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Falkirk Council

Insight

The unemployment figures reported in this Insight relate to those claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and Universal Credit (UC) out of work claimants. The information is published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) each month.

Introduction

Claimant count unemployment is one of the most up-to-date data sets which can provide a fairly immediate measure of what is happening in the local economy. The claimant unemployment percentages are calculated by dividing the number of claimants by the number of Local Authority residents of working age (16-64). The claimant count measures the number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Figures will now be published twice per year.

The UK government is in the process of changing the benefits system, and UC full service has been rolled out in the Falkirk area. The claimant count includes all out of work UC claimants as well as all JSA claimants. The claimant count may include some out of work claimants who are not required to look for work; for example, due to illness or disability. The Falkirk area claimant numbers include UC claims from May 2015.

* The figures for claimant count are rounded to the nearest 5.

Unemployment by type

Number of claimants	UC	JSA	*Claimant
Date	No	No	No
April 2015	-	2,504	2,505
October 2015	486	1,714	2,200
April 2016	768	1,497	2,265
October 2016	878	1,327	2,205
April 2017	1,067	1,363	2,430
October 2017	1,042	1,178	2,220
April 2018	1,107	1,453	2,560
October 2018	2,405	625	3,030

Percentage of working age population (16-64)

Date	*Claimant %
April 2015	2.5%
October 2015	2.2%
April 2016	2.2%
October 2016	2.2%
April 2017	2.4%
October 2017	2.2%
April 2018	2.5%
October 2018	3.0%

The Department of Working Pensions (DWP) has introduced Universal Credit for new claims, which replaced Jobseekers Allowance, Housing Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Employment and Support Allowance and Income Support.

In October 2018 the Falkirk area had 625 claims for JSA and 2,405 claims for UC. The rate of Local Authority claimants of working age (16-64) claiming UC plus JSA is 3.0%. This is higher than Scotland as a whole (2.7%).

National Records of Scotland (NRS) calculate the mid year estimate 2017 working age population of Falkirk as 102,271.

Unemployment by gender

Number of unemployed by gender	Male	Female
Date	No	No
April 2015	1,700	800
October 2015	1,475	725
April 2016	1,540	725
October 2016	1,435	765
April 2017	1,600	830
October 2017	1,475	740
April 2018	1,690	870
October 2018	1,845	1,185

Percentage of unemployed by gender

Date	%	%
April 2015	3.4%	1.6%
October 2015	2.9%	1.4%
April 2016	3.1%	1.4%
October 2016	2.9%	1.5%
April 2017	3.2%	1.6%
October 2017	2.9%	1.4%
April 2018	3.3%	1.7%
October 2018	3.7%	2.3%

Unemployment by age group

Age group	%	No
18-24	20.8%	630
25-29	12.0%	365
30-34	11.7%	355
35-39	9.7%	295
40-44	8.6%	260
45-49	10.1%	305
50-54	9.1%	275
55-59	9.2%	280
60-64	7.9%	240

The age groups with the highest number of claimants is the 18-24 year old groups with 630.

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Youth unemployment (ages 18-24)			
	UC	JSA	*Claimant
Date	No	No	No
April 2015	-	560	560
October 2015	250	280	530
April 2016	375	165	540
October 2016	400	140	540
April 2017	440	150	590
October 2017	425	120	545
April 2018	370	200	570
October 2018	585	45	630

In October 2018 there were 630 (5.0%) 18-24 year olds unemployed. This shows an increase from the previous 6 months. In Scotland there were 18,570 (3.9%) 18-24 year olds unemployed.

Local Authority ranking	
The rank position shows how each Scottish Local Authority is positioned in relation to each other. For Council areas this means that "1" is the area with the lowest rate of unemployment and "32" has the highest. Of the 32 Scottish Local Authorities 20 had lower rates of unemployment than Falkirk in October 2018. This ranks Falkirk in joint 21st place.	

