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East Sussex Claimant Statistics -

Total number claiming Universal Credit (UC) any conditionality - **47,620 (Nov)** and **48,632 (Dec)**

Total claiming UC any conditionality as % of the working-age population - **15.1% (Nov)** and **15.4%**

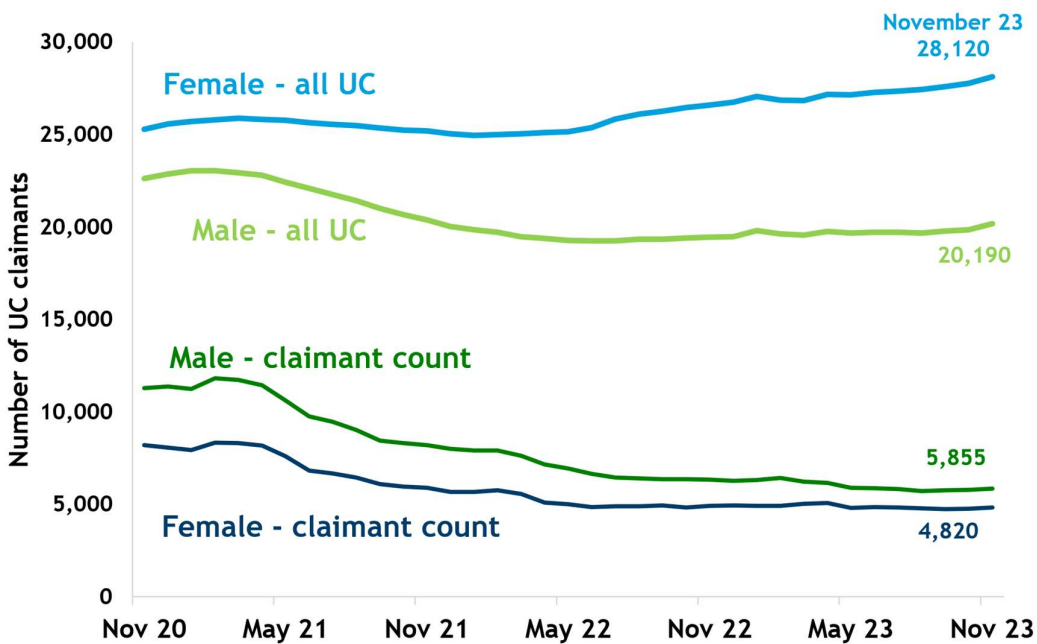
Number of claimants of UC searching for work or Job Seekers Allowance - **10,675 (Nov)** and **10,825 (Dec)**

UC/JSA searching for work % of the working-age population - **3.4% (Nov)** and **3.5% (Dec)**

Source: East Sussex in Figures (ESiF)

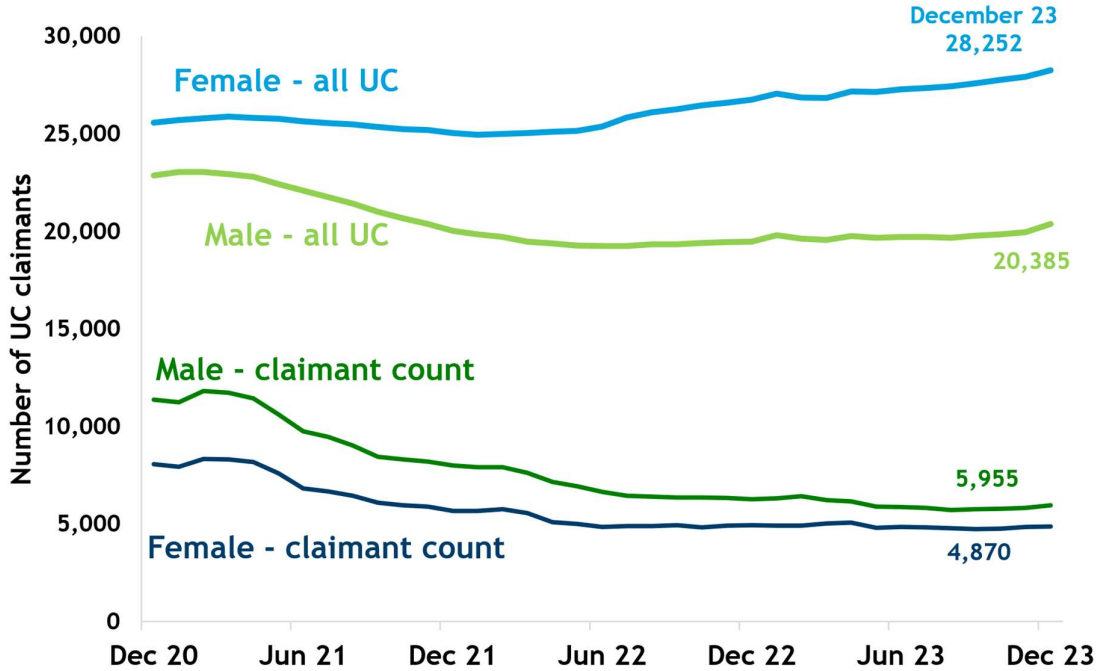
All UC claimant rates living in East Sussex by conditionality and sex to

