



# Employment Bulletin

## A Monthly Analysis of Employment, Unemployment and Jobs

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### December 2018

Unemployment according to the Government's preferred measure was 1.37 million in the three months to November 2018, up 8,000 from the previous three months but down 68,000 from the same period a year ago. The unemployment rate was 4.0%, unchanged from the previous three months but down 0.2% from a year earlier.

The unemployment rate for 18-24 year olds was 10.3% in the three months to November 2018, up 0.7% on the quarter but down 0.4% on the year. There were 408,000 unemployed young people aged from 18 to 24 in the quarter to November 2018. This is up 37,000 on the quarter but down 13,000 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 increases by 195 over the month.**
- \* **Jobless total now 14,865.**
- \* **Claimant count rates in December (residence based);**  
**United Kingdom 2.4%**  
**East Midlands 1.9%**  
**Nottinghamshire 2.0%**  
**County 1.7%**  
**City 2.8%**
- \* **LFS Unemployment in the United Kingdom 1,370,000 or 4.0% of the workforce.**

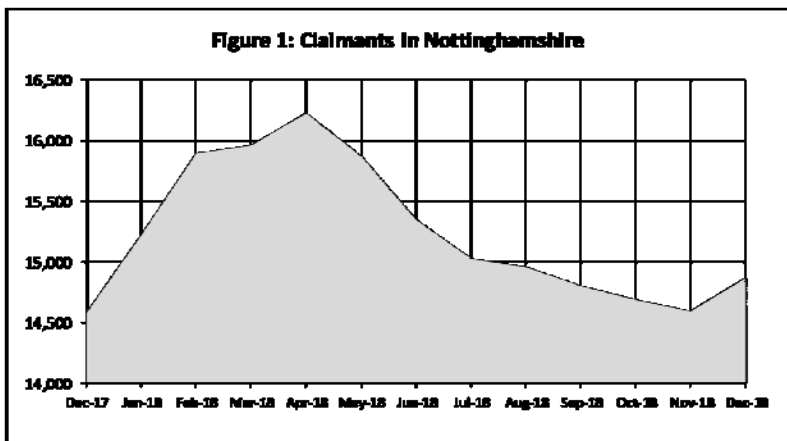
which excludes those not seeking or available for work. Unemployment rates are not the proportion of the total population who are unemployed. They are the proportion of the economically active population (those in work plus those seeking and available to work) who are

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 20,760 last month to 1,016,289 and was up 180,617 over the year.

The number of people in employment aged 16 and over increased by 141,000 over the quarter to reach 32.53 million. The employment rate for those aged 16 to 64 is now 75.8%.

The number of people in full-time employment increased by 126,000 on the quarter to reach 24.02 million. The number of people in part-time



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employment was 8.51 million in the three months to November 2018, up 15,000 on the previous quarter but down 39,000 on the year.

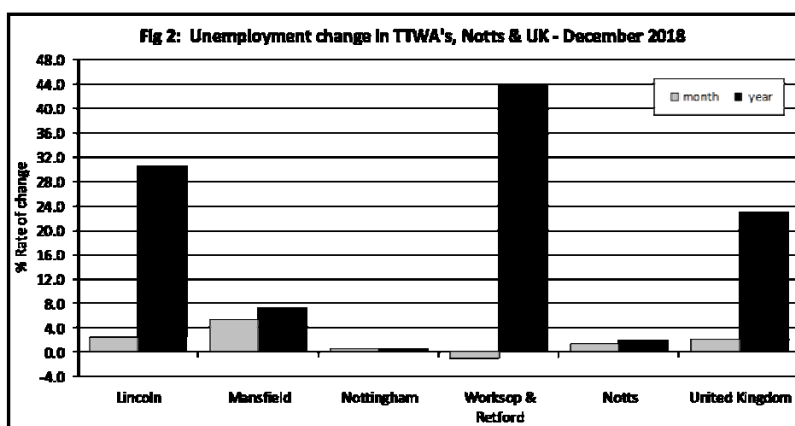
In the three months to November 2018, there were 8.65 million economically inactive people aged from 16 to 64, down 100,000 from the previous quarter and down 86,000 from a year earlier.

Average total pay (including bonuses) was £527 per week in November 2018. Over the year total pay for employees in Great Britain increased by 3.4%. Average regular pay (excluding bonuses) was £494 per week in November 2018. Over the year regular pay for employees in Great Britain rose by 3.3%. Between November 2017 and November 2018 there was a 2.2% increase in the Consumer Prices Index.

