

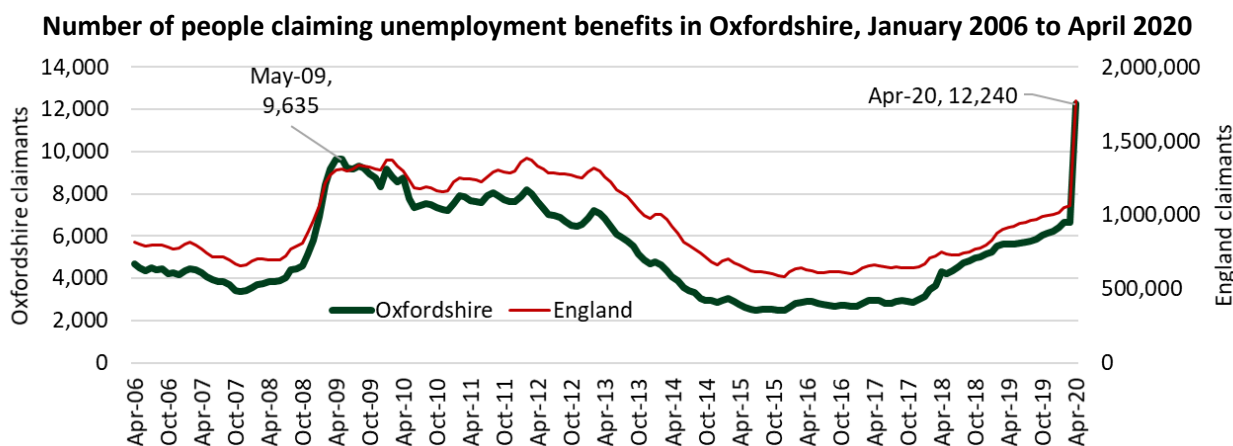


People claiming unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire – claimant count to April 2020

This JSNA Bitesize provides a summary of the latest Department of Work and Pensions claimant count data for Oxfordshire, showing the change between March 2020 and April 2020.

Between March 2020 and April 2020, the number of claimants of unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire increased from 6,655 to **12,240**, an increase of 5,600 or 84%. This was above the increases across England (+66%) and the South East (+82%).

The current peak is well above that seen after the 2008 recession (9,635 in May 2009).



The number of claimants more than doubled in South Oxfordshire and West Oxfordshire districts. Oxford City remained the Oxfordshire district with the highest rate of claimants per population, now joined by Cherwell.

Claiming unemployment benefits Mar-20 to Apr-20

	Mar-20	Apr-20	Mar-20 to Apr-20	%
Cherwell	1,460	2,845	1,385	95%
Oxford	2,100	3,265	1,165	55%
South Oxfordshire	1,050	2,245	1,195	114%
Vale of White Horse	1,095	1,945	850	78%
West Oxfordshire	955	1,935	980	103%
Oxfordshire	6,655	12,240	5,585	84%
South East	120,930	219,910	98,980	82%
England	1,063,505	1,768,540	705,035	66%

Rate per population aged 16-64

	Mar-20	Apr-20
Cherwell	1.57	3.07
Oxford	1.98	3.07
South Oxfordshire	1.24	2.65
Vale of White Horse	1.33	2.36
West Oxfordshire	1.45	2.93
Oxfordshire	1.54	2.83
South East	2.15	3.91
England	3.03	5.04

Places in Oxfordshire with an increase of 100 or more claimants were:

Cherwell

Banbury (+550, +74%)

Bicester (+310, +124%)

Kidlington (+160, +119%)

Oxford

Northfield Brook (+105, +68%)

South Oxfordshire

Didcot (+365, +124%)

Cholsey (+105, +162%)

Henley-on-Thames (+105, +105%)

Wallingford (+105, +150%)

Vale of White Horse

Abingdon (+200, +56%)

Wantage and Grove (+120, +62%)

West Oxfordshire

Witney (+270, +95%)