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 September 2017 is 410.

This is a decrease of 95 from the previous month.

This represents 0.3% of the working age population. The region stands at 1.4% and GB at 1.1%.

Last Year - September 2016, the total was 530 (therefore a decrease of 120) and was 0.4% 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 1007 in August to 1381 in September. Of which, 590 in August and 818 in September 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 1090. This is an increase of 185 (20.4%) since September 2016.

Since September 2016 the number of people on JSA has decreased by 22.6%.

Constituency Level

Date	York Central		York Outer	
	number	rate	number	rate
September 2011	2,482	3.4	969	1.7
September 2012	2,252	3	805	1.4
September 2013	1,677	2.2	640	1.1
September 2014	1,028	1.3	347	0.6
September 2015	532	0.7	190	0.3
September 2016	376	0.5	152	0.3
September 2017	292	0.4	120	0.2
Change since September 2016	-84	-0.1	-32	-0.1
Change since September 2011	-2,190	-3.0	-849	-1.5

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 (SEP 2017)

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Acomb	1.0	-0.8
Bishopthorpe	0.5	-0.2
Clifton	1.3	-1.7
Copmanthorpe	0.2	-0.5
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	1.0	-0.6
Fishergate	0.6	-0.5
Fulford & Heslington	0.2	-0.5
Guildhall	0.9	-0.7
Haxby & Wigginton	0.4	-0.5
Heworth	1.1	-1.1
Heworth Without	0.4	-0.6
Holgate	1.1	-1.2
Hull Road	0.4	-0.5
Huntington & New Earswick	0.7	-0.9
Micklegate	0.9	-0.9
Osbaldwick & Derwent	0.6	-0.5
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	0.5	-0.5
Rural West York	0.4	-0.4
Strensall	0.3	-0.5
Westfield	1.7	-1.9
Wheldrake	0.2	-0.8

WARDS WITH THE HIGHEST % POINT INCREASE IN JSA CLAIMANTS

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Bishopthorpe	0.5	-0.2
Rural West York	0.4	-0.4
Strensall	0.3	-0.5
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	0.5	-0.5
Osbaldwick & Derwent	0.6	-0.5

WARDS WITH THE LOWEST % POINT INCREASE IN JSA CLAIMANTS

Ward	Total JSA Claimants	Change in Claimant Count
Westfield	1.7	-1.9
Clifton	1.3	-1.7
Holgate	1.1	-1.2
Heworth	1.1	-1.1
Huntington & New Earswick	0.7	-0.9

The five Wards with the highest number of JSA claimants account for 43.06% of all claimants, they are:

Westfield
Clifton
Holgate
Heworth
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe

The ten wards below account for 71.53% of total JSA claimants:

Westfield
Clifton
Holgate
Heworth
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe
Acomb
Micklegate
Guildhall
Huntington & New Earswick
Osbaldwick & Derwent

Further Headlines

1) York has seen a decrease in its Youth Unemployment count, down by 15 from last month. In September 2016 the total number of claimants (18-24) stood at 45, reducing by 10 to 35 in September 2017 - a 22.22% 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, decreased by 10 from last month, totalling 115, 20 less than one year ago - a 14.81% decrease.

4) Male Claimants have decreased by 60 from last month, totalling 235, 75 less than one year ago - a 24.19% decrease.

5) Female Claimants have decreased by 30 from last month, totalling 180, 40 less than one year ago - a 18.18% decrease.