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## **August Unemployment Figures Released for East Hampshire**

Figures released by the Office of National Statistics confirmed that unemployment (as measured by Job Seekers Allowance claimants) in East Hampshire has continued to fall. Of the 650 constituencies in Great Britain, East Hampshire placed 634<sup>th</sup> for unemployment. Current unemployed claimants in August totalled 825, which is 1.8% of the economically active working age population.

This is 386 lower than at the same time last year (August 2009) and 18 lower than in July of 2010.

Damian Hinds said

*I am very encouraged to see a sharp annual drop in unemployment in East Hampshire. Our aim must be to continue to tackle the deficit and ensure that we continue to foster the right conditions for small businesses, which are the backbone of our local communities, to flourish. Of course in the light of this positive result we need to have that much more care for those still out of work and focus our efforts on helping them back into jobs.*

**ENDS**

### **Notes to Editors**

Further data is available on the Office for National Statistics' NOMIS website at: <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>. Note that the percentages published by the ONS show claimants as a percentage of the working age population, rather than the number of economically active of working age as in the above figures.

The ONS publishes a range of other labour market statistics along with the claimant count data. This is available at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/lmsuk0910.pdf>

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