



York and North Yorkshire  
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## York and North Yorkshire - Economic Bulletin

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Headline trends for York and North Yorkshire






- The number of job vacancies declined for the first time in four months
- The number of claimants continues to increase at a faster rate than regionally and nationally
- House prices and property sales both increased this month

				
Improving	Signs of improvement	Mixed outlook	Little sign of improvement	Deteriorating

National Picture					
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
GDP*	<b>-0.7%</b> (Q2 2009)	Contracted by -0.7% compared to -2.4% in q1 of 2009	Although the rate of growth had started to slow, GDP was still increasing in q2 of 2008	The rate of decline appears to be slowing compared to recent quarters.	
CPI Inflation	<b>1.6%</b> (August 2009)	<b>-0.2pp</b> (July 2009)	<b>-2.2pp</b> (July 2009)	The CPI fell by 0.2pp in August and remains far lower than at the same time last year.	
RPI Inflation	<b>-1.3%</b> (August 2009)	<b>+0.1 pp</b> (July 2009)	<b>-6.1pp</b> (July 2009)	The RPI improved for the second consecutive month, albeit marginally.	
VAT Registrations*	<b>14,368</b> (August 2009)	<b>-2,679 (-15.7%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>-2,206 (-13.3%)</b> (August 2008)	The number of registrations continued to fall in August and remain lower than at the same time last year.	
VAT De-registrations*	<b>15,617</b> (August 2009)	<b>-1,433 (-8.4%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+4,582 (+41.5%)</b> (August 2008)	Although the number of de-registrations declined for the second month, they are considerably higher than at the same time in 2008.	

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Labour Market					
	Company and Location	No. Jobs	Service		
Confirmed Job Gains	Tesco, Skipton	140	Distribution & retail		
	Conways Toymaster, Harrogate	6	Distribution & retail		
	Cockerills, York	33	Business services		
Confirmed Job Losses	Rok, Malton	-28	Construction		
	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Job Centre Plus Notified Vacancies	<b>4,293</b> (August 2009)	<b>-356 (-7.7%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>-1,079 (-20.1%)</b> (August 2008)	The number of vacancies declined in August for the first time in four months and remain lower than at the same time the previous year	
Claimant to Vacancy Ratio	<b>3.88</b> (August 2009)	<b>+0.28</b> (July 2009)	<b>+2.49</b> (August 2008)	The claimant to vacancy ratio continues to rise due to a fall in vacancies available and a rise in the number of claimants.	
Total number JSA Claimants	<b>13,283</b> (August 2009)	<b>+342 (+2.6%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+6,026 (+83%)</b> (August 2008)	A higher annual change was recorded in YNY than nationally or regionally. Over the last month the number of JSA claimants has increased in all districts with the exception of Scarborough.	



JSA Claimant Rate	<b>2.8</b> (August 2009)	<b>+0.1pp</b> (July 2009)	<b>+1.3pp</b> (August 2008)	A higher annual increase in rate was recorded nationally than in YNY. Over the last month there has been an increase of 1.1pp in YNY	
JSA Claimants, 6 months +	<b>3,780</b> (August 2009)	<b>+435</b> <b>(+13%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+2,185</b> <b>(+137%)</b> (August 2008)	The number of JSA claimants claiming for over 6 months continues to increase, with a higher rate of increase in YNY than regionally or nationally	
JSA Claimants, 12 months +	<b>1,005</b> (August 2009)	<b>+95</b> <b>(+10.4%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+385</b> <b>(+62.1%)</b> (August 2008)	The annual increase in YNY is higher than nationally and the rate of increase is greater than was seen last month	
JSA Claimants, 18-24 yrs	<b>3,890</b> (August 2009)	<b>+260</b> <b>(+7.2%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+1,775</b> <b>(+83.9%)</b> (August 2008)	The annual increase in YNY is above regional and national levels. Although the rate of increase over the last month has slowed.	
On Flow	<b>3,532</b> (August 2009)	<b>-155</b> <b>(-4.2%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+1,137</b> <b>(+47.5%)</b> (August 2008)	This month the ratio of off-flow to on-flow increased slightly. There are now 1.11 claimants joining the count for every one coming off.	
Off Flow	<b>3,169</b> (August 2009)	<b>-472</b> <b>(-13.0%)</b> (July 2009)	<b>+1,198</b> <b>(+60.8%)</b> (August 2008)		

