# **Employment Bulletin**

# A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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#### March 2015

Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.84 million in the three months to February 2015, down 76,000 from the previous three months and down 416,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 5.6%, down 0.2 from the previous three months and down 1.3 from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 14.3% in the three months to February 2015, down by 0.8% on the guarter and down 2.8% on the There were 588,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the guarter to February 2015. This is down by 24,000 on the quarter and down by 124,000 over the year. Comparisons of youth unemployment over time are complicated by the fact that unemployment rates are calculated as the number of unemployed people divided by the economically active

## **Key Facts**

- \* Claimant count in Nottinghamshire falls by 572 over the month.
- \* Jobless total now 17,455.
- \* Claimant count rates in March (residence based);
  United Kingdom 2.0%
  East Midlands 1.9%
  Nottinghamshire 2.4%
  County 1.8%
  City 3.9%
- \* LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,840,000 or 5.6% of the workforce.

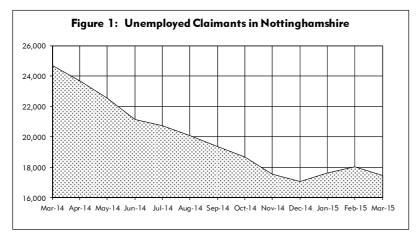
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

unemployed. The long-term increase in the proportion of young people going into full-time education reduces the size of the economically active population and therefore increases the unemployment

The seasonally adjusted claimant figure for the United Kingdom decreased by 20,700 last month to 772,400 and was down 369,400 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 248,000 over the quarter to reach 31.05 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 73.4%, up 0.4 from the previous quarter and up 1.0 from a year earlier.

The number of people in full-time employment increased



by 164,000 on the quarter to reach 22.68 million. The number of people in part-time employment was 8.36 million in the three months to February 2015, up 84,000 on the previous quarter.

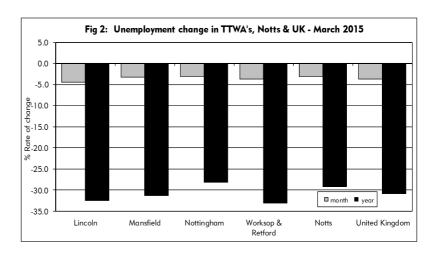
In the three months to February 2015, there were 8.99 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 104,000 from the previous quarter but up 11,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £485 per week in February 2015. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 1.7%. A v e r a g e regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £459 per week in February 2015. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 1.8%. Between February 2014 and February 2015, the Consumer Prices Index was unchanged, that is, a 12-month growth rate of 0.0%.

There were 743,000 job vacancies in the three months to March 2015, up 32,000 from the three months to December 2014 and up 124,000 on a year earlier.

There were 2.5 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from December 2014 to February 2015, down 0.2 on the quarter and down by 1.3 on the year.

In the three months to



February 2015, 107,000 people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is up 5,000 from the previous three months but down 9,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.1 per 1,000 employees, up 0.2 from the previous three months but down 0.4 from a year earlier.

The unadjusted claimant figure for the United Kingdom has decreased by 31,495 over the month to 826,849. The proportion unemployed calculated on the residence base now stands at 2.0% of the population aged 16-64.

The number of claimants in Nottinghamshire decreased by 572 between February and March 2015. The total of 17,455 is 7,246 less than it was a year ago (see figure 1).

The proportion unemployed in Nottinghamshire is now 2.4%. This is higher than

the East Midlands (1.9%) and the United Kingdom (2.0%).

Between February and March 2015, unemployment decreased in all of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Lincoln experienced the largest increase with a rate of change of 4.5%, followed by Worksop & Retford with 3.8%, Mansfield with 3.3% and Nottingham with 3.2%.

Compared with March 2014, all of the four TTWA's in the County have reduced numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Worksop & Retford with a rate of change of -33.2% followed by Lincoln with -32.6%, Mansfield with -31.3% and Nottingham with -28.2%.

