

# Hart's Economic Dashboard

## Monthly Change in January- Observations –

The latest official labour market shows the unemployment rate continued to increase, while the employment rate continued to fall. Although total hours worked continued to increase from the low levels in the previous quarter, this increase slowed in the latest quarter. The number of job vacancies in November 2020 to January 2021 was 26% lower than a year ago. This is an improvement on the position in summer 2020 when vacancies were down by nearly 60% year on year, but the rate of improvement has slowed in the past few months.

There was a decrease in the monthly ONS unemployed claimants in January 2021, the second consecutive monthly fall in claimants. The numbers remain lower than the May 2020 peak following the first lockdown in March 2020. Despite a third lockdown the extension of furlough and SEISS grants to April 2021 will have helped stabilize claimant numbers.

## January Data as a Percentage

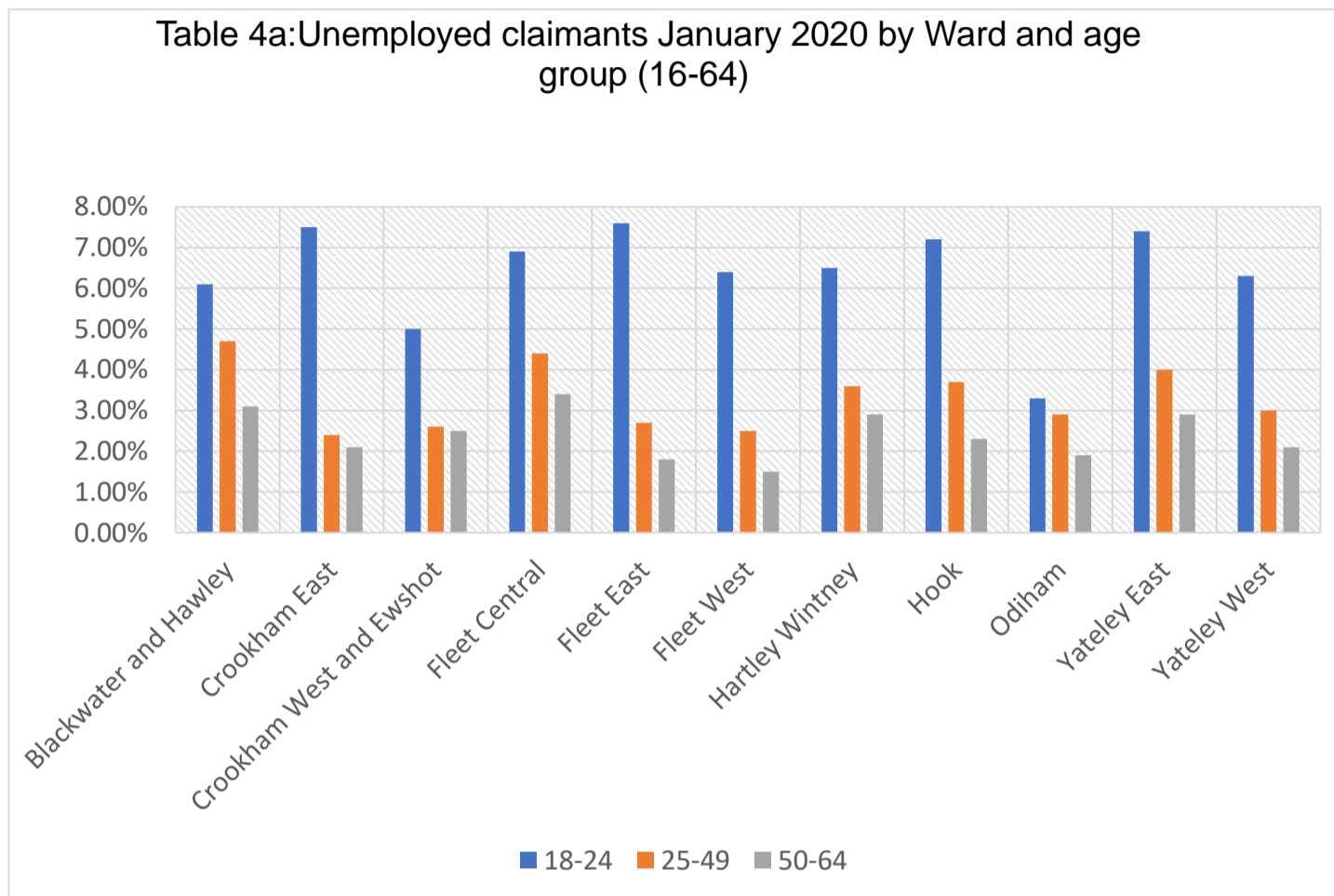


Table 4a: This month's report shows that Fleet East recorded the highest % between 18-24 year olds. This is a recurring pattern with this age group since collecting this information back in September.

