



Employment Bulletin

A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.42 million in the three months to September 2017, down 59,000 from the previous three months and down 182,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.3%, down 0.2% from the previous three months and down 0.6% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.6% in the three months to September 2017, down 0.2% on the quarter and down 1.0% on the year. There were 415,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to September 2017. This is down 19,000 on the quarter and down by 55,000 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 405 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 14,720.**
- * **Claimant count rates in October (residence based);**
United Kingdom 1.9%
East Midlands 1.6%
Nottinghamshire 2.0%
County 1.5%
City 3.1%
- * **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,420,000 or 4.3% of the workforce.**

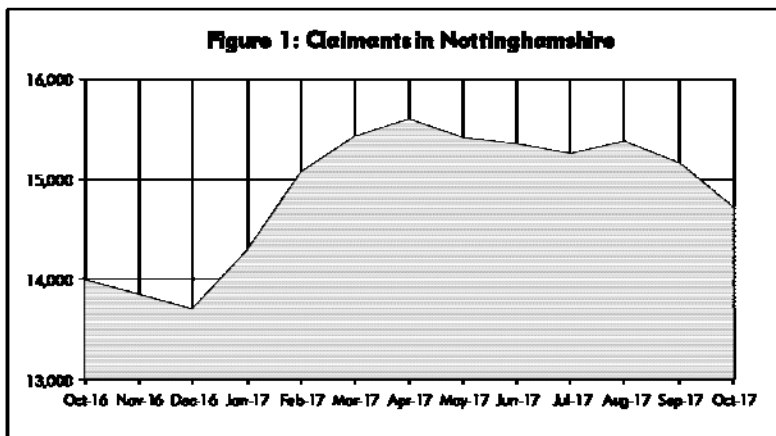
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 1,082 last month to 806,064 and was up 23,732 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over decreased by 14,000 over the quarter to reach 32.06 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.0%.

The number of people in full-time employment decreased by 64,000 on the quarter to



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reach 23.52 million. The number of people in part-time employment was 8.54 million in the three months to September 2017, up 50,000 on the previous quarter but down 6,000 on the year.

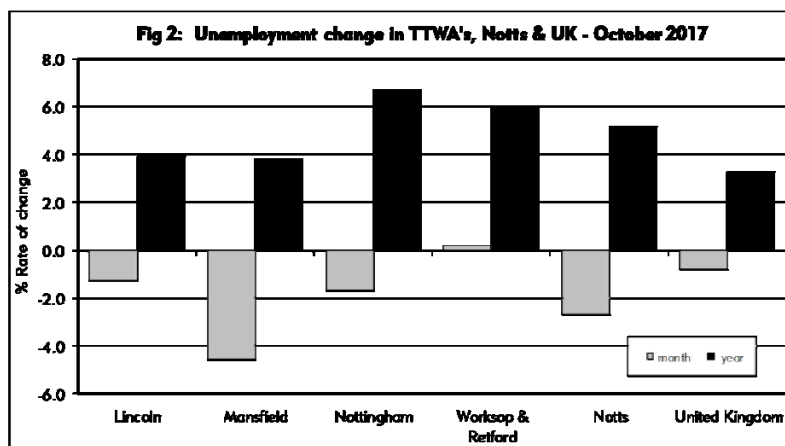
In the three months to September 2017, there were 8.88 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, up 117,000 from the previous quarter but down 20,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £509 per week in September 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 September 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.2%. Between September 2016 and September 2017 there was a 2.8% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 780,000 job vacancies in the three months to October 2017, up 6,000 from the previous three months and up 24,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.8 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from July to September 2017, down 0.1 on the quarter and down by 0.3 on the year.

In the three months to September 2017, 102,000



people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is down 10,000 from the previous three months and down 12,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.8 per 1,000 employees, down 0.4 from the previous three months and 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 6,255 over the month to 789,285. 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 405 between September and October 2017. The total of 14,720 is 725 more 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 (1.6%) and the United Kingdom (1.9%).

Between September and October 2017, unemployment decreased in three of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Mansfield experienced the largest decrease with a rate of change of -4.6%, followed by Nottingham with

Table 1: Claimant Count, October 2017

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	501,983	304,081	806,064	1,082	23,732	2.4	1.5	1.9
United Kingdom	484,540	304,745	789,285	-6,255	25,075	2.3	1.5	1.9
East Midlands	28,465	17,590	46,055	-745	3,150	1.9	1.2	1.6
Notts County (a)	4,715	2,985	7,700	-275	420	1.9	1.2	1.5
Nottm City (b)	4,680	2,340	7,020	-135	305	4.0	2.1	3.1
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,395	5,325	14,720	-405	725	2.6	1.5	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.

-1.7%.

Compared with October 2016, all of the four TTWA's in the County have increased numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Nottingham with a rate of change of 6.7% followed by Worksop & Retford with 6.0%, Lincoln with 3.9% and Mansfield with 3.8%.

Unemployment decreased in six of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest decreases were in Ashfield with -5.2%, Gedling with -5.0% and Mansfield with -4.9%. Bassetlaw experienced

increased numbers of claimants over the month resulting in a rate of change of 0.9%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham decreased by 135 over the month resulting in a rate of change of -1.9%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from 1.3% in Gedling to 10.4% in Newark & Sherwood. Nottingham City changed by 4.6% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in seven of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during October.

