

Spotlight report: North Somerset economic wellbeing

In North Somerset, 83.5% of residents aged 16-64 are economically active and 16.5% are economically inactive. Overall, a higher percentage of residents are economically active in North Somerset compared to regional and national averages. For those who are inactive, the main reasons are *being a student, looking after family/home, being long-term sick, and being retired*.

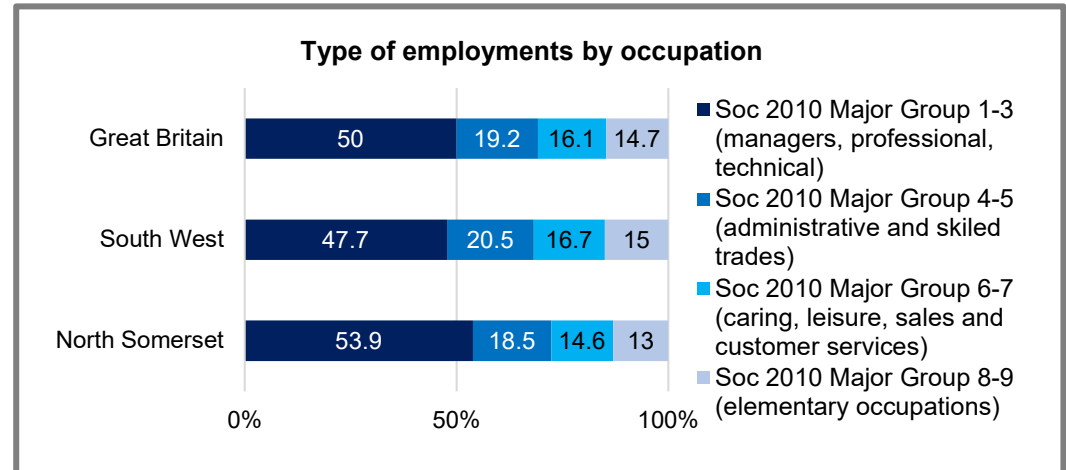
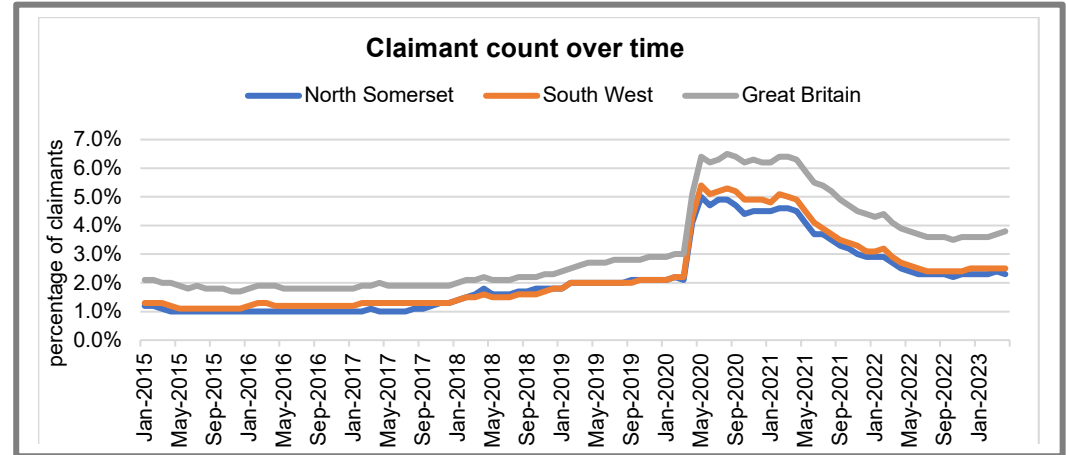
As of April 2023, 2.3% of residents aged 16-64 (2,925 people) were claiming out-of-work benefits, this compares to 2.5% regionally and 3.8% nationally. This claimant count increased during the pandemic from around 2% in North Somerset, hitting a peak of 5% in May 2020 and then falling steadily after that. Our nearest neighbours have current claimant counts as follows: Bath and North East Somerset 1.9% (2,300 people), Bristol 3.4% (11,150 people), Somerset 2.4% (8,005 people), and South Gloucestershire 1.7% (3,195 people). The claimant count data updates monthly and can be found [here](#).

North Somerset has a [job density](#) (ratio of jobs to 16-64 population) of 0.82, this is lower than the regional average of 0.87 and the national average of 0.85. Our nearest neighbours have job densities as follows: Bath and North East Somerset 0.90, Bristol 0.99, Somerset 0.82, and South Gloucestershire 0.95.

There are 88,000 employee jobs in North Somerset of which 56,000 are full-time and 32,000 are part-time.

There is a higher percentage of North Somerset residents in [employments](#) that are management/professional/technical occupations than regional and national averages though this includes employment which residents out-commute for (those jobs are in different areas).

Earning by place of residence in North Somerset are above regional and national averages but earnings by place of work are below average, this means people who go out of North Somerset to work earn more than people who stay to work in North Somerset by a difference of £72.



Earnings by place of residence compared to place of work (gross weekly pay)

	North Somerset	South West	Great Britain
Earnings by place of residence	£617.4	£558.4	£587.1
Earnings by place of work	£544.9	£550.1	£586.7
Difference	£72.5	£8.3	£0.4