

July economic review

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National economy

- In the UK unemployment rose for the first time in two years . The rise of 15,000 brought the jobless total to 1.85 million people. The rate is now at 5.5% (in three months to April)
- Out of work claimants rose by 7,000 to 804,200
- The total number of people now in work is 30.98 million, which is 67,000 fewer than in the previous three month period
- Wage growth in the UK hit a five-year high of 3.2% in May (including bonuses).
- Excluding bonuses, pay rose by 2.8%, which was the highest rate of growth since February 2009.
- Consumer price inflation fell to 0% in June, down from 0.1% in May mainly due to falls in clothing and food prices











Local labour market - Job Seekers' Allowance (JSA)

- The number of LEP residents claiming Job Seekers' Allowance fell by 420 to 6,760. This is 1.0% of the working age population
- Of the 6,760; 1,360 are aged 16-24 (a fall of 115), 3,575 are aged 25-49 (a fall of 225) and 1,815 are aged 50-64 (a fall of 105)
- In addition to JSA claimants there are 586 Universal Credit claimants who are "not in employment". This is a rise of 89 compared to the previous month.

Local labour market -annual population survey (APS)

(Positive, Neutral, Negative, ↑ increase, ↓ decrease, - no change)

Data Sets	Headline Figure (Number of People)	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Employment Rate Richmondshire and Scarborough are the two districts that do not have as many people classed as in employment as the previous year's figures although there was monthly increases in these districts and all other districts except Ryedale and Craven. Scarborough with a rate of 66.0% is the only district below the UK employment rate of 72.6% and is the bottom 10% of districts in the country whereas Ryedale with a rate of 84.5% is in the top 2% of Districts in the country.	76.3% (529,800)	 up by 7,000 (↑0.9 % points) (↑1.3%)	 up by 15,000 (↑2.0 % points) (↑2.9%)
Full Time Jobs 384,900 of the 529,100 people in employment worked full-time according to the most recent figures. Ryedale (72.4%), Harrogate (72.1%), East Riding (71.8%) and York (68.1%) all had a smaller proportion of those in employment working full time than the national rate of 74.2%.	72.6% (384,900 people)	 up by 10,900 (↑1.1 % points) (↑2.9%)	 up by 19,600 (↑1.6 % points) (↑5.4%)
Self Employment Self employment in the LEP is the highest since the APS began in 2004. Scarborough (6.6%) and York have rates of self employment below the UK rate of 10.0%. Ryedale (31.0%), Craven (28.9%) and Hambleton (20.9%) all have significant and rising rates of self-employment. Out of 381 UK districts , Craven and Ryedale are both in the top 3 for highest self-employment rates.	12.6% (87,300)	 up by 5,100 (↑0.7 % points) (↑6.2%)	 up by 11,000 (↑4.6 % points) (↑14.4%)
Proportion of Employment in the Private Sector Private sector employment has always made up a smaller proportion of employment in the LEP than nationally (rate currently 77.4% nationally). This is driven by low rates in Scarborough (70.4%), East Riding (72.2%), Hambleton (71.5%) and York (74.5%).	76.4% (417,000)	 up by 2,900 (↓0.5 % points) (↑0.9%)	 up by 12,400 (↑0.9 % points) (↑3.1%)