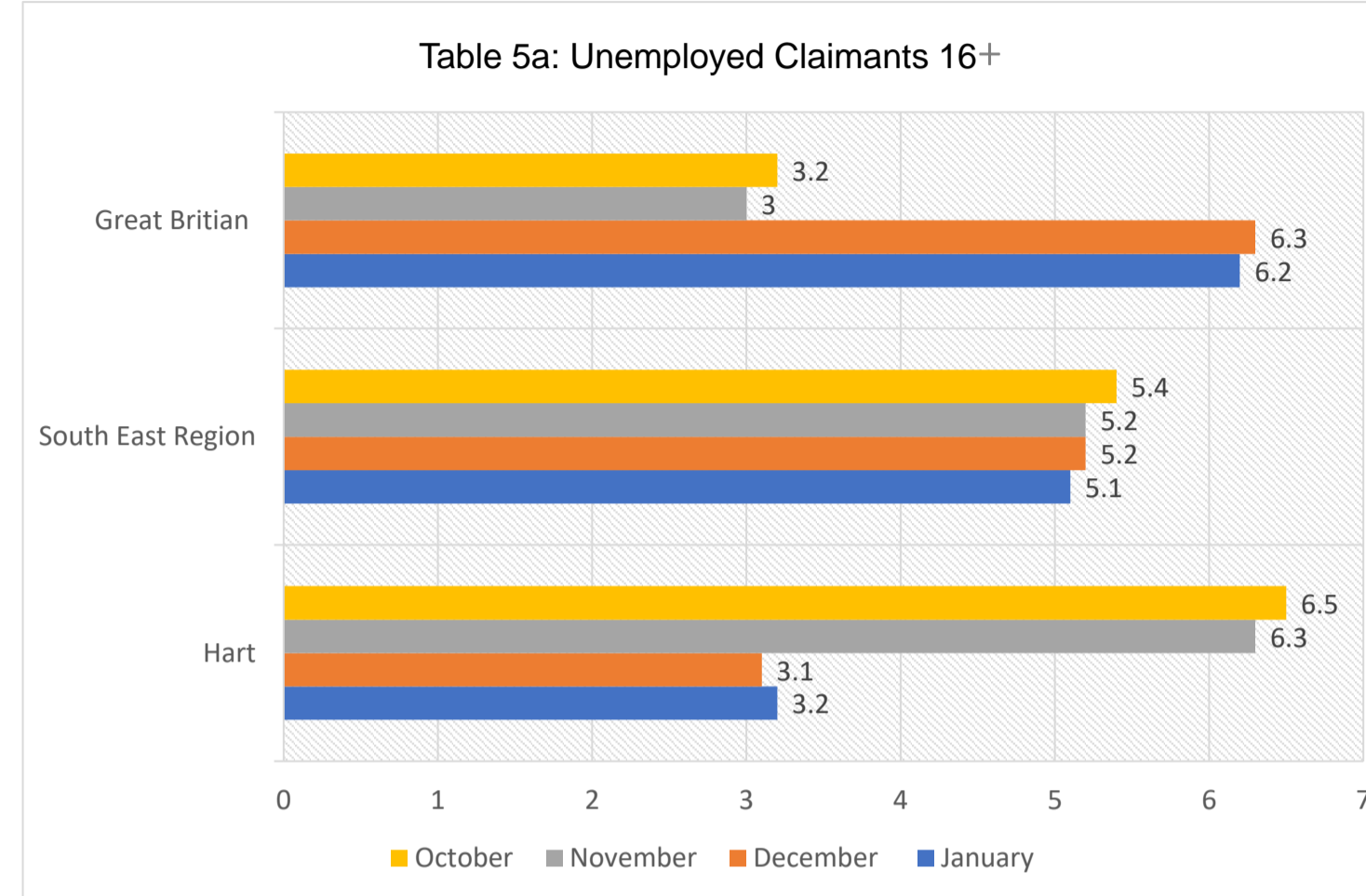


Table 5a: Shows the Unemployed Claimants 16+ in January. Hart recorded 3.2%, which is less than the GB and South East average; but has increased as by 0.1% while the others have decreased by the same margin.

