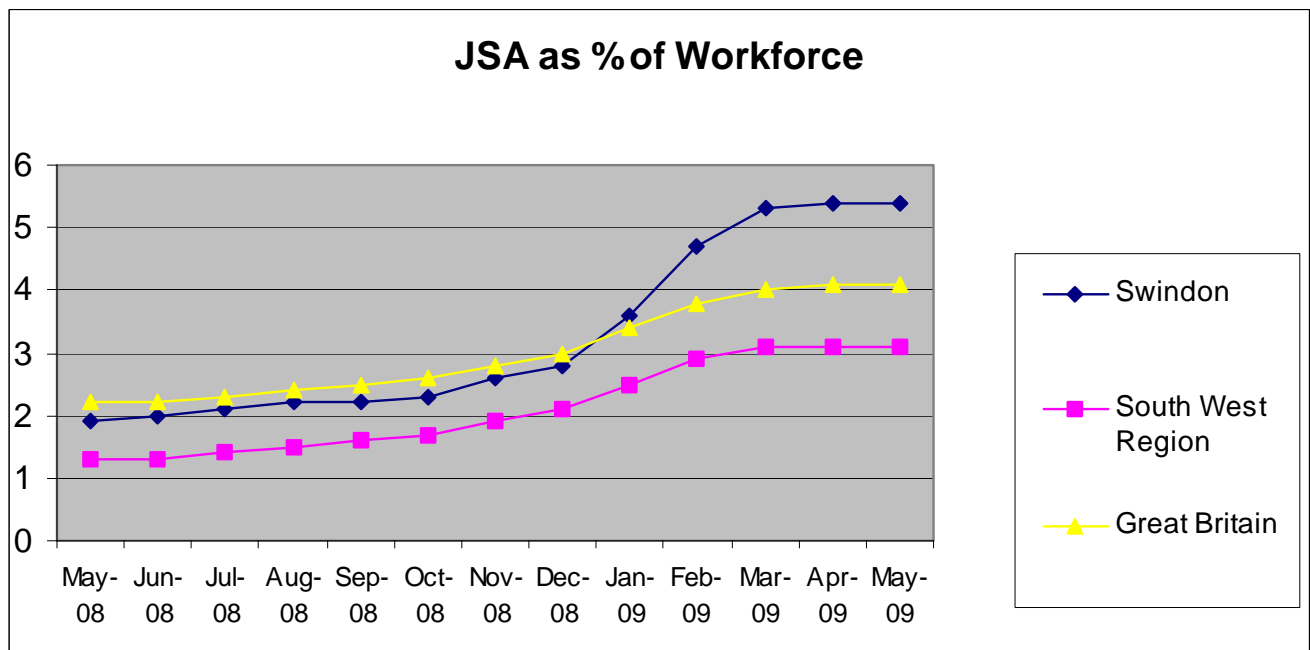


Impact of the Recession on Swindon's Job Seekers

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Job Seekers Allowances (JSA) claimants in Swindon. SOURCE: NOMIS Website



