TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY

Unemployment Claimant Count – February 2017

Please Note: The figures shown here are people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance ***plus those who claim Universal Credit*** and are required to seek work and be available for work, expressed as a percentage of the 16-64 year old population, or 18-24 year old population where specified. Universal Credit is designed so that a broader span of claimants is required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. This means that once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, the Claimant Count is likely to be higher than it would otherwise be under Jobseeker's Allowance.

- The number of people unemployed in Tees Valley has **increased** by 245 claimants from 16,695 in January 2017 to 16,940 in February 2017 with the **rate rising** from 4% to 4.1%
- **Nationally,** numbers **also increased** from 741,890 in January 2017 to 770,955 in February 2017, with the rate remaining the same at 1.9%.
- **Over the last year** the number of people unemployed has **risen** by 15 claimants – with the rate remaining the same at 4.1%.
- Middlesbrough has the highest rate of unemployed people in Tees Valley at 5%, followed by Hartlepool at 4.8%. Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest rate of unemployed people at 3.4%, followed by Darlington at 3.5%.

Rates

Monthly Claimant Rate %	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	3.1	3.5	3.5	0.0	+0.4
Hartlepool	4.9	4.6	4.8	+0.2	-0.1
Middlesbrough	4.9	4.9	5.0	+0.1	+0.1
Redcar & Cleveland	4.5	4.1	4.1	0.0	-0.4
Stockton-on-Tees	3.3	3.3	3.4	+0.1	+0.1
Tees Valley	**4.1**	**4.0**	**4.1**	**+0.1**	**0.0**
National	**1.9**	**1.9**	**1.9**	**0.0**	**0.0**

Source: ONS, NOMIS. %s are calculated using the mid-2015 resident working age population (16-64).

Numbers

Monthly Claimant Numbers	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	1,995	2,250	2,240	-10	+245
Hartlepool	2,830	2,665	2,790	+125	-40
Middlesbrough	4,385	4,365	4,400	+35	+15
Redcar & Cleveland	3,665	3,340	3,380	+40	-285
Stockton-on-Tees	4,050	4,080	4,130	+50	+80
Tees Valley	**16,925**	**16,695**	**16,940**	**+245**	**+15**
National	**761,290**	**741,890**	**770,955**	**+29065**	**+9665**

Source: ONS, NOMIS, 16+

18-24 year olds unemployed

- The number of people aged 18-24 unemployed in Tees Valley has **risen** by 75 claimants from 3,795 in January 2017 to 3,870 in February 2017 with the rate rising from 6.3% to 6.4%.

- **Nationally,** numbers of 18-24 year olds unemployed **also increased** from 150,810 in January 2017 to 158,160 in February 2017, with the rate rising from 2.6% to 2.8%.

- Over the past year the Tees Valley rate has **increased slightly** by 0.3% from 6.1% in February 2016 to 6.4% in February 2017, compared to a 0.1% decrease nationally.

- Hartlepool has the highest rate of 18-24 year olds unemployed at 8.6% followed by Redcar and Cleveland at 6.8%. Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest rate at 5.5%, followed by Middlesbrough at 6.2%.

18-24 Rates

Monthly Claimants aged 18-24 %	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	5.5	6.4	6.5	+0.1	+1.0
Hartlepool	8.2	8.5	8.6	+0.1	+0.4
Middlesbrough	5.9	6.0	6.2	+0.2	+0.3
Redcar & Cleveland	7.0	6.7	6.8	+0.1	-0.2
Stockton-on-Tees	5.1	5.4	5.5	+0.1	+0.4
Tees Valley	**6.1**	**6.3**	**6.4**	**+0.1**	**+0.3**
National	**2.9**	**2.6**	**2.8**	**+0.2**	**-0.1**

Source: ONS, NOMIS, TVCA %s are calculated using the mid-2015 resident 18-24 population

18-24 Numbers

Monthly Claimant Numbers aged 18-24	February 2016	January 2017	February 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	430	505	510	+5	+80
Hartlepool	660	680	695	+15	+35
Middlesbrough	955	980	1,000	+20	+45
Redcar & Cleveland	775	735	745	+10	-30
Stockton-on-Tees	850	900	925	+25	+75
Tees Valley	**3,675**	**3,795**	**3,870**	**+75**	**+195**
National	**165,175**	**150,810**	**158,160**	**+7350**	**-7,015**

Source: ONS, NOMIS

The next update of March 2017 figures will be available on 12th April 2017.