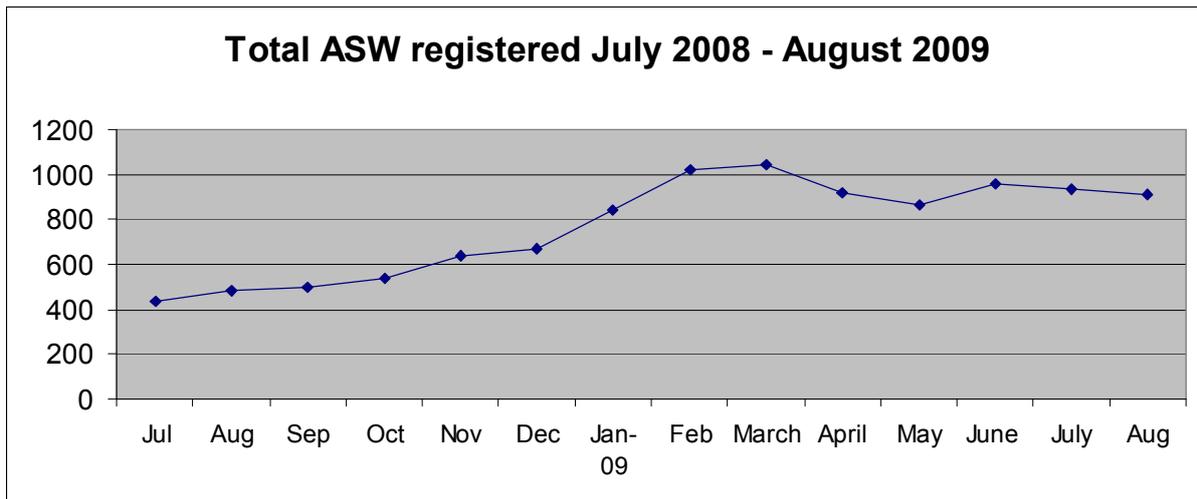


Social Security Department
Registered Unemployed Individuals Actively Seeking Work (ASW)
31 August 2009

908 people were registered with the Department as unemployed and actively seeking work (ASW) on 31 August 2009. Of these 584 were men and 324 women.



