



# Employment Bulletin

## A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.58 million in the three months to January 2017, down 31,000 from the previous three months and down 106,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.7%, down 0.1% from the previous three months and down 0.3% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.9% in the three months to January 2017, down 0.6% on the quarter and down 1.1% on the year. There were 438,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to January 2017. This is down by 27,000 on the quarter and down by 60,000 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

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 11,269 last month to 734,722 and was down 1,470 over the year.

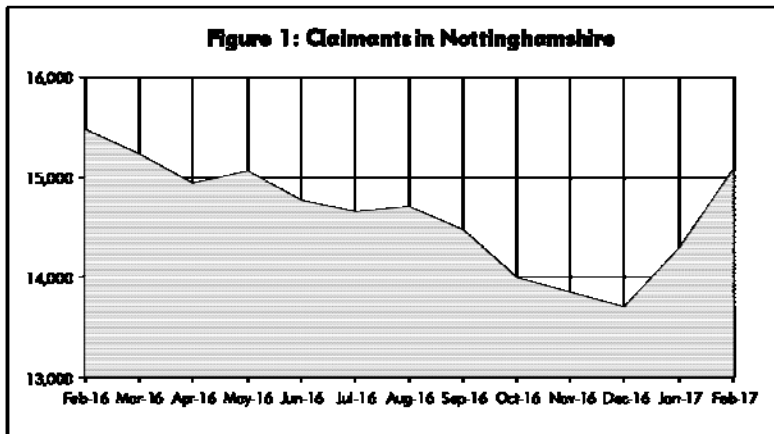
The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 92,000 over the quarter to reach 31.85 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 74.6%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 136,000 on the quarter to

### Key Facts

- \* **Claimant count in Nottinghamshire increases by 795 over the month.**
- \* **Jobless total now 15,075.**
- \* **Claimant count rates in February (residence based);**  
**United Kingdom 1.9%**  
**East Midlands 1.6%**  
**Nottinghamshire 2.1%**  
**County 1.6%**  
**City 3.2%**
- \* **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,580,000 or 4.7% of the workforce.**

Figure 1: Claimants in Nottinghamshire



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reach 23.33 million. The number of people in part-time employment was 8.51 million in the three months to January 2017, down 44,000 on the previous quarter but up 10,000 on the year.

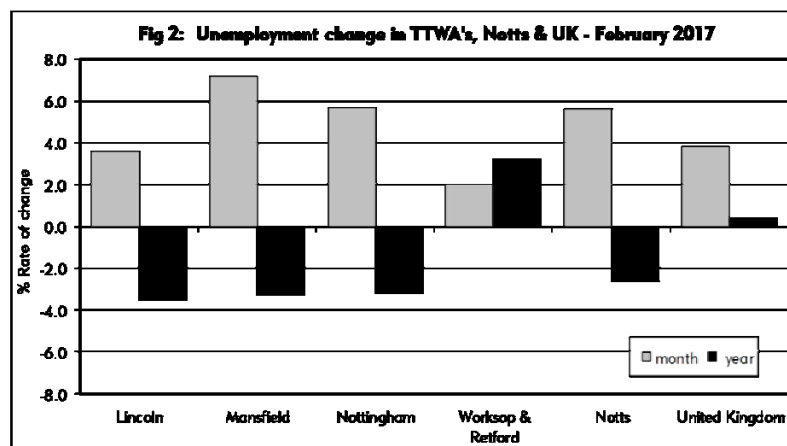
In the three months to January 2017, there were 8.87 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 34,000 from the previous quarter and down 59,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £507 per week in January 2017. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.2%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £477 per week in January 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.3%. Between January 2016 and January 2017 there was a 1.8% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 757,000 job vacancies in the three months to February 2017, up 4,000 from the previous three months and unchanged from a year earlier.

There were 2.1 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from November 2016 to January 2017, unchanged on the quarter but down by 0.1 on the year.

