



Employment Bulletin

A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.56 million in the three months to February 2017, down 45,000 from the previous three months and down 141,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.7%, down 0.1% from the previous three months and down 0.4% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.8% in the three months to February 2017, down 0.3% on the quarter and down 1.4% on the year. There were 431,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to February 2017. This is down by 18,000 on the quarter and down by 69,000 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 370 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 15,430.**
- * **Claimant count rates in March (residence based);**
United Kingdom 2.0%
East Midlands 1.6%
Nottinghamshire 2.1%
County 1.6%
City 3.3%
- * **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,560,000 or 4.7% of the workforce.**

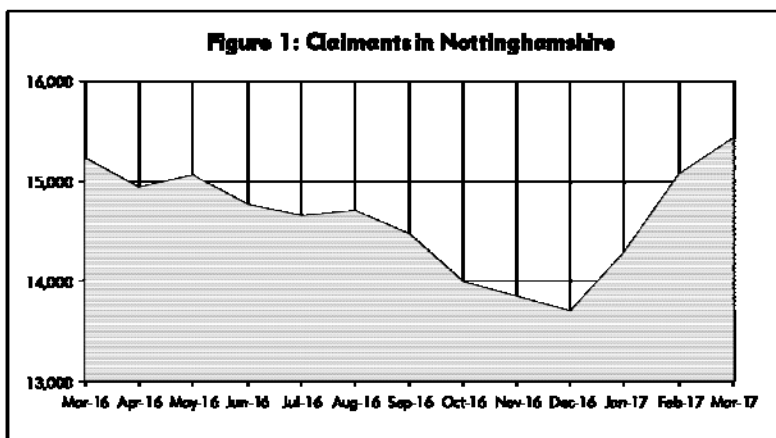
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 increased by 25,492 last month to 765,400 and was up 11,803 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 39,000 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 146,000 on the quarter to



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reach 23.39 million. The number of people in part-time employment was 8.44 million in the three months to February 2017, down 107,000 on the previous quarter and down 15,000 on the year.

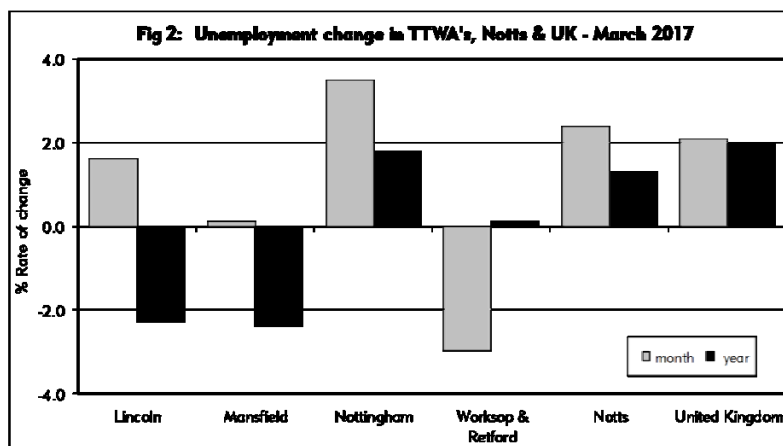
In the three months to February 2017, there were 8.88 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 10,000 from the previous quarter and down 36,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £509 per week in February 2017. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.3%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £478 per week in February 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.2%. Between February 2016 and February 2017 there was a 2.3% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 767,000 job vacancies in the three months to March 2017, up 16,000 from the previous three months and up 14,000 from a year earlier.

There were 2.0 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from December 2016 to February 2017, down 0.1 on the quarter and down by 0.2 on the year.

In the three months to February 2017, 106,000 people became redundant in the three



months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is down 16,000 from the previous three months and down 6,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.0 per 1,000 employees, down 0.6 from the previous three months and down 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

16,840 over the month to 821,720. 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 increased by 370 between February and March 2017. The total of 15,430 is 200 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 (2.0%).

Between February and March 2017, unemployment increased in three of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Nottingham experienced the largest increase with a rate of change of 3.5%, followed by Lincoln with 1.6% and Mansfield with 0.1%. Worksop & Retford had fewer

Table 1: Claimant Count, March 2017

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	479,053	286,347	765,400	25,492	11,803	2.3	1.4	1.9
United Kingdom	523,685	298,035	821,720	16,840	15,950	2.5	1.4	2.0
East Midlands	30,245	16,920	47,165	1,350	-870	2.1	1.1	1.6
Notts County (a)	5,160	2,875	8,035	50	100	2.1	1.1	1.6
Nottm City (b)	5,000	2,390	7,395	315	100	4.4	2.2	3.3
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	10,165	5,265	15,430	370	200	2.8	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.

claimants over the month resulting in a rate of change of -3.0%.

Compared with March 2016, two of the four TTWA's in the County have reduced numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Mansfield with a rate of change of -2.4% followed by Lincoln with -2.3%. Nottingham increased by 1.8% and Worksop & Retford by 0.1% over the month.

Unemployment increased in six of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in

Broxtowe with 3.6% and Rushcliffe with 2.3%. Bassetlaw changed by -2.5% during March. Unemployment in the City of Nottingham increased by 315 over the month resulting in a rate of change of 4.5%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -3.7% in Ashfield to 8.8% in Broxtowe. Nottingham City changed by 1.4% over the year.

Unemployment increased in six of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during March.