Unemployment decreased in five of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest reductions were in Rushcliffe with

Table 1: Claimant Count, March 2015

Area	No.of Claimants		Change over		Claimant Count Rate			
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	491,400	281,000	772,400	-20,700	-369,400	2.4	1.4	1.9
United Kingdom	535,947	290,902	826,849	-31,495	-369,420	2.6	1.4	2.0
East Midlands	34,858	19,320	54,178	-2,630	-25,760	2.4	1.3	1.9
Notts County (a)	5,773	3,116	8,889	-302	-4,107	2.3	1.2	1.8
Nottm City (b)	5,734	2,832	8,566	-270	-3,139	5.2	2.7	3.9
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	11,507	5,948	17,455	-572	-7,246	3.2	1.7	2.4

The rates shown in tables 1-4 are supplied by ONS. They are calculated by expressing the claimant count figures as a proportion of the resident population aged 16-64 derived from the latest mid-year population figures.

-8.3% and Ashfield and Bassetlaw both with -4.1%. Unemployment in the City of Nottingham decreased by 270 over the month resulting in a rate of change of -3.1%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -34.7% in Bassetlaw to -28.8% in Ashfield. Nottingham City changed by -26.8% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in all of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during March. Ashfield and Gedling recorded the largest decreases, experiencing rates of change of -4.6% and -4.0% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by -2.9%, Nottingham North by -2.9% and Nottingham South by -3.6%.

All of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County have decreased numbers of claimants compared with the same period last year resulting in rates of change ranging from -28.8% in Rushcliffe to -34.6% in Bassetlaw. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -26.6% in Nottingham East, -28.0% in Nottingham North and -25.3% in Nottingham South.

Table 2: Claimant Count by Travel To Work Areas in Nottinghamshire, March 2015

Travel To Work Area	No	No.of Claimants		Change over		Claimant Count Rate		t Rate
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,838	1,464	4,302	-203	-2,080	2.8	1.4	2.1
Mansfield	2,605	1,441	4,046	-138	-1,840	2.9	1.6	2.2
Nottingham	9,052	4,606	13,658	-457	-5,364	3.3	1.7	2.5
Worksop & Retford	930	498	1,428	-56	-709	2.5	1.4	1.9

Proportions for Travel To Work Areas are calculated using the mid-2010 resident 16-64 population.

Table 3: Claimant Count by Local Authority Districts in Nottinghamshire, March 2015

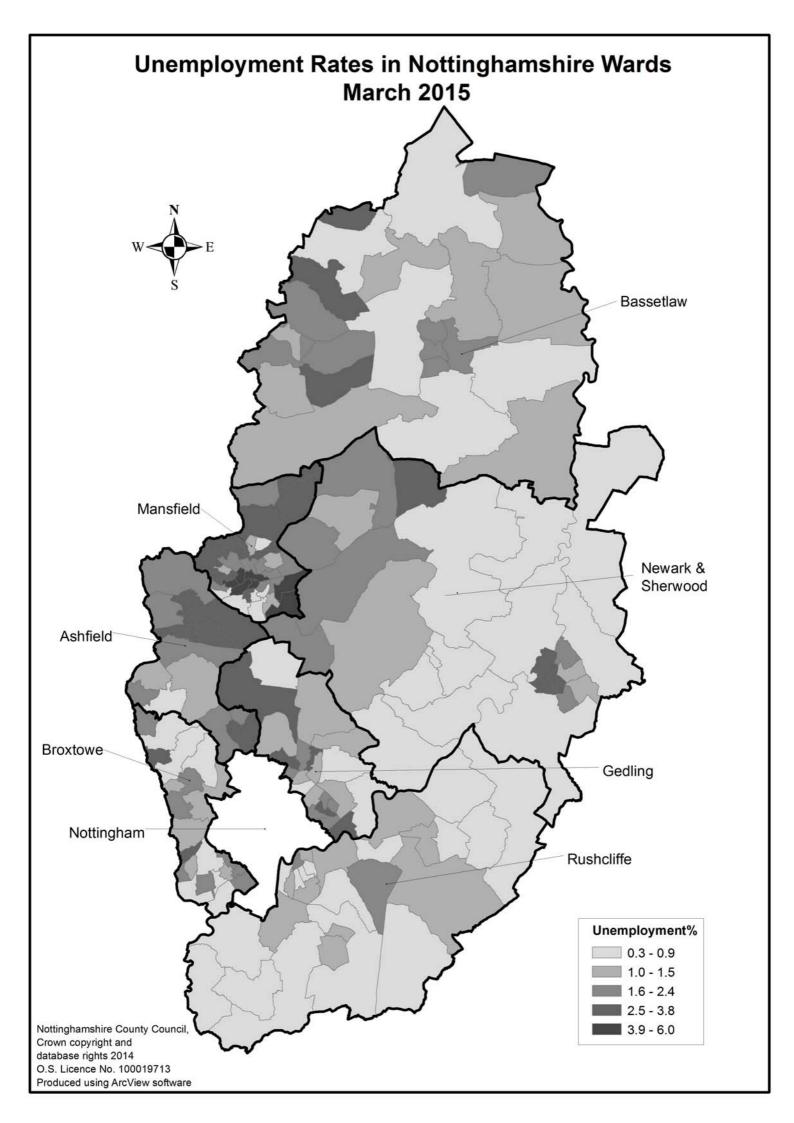
District	No.of Claimants		Change over		Claimant Count Rate		t Rate	
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,126	684	1,810	-78	-733	3.0	1.8	2.4
Bassetlaw	843	456	1,299	-56	-691	2.4	1.3	1.8
Broxtowe	693	371	1,064	-17	-542	2.0	1.1	1.5
Gedling	803	416	1,219	-41	-542	2.3	1.1	1.7
Mansfield	1,145	563	1,708	-30	-779	3.4	1.7	2.5
Newark & Sherwood	725	398	1,123	-20	-526	2.0	1.1	1.6
Nottingham**	5,734	2,832	8,566	-270	-3,139	5.2	2.7	3.9
Rushcliffe	438	228	666	-60	-294	1.3	0.7	1.0

