City of York Council

Job Seekers Allowance

February 2020

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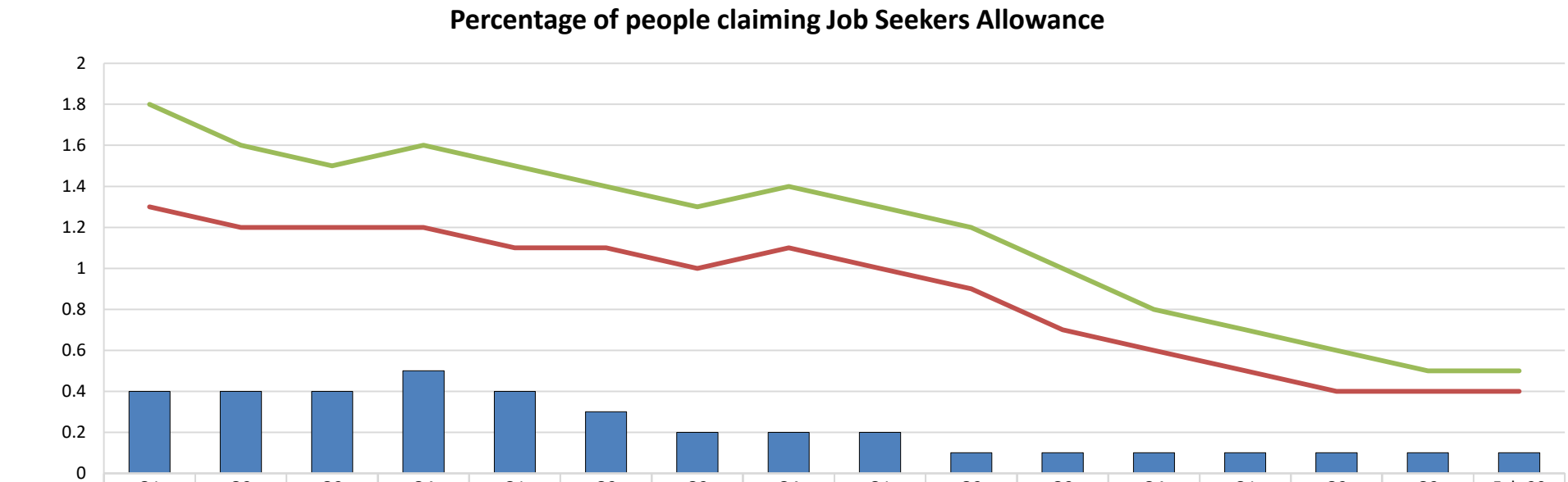
York overall picture:

- The JSA claimant count for York in February 2020 is 180.
- In February 2019 the figure was 185, which is a decrease of 2.7%.
- This represents 0.1% of the working age population.
- The region stands at 0.5% and GB at 0.4%.
- The highest JSA claimant count in York in the past 10 years (from February 2010) is from February 2010 with a figure of 4,110 or 3.1% of the working age population.



