

Performance Indicator - Unemployment in York -VJ15a and VJ15b

Annex 2

ILO Count - those actively seeking work and available to start: 2,988 Feb '06 (2.6% workforce, 3.3% resident workforce)

Claimant Count and Unemployment Rates in York compared to Region and UK (workforce rate)

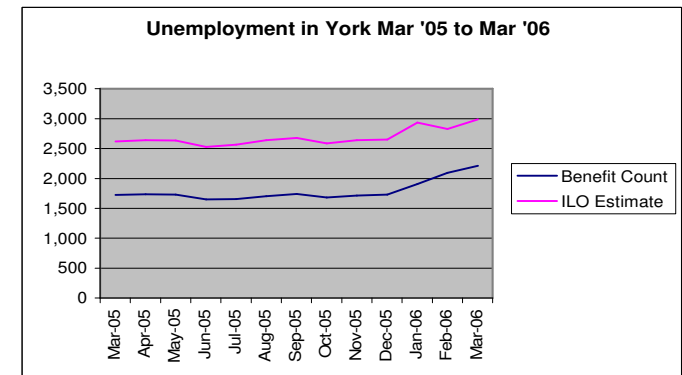
York below Region

York below UK

Date	York	Rate	Region	Rate	UK	Rate	York MA	Regional MA	UK MA	York below Region by at least 1.5%	York below UK by at least 1.0%	
Mar-2005	1,726	1.5	77,504	3.0	882,298	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.7	1.3	1.2	
Apr-2005	1,735	1.5	76,664	3.0	871,778	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.7	1.4	1.2	
May-2005	1,733	1.5	75,806	3.0	867,567	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.7	1.4	1.2	
Jun-2005	1,654	1.5	74,983	2.9	858,172	2.7	1.5	2.9	2.7	1.4	1.2	
Jul-2005	1,656	1.5	76,375	3.0	870,982	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.7	1.4	1.3	
Aug-2005	1,706	1.5	77,530	3.0	880,727	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.7	1.4	1.3	
Sep-2005	1,742	1.5	77,517	3.0	871,532	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.8	1.5	1.3	
Oct-2005	1,679	1.5	77,351	3.0	864,827	2.8	1.5	2.9	2.8	1.5	1.3	
Nov-2005	1,716	1.5	79,266	3.1	875,335	2.8	1.5	3.0	2.8	1.5	1.3	
Dec-2005	1,733	1.5	82,514	3.2	892,711	2.9	1.5	3.0	2.8	1.5	1.3	
Jan-2006	1,910	1.7	88,882	3.4	955,335	3.0	1.5	3.1	2.8	1.5	1.3	
Feb-2006	2,094	1.9	91,258	3.5	984,664	3.1	1.5	3.1	2.8	1.5	1.3	
Mar-2006	2,214	2.0	92,070	3.5	989,136	3.1	1.6	3.1	2.9	1.5	1.3	
Data sources: NOMIS (National On-line Manpower Information System) and Taylor Associates										12 mnth av	1.5	1.3

Notes:

- Table: 'MA' denotes moving average: each monthly rate is an average figure of the previous twelve months. This smoothes out some of the monthly swings in unemployment, producing a clearer trend line. For information, raw percentage rates are shown in the '%' column after each area.
- Because official unemployment rates are now calculated on a residents basis for areas below regions, the York % rate is estimated for November 2002 onwards when workplace-based rates ceased to be available.
- Members should be aware that the measure of unemployment used here is the narrow, and largely unsatisfactory, Claimant Count, which measures only those people receiving benefits while they are unemployed. It is used here to ensure commonality across the three areas shown and should be seen as a proxy measure of economic activity rather than as a measure of the true extent of the problem of unemployment for local people.
- The shaded columns demonstrate the two unemployment performance indicators used by the Council,
- Graph: This shows the numbers of people seeking work in the city, the ILO measure, as the higher line. The lower, broken line, charts the narrower Claimant Count measure.
- Members should also be aware that official unemployment data is always subject to revision, rounding of figures to one decimal place in the table may appear to suggest arithmetical errors.
- York workforce estimated at 113,000 source: Jobs Density 2003 ONS
- Economically active used as the resident workforce denominator: 91,400 Source ONS