In the three months to January 2017, 117,000 people became redundant in the three



months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is down 2,000 from the previous three months but up 6,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.3 per 1,000 employees, down 0.2 from the previous three months but up 0.2 from a year earlier.

The Employment Bulletin uses the Claimant Count rather than 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. It 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

29,240 over the month to 803,580. 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 795 between January and February 2017. The total of 15,075 is 400 less than it was a year ago (see figure 1).

The proportion unemployed in Nottinghamshire is now 2.1%. This is higher than the East Midlands (1.6%) and the United Kingdom (1.9%).

Between January and February 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 7.2%, followed by Nottingham with 5.8%, Lincoln with 3.6% and Worksop & Retford with 2.0%.

**Table 1: Claimant Count, February 2017**

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	457,462	277,260	734,722	-11,269	-1,470	2.2	1.3	1.8
United Kingdom	512,035	291,545	803,580	29,240	2,805	2.5	1.4	1.9
East Midlands	29,270	16,525	45,790	2,360	-2,490	2.0	1.1	1.6
Notts County (a)	5,090	2,895	7,985	445	-45	2.0	1.2	1.6
Nottm City (b)	4,740	2,350	7,090	345	-360	4.2	2.2	3.2
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,830	5,245	15,075	795	-400	2.7	1.5	2.1

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.

Compared with February 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 -3.4% followed by Mansfield with -3.3% and Nottingham with -3.2%. Worksop & Retford increased by 3.2%.

Unemployment increased in all of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in Gedling with 7.8% and Mansfield and Rushcliffe both with 7.0%. Unemployment in the City of Nottingham

increased by 345 over the month resulting in a rate of change of 5.1%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -6.8% in Mansfield to 5.4% in Gedling. Nottingham City changed by -4.8% over the year.

Unemployment increased in all of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during February. Broxtowe and Gedling recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 8.0% and 7.9% respectively. Over the month Nottingham

East has changed by 6.1%, Nottingham North by 4.8% and Nottingham South by 4.3%.

Four of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County have increased numbers of claimants compared with the same period last year resulting in rates of change ranging from 8.0% in Broxtowe to 1.9% in Rushcliffe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -5.1% in Nottingham East, -4.6% in Nottingham North and -4.5% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,590	1,330	3,920	135	-140	2.4	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	2,245	1,240	3,485	235	-120	2.4	1.3	1.8
Nottingham	7,815	4,030	11,845	645	-390	2.9	1.5	2.2
Worksop & Retford	785	510	1,295	25	40	2.1	1.4	1.8