November 2023

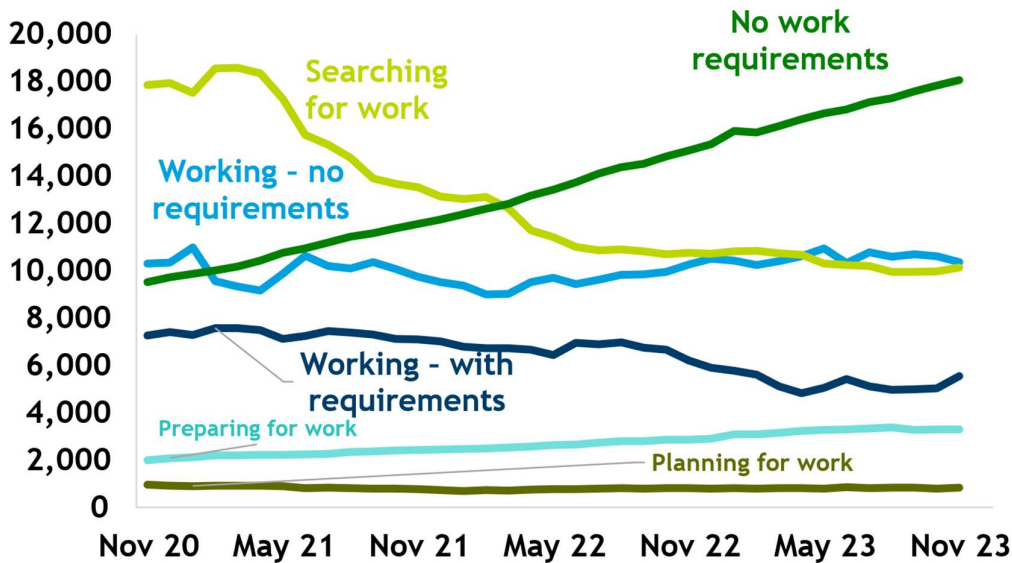


Graphs: Courtesy of ESiF

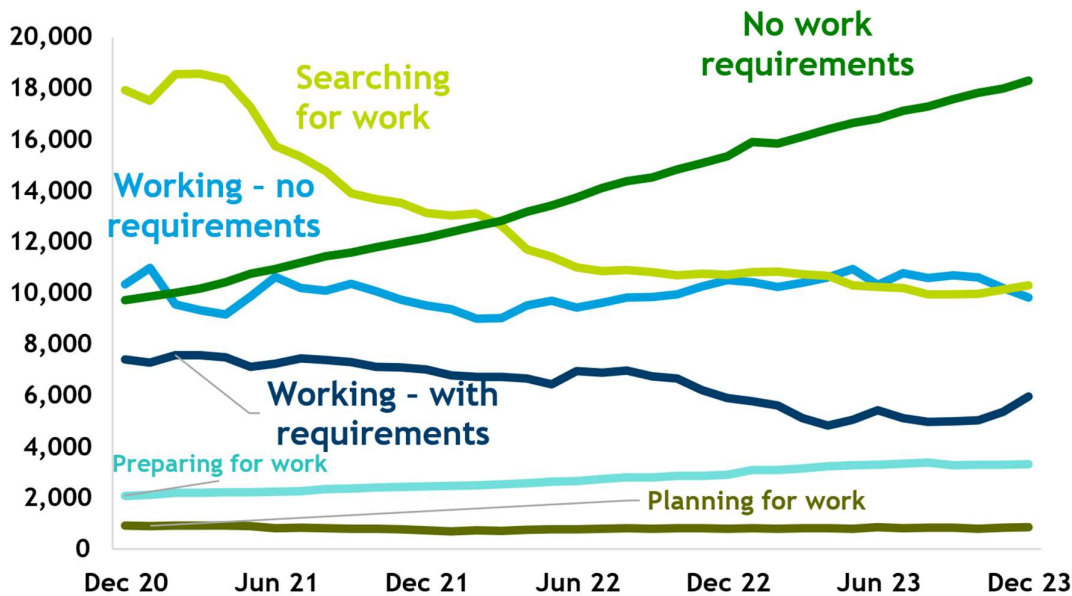
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East Sussex Vacancy Statistics

