

Responding to Welfare Reform: Barrow-in-Furness summary

This summary provides data and headline analysis about the potential impact of welfare reform in Barrow:

- 5,000 (16.3%) households have an annual income of less than £10,000 (greater than national levels)
- 6,900 people of working age (16-64 years) in Barrow are claiming some type of benefit, above national levels; 1 in 4 claimants are aged 45-54years
- 1,225 people are claiming unemployment related Universal Credit
- Youth Unemployment remains above the national average
- 1 in 4 residents in Barrow have a long-term health problem or disability, above the county and national average
- 761 residents are claiming Universal Credit (numbers are increasing likely reflecting the transition of UC)
- During the period October 2010 to March 2015, 2,800 claimants of employment & support allowance/incapacity benefit were re-assessed, of those 21% were deemed 'fit for work' (above national levels)
- 4,900 families are currently claiming child or working tax credits in the district (numbers are falling likely reflecting changes to criteria)
- Levels of child poverty are high in Barrow and are above national levels; 2,885 (20.0%) children (aged 0-19 years) living in poverty
- 4,935 people are claiming housing benefit (numbers are falling, likely reflecting changes to criteria), while 309 claimants have received a reduction against the spare room subsidy

Demography			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Males	33,400	245,300	26,773,200
Females	34,200	252,600	27,543,400
Total	67,600	497,900	54,316,600
0-15	11,900	81,700	10,303,600
16-64	41,800	303,000	34,475,400
65+	14,000	113,200	9,537,700
% Males	49.4%	49.3%	49.3%
% Females	50.6%	50.7%	50.7%
% 0-15	17.6%	16.4%	19.0%
% 16-64	61.8%	60.9%	63.5%
% 65+	20.7%	22.7%	17.6%
Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, 2014, Office for National Statistics (ONS)			
Incapacity Benefits Reassessments - Outcomes of Work Capability Assessments			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Total caseload	2,800	12,700	1,192,410
Fit for work (number)	580	1,970	216,020
Fit for work (%)	21%	16%	19%
Source: DWP, October 2010 to March 2015			

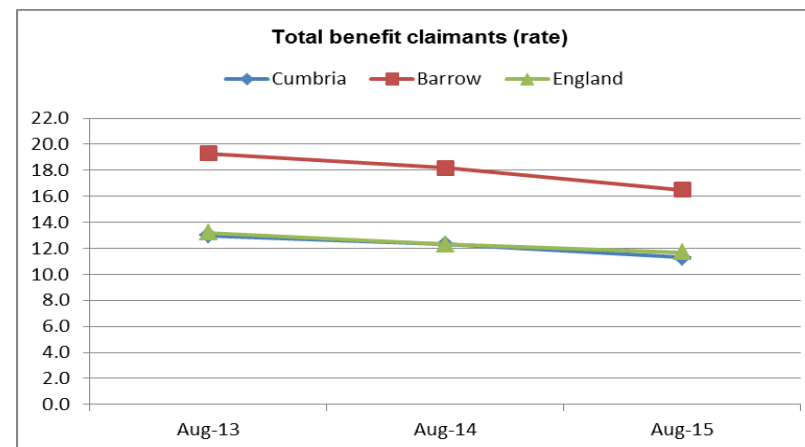
Universal Credit claimants caseloads (16-64years)			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Total number of claimants	761	3,533	165,436
Number of claimants 'in employment'	229	1,283	53,717
Number of claimants 'not in employment'	533	2,250	111,717
Source: DWP, January 2016			
Unemployment claimant count – Universal Credit or Job Seekers Allowance 'not in employment' (16-64years)			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Number of claimants	1,225	4,875	622,550
Claimant Rate (% of working age population)	2.0	1.6	1.8
Youth Number of Claimants (aged 18-24 years)	315	1,220	167,465
Youth Claimant Rate (% of population aged 18-24 years)	8.2	4.6	3.9
Source: Office for National Statistics, February 2016			
Job Seekers Allowance claimants			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Number of claimants (working age population 16-64years)	750	2,911	516,520
Claimant rate (% of working age population)	1.8	1.0	1.5
Youth number of claimants (aged 18-24 years)	115	405	87,000
Youth claimant rate (% of population aged 18-24 years)	2.1	1.1	1.8
Source: Office for National Statistics, January 2016			
Household Income			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Mean Household Income	28,653	31,792	36,447
Median Household Income	22,687	25,332	28,696
Number of households with an annual median income of less than £10k	5,000	30,810	-
% of households with an annual median income of less than £10k	16.3	13.8	12.2
Source: Paycheck Data, CACI, 2015			
House Price			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Mean House Price	£120,842	£167,071	£250,473
Median House Price	£100,735	£139,877	£175,143
Source: Paycheck Data, CACI, 2015			
Benefit Claimants (working age client group (16-64years))			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Total Number	6,900	34,180	4,020,370
Total Rate	16.5	11.3	11.7
Out of work benefits Number	5,240	25,500	3,064,290
Out of work benefits Rate	12.5	8.4	8.9
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, August 2015			

