

## FACT SHEET: DATAFILE

### OVERVIEW

The latest RBS Purchasing Manager's survey for the South East which samples private sector businesses reports a relatively strong performance in both the manufacturing and service sectors. Respondents expect this to continue although the feeling about interest rate rises are more 'when' not 'if'. Price increases on both inputs and outputs appear to have been more restrained although CBI reports suggest that all sectors nationally are still looking to increase them. Employment remains high although some professional service companies indicate that it is less easy to hire than it has been. The overall outlook is positive although some pressures are seen in the medium term.

### EMPLOYMENT

#### WEST SUSSEX CLAIMANT COUNT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:

	% May 2006	% May 2007
Great Britain	2.6	2.4
South East	1.7	1.5
West Sussex	1.5	1.2
Coastal WS	1.8	1.4
Gatwick Diamond	1.1	0.9
Central WS	1.3	1.1

Source: West Sussex County Council/ONS (nomis)

#### BUSINESSES (DATA UNITS):\*

Number of Units:

	Total	Units >100 employees**
Gatwick Diamond	32,582	420
Chichester and Arun	11,385	125
Worthing and Adur	6,092	100
West Sussex	34,753	520
South East	374,239	5,600

Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2005 (nomis)

\* A data unit is roughly equivalent to a workplace

\*\* Rounded for confidentiality

#### WEST SUSSEX EMPLOYMENT:

By sector:	2004		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%
Employees				
Agriculture & fishing	2,000	0.6	2,053	0.6
Energy & water	1,800	0.6	1,854	0.5
Manufacturing	31,800	9.6	33,715	10.0
Construction	10,900	3.3	11,445	3.4
Dist/hotels & Rest.	91,200	27.5	90,833	26.8
Transport & comm	31,900	9.6	34,405	10.1
Banking, finance, ins	65,500	19.8	64,089	18.9
Public service	83,300	25.1	84,942	25.1
Other services	13,000	3.9	15,300	4.5
Total	331,400	100	338,535	100

Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2005/ONS (nomis)

#### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY RATE: MARCH 2006

Economically active persons of working age	
Gatwick Diamond (W. Sussex)	86.4%
Coastal West Sussex	81.1%
West Sussex	83.0%
South East	82.3%
Great Britain	78.3%

Source: Annual Population Survey/ONS (nomis)

### ECONOMIC

#### WEST SUSSEX VAT REGISTRATIONS (2005):

By industry	Reg	Dereg	% change
Agriculture; Forestry & fishing	45	65	-1.6
Mining and quarrying; Electricity, gas & water supply	5	5	0.0
Manufacturing	120	155	-1.6
Construction	300	260	1.2
Wholesale, retail and repairs	425	390	0.7
Hotels and restaurants	215	140	4.9
Transport, storage & comms	105	90	1.4
Financial intermediation	20	30	-3.8
Real Estate, renting & business	890	855	0.4
Public administration; community, social and personal services	115	215	-4.2
Education; health & social work	25	25	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>0.1</b>

Figures may not sum due to rounding

Source: ONS (nomis)

#### WAGE RATES:

	£ Resident in area	£ Working in area
Adur	355.6	391.7
Arun	399.1	345.0
Chichester	469.2	428.1
Crawley	480.8	471.6
Horsham	561.7	441.0
Mid Sussex	468.9	422.7
Worthing	415.5	388.8
West Sussex	462.2	422.7
South East	488.7	470.1
Great Britain	454.4	453.3

(employees on adult rates average gross weekly earnings)

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2006 (ONS).

#### WEST SUSSEX GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA)

EM for:	2002	2003	2004
Agriculture/Forestry	168	182	184
Industry	2,539	2,569	2,636
Service activities	9,499	9,974	10,414
Total	12,205	12,725	13,234

Source: ONS

#### DID YOU KNOW...

...Of those who travel less than 2km to work in West Sussex, 43% do so by car?

### TRAVEL TO WORK

#### DISTANCE AND METHOD OF TRAVEL TO WORK 2001

Method of travel to work	Resident population (%)	Workplace population (%)
Train	5.8	3.2
Bus	2.9	3.2
Car	60.1	61.6
Bicycle	3.4	3.5
On foot	10.0	10.1
Work at home	10.3	10.6

#### Distance travelled to work

Travelling less than 10km	62.1	63.9
Travelling 10 - 30km	23.7	24.6
Travelling 30 - 60km	9.8	8.4
Travelling 60+km	4.3	3.1

Source: Census of Population 2001(ONS)

### PROPERTY

#### WEST SUSSEX BUSINESS PROPERTY COSTS:

Price range per sq ft

	£ freehold	£ leasehold
New Office premises:	180 to 220	15 to 23
New Factory space:	80 to 130	7 to 10.00

Figures are from February 2007 (figures are indicative only and are dependent on quality and location of premises)

#### HOUSE PRICES:

Semi detached (£)	Apr 2006	Apr 2007
West Sussex	205,860	224,841
South East	199,893	219,068
England & Wales	156,222	169,451

Detached (£)	Apr 2006	Apr 2007
West Sussex	341,927	373,455
South East	351,582	385,309
England & Wales	251,422	270,320

Source: HM Land Registry April 2007

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