

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: The claimant count increased in June 2023 by 160 to 10,870 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 decreased by 10 to 1,855. 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 2,565 or 31% and the number of claimants aged 18-24 has increased by 260 or 16%.

June 2023

| Area | Claimant Count 16-64 | Rate | change on last month | change since March 2020 | % change since March 2020 |
|----------------|----------------------|------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bromsgrove | 1,460 | 2.5% | 25 | 295 | 25% |
| Malvern Hills | 1,180 | 2.6% | 10 | 255 | 28% |
| Redditch | 1,990 | 3.7% | 10 | 455 | 30% |
| Worcester | 2,400 | 3.6% | 55 | 620 | 35% |
| Wychavon | 1,990 | 2.5% | 10 | 670 | 51% |
| Wyre Forest | 1,855 | 3.1% | 55 | 275 | 17% |
| Worcestershire | 10,870 | 3.0% | 160 | 2,565 | 31% |
| West Midlands | 181,655 | 4.9% | 2,105 | 37,305 | 26% |
| England | 1,342,570 | 3.8% | 21,595 | 279,065 | 26% |

June 2023

| Area | Claimant Count 18-24 | Rate | change on last month | change since March 2020 | % change since March 2020 |
|----------------|----------------------|------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bromsgrove | 250 | 4.1% | 10 | 35 | 16% |
| Malvern Hills | 180 | 3.7% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Redditch | 375 | 6.2% | 0 | 65 | 21% |
| Worcester | 420 | 4.1% | 15 | 100 | 31% |
| Wychavon | 325 | 4.0% | -20 | 65 | 25% |
| Wyre Forest | 305 | 4.6% | -15 | -5 | -2% |
| Worcestershire | 1,855 | 4.4% | -10 | 260 | 16% |
| West Midlands | 33,070 | 6.6% | 310 | 5,165 | 19% |
| England | 227,085 | 4.8% | 1,570 | 29,355 | 15% |

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