



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*:
June 2010**

(Workforce rates)[#]

	Total	Rate %	Change since previous:			
			Month	%	Year	%
North East Region	80,100	6.6 (w)	300	0.4	-5,500	-6.4
Great Britain	1,404,000	4.4 (w)	-21,400	-1.5	-106,800	-7.1
United Kingdom	1,460,100	4.5 (w)	-20,800	-1.4	-100,100	-6.4

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: June 2010

	Male	Rate%	Female	Rate%	Total	Rate%	Change since previous month:		Change since previous year:	
							Number	%	Number	%
Gateshead	4,041	8.6 R	1,482	3.7 R	5,523	6.4 R	-210	-3.7	-458	-7.7
Newcastle	6,157	9.3 R	2,138	3.9 R	8,295	6.8 R	-237	-2.8	-449	-5.1
North Tyneside	4,005	7.8 R	1,408	3.2 R	5,413	5.7 R	-116	-2.1	-427	-7.3
South Tyneside	4,444	11.7 R	1,672	5.4 R	6,116	8.9 R	-61	-1.0	-223	-3.5
Sunderland	6,744	9.7 R	2,689	4.6 R	9,433	7.3 R	-414	-4.2	-1,336	-12.4
Tyne & Wear	25,391	9.3 R	9,389	4.1 R	34,780	6.9 R	-1,038	-3.0	-2,893	-7.7
North East	57,663	8.7 W	20,590	3.7 W	78,253	6.4 W	-1,852	-2.3	-6,231	-7.4
Great Britain	992,802	5.8 W	395,959	2.7 W	1,388,761	4.4 W	-58,274	-4.0	-115,356	-7.7
United Kingdom	1,034,845	5.9 W	409,251	2.7 W	1,444,096	4.4 W	-58,059	-3.9	-109,160	-7.0

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 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 regional 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: June 2010

(Resident PWA-based proportions)

	Male	Percentage of population #	Female	Percentage of population #	Total	Percentage of population #
Gateshead	4,041	6.6	1,482	2.6	5,523	4.7
Newcastle	6,157	6.6	2,138	2.5	8,295	4.6
North Tyneside	4,005	6.4	1,408	2.4	5,413	4.5
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Tyne & Wear	25,391	7.1	9,389	2.9	34,780	5.1
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United Kingdom	1,034,845	5.2	409,251	2.3	1,444,096	3.8

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Notes:

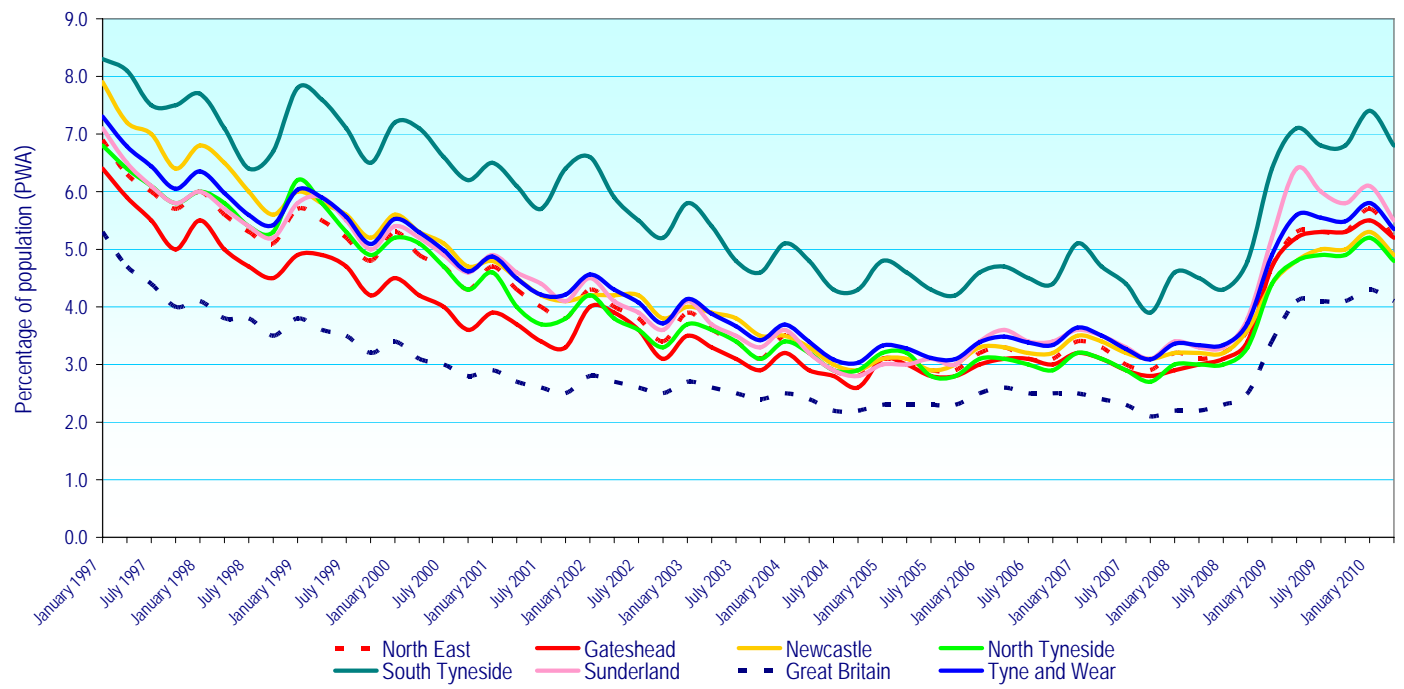
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Claimant count figures given in Table 3 are expressed as a proportion of the resident population of working age (females 16-59, males 16-64). In order to ensure consistency with District and Tyne & Wear boundaries, the population of working age (PWA) 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			Female			Total		
		%	Confidence*		%	Confidence*		%	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

