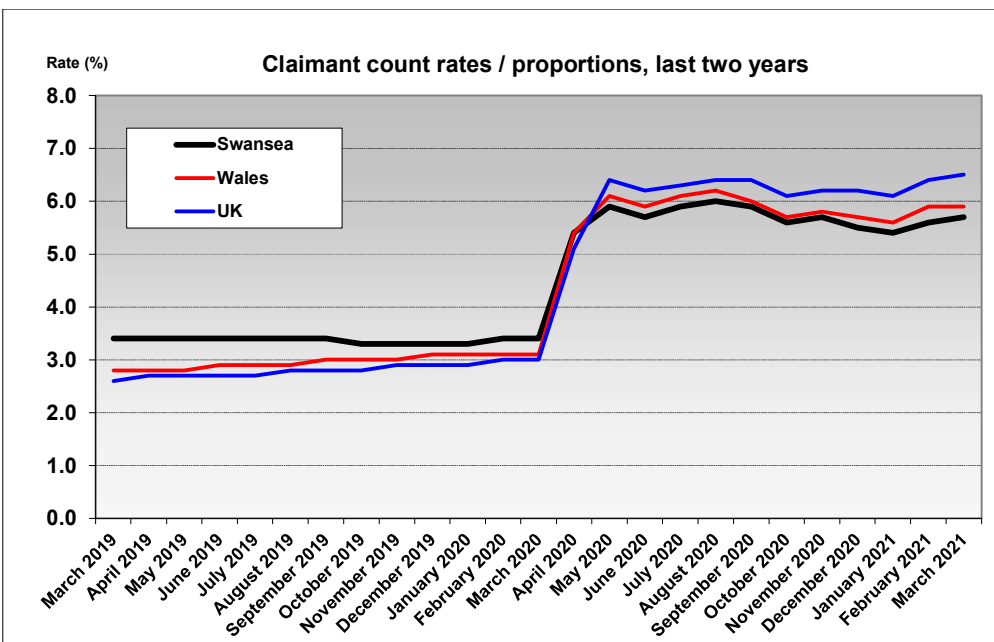
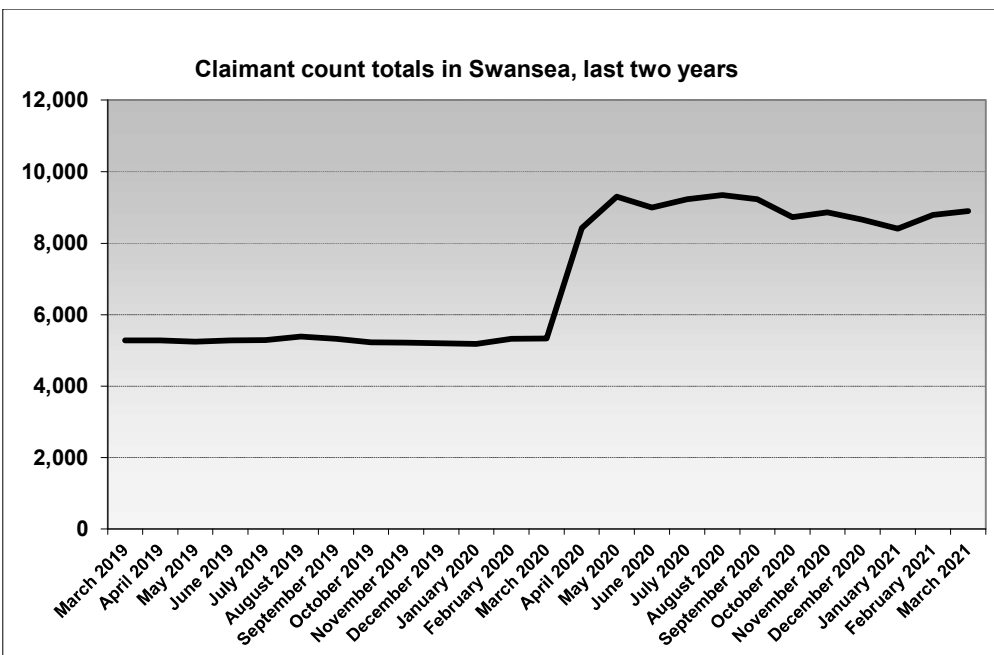


