



The claimant count reports numbers qualifying for benefits as a result of unemployment and is subject to the associated administrative system.

Table 1: Change in Total Claimant Count: Seasonally Adjusted*: May 2010

(Workforce rates)[#]

	Total	Rate %	Change since previous:			
			Month	%	Year	%
North East Region	79,800	6.5 (w)	-1,300	-1.6	-5,000	-5.9
Great Britain	1,425,600	4.5 (w)	-31,000	-2.1	-65,600	-4.4
United Kingdom	1,481,100	4.6 (w)	-30,900	-2.0	-58,200	-3.8

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

* The seasonally adjusted series takes account of previous changes which have affected the unemployment count so that the whole series over time is consistent with current figures. Seasonally adjusted figures are not available below regional level. Claimants aged under 18 are excluded. Figures in this table are provisional.

The national and regional claimant count rates in Table 1 are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated total workforce (the sum of unemployed claimants, employees in employment, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related government training programmes), at mid-2006.

In January 2003, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) withdrew workforce-based claimant count rates for sub-regional areas, however, they remain available for regions and countries. The workforce-based rates, below regions, were replaced with a new residence-based measure. The claimant count, as a 'proportion' of the resident population of working age (PWA is females 16-59, males 16-64), are given in Table 3 and are named 'claimant count proportions'. TWRI's residence-based rates (which use the economically active as the denominator) are given in Table 2 (overleaf).

Table 2: National, Regional and Local Claimant Count* and Change, Unadjusted: May 2010

	Male	Rate%	Female	Rate%	Total	Rate%	Change since previous month:		Change since previous year:	
							Number	%	Number	%
Gateshead	4,216	9.0 R	1,517	3.8 R	5,733	6.6 R	-403	-6.6	-303	-5.0
Newcastle	6,352	9.6 R	2,180	4.0 R	8,532	7.0 R	-270	-3.1	-203	-2.3
North Tyneside	4,127	8.0 R	1,402	3.2 R	5,529	5.8 R	-329	-5.6	-328	-5.6
South Tyneside	4,523	11.9 R	1,654	5.4 R	6,177	9.0 R	-156	-2.5	-391	-6.0
Sunderland	7,062	10.1 R	2,785	4.7 R	9,847	7.7 R	90	0.9	-1,371	-12.2
Tyne & Wear	26,280	9.6 R	9,538	4.2 R	35,818	7.2 R	-1,068	-3.0	-2,596	-6.8
North East	59,448	8.9 W	20,657	3.7 W	80,105	6.6 W	-3,122	-3.8	-5,492	-6.4
Great Britain	1,039,514	6.1 W	407,521	2.8 W	1,447,035	4.6 W	-65,243	-4.3	-69,886	-4.6
United Kingdom	1,081,815	6.2 W	420,340	2.8 W	1,502,155	4.6 W	-65,973	-4.2	-62,823	-4.0

Source: Office for National Statistics, Tyne & Wear Research and Information

Notes:

* Count of claimants of Jobseekers' Allowance

R = Residence-based. District and county claimant count rates are the number of unemployed now as a percentage of the estimated labour force (the economically active population), mid-2007 (TWRI ests based on ONS population ests.). These are new denominators from May 2009 data.

W = Workforce-based. National and claimant count rates are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated total workforce (the sum of unemployed claimants, employees in employment, self-employed, HM Forces and participants on work-related government training programmes), at mid-2008.

Caution:

District and Tyne & Wear numbers in Table 2 are calculated using current (2004) wards. These numbers may vary slightly from figures extracted direct from NOMISWEB, which are based on 1991 wards and are no longer in complete alignment with current Tyne & Wear boundaries.

