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**To:** 'ManstonAirport@pins.gsi.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** DCO Application regarding Manston Airport. My Opinion and fully behind Airport

Reference: Manston Airport DCO

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Having lived in Thanet all of my life and three generations before me, I believe I have a good natural knowledge of the area. Due to the unusual logistics of The Isle of Thanet with sea on three sides and the fact that there are few entry and exit routes via road I believe it would help the transport infrastructure immensely to have the Manston Airport site regenerated with new life, firstly as a Cargo Hub bringing much needed training and employment to the very much deprived area that is Thanet. Secondly Aviation has played a huge part in the life of Thanet even before Manston with the seaplane port at Westgate-on-sea (Manston Airport's predecessor). Without Manston as a working airport there is little else for the youth of today and tomorrow to have hope of employment.

It is my understanding that the UK is in desperate need of additional runway and is losing business to European airports with the ever growing demand for freight and passenger service to and from the whole world. Manston provides one of the longest runways in the country and has a direct flightpath oversea to Europe and beyond. In my opinion if the DCO for the Reopening of Manston Airport was not granted permission it would be wholly disadvantageous to the area and to the whole of the UK. especially now with Brexit being imminent.

The current owners of Manston Airport have a plan for additional housing, whilst it is understood that the whole of the country is in desperate need for housing isn't it common sense to promote business and employment in an area of above national average unemployment. A lot of the problems in society with anti-social behaviour, crime and drug use are born out of a feeling of hopelessness. Thanet needs hope; it needs employment, training for the young giving a reason to get out of bed in the morning. Unemployment statistics for Kent attached.

The QEQM Hospital in Margate is already overstretched so too are Thanet GPs, Mental health, Schools and the Victorian Sewage System, Southern Water cannot cope now with the demand for water or with the disposal of waste water and have been fined on more than one occasion for the wrongful disposal of waste water (raw sewage) into the sea at Foreness Point. Any additional housing would only exacerbate all of these services problems and have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the Thanet population.

I am 100% behind RiverOak's DCO for the re-opening of Manston airport and look forward to seeing planes over Thanet once more.

Yours respectfully

Jean & John Barton

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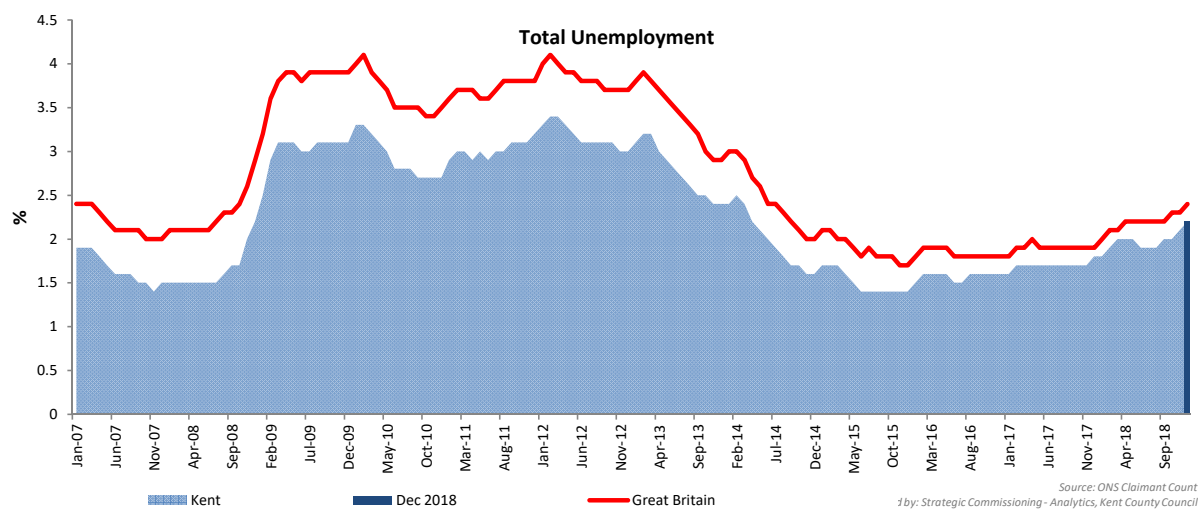
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# Unemployment in Kent

Last updated: 22 Jan 2019

Using information from the Office for National Statistics Claimant Count this bulletin looks at the total number of people claiming either Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit **principally for the reason of being unemployed**. It also looks at the age profile of claimants, in particular at youth unemployment which is defined as those aged 18 to 24.



