

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)
- people claiming income based JSA during the transition period to Universal Credit
- people claiming Universal Credit who are subject to labour market rules (available for work and actively seeking employment) - not yet available at Local Authority level.
- the figures for Universal Credit are provisional for the current month and may be revised in the next update.

Key Messages from today's release:

York overall picture:

The JSA Claimant count for York in March 2018 is 285.

This is a decrease of 5 from the previous month.

This represents 0.2% of the working age population. The region stands at 1.4% and GB at 1.1%.

Last Year - March 2017, the total was 625 (therefore a decrease of 340) and was 0.5% of the working age population.

The JSA figures should be viewed in the context of the number of people receiving Universal Credit in York increasing from 2912 in February to 3238 in March. Of which, 1703 in February and 1767 in March were not in employment.

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.

The total of JSA claimants and UC (out of work) claimants is 1635. This is an increase of 610 (59.5%) since March 2017. This represents 1.2% of the working age population, the region stands at 2.5% and GB at 2.1%.

Since March 2017 the number of people on JSA has decreased by 54.4%. However, this is an increase of 59.5% in terms of Universal Credit .

Constituency Level

Date	York Central		York Outer	
	number	rate	number	rate
March 2012	2,601	3.5	1,014	1.8
March 2013	2,242	2.9	811	1.4
March 2014	1,591	2.1	531	0.9
March 2015	749	0.9	299	0.5
March 2016	468	0.6	185	0.3
March 2017	453	0.6	174	0.3
March 2018	186	0.2	99	0.2
Change since March 2017	-267	-0.4	-75	-0.1
Change since March 2012	-2,415	-3.3	-915	-1.6

Source: [nomis - official labour market statistics](#)

Ward Level

Below are the Wards and their claimant count rate change since January 2014 (earliest date for the new ward boundaries).

JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE CLAIMANTS - WARD ANALYSIS (MAR 2018)

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Acomb	1.0	-0.8
Bishopthorpe	0.7	0.0
Clifton	2.0	-1.0
Copmanthorpe	0.3	-0.4
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	1.3	-0.3
Fishergate	1.0	-0.1
Fulford & Heslington	0.7	0.0
Guildhall	1.5	-0.1
Haxby & Wigginton	0.5	-0.4
Heworth	1.6	-0.6
Heworth Without	0.6	-0.4
Holgate	1.6	-0.7
Hull Road	0.8	-0.1
Huntington & New Earswick	1.0	-0.6
Micklelegate	1.3	-0.5
Osballdwick & Derwent	1.0	-0.1
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	0.8	-0.2
Rural West York	0.7	-0.1
Strensall	0.4	-0.4
Westfield	2.3	-1.3
Wheldrake	0.5	-0.5

WARDS WITH THE HIGHEST % POINT INCREASE IN JSA CLAIMANTS

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Fulford & Heslington	0.7	0.0
Bishopthorpe	0.7	0.0
Rural West York	0.7	-0.1
Osballdwick & Derwent	1	-0.1
Hull Road	0.8	-0.1

WARDS WITH THE LOWEST % POINT INCREASE IN JSA CLAIMANTS

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Westfield	2.3	-1.3
Clifton	2	-1.0
Acomb	1	-0.8
Holgate	1.6	-0.7
Heworth	1.6	-0.6

The five Wards with the highest number of JSA claimants account for 41.67% of all claimants, they are:

Westfield
Clifton
Holgate
Heworth
Guildhall

The ten wards below account for 67.59% of total JSA claimants:

Westfield
Clifton
Holgate
Heworth
Guildhall
Micklegate
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe
Osbalwick & Derwent
Huntington & New Earswick
Fishergate

Further Headlines

1) York has seen no change in its Youth Unemployment count. In March 2017 the total number of claimants (18-24) stood at 80, reducing by 70 to 10 in March 2018 - a 87.50% decrease from a year ago.

2) 18-24 year olds, claiming over one year, showed no change from last month, 5 less than one year ago - a 50.00% decrease.

3) Claimants out of work for over one year, increased by 5 from last month, totalling 125, no change from one year ago.

4) Male Claimants showed no change, 205 less than one year ago - a 53.95% decrease.

5) Female Claimants have decreased by 5 from last month, totalling 110, 135 less than one year ago - a 55.10% decrease.