



Employment Bulletin

A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.44 million in the three months to August 2017, down 52,000 from the previous three months and down 215,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.3%, down 0.2% from the previous three months and down 0.7% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.8% in the three months to August 2017, down 0.2% on the quarter and down 1.3% on the year. There were 425,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to August 2017. This is down 16,000 on the quarter and down by 63,000 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 decreases by 215 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 15,160.**
- * **Claimant count rates in September (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 1,440,000 or 4.3% of the workforce.**

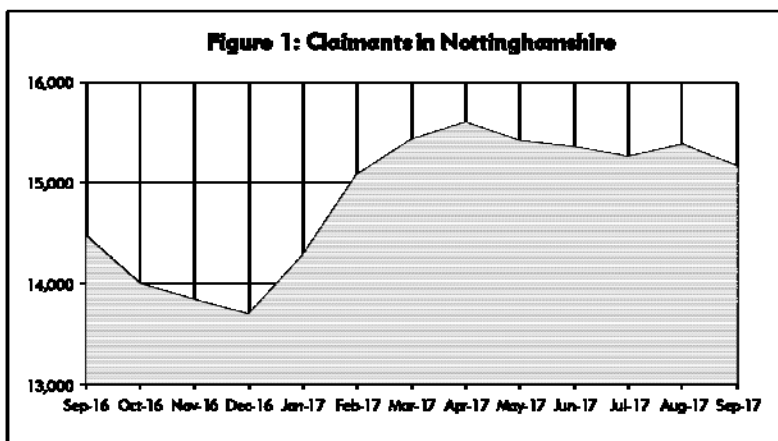
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 1,727 last month to 804,098 and was up 25,731 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 94,000 over the quarter to reach 32.10 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.1%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 25,000 on the quarter to



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reach 23.55 million. The number of people in part-time employment was 8.55 million in the three months to August 2017, up 69,000 on the previous quarter but down 29,000 on the year.

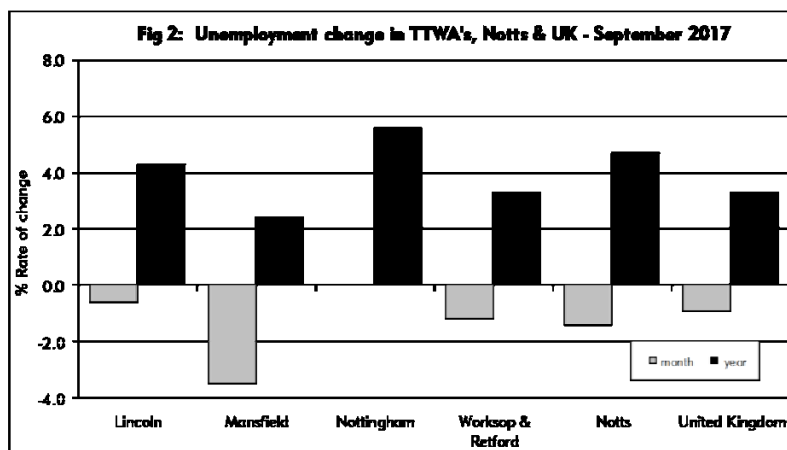
In the three months to August 2017, there were 8.81 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 17,000 from the previous quarter and down 13,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £507 per week in August 2017. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.2%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £476 per week in August 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.1%. Between August 2016 and August 2017 there was a 2.9% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 783,000 job vacancies in the three months to September 2017, up 3,000 from the previous three months and up 32,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.9 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from June to August 2017, down 0.1 on the quarter and down by 0.4 on the year.

In the three months to August 2017, 107,000 people became redundant in the three



months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is up 11,000 from the previous three months but down 11,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.0 per 1,000 employees, up 0.4 from the previous three months but down 0.5 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 decreased by

6,880 over the month to 795,470. 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 decreased by 215 between August and September 2017. The total of 15,160 is 685 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 August and September 2017, unemployment decreased in all of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Mansfield experienced the largest decrease with a rate of change of -3.5%, followed by Worksop & Retford with -1.2%.

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

Table 1: Claimant Count, September 2017

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	502,472	301,626	804,098	1,727	25,731	2.4	1.5	1.9
United Kingdom	489,060	306,410	795,470	-6,880	25,610	2.4	1.5	1.9
East Midlands	29,030	17,850	46,880	-90	2,695	2.0	1.2	1.6
Notts County (a)	4,880	3,100	7,980	-140	415	2.0	1.2	1.6
Nottm City (b)	4,775	2,405	7,180	-75	265	4.1	2.2	3.2
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,655	5,505	15,160	-215	685	2.6	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 Nottingham with a rate of change of 5.6% followed by Lincoln with 4.3%, Worksop & Retford with 3.3% and Mansfield with 2.4%.

Unemployment decreased in five of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest decreases were in Mansfield with -3.8%, Newark & Sherwood with -3.5% and Ashfield with -3.0%. Broxtowe and Rushcliffe experienced increased numbers of claimants over the month

resulting in rates of change of 1.3% and 0.8% respectively. Unemployment in the City of Nottingham decreased by 75 over the month resulting in a rate of change of -1.0%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from 0.6% in Ashfield to 12.6% in Rushcliffe. Nottingham City changed by 3.9% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in five of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during September. Mansfield and Ashfield recorded the largest decreases,

experiencing rates of change of -3.8% and -3.1% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by -1.4%, Nottingham North by -1.8% and Nottingham South by 1.0%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -2.5 in Ashfield to 11.9% in Rushcliffe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of 5.6% in Nottingham East, 4.7% in Nottingham North and -0.1% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,510	1,380	3,885	-25	160	2.3	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	2,055	1,325	3,380	-120	80	2.2	1.4	1.8
Nottingham	7,875	4,300	12,180	-5	650	2.9	1.6	2.3
Worksop & Retford	715	520	1,235	-15	40	1.9	1.4	1.7

