



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 2011**

(Workforce rates)[#]

	Total	Rate %	Change since previous:			
			Month	%	Year	%
North East Region	83,900	6.8 (w)	1,000	1.2	4,000	5.0
Great Britain	1,460,400	4.7 (w)	24,100	1.7	47,300	3.3
United Kingdom	1,520,100	4.7 (w)	24,500	1.6	50,900	3.5

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-2010.

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 (aged 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 2011

	Male	Rate%	Female	Rate%	Total	Rate%	Change since previous month:		Change since previous year:	
							Number	%	Number	%
Gateshead	4,144	8.7 R	1,853	4.4 R	5,997	6.7 R	-210	-3.4	474	8.6
Newcastle	6,072	8.5 R	2,610	4.3 R	8,682	6.6 R	-69	-0.8	387	4.7
North Tyneside	4,265	8.2 R	1,817	3.8 R	6,082	6.1 R	-51	-0.8	669	12.4
South Tyneside	4,092	10.5 R	2,003	6.1 R	6,095	8.5 R	89	1.5	-21	-0.3
Sunderland	6,470	9.1 R	3,051	4.9 R	9,521	7.1 R	-118	-1.2	88	0.9
Tyne and Wear	25,043	8.9 R	11,334	4.6 R	36,377	6.9 R	-359	-1.0	1,597	4.6
North East	56,966	8.5 W	25,259	4.5 W	82,225	6.7 W	-1,092	-1.3	3,972	5.1
Great Britain	965,204	5.7 W	469,169	3.3 W	1,434,373	4.6 W	-11,896	-0.8	45,612	3.3
United Kingdom	1,007,544	5.8 W	485,533	3.3 W	1,493,077	4.6 W	-11,836	-0.8	48,981	3.4

Source: Office for National Statistics, Tyne and 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 aged 16-64), mid-2009 (TWRI estimates are based on ONS population estimates). The new denominators, introduced with the February 2011 data, include Females aged 60-64. Previous EA denominators used Male 16-64, Female 16-59).

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-2010.

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 2011

(Resident PWA-based proportions)

	Male	Percentage of population #	Female	Percentage of population #	Total	Percentage of population #
Gateshead	4,144	6.7	1,853	3.0	5,997	4.9
Newcastle	6,072	6.0	2,610	2.7	8,682	4.4
North Tyneside	4,265	6.8	1,817	2.8	6,082	4.8
South Tyneside	4,092	8.3	2,003	4.0	6,095	6.2
Sunderland	6,470	7.0	3,051	3.3	9,521	5.1
Tyne and Wear	25,043	6.8	11,334	3.1	36,377	5.0
North East Region	56,966	6.8	25,259	3.0	82,225	4.9
Great Britain	965,204	5.0	469,169	2.4	1,434,373	3.7
United Kingdom	1,007,544	5.0	485,533	2.4	1,493,077	3.7

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

Notes:

