

## **Destinations of Leavers from the Unemployment Claimant Count 2001<sup>1</sup>**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

In 2001, about 80,200 people in Tyne & Wear left the claimant count. This report shows where people went from claimant unemployment. It reveals something of the dynamics of unemployment, with over twice as many people flowing out of unemployment in 2001 as there were unemployed at any point in time. The destinations dataset is very detailed, with 20 possible destinations along with the age of the leaver (13 age bands) and the duration of the claim (16 duration bands). Information on the destinations of leavers from the claimant count is available from the NOMIS<sup>2</sup> database. The dataset covers computerised claims only. Data can be extracted between any two claimant count dates, the earliest being January 1998. The destinations are subject to change over time. For example, the dataset includes both “claimed Sickness Benefit” and “claimed Incapacity Benefit” as possible destinations although Incapacity Benefit replaced both Sickness and Invalidity Benefit in April 1995.

Although the dataset is available at ward level, this report concentrates on Tyne & Wear and its constituent districts. Comparisons are made, geographically and by destination, with the North East and the UK. A Tyne & Wear parliamentary constituency table is included (Table 10). Information for wards is available on request.

### **FLOWS FROM UNEMPLOYMENT, BY DESTINATION**

#### **In all cases (UK, North East, Tyne & Wear and the five Districts):**

- The top three destinations were “Found Work” (roughly half), “Failed to Sign” (roughly a fifth) and “Transfer to Government-supported Training” (very roughly 5% or more).
- The top three destinations accounted for over three-quarters of claimant count leavers.

In Tyne & Wear, during 2001, over 3,400 people left the claimant count to go to a New Deal option. This is under 5% of total off-flows.

Compared to 2000 the proportion finding work in Tyne & Wear increased by one percentage point. The proportion failing to sign increased by 0.6 percentage points and the proportion going to prison increased by half a percentage point. The proportion transferring to Government-supported training fell by 0.9 percentage points.

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<sup>1</sup> This report covers the period 12<sup>th</sup> January 2001 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2002.

<sup>2</sup> National On-line Manpower Information System.

### **Found Work**

Over 43,000 claimants in Tyne & Wear found work. The proportion (54.2%) is higher than both the North East (53.9%) and the UK (48.2%). At district level, within Tyne & Wear, only Newcastle (46.3%) was below the UK percentage. Surprisingly, of the five Tyne & Wear Districts, South Tyneside had the highest percentage of leavers who found work (60.0%).

### **Failed to Sign**

In Tyne & Wear, over 13,500 claimants failed to sign (16.9%). Nationally 23.2% of claimants failed to sign. Newcastle's figure was comparable (22.5%) and was the only District in Tyne & Wear higher than the North East (16.8%). In South Tyneside only 13.6% failed to sign.

### **Transfer to Government-supported Training**

Over 6,000 claimants in Tyne & Wear transferred to Government-supported training, a higher proportion than nationally (7.6%, UK 5.7%). Within Tyne & Wear, the proportion was highest in Newcastle (9.4%) and lowest in North Tyneside (6.6%). People entering the New Deal training option would presumably generally be in this category. Perhaps about 1,400 per annum.

In the UK the next three most significant destinations were "Not Known" (5.4%), "Claimed Incapacity Benefit" (4.5%) and "Gone Abroad" (3.7%).

### **Not Known**

Nearly 3,000 claimants in Tyne & Wear left to destinations "not known" (3.7%). Leavers to an unknown destination accounted for 4.9% of the total in Sunderland, the highest in Tyne & Wear but half a point below the UK percentage. In South Tyneside only 3.1% of leavers were recorded as "not known".

### **Claimed Incapacity Benefit (IB)**

In Tyne & Wear nearly 4,900 unemployed claimants left to claim Incapacity Benefit (6.1%). This has been the major route into "hidden unemployment". In the North East and throughout the Tyne & Wear Districts movement from the claimant count to IB was more likely than nationally (4.5%). In Sunderland 6.6% moved to IB. This fell to 4.6% in North Tyneside. In August 1999 there were approximately 74,000 on IB in Tyne & Wear.

