



Employment Bulletin

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.45 million in the three months to January 2018, up 24,000 from the previous three months but down 127,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.3%, unchanged from the previous three months but down 0.4% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.5% in the three months to January 2018, down 0.1% on the quarter and down 0.4% on the year.

There were 411,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to January 2018. This is down 5,000 on the quarter and down by 26,000 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 635 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 15,895.**
- * **Claimant count rates in February (residence based);**
United Kingdom 2.1%
East Midlands 1.7%
Nottinghamshire 2.2%
County 1.7%
City 3.3%
- * **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,450,000 or 4.3% of the workforce.**

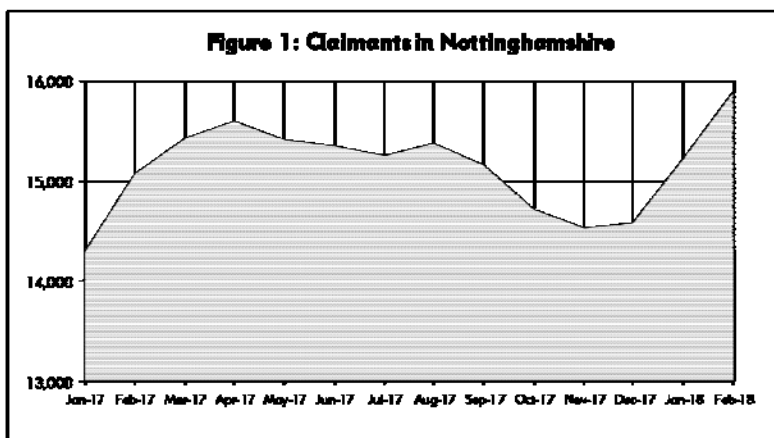
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The long-term

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 9,238 last month to 837,795 and was up 76,141 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 168,000 over the quarter to reach 32.24 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.3%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 175,000 on the quarter to reach 23.71 million. The number of people in part-time



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employment was 8.53 million in the three months to January 2018, down 6,000 on the previous quarter but up 25,000 on the year.

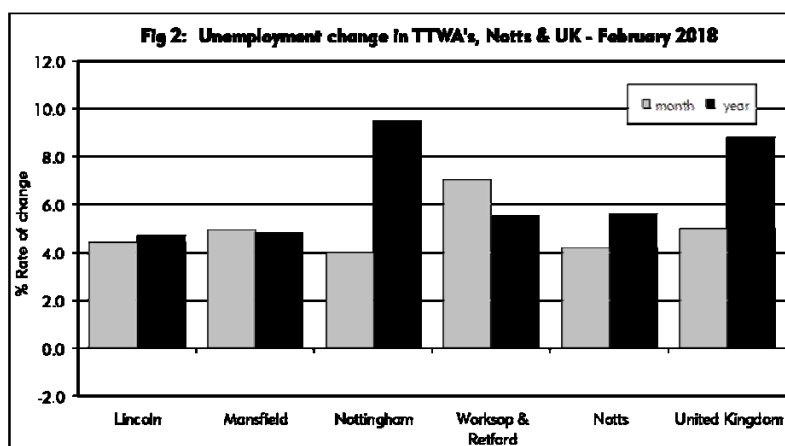
In the three months to January 2018, there were 8.72 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 136,000 from the previous quarter and down 158,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £514 per week in January 2018. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.8%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £482 per week in January 2018. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.6%. Between January 2017 and January 2018 there was a 2.7% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 816,000 job vacancies in the three months to February 2018, up 10,000 from the previous three months and up 56,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.8 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from November 2017 to January 2018, unchanged on the quarter and down by 0.3 on the year.

In the three months to January 2018, 102,000 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 14,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.8 per 1,000 employees, up 0.1 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 41,260 over the month to 870,765. The proportion unemployed calculated on the

residence base now stands at 2.1% of the population aged 16-64.

The number of claimants in Nottinghamshire increased by 635 between January and February 2018. The total of 15,895 is 840 more than it was a year ago (see figure 1).

The proportion unemployed in Nottinghamshire is now 2.2%. This is higher than the East Midlands (1.7%) and the United Kingdom (2.1%).

Between January and February 2018, unemployment increased in all of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Worksop & Retford experienced the largest increase with a rate of change of 7.0%, followed by Mansfield with 4.9%, Lincoln with 4.4% and Nottingham with 4.0%.

Compared with February 2017 all of the four TTWA's in the County have increased

Table 1: Claimant Count, February 2018

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	511,467	326,328	837,795	9,238	76,141	2.5	1.6	2.0
United Kingdom	538,900	331,865	870,765	41,260	70,250	2.6	1.6	2.1
East Midlands	32,350	19,190	51,540	2,895	5,770	2.2	1.3	1.7
Notts County (a)	5,250	3,150	8,400	330	420	2.1	1.3	1.7
Nottm City (b)	5,055	2,440	7,495	305	420	4.4	2.2	3.3
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	10,305	5,590	15,895	635	840	2.8	1.5	2.2

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.

numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Nottingham with a rate of change of 9.5% followed by Worksop & Retford with 5.5% and Mansfield with 4.8% and Lincoln with 4.7%.

Unemployment increased in all of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in Bassetlaw with 7.3%, Rushcliffe with 5.9% and Mansfield with 4.6%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham increased by 305 over the month resulting in a rate of change of

4.3%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -0.7% in Gedling to 12.2% in Rushcliffe. Nottingham City changed by 5.9% over the year.