<sup>\*</sup>Figures relating to the Unitary Authority of Nottingham City in tables 3 & 4 are shown in italics.

Table 4: Claimant Count by Parliamentary Constituencies in Nottinghamshire, March 2015

Constituency	No	No.of Claimants		Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	919	562	1,481	-71	-642	2.9	1.7	2.3
Bassetlaw	816	435	1,251	-50	-661	2.5	1.3	1.9
Broxtowe	564	296	860	-18	-424	1.8	1.0	1.4
Gedling	728	351	1,079	-45	-461	2.5	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	1,145	563	1,708	-30	-779	3.4	1.7	2.5
Newark	500	285	785	-32	-423	1.6	0.9	1.3
Nottingham East	2,344	1,045	3,389	-101	-1,226	6.2	3.0	4.7
Nottingham North	1,997	1,152	3,149	-94	-1,226	6.9	3.6	5.2
Nottingham South	1,393	635	2,028	<i>-7</i> 5	-687	3.1	1.6	2.4
Rushcliffe	386	196	582	-47	-235	1.3	0.7	1.0
Sherwood	715	428	1,143	-9	-482	2.4	1.4	1.9

Proportions for Parliamentary Constituencies are calculated using the mid-2010 resident 16-64 age population.



### WARD RATES RANKED IN DESCENDING ORDER

DISTRICT	WARD	NUMBER	EST. %
Mansfield	Ransom Wood	108	6.0
Mansfield	Portland	102	5.8
Mansfield	Oak Tree	96	5.1
Mansfield	Newgate	93	4.6
Mansfield	Ladybrook	102	4.5
Mansfield	Woodlands	63	4.2
Mansfield	Carr Bank	91	4.0
Bassetlaw	Worksop South East	198	3.8
Mansfield	Woodhouse	82	3.8
Mansfield	Penniment	60	3.5
Mansfield	Broomhill	68	3.3
Ashfield	Kirkby in Ashfield East	133	3.2
Ashfield	Sutton in Ashfield East	257	3.1
Mansfield	Bull Farm and Pleasley Hill	68	3.1
Ashfield	Sutton in Ashfield Central	213	3.0
Gedling	Netherfield and Colwick	158	3.0
Bassetlaw	Harworth	145	3.0
Mansfield	Peafields	54	3.0
Ashfield	Hucknall East	168	2.9
Broxtowe	Eastwood South	164	2.9
Ashfield	Kirkby in Ashfield West	129	2.9
Newark & Sherwood	Devon	102	2.9
Newark & Sherwood	Castle	90	2.9
Ashfield	Hucknall Central	131	2.8
Newark & Sherwood	Magnus	97	2.8
Newark & Sherwood	Boughton	87	2.8
Mansfield	Market Warsop	56	2.8
Gedling	Killisick	45	2.8
Broxtowe	Stapleford North	75	2.7
Mansfield	Netherfield	48	2.7
Bassetlaw	Langold	43	2.7
Mansfield	Meden	42	2.7
Gedling	Valley	70	2.6
Mansfield	Sandhurst	54	2.6
Gedling	Newstead	40	2.6
Gedling	Bonington	111	2.5
Mansfield	Park Hall	50	2.5
Newark & Sherwood	Bridge	83	2.4
Gedling	Daybrook	80	2.4
Ashfield	Hucknall West	140	2.3
Bassetlaw	Worksop North West	118	2.3
Mansfield	Racecourse	43	2.2
Ashfield	Sutton in Ashfield North	141	2.1
Ashfield	Hucknall North	94	2.1
Newark & Sherwood	Ollerton	91	2.1
Broxtowe	Beeston North	83	2.1
Broxtowe	Beeston Rylands	82	2.1
Bassetlaw	Worksop East	82	2.1
Broxtowe	Beeston Central	74	2.1
Gedling	Phoenix	67	2.1
Gedling	Carlton Hill	96	2.0
Gedling	Carlton	90	2.0
County	Carnon	70	2.0

