



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 February 2018, down 16,000 from the previous three months and down 136,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.2%, down 0.1% from the previous three months and down 0.4% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.3% in the three months to February 2018, down 0.4% on the quarter and down 0.6% on the year.

There were 399,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to February 2018. This is down 22,000 on the quarter and down by 31,000 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 150 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 16,110.**
- * **Claimant count rates in March (residence based);**
United Kingdom 2.1%
East Midlands 1.8%
Nottinghamshire 2.2%
County 1.7%
City 3.3%
- * **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,420,000 or 4.2% of the workforce.**

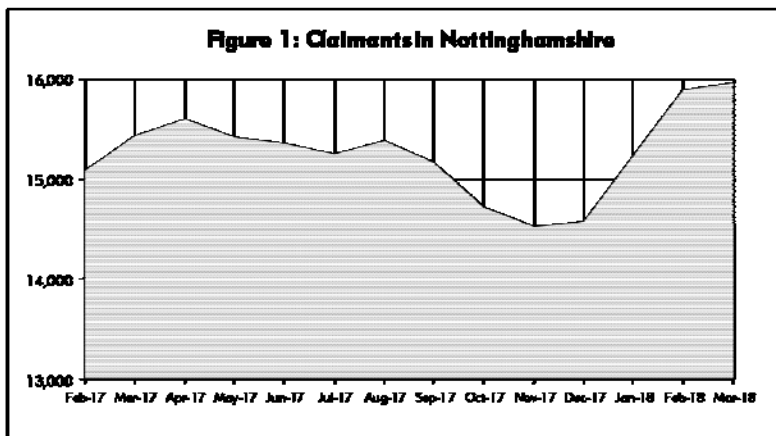
population which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are unemployed. The long-term

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 11,616 last month to 855,268 and was up 73,871 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 55,000 over the quarter to reach 32.26 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.4%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 25,000 on the quarter to reach 23.68 million. The number of people in part-time



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employment was 8.58 million in the three months to February 2018, up 29,000 on the previous quarter and up 146,000 on the year.

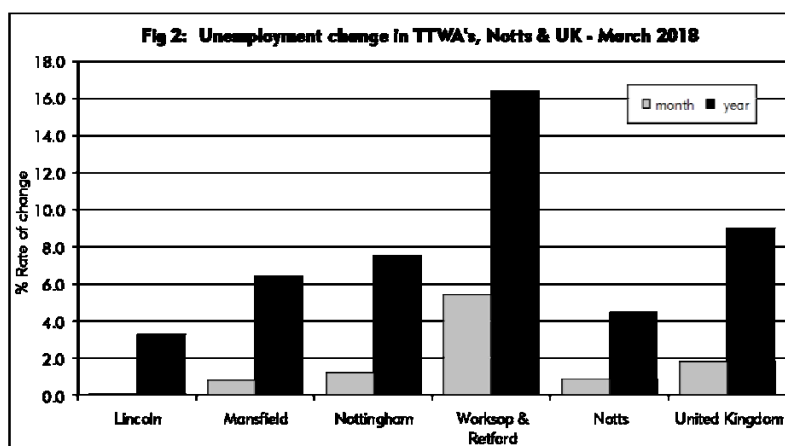
In the three months to February 2018, there were 8.73 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 2,000 from the previous quarter and down 154,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £513 per week in February 2018. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.8%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £483 per week in February 2018. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.8%. Between February 2017 and February 2018 there was a 2.5% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 815,000 job vacancies in the three months to March 2018, unchanged from the previous three months and up 44,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.7 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from December 2017 to February 2018, unchanged on the quarter and down by 0.3 on the year.

In the three months to February 2018, 97,000 people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is



down 12,000 from the previous three months and down 9,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.6 per 1,000 employees, down 0.5 from the previous three months and down 0.4 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 16,090 over the month to 890,525. 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 150 between February and March 2018. The total of 16,110 is 700 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 (1.8%) and the United Kingdom (2.1%).

Between February and March 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 5.4%, followed by Nottingham with 1.2%, Mansfield with 0.8% and Lincoln with 0.1%. Compared with March 2017 all of the four TTWA's in the County have

Table 1: Claimant Count, March 2018

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	523,419	331,849	855,268	11,616	73,871	2.5	1.6	2.1
United Kingdom	551,915	338,605	890,525	16,090	73,205	2.7	1.6	2.1
East Midlands	33,060	19,630	52,690	960	5,555	2.2	1.3	1.8
Notts County (a)	5,320	3,200	8,520	60	480	2.1	1.3	1.7
Nottm City (b)	5,095	2,500	7,590	90	220	4.4	2.3	3.3
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	10,415	5,695	16,110	150	700	2.9	1.6	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.

increased numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Worksop & Retford with a rate of change of 16.4% followed by Nottingham with 7.5% and Mansfield with 6.4% and Lincoln with 3.3%.

Unemployment decreased in four of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest decreases were in Rushcliffe with -2.9%, Newark & Sherwood with -0.7%, Mansfield with 0.4% and Ashfield with 0.4%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham increased

by 90 over the month resulting in a rate of change of 1.2%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -0.3% in Broxtowe to 18.2% in Bassetlaw. Nottingham City changed by 3.0% over the year.

Unemployment increased in four of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during March. Bassetlaw and Newark recorded the largest increases, experiencing rates of change of 5.7% and 1.8% respectively.

