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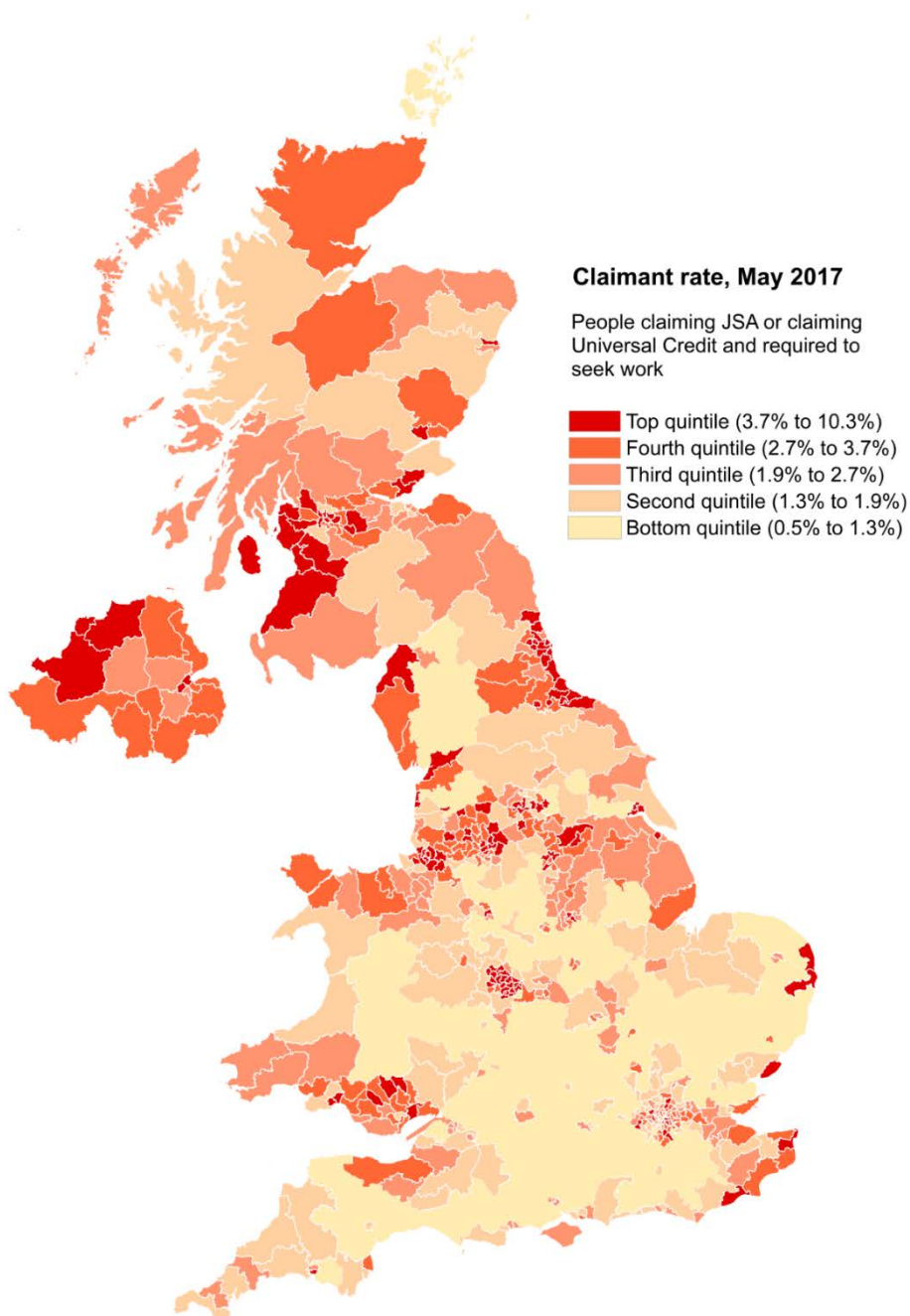
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People claiming unemployment benefits by constituency, May 2017

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Summary

This paper contains claimant count figures for parliamentary constituencies, as well as a summary of the latest labour market statistics for the UK as a whole.

The **unemployment rate** was 4.6% in February-April 2017, the lowest level since 1975. The **ILO measure of unemployment** was 1.53 million people, 50,000 fewer than the previous quarter and 145,000 fewer than the year before.

The **number of people in employment** was 31.95 million in February-April 2017, 109,000 more than the previous quarter and 372,000 more than the year before. The **employment rate** was 74.8%, the joint highest since comparable records began in 1971.

Average weekly **total pay** in Great Britain increased by 2.1% in the three months to April 2017 compared with the previous year. **Regular pay** (excluding bonuses) grew by 1.7%. CPI inflation averaged 2.4% over this period.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) [announced](#) on 23 February 2017 that it is removing seasonally adjusted data on the claimant count from the PDF version of its monthly *UK Labour Market* statistical bulletin. ONS believes that due to the impact of Universal Credit, seasonally adjusted data on the claimant count "may now be providing a misleading representation of the UK labour market".

Not only does Universal Credit appear to follow a different seasonal pattern to Jobseeker's Allowance, but under Universal Credit, a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. This has the effect of increasing the number of unemployed claimants. The effect is most visible in areas operating Universal Credit "Full Service" (where rollout of Universal Credit is more advanced).

Most jobcentre areas have not yet moved to "Full Service" but will do so over the course of 2017 and 2018. For more details see the Library's briefing paper on [Universal Credit and the claimant count](#).

1. National employment and unemployment data

1.1 Unemployment and the claimant count

ILO unemployment was 1.53 million in February-April 2017, down 50,000 on the previous quarter and down 145,000 on last year.¹

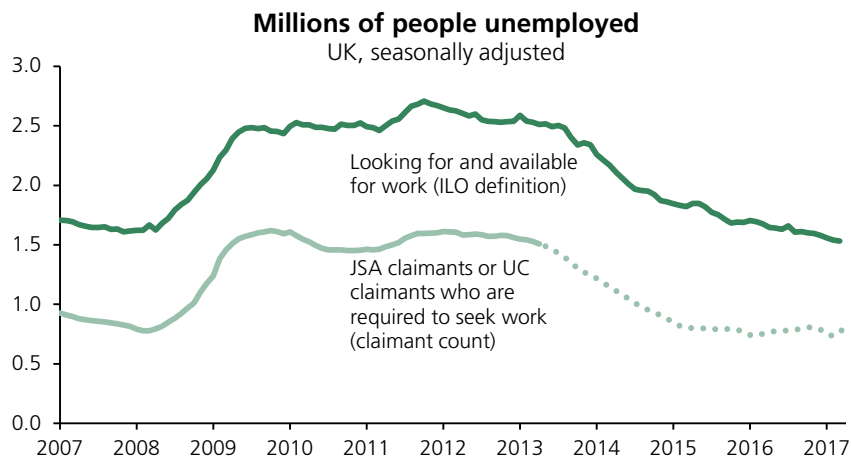
The **unemployment rate** was 4.6% (the percentage of the economically active population who are unemployed). This is the lowest it has been since the summer of 1975. The rate reached a post-recession high of 8.5% in late 2011.

The **claimant count** is the number of people claiming Jobseeker’s Allowance plus the number of people claiming Universal Credit who are required to seek work). On a **non-seasonally adjusted** basis, the claimant count was 817,100 in May 2017, compared to a non-seasonally adjusted ILO unemployment count of 1.48 million in February-April 2017.

The Office for National Statistics believes that due to the introduction of Universal Credit, the claimant count series “may now be providing a misleading representation of the UK labour market”. Universal Credit appears to follow a different seasonal pattern to Jobseeker’s Allowance and a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker’s Allowance. This has the effect of increasing the number of unemployed claimants.

The unemployment rate is the lowest since 1975.

The number of people unemployed is at its lowest level since the autumn of 2005.



Two sets of statistics for tracking unemployment

The standard international measure is the **ILO definition**, which includes everyone looking for and available for work whether or not they are claiming benefits. This is measured using surveys. Data for constituencies and local authorities have a time lag and are subject to more sampling uncertainty.

¹ Much of the data in this section, such as ILO unemployment and employment, are based on estimates from the Labour Force Survey (LFS). As these are liable to sampling variability, small changes in the figures should be interpreted with caution as they may be a result of sampling error. More information on sampling variability is available in Table A11 of ONS’ [Labour Market Statistics](#) bulletin.

The **claimant count** is the number of people claiming Jobseeker’s Allowance plus the number of people claiming Universal Credit who are required to seek work. This is more timely and is available for local areas, but can be affected by changes to benefit rules.

564,000 **young people** aged 16-24 were unemployed, an increase of 10,000 the previous quarter but 57,000 fewer than a year ago.

3.94 million young people were in work in February-April 2017, 8,000 more than in the previous quarter and a similar level to a year ago.

The **unemployment rate** for 16-24 year olds was 12.5%, down from 13.6% a year ago.

386,000 people had been **unemployed for over 12 months**, 8,000 fewer than the previous quarter and 77,000 fewer than a year ago.

On a **country and regional basis** the unemployment rate was highest in London (6.0%) and lowest in the South East (3.4%). Regional data are more volatile than data at the UK level.

1.2 Employment

31.95 million people were in **employment** in February-April 2017. Employment was up 109,000 from the previous quarter and up 372,000 from the year before.

The **employment rate** (the proportion of the population aged 16-64 in work) was 74.8%, the highest since comparable records began in 1971. It compares to a post-recession low of 70.1% in July-September 2011.

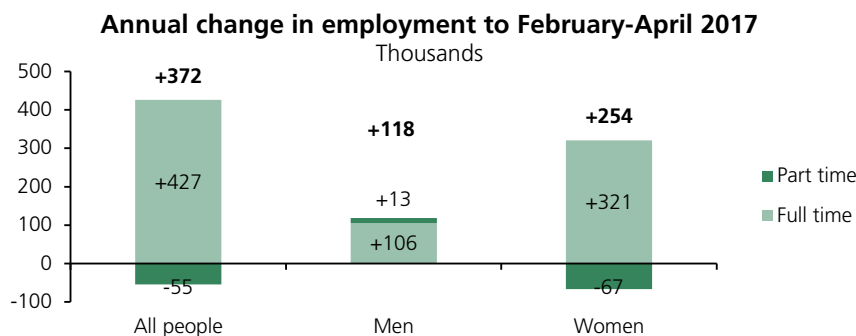
14.98 million **women** were in work in February-April 2017, up 71,000 from the previous quarter and up 254,000 from the year before.

The **female employment rate** was 70.2%, the highest rate since comparable records began in 1971. Recent increases in the rate are partly due to ongoing changes to the State Pension age for women.

16.97 million **men** were in work, 38,000 higher than the previous quarter and 118,000 higher than the year before. The male employment rate was 79.5% which is the joint highest the rate has been since 1991.

The employment rate was 74.8% in early 2017, the highest rate since comparable records began in 1971.

Full-time employment increased over the past year while the number of people working part-time decreased.



Full-time employment increased by 162,000 over the quarter, to 23.50 million. The number of men working full-time was up 44,000 and the number of women working full-time was up 118,000.

Part-time employment was down 53,000 from the previous quarter and 55,000 lower than a year ago, at 8.45 million. The number of men working part-time was down slightly from the previous quarter and the number of women working part-time was down 47,000.

The number of **employees** was up 127,000 from the previous quarter and up 274,000 from a year ago at 26.95 million.

Self-employment was about the same as the previous quarter and up 103,000 from a year ago at 4.80 million.

For March 2017, 17.0% of all people in employment were in the public sector, the lowest proportion since comparable records began in 1999. 5.42 million people were employed in the **public sector**, 20,000 fewer than a year earlier. There were 26.53 million people employed in the **private sector**, 391,000 more than a year earlier.

1.3 Vacancies

There were 770,000 **job vacancies** in March-May 2017, up 9,000 on the previous quarter and up 24,000 from a year ago.

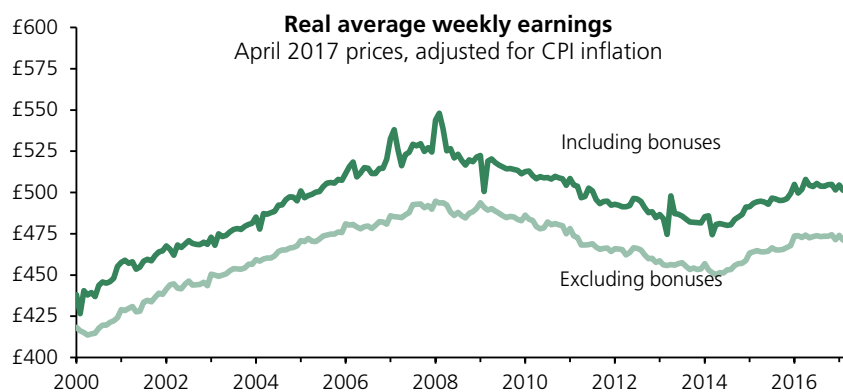
1.4 Inactivity

8.85 million people aged 16-64 were **economically inactive** (not in work and not looking for work) in February-April 2017, down 30,000 on the previous quarter and down 74,000 on the year before.

The **inactivity rate** (the proportion of the population aged 16-64 who are economically inactive) was 21.5%, down from 21.8% a year previously and the joint lowest rate since comparable records began in 1971.

1.5 Earnings

Average weekly **total pay** in Great Britain increased by 2.1% in the three months to April 2017 compared with the previous year. **Regular pay** (excluding bonuses) grew by 1.7%. CPI inflation averaged 2.4% over this period.



After adjusting for inflation, average weekly earnings including bonuses decreased by 0.4% compared to last year.

Excluding bonuses, real average weekly earnings decreased by 0.7% compared to last year.

Average total pay was 2.3% higher in the private sector and 1.1% higher in the public sector compared with the previous year. Regular pay grew by 2.0% in the private sector and 1.1% in the public sector.

2. Constituency data

Statistics on Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and Universal Credit (UC) claimants are one part of a large selection of labour market data released on a monthly basis. Unlike the national figures shown earlier in this paper, figures for local areas are not seasonally adjusted and so reflect changes to the claimant count that tend to happen every year.

On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, the number of people claiming JSA or who were claiming UC and were required to seek work was 817,100 in May 2017, down 10,400 from the previous month. Compared with the year before, the claimant count was up 33,800.²

The table in section 3 shows figures for each constituency on this non-seasonally adjusted basis, along with figures for countries and regions.

The maps on the following pages show how the claimant count varies across the UK. The first map shows the areas which have the highest proportion of economically active people who are claiming JSA or UC. The map on page 11 shows the annual percentage change in the number of unemployed claimants.

2.1 Introduction of Universal Credit

The introduction of Universal Credit, a new benefit which is replacing income-based JSA and certain other benefits, means that there are some jobseekers receiving benefits who are not claiming JSA. Rollout of UC commenced in April 2013 and is progressing in stages.³

At May 2017, there were:

- 312,700 people in the UK who were claiming UC and were required to seek work (provisional statistics).
- 504,400 people who were claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

Under Universal Credit, a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. This has the effect of increasing the number of unemployed claimants. The effect is most visible in areas operating Universal Credit "Full Service" (where rollout of Universal Credit is more advanced).

