

# East Midlands Labour market review

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**Note**

All information in this review is presented based on data for the East Midlands Government Office Region (GOR) and its constituent counties. Data for the counties is inclusive of Unitary Authorities.

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## Key Facts East Midlands Region

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### Labour Market Information

#### Vacancies and Employment

Notified Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yearly trend is downward – there has been a drop of 25% in volume compared with April 2008.</li> <li>• The drop in vacancy volumes reflects employers controlling costs as the economy continues to contract.</li> </ul>
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The employment rate has decreased by 0.7% (to 75.5%) during the last twelve months. In volume terms employment is down by 4,000 on the year.</li> <li>• The record off-flow data from Jobseekers allowance clearly demonstrates that there are still jobs available within the economy in good numbers. However, as the vacancies being notified to Jobcentre Plus demonstrate competition for available jobs is becoming stronger.</li> <li>• There continue to be indications that employers are attempting to retain skilled staff via reduced hours, short weeks etc in order to avoid redundancies.</li> <li>• 937 new job gains have been notified to Jobcentre Plus in April 2009. These are in addition to vacancies notified to Jobcentre Plus on a daily basis. It must be noted that these do not represent all new jobs in the economy as there is no statutory obligation to report newly created jobs to Jobcentre Plus.</li> </ul>
Redundancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been approximately 2,100 redundancies notified to Jobcentre Plus in March 2009. These losses are expected to impact between April 2009 and October 2009.</li> <li>• It can't be assumed that those being made redundant will have the skills to fill the vacancies being created by new recruitment or indeed the existing vacancy stock.</li> <li>• In the year to April 2009, 32 companies applied to Jobcentre Plus for support from the Rapid Response Service (RRS). This compares to 10 in March 2008.</li> </ul>
<b>Unemployment</b>	
Claimant Count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The seasonally adjusted claim count increased by 4,400 on month, and has increased by 102% (54,900) since April 2008.</li> <li>• The redundancies reported over the last several months have clearly contributed to this trend.</li> <li>• The East Midlands proportion of the UK claimant count in April 2009 remained the same as in March 2009 at 7.2% after several months of the share increasing.</li> </ul>
Claimant Flows and Volumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JSA On-flow in April 2009 was 74% higher than April 2008.</li> <li>• Off-flows in April 2009 are 54% higher than in April 2008. Indeed, off-flows are currently at an historically high level.</li> <li>• Net flows in April 2009 were 31.7% lower than in March</li> </ul>

	<p>2009. This level is 35.7% lower than the average for the preceding 12 months. This is the second month where net flows have decreased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As on-flows continue to exceed off-flows indications are that those currently flowing onto the register are finding the jobs market extremely competitive. This will result in JSA registers increasing as weaker candidates are forced to rely on state support for longer.</li> </ul>
Incapacity Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The register size for Incapacity Benefit claimants continues to fall. It shows a 7% drop on the year.</li> <li>• This will be as a result of the new Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) benefit and the Pathways initiative.</li> </ul>
Income Support <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Income Support claimant volume fell by 0.9% in March 2009 compared to February 2009.</li> <li>• Since March 2008 it has fallen by 0.9% (1181).</li> <li>• As expected, following the introduction of Lone Parent obligations in October 2008, the volume of IS claims has fallen.</li> </ul>
Lone Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of Lone Parent claimants in the region rose by 1.1% (520) when comparing the period November 2008 with November 2007 (latest data).</li> </ul>
Economic Migrant Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trend in migrants applying for National Insurance numbers (NINO) continues to demonstrate a downward trend.</li> <li>• The effect of the weakening of Sterling combined with the relative strength of the Eurozone is seeing skilled, employed, migrants beginning to leave the UK.</li> <li>• As the downturn continues the UK may be seen as a less attractive destination by economic migrants.</li> <li>• However, after hitting a 12 month low in November 2008 the trend in employment inspired NINO applications has been upward.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> April data is not yet available as DWP updates its IT systems for the new financial year.

# Bank of England Agents Summary of Business Conditions Extract - April 2009

## Employment Section<sup>2</sup>

- Labour demand had continued to shrink.
- There had been further reports of firms seeking to reduce labour costs without making substantive cuts to headcount, with many firms cutting average hours.
- In some cases, this had been achieved through reductions in use of overtime. But others had taken more drastic steps, such as imposing shorter working weeks or introducing unpaid leave programmes.
- Nevertheless, there were widespread reports of actual and planned cuts to headcount, and employment intentions remained depressed.
- In some cases, cuts to headcount were being achieved through freezes on recruitment. But there had continued to be widespread reports of new redundancy programmes.

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Hyperlink to: [Bank of England Agents Summary - April 2009](#)

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<sup>2</sup> This extract reflects the national picture.

## Labour Market Activity – East Midlands

**Labour Force Survey data** for the East Midlands indicate that the trend in the employment rate is decreasing, but the rate in the latest period is not significantly different from a year ago.

The trend in the unemployment rate is increasing. The latest rate is 1.6 percentage points higher than the same period last year.

- 2.066 million people were in employment in January 2009 to March 2009<sup>3</sup>.
- Employment was down by 15,000 on the quarter and 15,000 on the year<sup>4</sup>.
- The employment rate is 75.5%, showing a 0.7% decrease on the quarter and a 0.7% decrease on the year<sup>5</sup>.
- The, seasonally adjusted<sup>6</sup>, JSA claimant count was 108,600 in April 2009, up 4,400 on the month, and up 54,900 on the year. The claimant unemployment rate, in April 2009, at 4.9%, is up 0.2 percentage points compared to March 2009.
- 162,000 people<sup>7</sup> were ILO<sup>8</sup> unemployed in January 2009 to March 2009, up by 23,000 (16.3%) on the quarter and up 38,000 (30.4%) on the year.
- The ILO unemployment rate is 7.3%, up 1 percentage point on the quarter and up 1.6 percentage points on the year.
- The economic inactivity level<sup>9</sup> is 507,000, down 2,000 on the quarter and 15,000 on the year.
- The economic inactivity rate is 18.5%, down 0.1% on the quarter and down 0.7 percentage points on the year.

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Sources | ONS – First Release; Labour Market Statistics, May 2009 and NOMIS

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<sup>3</sup> All aged 16 to 59/45

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<sup>6</sup> Seasonal adjustment takes account of seasonal patterns and changes in the way data are calculated to allow meaningful comparisons when data are viewed as a time series.