Over the month Nottingham East has changed by 0.2%,

Nottingham North by 2.4% and Nottingham South by 0.9%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -1.4% in Broxtowe to 18.3% in Bassetlaw. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -0.4% in Nottingham East, 5.4% in Nottingham North and 5.0% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,690	1,410	4,100	5	130	2.5	1.3	1.8
Mansfield	2,325	1,390	3,715	30	225	2.5	1.5	2.0
Nottingham	8,580	4,575	13,155	155	915	3.1	1.7	2.4
Worksop & Retford	860	605	1,465	75	205	2.3	1.7	2.0

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

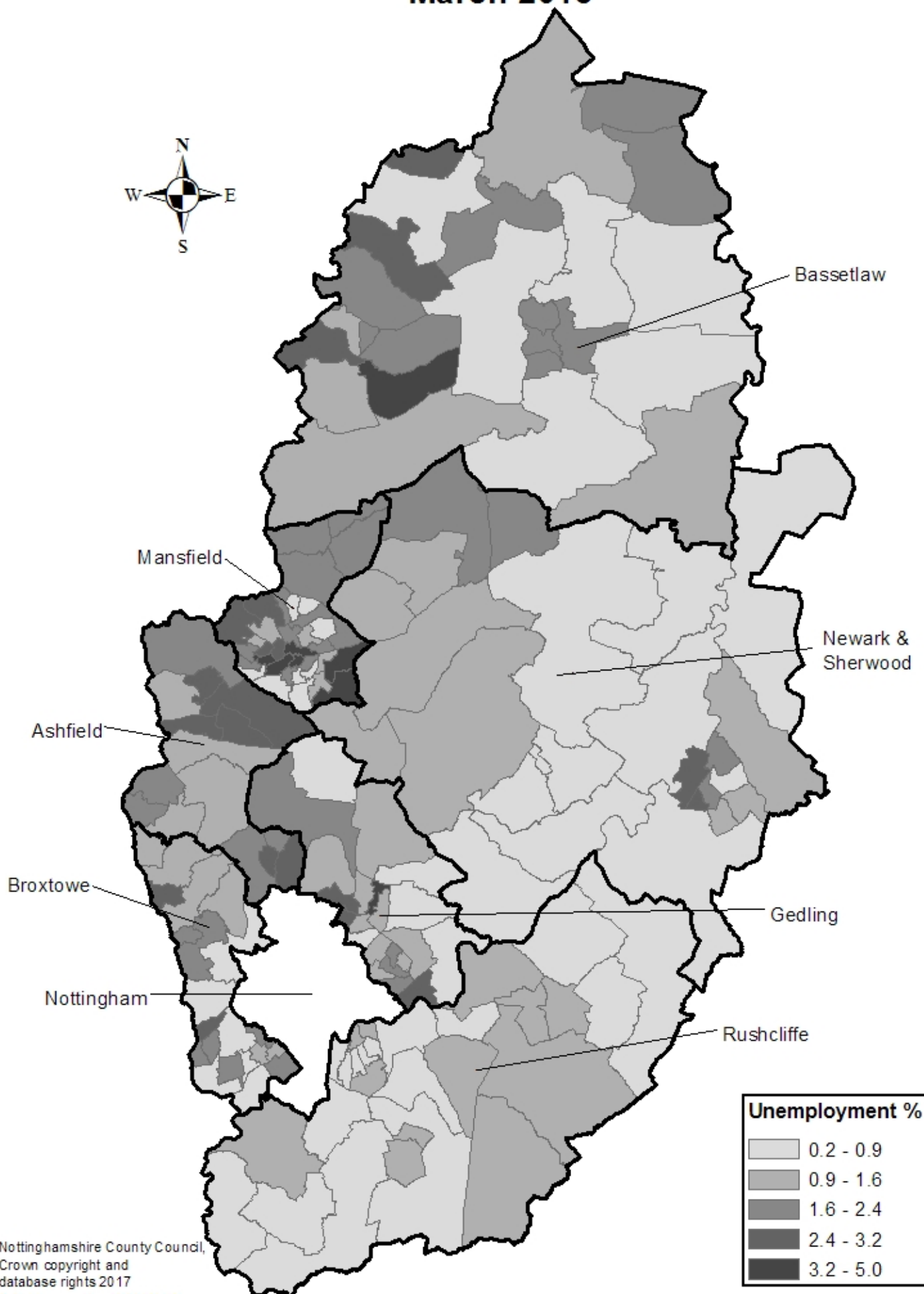
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	1,075	610	1,685	-5	100	2.8	1.6	2.2
Bassetlaw	805	560	1,365	75	210	2.3	1.6	1.9
Broxtowe	690	400	1,090	5	-5	2.0	1.1	1.6
Gedling	755	430	1,185	20	15	2.2	1.2	1.7
Mansfield	965	545	1,505	-5	115	2.9	1.6	2.2
Newark & Sherwood	600	420	1,020	-5	10	1.7	1.2	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>5,095</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>7,590</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>4.4</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>3.3</i>
Rushcliffe	425	240	665	-20	35	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, March 2018

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	865	520	1,385	20	75	2.7	1.6	2.1
Bassetlaw	785	540	1,325	70	205	2.4	1.7	2.0
Broxtowe	565	325	890	-5	-15	1.8	1.1	1.5
Gedling	680	375	1,055	20	25	2.4	1.2	1.8
Mansfield	965	545	1,505	-5	115	2.9	1.6	2.2
Newark	415	325	740	15	10	1.3	1.1	1.2
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>2,075</i>	<i>830</i>	<i>2,905</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>-15</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.7</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,760</i>	<i>1,075</i>	<i>2,835</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>6.0</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>4.6</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,260</i>	<i>590</i>	<i>1,850</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.1</i>
Rushcliffe	380	200	580	-25	20	1.3	0.7	1.0
Sherwood	670	370	1,040	-25	45	2.3	1.2	1.7

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