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Bassetlaw	Carlton	68	2.0
Mansfield	Warsop Carrs	42	2.0
Ashfield	Jacksdale	40	2.0
Mansfield	Newlands	39	2.0
Broxtowe	Chilwell West	93	1.9
Broxtowe	Cossall and Kimberley	83	1.9
Bassetlaw	East Retford East	82	1.9
Newark & Sherwood	Blidworth	55	1.9
Bassetlaw	East Retford South	53	1.9
Bassetlaw	Misterton	28	1.9
Ashfield	Kirkby in Ashfield Central	85	1.8
Gedling	St Marys	76	1.8
Bassetlaw	East Retford West	58	1.8
Newark & Sherwood	Clipstone	57	1.8
Mansfield	Yeoman Hill	45	1.8
Ashfield	Sutton in Ashfield West	128	1.7
Rushcliffe	Cotgrave	79	1.7
Newark & Sherwood	Rainworth	78	1.7
Bassetlaw	East Retford North	62	1.7
Broxtowe	Stapleford South West	61	1.7
Newark & Sherwood	Balderton West	51	1.7
Mansfield	Brick Kiln	33	1.7
Mansfield	Maun Valley	30	1.7
Mansfield Mansfield	Sherwood	30	1.7
Broxtowe		25	1.7
Bassetlaw	Brinsley	61	
Rushcliffe	Worksop North East	60	1.6
	Trent Bridge St James	42	1.6
Gedling Mansfield		31	1.6
Mansfield	Kingsway	26	1.6
Ashfield	Ling Forest Woodhouse	71	1.6 1.5
Bassetlaw		66	1.5
Ashfield	Worksop South Selston	64	1.5
Newark & Sherwood	Edwinstowe	46	1.5
		45	1.5
Rushcliffe Bassetlaw	Keyworth South Sturton	21	1.5
Gedling	Bestwood Village	19	1.5
Rushcliffe	Keyworth North	12	1.5
Gedling	Porchester	65	1.4
Gedling	Kingswell	43	1.4
Broxtowe	Stapleford South East	43	1.4
Mansfield	Abbott	19	1.4
Bassetlaw	Welbeck	17	
Rushcliffe	Trent	37	1.4 1.3
Bassetlaw	Tuxford and Trent	35	1.3
Mansfield	Holly	26	1.3
Mansfield	•	22	
Newark & Sherwood	Lindhurst Beacon	61	1.3 1.2
Gedling		55	1.2
Broxtowe	Mapperley Plains Beeston West	45	1.2
Rushcliffe	Gamston	43	1.2
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DISTRICT	WARD	NUMBER	EST. %
Bassetlaw	Ranskill	18	1.2
Broxtowe	Awsworth	17	1.2
Gedling	Woodborough	13	1.2
Bassetlaw	Worksop North	65	1.1
Newark & Sherwood	Farnsfield and Bilsthorpe	56	1.1
Gedling	Gedling	48	1.1
Gedling	Calverton	47	1.1
Newark & Sherwood	Balderton North	33	1.1
Rushcliffe	Edwalton Village	25	1.1
Rushcliffe	Lutterell	25	1.1
Broxtowe	Trowell	16	1.1
Bassetlaw		15	1.1
Rushcliffe	Beckingham Duddington	43	
	Ruddington	36	1.0
Rushcliffe	Lady Bay	35	1.0
Broxtowe	Nuthall East and Strelley		1.0
Rushcliffe	Wiverton	22	1.0
Mansfield	Manor	16	1.0
Bassetlaw	Clayworth	11	1.0
Rushcliffe	Compton Acres	28	0.9
Broxtowe	Chilwell East	27	0.9
Rushcliffe	Bingham East	24	0.9
Ashfield	Underwood	16	0.9
Bassetlaw	Everton	13	0.9
Broxtowe	Bramcote	33	0.8
Broxtowe	Greasley (Giltbrook and Newthorpe)	33	0.8
Broxtowe	Nuthall West and Greasley (Watnall)	26	0.8
Rushcliffe	Melton	25	0.8
Mansfield	Kings Walk	17	0.8
Broxtowe	Eastwood North and Greasley (Beauvale)	15	0.8
Newark & Sherwood	Sutton-on-Trent	12	0.8
Bassetlaw	Blyth	11	0.8
Rushcliffe	Gotham	10	8.0
Newark & Sherwood	Farndon	28	0.7
Bassetlaw	Sutton	16	0.7
Mansfield	Eakring	12	0.7
Mansfield	Hornby	12	0.7
Mansfield	Oakham	12	0.7
Newark & Sherwood	Winthorpe	11	0.7
Newark & Sherwood	Trent	10	0.7
Gedling	Woodthorpe	24	0.6
Newark & Sherwood	Lowdham	23	0.6
Rushcliffe	Abbey	18	0.6
Newark & Sherwood	Collingham and Meering	16	0.6
Rushcliffe	Manvers	15	0.6
Mansfield	Grange Farm	11	0.6
Newark & Sherwood	Southwell West	11	0.6
Newark & Sherwood	Muskham	9	0.6
Bassetlaw	Rampton	9	0.6
Broxtowe	Attenborough	8	0.6
Newark & Sherwood	Caunton	8	0.6
Rushcliffe	Oak	8	0.6
Broxtowe	Toton and Chilwell Meadows	26	0.5

