

## Unemployment Claimant Count – March 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 190 claimants from 16,995 in February 2017 to 17,185 in March 2017 with the **rate remaining the same** at 4.1%.
- **Nationally**, numbers **also increased** from 772,255 in February 2017 to 789,470 in March 2017, with the rate **rising slightly** from 1.9% to 2%.
- **Over the last year** the number of people unemployed has **risen** by 305 claimants – with the rate remaining the same at 4.1%.
- Hartlepool has the highest rate of unemployed people in Tees Valley at 5.2%, followed by Middlesbrough at 4.9%. Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest rate of unemployed people at 3.4%, followed by Darlington at 3.5%.

### Rates

Monthly Claimant Rate %	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	3.1	3.5	3.5	0.0	+0.4
Hartlepool	5.0	4.9	5.2	+0.3	+0.2
Middlesbrough	4.9	5.0	4.9	-0.1	0.0
Redcar & Cleveland	4.3	4.1	4.1	0.0	-0.2
Stockton-on-Tees	3.3	3.4	3.4	0.0	+0.1
<b>Tees Valley</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>+0.1</b>

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

### Numbers

Monthly Claimant Numbers	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	2,035	2,250	2,260	+10	+225
Hartlepool	2,880	2,820	3,000	+180	+120
Middlesbrough	4,335	4,400	4,365	-35	+30
Redcar & Cleveland	3,550	3,390	3,350	-40	-200
Stockton-on-Tees	4,080	4,140	4,205	+65	+125
<b>Tees Valley</b>	<b>16,880</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>17,185</b>	<b>+190</b>	<b>+305</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>766,760</b>	<b>772,255</b>	<b>789,470</b>	<b>+17215</b>	<b>+22710</b>

Source: ONS, NOMIS, 16+

## 18-24 year olds unemployed

- The number of people aged 18-24 unemployed in Tees Valley has **risen** by 125 claimants from 3,895 in February 2017 to 4,020 in March 2017 with the rate rising from 6.5% to 6.7%.
- **Nationally**, numbers of 18-24 year olds unemployed **also increased** from 158,795 in February 2017 to 165,670 in March 2017, with the rate rising from 2.8% to 2.9%.
- Over the past year the Tees Valley rate has **increased slightly** by 0.5% from 6.2% in March 2016 to 6.7% in March 2017, compared to no change nationally.
- Hartlepool has the highest rate of 18-24 year olds unemployed at 9.1% followed by Redcar and Cleveland at 7%. Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest rate at 5.9%, followed by Middlesbrough at 6.2%.

### 18-24 Rates

Monthly Claimant Numbers aged 18-24	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	440	515	520	+5	+80
Hartlepool	690	705	735	+30	+45
Middlesbrough	930	1,000	1,005	+5	+75
Redcar & Cleveland	765	745	775	+30	+10
Stockton-on-Tees	880	925	990	+65	+110
<b>Tees Valley</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,895</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>+125</b>	<b>+320</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>167,725</b>	<b>158,795</b>	<b>165,670</b>	<b>+6875</b>	<b>-2,055</b>

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

### 18-24 Numbers

Monthly Claimants aged 18-24 %	March 2016	February 2017	March 2017	Change Since Last Month	Change Since Last Year
Darlington	5.6	6.6	6.6	0.0	+1.0
Hartlepool	8.6	8.8	9.1	+0.3	+0.5
Middlesbrough	5.7	6.2	6.2	0.0	+0.5
Redcar & Cleveland	7.0	6.8	7.0	+0.2	0.0
Stockton-on-Tees	5.2	5.5	5.9	+0.4	+0.7
<b>Tees Valley</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>+0.2</b>	<b>+0.5</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Source: ONS, NOMIS

The next update of April 2017 figures will be available on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

