

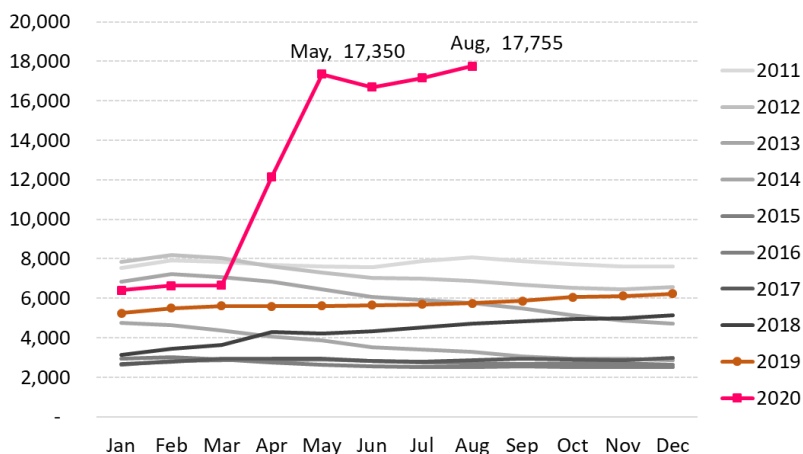


People claiming unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire to August 2020

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

- As of August 2020 there was a total of **17,755** claimants of unemployment benefits in Oxfordshire. This was 605 above the previous month (17,150 in July 2020).
- This was equivalent to a rate of 4.1% (per population aged 16-64) in August 2020, below the England average (6.6) and highest in Oxford (4.6), Cherwell (4.3) and West Oxfordshire (4.1) districts.

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



Claiming unemployment benefits Mar-20 to Aug-20

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Jul-20 to Aug-20
Cherwell	1,460	2,840	3,955	3,870	3,890	3,990	20
Oxford	2,100	3,220	4,570	4,510	4,690	4,845	180
South Oxfordshire	1,050	2,235	3,220	3,025	3,085	3,210	60
Vale of White Horse	1,095	1,930	2,985	2,795	2,865	3,005	70
West Oxfordshire	955	1,925	2,625	2,500	2,620	2,705	120
Oxfordshire	6,655	12,150	17,350	16,700	17,150	17,755	450

Rate per population aged 16-64

	Aug-19	Aug-20	ppt change
Cherwell	1.27%	4.30%	3.03
Oxford	1.82%	4.56%	2.74
South Oxfordshire	1.11%	3.79%	2.68
Vale of White Horse	1.15%	3.65%	2.50
West Oxfordshire	1.16%	4.09%	2.94
Oxfordshire	1.33%	4.11%	2.78
England	2.75%	6.59%	3.84

- 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).

From DWP claimant count downloaded from www.nomisweb.co.uk and ONS mid-2019 population estimates [Coronavirus Job Retention scheme](#). Note that furlough data for local authorities was not updated with the main data release in September 2020.