



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 August 2018, down 47,000 from the previous three months and down 79,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.0%, down 0.1% from the previous three months and down 0.3% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 9.6% in the three months to August 2018, down 1.0% on the quarter and down 1.2% on the year. There were 371,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to August 2018. This is down 42,000 on the quarter and down 54,000 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 155 over the month.**
- * **Jobless total now 14,800.**
- * **Claimant count rates in September (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.**

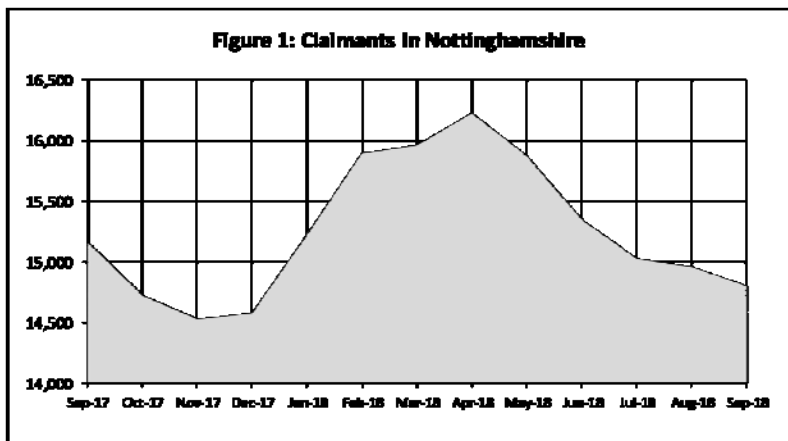
which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 18,536 last month to 942,883 and was up 138,269 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over decreased by 5,000 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 39,000 on the quarter to reach 23.89 million. The number of people in part-time employment



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was 8.49 million in the three months to August 2018, down 39,000 on the previous quarter and down 48,000 on the year.

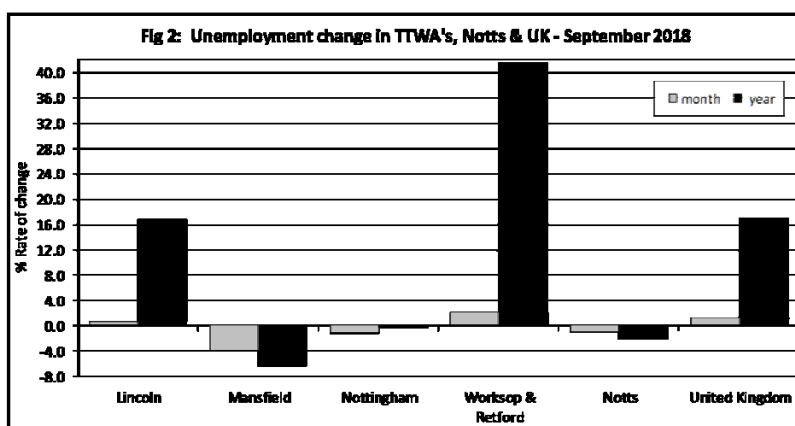
In the three months to August 2018, there were 8.75 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, up 103,000 from the previous quarter but down 65,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £523 per week in August 2018. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 2.7%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £492 per week in August 2018. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 3.1%. Between August 2017 and August 2018 there was a 2.4% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 832,000 job vacancies in the three months to September 2018, up 3,000 from the previous three months and up 35,000 from a year earlier.

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

In the three months to August 2018, 89,000 people became redundant in the three months prior to their Labour Force Survey interview. This is down 6,000 from the previous three months and down 18,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.3



per 1,000 employees, down 0.2 from the previous three months and down 0.7 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 10,760 over the month to 931,050. 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

155 between August and September 2018. The total of 14,800 is 325 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 August and September 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 -3.9%, followed by Nottingham with -1.1%. Worksop & Retford increased by 2.2% over the month and Lincoln by 0.6%.

