



Employment Bulletin

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.60 million in the three months to December 2017, down 7,000 from the previous three months and down 97,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.8%, unchanged from the previous three months and down 0.3% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 11.1% in the three months to December 2016, down 0.6% on the quarter and down 0.9% on the year. There were 447,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to December 2016. This is down by 26,000 on the quarter and down by 47,000 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 increases by 585 over the month.	
* Jobless total now 14,280.	
* Claimant count rates in January (residence based);	
United Kingdom 1.9%	
East Midlands 1.5%	
Nottinghamshire 2.0%	
County 1.5%	
City 3.0%	
* LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,600,000 or 4.8% of the workforce.	

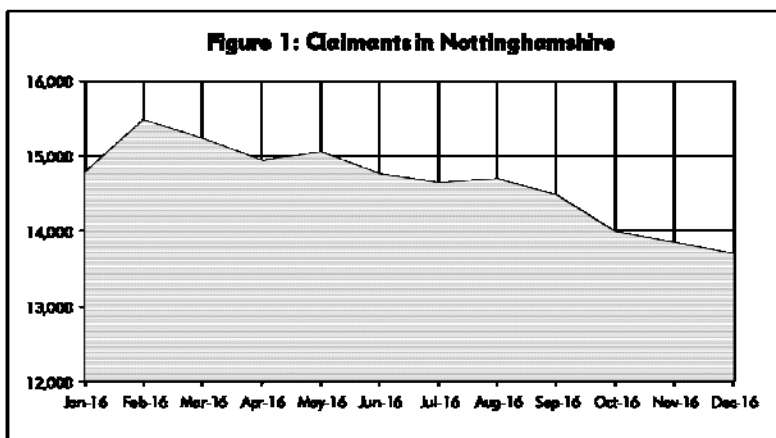
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 rate.

The seasonally adjusted claimant count figure for the United Kingdom decreased by 42,436 last month to 744,971 but was up 2,792 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 37,000 over the quarter to reach 31.84 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 74.6%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 45,000 on the quarter to reach 23.28 million. The



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number of people in part-time employment was 8.55 million in the three months to December 2016, down 7,000 on the previous quarter but up 84,000 on the year.

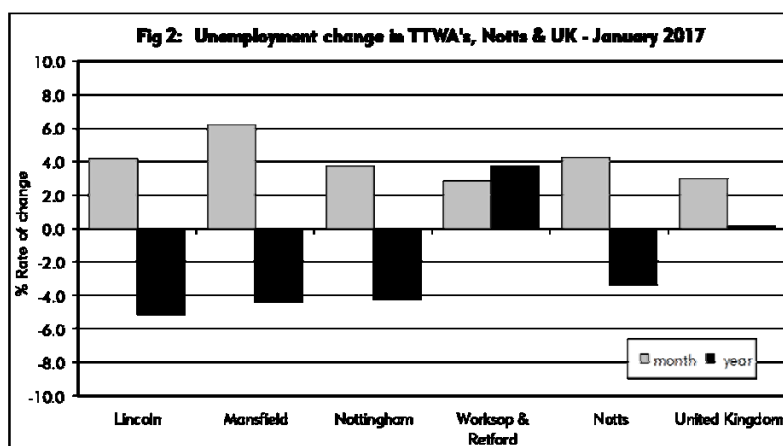
In the three months to December 2016, there were 8.86 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 31,000 from the previous quarter and down 61,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £507 per week in December 2016. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.6%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £477 per week in December 2016. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.6%. Between December 2015 and December 2016 there was a 1.6% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 751,000 job vacancies in the three months to January 2017, down 9,000 from the previous three months and down 13,000 from a year earlier.

There were 2.1 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from October to December 2016, unchanged on the quarter but down by 0.1 on the year.

In the three months to December 2016, 121,000



people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is up 7,000 from the previous three months and up 23,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.5 per 1,000 employees, up 0.2 from the previous three months and up 0.8 from a year earlier.

This is the first month that the Employment Bulletin is using the Claimant Count instead of the count of JSA claimants. This experimental series counts the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit and are required to seek work and be available for work and replaces the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance as the headline indicator of the number of people claiming benefits principally for the reason of being unemployed.

