



# City of York Council

## Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Claimants

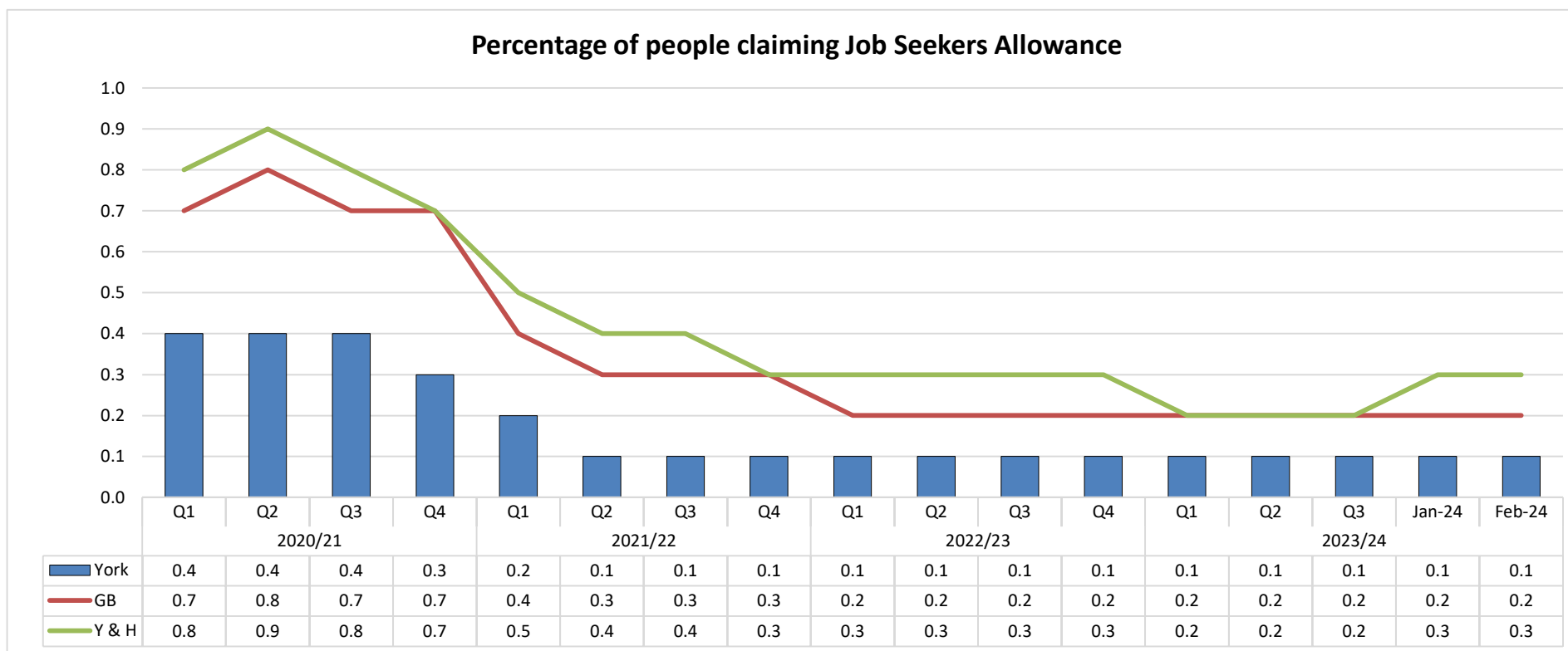
February 2024

# Job Seekers Allowance

February 2024

**York overall picture:**

- The JSA claimant count for York in February 2024 is 170.
- In March 2020 the figure was 185, which is a decrease of 8.1%.
- This represents 0.1% of the working age population.
- The region stands at 0.3% and GB at 0.2%.
- The highest JSA claimant count in York in the past 10 years (from February 2014) is from February 2014 with a figure of 2,225 or 1.7% of the working age population.