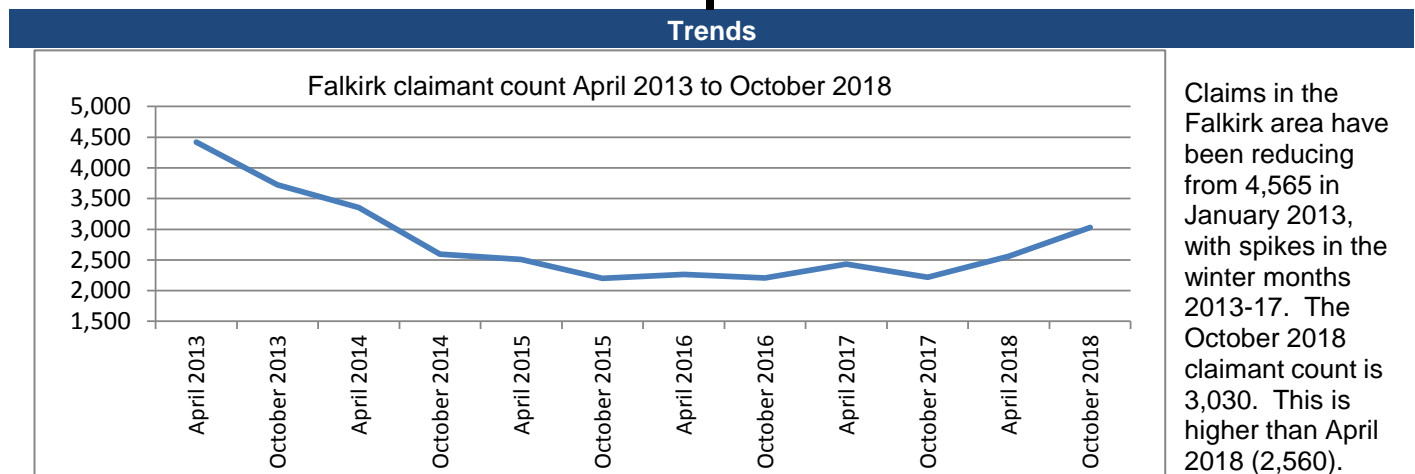
Unemployment in other Local Authorities			
October	2017	2018	Diff
Local Authority	%	%	%
Aberdeen City	2.0%	1.8%	-0.2%
Clackmannanshire	3.2%	4.3%	+1.1%
Edinburgh, City of	1.3%	1.3%	-
East Ayrshire	3.1%	4.8%	+1.7%
Falkirk	2.2%	3.0%	+0.8%
Fife	2.4%	3.7%	+1.3%
Glasgow City	3.0%	3.0%	-
Inverclyde	4.9%	5.2%	+0.3%
Midlothian	2.4%	2.6%	+0.2%
North Ayrshire	3.8%	5.5%	+1.7%
Orkney Islands	0.8%	0.6%	-0.2%
Stirling	1.7%	2.5%	+0.8%
West Lothian	1.6%	2.2%	+0.6%
Scotland	2.2%	2.7%	+0.5%

North Ayrshire has the highest rate of unemployment (5.5%), followed by Inverclyde (5.2%) in Scotland. Orkney Islands has the lowest (0.6%). Scotland as a whole shows 2.7%. This is an increase from the previous year (2.2%).

Scotland unemployment			
	UC	JSA	*Claimant
Date	No	No	No
April 2016	18,984	60,446	79,430
October 2016	26,466	49,589	76,055
April 2017	32,920	50,715	83,635
October 2017	35,212	42,218	77,430
April 2018	48,725	44,490	93,215
October 2018	60,052	34,268	94,320

In Scotland there were 94,320 working age claimants (2.7%). This shows an increase from the previous 6 months.

Scotland and the United Kingdom			
Claimant count percentage	Falkirk	Scotland	UK
Date	%	%	%
April 2016	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%
October 2016	2.2%	2.2%	1.8%
April 2017	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%
October 2017	2.2%	2.2%	1.9%
April 2018	2.5%	2.7%	2.2%
October 2018	3.0%	2.7%	2.3%



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