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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 available by Parliamentary constituency area, but data is currently lagged by 9 months 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.

- Official unemployment based on the Labour Force Survey was 8.0% (215,000 people) in Scotland. The Scottish rate was lower than the UK rate for the period July to September 2011.
- The (seasonally-adjusted) Claimant Count rate in Scotland remained at 4.2% in October 2011.
- The number of people on the claimant count (seasonally-adjusted) decreased by 900 from the previous month.
- Forty Scottish parliamentary constituencies experienced a fall in claimant count rate from September to October.
- Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn, Glasgow Provan and Cunninghame South have the highest unemployment rates among the Scottish Parliament constituencies. The constituencies with the lowest rates are Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, Aberdeenshire East and Aberdeenshire West and Eastwood.

A [spreadsheet with the unemployment data by Constituency \(154KB xls\)](#) is available.



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TABLE 1 - CLAIMANT COUNT RATE BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
<i>Aberdeen Central</i>	2.3	2.5	2.4	0.1	-0.1
<i>Aberdeen Donside</i>	2.2	2.3	2.2	0.0	-0.1
<i>Aberdeen South and North Kincardine</i>	1.6	1.8	1.8	0.2	0.0
<i>Aberdeenshire East</i>	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.0
<i>Aberdeenshire West</i>	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.0	-0.1
<i>Airdrie and Shotts</i>	5.2	5.6	5.6	0.4	0.0
<i>Almond Valley</i>	3.6	3.6	3.4	-0.2	-0.2
<i>Angus North and Mearns</i>	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
<i>Angus South</i>	2.7	3.1	3.1	0.4	0.0
<i>Argyll and Bute</i>	3.0	3.4	3.5	0.5	0.1
<i>Ayr</i>	4.1	4.3	4.3	0.2	0.0
<i>Banffshire and Buchan Coast</i>	2.4	2.7	2.4	0.0	-0.3
<i>Caithness, Sutherland and Ross</i>	3.2	3.3	3.2	0.0	-0.1
<i>Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.4	0.0
<i>Clackmannanshire and Dunblane</i>	4.2	4.5	4.3	0.1	-0.2
<i>Clydebank and Milngavie</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.4	0.0
<i>Clydesdale</i>	3.6	3.7	3.8	0.2	0.1
<i>Coatbridge and Chryston</i>	4.7	5.2	5.1	0.4	-0.1
<i>Cowdenbeath</i>	4.7	5.4	5.1	0.4	-0.3
<i>Cumbernauld and Kilsyth</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4	0.5	0.0
<i>Cunninghame North</i>	5.5	5.8	5.7	0.2	-0.1
<i>Cunninghame South</i>	5.9	6.7	6.6	0.7	-0.1
<i>Dumbarton</i>	4.0	4.5	4.6	0.6	0.1
<i>Dumfriesshire</i>	2.6	3.1	3.0	0.4	-0.1
<i>Dundee City East</i>	5.4	6.2	6.0	0.6	-0.2
<i>Dundee City West</i>	4.9	5.6	5.3	0.4	-0.3
<i>Dunfermline</i>	3.8	4.5	4.2	0.4	-0.3
<i>East Kilbride</i>	3.5	3.7	3.6	0.1	-0.1
<i>East Lothian</i>	2.7	3.0	2.9	0.2	-0.1
<i>Eastwood</i>	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
<i>Edinburgh Central</i>	2.3	2.3	2.5	0.2	0.2
<i>Edinburgh Eastern</i>	4.1	4.7	4.6	0.5	-0.1
<i>Edinburgh Northern and Leith</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4	0.5	0.0
<i>Edinburgh Pentlands</i>	3.1	3.5	3.6	0.5	0.1
<i>Edinburgh Southern</i>	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.1	0.1

Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous year	% points change on previous month
<i>Edinburgh Western</i>	2.6	2.8	2.8	0.2	0.0
<i>Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire</i>	2.7	2.9	2.8	0.1	-0.1
<i>Falkirk East</i>	3.9	4.1	3.9	0.0	-0.2
<i>Falkirk West</i>	4.3	4.8	4.7	0.4	-0.1
<i>Galloway and West Dumfries</i>	3.3	3.8	3.7	0.4	-0.1
<i>Glasgow Anniesland</i>	6.3	6.3	6.2	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Glasgow Cathcart</i>	5.3	5.3	5.2	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Glasgow Kelvin</i>	4.0	4.1	4.0	0.0	-0.1
<i>Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn</i>	7.3	7.5	7.4	0.1	-0.1
<i>Glasgow Pollok</i>	6.4	6.4	6.3	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Glasgow Provan</i>	6.9	7.2	7.0	0.1	-0.2
<i>Glasgow Shettleston</i>	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	0.0
<i>Glasgow Southside</i>	5.7	5.9	5.8	0.1	-0.1
<i>Greenock and Inverclyde</i>	4.4	5.7	5.4	1.0	-0.3
<i>Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse</i>	4.9	5.1	5.1	0.2	0.0
<i>Inverness and Nairn</i>	2.5	2.5	2.4	-0.1	-0.1
<i>Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley</i>	5.1	5.5	5.5	0.4	0.0
<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	5.9	6.5	6.1	0.2	-0.4
<i>Linlithgow</i>	3.9	4.2	3.9	0.0	-0.3
<i>Mid Fife and Glenrothes</i>	4.7	5.1	4.8	0.1	-0.3
<i>Midlothian North and Musselburgh</i>	3.3	3.7	3.7	0.4	0.0
<i>Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale</i>	3.0	3.3	3.3	0.3	0.0
<i>Moray</i>	2.0	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.0
<i>Motherwell and Wishaw</i>	5.8	6.3	6.3	0.5	0.0
<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1	0.0
<i>North East Fife</i>	1.7	1.9	1.9	0.2	0.0
<i>Orkney Islands</i>	1.3	1.7	1.8	0.5	0.1
<i>Paisley</i>	5.4	6.1	6.0	0.6	-0.1
<i>Perthshire North</i>	2.1	2.2	2.1	0.0	-0.1
<i>Perthshire South and Kinrossshire</i>	2.0	2.5	2.4	0.4	-0.1
<i>Renfrewshire North and West</i>	3.0	3.5	3.3	0.3	-0.2
<i>Renfrewshire South</i>	4.4	5.1	4.9	0.5	-0.2
<i>Rutherglen</i>	5.2	5.3	5.3	0.1	0.0
<i>Shetland Islands</i>	1.4	1.2	1.3	-0.1	0.1
<i>Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch</i>	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.1
<i>Stirling</i>	3.4	3.7	3.6	0.2	-0.1
<i>Strathkelvin and Bearsden</i>	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
<i>Uddingston and Bellshill</i>	4.9	5.3	5.1	0.2	-0.2
Scotland	3.8	4.1	4.0	0.2	-0.1