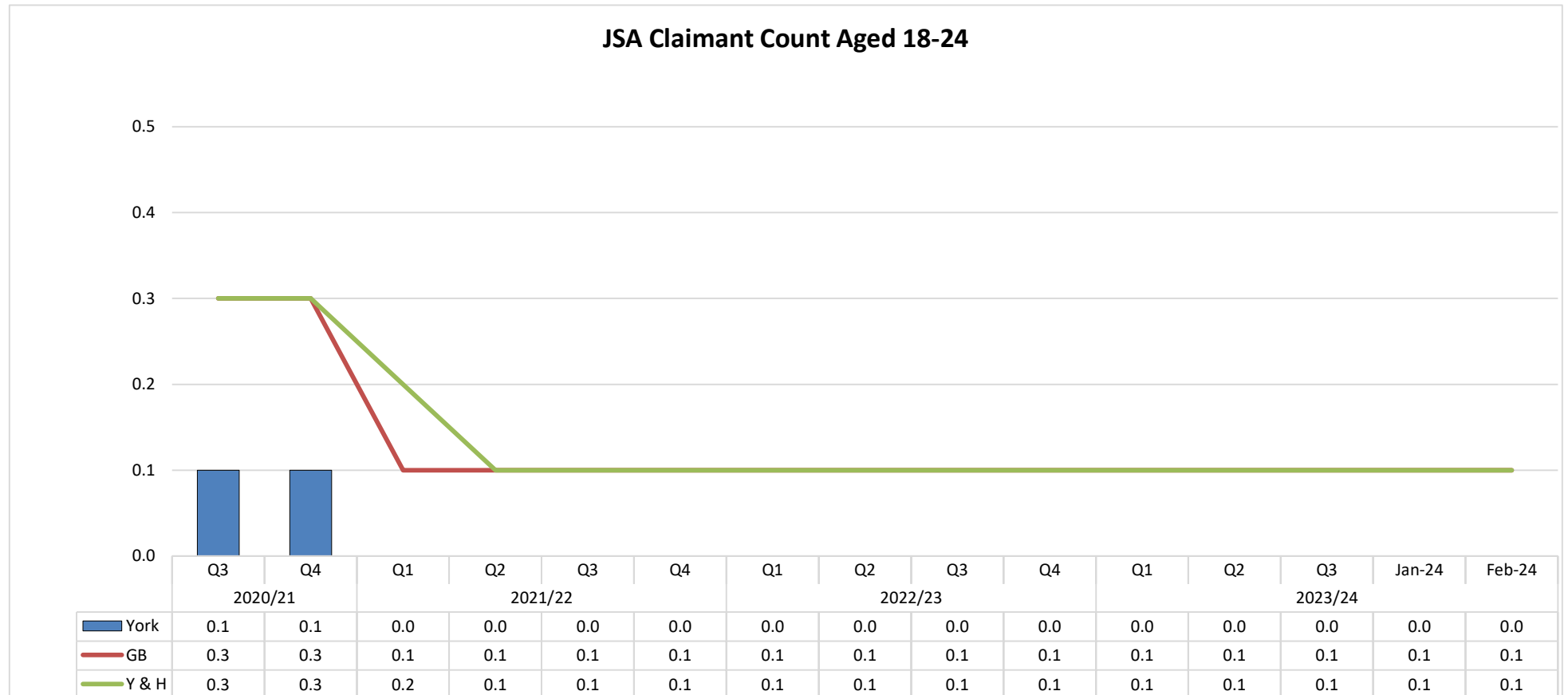


Source: [nomis](https://www.nomis.gov.uk) - official labour market statistics (ONS)

## Job Seekers Allowance

### JSA Claimants 18 - 24 years old

- In February 2024 the total number of claimants (18-24) stood at 15, an increase of 10 from March 2020.
- This represents 0.0% of the working age population.
- The region stands at 0.1% and GB at 0.1%.

