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Introduction

This is the November 2009 issue of the Economic Development Unit's Unemployment Briefing. The Office of National Statistics releases unemployment data on its NOMIS website at monthly intervals (www.nomisweb.co.uk) and this briefing is produced using that data

This report contains unemployment information for the month and presents this data for travel to work areas, local authorities, wards, counties, regions and nationally.

Travel to Work Area

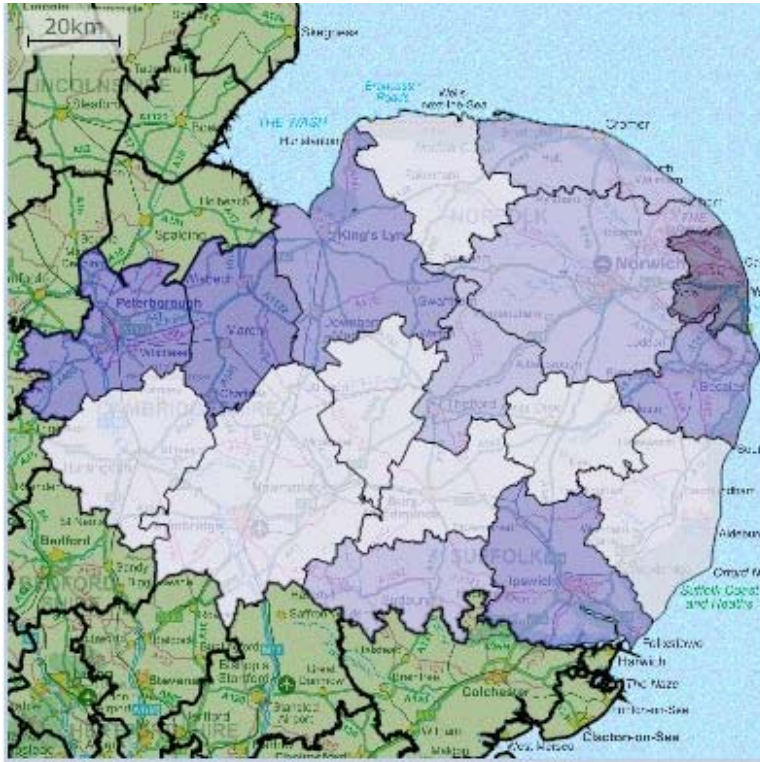
Seven of the seventeen Travel to Work Areas (TTWAs) experienced an increase in unemployment levels in November 2009. These included Cromer TTWA, Diss TTWA and Norwich TTWA.

Great Yarmouth TTWA experienced the largest increase in unemployment with an additional 230 claimants, an increase of 6.9 percent from the previous month. In total, there were 3,567 claimants in November representing 6.2 percent of the working age population.

Of the Travel to Work Areas that experienced a decrease, Peterborough TTWA experienced the largest decrease with 192 people leaving the register whilst Cambridge TTWA saw the largest percentage decrease of 3.1 percent.

Map 1: Travel to Work Areas – Unemployment Rate

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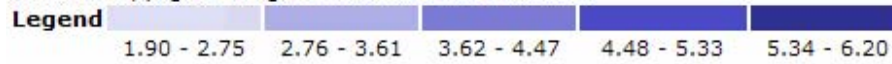


Table 1 – Travel to Work Areas

	Claimants Oct 09	Claimants Nov 09	Number Change	Percentage Change	Prop'n of working age
Bury St Edmunds	1,149	1,115	-34	-3.0	2.3
Cambridge	4,864	4,714	-150	-3.1	2.3
Cromer	1,092	1,132	40	3.7	3.4
Diss	693	696	3	0.4	2.7
Fakenham	499	490	-9	-1.8	2.6
Great Yarmouth	3,337	3,567	230	6.9	6.2
Haverhill and Sudbury	1,689	1,637	-52	-3.1	3.3
Huntingdon	2,429	2,371	-58	-2.4	2.6
Ipswich	5,983	5,882	-101	-1.7	3.7
King's Lynn	2,593	2,667	74	2.9	3.9
Lowestoft and Beccles	2,775	2,762	-13	-0.5	4.2
Mildenhall	716	735	19	2.7	2.5
Norwich	7,826	7,888	62	0.8	3.5
Peterborough	6,788	6,596	-192	-2.8	5.0
Thetford	1,244	1,213	-31	-2.5	3.4
Wisbech	2,228	2,262	34	1.5	4.6
Woodbridge	615	657	42	6.8	1.9

Source: ONS Crown Copyright

Note: Rates for 1998 TTWAs are calculated using the mid-2001 resident working age population.