TABLE 2 - CLAIMANT COUNT NUMBERS BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
<i>Aberdeen Central</i>	1,358	1,471	1,434	76	-37
<i>Aberdeen Donside</i>	1,088	1,130	1,101	13	-29
<i>Aberdeen South and North Kincardine</i>	786	890	856	70	-34
<i>Aberdeenshire East</i>	501	528	506	5	-22
<i>Aberdeenshire West</i>	410	450	441	31	-9
<i>Airdrie and Shotts</i>	2,322	2,523	2,512	190	-11
<i>Almond Valley</i>	1,995	2,046	1,924	-71	-122
<i>Angus North and Mearns</i>	1,056	1,091	1,055	-1	-36
<i>Angus South</i>	1,161	1,302	1,306	145	4
<i>Argyll and Bute</i>	1,190	1,323	1,361	171	38
<i>Ayr</i>	1,905	2,003	2,028	123	25
<i>Banffshire and Buchan Coast</i>	1,095	1,233	1,108	13	-125
<i>Caithness, Sutherland and Ross</i>	1,345	1,380	1,376	31	-4
<i>Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley</i>	2,117	2,324	2,353	236	29
<i>Clackmannanshire and Dunblane</i>	1,862	2,003	1,932	70	-71
<i>Clydebank and Milngavie</i>	2,012	2,192	2,190	178	-2
<i>Clydesdale</i>	1,671	1,731	1,759	88	28
<i>Coatbridge and Chryston</i>	2,066	2,322	2,247	181	-75
<i>Cowdenbeath</i>	2,119	2,447	2,308	189	-139
<i>Cumbernauld and Kilsyth</i>	1,622	1,842	1,816	194	-26
<i>Cunninghame North</i>	2,358	2,498	2,475	117	-23
<i>Cunninghame South</i>	2,534	2,876	2,832	298	-44
<i>Dumbarton</i>	1,953	2,160	2,220	267	60
<i>Dumfriesshire</i>	1,220	1,464	1,411	191	-53
<i>Dundee City East</i>	2,375	2,723	2,644	269	-79
<i>Dundee City West</i>	2,479	2,793	2,668	189	-125
<i>Dunfermline</i>	1,786	2,071	1,955	169	-116
<i>East Kilbride</i>	1,681	1,736	1,719	38	-17
<i>East Lothian</i>	1,210	1,324	1,315	105	-9
<i>Eastwood</i>	679	692	677	-2	-15
<i>Edinburgh Central</i>	1,555	1,621	1,750	195	129
<i>Edinburgh Eastern</i>	2,104	2,423	2,378	274	-45
<i>Edinburgh Northern and Leith</i>	2,422	2,726	2,766	344	40
<i>Edinburgh Pentlands</i>	1,500	1,719	1,739	239	20
<i>Edinburgh Southern</i>	1,082	1,105	1,147	65	42
<i>Edinburgh Western</i>	1,215	1,337	1,352	137	15

Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	Change on previous year	Change on previous month
<i>Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire</i>	1,155	1,243	1,183	28	-60
<i>Falkirk East</i>	1,979	2,082	2,002	23	-80
<i>Falkirk West</i>	2,092	2,368	2,319	227	-49
<i>Galloway and West Dumfries</i>	1,471	1,682	1,631	160	-51
<i>Glasgow Anniesland</i>	3,075	3,069	3,019	-56	-50
<i>Glasgow Cathcart</i>	2,801	2,792	2,732	-69	-60
<i>Glasgow Kelvin</i>	2,510	2,563	2,499	-11	-64
<i>Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn</i>	3,690	3,770	3,724	34	-46
<i>Glasgow Pollok</i>	3,214	3,209	3,184	-30	-25
<i>Glasgow Provan</i>	3,353	3,489	3,412	59	-77
<i>Glasgow Shettleston</i>	2,988	3,026	3,028	40	2
<i>Glasgow Southside</i>	2,758	2,857	2,801	43	-56
<i>Greenock and Inverclyde</i>	2,147	2,761	2,633	486	-128
<i>Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse</i>	2,307	2,411	2,392	85	-19
<i>Inverness and Nairn</i>	1,295	1,305	1,262	-33	-43
<i>Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley</i>	2,659	2,897	2,901	242	4
<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	2,909	3,215	3,044	135	-171
<i>Linlithgow</i>	2,249	2,394	2,224	-25	-170
<i>Mid Fife and Glenrothes</i>	2,074	2,258	2,123	49	-135
<i>Midlothian North and Musselburgh</i>	1,621	1,863	1,836	215	-27
<i>Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale</i>	1,403	1,550	1,529	126	-21
<i>Moray</i>	948	1,112	1,082	134	-30
<i>Motherwell and Wishaw</i>	2,691	2,909	2,895	204	-14
<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	466	477	478	12	1
<i>North East Fife</i>	829	959	938	109	-21
<i>Orkney Islands</i>	165	220	232	67	12
<i>Paisley</i>	2,501	2,858	2,792	291	-66
<i>Perthshire North</i>	969	1,006	947	-22	-59
<i>Perthshire South and Kinrossshire</i>	961	1,175	1,115	154	-60
<i>Renfrewshire North and West</i>	1,229	1,425	1,342	113	-83
<i>Renfrewshire South</i>	1,820	2,126	2,024	204	-102
<i>Rutherglen</i>	2,573	2,667	2,655	82	-12
<i>Shetland Islands</i>	202	172	179	-23	7
<i>Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch</i>	873	813	870	-3	57
<i>Stirling</i>	1,583	1,715	1,668	85	-47
<i>Strathkelvin and Bearsden</i>	1,529	1,523	1,533	4	10
<i>Uddingston and Bellshill</i>	2,384	2,550	2,479	95	-71
Scotland	129,307	140,010	137,368	8,061	-2,642

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

Worst - Constituency with largest increase in unemployment rate					
Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous month
1	<i>Edinburgh Central</i>	2.3	2.3	2.5	0.2
2	<i>Argyll and Bute</i>	3.0	3.4	3.5	0.1
2	<i>Edinburgh Pentlands</i>	3.1	3.5	3.6	0.1
2	<i>Edinburgh Southern</i>	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.1
2	<i>Orkney Islands</i>	1.3	1.7	1.8	0.1
2	<i>Shetland Islands</i>	1.4	1.2	1.3	0.1
2	<i>Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch</i>	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1
2	<i>Clydesdale</i>	3.6	3.7	3.8	0.1
2	<i>Dumbarton</i>	4.0	4.5	4.6	0.1

Best - Constituencies with largest decreases in unemployment rate					
Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous month
1	<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	5.9	6.5	6.1	-0.4
2	<i>Dundee City West</i>	4.9	5.6	5.3	-0.3
2	<i>Dunfermline</i>	3.8	4.5	4.2	-0.3
2	<i>Greenock and Inverclyde</i>	4.4	5.7	5.4	-0.3
2	<i>Mid Fife and Glenrothes</i>	4.7	5.1	4.8	-0.3
2	<i>Banffshire and Buchan Coast</i>	2.4	2.7	2.4	-0.3
2	<i>Linlithgow</i>	3.9	4.2	3.9	-0.3
2	<i>Cowdenbeath</i>	4.7	5.4	5.1	-0.3

TABLE 4 - CONSTITUENCIES RANKED BY CLAIMANT COUNT RATE IN OCTOBER 2011 (DESCENDING)

Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011
1	<i>Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn</i>	7.3	7.5	7.4
2	<i>Glasgow Provan</i>	6.9	7.2	7.0
3	<i>Cunninghame South</i>	5.9	6.7	6.6
4	<i>Glasgow Pollok</i>	6.4	6.4	6.3
4	<i>Glasgow Shettleston</i>	6.3	6.3	6.3
4	<i>Motherwell and Wishaw</i>	5.8	6.3	6.3
7	<i>Glasgow Anniesland</i>	6.3	6.3	6.2
8	<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	5.9	6.5	6.1
9	<i>Dundee City East</i>	5.4	6.2	6.0
9	<i>Paisley</i>	5.4	6.1	6.0
11	<i>Glasgow Southside</i>	5.7	5.9	5.8
12	<i>Cunninghame North</i>	5.5	5.8	5.7
13	<i>Airdrie and Shotts</i>	5.2	5.6	5.6
14	<i>Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley</i>	5.1	5.5	5.5
15	<i>Greenock and Inverclyde</i>	4.4	5.7	5.4
16	<i>Dundee City West</i>	4.9	5.6	5.3
16	<i>Rutherglen</i>	5.2	5.3	5.3
18	<i>Glasgow Cathcart</i>	5.3	5.3	5.2
19	<i>Coatbridge and Chryston</i>	4.7	5.2	5.1
19	<i>Cowdenbeath</i>	4.7	5.4	5.1
19	<i>Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse</i>	4.9	5.1	5.1
19	<i>Uddingston and Bellshill</i>	4.9	5.3	5.1
23	<i>Renfrewshire South</i>	4.4	5.1	4.9
24	<i>Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8
24	<i>Clydebank and Milngavie</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8
24	<i>Mid Fife and Glenrothes</i>	4.7	5.1	4.8
27	<i>Falkirk West</i>	4.3	4.8	4.7
28	<i>Dumbarton</i>	4.0	4.5	4.6
28	<i>Edinburgh Eastern</i>	4.1	4.7	4.6
30	<i>Cumbernauld and Kilsyth</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4
30	<i>Edinburgh Northern and Leith</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4
32	<i>Ayr</i>	4.1	4.3	4.3
32	<i>Clackmannanshire and Dunblane</i>	4.2	4.5	4.3
34	<i>Dunfermline</i>	3.8	4.5	4.2
35	<i>Glasgow Kelvin</i>	4.0	4.1	4.0
	Scotland	3.8	4.1	4.0
36	<i>Falkirk East</i>	3.9	4.1	3.9

Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011
36	<i>Linlithgow</i>	3.9	4.2	3.9
	United Kingdom	3.5	3.9	3.9
38	<i>Clydesdale</i>	3.6	3.7	3.8
39	<i>Galloway and West Dumfries</i>	3.3	3.8	3.7
39	<i>Midlothian North and Musselburgh</i>	3.3	3.7	3.7
41	<i>East Kilbride</i>	3.5	3.7	3.6
41	<i>Edinburgh Pentlands</i>	3.1	3.5	3.6
41	<i>Stirling</i>	3.4	3.7	3.6
44	<i>Argyll and Bute</i>	3.0	3.4	3.5
45	<i>Almond Valley</i>	3.6	3.6	3.4
46	<i>Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale</i>	3.0	3.3	3.3
46	<i>Renfrewshire North and West</i>	3.0	3.5	3.3
48	<i>Caithness, Sutherland and Ross</i>	3.2	3.3	3.2
49	<i>Angus South</i>	2.7	3.1	3.1
49	<i>Strathkelvin and Bearsden</i>	3.1	3.1	3.1
51	<i>Dumfriesshire</i>	2.6	3.1	3.0
51	<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	2.9	3.0	3.0
53	<i>East Lothian</i>	2.7	3.0	2.9
54	<i>Edinburgh Western</i>	2.6	2.8	2.8
54	<i>Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire</i>	2.7	2.9	2.8
56	<i>Angus North and Mearns</i>	2.5	2.5	2.5
56	<i>Edinburgh Central</i>	2.3	2.3	2.5
58	<i>Aberdeen Central</i>	2.3	2.5	2.4
58	<i>Banffshire and Buchan Coast</i>	2.4	2.7	2.4
58	<i>Inverness and Nairn</i>	2.5	2.5	2.4
58	<i>Perthshire South and Kinrossshire</i>	2.0	2.5	2.4
62	<i>Moray</i>	2.0	2.3	2.3
63	<i>Aberdeen Donside</i>	2.2	2.3	2.2
64	<i>Perthshire North</i>	2.1	2.2	2.1
65	<i>Edinburgh Southern</i>	1.9	1.9	2.0
66	<i>North East Fife</i>	1.7	1.9	1.9
66	<i>Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch</i>	1.9	1.8	1.9
68	<i>Aberdeen South and North Kincardine</i>	1.6	1.8	1.8
68	<i>Orkney Islands</i>	1.3	1.7	1.8
70	<i>Eastwood</i>	1.7	1.7	1.7
71	<i>Shetland Islands</i>	1.4	1.2	1.3
72	<i>Aberdeenshire East</i>	1.0	1.1	1.1
73	<i>Aberdeenshire West</i>	0.9	1.0	0.9

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

Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous month
1	<i>Edinburgh Central</i>	2.3	2.3	2.5	0.2
2	<i>Argyll and Bute</i>	3.0	3.4	3.5	0.1
2	<i>Edinburgh Pentlands</i>	3.1	3.5	3.6	0.1
2	<i>Edinburgh Southern</i>	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.1
2	<i>Orkney Islands</i>	1.3	1.7	1.8	0.1
2	<i>Shetland Islands</i>	1.4	1.2	1.3	0.1
2	<i>Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch</i>	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1
2	<i>Clydesdale</i>	3.6	3.7	3.8	0.1
2	<i>Dumbarton</i>	4.0	4.5	4.6	0.1
10	<i>Aberdeen South and North Kincardine</i>	1.6	1.8	1.8	0.0
10	<i>Aberdeenshire East</i>	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.0
10	<i>Airdrie and Shotts</i>	5.2	5.6	5.6	0.0
10	<i>Angus North and Mearns</i>	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0
10	<i>Angus South</i>	2.7	3.1	3.1	0.0
10	<i>Ayr</i>	4.1	4.3	4.3	0.0
10	<i>Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.0
10	<i>Clydebank and Milngavie</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.0
10	<i>Cumbernauld and Kilsyth</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4	0.0
10	<i>Eastwood</i>	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0
10	<i>Edinburgh Northern and Leith</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4	0.0
10	<i>Edinburgh Western</i>	2.6	2.8	2.8	0.0
10	<i>Glasgow Shettleston</i>	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0
10	<i>Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse</i>	4.9	5.1	5.1	0.0
10	<i>Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley</i>	5.1	5.5	5.5	0.0
10	<i>Midlothian North and Musselburgh</i>	3.3	3.7	3.7	0.0
10	<i>Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale</i>	3.0	3.3	3.3	0.0
10	<i>Moray</i>	2.0	2.3	2.3	0.0
10	<i>Motherwell and Wishaw</i>	5.8	6.3	6.3	0.0
10	<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.0
10	<i>North East Fife</i>	1.7	1.9	1.9	0.0
10	<i>Rutherglen</i>	5.2	5.3	5.3	0.0
10	<i>Strathkelvin and Bearsden</i>	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0
	United Kingdom	3.5	3.9	3.9	0.0
33	<i>Aberdeen Donside</i>	2.2	2.3	2.2	-0.1
33	<i>Caithness, Sutherland and Ross</i>	3.2	3.3	3.2	-0.1
33	<i>Cunninghame North</i>	5.5	5.8	5.7	-0.1
33	<i>Falkirk West</i>	4.3	4.8	4.7	-0.1