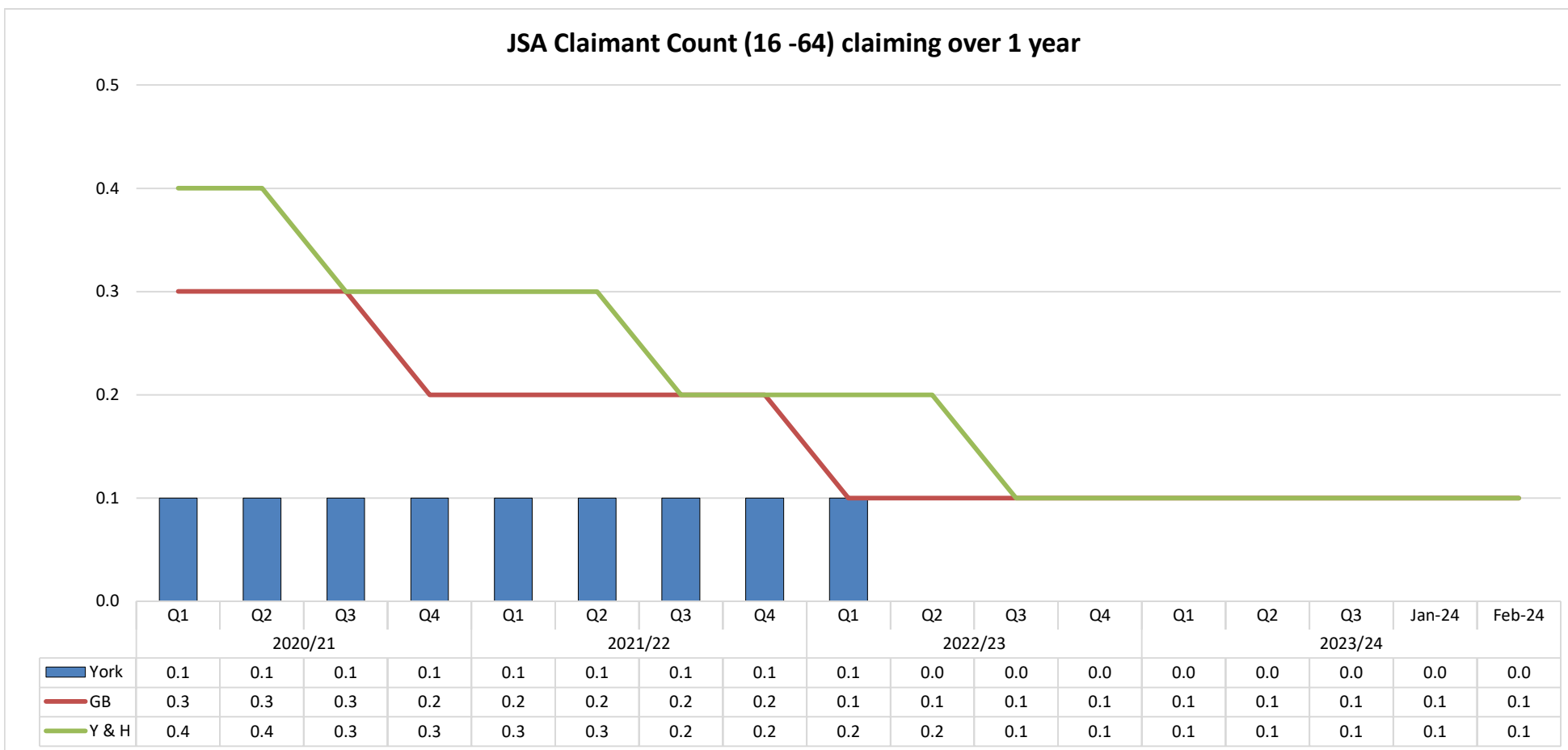


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## Job Seekers Allowance

### JSA Claimants out of work for over one year

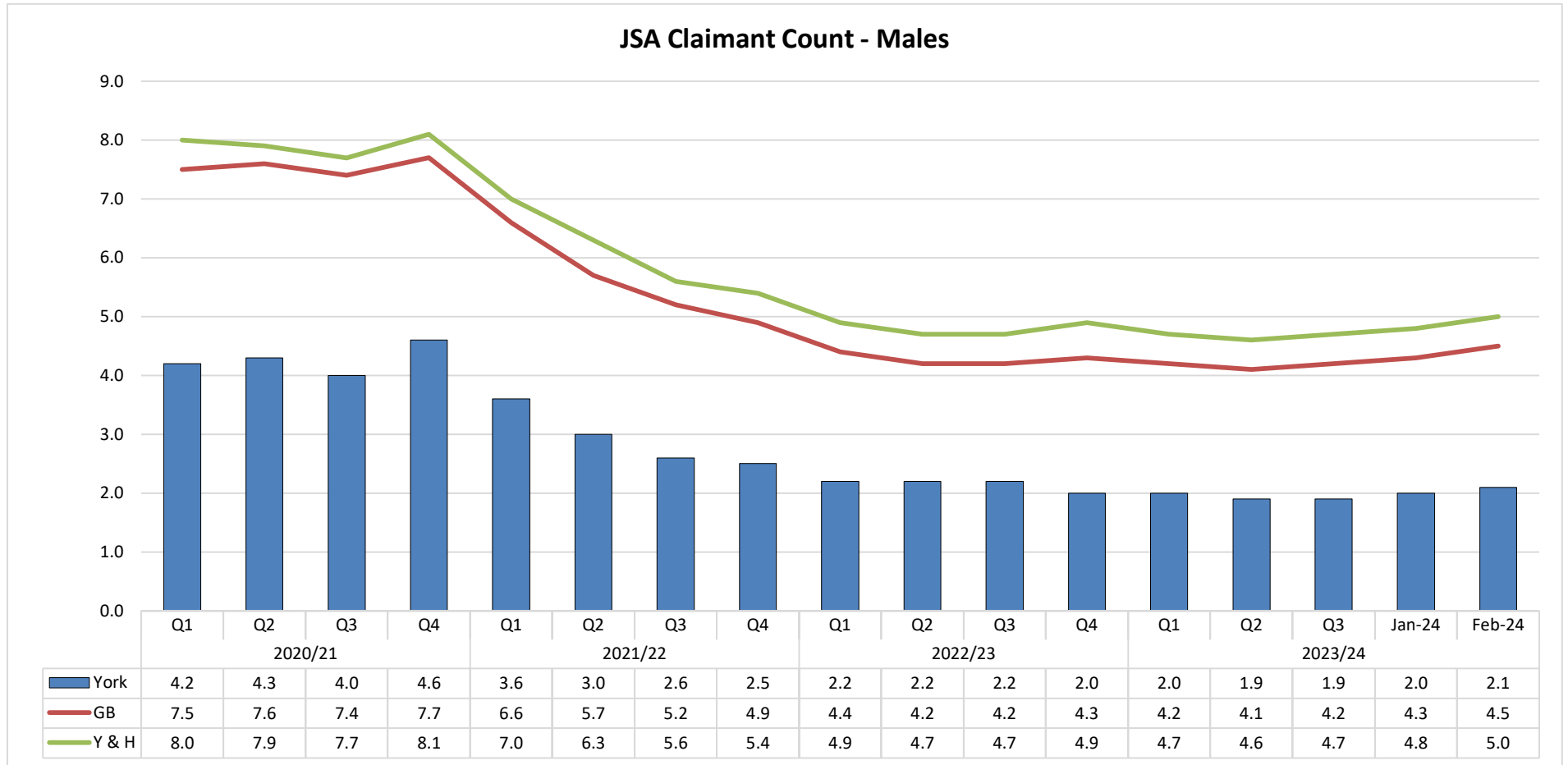
- Claimants out of work for over one year, showed no change from last month, 10 less than one year ago - a 33.3% decrease.
- This represents 0.0% of the working age population who were out of work for over 1 year.
- The region stands at 0.1% and GB at 0.1%.



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## JSA Male Claimant Count

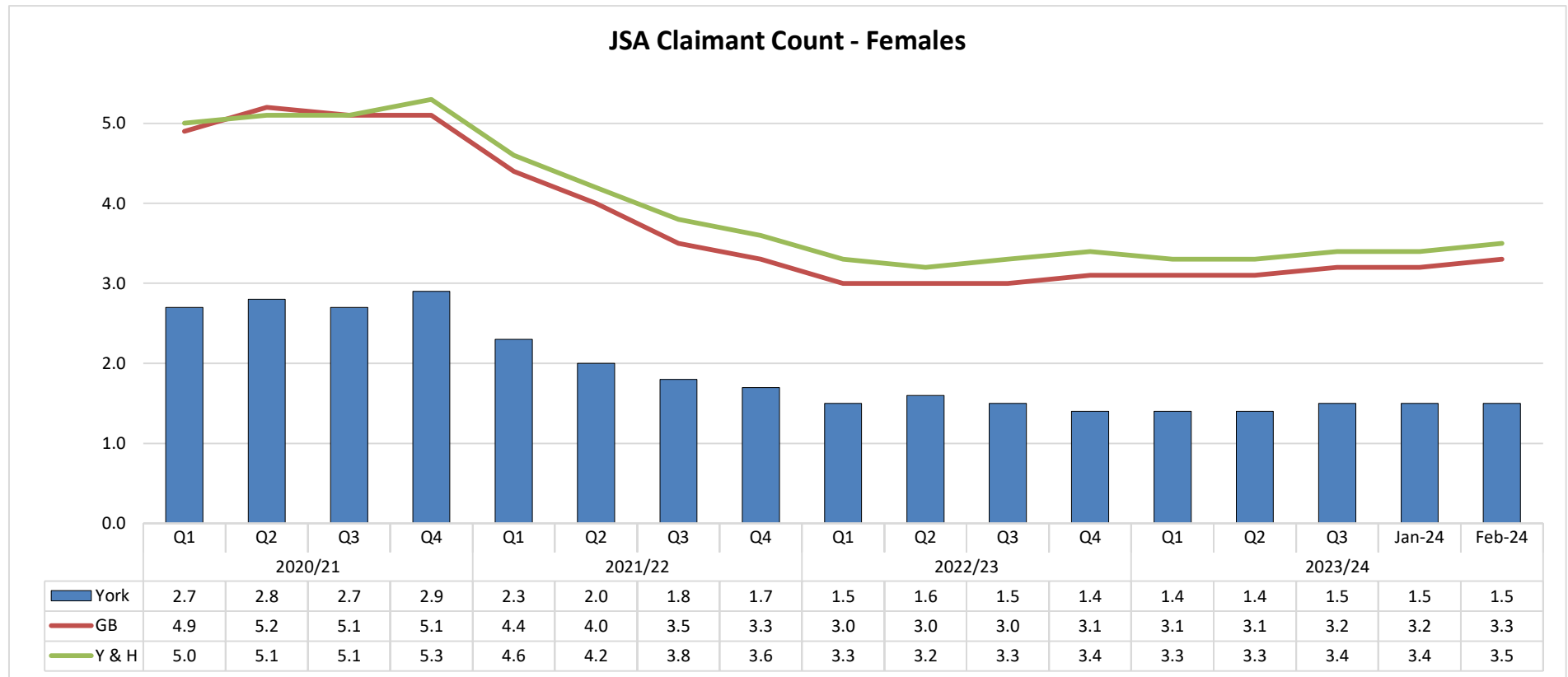
- Male Claimants have increased by 20 from last month, totalling 110, 20 more than one year ago - a 22.2% increase.
- This represents 2.1 % of the male working age population.
- The region stands at 5.0% and GB at 4.5%.