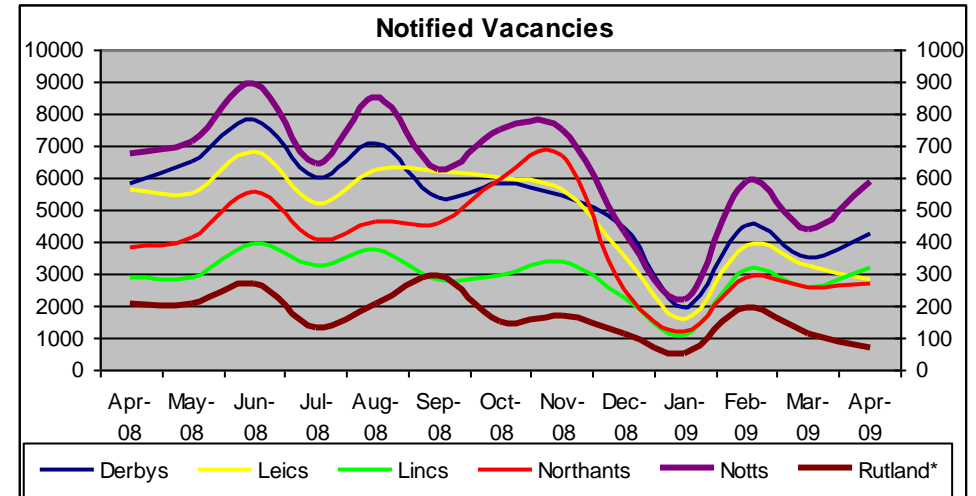
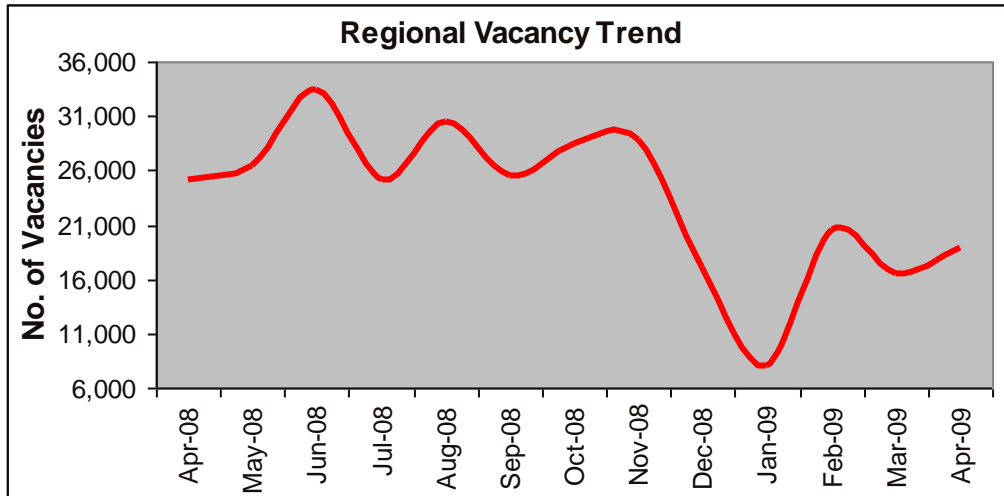
<sup>7</sup> All aged 16 to 59/45

<sup>8</sup> See glossary for definition.

<sup>9</sup> All aged 16 to 59/45

## Notified Vacancy Activity

- The trend in relation to the volume of notified vacancies is down in all districts.
- All counties, excepting Lincolnshire, have lower notified vacancy levels compared to April 2008.
- The region reported 6,314 fewer vacancies in April 2009 compared to April 2008 – a decrease of 25%.



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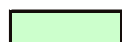
	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	Total
<b>Derbys</b>	5832	6,518	7,790	6,025	7,089	5,384	5,843	5,436	4,414	1,933	4,517	3,519	4,226	<b>68,526</b>
<b>Leics</b>	5651	5,516	6,838	5,210	6,276	6,178	5,987	5,605	3,534	1,554	3,905	3,257	2,790	<b>62,301</b>
<b>Lincs</b>	2893	2,895	3,963	3,258	3,766	2,817	2,958	3,353	2,221	1,084	3,136	2,589	3,214	<b>38,147</b>
<b>Northants</b>	3831	4,137	5,592	4,051	4,597	4,539	5,930	6,702	2,495	1,179	2,866	2,548	2,659	<b>51,126</b>
<b>Notts</b>	6753	7,116	8,960	6,452	8,497	6,244	7,512	7,523	4,304	2,182	5,844	4,391	5,892	<b>81,670</b>
<b>Rutland*</b>	206	209	271	133	208	296	147	167	111	51	192	111	71	<b>2,173</b>
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>25,166</b>	<b>26,391</b>	<b>33,414</b>	<b>25,129</b>	<b>30,433</b>	<b>25,458</b>	<b>28,377</b>	<b>28,786</b>	<b>17,079</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>16,415</b>	<b>18,852</b>	<b>303,943</b>

Source | NOMIS (Lincolnshire data excludes armed forces vacancies)

## Notified Vacancy trend since 2005

- All districts, excepting Lincolnshire, in April 2009, had vacancies notified at lower levels than in the same period of 2008.
- Regional notified vacancies in April 2009 are lower than in all comparable periods of the preceding four years.

Date	Derbys	% change on year	Leics	% change on year	Lincs	% change on year	Nthants	% change on year	Notts	% change on year	Rutland	% change on year	Region	% change on year
Apr 05	4,102		3,881		3,297		3,086		5,437		134		19,937	
Apr 06	6,272	52.9	4,424	14.0	3,033	-8.0	3,000	-2.8	5,625	3.5	183	36.6	22,537	13.0
Apr 07	5,712	-8.9	5,365	21.3	3,919	29.2	4,093	36.4	6,470	15.0	294	60.7	25,853	14.7
Apr 08	5,832	2.1	5,651	5.3	2,893	-26.2	3,831	-6.4	6,753	4.4	206	-29.9	25,166	-2.7
Apr 09	4,226	-27.5	2,790	-50.6	3,214	11.1	2,659	-30.6	5,892	-12.7	71	-65.5	18,852	-25.1
<b>Change over period</b>		3%		-28%		-3%		-14%		8%		-47%		-5%