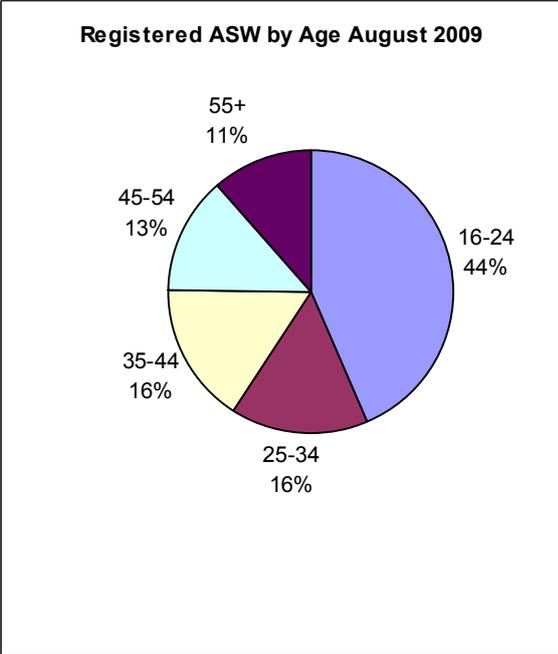
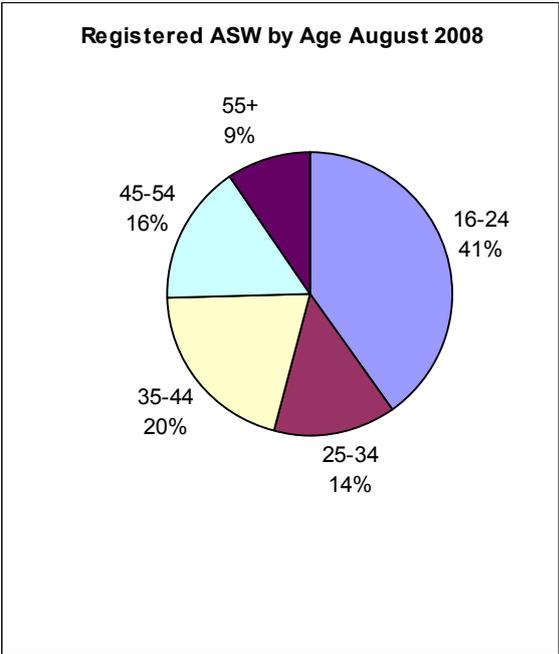
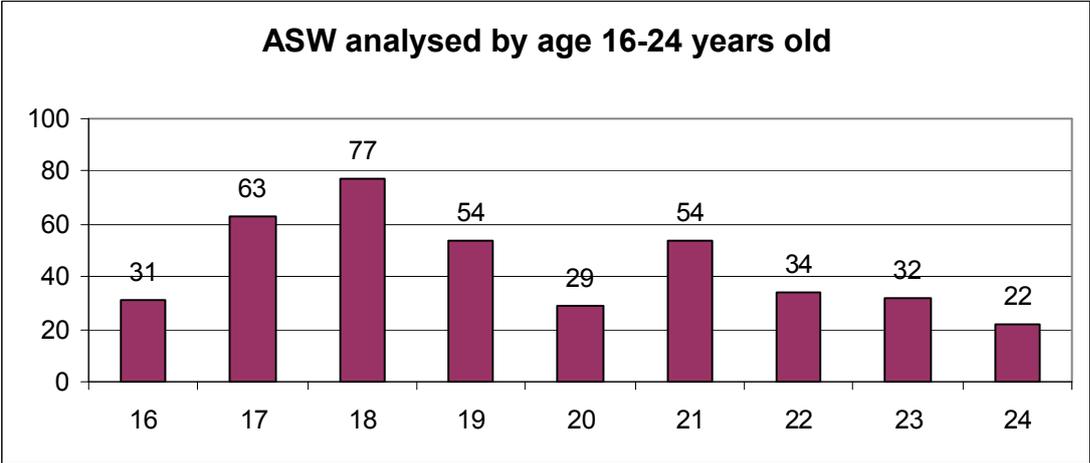
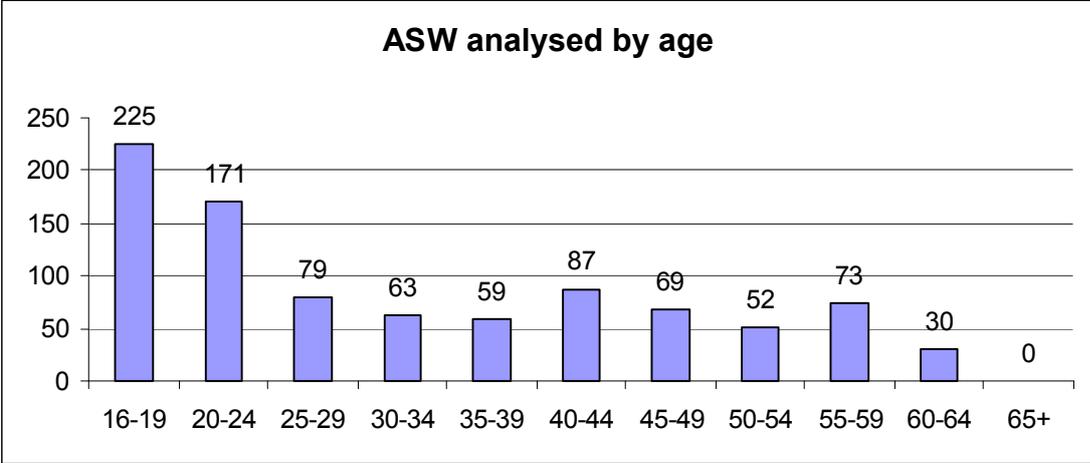
The figure for August shows that the number of people actively seeking work continues to slowly reduce with a small decrease of 29 from 937 in July.

Of the 908 people registered as ASW, 637 are currently receiving Income Support¹.

¹ The total number of adults receiving Income Support without work will be greater than this figure, however this is the number registered on 31 August as ASW.

