

# Worcestershire County Economic Summary

**Comment:** The claimant count decreased in May 2021 by 985 to 16,935 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 decreased by 235 to 3,215. Comparisons with March 2020, prior to the impact of the pandemic, show that the claimant count has increased by 8,630 or 104% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 1,620 or 102%. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the coronavirus mean that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still in work. Consequently, changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are not in work.

Area	Claimant Count	Rate	change on last month	change since March 2020	% change since March 2020
Bromsgrove	2,410	4.1%			

## About these statistics