Table 3: National, Regional and Local Claimant Count*, Unadjusted: May 2010

(Resident PWA-based proportions)

	Male	Percentage of population #	Female	Percentage of population #	Total	Percentage of population #
Gateshead	4,216	6.9	1,517	2.7	5,733	4.9
Newcastle	6,352	6.8	2,180	2.6	8,532	4.8
North Tyneside	4,127	6.6	1,402	2.4	5,529	4.6
South Tyneside	4,523	9.4	1,654	3.7	6,177	6.7
Sunderland	7,062	7.7	2,785	3.3	9,847	5.6
Tyne & Wear	26,280	7.4	9,538	2.9	35,818	5.2
North East Region	59,448	7.1	20,657	2.7	80,105	5.0
Great Britain	1,039,514	5.4	407,521	2.3	1,447,035	3.9
United Kingdom	1,081,815	5.4	420,340	2.3	1,502,155	3.9

Source: Office for National Statistics, Tyne & Wear Research and Information

Notes:

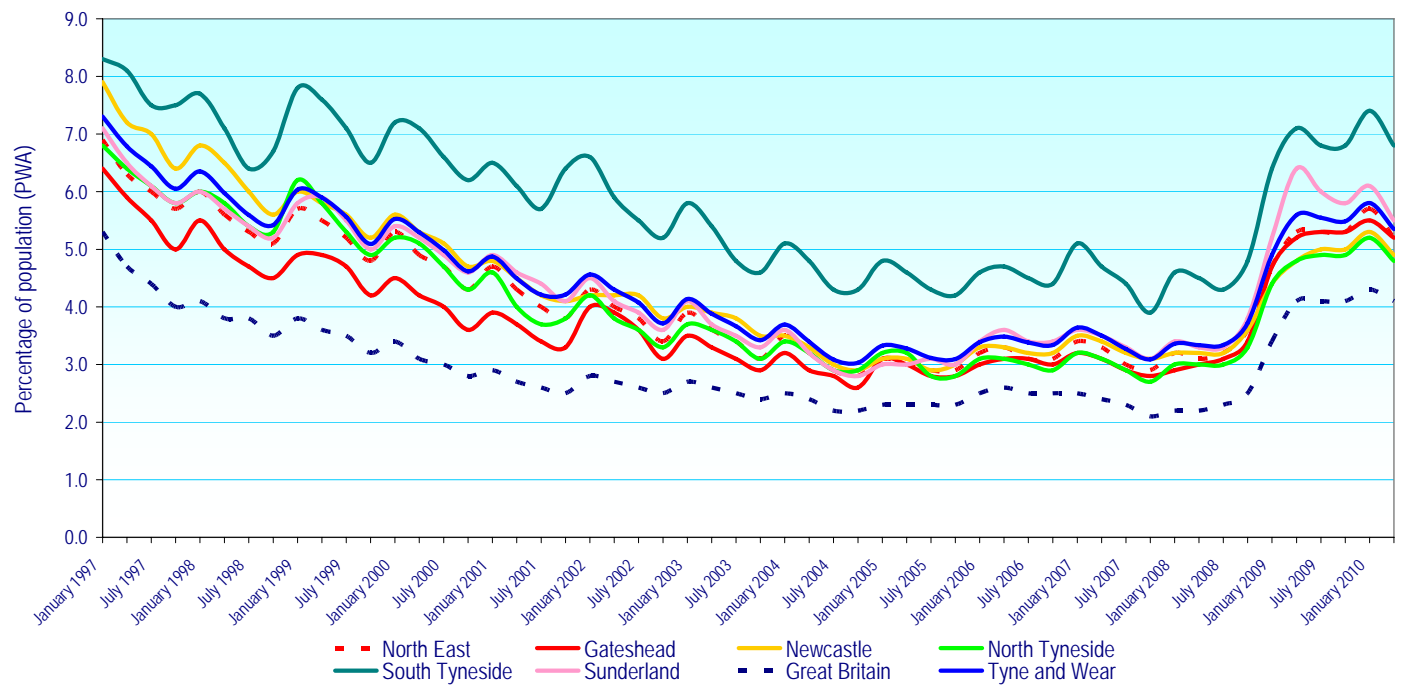
* Count of claimants of Jobseekers' Allowance

District and Tyne & Wear numbers in Table 3 are calculated using current (2004) wards. These numbers may vary slightly from figures extracted direct from NOMISWEB, which are based on 1991 wards.