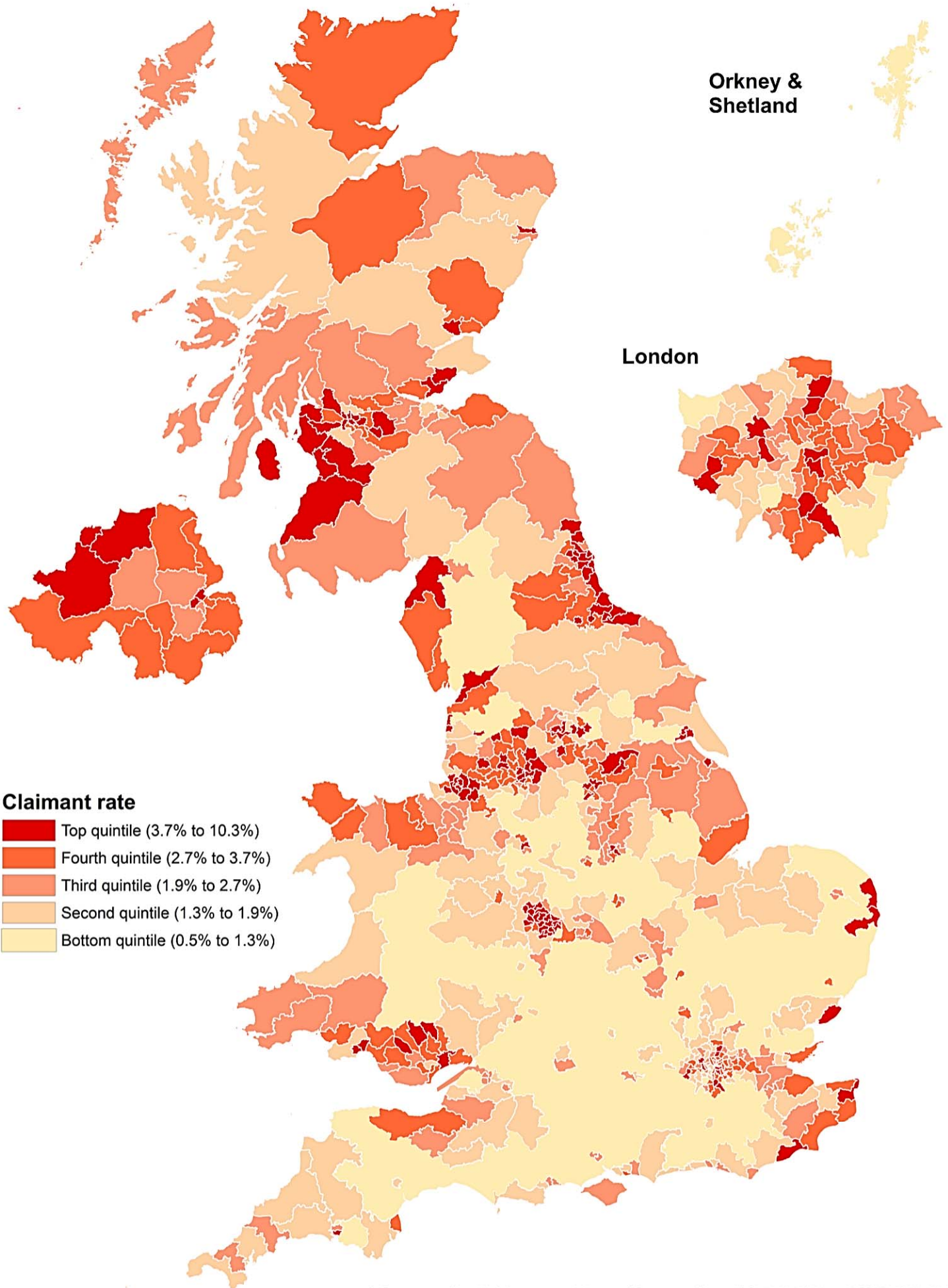
In "Full Service" areas, UC is available to all types of claimants while in "Live Service" areas, where rollout is less advanced, UC is limited to claims which are relatively simple. Most jobcentre areas have not yet moved to "Full Service" but will do so over the course of 2017 and 2018. The Library's briefing paper on [Universal Credit and the claimant count](#) gives more information.

² Figures on the number of unemployed people claiming benefits are affected by changes to benefit rules – see Section 4.4 for a discussion of recent changes.

³ Statistics on Universal Credit are published by the [Department for Work and Pensions](#). A list of jobcentres affected is published in Table 4.1 of the DWP release.

Claimant rate by constituency in May 2017

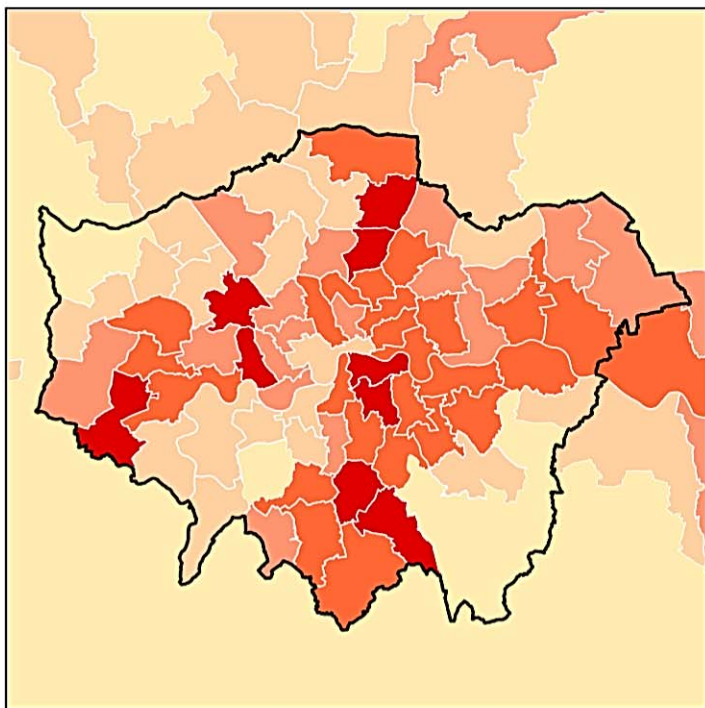
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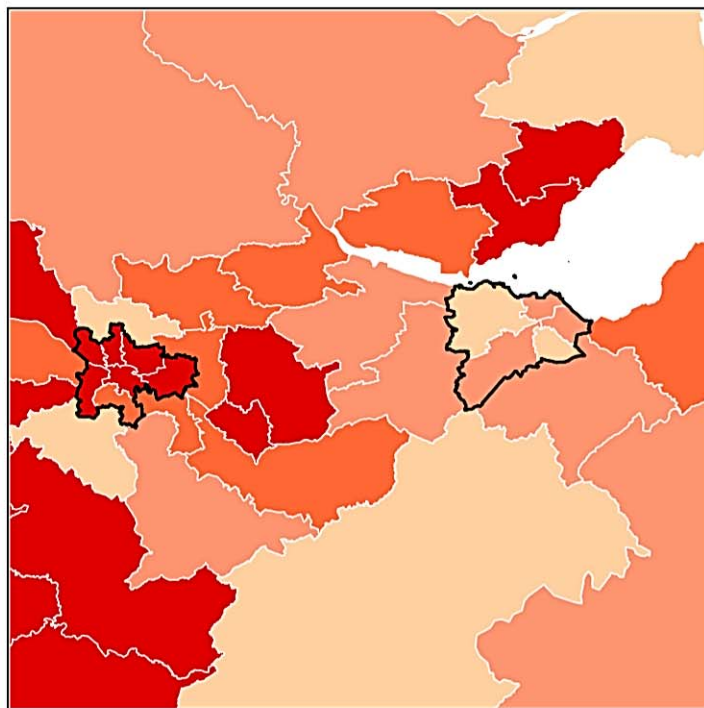
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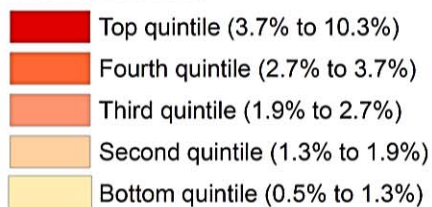
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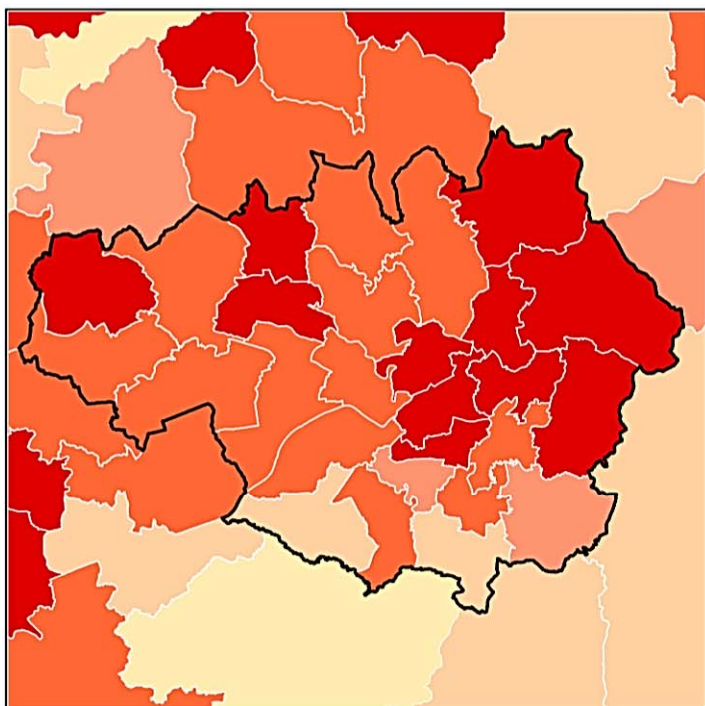
Edinburgh and Glasgow



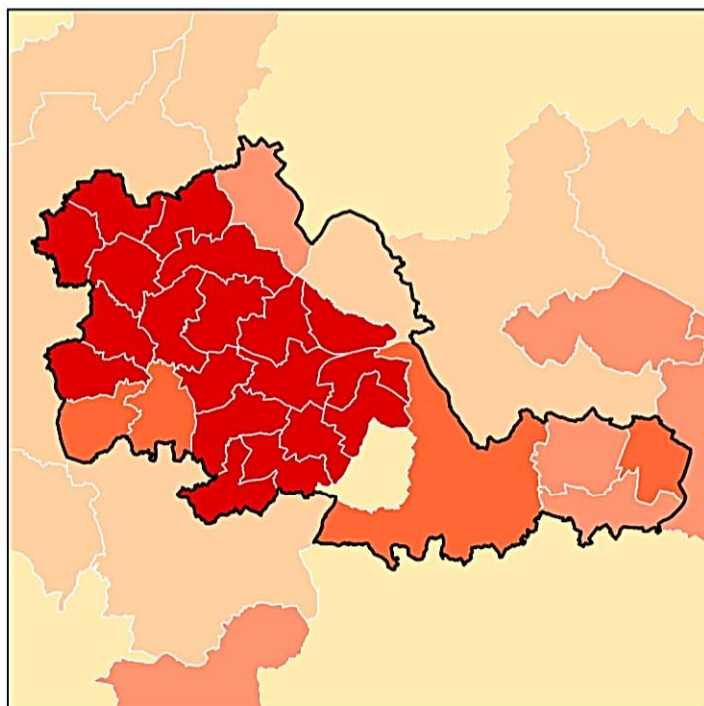
Claimant rate



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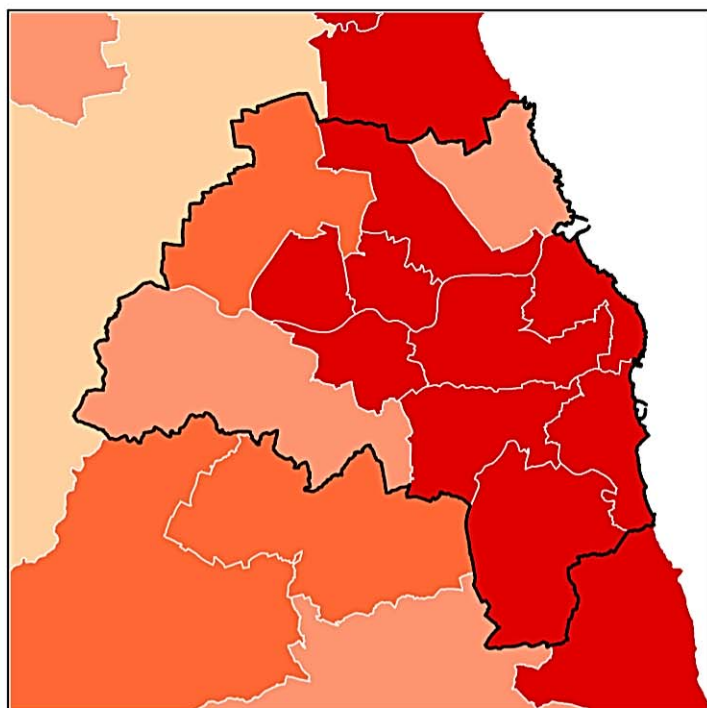
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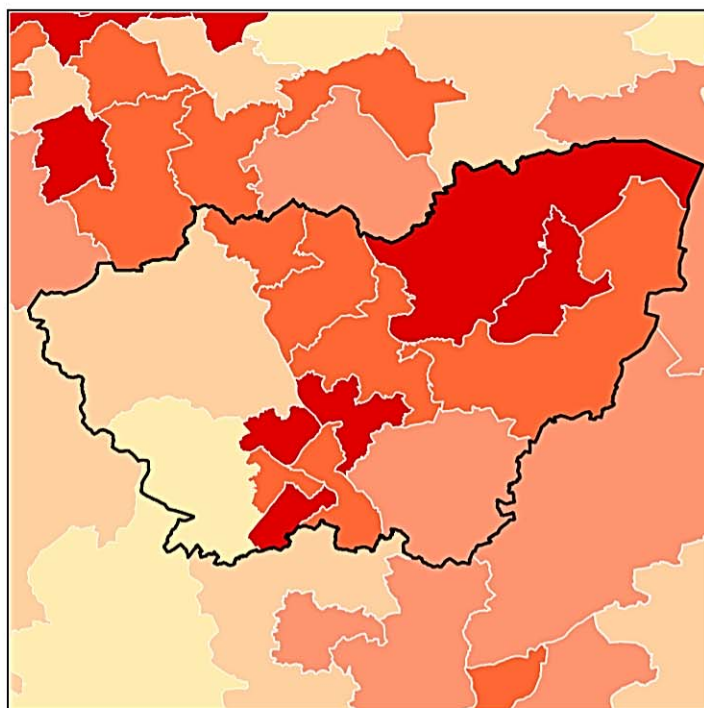
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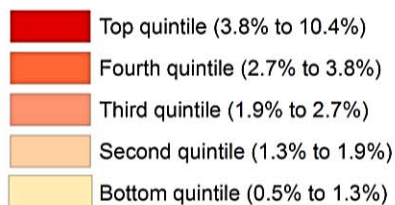
Tyne and Wear



