

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MONTHLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2020

CLAIMANT COUNT

The unemployment rate in the Scottish Borders, as measured by the Claimant Count, rose to 2.7 per cent in January.

INDICATOR	MEASURE	COMPARISON WITH LAST MONTH	COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR	COMMENTARY
Unemployment	2.7% (1,840)	▲	▲	The unemployment rate in the Scottish Borders increased by 65 claimants on last month. The rate for the Scottish Borders remains below that for Scotland.
Youth Unemployment	5.0% (390)	◀ ▶	▲	Unemployment among 18-24 year olds remained the same as last month. The rate for the Scottish Borders remains above that for Scotland.

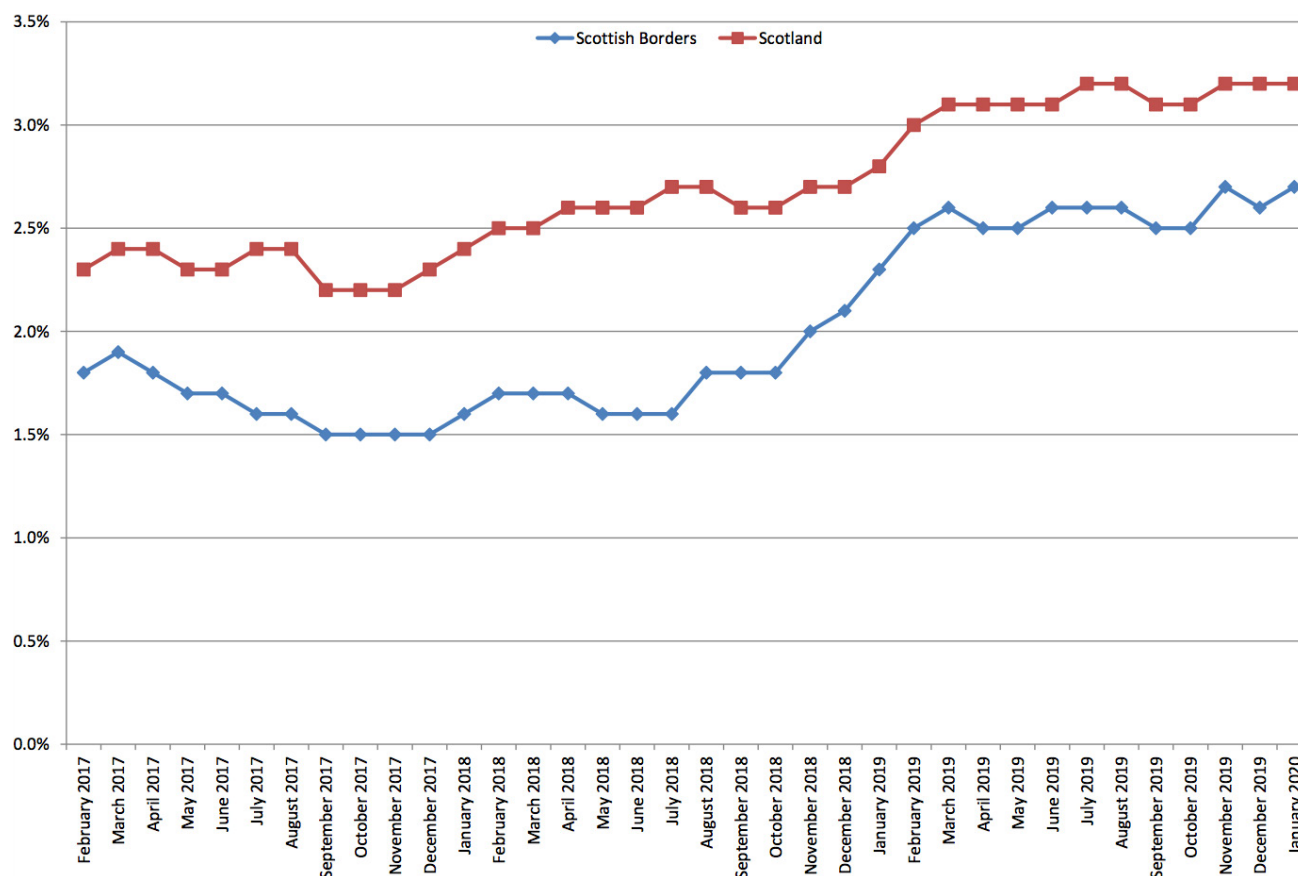
CLAIMANT COUNT – JANUARY 2020

	LAST MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	PREVIOUS YEAR	MONTHLY CHANGE	ANNUAL CHANGE
Scottish Borders	1,840	1,775	1,560	65	280
Scotland Total	112,630	110,705	98,960	1,925	13,670
SB - % working age popn.	2.7%	2.6%	2.3%	0.1%	0.4%
Scotland - % working age popn.	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0.4%
SB claiming age 18-24	390	390	340	0	50
Scotland claiming age 18-24	20,275	20,420	18,140	-145	2,135
SB % age 18-24	5.0%	5.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.7%
Scotland % age 18-24	4.3%	4.3%	3.8%	0.0%	0.5%

Based on Claimant Count

Source: Office for National Statistics

PERCENTAGE OF WORKING AGE POPULATION CLAIMING – 3 YEARS



Source: Office for National Statistics

CLAIMANT COUNT BY MULTI-MEMBER WARD – JANUARY 2020

WARD	LATEST MONTH		PREVIOUS MONTH		PREVIOUS YEAR		MONTHLY CHANGE		ANNUAL CHANGE	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
East Berwickshire	160	2.6	135	2.3	115	1.9	25	0.3	45	0.7
Galashiels and District	380	3.9	365	3.7	345	3.5	15	0.2	35	0.4
Hawick and Denholm	240	4.4	230	4.2	190	3.4	10	0.2	50	1.0
Hawick and Hermitage	175	3.5	195	3.9	165	3.2	-20	-0.4	10	0.3
Jedburgh and District	120	2.3	115	2.2	105	2.0	5	0.1	15	0.3
