

## Monthly Economic Report, York and North Yorkshire

May 2009

York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit produces an economic report on a monthly basis, this being the second release. 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

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

Indicator	March 2009	April 2009	Change
CPI Inflation	2.9	2.3	-0.6
RPI Inflation	-0.4	-1.2	-0.8
New Businesses - VAT Registrations	16,112	12,955	-3,157 -19.6%
De-registrations	20,478	15,198	-5,280 -25.8%

### Local Picture

#### Employment

<b>Confirmed Job Gains – April 2009</b>			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
CJs Café Bar	Selby	5	Hotels and Restaurants
Travelodge	Scarborough	20	Hotels and Restaurants
Tesco Express	Knaresborough	14	Retail
SHC Hire Centre	Northallerton	3	Supporting and Auxiliary Transport
Bayford oil	Skipton	10	Supporting and Auxiliary Transport
<b>Confirmed Job losses – April 2009</b>			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Aviva	York	-571	Financial Services
Jarvis	York	-	Supporting and Auxiliary Transport

<b>Job Centre Plus Notified Vacancies</b>	
Previous	Latest
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 30%, nationally there was a fall of 31%</li> <li>◆ The rate of decline was highest in Craven and Hambleton and lowest in Richmondshire and Ryedale</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY declined by 10%</li> <li>◆ Decreases occurred in Selby Craven and York. Vacancies increased in the other authorities</li> </ul>
<b>Vacancies by Occupation</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are more 'Professional' vacancies available than in March 2008. All other occupations have seen declines, particularly 'administrative and secretarial'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are more 'associate professional and technical' vacancies available. All other occupations have seen declines, particularly 'process, plant and machine'</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies for 'skilled trades' occupations increased but declined for all other occupations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 'Administrative vacancies increased significantly, while 'professional occupations' saw significant decline</li> </ul>
<b>Claimant Count to Vacancy Ratio</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are 3.7 claimants for each vacancy, up from 1.2 in April 2008. Nationally there are 6.4 claimants per vacancy</li> <li>◆ The ratio worsened in all LAs</li> </ul>

Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio improved in Ryedale, but worsened in all other LAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The claimant count to vacancy ratio has only deteriorated in York, Craven and Selby</li> </ul>

## Unemployment

<b>Total JSA Claimants</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<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>	<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 (111%) than it was in York (101%)</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY increased by 1%</li> <li>◆ Decreased by 1% in North Yorkshire and 4% in York.</li> <li>◆ York, Harrogate and Selby are the only LA's where the figure has increased</li> </ul>
<b>Total Claiming Over 12 months</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 7% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Scarborough saw a fall in long term claimants but there were increases of over 60% in Richmondshire and 80% in Ryedale</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw an increase of 3%.</li> <li>◆ The greatest increase was in Selby</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw an increase of 6%</li> <li>◆ The greatest increase was in Craven</li> </ul>
<b>Total Claiming Over 6 Months</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased in YNY by 43%</li> <li>◆ Highest increases in Craven (75%) and Ryedale (80%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased in YNY by 62%</li> <li>◆ Highest increases in Richmondshire (118%) and Craven (92%)</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 10% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Largest increase in Selby (21%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 14% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Largest increase in Selby (22%)</li> </ul>
<b>Claimant Count 18-24 year olds</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 122% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Greater percentage increase than regionally (84%) or nationally (83%)</li> <li>◆ Increase of over 100% in all Las apart form Scarborough with an increase of 79%</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fell by 1.4% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Increase of 3.8% in York while North Yorkshires percentage of 18-24's claiming fell (-2.9)</li> </ul>
<b>Claimant Count On-Flow and Off-Flow</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April 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 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 March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<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>	<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 in 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 Feb 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions fall by 16%.</li> <li>◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw a fall of 5%.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions fall by 11%.</li> <li>◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw a fall of 19%.</li> </ul>

## Housing

<b>Average House Prices (Land Registry)</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to February 2009	Year up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by 11.5% in North Yorkshire and 14.1% in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by 14.2% in North Yorkshire and 15.5% in York</li> </ul>
Month up to February 2009	Month up to March 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ York experienced a fall of 2.4%. North Yorkshire fell by less than 1%.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ York experienced a fall of 1.9%. North Yorkshire fell by 2%.</li> </ul>
<b>Sales Volume (Land Registry)</b>	
Year up to December 2008	Year up to January 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales fell by 50% in North Yorkshire but only 37% in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales fell by almost 60% in North Yorkshire and just over 50% in York.</li> </ul>
Month up to December 2008	Month up to January 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by just under 3% in North Yorkshire and 10% in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by 46% in North Yorkshire and 35% in York.</li> </ul>
<b>Mean House Prices (CLG)</b>	
Year up to Q3 2008	Year up to Q4 2008
<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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ House prices in fell by less than the national average in North Yorkshire, but by considerably more in York.</li> <li>◆ House prices rose in Hambleton and Scarborough, but continued to fall in the remaining LAs, particularly Richmondshire.</li> </ul>
Quarter up to Q3 2008	Quarter up to Q4 2008
<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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ House prices fell on the last quarter in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> <li>◆ House Prices increased in Hambleton and Scarborough but fell in all others, particularly Richmondshire and Selby.</li> </ul>
<b>Property Sales (CLG)</b>	
Year up to Q3 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by over 55% in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> </ul>	Next data due June 09
Quarter up to Q3 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
Year up to Q4 2008	Year up to Q1 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claims fell across the 4 County Courts by around 35%.</li> <li>◆ The number of orders fell across the County Courts and by as much as 50% at York.</li> </ul>
Month up to Q4 2008	Quarter up to Q1 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claims increased by 20% at Skipton, but fell across the remaining courts.</li> <li>◆ The number of orders decreased at all courts.</li> </ul>
<b>Landlord Possession Claims/Orders</b>	
Year up to Q4 2008	Year up to Q1 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claims dropped by 28% at Harrogate, 27% at Scarborough, 20% at Skipton and 7% at York</li> <li>◆ The number of orders dropped at all courts and by as much as 25% at Skipton.</li> </ul>
Month up to Q4 2008	Quarter up to Q1 2009
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claims fell at all courts except for York where there was a slight increase.</li> <li>◆ The number of orders remained unchanged at Skipton but fell at Scarborough and York.</li> </ul>

<b>Planning Applications</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to Q3 2008	Year up to Q4 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Total decision declined by just over 14% in North Yorkshire.</li> <li>◆ Decisions fell across all local authorities except for Ryedale where there was a marginal increase.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 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.</li> <li>◆ Though decisions fell across all local authorities, it varied between just 3.5% in Harrogate and 46.4% in Scarborough.</li> </ul>
Quarter up to Q3 2008	Quarter up to Q4 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Decisions fell by 6% in North Yorkshire.</li> <li>◆ Decisions increased in Craven, Richmondshire, Ryedale and North York Moors but fell in the remaining authorities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Decisions fell by just over 16% in North Yorkshire.</li> <li>◆ Decisions increased in Harrogate but fell in all other authorities.</li> </ul>

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

## **Town Centre Activity**

<b>Footfall</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 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.</li> </ul>

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

<b>Car Parking Figures</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 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.</li> </ul>

## **Benefits**

<b>Additional Claims for Council Tax and Housing Benefit</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ An increase in additional claims has been recorded.</li> </ul>