## Tourism

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend
No. of visits to attractions	July 09	-	<b>+7.4%</b> July (08)	The number of visits to attractions in York and North Yorkshire increased by 7.4%

## Housing Market


	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend
Land Registry House Price Index Average Price	NY <b>£167,956</b> (August 2009)	<b>+0.3%</b> (July 2009)	<b>-13.0%</b> (August 2008)	House prices have increased marginally in York for the 5 <sup>th</sup> consecutive month but remain more changeable in North Yorkshire. House prices remain lower in both North Yorkshire and York than at the same time last year.
	York <b>£169,825</b> (August 2009)	<b>+0.5%</b> (July 2009)	<b>-9.9%</b> (August 2008)	
Land Registry Sales Volume	NY <b>589</b> (June 2009)	<b>+50</b> <b>(+9.3%)</b> (May 2009)	<b>-191</b> <b>(-24.5%)</b> (June 2008)	The number of sales increased marginally in North Yorkshire and more significantly in York. Whilst the number of sales remains lower than at the same time last year for North Yorkshire, they are considerably higher for York.
	York <b>265</b> (June 2009)	<b>+84</b> <b>(+46.4%)</b> (May 2009)	<b>+68</b> <b>(+34.5%)</b> (June 2008)	
CLG Mean House Prices*#	<b>£190,597</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>-£1,334</b> <b>(-0.7%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-£29,476</b> <b>(-13.4%)</b> (Q2 2008)	Average house prices in YNY fell for the seventh consecutive quarter although the rate of increase has slowed. Changes across the sub-region are mixed and whilst there were increases in Craven and Hambleton, all remain lower than at the same time last year.
CLG Property Sales*	<b>2,253</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+829</b> <b>(+58.2%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-649</b> <b>(-22.4%)</b> (Q2 2008)	The number of sales increased by more than half between the first two quarters of the year. Although this may be due to seasonality, they remain far lower than at the same time as the previous year.
Mortgage Possession Claims	<b>245</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+8 (+3%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-92 (-27%)</b> (Q2 2008)	Following the introduction of the Mortgage Pre Action Protocol (MPAP), the number of claims had decreased quite significantly. Figures for this quarter suggest that the effects of the MPAP may have levelled.
Mortgage Possession Orders	<b>160</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+8 (+5%)</b> (Q1 2009)	Data not available	There was a marginal increase in the number of orders between the first two quarters of the year. A comparison for the year is not available although individual County Court figures suggest there may have been a quarterly increase.

Landlord Possession Claims	<b>240</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+8 (+3.4%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-12 (-5%)</b> (Q2 2008)	Although the number of claims was marginally lower than for the same period in 2008, there was also a marginal quarterly increase.	
Landlord Possession Orders	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available	Figures from the County Courts where data is available suggest that there may have been a decline in the number of orders made as figures dropped by half at both Harrogate and Scarborough.	

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# Figures for YNY are an unweighted average of the mean house prices of each District and York


## Planning

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Total Planning Decisions*#	<b>2,197</b> (Q2 2009)	<b>+86</b> <b>(+4.1%)</b> (Q1 2009)	<b>-928</b> <b>(-29.7%)</b> (Q2 2008)	The number of decisions increased in the second quarter of 2009, due largely to an increase in the number of 'other' decisions made. The number of 'major' and 'minor' decisions continued to fall and the number of decisions in total remains lower than for the same period last year.	

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# Figures for Q2 2009 do not include data for Craven

## Voluntary and Community Sector (Demand for Citizens Advice Bureau services)

	Latest Data	Change on previous data	Change on year	Trend	
Benefits	5953	Data included will be the quarterly change in demand for CAB services in York and North Yorkshire		A significant rise in demand for CAB services has been noted. VCS organisations are already working at capacity however services in this sector face increasing demand. Volunteering across the sub-region has increased due to people wanting to up skill in case of redundancy or unemployment. At the same time there is evidence of others leaving voluntary work, to increase paid hours in order to support their own financial needs.	
Debt	6683				
Employment	2047				
Health and community	196				
Relationships and family	796				

Current CAB figures do not include York and Harrogate, this information will be available shortly

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