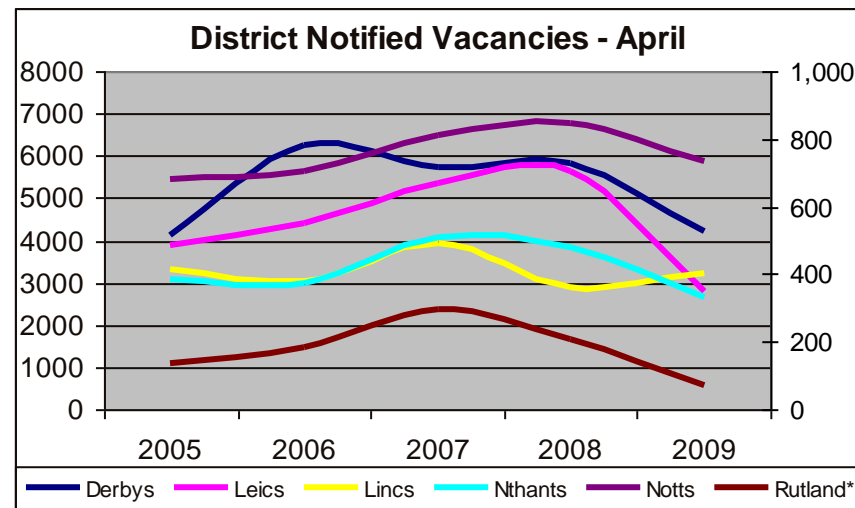
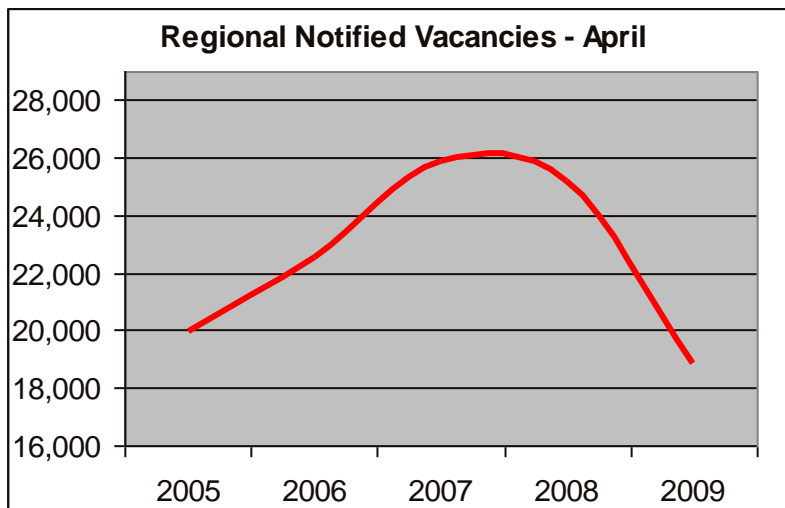


Increase In Notified Vacancies



Decrease In Notified Vacancies

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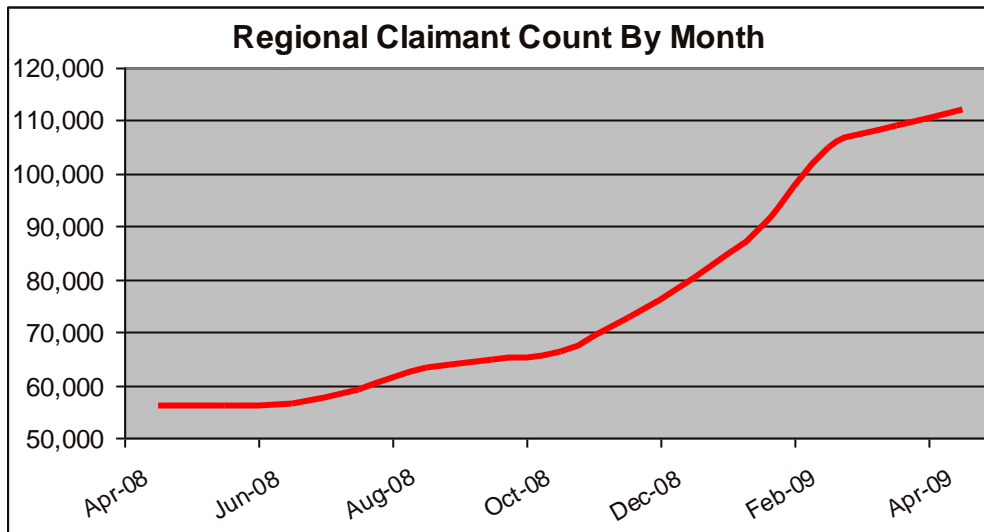


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# Unemployment By Benefit

## Jobseekers Allowance Count – April 2009

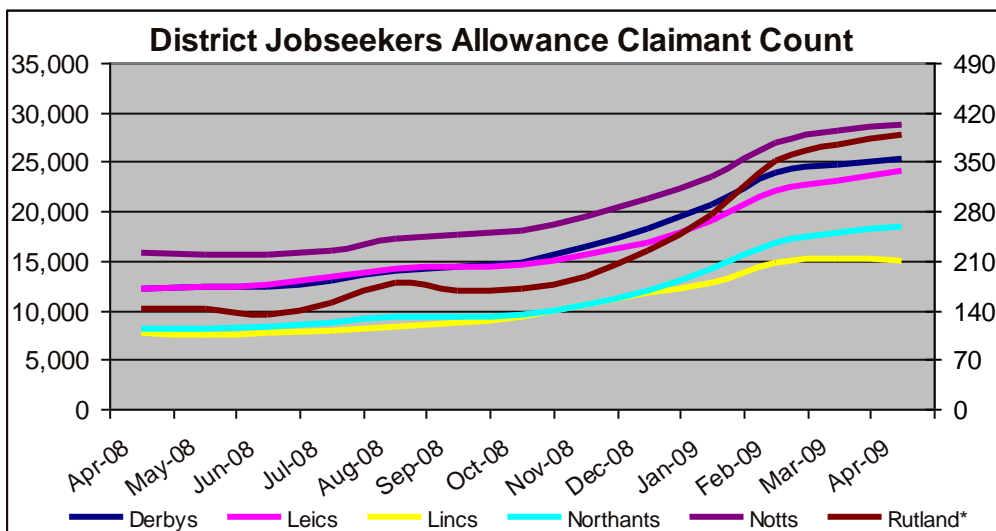
- Has increased by 2.6% to 111,959 (increase of 2,854) since March '09.
- The regional claimant count has increased by 100% (55,990) since April '08.