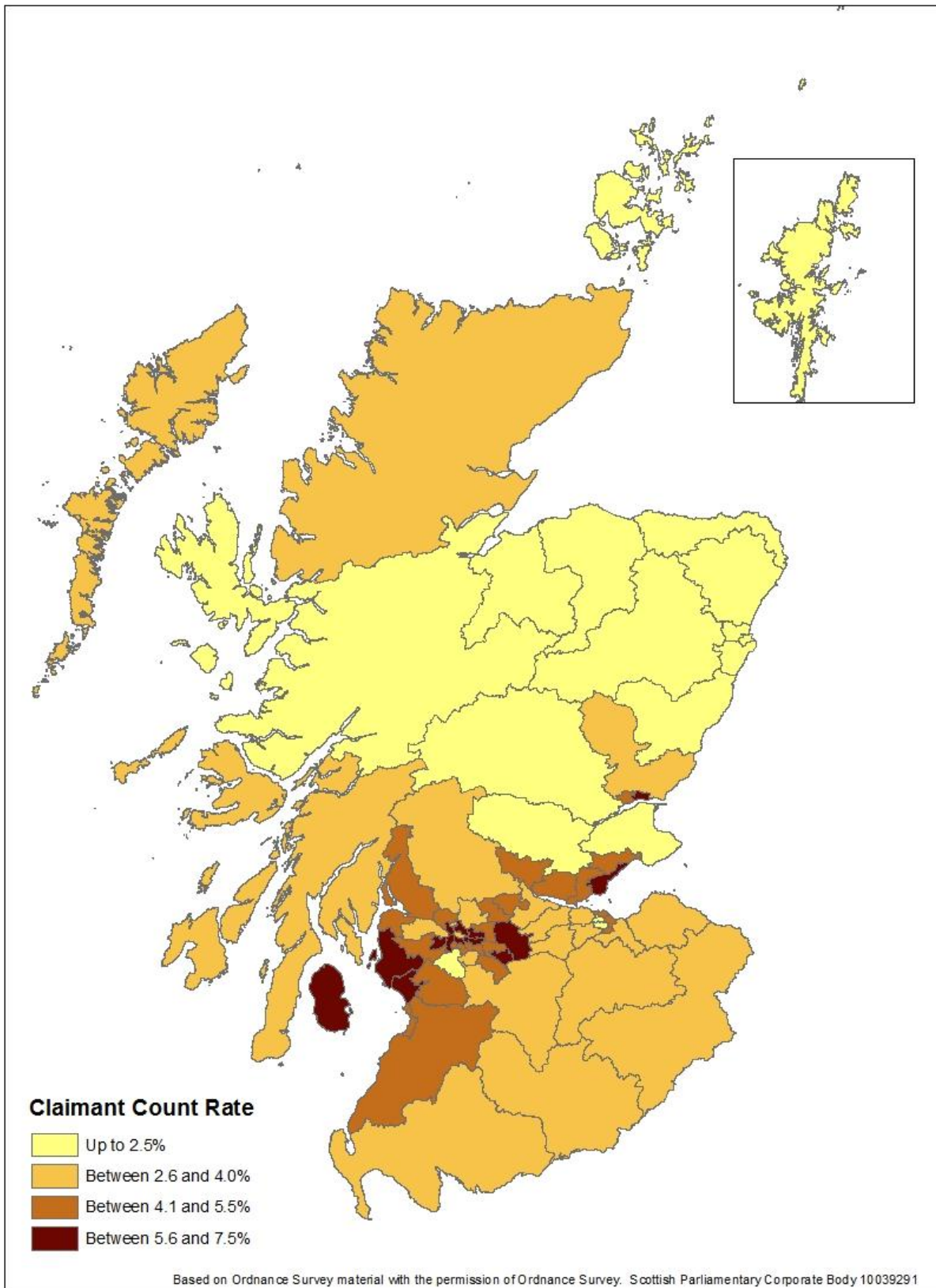
Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous month
33	<i>Galloway and West Dumfries</i>	3.3	3.8	3.7	-0.1
33	<i>Glasgow Anniesland</i>	6.3	6.3	6.2	-0.1
33	<i>Glasgow Cathcart</i>	5.3	5.3	5.2	-0.1
33	<i>Glasgow Kelvin</i>	4.0	4.1	4.0	-0.1
33	<i>Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn</i>	7.3	7.5	7.4	-0.1
33	<i>Paisley</i>	5.4	6.1	6.0	-0.1
	Scotland	3.8	4.1	4.0	-0.1
33	<i>Aberdeenshire West</i>	0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.1
33	<i>Aberdeen Central</i>	2.3	2.5	2.4	-0.1
33	<i>Dumfriesshire</i>	2.6	3.1	3.0	-0.1
33	<i>East Kilbride</i>	3.5	3.7	3.6	-0.1
33	<i>East Lothian</i>	2.7	3.0	2.9	-0.1
33	<i>Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire</i>	2.7	2.9	2.8	-0.1
33	<i>Inverness and Nairn</i>	2.5	2.5	2.4	-0.1
33	<i>Perthshire North</i>	2.1	2.2	2.1	-0.1
33	<i>Perthshire South and Kinrossshire</i>	2.0	2.5	2.4	-0.1
33	<i>Stirling</i>	3.4	3.7	3.6	-0.1
33	<i>Coatbridge and Chryston</i>	4.7	5.2	5.1	-0.1
33	<i>Cunninghame South</i>	5.9	6.7	6.6	-0.1
33	<i>Edinburgh Eastern</i>	4.1	4.7	4.6	-0.1
33	<i>Glasgow Pollok</i>	6.4	6.4	6.3	-0.1
33	<i>Glasgow Southside</i>	5.7	5.9	5.8	-0.1
58	<i>Renfrewshire South</i>	4.4	5.1	4.9	-0.2
58	<i>Falkirk East</i>	3.9	4.1	3.9	-0.2
58	<i>Almond Valley</i>	3.6	3.6	3.4	-0.2
58	<i>Clackmannanshire and Dunblane</i>	4.2	4.5	4.3	-0.2
58	<i>Dundee City East</i>	5.4	6.2	6.0	-0.2
58	<i>Glasgow Provan</i>	6.9	7.2	7.0	-0.2
58	<i>Renfrewshire North and West</i>	3.0	3.5	3.3	-0.2
58	<i>Uddingston and Bellshill</i>	4.9	5.3	5.1	-0.2
66	<i>Dundee City West</i>	4.9	5.6	5.3	-0.3
66	<i>Dunfermline</i>	3.8	4.5	4.2	-0.3
66	<i>Greenock and Inverclyde</i>	4.4	5.7	5.4	-0.3
66	<i>Mid Fife and Glenrothes</i>	4.7	5.1	4.8	-0.3
66	<i>Banffshire and Buchan Coast</i>	2.4	2.7	2.4	-0.3
66	<i>Linlithgow</i>	3.9	4.2	3.9	-0.3
66	<i>Cowdenbeath</i>	4.7	5.4	5.1	-0.3
73	<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	5.9	6.5	6.1	-0.4

