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# SUMMARY and KEY POINTS

## Labour Market Overview

Key Points from the Summer Quarter (data to June 2009). This has been a period of continued falling employment. Claimant unemployment has been rising much less quickly than in the winter (but see caution re: steep rise in UK official unemployment).

- **Employment expectations by firms in TW have collapsed** to the lowest levels since earlier than the early 1990s recession, and probably since the 1980s.
- **Nevertheless, Job Change announcements by firms in TW were positive** (gains exceeded losses by about 450). This is much less gloomy than the first quarter's 1,100+ net loss. Reported job gains were 3,193. Job losses were 2,741. Caution: this source omits many job losses.
- The rise in claimant unemployment has moderated slightly in the 3 months to June; in June it was still 67% higher than 12 months before; the rise is over 15,100 to about 38,500 – an estimated rate of 7.5%.
- Claimant unemployment rates have risen by about 3 percentage points in TW; in three Sunderland wards unemployment rates have risen by over 5 percentage points.
- Notified vacancies to JobCentre Plus are down about 10% over the year to April. Vacancies in Sunderland were up – perhaps reflecting some re-hiring.

Note the first quarter of 2009 may have been the worst for the pace of shrinkage in output; employment decline can be expected to continue for some quarters even after output begins to rise again. From the experience of the major recessions in the early 1980s and early 1990s, employment can be expected to fall until about late 2010 or late 2011 (EcN 6/6). Firms are, however, making greater efforts to retain employees, for example through shorter weeks.

## Unemployment

In Tyne & Wear, in claimant **unemployment actually fell** marginally in May and June, but these are thought to be seasonal effects (NSA<sup>1</sup>).

Claimant unemployment had risen markedly faster in **Sunderland** than the other Districts in the months to March (presumably due to losses at Nissan and its suppliers); this has since moderated.

UK **Claimant unemployment rose by only 23,800<sup>2</sup>** in June (this is a much slower rate of rise than in the 3 months to March when it was over 70,000 each month). This leaves the UK on course for a rise in claimant unemployment of about 0.5m in 2009.

Caution: the rise in official unemployment (using the LFS definition, which is wider than the claimant count) has been much steeper at a record 281,000 in the 3 months to May. It is not clear why the claimant count has been rising much less rapidly.

## Local Job Gains

Npower's relocation (900) from Newcastle to Sunderland was the largest job 'gain'. Other large gains included a call centre (300 at Convergys, NT). Encouragingly, there were gains in offshore engineering (200 temps at McNulty, ST and building to 150 at Fabricom, NT). Nissan was also taking on 150 temps to October.

Major retailers are still opening new stores; Morrisons (up to 250 in Nc) and Asda (140 in ST). Also Eaga is on course to create 200 jobs in 2009.

## Local Job Losses

The big losses are the Dairy Farmers of Britain dairy (closure 300 in Gd), Filtrona Filters (233 in ST) and Sage (200 in Nc).

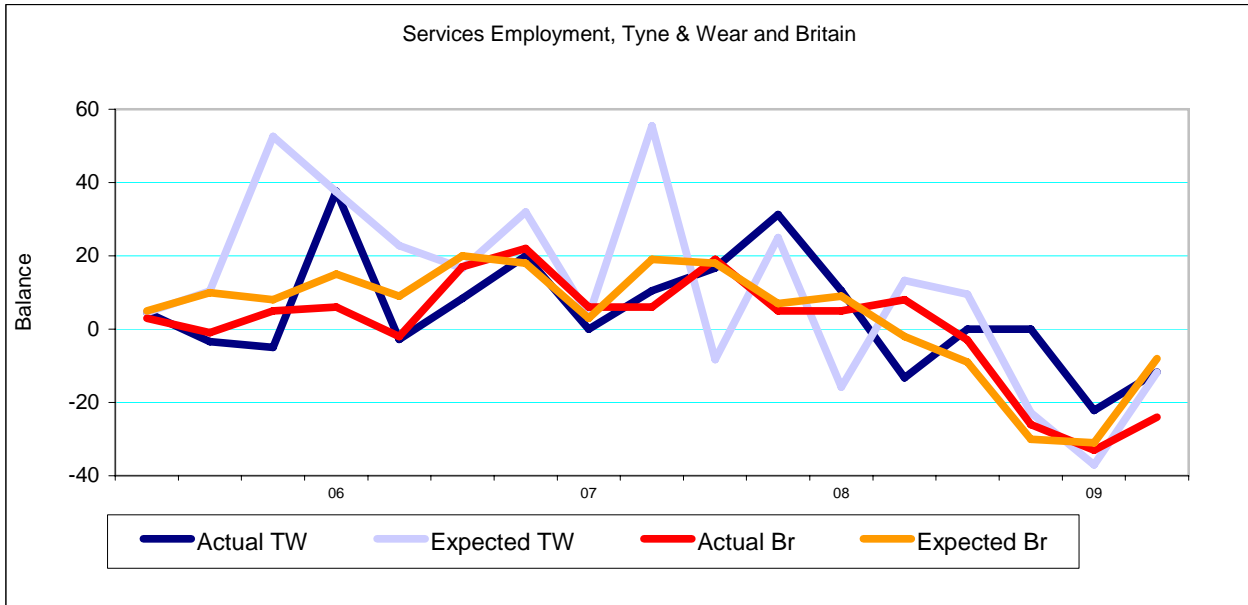
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<sup>1</sup> Data for TW and below are not seasonally adjusted (NSA).

