



York and North Yorkshire  
Partnership Unit






## York and North Yorkshire - Economic Bulletin

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### Headline trends for York and North Yorkshire







- The number of VAT registrations has risen by nearly 15% this month, with de-registrations continuing to fall.
- Numbers of JSA claimants continue to rise, with the number of claimants remaining on JSA for long periods (+6 and +12 months) being more than double than at the same time in 2008.
- House prices and sales appear to be on the rise in many parts of the sub region.

				
Improving	Signs of improvement	Mixed outlook	Little sign of improvement	Deteriorating








National Picture					
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
GDP	<b>-0.2%</b> (Q3 2009 Revised figure)	Contracted by -0.2% compared to -0.6% in q2	-	The rate of contraction appears to have slowed compared to recent quarters.	
CPI Inflation	<b>1.9%</b> (11 2009)	<b>+0.4pp</b> (10 2009)	<b>-2.6pp</b> (11 2008)	The CPI increased by 0.4pp in November but remains lower than at the same time last year.	
RPI Inflation	<b>+0.3%</b> (11 2009)	<b>+0.9pp</b> (10 2009)	<b>-4.7pp</b> (11 2008)	The RPI also increased in November, but remains lower than at the same time in 2008.	
VAT Registrations*	<b>16,002</b> (11 2009)	<b>+2,080 (+14.9%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+1,695 (+11.9%)</b> (11 2008)	The numbers of registrations rose in November and has increased compared to the same time last year.	
VAT De-registrations*	<b>13,701</b> (11 2009)	<b>-619 (-4.3%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>-6,882 (-33.4%)</b> (10 2008)	The number of de-registrations has fallen on the previous month and compared to the same time last year.	


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Labour Market					
	Company and Location	No. Jobs	Service		
Confirmed Job Gains	Stowe Family Law, Harrogate	3	Business Services		
	Birse Civils Ltd, York	90	Construction		
	Job Match Scheme, Scarborough	33	Various Services		
Confirmed Job Losses	Severfield-Rowen, Dalton, Thirsk	-95	Manufacturing		
	Severfield-Rowen, Sherburn, Scarborough	-60	Manufacturing		
	Threshers, York	-5	Distribution and Retail		
	First Quench Retailing, Scarborough	-4	Distribution and Retail		
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Job Centre Plus Notified Vacancies	<b>4,363</b> (11 2009)	<b>-894 (-17%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>-466 (-9.7%)</b> (11 2008)	The number of vacancies in YNY decreased this month.	
Claimant to Vacancy Ratio	<b>3.21</b> (11 2009)	<b>-0.13</b> (10 2009)	<b>1.34</b> (11 2008)	There was a slight fall in the claimant to vacancy ratio in November.	

Total number JSA Claimants	<b>14,026</b> (11 2009)	<b>+556</b> <b>(+4.1%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+5,166</b> <b>(+58.3%)</b> (11 2008)	The number of claimants in York and North Yorkshire increased again in November 2009, compared to an overall decline seen regionally.	
JSA Claimant Rate	<b>2.9%</b> (11 2009)	<b>+0.1pp</b> (10 2009)	<b>+1.3pp</b> (11 2008)	The claimant count rate increased very slightly after remaining the same for 3 months in a row.	
JSA Claimants, 6 months +	<b>4,055</b> (11 2009)	<b>+100</b> <b>(+2.5%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+2,460</b> <b>(+154.2%)</b> (11 2008)	The number of people claiming for more than 6 months increased for the 13 <sup>th</sup> consecutive month.	
JSA Claimants, 12 months +	<b>1,460</b> (11 2009)	<b>+180</b> <b>(+14.1%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+880</b> <b>(+151.7%)</b> (11 2008)	The number of people claiming for more than 12 months increased for the 12 <sup>th</sup> consecutive month and at a rate higher than seen both regionally and nationally.	
JSA Claimants, 18-24 yrs	<b>4,010</b> (11 2009)	<b>+185</b> <b>(+4.8%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+1,560</b> <b>(+64%)</b> (11 2008)	The number of 18-24 year olds claiming JSA has increased in November, and shows a significant increase over the year.	
On Flow	<b>3,511</b> (11 2009)	<b>-211</b> <b>(-5.7%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+368</b> <b>(+11.7%)</b> (11 2008)	More claimants went on to the count than came off, but this figure is lower than the previous month. There are now 0.85 claimants going on to the count for every one coming off.	
Off Flow	<b>3,018</b> (11 2009)	<b>-469</b> <b>(-13.4%)</b> (10 2009)	<b>+765</b> <b>(+34.0%)</b> (11 2008)		