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

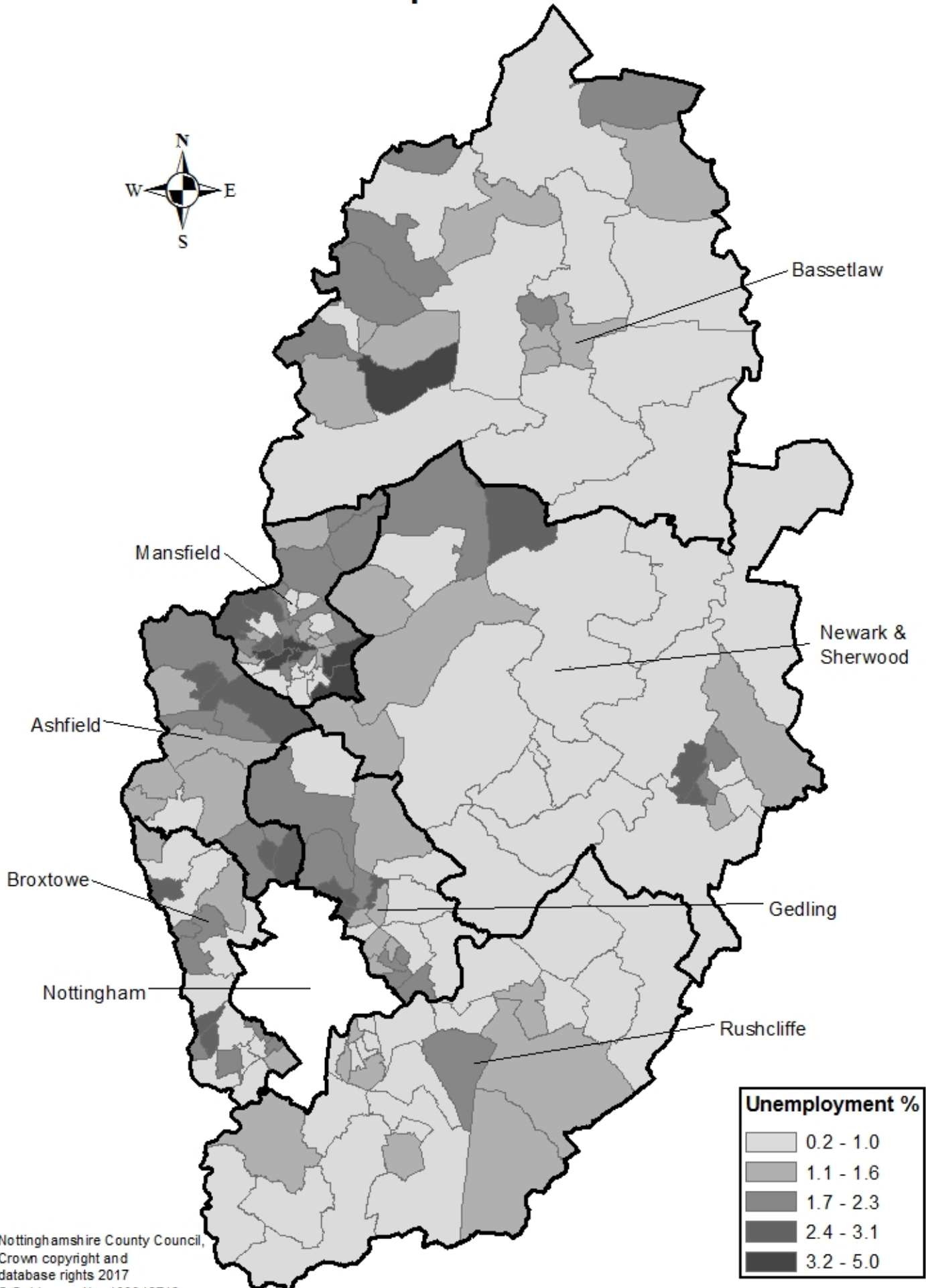
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	975	580	1,555	-50	10	2.5	1.5	2.0
Bassetlaw	660	470	1,130	0	15	1.9	1.4	1.6
Broxtowe	685	425	1,110	15	90	1.9	1.2	1.6
Gedling	695	450	1,145	-20	55	2.0	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	890	520	1,405	-55	105	2.6	1.5	2.1
Newark & Sherwood	560	430	990	-35	70	1.5	1.2	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,775</i>	<i>2,405</i>	<i>7,180</i>	<i>-75</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Rushcliffe	420	225	645	5	70	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, September 2017

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	750	495	1,245	-40	-30	2.3	1.5	1.9
Bassetlaw	635	460	1,095	5	30	2.0	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	585	345	930	10	80	1.9	1.1	1.5
Gedling	615	395	1,010	-15	50	2.1	1.3	1.7
Mansfield	890	520	1,405	-55	105	2.7	1.5	2.1
Newark	415	305	720	-20	45	1.3	1.0	1.2
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,975</i>	<i>820</i>	<i>2,795</i>	<i>-40</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.7</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,630</i>	<i>1,030</i>	<i>2,660</i>	<i>-50</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.3</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,170</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>1,725</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Rushcliffe	370	195	565	5	60	1.2	0.6	0.9
Sherwood	620	390	1,010	-30	75	2.1	1.3	1.7

Unemployment Rates in Nottinghamshire Wards September 2017



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