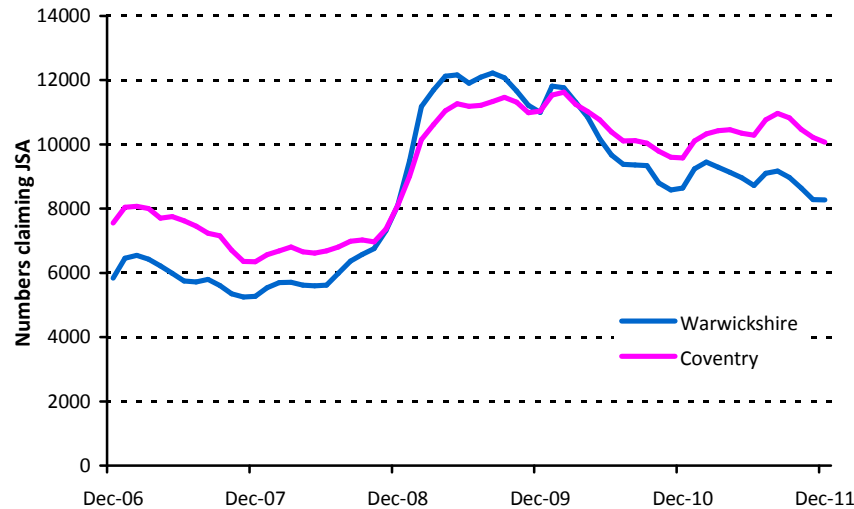


Warwickshire's Claimant Count – December 2011

- The Job Seekers' Allowance (JSA) claimant count in December 2011 was 8,274 in Warwickshire; a rate of 2.4% of the resident working age population. This represents a fall of 9 claimants or -0.1% from the previous month.



- Within the County, Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough has seen a fall in claimants over the past month; however, the other four Districts/Boroughs have seen slight increases from the November figures.
- The year-on-year figures vary across the region but Warwickshire has a lower claimant rate than last year. However, this masks variation at District/Borough level; Rugby Borough has seen a 16.7% fall in the number of claimants in the past year while Stratford-on-Avon count has risen by 54 claimants (5.3%) over the same period.

- The number of JSA claimants aged 18-24 has fallen in Warwickshire over the last month. In December 2011 there were 2,340 claimants aged 18-24 years (5.4% of all 18-24 year olds) whereas in the previous month there were 2,455 claimants aged 18-24 years (5.7% of 18-24 year olds).
- The number of long-term unemployed (over 6 months) claimants in Warwickshire has fallen slightly over the past month. Long term unemployment accounts for 0.8% of the resident working age population in December 2011 with 2,840 people claiming JSA for over 6 months compared to 2,900 in November 2011.
- The broader ILO definition of unemployment for the UK for the three months to November 2011 was 8.4%. The rate was up 0.3 percentage points on the previous quarter.

	December 2011		Monthly Change Nov – Dec 2011*		Year-on-Year Change Dec 10 – Dec 11	
	Count	Rate	Count	% Change	Count	% Change
UK	1,568,849	3.9	10,093	0.6%	143,657	10.1%
West Midlands	165,250	4.8	726	0.4%	12,210	8.0%
Coventry	10,073	4.8	-142	-1.4%	493	5.1%
Solihull	4,722	3.7	37	0.8%	299	6.8%
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP	18,347	3.3	-151	-0.8%	125	0.7%
Warwickshire	8,274	2.4	-9	-0.1%	-368	-4.3%
North Warwickshire	976	2.5	38	4.1%	-56	-5.4%
Nuneaton & Bedworth	2,922	3.8	-96	-3.2%	-80	-2.7%
Rugby	1,348	2.3	23	1.7%	-270	-16.7%
Stratford-on-Avon	1,076	1.5	7	0.7%	54	5.3%
Warwick	1,952	2.1	19	1.0%	-16	-0.8%

Notes: *Claimant count figures are not seasonally adjusted. Care is needed in interpreting monthly changes in the counts, which will be affected by seasonal fluctuations.

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