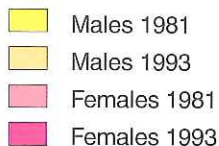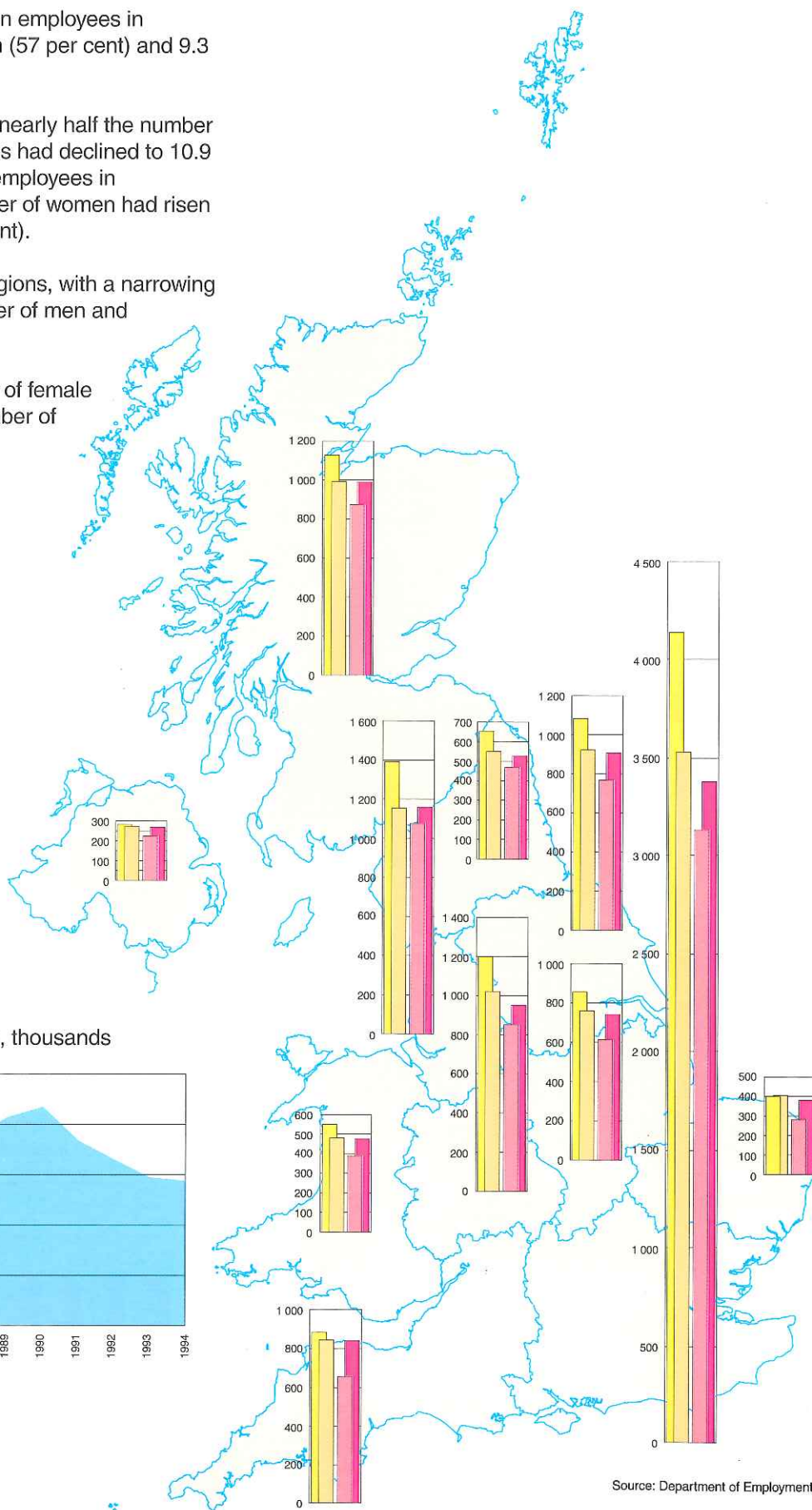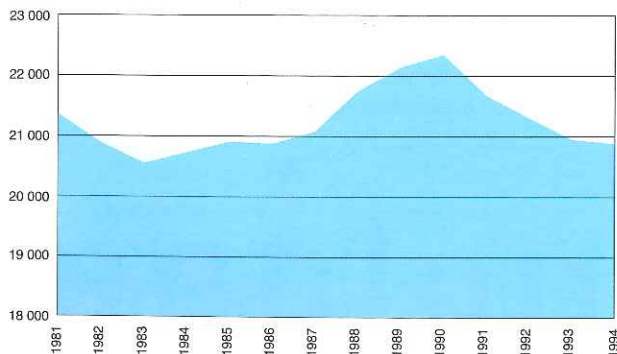# Employment

- In 1981 there were 21.9 million employees in employment: 12.6 million men (57 per cent) and 9.3 million women (43 per cent).

- By 1993 women represented nearly half the number of employees. Male employees had declined to 10.9 million (under 51 per cent of employees in employment), while the number of women had risen to 10.6 million (over 49 per cent).

- This pattern occurred in all regions, with a narrowing of the gap between the number of men and women employed.

- In the North West the number of female employees exceeded the number of male employees in 1993.

Numbers in employment, 1981 and 1993

- Males 1981
- Males 1993
- Females 1981
- Females 1993

Figures are in thousands and include all employees, not just full-timers.

Total employment 1981 - 1994, June figures, seasonally adjusted, thousands