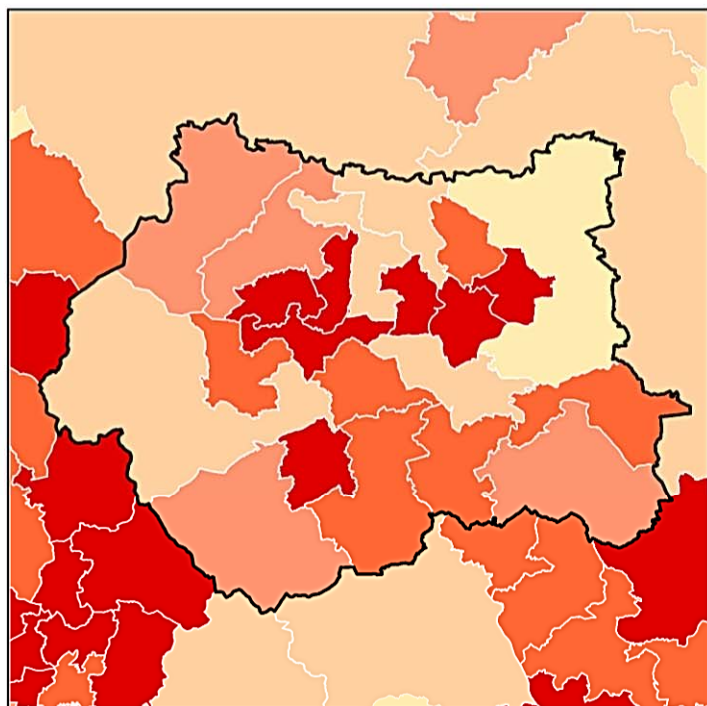
South Yorkshire



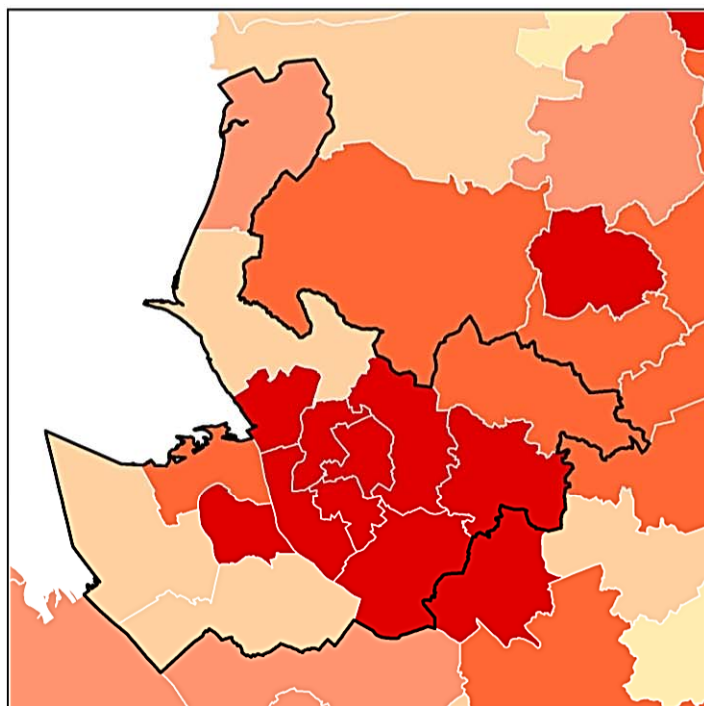
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West Yorkshire

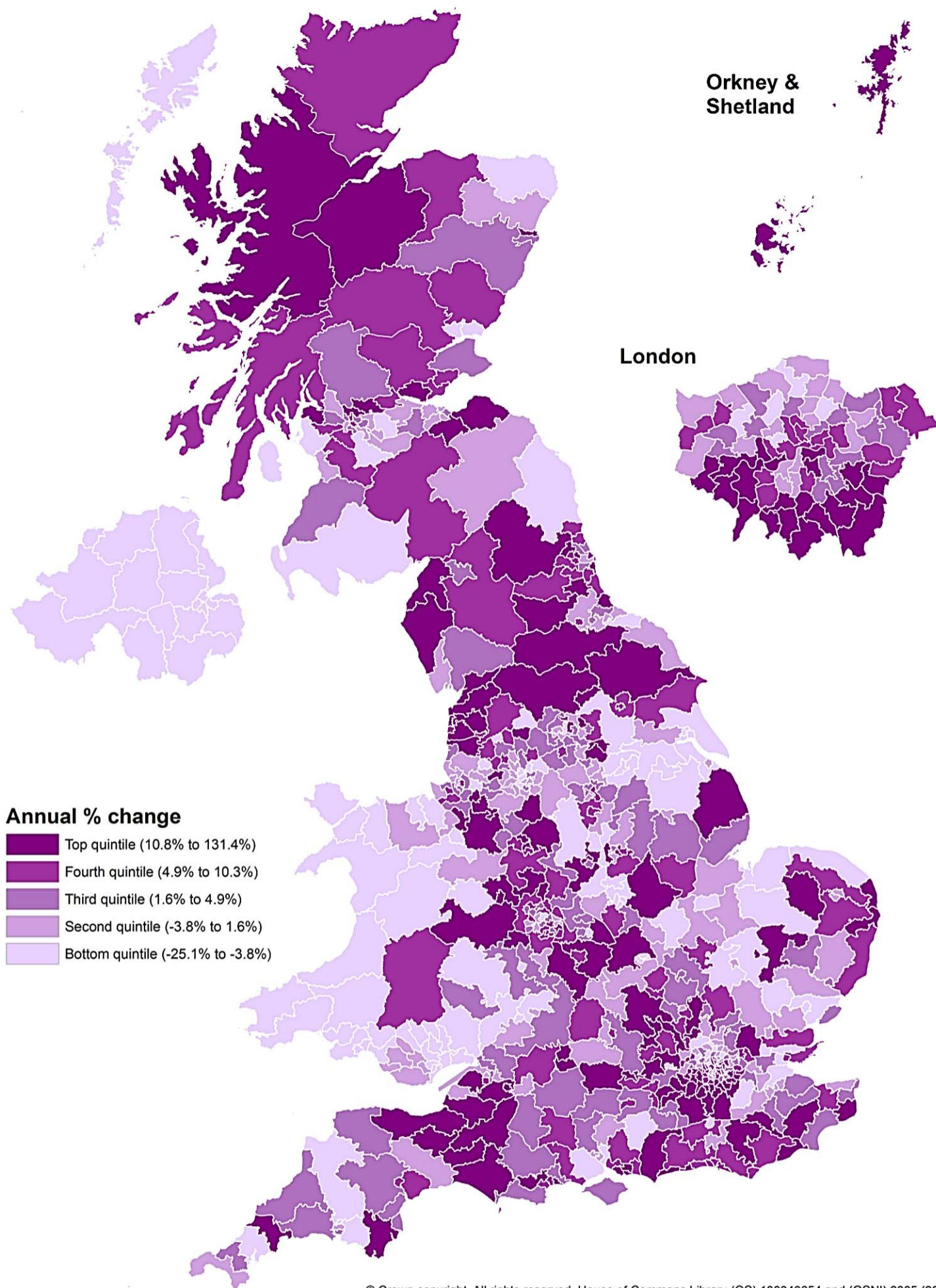


Merseyside



Annual % change in claimant count to May 2017

Annual percentage change in number of people claiming JSA or claiming Universal Credit and required to seek work, expressed as quintile groups (20% bands)



2.2 Highest and lowest claimant rates

Claimant rate

All claimants as % of economically active population aged 16-64

		% Rate
1	Birmingham, Ladywood	10.3%
2	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	8.8%
3	Foyle	8.5%
4	Hartlepool	8.0%
5	Middlesbrough	7.9%
6	Birmingham, Perry Barr	7.9%
7	Birmingham, Erdington	7.5%
8	Belfast West	6.9%
9	South Shields	6.9%
10	Birmingham, Hall Green	6.7%
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641	North Somerset	0.7%
642	Wantage	0.7%
643	York Outer	0.7%
644	Kenilworth and Southam	0.6%
645	Westmorland and Lonsdale	0.6%
646	North East Hampshire	0.6%
647	South East Cambridgeshire	0.6%
648	Mid Sussex	0.6%
649	Henley	0.6%
650	South Cambridgeshire	0.5%

Number of claimants

All people claiming JSA or claiming UC and required to seek work

		Number
1	Birmingham, Ladywood	6,180
2	Croydon North	4,270
3	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	4,035
4	Birmingham, Perry Barr	3,855
5	Leeds Central	3,755
6	Foyle	3,650
7	Birmingham, Erdington	3,455
8	Bermondsey and Old Southwark	3,410
9	Hartlepool	3,385
10	Middlesbrough	3,335
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641	Mole Valley	320
642	South Cambridgeshire	305
643	York Outer	300
644	North East Hampshire	295
645	Na h-Eileanan An Iar	285
646	Henley	265
647	Orkney and Shetland	255
648	Derbyshire Dales	250
=648	Westmorland and Lonsdale	250
650	Kenilworth and Southam	245

13 People claiming unemployment benefits by constituency, May 2017

Claimants aged 18-24

18-24 year olds claiming JSA or claiming UC and required to seek work

		Number
1	Birmingham, Ladywood	1,100
2	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	875
3	Foyle	860
4	Hartlepool	760
5	Croydon North	755
6	Birmingham, Hall Green	750
7	Birmingham, Perry Barr	720
8	Middlesbrough	715
=8	Leeds Central	715
10	Belfast North	670
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=635	Derbyshire Dales	55
642	Wantage	50
=642	Westmorland and Lonsdale	50
=642	South Cambridgeshire	50
645	South West Surrey	45
=645	Kenilworth and Southam	45
647	Na h-Eileanan An Iar	35
=647	Mole Valley	35
649	North East Hampshire	30
=649	Henley	30

Annual percentage change in number of claimants

All people claiming JSA or claiming UC and required to seek work

		% change
1	Stratford-on-Avon	131
2	Harrogate and Knaresborough	107
3	Skipton and Ripon	93
4	Great Yarmouth	92
5	Croydon Central	89
6	Croydon South	88
7	Bridgwater and West Somerset	85
8	Wells	85
9	Richmond (Yorks)	84
10	Feltham and Heston	84
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641	Blaenau Gwent	-17
642	Islwyn	-18
643	Ynys Mon	-18
644	East Londonderry	-18
645	Newry & Armagh	-18
646	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	-19
647	South Down	-19
648	Lagan Valley	-21
649	West Tyrone	-21
650	Upper Bann	-25

UC = Universal Credit. Data on claimants aged 18-24 are rounded to the nearest five.

Claimant data by constituency: JSA claimants and Universal Credit claimants required to seek work, May 2017

Notes: Figures include JSA claimants and people claiming Universal Credit (UC) who are required to seek work. UC figures are provisional. All data are rounded to the nearest five, except for data on claims by type (JSA claimants only; UC claimants only). The number of JSA claimants and the number of UC claimants may not sum to the total claimant count as data are taken from different sources and are independently rounded.

Claimant rate is the proportion of the economically active population aged 16-64 (as estimated by the Library) who are claiming JSA or claiming UC and required to seek work.

	Claimant levels			Claimant rate		Claims by age group						Claims by type	
	All claimants			All claimants		18-24			50 and over			JSA only	UC only
	Number	Annual change level	%	Rate %	Rank 1=highest	Number	Annual change level	%	Number	Annual change level	%		
United Kingdom	817,085	33,840	4	2.6		167,290	-940	-0.6	206,275	21,920	11.9	504,445	312,747
Aberavon	1,040	-120	-10	3.5	153	305	-25	-7.6	225	5	2.3	574	464
Aberconwy	625	-65	-9	2.4	309	125	-35	-21.9	180	15	9.1	356	268
Aberdeen North	2,150	255	13	3.8	126	365	50	15.9	500	105	26.6	1,556	597
Aberdeen South	1,355	60	5	2.5	282	190	10	5.6	395	45	12.9	991	360
Airdrie and Shotts	1,660	-85	-5	3.9	116	385	-85	-18.1	395	45	12.9	1,006	654
Aldershot	610	45	8	1.0	574	110	-5	-4.3	185	20	12.1	407	201
Aldridge-Brownhills	770	45	6	2.1	350	175	0	0.0	195	20	11.4	431	338
Altrincham and Sale West	665	-10	-1	1.4	508	110	-15	-12.0	195	5	2.6	343	321
Alyn and Deeside	835	0	0	1.9	382	160	-35	-17.9	200	20	11.1	333	503
Amber Valley	835	-45	-5	1.9	388	205	0	0.0	195	-25	-11.4	533	303
Angus	1,355	105	8	3.3	183	340	35	11.5	350	50	16.7	915	442
Arfon	945	-60	-6	3.3	173	260	5	2.0	200	-25	-11.1	599	345
Argyll and Bute	890	45	5	2.2	344	175	30	20.7	310	35	12.7	588	302
Arundel and South Downs	365	35	11	0.8	618	65	-15	-18.8	130	30	30.0	242	120
Ashfield	1,270	-120	-9	2.6	279	305	-60	-16.4	310	-5	-1.6	828	445
Ashford	1,245	160	15	2.1	352	315	45	16.7	335	60	21.8	839	407
Ashton-under-Lyne	1,745	75	4	4.0	110	385	-35	-8.3	360	30	9.1	776	967
Aylesbury	745	95	15	1.2	538	125	5	4.2	195	20	11.4	517	229
Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock	1,670	25	2	4.0	111	405	55	15.7	390	30	8.3	1,070	601
Banbury	470	-15	-3	0.7	628	100	-20	-16.7	115	5	4.5	247	224
Banff and Buchan	1,170	-70	-6	2.5	281	270	-30	-10.0	310	15	5.1	769	402
Barking	2,120	70	3	3.4	155	440	15	3.5	515	50	10.8	1,578	542
Barnsley Central	1,450	20	1	3.4	170	320	-20	-5.9	340	35	11.5	1,050	400
Barnsley East	1,395	0	0	3.2	193	295	-25	-7.8	360	40	12.5	994	400
Barrow and Furness	1,245	-30	-2	3.1	211	295	-40	-11.9	290	25	9.4	633	614
Basildon and Billericay	1,040	-95	-8	2.3	323	240	-40	-14.3	280	30	12.0	642	398
Basingstoke	770	75	11	1.2	533	145	30	26.1	195	5	2.6	579	188
Bassetlaw	1,105	20	2	2.2	332	245	-20	-7.5	295	65	28.3	742	362
Bath	1,200	520	76	2.6	278	200	60	42.9	305	145	90.6	137	1,064
Batley and Spen	1,535	20	1	2.9	225	360	-10	-2.7	325	25	8.3	965	573
Battersea	1,245	10	1	1.7	424	155	-5	-3.1	385	35	10.0	870	375
Beaconsfield	460	60	15	0.9	593	55	0	0.0	175	55	45.8	335	123
Beckenham	490	55	13	1.1	571	65	-10	-13.3	165	35	26.9	373	117
Bedford	1,870	50	3	3.6	142	295	-25	-7.8	505	40	8.6	1,360	509
Belfast East	1,625	-295	-15	3.6	148	345	-100	-22.5	410	-35	-7.9	1,626	..

