

Coast to Capital Employment Snapshot - October 2015

Note: the most recent data available at this level covers July 2014 to June 2015, this should not be compared to the most recent national release by the ONS which covers June to August 2015.

Main Points:

- Coast to Capital Regional Employment Rate – 76.4%
- Coast to Capital Regional Unemployment Rate – 4.7%

Since the previous quarter the employment rate has fallen slightly in the Coast to Capital region, down 0.1% to 76.4%, and the number of people in employment has fallen by 1,000. There are now 934,100 people in employment. The employment rate for the region appears to have stabilised at an average of 76.5% over the last year and a half. The South East region has had a rise of 0.1% to 76.4% since the last quarter.

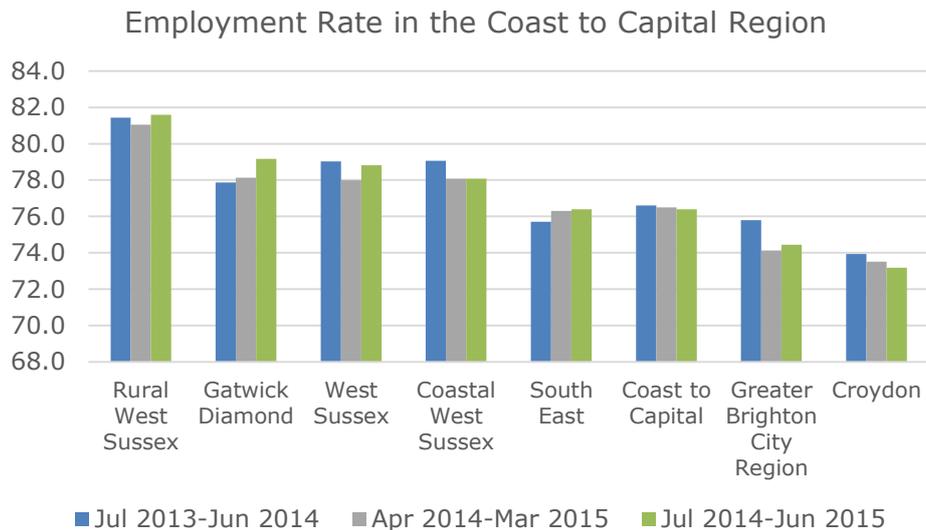


Figure 1 – Employment Rate in the Coast to Capital region - Source: Annual population survey October 2015

Across the Area Partnerships¹ employment has risen over the last quarter in Rural West Sussex, the Gatwick Diamond, West Sussex, and the Greater Brighton City Region. In Coastal West Sussex it has remained the same and in Croydon it has declined by 0.3%.

¹ More information about the make-up of the Area Partnerships is at the end of the document

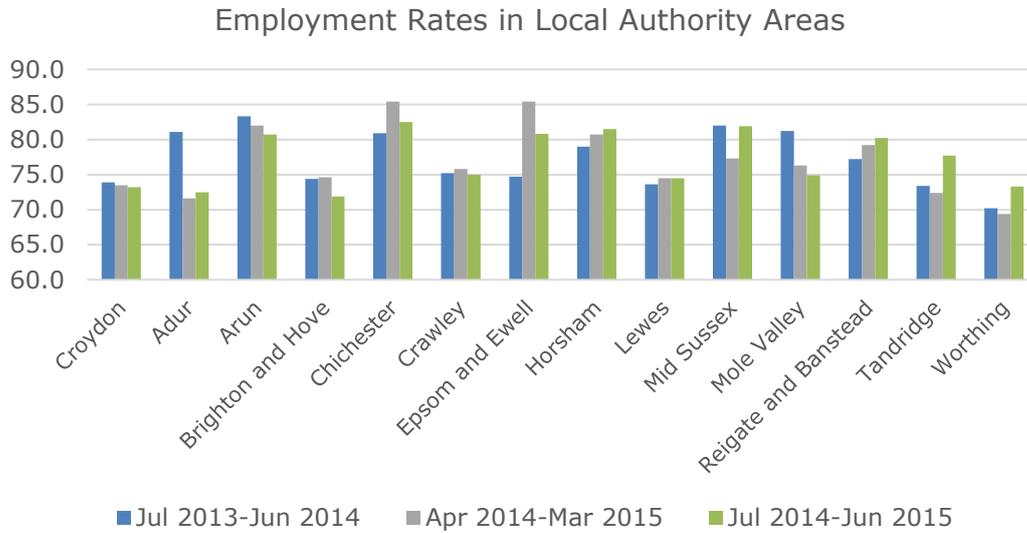


Figure 2 – Employment Rates in Local Authorities – Source: Annual population survey October 2015