Compared with September 2017 two 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 41.7% followed by Lincoln with 16.8%. Mansfield experienced a change of -6.3% over the year and Nottingham -

Table 1: Claimant Count, September 2018

| Area | No. of Claimants | | | Change over | | Claimant Count Rate | | |
|------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Month | Year | Male | Female | Total |
| UK seasonally adjusted | 568,612 | 374,271 | 942,883 | 18,536 | 138,269 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| United Kingdom | 554,425 | 376,625 | 931,050 | 10,760 | 135,585 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| East Midlands | 31,545 | 21,190 | 52,730 | 235 | 5,920 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Notts County (a) | 4,810 | 3,170 | 7,980 | -75 | 5 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Nottm City (b) | 4,405 | 2,415 | 6,820 | -80 | -330 | 3.7 | 2.2 | 3.0 |
| Nottinghamshire (a+b) | 9,215 | 5,585 | 14,800 | -155 | -325 | 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.

0.3%.

Unemployment decreased in five of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest decreases were in Mansfield with -5.3%, followed by Ashfield and Newark & Sherwood both with -1.6% and Broxtowe with -1.2%. Unemployment in Bassetlaw increased by 2.3% over the month and Gedling increased by 1.1%.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham decreased by 80

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 -15.2% in Rushcliffe to 42.1% in Bassetlaw. Nottingham City changed by -4.6% over the year.

Unemployment decreased in five of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during September. Sherwood recorded the largest decrease, experiencing a rate of change of -5.6%, and Newark the largest

increase with 4.8%. Over the month Nottingham East has changed by -1.1%, Nottingham North by -0.4% and Nottingham South by -2.5%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -17.5% in Rushcliffe to 41.6% in Bassetlaw. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -5.5% in Nottingham East, -2.0% in Nottingham North and -7.2% in Nottingham South.

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

| Travel To Work Area | No.of Claimants | | | Change over | | Claimant Count Rate | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------------|------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Month | Year | Male | Female | Total |
| Lincoln | 2,800 | 1,740 | 4,540 | 30 | 655 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| Mansfield | 1,885 | 1,295 | 3,175 | -130 | -215 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Nottingham | 7,615 | 4,500 | 12,120 | -140 | -40 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Worksop & Retford | 1,005 | 735 | 1,740 | 35 | 515 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.4 |