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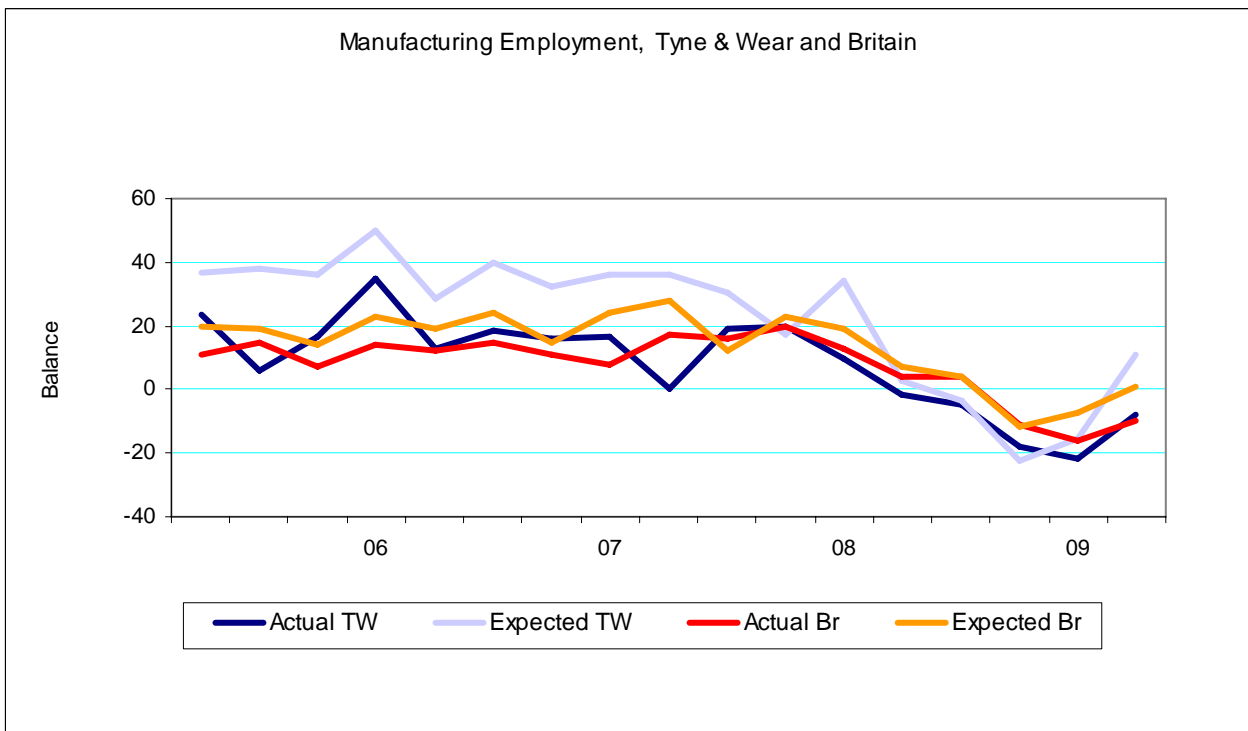
## §1: Employment Expectations

In Q2 2009, although Tyne & Wear *service* firms' employment change remained negative (blue line), they have been less weak than British service firms. British service firms' employment change (red line) has been negative in the last four quarters. Both actual change and expected change (paler colours) were less negative in Q2 than in Q1 in both areas.



Source: Business Survey NE (TW data) – from Economic Research Services; national data from British Chamber of Commerce. Caution: these measures weight all firms equally, and make no allowance for the different scale of job changes in different firms and industries.

