

# Halton's economy is improving...

According to national data around unemployment, businesses, pay and qualifications – Halton's economy has been improving at a quicker pace when compared to England

Levels of:

- Average pay
- New businesses
- GCSE pass rates (5+ A\*-C inc Eng & Maths)

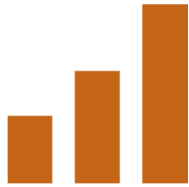
...are all **rising**

Levels of:

- JSA claimants
- JSA claimants (18-24 year olds)
- Adults with no qualifications

...are all **falling**

Average weekly pay (full time workers) – above NW average for first time



£484.7

GCSE pass rate – above England figure for first time



62.5%

Unemployment rate – fallen more than the England rate over last 12 months



4.8% to 3.5%

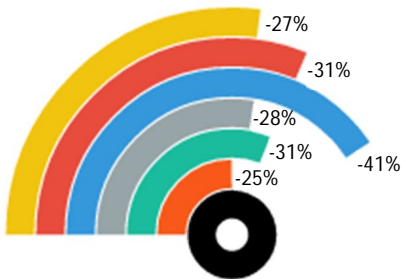
75 more business premises in Halton – in 2013, compared with 2012



75

## Economic indicators, % change over the last 12 months of available data (Halton and England)

Each element of JSA claimant (age and duration) has decreased by at least a quarter over the last 12 months



- Total
- Youth
- Aged 18-24, claiming for over 6 months
- 25+, claiming for over 6 months
- Claiming for over 6 months
- Claiming for over 12 months