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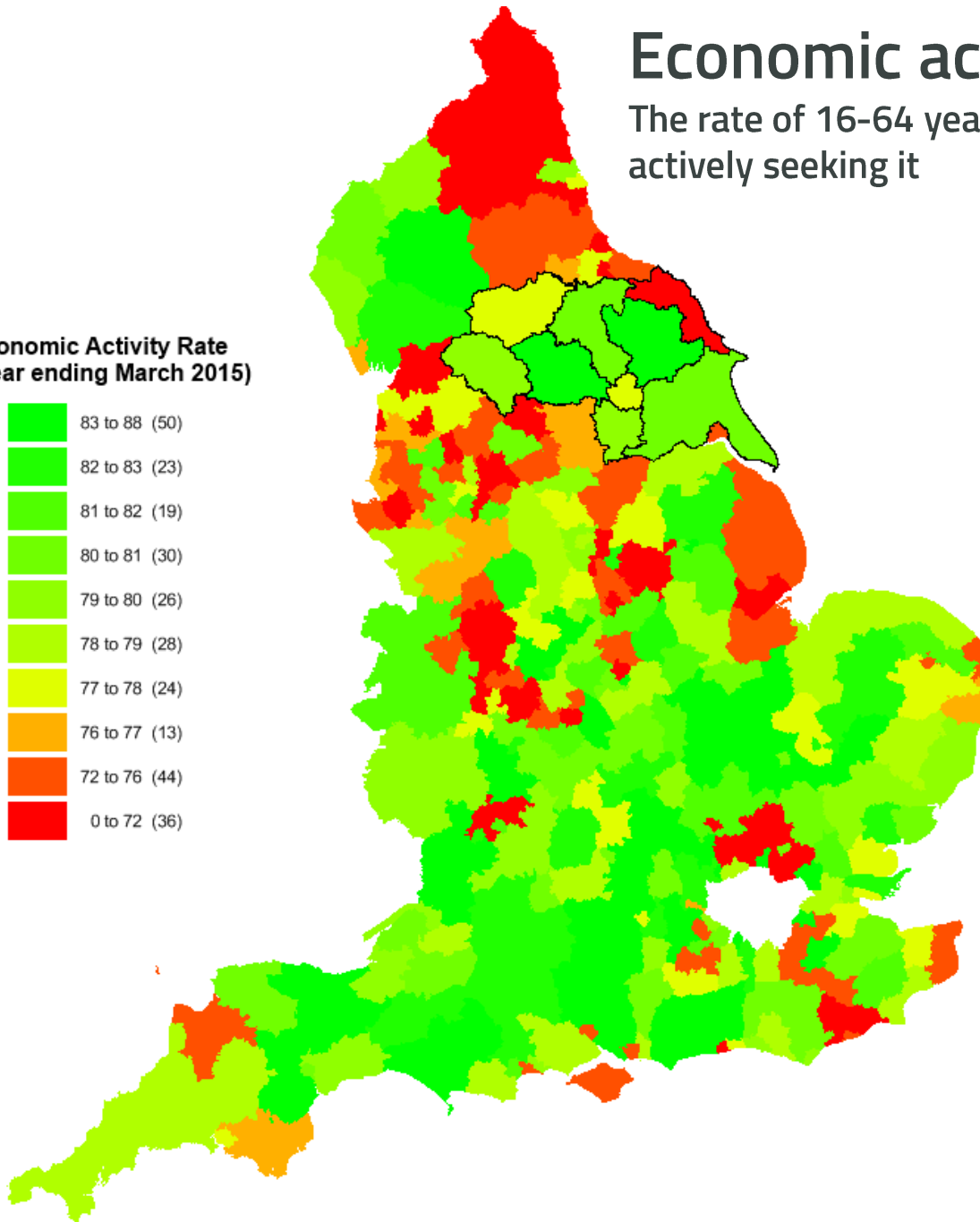
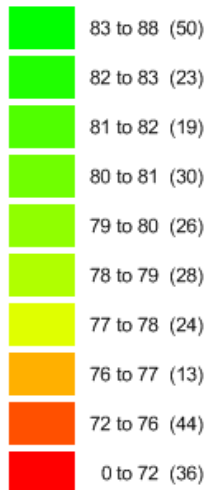
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<p>Percentage of people who had received job related training (in the 4 weeks prior to the survey)</p> <p>Whilst similar to the UK rate of 9.6% recent increases in this measure means that the LEP area has a higher rate of people reporting job relating training than the UK whereas a year ago this wasn't the case.</p>	<p>10.2%</p> <p>(70,600)</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>up by 3,800 (↑0.6 % points) (↑5.7%)</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>up by 6,300 (↑0.9 % points) (↑9.8%)</p>
<p>Unemployment Rate – Compares to a national rate of 6.0%. Scarborough remains the only district with a rate higher than nationally at 6.8%. There were not enough unemployed people surveyed to give a reliable estimate of the unemployment rate in Craven, Richmondshire and Ryedale but it is likely to be low. The number of unemployed people in Hambleton and East Riding rose on the quarter but is lower than a year earlier.</p>	<p>4.1%</p> <p>(23,600)</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>Down by 700 (↓0.2 % points) (↓2.1%)</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>Down by 5,600 (↓1.0 % points) (↓19.2%)</p>
<p>Economic Inactivity Rate – There are 141,600 people of working age who are inactive in the LEP. These consist of people who do not have a job but aren't actively seeking work due to retirement, study, sickness or looking after family/home). Scarborough (29.1%) and York (22.9%) are the only districts with Inactivity rates higher than the UK rate of 22.7%</p>	<p>20.4%</p> <p>(141,600)</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>Down by 5,000 (↓0.8 % points) (↓3.4%)</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>Down by 7,000 (↓1.2 % points) (↓4.7%)</p>
<p>Percentage of economically inactive who want a job</p> <p>of the 141,600 people who are inactive it is estimated that 19.4% want a job. This is lower than the UK rate of 20.4%. The numbers who didn't want a job fell were 4,200 fewer than the previous quarter and 3,500 than the previous year.</p>	<p>19.4%</p> <p>(87,300)</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>down by 900 (no change in pp) (↓1.4%)</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>Down by 3,400 (↓4.6 % points) (↓11.0%)</p>