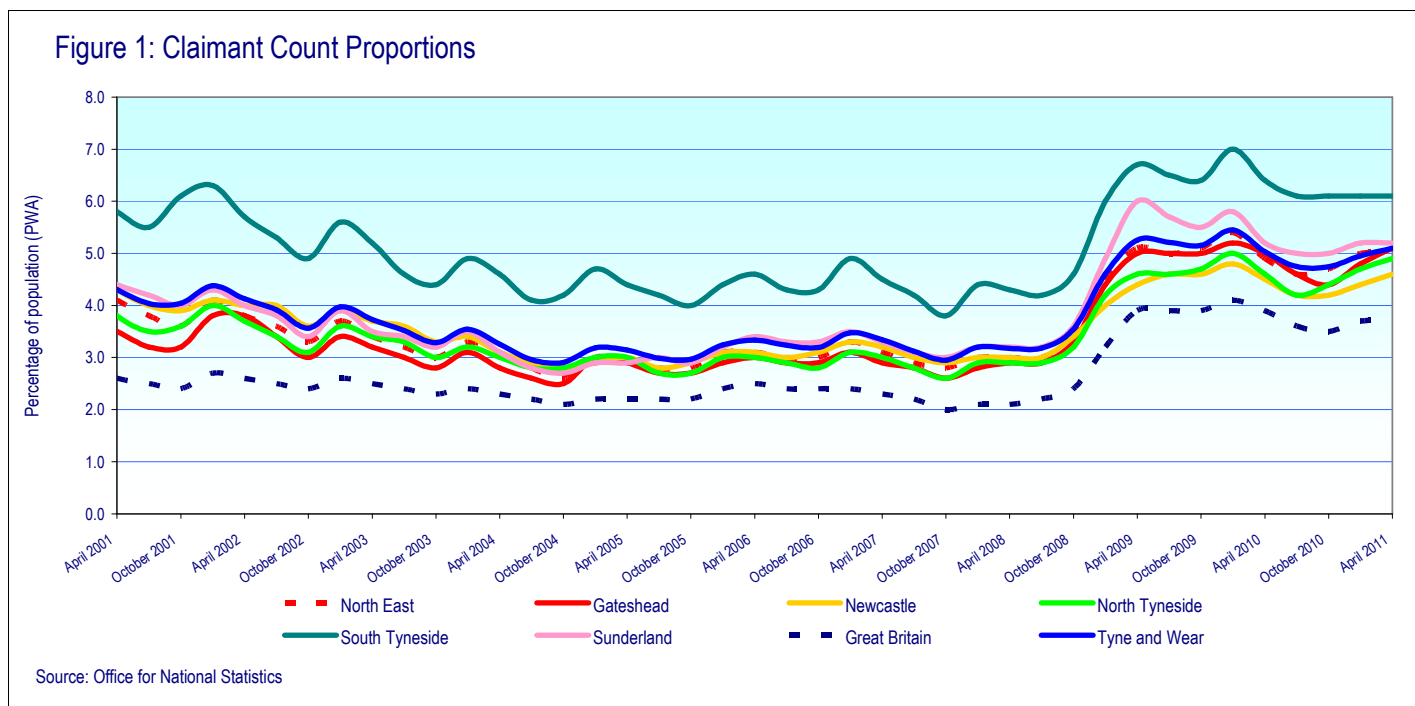
* Count of claimants of Jobseekers' Allowance

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 (16-64). In order to ensure consistency with District and Tyne & Wear boundaries, the population of working age (PWA) figures are calculated using the mid-2007 resident population aged 16-64 (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.

Note: From July 2010 data, the denominators have been widened to age 64. Previously, for women it was up to age 59. This new wider definition of the population of working age (PWA) has reduced the claimant count proportion for women by about 0.3pp (or about a tenth) and that for totals by about 0.2pp.



Notes:

Claimant count proportions (residence-based proportions of 16-64 Population) 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 2010						
	Male	% of PWA #	Female	% of PWA #	Total	% of PWA #
Gateshead	12,940	21.1	10,690	17.3	23,630	19.2
Newcastle	17,860	17.8	15,010	15.5	32,870	16.6
North Tyneside	11,600	18.4	9,850	15.2	21,450	16.8
South Tyneside	11,290	22.9	9,470	19.1	20,770	21.0
Sunderland	20,430	22.1	17,270	18.5	37,700	20.3
Tyne and Wear	74,130	20.2	62,280	17.0	136,410	18.6
North East Region	169,080	20.2	144,660	17.1	313,740	18.6
Great Britain	2,918,660	15.0	2,750,710	14.1	5,669,370	14.5
Employment and Support Allowance Claimants** November 2010						
	Male	% of PWA #	Female	% of PWA #	Total	% of PWA #
Gateshead	1,490	2.4	1,080	1.7	2,560	2.1
Newcastle	2,160	2.1	1,560	1.6	3,720	1.9
North Tyneside	1,300	2.1	1,090	1.7	2,390	1.9
South Tyneside	1,240	2.5	950	1.9	2,190	2.2
Sunderland	2,370	2.6	1,670	1.8	4,040	2.2
Tyne and Wear	8,560	2.3	6,350	1.7	14,910	2.0
North East Region	18,480	2.2	13,720	1.6	32,200	1.9
Great Britain	332,900	1.7	261,030	1.3	593,930	1.5
Incapacity/Severe Disablement Allowance*** November 2010						
	Male	% of PWA #	Female	% of PWA #	Total	% of PWA #
Gateshead	3,620	5.9	2,020	3.3	5,640	4.6
Newcastle	4,270	4.2	2,350	2.4	6,630	3.4
North Tyneside	2,950	4.7	1,870	2.9	4,820	3.8
South Tyneside	2,880	5.8	1,490	3.0	4,370	4.4
Sunderland	5,970	6.5	3,520	3.8	9,490	5.1
Tyne and Wear	19,700	5.4	11,250	3.1	30,950	4.2
North East Region	47,080	5.6	28,280	3.3	75,360	4.5
Great Britain	730,270	3.8	490,950	2.5	1,221,220	3.1

Source: Department for Work and Pensions

Over the period from August 2008, in Tyne & Wear, Benefit Claimants (Working age Client Group) were up by 8,180 (+6.3%). ESA claimants reached 14,700 – which explains the 9,850 (-23.6%) 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 (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 3 percentage points.

**Table 5: National, Regional and Local ILO Unemployment, Unadjusted:
12 months Jan 2010-Dec 2010**

	<u>Male</u>			<u>Female</u>			<u>Total</u>		
		%	Confidence*		%	Confidence*		%	Confidence*
Gateshead	5,200	10.6	3.1	4,300	9.6	3.0	9,400	10.1	2.1
Newcastle	9,300	12.3	3.3	4,700	7.4	2.7	14,000	10.1	2.2
North Tyneside	5,700	10.7	2.9	3,900	8.0	2.5	9,700	9.4	1.9
South Tyneside	6,100	15.8	3.5	3,100	9.2	2.8	9,200	12.7	2.3
Sunderland	8,400	11.9	3.0	5,500	9.0	2.9	13,900	10.5	2.1
Tyne and Wear	34,800	12.1	1.4	21,500	8.5	1.2	56,200	10.4	0.9
North East Region	75,500	11.5	0.9	46,800	8.1	0.8	122,200	9.9	0.6
Great Britain	1,391,900	8.7	0.2	917,800	6.7	0.2	2,309,700	7.8	0.1

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 64 expressed as a percentage of the economically active population aged 16 to 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.

Previously Table 5 showed the number of unemployed females aged 16-59.

