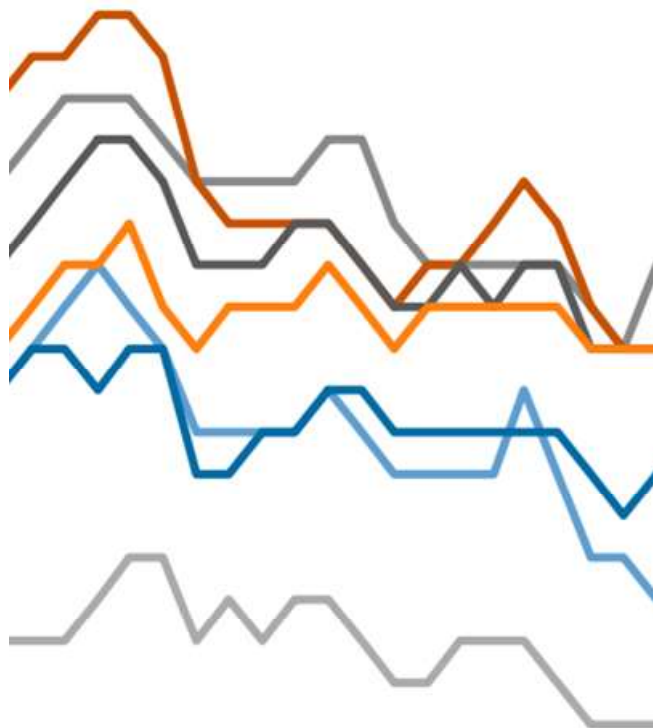


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Introduction

The Unemployment Bulletin provides a monthly update of the latest unemployment and benefit data for Leicester and Leicestershire. The data is sourced from Nomis¹ which contains data from the Office for National Statistics, the Department of Work and Pensions and other official sources. Some figures have been calculated by Leicestershire County Council and where this is the case it is stated in the source.

There are a number of ways of measuring unemployment and this bulletin mainly focuses on Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) which records the number or proportion of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices. The Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) is released on a monthly basis and is available to ward level.

Unemployment Dashboards

The majority of unemployment data is available from a dashboard produced by the Strategic Business Intelligence Team at Leicestershire County Council and published on LSR Online. The dashboard is available from the following link:

https://public.tableau.com/views/UnemploymentDashboard_4/HeadlineData?:embed=y&:display_count=yes&:origin=viz_share_link

Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)

In addition, the annual Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) provides data on employment by industry and is available from the following link:

https://public.tableau.com/views/BRESDashboard/BRESDashboard?:embed=y&:display_count=yes&:origin=viz_share_link

Archived Reports

Archived Unemployment Bulletins and other reports produced by Leicestershire County Council are available on the Leicestershire Statistics and Research Online website from the following link:

<http://www.lsr-online.org/reports.html?query=unemployment+bulletin&submit=Search>

Next Release

The next unemployment data will be released by the Office National for Statistics on **11th June 2019**.

¹ For more information, please visit www.nomisweb.co.uk

Commentary

National

A comprehensive commentary on the national labour market is produced by the Learning and Work Institute and is available at the following link:

<https://www.learningandwork.org.uk/our-resources/statistical-analysis/>²

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

JSA Claimants

The overall number of JSA claimants in the LLEP³ area has fallen considerably in April 2019, with 125 less people claiming JSA compared to March 2019. There was a total of 1,845 claimants in the LLEP area. In Leicester City there were 1,095 people of working age claiming JSA while in Leicestershire the figure was 745. In the LLEP area as a whole, 0.3 percent of the working age population were claiming JSA in April 2019. The claimant rate was 0.5 percent in Leicester City and 0.2 percent in the County. This is compared to 0.5 percent in East Midlands and 0.6 percent in England and the UK.

Across Leicestershire, all districts experienced a fall in the number of people claiming JSA between March 2019 and April 2019, apart from Harborough which experienced a small increase (5). Charnwood experienced the largest fall (20), followed by Blaby (15). Overall, the largest number of claimants by a significant margin could be found in Charnwood (225) while the smallest number was in Harborough and Melton (60).

With regards to the claimant rate for Leicestershire districts, all areas remained unchanged in the claimant rate between March 2019 and April 2019. Oadby and Wigston (0.3 percent) experienced the highest overall claimant rates, while Harborough and North West Leicestershire experienced the lowest claimant rate (0.1).

