



York and North Yorkshire  
Partnership Unit






## York and North Yorkshire - Economic Bulletin

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### Headline trends for York and North Yorkshire







- The claimant count fell for the first time in three months. This time last year an increase was recorded.
- There was a reduction in 18-24yrs claimants this month
- Sales volume increased
- House prices increased in York but decreased in North Yorkshire

				
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>-0.4%</b> (Q3 2009)	Contracted by -0.4% compared to -0.7% in q2 2009	-	The rate of decline appears to be slowing compared to recent quarters. The rolling annual change was also lower than the previous quarter at -5.4%. 	
CPI Inflation	<b>1.1%</b> (September 2009)	<b>-0.5pp</b> (August 2009)	<b>-4.1pp</b> (September 2008)	The CPI fell by 0.5pp in September and remains far lower than at the same time last year. 	
RPI Inflation	<b>-1.4%</b> (September 2009)	<b>-0.1 pp</b> (August 2009)	<b>-3.6pp</b> (September 2008)	The RPI fell again this month for the first time since June 	
VAT Registrations*	<b>15,685</b> (September 2009)	<b>+1,317</b> <b>(+9.2%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>-1,345</b> <b>(-7.9%)</b> (September 2008)	The number of registrations has increased this month, although remains lower than at the same time last year. 	
VAT De-registrations*	<b>17,724</b> (September 2009)	<b>+2,107</b> <b>(+13.5%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+4,101</b> <b>(+30.1%)</b> (August 2008)	An increase in the number of de-registrations was seen this month after the past three months had recorded falling VAT de-registrations 	

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Labour Market				
	Company and Location	No. Jobs	Service	
Confirmed Job Gains	Debenhams, York	69	Distribution & Retail	
	Novotel Hotel, York	13	Hotels & Restaurants	
	CCI Distribution, Knaresborough	3	Transport & Communications	
	Pets at Home, York	13	Distribution & Retail	
	North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire	190	Public Admin & Defence	
	Carter Jonas, Harrogate	2	Business Services	
	Dacre Son & Hartley, Harrogate	5	Business Services	
	Little Chef / Harpers Fish & Chips, Scarborough	25	Hotels & Restaurants	
	Next, Scarborough	20	Distribution & Retail	
Confirmed Job Losses	AW Sinclair & Sons, Scarborough	97	Construction	
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend
Job Centre Plus Notified Vacancies	<b>4,940</b> (September 2009)	<b>+647</b> <b>(+15.1%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>-1,278</b> <b>(-20.6%)</b> (September 2008)	The number of vacancies increased although remains lower than at the same time the previous year 
Claimant to Vacancy Ratio	<b>3.19</b> (September 2009)	<b>-0.70</b> (August 2009)	<b>+1.78</b> (September 2008)	The claimant to vacancy ratio fell as a result of an increase in the number of job vacancies available and a slight decrease in the number of claimants. 





Total number JSA Claimants	<b>13,270</b> (September 2009)	<b>-13</b> <b>(-0.1%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+5,755</b> <b>(+76.6%)</b> (September 2008)	A higher annual change was recorded in YNY than nationally or regionally. Over the last month the number of JSA claimants has decreased in YNY with decreases in Ryedale, Richmondshire, Hambleton and York	
JSA Claimant Rate	<b>2.8</b> (September 2009)	<b>0.0pp</b> (August 2009)	<b>+1.2pp</b> (September 2008)	A higher annual increase in rate was recorded nationally than in YNY. Over the last month no increase was seen in York and North Yorkshire	
JSA Claimants, 6 months +	<b>3,920</b> (September 2009)	<b>+435</b> <b>(+13%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+2,185</b> <b>(+137%)</b> (September 2008)	The number of JSA claimants claiming for over 6 months continues to increase, with a higher rate of increase in YNY than regionally or nationally	
JSA Claimants, 12 months +	<b>1,130</b> (September 2009)	<b>+125</b> <b>(+11.1%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+515</b> <b>(+83.7%)</b> (September 2008)	The annual increase in YNY is higher than nationally, the rate of increase remained similar to that seen last month.	
JSA Claimants, 18-24 yrs	<b>3,865</b> (September 2009)	<b>-25</b> <b>(-0.6%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+1,670</b> <b>(+76.1%)</b> (September 2008)	The annual increase in YNY is above regional and national levels. However over the last month a decrease in 18-24 year old claimants was recorded in York and North Yorkshire	
On Flow	<b>3,355</b> (September 2009)	<b>-177</b> <b>(-5.0%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+757</b> <b>(+29.1%)</b> (September 2008)	This month the ratio of off-flow to on-flow decreased. There is now 1 claimant joining the count for every one coming off.	
Off Flow	<b>3,357</b> (September 2009)	<b>+188</b> <b>(5.9%)</b> (August 2009)	<b>+1,030</b> <b>(+44.3%)</b> (September 2008)		

## Tourism

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend
No. of visits to attractions	July 09	-	<b>+7.4%</b> (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 <b>£167,078</b> (September 2009)	<b>-0.9%</b> (August 2009)	<b>-11.8%</b> (September 2008)	House prices have increased marginally in York for the 6 <sup>th</sup> consecutive month but remain more changeable in North Yorkshire. House prices remain lower in both North Yorkshire and York than at the same time last year.
	York <b>£172,825</b> (September 2009)	<b>+1.3%</b> (August 2009)	<b>-4.9%</b> (September 2008)	
Land Registry Sales Volume	NY <b>718</b> (July 2009)	<b>+109</b> <b>(+17.9%)</b> (June 2009)	<b>+148</b> <b>(+26.0%)</b> (July 2008)	The number of sales increased in both York and North Yorkshire, with both recording a higher volume of sales than at the same time last year
	York <b>286</b> (July 2009)	<b>+10</b> <b>(+3.6%)</b> (June 2009)	<b>+114</b> <b>(+66.3%)</b> (July 2008)	
CLG Mean House Prices*#	<b>£190,597</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-£1,334</b> <b>(-0.7%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-£29,476</b> <b>(-13.4%)</b> (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*	<b>2,253</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+829</b> <b>(+58.2%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-649</b> <b>(-22.4%)</b> (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	<b>245</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+8 (+3%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-92 (-27%)</b> (Q2 2008)	Following the introduction of the Mortgage Pre Action Protocol (MPAP), the number of claims had decreased quite significantly. Figures for this quarter suggest that the effects of the MPAP may have levelled.	
Mortgage Possession Orders	<b>160</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+8 (+5%)</b> (Q1 2009)	Data not available	There was a marginal increase in the number of orders between the first two quarters of the year. A comparison for the year is not available although individual County Court figures suggest there may have been a quarterly increase.	
Landlord Possession Claims	<b>240</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+8 (+3.4%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-12 (-5%)</b> (Q2 2008)	Although the number of claims was marginally lower than for the same period in 2008, there was also a marginal quarterly increase.	
Landlord Possession Orders	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available	Figures from the County Courts where data is available suggest that there may have been a decline in the number of orders made as figures dropped by half at both Harrogate and Scarborough.	

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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 (+4.1%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-928 (-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>5819</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>6957</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+274</b> (Q1 2009)		
Employment	<b>1896</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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