

## Unemployment Update

This update is produced by the Northumberland InfoNet.

JSA claimant count records the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices. It is the only indicative statistic available for areas smaller than Local Authorities.

This update aims to keep readers informed about the current unemployment issues in Northumberland.

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## Summary

In June 2010 the overall claimant rate for Northumberland has decreased, down from 3.7% to 3.5%. The regional and national claimant rates have also shown decreases, from 5.0% to 4.9%; and 3.9% to 3.7% respectively. The actual claimant numbers in Northumberland show a decrease of 253 claimants over the previous month, a 3.7% decrease in claimant numbers. The regional claimant count has decreased by 1,852 claimants, a 2.3% reduction. The national claimant numbers has shown a decrease of 52,582 claimants from the month of May (*Fig.1*).

All 6 of the former Northumberland districts have shown a decrease in claimant rates in June with Castle Morpeth, Tynedale and Wansbeck showing decreases of 0.2%. Wansbeck posted the largest decrease in actual claimant numbers, with a decrease of 76 claimants.

The claimant rate in Northumberland has decreased by 0.5% since June 2009 and by 13% in actual claimant numbers from 7,549 to 6,565 (*Fig.2*). During this period Wansbeck has shown decrease in claimant rates by 0.8%. All of the former Northumberland districts have shown decreases in claimant rates since June 2009.

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- Berwick's second largest employer, Allan Brothers, has recruited six new staff at its Tweedmouth timber factory with possibly more jobs to come. The new staff have initially been employed on three-month contracts with plans to keep them on full-time.

(Source: *Berwick Today*)

- 150 jobs at the Alnwick site of pharmaceutical firm Sanofi-Aventis appear to have been secured, with an American buyer Covance now in talks, with hopes for a completed deal by the end of the year. (Source: *Journal*)

Monthly Change	May-10	Jun-10	Change May 10 - Jun 10		May-10	Jun-10
	Count	Count	Count	%	% Rate	% Rate
Alnwick	536	507	-29	-5.4%	2.8	2.7
Berwick-Upon-T.	378	370	-8	-2.1%	2.6	2.5
Blyth Valley	2,250	2,225	-25	-1.1%	4.5	4.4
Castle Morpeth	732	675	-57	-7.8%	2.5	2.3
Tynedale	841	783	-58	-6.9%	2.4	2.2
Wansbeck	2,081	2,005	-76	-3.7%	5.5	5.3
Northumberland	6,818	6,565	-253	-3.7%	3.7	3.5
North East	80,105	78,253	-1,852	-2.3%	5.0	4.9
England	1,238,928	1,186,346	-52,582	-4.2%	3.9	3.7

*Fig.1 Monthly Change*

Source: ONS January 2010

Annual Change	Jun-09	Jun-10	Change Jun 09 - June 10		Jun-09	Jun-10
	Count	Count	Count	%	% Rate	% Rate
Alnwick	578	507	-71	-12.3%	3.1	2.7
Berwick-Upon-T.	384	370	-14	-3.6%	2.6	2.5
Blyth Valley	2,540	2,225	-315	-12.4%	5.0	4.4
Castle Morpeth	901	675	-226	-25.1%	3.0	2.3
Tynedale	826	783	-43	-5.2%	2.3	2.2
Wansbeck	2,320	2,005	-315	-13.6%	6.1	5.3
Northumberland	7,549	6,565	-984	-13.0%	4.0	3.5
North East	84,484	78,253	-6,231	-7.4%	5.3	4.9
England	1,298,572	1,186,346	-112,226	-8.6%	4.1	3.7