	Dec 2018		Change since Nov 2018		Change since Dec 2017	
Unemployment	Number	% Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Kent	20,400	2.2%	550	2.8%	3,875	23.4%
Great Britain	956,745	2.4%	19,485	2.1%	184,150	23.8%

	Dec 2018		Change since Nov 2018		Change since Dec 2017	
	Number	% Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Ashford	1,710	2.2%	70	4.3%	410	31.5%
Canterbury	1,850	1.8%	140	8.2%	495	36.5%
Dartford	930	1.4%	70	8.1%	165	21.6%
Dover	2,405	3.5%	70	3.0%	470	24.3%
Folkestone & Hythe	1,885	2.9%	65	3.6%	445	30.9%
Gravesham	1,595	2.4%	15	0.9%	260	19.5%
Maidstone	1,180	1.1%	0	0.0%	-30	-2.5%
Sevenoaks	575	0.8%	60	11.7%	45	8.5%
Swale	2,780	3.1%	5	0.2%	805	40.8%
Thanet	4,275	5.2%	65	1.5%	965	29.2%
Tonbridge and Malling	660	0.8%	5	0.8%	-90	-12.0%
Tunbridge Wells	555	0.8%	-15	-2.6%	-65	-10.5%
Medway	4,145	2.3%	230	5.9%	880	27.0%
Kent	20,400	2.2%	550	2.8%	3,875	23.4%

## Kent unemployment headlines December 2018

The unemployment rate in Kent is 2.2%. This is below the rate for Great Britain (2.4%).

20,400 people were claiming unemployment benefits in Kent. This has increased since last month.

Thanet has the highest unemployment rate at 5.2%. Sevenoaks has the lowest unemployment rate at 0.8%.

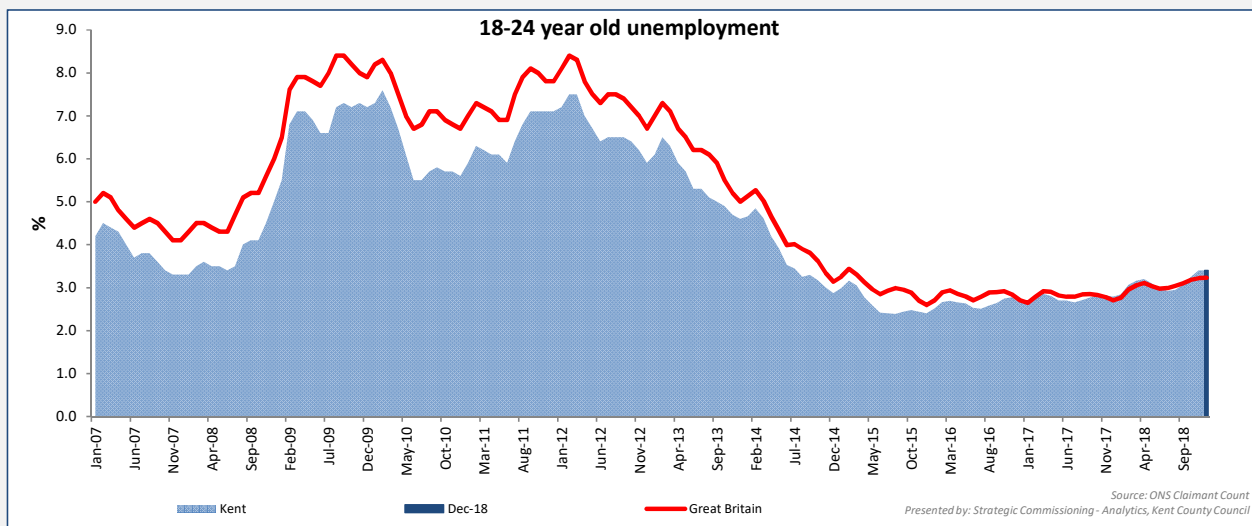
The 18-24 year old unemployment rate in Kent is 3.4%. They account for 21.1% of all unemployed people in the area

Thanet has the highest 18-24 year old unemployment rate in the South East at 8%.

