



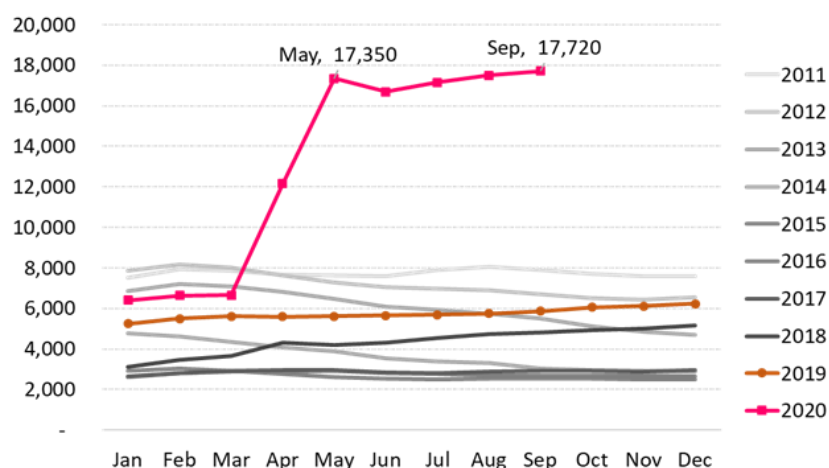
People claiming unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire to September 2020

This JSNA Bitesize provides a summary of the latest Department of Work and Pensions claimant count data for Oxfordshire.

As of September 2020 there was a total of **17,720** claimants of unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire. This was 225 above the previous month (17,495 in August 2020).

This was equivalent to a rate of 4.1% (per population aged 16-64) in September 2020, below the England average (6.6%) and highest in Oxford (4.6%), Cherwell (4.4%) and West Oxfordshire (3.9%) districts.

Number of people claiming unemployment benefits Oxfordshire Jan 2011 to Sep 2020



As of 31 July 2020, there were 103,000 employed people in Oxfordshire supported by the Coronavirus Retention Scheme (furlough). The take up rate, of eligible employments, in the county was 29%, just under the regional and national averages (30% across the South East and 32% in England).

Places in Oxfordshire with an increase of 200 or more claimants of unemployment benefits (comparing Sep 2019 to Sep 2020)

	Difference Sep 19 to Sep 20	% change
Cherwell		
Banbury	+1070	+169%
Bicester	+535	+261%
Kidlington	+215	+205%
Oxford		
Barton and Sandhills	+210	+156%
Northfield Brook	+200	+121%
Rose Hill and Iffley	+200	+154%
South Oxfordshire		
Didcot	+490	+181%
Henley	+260	+306%
Thame	+200	+286%
Vale of White Horse		
Abingdon	+525	+157%
Wantage and Grove	+335	+186%
West Oxfordshire		
Witney	+495	+190%
Carterton	+210	+156%

Claiming unemployment benefits Apr-20 to Sep-20

	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Aug-20 to Sep-20
Cherwell	2,840	3,955	3,870	3,890	3,940	4,065	125
Oxford	3,220	4,570	4,510	4,690	4,755	4,905	150
South Oxfordshire	2,235	3,220	3,025	3,085	3,175	3,170	-5
Vale of White Horse	1,930	2,985	2,795	2,865	2,960	2,980	20
West Oxfordshire	1,925	2,625	2,500	2,620	2,670	2,600	-70
Oxfordshire	12,150	17,350	16,700	17,150	17,495	17,720	225

Rate per population aged 16-64

	Sep-19	Sep-20	ppt change
Cherwell	1.30%	4.40%	3.10
Oxford	1.80%	4.60%	2.80
South Oxfordshire	1.10%	3.70%	2.60
Vale of White Horse	1.20%	3.60%	2.40
West Oxfordshire	1.20%	3.90%	2.70
Oxfordshire	1.40%	4.10%	2.70
England	2.80%	6.60%	3.80

See the [unemployment dashboard](#) on Oxfordshire Insight to further explore unemployment benefit claimant data for small areas in Oxfordshire.

From DWP claimant count downloaded from www.nomisweb.co.uk and ONS mid-2019 population estimates.

The DWP claimant count for August has been revised down from 17,755 to 17,495 this month.

[Coronavirus Job Retention scheme](#). Note that furlough data for local authorities was not updated with the main data release in September 2020.

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