

**SUSSEX UNCOVERED 2: BRIDGING THE GAP - Sussex unemployment rates**

<b>Area</b>	<b>% Unemployment Claimant Rate (Feb 2016)</b>
Adur	1.1
Arun	0.9
Brighton and Hove	1.3
Chichester	0.8
Crawley	1.2
Eastbourne	1.6
Hastings	2.1
Horsham	0.6
Lewes	0.9
Mid Sussex	0.4
Rother	1
Wealden	0.6
Worthing	1
<b>Sussex</b>	<b>1.09</b>
<b>South East</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>1.60</b>

**Commentary**

Recent unemployment rates from the Claimant Count are provided in the table. The rate for Sussex is slightly higher than the South East figure but lower than the national. Within Sussex, Hasting and Eastbourne have the highest rates. Compared to the previous report, unemployment rates have declined but relative performance is still the same.

The Claimant Count is the number of people who are receiving benefits principally for the Page 3 reason of being unemployed. Since Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) was introduced in October 1996, this has consisted of those people claiming JSA or National Insurance (NI) credits. This information was produced by Grant Thornton UK LLP for Sussex Community Foundation 2016.