Economic activity

The rate of 16-64 year olds who are in work or actively seeking it

Economic Activity Rate
(Year ending March 2015)



Area	Economic activity rate (%)
Craven	79.2
East Riding	80.9
Hambleton	80.9
Harrogate	84.4
Richmondshire	77.4
Ryedale	85.4
Scarborough	70.9
Selby	79.7
York	77.1
The LEP	79.6
UK	77.3

There is a rough north/south divide in economic activity in England with the majority of the LEP as an exception.

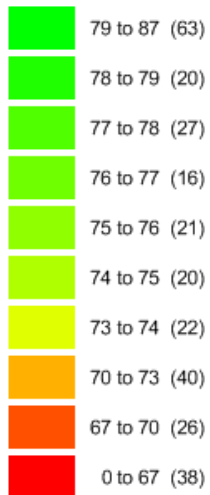
Ryedale is in the top 5% of UK districts and Scarborough is in the bottom 7%

Employment

The rate of 16-64 year olds who are in work

Area	Employment rate (%)
Craven	79.2
East Riding	77.3
Hambleton	77.3
Harrogate	81.5
Richmondshire	74.5
Ryedale	84.5
Scarborough	66.0
Selby	76.0
York	74.1
The LEP	76.3
UK	72.6

Employment Rate

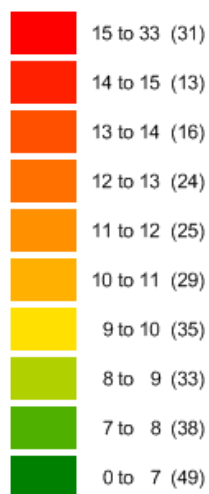


Employment follows a similar pattern to economic activity.

Scarborough is in the bottom 10% of UK districts and Ryedale in the top 2%.

