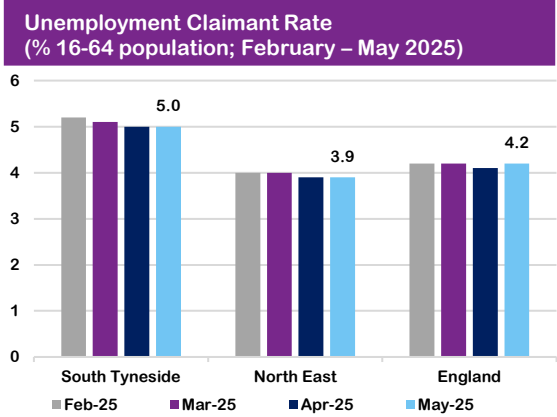


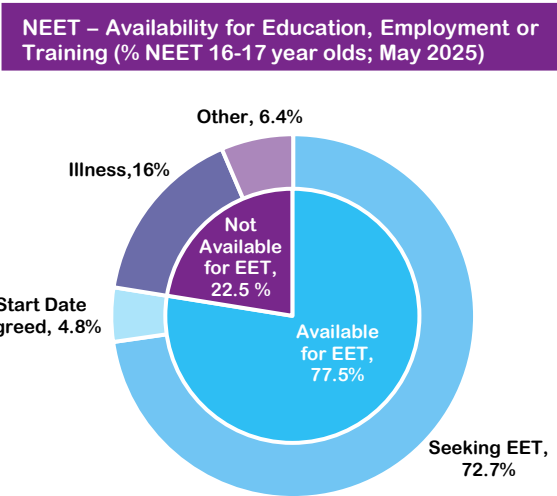
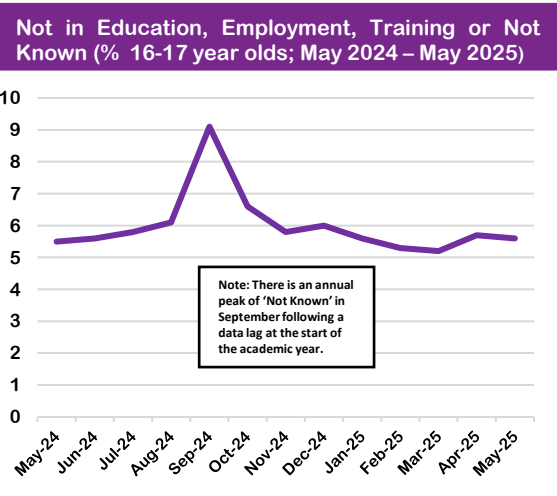
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1. In May, South Tyneside's claimant rate was 5.0% (4,490 people 16+), unchanged on the previous month. The regional rate was also unchanged at 3.9%, consistently lower than the England-wide rate - which rose marginally to 4.2% this month - since June 2024. The borough's male claimant rate fell below 6.0% for the first time since February 2024 in April (5.9%) and remained at this level in May. The female rate was also unchanged at 4.1%, last lower in October 2018 (4.0%).

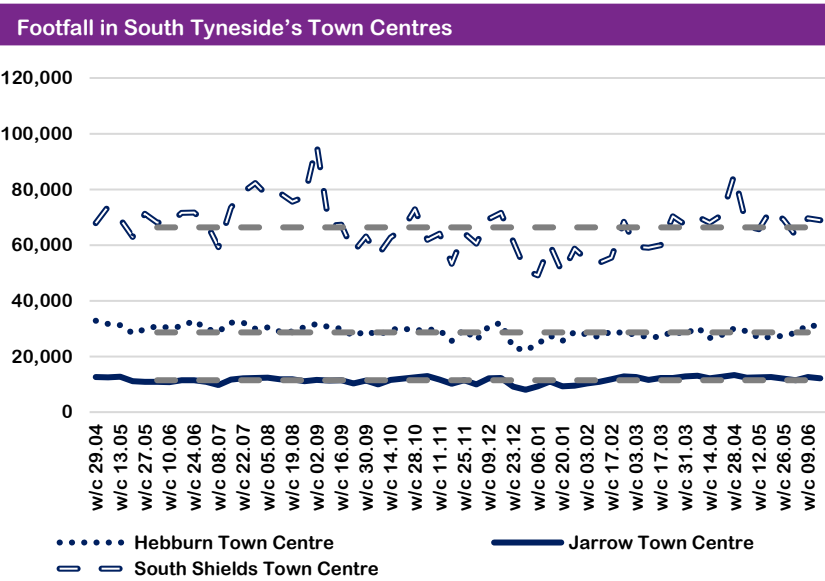


\*Claimant counts and rates are calculated by combining the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance and National Insurance credits with the number of people claiming Universal Credit principally for the reason of being unemployed. This element is still in development by DWP, meaning the total claimant count does not yet correctly reflect the target population of unemployed claimants and is subject to revisions. Under Universal Credit, a broader span of claimants are required to look for work. As Universal Credit is rolled out, the number of people being recorded as being on the Claimant Count is likely to rise.

