



Employment Bulletin

A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.36 million in the three months to July 2018, down 55,000 from the previous three months and down 95,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.0%, down 0.2% from the previous three months and down 0.3% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.0% in the three months to July 2018, down 0.3% on the quarter and down 0.6% on the year. There were 388,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to July 2018. This is down 16,000 on the quarter and down 35,000 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 population

Key Facts

- * **Claimant count in Nottinghamshire decreases by 80 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 14,955.**
- * **Claimant count rates in August (residence based);**
United Kingdom 2.2%
East Midlands 1.8%
Nottinghamshire 2.0%
County 1.6%
City 3.0%
- * **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,360,000 or 4.0% of the workforce.**

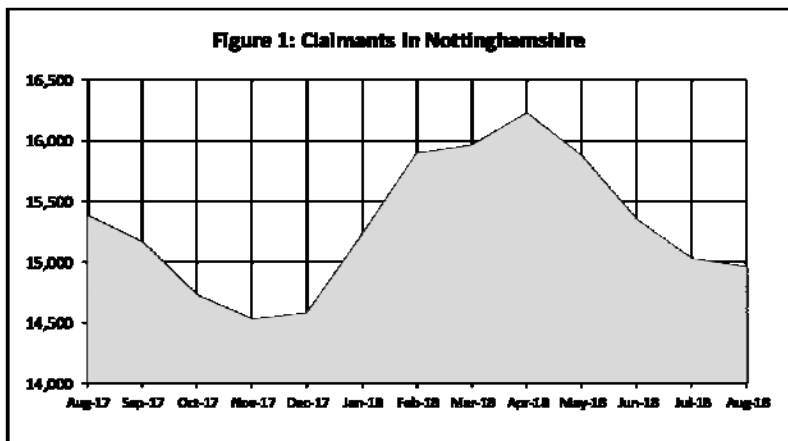
which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 8,681 last month to 918,817 and was up 118,529 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 3,000 over the quarter to reach 32.39 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.5%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 100,000 on the quarter to reach 23.86 million. The number of people in part-time



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employment was 8.54 million in the three months to July 2018, down 98,000 on the previous quarter but up 2,000 on the year.

In the three months to July 2018, there were 8.76 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, up 108,000 from the previous quarter and up 16,000 from a year earlier.

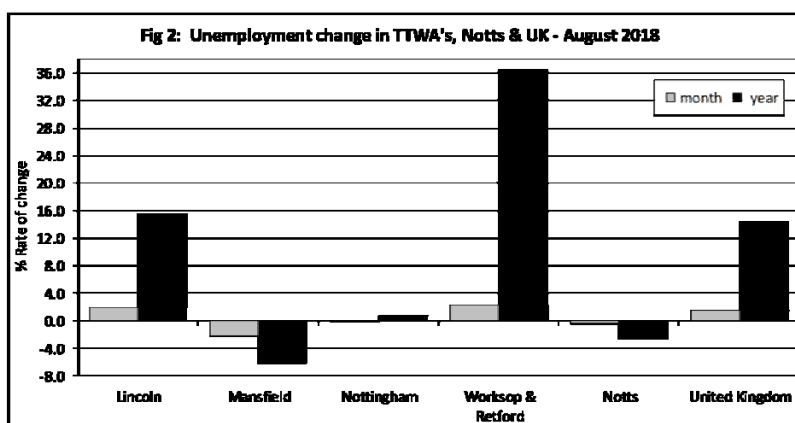
Average total pay (including bonuses) was £520 per week in July 2018. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.6%.

Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £489 per week in July 2018. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 2.9%. Between July 2017 and July 2018 there was a 2.3% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 833,000 job vacancies in the three months to August 2018, up 14,000 from the previous three months and up 44,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.6 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from May to July 2018, down by 0.1 on the quarter and down by 0.2 on the year.

In the three months to July 2018, 87,000 people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is down 20,000 from the previous three months and down 24,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.2 per



1,000 employees, down 0.8 from the previous three months and down 0.9 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 12,845 over the month to 919,000. The proportion unemployed calculated on the residence base now stands at 2.2% of the population aged 16-64.