### **Gone Abroad**

Nearly 2,500 claimants in Tyne & Wear left to go abroad. The "gone abroad" category does not distinguish between those emigrating and those leaving for a holiday. "Gone abroad" was lower than in the UK, probably reflecting lower prosperity than in the UK. In the UK, 3.7% left the count to go abroad, a higher percentage than in the North East (3.2%) or Tyne & Wear (3.1%). In North Tyneside 3.8% left the count to go abroad, the only District in Tyne & Wear to exceed the UK percentage. Only 2.6% of leavers in South Tyneside left the count to go abroad.

**Claimed Income Support (IS) or another benefit, excluding IB**

In the UK, 3.2% of claimants moved from the claimant count to IS or other benefits, excluding IB. This was exceeded in Gateshead (3.4%) and equalled in Newcastle. The North East figure was 2.7%. Relatively few people moved to IS or other benefits in North Tyneside (2.5%) and South Tyneside (1.9%). Overall the Tyne & Wear figure was 2.8%.

**Full-time Education or Approved Training**

Over 1,100 claimants in Tyne & Wear left to education or approved training. Full-time education and approved training together accounted for 1.2% of claimant off-flows in the UK. This was equalled in South Tyneside and exceeded in the other Tyne & Wear Districts. The highest proportion was in Newcastle (1.6%), which was just above the North East (1.5%). North Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead all equalled the Tyne & Wear figure of 1.4%.

**Table 1 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, United Kingdom, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	1,350,287	48.2	48.2
Failed to sign	648,240	23.2	71.4
Transfer to Govt-supported training	159,037	5.7	77.1
Not known	150,729	5.4	82.5
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	127,271	4.5	87.0
Gone abroad	103,172	3.7	90.7
Claimed Income Support	56,763	2.0	92.7
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	44,858	1.6	94.3
Ceased claiming	43,400	1.6	95.9
Claimed another benefit	32,629	1.2	97.0
Gone to full-time education	24,516	0.9	97.9
Defective claim	16,302	0.6	98.5
New claim review	12,426	0.4	98.9
Gone onto approved training	10,099	0.4	99.3
Gone to prison	9,914	0.4	99.7
Retirement age reached	4,156	0.1	99.8
Automatic credits payable	3,406	0.1	99.9
Attending court	1,287	0.0	100.0
Deceased	944	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	2,799,436	100.0	-

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**Table 2 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, North East, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	98,608	53.9	53.9
Failed to sign	30,775	16.8	70.7
Transfer to Govt-supported training	13,159	7.2	77.9
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	10,851	5.9	83.8
Not known	7,034	3.8	87.7
Gone abroad	5,864	3.2	90.9
Claimed Income Support	3,211	1.8	92.6
Ceased claiming	2,929	1.6	94.2
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	2,402	1.3	95.6
Claimed another benefit	1,766	1.0	96.5
Gone to full-time education	1,555	0.8	97.4
Gone to prison	1,217	0.7	98.0
Gone onto approved training	1,136	0.6	98.7
Defective claim	999	0.5	99.2
New claim review	865	0.5	99.7
Automatic credits payable	264	0.1	99.8
Retirement age reached	212	0.1	99.9
Attending court	70	0.0	100.0
Deceased	47	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	182,964	100.0	-

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**Table 3 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, Tyne & Wear, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	43,451	54.2	54.2
Failed to sign	13,547	16.9	71.1
Transfer to Govt-supported training	6,058	7.6	78.6
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	4,865	6.1	84.7
Not known	2,983	3.7	88.4
Gone abroad	2,484	3.1	91.5
Claimed Income Support	1,460	1.8	93.3
Ceased claiming	953	1.2	94.5
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	951	1.2	95.7
Claimed another benefit	792	1.0	96.7
Gone to full-time education	710	0.9	97.6
Gone to prison	553	0.7	98.2
Gone onto approved training	432	0.5	98.8
Defective claim	384	0.5	99.3
New claim review	310	0.4	99.6
Automatic credits payable	131	0.2	99.8
Retirement age reached	101	0.1	99.9
Deceased	26	0.0	100.0
Attending court	23	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	80,214	100.0	-