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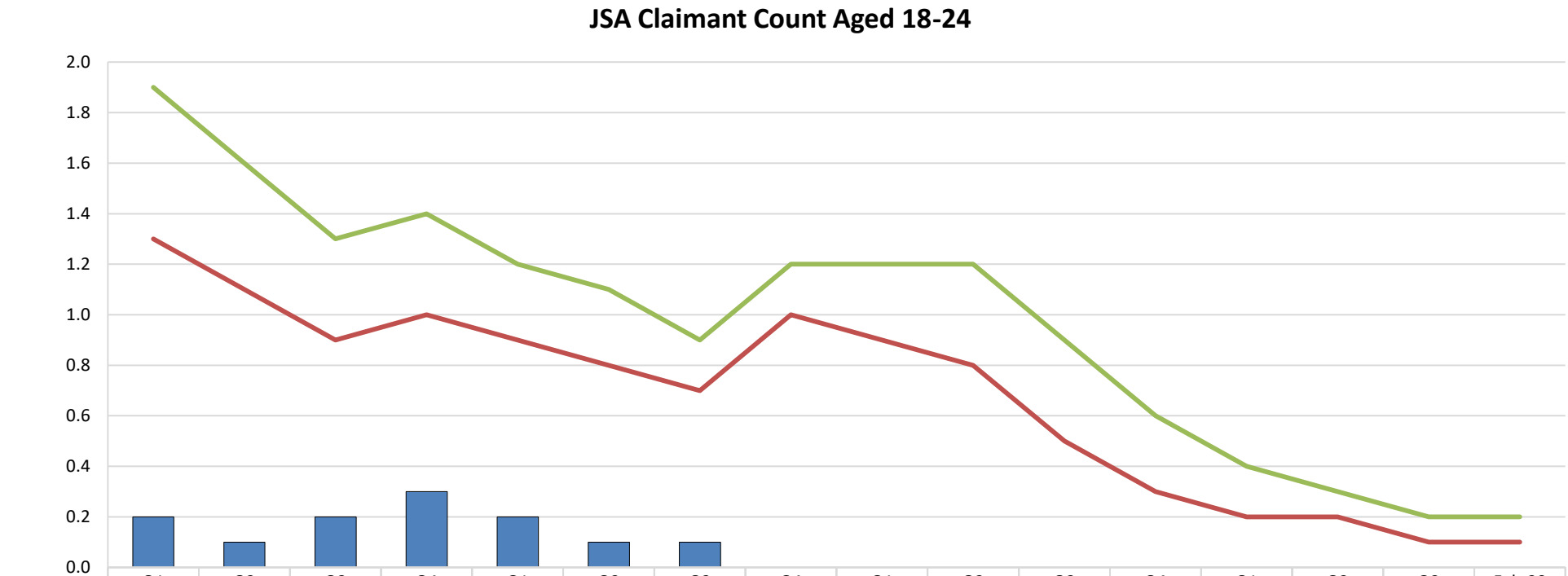
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Feb-20
York	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
GB	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1	1.1	1	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Y & H	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5

Source: nomis - official labour market statistics (ONS)

JSA Claimants 18 - 24 years old

- York has seen a decrease in its Youth Unemployment count, down by 5 from last month.
- In February 2020 the total number of claimants (18-24) stood at 5, no change since Feb 2019.
- This represents 0.0% of the working age population.
- The region stands at 0.2% and GB at 0.1%.



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	2016/17				2017/18				2018/19				2019/20			
York	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GB	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Y & H	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2

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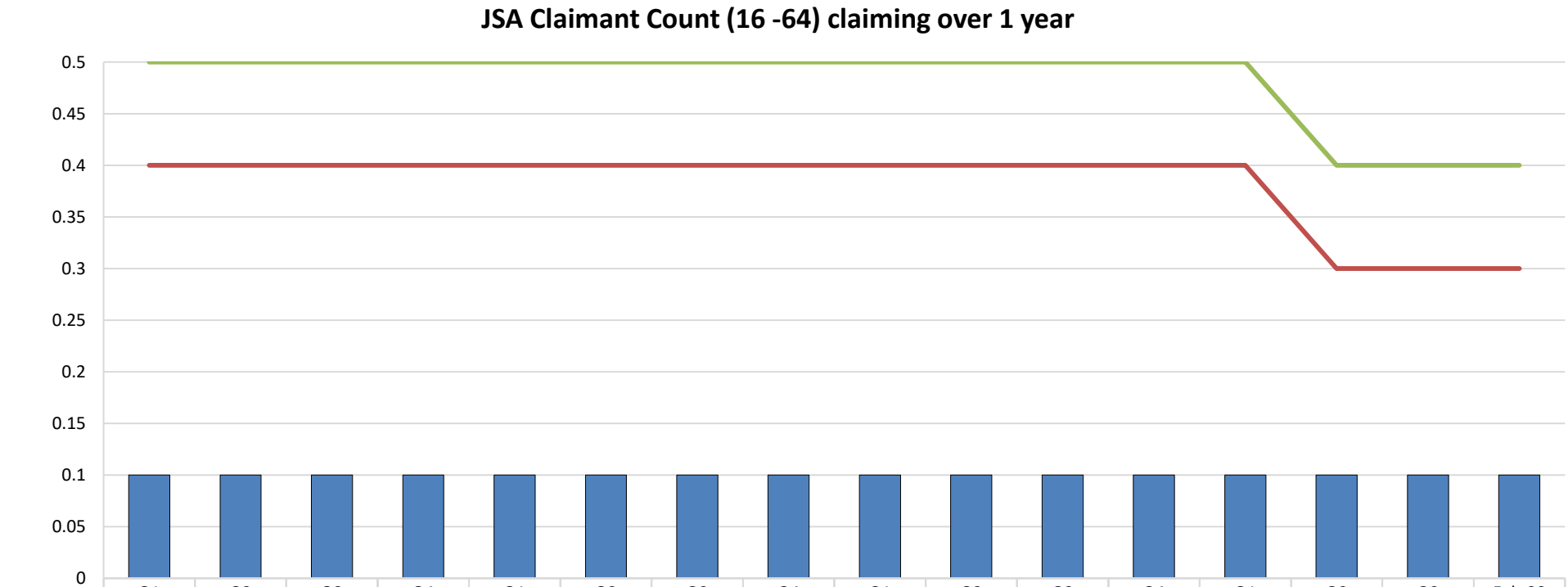
JSA Claimaints out of work for over one year

