

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MONTHLY BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2019

## CLAIMANT COUNT

The unemployment rate in the Scottish Borders, as measured by the Claimant Count, remained at 2.6 per cent in September.

INDICATOR	MEASURE	COMPARISON WITH LAST MONTH	COMPARISON WITH LAST YEAR	COMMENTARY
<b>Unemployment</b>	2.6% (1,755)	◀ ▶	▲	The unemployment rate in the Scottish Borders decreased by 20 claimants on last month. The rate for the Scottish Borders remains below that for Scotland.
<b>Youth Unemployment</b>	4.9% (385)	▼	▲	Unemployment among 18-24 year olds decreased by 10 claimants on last month. The rate for the Scottish Borders remains above that for Scotland.

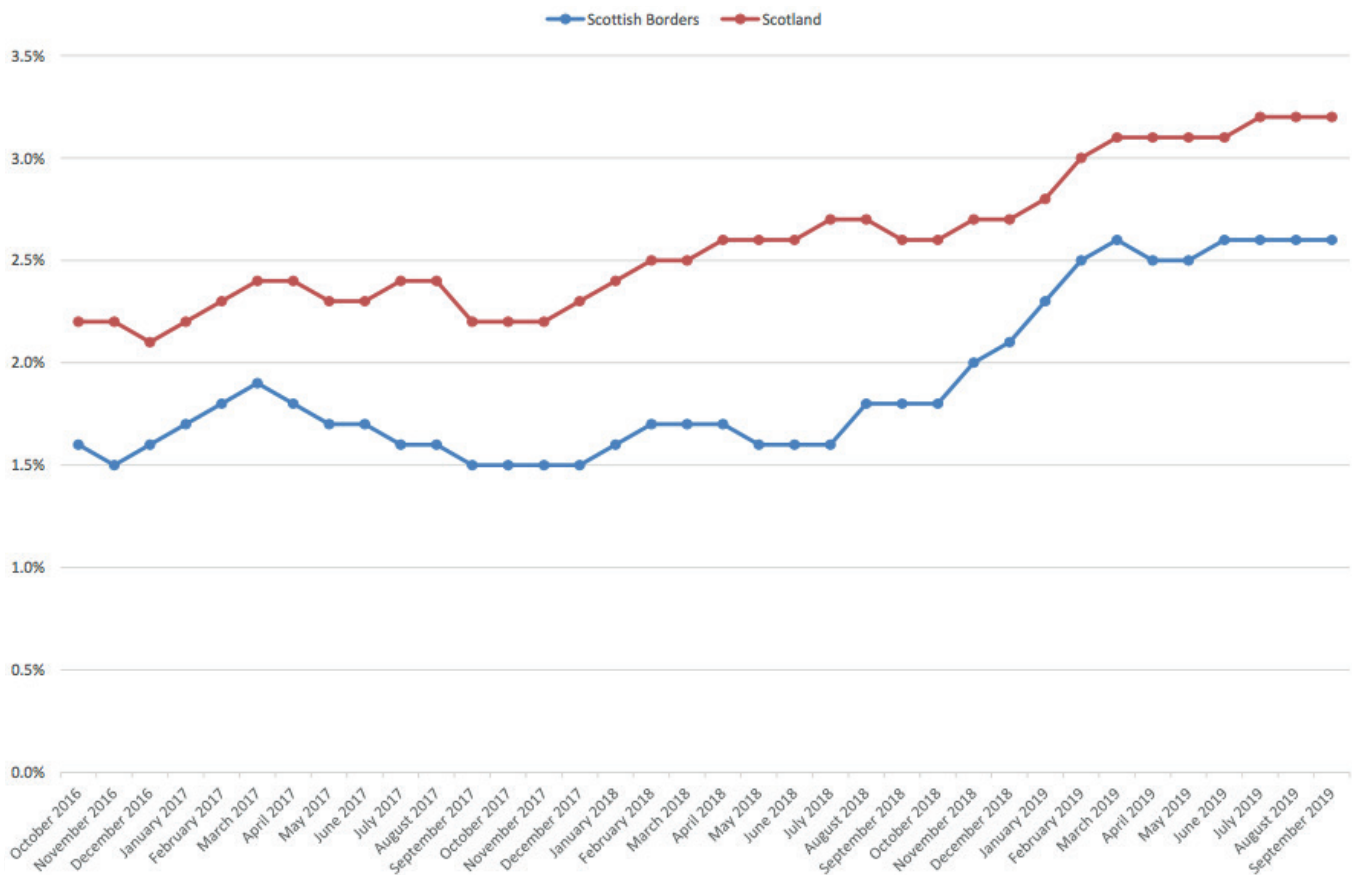
## CLAIMANT COUNT – SEPTEMBER 2019

	LAST MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	PREVIOUS YEAR	MONTHLY CHANGE	ANNUAL CHANGE
Scottish Borders	1,755	1,775	1,220	-20	535
Scotland Total	110,185	112,310	91,970	-2,125	18,215
SB - % working age popn.	2.6%	2.6%	1.8%	0.0%	0.8%
Scotland - % working age popn.	3.2%	3.2%	2.6%	0.0%	0.6%
SB claiming age 18-24	385	395	285	-10	100
Scotland claiming age 18-24	21,345	22,405	17,820	-1,060	3,525
SB % age 18-24	4.9%	5.0%	3.6%	-0.1%	1.3%
Scotland % age 18-24	4.5%	4.7%	3.8%	-0.2%	0.7%

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 – SEPTEMBER 2019

	NUMBER	RATE (%)		NUMBER	RATE (%)
Galashiels and District	390	4.0	Kelso and District	130	2.2
Hawick and Denholm	195	3.9	Jedburgh and District	110	2.1
Hawick and Hermitage	210	3.8	East Berwickshire	125	2.0
Selkirkshire	150	2.7	Leaderdale and Melrose	105	1.7
<b>Scottish Borders</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>2.6</b>	Tweeddale West	100	1.6
Mid Berwickshire	135	2.2	Tweeddale East	95	1.5

Source: Office for National Statistics

**NOTE:** There is a discrepancy between the headline figure for the Scottish Borders and the total for the wards because of rounding.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@bgborders.com)

### ENQUIRIES

tel: 01835 826505 | email: [business@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:business@scotborders.gov.uk)

Follow us on Twitter at: [www.twitter.com/ourscotborders](http://www.twitter.com/ourscotborders)