Claimant Count (including Universal Credit)

In April 2019 there were a total of 12,945 JSA and Universal Credit claimants in the LLEP area, with 95 additional JSA and Universal Credit claimants since March 2019. There was a total of 6,610 claimants in Leicester City and 6,340 in Leicestershire. In terms of the claimant rate, 1.9 percent of the working age population in the LLEP area were claiming JSA or Universal credit in April 2019; 2.8 percent in the City and 1.5 percent in the County. This is compared to 2.3 percent in the East Midlands, 2.6 percent in England and 2.7 percent in the UK.

² N.B. In some cases, data reported by the Learning and Work Institute is seasonally-adjusted and may not correspond with figures reported within this report and the accompanying dashboards. Views expressed are those of the Learning and Work Institute.

³ The Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) comprises of Leicester City and Leicestershire County.

Across Leicestershire districts, Charnwood experienced the largest number of claimants in April 2019, with 1,740, followed by Hinckley and Bosworth with 1,315 claimants, while Oadby and Wigston experienced the smallest number of claimants (450). Melton experienced the highest claimant rate in April 2019 with 2.1 percent of the working age population claiming JSA or Universal Credit, followed by Hinckley and Bosworth with 1.9 percent. Harborough experienced the lowest claimant rate with 1.0 percent.

Other Data

Other figures of note include:

- 105 fewer claimants claiming for up to 12 months between March 2019 and April 2019;
- 95 fewer JSA claimants in the LLEP area coming from Sales and Customer Service occupations between March 2019 and April 2019;
- 75 fewer claimants from BME groups (excluding unknown or undisclosed) between February 2019 and March 2019;
- Spinney Hills Ward in Leicester exhibits the highest JSA claimant count in the city, county and Rutland with 106 claimants, followed by New Parks Ward with 87 claimants and Castle with 79 claimants. All three wards are in Leicester City;
- The ward with the highest JSA claimant count in the county by a considerable margin was Loughborough Hastings, with 32 claimants, followed by Earl Shilton ward with 24 claimants and Loughborough Lemyngton Ward, with 20 claimants and
- New Parks ward, Freeman ward and Eyres Monsell ward exhibits the highest JSA claimant rate in the city, county and Rutland with 0.8 percent of the working age population claiming JSA. Loughborough Hastings ward has the highest JSA claimant rate in the county by a considerable margin, with 0.7 percent;
- Across Leicestershire and Rutland market towns, Loughborough exhibits the highest number of JSA claimants, with 111 claimants, followed by Hinckley with 90 claimants.

Unemployment Data

The following section covers data released periodically (i.e. ILO data) and additional data not covered by the unemployment dashboards, as and when released. Rates for market towns and ethnicity are calculated separately due to changes in population denominators which would affect trend data.

JSA Claimant Rates by Market Towns

The table below displays the JSA claimant count and rate for Leicestershire and Rutland market towns.

Table 1 – JSA Claimant Count and Rates by Market Towns April 2019.

Market Town	Claimants	Rate
Ashby de la Zouch	5	0.1
Coalville	33	0.1
Hinckley (Inc. Burbage and Earl Shilton)	90	0.3
Loughborough (Inc. Hathern)	111	0.2
Market Harborough	8	0.1
Melton Mowbray	36	0.2
Oadby	35	0.2
Oakham	5	0.1
Wigston	38	0.3

Source: JSA-NOMIS, 2018; ONS, 2015.

N.B. Rates are calculated using the mid-2015 experimental resident population aged 16-64.

Data for market towns is based on aggregated ward data. Historical rate data and a list of wards covering market towns are available from archived versions of the unemployment bulletin, available via the link on page 5.

JSA Claimant Rates by Ethnicity

The table below displays the JSA claimant count rate by broad ethnic group for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Data on claimant count by ethnicity is released one month behind the overall claimant count data. Rates are calculated using 2011 Census population data for people aged 16-64:

Table 2 – JSA Claimant Rate by Ethnicity, March 2019.

Area	White	BME	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group
Blaby	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.0
Charnwood	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4
Harborough	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.5
Hinckley & Bosworth	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.5
Melton	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
North West Leicestershire	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Oadby & Wigston	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0
Leicester	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.5
Leicestershire	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5
Rutland	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LLEP	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5
East Midlands	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0
England	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.0

Source: JSA-NOMIS, 2018; ONS, 2011.