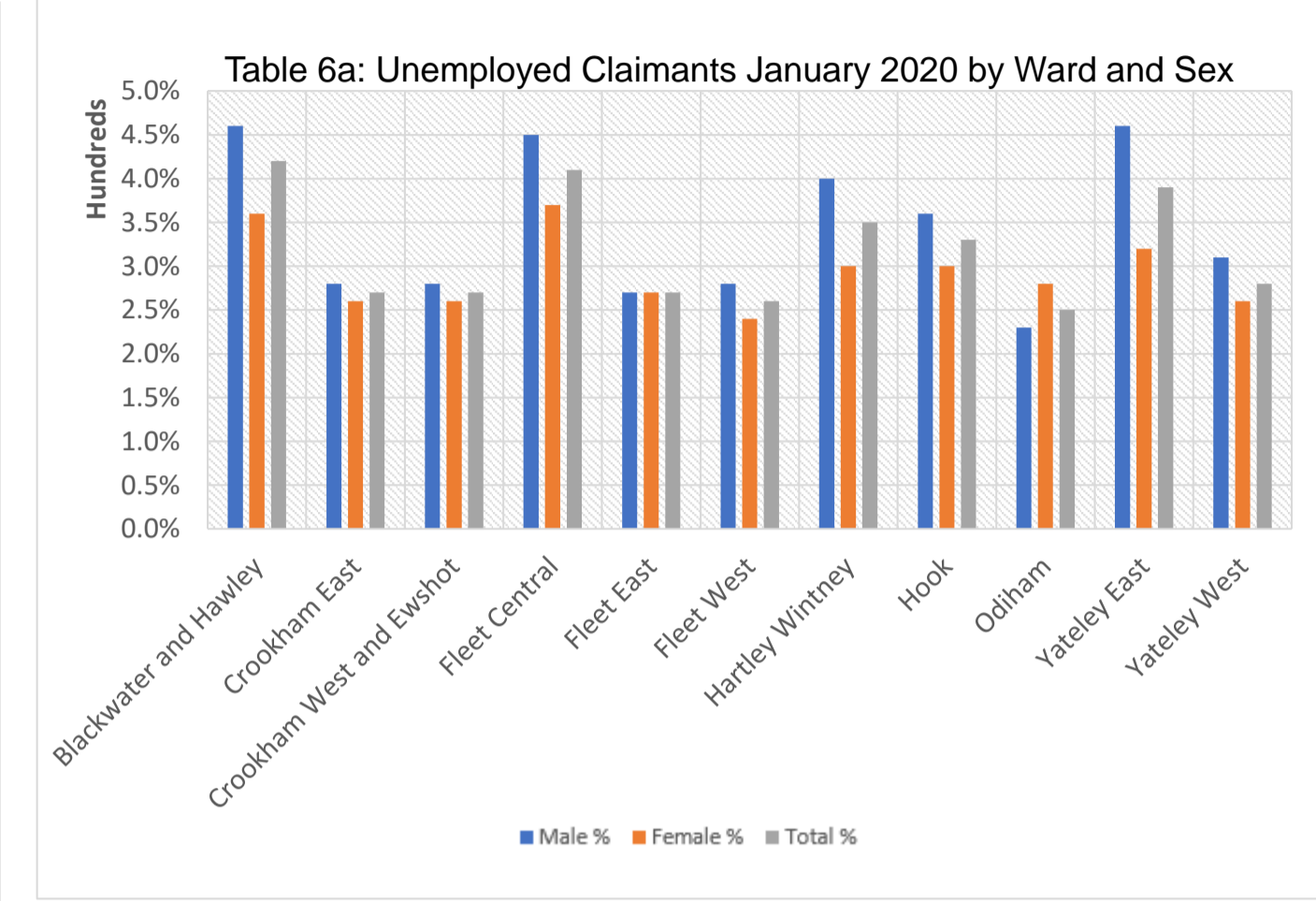


Table 6a: Unemployed Claimants January 2021 by Ward and Sex. Showing that Blackwater and Hawley, and Yateley East recorded the highest at 4.6% for males. For females, it was Fleet Central at 3.9%. The highest recorded for both male & female was Blackwater and Hawley.

