

Economy

By 2028 North Lincolnshire will be a vibrant and sustainable area with a diverse, growing population that is thriving in a strong dynamic economy.

Issues

- Youth Unemployment
- Skills
- Transformation and shifting economic trajectory

The employed and unemployed

- The employment rate in North Lincolnshire is consistently higher than both regionally and nationally. The latest available figures show that in the 12 months to March 2013 the rate in North Lincolnshire was 72.3% compared to 69.7% regionally and 71.1% nationally. The higher the employment rate the better it is for the area.
- JSA claimant rates fell at a faster rate than regionally and nationally over the past twelve months. 3,882 people were claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in September 2013 compared to 4,873 in the same period last year, a fall of 20.3% compared to 13.0% regionally and 15.4% nationally.
- North Lincolnshire has low levels of unemployment with 6,000 people classed as being unemployed, a rate of 7.7% of the working population. This compares to 9.4% regionally and 8% nationally.

3,882

PEOPLE AGED 18 AND OVER
WERE CLAIMING JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE
IN SEPTEMBER 2013

change on year
20.3%



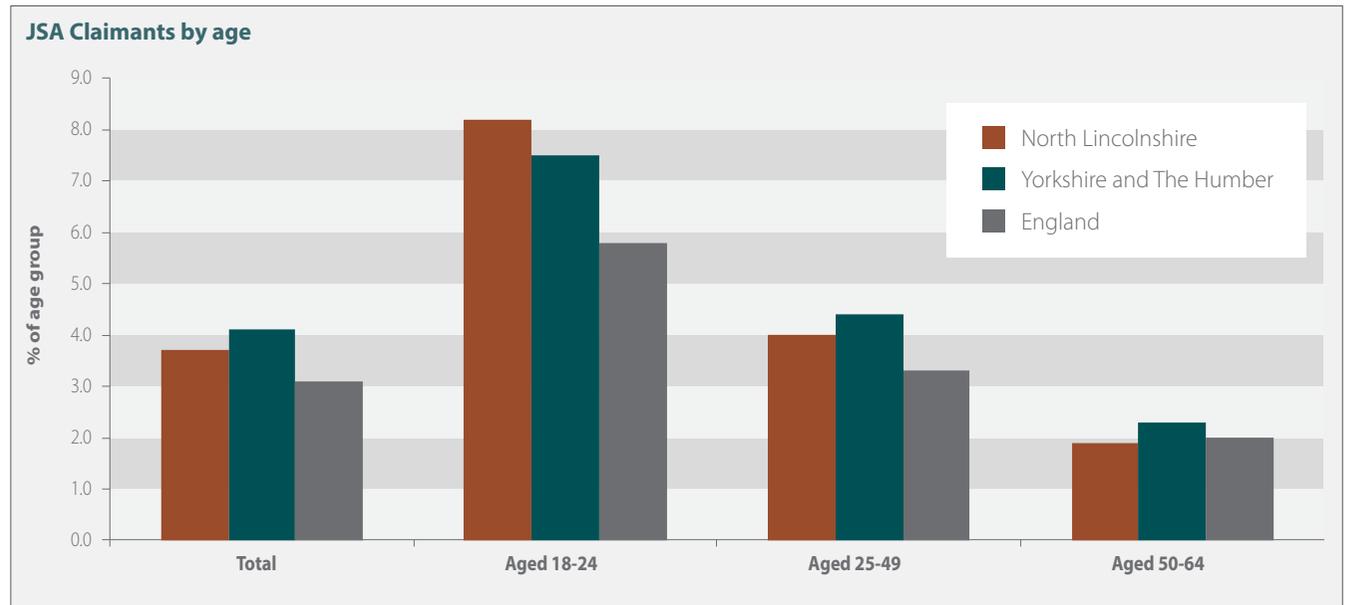
Key Facts

- North Lincolnshire has lower levels of unemployment than regionally and nationally.
- The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance fell at a faster rate than regionally and nationally over the last twelve months.
- More 18-24 year olds claim Jobseeker's Allowance in North Lincolnshire than regionally and nationally, with more males than female claimants in this age band.
- We also have more 18-24 year olds claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for over 6 months in North Lincolnshire than nationally.
- In 2012 the number of young people aged 16-18 years old who were Not in Education or Training (NEET) fell from the previous year.
- We've seen an increase in the number of learners completing apprenticeships, especially in the 19-24 and over 25 age groups.
- Skills amongst working age adults have increased over the last 5 years and numbers of working age adults with no qualifications have declined.
- In 2012, levels of economically active people qualified to NVQ level 4 and above were much lower than regionally and nationally.
- Over a third of the workless population have no qualifications or NVQ level 1 as their highest qualification.