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## Jobseekers Allowance Claimant Count

- **Derbyshire's** count has **increased by 106.5% (12,996)** since April '08,
- **Leicestershire's** count has **increased by 98.9% (11,978)** since April '08,
- **Lincolnshire's** count has **increased by 95.2% (7,303)** since April '08,
- **Northamptonshire's** count has **increased by 129.9% (10,457)** since April '08,
- **Nottinghamshire's** count has **increased by 82.4% (13,008)** since April '08,
- **Rutland's** count has **increased by 175.9% (248)** since April '08.

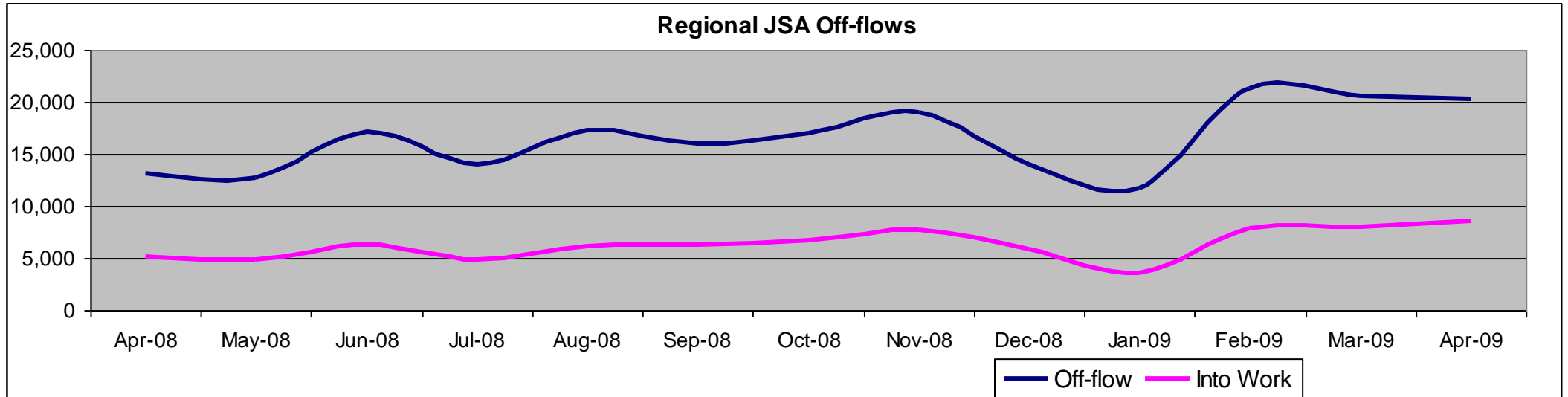


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- The trend in Claimant Count is up in all districts.

## Jobseekers Allowance Off-flows



	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	Total
<b>Off-flow</b>	13,135	12,755	17,160	13,950	17,285	16,045	17,010	19,060	14,035	11,705	21,215	20,525	20,300	214,180
<b>Into Work</b>	5,205	4,845	6,245	4,810	6,115	6,280	6,765	7,750	5,805	3,565	7,900	8,070	8,530	81,885
<b>% Into work</b>	39.6%	38.0%	36.4%	34.5%	35.4%	39.1%	39.8%	40.7%	41.4%	30.5%	37.2%	39.3%	42.0%	38.2%

Source | NOMIS

- Over the thirteen month period to April 2009, 214,180 people left the JSA register.
- An average of 16,475 claimants ceased claiming JSA each month.
- The off-flow trend over the period is upward.
- Off-flows continue at an historically high level.
  
- Over the thirteen month period to April 2009, 81,855 claimants (38.2% of all off-flows) moved into work.
- An average of 6,299 claimants moved into work each month.
- The off-flow into work trend is upward.
- Off-flows into work continue at an historically high level..

# Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) Count Since 1999

Date	Derbys	Change on Year	Leics	Change on Year	Lincs	Change on Year	Northants	Change on Year	Notts	Change on Year	Rutland*	Change on Year	Region	Change on Year
April 1999	20,164		16,113		9,854		8,856		25,519		162		80,668	
April 2000	18,481	-8.3%	14,569	-9.6%	9,032	-8.3%	7,662	-13.5%	22,544	-11.7%	140	-13.6%	72,428	-10.2%
April 2001	17,187	-7.0%	14,224	-2.4%	7,849	-13.1%	7,626	-0.5%	20,558	-8.8%	100	-28.6%	67,544	-6.7%
April 2002	15,113	-12.1%	13,937	-2.0%	7,079	-9.8%	7,532	-1.2%	17,881	-13.0%	112	12.0%	61,654	-8.7%
April 2003	14,018	-7.2%	15,303	9.8%	6,862	-3.1%	7,809	3.7%	16,873	-5.6%	127	13.4%	60,992	-1.1%
April 2004	13,028	-7.1%	14,236	-7.0%	6,344	-7.5%	7,562	-3.2%	14,974	-11.3%	101	-20.5%	56,245	-7.8%
April 2005	12,456	-4.4%	13,288	-6.7%	6,649	4.8%	7,015	-7.2%	14,770	-1.4%	106	5.0%	54,284	-3.5%
April 2006	15,235	22.3%	14,850	11.8%	8,363	25.8%	8,800	25.4%	17,154	16.1%	162	52.8%	64,564	18.9%
April 2007	13,760	-9.7%	14,012	-5.6%	8,453	1.1%	8,773	-0.3%	17,057	-0.6%	152	-6.2%	62,207	-3.7%
April 2008	12,203	-11.3%	12,116	-13.5%	7,671	-9.3%	8,053	-8.2%	15,785	-7.5%	141	-7.2%	55,969	-10.0%
April 2009	25,199	106.5%	24,094	98.9%	14,974	95.2%	18,510	129.9%	28,793	82.4%	389	175.9%	111,959	100.0%
<b>% change over period (ten years)</b>	25.0%		49.5%		52.0%		109.0%		12.8%		140.1%		38.8%	

