

Monthly Economic Report, York and North Yorkshire

June 2009

York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit produces this economic report on a monthly basis. The Partnership Unit is reviewing the best way to collect and present the information received 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

- ◆ Revised figures show that GDP contracted by 2.4% in quarter 1 of 2009.

Indicator	April 2009	May 2009	Change
CPI Inflation	2.3	2.2	-0.1
RPI Inflation	-1.2	-1.1	-0.1
New Businesses - VAT Registrations	12,955	12,275(p)	-5.2%
			-680
De-registrations	15,198	14,743(p)	-3.0%
			-455

(P) Provisional

Local Picture

Labour Market

Confirmed Job Gains – May 2009			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Tesco Express	Knarborough	14	Retail
SHC Hire Centre	Northallerton	3	Supporting and Auxiliary Transport Activities
Confirmed Job losses – May 2009			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Barratts Developments	York	-25	Construction
York Cathedral	York	-32	Recreational, cultural and sporting activities
Scarborough College	Scarborough	-	Education
York College	York	-15	Other business services / Education
Shepard Group	York	-60	Construction
Wolseley	Ripon	-	Retail

Job Centre Plus Vacancies	
Please note that due to the methodology used for collecting the number of notified vacancies we have had undertake additional work to standardise the data and allow comparisons to be made. We have also changed the data set used to formulate the claimant to vacancy ratio to live unfilled vacancies. Please do not therefore compare data contained in this bulletin or the accompanying data file to those previously issued.	
Notified Vacancies	
Previous	Latest
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 30% compared to 31% nationally and 40% regionally ◆ Vacancies fell by almost 60% in Craven but increased by almost 10% in Richmondshire and Ryedale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 33% compared to 36% nationally and 41% regionally ◆ Vacancies fell by 71% in Craven compared to only 5% in Ryedale (albeit from a lower level)
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 10% compared to a marginal increase seen nationally ◆ Vacancies increased marginally in North Yorkshire (2%) compared to a 30% fall in York. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies in YNY increased marginally compared to a decline nationally ◆ Vacancies fell marginally in North Yorkshire compared to a rise in York.
Notified Vacancies by Occupation	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There were fewer vacancies across all occupations apart from Associate Professional and Technical. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There were fewer vacancies across all occupations apart from Professional

Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a substantial increase in the number of administrative and secretarial occupations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were increases in the number of vacancies across the majority of occupations apart from administrative and secretarial, sales and customer service and process, plant and machine operatives.
Claimant to Vacancy Ratio	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of claimants per job vacancy increased by 2.35 in YNY, considerably lower rise than seen regionally and nationally The number of claimants per job vacancy increased across all LAs, particularly Scarborough and Selby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of claimants per job vacancy increased by 2.37 in YNY but remains lower than is seen regionally and nationally The number of claimants per job vacancy increased across all LAs most notably in Craven
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The claimant to vacancy ratio in YNY increased marginally on the previous month The claimant to vacancy ratio fell in York, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Ryedale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The claimant to vacancy ratio in YNY increased marginally The claimant to vacancy ratio increased in all LAs except for Scarborough and Selby

Total JSA Claimants	
Previous	Latest
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In YNY the claimant count increased by over 100%, a higher increase than regionally and nationally The increase in claimants was greater in North Yorkshire (111%) than it was in York (101%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In YNY the claimant count increased by 112%, a higher increase than regionally and nationally The increase in claimants was greater in North Yorkshire (114%) than it was in York (107%)
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YNY increased by 1% Decreased by 1% in North Yorkshire and 4% in York. York, Harrogate and Selby are the only LA's where the figure has increased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YNY decreased by -1.2% Decreased by 1.7% in NY and increased by 0.2% in York Harrogate and York are the only LA's where the figure has increased
Total JSA Claimants (Rate)	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased by 100% in YNY and by 86% nationally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased by 115% in YNY and by 86% nationally
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change over the last month in YNY while nationally there was an increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change over the last month nationally or in YNY
Total Claiming Over 12 Months	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase of 7% in YNY Scarborough saw a fall in long term claimants but there were increases of over 60% in Richmondshire and 80% in Ryedale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase of 21% in YNY Scarborough was the only LA to see a fall in long term claimants with increases of 100% in Richmondshire and Ryedale
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YNY saw an increase of 6% The greatest increase was in Craven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YNY saw an increase of 10% The greatest increase was in Harrogate
Total Claiming Over 6 Months	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased in YNY by 62% Highest increases in Richmondshire (118%) and Craven (92%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased in YNY by 91% Highest increases in Richmondshire (136%) and Selby (132%)
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase of 14% in YNY Largest increase in Selby (22%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase of 17% in YNY Largest increase in Selby (27%)
Claimant Count 18-24 Year Olds	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase of 122% in YNY Greater percentage increase than regionally (84%) or nationally (83%) Increase of over 100% in all LAs apart from Scarborough with an increase of 79% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase of 123% in YNY Greater percentage increase than regionally (84%) or nationally (82%) Increase of over 100% in all LA's apart from Richmondshire and Scarborough (increase of over 200% in Harrogate)
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fell by 1.4% in YNY Increase of 3.8% in York while North Yorkshires percentage of 18-24's claiming fell (-2.9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fell by 3.3% in YNY Decreases of -1.8% in York and -3.9% in North Yorkshire
Claimant Count On-Flow and Off-Flow	
Please note the on and off flow data used in this bulletin has been standardised to allow comparisons. Please do not compare this data to that contained in previous bulletins.	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased in YNY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased slightly in YNY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Larger increase in the ratio in York than in North Yorkshire ◆ Craven, Hambleton and Scarborough saw the ratio fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Larger increase in the ratio in York than in North Yorkshire ◆ Both Hambleton and Richmondshire saw the ratio fall
Month up to April 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow fell in YNY ◆ Larger fall in North Yorkshire than in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of off-flow to on flow fell in YNY ◆ Larger fall in York than North Yorkshire

