

## Monthly Unemployment Update – March 2022

Tees Valley											Great Britain										
Unemployment Metric	Previous Year			Previous			Latest			Change	Unemployment Metric	Previous Year			Previous			Latest			Change
Universal Credit*	Feb-21	29,227	7.1%	Jan-22	20,843	5.0%	Feb-22	21,190	5.1%	0.1%	Universal Credit*	Feb-21	2,334,615	5.7%	Jan-22	1,621,509	4.0%	Feb-22	1,656,052	4.1%	0.1%
Annual Population Survey	Sep-20	18,600	6.0%	Jun-21	18,700	6.0%	Sep-21	20,400	6.5%	0.5%	Annual Population Survey	Sep-20	1,394,200	4.2%	Jun-21	1,642,900	5.0%	Sep-21	1,561,100	4.8%	-0.2%
Alternative Claimant	Nov-20	32,060	7.8%	Oct-21	23,662	5.7%	Nov-21	22,878	5.5%	-0.2%	Alternative Claimant	Nov-20	2,572,555	6.3%	Oct-21	1,837,950	4.5%	Nov-21	1,792,558	4.4%	-0.1%

**Next Releases: UC is 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022; APS is TBC and AC is 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.** Multiple official rates of unemployment are produced at different times by various Government departments. Universal Credit (DWP) figures are released monthly, whilst Annual Population Survey (ONS) and Alternative Claimant Count (DWP) rates are quarterly. 'Latest' refers to the most recent data release, whilst 'Previous' indicates the second most recent figures. APS figures relate to all those aged 16+ and actively seeking work and uses the economically active population to calculate a rate. The AC rate is a model-based approach that estimates unemployment figures had UC been rolled out in all regions concurrently, as opposed to its actual, phased introduction. \*Universal Credit are those 'Searching for Work' only.



Month-on-month UC Claimants in Tees Valley have seen a small rise of 0.1%, whilst the Annual Population Survey saw an increase of **0.5%**.



Alternative Claimant Count is the only unemployment measure to have fallen in the most recent reading, down **0.2%** in November 2021 compared to October 2021.

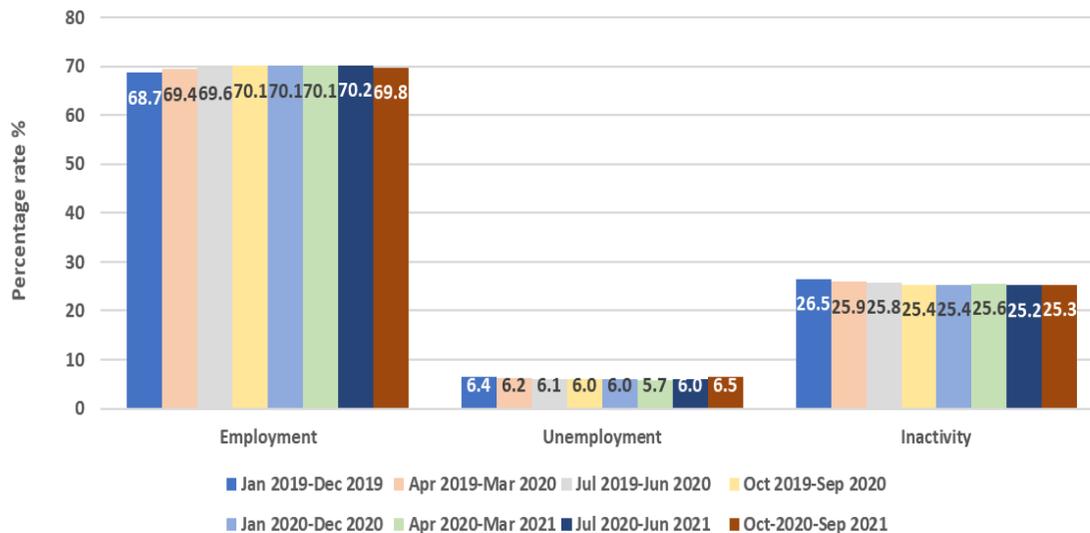


Nationally, those claiming UC whilst searching for increased by **0.1%** in February 2021 compared to the previous month. This mirrors the position in Tees Valley.



The APS rate of unemployment in Great Britain decreased by **0.2%** in the year to Sep'21 vs year to Jun'21., whilst Alternative Claimant has seen a reduction of **0.1%**.

