

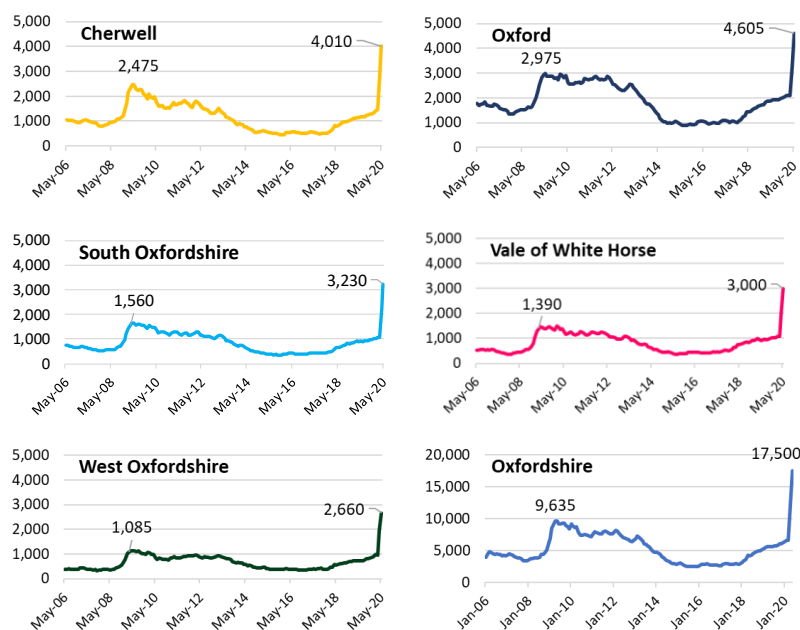


## People claiming unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire – claimant count to May 2020

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 May 2020.

- As of May 2020 there was a total of **17,500** claimants of unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire. This was 5,350 above the previous month (12,150 in April 2020).
- Between March 2020 and May 2020, the number of claimants in Oxfordshire increased by 10,845 or 163%. This was above each of the increases across England (+114%) and the South East (+150%).
- The long-term trend is showing a much sharper increase than in 2008/09.

Number of people claiming unemployment benefits  
May 2006 to May 2020



- The increase in the number of claimants between March 2020 and May 2020 was highest in South Oxfordshire district. The rate per population remains highest in Oxford and Cherwell.

### Claiming unemployment benefits Mar-20 to May-20

|                    | Mar-20       | Apr-20        | May-20        | Mar-20 to May-20 | %           |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Cherwell           | 1,460        | 2,840         | 4,010         | 2,550            | 175%        |
| Oxford             | 2,100        | 3,220         | 4,605         | 2,505            | 119%        |
| South Oxfordshire  | 1,050        | 2,235         | 3,230         | 2,180            | 208%        |
| Vale of White Hors | 1,095        | 1,930         | 3,000         | 1,905            | 174%        |
| West Oxfordshire   | 955          | 1,925         | 2,660         | 1,705            | 179%        |
| <b>Oxfordshire</b> | <b>6,655</b> | <b>12,150</b> | <b>17,500</b> | <b>10,845</b>    | <b>163%</b> |
| South East         | 120,930      | 219,285       | 302,595       | 181,665          | 150%        |
| England            | 1,063,505    | 1,764,725     | 2,277,190     | 1,213,685        | 114%        |

### Rate per population aged 16-64

|                    | Mar-20      | Apr-20      | May-20      |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cherwell           | 1.57        | 3.06        | 4.32        |
| Oxford             | 1.98        | 3.03        | 4.33        |
| South Oxfordshire  | 1.24        | 2.64        | 3.81        |
| Vale of White Hors | 1.33        | 2.34        | 3.64        |
| West Oxfordshire   | 1.45        | 2.91        | 4.03        |
| <b>Oxfordshire</b> | <b>1.54</b> | <b>2.81</b> | <b>4.05</b> |
| South East         | 2.15        | 3.90        | 5.38        |
| England            | 3.03        | 5.03        | 6.48        |

Places in Oxfordshire with an increase of 200 or more claimants between March and May were:

#### Cherwell

Banbury (+960, +130%)  
Bicester (+605, +242%)  
Kidlington (+310, +230%)

#### Oxford

Northfield Brook (+200, +129%)

#### South Oxfordshire

Didcot (+490, +166%)  
Henley-on-Thames (+240, +240%)

Thame (+205, +240%)

#### Vale of White Horse

Abingdon (+495, +139%)  
Wantage and Grove (+295, +151%)

#### West Oxfordshire

Witney (+470, +165%)