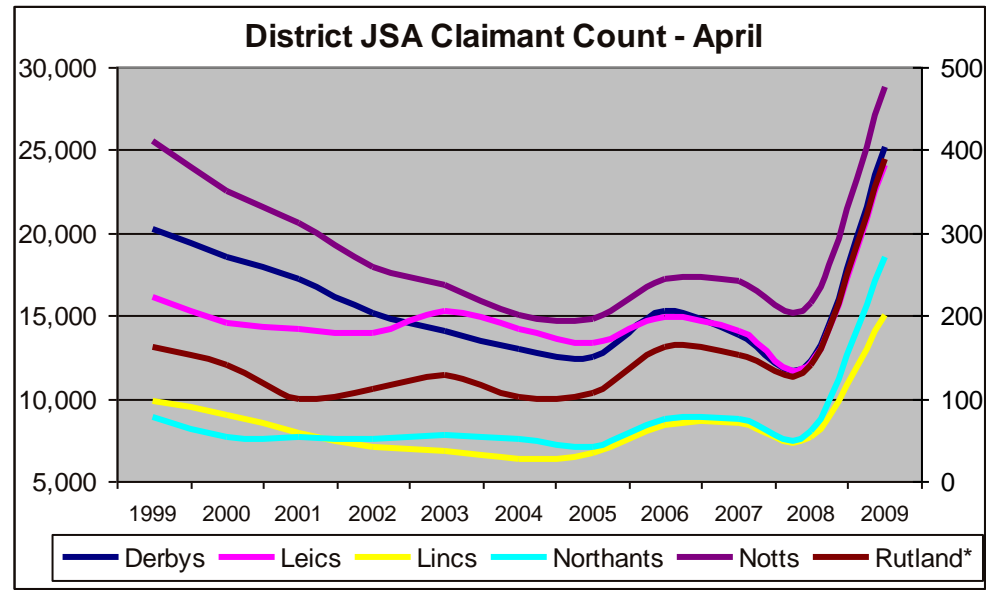
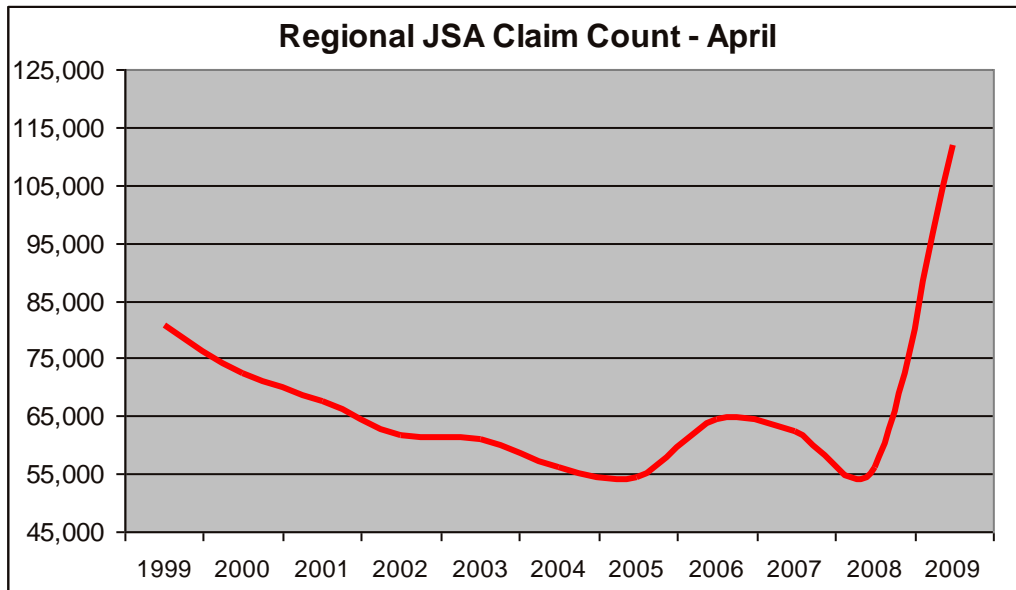
**Claimant Count Trends**

The East Midlands claimant count is higher than in any comparable month since 1999.

All districts (and the Region) show a register increase in the last twelve months.

The regional total, in April 2009, is 38.8% higher than the same period in 1999.

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# JSA On-Flows Since 1999

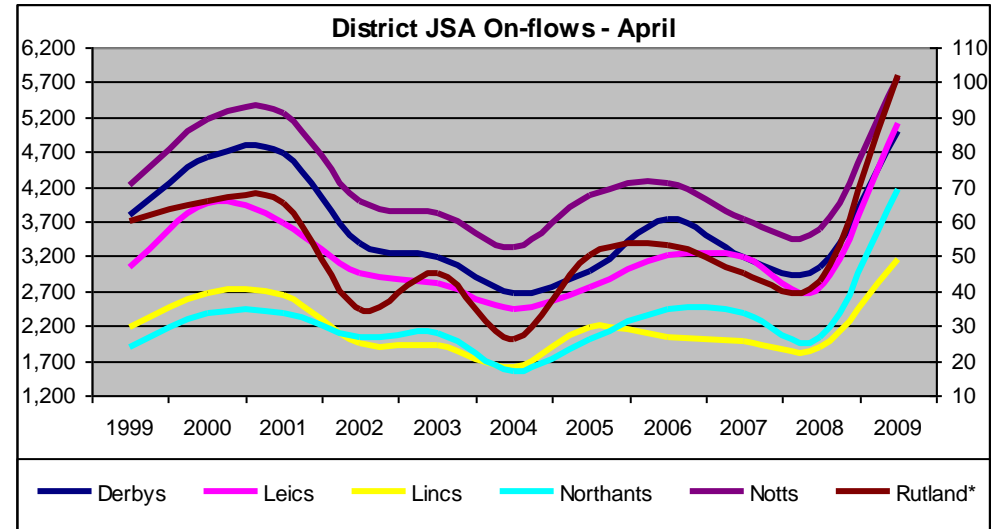
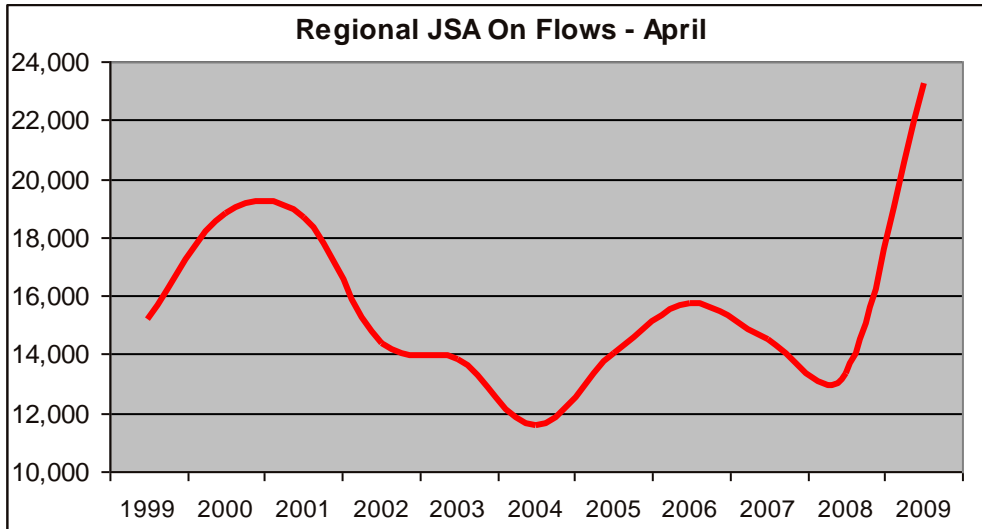
	Derbys	Change on Year	Leics	Change on Year	Lincs	Change on Year	Northants	Change on Year	Notts	Change on Year	Rutland*	Change on Year	Region	Change on Year
April 1999	3,793		3,049		2,172		1,893		4,231		60		15,198	
April 2000	4,625	21.9%	3,947	29.5%	2,661	22.5%	2,365	24.9%	5,170	22.2%	66	10.0%	18,834	23.9%
April 2001	4,685	1.3%	3,662	-7.2%	2,635	-1.0%	2,385	0.8%	5,239	1.3%	65	-1.5%	18,671	-0.9%
April 2002	3,393	-27.6%	2,967	-19.0%	1,953	-25.9%	2,030	-14.9%	3,999	-23.7%	35	-46.2%	14,377	-23.0%
April 2003	3,182	-6.2%	2,802	-5.6%	1,913	-2.0%	2,096	3.3%	3,806	-4.8%	45	28.6%	13,844	-3.7%
April 2004	2,653	-16.6%	2,440	-12.9%	1,598	-16.5%	1,550	-26.0%	3,315	-12.9%	26	-42.2%	11,582	-16.3%
April 2005	2,983	12.4%	2,766	13.4%	2,167	35.6%	1,999	29.0%	4,063	22.6%	50	92.3%	14,028	21.1%
April 2006	3,737	25.3%	3,225	16.6%	2,030	-6.3%	2,425	21.3%	4,241	4.4%	53	6.0%	15,711	12.0%
April 2007	3,193	-14.6%	3,172	-1.6%	1,964	-3.3%	2,368	-2.4%	3,741	-11.8%	45	-15.1%	14,483	-7.8%
April 2008	3,048	-4.5%	2,755	-13.1%	1,882	-4.2%	2,043	-13.7%	3,586	-4.1%	43	-4.4%	13,357	-7.8%
April 2009	4,981	63.4%	5,100	85.1%	3,151	67.4%	4,149	103.1%	5,772	61.0%	102	137.2%	23,255	74.1%
<b>Change over period</b>	<b>31.3%</b>		<b>67.3%</b>		<b>45.1%</b>		<b>119.2%</b>		<b>36.4%</b>		<b>70.0%</b>			<b>53.0%</b>

