

# Monthly Economic Report, York and North Yorkshire

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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	May 2009	June 2009	Change
CPI Inflation	2.2	1.8	-0.4
RPI Inflation	-1.1	-1.6	-0.5
New Businesses - VAT Registrations	12,275 (p)	17,776 (p)	44.8%
			5501
De-registrations	14,743 (p)	17,436 (P)	18.3%
			2693

(P) Provisional

## Local Picture

### Labour Market

<b>Confirmed Job Gains – June 2009</b>			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Cooper and Hall	Harrogate	3	Other business activities
Makins Restaurant and Takeaway	Helmsley	20	Hotels and Restaurants
<b>Confirmed Job losses – June 2009</b>			
Company	Location	No. jobs	Type of Service
Cheltenham and Gloucester	York	-5	Financial Services
Atlas Ward Structures	Scarborough		Manufacture of fabricated metal products
Dairy Farmers of Britain	Scarborough	-18	Manufacture of Food and Beverages
Birthdays	Selby		Retail
Currys	Selby	-6	Retail

<b>Job Centre Plus Vacancies</b>	
<b>Notified Vacancies</b>	
Previous	Latest
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 33% compared to 36% nationally and 41% regionally</li> <li>◆ Vacancies fell by 71% in Craven compared to only 5% in Ryedale (albeit from a lower level)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY fell by 25% compared to 23% nationally and 29% regionally</li> <li>◆ The only district to see an increase in vacancies was Craven (+11%)</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies in YNY increased marginally compared to a decline nationally</li> <li>◆ Vacancies fell marginally in North Yorkshire compared to a rise in York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vacancies increased in YNY although greater increases were seen both regionally and nationally</li> <li>◆ Vacancies in both York and North Yorkshire rose by 8%</li> </ul>
<b>Notified Vacancies by Occupation</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There were fewer vacancies across all nine occupation groups apart from Professional</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There were fewer vacancies in administrative and secretarial occupations, skilled trades, process plant and machine operatives and elementary occupations</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increases in the number of vacancies were seen for two occupation groups; managers and senior officials and sales and customer service occupations. All other occupations saw the number of vacancies fall.</li> </ul>

<b>Claimant to Vacancy Ratio</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased by 2.37 in YNY but remains lower than is seen regionally and nationally</li> <li>◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased across all LAs most notably in Craven</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased by 2.45 in YNY but remains lower than is seen regionally or nationally.</li> <li>◆ The number of claimants per job vacancy increased across all LAs</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio in YNY increased marginally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio in YNY increased marginally</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The claimant to vacancy ratio increased in all LAs except for Scarborough and Selby</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Ryedale all saw the ratio fall</li> </ul>

<b>Total JSA Claimants</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In YNY the claimant count increased by 112%, a higher increase than regionally and nationally</li> <li>◆ The increase in claimants was greater in North Yorkshire (114%) than it was in York (107%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In YNY the claimant count increased by 105%, a higher increase than regionally or nationally</li> <li>◆ An increase of 106% in North Yorkshire and 105% in York</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY decreased by -1.2%</li> <li>◆ Decreased by 1.7% in NY and increased by 0.2% in York</li> <li>◆ Harrogate and York are the only LA's where the figure has increased</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY decreased by -4.5</li> <li>◆ Decreased by -5.4% in NY and -2.4% in York</li> <li>◆ A decrease was seen in all districts</li> </ul>

<b>Total JSA Claimants (Rate)</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased by 1.5pp in YNY and by 1.9pp nationally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased by 1.4pp in YNY and by 1.9pp nationally</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No change over the last month nationally or in YNY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No change nationally and a 0.1pp fall in YNY</li> </ul>

<b>Total Claiming Over 12 Months</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 21% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Scarborough was the only LA to see a fall in long term claimants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased by 31% in YNY</li> <li>◆ All districts saw an increase with increases of over 100% in Richmondshire and Ryedale</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw an increase of 10%</li> <li>◆ The greatest increase was in Harrogate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw an increase of 4%</li> <li>◆ York and Hambleton's figures remained unchanged, all other districts saw an increase</li> </ul>

<b>Total Claiming Over 6 Months</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased in YNY by 91%</li> <li>◆ Highest increases in Richmondshire (136%) and Selby (132%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increased in YNY by 109%</li> <li>◆ Highest increases in Richmondshire (170%) and Selby (167%)</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 17% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Largest increase in Selby (27%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 6% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Largest increase in Selby (11.4)</li> </ul>

