

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: The claimant count decreased in October 2023 by 95 to 10,320 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 decreased by 5 to 1,915. The Worcestershire rate (Ages 16-64) of 2.9% is lower than that of the West Midlands (4.8%) and England (3.8%).

Comparisons with March 2020, prior to the impact of the pandemic, show that the claimant count has increased by 2,015 or 24% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 320 or 20%.

October 2023

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.
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