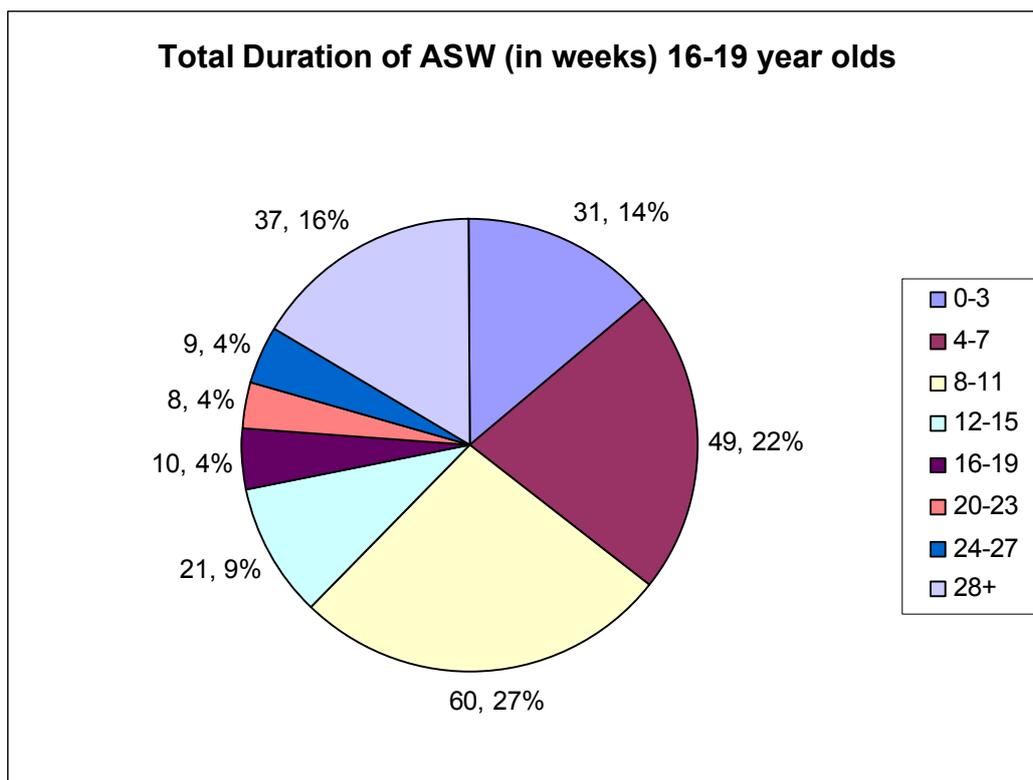
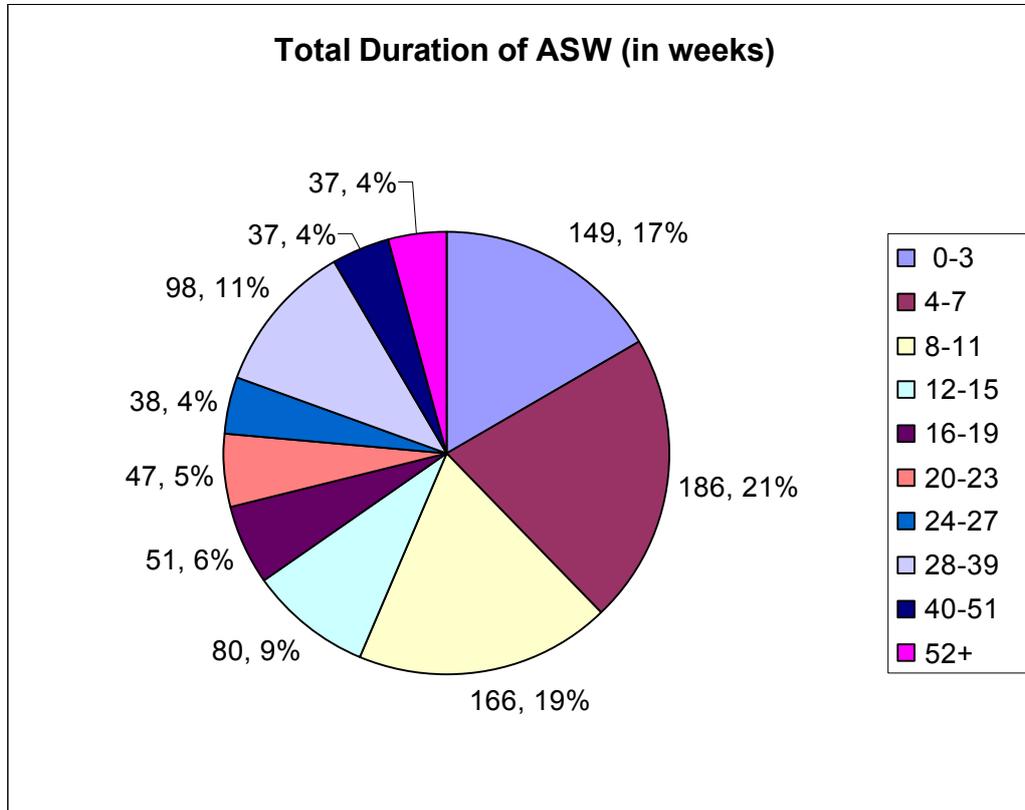
Registered ASW by age