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Belfast South	1,570	-320	-17	2.7	267	310	-100	-24.4	350	-25	-6.7	1,571	..
Belfast West	2,630	-545	-17	6.9	8	655	-190	-22.5	580	-90	-13.4	2,628	..
Bermondsey and Old Southwark	3,410	1,215	55	4.1	104	410	115	39.0	1,035	380	58.0	542	2,877
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	1,055	5	0	2.4	304	245	-20	-7.5	300	35	13.2	632	425
Berwick-upon-Tweed	675	-35	-5	1.9	385	150	5	3.4	210	-10	-4.5	454	222
Bethnal Green and Bow	2,575	180	8	3.4	162	435	5	1.2	785	100	14.6	1,588	987
Beverley and Holderness	760	-35	-4	1.6	443	180	0	0.0	200	-15	-7.0	489	273
Bexhill and Battle	640	60	10	1.5	482	140	-10	-6.7	180	20	12.5	328	307
Bexleyheath and Crayford	825	45	6	1.8	416	180	10	5.9	175	10	6.1	542	284
Birkenhead	2,010	105	6	5.1	50	430	-20	-4.4	425	40	10.4	735	1,277
Birmingham, Edgbaston	2,595	185	8	5.5	31	460	5	1.1	630	85	15.6	1,903	691
Birmingham, Erdington	3,455	-60	-2	7.5	7	650	-105	-13.9	885	40	4.7	2,549	905
Birmingham, Hall Green	3,275	85	3	6.7	10	750	0	0.0	660	70	11.9	2,084	1,194
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	4,035	-10	0	8.8	2	875	-95	-9.8	845	95	12.7	2,893	1,143
Birmingham, Ladywood	6,180	295	5	10.3	1	1,100	25	2.3	1,300	120	10.2	4,886	1,297
Birmingham, Northfield	2,830	245	9	6.1	19	585	-25	-4.1	600	80	15.4	2,040	788
Birmingham, Perry Barr	3,855	50	1	7.9	6	720	0	0.0	855	60	7.5	2,998	856
Birmingham, Selly Oak	2,280	215	10	4.8	64	495	-10	-2.0	495	105	26.9	1,537	740
Birmingham, Yardley	2,990	315	12	6.1	18	630	50	8.6	705	125	21.6	2,058	933
Bishop Auckland	1,505	160	12	3.7	132	370	50	15.6	390	55	16.4	978	525
Blackburn	2,020	-125	-6	4.6	77	475	-30	-5.9	380	-15	-3.8	1,026	991
Blackley and Broughton	2,825	-140	-5	5.7	30	500	-95	-16.0	555	5	0.9	1,744	1,081
Blackpool North and Cleveleys	1,675	230	16	4.5	81	290	5	1.8	450	85	23.3	729	943
Blackpool South	2,290	215	10	6.3	15	375	-15	-3.8	585	80	15.8	967	1,326
Blaenau Gwent	1,440	-305	-17	4.6	74	410	-65	-13.7	315	-30	-8.7	918	520
Blaydon	1,145	65	6	2.7	261	285	10	3.6	315	60	23.5	690	452
Blyth Valley	1,835	155	9	4.6	72	425	15	3.7	455	55	13.8	1,318	516
Bognor Regis and Littlehampton	885	105	13	1.9	398	150	10	7.1	295	65	28.3	606	277
Bolsover	915	10	1	2.0	376	260	20	8.3	195	0	0.0	599	321
Bolton North East	2,420	205	9	5.5	33	480	-40	-7.7	525	85	19.3	1,285	1,136
Bolton South East	2,430	85	4	5.3	38	565	-15	-2.6	465	25	5.7	1,172	1,255
Bolton West	1,325	105	9	2.8	236	275	-65	-19.1	315	75	31.3	581	743
Bootle	2,735	-50	-2	5.9	22	545	-65	-10.7	615	20	3.4	1,165	1,570
Boston and Skegness	1,310	35	3	2.8	243	295	0	0.0	355	40	12.7	802	509

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Bosworth	685	-15	-2	1.3	513	160	5	3.2	165	-5	-2.9	348	336
Bournemouth East	1,220	125	11	2.2	337	190	-10	-5.0	350	75	27.3	831	394
Bournemouth West	1,065	75	8	2.0	370	195	-5	-2.5	295	50	20.4	726	339
Bracknell	620	35	6	1.0	576	120	25	26.3	185	35	23.3	397	223
Bradford East	2,465	-175	-7	4.9	55	575	5	0.9	560	-5	-0.9	1,788	680
Bradford South	1,880	20	1	3.9	123	440	30	7.3	405	20	5.2	1,328	554
Bradford West	2,790	25	1	5.9	24	605	-5	-0.8	560	25	4.7	1,938	854
Braintree	585	-90	-13	1.2	549	115	-50	-30.3	170	5	3.0	443	139
Brecon and Radnorshire	395	25	7	1.3	525	95	5	5.6	125	10	8.7	239	152
Brent Central	3,100	65	2	4.2	96	415	10	2.5	975	150	18.2	2,325	771
Brent North	1,280	-55	-4	1.9	394	215	-5	-2.3	365	5	1.4	826	453
Brentford and Isleworth	2,350	975	71	3.2	192	330	120	57.1	630	295	88.1	360	1,988
Brentwood and Ongar	520	75	17	1.1	562	120	30	33.3	155	20	14.8	352	166
Bridgend	960	-25	-3	2.5	286	240	0	0.0	225	-25	-10.0	620	336
Bridgwater and West Somerset	1,780	820	85	3.4	157	385	135	54.0	440	235	114.6	195	1,587
Brigg and Goole	955	-55	-5	2.2	331	220	-25	-10.2	265	5	1.9	625	332
Brighton, Kemptown	1,125	75	7	2.4	293	240	20	9.1	295	50	20.4	776	354
Brighton, Pavilion	1,005	55	6	1.6	444	190	5	2.7	235	25	11.9	691	318
Bristol East	1,210	25	2	2.3	317	195	-20	-9.3	290	25	9.4	880	330
Bristol North West	1,035	-10	-1	2.1	367	210	-20	-8.7	260	40	18.2	720	313
Bristol South	1,350	130	11	2.3	318	285	-15	-5.0	305	55	22.0	910	440
Bristol West	1,825	20	1	2.5	287	270	-5	-1.8	450	75	20.0	1,330	497
Broadland	400	30	8	0.9	607	100	10	11.1	110	0	0.0	213	184
Bromley and Chislehurst	745	80	12	1.6	456	135	10	8.0	220	50	29.4	566	179
Bromsgrove	635	50	9	1.4	501	150	20	15.4	155	10	6.9	407	225
Broxbourne	755	-15	-2	1.5	484	140	-5	-3.4	195	-5	-2.5	544	212
Broxtowe	935	125	15	1.9	384	240	45	23.1	215	40	22.9	582	348
Buckingham	400	120	43	0.8	623	60	20	50.0	125	35	38.9	295	105
Burnley	1,835	220	14	4.7	70	410	25	6.5	420	90	27.3	834	999
Burton	760	15	2	1.5	478	180	-5	-2.7	170	5	3.0	409	352
Bury North	1,425	0	0	3.4	167	325	-20	-5.8	310	10	3.3	739	687
Bury South	1,500	-10	-1	3.1	203	305	-45	-12.9	335	10	3.1	701	802
Bury St Edmunds	710	20	3	1.2	539	135	0	0.0	205	5	2.5	463	244
Caerphilly	1,460	-180	-11	3.6	143	390	-55	-12.4	330	-10	-2.9	972	488
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	870	45	5	3.1	210	165	0	0.0	250	25	11.1	545	324

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Calder Valley	965	20	2	1.8	408	225	10	4.7	290	30	11.5	554	409
Camberwell and Peckham	3,175	495	18	4.5	85	425	55	14.9	990	250	33.8	960	2,218
Camborne and Redruth	975	45	5	2.4	294	240	30	14.3	270	35	14.9	607	369
Cambridge	670	-5	-1	1.1	555	100	-15	-13.0	185	-10	-5.1	514	156
Cannock Chase	830	85	11	1.7	430	195	20	11.4	230	70	43.8	474	356
Canterbury	905	70	8	1.7	429	220	50	29.4	240	20	9.1	628	275
Cardiff Central	1,430	-105	-7	3.2	184	285	-35	-10.9	255	-15	-5.6	1,080	346
Cardiff North	730	-35	-5	1.6	439	160	-15	-8.6	190	25	15.2	518	214
Cardiff South and Penarth	1,865	-115	-6	3.3	179	405	20	5.2	395	-30	-7.1	1,374	493
Cardiff West	1,625	5	0	3.6	138	330	-15	-4.3	370	45	13.8	1,179	445
Carlisle	910	25	3	2.1	355	190	-15	-7.3	210	10	5.0	399	511
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	690	-55	-7	2.2	336	160	-40	-20.0	190	5	2.7	481	211
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	900	-75	-8	2.6	272	220	15	7.3	225	-30	-11.8	611	289
Carshalton and Wallington	1,805	600	50	3.4	158	305	80	35.6	465	180	63.2	217	1,590
Castle Point	645	-65	-9	1.6	464	160	-30	-15.8	160	-5	-3.0	363	282
Central Ayrshire	1,650	15	1	4.1	106	375	-10	-2.6	420	35	9.1	1,068	581
Central Devon	430	5	1	1.0	587	100	20	25.0	130	-5	-3.7	273	160
Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	500	-10	-2	1.1	572	85	-30	-26.1	145	25	20.8	340	159
Ceredigion	475	-25	-5	1.5	480	120	0	0.0	125	-30	-19.4	314	163
Charnwood	345	-40	-10	0.7	639	95	20	26.7	110	15	15.8	191	155
Chatham and Aylesford	1,300	-15	-1	2.5	283	315	10	3.3	300	10	3.4	912	388
Cheadle	590	-10	-2	1.3	510	115	-30	-20.7	145	25	20.8	283	306
Chelmsford	910	-30	-3	1.6	454	170	-30	-15.0	240	20	9.1	638	271
Chelsea and Fulham	1,440	370	35	2.5	291	165	20	13.8	495	185	59.7	450	997
Cheltenham	775	-20	-3	1.4	496	150	-35	-18.9	210	30	16.7	468	310
Chesham and Amersham	405	35	9	0.9	596	80	15	23.1	120	0	0.0	275	132
Chesterfield	1,115	65	6	2.5	289	290	-5	-1.7	270	50	22.7	742	374
Chichester	695	90	15	1.4	491	120	5	4.3	225	45	25.0	475	217
Chingford and Woodford Green	995	5	1	2.1	356	165	-15	-8.3	275	30	12.2	662	329
Chippenham	595	-20	-3	1.2	540	130	-20	-13.3	165	15	10.0	367	225
Chipping Barnet	1,035	-15	-1	1.8	419	155	-40	-20.5	305	30	10.9	721	312
Chorley	1,080	65	6	2.2	347	240	-15	-5.9	265	20	8.2	532	546
Christchurch	385	15	4	1.1	558	70	10	16.7	125	10	8.7	271	114
Cities of London and Westminster	1,225	75	7	1.8	414	135	15	12.5	405	45	12.5	987	234
City of Chester	940	125	15	2.0	378	180	5	2.9	250	60	31.6	367	570

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City of Durham	975	135	16	2.2	330	240	55	29.7	245	35	16.7	621	357	
Clacton	1,610	65	4	5.0	53	355	-20	-5.3	465	70	17.7	1,092	516	
Cleethorpes	1,170	-120	-9	2.6	271	250	-75	-23.1	325	10	3.2	705	468	
Clwyd South	695	-115	-14	2.0	379	155	-65	-29.5	165	-5	-2.9	430	267	
Clwyd West	860	-25	-3	2.7	256	190	-15	-7.3	250	20	8.7	531	328	
Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill	1,610	-30	-2	3.4	165	360	-60	-14.3	400	45	12.7	937	670	
Colchester	1,135	-75	-6	1.8	401	250	-45	-15.3	280	20	7.7	885	251	
Colne Valley	1,110	30	3	2.0	375	255	-10	-3.8	275	40	17.0	782	329	
Congleton	515	10	2	1.2	543	95	-15	-13.6	135	0	0.0	292	223	
Copeland	1,250	335	37	3.3	171	270	30	12.5	325	105	47.7	342	908	
Corby	1,120	-80	-7	1.9	392	240	-50	-17.2	290	-5	-1.7	377	748	
Coventry North East	1,850	-80	-4	3.3	182	320	10	3.2	410	-5	-1.2	1,333	516	
Coventry North West	1,235	25	2	2.3	321	230	-10	-4.2	285	25	9.6	914	320	
Coventry South	1,370	50	4	2.6	273	280	15	5.7	320	55	20.8	1,009	361	
Crawley	950	-70	-7	1.6	450	180	0	0.0	255	-10	-3.8	695	255	
Crewe and Nantwich	1,100	40	4	2.1	365	245	-30	-10.9	245	10	4.3	566	534	
Croydon Central	3,105	1,460	89	5.1	49	560	295	111.3	780	380	95.0	395	2,725	
Croydon North	4,270	1,670	64	5.8	25	755	295	64.1	1,095	440	67.2	811	3,466	
Croydon South	1,730	810	88	2.9	232	315	165	110.0	445	195	78.0	148	1,580	
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East	1,355	200	17	3.1	204	310	30	10.7	320	75	30.6	630	729	
Cynon Valley	1,130	-85	-7	3.7	134	305	-25	-7.6	235	-10	-4.1	723	408	
Dagenham and Rainham	1,700	65	4	3.3	176	360	-5	-1.4	395	30	8.2	1,215	484	
Darlington	2,150	155	8	4.8	59	495	20	4.2	515	50	10.8	1,471	682	
Dartford	830	30	4	1.4	489	185	15	8.8	200	25	14.3	551	278	
Daventry	875	210	32	1.8	404	170	30	21.4	275	85	44.7	258	623	
Delyn	720	-55	-7	2.2	340	175	-20	-10.3	180	-15	-7.7	391	329	
Denton and Reddish	1,245	-45	-3	2.9	227	285	-20	-6.6	250	-10	-3.8	490	759	
Derby North	970	100	11	1.9	386	225	30	15.4	205	15	7.9	615	359	
Derby South	1,695	30	2	3.3	180	350	0	0.0	370	20	5.7	1,099	598	
Derbyshire Dales	250	-15	-6	0.7	640	55	0	0.0	80	5	6.7	148	105	
Devizes	490	10	2	0.9	592	95	-15	-13.6	155	45	40.9	305	187	
Dewsbury	1,400	50	4	2.7	260	330	-10	-2.9	335	75	28.8	983	419	
Don Valley	1,310	-115	-8	2.9	228	360	-25	-6.5	305	-15	-4.7	824	489	
Doncaster Central	2,045	-115	-5	3.9	117	455	-25	-5.2	440	-15	-3.3	1,371	673	
Doncaster North	1,760	-95	-5	3.8	124	470	25	5.6	370	-35	-8.6	1,128	631	

