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This briefing provides the latest unemployment data for Scottish Parliament constituency areas. Official unemployment rates from the Labour Force Survey are not available by Parliamentary constituency and so Claimant Count data is used in this analysis. The Claimant Count records the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance Credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices.

A summary of the latest trends is shown below:

- Official unemployment was 6.6% (176,000 people) in Scotland, compared to 7.2% in the UK (2,261,000 people) for the period Feb-Apr 09.
- The Claimant Count rate in Scotland was 3.9% in May 2009, the same as the previous two months but 1.7 percentage points higher on the previous year.
- Between April and May the Claimant Count rate fell in 21 constituencies and remained static in 29 constituencies, suggesting more stable economic conditions compared with earlier this year. Seasonality may also be a contributing factor with unemployment typically lower in summer months.
- Over the month, the Claimant Count rate rose in 23 constituencies. It rose the most (0.2 percentage points) in East Kilbride, Glasgow Baillieston, Glasgow Rutherglen and Glasgow Maryhill.
- Over the month, the Claimant Count rate fell the most (0.4 percentage points) in the Western Isles – for the second consecutive month.

A [spreadsheet with the unemployment data by Constituency](#) is available.



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TABLE 1 - CLAIMANT COUNT RATE BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
Aberdeen Central	1.5	2.4	2.5	1.0	0.1
Aberdeen North	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.9	0.1
Aberdeen South	1.1	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.0
Airdrie & Shotts	2.7	5.7	5.7	3.0	0.0
Angus	1.8	3.2	3.2	1.4	0.0
Argyll & Bute	2.2	3.4	3.3	1.1	-0.1
Ayr	2.6	4.3	4.2	1.6	-0.1
Banff & Buchan	1.3	2.3	2.3	1.0	0.0
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	2.4	3.6	3.5	1.1	-0.1
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	2.5	4.6	4.5	2.0	-0.1
Central Fife	3.3	5.7	5.7	2.4	0.0
Clydebank & Milngavie	2.7	4.9	4.9	2.2	0.0
Clydesdale	2.0	4.3	4.4	2.4	0.1
Coatbridge & Chryston	2.2	4.7	4.7	2.5	0.0
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	1.7	4.0	4.0	2.3	0.0
Cunninghame North	3.4	5.4	5.4	2.0	0.0
Cunninghame South	4.2	6.6	6.5	2.3	-0.1
Dumbarton	2.6	4.5	4.4	1.8	-0.1
Dumfries	2.2	3.8	3.5	1.3	-0.3
Dundee East	4.1	5.9	5.9	1.8	0.0
Dundee West	3.3	4.9	5.0	1.7	0.1
Dunfermline East	3.2	5.1	5.2	2.0	0.1
Dunfermline West	2.3	4.1	4.1	1.8	0.0
East Kilbride	1.4	3.6	3.8	2.4	0.2
East Lothian	1.1	2.8	2.8	1.7	0.0
Eastwood	1.1	2.3	2.3	1.2	0.0
Edinburgh Central	1.5	2.6	2.6	1.1	0.0
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	2.1	3.7	3.7	1.6	0.0
Edinburgh North & Leith	2.3	4.0	4.1	1.8	0.1
Edinburgh Pentlands	1.6	2.8	2.9	1.3	0.1
Edinburgh South	1.1	2.1	2.1	1.0	0.0
Edinburgh West	1.6	2.9	2.8	1.2	-0.1
Falkirk East	1.9	4.1	4.2	2.3	0.1
Falkirk West	2.3	4.6	4.7	2.4	0.1
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	2.3	3.4	3.4	1.1	0.0

Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
Glasgow Anniesland	3.7	5.4	5.5	1.8	0.1
Glasgow Baillieston	3.8	6.1	6.3	2.5	0.2
Glasgow Cathcart	2.7	4.3	4.3	1.6	0.0
Glasgow Govan	3.7	5.2	5.3	1.6	0.1
Glasgow Kelvin	2.8	4.3	4.4	1.6	0.1
Glasgow Maryhill	4.6	6.4	6.6	2.0	0.2
Glasgow Pollok	3.6	6.0	6.1	2.5	0.1
Glasgow Rutherglen	2.2	4.1	4.3	2.1	0.2
Glasgow Shettleston	4.5	6.4	6.4	1.9	0.0
Glasgow Springburn	3.9	5.8	5.9	2.0	0.1
Gordon	0.6	1.3	1.4	0.8	0.1
Greenock & Inverclyde	3.5	4.9	5.0	1.5	0.1
Hamilton North & Bellshill	2.9	5.8	5.8	2.9	0.0
Hamilton South	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5	0.0
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	1.2	2.6	2.5	1.3	-0.1
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	3.3	5.5	5.5	2.2	0.0
Kirkcaldy	4.2	6.4	6.4	2.2	0.0
Linlithgow	2.5	4.9	4.9	2.4	0.0
Livingston	1.9	3.8	3.8	1.9	0.0
Midlothian	1.6	3.6	3.3	1.7	-0.3
Moray	1.8	2.7	2.6	0.8	-0.1
Motherwell & Wishaw	2.8	5.5	5.5	2.7	0.0
North East Fife	1.1	1.9	1.8	0.7	-0.1
North Tayside	1.4	2.6	2.6	1.2	0.0
Ochil	2.1	4.5	4.4	2.3	-0.1
Orkney Islands	0.8	1.4	1.3	0.5	-0.1
Paisley North	2.9	5.1	5.1	2.2	0.0
Paisley South	2.9	5.2	5.1	2.2	-0.1
Perth	1.3	2.6	2.6	1.3	0.0
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	1.6	3.0	2.9	1.3	-0.1
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	1.4	3.2	3.0	1.6	-0.2
Shetland Islands	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.7	0.1
Stirling	1.6	3.3	3.2	1.6	-0.1
Strathkelvin & Bearsden	1.5	2.9	3.0	1.5	0.1
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	1.3	2.8	2.7	1.4	-0.1
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.1
West Renfrewshire	1.9	3.3	3.2	1.3	-0.1
Western Isles	2.1	4.0	3.6	1.5	-0.4
Scotland	2.2	3.9	3.9	1.7	0.0

TABLE 2 - CLAIMANT COUNT NUMBERS BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
Aberdeen Central	733	1,128	1,162	429	34
Aberdeen North	406	773	820	414	47
Aberdeen South	502	916	905	403	-11
Airdrie & Shotts	1,321	2,744	2,763	1,442	19
Angus	852	1,481	1,497	645	16
Argyll & Bute	839	1,280	1,236	397	-44
Ayr	1,075	1,787	1,749	674	-38
Banff & Buchan	588	1,045	1,035	447	-10
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	718	1,081	1,062	344	-19
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	1,229	2,292	2,203	974	-89
Central Fife	1,521	2,631	2,650	1,129	19
Clydebank & Milngavie	1,100	1,975	1,964	864	-11
Clydesdale	1,062	2,223	2,287	1,225	64
Coatbridge & Chryston	982	2,069	2,104	1,122	35
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	690	1,615	1,596	906	-19
Cunninghame North	1,424	2,278	2,266	842	-12
Cunninghame South	1,680	2,650	2,626	946	-24
Dumbarton	1,241	2,118	2,077	836	-41
Dumfries	1,075	1,854	1,750	675	-104
Dundee East	1,746	2,473	2,503	757	30
Dundee West	1,525	2,224	2,280	755	56
Dunfermline East	1,304	2,078	2,111	807	33
Dunfermline West	1,067	1,895	1,906	839	11
East Kilbride	751	1,889	2,009	1,258	120
East Lothian	527	1,301	1,319	792	18
Eastwood	562	1,243	1,236	674	-7
Edinburgh Central	954	1,663	1,632	678	-31
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	1,000	1,782	1,782	782	0
Edinburgh North & Leith	1,364	2,358	2,440	1,076	82
Edinburgh Pentlands	803	1,406	1,451	648	45
Edinburgh South	628	1,148	1,175	547	27
Edinburgh West	752	1,378	1,331	579	-47
Falkirk East	925	2,005	2,028	1,103	23
Falkirk West	1,048	2,091	2,112	1,064	21
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	858	1,261	1,250	392	-11
Glasgow Anniesland	1,500	2,178	2,219	719	41

Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
Glasgow Baillieston	1,445	2,341	2,392	947	51
Glasgow Cathcart	1,134	1,767	1,795	661	28
Glasgow Govan	1,562	2,219	2,257	695	38
Glasgow Kelvin	1,493	2,262	2,340	847	78
Glasgow Maryhill	1,910	2,656	2,725	815	69
Glasgow Pollok	1,413	2,357	2,423	1,010	66
Glasgow Rutherglen	890	1,705	1,756	866	51
Glasgow Shettleston	1,703	2,413	2,446	743	33
Glasgow Springburn	1,808	2,674	2,728	920	54
Gordon	301	660	716	415	56
Greenock & Inverclyde	1,327	1,848	1,873	546	25
Hamilton North & Bellshill	1,263	2,547	2,542	1,279	-5
Hamilton South	997	1,965	1,967	970	2
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	668	1,460	1,384	716	-76
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	1,632	2,704	2,703	1,071	-1
Kirkcaldy	1,682	2,531	2,551	869	20
Linlithgow	1,197	2,287	2,295	1,098	8
Livingston	1,109	2,243	2,247	1,138	4
Midlothian	613	1,385	1,259	646	-126
Moray	892	1,329	1,275	383	-54
Motherwell & Wishaw	1,178	2,338	2,310	1,132	-28
North East Fife	530	943	912	382	-31
North Tayside	642	1,204	1,194	552	-10
Ochil	1,041	2,175	2,112	1,071	-63
Orkney Islands	91	164	155	64	-9
Paisley North	1,064	1,889	1,859	795	-30
Paisley South	1,191	2,115	2,091	900	-24
Perth	640	1,303	1,307	667	4
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	723	1,360	1,327	604	-33
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	492	1,120	1,059	567	-61
Shetland Islands	114	189	202	88	13
Stirling	672	1,419	1,393	721	-26
Strathkelvin & Bearsden	741	1,375	1,433	692	58
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	525	1,116	1,104	579	-12
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	225	489	529	304	40
West Renfrewshire	803	1,349	1,343	540	-6
Western Isles	322	612	555	233	-57
Scotland	72,385	126,826	127,095	54,710	269

TABLES 3A & 3B - WORST AND BEST PERFORMERS OVER PREVIOUS MONTH

Worst - Constituencies with largest increases in unemployment					
Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous month
1	East Kilbride	1.4	3.6	3.8	0.2
1	Glasgow Baillieston	3.8	6.1	6.3	0.2
1	Glasgow Rutherglen	2.2	4.1	4.3	0.2
1	Glasgow Maryhill	4.6	6.4	6.6	0.2

Best - Constituencies with largest decrease in unemployment					
Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous month
1	Western Isles	2.1	4.0	3.6	-0.4
2	Dumfries	2.2	3.8	3.5	-0.3
2	Midlothian	1.6	3.6	3.3	-0.3
4	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	1.4	3.2	3.0	-0.2

TABLE 4 - CONSTITUENCIES RANKED BY CLAIMANT COUNT RATE IN MAY 2009 (DESCENDING)

Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009
1	Glasgow Maryhill	4.6	6.4	6.6
2	Cunninghame South	4.2	6.6	6.5
3	Glasgow Shettleston	4.5	6.4	6.4
3	Kirkcaldy	4.2	6.4	6.4
5	Glasgow Baillieston	3.8	6.1	6.3
6	Glasgow Pollok	3.6	6.0	6.1
7	Dundee East	4.1	5.9	5.9
7	Glasgow Springburn	3.9	5.8	5.9
9	Hamilton North & Bellshill	2.9	5.8	5.8
10	Airdrie & Shotts	2.7	5.7	5.7
10	Central Fife	3.3	5.7	5.7
12	Glasgow Anniesland	3.7	5.4	5.5
12	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	3.3	5.5	5.5
12	Motherwell & Wishaw	2.8	5.5	5.5
15	Cunninghame North	3.4	5.4	5.4
16	Glasgow Govan	3.7	5.2	5.3
17	Dunfermline East	3.2	5.1	5.2
18	Paisley North	2.9	5.1	5.1
18	Paisley South	2.9	5.2	5.1
20	Dundee West	3.3	4.9	5.0
20	Greenock & Inverclyde	3.5	4.9	5.0
20	Hamilton South	2.5	5.0	5.0
23	Clydebank & Milngavie	2.7	4.9	4.9
23	Linlithgow	2.5	4.9	4.9
25	Coatbridge & Chryston	2.2	4.7	4.7
25	Falkirk West	2.3	4.6	4.7
27	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	2.5	4.6	4.5
28	Clydesdale	2.0	4.3	4.4
28	Dumbarton	2.6	4.5	4.4
28	Glasgow Kelvin	2.8	4.3	4.4
28	Ochil	2.1	4.5	4.4
32	Glasgow Cathcart	2.7	4.3	4.3
32	Glasgow Rutherglen	2.2	4.1	4.3
34	Ayr	2.6	4.3	4.2
34	Falkirk East	1.9	4.1	4.2
36	Dunfermline West	2.3	4.1	4.1
36	Edinburgh North & Leith	2.3	4.0	4.1

Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009
38	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	1.7	4.0	4.0
-	Scotland	2.2	3.9	3.9
39	East Kilbride	1.4	3.6	3.8
39	Livingston	1.9	3.8	3.8
41	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	2.1	3.7	3.7
42	Western Isles	2.1	4.0	3.6
43	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	2.4	3.6	3.5
43	Dumfries	2.2	3.8	3.5
45	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	2.3	3.4	3.4
46	Argyll & Bute	2.2	3.4	3.3
46	Midlothian	1.6	3.6	3.3
48	Angus	1.8	3.2	3.2
48	Stirling	1.6	3.3	3.2
48	West Renfrewshire	1.9	3.3	3.2
51	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	1.4	3.2	3.0
51	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	1.5	2.9	3.0
53	Edinburgh Pentlands	1.6	2.8	2.9
53	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	1.6	3.0	2.9
55	East Lothian	1.1	2.8	2.8
55	Edinburgh West	1.6	2.9	2.8
57	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	1.3	2.8	2.7
58	Edinburgh Central	1.5	2.6	2.6
58	Moray	1.8	2.7	2.6
58	North Tayside	1.4	2.6	2.6
58	Perth	1.3	2.6	2.6
62	Aberdeen Central	1.5	2.4	2.5
62	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	1.2	2.6	2.5
64	Banff & Buchan	1.3	2.3	2.3
64	Eastwood	1.1	2.3	2.3
66	Edinburgh South	1.1	2.1	2.1
67	Aberdeen North	1.0	1.8	1.9
67	Aberdeen South	1.1	1.9	1.9
69	North East Fife	1.1	1.9	1.8
70	Shetland Islands	0.8	1.4	1.5
71	Gordon	0.6	1.3	1.4
72	Orkney Islands	0.8	1.4	1.3
73	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	0.4	0.9	1.0

TABLE 5 - CONSTITUENCIES RANKED BY CHANGE ON PREVIOUS MONTH (DESCENDING)

Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous month
1	East Kilbride	1.4	3.6	3.8	0.2
1	Glasgow Baillieston	3.8	6.1	6.3	0.2
1	Glasgow Rutherglen	2.2	4.1	4.3	0.2
1	Glasgow Maryhill	4.6	6.4	6.6	0.2
5	Aberdeen Central	1.5	2.4	2.5	0.1
5	Aberdeen North	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.1
5	Clydesdale	2.0	4.3	4.4	0.1
5	Dundee West	3.3	4.9	5.0	0.1
5	Dunfermline East	3.2	5.1	5.2	0.1
5	Edinburgh North & Leith	2.3	4.0	4.1	0.1
5	Edinburgh Pentlands	1.6	2.8	2.9	0.1
5	Falkirk East	1.9	4.1	4.2	0.1
5	Falkirk West	2.3	4.6	4.7	0.1
5	Glasgow Anniesland	3.7	5.4	5.5	0.1
5	Glasgow Govan	3.7	5.2	5.3	0.1
5	Glasgow Kelvin	2.8	4.3	4.4	0.1
5	Glasgow Pollok	3.6	6.0	6.1	0.1
5	Glasgow Springburn	3.9	5.8	5.9	0.1
5	Gordon	0.6	1.3	1.4	0.1
5	Greenock & Inverclyde	3.5	4.9	5.0	0.1
5	Shetland Islands	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.1
5	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	1.5	2.9	3.0	0.1
5	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.1
24	Aberdeen South	1.1	1.9	1.9	0.0
24	Airdrie & Shotts	2.7	5.7	5.7	0.0
24	Angus	1.8	3.2	3.2	0.0
24	Banff & Buchan	1.3	2.3	2.3	0.0
24	Central Fife	3.3	5.7	5.7	0.0
24	Clydebank & Milngavie	2.7	4.9	4.9	0.0
24	Coatbridge & Chryston	2.2	4.7	4.7	0.0
24	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	1.7	4.0	4.0	0.0
24	Cunninghame North	3.4	5.4	5.4	0.0
24	Dundee East	4.1	5.9	5.9	0.0
24	Dunfermline West	2.3	4.1	4.1	0.0
24	East Lothian	1.1	2.8	2.8	0.0
24	Eastwood	1.1	2.3	2.3	0.0
24	Edinburgh Central	1.5	2.6	2.6	0.0

Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous month
24	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	2.1	3.7	3.7	0.0
24	Edinburgh South	1.1	2.1	2.1	0.0
24	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	2.3	3.4	3.4	0.0
24	Glasgow Cathcart	2.7	4.3	4.3	0.0
24	Glasgow Shettleston	4.5	6.4	6.4	0.0
24	Hamilton North & Bellshill	2.9	5.8	5.8	0.0
24	Hamilton South	2.5	5.0	5.0	0.0
24	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	3.3	5.5	5.5	0.0
24	Kirkcaldy	4.2	6.4	6.4	0.0
24	Linlithgow	2.5	4.9	4.9	0.0
24	Livingston	1.9	3.8	3.8	0.0
24	Motherwell & Wishaw	2.8	5.5	5.5	0.0
24	North Tayside	1.4	2.6	2.6	0.0
24	Paisley North	2.9	5.1	5.1	0.0
24	Perth	1.3	2.6	2.6	0.0
-	Scotland	2.2	3.9	3.9	0.0
53	Argyll & Bute	2.2	3.4	3.3	-0.1
53	Ayr	2.6	4.3	4.2	-0.1
53	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	2.4	3.6	3.5	-0.1
53	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	2.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1
53	Cunninghame South	4.2	6.6	6.5	-0.1
53	Dumbarton	2.6	4.5	4.4	-0.1
53	Edinburgh West	1.6	2.9	2.8	-0.1
53	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	1.2	2.6	2.5	-0.1
53	Moray	1.8	2.7	2.6	-0.1
53	North East Fife	1.1	1.9	1.8	-0.1
53	Ochil	2.1	4.5	4.4	-0.1
53	Orkney Islands	0.8	1.4	1.3	-0.1
53	Paisley South	2.9	5.2	5.1	-0.1
53	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	1.6	3.0	2.9	-0.1
53	Stirling	1.6	3.3	3.2	-0.1
53	Tweeddale, Etrick & Lauderdale	1.3	2.8	2.7	-0.1
53	West Renfrewshire	1.9	3.3	3.2	-0.1
70	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	1.4	3.2	3.0	-0.2
71	Dumfries	2.2	3.8	3.5	-0.3
71	Midlothian	1.6	3.6	3.3	-0.3
73	Western Isles	2.1	4.0	3.6	-0.4

TABLE 6 - CONSTITUENCIES RANKED BY CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR (DESCENDING)