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

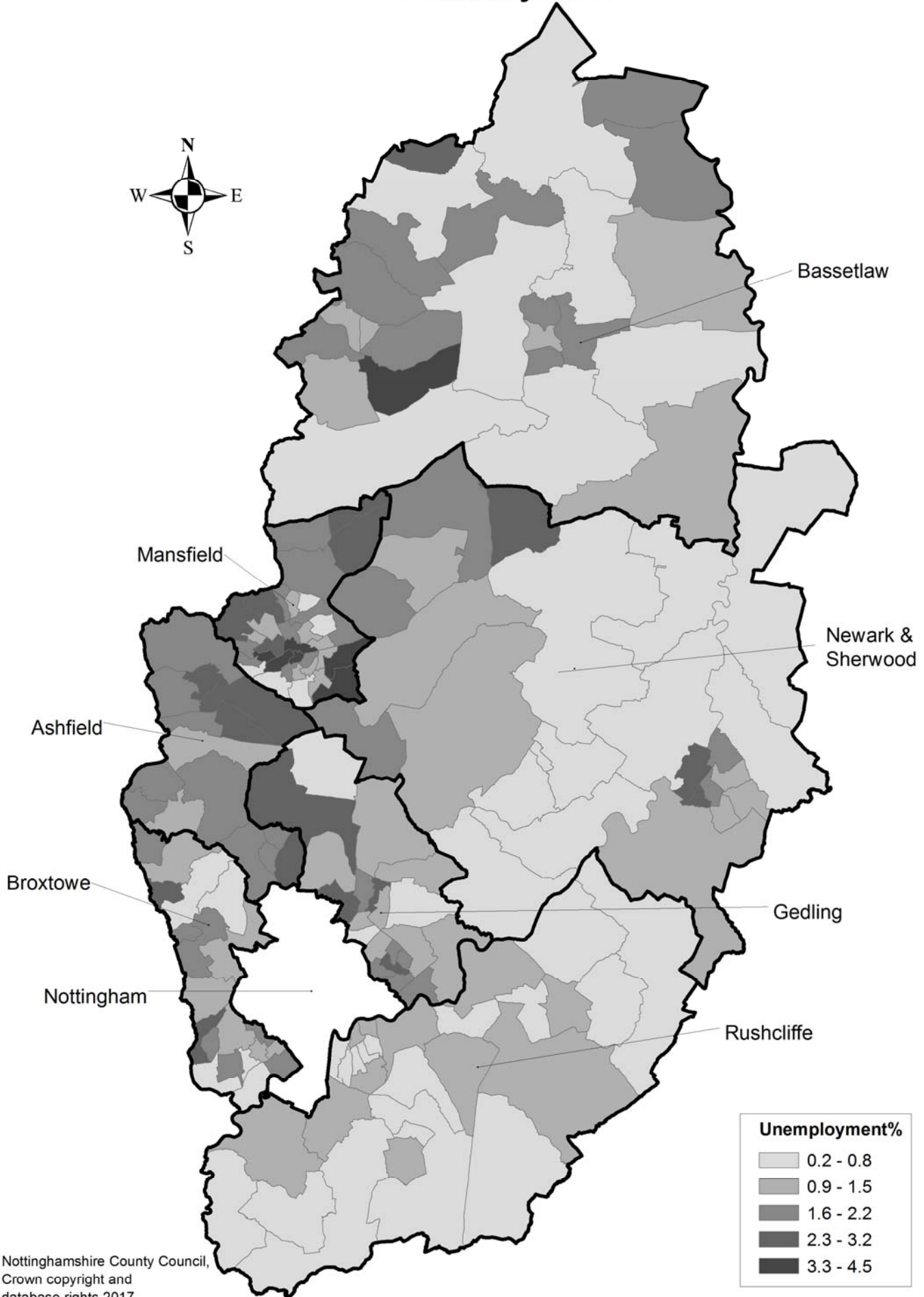
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,010	575	1,580	90	-80	2.6	1.5	2.0
Bassetlaw	715	470	1,180	10	40	2.0	1.3	1.7
Broxtowe	685	370	1,055	65	45	1.9	1.1	1.5
Gedling	750	420	1,170	85	60	2.1	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	910	470	1,380	90	-100	2.7	1.4	2.0
Newark & Sherwood	625	375	1,005	65	-15	1.7	1.0	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,740</i>	<i>2,350</i>	<i>7,090</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>-360</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Rushcliffe	400	210	610	40	5	1.1	0.6	0.9

\*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, February 2017**

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	815	500	1,320	75	-55	2.5	1.5	2.0
Bassetlaw	690	450	1,140	15	55	2.1	1.4	1.8
Broxtowe	580	300	880	65	65	1.9	1.0	1.4
Gedling	650	380	1,030	75	70	2.3	1.3	1.7
Mansfield	910	470	1,380	90	-100	2.7	1.4	2.0
Newark	435	280	715	30	-15	1.4	0.9	1.1
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,955</i>	<i>820</i>	<i>2,775</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>-150</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.6</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,595</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>2,600</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>-125</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>4.2</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,190</i>	<i>530</i>	<i>1,715</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>-80</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Rushcliffe	350	195	545	40	10	1.2	0.6	0.9
Sherwood	660	320	980	60	-75	2.2	1.0	1.6

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