## January Raw Data

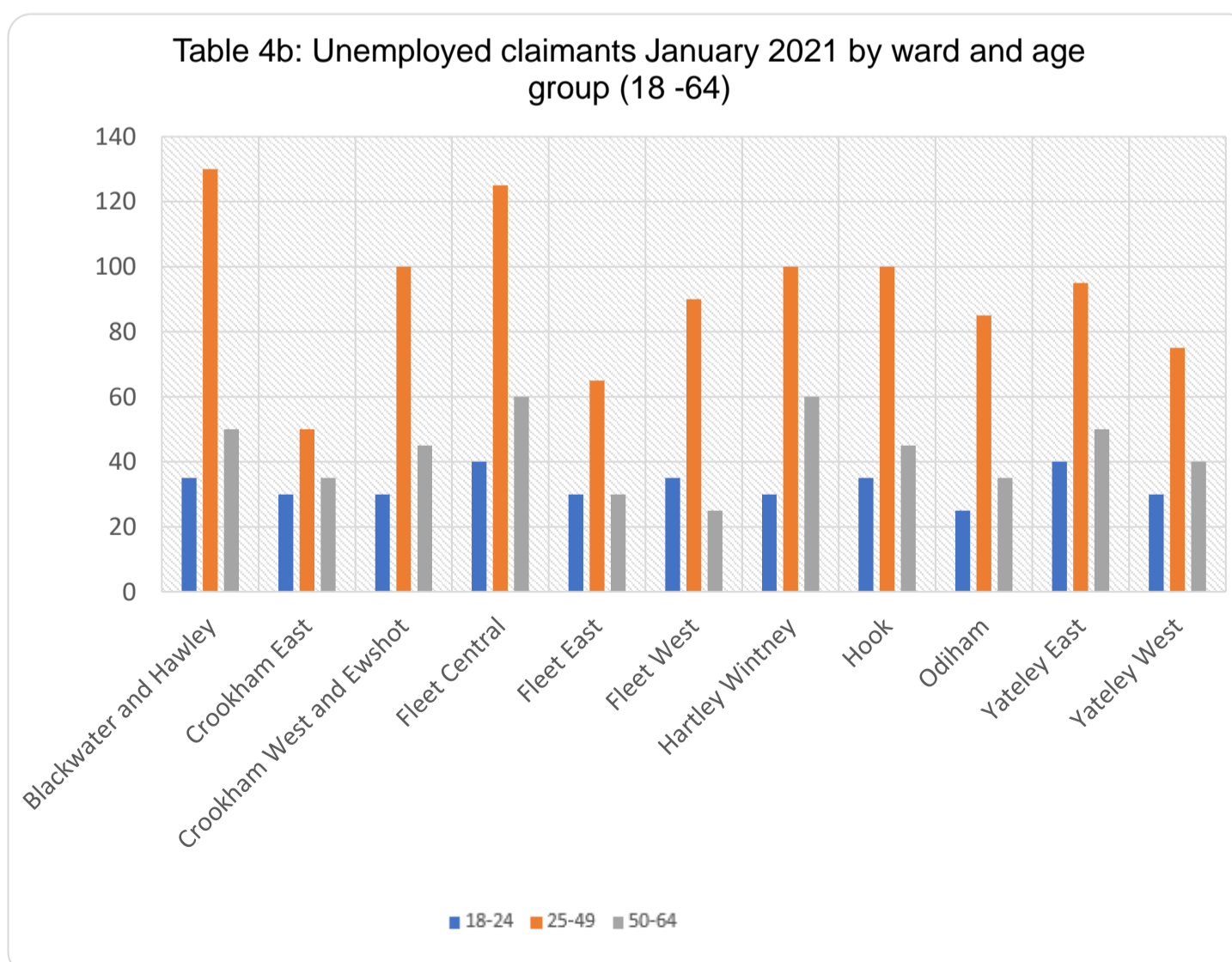


Table 4b: Yateley East had the highest raw number for 18-24 year old with 40. Blackwater and Hawley had the highest raw number of unemployed claimants for the 25-49 bracket (130); and Fleet Central and Hartley Wintney both has 60 in the 50-64 range.

