

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: The claimant count decreased in January 2023 by 165 to 10,955 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 decreased by 40 to 1,905. The Worcestershire rate (Ages 16-64) of 3.0% is lower than that of the West Midlands (4.8%) and England (3.7%).

Comparisons with March 2020, prior to the impact of the pandemic, show that the claimant count has increased by 2,650 or 32% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased

About these statistics

1. The Claimant Count includes all Universal Credit claimants who are required to seek work and be available for work, as well as all Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants. Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under JSA.
2. The Universal Credit Full Service is now fully rolled in most areas of the UK for the majority of new claims. The pilot programme to accommodate existing tax credit and other legacy benefit claimants (those claiming housing benefit, income support, income-related Jobseeker's Allowance and income related employment and support allowance) was begun in July 2019 but was suspended due to pandemic. The pilot programme recommenced in May 2022.
3. Claimant count rates or proportions express the number of claimants in an area/group as a percentage of the mid-2021 resident population estimates in that area/group.
4. Individual figures are rounded to the nearest 5, and as a result may not sum to the rounded totals.
5. The claimant count data is calculated on a monthly basis and is released in the first half of the following month. The data release shows the provisional figures for the latest full month. For example: the data release for August would show provisional claimant count figures for July and revised figures for June.
6. All data has been downloaded from NOMIS. Links to other economic indicators can be