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to NVQ level 4+ 39%, above the national rate of 37%
to NVQ level 3+ 57%, the same as the national rate
to NVQ level 2+ 75%, above the national rate of 73%
to NVQ1 level 1 88%, above the national rate of 85%.

2,070 apprenticeships growth of 17%, higher than the national 14%.

GCSEs in 2015 58.3% of young people achieved 5 or more A*-C grades, including English and Maths – higher than the national 53.8%.

Out of work benefit claimants falling 5.4% of the working age population, lower than the national rate of 8.7%.

Labour

Profile of working age population 137,300 in employment, a rise of 2,300 people in 1 year.

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