**On Flow Trends.**  
 In April 2009, all counties had higher on-flows than April 1999. Compared to the same month in previous years the trend is upwards. Onflows in April 2009 are 155% higher than the average onflow for the preceding 10 years.

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**Increased on-flows**  
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**Decreased off-flows**



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# East Midlands JSA On and Off flow Volumes

	Derbyshire				Leicestershire				Lincolnshire			
	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock
Apr-08	3,048	3,028	20	12,203	2,755	2,866	-111	12,116	1,882	1,950	-68	7,671
May-08	3,040	2,851	189	12,348	2,863	2,580	283	12,349	1,722	1,820	-98	7,565
Jun-08	4,010	4,037	-27	12,299	3,697	3,521	176	12,488	2,465	2,449	16	7,612
Jul-08	3,883	3,112	771	13,035	3,702	2,868	834	13,308	2,418	2,110	308	7,842
Aug-08	5,078	4,046	1,032	13,976	4,715	3,815	900	14,181	2,916	2,350	566	8,351
Sep-08	4,073	3,600	473	14,435	3,675	3,456	219	14,372	2,736	2,317	419	8,766
Oct-08	4,253	3,883	370	14,784	3,883	3,730	153	14,503	2,783	2,203	580	9,324
Nov-08	5,969	4,277	1,692	16,462	5,271	4,100	1,171	15,632	3,919	2,672	1,247	10,532
Dec-08	5,104	3,281	1,823	18,236	4,309	3,079	1,230	16,848	3,191	1,974	1,217	11,699
Jan-09	5,032	2,624	2,408	20,641	4,616	2,428	2,188	19,022	3,097	2,038	1,059	12,739
Feb-09	8,460	5,179	3,281	23,851	7,753	4,634	3,119	22,110	5,092	3,030	2,062	14,753
Mar-09	5,626	4,747	879	24,638	5,395	4,382	1,013	23,096	3,424	3,009	415	15,178
Apr-09	4,981	4,393	588	25,199	5,100	4,073	1,027	24,094	3,151	3,359	-208	14,974

	Northamptonshire				Nottinghamshire				Rutland			
	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock
Apr-08	2,043	2,035	8	8,053	3,586	3,199	387	15,785	43	57	-14	141
May-08	2,135	2,021	114	8,152	3,196	3,447	-251	15,510	35	37	-2	143
Jun-08	2,776	2,650	126	8,256	4,476	4,446	30	15,492	48	56	-8	132
Jul-08	2,597	2,173	424	8,645	4,283	3,638	645	16,054	67	49	18	151
Aug-08	3,301	2,605	696	9,327	5,510	4,418	1,092	17,096	82	51	31	179
Sep-08	2,651	2,645	6	9,329	4,539	3,962	577	17,645	51	64	-13	167
Oct-08	2,837	2,732	105	9,426	4,706	4,416	290	17,918	54	47	7	170
Nov-08	4,140	3,043	1,097	10,486	6,425	4,894	1,531	19,424	85	75	10	188
Dec-08	3,721	2,192	1,529	11,967	5,399	3,462	1,937	21,310	86	49	37	223
Jan-09	3,726	1,592	2,134	14,093	5,151	2,977	2,174	23,483	95	48	47	274
Feb-09	5,996	3,224	2,772	16,780	8,513	5,076	3,437	26,858	146	70	76	351
Mar-09	4,396	3,405	991	17,729	6,203	4,902	1,301	28,101	103	79	24	373
Apr-09	4,149	3,351	798	18,510	5,772	5,042	730	28,793	102	84	18	389

	East Midlands			
	On-Flow	Off-flow	Net Flow	JSA Stock
Apr-08	13,357	13,135	222	55,969
May-08	12,991	12,756	235	56,067
Jun-08	17,472	17,159	313	56,279
Jul-08	16,950	13,950	3,000	59,035
Aug-08	21,602	17,285	4,317	63,110
Sep-08	17,725	16,044	1,681	64,714
Oct-08	18,516	17,011	1,505	66,125
Nov-08	25,809	19,061	6,748	72,724
Dec-08	21,810	14,037	7,773	80,283
Jan-09	21,717	11,707	10,010	90,252
Feb-09	35,960	21,213	14,747	104,703
Mar-09	25,147	20,524	4,623	109,115
Apr-09	23,255	20,302	2,953	111,959

## Analysis of JSA On-flow and Off-flow.

Over the period April 2008 to April 2009 the regional JSA register has shown a consistent upward trend..