Claimant count figures given in Table 3 are expressed as a proportion of the resident population of working age (females 16-59, males 16-64). In order to ensure consistency with District and Tyne & Wear boundaries, the population of working age (PWA) figures are derived from the mid-2001 population estimates (sum of CAS wards population of working age figures).

The percentage figures in Table 3 are referred to as 'proportions' to distinguish them from the workforce-based rates, which are available at region/country level. On average, the 'proportions' are around a fifth smaller than the workforce rates, due to the wider denominators.

Figure 1: Claimant Count Proportions



Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

Claimant count proportions (residence-based proportions of Population of Working Age) are given for January, April, July and October.

Caution:

Not seasonally adjusted, so shows seasonal rises normally in January.

Table 4: National, Regional and Local Benefit Claimants						
Benefit Claimants - working age client group* November 2009						
	% of PWA		% of PWA		% of PWA	
	Male	#	Female	#	Total	#
Gateshead	13,870	22.7	10,790	19.2	24,650	21.1
Newcastle	18,670	20.0	15,110	17.7	33,770	18.9
North Tyneside	12,020	19.2	9,740	16.6	21,760	18.0
South Tyneside	12,290	25.5	9,630	21.6	21,910	23.6
Sunderland	22,190	24.3	17,380	20.5	39,560	22.5
Tyne & Wear	79,040	22.2	62,630	19.0	141,670	20.7
North East Region	179,930	21.6	145,470	19.1	325,400	20.4
Great Britain	3,075,610	15.9	2,764,680	15.7	5,840,290	15.8
Employment and Support Allowance Claimants** November 2009						
	% of PWA		% of PWA		% of PWA	
	Male	#	Female	#	Total	#
Gateshead	1,260	2.1	800	1.4	2,060	1.8
Newcastle	1,600	1.7	1,090	1.3	2,690	1.5
North Tyneside	1,040	1.7	740	1.3	1,780	1.5
South Tyneside	1,070	2.2	750	1.7	1,820	2.0
Sunderland	1,960	2.1	1,270	1.5	3,230	1.8
Tyne & Wear	6,930	1.9	4,650	1.4	11,580	1.7
North East Region	14,800	1.8	9,890	1.3	24,690	1.5
Great Britain	246,880	1.3	178,870	1.0	425,780	1.2
Incapacity/Severe Disablement Allowance*** November 2009						
	% of PWA		% of PWA		% of PWA	
	Male	#	Female	#	Total	#
Gateshead	4,080	6.7	2,190	3.9	6,260	5.3
Newcastle	4,750	5.1	2,600	3.0	7,350	4.1
North Tyneside	3,310	5.3	2,010	3.4	5,320	4.4
South Tyneside	3,280	6.8	1,650	3.7	4,920	5.3
Sunderland	6,800	7.5	3,950	4.7	10,750	6.1
Tyne & Wear	22,210	6.2	12,390	3.8	34,600	5.0
North East Region	53,150	6.4	31,310	4.1	84,460	5.3
Great Britain	810,170	4.2	533,940	3.0	1,344,110	3.6

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Over the period from August 2008, in Tyne & Wear, Benefit Claimants (Working age Client Group) were up by 11,440 (or up +8.8%). ESA claimants reached 11,580 – which explains the -5,710 (or -14.2%) fall in IB/SDA numbers.

For information: Data for August 2008 is the last quarterly snapshot before the introduction of the new ESA (Employment and Support Allowance) which replaced Incapacity Benefit for new claimants from Oct. 2008.

Notes Overleaf:

The data are based on 100% of claims so are not subject to any sampling error. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10, and those below 5 are suppressed as statistically unreliable.

Data relate to a single point in time and provide a snapshot of claims at that point. Data are not seasonally adjusted.

* Benefit claimants – working age client group includes benefit claimants aged 16-64 years, on Income Support (IS) only, Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) only, Incapacity Benefit (IB) only, IS and IB, DLA and IB, DLA, IS and IB, Disability Living Allowance (DLA) only, DLA, IS and SDA, DLA and IS, DLA and SDA, IS and SDA, Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) only, DLA and JSA, other combinations. Data includes all durations and all family types.

