

## Monthly Economic Report, York and North Yorkshire

April 2009

York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit will produce economic reports on a monthly basis, this being the first release. The Partnership Unit is reviewing the best way to collect and present the information from Local Authorities and therefore blank tables have been included as a guide to the information we hope to incorporate in future reports. Any feedback regarding the usefulness of the content or format would be gratefully received.

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### National Picture

- ◆ In quarter 1 of 2009 GDP contracted by a further 1.9%.

Indicator	February 2009	March 2009	Change
CPI Inflation	3.2	2.9	-0.3
RPI Inflation	0.0	-0.4	-0.4
New Businesses - VAT Registrations	11,743	16,112	4,369 37%
De-registrations	20,952	20,478	-474 -2%

### Local Picture

#### Employment

<b>Confirmed Job Gains – March 2009</b>			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Triton's	York	22	Hotels & Restaurants
Minster Law	York	50	Other business
Stonegate Yard	York	40	Hotels & Restaurants
Little Green Rascals	York	20	Education
Orchard Trees Day Nursery	York	10	Education
Bradley.TV	York	15	Recreational
<b>Confirmed Job losses – March 2009</b>			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Principles - Coney Street, York	York	-10	Retail
Wards and Kingspan	Sherburn	-65	Manufacture of basic metals
Riley's Snooker Club	Scarborough	-6	Leisure

<b>Job Centre Plus Notified Vacancies</b>	
Previous	Latest
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 28%, a marginally lower rate of decline than seen nationally.</li> <li>◆ The rate of decline was highest in Ryedale but lowest in York.</li> <li>◆ There were more 'Professional' and 'Personal Services' vacancies available than in February the previous year. All other occupations saw declines.</li> <li>◆ There were 2.3 claimants for every vacancy, up from 1.7 in February 2008.</li> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio worsened in most LAs but improved in Hambleton and Harrogate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 38%, a slightly higher rate than seen nationally.</li> <li>◆ The rate of decline was highest in Ryedale and Scarborough but lowest in Selby.</li> <li>◆ There are more 'Professional' vacancies available than in March 2008. All other occupations have seen declines, particularly 'administrative and secretarial'.</li> <li>◆ There are 3.3 claimants for each vacancy, up from 1 in March 2008. This is lower than is seen nationally and regionally.</li> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio worsened in all LAs.</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY more than trebled.</li> <li>◆ Vacancies increased in Richmondshire and Selby.</li> <li>◆ There were increases in the number of vacancies for all occupations.</li> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio improved across all LAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY declined by almost 30%.</li> <li>◆ Vacancies increased in Ryedale, but more than halved in Hambleton and Scarborough.</li> <li>◆ Vacancies for 'skilled trades' occupations increased but declined for all other occupations.</li> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio improved in Ryedale, but worsened in all other LAs.</li> </ul>

## Unemployment

<b>Total JSA Claimants</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In YNY the claimant count increased by 88%, above regional and national levels.</li> <li>◆ The increase in claimants was greater in North Yorkshire (90%) than it was in York (83%).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In YNY the claimant count increased by over 100%, a higher increase than regionally and nationally.</li> <li>◆ The increase in Claimants was greater in North Yorkshire (107%) than it was in York (91%)</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY increased by 17%.</li> <li>◆ Increased by 12% in York and 19% in North Yorkshire.</li> <li>◆ The smallest increase was seen in York (12%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY increased by 3%.</li> <li>◆ Increased by 2% in North Yorkshire and 6% in York.</li> <li>◆ Scarborough is the only LA where the figure has fallen</li> </ul>
<b>Total Claiming Over 12 months</b>	
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There was a decrease in YNY of 3%.</li> <li>◆ Significant increases were seen in Richmondshire and Ryedale both increasing by 67%.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No change in YNY.</li> <li>◆ Both Scarborough and Selby saw a fall in long term claimants but there were increases of over 65% in Richmondshire and Ryedale.</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw an increase of 3%.</li> <li>◆ The greatest increase was in Craven. While York saw levels fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw an increase of 3%.</li> <li>◆ The greatest increase was in Selby</li> </ul>
<b>Total Claiming Over 6 Months</b>	
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased in YNY by 34%</li> <li>◆ Increases of over 50% in Richmondshire, Ryedale and Craven</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased in YNY by 43%</li> <li>◆ Highest increases in Craven (75%) and Ryedale (80%)</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 8.9% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Largest increase in Richmondshire (27%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 10% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Largest increase in Selby (21%)</li> </ul>
<b>Claimant Count 18-24 year olds</b>	
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 94% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Above national increase (70%) and regional increase (73%)</li> <li>◆ Highest levels of increase in Selby (133%) and Craven (124%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 113% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Greater percentage increases than seen regionally or nationally (both 78%)</li> <li>◆ Increase of over 100% in all LAs apart from Scarborough with an increase of 85%</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 25% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Greater increase seen in North Yorkshire (28%) than York (17%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 1% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Increase of 8.2% in York while North Yorkshires percentage of 18-24's claiming fell (-1.4%)</li> </ul>
<b>Claimant Count On-Flow and Off-Flow</b>	
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased in YNY</li> <li>◆ Larger increase in the ratio in North Yorkshire than in York</li> <li>◆ Ryedale and Hambleton saw the largest increase in ratio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased in YNY</li> <li>◆ Larger increase in the ratio in North Yorkshire than in York</li> <li>◆ Ryedale saw the largest increase in ratio</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow fell in YNY</li> <li>◆ Larger fall in York than North Yorkshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow fell in YNY</li> <li>◆ Larger fall in North Yorkshire than York</li> </ul>