There were 853,000 job vacancies in the three months to December 2018, up 10,000 from the previous three months and up 39,000 from a year earlier.

There were 1.6 unemployed people per vacancy in the period from September to November 2018, unchanged on the quarter but down by 0.2 on the year.

In the three months to November 2018, 91,000 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 19,000 on the year. The redundancy rate was 3.3 per 1,000



employees, up 0.1 from the previous three months but 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 19,510 over the month to 985,510. The proportion unemployed calculated on the residence base now stands at 2.4% of the population aged 16-64.

The number of claimants in Nottinghamshire increased by

195 between November and December 2018. The total of 14,865 is 270 more 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 (1.9%) but below the United Kingdom (2.4%).

Between October and November 2018, unemployment increased in three of the four Travel To Work Areas in the County (figure 2). Mansfield had the largest rate of change with 5.3% followed by Lincoln with 2.4% and Nottingham with 0.5%. Worksop & Retford had fewer claimants and experienced a change of -1.1% over the month.

Compared with December 2017 all 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 43.7% followed by Lincoln with 30.6%, Mansfield with 7.3% and Nottingham with

**Table 1: Claimant Count, December 2018**

Area	No. of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
UK seasonally adjusted	605,178	411,111	1,016,289	20,760	180,617	2.9	2.0	2.4
United Kingdom	585,400	400,110	985,510	19,510	184,440	2.8	1.9	2.4
East Midlands	33,450	22,955	56,405	1,465	9,925	2.3	1.5	1.9
Notts County (a)	5,105	3,335	8,440	200	775	2.0	1.3	1.7
Nottm City (b)	4,185	2,240	6,425	-5	-505	3.6	2.0	2.8
Nottinghamshire (a+b)	9,290	5,575	14,865	195	270	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.

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Unemployment increased in five of the seven Local Authority Districts in the County over the month. The largest increases were in Mansfield with 8.0%, followed by Rushcliffe with 7.2%, Newark & Sherwood with 5.9%, Gedling with 1.5% and Broxtowe with 0.7%. The largest reduction in unemployment was in Ashfield which changed by -1.5% over the month.

Unemployment in the City of Nottingham decreased by 5 over the month resulting in a rate

of change of -0.1%.

The rates of change have varied throughout the County over the year, from -9.8% in Rushcliffe to 41.9% in Bassetlaw. Nottingham City changed by -7.3% over the year.

Unemployment increased in six of the eight Parliamentary Constituencies in the County during December. Rushcliffe recorded the largest increase, experiencing a rate of change of 9.0%, and Bassetlaw the largest decrease with -0.9%. Over the month Nottingham East has

changed by -0.2%, Nottingham North by 1.2% and Nottingham South by -2.0%.

Over the year the rates of change range from -11.0% in Rushcliffe to 41.7% in Bassetlaw. The three Nottingham Constituencies have rates of change of -8.1% in Nottingham East, -1.4% in Nottingham North and -14.7% in Nottingham South.

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

Travel To Work Area	No.of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Lincoln	3,025	1,890	4,920	115	1,150	2.7	1.7	2.2
Mansfield	2,095	1,425	3,520	175	240	2.2	1.5	1.8
Nottingham	7,545	4,410	11,955	60	60	2.7	1.6	2.2
Worksop & Retford	1,060	715	1,775	-20	540	2.9	2.0	2.4