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Dover	1,430	170	13	3.1	202	320	45	16.4	400	55	15.9	1,034	396
Dudley North	1,945	100	5	5.1	45	450	40	9.8	470	10	2.2	1,318	630
Dudley South	1,565	-5	0	4.2	101	345	-10	-2.8	350	35	11.1	1,099	463
Dulwich and West Norwood	2,160	170	9	3.3	174	295	35	13.5	670	115	20.7	1,271	888
Dumfries and Galloway	1,055	-55	-5	2.4	305	260	-60	-18.8	260	-5	-1.9	630	427
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	750	40	6	1.8	400	165	20	13.8	225	20	9.8	484	265
Dundee East	1,290	-75	-5	3.0	216	320	15	4.9	320	-5	-1.5	865	425
Dundee West	2,145	-105	-5	5.2	42	495	-30	-5.7	495	5	1.0	1,424	722
Dunfermline and West Fife	1,460	215	17	2.9	231	350	80	29.6	320	50	18.5	940	518
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	375	-75	-17	1.4	494	60	-25	-29.4	125	0	0.0	224	153
Ealing Central and Acton	1,780	-25	-1	2.6	269	180	-25	-12.2	510	45	9.7	1,295	487
Ealing North	1,780	30	2	2.9	224	260	-25	-8.8	495	85	20.7	1,306	474
Ealing, Southall	1,625	20	1	3.3	172	225	-5	-2.2	445	55	14.1	1,149	476
Easington	1,745	110	7	4.6	71	455	15	3.4	360	25	7.5	1,101	642
East Antrim	1,350	-175	-11	3.1	199	310	-90	-22.5	395	20	5.3	1,349	..
East Devon	435	40	10	1.0	589	80	20	33.3	135	20	17.4	308	126
East Dunbartonshire	560	85	18	1.4	492	120	20	20.0	140	5	3.7	234	326
East Ham	1,945	15	1	2.6	275	360	5	1.4	525	5	1.0	1,409	538
East Hampshire	340	-25	-7	0.7	634	60	0	0.0	105	-10	-8.7	236	104
East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	1,095	-65	-6	2.1	359	270	-10	-3.6	285	-20	-6.6	703	397
East Londonderry	1,760	-390	-18	4.0	114	410	-165	-28.7	420	-30	-6.7	1,762	..
East Lothian	1,835	795	76	3.6	140	340	95	38.8	480	240	100.0	200	1,633
East Renfrewshire	665	40	6	1.5	472	165	25	17.9	170	30	21.4	413	254
East Surrey	595	160	37	1.1	569	90	25	38.5	160	20	14.3	243	351
East Worthing and Shoreham	775	65	9	1.6	445	160	10	6.7	215	30	16.2	498	274
East Yorkshire	950	50	6	2.1	357	190	15	8.6	265	15	6.0	624	327
Eastbourne	1,195	105	10	2.4	298	250	-15	-5.7	325	40	14.0	822	376
Eastleigh	490	-45	-8	0.9	609	105	-10	-8.7	135	-10	-6.9	243	250
Eddisbury	590	60	11	1.4	487	115	-30	-20.7	125	0	0.0	254	336
Edinburgh East	1,335	60	5	2.7	264	230	-10	-4.2	335	25	8.1	903	430
Edinburgh North and Leith	1,405	-25	-2	2.2	345	200	-15	-7.0	370	40	12.1	985	420
Edinburgh South	660	-5	-1	1.6	463	120	-20	-14.3	150	10	7.1	420	243
Edinburgh South West	1,250	0	0	2.4	307	220	-35	-13.7	280	5	1.8	852	399
Edinburgh West	760	5	1	1.6	452	130	-15	-10.3	200	15	8.1	506	254
Edmonton	2,145	-70	-3	4.0	112	395	-35	-8.1	605	65	12.0	1,639	504

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Ellesmere Port and Neston	1,025	15	1	2.4	295	230	-15	-6.1	230	-10	-4.2	485	540
Elmet and Rothwell	520	35	7	1.1	565	120	15	14.3	140	20	16.7	354	167
Eltham	1,255	150	14	2.7	259	270	40	17.4	330	60	22.2	837	420
Enfield North	1,620	-30	-2	3.1	201	295	-30	-9.2	430	25	6.2	1,200	416
Enfield, Southgate	955	-60	-6	1.8	411	145	-15	-9.4	315	30	10.5	680	273
Epping Forest	790	35	5	1.6	449	130	30	30.0	245	25	11.4	614	174
Epsom and Ewell	480	110	30	0.9	604	70	10	16.7	145	35	31.8	325	152
Erewash	1,135	-75	-6	2.3	315	275	-25	-8.3	280	-10	-3.4	687	447
Erith and Thamesmead	1,790	115	7	3.0	218	325	10	3.2	450	55	13.9	1,272	517
Esher and Walton	385	75	24	0.7	632	55	5	10.0	140	35	33.3	284	99
Exeter	870	55	7	1.5	479	175	25	16.7	215	10	4.9	600	269
Falkirk	1,655	80	5	2.9	223	390	45	13.0	420	40	10.5	938	718
Fareham	430	25	6	0.8	616	80	-5	-5.9	145	30	26.1	297	134
Faversham and Mid Kent	765	20	3	1.7	436	165	-20	-10.8	225	35	18.4	516	252
Feltham and Heston	2,895	1,320	84	4.2	97	465	190	69.1	795	395	98.8	242	2,659
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	1,410	-325	-19	2.9	229	225	-100	-30.8	405	-55	-12.0	1,410	..
Filton and Bradley Stoke	600	25	4	1.1	560	125	0	0.0	150	15	11.1	408	192
Finchley and Golders Green	1,160	-95	-8	1.8	417	115	-25	-17.9	365	30	9.0	890	272
Folkestone and Hythe	1,450	45	3	2.8	239	300	15	5.3	410	-10	-2.4	1,068	381
Forest of Dean	660	-40	-6	1.6	460	150	-25	-14.3	195	15	8.3	416	244
Foyle	3,650	-570	-14	8.5	3	860	-260	-23.2	775	-75	-8.8	3,649	..
Fylde	710	100	16	1.9	397	125	-5	-3.8	215	55	34.4	352	357
Gainsborough	1,040	-145	-12	2.4	311	270	-45	-14.3	255	-25	-8.9	705	335
Garston and Halewood	2,060	55	3	4.5	80	395	-55	-12.2	490	-10	-2.0	958	1,101
Gateshead	2,270	115	5	4.8	60	495	45	10.0	550	70	14.6	1,470	802
Gedling	1,035	85	9	2.2	341	215	0	0.0	265	35	15.2	746	289
Gillingham and Rainham	1,185	-30	-2	2.3	312	270	-10	-3.6	320	40	14.3	824	361
Glasgow Central	2,245	105	5	4.7	69	400	5	1.3	525	105	25.0	1,510	732
Glasgow East	2,215	50	2	5.3	39	425	-90	-17.5	510	75	17.2	1,403	813
Glasgow North	1,605	120	8	4.1	102	310	30	10.7	355	60	20.3	1,094	514
Glasgow North East	2,455	65	3	6.3	16	490	-10	-2.0	570	55	10.7	1,573	886
Glasgow North West	1,960	90	5	4.6	73	390	-20	-4.9	435	60	16.0	1,217	742
Glasgow South	1,625	20	1	3.6	144	305	-25	-7.6	385	55	16.7	999	628
Glasgow South West	2,210	10	0	5.4	37	460	-30	-6.1	505	45	9.8	1,340	872
Glenrothes	1,805	155	9	4.4	90	500	70	16.3	345	0	0.0	1,175	630

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Gloucester	1,280	-120	-9	2.1	364	275	-15	-5.2	325	-20	-5.8	908	368
Gordon	890	-15	-2	1.6	448	155	25	19.2	295	5	1.7	660	230
Gosport	660	90	16	1.4	507	165	30	22.2	190	40	26.7	429	228
Gower	620	-70	-10	1.7	422	170	10	6.3	165	-15	-8.3	331	291
Grantham and Stamford	935	45	5	1.7	423	230	20	9.5	255	35	15.9	588	345
Gravesham	1,365	10	1	2.6	274	320	10	3.2	360	25	7.5	936	428
Great Grimsby	2,515	-65	-3	6.0	21	595	0	0.0	580	45	8.4	1,513	1,004
Great Yarmouth	2,960	1,420	92	6.7	12	625	275	78.6	765	370	93.7	429	2,539
Greenwich and Woolwich	2,060	40	2	3.1	208	350	15	4.5	515	60	13.2	1,515	546
Guildford	415	5	1	0.7	633	65	5	8.3	130	0	0.0	318	100
Hackney North and Stoke Newington	2,335	-40	-2	3.1	198	260	-30	-10.3	755	75	11.0	1,895	443
Hackney South and Shoreditch	2,635	120	5	3.6	137	400	60	17.6	750	50	7.1	2,060	577
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	1,425	-10	-1	3.4	154	290	5	1.8	350	-5	-1.4	986	437
Halifax	1,780	35	2	3.6	147	420	-25	-5.6	360	5	1.4	1,091	691
Haltemprice and Howden	470	-15	-3	1.1	559	95	-25	-20.8	140	5	3.7	314	155
Halton	2,395	785	49	5.2	41	495	55	12.5	500	215	75.4	232	2,168
Hammersmith	3,105	705	29	4.7	68	400	55	15.9	960	300	45.5	831	2,278
Hampstead and Kilburn	1,730	-45	-3	2.2	327	150	-20	-11.8	590	50	9.3	1,378	354
Harborough	505	15	3	1.0	581	100	5	5.3	145	5	3.6	230	271
Harlow	1,085	35	3	2.2	338	165	-25	-13.2	335	35	11.7	820	266
Harrogate and Knaresborough	995	515	107	1.9	383	150	60	66.7	285	150	111.1	88	911
Harrow East	745	-15	-2	1.4	495	120	0	0.0	240	45	23.1	556	193
Harrow West	1,000	50	5	1.8	410	145	-5	-3.3	290	60	26.1	747	253
Hartlepool	3,385	565	20	8.0	4	760	35	4.8	810	215	36.1	1,150	2,238
Harwich and North Essex	675	-135	-17	1.6	455	155	-60	-27.9	190	0	0.0	460	215
Hastings and Rye	1,950	465	31	3.9	118	360	55	18.0	545	170	45.3	672	1,281
Havant	910	75	9	2.1	360	210	10	5.0	285	35	14.0	630	277
Hayes and Harlington	1,500	-45	-3	2.5	288	240	-20	-7.7	395	40	11.3	1,220	282
Hazel Grove	730	-10	-1	2.0	381	170	-25	-12.8	200	5	2.6	314	417
Hemel Hempstead	985	70	8	1.8	415	190	5	2.7	280	45	19.1	700	284
Hemsworth	1,105	110	11	2.5	285	305	75	32.6	235	5	2.2	681	422
Hendon	1,445	40	3	2.2	342	210	-15	-6.7	405	50	14.1	1,019	423
Henley	265	5	2	0.6	649	30	-5	-14.3	90	5	5.9	185	81
Hereford and South Herefordshire	660	10	2	1.4	506	155	-10	-6.1	160	-15	-8.6	330	329
Hertford and Stortford	535	25	5	0.9	603	95	25	35.7	140	5	3.7	392	147

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Hertsmere	765	-30	-4	1.5	473	130	-20	-13.3	230	5	2.2	524	243
Hexham	480	75	19	1.3	516	115	50	76.9	140	15	12.0	302	175
Heywood and Middleton	1,835	35	2	3.7	135	375	-85	-18.5	390	70	21.9	767	1,066
High Peak	630	-10	-2	1.4	505	125	-35	-21.9	180	20	12.5	403	223
Hitchin and Harpenden	565	65	13	1.1	563	75	5	7.1	205	40	24.2	415	152
Holborn and St Pancras	1,955	150	8	2.7	254	295	15	5.4	620	95	18.1	1,391	565
Hornchurch and Upminster	1,090	100	10	2.1	358	210	0	0.0	275	35	14.6	804	288
Hornsey and Wood Green	1,750	75	4	2.3	320	295	50	20.4	515	60	13.2	1,267	481
Horsham	470	35	8	0.9	611	90	15	20.0	155	25	19.2	329	136
Houghton and Sunderland South	1,660	160	11	4.0	108	415	30	7.8	385	45	13.2	1,045	615
Hove	1,080	65	6	1.9	389	175	-5	-2.8	310	30	10.7	761	318
Huddersfield	1,895	90	5	4.0	113	355	-65	-15.5	435	55	14.5	1,427	468
Huntingdon	495	45	10	0.8	621	110	35	46.7	125	5	4.2	318	179
Hyndburn	1,540	110	8	3.7	136	385	-10	-2.5	320	40	14.3	657	880
Ilford North	875	40	5	1.6	442	160	20	14.3	235	20	9.3	638	235
Ilford South	1,475	-45	-3	2.3	324	275	15	5.8	350	-15	-4.1	1,082	392
Inverclyde	2,290	735	47	6.3	17	435	110	33.8	570	175	44.3	499	1,792
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey	1,680	695	71	3.1	205	270	65	31.7	470	220	88.0	181	1,502
Ipswich	1,575	55	4	2.7	250	270	-30	-10.0	435	85	24.3	1,137	440
Isle of Wight	1,455	50	4	2.4	297	340	5	1.5	405	10	2.5	944	508
Islington North	2,065	100	5	3.2	190	305	20	7.0	610	65	11.9	1,522	547
Islington South and Finsbury	1,690	95	6	2.6	276	275	-10	-3.5	490	85	21.0	1,198	493
Islwyn	1,155	-245	-18	3.3	181	325	-65	-16.7	230	-50	-17.9	741	410
Jarrow	1,810	10	1	4.5	82	380	-10	-2.6	485	-5	-1.0	1,270	542
Keighley	1,060	25	2	2.3	319	235	35	17.5	275	15	5.8	735	330
Kenilworth and Southam	245	60	32	0.6	644	45	10	28.6	85	25	41.7	113	132
Kensington	1,410	135	11	2.4	302	165	0	0.0	500	95	23.5	776	633
Kettering	1,055	-35	-3	2.2	349	250	-10	-3.8	270	25	10.2	678	377
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	1,985	135	7	4.3	94	450	95	26.8	490	20	4.3	1,377	609
Kingston and Surbiton	1,055	125	13	1.5	466	160	15	10.3	285	50	21.3	742	309
Kingston upon Hull East	2,025	-115	-5	4.5	79	505	0	0.0	465	-5	-1.1	1,410	613
Kingston upon Hull North	2,245	-105	-4	4.9	57	550	0	0.0	470	25	5.6	1,595	649
Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle	2,215	-120	-5	5.0	51	450	-10	-2.2	535	-25	-4.5	1,600	618
Kingswood	660	5	1	1.4	503	145	-25	-14.7	175	30	20.7	468	193
Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath	2,085	120	6	4.5	83	490	65	15.3	440	15	3.5	1,419	665

