

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: The claimant count increased in January 2022 by 60 to 12,495 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 increased by 15 to 1,940. Comparisons with March 2020, prior to the impact of the pandemic, show that the claimant count has increased by 4,190 or 50% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 345 or 22%. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the Coronavirus meant that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still in work. Consequently, changes in the Claimant Count from April 2020 until October 2021 would not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who were not in work.

Area	Claimant Count	Rate
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About these statistics

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