## Unemployment by age group

Kent	Dec 2018		Change since Nov 2018		Change since Dec 2017	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
18-24	4,305	3.4%	5	0.1%	780	22.1%
25-49	10,335	2.1%	380	3.8%	2,150	26.3%
50-64	5,705	1.9%	165	3.0%	920	19.2%

December 2018	Number			Rate		
	18-24	25-49	50-64	18-24	25-49	50-64
Ashford	395	835	470	4.4%	2.1%	1.9%
Canterbury	410	925	510	1.5%	2.0%	1.8%
Dartford	200	515	210	2.6%	1.3%	1.1%
Dover	500	1200	695	5.9%	3.7%	2.8%
Folkestone & Hythe	375	915	595	4.9%	2.8%	2.6%
Gravesham	320	825	445	4.0%	2.3%	2.3%
Maidstone	210	625	340	1.8%	1.1%	1.1%
Sevenoaks	110	280	180	1.5%	0.8%	0.7%
Swale	705	1340	730	6.1%	2.9%	2.5%
Thanet	860	2275	1140	8.0%	5.7%	4.1%
Tonbridge and Malling	130	315	215	1.4%	0.8%	0.9%
Tunbridge Wells	90	290	170	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%
Kent	4305	10335	5705	3.4%	2.1%	1.9%
Medway	885	2195	1055	3.6%	2.3%	2.1%

