

## PRESS RELEASE

Labour force survey  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006

Labour force by labour status and geographical area, employment by economic activities. 2nd quarter 2006 (levels and absolute changes in thousands).

| Geographical area<br>and economic activity | RAW DATA |                          |            |        | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA    |            |                          |            |
|--|----------|--------------------------|------------|--------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
|  | Levels   | Changes on previous year |            | Levels | Changes on previous quarter |            | Changes on previous year |            |
|  |          | Absolute                 | Percentage |        | Absolute                    | Percentage | Absolute                 | Percentage |
| <b>LABOUR FORCE</b>                        |          |                          |            |        |                             |            |                          |            |
| Total                                      | 24.808   | 320                      | 1,3        | 24.747 | 86                          | 0,3        | 287                      | 1,2        |
| North                                      | 12.262   | 192                      | 1,6        | 12.259 | 61                          | 0,5        | 177                      | 1,5        |
| Centre                                     | 5.039    | 138                      | 2,8        | 4.976  | 12                          | 0,2        | 103                      | 2,1        |
| South                                      | 7.507    | -10                      | -0,1       | 7.512  | 13                          | 0,2        | 8                        | 0,1        |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT</b>                          |          |                          |            |        |                             |            |                          |            |
| Total                                      | 23.187   | 536                      | 2,4        | 23.006 | 134                         | 0,6        | 445                      | 2,0        |
| North                                      | 11.839   | 241                      | 2,1        | 11.787 | 79                          | 0,7        | 214                      | 1,9        |
| Centre                                     | 4.743    | 151                      | 3,3        | 4.679  | 16                          | 0,3        | 115                      | 2,5        |
| South                                      | 6.605    | 144                      | 2,2        | 6.541  | 38                          | 0,6        | 116                      | 1,8        |
| Agriculture                                | 979      | -35                      | 5,7        | 977    | -5                          | -0,5       | 22                       | 2,3        |
| Manufacturing, fuel<br>and power products  | 5.016    | -13                      | 0,3        | 5.026  | -4                          | -0,1       | 14                       | 0,3        |
| Building and construction                  | 1.897    | 55                       | -2,4       | 1.889  | -21                         | -1,1       | -39                      | -2,0       |
| Services                                   | 15.294   | 48                       | 3,5        | 15.115 | 164                         | 1,1        | 449                      | 3,1        |
| <b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>                        |          |                          |            |        |                             |            |                          |            |
| Total                                      | 1.621    | -216                     | -11,8      | 1.741  | -48                         | -2,7       | -158                     | -8,3       |
| North                                      | 423      | -49                      | -10,3      | 472    | -18                         | -3,8       | -38                      | -7,4       |
| Centre                                     | 296      | -13                      | -4,1       | 298    | -4                          | -1,5       | -12                      | -4,0       |
| South                                      | 902      | -154                     | -14,6      | 972    | -25                         | -2,6       | -107                     | -10,0      |
| <b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</b>                   |          |                          |            |        |                             |            |                          |            |
| Total                                      | 6,5      | -1,0                     |            | 7,0    | -0,2                        |            | -0,7                     |            |
| North                                      | 3,4      | -0,5                     |            | 3,8    | -0,2                        |            | -0,4                     |            |
| Centre                                     | 5,9      | -0,4                     |            | 6,0    | -0,1                        |            | -0,4                     |            |
| South                                      | 12,0     | -2,0                     |            | 12,9   | -0,4                        |            | -1,4                     |            |

Employment by professional status, economic activity and geographical area. 2nd quarter 2006. (levels and absolute changes in thousands)