** The figures relating to Employment Support Allowance have been thoroughly quality assured to National Statistics standard; however it should be noted that this is a new benefit using a new data source which may not have reached steady state in terms of operational processing. Hence most recent data shown is provisional. Tyne & Wear fig. is sum of districts. GB fig. is sum of GORs (regions).

*** Count of those in receipt of Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance, aged 16-64, for all durations.

Benefit claimant count figures given in Table 4 are expressed as a proportion of the resident population of working age (women 16-59, men 16-64). In order to ensure consistency with District and Tyne & Wear boundaries, the population of working age (PWA) figures are derived from the mid-2001 population estimates (sum of CAS wards population of working age figures).

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) MEASURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The ILO definition of unemployment refers to people “without a job who were available to start work in the two weeks following their LFS interview and had looked for work in the four weeks prior to interview (or were waiting to take up a job they had already obtained)”. This has been the official, government, definition of unemployment since 1998.

Note: the estimates of District unemployment rates can be particularly volatile, with confidence intervals of about plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Table 5: National, Regional and Local ILO Unemployment, Unadjusted: 12 months Oct 2008-Sep 2009

	Male	%	Confidence*	Female	%	Confidence*	Total	%	Confidence*
Gateshead	3,900	7.8	2.7	3,600	8.7	2.9	7,500	8.3	1.9
Newcastle	11,500	16.9	3.6	6,300	10.6	3.2	17,800	14.0	2.5
North Tyneside	6,300	11.9	3.2	3,200	7.0	2.6	9,500	9.6	2.1
South Tyneside	4,600	12.4	3.3	2,800	8.8	3.0	7,500	10.7	2.2
Sunderland	8,500	11.2	3.1	5,900	9.5	3.0	14,400	10.4	2.2
Tyne & Wear	34,800	12.3	1.4	21,900	9.1	1.3	56,700	10.8	1.0
North East Region	69,000	10.5	0.9	45,900	8.2	0.8	114,900	9.5	0.6
Great Britain	1,333,600	8.3	0.1	868,300	6.7	0.2	2,201,800	7.6	0.1

Source: Annual Population Survey, Office for National Statistics.

Notes:

These unemployment estimates (by ONS) are from its Annual Population Survey (APS), drawn from 12 months' data.

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed people aged 16 to 59/64 expressed as a percentage of the economically active population aged 16 to 59/64.

*Estimates are presented with an indication of their reliability, in the form of approximate 95% confidence intervals. For example, an LFS estimate and confidence interval of 6.7% +/-0.7%, means that there is 95% confidence that the true rate would be between 6.0% and 7.4%. Only in exceptional circumstances would the true rate be outside the confidence interval. The narrower the confidence interval, means the more reliable the estimate.

APS estimates are rounded to the nearest 100 by ONS. Formerly, ONS' LFS estimates were rounded to the nearest 1,000. The annual Labour Force Survey (LFS) is now incorporated into the Annual Population Survey (APS). ONS publish estimates each quarter, although all these estimates are drawn from 12 months' data. LFS - quarterly: four quarter averages are no longer updated.