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Knowsley	2,570	75	3	5.4	36	600	-80	-11.8	565	65	13.0	1,004	1,569
Lagan Valley	1,085	-295	-21	2.1	354	230	-100	-30.3	290	-40	-12.1	1,086	..
Lanark and Hamilton East	1,460	-25	-2	3.1	209	355	-5	-1.4	315	10	3.3	917	541
Lancaster and Fleetwood	1,220	290	31	3.0	217	235	5	2.2	285	100	54.1	359	863
Leeds Central	3,755	-70	-2	5.1	43	715	-45	-5.9	755	35	4.9	2,738	1,016
Leeds East	2,185	25	1	4.9	58	485	5	1.0	450	30	7.1	1,561	621
Leeds North East	1,310	160	14	2.7	244	250	25	11.1	350	80	29.6	911	399
Leeds North West	675	-5	-1	1.6	446	125	-20	-13.8	150	5	3.4	470	205
Leeds West	2,110	85	4	4.3	95	425	-15	-3.4	435	25	6.1	1,477	635
Leicester East	1,065	-225	-17	2.1	369	220	-10	-4.3	280	-45	-13.8	683	379
Leicester South	1,580	-80	-5	2.9	226	310	0	0.0	385	-15	-3.8	1,066	513
Leicester West	1,530	-75	-5	3.0	221	340	5	1.5	315	15	5.0	977	554
Leigh	1,830	205	13	3.6	146	380	30	8.6	440	100	29.4	824	1,008
Lewes	580	40	7	1.4	493	125	-25	-16.7	170	45	36.0	348	231
Lewisham East	1,850	60	3	3.2	191	290	0	0.0	570	85	17.5	1,350	498
Lewisham West and Penge	1,910	80	4	3.1	212	285	-15	-5.0	600	120	25.0	1,410	501
Lewisham, Deptford	2,300	80	4	3.2	185	325	10	3.2	710	95	15.4	1,617	679
Leyton and Wanstead	1,480	40	3	2.5	284	235	5	2.2	430	55	14.7	1,076	402
Lichfield	415	30	8	0.9	594	105	-5	-4.5	110	0	0.0	226	189
Lincoln	1,680	-60	-3	3.0	220	415	-15	-3.5	370	30	8.8	1,132	547
Linlithgow and East Falkirk	1,565	15	1	2.7	265	365	-55	-13.1	330	0	0.0	912	649
Liverpool, Riverside	2,765	60	2	4.6	75	510	0	0.0	635	100	18.7	1,340	1,421
Liverpool, Walton	2,810	25	1	6.7	11	580	-60	-9.4	565	50	9.7	1,018	1,791
Liverpool, Wavertree	2,450	110	5	5.5	32	450	-45	-9.1	510	75	17.2	1,343	1,105
Liverpool, West Derby	2,310	170	8	5.4	35	470	-15	-3.1	510	75	17.2	962	1,350
Livingston	1,320	50	4	2.3	313	355	25	7.6	265	25	10.4	761	555
Llanelli	1,040	-105	-9	2.9	233	280	-10	-3.4	245	-20	-7.5	672	369
Loughborough	635	-60	-9	1.3	524	125	-15	-10.7	185	-5	-2.6	405	227
Louth and Horncastle	850	105	14	2.2	348	200	30	17.6	225	35	18.4	572	278
Ludlow	510	80	19	1.3	517	115	20	21.1	165	40	32.0	315	195
Luton North	1,105	10	1	2.3	322	200	-30	-13.0	330	45	15.8	825	283
Luton South	1,680	125	8	2.9	234	270	0	0.0	415	60	16.9	1,278	403
Macclesfield	765	80	12	1.7	432	155	20	14.8	235	55	30.6	363	400
Maidenhead	515	85	20	1.0	586	70	-5	-6.7	170	40	30.8	364	152
Maidstone and The Weald	825	10	1	1.5	470	145	-45	-23.7	210	25	13.5	582	245

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Makerfield	1,305	-35	-3	2.7	253	300	-60	-16.7	265	-20	-7.0	573	730
Maldon	520	35	7	1.2	541	95	0	0.0	155	15	10.7	355	168
Manchester Central	2,960	-185	-6	4.2	100	550	-85	-13.4	595	-10	-1.7	1,665	1,295
Manchester, Gorton	2,435	-35	-1	4.8	62	455	-35	-7.1	530	60	12.8	1,405	1,033
Manchester, Withington	1,195	-150	-11	2.2	335	245	-55	-18.3	260	-25	-8.8	567	629
Mansfield	1,425	40	3	2.8	237	345	-35	-9.2	345	85	32.7	938	487
Meon Valley	410	35	9	0.9	600	90	20	28.6	115	-10	-8.0	276	130
Meriden	1,705	145	9	3.4	168	450	35	8.4	355	55	18.3	1,069	634
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,515	-60	-4	4.4	86	400	25	6.7	350	-5	-1.4	1,053	464
Mid Bedfordshire	455	15	3	0.8	619	90	5	5.9	140	15	12.0	319	137
Mid Derbyshire	360	60	20	0.9	608	90	15	20.0	105	30	40.0	206	154
Mid Dorset and North Poole	405	50	14	1.0	579	85	-5	-5.6	140	45	47.4	271	133
Mid Norfolk	665	65	11	1.4	500	150	-10	-6.3	180	40	28.6	426	236
Mid Sussex	325	0	0	0.6	648	60	5	9.1	85	-15	-15.0	225	98
Mid Ulster	980	-175	-15	2.1	351	215	-55	-20.4	260	-20	-7.1	981	..
Mid Worcestershire	585	20	4	1.2	530	110	-30	-21.4	180	30	20.0	387	201
Middlesbrough	3,335	0	0	7.9	5	715	-30	-4.0	730	10	1.4	2,408	923
Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland	1,685	-85	-5	4.0	109	435	20	4.8	405	-40	-9.0	1,140	545
Midlothian	1,010	100	11	2.3	314	235	5	2.2	215	55	34.4	450	559
Milton Keynes North	1,400	110	9	2.0	371	250	30	13.6	350	40	12.9	1,050	346
Milton Keynes South	1,390	85	7	2.0	372	220	10	4.8	350	40	12.9	1,085	301
Mitcham and Morden	1,800	265	17	3.2	194	305	50	19.6	475	90	23.4	936	868
Mole Valley	320	55	21	0.7	636	35	5	16.7	135	30	28.6	250	71
Monmouth	570	-30	-5	1.5	486	150	-15	-9.1	180	0	0.0	352	220
Montgomeryshire	365	-75	-17	1.2	536	100	-30	-23.1	100	-10	-9.1	214	155
Moray	1,125	70	7	2.4	308	280	25	9.8	300	45	17.6	713	410
Morecambe and Lunesdale	1,940	685	55	4.7	67	410	105	34.4	510	205	67.2	270	1,671
Morley and Outwood	825	15	2	1.6	458	175	5	2.9	220	5	2.3	562	264
Motherwell and Wishaw	1,945	-30	-2	4.2	99	430	-65	-13.1	425	45	11.8	1,193	749
Na h-Eileanan An Iar	285	-55	-16	2.2	339	35	-20	-36.4	135	-10	-6.9	207	75
Neath	1,040	-65	-6	3.2	196	265	-55	-17.2	235	-5	-2.1	637	404
New Forest East	350	-30	-8	0.8	625	90	10	12.5	80	-35	-30.4	176	173
New Forest West	330	25	8	0.9	595	75	20	36.4	115	10	9.5	213	118
Newark	720	15	2	1.5	483	160	-15	-8.6	195	15	8.3	512	211
Newbury	460	50	12	0.8	620	65	-5	-7.1	140	30	27.3	347	116

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Newcastle upon Tyne Central	2,615	170	7	5.8	26	500	5	1.0	605	60	11.0	1,157	1,456
Newcastle upon Tyne East	2,170	400	23	4.4	88	405	40	11.0	520	145	38.7	974	1,197
Newcastle upon Tyne North	1,580	375	31	3.6	139	345	60	21.1	385	100	35.1	426	1,155
Newcastle-under-Lyme	820	65	9	1.9	395	190	15	8.6	210	25	13.5	492	324
Newport East	1,345	-95	-7	3.5	149	320	10	3.2	270	-10	-3.6	901	441
Newport West	1,580	-105	-6	3.9	121	405	5	1.3	340	5	1.5	1,084	498
Newry & Armagh	1,510	-335	-18	2.9	230	300	-85	-22.1	435	-45	-9.4	1,508	..
Newton Abbot	525	15	3	1.3	521	125	0	0.0	150	-5	-3.2	325	200
Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford	1,495	175	13	2.8	242	365	40	12.3	365	30	9.0	1,024	470
North Antrim	1,615	-230	-12	3.1	200	335	-110	-24.7	400	-25	-5.9	1,617	..
North Ayrshire and Arran	2,090	-220	-10	4.9	56	455	-70	-13.3	515	-20	-3.7	1,342	746
North Cornwall	640	15	2	1.6	459	150	-10	-6.3	175	30	20.7	367	272
North Devon	555	20	4	1.3	527	150	30	25.0	155	-5	-3.1	330	225
North Dorset	340	10	3	0.7	630	60	-10	-14.3	125	30	31.6	242	101
North Down	1,135	-145	-11	2.7	255	230	-50	-17.9	325	-20	-5.8	1,134	..
North Durham	1,435	95	7	3.4	166	345	-15	-4.2	350	55	18.6	929	503
North East Bedfordshire	675	30	5	1.2	546	105	-35	-25.0	205	35	20.6	485	188
North East Cambridgeshire	755	-10	-1	1.3	514	210	20	10.5	180	10	5.9	451	308
North East Derbyshire	825	65	9	1.9	391	185	-10	-5.1	255	70	37.8	557	268
North East Fife	680	15	2	1.9	396	160	45	39.1	205	-5	-2.4	433	249
North East Hampshire	295	10	4	0.6	646	30	-5	-14.3	110	15	15.8	228	68
North East Hertfordshire	645	40	7	1.3	519	120	10	9.1	195	5	2.6	472	174
North East Somerset	825	365	79	1.8	399	165	45	37.5	220	105	91.3	112	713
North Herefordshire	485	-35	-7	1.2	537	105	-25	-19.2	150	-10	-6.3	300	187
North Norfolk	450	-25	-5	1.3	520	125	-10	-7.4	120	-10	-7.7	237	215
North Shropshire	750	-15	-2	1.5	485	180	-55	-23.4	215	30	16.2	410	339
North Somerset	330	35	12	0.7	641	70	-10	-12.5	95	10	11.8	205	122
North Swindon	1,130	245	28	1.9	393	245	40	19.5	260	55	26.8	309	825
North Thanet	1,525	-40	-3	3.6	145	340	-5	-1.4	430	25	6.2	1,069	456
North Tyneside	2,000	25	1	3.8	128	390	-15	-3.7	550	35	6.8	1,384	615
North Warwickshire	760	15	2	1.7	428	150	-15	-9.1	200	35	21.2	452	304
North West Cambridgeshire	790	-25	-3	1.2	548	200	15	8.1	155	-15	-8.8	500	294
North West Durham	1,270	115	10	2.9	235	315	40	14.5	340	50	17.2	828	442
North West Hampshire	450	20	5	0.8	615	90	15	20.0	145	5	3.6	291	161
North West Leicestershire	515	-95	-16	1.1	570	125	-30	-19.4	130	0	0.0	286	228

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North West Norfolk	585	-85	-13	1.3	515	155	25	19.2	145	-40	-21.6	355	232
North Wiltshire	460	35	8	1.0	583	100	10	11.1	130	0	0.0	246	213
Northampton North	1,065	-95	-8	2.4	296	205	-35	-14.6	300	-5	-1.6	763	305
Northampton South	1,410	-150	-10	2.7	258	235	-40	-14.5	405	0	0.0	989	420
Norwich North	880	-10	-1	2.0	380	180	-45	-20.0	220	15	7.3	584	298
Norwich South	1,130	-25	-2	2.2	333	255	10	4.1	275	20	7.8	697	438
Nottingham East	2,935	160	6	5.7	29	610	65	11.9	595	70	13.3	2,316	616
Nottingham North	2,675	70	3	6.0	20	630	20	3.3	505	45	9.8	1,951	721
Nottingham South	1,755	-35	-2	3.5	150	350	-5	-1.4	400	35	9.6	1,331	427
Nuneaton	1,115	30	3	2.5	290	215	5	2.4	260	25	10.6	753	364
Ochil and South Perthshire	1,190	90	8	2.4	299	290	20	7.4	310	40	14.8	696	493
Ogmore	1,095	0	0	3.1	207	295	35	13.5	235	10	4.4	715	378
Old Bexley and Sidcup	510	75	17	1.1	554	115	20	21.1	115	20	21.1	326	181
Oldham East and Saddleworth	1,805	-105	-5	3.8	127	385	-90	-18.9	320	-50	-13.5	835	973
Oldham West and Royton	1,960	-260	-12	4.2	98	480	-130	-21.3	415	-35	-7.8	938	1,024
Orkney and Shetland	255	25	11	1.1	566	55	-10	-15.4	65	10	18.2	142	112
Orpington	510	65	15	1.2	547	115	20	21.1	135	30	28.6	399	110
Oxford East	960	45	5	1.6	461	140	-5	-3.4	270	45	20.0	650	311
Oxford West and Abingdon	460	-10	-2	0.8	614	60	-25	-29.4	145	15	11.5	287	168
Paisley and Renfrewshire North	1,205	25	2	2.7	247	245	-5	-2.0	300	20	7.1	718	487
Paisley and Renfrewshire South	1,885	150	9	4.5	84	365	35	10.6	485	45	10.2	1,193	689
Pendle	1,110	-85	-7	2.7	245	225	-55	-19.6	245	0	0.0	563	545
Penistone and Stocksbridge	795	-25	-3	1.8	406	190	0	0.0	210	0	0.0	559	237
Penrith and The Border	400	25	7	1.0	582	70	-10	-12.5	125	20	19.0	198	205
Perth and North Perthshire	890	80	10	1.8	407	215	30	16.2	225	35	18.4	603	288
Peterborough	1,185	-145	-11	2.0	374	285	-30	-9.5	220	-20	-8.3	753	433
Plymouth, Moor View	1,145	-25	-2	2.6	268	310	15	5.1	250	-20	-7.4	774	369
Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport	2,325	45	2	4.1	103	500	55	12.4	555	45	8.8	1,653	675
Pontypridd	865	-5	-1	2.2	328	230	40	21.1	175	-35	-16.7	609	257
Poole	740	45	6	1.5	468	150	-20	-11.8	230	55	31.4	512	227
Poplar and Limehouse	2,670	160	6	3.1	197	520	-10	-1.9	705	135	23.7	1,432	1,240
Portsmouth North	900	130	17	1.7	421	170	25	17.2	250	40	19.0	625	278
Portsmouth South	1,490	295	25	2.7	248	245	70	40.0	400	90	29.0	1,116	373
Preseli Pembrokehire	940	-80	-8	2.7	262	235	-10	-4.1	265	-10	-3.6	650	288
Preston	1,945	150	8	4.3	93	390	-15	-3.7	400	40	11.1	971	971