Benefit claimants - Disability Living Allowance			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
All entitled cases	5,640	25,020	2,515,290
16-64 years	2,670	12,830	1,388,890
65+ years	2,530	9,770	777,430
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, August 2015			
Benefit claimants – Personal Independence Payment			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
PIP claims in Payment (by month)	887	6,027	490,852
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, October 2015			
Benefit claimants - Employment Support Allowance & Incapacity Benefit			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Total claimants Number	3,770	19,480	2,070,760
Total claimants Rate	9.0	6.4	6.0
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, August 2015			
Families receiving Child or Working Tax Credit			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Families receiving Child or Working Tax Credit	4,900	29,900	3,604,300
Families receiving Child Tax Credit element only	800	6,500	662,600
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, December 2015			
Children, aged 0-15 years, in out-of-work benefit households			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Number of children	2,440	11,160	1,838,970
Number of households	1,570	7,120	993,620
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, May 2014			
Child Poverty (Children in low income families local measure)			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
% children in poverty – All Children (0-19 years)	20.0%	13.8%	18.0%
Number of children in poverty – All Children (0-19 years)	2,885	13,200	2,097,005
Source: HMRC, August 2013			
Housing Benefit			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Number of housing benefit claimants	4,935	29,711	-
Number of claimants receiving a reduction in HB against the 'spare room subsidy' indicator	309	4,296	-
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, November 2015			
Benefit cap (capped households to date)			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
Number of households	8	*29	19,681
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, November 2015 (*statistical disclosure applied-may not sum)			

Benefit sanctions – JSA (by month)			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
JSA sanctions - decision to apply a sanction	43	220	-
Number of individuals	42	199	-
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, December 2014			
Benefit sanctions – ESA (by month)			
	Barrow	Cumbria	National
ESA related sanction decisions	27	68	-
Number of individuals	7	24	-
Source: Department for Work & Pensions, December 2014			

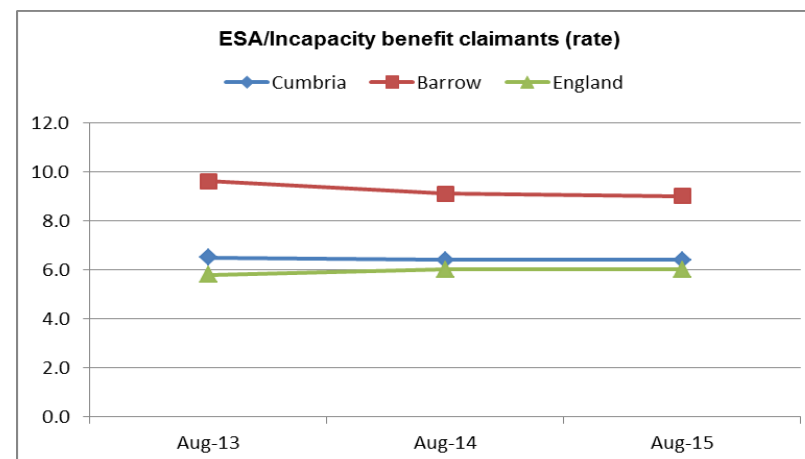
Total benefit claimants (rate per working age population 16-64 years)

	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15
Cumbria	13.0	12.3	11.3
Allerdale	14.0	13.3	12.2
Barrow	19.3	18.2	16.5
Carlisle	13.5	12.8	11.7
Copeland	15.7	14.8	13.5
Eden	7.9	7.5	6.9
South Lakeland	7.9	7.6	7.0
England	13.2	12.3	11.7



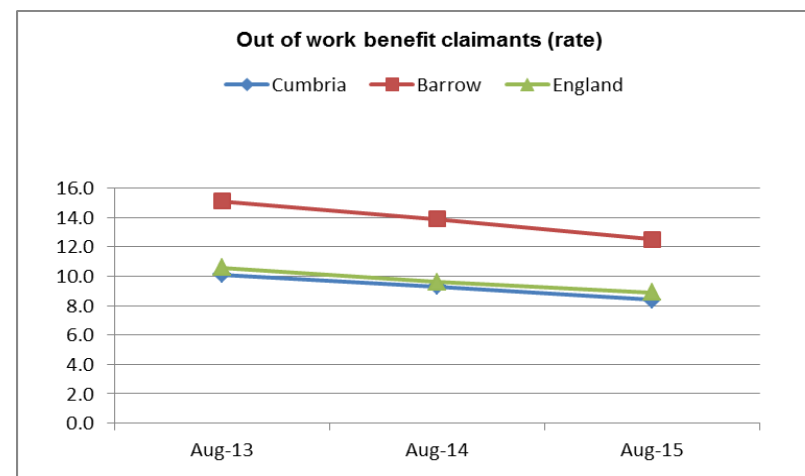
ESA/Incapacity benefit claimants (rate per working age pop 16-64 years)