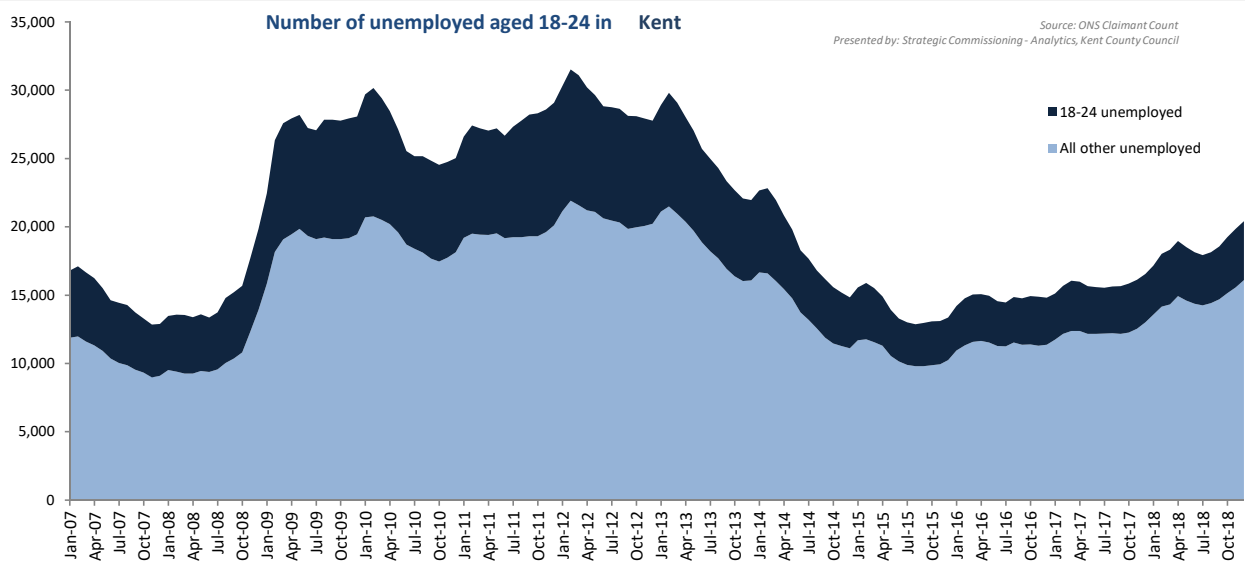
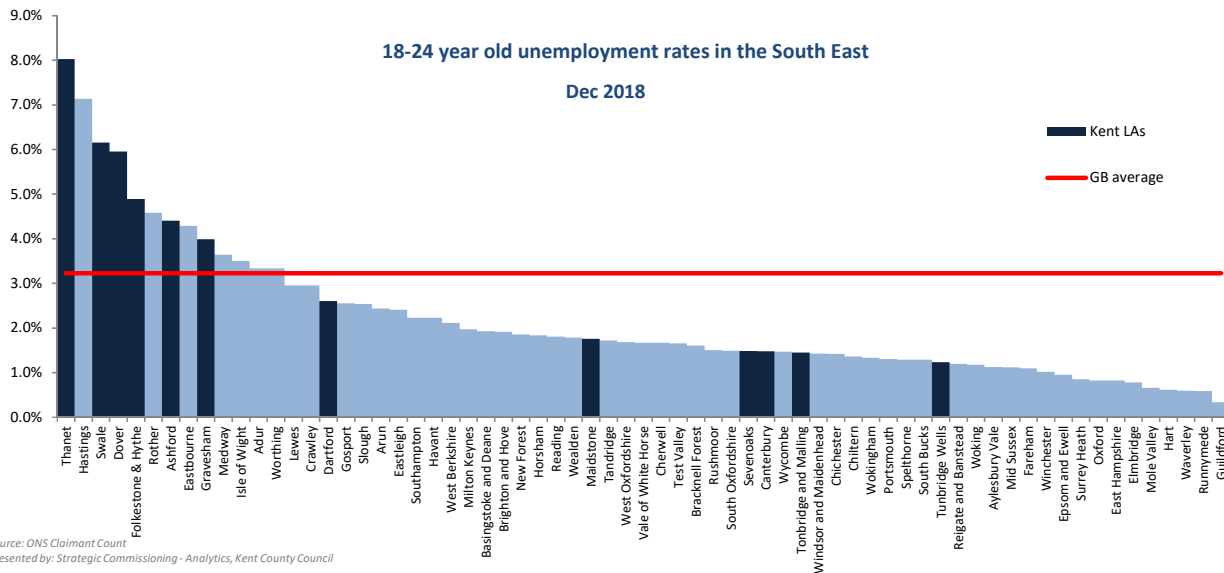


18-24 Unemployment	Kent		Change since Nov 2018		Change since Dec 2017	
	Number	Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Kent	4,305	3.4%	5	0.1%	780	22.1%
Great Britain	180,715	3.2%	385	0.2%	29,135	19.2%

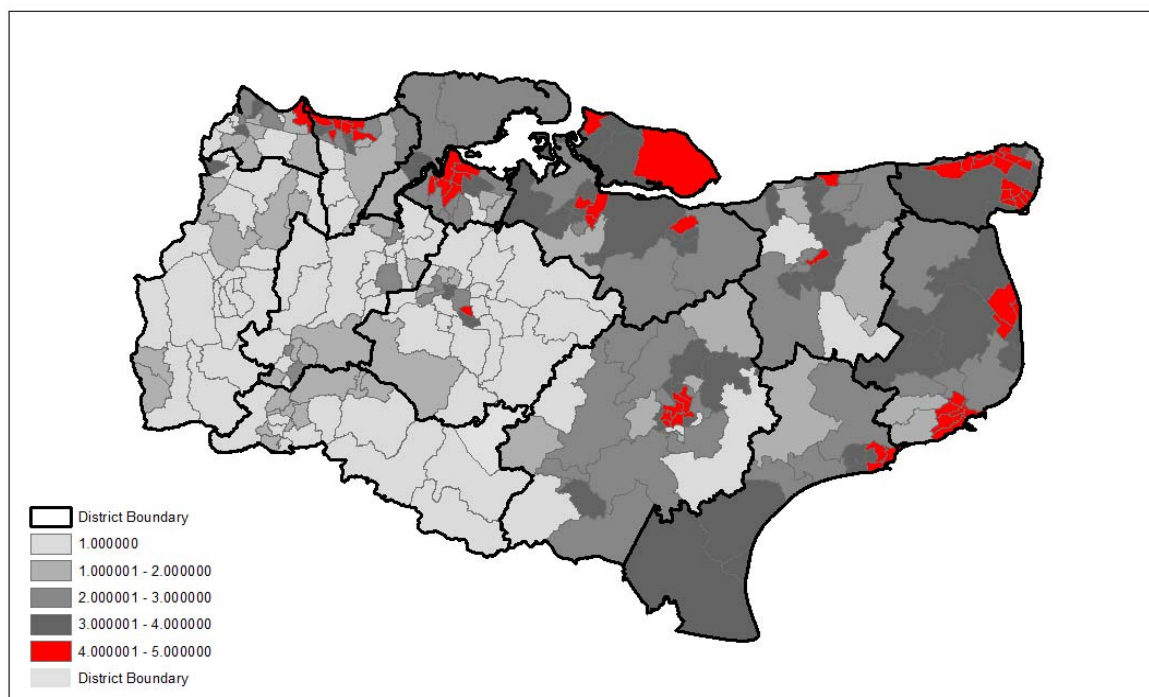
## Unemployment by age group - % of all unemployed