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**Table 4 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, Gateshead, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	6,103	54.6	54.6
Failed to sign	1,683	15.0	69.6
Transfer to Govt-supported training	783	7.0	76.6
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	643	5.7	82.4
Not known	425	3.8	86.2
Gone abroad	374	3.3	89.5
Claimed another benefit	231	2.1	91.6
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	195	1.7	93.3
Ceased claiming	183	1.6	95.0
Claimed Income Support	146	1.3	96.3
Gone to full-time education	103	0.9	97.2
Defective claim	87	0.8	98.0
Gone to prison	81	0.7	98.7
New claim review	54	0.5	99.2
Gone onto approved training	52	0.5	99.6
Automatic credits payable	23	0.2	99.8
Retirement age reached	12	0.1	99.9
Deceased	5	0.0	100.0
Attending court	1	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	11,184	100.0	-

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**Table 5 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, Newcastle, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	8,741	46.3	46.3
Failed to sign	4,248	22.5	68.7
Transfer to Govt-supported training	1,780	9.4	78.1
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	1,233	6.5	84.7
Gone abroad	613	3.2	87.9
Not known	612	3.2	91.2
Claimed Income Support	467	2.5	93.6
Ceased claiming	276	1.5	95.1
Gone to full-time education	189	1.0	96.1
Defective claim	143	0.8	96.8
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	142	0.8	97.6
Claimed another benefit	135	0.7	98.3
Gone onto approved training	120	0.6	98.9
Gone to prison	117	0.6	99.6
New claim review	27	0.1	99.7
Retirement age reached	23	0.1	99.8
Automatic credits payable	16	0.1	99.9
Attending court	10	0.1	100.0
Deceased	7	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	18,899	100.0	-

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**Table 6 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, North Tyneside, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	8,310	58.9	58.9
Failed to sign	2,170	15.4	74.2
Transfer to Govt-supported training	938	6.6	80.9
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	653	4.6	85.5
Gone abroad	535	3.8	89.3
Not known	454	3.2	92.5
Claimed Income Support	219	1.6	94.1
Ceased claiming	170	1.2	95.3
Gone to full-time education	136	1.0	96.2
Claimed another benefit	134	0.9	97.2
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	129	0.9	98.1
Gone to prison	74	0.5	98.6
Gone onto approved training	65	0.5	99.1
Defective claim	58	0.4	99.5
Automatic credits payable	33	0.2	99.7
Retirement age reached	19	0.1	99.9
New claim review	19	0.1	100.0
Attending court	2	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Deceased	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	14,118	100.0	-

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**Table 7 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, South Tyneside, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	9,103	60.0	60.0
Failed to sign	2,069	13.6	73.7
Transfer to Govt-supported training	1,109	7.3	81.0
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	969	6.4	87.4
Not known	469	3.1	90.5
Gone abroad	388	2.6	93.0
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	281	1.9	94.9
Claimed Income Support	147	1.0	95.8
Claimed another benefit	137	0.9	96.7
Gone to full-time education	111	0.7	97.5
Ceased claiming	89	0.6	98.1
Gone onto approved training	75	0.5	98.5
Gone to prison	75	0.5	99.0
Defective claim	54	0.4	99.4
Automatic credits payable	36	0.2	99.6
New claim review	25	0.2	99.8
Retirement age reached	22	0.1	99.9
Attending court	4	0.0	100.0
Deceased	4	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	15,167	100.0	-

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**Table 8 Unemployed Claimant Flows by Destination, Sunderland, 2001**