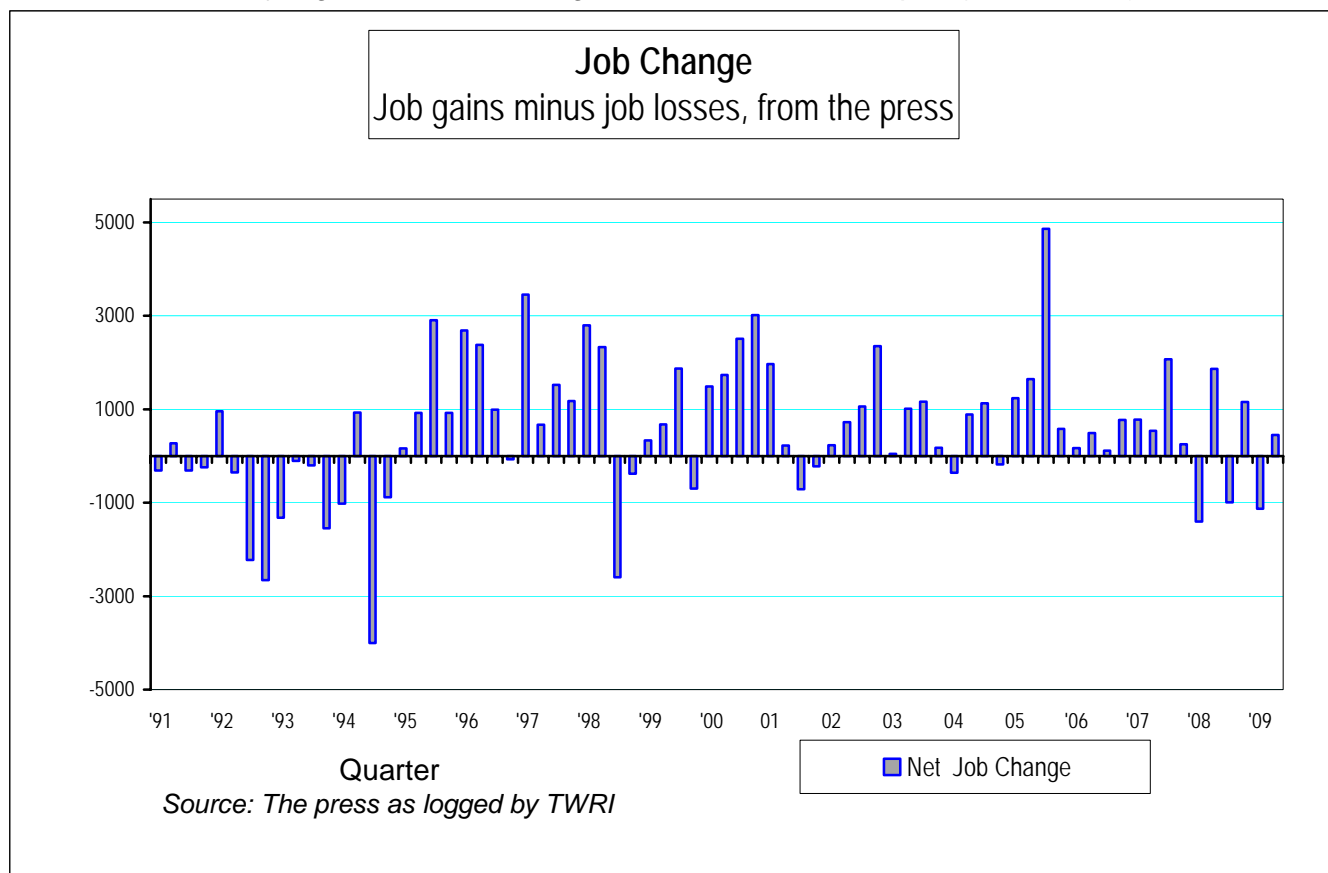
Tyne & Wear *manufacturing* firms' employment change has been more negative (blue line) than British firms (red line). In Q2, Tyne & Wear manufacturing firms have, however, improved their employment change balances more than in Britain. Again, the indicators were less negative in Q2 than in Q1 in both areas – with TW expected manufacturing employment even turning positive.



## §2: Job Change Announcements

Job Changes in the Q2<sup>3</sup> period (as reported in the press), on a net basis, were positive at around +450. This is a marked improvement on Q1, when the net job loss reported was over -1,100.

A full itemised list of job gains and losses is given at the end of this report (in size order).



## §3: Claimant Unemployment

Claimant unemployment has risen by about two-thirds in the year to June. In Tyne & Wear, it has risen from under 5% a year ago to 7.5% in June. This has been a rise of over 15,000 people.

### Claimant Unemployment, June 2009

	Number	Rate <sup>4</sup>	Change on Year earlier	% Change in numbers
Gateshead	5,981	6.9% (R)	+2,447	+69%
Newcastle	8,744	7.2% (R)	+3,068	+54%
North Tyneside	5,840	6.1% (R)	+2,246	+63%
South Tyneside	6,339	9.2% (R)	+2,286	+56%
Sunderland	10,769	8.4% (R)	+5,024	+87%
Tyne & Wear	37,673	7.5% (R)	+15,071	+67%
NE	84,484	7.0% (W)	+35,194	+71%
UK	1,553,256	4.8% (W)	+717,939	+86%

Note: (R) means residents' rates (by TWRI). (W) means workforce rates (by ONS).

In the year to June, in Sunderland unemployment rates have risen by over 5 percentage points in 3 wards (map, below).

<sup>3</sup> Apr - Jun 2009.

<sup>4</sup> Rates are TWRI residence-based rates, except for the NE and above which are ONS workforce-based rates.

The rises in unemployment rates have been markedly greater in Sunderland than in other Districts. This might be because of greater reliance on manufacturing sector jobs; Nissan and its suppliers have shed about 2,000 jobs. Sunderland also had a major Northern Rock office (at Rainton Bridge) which has now closed.

Some caution needs to be attached to the slowing of the rise in *claimant* unemployment in the 3 months to June; *official* unemployment (i.e. using the Labour Force Survey ILO definition) in the UK rose by a record 281,000 in the 3 months to May compared with the previous 3 months. It is not known why the two measures give such different pictures.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Prof..John Philpott, Chief Economist for the Chartered Institute for Personnel and Development (CIPD), called [on TV] for a joint inquiry by DWP and ONS to establish the causes of the very different picture from LFS and the claimant count. It is possible that there is a group of people who have become LFS unemployed (perhaps made voluntarily redundant) who are not claiming unemployment-related benefits.