Quarterly Changes in Tees Valley Rates

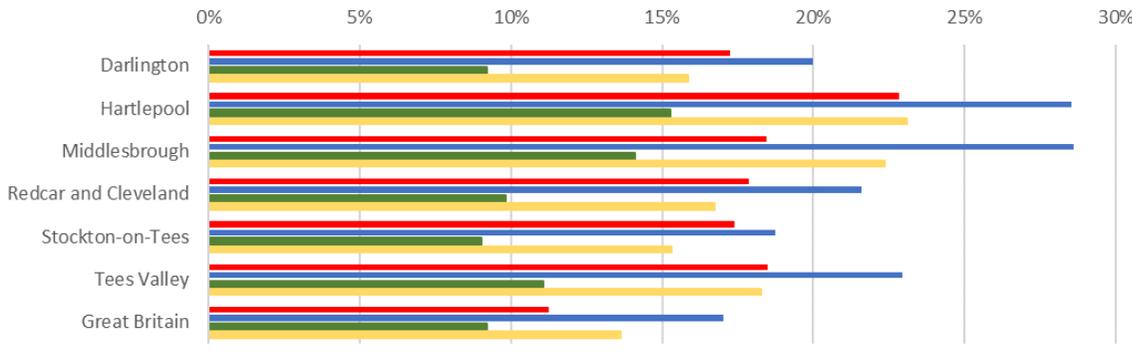


- Tees Valley quarterly Unemployment rate is **6.5%**.
- This is an **increase of 0.5 percentage points** from the previous quarter. Tees Valley Employment, Unemployment and Economic Inactivity trends appear to be performing better than national trends. The Tees Valley employment rate is up 1.1% since Jan-Dec'19 pre-pandemic (GB down 1.1%), Tees Valley unemployment up 0.1% (GB up 0.9%) and Tees Valley economic inactivity down 1.2% (GB up 0.4%).
- North East regional data provides more update to date analysis for a wider geography. NE unemployment rate stands at 5.6% for Nov 21-Jan 22 (down 0.1% from Oct-Dec 21 reading). This in line with the England unemployment rate (4.1% - down 0.1% from the previous reading).
- North East unemployment data is back to moving in tandem with the national data, after previously diverging from the national trends during October/November 2021.
- Economic inactivity rate of those aged 16-64 in Tees Valley (25.3%) is 1.2 percentage points below the pre-pandemic rate (26.5%).

Source – APS/ONS: Tees Valley Employment and Economic Inactive rates of those aged 16-64 and Unemployment rate of those aged 16+ as a percentage of the economically active population.

## Universal Credit – Tees Valley All Claimants Breakdown

Local Authority by Age

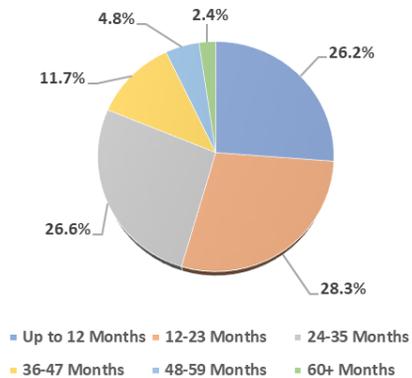


	Great Britain	Tees Valley	Stockton-on-Tees	Redcar and Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Hartlepool	Darlington
16-24	11.3%	18.5%	17.4%	17.9%	18.5%	22.8%	17.2%
25-49	17.0%	22.9%	18.7%	21.6%	28.6%	28.5%	20.0%
50-64	9.2%	11.1%	9.0%	9.8%	14.1%	15.3%	9.2%
16-64	13.6%	18.3%	15.3%	16.7%	22.4%	23.1%	15.9%

16-24 25-49 50-64 16-64

- 75,440 Tees Valley residents were claiming Universal Credit in February 2022.
- The 16-64 rate has increased from 18.2% in January to **18.3% in February**.
- Tees Valley's 16-24 rate (red) is **above** GB average by **7.2 percentage points**.
- At 22.9%, the Tees Valley 25-49 rate (blue) is **5.9** percentage points **above** the GB average.
- Those on UC searching for work account for **27.7%** of all claimants in the Tees Valley, which is down from 27.8% in January 2021
- Those in employment make up **30.4%** of those claiming UC. This proportion was marginally down, 0.6 percentage points on last month.

Length of Time on Universal Credit

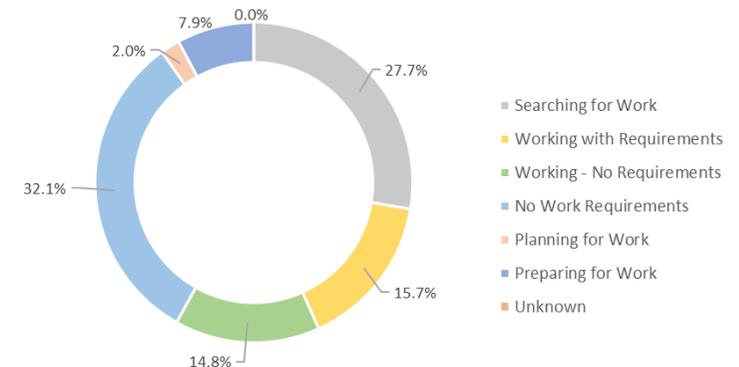


Proportion of claimants on UC for more than 2 years

**1.7%**

- The average length of UC claims increased in February.
- UC claimants over 2 years now make up 45.5% of claimants as opposed to 43.8% in January 2022.
- For GB, claimants over 2 years make up only 40.6%, which is 4.9 percentage points below the Tees Valley figure, however both figures have increased from in February 2022 from the previous month.

Employment Status of Claimants



**Searching for Work:** Not working, or very low earnings, required to secure better work.  
**Working with Requirements:** In work but could earn more, or not working but has a partner with low earnings  
**No Work Requirements:** Health or caring responsibility prevents claimant from working.  
**Workings – No Requirements:** Earnings over the level at which considered low.  
**Planning for Work:** Expected to work in the future. Claimant required to attend periodic interviews to plan for their return to work.  
**Preparing for Work:** Expected to start preparing for future even with limited capability for work at the present time or a child aged 2.