

The Sept 2009 unemployment and vacancy figures were released by the Office for National Statistics on 14th Oct 2009. The JSA Claimant Count was taken on 10th Sept 2009 and the vacancy count was for the month to 4th Sept 2009.

The JSA Claimant Count & Rate (not seasonally adjusted)

The JSA claimant count in Cumbria fell by 119 between Aug and Sept 2009 to 8,048. The count fell in all districts and regionally and nationally. In the same month last year, the count in Cumbria rose by a 69. The JSA claimant rate in Cumbria in Sept 2009 was unchanged from Aug at 2.7%.

Over the year to Sept 2009 the JSA claimant count rose in Cumbria by 2,762, an increase of 52% over the year (UK increase 68%). The claimant rate rose in Cumbria over the year by 0.9 which is lower than the national increase of 1.7.

	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	5,989	3.8	2,059	1.5	8,048	2.7	-119	0.0	2,762	0.9
North West	148,110	6.7	51,634	2.5	199,744	4.7	-1,428	0.0	74,756	1.8
United Kingdom	1,149,365	5.8	441,747	2.4	1,591,112	4.2	-11,077	0.0	646,396	1.7
Allerdale	1,299	4.4	428	1.6	1,727	3.1	-9	0.0	547	1.0
Barrow in Furness	1,166	5.1	418	2.0	1,584	3.7	-38	-0.1	522	1.2
Carlisle	1,580	4.7	520	1.7	2,100	3.3	-23	0.0	822	1.3
Copeland	1,073	4.6	347	1.7	1,420	3.3	-23	-0.1	288	0.7
Eden	308	1.9	121	0.8	429	1.4	-5	0.0	215	0.7
South Lakeland	563	1.8	225	0.8	788	1.3	-21	0.0	368	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 88,000 over the quarter ending Aug 2009 and by 677,000 over the year, to reach 2.47 million. The jobless rate remained at 7.9% for the three months to Aug 2009, up 0.3 over the previous quarter and up 2.1 over the year. Comparative data are not available at local level.

The seasonally adjusted claimant count for the UK was 1,626,800 in Sept 2009, up 20,800 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 4th Sept 2009 was 1,939, a fall of 370 compared to the number notified in the previous month (see note on time periods). The number of notified vacancies fell in all districts except Copeland. There were 380 fewer vacancies notified in the month to 4th Sept 2009 compared to the same month last year. The ratio of claimants to *unfilled* vacancies in Cumbria was 4.70 in Sept 2009 (GB 6.70).

	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	15	24	111	28	616	40	760	250	95	1,939	-370	-380	4.70
Allerdale	4	0	8	6	132	6	96	27	14	293	-77	41	5.43
Barrow in Furness	0	0	16	3	43	7	89	31	3	192	-149	-157	5.26
Carlisle	1	10	28	6	145	12	172	60	7	441	-90	-106	7.02
Copeland	4	8	2	6	51	6	105	45	51	278	53	149	8.02
Eden	4	5	24	2	69	5	57	21	1	188	-49	-202	2.55
South Lakeland	2	1	33	5	176	4	241	66	19	547	-58	-105	1.75

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