



Employment Bulletin

A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.46 million in the three months to July 2017, down 75,000 from the previous three months and down 175,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.3%, down 0.2% from the previous three months and down 0.5% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.6% in the three months to July 2017, down 0.1% on the quarter and down 1.2% on the year. There were 424,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to July 2017. This is down 5,000 on the quarter and down by 57,000 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

Key Facts

- * **Claimant count in Nottinghamshire increases by 125 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 15,380.**
- * **Claimant count rates in August (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 1,460,000 or 4.3% of the workforce.**

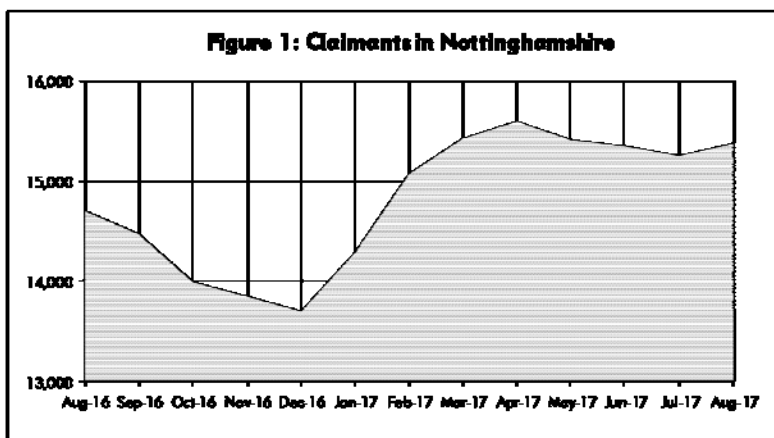
not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The long-term

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 2,820 last month to 806,282 but was up 29,512 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 181,000 over the quarter to reach 32.13 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.3%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 96,000 on the quarter to reach 23.59 million. The



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number of people in part-time employment was 8.54 million in the three months to July 2017, up 86,000 on the previous quarter and up 30,000 on the year.

In the three months to July 2017, there were 8.74 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 107,000 from the previous quarter and down 96,000 from a year earlier.

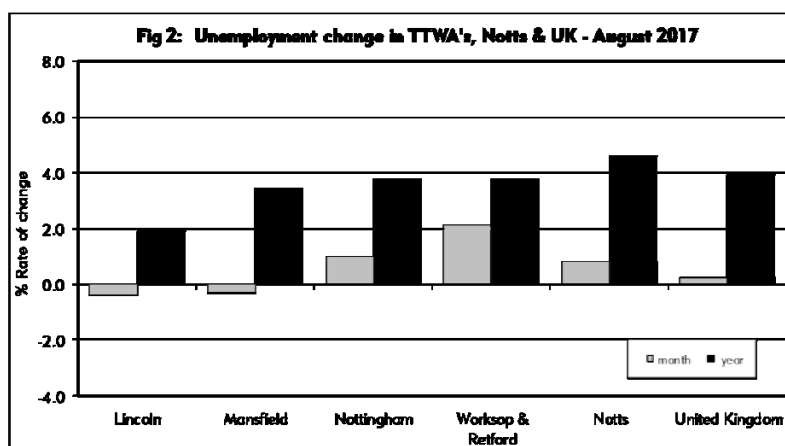
Average total pay (including bonuses) was £505 per week in July 2017. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.1%.

Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £474 per week in July 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.1%. Between July 2016 and July 2017 there was a 2.6% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 774,000 job vacancies in the three months to August 2017, down 7,000 from the previous three months but up 24,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.9 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from May to July 2017, down 0.1 on the quarter and down by 0.3 on the year.

In the three months to July 2017, 111,000 people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is up 22,000 from the previous



three months but down 11,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.1 per 1,000 employees, up 0.8 from the previous three months but down 0.4 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 1,470 over the month to 806,495. 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 125 between July and August 2017. The total of 15,380 is 680 more 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 July and August 2017, unemployment increased in two of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Worksop & Retford experienced the largest increase with a rate of change of 2.1%, followed by Nottingham with 1.0%. Lincoln and Mansfield experienced decreases of 0.4% and 0.3% respectively.

Compared with August 2016, all of the four TTWA's in

Table 1: Claimant Count, August 2017

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	504,231	302,051	806,282	-2,820	29,512	2.4	1.5	1.9
United Kingdom	497,460	309,035	806,495	1,470	30,105	2.4	1.5	1.9
East Midlands	29,385	17,710	47,090	225	1,950	2.0	1.2	1.6
Notts County (a)	5,020	3,095	8,120	65	445	2.0	1.2	1.6
Nottm City (b)	4,850	2,410	7,260	60	235	4.2	2.2	3.2
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,875	5,505	15,380	125	680	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.

the County have increased numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Worksop & Retford and Nottingham, both with a rate of change of 3.8% followed by Mansfield with 3.4% and Lincoln with 1.9% over the month.

Unemployment increased in five of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in Rushcliffe with 4.6%, Gedling with 1.4% and Bassetlaw with 1.1%. Ashfield and Mansfield experienced decreased numbers of claimants over the

month resulting in rates of change of -0.2% and -0.1% respectively. Unemployment in the City of Nottingham increased by 60 over the month resulting in a rate of change of 0.8%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -0.3% in Ashfield to 15.3% in Rushcliffe. Nottingham City changed by 3.3% over the year.