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Pudsey	680	80	13	1.4	490	145	-5	-3.3	170	20	13.3	434	243
Putney	955	50	6	1.8	420	130	0	0.0	260	40	18.2	657	300
Rayleigh and Wickford	490	-35	-7	1.0	584	125	-20	-13.8	135	10	8.0	307	186
Reading East	985	125	15	1.7	437	125	5	4.2	300	70	30.4	749	236
Reading West	1,105	185	20	2.0	373	160	15	10.3	350	90	34.6	827	277
Redcar	2,270	-5	0	5.8	28	510	25	5.2	560	15	2.8	1,586	684
Redditch	945	-35	-4	2.1	363	200	-40	-16.7	250	15	6.4	597	348
Reigate	550	100	22	1.0	577	85	0	0.0	165	35	26.9	352	196
Rhondda	1,345	-50	-4	4.5	78	360	10	2.9	335	15	4.7	920	426
Ribble Valley	570	35	7	1.2	545	115	-5	-4.2	155	35	29.2	276	293
Richmond (Yorks)	920	420	84	1.7	433	195	95	95.0	260	125	92.6	150	777
Richmond Park	860	95	12	1.3	512	120	5	4.3	260	30	13.0	592	270
Rochdale	2,415	215	10	5.1	47	555	-20	-3.5	480	70	17.1	1,367	1,051
Rochester and Strood	1,225	-75	-6	2.2	346	260	-10	-3.7	325	-25	-7.1	872	351
Rochford and Southend East	1,695	115	7	3.4	161	350	-30	-7.9	450	100	28.6	1,151	539
Romford	1,045	100	11	2.0	377	185	10	5.7	250	35	16.3	766	280
Romsey and Southampton North	385	15	4	0.9	591	80	5	6.7	120	15	14.3	204	183
Ross, Skye and Lochaber	520	55	12	1.6	462	80	15	23.1	175	25	16.7	234	290
Rossendale and Darwen	1,330	25	2	2.8	240	275	-30	-9.8	295	-5	-1.7	634	698
Rother Valley	1,095	15	1	2.4	301	270	-15	-5.3	270	10	3.8	743	355
Rotherham	2,000	90	5	4.8	61	445	40	9.9	420	55	15.1	1,393	608
Rugby	1,300	510	65	2.6	270	225	55	32.4	360	175	94.6	151	1,151
Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner	545	-5	-1	1.1	552	90	10	12.5	155	0	0.0	397	150
Runnymede and Weybridge	465	85	22	0.9	610	75	25	50.0	150	30	25.0	331	133
Rushcliffe	565	30	6	1.2	544	110	10	10.0	160	15	10.3	396	168
Rutherglen and Hamilton West	1,700	-15	-1	3.2	186	365	-35	-8.8	375	15	4.2	1,006	693
Rutland and Melton	620	155	33	1.2	528	135	40	42.1	185	45	32.1	198	421
Saffron Walden	375	0	0	0.7	638	70	15	27.3	140	25	21.7	263	109
Salford and Eccles	2,145	10	0	3.6	141	435	10	2.4	435	30	7.4	1,244	902
Salisbury	490	25	5	1.0	575	95	-20	-17.4	140	30	27.3	339	149
Scarborough and Whitby	1,020	-30	-3	2.3	316	190	-5	-2.6	330	30	10.0	635	381
Scunthorpe	1,510	-315	-17	3.4	156	315	-120	-27.6	360	-45	-11.1	981	533
Sedgefield	1,250	0	0	3.2	189	355	15	4.4	275	5	1.9	784	469
Sefton Central	615	-10	-2	1.6	440	130	-45	-25.7	165	15	10.0	225	388
Selby and Ainsty	705	-70	-9	1.4	499	160	-20	-11.1	190	10	5.6	450	255

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Sevenoaks	395	-25	-6	0.9	606	75	0	0.0	115	-10	-8.0	266	126
Sheffield Central	2,005	50	3	3.3	178	360	0	0.0	395	20	5.3	1,553	450
Sheffield South East	1,540	100	7	3.4	164	350	35	11.1	350	0	0.0	1,106	432
Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough	2,840	60	2	5.8	27	615	-35	-5.4	595	80	15.5	2,203	635
Sheffield, Hallam	485	15	3	1.1	561	105	10	10.5	140	-5	-3.4	333	151
Sheffield, Heeley	2,050	5	0	4.4	87	515	70	15.7	435	-5	-1.1	1,533	520
Sherwood	995	-30	-3	2.1	353	270	5	1.9	235	15	6.8	635	358
Shipley	935	40	4	1.9	387	210	15	7.7	260	5	2.0	631	304
Shrewsbury and Atcham	700	-35	-5	1.4	502	150	-20	-11.8	185	-10	-5.1	421	278
Sittingbourne and Sheppey	1,700	50	3	3.2	195	430	-50	-10.4	410	40	10.8	1,153	551
Skipton and Ripon	725	350	93	1.5	471	125	60	92.3	215	90	72.0	110	619
Sleaford and North Hykeham	670	15	2	1.2	529	195	15	8.3	180	25	16.1	424	247
Slough	1,285	-55	-4	1.8	403	215	0	0.0	325	0	0.0	867	418
Solihull	610	50	9	1.3	523	125	-5	-3.8	170	5	3.0	372	239
Somerton and Frome	805	315	64	1.6	447	160	30	23.1	210	70	50.0	197	609
South Antrim	1,130	-185	-14	2.3	326	275	-80	-22.5	300	-5	-1.6	1,132	..
South Basildon and East Thurrock	1,160	20	2	2.4	310	280	-45	-13.8	275	45	19.6	724	435
South Cambridgeshire	305	-40	-12	0.5	650	50	0	0.0	90	-10	-10.0	224	79
South Derbyshire	460	45	11	0.9	597	125	10	8.7	100	5	5.3	237	222
South Dorset	690	25	4	1.6	441	135	-15	-10.0	195	25	14.7	422	266
South Down	1,375	-320	-19	2.7	249	295	-130	-30.6	375	-35	-8.5	1,373	..
South East Cambridgeshire	360	-25	-6	0.6	647	70	15	27.3	120	0	0.0	244	112
South East Cornwall	645	15	2	1.6	453	165	10	6.5	160	-10	-5.9	378	267
South Holland and The Deepings	770	5	1	1.5	465	195	25	14.7	220	20	10.0	510	262
South Leicestershire	450	25	6	0.8	613	85	-10	-10.5	140	35	33.3	281	169
South Norfolk	530	50	10	1.1	568	130	5	4.0	130	10	8.3	341	192
South Northamptonshire	440	-10	-2	0.7	631	85	-5	-5.6	125	-10	-7.4	318	117
South Ribble	815	120	17	1.7	431	205	25	13.9	180	35	24.1	380	440
South Shields	2,695	160	6	6.9	9	545	30	5.8	765	55	7.7	1,949	748
South Staffordshire	710	60	9	1.5	469	170	20	13.3	205	25	13.9	445	265
South Suffolk	445	-15	-3	1.0	578	100	20	25.0	135	15	12.5	294	152
South Swindon	1,380	360	35	2.4	303	250	0	0.0	365	130	55.3	359	1,027
South Thanet	1,775	75	4	4.1	105	395	0	0.0	465	35	8.1	1,247	531
South West Bedfordshire	620	20	3	1.1	564	110	-5	-4.3	165	0	0.0	456	159
South West Devon	410	-40	-9	0.9	590	100	-15	-13.0	100	-5	-4.8	283	125

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United Kingdom	817,085	33,840	4	2.6		167,290	-940	-0.6	206,275	21,920	11.9	504,445	312,747
South West Hertfordshire	575	60	12	1.0	573	100	10	11.1	200	40	25.0	425	150
South West Norfolk	680	-35	-5	1.3	511	160	-10	-5.9	190	0	0.0	405	275
South West Surrey	355	15	4	0.7	635	45	-5	-10.0	130	25	23.8	268	83
South West Wiltshire	690	25	4	1.4	497	155	0	0.0	170	15	9.7	442	245
Southampton, Itchen	1,175	-35	-3	2.1	368	230	-40	-14.8	285	0	0.0	491	685
Southampton, Test	1,190	-10	-1	2.1	366	250	-5	-2.0	315	30	10.5	478	711
Southend West	810	50	7	1.8	412	180	5	2.9	220	25	12.8	499	312
Southport	1,010	20	2	2.5	292	175	-30	-14.6	290	55	23.4	508	507
Spelthorne	635	125	25	1.2	531	100	15	17.6	205	50	32.3	425	208
St Albans	655	85	15	1.2	532	115	20	21.1	185	30	19.4	428	225
St Austell and Newquay	1,000	105	12	2.1	362	235	25	11.9	245	35	16.7	550	446
St Helens North	1,675	-40	-2	3.7	133	405	-45	-10.0	335	-25	-6.9	622	1,056
St Helens South and Whiston	1,840	-85	-4	3.9	122	445	-70	-13.6	380	20	5.6	713	1,124
St Ives	610	-20	-3	1.6	451	125	-5	-3.8	165	-5	-2.9	372	233
Stafford	650	100	18	1.4	498	165	30	22.2	160	30	23.1	345	302
Staffordshire Moorlands	415	60	17	1.1	553	75	10	15.4	130	30	30.0	296	124
Stalybridge and Hyde	1,705	15	1	3.8	125	365	-45	-11.0	400	15	3.9	688	1,016
Stevenage	925	20	2	1.8	413	160	25	18.5	300	15	5.3	641	286
Stirling	945	35	4	2.1	361	225	-5	-2.2	215	-5	-2.3	522	421
Stockport	1,665	20	1	3.7	130	320	-45	-12.3	365	50	15.9	796	870
Stockton North	2,355	50	2	5.5	34	540	65	13.7	565	45	8.7	1,629	731
Stockton South	1,645	10	1	3.2	187	385	30	8.5	375	30	8.7	1,127	518
Stoke-on-Trent Central	1,565	215	16	4.1	107	320	60	23.1	345	65	23.2	1,199	371
Stoke-on-Trent North	1,555	205	15	3.5	151	320	40	14.3	335	55	19.6	1,155	397
Stoke-on-Trent South	955	70	8	2.4	306	250	50	25.0	190	0	0.0	579	378
Stone	355	30	9	0.9	602	85	15	21.4	95	-10	-9.5	210	146
Stourbridge	1,395	40	3	3.3	175	315	5	1.6	395	30	8.2	924	473
Strangford	1,395	-210	-13	3.3	177	335	-40	-10.7	390	-40	-9.3	1,397	..
Stratford-on-Avon	405	230	131	1.0	588	65	30	85.7	130	85	188.9	77	333
Streatham	2,030	-15	-1	2.7	263	245	-10	-3.9	685	80	13.2	1,450	577
Stretford and Urmston	1,475	-50	-3	3.0	219	265	-55	-17.2	385	35	10.0	729	744
Stroud	475	-10	-2	0.9	599	120	5	4.3	135	10	8.0	263	214
Suffolk Coastal	445	40	10	1.0	580	110	20	22.2	135	5	3.8	245	205
Sunderland Central	2,300	305	15	4.7	66	475	65	15.9	640	105	19.6	1,495	803
Surrey Heath	435	65	18	0.8	626	75	30	66.7	135	20	17.4	302	134

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Sutton and Cheam	1,180	530	82	2.2	334	175	80	84.2	340	140	70.0	208	976
Sutton Coldfield	715	55	8	1.6	457	150	5	3.4	195	40	25.8	419	297
Swansea East	1,480	-60	-4	3.9	115	395	-5	-1.3	315	5	1.6	939	542
Swansea West	1,395	-80	-5	3.9	119	335	15	4.7	275	-10	-3.5	976	419
Tamworth	535	20	4	1.1	551	105	0	0.0	135	15	12.5	357	179
Tatton	365	-10	-3	0.9	598	55	-20	-26.7	125	10	8.7	159	205
Taunton Deane	1,335	520	64	2.4	300	260	70	36.8	330	115	53.5	298	1,040
Telford	1,430	185	15	3.2	188	380	65	20.6	290	55	23.4	838	596
Tewkesbury	580	-45	-7	1.1	556	115	-20	-14.8	190	0	0.0	379	204
The Cotswolds	390	15	4	0.8	617	75	-5	-6.3	115	-5	-4.2	251	140
The Wrekin	665	75	13	1.5	476	190	40	26.7	160	15	10.3	390	272
Thirsk and Malton	790	345	78	1.7	434	130	45	52.9	240	105	77.8	151	642
Thornbury and Yate	335	15	5	0.8	622	85	-5	-5.6	95	25	35.7	214	124
Thurrock	1,785	-40	-2	2.8	241	350	-40	-10.3	385	10	2.7	1,264	523
Tiverton and Honiton	560	5	1	1.2	534	110	-10	-8.3	165	20	13.8	371	191
Tonbridge and Malling	570	-10	-2	1.1	550	105	-10	-8.7	180	10	5.9	418	150
Tooting	1,085	-15	-1	1.7	426	150	5	3.4	335	25	8.1	748	336
Torbay	1,325	60	5	3.0	222	250	5	2.0	420	30	7.7	872	450
Torfaen	1,195	-150	-11	3.1	206	385	-65	-14.4	225	-15	-6.3	627	571
Torridge and West Devon	605	-65	-10	1.4	509	140	-25	-15.2	190	10	5.6	383	221
Totnes	495	95	24	1.4	504	115	35	43.8	150	35	30.4	299	195
Tottenham	3,105	-65	-2	4.3	91	410	-40	-8.9	1,000	65	7.0	2,420	685
Truro and Falmouth	730	-55	-7	1.7	435	170	0	0.0	200	-10	-4.8	439	290
Tunbridge Wells	590	115	24	1.1	557	90	5	5.9	190	60	46.2	424	167
Twickenham	950	100	12	1.5	474	115	-15	-11.5	310	55	21.6	590	358
Tynemouth	1,295	35	3	2.7	266	270	10	3.8	350	25	7.7	833	460
Upper Bann	1,555	-520	-25	2.7	257	360	-120	-25.0	380	-110	-22.4	1,557	..
Uxbridge and South Ruislip	860	50	6	1.5	475	145	5	3.6	240	50	26.3	647	208
Vale of Clwyd	945	-150	-14	3.0	215	235	-60	-20.3	215	-5	-2.3	547	397
Vale of Glamorgan	1,215	-5	0	2.6	277	310	30	10.7	280	-20	-6.7	860	350
Vauxhall	2,345	0	0	3.0	214	290	-20	-6.5	765	40	5.5	1,556	791
Wakefield	1,340	-20	-1	2.8	238	265	10	3.9	325	-20	-5.8	985	358
Wallasey	1,400	55	4	3.4	163	330	-15	-4.3	280	0	0.0	541	863
Walsall North	2,175	55	3	5.0	52	510	15	3.0	475	35	8.0	1,483	692
Walsall South	2,090	155	8	4.8	63	455	30	7.1	485	65	15.5	1,447	643