April 2009 experienced the lowest monthly net flows since October 2008. Onflows have exceeded off-flows for the last 12 months.

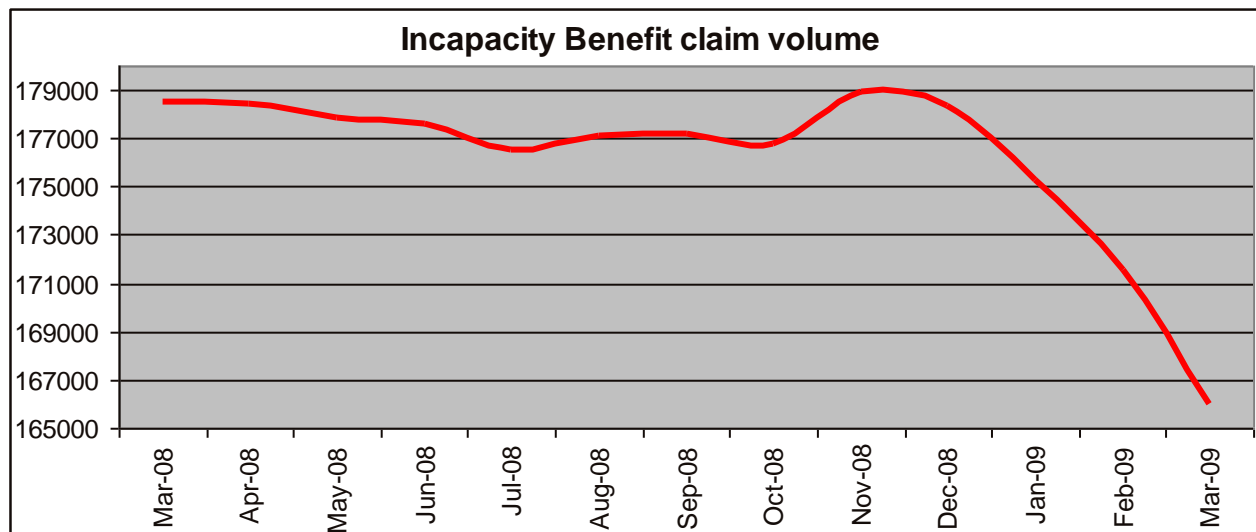
The Regional claimant count is higher than it was twelve months ago.

All district registers are now higher than they were in March 2008.

source | NOMIS - claimant flows

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## Incapacity Benefit Claim Count

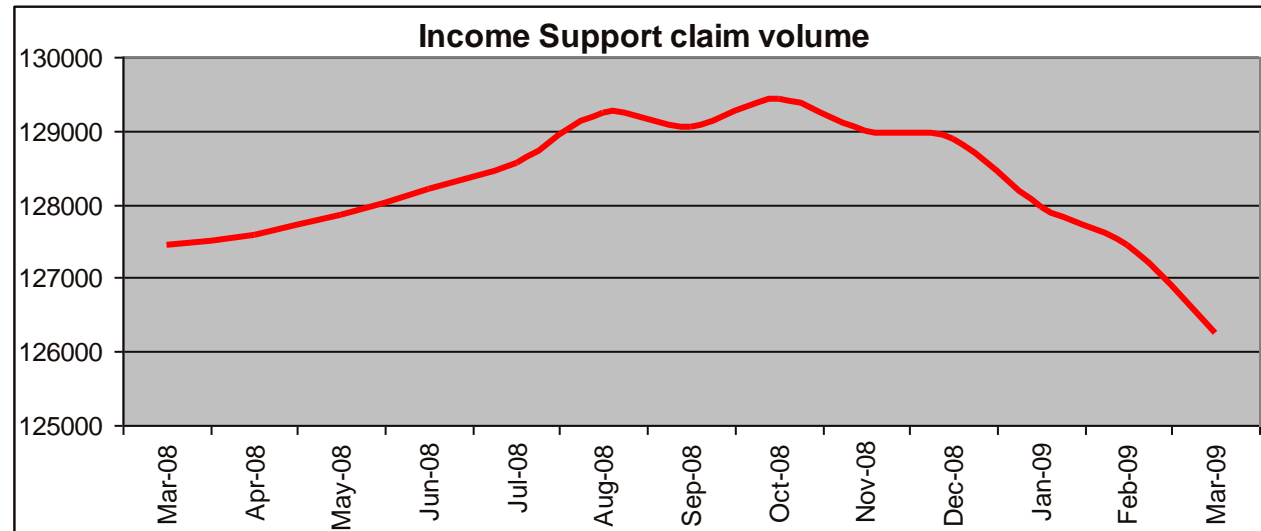


East Midlands Benefit Delivery													
	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
IB Claims total processed	4197	3568	3623	3382	3772	4030	3589	3963	4725	3295	1192	584	234
IB Load - Total (excluding MA)	178518	178435	177848	177593	176514	177069	177182	176769	178940	178308	175256	171543	165958
%change on previous month		-0.05%	-0.33%	-0.14%	-0.61%	0.31%	0.06%	-0.23%	1.23%	-0.35%	-1.71%	-2.12%	-3.26%
Volume Change on Year													-12560
%change on year													-7.04%

Source | Jobcentre Plus MISP system

- Due to IT issues April 2009 data is unavailable.