Self-employment

Self Employment Rate



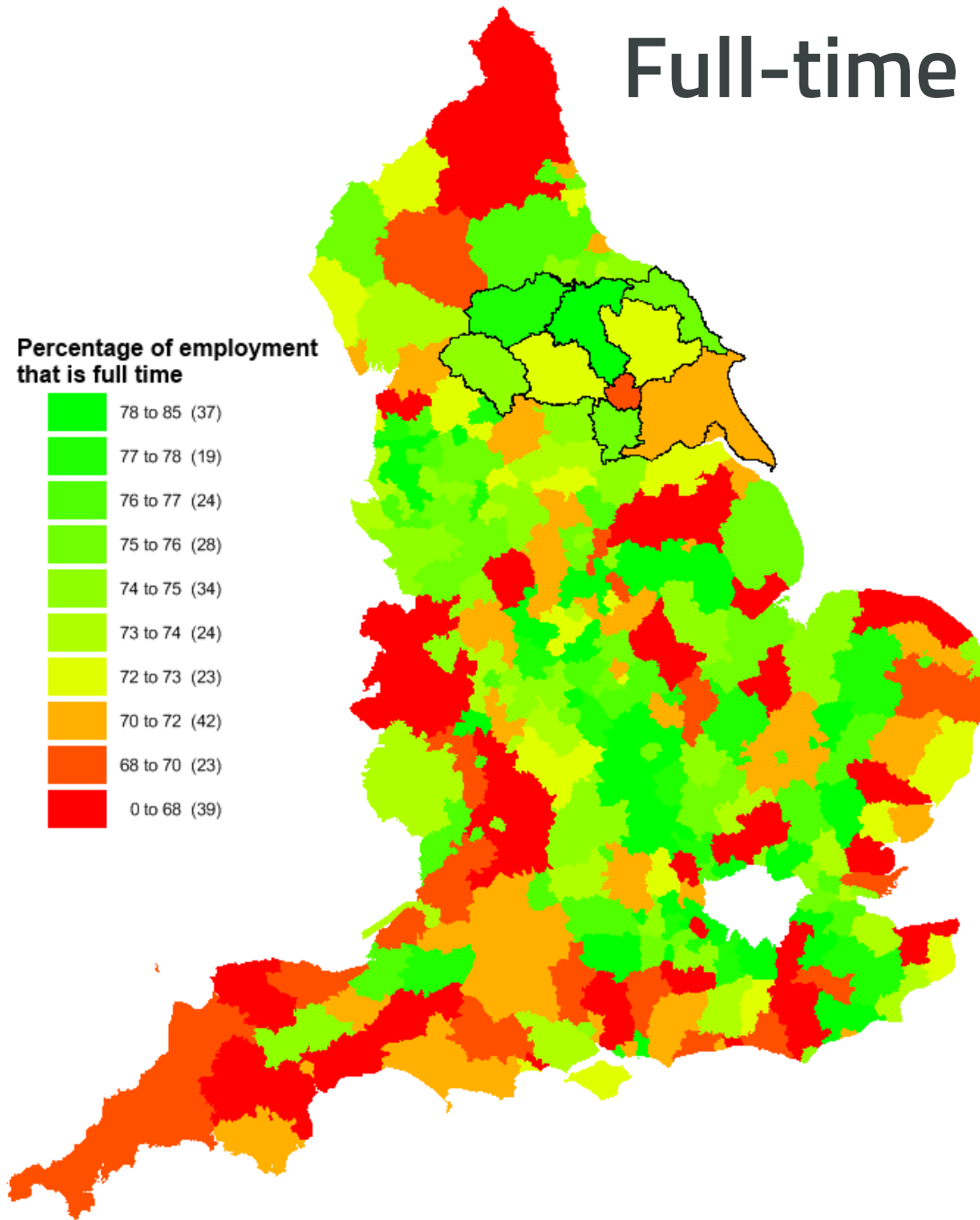
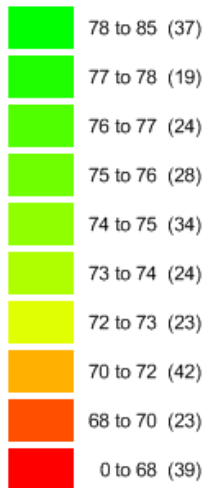
Area	Self employment rate (%)
Craven	28.9
East Riding	10.1
Hambleton	20.9
Harrogate	14.7
Richmondshire	11.3
Ryedale	31.0
Scarborough	8.8
Selby	10.3
York	6.6
The LEP	12.6
UK	10.0

Craven and Ryedale make up 2 of the 3 highest self-employment rates out of 381 Districts.

(Confidence intervals are large at district level, particularly for Ryedale and Craven rates but there is over 95% confidence self-employment in Craven and Ryedale is at least double the UK rate.

Full-time employment

Percentage of employment that is full time



Area	Full-time employment rate (%)
Craven	74.4
East Riding	71.8
Hambleton	78.3
Harrogate	72.1
Richmondshire	77.7
Ryedale	72.4
Scarborough	75.1
Selby	75.5
York	68.1
The LEP	72.6
UK	74.2

York is in the lowest 10% of UK districts for levels of full-time employment.