N.B. JSA Claimant count by ethnicity release one month behind the overall claimant count. 'Chinese' included in 'Other' as per NOMIS definition not as per 2011 Census definition. 'White Irish' included in 'White'.

Historical rate data by ethnicity is available from archived versions of the unemployment bulletin available via the link on page 5.

Data Guide

This guidance has been created to help you get the most out of the various sources of unemployment data available through the accompanying dashboards and official sources.

Unemployment Dashboards

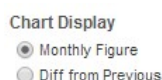
A range of interactive dashboards have been created by the Research and Insight Team to help interested parties access relevant data and understand change over time and across geographies. Links to all dashboards currently managed by the team are included in the **References** section below.

How to use the dashboards

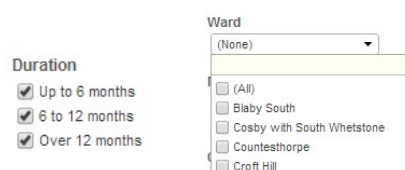
1. Use the **tabs** at the top of the page to navigate between dashboards:



2. Dashboards display monthly claimant count by default. Where applicable, use the **radial buttons** to change the data displayed:



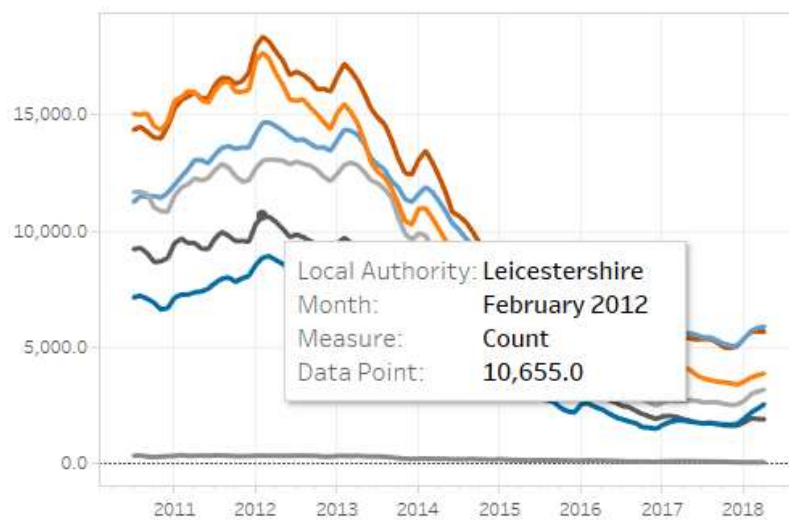
3. Where applicable, use the **check boxes** or **drop-down** list to switch between different combinations of categories:



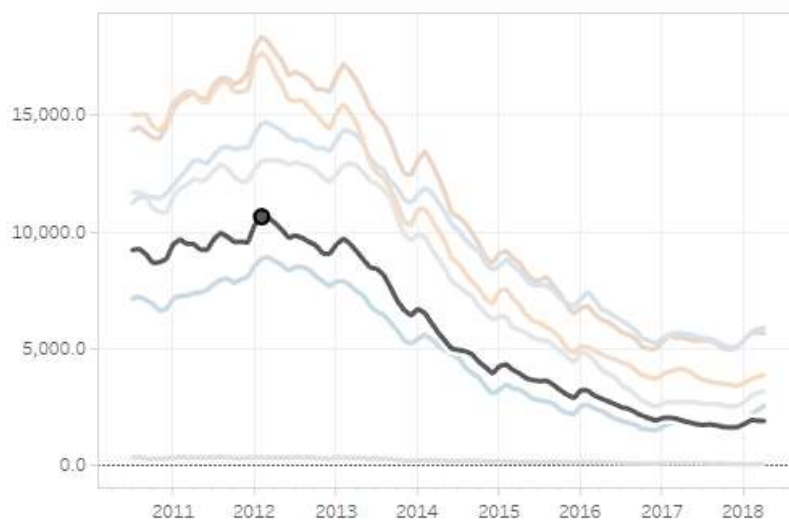
Where applicable, make selection and click **Apply** to update the dashboard.