Source: [nomis - official labour market statistics \(ONS\)](https://www.nomis.gov.uk/)

## JSA Female Claimants

- Female Claimants have decreased by 5 from last month, totalling 60, no change from one year ago.
- This represents 1.5 % of the female working age population.
- The region stands at 3.5% and GB at 3.3%.



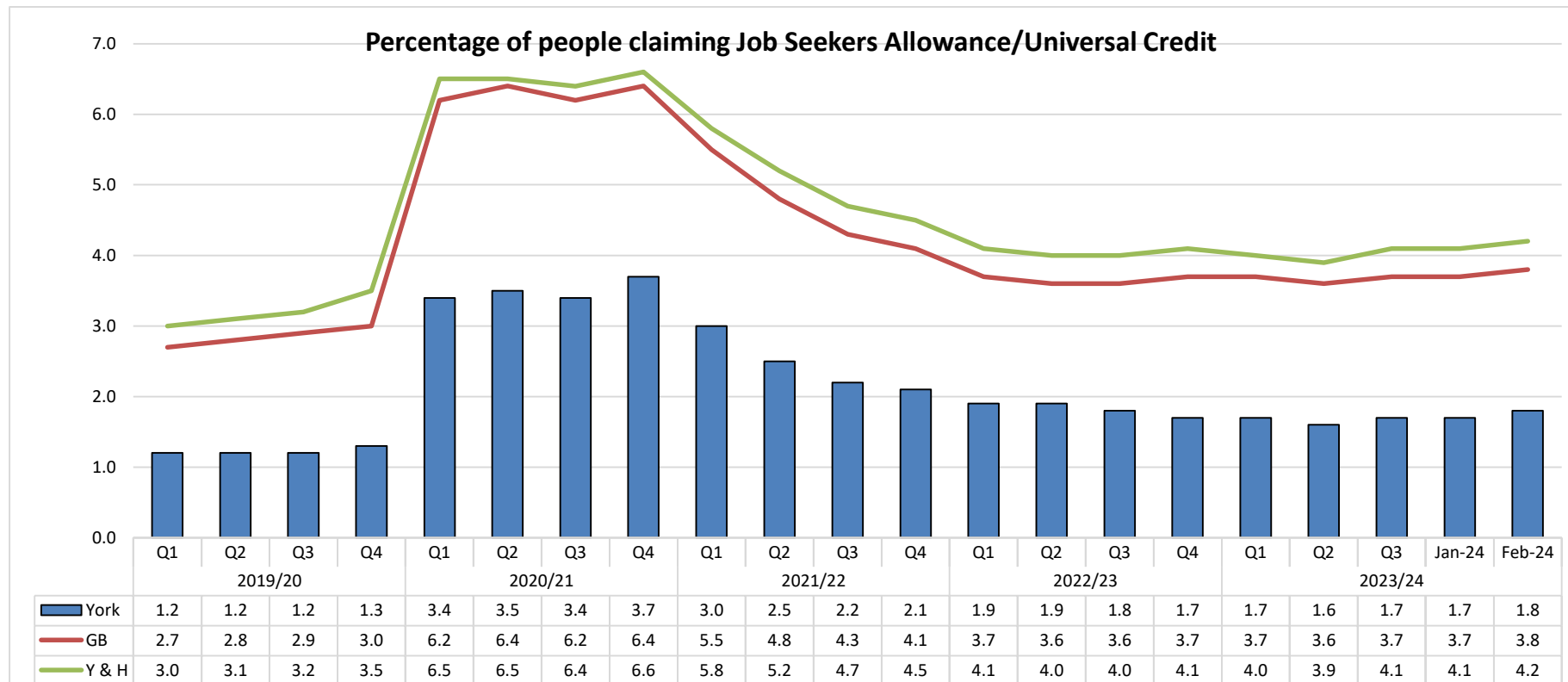
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# Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Claimants

February 2024

## York Jobseekers Allowance/Universal Credit overall picture:

- The JSA/UC claimant count for York in February 2024 is 2,390.
- In February 2023 the figure was 2,235, this is an increase of 155 (6.9%).
- This represents 1.8% of the working age population.
- The region stands at 4.2% and GB at 3.8%.
- The highest JSA/UC claimant count in York in the past 4 years (from February 2020) is from August 2020 with a figure of 5,080 or 3.6% of the working age population.