Fig.2 Annual Change

Source: ONS January 2010

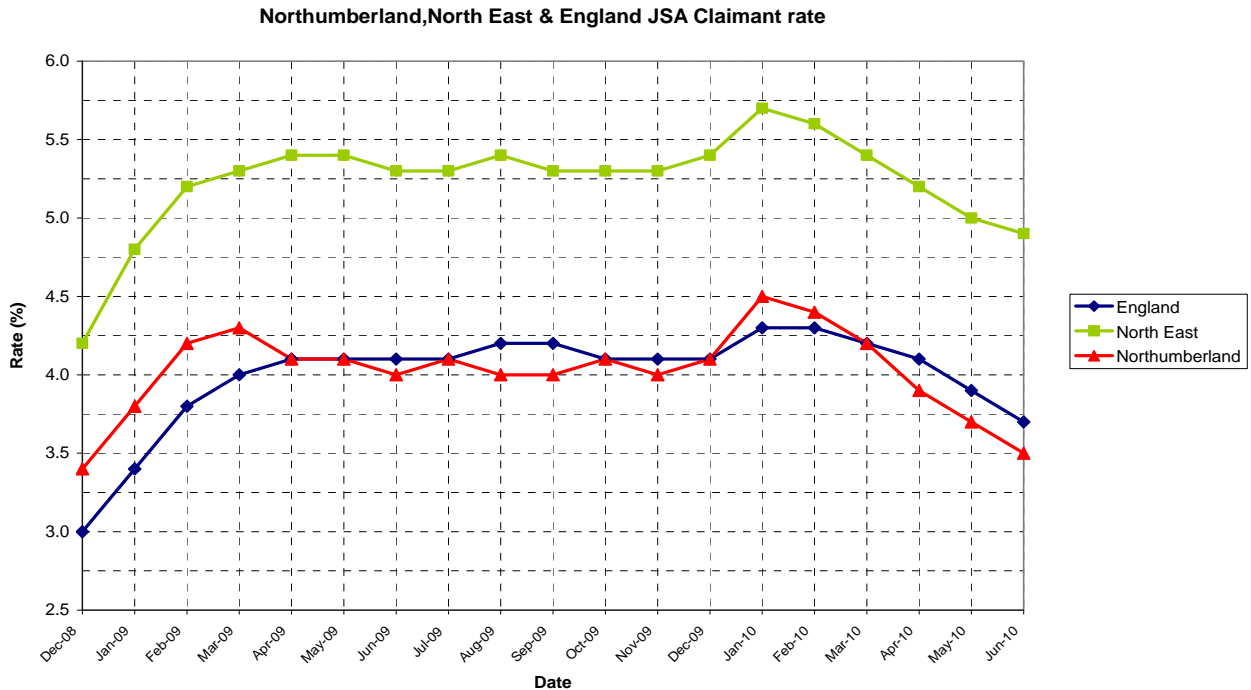


Fig.3 Northumberland, North East & England Claimants

Source: ONS July 2010

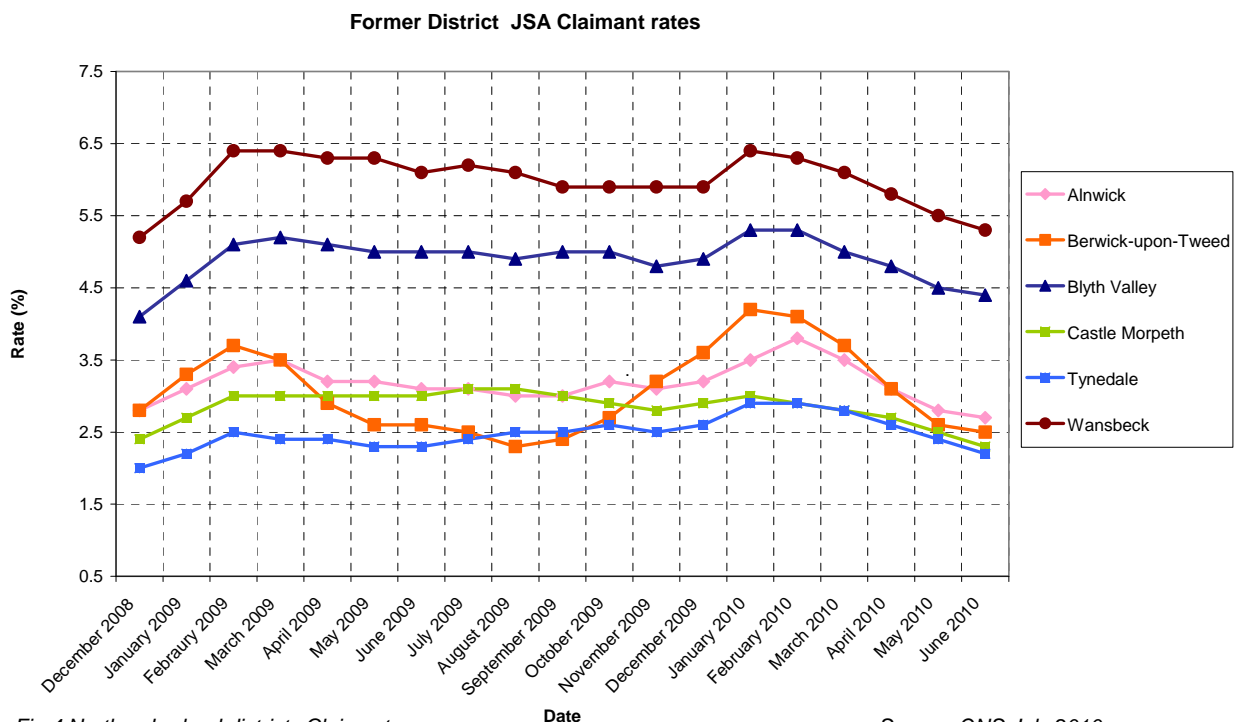


Fig.4 Northumberland districts Claimants

Source: ONS July 2010