## Change in Claimant Count Unemployment Rates, June 2008 to June 2009



**Change in Unemployment Rate**

- Over +5.0 pp
- +4.1 to +5.0 pp
- +3.0 to +4.0 pp
- +2.1 to +2.9 pp
- Up to +2.0pp
- District Boundary

Note: Rates are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated labour force (the economically active population), at mid-2007 (TWRI ests. based on ONS population estimates).

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Caution: the unemployment rates are those calculated using the 2007 denominators introduced in May 2009. This change map is not comparable with those in the Unemployment monthly before that date.

## §4: Unemployment Forecasts

### Forecasts of Unemployment in the UK

	2009	2010	Comments
Economic Growth	-4.0%	+0.7%	Downturn in 2009 is even more severe than forecast in the spring. Weak recovery in 2010.
Claimant Unemployment	1.99m (Q4)	2.29m by Q4 2010	A rise of 430,000 or 28%, compared with the June 2009 claimant count. Then a further 300,000 in 2010.

Source: average latest revised UK forecasts from HM Treasury's survey of independent forecasts (July).

TW may fare somewhat worse than the UK; the NE has a relatively large export-sector, and a high dependence on EU markets – which have been declining rapidly in 2009.

## §5: Vacancies numbers;

The flow of notified vacancies in Tyne & Wear overall is down by about 9% from 2 years ago, and down by 10% from a year ago. Oddly, the flow has fallen most in North Tyneside (-28%) and actually risen in Sunderland (up 9%). This could be re-hiring in Sunderland. Paradoxically, Sunderland is the District in which claimant unemployment has risen most steeply over the last year.

### Summary of Notified Vacancies, by TW District (Index April 2007=100%)

	October 2006	April 2007	October 2007	April 2008	October 2008	April 2009
Gd Total	2,372	1,470	2,611	1,316	2,092	1,286
		100.0%		89.5%		87.5%
Nc Total	2,081	1,966	2,944	2,188	2,248	1,749
		100.0%		111.3%		89.0%
NT Total	1,230	1,134	1,477	1,203	1,034	813
		100.0%		106.1%		71.7%
ST Total	604	627	1,106	627	771	506
		100.0%		100.0%		80.7%
Sd Total	2,894	2,258	3,990	2,206	4,170	2,457
		100.0%		97.7%		108.8%
TW Total		7,455		7,540		6,811
		100.0%		101.1%		91.4%

Caution: vacancies data are not of sufficient quality to be National Statistics.

## §6: Employment Change by Industry;

Data on employment change by main industry sectors in the NE may suggest the broad structural changes in TW



The ONS employment estimates by industrial sector for the NE, however, appear to be incoherent (at least for Sept. 2008):

They state that total employees were unchanged (from a year before) at 1.029m. Nevertheless, the number of employees in the three largest sectors all rose;

Production (C-E), up 1,000 to 139,000

Construction (F), up 2,000 to 61,000

Services (G-Q), up 1,000 to 822,000.

These sum to an aggregate growth of 4,000 employees (but could be nearer 2,000 due to the rounding of each sector total).

UK employees were down just 13,000 in the same period.

Production (C-E), down 72,000 (-2.3%) to 3.015m.

Construction (F), up 23,000 (1.7%) to 1.359m.

Services (G-Q), up 18,000 to 22.465m.

## §7 Tables of Local Job Gains & Losses

TWRI has a database of job gains and losses announced in the press since the beginning of 1996. Listings are available on request by District, industry (2 Digit SIC 80) and cluster. This database and the lists given below, record gains and losses reported in the press.

**Cautions:** The press tends to under-record net job losses overall (by roughly 2,200pa on average, TWRI estimates by comparison with other sources). For example, particularly notable under-recordings have been numerous small losses from retailing and possibly from the offshore engineering industry. The **construction industry is especially hard to track and measure** (and grew very significantly from about 1999 until 2006). Small firms are not included at all in the data below, since gains of fewer than 10 are not recorded by TWRI (and not generally reported by the press).

Summary of job gains and losses announced in the press,  
April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, for Tyne and Wear

District	Gain	Loss	Net
Gateshead	295	424	-129
Newcastle	813	1,426*	-613*
North Tyneside	501	209	292
South Tyneside	354	469	-115
Sunderland	1,160*	0	1,160*
Unallocated (Districts to be determined)	70	213	-143
Tyne and Wear (Total)	3,193	2,741	452

Note: \* the relocation of 900 Npower jobs from Newcastle to Sunderland affects these figures and appears in both the .

Note: Unallocated gains and losses are usually estimates at County-level of regional change.

## Job Gains

(+3,193 announced in the press April 1<sup>st</sup> –June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, for Tyne & Wear)[Caution: of these, the biggest, 900 at Npower is a relocation within Tyne & Wear.]

\* means new opening.

