

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 April 2017 is 615.

This is a decrease of 10 from the previous month.

This represents 0.4% of the working age population. The region stands at 1.5% and GB at 1.2%.

Last Year - April 2016, the total was 645 (therefore a decrease of 30) and was 0.5% of the working age population.

The JSA figures should be viewed in context of the number of people receiving Universal Credit (UC) in York increasing from 715 in March 2017 to 721 in April 2017. Of which, 381 in March and 376 in April were not in employment.

The total of JSA claimants and UC (out of work) claimants is 1035. This is an increase of 25 (2.5%) since April 2016.

Since April 2016 the number of people on JSA has decreased by 4.7%.

Constituency Level

Date	York Central		York Outer	
	number	rate	number	rate
April 2011	2,500	3.4	940	1.6
April 2012	2,534	3.4	938	1.6
April 2013	2,161	2.8	737	1.3
April 2014	1,442	1.9	489	0.8
April 2015	676	0.9	265	0.5
April 2016	469	0.6	174	0.3
April 2017	434	0.6	181	0.3
Change since April 2016	-35	0.0	7	0.0
Change since April 2011	-2,066	-2.8	-759	-1.3

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).

Wheldrake

JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE CLAIMANTS - WARD ANALYSIS (APR 2017)

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Acomb	1.0	-0.8
Bishopthorpe	0.2	-0.5
Clifton	1.3	-1.7
Copmanthorpe	0.2	-0.5
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	1.1	-0.5
Fishergate	0.5	-0.6
Fulford & Heslington	0.2	-0.5
Guildhall	0.8	-0.8
Haxby & Wigginton	0.3	-0.6
Heworth	1.1	-1.1
Heworth Without	0.5	-0.5
Holgate	1.0	-1.3
Hull Road	0.4	-0.5
Huntington & New Earswick	0.5	-1.1
Micklegate	0.8	-1.0
Osbalwick & Derwent	0.7	-0.4
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	0.5	-0.5
Rural West York	0.4	-0.4
Strensall	0.3	-0.5
Westfield	1.5	-2.1
Wheldrake	0.7	-0.3

WARDS WITH THE HIGHEST % POINT INCREASE IN JSA CLAIMANTS

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Wheldrake	0.7	-0.3
Rural West York	0.4	-0.4
Osbalwick & Derwent	0.7	-0.4
Strensall	0.3	-0.5
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	0.5	-0.5

WARDS WITH THE LOWEST % POINT INCREASE IN JSA CLAIMANTS

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Westfield	1.5	-2.1
Clifton	1.3	-1.7
Holgate	1	-1.3
Heworth	1.1	-1.1
Huntington & New Earswick	0.5	-1.1

The five Wards with the highest number of JSA claimants account for 42.86% of all claimants, they are:

Westfield
Clifton
Heworth
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe
Holgate

The ten wards below account for 71.43% of total JSA claimants:

Westfield
Clifton
Heworth
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe
Holgate
Acomb
Micklegate
Guildhall
Wheldrake
Osbalwick & Derwent

Further Headlines

1) York has seen a decrease in its Youth Unemployment count, down by 5 from last month. In April 2016 the total number of claimants (18-24) stood at 75, no change since Apr 2016.

2) 18-24 year olds, claiming over one year, showed no change from last month, there is no change from one year ago.

3) Claimants out of work for over one year, decreased by 5 from last month, totalling 120, 55 less than one year ago - a 31.43% decrease.

4) Male Claimants have decreased by 20 from last month, totalling 360, 40 less than one year ago - a 10.00% decrease.

5) Female Claimants have increased by 10 from last month, totalling 255, 15 more than one year ago - a 6.25% increase.