2. In May, total NEET and Not Known levels fell 0.1 % point to 5.6%. This is now at the same level as at the beginning of 2025, though 0.1 % point higher than May 2024. The proportion of NEET young people available for EET fell by 1.0 % point in May. This decline was driven by an increase in those citing 'Other' reasons for unavailability, whilst the number of young people unavailable due to illness has remained unchanged on the previous month.



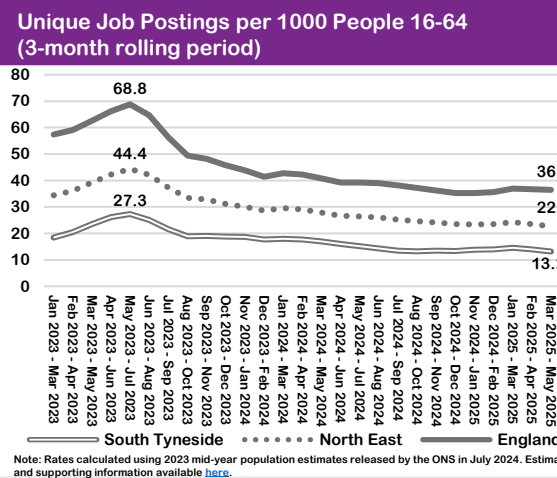
3. Compared to May 2024, footfall in May 2025 was 8.9% lower in Hebburn, 4.8% higher in Jarrow and 1.1% lower in South Shields. In awards, South Shields-based UK Docks Marine Services has won the North of England, Family Business of the Year 2025 at the annual Family Business United awards. They also won the national Community Support and Involvement Family Award and came runners-up to the overall national competition.



Solid dashed lines depict period averages (calculated using weekly figures from the period between w/c 03.06.24 – w/c 26.05.25 inclusive).

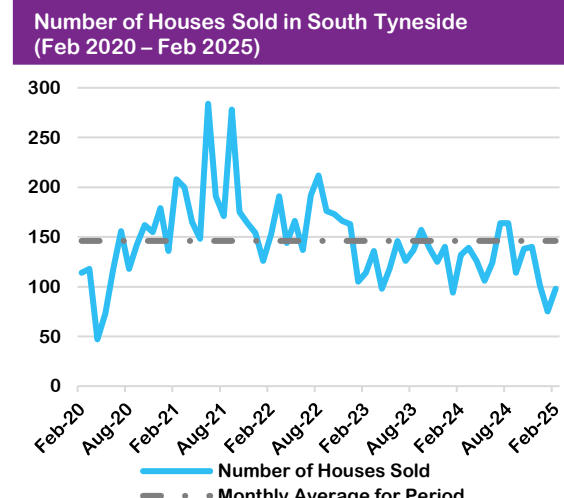
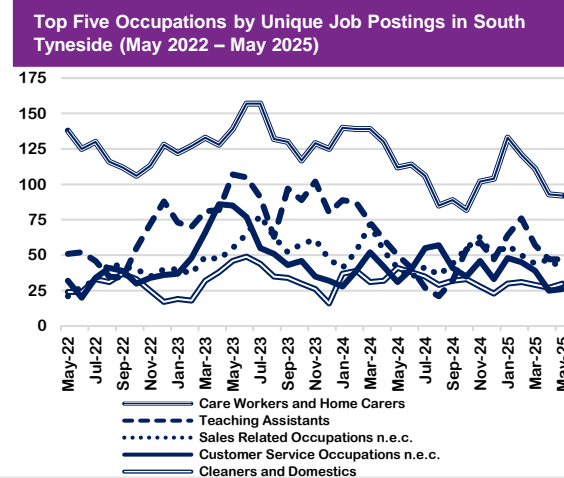
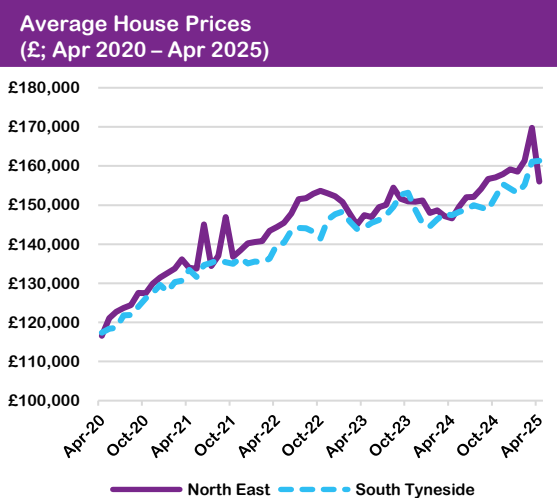
Additionally, the annual #LoveSouthTyneside Awards, which recognise and celebrate civic pride and community spirit across the Borough, are now open for nominations until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. At the Port of Tyne, Ford Aerospace has expanded its team at the Port of Tyne with the appointment of a new junior manufacturing engineer, who originally undertook an internship at the firm, meanwhile at Nissan, Sunderland's plant is seemingly safe for the foreseeable as it was not named among announced plant closures, as part of Nissan's previously reported global operational restructure. The manufacturer may also potentially enter a collaboration with Chinese firm Dongfeng to produce their vehicles alongside Nissan models. Their CEO went on to stress the importance of UK Government support for the manufacturer to remain competitive within UK markets, noting the competitiveness of energy markets elsewhere. Elsewhere in the automotive industry, FM Coatings, a Boldon-based company, has secured a £50,000 grant from the South Tyneside Business Growth Grant Scheme via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, enabling the purchase of new machinery and fuelling growth ambitions with the planned creation of 20 new jobs. And in construction, Hebburn-based Castle have been appointed by UK Land Estates to complete the full refurbishment of a 50,000 sq ft industrial unit at Boldon Business Park.