Appendix 1: Claimant Count Statistics Current (2004) Wards

June 2011

Ward	FLOWS		CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT					
	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
Birtley	52	38	167	8.1	70	3.7	237	6.0
Blaydon	52	72	229	9.7	119	5.5	348	7.7
Bridges	51	76	284	13.2	84	5.5	368	10.0
Chopwell and Rowlands Gill	58	36	207	9.2	96	4.7	303	7.0
Chowdene	59	57	182	8.2	76	4.0	258	6.2
Crawcrook and Greenside	21	33	84	3.5	45	2.1	129	2.8
Deckham	56	105	244	11.4	138	7.2	382	9.4
Dunston and Teams	74	84	303	13.9	127	7.1	430	10.8
Dunston Hill and Whickham Ea:	33	34	106	4.7	50	2.4	156	3.6
Felling	75	99	328	19.2	160	10.6	488	15.2
High Fell	63	102	271	14.5	121	7.4	392	11.2
Lamesley	46	44	144	7.3	72	4.2	216	5.9
Lobley Hill and Bensham	62	100	270	12.0	100	4.7	370	8.5
Low Fell	15	20	69	2.9	35	1.6	104	2.3
Pelaw and Heworth	47	46	153	7.2	77	4.1	230	5.7
Ryton, Crookhill and Stella	44	43	145	7.3	62	3.2	207	5.3
Saltwell	62	71	276	12.5	119	6.4	395	9.7
Wardley and Leam Lane	36	38	141	6.5	59	3.0	200	4.9
Whickham North	36	44	140	6.5	69	3.7	209	5.2
Whickham South and Sunnyside	37	35	66	2.9	40	1.9	106	2.4
Windy Nook and Whitehills	57	69	199	8.3	84	4.1	283	6.3
Winlaton and High Spen	31	29	136	6.5	50	2.7	186	4.7
GATESHEAD	1,067	1,275	4,144	8.7	1,853	4.4	5,997	6.7
Benwell and Scotswood	123	119	376	11.8	183	6.1	559	9.1
Blakelaw	77	82	267	9.1	123	5.1	390	7.3
Byker	146	139	515	18.0	245	10.1	760	14.4
Castle	31	34	139	4.7	57	2.1	196	3.4
Dene	31	28	74	2.6	29	1.1	103	1.9
Denton	50	67	199	7.4	76	3.3	275	5.5
East Gosforth	26	21	84	3.2	34	1.4	118	2.3
Elswick	143	151	581	17.0	219	9.8	800	14.1
Fawdon	67	83	240	9.8	117	5.5	357	7.8
Fenham	76	64	216	7.7	102	4.4	318	6.2
Kenton	83	96	294	10.6	135	5.7	429	8.3
Lemington	58	69	173	6.3	98	3.9	271	5.1
Newburn	60	52	181	7.3	62	2.7	243	5.1
North Heaton	37	47	117	4.4	48	2.1	165	3.3
North Jesmond	15	17	57	2.2	21	1.0	78	1.6
Ouseburn	63	55	251	8.8	83	3.6	334	6.4
Parklands	31	27	74	2.7	43	1.8	117	2.3
South Heaton	80	85	250	8.8	111	5.2	361	7.2
South Jesmond	30	24	105	4.3	50	2.4	155	3.4
Walker	111	127	595	23.8	215	11.2	810	18.4
Walkergate	67	63	297	11.6	126	5.8	423	8.9
Westerhope	24	25	89	3.7	30	1.4	119	2.6
Westgate	88	71	326	13.9	132	6.8	458	10.7
West Gosforth	18	24	67	2.4	31	1.3	98	1.9
Wingrove	89	92	275	9.2	124	5.7	399	7.7
Woolsington	80	86	230	8.7	116	5.0	346	7.0
NEWCASTLE	1,704	1,748	6,072	8.5	2,610	4.3	8,682	6.6

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

Notes: * Rates are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated labour force (the economically active population, aged 16-64), at mid-2009 (TWRI ests. based on ONS population)

