



# Employment Bulletin

## A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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### December 2017

Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.44 million in the three months to November 2017, down 3,000 from the previous three months and down 160,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.3%, unchanged from the previous three months and down 0.5% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.7% in the three months to November 2017, down 0.1% on the quarter and down 0.4% on the year.

There were 421,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to November 2017. This is down 4,000 on the quarter and down by 27,000 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 25 over the month.**
- \* **Jobless total now 14,575.**
- \* **Claimant count rates in December (residence based);**  
**United Kingdom 1.9%**  
**East Midlands 1.6%**  
**Nottinghamshire 2.0%**  
**County 1.5%**  
**City 3.0%**
- \* **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,440,000 or 4.3% of the workforce.**

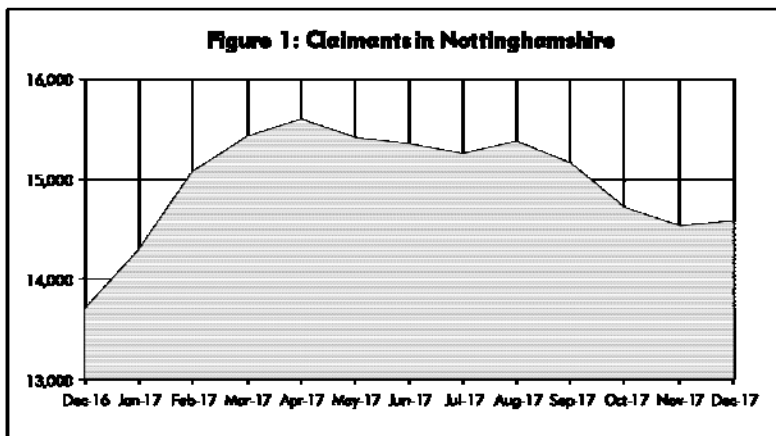
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The long-term

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 8,584 last month to 832,520 and was up 49,421 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 102,000 over the quarter to reach 32.21 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.3%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 97,000 on the quarter to reach 23.65 million. The number of people in part-time



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employment was 8.55 million in the three months to November 2017, up 6,000 on the previous quarter and up 14,000 on the year.

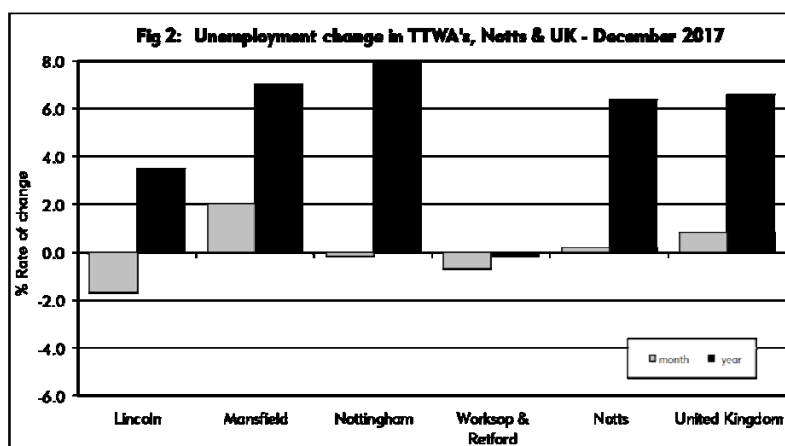
In the three months to November 2017, there were 8.73 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 79,000 from the previous quarter and down 167,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £511 per week in November 2017. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.5%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £480 per week in November 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.4%. Between November 2016 and November 2017 there was a 2.8% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 810,000 job vacancies in the three months to December 2017, up 17,000 from the previous three months and up 60,000 from a year earlier.

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

In the three months to November 2017, 109,000 people became redundant in the



three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is up 2,000 from the previous three months but down 13,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 4.0 per 1,000 employees, up 0.1 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 increased by

6,310 over the month to 798,350. 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 25 between November and December 2017. The total of 14,575 is 880 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 November and December 2017, unemployment decreased in three of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Lincoln experienced the largest decrease with a rate of change of -1.7%, followed by Worksop & Retford with -0.7% and Nottingham with -0.2%. Mansfield increased by

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

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	513,822	318,698	832,520	8,584	49,421	2.5	1.5	2.0
United Kingdom	492,320	306,030	798,350	6,310	49,685	2.4	1.5	1.9
East Midlands	28,745	17,640	46,385	225	4,940	1.9	1.2	1.6
Notts County (a)	4,735	2,915	7,650	30	485	1.9	1.2	1.5
Nottm City (b)	4,615	2,310	6,925	-5	395	4.0	2.1	3.0
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,350	5,225	14,575	25	880	2.6	1.4	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.

2.0% over the year.

Compared with December 2016, three 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 9.9% followed by Mansfield with 7.0% and Lincoln with 3.5%. Worksop & Retford was virtually unchanged over the year.

Unemployment decreased in four of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest decreases were in Newark & Sherwood with -3.0% and Rushcliffe with

-2.8%. Ashfield experienced increased numbers of claimants over the month resulting in a rate of change of 4.2%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham decreased by 5 over the month resulting in a rate of change of -0.1%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from 1.2% in Bassetlaw to 10.9% in Mansfield. Nottingham City changed by 6.1% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in five of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in

the County during December. Newark and Rushcliffe recorded the largest decreases, experiencing rates of change of -4.3% and -3.9% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by 0.5%, Nottingham North by -0.6% and Nottingham South by -0.1%.