Kelso and District	135	2.3	130	2.3	130	2.3	5	0.0	5	0.0
Leaderdale and Melrose	120	1.9	110	1.8	90	1.4	10	0.1	30	0.5
Mid Berwickshire	130	2.2	135	2.2	110	1.8	-5	0.0	20	0.4
Selkirkshire	160	2.8	155	2.8	135	2.4	5	0.0	25	0.4
Tweeddale East	115	1.8	110	1.8	85	1.3	5	0.0	30	0.5
Tweeddale West	105	1.7	90	1.5	95	1.5	15	0.2	10	0.2
Scottish Borders	1,840	2.7	1,775	2.6	1,560	2.3	65	0.1	280	0.4

Source: Office for National Statistics

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES

- The Borders Railway is breathing new life into the economies of the Scottish Borders, Midlothian and Edinburgh, offering fantastic opportunities for business, investment and employment.

Whether you're looking to start, grow, relocate or invest in a business, there is help available to become More Connected at www.bordersrailway.co.uk

- Scottish Borders Council has a wide range of commercial, industrial and office properties available. If you are looking for a property for your business, please email business@scotborders.gov.uk
- Scottish Borders now has a LEADER funded Crowdfunding coach, Emmi Koivisto. Emmi has been employed to support, advise and train businesses and community groups looking to put together crowdfunding appeals to raise money for their ideas. For more information, go to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/crowdfund-scotland> There are also a limited number of financial bonuses to signing up through the new Crowdfunder Scotland site.
- Scottish Borders Council can offer assistance to local companies wishing to tender for contracts arising from public procurement projects. For further details, register on the Supplier Development Programme at www.sdpscotland.co.uk or for more information, contact SBC Economic Development on **01835 826505**.
- If you are thinking about growing a business project, and would like to discuss the support available to you, please contact the Business Gateway adviser team directly on **01835 825600** or at info@bgborders.com

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