Vacancies (unique job postings) by District for

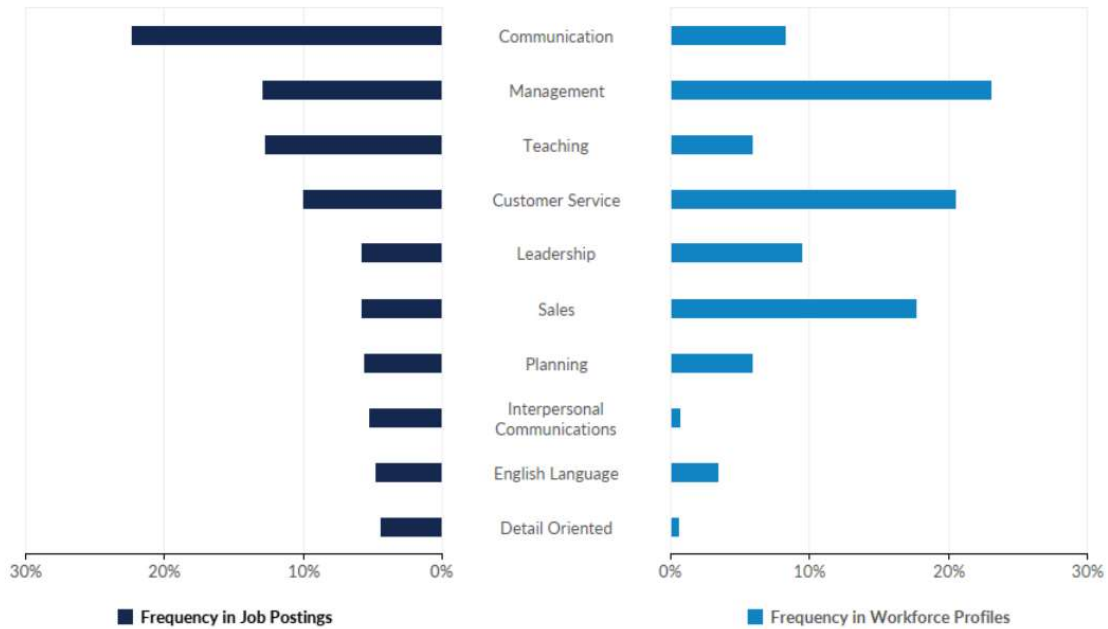
- Eastbourne - 1,007
- Wealden - 939
- Lewes - 1,062
- Hastings - 668
- Rother - 318

Top 5 Posted Job Titles in East Sussex

Last 30 days to end of 22/01/24.