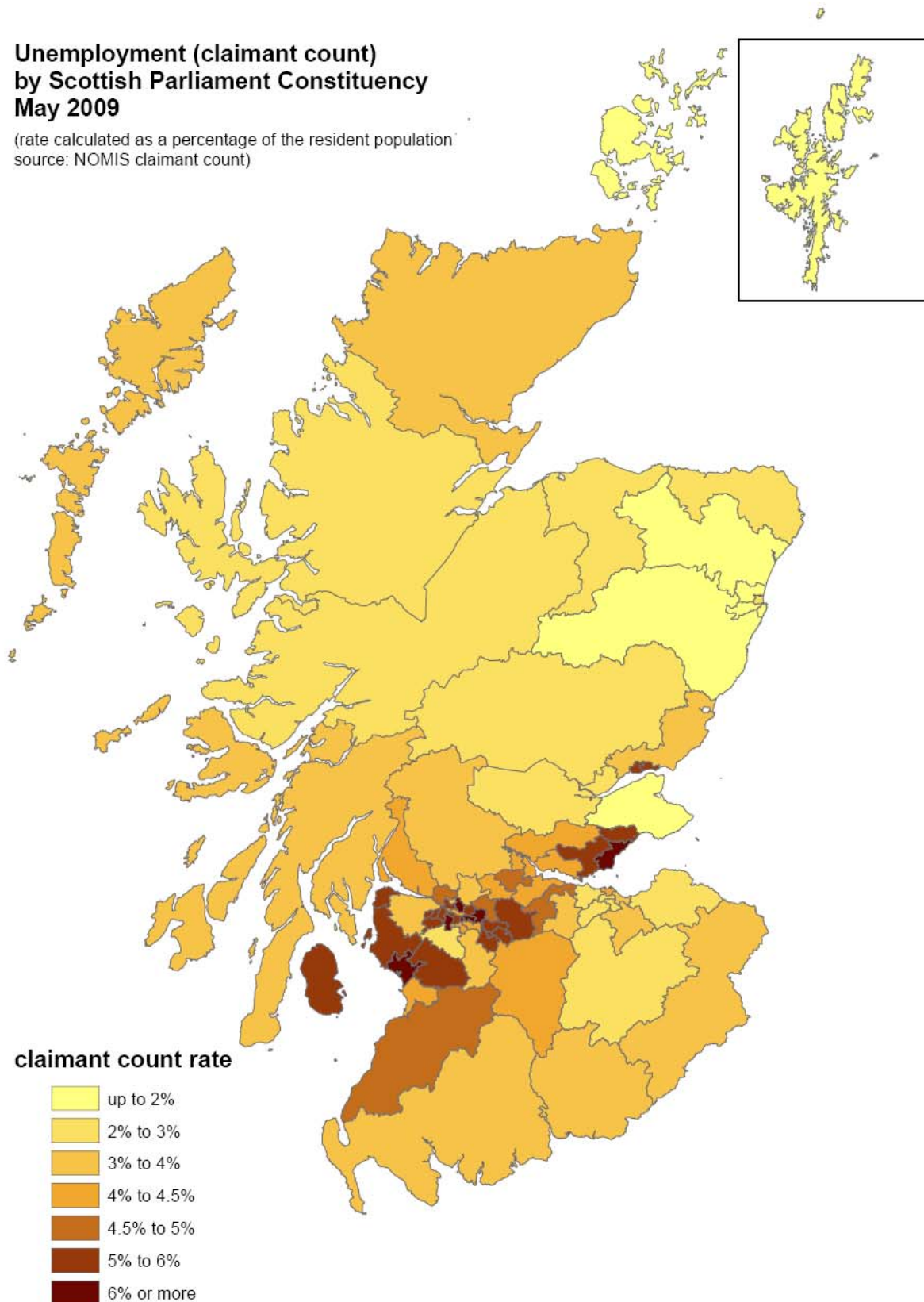
Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous year
1	Airdrie & Shotts	2.7	5.7	5.7	3.0
2	Hamilton North & Bellshill	2.9	5.8	5.8	2.9
3	Motherwell & Wishaw	2.8	5.5	5.5	2.7
4	Coatbridge & Chryston	2.2	4.7	4.7	2.5
4	Glasgow Baillieston	3.8	6.1	6.3	2.5
4	Glasgow Pollok	3.6	6.0	6.1	2.5
4	Hamilton South	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.5
8	Central Fife	3.3	5.7	5.7	2.4
8	Clydesdale	2.0	4.3	4.4	2.4
8	East Kilbride	1.4	3.6	3.8	2.4
8	Falkirk West	2.3	4.6	4.7	2.4
8	Linlithgow	2.5	4.9	4.9	2.4
13	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	1.7	4.0	4.0	2.3
13	Cunninghame South	4.2	6.6	6.5	2.3
13	Falkirk East	1.9	4.1	4.2	2.3
13	Ochil	2.1	4.5	4.4	2.3
17	Clydebank & Milngavie	2.7	4.9	4.9	2.2
17	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	3.3	5.5	5.5	2.2
17	Kirkcaldy	4.2	6.4	6.4	2.2
17	Paisley North	2.9	5.1	5.1	2.2
17	Paisley South	2.9	5.2	5.1	2.2
22	Glasgow Rutherglen	2.2	4.1	4.3	2.1
23	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	2.5	4.6	4.5	2.0
23	Cunninghame North	3.4	5.4	5.4	2.0
23	Dunfermline East	3.2	5.1	5.2	2.0
23	Glasgow Maryhill	4.6	6.4	6.6	2.0
23	Glasgow Springburn	3.9	5.8	5.9	2.0
28	Livingston	1.9	3.8	3.8	1.9
28	Glasgow Shettleston	4.5	6.4	6.4	1.9
30	Dumbarton	2.6	4.5	4.4	1.8
30	Dundee East	4.1	5.9	5.9	1.8
30	Dunfermline West	2.3	4.1	4.1	1.8
30	Edinburgh North & Leith	2.3	4.0	4.1	1.8
30	Glasgow Anniesland	3.7	5.4	5.5	1.8
35	Dundee West	3.3	4.9	5.0	1.7
35	East Lothian	1.1	2.8	2.8	1.7