The number of claimants

in Nottinghamshire decreased by 80 between July and August 2018. The total of 14,955 is 415 less 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 (1.8%) but below the United Kingdom (2.2%).

Between July and August 2018, unemployment decreased in two of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Mansfield experienced the largest decrease with a rate of change of -2.3%, followed by Nottingham with -0.2%. Worksop & Retford increased by 2.3% over the month and Lincoln by 1.9%.

Compared with August 2017 three of the four TTWA's in the County have increased numbers of claimants. The largest change has been in Worksop & Retford with a rate of change of 36.4% followed by Lincoln with 15.5% and Nottingham with 0.7%.

Table 1: Claimant Count, August 2018

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	556,469	362,348	918,817	8,681	118,529	2.7	1.7	2.2
United Kingdom	550,425	368,575	919,000	12,845	116,730	2.7	1.8	2.2
East Midlands	31,570	20,805	52,375	510	5,410	2.1	1.4	1.8
Notts County (a)	4,845	3,200	8,045	0	-75	1.9	1.3	1.6
Nottm City (b)	4,500	2,410	6,910	-80	-345	3.8	2.2	3.0
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,345	5,610	14,955	-80	-415	2.5	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.

Mansfield experienced a change of -6.2% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in four of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest decreases were in Ashfield and Rushcliffe both with -2.7%, followed by Mansfield with -1.0% and Broxtowe with -0.9%. Unemployment in Bassetlaw increased by 3.1% over the month and Newark & Sherwood increased by 0.5%.

Unemployment in the City

of Nottingham decreased by 80 over the month resulting in a rate of change of -1.1%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -15.3% in Rushcliffe to 38.7% in Bassetlaw. Nottingham City changed by -4.7% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in five of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during August. Rushcliffe recorded the largest decrease, experiencing a rate of change of

-3.3%, and Newark the largest increase with 4.2%. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by -1.7%, Nottingham North by -0.4% and Nottingham South by -1.3%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -15.7% in Rushcliffe to 38.6% in Bassetlaw. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -5.8% in Nottingham East, -3.7% in Nottingham North and -4.7% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	2,810	1,710	4,515	85	605	2.6	1.5	2.0
Mansfield	1,975	1,310	3,285	-75	-215	2.1	1.4	1.7
Nottingham	7,755	4,515	12,270	-30	85	2.8	1.7	2.3
Worksop & Retford	955	750	1,705	40	455	2.6	2.1	2.3