Over the year the rates of change range from 1.9% in Bassetlaw to 11.7% in Sherwood. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of 8.1% in Nottingham East, 3.8% in Nottingham North and 6.5% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,480	1,280	3,755	-65	130	2.3	1.1	1.7
Mansfield	1,995	1,280	3,275	65	215	2.1	1.3	1.7
Nottingham	7,695	4,185	11,880	-25	1,075	2.8	1.5	2.2
Worksop & Retford	730	500	1,230	-10	0	2.0	1.4	1.7

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

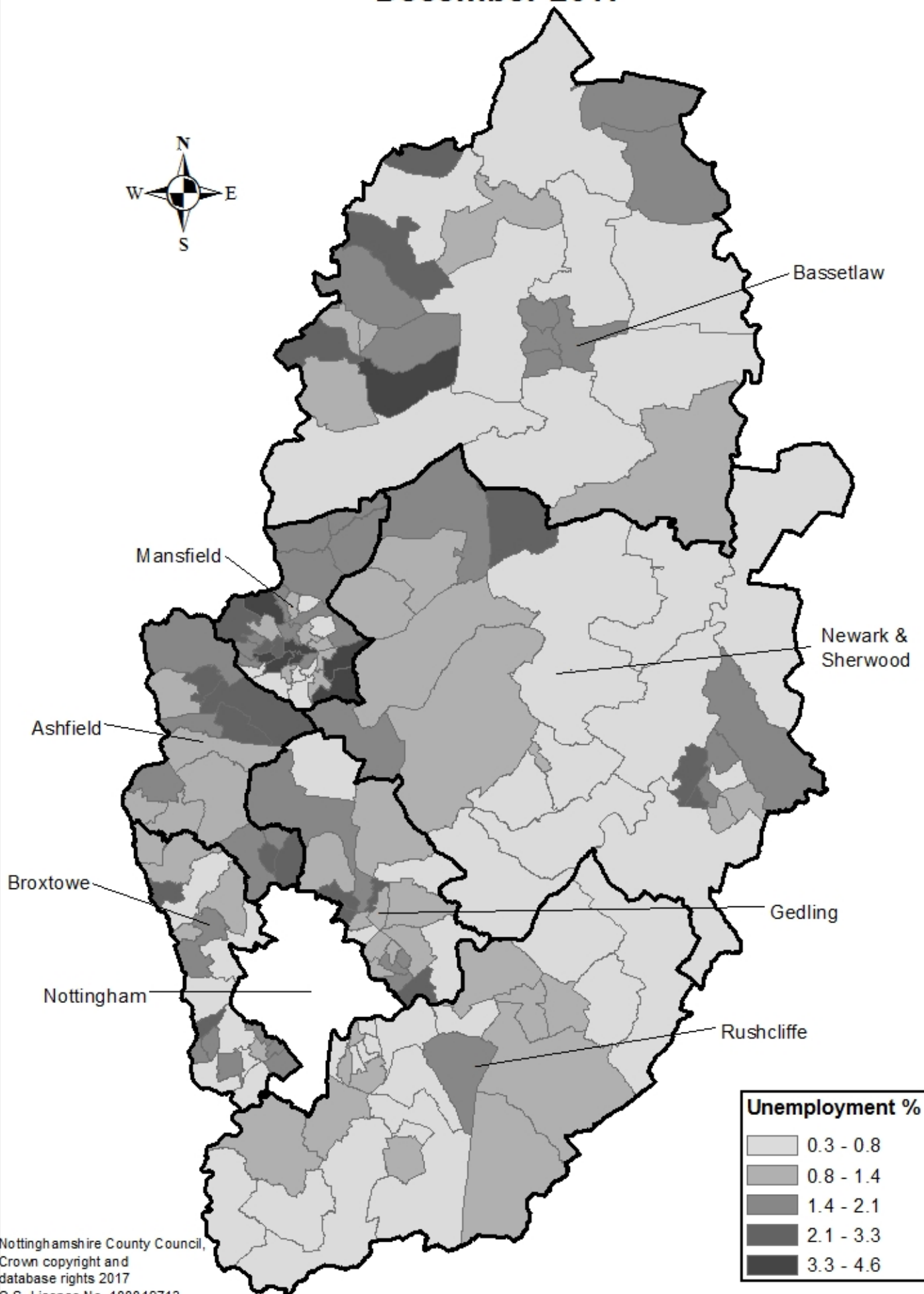
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	940	565	1,505	60	95	2.4	1.4	1.9
Bassetlaw	690	455	1,145	-5	15	1.9	1.3	1.6
Broxtowe	630	385	1,015	-10	75	1.8	1.1	1.4
Gedling	670	395	1,065	0	50	1.9	1.1	1.5
Mansfield	855	510	1,365	25	135	2.6	1.5	2.0
Newark & Sherwood	545	395	940	-30	65	1.5	1.1	1.3
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,615</i>	<i>2,310</i>	<i>6,925</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>395</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.0</i>
Rushcliffe	405	210	615	-20	50	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, December 2017**

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	725	480	1,210	45	40	2.2	1.5	1.8
Bassetlaw	665	445	1,105	0	20	2.0	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	525	310	835	-15	55	1.7	1.0	1.4
Gedling	600	345	950	-5	65	2.1	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	855	510	1,365	25	135	2.6	1.5	2.0
Newark	390	280	670	-30	20	1.2	0.9	1.1
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,910</i>	<i>775</i>	<i>2,685</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.4</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,565</i>	<i>980</i>	<i>2,545</i>	<i>-15</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>5.3</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>4.1</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,140</i>	<i>555</i>	<i>1,695</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.0</i>
Rushcliffe	360	180	540	-20	50	1.2	0.6	0.9
Sherwood	610	365	975	35	100	2.1	1.2	1.6

# Unemployment Rates in Nottinghamshire Wards December 2017





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