Gains		Source
900	<b>NPower</b> , Rainton Bridge Business Park in Sunderland. (Electricity supply firm.) Caution: It is to relocate its 900 call centre staff from its HQ in Carlol House in Newcastle city centre.	(J 7/4)
300*	<b>Convergys</b> , on the Quorum Business Park, North Tyneside. (Contract call centre operator.) It has acquired the new site. [Convergys already operates in Newcastle – Ed.]	(J 27/5)
Up to 250 new jobs*	<b>Morrisons</b> , West Denton, in Newcastle. (Supermarket.) It is due to open its new store later this year.	(EC 15/4)
On target to create 200 jobs in 2009	<b>Eaga</b> , [presumably some at HQ at Scottish Life Ho., Jesmond, Newcastle]. (Green support services company.) It is to add to its 4,500 employees. It expects sales to rise by 10% in the year to May 2009, with profits also rising by 20%, from £38m to £46m in the same period.	(J 17/4)
To create 200 jobs (for 12 months).	<b>McNulty Offshore</b> , South Shields, South Tyneside. (Offshore engineering.) Expansion after winning a multi-million pound contract from Siemens. McNulty will make a 1,600 tonne offshore substation, to be installed 16 miles off the Suffolk coast.	(J 12/5)
150 temporary jobs (4 months June to Oct.).	<b>Nissan</b> , Washington, Sunderland. (Car manufacturer). It started a new Saturday overtime shift [from May 9 <sup>th</sup> ] on both its production lines. The UK 'scrappage' scheme began around 18 <sup>th</sup> May (J 2/5). Nissan is creating 150 temporary jobs at its Washington plant in Sunderland. The short-term effect of scrappage schemes in Europe requires new staff on four-month contracts to work on both the plant's production lines to manufacture an extra 14,000 cars, starting in June. The UK scrappage scheme runs until August 2010 (or until the Treasury's £300m fund for the scheme is exhausted [which looks to be in the autumn –Ed.]) (J 9/5).	(J 9/6)
On track to create 150 jobs, (bringing its workforce to 200 by 2012).	<b>Fabricom Offshore Services</b> , Balliol Business Park, North Tyneside. (Oil and gas engineering design company.) It won a £multi-million contract with oil and gas operator Talisman Energy (UK) to modify one of its North Sea rigs. As part of its expansion plan, it has teamed up with Newcastle College on a new graduate trainee programme and ONE has agreed to give a £1.6m grant.	(J 18/4)
140 jobs*	<b>Asda</b> , Coronation Street in South Shields, South Tyneside. New £16m store, which is relocating from Ocean Road, increasing the workforce to 490. It was due to open on May 18.	(J 4/5).
expects to create up to 100 jobs*	' <b>Newco</b> ' possibly at the rotunda bldg, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle. (Business Services.) This new partnership between Newcastle City Council and Eaga wants to capitalise on a market for contracting out services (like payroll, benefits and council tax payments, IT and customer services). It wants to tap into a £2.1bn market. It expects to win up to £70m of contracts in its first two years.	(J 4/4)
100 jobs to be created [in 2010]*	<b>Jurys Inn</b> , on South Shore Road, Gateshead Quayside. (Hotel.) A £20m development. Around 360 jobs could be created in Gateshead with the development of the 200-bed hotel and offices at South Shore Rd. A planning application has been submitted by MRP (Baltic) Ltd.	((J 8/4 and 23/4)
80	<b>De La Rue</b> , at its Team Valley base in Gateshead. (Printing.) Security printing, papermaking, and cash-handling systems company.	(J 13/6)

Gains		Source
70 [Est. gains in TW – Ed.]	<b>Iceland Foods</b> , location(s) to be determined. (Retail.) It expects to create 3,500 jobs across the UK. It plans to open 20 new stores this year and acquire 51 former Woolworths outlets. Its sales rose 16% to £2.08bn in the year to March.	(FT 13/6)
70 (by 2012).	<b>INEX</b> , at Newcastle University. (Nano- and microtechnology company.) It saw its revenues rise 145% in 2008. INEX is a Newcastle University spin-out, founded in 2002.	(J 26/5)
[est. 60 jobs in Newcastle – Ed.]*	<b>Gainford Care Homes</b> , new care home in Newcastle. The Chester-le-Street company is investing £8m with the opening of five new facilities in the NE. It plans to create 300 jobs in the NE by 2011.	(J 23/4)
up to 50 jobs	<b>Eutechnyx</b> , Gateshead (Video games developer.) It wants to tap into the emerging market of downloadable games over the internet, after receiving £0.5m in funding from NEL Fund Managers.	(J 2/4)
50 (by end 2010)	<b>Zytronic</b> , Blaydon, Gateshead. (Electronics touchscreen maker.) It plans to expand its HQ and recruit 50 staff [by end 2010] by investing £3.2m in 60,000sq ft space at Blaydon. This will allow easier expansion of buildings in the future and an increase in the workforce from 190 to more than 230 by the end of 2010.	(J 02/6)
50	<b>University of Sunderland</b> (University.) It has won backing to finance its contribution to the Sunderland Software City (SSC) initiative. Around 50 jobs are to be created to help businesses commercialise research from the university. The dean of applied sciences said “A cornerstone of our project is to stimulate graduate enterprise by creating a Software Hatchery to provide a dedicated support environment for small businesses to develop ideas.”	(J 20/6)
40	<b>Monster Travel</b> , Newcastle (Online travel company.) One-year old company is recruiting, as it continues its expansion drive after winning a deal with travel shopping channel traveldealdirect. It also recently took on 20 former staff from Freedom Direct, which went into administration in April.	(J 20/5)
Up to 35*	<b>McDonald’s</b> across Sunderland and Washington. (Fast food chain). It is looking to recruit long-term unemployed people to top up the 6,000 vacancies nationwide this year, as it extends a regional pilot with Jobcentres.	(Sunderland Echo 23/4)
Expects to create 30 jobs by 2014. Recently created 15 jobs	<b>Parmley Technologies</b> , Orion Business Park, North Shields. North Tyneside. (Electronics). It has an ongoing contract, worth around £750,000 a year, to supply electronic vehicle control [printed circuit boards (PCBs)] systems to the US military.	(J 2/4)
25*	<b>Artingence</b> , Mosley St., in Newcastle city centre. (Artificial intelligence for call centres). It will initially create 25 jobs as it sets up a commercial division; it is in discussions with Newcastle, Sunderland and Derwentside councils. The Newcastle company has developed artificial intelligence “robots” which can handle call centre functions. It will trial the technology later this year with a local govt organisation and a call centre operator in the NE.	(J 18/6)
25	<b>Wear Dock and Engineering</b> at South Docks yard in Sunderland. (Marine engineering/renewable energy.) It has built a prototype tidal power generator, which has created 25 jobs. It could bring up to 70 new jobs if trials are successful. The £1m Neptune Proteus NP1000 tidal stream demonstrator was expected to enter service in July for an initial 3mth evaluation period. It has been ordered by Neptune Renewable Energy and could go into full-scale commercial	(Sd Echo 20/5)