Business confidence Performance Indicator

VJ15c

Expected turnover levels

Looking to Quarter ahead

Yr/Qtr	Surveyed	Balance	Quarterly Moving av.
2001 Q4	October	19.6	
2002 Q1	January	41.5	
2002 Q2	April	47.7	
2002 Q3	July	45.0	
2002 Q4	October	25.4	
2003 Q1	January	36.2	
2003 Q2	April	44.1	
2003 Q3	July	40.0	
2003 Q4	October	21.3	
2004 Q1	January	34.6	
2004 Q2	April	39.7	
2004 Q3	July	45.4	
2004 Q4	October	26.0	
2005 Q1	January	34.9	
2005 Q2	April	40.8	
2005 Q3	July	22.3	
2005 Q4	October	8.4	
2006 Q1	January	24.4	
2006 Q2	April	9.8	16.2

PI	VJ15c
	'Maintain the York Business Survey moving average Expected Turnover net Balance figure above 20% reflecting confidence in future turnover or sales levels among York firms'

The balance figure for the indicator is provided by subtracting the respondents who said they expected their sales to fall from those who expected their sales to rise. A Quarterly Moving Average figure is then calculated to smooth out some of the seasonal up and down movements in the indicator. A proportion of respondents will also remark that their position has not altered.

The most recent result is shown in bold text, with comparable quarters also highlighted

Business performance Performance Indicator

VJ15d

Turnover (Sales) Balance

Looking over past Quarter

Yr/Qtr	Surveyed	Balance	Quarterly Moving av.
2001 Q3	October	21.5	
2001 Q4	January	22.7	
2002 Q1	April	33.3	
2002 Q2	July	27.9	
2002 Q3	October	29.6	
2002 Q4	January	30.3	
2003 Q1	April	24.5	
2003 Q2	July	24.0	
2003 Q3	October	28.4	
2003 Q4	January	19.9	
2004 Q1	April	21.9	
2004 Q2	July	30.9	
2004 Q3	October	20.6	
2004 Q4	January	13.2	
2005 Q1	April	14.2	
2005 Q2	July	18.4	
2005 Q3	October	14.7	
2005 Q4	January	5.1	
2006 Q1	April	9.8	12.0

PI	VJ15d
	'Maintain the York Business Survey moving average Turnover net Balance figure above 20% reflecting turnover or sales levels among York firms'

The balance figure for the indicator is provided by subtracting the respondents who said their sales were falling from those who said their sales were rising. A Quarterly Moving Average figure is then calculated to smooth out some of the seasonal up and down movements in the indicator. A number of respondents will also remark that their position has not altered.

The most recent result is shown in bold text, with comparable quarters also highlighted

Employment Balance Performance Indicator

VJ15e

**Employment
Looking over past
Yr/Qt Surveye**

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PI	VJ15
Maintain a positive York Business Survey moving average Employment net	

2001	Octobe	6.5	
2001	Januar	2.8	
2002	April	-5.3	
2002	July	9.0	
2002	Octobe	5.9	
2002	Januar	14.8	
2003	April	3.8	
2003	July	12.0	
2003	Octobe	8.4	
2003	Januar	1.9	
2004	April	7.2	7.4
2004	July	11.0	7.1
2004	Octobe	14.6	8.7
2004	Januar	12.5	11.3
2005	April	12.5	12.7
2005	July	14.6	13.6
2005	Octobe	10.5	12.5
2005	Januar	9.7	11.8
2006	April	5.3	10.0

The balance figure for the indicator is provided by subtracting the 3.3 who said their employment levels were falling from those who said their employment 3.1 A Quarterly Moving Average figure is then calculated to smooth out 6.1 seasonal up and down movements in the indicator. A number of 8.4 will also remark that their position has not 9.1 9.8 6.5 The most recent result is shown in bold text, with comparable quarters