



Employment Bulletin

A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.47 million in the three months to December 2017, up 46,000 from the previous three months but down 123,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.4%, up 0.1% from the previous three months but down 0.4% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.9% in the three months to December 2017, up 0.2% on the quarter but down 0.2% on the year.

There were 428,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to December 2017. This is up 13,000 on the quarter but down by 17,000 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 625 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 15,220.**
- * **Claimant count rates in January (residence based);**
United Kingdom 2.0%
East Midlands 1.6%
Nottinghamshire 2.1%
County 1.6%
City 3.2%
- * **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,470,000 or 4.4% of the workforce.**

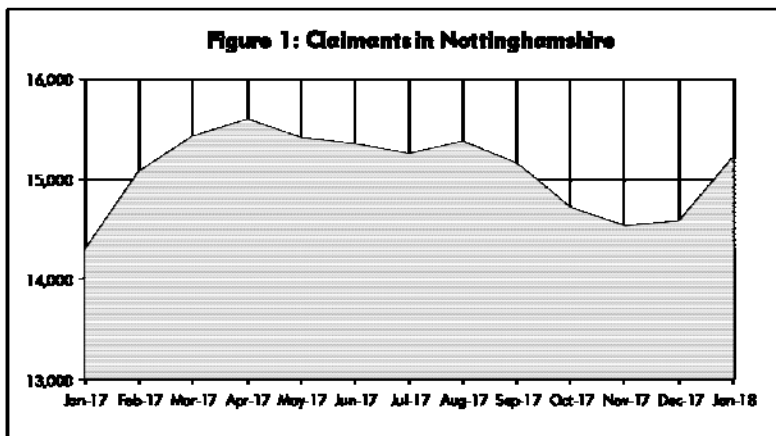
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The long-term

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 decreased by 7,190 last month to 822,958 and was up 58,120 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 88,000 over the quarter to reach 32.15 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.2%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 95,000 on the quarter to reach 23.61 million. The number of people in part-time



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employment was 8.53 million in the three months to December 2017, down 8,000 on the previous quarter and down 2,000 on the year.

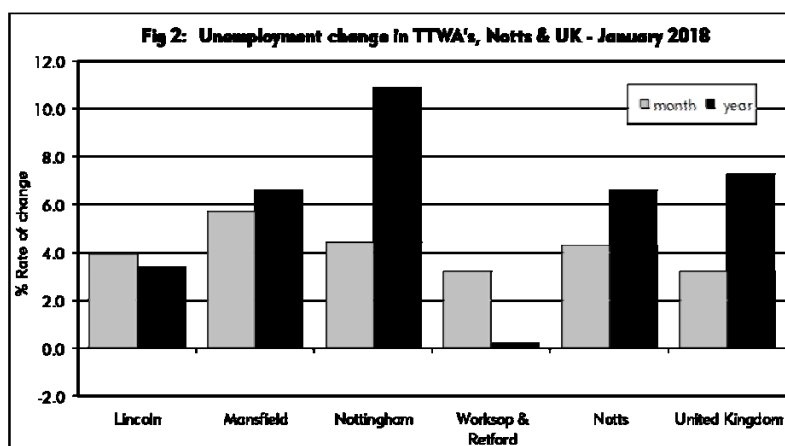
In the three months to December 2017, there were 8.77 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 109,000 from the previous quarter and down 95,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £512 per week in December 2017. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.5%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £481 per week in December 2017. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.5%. Between December 2016 and December 2017 there was a 2.7% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 823,000 job vacancies in the three months to January 2018, up 24,000 from the previous three months and up 70,000 from a year earlier.

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

In the three months to November 2017, 107,000 people became redundant in the three months prior to their



Labour Force Survey interview. This is up 5,000 from the previous three months but down 15,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.9 per 1,000 employees, up 0.2 from the previous three months but down 0.6 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 25,385 over the month to

826,545. 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 625 between December 2017 and January 2018. The total of 15,220 is 945 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 (2.0%).