Gains		Source
	production, with 20 devices initially being moored in the Humber estuary.	
Up to 20*	<b>Quick.tv</b> , Charlotte Square, Newcastle. (Online video for commercial users). It won £0.2m of funding from One NE's Grant for Business Investment. NSEI (North Star Equity Investors) has previously invested over £0.7m. Quick plans to expand its interactive video services for e-commerce, market research etc.. It is to use the funding to establish an in-house development support and management team, creating up to 20 jobs. Founder Nick Bell previously made almost £1m selling magazine website teenage.com.	(J 16/6)
has created 20 jobs*	<b>Chamilia</b> , UK sales and distribution facility in Newcastle. (On-line retailer of jewellery.) The US firm is a global designer of silver and gold-beaded jewellery. [The UK firm appears to be based in Barnstable, Devon –Ed.]	(J 22/4)
20	<b>Eldon Insurance Services</b> in Pilgrim Street Newcastle (Insurance group.) It is recruiting 20 staff as its work goes nationwide. It has built up a staff of 160 and customer base of 250,000 in 18 months. It set up following the closure of two large insurance groups, Zurich and Norwich Union, in 2007.	(J 30/6)
15	<b>JT Dove</b> has added 45 staff at its three sites (inc 2 in TW at Newburn in Newcastle, and Birtley in Gateshead). The other is at Stockton, Teesside. [See also job losses]	(J 22/5)
to create 14 jobs	<b>Aspire Technology Services</b> , Monkton Business Park in South Tyneside. (IT consultancy etc.) After winning a series of contracts. It provides IT consultancy, infrastructure solutions and support to companies.	(J 3/4)
create 8 jobs	<b>North East Bakeries</b> , new outlet in Newcastle's Eldon Sq. Shopping Centre (Retailing).	(J 11/5)
6 (over the next 12mths.)	<b>Dalesman</b> (Newcastle) Ltd, North Tyneside. (Manufacturer of food seasoning.) Originally set up as Prestige Supplies, it has doubled the size of its HQ, sales and warehouse after relocating. It moved from its 7,000sq ft site on New York Business Park to a nearby 16,000sq ft office and warehouse.	(J 29/6)

### Job Gains in rest of the NE:

Gains		Source:
600	<b>Tees Alliance Group (TAG)</b> at Haverton Hill shipyard, Billingham. (Offshore engineering consortium). TAG is due to sign a contract to construct a drilling rig for Saudi Arabia in the coming weeks. It is set to create 600 jobs, with a further 400 in the supply chain. [This follows the termination by SeaDragon of a £300m contract to build a semi-submersible rig -Ed.]	(J 7/4)
600+	<b>Tesco</b> , Teesport (Distribution Centre), Teesside. (Supermarket chain). It is currently recruiting the initial 600 of 800 jobs at the £50m 1.2msq ft Teesport centre. It plans to create 2,500 jobs in the NE. It is redeveloping its Gateshead town centre site for mixed-use create 1,000 jobs. It is also extending its Bedlington (Northumberland) store and has planning applications in for new stores in Newcastle, Morpeth (Northumberland) and Consett (Co. Durham) which would employ about 900 people.	(J 22/4)
240 (by 2011)	<b>Gainford Care Homes</b> , four new centres in the NE. (Care home operator). The Chester-le-Street company is investing £8m with the opening of five new facilities (including one in Newcastle). Together they are to create 300 jobs by 2011. [est. 60 jobs in Newcastle – Ed.]	(J 23/4)