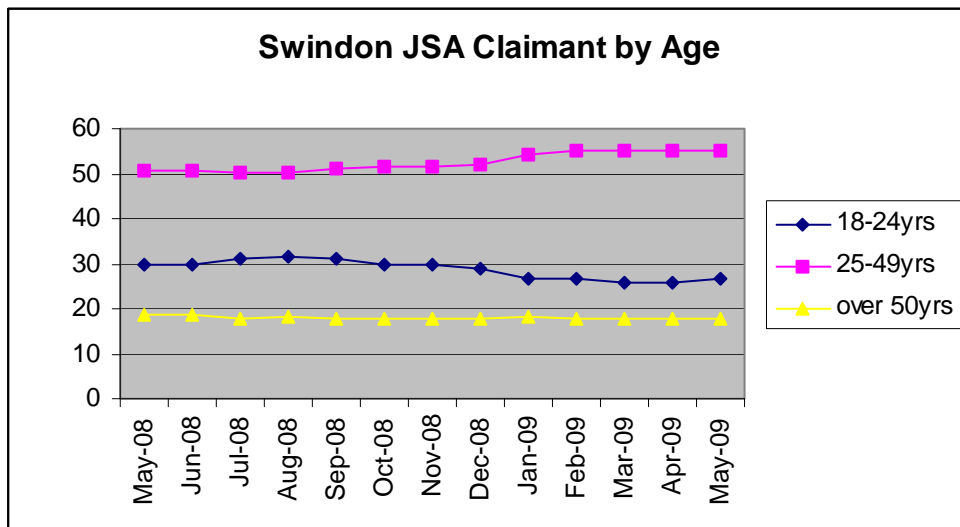
Swindon actual figures May 08 – May 09

May 08	2,248	1.9%
June 08	2,376	2%
Jul 08	2,567	2.1%
Aug 08	2,611	2.2%
Sept 08	2,682	2.2%
Oct 08	2,773	2.3%
Nov 08	3,100	2.6%
Dec 08	3,427	2.8%
Jan 09	4,350	3.6%
Feb 09	5,726	4.7%
Mar 09	6,336	5.3%
Apr 09	6,574	5.4%
May 09	6,535	5.4%

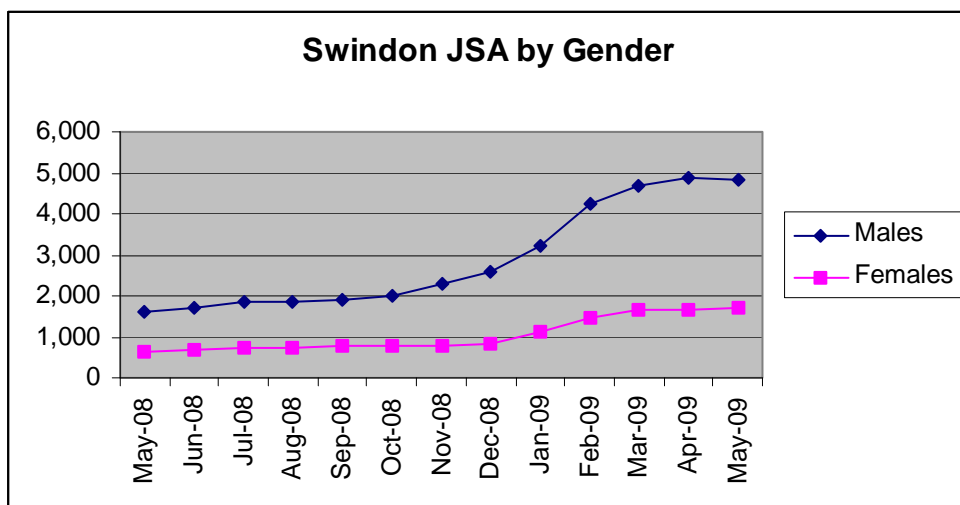
May's figures show no percentage increase and a small decrease in actual numbers.

Swindon's 5.4% figure has not changed over the past month. Other areas seem to be bottoming out also. Only Bristol showed an increase over this period.

