



## Bradford District monthly unemployment update

- In April 2019 the claimant rate for Bradford was 4.2 - a total of 13,775 claimants.
- There were 2,850 claimants aged between 18 and 24 and 3,285 claimants aged 50+
- Bradford had the highest claimant rate (4.2) in the Leeds City Region.
- There were 2,395 claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance who had been claiming for more than 12 months.

*Please note the unemployment data in this bulletin includes the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance, together with people claiming Universal Credit who are required to seek work and be available for work.*

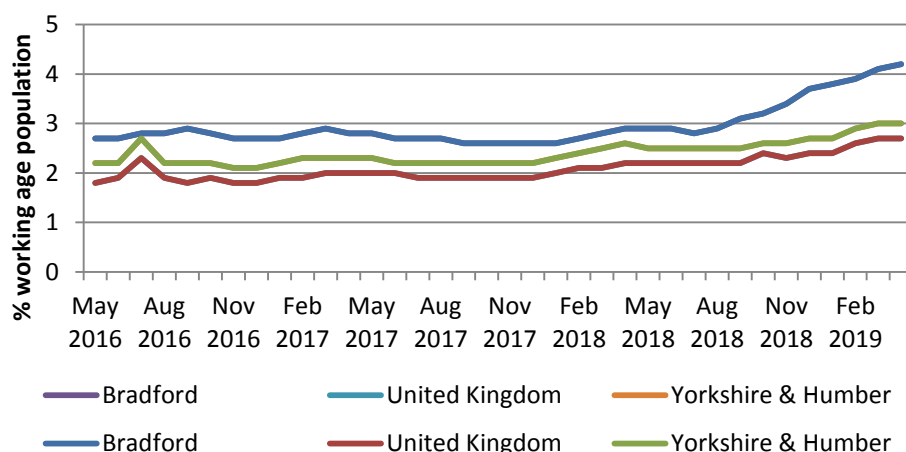
Area	April 2019		Monthly change (Mar - Apr 2019)		Annual change (Apr 2018 – Apr 2019)	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Bradford	13,775	4.2	465	3.5	4,295	45.3
Leeds City Region	57,870	3.0	1,570	2.8	9,840	20.5
Yorkshire & Humber	103,155	3.0	2,465	2.4	15,435	17.6
United Kingdom	1,115,050	2.7	23,245	2.1	198,305	21.6

*Source: Jobcentre Plus data, Nomis*

In April 2019 a total of 13,775 people in Bradford District were claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or the unemployment element of Universal Credit. This was an increase of 465 people since March 2019, and an increase of 4,295 since April 2018.

### Claimant rate trends, April 2019

*Source: Jobcentre Plus data, Nomis*



This chart shows an increase in the rate for Bradford, Yorkshire and Humber and the United Kingdom in the last month.

Bradford had the highest unemployment rate in the Leeds City Region in April 2019 with 4.2%.

The last time the unemployment rate was at this level was in

September 2014, since this date the unemployment rate fell and remained stable at between 2.6% and 2.9% until September 2018 when it began to increase.

## Youth unemployment

In April 2019 there were 2,850 young people aged 18-24 claiming either JSA or the unemployment element of Universal Credit. This is 75 more claimants than the previous month and 740 more claimants since April 2018.

## Unemployment in Leeds City Region

The following table shows that in April 2019 Bradford had a highest rate in the Leeds City Region for the total number of claimants and the highest rate for claimants aged 18-24.

Local authority/district	Number of claimants	Rate	Number of claimants aged 18-24	Rate for claimants aged 18-24
Barnsley	5,470	3.6	1,135	5.8
Bradford	13,775	4.2	2,850	6.1
Calderdale	4,680	3.6	830	5.3
Craven	440	1.3	70	2.1
Harrogate	1,410	1.5	235	2.8
Kirklees	9,475	3.5	1,915	4.8
Leeds	14,515	2.8	2,675	2.6
Selby	850	1.6	155	2.7
Wakefield	5,390	2.5	1,100	4.3
York	1,865	1.4	330	1.1

## Long term unemployment

Long term employment data is only available for people claiming Jobseekers Allowance. The April 2019 figures show that there were 2,395 people claiming JSA for longer than 12 months in Bradford. This is 65 more claimants as last month and 290 more than in April 2018.

## Data advice

Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as receiving Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

Universal Credit replaces the following benefits: Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), Housing Benefit, Working tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Income Support

## Latest national information

Main points for January to March 2019

- The number of people in employment in the UK increased by 99,000 (to a total of 32.7 million) in the three months to March 2019
- The unemployment rate for men reduced to 3.9% and for women decreased a reach a record low of 3.7%
- The number of self-employed workers increased by 90,000 to reach a record high of 4.93 million in the three months to March 2019.

## Changes to Universal Credit

It is important to note that following the full roll out of Universal Credit in Bradford last year, the number of claimants will now include people who were previously not included in this data. They are now included because they are in receipt of Universal Credit.

### Data sources and further information

Unemployment data:

[www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)

Labour market economic commentary:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/labourmarketeconomiccommentary/may2019>

More information about Bradford District

<https://ubd.bradford.gov.uk>

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