Appendix 1: Claimant Count Statistics Current (2004) Wards

May 2010

Ward	FLOWS		CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT				Total	%*
	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*		
Birtley	40	53	147	7.2	54	3.1	201	5.3
Blaydon	69	81	210	9.4	94	4.8	304	7.2
Bridges	88	86	318	15.9	88	6.2	406	11.9
Chopwell and Rowlands Gill	48	75	184	8.3	66	3.5	250	6.1
Chowdene	45	53	179	8.2	54	3.0	233	5.8
Crawcrook and Greenside	31	54	97	4.1	37	1.8	134	3.1
Deckham	87	84	298	14.0	116	6.2	414	10.4
Dunston and Teams	96	103	328	15.7	109	6.5	437	11.6
Dunston Hill and Whickham East	40	50	108	4.9	39	2.0	147	3.5
Felling	79	104	314	19.1	103	7.5	417	13.8
High Fell	79	108	271	14.9	99	6.4	370	11.0
Lamesley	47	62	151	7.6	61	3.7	212	5.9
Lobley Hill and Bensham	79	96	297	13.5	98	5.0	395	9.5
Low Fell	20	31	80	3.4	23	1.1	103	2.3
Pelaw and Heworth	58	88	168	8.0	70	3.9	238	6.1
Ryton, Crookhill and Stella	37	47	126	6.4	58	3.2	184	4.9
Saltwell	90	91	243	10.8	108	5.9	351	8.6
Wardley and Leam Lane	49	45	135	6.2	55	3.0	190	4.7
Whickham North	34	55	149	7.0	46	2.6	195	5.0
Whickham South and Sunnyside	34	37	89	3.9	32	1.7	121	2.9
Windy Nook and Whitehills	70	80	195	8.1	65	3.3	260	5.9
Winlaton and High Spen	46	63	129	6.1	42	2.4	171	4.4
GATESHEAD	1,266	1,546	4,216	9.0	1,517	3.8	5,733	6.6
Benwell and Scotswood	122	121	450	14.8	157	5.7	607	10.5
Blakelaw	96	99	276	10.2	113	5.2	389	7.9
Byker	143	175	534	19.6	180	8.1	714	14.5
Castle	38	50	121	4.3	41	1.7	162	3.1
Dene	33	39	81	3.1	30	1.3	111	2.3
Denton	69	85	207	8.1	78	3.7	285	6.1
East Gosforth	31	28	83	3.3	31	1.4	114	2.4
Elswick	149	141	587	19.2	183	9.1	770	15.2
Fawdon	67	80	277	12.0	95	4.7	372	8.6
Fenham	64	93	228	8.7	81	3.7	309	6.4
Kenton	92	103	303	11.9	127	6.0	430	9.3
Lemington	64	71	217	8.3	71	3.0	288	5.8
Newburn	60	63	226	9.9	47	2.3	273	6.4
North Heaton	48	44	130	5.2	44	2.1	174	3.7
North Jesmond	26	18	51	2.1	27	1.4	78	1.8
Ouseburn	70	77	223	8.6	83	4.1	306	6.6
Parklands	28	29	85	3.4	33	1.5	118	2.6
South Heaton	89	97	249	9.4	80	4.0	329	7.1
South Jesmond	37	31	121	5.2	46	2.5	167	4.0
Walker	146	160	556	23.6	190	10.6	746	18.0
Walkergate	85	105	288	12.0	90	4.5	378	8.6
Westerhope	30	32	108	4.6	26	1.3	134	3.1
Westgate	108	106	365	16.5	118	7.1	483	12.5
West Gosforth	24	22	75	2.9	32	1.5	107	2.3
Wingrove	77	78	273	10.1	87	4.3	360	7.6
Woolsington	88	84	238	9.5	90	4.2	328	7.1
NEWCASTLE	1,884	2,031	6,352	9.6	2,180	4.0	8,532	7.0

Source: Office for National Statistics, Tyne & Wear Research and Information

Notes: * Rates are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated labour force (the economically active population), at mid-2007 (TWRI ests. based on ONS population estimates)

