

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

📉 The claimant count decreased in September 2024 by 50 to 12,170 and the number of claimants aged 18-24 increased by 70 to 2,110. The Worcestershire rate (Ages 16-64) of 3.4% is lower than that of the West Midlands (5.8%) and England (4.4%).

Malvern Hills commencing in May 2025

	1,245	2.8%	-15	160
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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. Commencing in May 2024, the Department for Work and Pensions are rolling out an increase in the administrative earnings threshold for full work search conditionality. This change is likely to affect around 180,000 claimants nationally over a period of around 6 months, increasing the Claimant Count over that time.
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.
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