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DISTRICT	WARD	NUMBER	EST. %
Rushcliffe	Leake	21	0.5
Gedling	Ravenshead	15	0.5
Rushcliffe	Stanford	8	0.5
Gedling	Lambley	6	0.5
Rushcliffe	Musters	12	0.4
Gedling	Burton Joyce and Stoke Bardolph	9	0.4
Rushcliffe	Cranmer	7	0.4
Rushcliffe	Thoroton	6	0.4
Mansfield	Berry Hill	5	0.4
Newark & Sherwood	Southwell East	5	0.4
Rushcliffe	Tollerton	4	0.4
Rushcliffe	Soar Valley	6	0.3
Bassetlaw	East Markham	4	0.3
Rushcliffe	Nevile	4	0.3
Rushcliffe	Wolds	4	0.3
Newark & Sherwood	Southwell North	3	0.3
Nottingham	Aspley	755	7.1
Nottingham	Bulwell	612	6.1
Nottingham	Bestwood	624	5.8
Nottingham	St Ann's	<i>7</i> 5 <i>7</i>	5.1
Nottingham	Berridge	693	5.1
Nottingham	Arboretum	607	5.1
Nottingham	Dales	546	5.0
Nottingham	Bilborough	467	4.6
Nottingham	Mapperley	454	4.2
Nottingham	Basford	431	4.0
Nottingham	Clifton South	335	4.0
Nottingham	Bridge	402	3.3
Nottingham	Leen Valley	216	3.2
Nottingham	Sherwood	332	3.1
Nottingham	Bulwell Forest	260	3.1
Nottingham	Radford and Park	535	2.8
Nottingham	Clifton North	227	2.5
Nottingham	Wollaton West	116	1.3
Nottingham	Dunkirk and Lenton	113	1.1
Nottingham	Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	84	1.0

<sup>#</sup> These figures are suppressed as value is 1 or 2.

#### New Disclosure Control Procedures with JSA Claimant Count Data

The procedure follows an interim review of the confidentiality of JSA claimant count data, and is required for compliance with the National Statistics Code of Practice for Data Access and Confidentiality.

The procedure is the primary suppression of any cell count of 1 or 2, which is instead denoted by the symbol '#'. A true value of zero continues to be shown as 0.



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