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

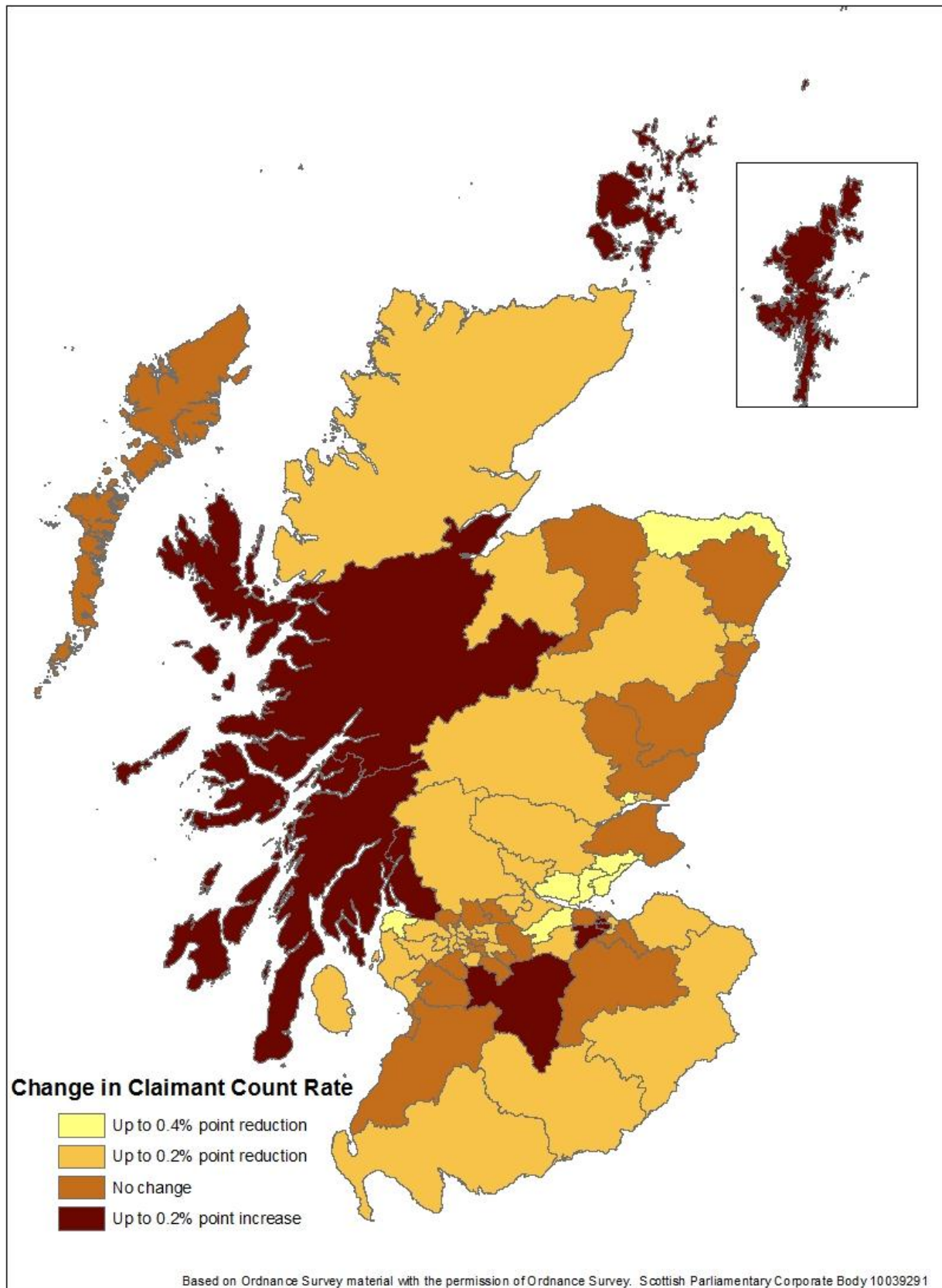
Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous year
1	<i>Greenock and Inverclyde</i>	4.4	5.7	5.4	1.0
2	<i>Cunninghame South</i>	5.9	6.7	6.6	0.7
3	<i>Dumbarton</i>	4.0	4.5	4.6	0.6
3	<i>Dundee City East</i>	5.4	6.2	6.0	0.6
3	<i>Paisley</i>	5.4	6.1	6.0	0.6
6	<i>Cumbernauld and Kilsyth</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4	0.5
6	<i>Edinburgh Northern and Leith</i>	3.9	4.4	4.4	0.5
6	<i>Argyll and Bute</i>	3.0	3.4	3.5	0.5
6	<i>Edinburgh Eastern</i>	4.1	4.7	4.6	0.5
6	<i>Edinburgh Pentlands</i>	3.1	3.5	3.6	0.5
6	<i>Motherwell and Wishaw</i>	5.8	6.3	6.3	0.5
6	<i>Orkney Islands</i>	1.3	1.7	1.8	0.5
6	<i>Renfrewshire South</i>	4.4	5.1	4.9	0.5
14	<i>Dunfermline</i>	3.8	4.5	4.2	0.4
14	<i>Falkirk West</i>	4.3	4.8	4.7	0.4
14	<i>Galloway and West Dumfries</i>	3.3	3.8	3.7	0.4
14	<i>Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley</i>	5.1	5.5	5.5	0.4
14	<i>Midlothian North and Musselburgh</i>	3.3	3.7	3.7	0.4
14	<i>Angus South</i>	2.7	3.1	3.1	0.4
14	<i>Dumfriesshire</i>	2.6	3.1	3.0	0.4
14	<i>Perthshire South and Kinrossshire</i>	2.0	2.5	2.4	0.4
	United Kingdom	3.5	3.9	3.9	0.4
14	<i>Airdrie and Shotts</i>	5.2	5.6	5.6	0.4
14	<i>Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.4
14	<i>Clydebank and Milngavie</i>	4.4	4.8	4.8	0.4
14	<i>Coatbridge and Chryston</i>	4.7	5.2	5.1	0.4
14	<i>Cowdenbeath</i>	4.7	5.4	5.1	0.4
14	<i>Dundee City West</i>	4.9	5.6	5.3	0.4
28	<i>Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale</i>	3.0	3.3	3.3	0.3
28	<i>Moray</i>	2.0	2.3	2.3	0.3
28	<i>Renfrewshire North and West</i>	3.0	3.5	3.3	0.3
31	<i>Ayr</i>	4.1	4.3	4.3	0.2
31	<i>Cunninghame North</i>	5.5	5.8	5.7	0.2
31	<i>Edinburgh Central</i>	2.3	2.3	2.5	0.2
31	<i>Stirling</i>	3.4	3.7	3.6	0.2
	Scotland	3.8	4.1	4.0	0.2

