

This briefing presents the latest headline unemployment figures for Bradford district, using December 2011 claimant data published on Wednesday 18 January 2012.

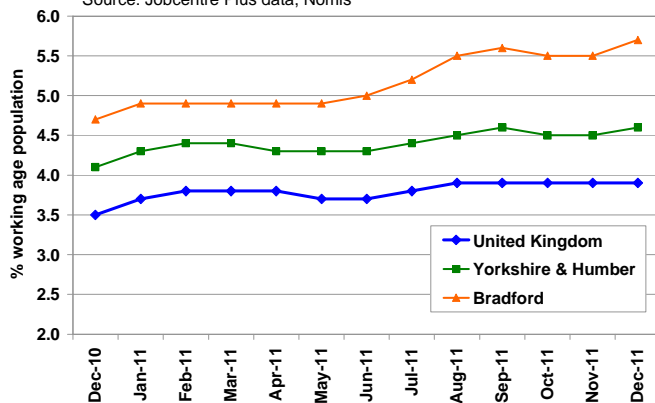
- In December 2011, the claimant unemployment count in Bradford district was 18,583, up by 453 claimants on the previous month.
- With the exception of a small fall last month, unemployment has been rising in Bradford since May 2011.
- Bradford's claimant rate is 5.7% of the population aged 16-64, above the Yorkshire & Humber regional (4.6%) and national (3.9%) averages.
- Bradford's 2.5% rise in claimants this month is higher than the 1.9% increase experienced regionally and 0.6% nationally.

Area	December 2011		Monthly Change (Nov 11 - Dec 11)		Annual Change (Dec 10 - Dec 11)	
	Number	Rate	Number	%	Number	%
Bradford	18,583	5.7	453	2.5	3,323	21.8
Leeds City Region	85,348	4.4	1,699	2.0	9,066	11.9
Yorkshire & Humber	159,915	4.6	2,915	1.9	18,029	12.7
United Kingdom	1,568,849	3.9	10,093	0.6	143,657	10.1

Source: Jobcentre Plus data, Nomis

### Claimant Rate Trends - Dec 2010 to Dec 2011

Source: Jobcentre Plus data, Nomis



### Youth unemployment

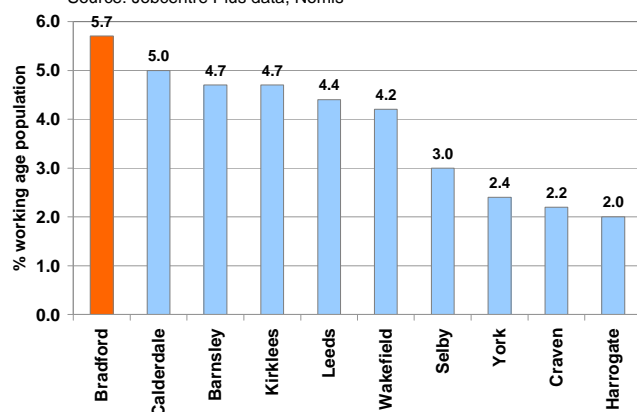
- In December 2011 there were 5,840 claimants aged 18-24 in Bradford.
- The youth claimant rate is 10.9% compared to 7.9% nationally.

### Long term unemployment

- 3,255 claimants have been claiming for more than 12 months and are classed as long term unemployed.
- The number of long term claimants in Bradford has increased by nearly 50% since December 2010.

### Claimant Rates in Leeds City Region Districts - Dec 11

Source: Jobcentre Plus data, Nomis



### Latest national unemployment figures

The Labour Force Survey measures total unemployment for the UK. Figures for the three months to November 2011 show:

- There were 2.68 million unemployed people, up 118,000 on the quarter.
- The unemployment rate was 8.4% of the economically active population, up 0.3 on the quarter.
- The unemployment rate has not been higher since 1995 and the number of unemployed people has not been higher since 1994.

More national labour market information can be found on the Office for National Statistics website:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/lms/labour-market-statistics/january-2012/index.html>

### Notes:

- The claimant count measure of unemployment is a measure of all people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA).
- The figures in this bulletin are **not** seasonally adjusted (they are not adjusted to flatten out any seasonal patterns of claims). Unemployment figures quoted in the press are generally seasonally adjusted figures; therefore the UK numbers presented here may differ from those quoted externally.
- Rates are calculated using mid-year population estimates for 16-64 year olds.

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