Unemployment increased in five of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during August. Rushcliffe and Newark

recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 4.3% and 1.8% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by 0.9%, Nottingham North by 1.5% and Nottingham South by -0.4%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -2.4 in Ashfield to 14.9% in Rushcliffe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of 5.6% in Nottingham East, 3.9% in Nottingham North and -0.9% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,525	1,385	3,910	-15	70	2.3	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	2,155	1,345	3,500	-10	115	2.3	1.4	1.9
Nottingham	7,940	4,230	12,170	120	450	2.9	1.6	2.3
Worksop & Retford	740	510	1,245	25	45	2.0	1.4	1.7

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

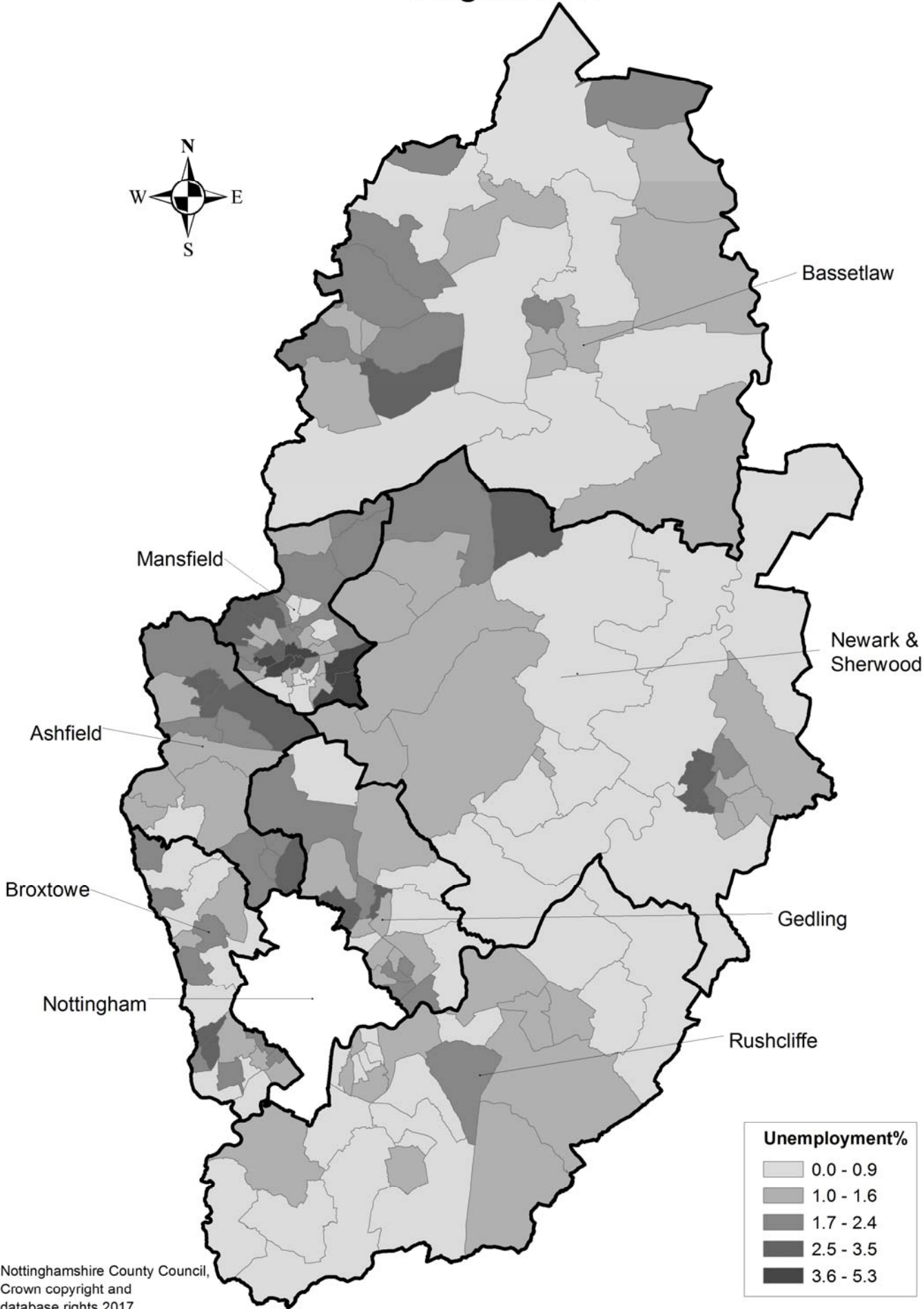
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,005	595	1,595	-5	-5	2.6	1.5	2.1
Bassetlaw	665	455	1,125	10	15	1.9	1.3	1.6
Broxtowe	685	415	1,100	10	100	1.9	1.2	1.6
Gedling	720	440	1,165	15	35	2.1	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	915	545	1,465	0	140	2.7	1.6	2.2
Newark & Sherwood	605	425	1,035	5	75	1.7	1.2	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,850</i>	<i>2,410</i>	<i>7,260</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>4.2</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Rushcliffe	425	220	640	30	85	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, August 2017

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	790	495	1,285	0	-30	2.4	1.5	2.0
Bassetlaw	645	440	1,085	10	30	2.0	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	585	335	920	15	100	1.9	1.1	1.5
Gedling	645	385	1,030	15	45	2.2	1.3	1.7
Mansfield	915	545	1,465	0	140	2.7	1.6	2.2
Newark	435	305	740	15	35	1.4	1.0	1.2
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>2,020</i>	<i>830</i>	<i>2,850</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>3.7</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,655</i>	<i>1,035</i>	<i>2,690</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.4</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,175</i>	<i>545</i>	<i>1,720</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>-15</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Rushcliffe	375	185	560	25	75	1.3	0.6	0.9
Sherwood	625	405	1,030	-5	50	2.1	1.3	1.7

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