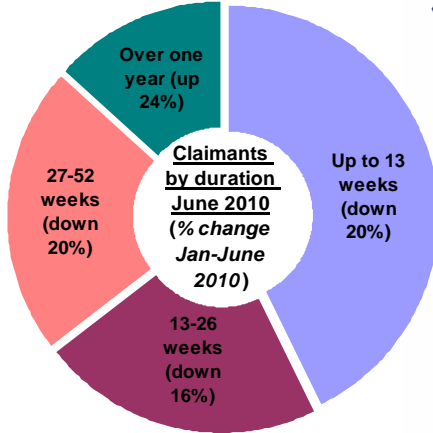
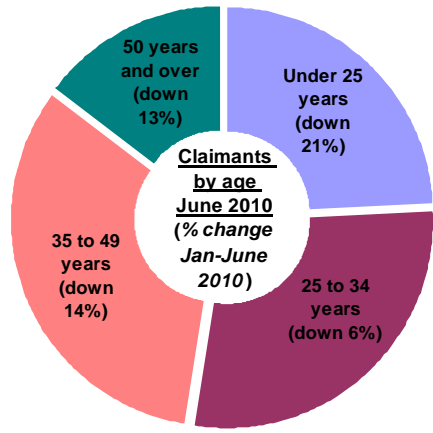
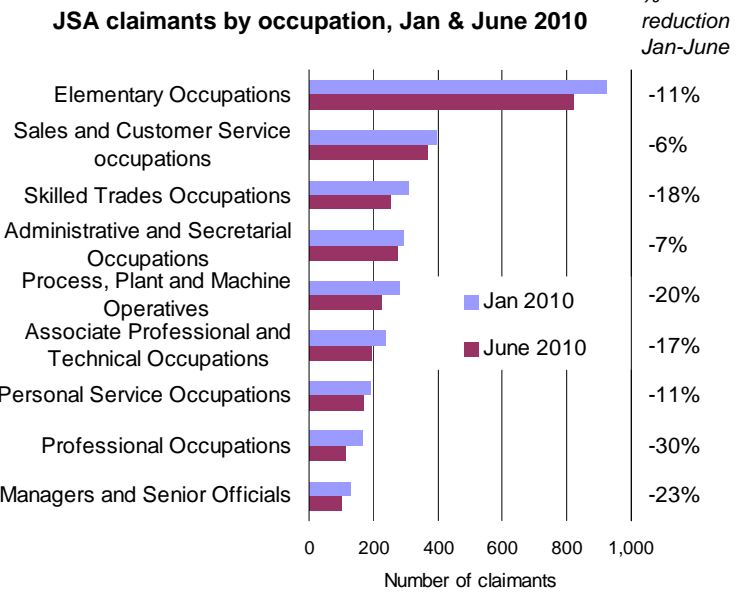
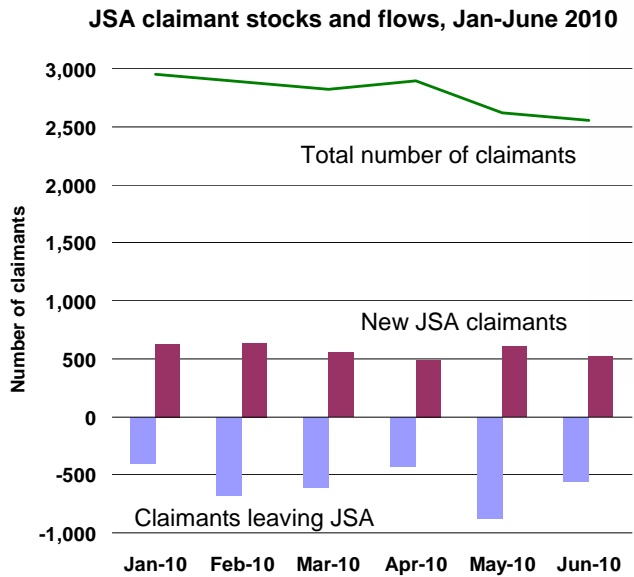


Why are there fewer Jobseeker's Allowance claimants?

In 2009 the recession caused a sharp increase in the number of Oxford residents claiming unemployment benefit (Jobseeker's Allowance or JSA). Contrary to expectations, at the start of 2010 there has been a reduction from 2,950 claimants in January to 2,550 in June. The charts below show that:

- The number of new claimants has been stable at around 570 per month; the reduction has been caused by an increase in the number of people leaving JSA, particularly in May
- The sharpest reductions were amongst professionals, managers/senior officials and process, plant & machine operatives
- There was a 21% reduction in the number of under 25 year-olds claiming JSA
- Despite the overall reduction, there has been a 24% increase in the number of people claiming JSA for more than one year



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