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

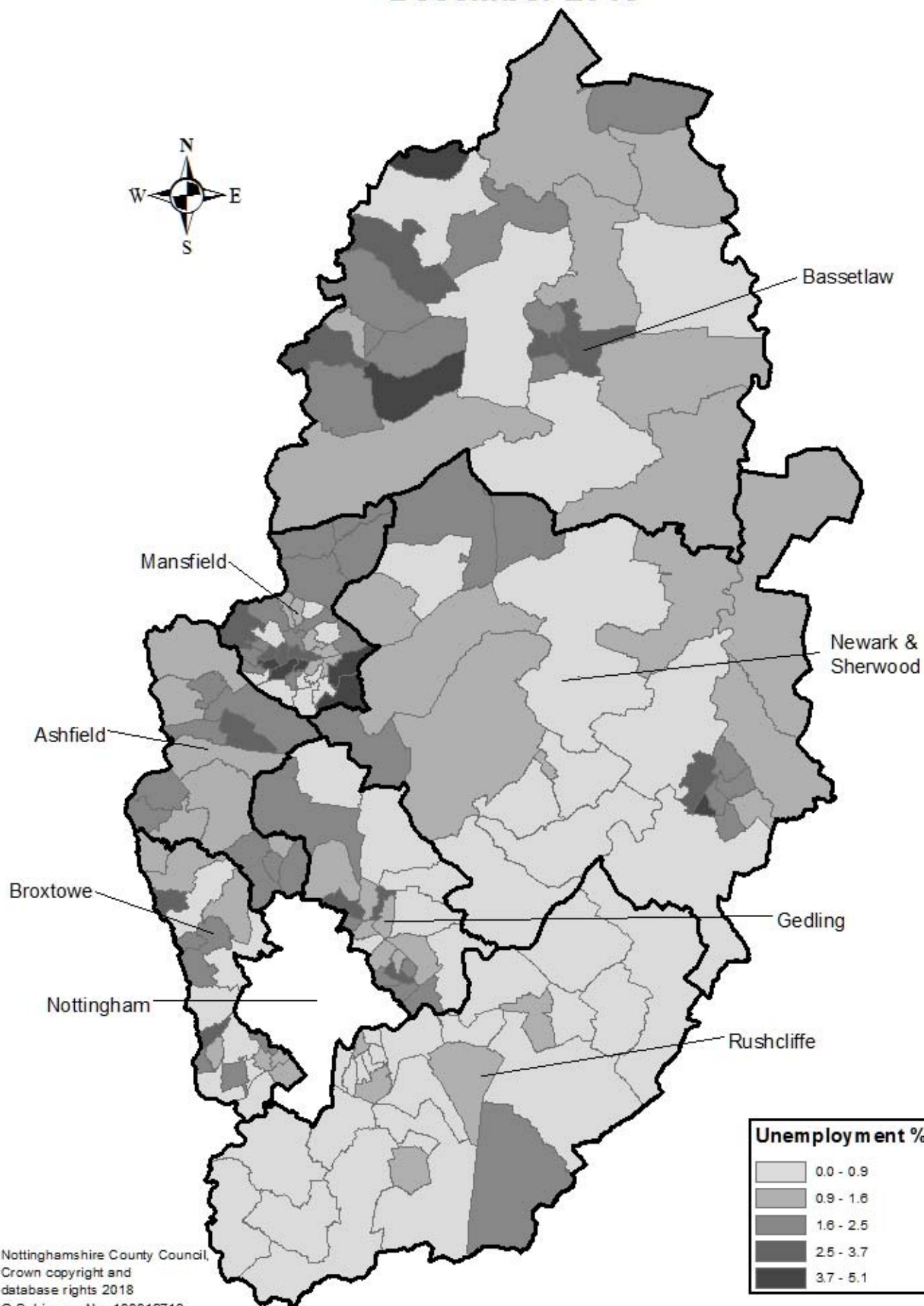
District	No.of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	920	575	1,495	-25	-5	2.4	1.4	1.9
Bassetlaw	975	650	1,625	-10	480	2.7	1.9	2.3
Broxtowe	660	400	1,060	5	40	1.9	1.1	1.5
Gedling	680	450	1,130	15	55	1.9	1.2	1.6
Mansfield	860	580	1,440	105	65	2.6	1.7	2.1
Newark & Sherwood	655	480	1,135	65	200	1.8	1.3	1.6
<i>Nottingham**</i>	<i>4,185</i>	<i>2,240</i>	<i>6,425</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>-505</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Rushcliffe	355	200	555	35	-60	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, December 2018**

Constituency	No.of Claimants			Change over		Claimant Count Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Month	Year	Male	Female	Total
Ashfield	790	530	1,315	5	105	2.4	1.6	2.0
Bassetlaw	945	625	1,570	-15	460	2.9	1.9	2.4
Broxtowe	510	300	810	0	-20	1.7	1.0	1.3
Gedling	605	390	995	10	40	2.1	1.3	1.7
Mansfield	860	580	1,440	105	65	2.6	1.7	2.1
Newark	510	385	895	30	230	1.6	1.2	1.4
<i>Nottingham East</i>	<i>1,700</i>	<i>760</i>	<i>2,460</i>	<i>-5</i>	<i>-215</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.1</i>
<i>Nottingham North</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>1,010</i>	<i>2,510</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>-35</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>4.0</i>
<i>Nottingham South</i>	<i>985</i>	<i>470</i>	<i>1,455</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>-250</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>
Rushcliffe	310	170	485	40	-60	1.1	0.6	0.8
Sherwood	570	355	925	25	-50	1.9	1.1	1.5

# Unemployment Rates in Nottinghamshire Wards December 2018





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