

# Worcestershire County Economic Summary

**Comment:** The claimant count decreased in August 2021 by 290 to 14,730 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 decreased by 95 to 2,640. Comparisons with March 2020, prior to the impact of the pandemic, show that the claimant count has increased by 6,425 or 77% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 1,045 or 66%. 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	2,155	3.6%	5	990	85%
Malvern Hills	1,610	3.6%	-25	685	74%
Redditch	2,620	5.0%	-60	1,085	71%
Worcester	3,020	4.7%	-40	1,240	70%
Wychavon	2,640	3.5%	-75	1,320	100%
Wyre Forest	2,685	4.6%	-100	1,105	70%
Worcestershire	14,730	4.2%	-290	6,425	77%
West Midlands	230,735	6.3%	-3,250	86,385	60%
England	1,874,550	5.3%	-40,810	811,045	76%



**Claimant  
Count (16-24)**

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