June 2010

Ward	FLOWS		CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT					
	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
Birtley	38	46	140	6.8	48	2.7	188	4.9
Blaydon	68	56	230	10.3	90	4.6	320	7.6
Bridges	68	73	312	15.6	87	6.2	399	11.7
Chopwell and Rowlands Gill	45	53	178	8.0	61	3.2	239	5.8
Chowdene	42	58	159	7.3	51	2.8	210	5.3
Crawcrook and Greenside	25	29	101	4.3	30	1.5	131	3.0
Deckham	57	88	276	13.0	106	5.7	382	9.6
Dunston and Teams	68	86	312	15.0	98	5.9	410	10.9
Dunston Hill and Whickham East	26	37	99	4.5	38	1.9	137	3.3
Felling	87	86	310	18.8	117	8.5	427	14.1
High Fell	65	79	263	14.5	96	6.2	359	10.7
Lamesley	37	44	147	7.4	59	3.6	206	5.7
Lobley Hill and Bensham	60	94	255	11.6	97	4.9	352	8.4
Low Fell	29	25	76	3.3	25	1.2	101	2.3
Pelaw and Heworth	70	62	166	7.9	73	4.1	239	6.1
Ryton, Crookhill and Stella	31	37	118	6.0	58	3.2	176	4.7
Saltwell	64	69	234	10.4	118	6.4	352	8.6
Wardley and Leam Lane	38	57	120	5.5	52	2.8	172	4.3
Whickham North	35	44	141	6.6	42	2.3	183	4.7
Whickham South and Sunnyside	32	32	92	4.0	33	1.7	125	3.0
Windy Nook and Whitehills	48	67	184	7.7	59	3.0	243	5.5
Winlaton and High Spen	46	48	128	6.0	44	2.6	172	4.5
GATESHEAD	1,079	1,270	4,041	8.6	1,482	3.7	5,523	6.4
Benwell and Scotswood	106	115	446	14.7	159	5.8	605	10.5
Blakelaw	60	79	267	9.9	100	4.6	367	7.5
Byker	119	138	498	18.3	186	8.4	684	13.8
Castle	28	42	106	3.8	38	1.5	144	2.7
Dene	32	30	85	3.2	26	1.1	111	2.3
Denton	61	63	213	8.3	74	3.5	287	6.1
East Gosforth	16	25	74	3.0	30	1.4	104	2.2
Elswick	122	122	579	19.0	181	9.0	760	15.0
Fawdon	61	62	273	11.9	94	4.7	367	8.5
Fenham	57	66	219	8.4	83	3.8	302	6.3
Kenton	72	71	301	11.8	119	5.6	420	9.0
Lemington	48	65	195	7.4	71	3.0	266	5.3
Newburn	51	71	210	9.2	43	2.1	253	5.9
North Heaton	43	49	124	4.9	43	2.0	167	3.6
North Jesmond	15	23	46	1.9	23	1.2	69	1.6
Ouseburn	65	60	229	8.9	87	4.3	316	6.9
Parklands	20	18	81	3.3	38	1.8	119	2.6
South Heaton	81	88	230	8.7	88	4.4	318	6.8
South Jesmond	23	41	112	4.8	42	2.3	154	3.7
Walker	139	132	562	23.9	186	10.4	748	18.0
Walkergate	77	87	288	12.0	86	4.3	374	8.5
Westerhope	26	35	101	4.3	26	1.3	127	2.9
Westgate	70	80	358	16.2	113	6.8	471	12.1
West Gosforth	17	29	68	2.6	24	1.1	92	1.9
Wingrove	61	76	259	9.6	93	4.6	352	7.4
Woolsington	52	55	233	9.3	85	4.0	318	6.8
NEWCASTLE	1,522	1,722	6,157	9.3	2,138	3.9	8,295	6.8

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)