## Housing Market


	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Land Registry House Price Index Average Price	NY <b>£173,049</b> (11 2009)	<b>+1.2%</b> (10 2009)	<b>-5.5%</b> (11 2008)	Average house prices across York and North Yorkshire continue to rise, though they remain lower than the previous year in North Yorkshire.	
	York <b>£176,516</b> (11 2009)	<b>+1.1%</b> (10 2009)	<b>+0.6%</b> (11 2008)		
Land Registry Sales Volume	NY <b>627</b> (09 2009)	<b>-18.1%</b> (08 2009)	<b>+40.6%</b> (09 2008)	The number of sales fell in North Yorkshire but rose in York. Both of these figures are considerably higher than the same period in the previous year, but sales are still relatively low in the sub-region.	
	York <b>256</b> (09 2009)	<b>+14.0%</b> (08 2009)	<b>+58.0%</b> (09 2008)		
CLG Mean House Prices*#	<b>£213,627</b> (Q3 2009)	<b>+£23,030</b> <b>(+12.1%)</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-£5,829</b> <b>(-2.7%)</b> (Q2 2008)	Average house prices in YNY rose, but are still lower than at the same time in the previous year in most areas. In Hambleton and Richmondshire however, prices have risen above Q2 2008 figures this quarter.	
CLG Property Sales*	<b>2,947</b> (Q3 2009)	<b>+694</b> <b>(+30.8%)</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+785</b> <b>(+36.3%)</b> (Q3 2008)	The number of property sales increased on the last quarter and the previous year in YNY.	
Mortgage Possession Claims	<b>230</b> (Q3 2009)	<b>-15</b> <b>(-6.1%)</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-28</b> <b>(-35.8%)</b> (Q3 2008)	Although an increase was seen regionally, the number of claims in York and North Yorkshire fell and are at their lowest level since Q1 2008.	
Mortgage Possession Orders	<b>195</b> (Q3 2009)	<b>+35</b> <b>(+21.9%)</b> (Q2 2009)	-	Although the number of claims leading to orders increased on the last quarter, data available suggests that this figure would be lower than at the same time last year.	
Landlord Possession Claims	<b>210</b> (Q3 2009)	<b>-30</b> <b>(-12.5%)</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-78</b> <b>(-27.1%)</b> (Q3 2008)	The number of landlord possession claims fell at a quicker rate than was seen regionally and is also at its lowest level since Q1 of 2008.	

Landlord Possession Orders	<b>190</b> (Q3 2009)	-	-	Data available suggest that the number of claims leading to orders has risen on the previous month.	
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# Figures for YNY are an unweighted average of the mean house prices of each District and York


### Planning

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Total Planning Decisions*#	<b>2,197</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+86</b> <b>(+4.1%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-928</b> <b>(-29.7%)</b> (Q2 2008)	The number of decisions increased in the second quarter of 2009, due largely to an increase in the number of 'other' decisions made. The number of 'major' and 'minor' decisions continued to fall and the number of decisions in total remains lower than for the same period last year.	

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# Figures for Q2 2009 do not include data for Craven

### Voluntary and Community Sector

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend information	
<b>(Demand for Citizens Advice Bureau services)</b>				<b>Trend information for VCS organisations</b>	
Benefits	<b>5,819</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-134</b> (Q1 2009)		A significant rise in demand for CAB services has been noted. VCS organisations are already working at capacity however services in this sector face increasing demand. Volunteering across the sub-region has increased due to people wanting to up skill in case of redundancy or unemployment. At the same time there is evidence of others leaving voluntary work, to increase paid hours in order to support their own financial needs.	
Debt	<b>6,957</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+274</b> (Q1 2009)			
Employment	<b>1,896</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-151</b> (Q1 2009)			
Health and community	<b>201</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+5</b> (Q1 2009)			
Relationships and family	<b>921</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+125</b> (Q1 2009)			

Current CAB figures do not include York and Harrogate, this information will be available shortly

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