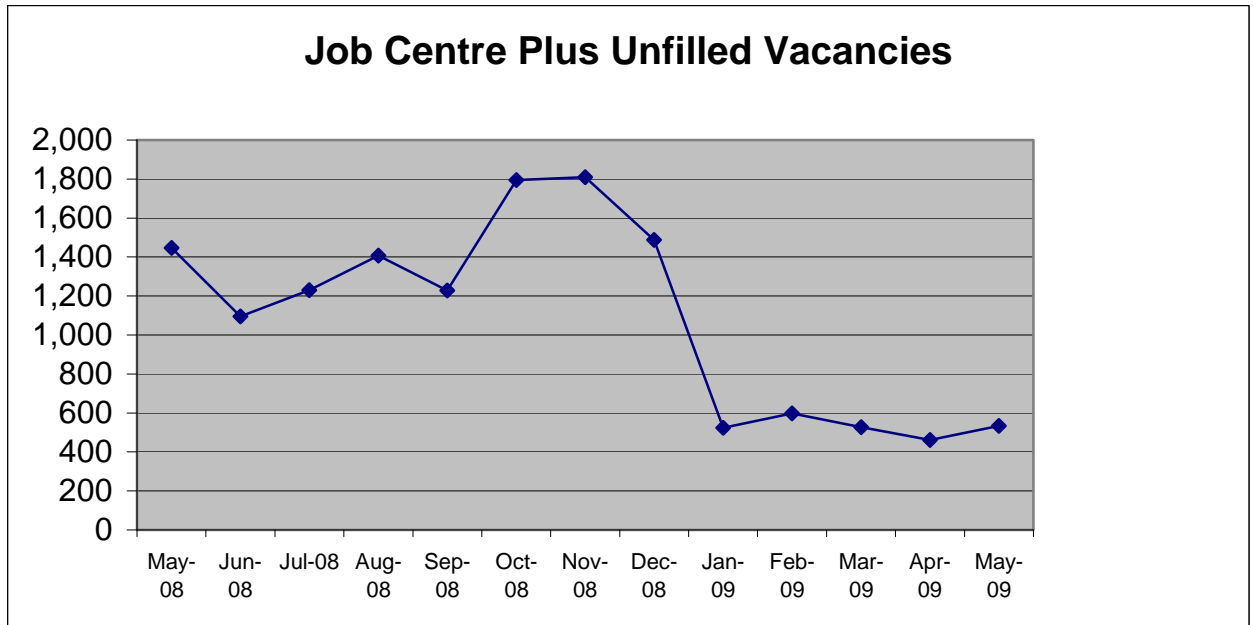
Location	April 09 Figures	Percentage	May 09 Figures	Percentage
<i>Bristol</i>	11,067	3.9%	11472	4.1%
<i>Gloucester</i>	3,441	4.8%	3273	4.6%
<i>Oxford</i>	2,914	2.7%	2974	2.7%
<i>Reading</i>	4,141	4.3%	4188	4.3%



Over this period there was a slight increase in the 18-24yrs age group from 25.9% to 26.5%. There was no change in the 25-49 yrs age group and a small decrease in the over 50 yrs age group from 18% to 17.6%.



The JSA Claimant count is still male dominated



Unfilled vacancies also seem to have hit a plateau and have fluctuated around the 500 mark since January 09.

JSA Claim counts by Ward for April 2009

	March 09	%age	April 09	%age	May09	%age
Abbey Meads	344	4.7	347	4.8	365	5%
Blunston	63	3.1	66	3.3	61	3%
Central	597	8.3	597	8.3	582	8.1%
Covingham & Nythe	244	4.9	245	4.9	223	4.5%
Dorcan	345	6.1	357	6.3	346	6.1%
Eastcott	438	6.5	439	6.5	447	6.6%
Freshbrook & Grange Park	306	4.4	301	4.3	281	4%
Gorse Hill & Pinehurst	430	7.5	461	8	470	8.2%
Haydon wick	183	2.7	195	2.9	195	2.9%
Highworth	160	3.3	178	3.6	159	3.2%
Moredon	327	5.5	343	5.8	357	6.1%
Old Town & Lawn	204	3.9	209	3.9	199	3.8%
Parks	497	9.5	506	9.7	504	9.6%
Penhill	332	9.9	361	10.8	373	11.2%
Ridgeway	36	1.9	40	2.1	42	2.2%
St Margaret	255	4.4	197	4.2	245	4.2%
St Phillip	244	4.6	246	4.5	245	4.6%
Shaw & Nine Elms	184	2.7	243	2.9	199	2.9%
Toothill & Westlea	276	5.4	304	5.9	310	6%
Walcot	352	8.4	363	8.6	360	8.6%
Western	347	5.4	383	6	385	6%
Wroughton & Chiseldon	172	3.2	193	3.6	187	3.5%

Penhill, Parks, Walcot, Gorse Hill & Pinehurst and Central feature with the highest percentage of JSA claimants. Penhill and Gorse Hill/Pinehurst figures continue to rise while Parks and Walcot seems to hovering around the same mark and Central is showing a decrease in rates.

This JSA Bulletin has been compiled by the Economic Development team of Swindon Borough Council. For further information on economic trends within Swindon please contact:

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