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
Headline trends for York and North Yorkshire





- The number of job vacancies increased and there was a small fall in the claimant to vacancy ratio.
- The number of claimants increased, particularly those claiming for over 12 months. The number of claimants aged 18-24 has however fallen.
- House prices continued to rise across the sub-region though the number of sales fell for the first month in four.

				
Improving	Signs of improvement	Mixed outlook	Little sign of improvement	Deteriorating


National Picture					
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
GDP	-0.3% (Q3 2009)	Contracted by -0.3% compared to -0.6% in q2	-	The rate of contraction appears to have slowed compared to recent quarters.	
CPI Inflation	1.5% (10 2009)	+0.4pp (09 2009)	-3.0pp (10 2008)	The CPI increased by 0.4pp in October but remains lower than at the same time last year.	
RPI Inflation	-0.8% (10 2009)	+0.6pp (09 2009)	-5.0pp (10 2008)	The RPI improved by 0.6pp on the previous month. The last time there was a change of 0.6pp or over was in 1990.	
VAT Registrations*	13,922 (10 2009)	-1,763 (-11.2%) (09 2009)	-966 (-6.7%) (10 2008)	The numbers of registrations fell in October and remain lower than at the same time last year.	
VAT De-registrations*	14,320 (10 2009)	-3,404 (-19.2%) (09 2009)	+2,481 (+21.0%) (10 2008)	Whilst the number of de-registrations has fallen on the previous month, they are much higher than at the same time last year.	

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



Labour Market					
	Company and Location	No. Jobs	Service		
Confirmed Job Gains	North Yorkshire Learning Consortium, North Yorkshire	40	Various Services		
	Systagenix, Skipton	80	Manufacturing of Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals		
Confirmed Job Losses	William Birch and Sons, York	3	Construction		
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Job Centre Plus Notified Vacancies	5,257 (10 2009)	+317 (+6.4%) (09 2009)	-767 (-12.7%) (10 2008)	The number of vacancies increased for the second consecutive month despite a small decline in York.	
Claimant to Vacancy Ratio	3.08 (10 2009)	-0.10 (09 2009)	+1.57 (10 2008)	Largely due to an increase in the number of vacancies available this month, there was a slight fall in the claimant to vacancy ratio.	
Total number JSA Claimants	13,470 (10 2009)	+200 (+1.5%) (09 2009)	+5,596 (+71.1%) (10 2008)	The number of claimants in York and North Yorkshire increased marginally compared to an overall decline seen regionally.	
JSA Claimant Rate	2.8% (10 2009)	No Change (09 2009)	+1.2pp (10 2009)	The claimant count rate has remained at 2.8% for the third consecutive month.	


JSA Claimants, 6 months +	3,955 (10 2009)	+35 (+0.9%) (09 2009)	+2,385 (+151.9%) (10 2008)	The number of people claiming for more than 6 months increased for the 12 th consecutive month though the rate appears to have slowed.	
JSA Claimants, 12 months +	1,280 (10 2009)	+150 (+11.7%) (09 2009)	+690 (+116.9%) (10 2008)	The number of people claiming for more than 12 months increased for the 11 th consecutive month and at a rate higher than seen both regionally and nationally.	
JSA Claimants, 18-24 yrs	3,825 (10 2009)	-40 (-1.0%) (09 2009)	+1,620 (+73.5%) (10 2008)	There has been a slight fall in the number of 18-24 year olds claiming JSA for the second consecutive month	
On Flow	3,722 (10 2009)	+367 (+10.9%) (09 2009)	+870 (+30.5%) (10 2008)	As more claimants went on to the count this month than came off, the ratio has increased marginally. There are now 1.07 claimants going on to the count for every one coming off.	
Off Flow	3,487 (10 2009)	+130 (+3.9%) (09 2009)	+1,049 (+43.0%) (10 2009)		

Tourism

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
No. of visits to attractions	July 09	-	+7.4% (July 2008)	The number of visits to attractions in York and North Yorkshire increased by 7.4%	

Housing Market


	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Land Registry House Price Index Average Price	NY £169,650 (10 2009)	+0.9% (09 2009)	-8.6% (10 2008)	Average house prices across York and North Yorkshire continue to rise, though they remain lower than the previous year.	
	York £175,199 (10 2009)	+1.1% (09 2009)	-1.7% (10 2008)		
Land Registry Sales Volume	NY 651 (08 2009)	-15.9% (07 2009)	+11.3% (08 2008)	Although the number of sales in North Yorkshire and York dropped for the first time in 4 months they remain higher than at the same time last year.	
	York 223 (08 2009)	-24.1% (07 2009)	+30.4% (08 2008)		
CLG Mean House Prices*#	£190,597 (Q2 2009)	-£1,334 (-0.7%) (Q1 2009)	-£29,476 (-13.4%) (Q2 2008)	Average house prices in YNY fell for the seventh consecutive quarter although the rate of increase has slowed. Changes across the sub-region are mixed and whilst there were increases in Craven and Hambleton, all remain lower than at the same time last year.	
CLG Property Sales*	2,253 (Q2 2009)	+829 (+58.2%) (Q1 2009)	-649 (-22.4%) (Q2 2008)	The number of sales increased by more than half between the first two quarters of the year. Although this may be due to seasonality, they remain far lower than at the same time as the previous year.	
Mortgage Possession Claims	230 (Q3 2009)	-15 (-6.1%) (Q2 2009)	-28 (-35.8%) (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	195 (Q3 2009)	+35 (+21.9%) (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	210 (Q3 2009)	-30 (-12.5%) (Q2 2009)	-78 (-27.1%) (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	190 (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*#	2,197 (Q2 2009)	+86 (+4.1%) (Q1 2009)	-928 (-29.7%) (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	
(Demand for Citizens Advice Bureau services)				Trend information for VCS organisations	
Benefits	5,819 (Q2 2009)	-134 (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	6,957 (Q2 2009)	+274 (Q1 2009)			
Employment	1,896 (Q2 2009)	-151 (Q1 2009)			
Health and community	201 (Q2 2009)	+5 (Q1 2009)			
Relationships and family	921 (Q2 2009)	+125 (Q1 2009)			

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

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