CLAIMANT COUNT UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS: to March 2021

CLAIMANT COUNT UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS: last 2 years				Swansea: total	rate (%)	Wales (%)	UK (%)		
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March 2019	5,285	3.4	2.8	2.6	April 2020	8,425	5.4	5.4	5.1
April 2019	5,285	3.4	2.8	2.7	May 2020	9,300	5.9	6.1	6.4
May 2019	5,245	3.4	2.8	2.7	June 2020	8,995	5.7	5.9	6.2
June 2019	5,285	3.4	2.9	2.7	July 2020	9,225	5.9	6.1	6.3
July 2019	5,290	3.4	2.9	2.7	August 2020	9,345	6.0	6.2	6.4
August 2019	5,385	3.4	2.9	2.8	September 2020	9,230	5.9	6.0	6.4
September 2019	5,330	3.4	3.0	2.8	October 2020	8,725	5.6	5.7	6.1
October 2019	5,230	3.3	3.0	2.8	November 2020	8,860	5.7	5.8	6.2
November 2019	5,215	3.3	3.0	2.9	December 2020	8,655	5.5	5.7	6.2
December 2019	5,200	3.3	3.1	2.9	January 2021	8,405	5.4	5.6	6.1
January 2020	5,185	3.3	3.1	2.9	February 2021	8,795	5.6	5.9	6.4
February 2020	5,320	3.4	3.1	3.0	March 2021	8,900	5.7	5.9	6.5
March 2020	5,335	3.4	3.1	3.0	Change on year	+3,565	+66.8%	+87.4%	+112.3%
					Change: 2 years	+3,615	+68.4%	+110.2%	+146.7%



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Recent trends in claimant count unemployment.

Claimant count – defined as all people who claim Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), plus claimants of Universal Credit (UC) who are required to seek work and be available for work.

This page: Two-year trends

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Data source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) administrative systems, Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Nomis.

Latest count date: 11 March 2021
Data released: 20 April 2021.

Please refer to **Notes** on next page.

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CLAIMANT COUNT UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS: last 24 years					Swansea: total	rate (%)	Wales (%)	UK (%)	
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March 1997	7,075	5.0	4.8	4.7	March 2010	5,835	3.8	4.1	4.0
March 1998	5,470	3.9	4.0	3.8	March 2011	5,320	3.4	3.9	3.7
March 1999	5,690	4.0	3.9	3.6	March 2012	5,865	3.8	4.3	4.1
March 2000	5,085	3.6	3.4	3.2	March 2013	5,665	3.7	4.2	3.9
March 2001	5,010	3.6	3.1	2.7	March 2014	4,850	3.2	3.4	2.9
March 2002	4,210	3.0	2.8	2.6	March 2015	3,625	2.4	2.5	2.1
March 2003	4,085	2.8	2.7	2.6	March 2016	3,740	2.4	2.4	1.9
March 2004	3,785	2.6	2.4	2.4	March 2017	3,580	2.3	2.2	2.0
March 2005	3,430	2.3	2.2	2.3	March 2018	3,990	2.6	2.2	2.1
March 2006	3,810	2.6	2.5	2.5	March 2019	5,285	3.4	2.8	2.6
March 2007	3,340	2.2	2.4	2.4	March 2020	5,335	3.4	3.1	3.0
March 2008	3,145	2.1	2.2	2.1	March 2021	8,900	5.7	5.9	6.5
March 2009	5,735	3.8	4.1	3.8	Change: 5 years	+5,160	+95.7%	+82.8%	+144.9%
					Change: 24 years	+1,825	+25.8%	+29.8%	+54.3%

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Claimant Count: 24-year trends (to March 2021).

