

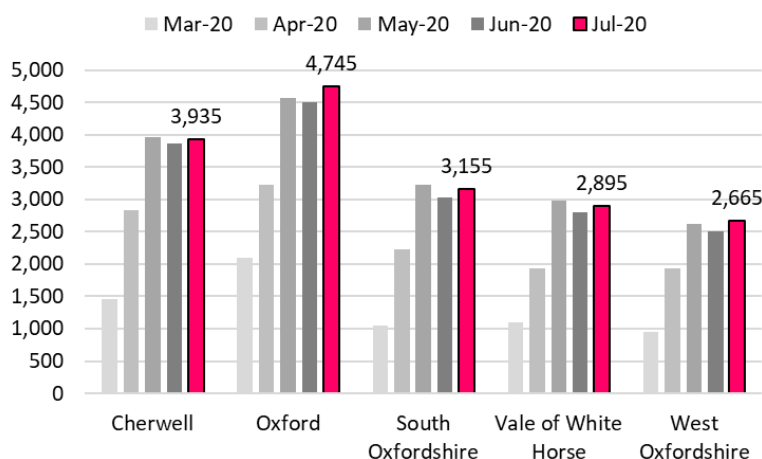


People claiming unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire – claimant count to July 2020

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 July 2020.

- As of July 2020 there was a total of **17,395** claimants of unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire. This was 695 above the previous month (16,700 in June 2020).
- Each district in Oxfordshire saw a slight increase in claimants between June and July.
- There are also 119,200 people in Oxfordshire supported by the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) or Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (to 30 June 2020).

Number of people claiming unemployment benefits by district March 2020 to July 2020



Claiming unemployment benefits Mar-20 to July-20

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Jun-20 to Jul-20	
Cherwell	1,460	2,840	3,955	3,870	3,935	65	2%
Oxford	2,100	3,220	4,570	4,510	4,745	235	5%
South Oxfordshire	1,050	2,235	3,220	3,025	3,155	130	4%
Vale of White Horse	1,095	1,930	2,985	2,795	2,895	100	4%
West Oxfordshire	955	1,925	2,625	2,500	2,665	165	7%
Oxfordshire	6,655	12,150	17,350	16,700	17,395	695	4%

Rate per population aged 16-64

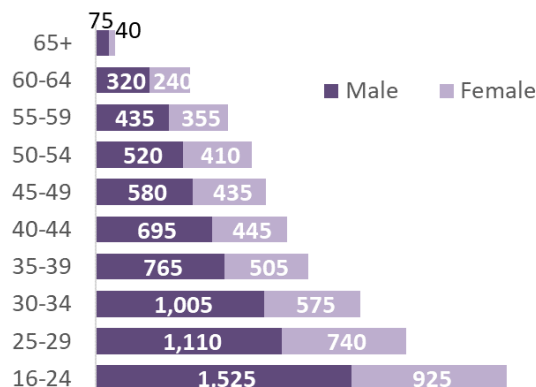
	Jul-19	Jul-20	ppt change
Cherwell	1.25%	4.24%	2.99
Oxford	1.82%	4.47%	2.65
South Oxfordshire	1.08%	3.72%	2.64
Vale of White Horse	1.17%	3.52%	2.34
West Oxfordshire	1.09%	4.03%	2.94
Oxfordshire	1.32%	4.03%	2.71
South East	1.83%	5.29%	3.46
England	2.70%	6.47%	3.77

Younger age groups and males have each seen a greater increase in the number of claimants.

- Between July 2019 and July 2020, there was an increase of 2,450 in claimants aged 16-24 and 1,850 in claimants aged 25-29.
- Male claimants in Oxfordshire increased by 7,030 compared with 4,670 additional female claimants.

To explore counts and rates for small areas in Oxfordshire and the trend by age group, visit our [unemployment dashboard](#) on Oxfordshire Insight.

Claimant count increase from July 2019 to July 2020 by age group and sex



From: DWP claimant count www.nomisweb.co.uk (accessed 11 August 2020); ONS mid-2019 population estimates, note that the release of the July 2020 data included revisions to the June 2020 counts.