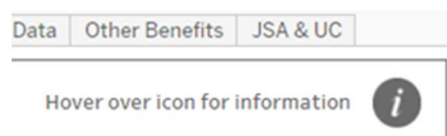
4. For more information on a specific point, **hover** over the dashboard:



5. To highlight relevant data across the dashboard, **click** on a point or table cell:



6. For more information on the dashboard, hover over the **icon**:



7. To undo, redo, reset, share or download, click on the toolbar at the bottom-right of the dashboard:



NOMIS

A complete set of statistics for a specific area can be downloaded from the NOMIS website, available at the following link:

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>

1. On the NOMIS homepage, select a level of geography from the **Labour Market Profiles** or the **Local Area Report** menu and follow the instructions to access a selection of data for that area:

Labour Market Profiles

View a labour market profile of an area. Includes some of the data from our key datasets on population, employment, unemployment, qualifications, earnings, benefit claimants and businesses.

- [Local Authority Profile](#) (district/county areas)
- [Local Enterprise Partnerships Profile](#)
- [Combined Authority Profile](#)
- [Regional and National Profile](#)
- [2010 Parliamentary Constituencies Profile](#)
- [2011 Ward Profile](#) (England & Wales only)

Local Area Report

View a report for a local area such as a parish, ward, village or town. Includes information on the characteristics of people and households in the area.

2. For more comprehensive data, follow the **Query Data** link from the **Data Downloads** menu and follow the instructions:

Data Downloads

Create a data download from one of our full range of data sets. Data is available at a very detailed level.

[Query data](#)
Download figures from a single data set.



Population and Census Data

Population data used to calculate rates can be accessed from NOMIS using the **Data Downloads** menu above and following the instructions.

The full range of 2011 Census data can be accessed from the **2011 Census Statistics** menu on the NOMIS homepage:

Census Statistics

[2011 Data catalogue](#)
Browse by table type and number, or view by release.

[2011 Search by topic \(table finder\)](#)
Search by keyword and geography type.



[2001 catalogue](#)
Browse by table type and number.

[2001 Search by topic \(table finder\)](#)
Search by keyword and geography type.

Definitions and Further Information

JSA Claimant Count

JSA claimant count records the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices. The percentage figures express the number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of those aged 16-64 resident in that area.

Market Towns

The Market Town geographies are defined by Leicestershire County Council and figures are calculated using ONS Claimant Count (JSA) figures and mid 2014 resident population aged 16-64.

Unemployment: International Labour Organisation (ILO) Definition

Official estimates of unemployment in the UK are obtained from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) using the internationally agreed International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition. The ILO definition is based on the number of people without jobs who are looking for and available to start work. The LFS unemployment figures which are subject to sampling differences are not available for smaller areas.

Unemployment Rate (LFS ILO definition) - expresses the number of unemployed people resident in an area as a percentage of the economically active working age population resident in that area.

Labour Force Survey - The Labour Force Survey is a random sample survey which is carried out throughout the UK. It is conducted every three months using around 53,000 households. The survey collects information about the personal circumstances and work of everyone living in these households. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) uses the Labour Force Survey as its source for unemployment data. Unemployment is measured through questions asked in the survey and not by interviewing everybody in the country. Answers are then weighted to represent everyone. As with any sample survey there is sampling variability and this is high for areas below regional level. Therefore, the figures are not reliable for small areas. Each month the ONS releases statistics on the number of people who are unemployed in the United Kingdom for the latest available 3-month rolling period.

Other Department for Work and Pensions Benefits Statistics

Job Seekers Allowance is one of a number of types of benefit which is related to worklessness, and recipients of this benefit constitute the most visible group of people who are out of work. However, many people have been diverted away from Job Seekers Allowance on to other benefits, the largest number being onto Incapacity Benefit. Nationally, the number of people claiming Incapacity Benefit is over three times the number of people out of work and claiming JSA.

One method of classifying benefit claimants is by breaking them down into statistical groups. This presents the main reason why an individual is claiming benefit. Benefits are arranged hierarchically and claimants are assigned to the top most benefit which they receive. In this way each claimant only appears once, even though they November claim

more than one benefit - the total number of working-age people who are claiming one or more key benefits is often used as a proxy for worklessness.

These figures are provided by the Department for Work and Pensions and are updated quarterly.

Working age client group datasets are no longer being produced by DWP and will therefore no longer be updated. The last period for which these datasets are available is November 2016.

If you require information contained in this leaflet in another version e.g. large print, Braille, tape or alternative language please telephone: 0116 305 6803, Fax: 0116 305 7271 or Minicom: 0116 305 6160.

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