Figure 2 shows the employment rate at the Local Authority level and highlights the local variations.

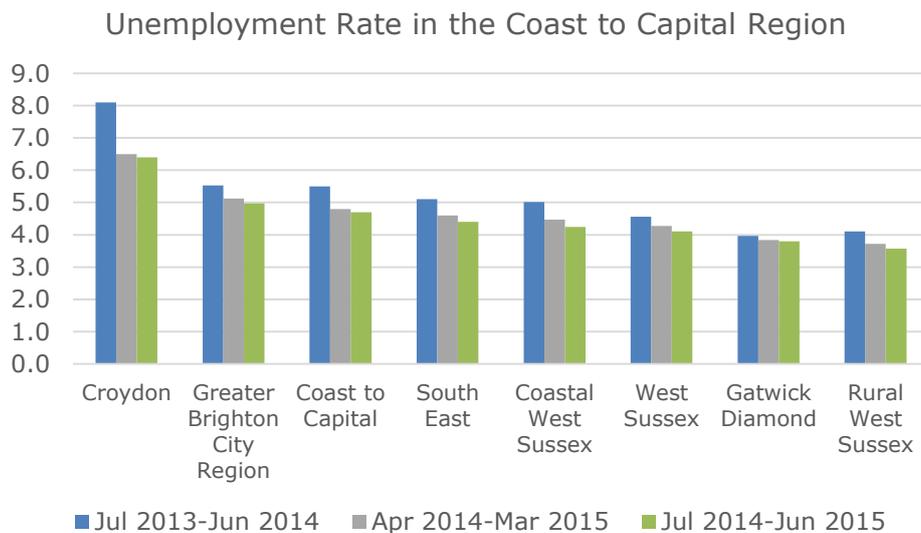


Figure 3 – Unemployment Rate in the Coast to Capital region – Source: Annual population survey model based unemployment October 2015

The Coast to Capital unemployment rate is now 4.7%, down 0.1% since last quarter and down 0.8% since the same time last year. The number of people in unemployment is now 48,400, down by 2,000 since last quarter. The South East unemployment rate is 4.4%, down by 0.2% on the last quarter.

In the Area Partnerships there have been consistent decreases across the last year, in particular Croydon’s unemployment rate has fallen by 1.7% down to 6.4%

over this period. Rural West Sussex has the lowest unemployment rate at 3.6%, followed by the Gatwick Diamond at 3.8%, West Sussex at 4.1%, Coastal West Sussex at 4.2%, and the Greater Brighton City Region at 5%.