Between December 2017 and January 2018, unemployment increased in all of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Mansfield experienced the largest increase with a rate of change of 5.7%, followed by Nottingham with 4.4%, Lincoln with 3.9% and Worksop & Retford with 3.2%.

Compared with January

Table 1: Claimant Count, January 2018

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	503,809	319,149	822,958	-7,190	58,120	2.4	1.5	2.0
United Kingdom	511,125	315,420	826,545	25,385	55,920	2.5	1.5	2.0
East Midlands	30,195	18,325	48,520	2,040	5,125	2.0	1.2	1.6
Notts County (a)	5,000	3,050	8,050	385	515	2.0	1.2	1.6
Nottm City (b)	4,805	2,365	7,175	240	430	4.1	2.1	3.2
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,805	5,415	15,220	625	945	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.

2017 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 10.9% followed by Mansfield with 6.6% and Lincoln with 3.4% and Worksop & Retford with 0.2%.

Unemployment increased in all of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in Ashfield with 8.5%, Broxtowe with 6.9% and Rushcliffe with 5.4%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham increased

by 240 over the month resulting in a rate of change of 3.5%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from 0.6% in Bassetlaw to 13.4% in Rushcliffe. Nottingham City changed by 6.4% over the year.

Unemployment increased in all of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during January. Ashfield and Broxtowe recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 8.2% and 7.7% respectively. Over the month Nottingham

East has changed by 3.2%, Nottingham North by 3.1% and Nottingham South by 4.3%.

Over the year the rates of change range from 1.3% in Newark to 15.0% in Rushcliffe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of 5.9% in Nottingham East, 5.8% in Nottingham North and 8.1% in Nottingham South.

Table 2: Claimant Count by Travel To Work Areas in Nottinghamshire, January 2018

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,570	1,345	3,910	145	130	2.3	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	2,120	1,350	3,465	185	215	2.3	1.4	1.8
Nottingham	8,090	4,335	12,425	530	1,225	3.0	1.6	2.3
Worksop & Retford	750	520	1,275	40	5	2.0	1.4	1.7

Table 3: Claimant Count by Local Authority Districts in Nottinghamshire, January 2018

