

Monthly Economic Report, York and North Yorkshire

August 2009

The York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit produce the 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

- ◆ GDP contracted by 0.7% in quarter 2 of 2009.

Indicator	June 2009	July 2009	Change
CPI Inflation	1.8	1.8	0
RPI Inflation	-1.6	-1.4	0.2
New Businesses - VAT Registrations	17,776 (P)	17,047 (P)	-729 -4.1%
De-registrations	17,436 (P)	17,050 (P)	-386 -2.2%

(P) Provisional

Local Picture

Labour Market

Confirmed Job Gains – July 2009			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Grays Court	York	8	Recreational, Cultural & Sporting facilities
Confirmed Job losses – July 2009			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Yorkshire Coast College	Scarborough	-15	Education
Jorvik Hotel	York	-12	Hotels and Restaurants

Job Centre Plus Vacancies	
Notified Vacancies	
Previous	Latest
Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies were down by 25.7%, more than occurred nationally, but less than regionally. ◆ Vacancies fell across the majority of local authorities but increased marginally in Craven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies in YNY were down by 22.4% on the year, a marginally higher reduction than was seen regionally. ◆ Vacancies fell across all local authorities apart from York where there was a marginal increase.
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies increased by 7% in YNY in comparison to national and regional increases of 14% ◆ The number of vacancies continued to fall in Harrogate, Scarborough and Selby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Vacancies increased by 5.8% in YNY, the same as seen nationally but higher than seen regionally. ◆ Vacancies rose only marginally in North Yorkshire compared to a 13% increase in York
Notified Vacancies by Occupation	
Year up to June 2008	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of vacancies declined across all occupations except for professional occupations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There were small increases in the number of vacancies available for managers and senior officials and professional occupations.
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There were increases in the number of vacancies for managers and senior officials and sales and customer service occupations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increases were seen in associate professional and technical; administrative & secretarial; personal services and process, plant and machine operatives.
*The method used for standardising the above data has changed. Please do not compare data used in this bulletin to that presented in previous releases.	
Claimant to Vacancy Ratio	
Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased by 2.45 in YNY but remains lower than is seen regionally or nationally. ◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased by 2.34 in YNY which is a much smaller change than seen nationally and regionally. ◆ The ratio increased across all LAs, with the highest

across all LAs	increase seen in Ryedale,
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio in YNY increased marginally	◆ The ratio increased only marginally in July. There are now 3.61 claimants per vacancy in YNY.
◆ Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Ryedale all saw the ratio fall	◆ The ratio fell in York, Harrogate, Scarborough and Selby.

Total JSA Claimants

Previous	Latest
Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In YNY the claimant count increased by 105%, a higher increase than regionally or nationally. ◆ An increase of 106% in North Yorkshire and 105% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In YNY the claimant count increased by 90%, a higher increase than regionally or nationally. ◆ An increase of 89% in North Yorkshire and 93% in York
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ YNY decreased by -4.5 ◆ Decreased by -5.4% in NY and -2.4% in York. A decrease was seen in all districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ YNY increased by 0.3% ◆ There was a decrease of -0.4% in NY and an increase of 2.1% in York

Total JSA Claimants (Rate)

Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
◆ Increased by 1.4pp in YNY and by 1.9pp nationally	◆ Increased by 1.3pp in YNY and by 1.8pp nationally
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
◆ No change nationally and a 0.1pp fall in YNY	◆ Both in YNY and nationally there was no change

Total Claiming Over 12 Months

Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increased by 31% in YNY ◆ All districts saw an increase with increases of over 100% in Richmondshire and Ryedale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increased by 48% in YNY ◆ All districts saw an increase with increases of 100% and over in Ryedale and Richmondshire
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ YNY saw an increase of 4% ◆ York and Hambleton's figures remained unchanged, all other districts saw an increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ YNY saw an increase of 9% ◆ All districts saw an increase, with the most significant increase in Hambleton

Total Claiming Over 6 Months

Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increased in YNY by 109% ◆ Highest increases in Richmondshire (170%) and Selby (167%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increased in YNY by 119% ◆ Highest increases in Selby (181%) and Craven (173%)
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increase of 6% in YNY ◆ Largest increase in Selby (11.4%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increases of 0.9% in YNY ◆ A decrease of -0.6% in NY, an increase of 5% in York

Claimant Count 18-24 Year Olds

Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increase of 120% in YNY ◆ Greater percentage increase than regionally (82%) or nationally (80%) ◆ Increase of over 100% in all LA's apart from Scarborough (81%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increase of 91% in YNY ◆ Greater percentage increase than regionally (75%) or nationally (75%) ◆ All LA's saw an increase
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fell by -5.6% in YNY ◆ York's figure remained unchanged on the previous month. Decreases of -7.8% in North Yorkshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Increase of 2% in YNY ◆ York saw an increase of 2.8% and North Yorkshire 1.2%

Claimant Count On-Flow and Off-Flow

Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow decreased slightly in YNY ◆ Larger decrease in the ratio in North Yorkshire than in York ◆ A fall in the ratio was seen in all districts. Most significantly in Harrogate and Ryedale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow decreased slightly in YNY ◆ Larger decrease in the ratio in North Yorkshire than in York ◆ With the exception of Selby, the fall in the ratio for all YNY LAs was greater than occurred regionally or nationally.
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow fell in YNY ◆ Larger fall in North Yorkshire than York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased in YNY ◆ Larger increase in North Yorkshire than York

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 May 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions increase by 11% ◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw no change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No new data released ◆

Housing

Average House Prices (Land Registry)	
Previous	Latest
Year up to June 2009	Year up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell by 13.5% in North Yorkshire and 11.6% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell by 13.2% in North Yorkshire and 11.4 in York
Month up to June 2009	Month up to July 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell marginally in North Yorkshire, a slight increase was seen in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Average house prices fell marginally in North Yorkshire, a slight increase was seen in York
Sales Volume (Land Registry)	
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales were down by 32% in North Yorkshire and 9% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales were down by 33% in North Yorkshire and 32% in York
Month up to April 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales fell by 4% in North Yorkshire but increased by 50% in York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Property sales increased by 15% in North Yorkshire and fell by 2% in York
Mean House Prices (CLG)	
Year up to Q1 2009	
<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% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Next data available September 2009
Quarter up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There was a decline of over 7% in North Yorkshire whereas house prices in York increased. ◆ In North Yorkshire only Richmondshire saw an increase in house price. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Next data available September 2009
Property Sales (CLG)	
Year up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sales dropped by around 40% in both North Yorkshire and York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Next data available September 2009
Quarter up to Q1 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sales dropped by around 30% in both North Yorkshire and York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Next data available September 2009
Mortgage Possession Claims/Orders	
Year up to Q1 2009	Year up to Q2 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claims fell at all County Courts and by over a third at Skipton and York ◆ The number of orders had declined at all the County Courts for where data is available.
Quarter up to Q1 2009	Quarter up to Q2 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The number of claims increased at all Courts apart from York where they remain unchanged. ◆ There was a small overall increase in the number of orders due largely to a 40% increase at York.
Landlord Possession Claims/Orders	
Year up to Q1 2009	Year up to Q2 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Whilst there was a small overall decline in the number of claims made, they had increased at Scarborough and Skipton. ◆ The number of orders fell considerably at Scarborough but increased in York
Quarter up to Q1 2009	Quarter up to Q2 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Despite a small overall increase, there were falls in the number of claims at Skipton and York ◆ The number of orders fell by over half at Harrogate and Scarborough.

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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Next data available September 2009
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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Next data available September 2009

Voluntary and community sector
Information will be updated shortly

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.