

Worcestershire County Economic Summary

Comment: 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%).

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 increase the claimant count over a period of around 6 months.

September 2024 (Claimants aged 16-64)

Area	Claimant Count 16-64	Rate	change on last month	change on last year
Bromsgrove	1,615	2.8%	-20	195
Malvern Hills	1,245	2.8%	-15	160
Redditch	2,155	4.0%	-30	270
Worcester	2,790	4.2%	20	495
Wychavon	2,305	3.0%	-25	365
Wyre Forest	2,060	3.5%	20	270
Worcestershire	12,170	3.4%	-50	1,755
West Midlands	214,930	5.8%	4,580	38,220
England	1,567,825	4.4%	21,480	246,520

September 2024 (Claimants aged 18-24)

Area	Claimant Count 18-24	Rate	change on last month	change on last year
Bromsgrove	285	4.6%	5	5
Malvern Hills	220	4.5%	0	35
Redditch	395	6.5%	25	45
Worcester	480	4.7%	25	55
Wychavon	380	4.7%	10	45
Wyre Forest	350	5.3%	10	10
Worcestershire	2,110	5.0%	70	190
West Midlands	37,745	7.5%	1,000	4,015
England	255,295	5.4%	5,895	23,010

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. 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 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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