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OVERVIEW

We may be near the low point in the present economic turbulence. We now know it's going to be bad, with little or no growth until 2010, and then a slow recovery; but at least we are nearer to knowing where we are and can plan accordingly. There are some positives; high value added advanced manufacturing, of which West Sussex has its share, should ride the storm while exports to the dollar economies of the Far East should benefit from a lower pound. These are lean times but unfortunately the laws of economics cannot be defied for ever and adjustment, hopefully not taking too long or being too painful, has to take place.

ECONOMIC

WEST SUSSEX VAT REGISTRATIONS (2006):

By industry	Reg	Dereg	Net change
Agriculture; Forestry & fishing	40	50	- 10
Mining and quarrying; Electricity, gas & water supply	0	0	0
Manufacturing	115	130	- 15
Construction	320	235	85
Wholesale, retail and repairs	440	365	75
Hotels and restaurants	230	145	85
Transport, storage & comms	105	85	20
Financial intermediation	10	25	- 15
Real Estate, renting & business	935	695	240
Public administration; Community, social and personal services	170	175	- 5
Education; health & social work	25	25	0.0
Total	2,390	1,930	460

Figures may not sum due to rounding
Source: ONS (nomis)

WAGE RATES:

	£ Resident in area	£ Working in area
Adur	397.9	521.6
Arun	389.7	388.5
Chichester	465.2	386.0
Crawley	442.0	466.8
Horsham	602.7	458.8
Mid Sussex	498.3	453.5
Worthing	452.2	425.5
West Sussex	477.5	431.2
South East	499.6	480.7
Great Britain	459.0	458.6

(employees on adult rates average gross weekly earnings)
Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings 2007 (ONS).

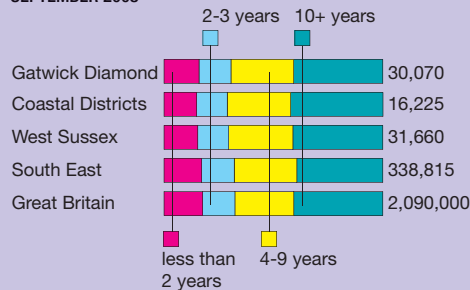
BUSINESS (DATA UNITS)*

Number of units	Total	Units with 100+ employees**
Gatwick Diamond	32,882	440
Chichester and Arun	11,602	110
Worthing and Adur	6,231	100
West Sussex	35,124	460
South East	379,675	5,020

Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2006, ONS (nomis) *A data unit is roughly equivalent to a workplace

**Rounded for confidentiality

AGE OF VAT AND/OR PAYE REGISTERED BUSINESSES, SEPTEMBER 2008



WEST SUSSEX GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA)

£M for:	2003	2004	2005
West Sussex GVA	12,603	13,010	13,342
% South East GVA	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%

Source: ONS

EMPLOYMENT

WEST SUSSEX CLAIMANT COUNT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES:

	% Sep 2007	% Sep 2008
Coastal Districts	1.3	1.8
Central West Sussex	0.9	1.4
Gatwick Diamond	0.8	1.2
Great Britain	2.2	2.5
West Sussex	1.1	1.6

Source: ONS (nomis)

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY RATE: DEC 2007

Economically active persons of working age

Area	rate%
Gatwick Diamond	82.8%
Coastal West Sussex	81.6%
West Sussex	82.9%
South East	82.0%
Great Britain	78.6%

Source: Annual Population Survey/ONS (nomis)

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PROPERTY

HOUSE PRICES:

Semi detached (£)	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
West Sussex	238,301	229,231
South East	225,130	207,789
England & Wales	172,687	159,087

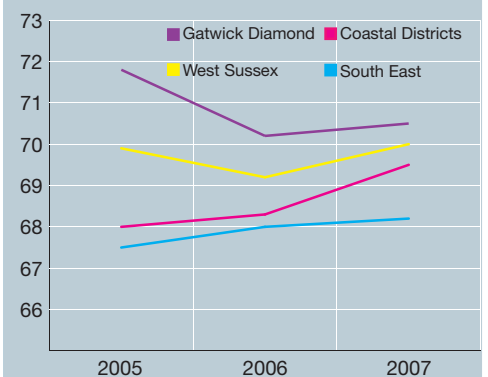
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West Sussex	395,811	380,746
South East	395,970	365,470
England & Wales	277,136	256,796

Source: HM Land Registry Oct 2008

EDUCATION

PERCENTAGE OF WORKING AGE RESIDENTS WITH NVQ LEVEL 2+



Source: Annual Population Survey 2007 ONS (nomis)

DID YOU KNOW...

After the 1929 Crash, Real GNP in Britain recovered to 1929 levels by 1934, five years quicker than the United States.

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