## Income Support Claim Count

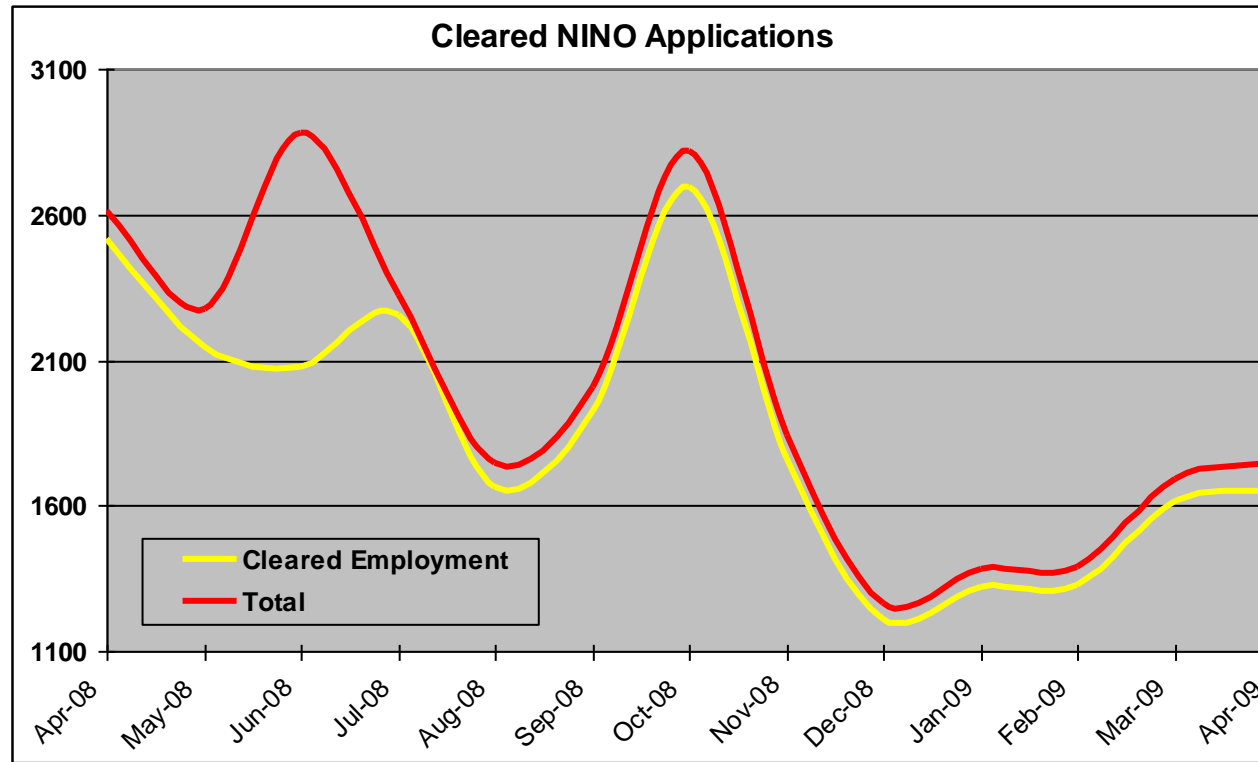


East Midlands Benefit Delivery													
	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09
IS claims processed	4683	5413	4941	5262	5736	5480	5407	6287	4799	3263	3236	3198	3118
IS A Live Load	127444	127594	127846	128213	128555	129251	129057	129428	129004	128882	127972	127456	126263
%change on previous Month		0.12%	0.20%	0.29%	0.27%	0.54%	-0.15%	0.29%	-0.33%	-0.09%	-0.71%	-0.40%	-0.94%
Volume Change on Year													-1181
%Change on Year													-0.93%

Source | Jobcentre Plus MIS system

- Due to IT issues data for April 2009 is currently unavailable.

# Migrant Inflows to the East Midlands



Source | Jobcentre Plus NINO Allocation Team

East Midlands	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	YTD
Cleared Employment	2517	2142	2076	2252	1665	1926	2694	1763	1208	1318	1327	1614	1647	<b>24149</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2614</b>	<b>2272</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>1748</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>1842</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>1744</b>	<b>24230</b>
Employment as percentage of Total (%)	96.29%	94.28%	72.01%	96.90%	95.25%	96.06%	95.67%	95.71%	95.27%	95.58%	95.40%	95.62%	94.44%	99.67%

The totals include British Nationals without a NINO (less than 3%) and foreign students visiting the UK on a course of study.

- In the East Midlands there have been 24,230 applications for National Insurance Numbers (NINO) since April 2008,
- This is an average of 1,998 per month,
- Of the total applications 99.67% (24,230) have been employment related (In employment, verifiable offer of employment, or actively seeking work),
- There were 33% (870) fewer applications for National Insurance numbers in April 2009 compared to April 2008.
- The trend in cleared NINO applications (both total and employment related) is downward over the period April '08 to April '09.

## Glossary

<b>ESA</b>	- Employment Support Allowance
<b>IB</b>	- Incapacity Benefit
<b>ILO</b>	- International Labour Organisation
<b>IS</b>	- Income Support
<b>JCP</b>	- Jobcentre Plus
<b>Live load</b>	- defines the number of IS or IB claims currently in payment
<b>NINO</b>	- National Insurance Number
<b>NOMIS</b>	- National Online Management Information System
<b>On-flow</b>	- defines new claims to JSA
<b>Off-flow</b>	- defines people ceasing to claim JSA
<b>RRS</b>	- Rapid Response Service

### **JSA Claimant Count**

JSA claimant count records the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices. This is not an official measure of unemployment, but is the only indicative statistic available for areas smaller than local authorities.

### **ILO definition of unemployment**

The "unemployed" comprise all persons above a specified age who during the reference period were:

- "without work", i.e. were not in paid employment or self-employment,
- "currently available for work", i.e. were available for paid employment or self-employment during the reference period; and
- "seeking work", i.e. had taken specific steps in a specified reference period to seek paid employment or self-employment. The specific steps may include registration at a public or private employment exchange; application to employers; checking at worksites, farms, factory gates, market or other assembly places; placing or answering newspaper advertisements; seeking assistance of friends or relatives; looking for land, building, machinery or equipment to establish own enterprise; arranging for financial resources; applying for permits and licences, etc.

### **ILO definition of employment**

The "employed" comprise all persons above a specific age who during a specified brief period, either one week or one day, were in the following categories:

- "paid employment":
- "at work": persons who during the reference period performed some work for wage or salary, in cash or in kind;
- "with a job but not at work": persons who, having already worked in their present job, were temporarily not at work during the reference period and had a formal attachment to their job.

This formal job attachment should be determined in the light of national circumstances, according to one or more of the following criteria:

- (i) the continued receipt of wage or salary;
- (ii) an assurance of return to work following the end of the contingency, or an agreement as to the date of return;
- (iii) the elapsed duration of absence from the job which, wherever relevant, may be that duration for which workers can receive compensation benefits without obligations to accept other jobs.