Business Activity

Business Confidence	
Previous	Latest
November 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 7% of businesses in YNY expected the business climate to improve over the next 12 months ◆ 37% believed it would remain stable while 56% expected to see a deterioration 	No new data released

Tourism	
Previous	Latest
Year up to March 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions fall by 11%. ◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw a fall of 19%. 	No new data released

Housing

Average House Prices (Land Registry)	
Previous	Latest
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell by 14.1% in North Yorkshire and 13.6% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell by 14.3% in North Yorkshire and 12.5% in York
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell marginally in North Yorkshire but increased marginally in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell marginally in North Yorkshire but increased marginally in York

Sales Volume (Land Registry)	
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales were down by 51% in North Yorkshire and 25% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales were down by 26% in North Yorkshire and 39% in York
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales increased by 7% in North Yorkshire and by 55% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales increased by 53% in North Yorkshire but fell by 39% in York

Mean House Prices (CLG)	
Year up to Q4 2008	Year up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ House prices declined by 7% in North Yorkshire and 14.3% in York. ◆ House prices fell across all LAs apart from Hambleton and Scarborough where they increased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ House prices in fell by 13% in North Yorkshire, but by 5.8% in York. ◆ House prices fell across all LAs particularly in Ryedale where they dropped by over 20%
Quarter up to Q4 2008	Quarter up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There were similar declines in house price in both North Yorkshire and York. ◆ House prices fell by almost a quarter in Richmondshire and Selby, but increased in Hambleton and Scarborough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There was a decline of over 7% in North Yorkshire whereas house prices in York increased. ◆ Only Richmondshire saw an increase in house price.

Property Sales (CLG)	
Year up to Q4 2008	Year up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sales dropped by around 50% in both North Yorkshire and York. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sales dropped by around 40% in both North Yorkshire and York
Quarter up to Q4 2008	Quarter up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sales dropped by under 10% in North Yorkshire and York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sales dropped by around 30% in both North Yorkshire and York

Mortgage Possession Claims/Orders	
Year up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claims fell across the 4 County Courts by around 35%. ◆ The number of orders fell across the County Courts and by as much as 50% at York. 	Next data available August 09

Quarter up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claims increased by 20% at Skipton, but fell across the remaining courts. ◆ The number of orders decreased at all courts. 	Next data available August 09
Landlord Possession Claims/Orders	
Year up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claims dropped by 28% at Harrogate, 27% at Scarborough, 20% at Skipton and 7% at York ◆ The number of orders dropped at all courts and by as much as 25% at Skipton. 	Next data available August 09
Quarter up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claims fell at all courts except for York where there was a slight increase. ◆ The number of orders remained unchanged at Skipton but fell at Scarborough and York. 	Next data available August 09

Planning Applications	
Previous	Latest
Year up to Q4 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Total decisions fell by just under 25% in York and North Yorkshire. Although this rate is the same as seen regionally, it is higher than that seen nationally. ◆ Though decisions fell across all local authorities, it varied between just 3.5% in Harrogate and 46.4% in Scarborough. 	No new data released
Quarter up to Q4 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Decisions fell by just over 16% in North Yorkshire. ◆ Decisions increased in Harrogate but fell in all other authorities. 	No new data released

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There is an indication that the number of vacant retail premises has increased.

Car Parking Figures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ An increase in additional claims has been recorded.