

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: The claimant count increased in November 2022 by 355 to 11,190 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 increased by 95 to 1,965. The Worcestershire rate (Ages 16-64) of 3.2% 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 2,885 or 35% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 370 or 23%.

November 2022

Area	Claimant Count 16-64	Rate	change on last month	change since March 2020	% change since March 2020
Bromsgrove	1,520	2.6%	30	355	30%
Malvern Hills	1,210	2.7%	70	285	31%
Redditch	2,030	3.9%	70	495	32%
Worcester	2,385	3.7%	95	605	34%
Wychavon	2,100	2.8%	40	780	59%
Wyre Forest	1,945	3.3%	55	365	23%
Worcestershire	11,190	3.2%	355	2,885	35%
West Midlands	176,975	4.8%	4,290	32,625	23%
England	1,316,525	3.7%	30,890	253,020	24%

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Area	Claimant Count 18-24	Rate	change on last month	change since March 2020	% change since March 2020
Bromsgrove	265	4.4%	5	50	23%
Malvern Hills	205	4.4%	5	25	14%
Redditch	390	6.4%	35	80	26%
Worcester	395	3.8%	20	75	23%
Wychavon	345	4.4%	15	85	33%
Wyre Forest	360	5.5%	5	50	16%
Worcestershire	1,965	4.7%	95	370	23%
West Midlands	31,810	6.3%	1,015	3,905	14%
England	223,075	4.7%	6,375	25,345	13%

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 based on initial data from Census 2021.
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's data and revised figures for the previous 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 found on the [Information on the Worcestershire Economy page](#) on the Worcestershire County Council website.

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