



... report is based on Claimant Count figures. The Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
... of people claiming JSA and National Insurance (NI) credits at Job Centre



Table 1 below illustrates the Claimant Count rates for June 2012, using the 2001 TTWAs (Travel to Work Areas). The Claimant Count rates are compared with May 2012 and June 2011 to highlight the monthly and annual changes. The TTWAs are ranked in descending order by the June 2012 figure.

Area	June 2012	May 2012	June 2011
Dunoon & Bute	4.9	5.1	4.9
Wick	4.4	4.6	4.7
Campbeltown	3.9	4.1	4.1
Invergordon	3.7	3.4	4.0
Eilean Siar	3.4	3.2	2.8
Thurso	3.2	3.4	3.6
Inverness & Dingwall	2.7	2.6	2.6
Moray	2.6	2.6	2.6
Lochaber	2.3	2.5	2.0
Dornoch & Lairg	2.3	2.4	2.5
Skye & Lochalsh	2.2	2.5	2.0
Oban	2.2	2.4	2.2
Lochgilthead	1.8	2.1	2.3
Badenoch	1.7	1.6	1.2
Orkney Islands	1.6	1.6	1.4
Shetland Islands	1.6	1.6	1.4
Ullapool & Gairloch	1.4	1.6	1.3
Mull & Islay	1.2	1.2	1.5
Highland	2.7	2.7	2.6
Scotland	4.2	4.1	4.1
United Kingdom	3.9	3.9	3.7

Source: Claimant Count (NOMIS)

Over the month to June 2012, the claimant count rose in 4, fell in 10 and was static in the remaining 4 TTWA's – Moray, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands and Mull & Islay. Invergordon had the greatest increase over the month, rising 0.3% from 3.4% to 3.7%. Skye & Lochalsh and Lochgilthead shared the greatest decrease over the month, both falling by 0.3%.

Over the year to June 2012, the claimant count rose in 8, fell in 7 and was static in the remaining 3 TTWA's – Dunoon & Bute, Moray and Oban. Eilean Siar had the greatest increase over the month, rising 0.6% from 2.8% to 3.4%. Lochgilthead had the greatest decrease over the year, falling 0.5% from 2.3% to 1.8%.

Table 2 – Number of unemployed people by Area Office

Table 2 below traces changes in the numbers (not rates) of unemployed people claiming benefits in the Highlands and Islands Enterprise Area Offices (AOs) between May 2012 and June 2012. A yearly comparison between June 2011 and June 2012 is also provided. The AOs are ranked in descending order by the size of the annual change in the number of unemployed, displayed in the right hand column.

Area Office	Number of unemployed people	Percentage change in number of unemployed people (May 2012 to June 2012)	Percentage change in number of unemployed people (June 2011 to June 2012)
Innse Gall	546	5.6	19.2
Shetland	220	-1.3	15.2
Orkney	203	1.5	10.9
Lochaber, Skye & Wester Ross	501	-10.2	10.6
Inner Moray Firth	2,536	5.7	4.1
Moray	1,424	-3.0	-1.5
Argyll & the Islands	1,315	-5.9	-3.5
Caithness & Sutherland	778	-5.0	-7.5
Highland	3,815	1.0	2.3
Scotland	142,831	0.7	1.6
United Kingdom	1,564,156	-1.7	4.8

Source: Claimant Count (NOMIS)

Over the month May 2012 to June 2012, the number of people claiming unemployment benefit rose in 3, and fell in the remaining 5 area offices. Inner Moray Firth had the greatest increase over the year, rising 5.7% from 2,400 to 2,536 claimants. Lochaber, Skye & Wester Ross had the greatest decrease over the month, falling 10.2% from 558 to 501 claimants.

Over the year to June 2012, the number of people claiming unemployment benefit rose in 5, and fell 3 area offices. Innse Gall had the greatest increase over the year, rising 19.2% from 458 to 546 claimants. Caithness & Sutherland had the greatest decrease over the year, falling by 7.5% from 841 to 778 claimants.

