

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: The claimant count increased in December 2023 by 70 to 10,725 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 decreased by 35 to 1,955. The Worcestershire rate (Ages 16-64) of 3.0% is lower than that of the West Midlands (4.9%) and England (3.8%).

Comparisons with March 2020, prior to the impact of the pandemic, show that the claimant count has increased by 2,420 or 29% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 360 or 23%.

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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