

**Job Seekers Allowance claimants – July and September 2009**

Ward	July 2009 (%) unemployed	October 2009 (%) unemployed	Comments
<b>Gateshead</b>	6,187 (7.1)	6,202 (7.2)	
Bridges	412 (12.1)	400 (11.8)	
Deckham	374 (9.4)	372 (9.3)	
Dunston & Teams	463 (12.3)	448 (11.9)	
Felling	420 (13.9)	456 (15.1)	One of only 5 wards over 14% in Tyne and Wear. More than 20% of the male labour force is unemployed
Lobley Hill & Bensham	381 (9.1)	368 (8.8)	
Pelaw & Heworth	305 (7.8)	267 (6.8)	
Saltwell	385 (9.4)	399 (9.8)	
<b>Newcastle</b>	9,081 (7.5)	9,066 (7.5)	
Benwell & Scotswood	630 (10.9)	628 (10.9)	
Blakelaw	424 (8.7)	447 (9.1)	
Byker	691 (14.0)	682 (13.8)	Almost 20% of the male labour force are unemployed
Elswick	758 (15.0)	778 (15.4)	One of only 5 wards over 14% in Tyne and Wear. Almost 20% of the male labour force are unemployed.
Fenham	370 (7.7)	366 (7.6)	
Kenton	463 (10.0)	458 (9.9)	
Walker	704 (17.0)	711 (17.1)	Almost one quarter of the estimated male labour force are unemployed. Only Hendon, in Sunderland has a higher overall rate of unemployment.
Walkergate	375 (8.5)	361 (8.2)	
Westgate	512 (13.2)	509 (13.1)	Almost 20% of the male labour force is unemployed

Source: TWRI, Office for National Statistics

Note: Job Seekers Allowance or benefit arising through registering as seeking work through the JSA process. Rates are the number of unemployed as a percentage of the estimated labour force (the economically active population), at mid-2007. (TWRI ests based on ONS population estimates).