June 2010

Ward	FLOWS		CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT					
	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
Battle Hill	67	70	230	7.6	96	3.8	326	5.9
Benton	46	45	142	5.6	52	2.3	194	4.1
Camperdown	45	59	178	6.2	80	3.3	258	4.9
Chirton	117	126	407	14.4	124	5.2	531	10.2
Collingwood	62	60	232	8.9	73	3.3	305	6.4
Cullercoats	18	28	88	3.9	30	1.5	118	2.8
Howdon	71	85	336	12.5	124	5.7	460	9.5
Killingworth	53	46	164	5.5	36	1.5	200	3.7
Longbenton	64	69	241	10.5	88	4.1	329	7.4
Monkseaton North	23	28	69	2.8	29	1.3	98	2.1
Monkseaton South	41	42	109	4.6	51	2.4	160	3.5
Northumberland	45	40	152	6.4	53	2.6	205	4.7
Preston	30	37	91	3.8	34	1.6	125	2.8
Riverside	102	100	448	16.2	152	6.9	600	12.1
St Mary's	12	17	61	2.9	18	1.1	79	2.1
Tynemouth	53	53	160	5.9	53	2.3	213	4.2
Valley	52	65	197	8.1	78	3.7	275	6.0
Wallsend	86	88	408	14.3	118	4.9	526	10.0
Weetslade	32	28	114	4.7	51	2.4	165	3.6
Whitley Bay	36	52	178	7.0	68	3.1	246	5.1
NORTH TYNESIDE	1,055	1,138	4,005	7.8	1,408	3.2	5,413	5.7
Beacon and Bents	94	116	378	16.3	141	8.3	519	12.9
Bede	68	77	274	13.9	77	4.9	351	9.9
Biddick and All Saints	80	87	366	18.3	180	10.4	546	14.7
Boldon Colliery	55	61	236	9.4	71	3.3	307	6.6
Cleadow and East Boldon	23	20	55	2.5	30	1.6	85	2.1
Cleadow Park	63	56	202	13.8	90	7.4	292	10.9
Fellgate and Hedworth	57	62	241	11.5	69	4.0	310	8.1
Harton	60	68	239	11.3	73	4.4	312	8.2
Hebburn North	72	85	265	11.9	124	6.4	389	9.4
Hebburn South	51	65	184	9.2	71	4.5	255	7.1
Horsley Hill	71	62	218	10.7	102	6.2	320	8.7
Monkton	67	66	244	11.8	93	5.3	337	8.8
Primrose	76	76	327	16.4	100	6.4	427	12.0
Simonside and Rekenyke	114	109	412	17.8	144	8.3	556	13.7
Westoe	58	73	179	7.4	62	3.3	241	5.6
West Park	62	58	209	9.1	82	4.4	291	7.0
Whitburn and Marsden	52	34	157	8.8	57	3.8	214	6.5
Whiteleas	79	67	258	12.3	106	6.2	364	9.6
SOUTH TYNESIDE	1,202	1,242	4,444	11.7	1,672	5.4	6,116	8.9

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Barnes	56	50	219	8.0	90	3.8	309	6.1
Castle	82	89	306	10.7	122	5.2	428	8.2
Copt Hill	59	64	215	7.5	84	3.7	299	5.8
Doxford	51	43	166	5.8	85	3.5	251	4.7
Fulwell	35	45	127	4.4	63	2.5	190	3.6
Hendon	141	188	685	27.1	240	11.2	925	19.8
Hetton	52	79	234	8.7	78	3.8	312	6.6
Houghton	55	55	184	6.7	67	2.9	251	4.9
Millfield	68	81	317	11.4	122	5.1	439	8.5
Pallion	74	117	385	15.4	142	6.8	527	11.5
Redhill	76	111	358	13.1	152	6.8	510	10.3
Ryhope	63	74	236	9.3	129	5.7	365	7.6
St Anne's	85	81	322	12.8	123	5.6	445	9.5
St Chad's	42	64	193	8.9	70	3.5	263	6.3
St Michael's	65	70	264	9.3	97	4.2	361	7.0
St Peter's	72	85	243	8.3	79	3.3	322	6.0
Sandhill	92	109	342	13.8	141	7.0	483	10.7
Shiney Row	52	74	216	6.8	80	2.9	296	5.0
Silksworth	59	87	251	9.3	140	5.7	391	7.6
Southwick	80	89	360	15.0	137	7.0	497	11.5
Washington Central	70	72	221	7.0	74	2.8	295	5.1
Washington East	56	77	204	6.4	82	3.1	286	4.9
Washington North	75	101	335	10.8	147	5.8	482	8.6
Washington South	56	56	163	4.8	74	2.7	237	3.9
Washington West	55	73	198	6.3	71	2.7	269	4.6
SUNDERLAND	1,671	2,034	6,744	9.7	2,689	4.6	9,433	7.3
TYNE & WEAR	6,529	7,406	25,391	9.3	9,389	4.1	34,780	6.9

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