Table 3 – Long-term unemployment by Area Office

For the purpose of this analysis, long-term unemployment (LTU) is defined as 'all those who have been unemployed and claiming benefit for over 6 months'. Table 3 below shows the number of people who are long-term unemployed in June 2012 in each of the AOs. It also highlights the percentage change in the number of those claiming long-term unemployment benefit over the month (May 2012 to June 2012) and over the year (June 2011 to June 2012). The AOs are ranked by the right hand column, which contains the size of the annual percentage change in numbers of LTU.

Area Office	Number	% Change in number of LTU May to June	% Change in number of LTU over year
Orkney	80	6.7	100.0
Shetland	80	0.0	100.0
Inner Moray Firth	880	5.4	30.4
Argyll & the Islands	700	-4.1	28.4
Lochaber, Skye & Wester Ross	200	-13.0	25.0
Innse Gall	250	-2.0	25.0
Moray	555	2.8	23.3
Caithness & Sutherland	400	-2.4	23.1
Highland	1,480	0.3	27.6
Scotland	66,590	0.4	31.1
United Kingdom	747,720	0.1	41.5

Source: Claimant Count (NOMIS)

Over the month May 2012 to June 2012, the number of long-term unemployment benefit claimants rose in 3, fell in 4 and was static in the remaining area office – Shetland. Orkney had the greatest increase over the month, rising 6.7% from 75 to 80 claimants. Lochaber, Skye & Wester Ross had the greatest decrease over the month, falling 13.0% from 230 to 200 claimants.

Over the year to June 2012, the number of people claiming long-term unemployment benefit rose in all 8 area offices. Orkney and Shetland shared the greatest increase over the year, both increasing 100% from 40 to 80 claimants.

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Area Employment/ Unemployment statistics
(Caithness & North Sutherland or Caithness and Sutherland)

Area population

TABLE 2.1: Population					
Year	Caithness	Caithness & North Sutherland	Caithness & Sutherland	HIE	Scotland
2001	25,552	28,463	38,426	433,448	5,064,200
2005	25,012	27,911	38,051	439,231	5,094,800
2010	25,124	27,893	38,116	448,392	5,222,100
2001-2010	-1.7	-2.0	-0.8	3.4	3.1
2001-2005	-2.1	-1.9	-1.0	1.3	0.6
2005-2010	0.4	-0.1	0.2	2.1	2.5

Age structure of population

TABLE 2.4: Population Structure (%) by Age 2010			
Age Band	Caithness & Sutherland	HIE	Scotland
0-4	4.9	5.3	5.6
5-19	16.6	16.8	16.9
20-44	25.9	28.4	33.5
45-64	31.0	29.9	27.1
65-84	19.4	17.3	14.8
85+	2.3	2.4	2.0
Total	100.0	100	100

Employees in Employment (excluding self-employed)

TABLE 2.12: Employees in Employment: Caithness & North Sutherland (%)			
Industry	2008	2009	2010
Manufacturing	7.0	8.4	6.9
Construction	6.2	5.9	5.2
Motor Trades	0.8	0.8	0.9
Wholesale	2.3	1.7	2.6
Retail	10.1	10.1	9.5
Transport & storage	3.1	3.4	3.4
Accommodation & food services	9.3	9.2	7.8
Information & communication	1.6	1.7	1.7
Financial & insurance	1.6	0.8	0.9
Property	0.8	0.8	0.9
Professional, scientific & technical	7.0	7.6	6.9
Business administration & support services	8.5	5.0	6.9
Public administration & defence	3.1	5.0	5.2
Education	8.5	9.2	8.6
Health	17.1	16.0	17.2
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	2.3	2.5	2.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining & quarrying	10.9	11.8	12.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100

Source: NOMIS (BRES) Figures rounded to 100 to protect confidentiality.

Unemployment (claimant) rates Jan 2005- Dec 2011