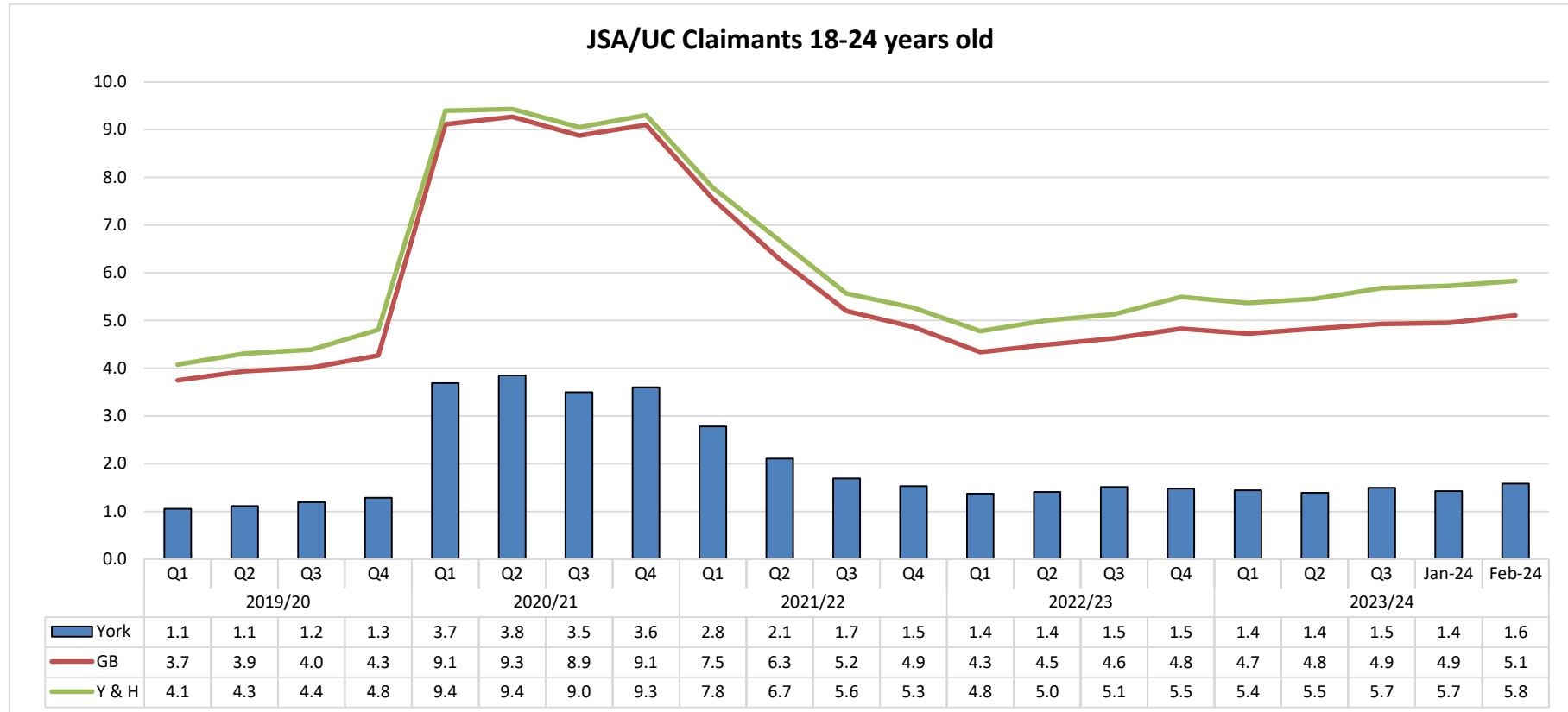


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## Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Claimants

### JSA/UC Claimants 18 - 24 years old

- In February 2024 the total number of claimants (18-24) stood at 450, an increase of 45 from January 2024.
- This represents 1.6% of the working age population.
- The region stands at 5.8% and GB at 5.1%.



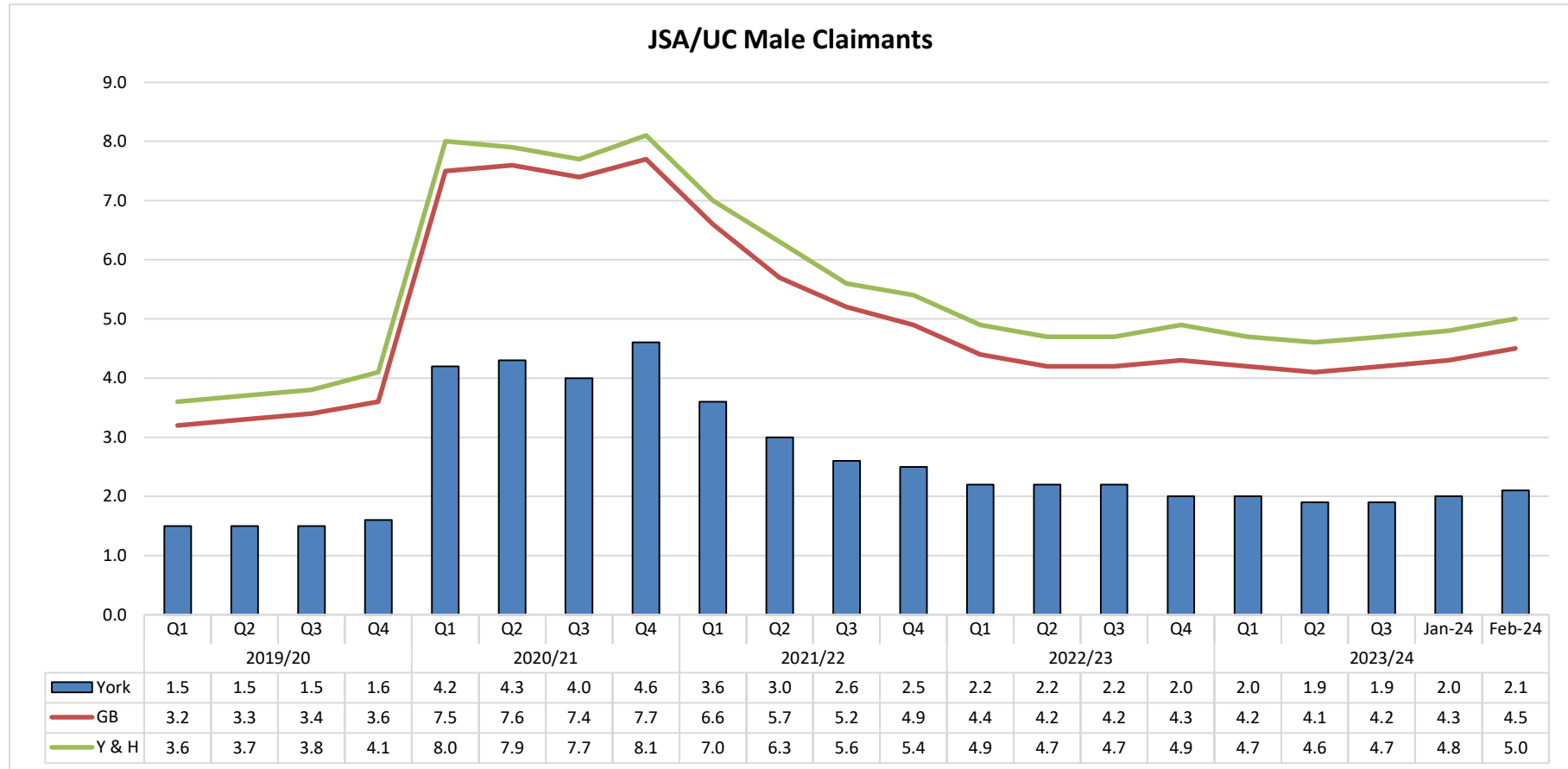
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# Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Claimants

## JSA/UC Male Claimant Count

- Male Claimants have increased by 70 from last month, totalling 1,340, 25 more than one year ago - a 1.9% increase.
- This represents 2.1 % of the male working age population.
- The region stands at 5.0% and GB at 4.5%.