The unadjusted claimant count figure for the United Kingdom has increased by 22,080 over the month to 774,200. The proportion unemployed calculated on the residence base now stands at 1.9% of the population aged 16-64.

The number of claimants in Nottinghamshire increased by 585 between December 2016 and January 2017. The total of 14,280 is 495 less than it was a year ago (see figure 1).

The proportion unemployed in Nottinghamshire is now 2.0%. This is higher than the East Midlands (1.5%) and the United Kingdom (1.9%).

Between December 2016 and January 2017, unemployment increased in all of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Mansfield experienced the largest increase with a rate of change of 6.2%, followed by Lincoln with 4.1%,

Table 1: Claimant Count, January 2017

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	465,721	279,250	744,971	-42,436	2,792	2.3	1.3	1.8
United Kingdom	492,650	281,550	774,200	22,080	1,060	2.4	1.4	1.9
East Midlands	27,580	15,825	43,405	1,935	-3,040	1.9	1.1	1.5
Notts County (a)	4,790	2,735	7,525	355	-120	1.9	1.1	1.5
Nottm City (b)	4,490	2,265	6,760	230	-375	3.9	2.1	3.0
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,280	5,000	14,280	585	-495	2.6	1.4	2.0

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.

Nottingham with 3.7% and Worksop & Retford with 2.8%.

Compared with January 2016, three of the four TTWA's in the County have reduced numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Lincoln with a rate of change of -5.1% followed by Mansfield with -4.4% and Nottingham with -4.2%. Worksop & Retford increased by 3.7%.

Unemployment decreased in all of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in Gedling with 7.4% and Newark & Sherwood with 6.3%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham increased by 230 over the month resulting in a rate of change of 3.5%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -10.1% in Mansfield to 5.3% in Gedling. Nottingham City changed by -5.3% over the year.

Unemployment increased in all of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during January. Gedling and Ashfield recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 9.0% and 6.4% respectively.

Over the month Nottingham East has changed by 5.6%, Nottingham North by 1.4% and Nottingham South by 3.4%.

Five 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 -10.1% in Mansfield to -2.7% in Ashfield. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -6.6% in Nottingham East, -3.7% in Nottingham North and -5.7% in Nottingham South.

Table 2: Claimant Count by Travel To Work Areas in Nottinghamshire, January 2017

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,495	1,290	3,780	150	-205	2.3	1.2	1.7
Mansfield	2,065	1,185	3,250	190	-150	2.2	1.2	1.7
Nottingham	7,390	3,825	11,215	405	-495	2.7	1.4	2.1
Worksop & Retford	770	495	1,265	35	45	2.1	1.4	1.7

Table 3: Claimant Count by Local Authority Districts in Nottinghamshire, January 2017

