

The Aug 2009 unemployment and vacancy figures were released by the Office for National Statistics on 16th Sep 2009. The JSA Claimant Count was taken on 13th Aug 2009 and the vacancy count was for the month to 7th Aug 2009.

The JSA Claimant Count & Rate (not seasonally adjusted)

The JSA claimant count in Cumbria rose by 223 between July and Aug 2009 to 8,167. The count rose in all districts and regionally and nationally. In the same month last year, the count in Cumbria rose by a similar amount (221). The JSA claimant rate in Cumbria in Aug 2009 was up by 0.1 from July at 2.8%, a similar rise to regionally and nationally.

Over the year to Aug 2009 the JSA claimant count rose in Cumbria by 2,950, an increase of 57% over the year (UK increase 73%). The claimant rate rose in Cumbria over the year by 1.0 which is lower than the national increase of 1.8.

	Male		Female		All Persons		All Persons			
	No	Rate	No	Rate	No	Rate	Monthly Change		Annual Change	
	No	Rate	No	Rate	No	Rate	No	Rate	No	Rate
Cumbria	6,090	3.9	2,077	1.5	8,167	2.8	223	0.1	2,950	1.0
North West	149,465	6.7	51,707	2.6	201,172	4.7	3,577	0.1	79,105	1.9
United Kingdom	1,159,762	5.9	442,427	2.4	1,602,189	4.2	29,050	0.1	678,313	1.8
Allerdale	1,304	4.4	432	1.6	1,736	3.1	65	0.1	601	1.1
Barrow in Furness	1,202	5.3	420	2.0	1,622	3.7	84	0.2	555	1.3
Carlisle	1,599	4.8	524	1.7	2,123	3.3	20	0.0	829	1.3
Copeland	1,106	4.8	337	1.7	1,443	3.3	11	0.0	345	0.8
Eden	318	1.9	116	0.8	434	1.4	31	0.1	237	0.8
South Lakeland	561	1.8	248	0.9	809	1.3	12	0.0	383	0.6

Other Measures of Joblessness

These figures are often quoted by the national press but are not available for local areas. They are provided here for information but should not directly be compared with those above as the methodology used to compile them is different.

The jobless total for the UK (claimants and non claimants looking for work) rose by 210,000 over the quarter ending July 2009 and by 743,000 over the year, to reach 2.47 million. The jobless rate was 7.9% for the three months to July 2009, up 0.7 over the previous quarter and up 2.3 over the year. Comparative data are not available at local level.

The seasonally adjusted claimant count for the UK was 1,607,400 in Aug 2009, up 24,400 over the previous month. Comparative data are not available at local level.

Notified Vacancies

The number of new vacancies notified to JobCentre Plus in Cumbria in the month to 7th Aug 2009 was 2,309, a rise of 756 compared to the number notified in the previous month (see note on time periods). The number of notified vacancies rose in all districts. There were 218 fewer vacancies notified in the month to 7th Aug 2009 compared to the same month last year. The ratio of claimants to *unfilled* vacancies in Cumbria was 4.83 in Aug 2009 (GB 7.08).

	Agriculture & Fishing	Energy & Water	Manufacturing	Construction	Retail, Hotels & Restaurants	Transport & Comms	Banking, Finance etc	Public Administration	Other Services	Total	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Claimant to Vacancy Ratio
Cumbria	9	130	152	48	677	32	882	298	81	2,309	756	-218	4.83
Allerdale	3	43	33	9	104	5	135	29	9	370	177	-19	5.12
Barrow in Furness	4	26	42	14	117	10	230	78	10	531	172	-57	4.87
Carlisle	4	26	42	14	117	10	230	78	10	531	172	-147	6.87
Copeland	0	21	8	8	50	2	84	25	27	225	32	28	7.84
Eden	0	10	7	2	88	1	91	34	4	237	79	-57	3.06
South Lakeland	2	20	11	13	228	6	210	91	24	605	116	34	2.11

NB: Reporting months relate to 4 or 5 week periods depending on count dates. Users should be cautious about comparing monthly flows.