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

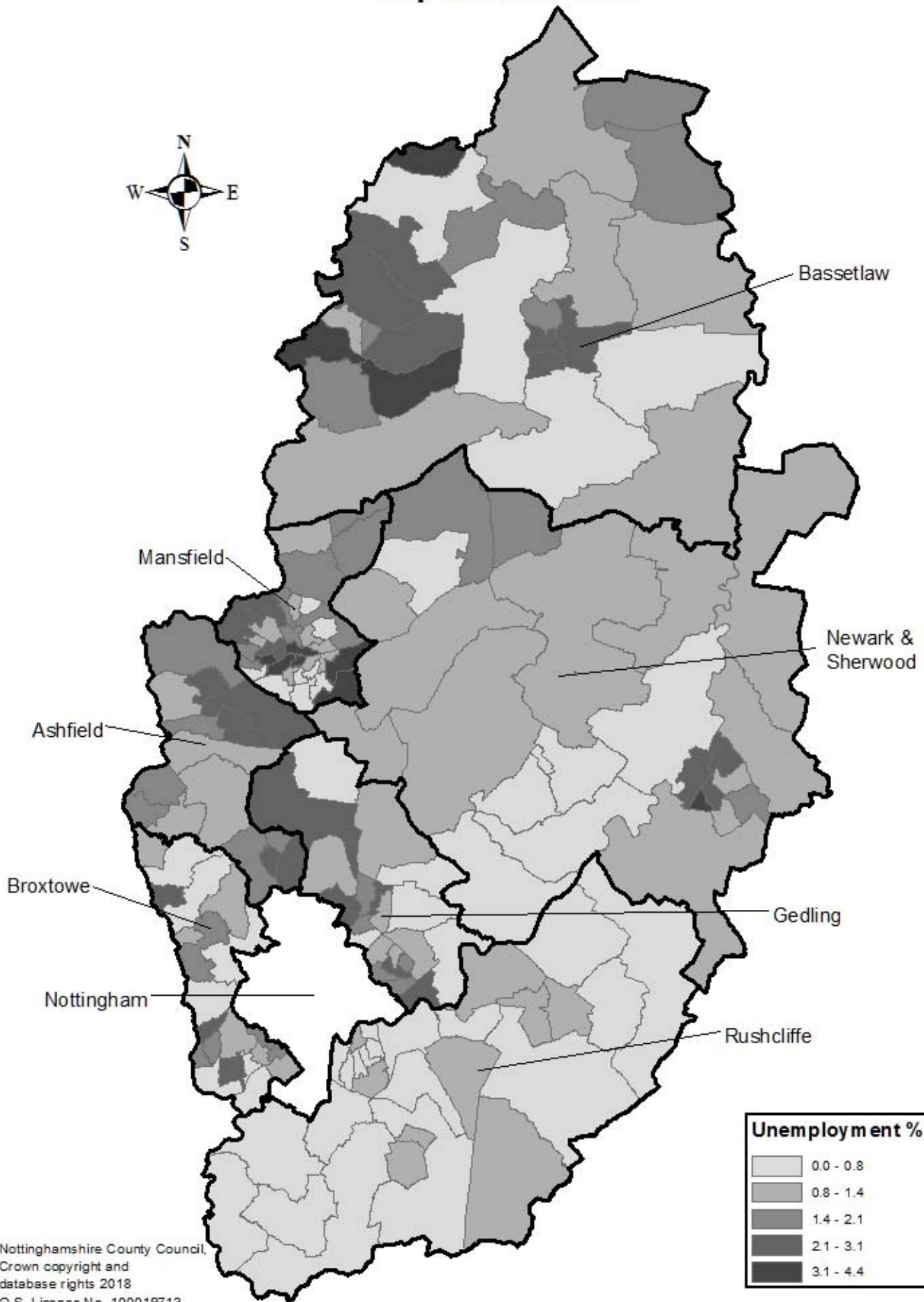
| District | No.of Claimants | | | Change over | | Claimant Count Rate | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Month | Year | Male | Female | Total |
| Ashfield | 905 | 595 | 1,500 | -25 | -45 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| Bassetlaw | 930 | 670 | 1,600 | 35 | 475 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Broxtowe | 640 | 365 | 1,005 | -10 | -85 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| Gedling | 655 | 445 | 1,100 | 10 | -40 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| Mansfield | 755 | 470 | 1,225 | -70 | -195 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Newark & Sherwood | 580 | 430 | 1,010 | -15 | 5 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| <i>Nottingham**</i> | <i>4,405</i> | <i>2,415</i> | <i>6,820</i> | <i>-80</i> | <i>-330</i> | <i>3.7</i> | <i>2.2</i> | <i>3.0</i> |
| Rushcliffe | 350 | 195 | 540 | 0 | -105 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 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, September 2018

| Constituency | No.of Claimants | | | Change over | | Claimant Count Rate | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Month | Year | Male | Female | Total |
| Ashfield | 725 | 510 | 1,235 | -30 | 5 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| Bassetlaw | 900 | 650 | 1,545 | 35 | 455 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| Broxtowe | 515 | 295 | 815 | 0 | -100 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| Gedling | 585 | 395 | 980 | 10 | -30 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| Mansfield | 755 | 470 | 1,225 | -70 | -195 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| Newark | 475 | 370 | 845 | 40 | 115 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| <i>Nottingham East</i> | <i>1,810</i> | <i>820</i> | <i>2,630</i> | <i>-30</i> | <i>-150</i> | <i>4.5</i> | <i>2.2</i> | <i>3.4</i> |
| <i>Nottingham North</i> | <i>1,525</i> | <i>1,080</i> | <i>2,605</i> | <i>-10</i> | <i>-55</i> | <i>5.2</i> | <i>3.3</i> | <i>4.2</i> |
| <i>Nottingham South</i> | <i>1,070</i> | <i>515</i> | <i>1,585</i> | <i>-40</i> | <i>-125</i> | <i>2.3</i> | <i>1.3</i> | <i>1.8</i> |
| Rushcliffe | 300 | 165 | 470 | -5 | -100 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Sherwood | 550 | 315 | 870 | -50 | -145 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 |

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