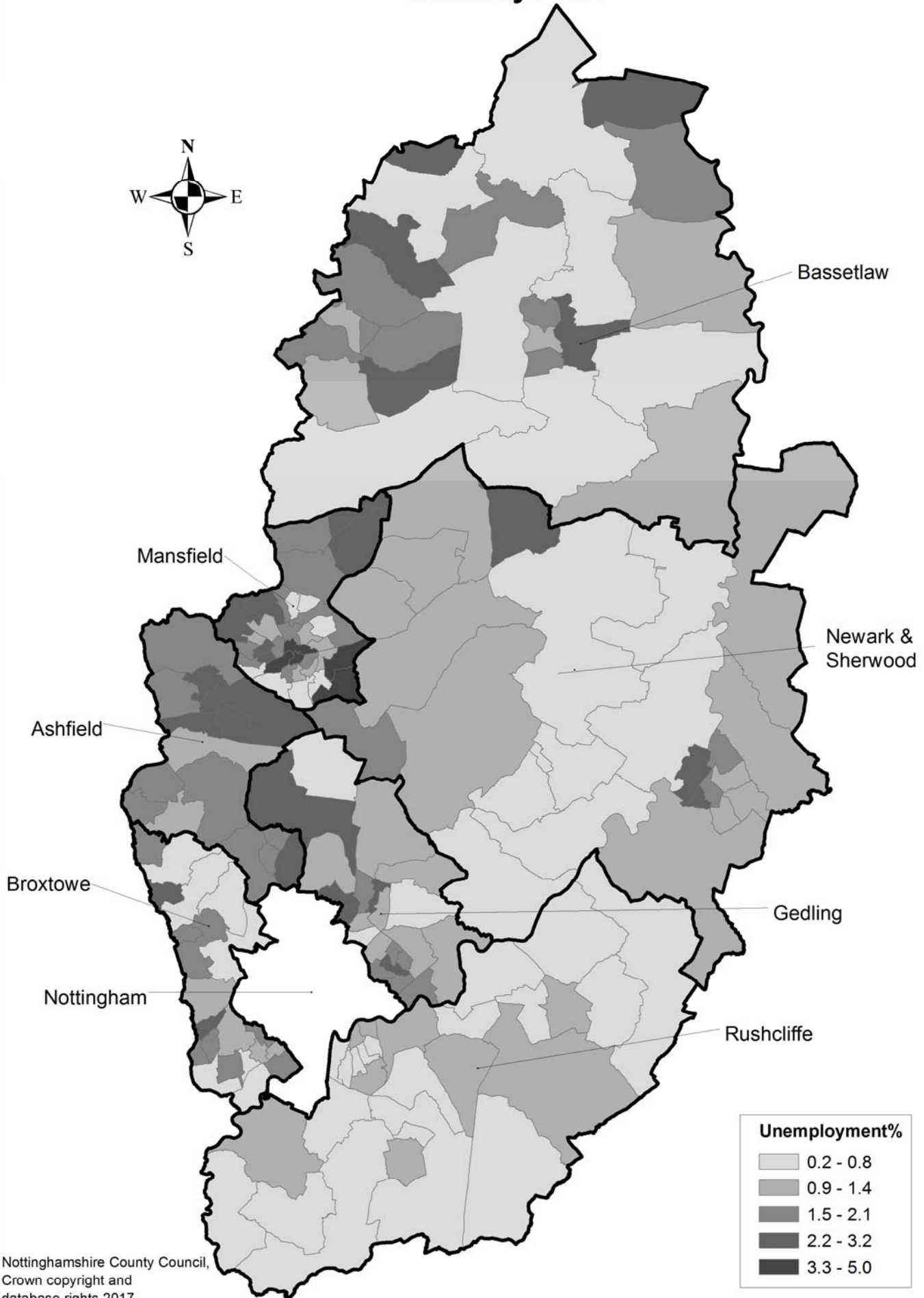
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	945	540	1,485	80	-45	2.5	1.4	1.9
Bassetlaw	710	460	1,170	40	55	2.0	1.3	1.7
Broxtowe	625	360	985	45	15	1.8	1.0	1.4
Gedling	715	380	1,090	75	55	2.0	1.0	1.5
Mansfield	840	450	1,285	55	-145	2.5	1.3	1.9
Newark & Sherwood	575	360	935	55	-25	1.6	1.0	1.3
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,490</i>	<i>2,265</i>	<i>6,760</i>	<i>230</i>	<i>-375</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>
Rushcliffe	380	195	575	10	-30	1.1	0.6	0.8

*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, January 2017

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	765	475	1,240	75	-35	2.4	1.4	1.9
Bassetlaw	685	440	1,125	40	65	2.1	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	520	290	810	30	35	1.7	1.0	1.3
Gedling	625	340	965	80	50	2.2	1.1	1.6
Mansfield	840	450	1,285	55	-145	2.5	1.3	1.9
Newark	415	265	680	25	-20	1.3	0.9	1.1
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,845</i>	<i>780</i>	<i>2,625</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>-185</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.4</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,520</i>	<i>965</i>	<i>2,485</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>-95</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>4.0</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,125</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>1,650</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Rushcliffe	330	175	505	10	-15	1.1	0.6	0.8
Sherwood	610	300	910	35	-55	2.1	1.0	1.5

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