Gains		Source:
103 (later in 2009, inc part-time jobs).	<b>Tesco Metro</b> in Silver Street, Durham City. A new Tesco Metro in the former Woolworths store	(Sd Echo 22/5)
120	<b>Brulines</b> in Stockton, Teesside. (Beer monitoring group). It is looking to create over 120 jobs and acquire three more companies, in a drive for expansion. Its profits rose 20% to £4.98m in the year to March.	(J 10/6)
50	<b>Esh Group</b> near Cramlington, Northumberland. (Construction and civil engineering group). It is to set up a £1.5m base near Cramlington. Esh's HQ is in Bowburn in Co. Durham.	(J 10/6)
50	<b>Owen Pugh</b> , based near Cramlington, Northumberland. (Demolition and construction company). It has added 50 staff to its 250-strong workforce. It has recently acquired Newcastle-based Graydon Dawson.	(J 22/6)
set to create 28 jobs	<b>Propeller GB</b> , at its site in Peterlee, Co. Durham. (Electronics company). It has secured the worldwide patent on its hand-held <i>Pro-Pod</i> device which monitors stock movements using radio frequency identification (RFID). It expects its sales to quadruple to £16m by 2012.	(J 26/5)

## Job Losses in Tyne & Wear

(-2,741 losses announced in the press, including the relocation of npower.)

\* means closure.

Losses		Source:
900* (but relocation to Sunderland)	<b>NPower</b> , Carlol House, Newcastle city centre. (Electricity supplier's call centre.) It is relocating to Rainton Bridge, Sunderland – to the former Northern Rock offices.	(J 7/4)
300*	<b>Dairy Farmers of Britain</b> (DFB) Blaydon dairy, Gateshead. (Dairy.) It is closing the dairy, with the loss of about 300 jobs. The company went into receivership on June 3 <sup>rd</sup> with debts of £20m.	(J 13/6)
233 jobs, in the next 12 months	<b>Filtrona Filters</b> , Jarrow plant in South Tyneside. (Cigarette filter makers.) Production at the plant has fallen 35% in the past three years.	(J 3/4)
200 (have been cut).	<b>Sage</b> , Great Park HQ in Newcastle. (Accounting software firm.) The plc cut 700 jobs, including 200 at Newcastle base. It has cut £49.3m from its annual overheads. It provides business software for 5.8m SMEs. Underlying sales of its software were down 15% in the 6 months to April, but this was offset by rising revenue from support contracts, so that overall underlying sales were down just 4%. Support accounts for more than 60% of revenue (FT 7/5).	(J 7/5).
has cut 135 jobs	<b>Hashimoto</b> , in Boldon, South Tyneside (its main overseas base). (Car parts supplier.) It expects sales in 2009 to fall by over a third from a record level of £34.5m in 2008, as a result of the dramatic downturn in the car industry. It now has 350 staff in the NE. Staff were put on a 4-day week in Feb. and Mar. but, with signs of recovery in the market, the factory is now back to full-time operation. Its main customers, Nissan and Honda, account for 80% of its output. Despite turnover rising by 6% in 2008, it recorded a loss of £570,315.	(J 6/5)
Loss of 109 jobs	<b>Freedom Direct Holidays</b> on Gosforth Business Park, North Tyneside. It initially closed down with 109 job losses from its HQ. It had been unable to trade for the past 16 days. (J 17/4). Note: It was then sold by the liquidator to Hay Travel (of Sunderland).	(J 18/4)
100 [TWRI]	<b>BT</b> , Gosforth Business Park, North Tyneside.	(J 15/5)

