</b>	77.9	4.8
<b>Croydon</b>	73.8	8.1
<b>Gatwick Diamond</b>	77.9	3.9
<b>Rural West Sussex</b>	80.9	3.7
<b>Adur</b>	77.4	4.8
<b>Arun</b>	82.6	4.7
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	74.8	6.5
<b>Chichester</b>	81.7	4.2
<b>Crawley</b>	75.9	5.2
<b>Croydon</b>	73.8	8.1
<b>Epsom and Ewell</b>	76.5	3.4
<b>Horsham</b>	78.5	3.9
<b>Lewes</b>	75.2	5.4
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	82.6	3.1
<b>Mole Valley</b>	79.6	3.0
<b>Reigate and Banstead</b>	77.8	4.1
<b>Tandridge</b>	72.3	4.0
<b>Worthing</b>	67.8	5.8

Table 1 – Employment and Unemployment Rates in the Coast to Capital Region October 2013 to September 2014: Source – APS September 2014