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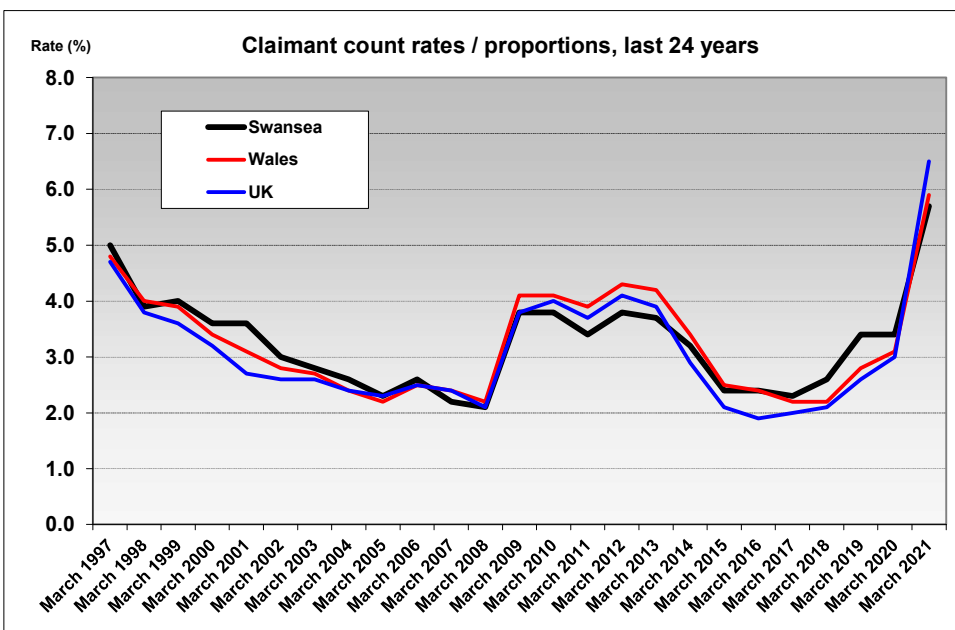
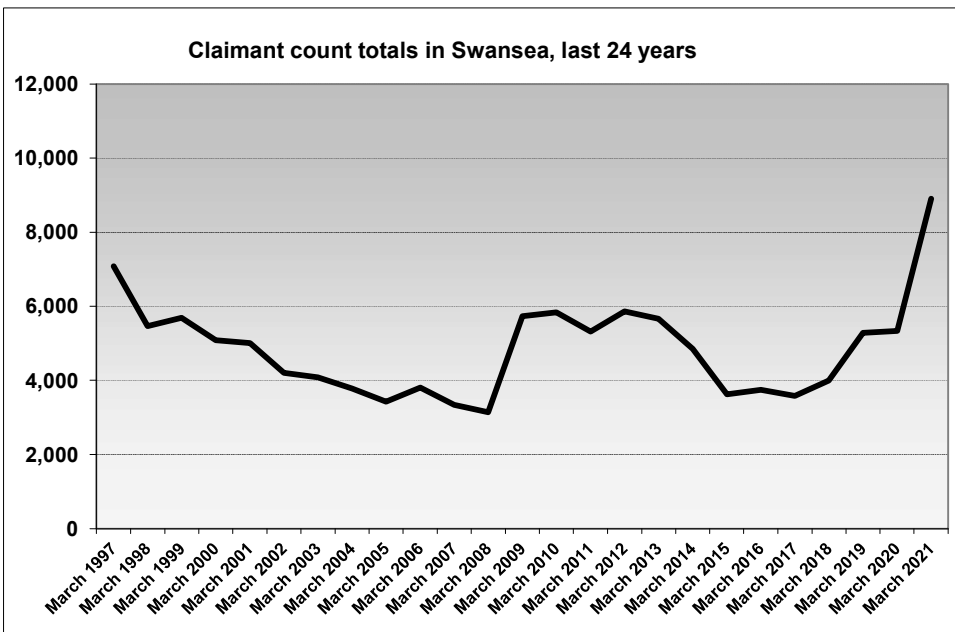
i. From April 2015, the Claimant Count includes all Universal Credit (UC) claimants who are required to seek work and be available for work, as well as all Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimants. Between May 2013 and March 2015, the Claimant Count included all out of work UC claimants plus all JSA claimants. Between October 1996 and April 2013, the Claimant Count was the number of people claiming JSA.

ii. Under UC a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under JSA. As UC Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise. In Swansea, this was from December 2017.

iii. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the coronavirus mean that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still employed. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be due wholly to changes in the number of people who are unemployed. It is not currently possible to identify to what extent people who are employed or unemployed have affected the numbers.

iv. Claimant count rates are expressed as a proportion of the resident population aged 16-64 (ONS mid-year estimates).

v. This data is not seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted claimant count data is available for UK countries/regions only.



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