June 2011

Ward	FLOWS		CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT					
	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
Battle Hill	43	47	237	8.0	88	3.3	325	5.7
Benton	37	36	142	5.6	67	2.8	209	4.3
Camperdown	46	50	197	6.9	101	3.9	298	5.5
Chirton	98	117	447	15.6	170	6.7	617	11.4
Collingwood	66	69	243	9.2	117	5.1	360	7.3
Cullercoats	34	33	116	5.2	42	2.0	158	3.7
Howdon	71	69	364	13.3	162	7.0	526	10.5
Killingworth	39	35	146	4.9	56	2.2	202	3.6
Longbenton	47	48	244	10.2	111	4.6	355	7.4
Monkseaton North	32	26	89	3.6	42	1.7	131	2.7
Monkseaton South	33	40	115	4.7	54	2.3	169	3.5
Northumberland	43	35	163	6.9	66	3.1	229	5.1
Preston	26	39	94	3.9	52	2.3	146	3.1
Riverside	99	101	522	18.4	215	9.2	737	14.2
St Mary's	18	16	57	2.7	22	1.2	79	2.0
Tynemouth	36	47	141	5.3	67	2.6	208	4.0
Valley	50	57	191	7.1	107	4.4	298	5.8
Wallsend	64	63	427	14.8	137	5.3	564	10.3
Weetslade	34	44	124	5.2	60	2.7	184	4.0
Whitley Bay	52	48	206	8.0	81	3.4	287	5.8
NORTH TYNESIDE	968	1,020	4,265	8.2	1,817	3.8	6,082	6.1
Beacon and Bents	127	111	402	16.7	193	10.3	595	13.9
Bede	59	47	249	12.2	101	6.0	350	9.4
Biddick and All Saints	120	92	350	17.2	218	11.9	568	14.7
Boldon Colliery	53	47	200	7.8	111	4.9	311	6.5
Cleadon and East Boldon	16	19	54	2.4	23	1.1	77	1.8
Cleadon Park	43	50	171	11.6	98	7.3	269	9.5
Fellgate and Hedworth	43	48	211	10.1	89	4.9	300	7.7
Harton	63	64	200	9.3	95	5.2	295	7.4
Hebburn North	66	50	247	10.3	122	5.9	369	8.2
Hebburn South	48	40	171	8.3	87	4.9	258	6.8
Horsley Hill	68	53	176	8.3	121	6.7	297	7.5
Monkton	58	47	253	11.7	106	5.6	359	8.8
Primrose	78	74	326	15.8	120	7.0	446	11.8
Simonside and Rekendyke	96	86	375	16.0	182	10.3	557	13.6
Westoe	65	45	168	6.8	91	4.5	259	5.8
West Park	55	61	181	7.7	83	4.2	264	6.1
Whitburn and Marsden	37	47	128	7.0	56	3.6	184	5.4
Whiteleas	55	57	230	10.5	107	5.9	337	8.4
SOUTH TYNESIDE	1,150	1,038	4,092	10.5	2,003	6.1	6,095	8.5

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	onto regr	off regr	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
Barnes	58	57	201	7.2	94	3.7	295	5.5
Castle	81	76	274	9.3	137	5.6	411	7.6
Copt Hill	67	70	203	7.2	80	3.3	283	5.4
Doxford	40	52	154	5.4	87	3.4	241	4.4
Fulwell	51	47	121	4.1	58	2.2	179	3.2
Hendon	168	140	735	28.1	255	11.1	990	20.2
Hetton	55	73	202	7.4	90	4.0	292	5.9
Houghton	59	69	168	5.9	87	3.5	255	4.8
Millfield	66	74	300	10.2	129	5.3	429	8.0
Pallion	105	122	372	15.5	177	8.4	549	12.2
Redhill	96	107	375	13.6	168	7.1	543	10.6
Ryhope	65	65	194	7.4	120	5.0	314	6.2
St Anne's	73	68	309	11.8	153	6.3	462	9.2
St Chad's	49	50	190	8.5	86	4.1	276	6.4
St Michael's	62	66	256	8.7	99	4.0	355	6.5
St Peter's	59	62	212	6.9	88	3.5	300	5.4
Sandhill	82	82	334	13.2	164	7.4	498	10.5
Shiney Row	69	67	211	6.5	93	3.2	304	4.9
Silksworth	57	62	245	9.1	126	4.9	371	7.0
Southwick	111	114	353	14.5	171	8.2	524	11.6
Washington Central	63	73	186	5.9	87	3.0	273	4.5
Washington East	69	58	179	5.6	115	4.0	294	4.8
Washington North	98	109	334	10.8	207	7.9	541	9.5
Washington South	68	53	155	4.6	79	2.8	234	3.8
Washington West	51	56	207	6.4	101	3.5	308	5.1
SUNDERLAND	1,822	1,872	6,470	9.1	3,051	4.9	9,521	7.1
TYNE AND WEAR	6,711	6,953	25,043	8.9	11,334	4.6	36,377	6.9

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