Local Authority Areas

Of the seven district councils in Norfolk, only Breckland Council experienced a decrease with 36 claimants leaving the register.

Great Yarmouth experienced the highest increase in unemployment levels with an additional 223 claimants, an increase of 6.9 percent from the previous month. In November, there were 3,447 claimants in Great Yarmouth representing 6.3 percent of the working age population. This places Great Yarmouth in joint 15th position of the 354 English local authorities, falling seven places from the previous month. The corresponding position in November 2008 was joint 12th with a rate of 4.8 percent.

Great Yarmouth's share of Norfolk's unemployment has increased this month from 18.3 percent in October 2009 to 19.1 percent in November 2009. In November 2008, Great Yarmouth's share was 20.9 percent.

Map 2 – Norfolk Local Authorities

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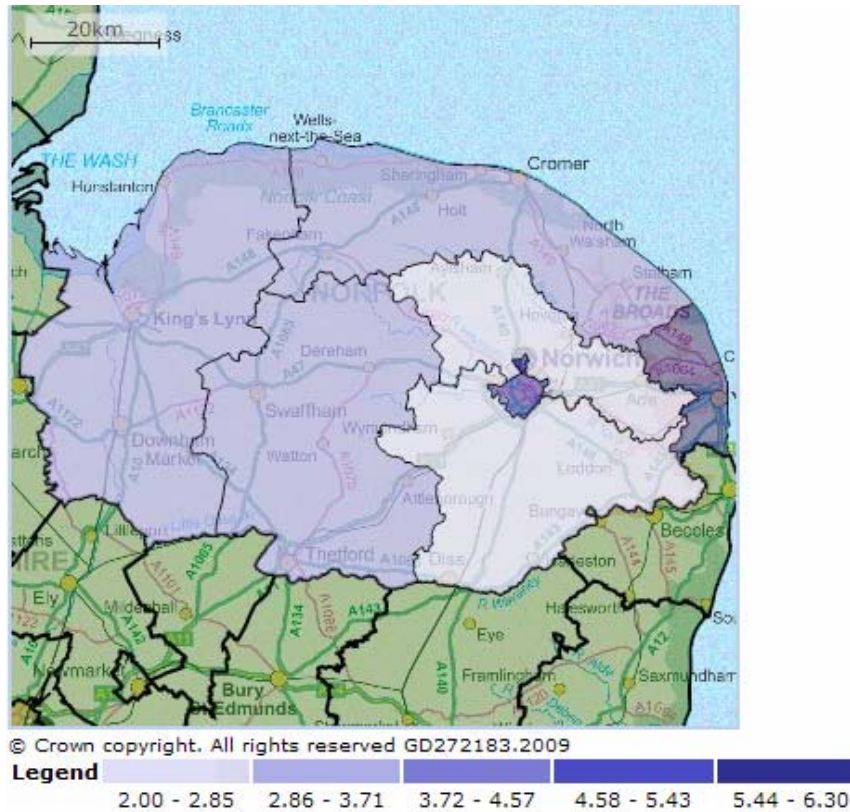


Table 2 - Norfolk Local Authorities

	Claimants Oct 2009	Claimants Nov 2009	Number Change	Percentage Change	Prop'n of working age
Breckland	2,476	2,440	-36	-1.5	3.2
Broadland	1,440	1,444	4	0.3	2.0
Great Yarmouth	3,224	3,447	223	6.9	6.3
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2,816	2,893	77	2.7	3.5
North Norfolk	1,692	1,739	47	2.8	3.2
Norwich	4,307	4,352	45	1.0	4.7
South Norfolk	1,693	1,698	5	0.3	2.5

Source: ONS Crown Copyright

Note: Rates for local authorities from 2009 onwards are calculated using the mid-2008 resident working age population.

Table 3 – National Local Authority Areas

Top 50 authorities with the highest unemployment.