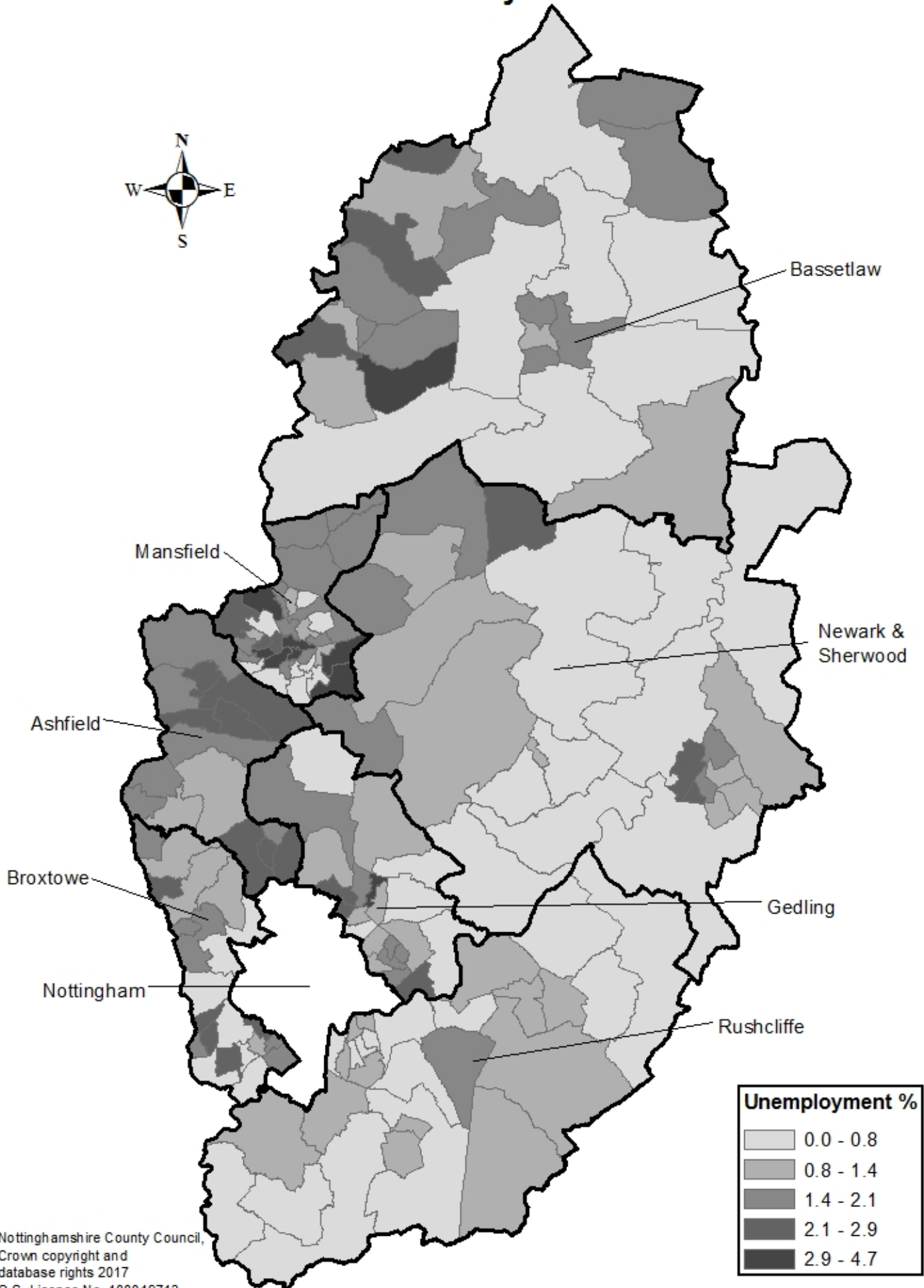
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,030	605	1,630	130	140	2.7	1.5	2.1
Bassetlaw	700	475	1,180	35	5	2.0	1.4	1.7
Broxtowe	695	395	1,090	70	100	2.0	1.1	1.5
Gedling	695	410	1,105	30	20	2.0	1.1	1.5
Mansfield	890	525	1,415	40	125	2.7	1.6	2.1
Newark & Sherwood	575	410	985	45	50	1.6	1.1	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,805</i>	<i>2,365</i>	<i>7,175</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.2</i>
Rushcliffe	415	230	645	35	75	1.2	0.7	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, January 2018

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	800	510	1,315	100	70	2.5	1.5	2.0
Bassetlaw	680	465	1,140	35	15	2.1	1.4	1.8
Broxtowe	580	320	900	65	80	1.9	1.0	1.5
Gedling	625	355	980	30	25	2.2	1.2	1.7
Mansfield	890	525	1,415	40	125	2.7	1.6	2.1
Newark	400	290	690	25	10	1.3	0.9	1.1
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,965</i>	<i>805</i>	<i>2,770</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,630</i>	<i>995</i>	<i>2,625</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>4.2</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,215</i>	<i>565</i>	<i>1,780</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Rushcliffe	375	200	575	35	75	1.3	0.7	1.0
Sherwood	645	385	1,030	55	110	2.2	1.3	1.7

Unemployment Rates in Nottinghamshire Wards January 2018



Unemployment %	
0.0 - 0.8	Lightest Gray
0.8 - 1.4	Light Gray
1.4 - 2.1	Medium Gray
2.1 - 2.9	Dark Gray
2.9 - 4.7	Darkest Gray



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