

Performance Indicator - Unemployment in York - VJ15a and VJ15b

1. ILO/OECD Count - those actively seeking work and available to start in York:

PI:	VJ15a	VJ15b
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December 2007: 2,152 (1.9% workforce, 2.2% economically-active resident workforce) Source: Taylor Assoc.

2. Claimant Count and Unemployment Rates in York compared to Region and UK (workforce rate) below:

Date	York	Rate	Region	Rate	UK	Rate	York MA	Regional MA	UK MA	York below Region	York below UK
										by at least 1.5%	by at least 1.0%
Dec-2006	1,912	1.7	86,166	3.3	923,460	2.9	1.9	3.4	3.0	1.5	1.2
Jan-2007	2,043	1.8	90,392	3.4	965,097	3.0	1.9	3.4	3.0	1.5	1.1
Feb-2007	2,062	1.8	90,857	3.5	974,863	3.0	1.9	3.4	3.0	1.5	1.1
Mar-2007	2,001	1.8	89,065	3.4	956,022	3.0	1.9	3.4	3.0	1.5	1.1
Apr-2007	1,853	1.6	86,534	3.3	918,512	2.8	1.8	3.4	3.0	1.5	1.2
May-2007	1,822	1.6	83,987	3.2	889,130	2.8	1.8	3.3	3.0	1.5	1.2
Jun-2007	1,846	1.6	80,799	3.0	855,628	2.6	1.8	3.3	2.9	1.5	1.1
Jul-2007	1,870	1.7	80,861	3.0	854,149	2.6	1.8	3.3	2.9	1.5	1.1
Aug-2007	1,903	1.7	80,934	3.0	857,133	2.7	1.7	3.3	2.9	1.5	1.1
Sep-2007	1,849	1.6	77,993	2.9	827,888	2.6	1.7	3.2	2.8	1.5	1.1
Oct-2007	1,741	1.5	75,008	2.8	800,959	2.5	1.7	3.2	2.8	1.5	1.1
Nov-2007	1,694	1.5	73,470	2.8	785,759	2.4	1.7	3.1	2.7	1.5	1.1
Dec-2007	1,603	1.4	74,684	2.8	790,370	2.4	1.6	3.1	2.7	1.4	1.1

Data sources: NOMIS (National On-line Manpower Information System) from the ONS and Taylor Associates

12 month av:	1.51	1.12
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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 number and area.
- Because official unemployment rates are now calculated on a residents basis for areas below regions, the York % rate is estimated from jobs density data for November 2002 onwards when workforce-based rates ceased, once again, to be available from the ONS.
- Members should be aware that the measure of unemployment used in the main table 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 full extent of the problem of unemployment for local people. The ILO measure, in bold, at the top provides a better estimate of the numbers seeking work in the city and this is shown as the higher line on the graph with the most recent data at the top of the page.
- The shaded columns shows the two unemployment performance indicators used by the Council, VJ15A and VJ15B.
- 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: Employees, Self-employed, Armed Forces and Gov Training Schemes. Source: Jobs Density 2003 ONS
- Economically-active resident population aged 16+ or resident workforce estimate used as the resident workforce denominator: 100,000 Source: Taylor Associates, London.

