

Unemployment in Lincolnshire: November 2014

Introduction

Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) in Lincolnshire in November 2014 is 8509. This is a decrease of 60 claimants on October, and 3,434 less than in November last year.

This document summarises some key changes and trends in the figures. A supporting [Excel file](#) provides a complete data set, as well as interactive tables and charts enabling the user to view information for local authority districts, economic zones, the local enterprise partnership and national comparators.

The number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance, or claimant count (as it is often called) is one of a number of measures of unemployment. Other measures and differences between them, are outlined on page 3 of this document.

Headlines

- 8,509 people in Lincolnshire are claiming Jobseekers Allowance, a monthly decrease of 60 claimants and 3,434 fewer than November last year.
- Youth unemployment in Lincolnshire also decreased from October to November, with 110 fewer 16-24 year olds now claiming JSA.

Summary

Latest figures released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance in Lincolnshire in November 2014 is 8509, a decrease of 60 on October.

The decrease in claimants meant Lincolnshire's unemployment rate remained at 1.9 per cent this month. There are now 3,434 fewer claimants in Lincolnshire than in November last year, a 29 per cent decrease in claimant numbers.

Nationally, we saw a decrease in claimants, causing a 0.1 per cent drop in the claimant rate. Despite this drop the claimant rate for England & Wales is still 0.1 per cent higher than Lincolnshire.

It is an unusual trend to see the claimant count decrease between the months of October to November. This is the first time a decrease has been seen for this period since 2007.

November 2014 also saw a monthly decrease of 110 claimants in the 16-24 age group, with 2,430 now claiming jobseekers allowance. The 4 per cent decrease from October to November in Lincolnshire reflects the national trend which has seen a decrease of 9 per cent on October. In Lincolnshire the 16-24 age group presently form 29 per cent of all claimants, compared to 23 per cent nationally.

The number of working-age people claiming job seekers allowance long-term for over 6 months in Lincolnshire decreased by 270 people from October to November. There are currently 3,490 people who are long term unemployed in Lincolnshire, 1,705 fewer than November 2013. In Lincolnshire, the long term unemployed now form 41 per cent of all claimants, a decrease of approximately 2.5 per cent on November 2013, indicating that long-term unemployment in the county has fallen in line with national unemployment rates.

Other Headlines

- Unemployment rates in nearly all districts decreased this month. Exceptions being East Lindsey and West Lindsey which increased by 0.4% and 0.1% respectively.
- Long term unemployment decreased in all of the districts this month.

Appendix 1

Map 1 – Economic Zones



Map 2 – Local Authority Districts



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Appendix 2: Notes on Definitions of Unemployment

'**Unemployed claimants**' includes eligible people of working age (16-64) claiming unemployment benefit (currently Jobseekers Allowance - JSA) and National Insurance credits. It excludes large groups of people who may consider themselves to be unemployed and looking for work, such as partners of JSA claimants. It can include some people who are employed under the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition, but still claim JSA because they work less than 16 hours a week. The claimant figures used in this report are not adjusted to account for seasonal trends. However, in the media claimant counts are often reported using seasonal adjustment, which may result in differing figures and trends to this report.

An alternative measure of unemployment is the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)** definition, which includes all those who are out of work, available to start work, and actively looking for a job. ILO unemployment is measured by a regular survey of the national labour force. The Government commonly uses the ILO figures, which tend to be higher than the claimant count. The claimant count however does provide useful, timely, and detailed statistics on unemployment trends at the local level.

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