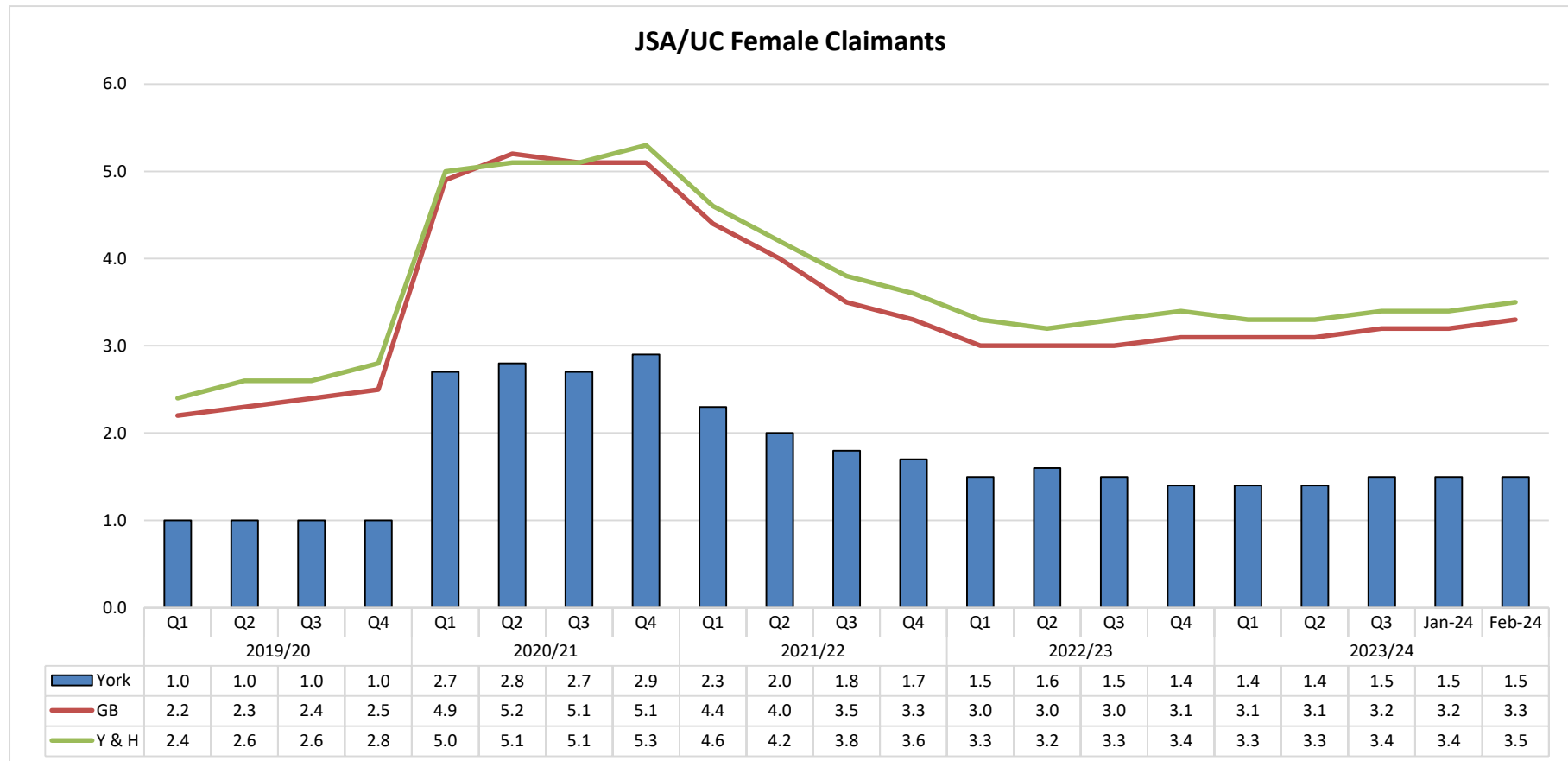


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# Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Claimants

## JSA/UC Female Claimants

- Female Claimants have increased by 35 from last month, totalling 1,045, 125 more than one year ago - a 13.6% increase.
- This represents 1.5 % of the female working age population.
- The region stands at 3.5% and GB at 3.3%.



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## Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit Claimants

### York Wards

Below are the claimant count for Wards comparing the latest available data with the previous month and the previous year.

#### Job Seekers Allowance And Universal Credit Claimants - Ward Analysis (Feb 2024)

##### Total JSA and U/C Claimants

Ward	February 2024		January 2024		February 2023	
Westfield	3.3	295	3.2	285	3.2	285
Clifton	2.6	185	2.7	190	2.6	180
Heworth	2.5	250	2.2	225	2.3	230
Holgate	2.4	205	2.3	200	2.3	195
Acomb	2.0	115	2.0	110	1.6	90
Huntington & New Earswick	1.9	140	1.9	140	1.4	100
Micklegate	1.8	170	1.7	160	1.7	160
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	1.6	125	1.3	100	1.3	100
Guildhall	1.6	235	1.5	230	1.7	255
Heworth Without	1.5	30	1.2	25	1.0	20
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	1.5	100	1.3	90	1.5	105
Fulford & Heslington	1.3	30	1.5	35	1.1	25
Fishergate	1.2	105	1.1	95	1.0	90
Hull Road	1.2	145	1.1	140	1.0	120
Osbalwick & Derwent	1.1	55	1.0	50	1.1	55
Wheldrake	1.0	25	1.0	25	0.6	15
Rural West York	1.0	45	0.9	40	0.9	40
Haxby & Wigginton	0.9	55	0.9	55	1.0	60
Copmanthorpe	0.9	20	0.9	20	1.3	30
Strensall	0.8	40	0.9	45	1.1	55
Bishopthorpe	0.5	10	0.5	10	1.2	25