	Number of claimants	Prop'n of working age population
Kingston upon Hull	14,226	8.4
Wolverhampton	11,729	8.2
Birmingham	50,599	8.0
Sandwell	13,609	7.7
Middlesbrough	6,602	7.6
Liverpool	21,241	7.5
Walsall	10,999	7.3
Hartlepool	4,039	7.2
South Tyneside	6,402	6.9
Hackney	9,795	6.8
North East Lincolnshire	6,450	6.8
Leicester City	12,808	6.7
Tower Hamlets	10,459	6.7
Knowsley	6,261	6.7
Great Yarmouth	3,447	6.3
Haringey	9,863	6.3
Redcar and Cleveland	5,280	6.3
Nottingham	12,603	6.2
Newham	10,278	6.2
Hastings	3,200	6.2
Halton	4,570	6.1
Lambeth	11,629	5.9
Sunderland	10,305	5.9
Wansbeck	2,209	5.9
Rochdale	7,450	5.9
Dudley	10,803	5.9
Waltham Forest	8,457	5.8
Wear Valley	2,206	5.8
Thanet	4,196	5.8
Stoke on Trent	8,576	5.8
Islington	7,945	5.7
Manchester	18,159	5.7
Doncaster	10,036	5.7
Corby	1,926	5.6
Stockton on Tees	6,685	5.6

Salford	7,847	5.6
Coventry	10,971	5.6
Rotherham	8,689	5.6
Barking and Dagenham	5,727	5.5
Sedgefield	2,933	5.5
Peterborough	5,468	5.4
Blackpool	4,550	5.4
Wirral	9,847	5.4
Lincoln	3,074	5.3
Easington	3,077	5.3
Bolton	8,406	5.3
Darlington	3,180	5.2
Oldham	6,896	5.2
Sefton	8,465	5.2
Brent	9,268	5.1

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Note: Rates for local authorities from 2009 onwards are calculated using the mid-2008 resident working age population.

Ward Figures

Three of the seventeen wards experienced a decrease in the number of claimants during November 2009 with St Andrews seeing the largest decrease with five people leaving the register. The other two wards were Caister South and Magdalen.

Central & Northgate ward experienced the largest numerical increase with an addition 46 claimants in November compared to October. Ormesby experienced the highest percentage increase of 34.8 percent.

Nelson ward continues to have the highest unemployment rate with 15.0 percent of the working age population registered as unemployed. This is followed by Southtown & Cobholm with 11.6 percent and Central & Northgate with 11.1 percent of the working age population registered as unemployed.

Map 3 – Wards

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Table 4 – Ward Figures

	Claimants Oct 09	Claimants Nov 09	Number Change	Percentage Change	Prop'n of working age
Bradwell North	80	90	10	12.5	2.5
Bradwell South and Hopton	88	100	12	13.6	2.6
Caister North	91	108	17	18.7	4.2
Caister South	98	96	-2	-2.0	4.3
Central and Northgate	508	554	46	9.1	11.1
Claydon	278	283	5	1.8	6.5
East Flegg	99	118	19	19.2	4.3
Fleggburgh	29	30	1	3.4	2.0
Gorleston	113	124	11	9.7	4.5
Lothingland	112	124	12	10.7	3.6
Magdalen	218	217	-1	-0.5	5.8
Nelson	708	739	31	4.4	15.0
Ormesby	69	93	24	34.8	3.8
Southtown and Cobholm	326	350	24	7.4	11.6
St Andrews	166	161	-5	-3.0	5.5
West Flegg	90	95	5	5.6	3.4
Yarmouth North	151	165	14	9.3	6.7

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Note: Rates for wards in England and Wales from 2008 onwards are calculated using the mid-2007 resident working age population.

County Figures

Norfolk experienced a 2.1 percent increase in unemployment between October and November 2009. In November, there were a total of 18,013 claimants, a rise of 365 claimants, representing 3.6 percent of the working age population. The rate has increased slightly from 3.5 last month.

Table 5 – County

County Name	Number of claimants	Prop'n of working age population
Bedfordshire	8,521	3.3
Cambridgeshire	9,520	2.5
Essex	28,129	3.3
Hertfordshire	19,201	2.9
Luton	5,958	4.9
Norfolk	18,013	3.6
Peterborough	5,468	5.4
Southend-on-sea	4,930	5.0
Suffolk	13,115	3.1
Thurrock	3,999	4.2
Bracknell Forest	1,849	2.5
Brighton and Hove	7,685	4.4
Buckinghamshire	6,892	2.3
East Sussex	9,893	3.5
Hampshire	19,896	2.6
Isle of Wight	3,411	4.3
Kent	27,910	3.3
Medway	7,307	4.6
Milton Keynes	7,147	4.7
Oxfordshire	8,741	2.2
Portsmouth	5,305	4.0
Reading	4,099	4.2
Slough	3,377	4.3
Southampton	6,753	4.2
Surrey	14,201	2.1
West Berkshire	2,230	2.4
West Sussex	14,057	3.1
Windsor and Maidenhead	2,092	2.4
Wokingham	1,852	1.8

Source: ONS Crown Copyright

Note: Rates for local authorities from 2009 onwards are calculated using the mid-2008 resident working age population.