| Geographical area                      | Levels    |               |        | Changes on previous year |               |       |            |               |       |
|--|-----------|---------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------|-------|------------|---------------|-------|
|  | Employees | Self-employed | Total  | Absolute                 |               |       | Percentage |               |       |
|  |           |               |        | Employees                | Self-employed | Total | Employees  | Self-employed | Total |
| TOTAL                                  |           |               |        |                          |               |       |            |               |       |
| Total                                  | 17.015    | 6.172         | 23.187 | 493                      | 43            | 536   | 3,0        | 0,7           | 2,4   |
| North                                  | 8.745     | 3.094         | 11.839 | 252                      | -10           | 241   | 3,0        | -0,3          | 2,1   |
| <i>North-west</i>                      | 5.090     | 1.724         | 6.814  | 165                      | -24           | 141   | 3,4        | -1,4          | 2,1   |
| <i>North-east</i>                      | 3.655     | 1.370         | 5.025  | 86                       | 14            | 100   | 2,4        | 1,0           | 2,0   |
| Centre                                 | 3.442     | 1.301         | 4.743  | 136                      | 15            | 151   | 4,1        | 1,1           | 3,3   |
| South                                  | 4.828     | 1.777         | 6.605  | 105                      | 39            | 144   | 2,2        | 2,2           | 2,2   |
| AGRICULTURE                            |           |               |        |                          |               |       |            |               |       |
| Total                                  | 461       | 518           | 979    | 48                       | 5             | 53    | 11,5       | 1,0           | 5,7   |
| North                                  | 101       | 250           | 351    | 7                        | -13           | -6    | 7,2        | -4,8          | -1,6  |
| <i>North-west</i>                      | 42        | 104           | 147    | 4                        | -12           | -8    | 10,6       | -10,6         | -5,4  |
| <i>North-east</i>                      | 59        | 145           | 204    | 3                        | 0             | 2     | 4,8        | -0,2          | 1,2   |
| Centre                                 | 68        | 85            | 153    | 12                       | 15            | 27    | 21,2       | 21,0          | 21,1  |
| South                                  | 292       | 183           | 475    | 29                       | 3             | 32    | 11,1       | 1,7           | 7,3   |
| INDUSTRY                               |           |               |        |                          |               |       |            |               |       |
| Total                                  | 5.425     | 1.488         | 6.913  | -6                       | -26           | -32   | -0,1       | -1,7          | -0,5  |
| North                                  | 3.352     | 828           | 4.180  | -2                       | -13           | -14   | 0,0        | -1,5          | -0,3  |
| <i>North-west</i>                      | 1.917     | 452           | 2.370  | -27                      | -17           | -44   | -1,4       | -3,7          | -1,8  |
| <i>North-east</i>                      | 1.435     | 375           | 1.810  | 25                       | 5             | 30    | 1,8        | 1,3           | 1,7   |
| Centre                                 | 920       | 297           | 1.216  | 23                       | -22           | 2     | 2,6        | -6,9          | 0,1   |
| South                                  | 1.153     | 364           | 1.517  | -27                      | 9             | -19   | -2,3       | 2,4           | -1,2  |
| Manufacturing, fuel and power products |           |               |        |                          |               |       |            |               |       |
| Total                                  | 4.254     | 762           | 5.016  | 23                       | -8            | 15    | 0,5        | -1,0          | 0,3   |
| North                                  | 2.819     | 441           | 3.260  | -8                       | -2            | -9    | -0,3       | -0,4          | -0,3  |
| <i>North-west</i>                      | 1.605     | 248           | 1.853  | -25                      | -12           | -38   | -1,6       | -4,7          | -2,0  |
| <i>North-east</i>                      | 1.213     | 193           | 1.406  | 18                       | 11            | 28    | 1,5        | 5,8           | 2,1   |
| Centre                                 | 712       | 153           | 865    | 27                       | -14           | 13    | 3,9        | -8,2          | 1,5   |
| South                                  | 723       | 168           | 891    | 4                        | 8             | 12    | 0,6        | 4,8           | 1,3   |
| Building and construction              |           |               |        |                          |               |       |            |               |       |
| Total                                  | 1.171     | 726           | 1.897  | -28                      | -18           | -47   | -2,4       | -2,5          | -2,4  |
| North                                  | 534       | 387           | 920    | 6                        | -11           | -5    | 1,2        | -2,7          | -0,5  |
| <i>North-west</i>                      | 312       | 205           | 517    | -1                       | -5            | -7    | -0,4       | -2,5          | -1,3  |
| <i>North-east</i>                      | 222       | 182           | 404    | 8                        | -6            | 2     | 3,5        | -3,0          | 0,5   |
| Centre                                 | 207       | 144           | 351    | -3                       | -8            | -11   | -1,5       | -5,5          | -3,2  |
| South                                  | 430       | 195           | 626    | -31                      | 1             | -31   | -6,8       | 0,5           | -4,7  |
| SERVICES                               |           |               |        |                          |               |       |            |               |       |
| Total                                  | 11.129    | 4.166         | 15.294 | 451                      | 64            | 515   | 4,2        | 1,6           | 3,5   |
| North                                  | 5.292     | 2.017         | 7.308  | 246                      | 15            | 261   | 4,9        | 0,7           | 3,7   |
| <i>North-west</i>                      | 3.130     | 1.167         | 4.297  | 188                      | 6             | 194   | 6,4        | 0,5           | 4,7   |
| <i>North-east</i>                      | 2.161     | 850           | 3.011  | 58                       | 9             | 67    | 2,8        | 1,1           | 2,3   |
| Centre                                 | 2.455     | 919           | 3.373  | 101                      | 22            | 123   | 4,3        | 2,4           | 3,8   |
| South                                  | 3.382     | 1.230         | 4.613  | 104                      | 27            | 131   | 3,2        | 2,3           | 2,9   |