Rank	Area	Oct 2010	Sept 2011	Oct 2011	% points change on previous year
31	<i>Aberdeen South and North Kincardine</i>	1.6	1.8	1.8	0.2
31	<i>North East Fife</i>	1.7	1.9	1.9	0.2
31	<i>Clydesdale</i>	3.6	3.7	3.8	0.2
31	<i>East Lothian</i>	2.7	3.0	2.9	0.2
31	<i>Edinburgh Western</i>	2.6	2.8	2.8	0.2
31	<i>Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse</i>	4.9	5.1	5.1	0.2
31	<i>Kirkcaldy</i>	5.9	6.5	6.1	0.2
31	<i>Uddingston and Bellshill</i>	4.9	5.3	5.1	0.2
43	<i>Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn</i>	7.3	7.5	7.4	0.1
43	<i>Aberdeen Central</i>	2.3	2.5	2.4	0.1
43	<i>Aberdeenshire East</i>	1.0	1.1	1.1	0.1
43	<i>East Kilbride</i>	3.5	3.7	3.6	0.1
43	<i>Edinburgh Southern</i>	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.1
43	<i>Na h-Eileanan an Iar</i>	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1
43	<i>Clackmannanshire and Dunblane</i>	4.2	4.5	4.3	0.1
43	<i>Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire</i>	2.7	2.9	2.8	0.1
43	<i>Glasgow Provan</i>	6.9	7.2	7.0	0.1
43	<i>Glasgow Southside</i>	5.7	5.9	5.8	0.1
43	<i>Mid Fife and Glenrothes</i>	4.7	5.1	4.8	0.1
43	<i>Rutherglen</i>	5.2	5.3	5.3	0.1
55	<i>Aberdeen Donside</i>	2.2	2.3	2.2	0.0
55	<i>Aberdeenshire West</i>	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.0
55	<i>Angus North and Mearns</i>	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0
55	<i>Banffshire and Buchan Coast</i>	2.4	2.7	2.4	0.0
55	<i>Caithness, Sutherland and Ross</i>	3.2	3.3	3.2	0.0
55	<i>Eastwood</i>	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0
55	<i>Falkirk East</i>	3.9	4.1	3.9	0.0
55	<i>Glasgow Kelvin</i>	4.0	4.1	4.0	0.0
55	<i>Glasgow Shettleston</i>	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0
55	<i>Linlithgow</i>	3.9	4.2	3.9	0.0
55	<i>Perthshire North</i>	2.1	2.2	2.1	0.0
55	<i>Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch</i>	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.0
55	<i>Strathkelvin and Bearsden</i>	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0
68	<i>Glasgow Anniesland</i>	6.3	6.3	6.2	-0.1
68	<i>Glasgow Cathcart</i>	5.3	5.3	5.2	-0.1
68	<i>Shetland Islands</i>	1.4	1.2	1.3	-0.1
68	<i>Inverness and Nairn</i>	2.5	2.5	2.4	-0.1
68	<i>Glasgow Pollok</i>	6.4	6.4	6.3	-0.1
73	<i>Almond Valley</i>	3.6	3.6	3.4	-0.2