Broxtowe and Newark recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 2.9% and 2.8% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by 5.6%, Nottingham North by 3.5% and Nottingham South by 4.1%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -4.7 in Ashfield to 11.2% in Broxtowe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -2.9% in Nottingham East, -0.6% in Nottingham North and 0.1% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,630	1,350	3,980	60	-95	2.4	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	2,270	1,225	3,495	5	-85	2.4	1.3	1.9
Nottingham	8,160	4,085	12,245	410	215	3.0	1.5	2.3
Worksop & Retford	755	500	1,255	-40	0	2.0	1.4	1.7

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

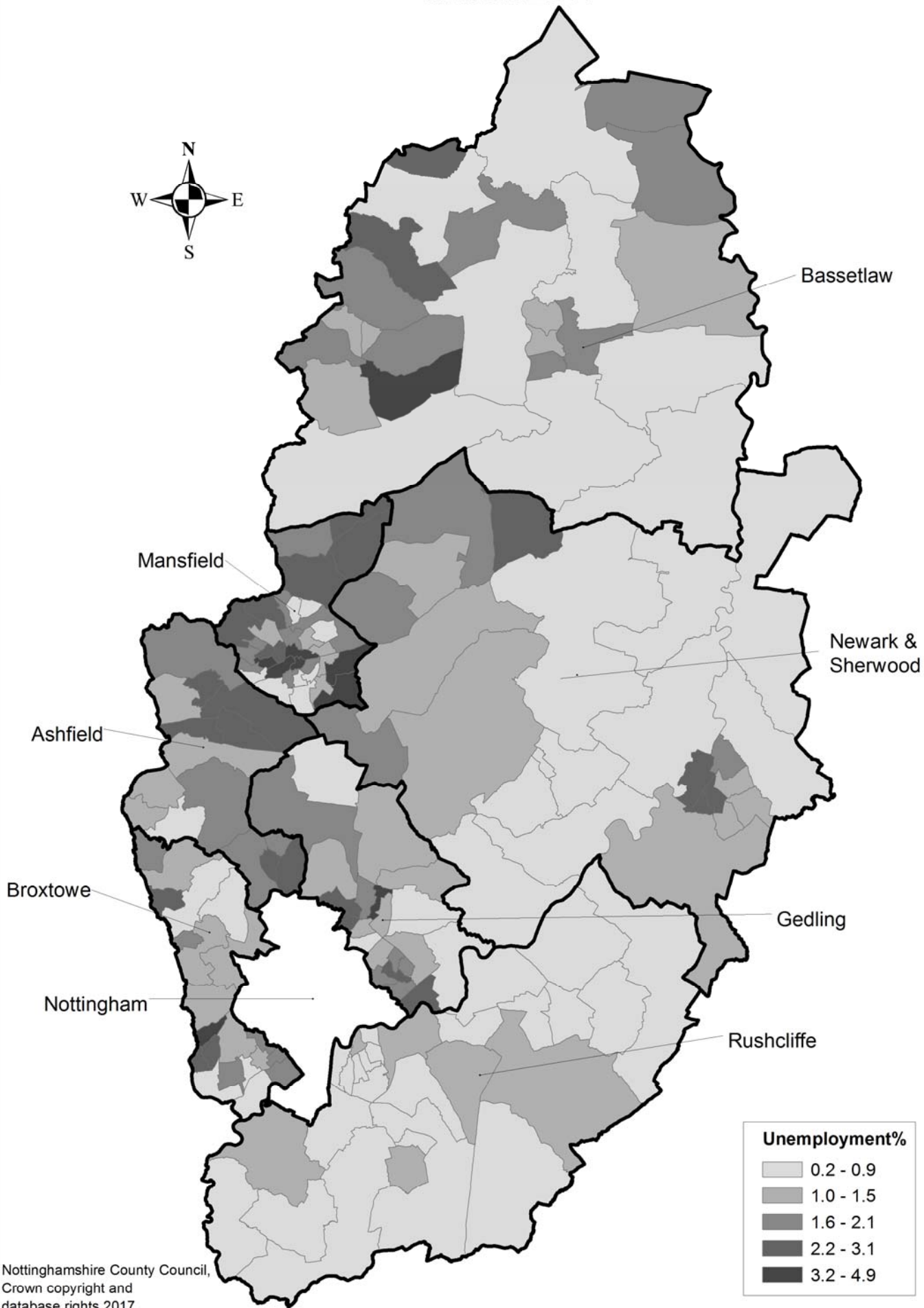
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,015	570	1,585	5	-60	2.7	1.5	2.1
Bassetlaw	695	460	1,155	-30	5	2.0	1.3	1.6
Broxtowe	710	380	1,085	40	90	2.0	1.1	1.5
Gedling	765	410	1,175	5	65	2.2	1.1	1.6
Mansfield	915	475	1,390	5	-50	2.7	1.4	2.1
Newark & Sherwood	650	375	1,025	15	5	1.8	1.0	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>2,390</i>	<i>7,395</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>
Rushcliffe	420	205	620	15	45	1.2	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, March 2017

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	815	495	1,310	-10	-65	2.5	1.5	2.0
Bassetlaw	675	445	1,120	-25	35	2.1	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	600	300	900	25	90	1.9	1.0	1.5
Gedling	670	365	1,035	5	80	2.3	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	915	475	1,390	5	-50	2.7	1.4	2.1
Newark	455	280	735	20	5	1.4	0.9	1.2
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>2,080</i>	<i>845</i>	<i>2,925</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>1,010</i>	<i>2,690</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>4.4</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,245</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>1,780</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Rushcliffe	365	185	550	10	40	1.2	0.6	0.9
Sherwood	670	330	995	20	-40	2.3	1.1	1.7

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