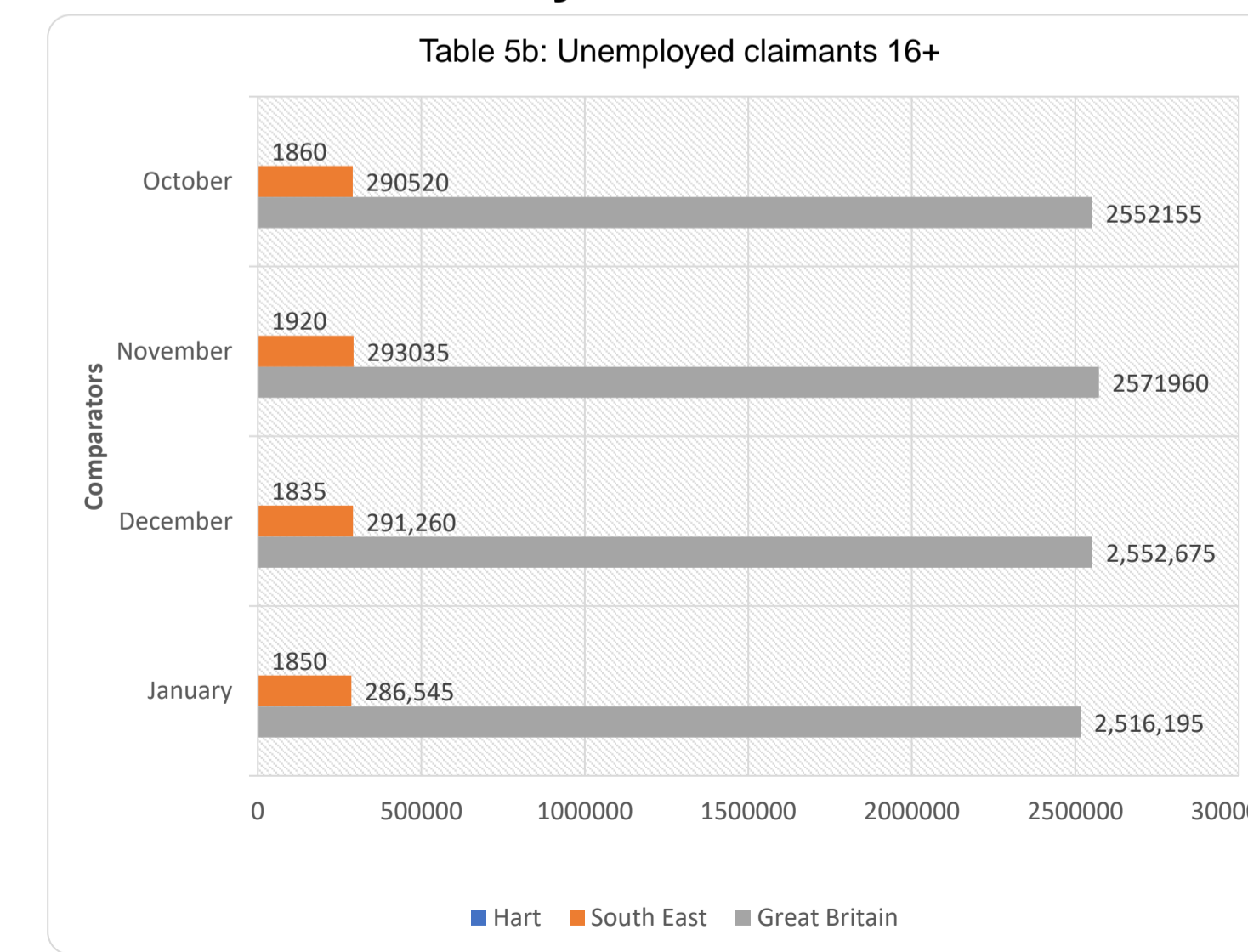


Table 5b: This graph shows downward trend over the last two months across GB and the South East. Hart has marginally increased (15 claimants) from December to November, but is still below the October and November raw figures.