## Business Activity

<b>Business Confidence</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
June 2008	November 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 16% of businesses in YNY expected the business climate improve over the next 12 months</li> <li>◆ 39% believed it would remain stable while 45% expected to see a deterioration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 7% of businesses in YNY expected the business climate to improve over the next 12 months</li> <li>◆ 37% believed it would remain stable while 56% expected to see a deterioration</li> </ul>

<b>Tourism</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to December 2008	Year up to January 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions fall by 22%.</li> <li>◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw a fall of 25%.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions fall by 22%.</li> <li>◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw a fall of 27%.</li> </ul>

## **Housing**

<b>Land Registry Average House Prices</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to January 2009	Year up to February 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by 11.2% in North Yorkshire and 11.5% in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by 11.5% in North Yorkshire and 14.1% in York.</li> </ul>
Month up to January 2009	Month up to February 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by less than 1% in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ York experienced a fall of 2.4%. North Yorkshire fell by less than 1%.</li> </ul>

<b>Land Registry Sales Volume</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to November 2008	Year up to December 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales fell by 55% in North Yorkshire and 52% in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales fell by 50% in North Yorkshire but only 37% in York.</li> </ul>
Month up to November 2008	Month up to December 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales in North Yorkshire fell by 9% and by 12.5% in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by just under 3% in North Yorkshire and 10% in York.</li> </ul>

<b>Department for Communities and Local Government, House Price Statistics</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to Q2 2008	Year up to Q3 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mean house prices increased in North Yorkshire but declined in York.</li> <li>◆ Prices increased by the most in Harrogate and Hambleton but fell by the most in Craven and Selby.</li> <li>◆ Sales dropped by 40% in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ House prices declined in both North Yorkshire and York at a higher rate than was seen nationally.</li> <li>◆ House prices fell across all LAs, the most pronounced in York and Ryedale.</li> <li>◆ Sales dropped by over 55% in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> </ul>
Quarter up to Q2 2008	Quarter up to Q3 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Prices in both North Yorkshire and York remained static.</li> <li>◆ Prices in Ryedale declined by 15% whereas prices increased by almost 10% in Richmondshire</li> <li>◆ The number of sales increased in both North Yorkshire and York and by as much as 44% in Ryedale. The increase was less pronounced in Harrogate and Scarborough.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There was a marginal increase in North Yorkshire, compared to a marginal decrease in York.</li> <li>◆ House prices increased in Selby by almost 10%. Harrogate experienced the highest fall at just under 5%.</li> <li>◆ Sales in North Yorkshire and York were down by roughly a quarter but by half in Richmondshire.</li> </ul>

<b>Mortgage Possession Claims/Orders</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Data not available	Year up to Q4 2008
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mortgage possession claims have fallen at all County Courts in the sub-region except for Harrogate.</li> <li>◆ Mortgage possession orders have risen at all courts and by as much as 50% at Scarborough.</li> </ul>
Year up to Q3 2008	Month up to Q4 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mortgage Possession Claims increased at Scarborough and York, but fell at Harrogate and Skipton.</li> <li>◆ Mortgage Possession Orders increased by 45% at Scarborough compared to falls at Skipton and York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mortgage possession claims fell by around a third at the County Courts of Scarborough, Skipton and York but increased at Harrogate.</li> <li>◆ Mortgage possession orders increased at York, but fell at Scarborough and Skipton.</li> </ul>

<b>Landlord Possession Claims/Orders</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Data not available	Year up to Q4 2008
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Claims are up by 60% at Harrogate, 29% at Scarborough, but fell by 15% at York.</li> <li>◆ Orders are up on the year by over a third at Scarborough, but fell at York</li> </ul>
Year up to Q3 2008	Month up to Q4 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claims has increased at all County Courts.</li> <li>◆ The number of orders has increased at all County Courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claims fell at Harrogate and York, but increased at Scarborough and Skipton.</li> <li>◆ The number of orders increased at Scarborough and York but fell at Skipton.</li> </ul>

<b>Planning Applications</b>
Over the course of the last year the number of planning applications has fallen.

### **Citizens advice**

Data is available from the start of the financial year to January. Seasonality is factor as is the capacity of Citizens Advice Bureaux

- ◆ The number of issues dealt with by the CABx in North Yorkshire has not increased significantly
- ◆ There were twice as many mortgage and secured loan arrears enquiries dealt with in January than there were in April
- ◆ Issues with council tax arrears and bankruptcy peaked in October
- ◆ Issues around employment have risen over the course of the financial year

### **Town Centre Activity**

#### **Footfall**

- ◆ Data provided by York suggests that footfall in the City has fallen over the last year. With lower levels seen in December 08 and January 09 than were recorded the previous year.

#### **Shop Unit Occupancy**

- ◆ There is an indication that the number of vacant retail premises has increased.

#### **Car Parking Figures**

- ◆ There is some evidence to suggest that car parking in town centres has increased, however tariff re-structuring means a trend is difficult to establish.

### **Benefits**

#### **Additional Claims for Council Tax and Housing Benefit**

- ◆ An increase in additional claims has been recorded.