	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15
Cumbria	6.5	6.4	6.4
Allerdale	6.8	6.7	6.7
Barrow	9.6	9.1	9.0
Carlisle	6.8	6.9	7.1
Copeland	8.0	7.7	7.5
Eden	4.1	4.0	4.0
South Lakeland	4.1	4.1	4.1
England	5.8	6.0	6.0



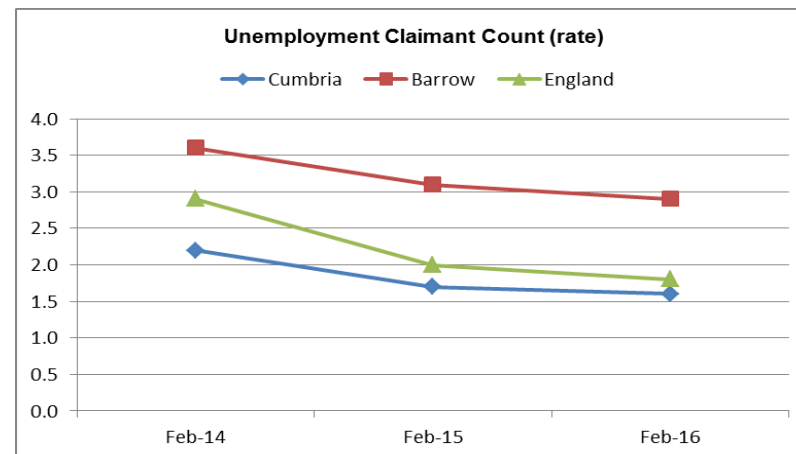
Out of work benefit claimants (rate per working age pop 16-64 years)

	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15
Cumbria	10.1	9.3	8.4
Allerdale	10.9	10.0	9.0
Barrow	15.1	13.9	12.5
Carlisle	10.7	9.9	9.0
Copeland	12.2	11.3	10.1
Eden	5.8	5.3	4.9
South Lakeland	5.7	5.4	4.9
England	10.6	9.6	8.9



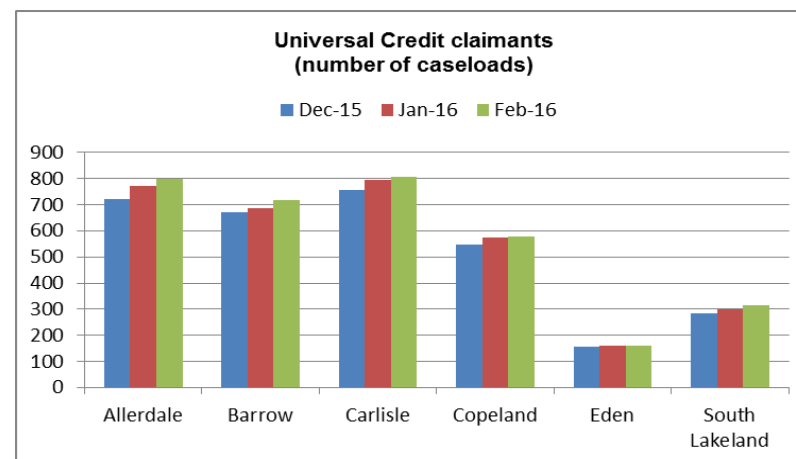
Unemployment claimant count (rate per working age population 16-64years)

	Feb-14	Feb-15	Feb-16
Cumbria	2.2	1.7	1.6
Allerdale	2.7	2.1	1.9
Barrow	3.6	3.1	2.9
Carlisle	2.3	1.5	1.4
Copeland	2.7	2.2	2.1
Eden	1.1	0.6	0.8
South Lakeland	1.1	0.7	0.7
England	2.9	2.0	1.8



Universal Credit claimants (number)

	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16
Cumbria	3139	3,292	3,384
Allerdale	720	771	799
Barrow	671	688	717
Carlisle	757	797	806
Copeland	548	576	578
Eden	155	159	161
South Lakeland	285	299	316
England	-	-	-



Child and Working Tax Credits (number)

	Dec-13	Dec-14	Dec-15
Cumbria	33,900	32,400	29,900
Allerdale	6,900	6,800	6,100
Barrow	5,500	5,200	4,900
Carlisle	8,300	7,900	7,300
Copeland	4,600	4,200	3,800
Eden	3,100	3,100	2,800
South Lakeland	5,600	5,300	4,900
England	3,849,100	3,738,000	3,604,300