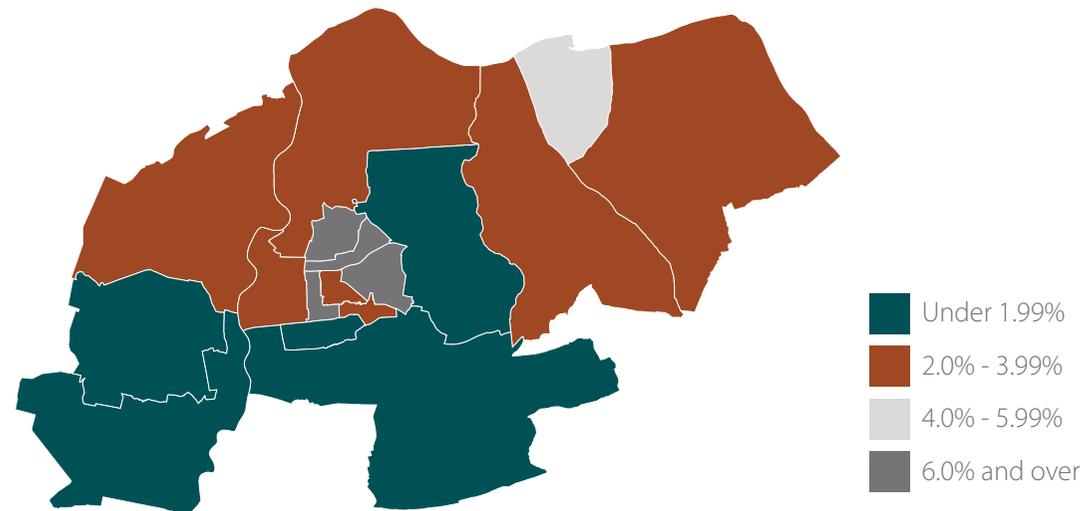


Youth Unemployment

- Although employment rates are high and unemployment is falling, North Lincolnshire currently has high levels of young people who are not participating in the labour market and of particular concern is the number of people claiming JSA.
- The September 2013 JSA claimant rates show that 8.2% of people aged 18-24 were in receipt of JSA in North Lincolnshire compared to 7.5% regionally and 5.8% nationally with more males than female claimants in this age band. This trend intensifies in our most deprived areas with rates rising as high as 18.7%.
- The number of people claiming JSA for over 6 months in North Lincolnshire is low at 1.8%, but rises to 2.9% in the 18-24 age group, higher than the national rate of 2.0%.
- The number of young people (16-18 year olds) in North Lincolnshire who were NEET in 2012 has fallen since 2011 to 5.7% and is now lower than regionally at 6.3% and similar to the national figure of 5.8%.
- The number of learners completing apprenticeships in North Lincolnshire has generally increased in all age groups, with the most noticeable changes in those aged 19-24 and 25+. The past twelve months has seen an increase in Apprenticeship completions in North Lincolnshire, with a rapid rise in completions for the age group 25 and over.
- A number of initiatives such as the Community Investment Partnership, Wage Incentive Programme, Apprenticeship Programme and annual Careers Event aim to help address youth unemployment issues.



18-24 year olds in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance



Economy

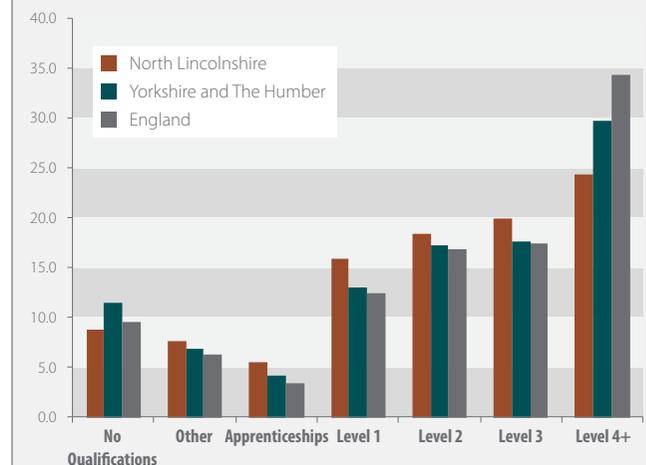
“
The approved Able Marine Energy Park (AMEP) and other opportunities in the renewables sector present the greatest regeneration opportunity in the area for a generation. However, we need to ensure that local people have the skills necessary to access the opportunities that will become available and employers will be able to recruit workers with the skills necessary for success.
”

Adult skills and education

- In general, the qualifications levels of North Lincolnshire residents aged 16-64 are lower than regional and national figures. This is particularly evident at NVQ level 4 and above (broadly equivalent to a degree or higher qualification), the national figure is 34.2% whereas the figure for North Lincolnshire is significantly lower at 24.2%.
- Since 2008, the proportion of working age adults with at least NVQ level 1+, 2+, 3+ and 4+ qualifications, has increased gradually in North Lincolnshire.
- The proportion of working age people with no qualifications is lower (8.8%) than the regional rate at 11.5% and national rate at 9.5%.
- In 2012, the proportion of people economically active in North Lincolnshire qualified to NVQ level 4 and above (27.7%) was much lower than the regional and national rates of 33.9% and 38.4% respectively.
- 37.4% of the workless population have either no qualifications or have NVQ level 1 as their highest qualification.
- Numbers of learners completing apprenticeships have generally increased in all age groups, with the most noticeable changes in those aged 19-24 and 25+.
- According to the Skills for Life Survey, 52.2% of North Lincolnshire's adults had the numeracy equivalent of an eleven year old or younger.

“
We envisage the Humber UTC will provide the foundations for learners to progress to careers as engineering technicians or professionals through curricula leading to 'A' level and industry standard qualifications.
”

Adult Skills (aged 16-64)



Priorities

- To address the economic inactivity of young people in the area. North Lincolnshire currently has high levels of young people who are not participating in the labour market and of particular concern is the number of people claiming JSA.
- Increasing the numbers of young people on apprenticeships remains a priority for the council.
- Tackling worklessness across localities which will be identified through the Community Investment Partnership.
- Delivering the South Humber Bank and Lincolnshire Lakes. Failure to achieve these strategic projects will affect the long term economic and social future of North Lincolnshire.
- Developing skills that will be needed to equip people to move into highly-paid jobs of the future in priority sectors.
- Adapting to the requirements of an increasingly ageing workforce, including maintaining the skills of older workers.
- Continuing to support business growth with the implementation of superfast broadband and the Regional Growth Fund programme.
- Using housing to stimulate regeneration and economic growth.
- Aligning ourselves to the Humber LEP shared priorities for growth, enabling us to position ourselves to take advantage of future national and European funding streams.
- Working in communities to raise aspirations and ambitions