Labour market indicators by sex and geographical area. 2nd quarter 2006. (percentage values)

| Geographical area                  | Levels |       |         | Absolute changes on previous years |       |         |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|------------------------------------|-------|---------|
|                                    | Total  | Males | Females | Total                              | Males | Females |
| ACTIVITY RATE 15-64 YEARS          |        |       |         |                                    |       |         |
| Total                              | 63,0   | 75,1  | 51,0    | 0,6                                | 0,5   | 0,7     |
| North                              | 68,8   | 78,1  | 59,3    | 0,8                                | 0,7   | 0,8     |
| <i>North-west</i>                  | 68,0   | 77,4  | 58,4    | 0,8                                | 0,5   | 1,0     |
| <i>North-east</i>                  | 69,9   | 79,0  | 60,6    | 0,8                                | 1,1   | 0,6     |
| Centre                             | 66,9   | 77,5  | 56,6    | 1,6                                | 1,9   | 1,3     |
| South                              | 53,7   | 69,9  | 37,8    | -0,1                               | -0,5  | 0,3     |
| EMPLOYMENT RATE 15-64 YEARS        |        |       |         |                                    |       |         |
| Total                              | 58,9   | 71,1  | 46,7    | 1,2                                | 1,1   | 1,2     |
| North                              | 66,4   | 76,1  | 56,5    | 1,1                                | 0,9   | 1,2     |
| <i>North-west</i>                  | 65,6   | 75,2  | 55,8    | 1,2                                | 0,6   | 1,8     |
| <i>North-east</i>                  | 67,5   | 77,4  | 57,5    | 0,8                                | 1,3   | 0,4     |
| Centre                             | 62,9   | 73,8  | 52,2    | 1,8                                | 2,3   | 1,2     |
| South                              | 47,2   | 63,2  | 31,5    | 1,0                                | 0,8   | 1,2     |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15 YEARS OR MORE |        |       |         |                                    |       |         |
| Total                              | 6,5    | 5,2   | 8,5     | -1,0                               | -0,9  | -1,1    |
| North                              | 3,4    | 2,5   | 4,7     | -0,5                               | -0,3  | -0,7    |
| <i>North-west</i>                  | 3,5    | 2,9   | 4,4     | -0,7                               | -0,2  | -1,5    |
| <i>North-east</i>                  | 3,3    | 2,0   | 5,1     | -0,1                               | -0,4  | 0,3     |
| Centre                             | 5,9    | 4,6   | 7,6     | -0,4                               | -0,7  | -0,1    |
| South                              | 12,0   | 9,5   | 16,6    | -2,0                               | -1,8  | -2,6    |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 15-24 YEARS      |        |       |         |                                    |       |         |
| Total                              | 20,6   | 17,9  | 24,8    | -2,2                               | -3,0  | -0,9    |
| North                              | 10,8   | 8,8   | 13,6    | -0,7                               | -0,6  | -0,6    |
| <i>North-west</i>                  | 11,2   | 10,3  | 12,5    | -1,4                               | -0,4  | -2,6    |
| <i>North-east</i>                  | 10,2   | 6,8   | 15,0    | 0,3                                | -0,7  | 2,0     |
| Centre                             | 17,8   | 15,5  | 21,7    | -1,8                               | -1,6  | -1,5    |
| South                              | 34,1   | 29,7  | 41,6    | -4,1                               | -5,5  | -1,8    |
| LONG TERM UNEMPLOYMENT RATE        |        |       |         |                                    |       |         |
| Total                              | 3,4    | 2,6   | 4,6     | -0,4                               | -0,4  | -0,4    |
| North                              | 1,4    | 0,8   | 2,1     | -0,1                               | 0,0   | -0,2    |
| <i>North-west</i>                  | 1,5    | 1,1   | 2,0     | -0,2                               | 0,1   | -0,6    |
| <i>North-east</i>                  | 1,2    | 0,6   | 2,1     | 0,0                                | -0,2  | 0,4     |
| Centre                             | 3,0    | 2,3   | 3,9     | 0,0                                | -0,2  | 0,2     |
| South                              | 7,0    | 5,3   | 10,0    | -1,1                               | -1,0  | -1,4    |

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