4. In the three-month rolling period ending May 2025, there were an average of 13.2 vacancies per 1000 people aged 16-64 in South Tyneside, below the regional and national figures of 22.7 and 36.4, respectively. In the three years to May 2025, unique postings decreased in Care Workers and Home Carers (by 33.3%), Customer Service Occupations (not elsewhere classified) (18.8%), and Teaching Assistants (7.8%), whilst unique postings in Sales Related Occupations n.e.c and Cleaners and Domestic increased by 90.5% (increasing from 21 postings to 40 over three-years) and 25.0%, respectively.

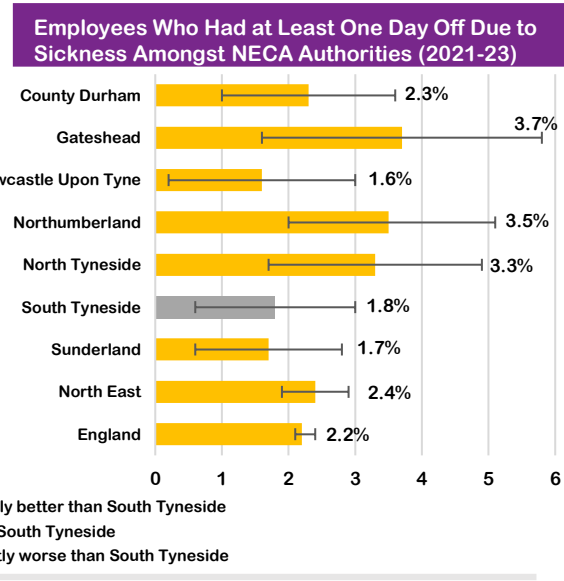
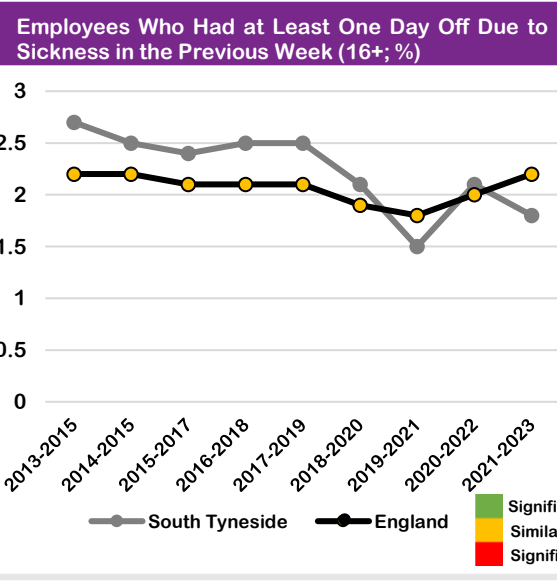


Note: Rates calculated using 2023 mid-year population estimates released by the ONS in July 2024. Estimates and supporting information available [here](#).

5 Between April 2020 and April 2025, average house prices in South Tyneside increased by £43,961 (37.5%). This is above the regional increase of £39,429 (33.8%). Between February 2020 and February 2025, an average of 146 houses were sold per month in South Tyneside. Monthly sales have been consistently below average since August 2024, with just 75 homes sold in January 2025 (the lowest since the start of the pandemic).



6. In the three-year period 2021-23, an estimated 1.8% of employees in South Tyneside had at least one day off to due to sickness absence in the previous working week (not significantly different to other NECA authorities, the wider North east, or the England-wide average).<sup>1</sup> South Tyneside's current rate is also not significantly different to previous years.



Data Sources: NOMIS (unemployment claimant rate, employment, economic inactivity and model-based unemployment), Internally available data (town centre footfall, vacancies, NEET), UK House Price Index (house prices and sales volume), Fingertips / Labour Force Survey, ONS (Sickness absence)

1. The lines (also known as error bars) shown on the graph in Section 6 are 95% Confidence Intervals and indicate the range of values in which we would expect the rate to fall 95% of the time, i.e., if this survey was carried out with a different sample of people 20 times, 19 of those times, we would expect South Tyneside's percentage of employees who had at least one day off in the previous week (2021-2023) to fall between 0.6% and 3.0%. When comparing values, if the confidence intervals of data points overlap, we cannot be sure that there is a significant difference (higher or lower) between values we are comparing. \*\* is used to signify this. You can learn more about common statistical concepts [here](#).