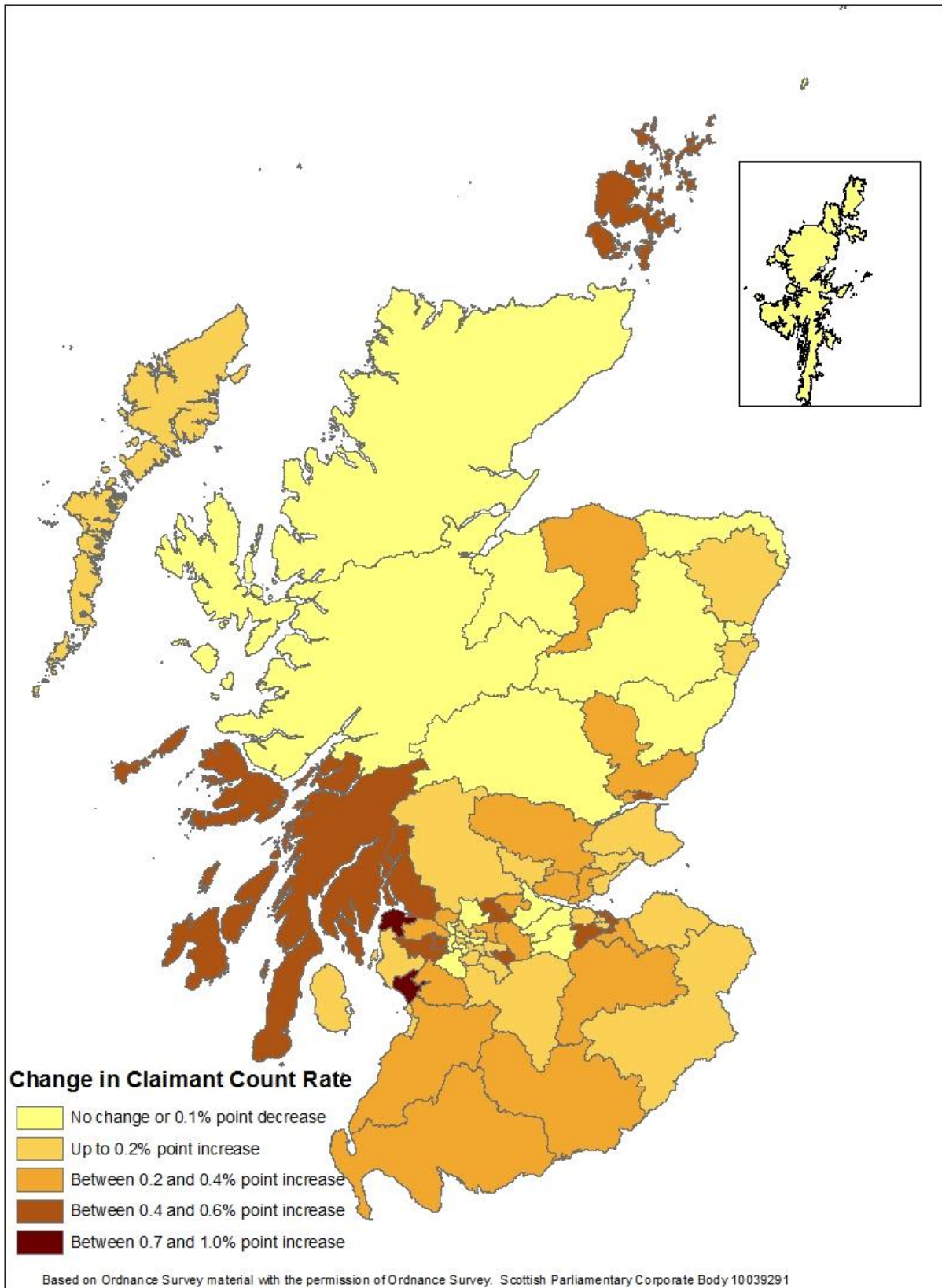
MAP 1: CLAIMANT COUNT RATE BY CONSTITUENCY (OCT 2011)



MAP 2 - CHANGE IN CLAIMANT COUNT RATE ON PREVIOUS MONTH BY CONSTITUENCY SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2011



MAP 3 - CHANGE IN CLAIMANT COUNT RATE ON PREVIOUS YEAR BY CONSTITUENCY OCTOBER 2010 TO OCTOBER 2011



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. These are the rates published in this document.</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).	Yes – but there are problems of reliability with the LFS for small areas as it is a sample survey and the time lag is typically 6 months or more.
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 2011	First Release - publication dates in 2011

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