- Claimants out of work for over one year, increased by 5 from last month, totalling 80, 20 less than one year ago - a 20.0% decrease.
- This represents 0.1% of the working age population who were out of work for over 1 year.
- The region stands at 0.4% and GB at 0.3%.



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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Feb-20
York	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
GB	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Y & H	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4

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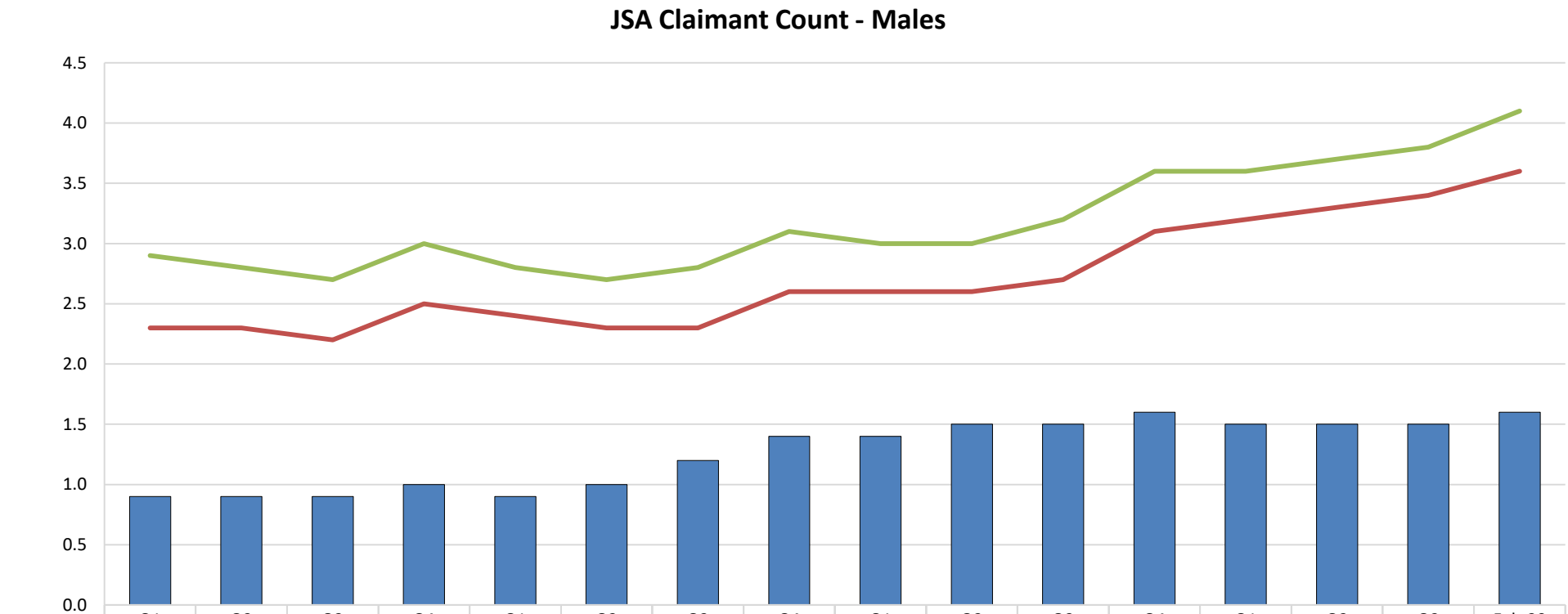
JSA Male Claimant Count

