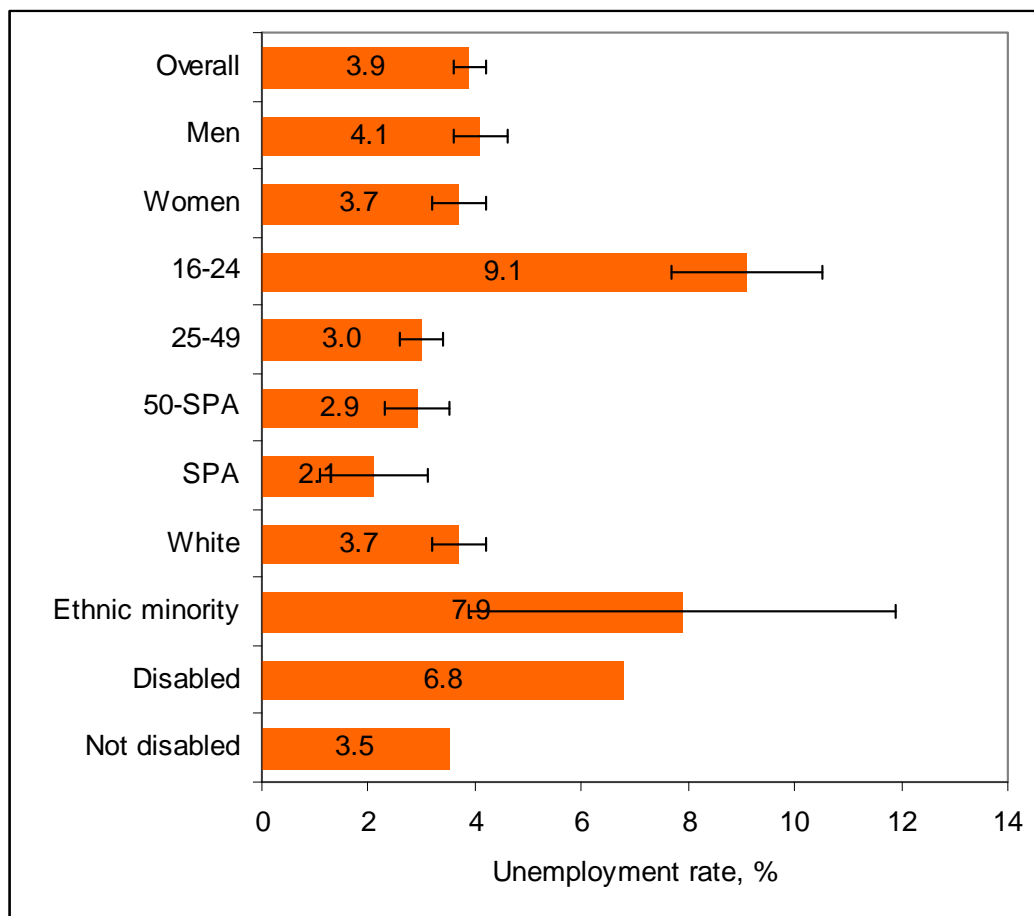


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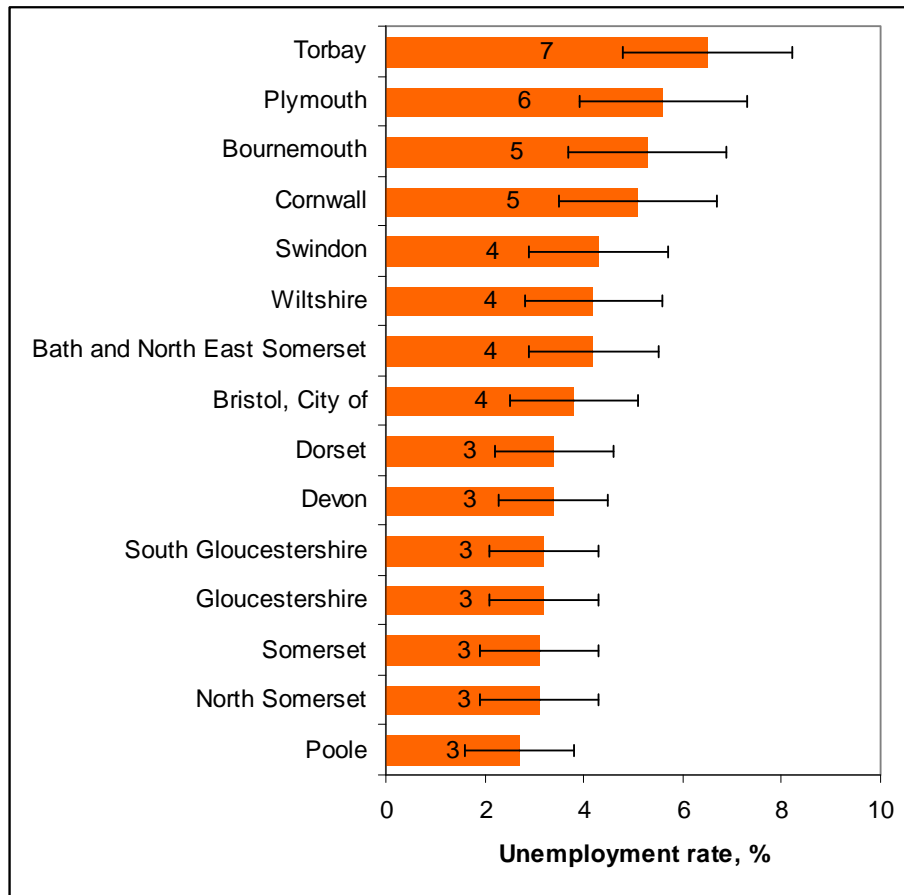
During September 2007 to October 2008 the regional unemployment rate stood at 3.9% - comfortably below the UK rate of 5.3%. Within the region, unemployment was highest among young people aged 16 to 24, ethnic minorities and the disabled (Figure 14). However the unemployment rates of men and women, people aged 25 and over, ethnic minorities and Whites and (probably) disabled people and not disabled people were not statistically different from one another.

Figure 14: Unemployment rate by equality strand, September 2007 to October 2008, South West



Source: Annual Population Survey

Figure 15: Unemployment rate by higher tier local authority, September 2007 to October 2008, South West



Source: Annual Population Survey