Ashfield, Mansfield and Sherwood recorded the largest decreases, experiencing rates of change of -5.4%, -4.9% and -4.9% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by -2.6%, Nottingham North by -2.6% and Nottingham South by 0.4%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -2.7 in Ashfield to 12.8% in Broxtowe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of 6.1% in Nottingham East, 2.5% in Nottingham North and 5.3% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,480	1,355	3,835	-50	145	2.3	1.2	1.7
Mansfield	1,970	1,270	3,235	-155	115	2.1	1.3	1.7
Nottingham	7,745	4,210	11,955	-200	755	2.9	1.6	2.2
Worksop & Retford	715	515	1,230	0	70	1.9	1.4	1.7

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

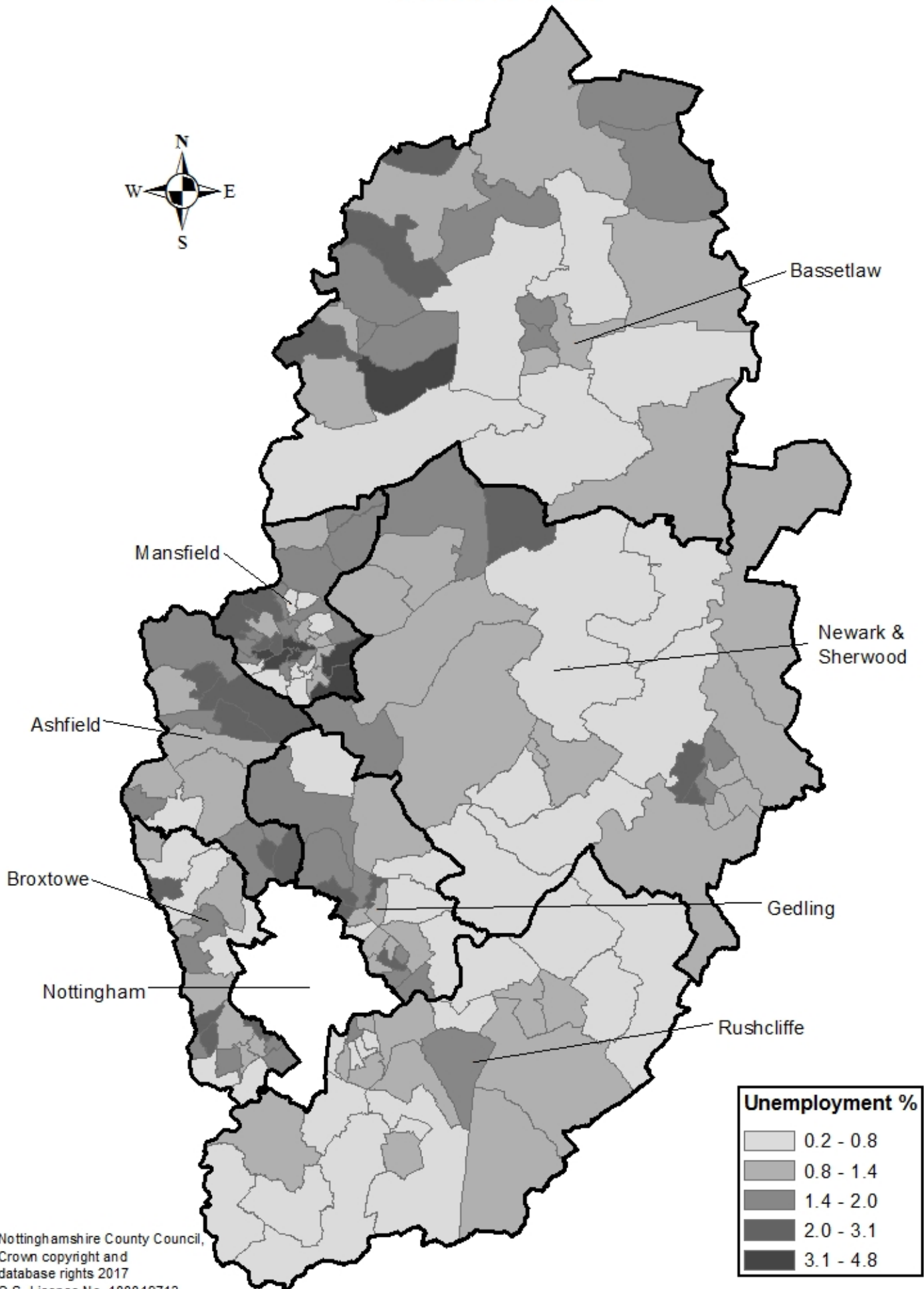
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	920	545	1,465	-80	25	2.4	1.4	1.9
Bassetlaw	670	470	1,135	10	65	1.9	1.3	1.6
Broxtowe	655	415	1,070	-25	95	1.9	1.2	1.5
Gedling	670	415	1,085	-55	15	1.9	1.1	1.5
Mansfield	845	500	1,345	-70	105	2.5	1.5	2.0
Newark & Sherwood	540	430	975	-30	90	1.5	1.2	1.3
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,680</i>	<i>2,340</i>	<i>7,020</i>	<i>-135</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.1</i>
Rushcliffe	415	210	625	-20	25	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, October 2017

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	700	465	1,165	-65	-30	2.2	1.4	1.8
Bassetlaw	645	455	1,100	5	75	2.0	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	570	340	905	-10	105	1.8	1.1	1.5
Gedling	600	365	965	-45	10	2.1	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	845	500	1,345	-70	105	2.5	1.5	2.0
Newark	405	300	705	-20	60	1.3	1.0	1.1
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,915</i>	<i>795</i>	<i>2,710</i>	<i>-75</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>4.9</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.6</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,605</i>	<i>980</i>	<i>2,585</i>	<i>-70</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>4.2</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,155</i>	<i>560</i>	<i>1,720</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Rushcliffe	365	185	550	-15	25	1.2	0.6	0.9
Sherwood	585	380	965	-50	75	2.0	1.2	1.6

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