	No.	Percentage Share	Cumulative Percent
Found work	11,194	53.7	53.7
Failed to sign	3,377	16.2	69.9
Transfer to Govt-supported training	1,448	6.9	76.8
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	1,367	6.6	83.4
Not known	1,023	4.9	88.3
Gone abroad	574	2.8	91.1
Claimed Income Support	481	2.3	93.4
Ceased claiming	235	1.1	94.5
Gone to prison	206	1.0	95.5
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	204	1.0	96.5
New claim review	185	0.9	97.4
Gone to full-time education	171	0.8	98.2
Claimed another benefit	155	0.7	98.9
Gone onto approved training	120	0.6	99.5
Defective claim	42	0.2	99.7
Retirement age reached	25	0.1	99.8
Automatic credits payable	23	0.1	99.9
Deceased	10	0.0	100.0
Attending court	6	0.0	100.0
Claims back-to-work bonus	0	0.0	100.0
Total Off-flow	20,846	100.0	-

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**Table 9 Unemployed Claimant Flows 2001, Percentage Share by Destination**

	UK	NE	TW	GD	NC	NT	ST	SD
Found work	48.2	53.9	54.2	54.6	46.3	58.9	60.0	53.7
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.7	0.8	0.9	1.9	1.0
Gone abroad	3.7	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.8	2.6	2.8
Claimed Income Support	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.3	2.5	1.6	1.0	2.3
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	4.5	5.9	6.1	5.7	6.5	4.6	6.4	6.6
Claimed another benefit	1.2	1.0	1.0	2.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7
Gone to full-time education	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.8
Gone onto approved training	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6
Transfer to Govt-supported training	5.7	7.2	7.6	7.0	9.4	6.6	7.3	6.9
Retirement age reached	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Automatic credits payable	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Claims back-to-work bonus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gone to prison	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.0
Attending court	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
New claim review	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.9
Defective claim	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2
Ceased claiming	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.6	1.1
Deceased	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Not known	5.4	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.1	4.9
Failed to sign	23.2	16.8	16.9	15.0	22.5	15.4	13.6	16.2

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Note that the table does not follow declining order (used in the previous tables).

**Key**

- UK – United Kingdom
- NE – North East
- TW – Tyne & Wear
- GD – Gateshead
- NC – Newcastle
- NT – North Tyneside
- ST – South Tyneside
- SD – Sunderland

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**Table 10 Unemployed Claimant Flows 2001, Percentage Share by Destination**

Parliamentary Constituency:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Found work	58.1	58.6	55.8	61.5	45.4	52.1	51.5	59.0	58.7	53.6	49.7	42.7	58.1
Jobseeker increases work to 16+ hours a week	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.1	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.0
Gone abroad	4.4	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.8	3.5	3.0	3.4	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.5	4.4
Claimed Income Support	0.9	1.3	2.1	0.9	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.0	2.8	2.4	2.7	1.4
Claimed Incapacity Benefit	5.6	5.2	6.6	6.0	6.1	5.0	7.3	4.2	6.5	6.9	6.5	7.1	4.6
Claimed another benefit	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.4	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.9	0.7
Gone to full-time education	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2
Gone onto approved training	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.4
Transfer to Govt-supported training	5.0	5.6	5.6	6.8	8.9	8.0	8.6	6.5	7.8	7.5	8.7	10.4	6.9
Retirement age reached	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Automatic credits payable	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3
Claims back-to-work bonus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gone to prison	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.6
Attending court	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
New claim review	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.1
Defective claim	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.1
Ceased claiming	1.9	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.8	1.1	0.5	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.2
Deceased	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Not known	3.1	4.2	4.3	3.2	3.6	2.7	2.3	3.1	3.0	4.7	5.8	4.8	3.5
Failed to sign	15.5	14.3	15.8	12.8	23.5	20.3	19.3	16.0	14.1	15.1	17.6	20.9	15.5
Total leaving claimant count	3,911	5,034	6,209	7,009	5,565	4,489	7,179	6,458	8,726	5,787	6,810	7,189	5,848

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### Key Parliamentary Constituency

- 1 Blaydon
- 2 Gateshead East & Washington West
- 3 Houghton & Washington East
- 4 Jarrow
- 5 Newcastle upon Tyne Central
- 6 Newcastle upon Tyne North
- 7 Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend
- 8 North Tyneside
- 9 South Shields
- 10 Sunderland North
- 11 Sunderland South
- 12 Tyne Bridge
- 13 Tynemouth

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