Rank	Area	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Change on previous year
35	Midlothian	1.6	3.6	3.3	1.7
-	Scotland	2.2	3.9	3.9	1.7
38	Ayr	2.6	4.3	4.2	1.6
38	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	2.1	3.7	3.7	1.6
38	Glasgow Cathcart	2.7	4.3	4.3	1.6
38	Glasgow Govan	3.7	5.2	5.3	1.6
38	Glasgow Kelvin	2.8	4.3	4.4	1.6
38	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	1.4	3.2	3.0	1.6
38	Stirling	1.6	3.3	3.2	1.6
45	Greenock & Inverclyde	3.5	4.9	5.0	1.5
45	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	1.5	2.9	3.0	1.5
45	Western Isles	2.1	4.0	3.6	1.5
48	Angus	1.8	3.2	3.2	1.4
48	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	1.3	2.8	2.7	1.4
50	Dumfries	2.2	3.8	3.5	1.3
50	Edinburgh Pentlands	1.6	2.8	2.9	1.3
50	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	1.2	2.6	2.5	1.3
50	Perth	1.3	2.6	2.6	1.3
50	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	1.6	3.0	2.9	1.3
50	West Renfrewshire	1.9	3.3	3.2	1.3
56	Eastwood	1.1	2.3	2.3	1.2
56	Edinburgh West	1.6	2.9	2.8	1.2
56	North Tayside	1.4	2.6	2.6	1.2
59	Argyll & Bute	2.2	3.4	3.3	1.1
59	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	2.4	3.6	3.5	1.1
59	Edinburgh Central	1.5	2.6	2.6	1.1
59	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	2.3	3.4	3.4	1.1
63	Aberdeen Central	1.5	2.4	2.5	1.0
63	Banff & Buchan	1.3	2.3	2.3	1.0
63	Edinburgh South	1.1	2.1	2.1	1.0
66	Aberdeen North	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.9
67	Aberdeen South	1.1	1.9	1.9	0.8
67	Gordon	0.6	1.3	1.4	0.8
67	Moray	1.8	2.7	2.6	0.8
70	North East Fife	1.1	1.9	1.8	0.7
70	Shetland Islands	0.8	1.4	1.5	0.7
72	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.6
73	Orkney Islands	0.8	1.4	1.3	0.5

MAP 1 - UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY CONSTITUENCY

Unemployment (claimant count) by Scottish Parliament Constituency May 2009

(rate calculated as a percentage of the resident population
source: NOMIS claimant count)