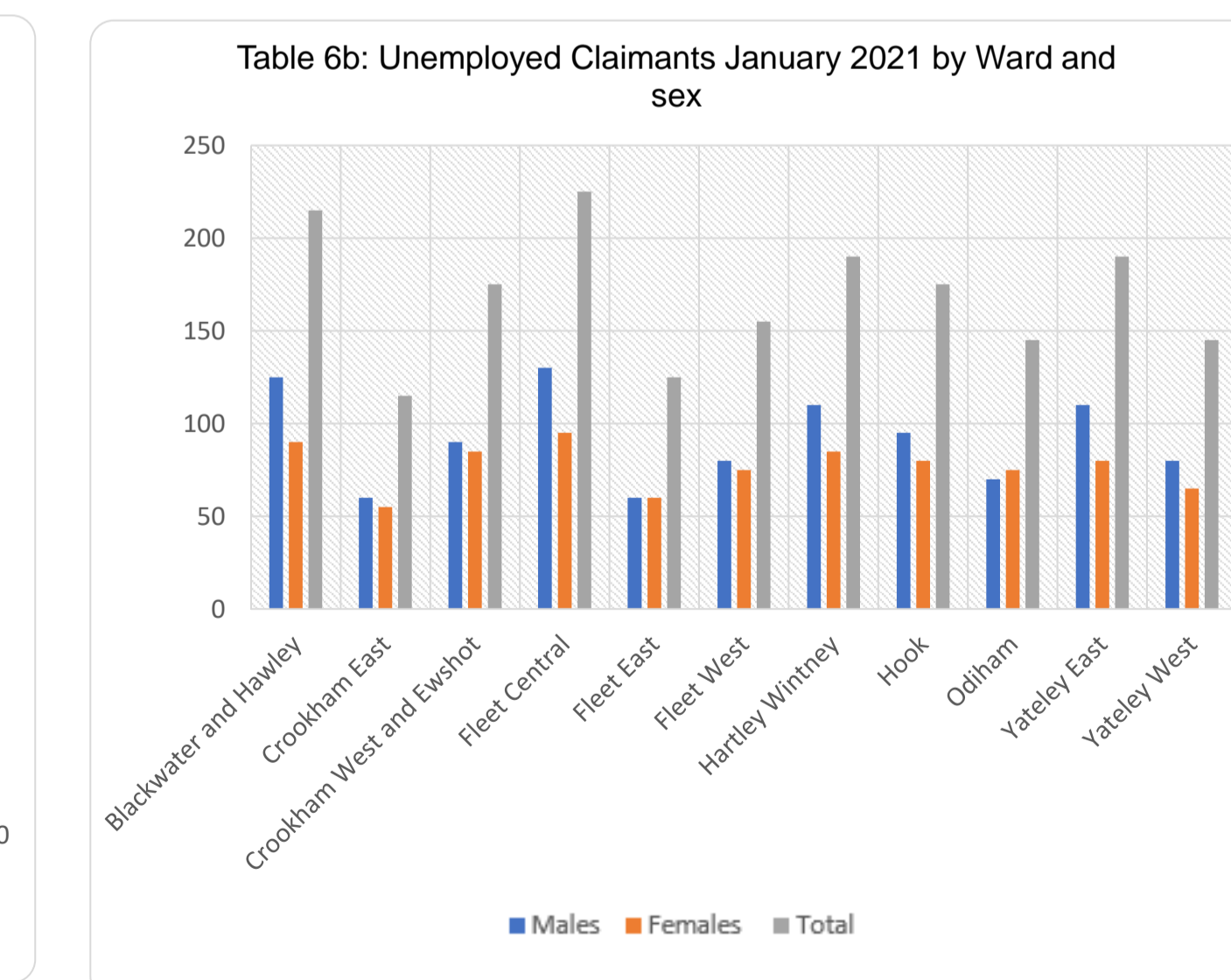


Table 6b: Fleet Central has the highest raw figure for each sex (Male (130), Female (95)) with 225 claimants overall.