<b>Claimant Count 18-24 Year Olds</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 123% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Greater percentage increase than regionally (84%) or nationally (82%)</li> <li>◆ Increase of over 100% in all LA's apart from Richmondshire and Scarborough (increase of over 200% in Harrogate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase of 120% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Greater percentage increase than regionally (82%) or nationally (80%)</li> <li>◆ Increase of over 100% in all LA's apart from Scarborough (81%)</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fell by 3.3% in YNY</li> <li>◆ Decreases of -1.8% in York and -3.9% in North Yorkshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fell by -5.6% in YNY</li> <li>◆ York's figure remained unchanged on the previous month. Decreases of -7.8% in North Yorkshire</li> </ul>

<b>Claimant Count On-Flow and Off-Flow</b>	
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased slightly in YNY</li> <li>◆ Larger increase in the ratio in York than in North Yorkshire</li> <li>◆ Both Hambleton and Richmondshire saw the ratio fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Ratio of off-flow to on-flow decreased slightly in YNY</li> <li>◆ Larger decrease in the ratio in North Yorkshire than in York</li> <li>◆ A fall in the ratio was seen in all districts. Most significantly in Harrogate and Ryedale</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to June 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>
November 2008	
<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>	No new data released

<b>Tourism</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to April 2009	Year up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions increase by 47%</li> <li>◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw an increase of 33%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ YNY saw the number of visits to leisure attractions increase by 11%</li> <li>◆ Yorkshire and Humber saw no change</li> </ul>

## **Housing**

<b>Average House Prices (Land Registry)</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to May 2009	Year up to June 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by 13.6% in North Yorkshire and 13.1% in York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell by 13.6% in North Yorkshire and 12.4% in York</li> </ul>
Month up to May 2009	Month up to May 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell marginally in York and remained static in North Yorkshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Average house prices fell marginally in both North Yorkshire and York</li> </ul>
<b>Sales Volume (Land Registry)</b>	
Year up to March 2009	Year up to April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Property sales were down by 24% in North Yorkshire and 38% in York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Property sales were down by 35% in North Yorkshire and 13% in York</li> </ul>
Month up to March 2009	Month up to April 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Property sales increased by 54% in North Yorkshire but fell by 21% in York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Property sales fell by 4% in North Yorkshire but increased by 50% in York</li> </ul>
<b>Mean House Prices (CLG)</b>	
Year up to Q4 2008	Year up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ House prices declined by 7% in North Yorkshire and 14.3% in York.</li> <li>◆ House prices fell across all LAs apart from Hambleton and Scarborough where they increased.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ House prices in fell by 13% in North Yorkshire, but by 5.8% in York.</li> <li>◆ House prices fell across all LAs particularly in Ryedale where they dropped by over 20%</li> </ul>
Quarter up to Q4 2008	Quarter up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There were similar declines in house price in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> <li>◆ House prices fell by almost a quarter in Richmondshire and Selby, but increased in Hambleton and Scarborough.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There was a decline of over 7% in North Yorkshire whereas house prices in York increased.</li> <li>◆ In North Yorkshire only Richmondshire saw an increase in house price.</li> </ul>
<b>Property Sales (CLG)</b>	
Year up to Q4 2008	Year up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by around 50% in both North Yorkshire and York.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by around 40% in both North Yorkshire and York</li> </ul>
Quarter up to Q4 2008	Quarter up to Q1 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by under 10% in North Yorkshire and York</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sales dropped by around 30% in both North Yorkshire and York</li> </ul>
<b>Mortgage Possession Claims/Orders</b>	
Year up to Q1 2009	
<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>	Next data available August 09
Quarter up to Q1 2009	
<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>	Next data available August 09
<b>Landlord Possession Claims/Orders</b>	
Year up to Q1 2009	
<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> </ul>	Next data available August 09

◆ The number of orders dropped at all courts and by as much as 25% at Skipton.	
Quarter up to Q1 2009	
◆ 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

<b>Planning Applications</b>	
<b>Previous</b>	<b>Latest</b>
Year up to Q4 2008	
◆ 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	
◆ Decisions fell by just over 16% in North Yorkshire. ◆ Decisions increased in Harrogate but fell in all other authorities.	No new data released

<b>Voluntary and community sector</b>
Information will be updated shortly

### **Town Centre Activity**

<b>Footfall</b>
◆ 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.

<b>Shop Unit Occupancy</b>
◆ There is an indication that the number of vacant retail premises has increased.

<b>Car Parking Figures</b>
◆ 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**

<b>Additional Claims for Council Tax and Housing Benefit</b>
◆ An increase in additional claims has been recorded.