

Youth Unemployment – Policy & Performance Committee
Datasheet – August 2013

Benefit Groups Explained:

Out-of-work benefits (OOWB) are the combined totals of people claiming the following benefits:

- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Incapacity Benefit / Employment Support Allowance (IB/ESA)
- Lone Parent Benefit
- Other income related benefits

1. Overall Worklessness Context

Table 1a: Current Worklessness position

| Local Authority Area | Total OOWB | | OOWB Under 25's | |
|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Wirral | 31,650 | 15.9% | 5,410 | 2.7% |
| LCR | 174,330 | 17.8% | 28,250 | 2.9% |
| North West | 646,020 | 14.2% | 105,070 | 2.3% |
| England | 3,892,950 | 11.3% | 645,610 | 1.9% |

Source: DWP Working-age client group, Feb 13

Table 1b: Total Worklessness by benefit type

| Local Authority Area | JSA | | IB/ESA | | Lone Parent | | Other income | |
|----------------------|-----------|------|-----------|-------|-------------|------|--------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Wirral | 8,240 | 4.1% | 18,750 | 9.4% | 3,630 | 1.8% | 1,030 | 0.5% |
| LCR | 52,370 | 5.4% | 98,560 | 10.1% | 18,470 | 1.9% | 4,930 | 0.5% |
| North West | 196,370 | 4.3% | 363,790 | 8.0% | 66,400 | 1.5% | 19,460 | 0.4% |
| England | 1,290,120 | 3.8% | 2,034,170 | 5.9% | 438,170 | 1.3% | 130,500 | 0.4% |

Source: DWP Working-age client group, Feb 13

Table 1c: Worklessness by benefit type – Under 25's

| Local Authority Area | JSA | | IB/ESA | | Lone Parent | | Other income | |
|----------------------|---------|------|---------|------|-------------|------|--------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Wirral | 2,700 | 1.4% | 1,280 | 0.6% | 1,220 | 0.6% | 210 | 0.1% |
| LCR | 15,390 | 1.6% | 5,930 | 0.6% | 5,890 | 0.6% | 1,040 | 0.1% |
| North West | 55,420 | 1.2% | 22,530 | 0.5% | 22,760 | 0.5% | 4,370 | 0.1% |
| England | 346,080 | 1.0% | 132,500 | 0.4% | 138,720 | 0.4% | 28,310 | 0.1% |

Source: DWP Working-age client group, Feb 13

Key Headlines:

LCR:

- In the Liverpool City Region almost 1 in 11 young people, are claiming Job Seekers Allowance;
- Young people aged 20-24 are five times more likely to be long term unemployed than 18 and 19 year olds;
- Long term youth unemployment is reducing at a faster rate than for those aged over 25, although the scale of the challenge cannot be underestimated;
- The Youth Unemployment Taskforce is on track to halve long term youth unemployment by March 2015 with a 34% reduction achieved in the first year.

Wirral:

- There are 7,405 people claiming JSA in Wirral, this is 3.7% of the total working age population (16-64 m/f);
- 2,345 of these claimants are aged 18-24, this represents 9.2% of all 18-24 year olds in Wirral - over double the Wirral average;
- Wirral contributes 15% of the LCR challenge on Youth Unemployment – there are just 49,000 young people unemployed in the City Region;
- 820 young people have been claiming for 6 months or more – this is 35% of the overall cohort;
- Since the previous report (Jan 13) total number of working age people claiming JSA in Wirral has reduced by 510 (6.4%);
- Since the previous report (Jan 13) the number of 18-24 year olds claiming JSA in Wirral has reduced by 230 (8.9%);
- Since the previous report (Jan 13) the number of 18-24 year olds claiming JSA for over 6 months in Wirral has increased by 80 (10.8%); more than 4x the City Region average.
- Since the previous report (Jan 13) the number of 18-24 year olds claiming JSA for over 12 months in Wirral has reduced by 40 (10%).