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United Kingdom	817,085	33,840	4	2.6		167,290	-940	-0.6	206,275	21,920	11.9	504,445	312,747
Walthamstow	2,035	-105	-5	3.4	160	350	-55	-13.6	535	35	7.0	1,458	580
Wansbeck	1,770	100	6	4.6	76	435	25	6.1	465	100	27.4	1,245	526
Wantage	385	-15	-4	0.7	642	50	-30	-37.5	140	20	16.7	263	124
Warley	2,205	40	2	5.1	46	455	-35	-7.1	525	45	9.4	1,570	630
Warrington North	1,305	35	3	2.7	252	255	-25	-8.9	310	40	14.8	357	950
Warrington South	1,040	15	1	1.8	405	235	15	6.8	230	0	0.0	291	747
Warwick and Leamington	545	45	9	1.1	567	100	10	11.1	170	25	17.2	352	196
Washington and Sunderland West	1,880	25	1	4.4	89	425	-30	-6.6	450	15	3.4	1,237	647
Watford	1,070	90	9	1.6	438	195	25	14.7	300	25	9.1	798	273
Waveney	2,315	980	73	5.1	44	575	220	62.0	525	210	66.7	312	2,002
Wealden	455	50	12	0.9	601	85	-5	-5.6	145	30	26.1	320	134
Weaver Vale	1,155	150	15	2.7	251	235	-15	-6.0	270	60	28.6	259	896
Wellingborough	1,200	-35	-3	2.2	329	250	-25	-9.1	315	25	8.6	807	391
Wells	1,255	575	85	2.5	280	225	75	50.0	370	170	85.0	105	1,155
Welwyn Hatfield	860	-20	-2	1.5	477	165	10	6.5	245	15	6.5	604	257
Wentworth and Dearne	1,600	0	0	3.5	152	400	10	2.6	345	5	1.5	1,052	546
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	740	10	1	1.4	488	130	15	13.0	250	20	8.7	579	161
West Bromwich East	2,100	-95	-4	5.1	48	425	-15	-3.4	535	40	8.1	1,522	575
West Bromwich West	2,150	-35	-2	4.9	54	435	-55	-11.2	515	15	3.0	1,565	588
West Dorset	360	55	18	0.9	612	70	5	7.7	105	15	16.7	228	130
West Dunbartonshire	2,070	-70	-3	4.8	65	410	-95	-18.8	560	70	14.3	1,298	773
West Ham	2,810	210	8	3.1	213	480	45	10.3	745	95	14.6	2,016	792
West Lancashire	1,250	-20	-2	2.7	246	280	-35	-11.1	275	0	0.0	440	810
West Suffolk	760	110	17	1.3	522	180	20	12.5	200	45	29.0	463	294
West Tyrone	1,710	-465	-21	4.3	92	400	-130	-24.5	455	-50	-9.9	1,708	..
West Worcestershire	510	10	2	1.3	526	130	-5	-3.7	150	20	15.4	329	179
Westminster North	1,420	-90	-6	2.2	343	190	-5	-2.6	435	20	4.8	1,085	333
Westmorland and Lonsdale	250	5	2	0.6	645	50	-5	-9.1	60	-10	-14.3	93	159
Weston-Super-Mare	935	-25	-3	1.8	402	215	-20	-8.5	240	5	2.1	595	341
Wigan	1,920	-90	-4	3.9	120	385	-75	-16.3	435	-25	-5.4	960	962
Wimbledon	665	45	7	1.2	535	90	15	20.0	190	20	11.8	449	216
Winchester	330	-10	-3	0.7	637	60	15	33.3	100	-20	-16.7	225	106
Windsor	480	15	3	0.9	605	55	5	10.0	145	5	3.6	338	142
Wirral South	505	35	7	1.5	467	130	10	8.3	105	-15	-12.5	163	343
Wirral West	525	-10	-2	1.7	427	130	-25	-16.1	145	25	20.8	212	316

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Witham	585	-10	-2	1.3	518	120	-25	-17.2	180	15	9.1	411	171
Witney	415	30	8	0.7	629	75	0	0.0	120	10	9.1	293	119
Woking	425	75	21	0.8	624	65	15	30.0	115	25	27.8	308	120
Wokingham	420	25	6	0.8	627	55	-10	-15.4	135	15	12.5	299	122
Wolverhampton North East	2,435	115	5	5.9	23	545	60	12.4	555	35	6.7	1,771	662
Wolverhampton South East	2,645	110	4	6.5	14	590	50	9.3	605	55	10.0	1,868	775
Wolverhampton South West	2,120	80	4	5.3	40	395	0	0.0	500	35	7.5	1,539	585
Worcester	1,000	-55	-5	1.9	390	225	-15	-6.3	245	-15	-5.8	680	320
Workington	1,405	380	37	3.8	129	305	35	13.0	335	105	45.7	339	1,068
Worsley and Eccles South	1,805	0	0	3.7	131	390	-60	-13.3	390	5	1.3	846	957
Worthing West	745	100	16	1.7	425	120	-25	-17.2	255	70	37.8	517	228
Wrexham	780	-50	-6	2.3	325	170	-45	-20.9	180	-5	-2.7	497	286
Wycombe	1,010	70	7	1.8	418	160	5	3.2	300	20	7.1	741	269
Wyre and Preston North	420	60	17	1.0	585	90	-5	-5.3	115	35	43.8	209	212
Wyre Forest	830	100	14	1.8	409	180	10	5.9	230	35	17.9	523	303
Wythenshawe and Sale East	1,800	-60	-3	3.4	159	390	-45	-10.3	405	35	9.5	726	1,074
Yeovil	795	120	18	1.5	481	165	0	0.0	215	50	30.3	420	376
Ynys Mon	1,040	-225	-18	3.4	169	245	-65	-21.0	255	-45	-15.0	687	352
York Central	720	40	6	1.2	542	160	10	6.7	190	25	15.2	427	295
York Outer	300	25	9	0.7	643	70	10	16.7	85	20	30.8	186	114
North East	53,190	3,435	7	4.3		11,975	670	5.9	13,185	1,425	12.1	33,001	20,191
North West	112,840	4,405	4	3.3		23,535	-1,920	-7.5	25,270	2,550	11.2	49,695	63,150
Yorkshire and The Humber	77,180	1,465	2	3.0		17,050	100	0.6	18,055	1,265	7.5	51,314	25,871
East Midlands	46,960	10	0	2.1		10,600	-90	-0.8	11,645	920	8.6	30,391	16,575
West Midlands	87,645	4,375	5	3.3		18,440	290	1.6	20,730	2,275	12.3	59,599	28,054
East	50,750	2,850	6	1.7		10,340	145	1.4	13,685	1,635	13.6	31,894	18,865
London	124,560	13,005	12	2.7		19,200	1,520	8.6	35,835	6,375	21.6	73,552	51,059
South East	64,985	4,550	8	1.5		12,425	435	3.6	18,460	2,225	13.7	43,549	21,441
South West	45,155	4,635	11	1.7		9,305	340	3.8	12,095	1,980	19.6	24,933	20,237
England	663,270	38,735	6	2.5		132,870	1,500	1.1	168,965	20,650	13.9	397,928	265,444
Wales	40,710	-3,210	-7	2.8		10,160	-670	-6.2	9,375	-305	-3.2	26,479	14,230
Scotland	82,640	4,145	5	3.1		17,500	240	1.4	20,340	2,295	12.7	49,570	33,069
Northern Ireland	30,470	-5,825	-16	3.6		6,760	-2,010	-22.9	7,595	-720	-8.7	30,468	..

4. Information about sources, methods and copyright

4.1 Sources and copyright

The original sources for the data in this paper are the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Changes over time, rankings and the 'claimant rate' have been calculated by the Library. The specific source for data is shown below:

- Claimant count: non-seasonally adjusted data, downloaded from NOMIS: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>. As the claimant count has a seasonal pattern, comparisons should be made using the same month in each year. Prior to 2013, the claimant count was the number of people claiming JSA and we use the JSA dataset on NOMIS (also non-seasonally adjusted data).
- Universal Credit claimants: non-seasonally adjusted data, downloaded from DWP Stat-Xplore: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>
- Claimant rate is the number of claimants as a proportion of the resident **economically active** population aged 16 to 64, as estimated by the Library (see section 4.2 for more details). These rates are higher than the population-based rates published by ONS on the NOMIS site, since the Library's claimant rates are the percentage of the economically active population in this age range rather than the whole population in the age range (as used by ONS). Someone is economically active if they are either in work or are looking for and available for work.
- Age breakdowns for the total claimant count are also available from NOMIS.

Change of source

From the January 2017 edition of *Unemployment by Constituency* (published 18 January 2017), we are sourcing claimant count figures from the "claimant count" dataset on ONS NOMIS. Figures from this dataset are rounded to the nearest five.

Previously, we obtained the total claimant count by constituency by adding together:

- the number of people claiming JSA, sourced from the "Jobseeker's Allowance" dataset on NOMIS
- the number of people claiming Universal Credit who are required to seek work, sourced from DWP's Stat-Xplore website

We have updated the figures for previous months back to January 2013 to reflect the change in source. Prior to 2013, Universal Credit had not been introduced so we continue to use the number of people claiming JSA, sourced from the "Jobseeker's Allowance" dataset on NOMIS. .

The fact that data are rounded to the nearest five does mean there is a risk of small rounding errors when calculating changes over time or differences in the claimant count between constituencies.

Further information regarding this change is provided in a separate briefing: [Unemployment by Constituency: changes in methodology, 2017](#).

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4.2 Treatment of Universal Credit

From August 2016, the headline claimant count and rate shown in this paper includes (i) **people claiming JSA** as well as (ii) **people claiming Universal Credit who are required to seek work**. Previous editions showed the number of people claiming JSA plus the number of people claiming Universal Credit who were not in work.

This change followed the publication of new data by DWP. The count of Universal Credit claimants who are required to seek work is a better proxy for the number of jobseekers than the number of out-of-work Universal Credit claimants, because the latter group may include some people who are no longer looking for work. The group of out-of-work Universal Credit claimants also excluded some claimants who were only working for a small number of hours each week but were still required to seek work.

Further details of this change in methodology are provided in an article on the ONS website, [Revisions to the Universal Credit component of the Claimant Count](#) (17 August 2016).

Changes over time

Constituency data on Universal Credit claimants who are required to seek work are available back to April 2015.

A longer time series is available for out-of-work Universal Credit claimants by constituency. These figures are available from November 2013 onwards.

Data by duration of claim

Data on the length of time Universal Credit claimants have been out of work are currently not published at the constituency level. Therefore statistics on the number of people who have been claiming unemployment benefits for more than a certain length of time are currently not available.

4.3 Claimant rate methodology

The claimant rate shown in this paper is calculated by the Library and shows the number of claimants as a proportion of the estimated **economically active** population aged 16-64 in each constituency. Someone is economically active if they are either in work or are looking for and available for work. The ONS publishes a different rate alongside the claimant count data, which uses the total resident population aged 16-64. The 'ONS rate' is the rate used in Written Answers.

The Library revised the methodology used to calculate constituency claimant rates in [last month's edition](#) of *Unemployment by Constituency*, following the release of new constituency population estimates for mid-2015 and to reflect changes in economic activity between 2014 and 2015 at the national and regional level.

- Denominators have been recalculated to reflect mid-year population estimates for 2015 and are scaled so that they sum to the denominator for the relevant country or region of the UK.
- It is assumed that economic activity rates in each constituency increase and decrease in line with the trend at the regional level. Regional figures are taken from the ONS Annual Population Survey for periods up to January-December 2015. The denominators do not take account of more recent changes in economic activity since January-December 2015.

The claimant rates included in this month's paper are not comparable with the rates shown in earlier editions of *Unemployment by Constituency* published before January 2017. A consistent time series back to May 2010 can be found on the Library's [Constituency Profiles](#).

Further details of the methodology used to calculate rates are provided in Library standard note, [Unemployment by Constituency: changes in methodology, 2017](#). The denominators used to calculate constituency claimant rates were previously updated in the [January 2016](#), [December 2014](#), [June 2014](#) and [July 2013](#) editions of *Unemployment by Constituency*, following previous releases of constituency data from the 2011 Census.

The rates presented here should be regarded more as a social measure of relative deprivation than as an economic measure of the mismatch between the supply of and demand for labour, as they take no account of people's ability to seek work outside the constituency in which they live.

4.4 Notes and abbreviations

Changes in benefit rules and welfare-to-work schemes affect the number of people counted as claiming unemployment benefits. These include:

- Some new jobseekers are claiming Universal Credit rather than Jobseeker's Allowance since the commencement of the Universal Credit pathfinder on 29 April 2013. **Under Universal Credit, a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance.** This has the effect of acting to increase the claimant count and can be observed in areas operating Universal Credit "Full Service", where rollout is more advanced and all types of claims are being accepted to Universal Credit. As "Full Service" is extended to particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the claimant count locally is therefore likely to increase.
- From late-2008 to mid-2011, and from May 2012, changes in eligibility rules resulted in fewer lone parents (mostly women) being able to claim Lone Parent Income Support. This led to more lone parents claiming Jobseeker's Allowance while they looked for work.
- From April 2011, reassessments of Incapacity Benefit claimants have led to some people being declared ineligible for disability benefits. Some will then claim Jobseekers Allowance instead. ONS suggests that the effect of this on monthly changes to the claimant count is likely to be small.
- Since 2010, changes in the way benefits are paid to certain individuals on welfare-to-work programmes have affected the number of long-term claimants of JSA, particularly young people. Previously, some individuals were moved from claiming JSA on to a Training Allowance when on certain schemes; once they finished the scheme they returned to JSA (if they remained unemployed) but were counted as a new claimant, thereby breaking the original claim's duration. Since 2011, many fewer people have been moved from JSA to a Training Allowance. This has resulted in the statistics showing a higher number of longer-term JSA claimants. A DWP note, [The effect of policy changes on the youth claimant count](#), gives more details.⁴

The following notes should be borne in mind when drawing conclusions from the maps:

- The maps on pages 8-10 show residence-based claimant count rates for constituencies in the United Kingdom, with an expanded view of constituencies in selected major conurbations and surrounding areas.
- The map on page 11 shows the percentage change in residence-based claimant count levels over the past year for constituencies in the United Kingdom.
- In both maps the constituencies in the United Kingdom have been divided into five equally sized bands, also known as 'quintile groups', each of which contain approximately 130 constituencies

⁴ <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/youth-claimant-count.pdf>

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(20% of the total in the United Kingdom). The range in each group is shown on the map, but these ranges are not equal.

- Constituencies with rates near the boundaries of these quintiles will be coloured differently even though their unemployment rates may only differ slightly from those in another, neighbouring quintile group.
- Considering the percentage change does not take account of the absolute level of claimants by constituency. Constituencies with relatively low absolute numbers of claimants could see high percentage changes and vice versa.

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