Losses		Source:
est. job losses]	BT prepares to cut 15,000 jobs nationally.	
50 [TWRI est. job losses]	<b>BT</b> , Bridge Court, Newcastle Quayside BT prepares to cut 15,000 jobs nationally.	(J 15/5)
93 [Est. 60 job cuts already in TW + 33 to make – Ed.]	<b>Lloyds Banking Group</b> inc closure all Cheltenham and Gloucester branches. (High Street Bank.) It to shed 1,660 jobs nationwide, including 833 through its closure of all C and G branches. It has already cut almost 3,000 jobs this year.	(FT 10/6)
92	<b>Simpson &amp; Gregg</b> , Benton, Newcastle. (Plumbing and electrical firm.) It went into administration with the loss of 92 jobs, due to cashflow difficulties. The firm was a major contractor in the new house-build market which has suffered from a dramatic decline in activity.	(J 29/6)
Cutting up to 85 jobs	<b>Duco Ltd</b> , based in Walker, Newcastle (Manufacturer of flexible pipes for deep-sea oil and gas extraction, known as ‘umbilicals’). Orders are drying up. Previously it has won large orders with BP (£20m in September 08), and a £68.9m contract in February 2008. Export earnings quadrupled over the past 3 years, with exports making up between 60-90% of its annual production	(J 8/5).
80	<b>Siemens</b> Transmission and Distribution dept., at Hebburn, South Tyneside. (Electrical Engineering; maker of high-voltage gas-insulated switchgear). It asked for 80 volunteers for redundancy from the approx. 150 employees in the department. Siemens employs 2,500 people in the NE at Monkton (S Tyneside), Heaton (Newcastle) and at Stockton and Durham.	(J 16/6).
74 under threat [later lost]	<b>Midway Games</b> , Team Valley, Gateshead. (Video games developer.) Its [Chicago-based] parent was largely acquired by Warner Bros., but this did not include the studios in Gateshead and San Diego.	(J 18/6)
60	<b>Newcastle City Council</b> , Civic Centre, Newcastle. (Local Authority.) Cuts from its Chief Executive’s Office, saving £2.9m a year. This is part of the Transformation programme, to cut 510 posts over the next five years.	(J 27/6)
Est 40 losses in TW (after est 50 already)	<b>RBS</b> , locations not determined (High Street Bank). It is cutting up to 9,000 jobs [about 5%] worldwide in areas such as technology and call centres. It has already cut 2,700 jobs from its 106,000 UK workforce this year. RBS employs over 2,000 people at its 58 NE offices and branches. RBS wants to reduce its annual costs by £2.5bn in the next three years.	(FT and J 8/4)
40 jobs	<b>Akzo Nobel</b> , Felling, Gateshead base. (Paint manufacturer.) The company employs 1,000 people at the site.	(J 25/4)
30	<b>JT Dove</b> has closed its Newcastle base, (Builders’ merchant). It has relocated its entire 45 workforce to its three other sites in Newburn, in Newcastle; Birtley, in Gateshead; and Stockton, in Teesside.	(J 22/5)
30 [TWRI est. job losses in TW – Ed.]	<b>Alliance Boots</b> are to cut 1,500 jobs over the next year. (Healthcare retailer). It wants to save £53m in annual costs by 2011/12. [The retailer has around 43 stores in Tyne and Wear.]	(J 19/5)
has cut 21 jobs	<b>A&amp;P Tyne</b> in Hebburn, South Tyneside. (Ship-repair yard). This follows a downturn in orders.	(Shields Gazette 1/5)
Est. 10 losses in TW.	<b>Tolent</b> , Gateshead. (Construction company.) Turnover of £154m for 2008 was almost £50m short of its sales targets (£200m). This prompted the shedding of almost 57 of its nationwide workforce, including more than 20 in the	(J 18/4)

Losses		Source:
	NE. It employs more than 600 people nationally – half at Gateshead and Stockton.	
9	<b>Newcastle City Council</b> Civic Centre, Newcastle. (Local Authority.) It wants to cut 9 senior managers in addition to the 60 managers from the central part of the council, to save £2.9m a year. [This is part of the Transformation programme to cut 510 posts over the next five years.]	(J 30/6)

### Job losses in rest of the NE:

Losses		Source:
450-500	<b>Northumberland County Council</b> , based at Morpeth. (New unitary local authority). It was to issue 450 to 500 redundancies. It wants to make budget savings of £25m this year.	(J 4/4)
428	<b>Corus</b> , 4 sites in Tees Valley. Corus is to cut 428 jobs in Tees Valley (150 near Redcar, 156 in Hartlepool, 113 in East Cleveland and 9 in Darlington). Steel demand globally could fall 20% this year, while consumption in Europe could fall by up to 40%. These are part of Corus' cuts of 2,000 UK jobs. Corus has been a subsidiary of Tata Steel (based in India) since 2006.	(J/FT 26/6)
150+ *	<b>Schott Industrial Glass</b> Newton Aycliffe operation in Co. Durham. (German glass company). It is to shut. It said the site was no longer profitable, due to the closure of a number of major customers in the UK.	(J 20/5)
120	<b>PD Ports</b> , Teesside (Operator of port of Tees and Hartlepool). It plans to cut around 120 jobs at its facility which handles steel for Teesside Cast Products. It blames a fall in trade.	(J 30/5)
has made 60 redundancies.	<b>Fin</b> , in Seaham (Co. Durham), (Car-radiator maker). The firm now employs 240 people. Order levels have fallen from £2m a month in 2008 to £0.6m in March. It makes the machines which make radiators.	(J 28/4)
37	<b>Saica Packaging</b> , Oakesway Industrial Estate, Hartlepool. It is cutting a further 26 jobs, after shedding 11 posts in April, [37 in total]. It is cutting its 176-strong workforce, following years of losses at the factory. Nevertheless, it is planning a £42m investment to modernise and revamp all of its UK plants.	(J 04/6)
to shed about 30	<b>Waters and Robsons</b> at the Morpeth plant in Northumberland. (Soft drinks manufacturer). They were recently acquired by Coca Cola.	(J 4/4)
24*	<b>Stiller Transport Ltd</b> based in Stockton, Teesside. (Haulage firm to be wound up). Its parent company, Stiller Group, said it could not support it indefinitely without causing unquantified risks to the rest of the group. [The group blames the downturn in the steel industry for which Stiller Transport was a major haulage contractor – Ed.]	(J 28/5)

### Job under threat in rest of NE

1,920	<b>Teesside Cast Products</b> , in Redcar, Teesside. The NE's biggest steel plant. This stems from an overseas consortium which pulled out of a deal to take 78% of its output for the next 5 years. The consortium, led by Italian company Marcegaglia has decided to walk away from a 10-year deal signed in 2004. [FT reports 3,000 jobs at risk.]	(J 9/5)
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