Regional Figures

Unemployment in the Eastern region has fallen again this month from 118,442 to 116,854, a 1.3 percent decrease. The unemployment rate for the region was 3.4 percent of the working age population.

Table 6 – Regional

Government Office Region	Number of claimants	Prop'n of working age population
East	116,854	3.4
East Midlands	109,902	4.0
London	222,731	4.4
North East	84,642	5.3
North West	195,741	4.6
South East	154,697	3.0
South West	91,599	2.9
West Midlands	176,696	5.4
Yorkshire and The Humber	154,277	4.8
Wales	77,896	4.3
Scotland	131,872	4.1
Northern Ireland	52,539	4.8

Source: ONS Crown Copyright

Note: Rates for regions and countries from 2009 onwards are calculated using the mid-2008 resident working age population.

National Figures

The November unemployment count for England, Great Britain and the United Kingdom are as follows:

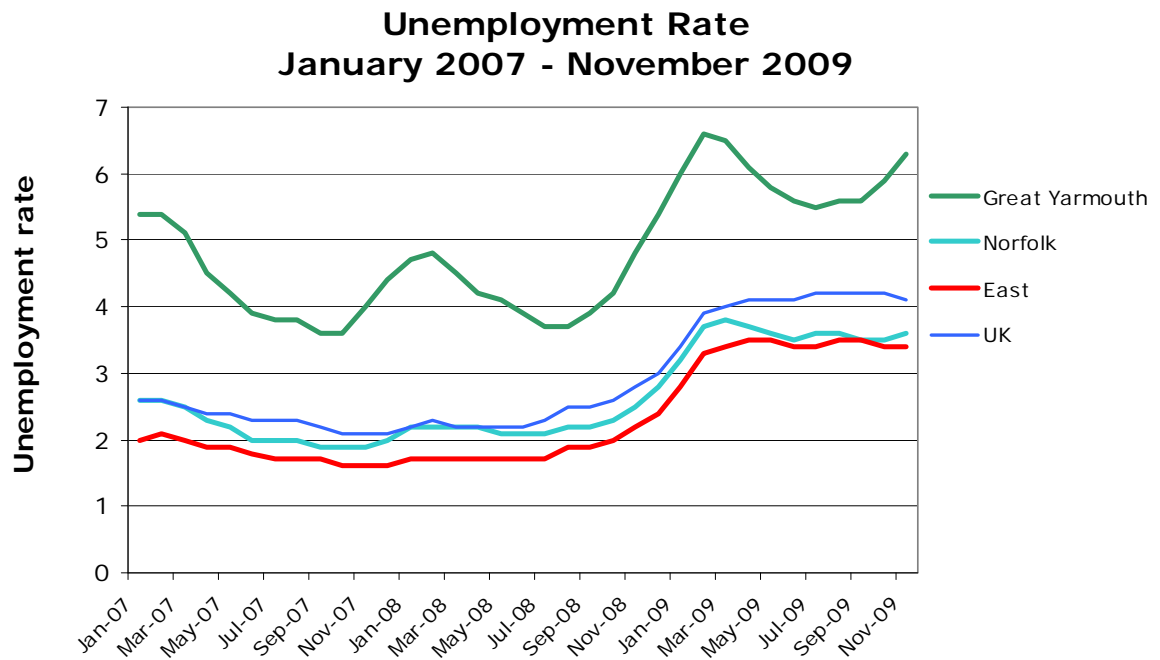
Table 7 – National

	Number of claimants	Prop'n of working age population
England	1,307,139	4.1
Great Britain	1,516,907	4.1
United Kingdom	1,569,446	4.1

Source: ONS Crown Copyright

Note: Rates for regions and countries from 2009 onwards are calculated using the mid-2008 resident working age population.

Graph showing trend since January 2007



Further Information

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