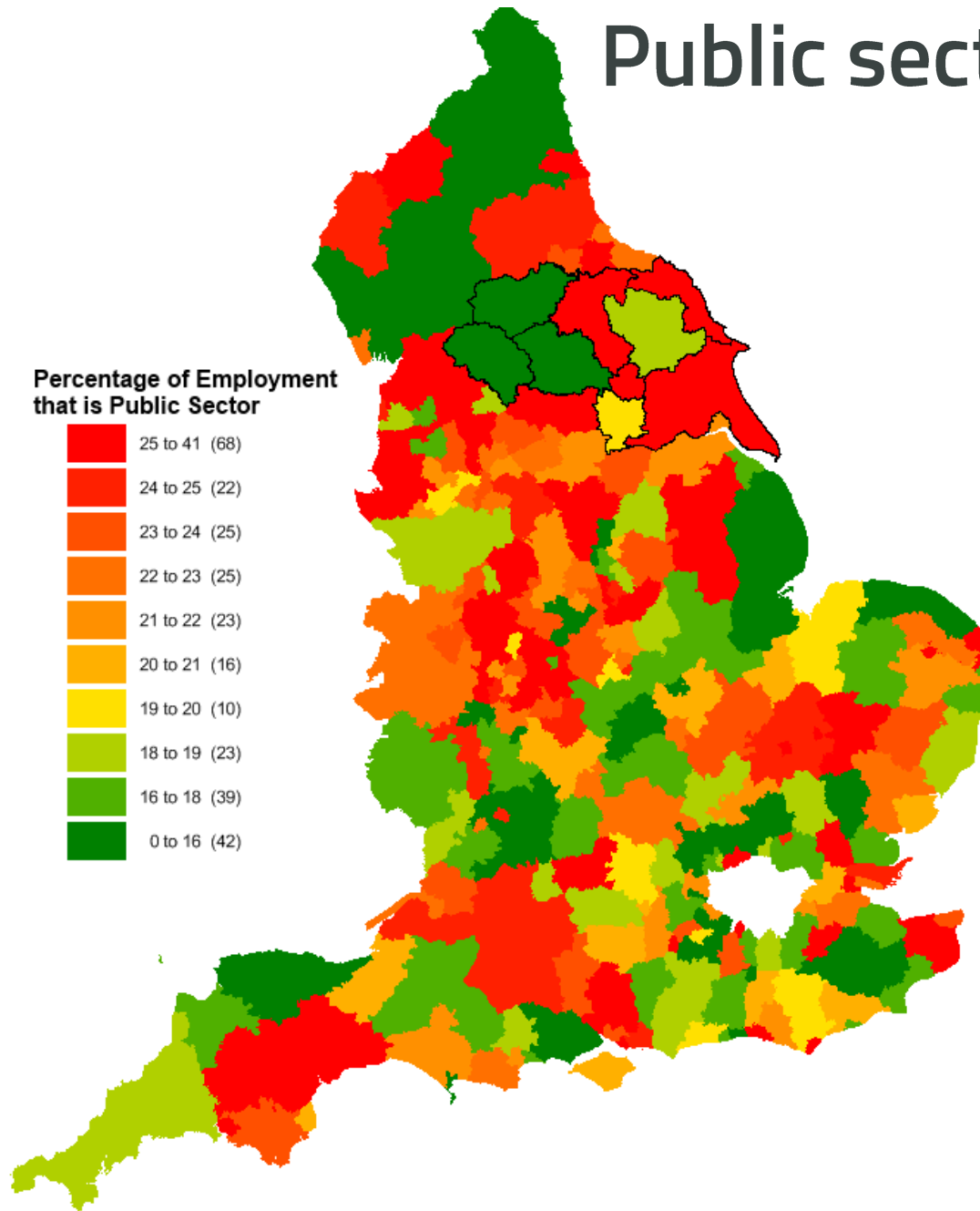
Hambleton has the highest rate of full time employment in the LEP.

Public sector employment

Area	Public sector employment rate (%)
Craven	14.8
East Riding	27.8
Hambleton	28.5
Harrogate	15.7
Richmondshire	15.9
Ryedale	18.4
Scarborough	29.6
Selby	19.9
York	25.5
The LEP	23.6
UK	22.6

Public sector employment varies across the LEP with Scarborough in top 10% of UK districts for highest rates.

Percentage of Employment that is Public Sector



Conclusion

- Quarterly and annual changes in the local labour market are positive
- Employment has risen with increases in full-time employment and self-employment
- Self-employment has risen to an all-time high particularly in rural districts