May 2010

Ward	FLOWS		CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT					
	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
Battle Hill	81	86	240	8.0	91	3.6	331	6.0
Benton	45	58	152	6.0	44	2.0	196	4.1
Camperdown	65	76	182	6.4	84	3.5	266	5.0
Chirton	122	153	423	15.0	121	5.0	544	10.4
Collingwood	67	110	235	9.0	69	3.1	304	6.3
Cullercoats	28	45	98	4.4	36	1.8	134	3.2
Howdon	94	103	350	13.0	126	5.8	476	9.8
Killingworth	48	49	154	5.2	40	1.6	194	3.6
Longbenton	69	77	251	10.9	82	3.8	333	7.5
Monkseaton North	25	35	71	2.9	31	1.4	102	2.2
Monkseaton South	40	44	115	4.8	53	2.5	168	3.7
Northumberland	43	69	147	6.2	57	2.8	204	4.6
Preston	42	42	97	4.1	37	1.8	134	3.0
Riverside	122	165	448	16.2	142	6.5	590	11.9
St Mary's	29	28	70	3.3	16	1.0	86	2.3
Tynemouth	50	56	159	5.9	55	2.4	214	4.2
Valley	72	58	211	8.6	77	3.6	288	6.3
Wallsend	102	115	422	14.8	123	5.1	545	10.3
Weetslade	39	53	116	4.8	44	2.1	160	3.5
Whitley Bay	76	63	186	7.3	74	3.3	260	5.4
NORTH TYNESIDE	1,259	1,485	4,127	8.0	1,402	3.2	5,529	5.8
Beacon and Bents	144	149	411	17.7	140	8.3	551	13.7
Bede	99	86	290	14.7	84	5.3	374	10.5
Biddick and All Saints	97	93	357	17.9	191	11.1	548	14.7
Boldon Colliery	87	70	238	9.5	76	3.6	314	6.8
Cleadon and East Boldon	31	34	58	2.6	25	1.3	83	2.0
Cleadon Park	60	82	209	14.2	79	6.5	288	10.8
Fellgate and Hedworth	78	78	241	11.5	68	3.9	309	8.1
Harton	81	81	239	11.3	80	4.8	319	8.4
Hebburn North	96	90	286	12.8	117	6.1	403	9.7
Hebburn South	69	74	197	9.9	75	4.7	272	7.6
Horsley Hill	64	72	221	10.8	89	5.4	310	8.4
Monkton	71	83	244	11.8	92	5.2	336	8.8
Primrose	87	108	333	16.7	97	6.2	430	12.1
Simonside and Rekenyke	107	155	396	17.1	150	8.6	546	13.5
Westoe	63	75	192	7.9	65	3.4	257	6.0
West Park	63	92	212	9.2	78	4.2	290	7.0
Whitburn and Marsden	52	55	149	8.4	49	3.3	198	6.1
Whiteleas	75	81	250	11.9	99	5.8	349	9.2
SOUTH TYNESIDE	1,424	1,558	4,523	11.9	1,654	5.4	6,177	9.0

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Barnes	85	66	218	8.0	88	3.7	306	6.0
Castle	111	119	312	10.9	133	5.7	445	8.6
Copt Hill	91	82	224	7.8	84	3.7	308	5.9
Doxford	90	77	167	5.8	78	3.2	245	4.6
Fulwell	63	56	138	4.8	62	2.5	200	3.7
Hendon	238	189	719	28.5	242	11.3	961	20.6
Hetton	74	69	250	9.3	81	3.9	331	7.0
Houghton	49	68	192	6.9	67	2.9	259	5.1
Millfield	119	89	332	11.9	123	5.2	455	8.8
Pallion	136	135	410	16.4	166	8.0	576	12.6
Redhill	114	131	387	14.2	161	7.2	548	11.1
Ryhope	124	95	246	9.7	127	5.6	373	7.8
St Anne's	127	100	328	13.1	128	5.9	456	9.7
St Chad's	78	78	209	9.7	81	4.1	290	7.0
St Michael's	103	84	267	9.4	99	4.3	366	7.1
St Peter's	96	85	248	8.4	94	3.9	342	6.4
Sandhill	116	111	370	14.9	136	6.7	506	11.2
Shiney Row	87	83	227	7.1	91	3.3	318	5.3
Silksworth	110	89	271	10.0	145	5.9	416	8.1
Southwick	119	139	377	15.7	132	6.8	509	11.7
Washington Central	79	86	223	7.1	75	2.8	298	5.1
Washington East	79	90	214	6.7	86	3.3	300	5.2
Washington North	118	127	352	11.4	158	6.3	510	9.1
Washington South	64	92	169	5.0	74	2.7	243	4.0
Washington West	92	95	212	6.7	74	2.8	286	4.9
SUNDERLAND	2,562	2,435	7,062	10.1	2,785	4.7	9,847	7.7
TYNE & WEAR	8,395	9,055	26,280	9.6	9,538	4.2	35,818	7.2

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