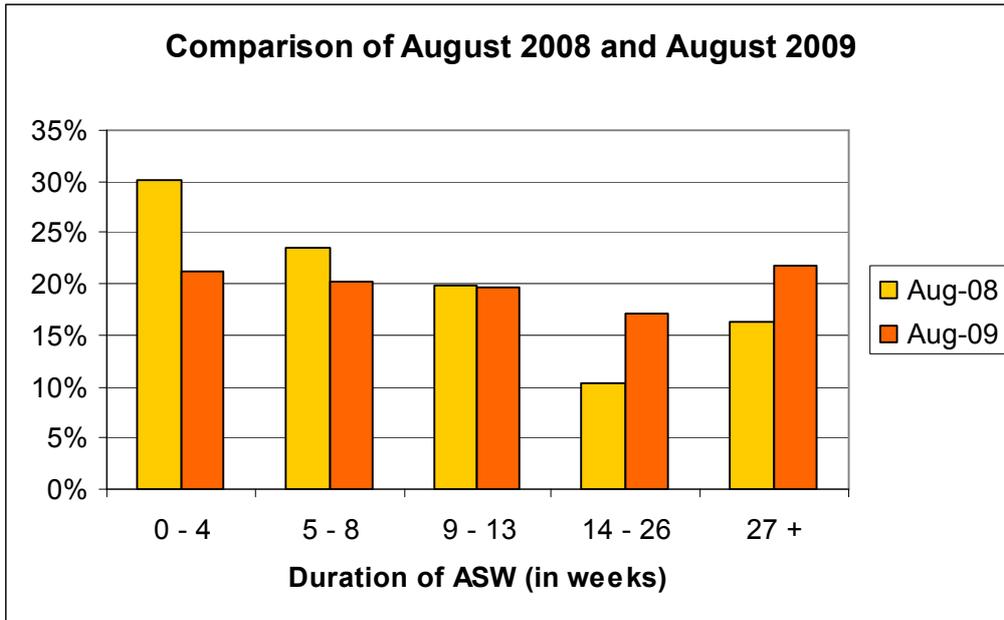
The charts below show the number of people registered as ASW by age as at 31 August 2009. 44% of those registered are aged 24 or below.



Duration as ASW

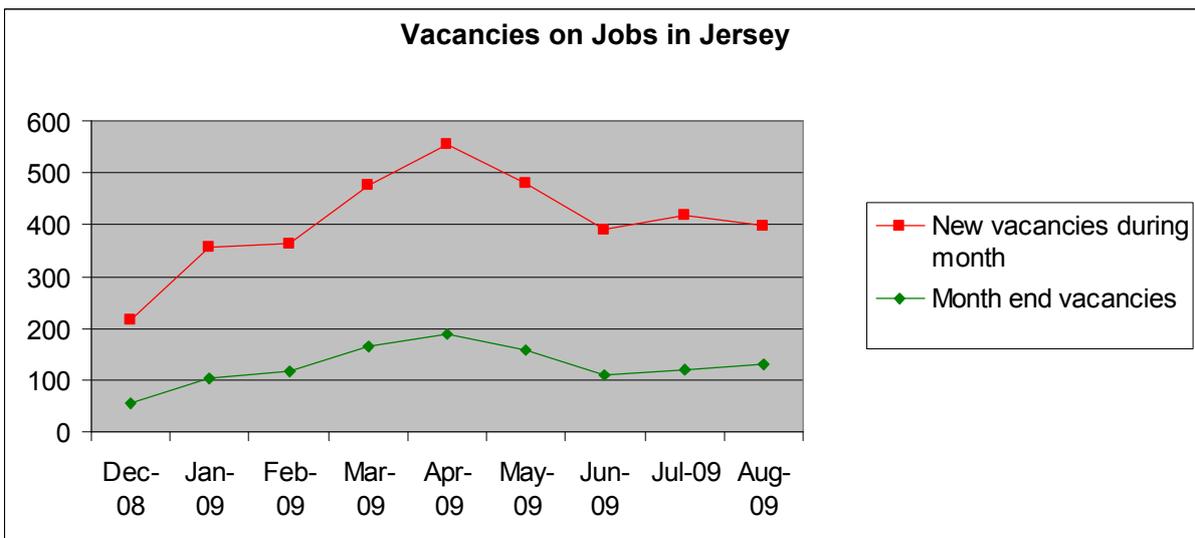
The majority of people who register as ASW with the Social Security Department remain registered for less than 12 weeks. The chart below provides information on the periods of time people have been registered with the Department as at 31 August 2009.





Comparing the percentage of ASW registered between August 2008 and August 2009 indicates that individuals are remaining as ASW for longer periods than at this time last year.

At the end of August 2009, 132 vacancies were advertised on the Jobs in Jersey website (<http://www.gov.je/jobs/>). This compares with 227 vacancies at the end of August 2008. During the month 265 new vacancies were posted, compared to 365 in August 2008. Although vacancies are running at a much lower level than this time last year, they are following the normal seasonal trend.



General Note

It should be remembered that there is no statutory requirement for all unemployed residents of Jersey to register as actively seeking work with the Social Security Department. As such the data above is a useful indicator of the level of unemployment in the Island but it does not attempt to measure the actual rate of unemployment. This is undertaken on an annual basis through the Jersey Annual Social Survey.