December 2018

	Kent		Great Britain	
	Number	% of all unemployed	Number	% of all unemployed
18-24	4,305	21.1%	180,715	18.9%
25-49	10,335	50.7%	519,815	54.3%
50-64	5,705	28.0%	253,250	26.5%



### Ward unemployment rates December 2018



Source: NOMIS Claimant Count  
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This workbook looks at the total number of people claiming either Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit principally for the reason of being unemployed. It also looks at the age profile of claimants, in particular at youth unemployment which is defined as those aged 18 to 24.

**This workbook uses information from a dataset called The Claimant Count by Sex and Age. This experimental series counts the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit who are out of work. The dataset currently includes some out of work claimants of Universal Credit who are not required to look for work; for example, due to illness or disability. Therefore this dataset is considered experimental and the results should be interpreted with caution.**

Unemployment rates are calculated using the Office for National Statistics Mid-year Population Estimates 2001-2017. The resident working age population is defined as all males and females aged 16-64. These denominators will be updated annually with the ONS mid-year population estimates.

**Data back to December 2014 were revised by ONS on 18th October 2017. This bulletin contains these revisions and therefore supersedes any previously released data.**

#### Introduction of Universal Credit

Since 2013 the roll out of Universal Credit has progressed across across the UK. Universal Credit will replace a number of means-tested benefits including the means-tested element of Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).

From April 2015 Universal Credit started to be rolled out within Kent. It is now available in all Jobcentre areas in Kent & Medway. Initially it was only available to single claimants without a partner and without child dependents however in 2017 the full roll out of Universal Credit to all claimant types began. The following table shows the planned roll out within Kent districts.

As announced in June 2018 the government will start to migrate existing claimants of the benefits that are being replaced to Universal Credit early in 2019. It hopes to migrate all existing benefit claimants to Universal Credit by March 2023.

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#### Date of roll

out	Job Centre Plus Office	District Served
May-17	Dover	Dover
Jul-17	Margate	Thanet
Jul-17	Ramsgate	Thanet
Dec-17	Sheerness	Swale
Dec-17	Sittingbourne	Swale
Feb-18	Gravesend	Gravesham
Feb-18	Gravesend	Sevenoaks (part)
Feb-18	Folkestone	Folkestone & Hythe
Feb-18	Chatham	Medway
Mar-18	Ashford	Ashford
Apr-18	Canterbury	Canterbury
Apr-18	Hernebay	Canterbury
Apr-18	Whitstable	Canterbury
May-18	Dartford	Dartford
May-18	Dartford	Sevenoaks (part)
Aug-18	Maidstone	Maidstone
Aug-18	Tonbridge	Tonbridge & Malling
Aug-18	Tonbridge	Tunbridge Wells

For more information on Universal Credit: <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

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