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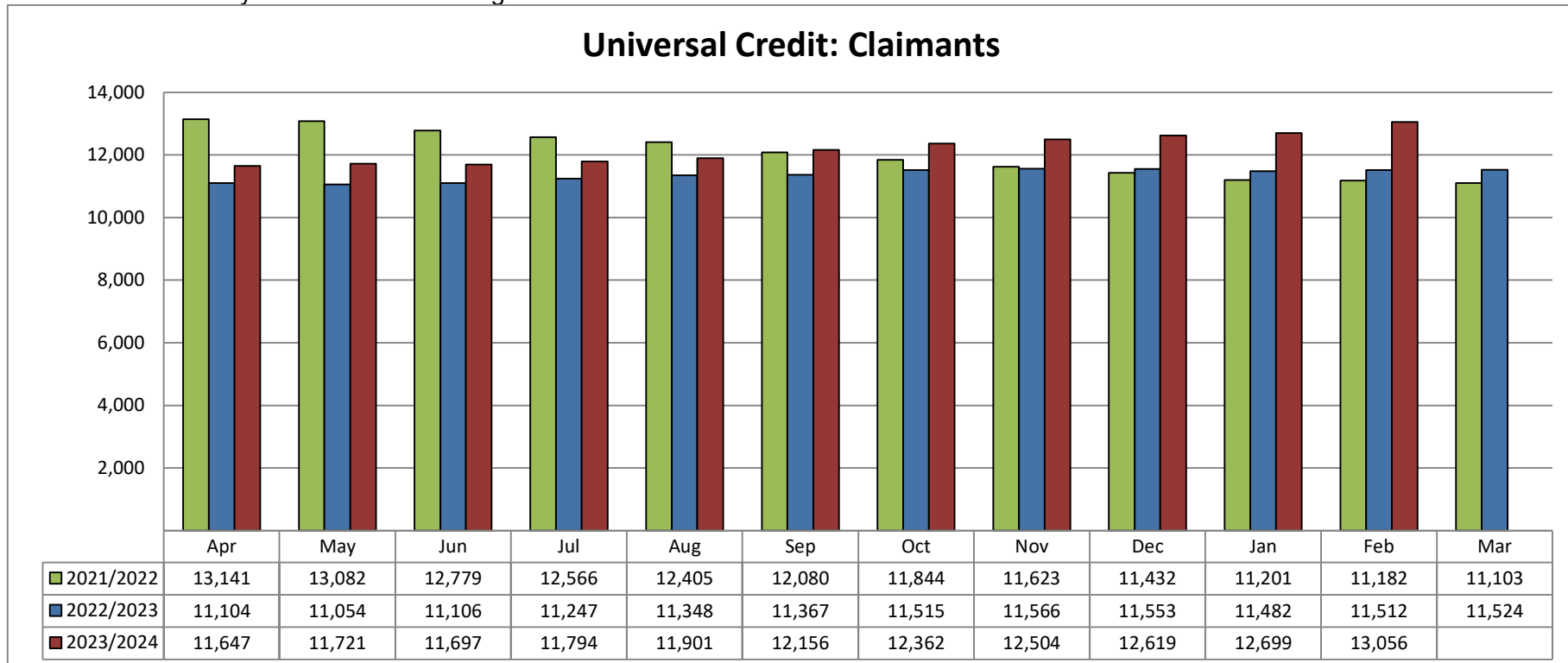
Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

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### Universal Credit Claimants

The JSA figures should be viewed in the context of the number of people receiving Universal Credit in York increasing from 12,699 in January 2024 to 13,056 in February 2024. Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseekers Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

On 12 July 2017 Universal Credit became available to parents and couples in the York area, until this date Universal Credit was only available to single job seekers in the area. From November 2019 the provisional figures will show the total of those claiming Universal Credit. A breakdown will only be shown when the figures are revised.



Source: DWP

Following the introduction of Universal Credit, the claimant count takes into account:

- people claiming contribution JSA (this is not affected by the introduction of Universal Credit)
- the figures for Universal Credit are provisional for the current month and may be revised in the next update.

