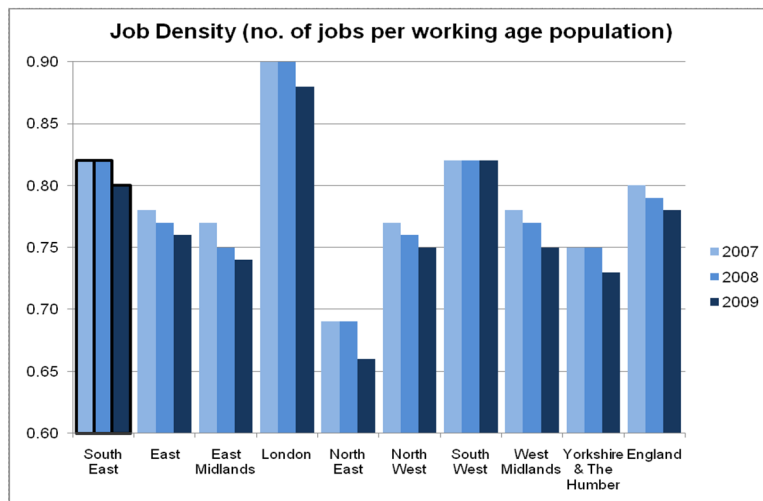
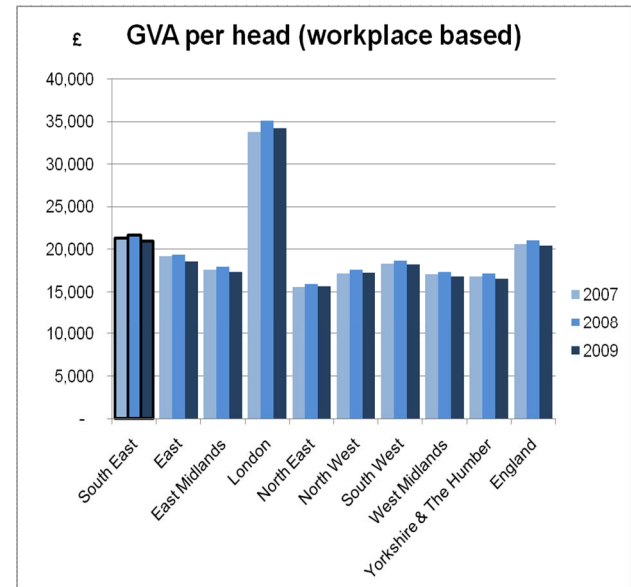


Key Issues/Messages:

- Although falling over the last three years, the number of unemployment claimants in the South East is still large at around 136,000. most charts show the South East as lowest for claimants, by looking at percentages rather than actual numbers. Unemployment levels for under 25 year olds is a cause of concern, being over 5% in 15 District/Unitary authorities (see Sheet A1).
- The South East saw a large fall in job density (number of jobs per resident in an area) between 2008-09, equating to a loss of 93,000 filled jobs.
- GVA (economic output) per head in the South East fell between 2008-09, to only just above the national average; looking at total GVA hides this, giving the impression of stronger performance.
- Taken together there is a strong message that the South East's economic success cannot be taken for granted and appropriate policy and investment is required.



More detailed information, including local authority breakdown where available, is on SEEC Data Dashboard (July 2011) sheets:

- A1. Unemployment
- A2. Job Density
- A3. Economic Output (GVA)

SEEC's full Data Dashboard includes 6 themes, available at secouncils.gov.uk:

- A. Economy & Employment
- B. Housing & Infrastructure
- C. Public Finance & Grants
- D. Demography
- E. International Migration
- F. Environment