- Male Claimants have increased by 5 from last month, totalling 100, 15 less than one year ago - a 13.0% decrease.
- This represents 1.6 % of the male working age population.
- The region stands at 4.1% and GB at 3.6%.



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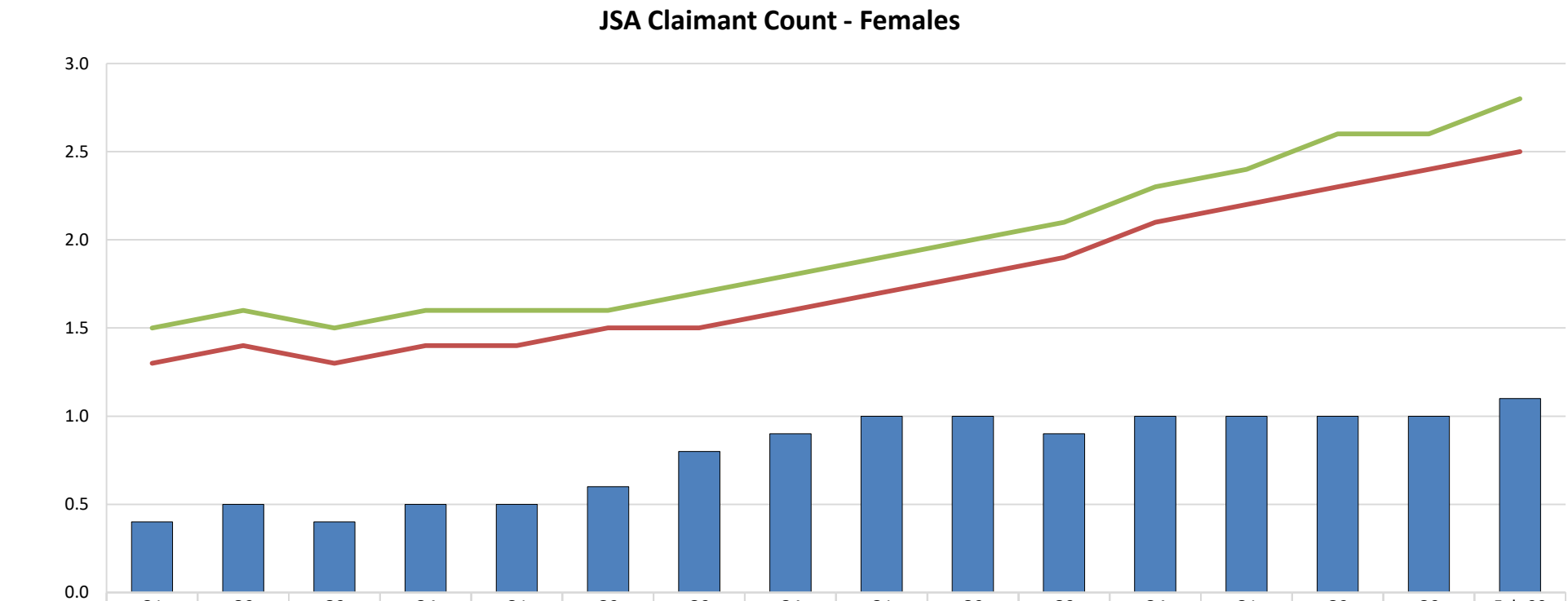
York	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6
GB	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6
Y & H	2.9	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.1

Source: nomis - official labour market statistics (ONS)

JSA Female Claimants

- Female Claimants have increased by 5 from last month, totalling 75, 5 more than one year ago - a 7.1% increase.
- This represents 1.1 % of the female working age population.
- The region stands at 2.8% and GB at 2.5%.