Unemployment increased in all of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during February. Bassetlaw and Newark recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 7.2% and 5.2% respectively. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by 4.8%, Nottingham North by 4.8% and

Nottingham South by 2.5%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -0.2% in Gedling to 11.5% in Rushcliffe. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of 5.0% in Nottingham East, 6.4% in Nottingham North and 6.8% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,695	1,400	4,100	170	185	2.5	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	2,260	1,395	3,655	170	165	2.4	1.5	1.9
Nottingham	8,490	4,465	12,950	500	1,120	3.1	1.7	2.4
Worksop & Retford	810	560	1,365	90	70	2.2	1.5	1.9

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

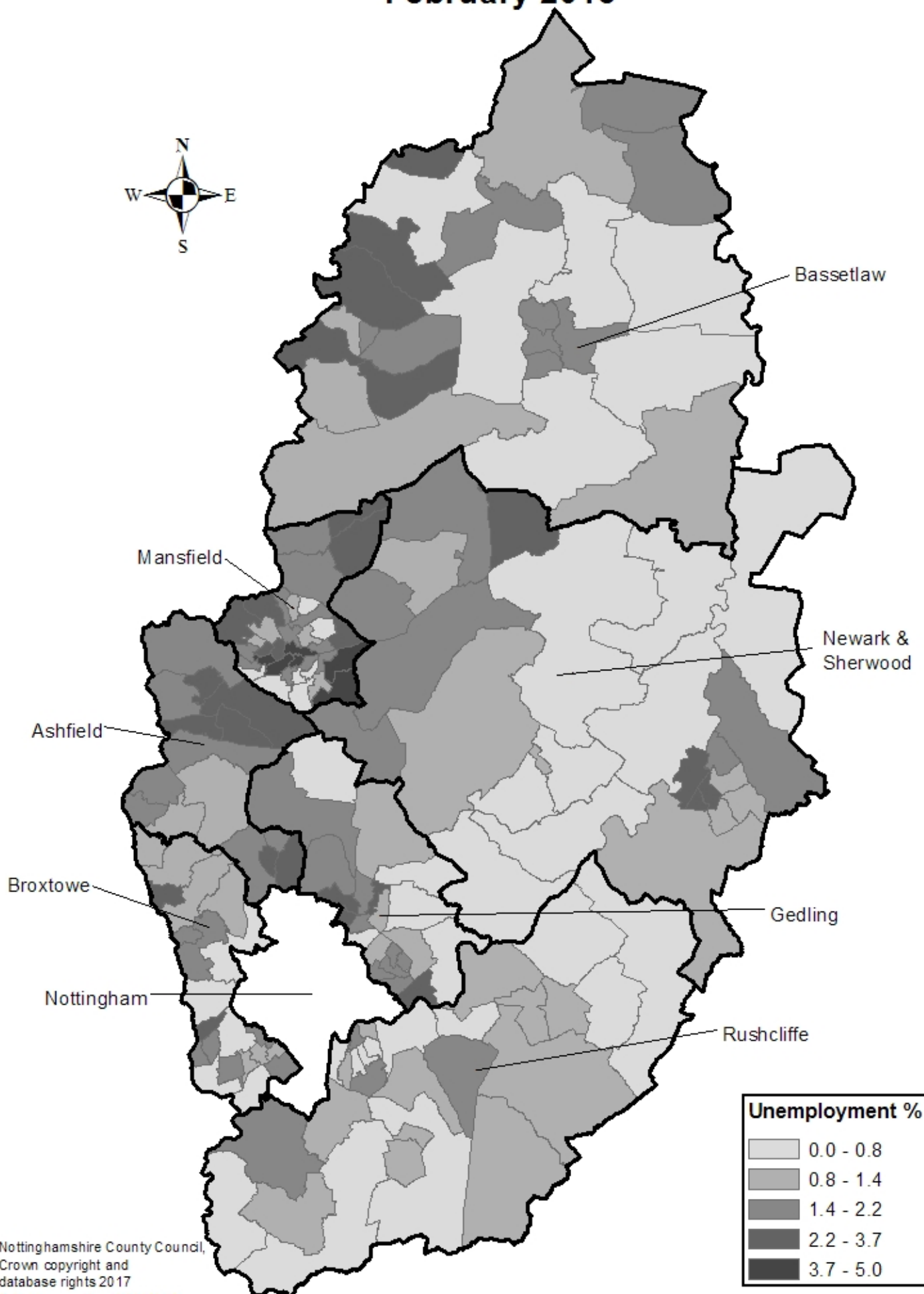
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,060	620	1,680	50	100	2.8	1.6	2.2
Bassetlaw	760	510	1,270	85	85	2.1	1.5	1.8
Broxtowe	705	380	1,090	5	40	2.0	1.1	1.5
Gedling	720	440	1,160	50	-10	2.0	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	955	535	1,495	65	110	2.9	1.6	2.2
Newark & Sherwood	605	425	1,030	35	20	1.7	1.2	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>5,055</i>	<i>2,440</i>	<i>7,495</i>	<i>305</i>	<i>420</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>
Rushcliffe	445	240	680	40	75	1.3	0.7	1.0

*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, February 2018

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	835	525	1,360	45	40	2.6	1.6	2.1
Bassetlaw	735	495	1,230	85	90	2.3	1.5	1.9
Broxtowe	585	310	900	5	25	1.9	1.0	1.5
Gedling	640	385	1,025	45	0	2.2	1.3	1.7
Mansfield	955	535	1,495	65	110	2.9	1.6	2.2
Newark	415	315	730	35	15	1.3	1.0	1.2
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>2,085</i>	<i>820</i>	<i>2,905</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.7</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,730</i>	<i>1,030</i>	<i>2,760</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>4.5</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,245</i>	<i>585</i>	<i>1,830</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Rushcliffe	400	200	600	25	60	1.3	0.7	1.0
Sherwood	680	380	1,060	25	85	2.3	1.2	1.8

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