2. Jobseekers Allowance Data (JSA)

Table 2a: Total JSA by duration

| Local Authority Area | Total JSA | | JSA over 6 months | | JSA over 12 months | |
|----------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Wirral | 7,405 | 3.7% | 3,375 | 1.7% | 1,960 | 1.0% |
| LCR | 47,450 | 4.8% | 24,430 | 2.5% | 15,310 | 1.6% |
| North West | 179,470 | 3.9% | 86,405 | 1.9% | 52,020 | 1.1% |
| England | 1,149,830 | 3.3% | 567,705 | 1.7% | 345,240 | 1.0% |

Source: NOMIS, Claimant Count, July 13

Table 2b: 18-24 JSA by duration

| Local Authority Area | Total JSA | | JSA over 6 months | | JSA over 12 months | |
|----------------------|-----------|------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| Wirral | 2,345 | 9.2% | 820 | 3.2% | 360 | 1.4% |
| LCR | 13,515 | 8.7% | 5,440 | 3.5% | 2,740 | 1.8% |

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|-------------------|---------|------|---------|------|--------|------|
| North West | 49,210 | 7.2% | 18,330 | 2.7% | 8,790 | 1.3% |
| England | 299,525 | 6% | 116,285 | 2.3% | 57,660 | 1.2% |

Source: NOMIS, Claimant Count, July 13

3. Trend Analysis

The following trend analysis is based on a performance update from the previous report which used data from November 2012; latest data is for July 2013.

Table 3a: JSA all ages

| | November 2012 | | July 2013 | | Number change | Rate Change | % Number Change |
|-------------------|---------------|------|-----------|------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | | | |
| Wirral | 7,915 | 4.1% | 7,405 | 3.7% | -510 | -0.4% | -6.4% |
| LCR | 52,490 | 5.5% | 47,450 | 4.8% | -5,040 | -0.7% | -9.6% |
| North West | 193,695 | 4.3% | 179,470 | 3.9% | -14,225 | -0.4% | -7.3% |
| England | 1,257,605 | 3.7% | 1,149,830 | 3.3% | -107,775 | -0.4% | -8.5% |

Source: NOMIS, Claimant Count, July 13

Table 3b: JSA 18-24

| | November 2012 | | July 2013 | | Number change | Rate Change | % Number Change |
|-------------------|---------------|------|-----------|------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | | | |
| Wirral | 2,575 | 9.9% | 2,345 | 9.2% | -230 | -0.7% | -8.9% |
| LCR | 15,715 | 9.9% | 13,515 | 8.7% | -2,200 | -1.2% | -13.9% |
| North West | 55,905 | 8.0% | 49,210 | 7.2% | -6,695 | -0.8% | -11.9% |
| England | 343,870 | 6.9% | 299,525 | 6.0% | -44,345 | -0.9% | -12.8% |

Source: NOMIS, Claimant Count, July 13

Table 3c: JSA 18-24 6months +

| | November 2012 | | July 2013 | | Number change | Rate Change | % Number Change |
|-------------------|---------------|------|-----------|------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | | | |
| Wirral | 740 | 2.8% | 820 | 3.2% | +80 | +0.4% | +10.8% |
| LCR | 5,300 | 3.3% | 5,440 | 3.5% | +140 | +0.2% | +2.6% |
| North West | 17,900 | 2.6% | 18,330 | 2.7% | +430 | +0.1% | +2.4% |
| England | 111,225 | 2.2% | 116,285 | 2.3% | +5,060 | +0.1% | +4.5% |

Source: NOMIS, Claimant Count, July 13

Table 3d: JSA 18-24 12months +

| | November 2012 | | July 2013 | | Number change | Rate Change | % Number Change |
|--|---------------|------|-----------|------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | | | |

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|-------------------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|
| Wirral | 400 | 1.5% | 360 | 1.4% | -40 | -0.1% | -10.0% |
| LCR | 3,100 | 1.9% | 2,740 | 1.8% | -360 | -0.1% | -11.6% |
| North West | 10,005 | 1.4% | 8,790 | 1.3% | -1,215 | -0.1% | -12.1% |
| England | 64,330 | 1.3% | 57,660 | 1.2% | -6,640 | -0.1% | -10.3% |

Source: NOMIS, Claimant Count, July 13

Figure 1: Proportion by age of 18-24 year olds claiming Job Seekers Allowance in Wirral.