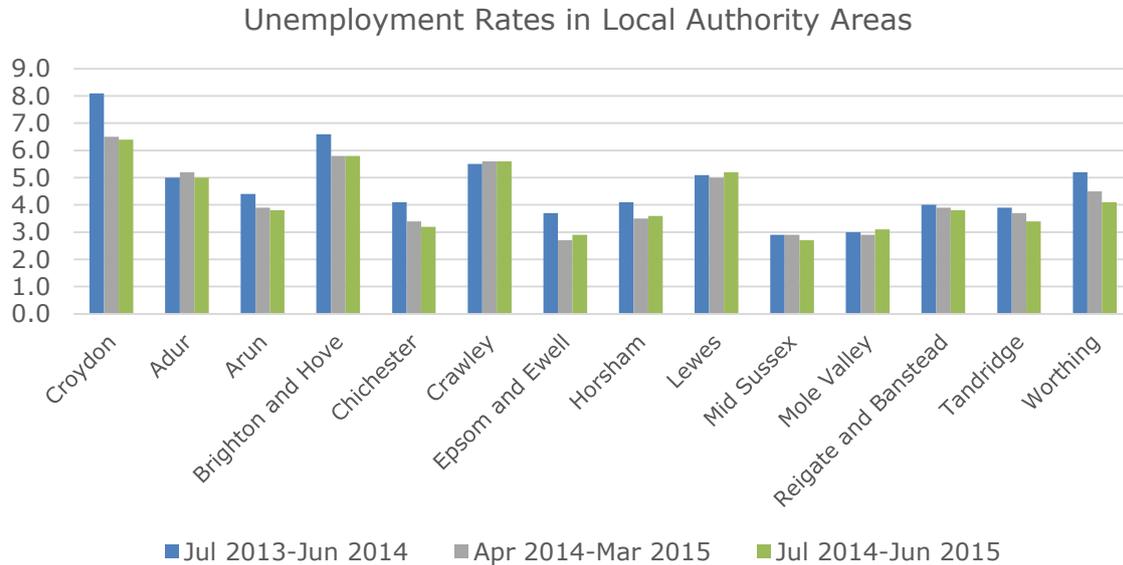


Figure 4 – Unemployment Rate in Local Authorities – Source: Annual population survey model based unemployment October 2015

At Local Authority level most areas have had consistent downward trends in the unemployment rate. Some areas such as Epsom and Ewell, Horsham, Lewes, and Mole Valley have had slight rises in unemployment rates.

July 2014 to June 2015	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate
South East	76.4	4.4
Coast to Capital	76.4	4.7
Croydon	73.2	6.4
Greater Brighton City Region	74.4	5.0
Gatwick Diamond	79.2	3.8
Rural West Sussex	81.6	3.6
Coastal West Sussex	78.1	4.2
West Sussex	78.8	4.1
Croydon	73.2	6.4
Adur	72.5	5.0
Arun	80.7	3.8
Brighton and Hove	71.9	5.8
Chichester	82.5	3.2
Crawley	75.0	5.6
Epsom and Ewell	80.8	2.9
Horsham	81.5	3.6
Lewes	74.5	5.2
Mid Sussex	81.9	2.7
Mole Valley	74.9	3.1
Reigate and Banstead	80.2	3.8
Tandridge	77.7	3.4
Worthing	73.3	4.1

Table 1 – Employment and Unemployment Rates in the Coast to Capital Region July 2014 to June 2015: Source: Annual population survey and model based unemployment October 2015

Area Partnerships:

For data purposes these partnerships have been built up using the Local Authority areas that they cover, a list is below. It should be noted that some of these partnerships overlap and some Local Authority areas are counted in both, for this reason the Area Partnership data will not add up to the Coast to Capital regional data. The Gatwick Diamond, Rural West Sussex, and Coastal West Sussex all have areas that overlap.

It should also be noted that in Rural West Sussex the Arun and Mid Sussex Local Authorities are not classified as rural and that data for Rural West Sussex includes the urban centres within those Local Authorities. Currently there are no regularly updated datasets for locations below Local Authority level, which makes it impossible to provide up to date data for strictly rural areas. This necessitates the use of the broader Local Authority areas to make up Rural West Sussex.

Similarly Chichester is largely rural but is also part of the Coastal West Sussex Partnership and as such those rural areas are included in data for Coastal West Sussex.

Brighton & Hove and Lewes has now been expanded to reflect the Greater Brighton City Region, this involves further overlaps of Local Authority Areas. Mid Sussex is now in Rural West Sussex, the Gatwick Diamond, and the Greater Brighton City Region, and Adur and Worthing are now both in the Coastal West Sussex partnership and the Greater Brighton City Region.

Croydon	The Greater Brighton City Region	The Gatwick Diamond	Rural West Sussex	Coastal West Sussex
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Croydon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Brighton and Hove •Lewes •Adur •Mid Sussex •Worthing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Crawley •Epsom and Ewell •Horsham •Mid Sussex •Mole Valley •Tanbridge •Reigate and Banstead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Arun •Chichester •Horsham •Mid Sussex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Adur •Arun •Chichester •Worthing