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York	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
GB	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
Y & H	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8

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York Wards

Below are the claimant count for Wards comparing the latest available data with the previous month and the previous year.

Job Seekers Allowance Claimants - Ward Analysis (Feb 2020)

Total JSA Claimants

Ward	February 2020		January 2020		February 2019	
Westfield	2.7	240	2.7	240	2.7	240
Heworth	1.9	200	1.9	195	1.9	215
Clifton	1.9	190	1.9	185	2.0	190
Holgate	1.8	160	1.9	165	2.0	175
Micklegate	1.4	135	1.4	135	1.4	145
Huntington & New Earswick	1.4	130	1.3	130	1.4	130
Guildhall	1.4	110	1.4	105	1.5	85
Acomb	1.4	105	1.3	95	1.2	105
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without	1.1	90	1.0	70	0.8	80
Fishergate	1.1	85	0.9	80	0.9	65
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	1.1	80	1.2	80	1.5	100
Bishopthorpe	1.1	80	0.8	75	0.7	70
Hull Road	0.9	40	0.8	40	0.7	40
Heworth Without	0.9	35	1.0	30	0.7	35
Strensall	0.8	35	0.8	35	0.8	40
Rural West York	0.7	35	0.7	40	0.7	40
Osbaldwick & Derwent	0.7	25	0.7	15	0.9	15
Fulford & Heslington	0.7	20	0.7	20	0.8	15
Wheldrake	0.6	15	0.5	15	0.6	15
Haxby & Wigginton	0.6	15	0.6	15	0.6	20
Copmanthorpe	0.5	10	0.5	10	0.6	15

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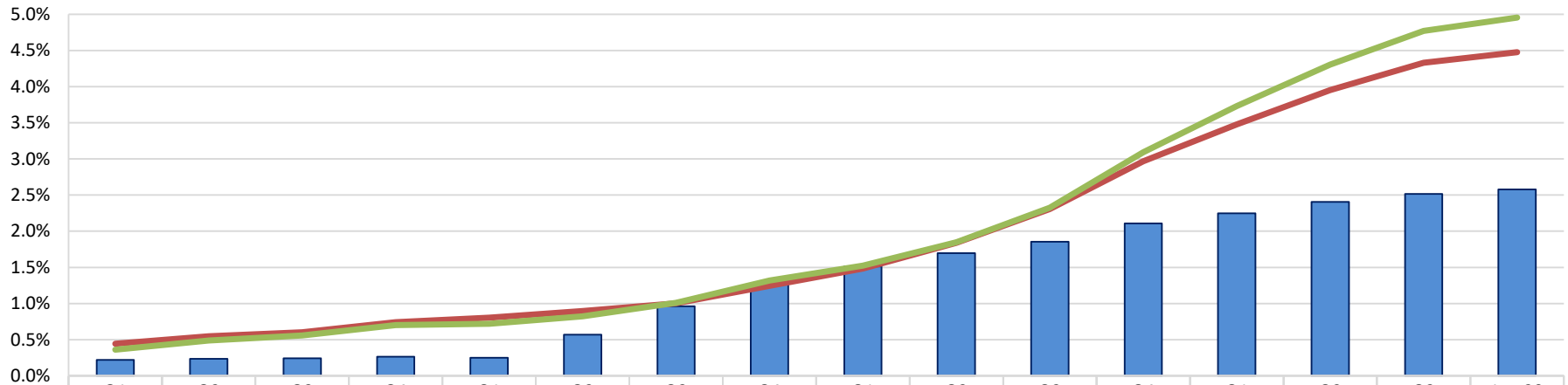
Universal Credit Claimants

The JSA figures should be viewed in the context of the number of people receiving Universal Credit in York increasing from 6,167 in January to 6,416 in February. Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseekers Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

Of which, in January, 3,580 were not in employment. The February figures will not be released until next month.

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. From November 2019 the provisional figures will show the total of those claiming Universal Credit. A breakdown will only be shown when the figures are revised.



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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Jan-20
York	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	2.1%	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%
GB	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	2.3%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.3%	4.5%
Y & H	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.8%	2.3%	3.1%	3.7%	4.3%	4.8%	5.0%

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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)
- the figures for Universal Credit are provisional for the current month and may be revised in the next update.