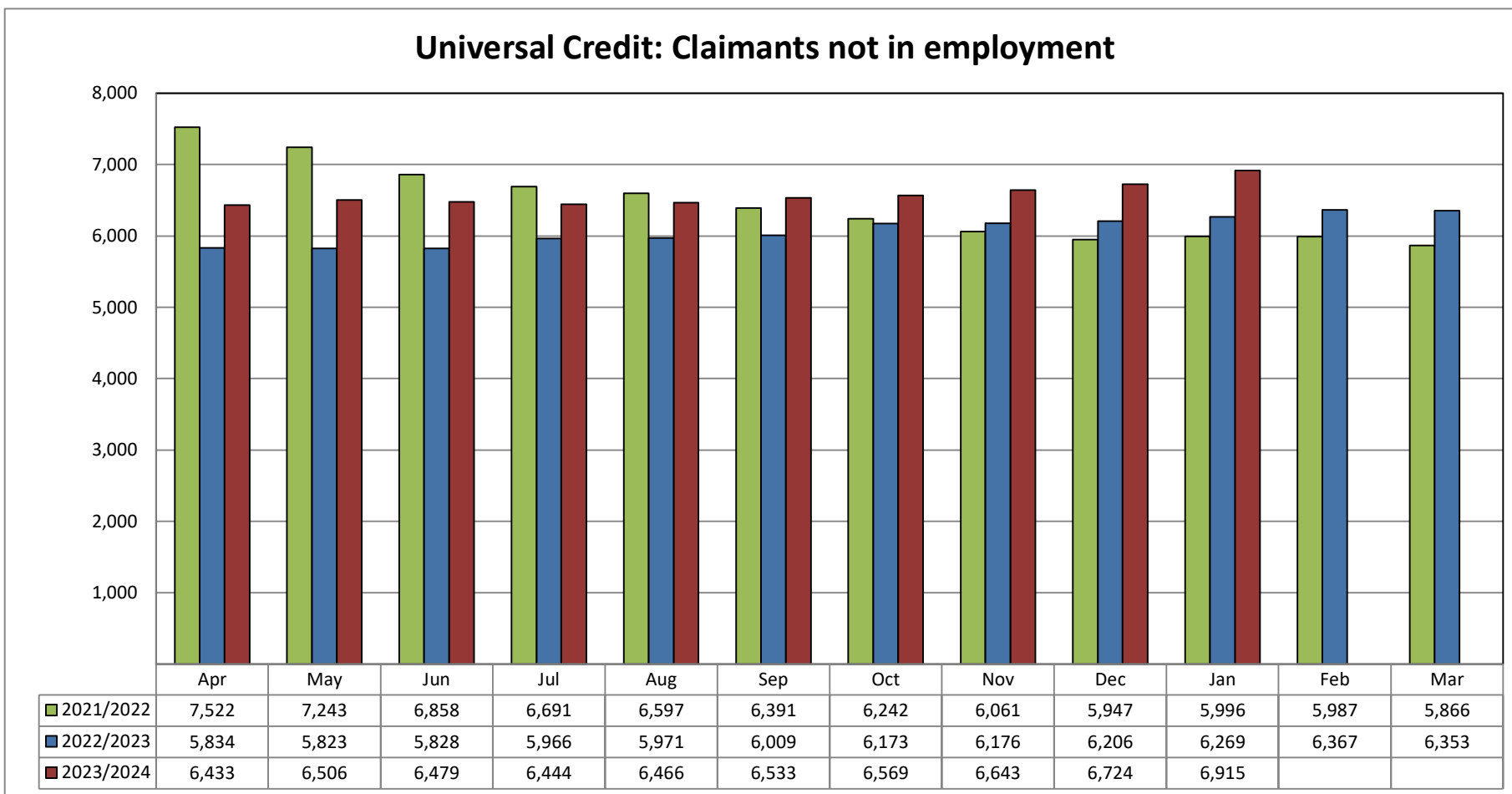
## Universal Credit Claimants

### Universal Credit Claimants: Not in Employment

The number of Universal Claimants claiming out of work benefits in January 2024 was 6,915, which has increased by 10.3% from last year, when the total was 6,269. The not in employment figure for February 2024 will be available in March 2024, as the figure is published a month in arrears.

Nationally, the number of people claiming the not in employment element of Universal Credit has increased by 11.1% from the same period last year.

Regionally, the figure has increased by 13.1% from the same period last year.



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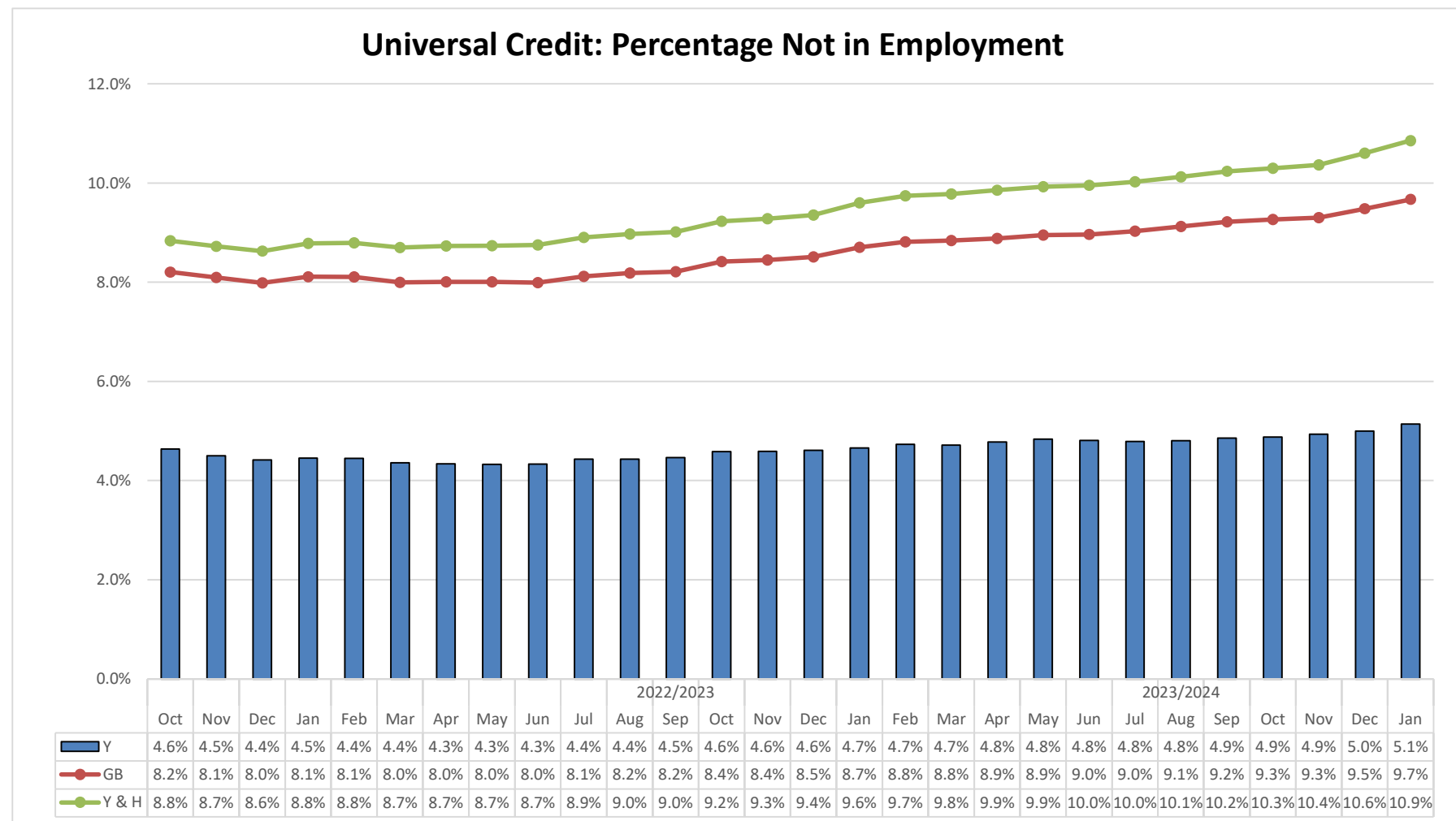
## Universal Credit Claimants

### Universal Credit Claimants: Percentage of Working Age Claimants Not in Employment

The percentage of Universal Claimants claiming out of work benefits in January 2024 was 5.1%, which has increased by 0.5% from last year, when the total was 4.7%,

Nationally, the number of people claiming the not in employment element of Universal Credit has increased by 1% from last year, when the total was 8.7%, .

Regionally, the figure has increased by 1.3% from last year, when the total was 9.6% .



Source: DWP