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

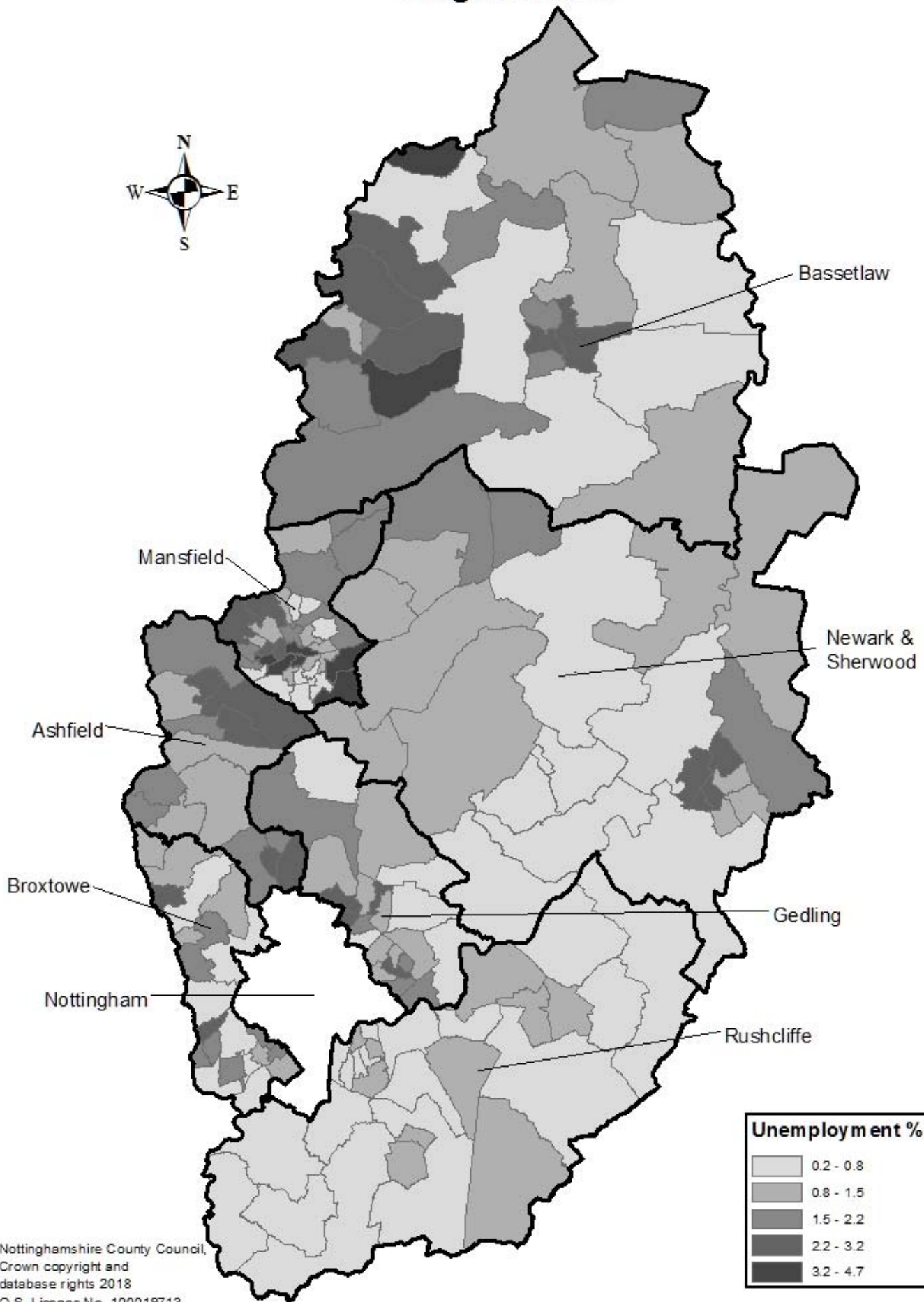
District	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	930	595	1,525	-40	-75	2.4	1.5	1.9
Bassetlaw	890	680	1,565	45	435	2.5	1.9	2.2
Broxtowe	640	375	1,010	-10	-80	1.8	1.1	1.4
Gedling	645	445	1,090	25	-70	1.8	1.2	1.5
Mansfield	805	480	1,285	-15	-175	2.4	1.4	1.9
Newark & Sherwood	590	430	1,020	5	-10	1.6	1.2	1.4
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>2,410</i>	<i>6,910</i>	<i>-80</i>	<i>-345</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>
Rushcliffe	345	200	545	-15	-100	1.0	0.6	0.8

*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, August 2018

Constituency	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	750	510	1,255	-40	-25	2.3	1.5	1.9
Bassetlaw	860	655	1,515	45	420	2.6	2.0	2.3
Broxtowe	520	295	815	-15	-105	1.7	1.0	1.3
Gedling	585	390	975	25	-50	2.0	1.3	1.7
Mansfield	805	480	1,285	-15	-175	2.4	1.4	1.9
Newark	455	345	800	30	60	1.4	1.1	1.3
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,845</i>	<i>825</i>	<i>2,670</i>	<i>-45</i>	<i>-165</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>3.4</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,545</i>	<i>1,065</i>	<i>2,610</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>3.3</i>	<i>4.2</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>1,110</i>	<i>520</i>	<i>1,630</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>-80</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.9</i>
Rushcliffe	300	170	470	-15	-90	1.0	0.6	0.8
Sherwood	575	355	925	-20	-110	1.9	1.1	1.5

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