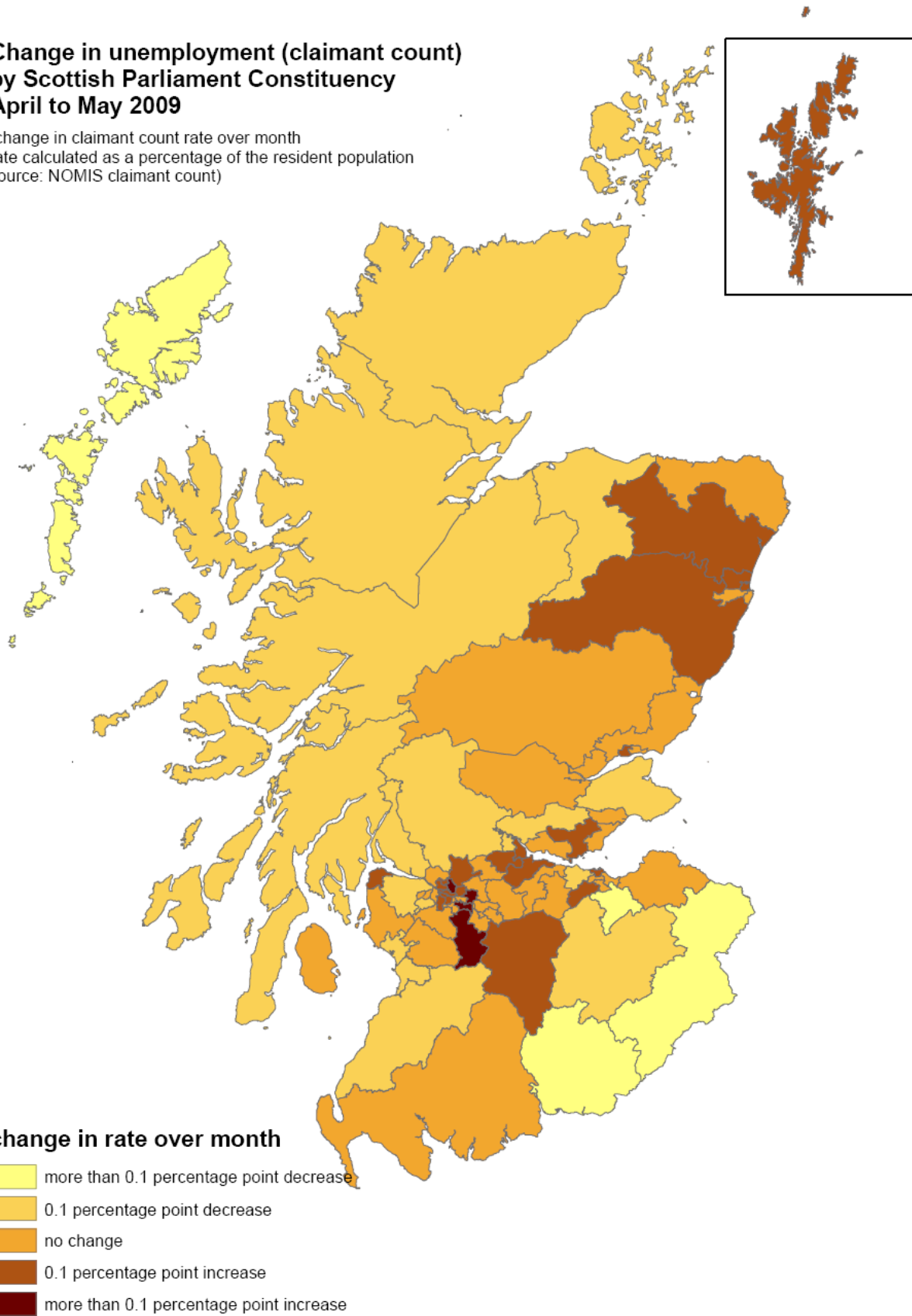


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MAP 2 - CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ON PREVIOUS MONTH BY CONSTITUENCY

Change in unemployment (claimant count) by Scottish Parliament Constituency April to May 2009

(change in claimant count rate over month
rate calculated as a percentage of the resident population
source: NOMIS claimant count)



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ANNEX - ALTERNATIVE MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Claimant Count	Labour Force Survey
Definition	The Claimant Count records the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance Credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices.	The LFS provides an estimate of the number of people who are unemployed according to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition. This covers people who are: not in employment, want a job, have actively sought work in the previous four weeks and are available to start work within the next fortnight, or, out of work and have accepted a job which they are waiting to start in the next fortnight.
Denominator	<p>Residence-based: number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the working age population resident in that area. Working age is defined as 16-64 for males and 16-59 for females and figures are derived from mid-year population estimates. Parliamentary Constituency proportions are available from Jan 1996 onwards.</p> <p>Workplace-based: the number of claimants who are resident in each area as a percentage of workforce jobs plus the claimant count. Workforce jobs are the sum of; employee jobs (largest component), self-employment jobs, Her Majesty's Forces and government-supported trainees. The number of employee jobs comes from a survey of employers. Thus, the rate is a workplace measure expressing the demand for jobs in an area.</p>	Economically active population: unemployment plus employment from the Labour Force Survey.
Official measure of unemployment?	No.	Yes.
Internationally comparable?	No.	Yes, for example, the EU and the OECD also use it as a measure.

Characteristic	Claimant Count	Labour Force Survey
Available at parliamentary constituency level?	Yes (residence-based rates only).	No - there are problems of reliability with the LFS for small areas as it is a sample survey.
Frequency of update	Monthly.	Monthly.
Lag	5 weeks.	2 months.
Appropriate use	Should be used where data is required for smaller areas such as parliamentary constituencies. It is accurate at all geographical levels.	Should be used as default, particularly where it is important that the data are internationally comparable. It is an internationally agreed measure.
Source	NOMIS	ONS First Release
Release calendar	Claimant Count - publication dates in 2009	First Release - publication dates in 2009

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