- Care Workers
- Teaching Assistants
- Teachers
- Health Service Managers
- Sales and Retail

Skills demand in East Sussex



Source: Lightcast

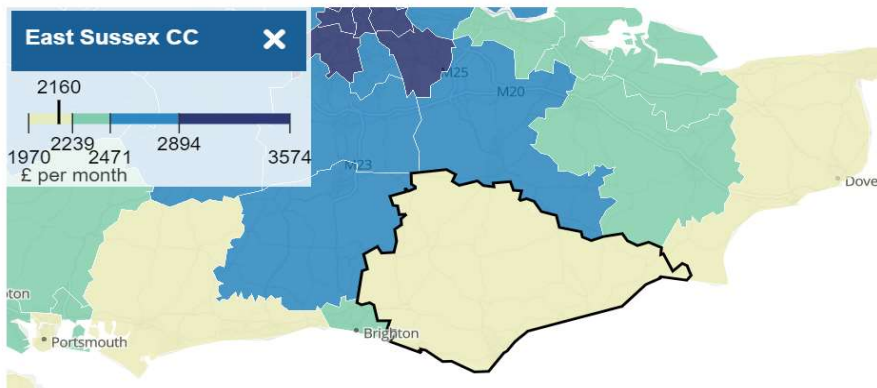
Monthly Median Pay in East Sussex

Monthly median pay in East Sussex:

£2,160 per month using the HM Revenue and Customs Pay As You Earn Real Time Information in December 2023.

Figure 8: Median pay varies across the UK

Median pay, seasonally adjusted, UK, NUTS3 level, December 2023

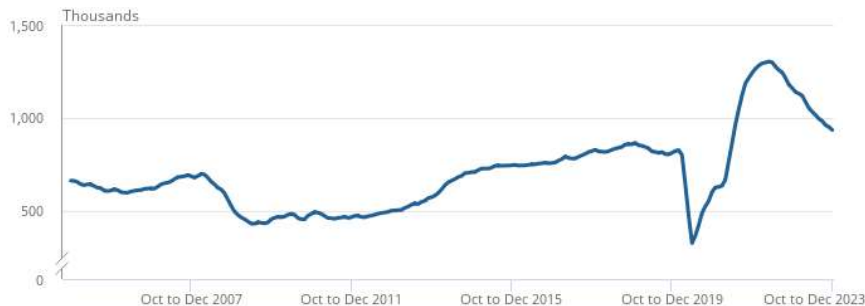


Source: [Earnings and employment from Pay As You Earn Real Time Information, UK - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

National Employment Picture

Figure 1: The estimated number of vacancies fell on the quarter to 934,000

Number of vacancies in the UK, seasonally adjusted, October to December 2004 to October to December 2023



Source: Vacancy Survey from the Office for National Statistics

Vacancy nos - ONS graphs

Job Postings Nationally (//23)

- London - 92,796
- South East - 92,053
- North West - 65,276
- South West - 50,849

Source: *lightcast*

Focus on - Retrofit

Retrofit is any improvement work on an existing building to improve its energy efficiency, making them easier to heat, able to retain that heat for longer, and replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy.

The retrofit landscape at a national and a local level requires a significant number of trained professionals to deliver and assess retrofitting installations.

- Around 80% of existing buildings for housing (27 million) require retrofitting upgrades.
- 5% of newly built homes in 2019 fell below the desired energy performance standards.
- To reach 2050 retrofit goals the UK must accelerate it's retrofit of homes to approximately 1,038,462 homes a year.
- 430,000 newly trained staff needed in the UK Green Housing sector.

East Sussex Initiatives

- £12 million of Green Homes Grants and Home Upgrade Grants between 2021-2025.
- £500k of business grants to enable implementation of retrofit energy efficiency measures.
- [East Sussex College Green Training Hub](#), in Hampden park, operated in partnership with OHM Energy, delivering training in green technologies and retrofit, such as solar, heat pump technology and micro-wind installations.
- £240,000 of [DESNZ funding](#) to boost green skills through a Retrofit Skills Strategy; mapping the current green skills picture, identifying gaps and developing activities to address this. This project is being supported by the Skills East Sussex Construction Task Group.

Education and Training News

The leadership level national professional qualification (NPQ) will become the mandatory qualification for SENCOs from September 2024, replacing the NASENCO qualification. SENCOs who currently hold the NASENCO qualification or are completing the NASENCO qualification will not be required to also complete the NPQ. If you would like to find out more about the transition from the NASENCO award to NPQ then please click here - [Transition to national professional qualification for special educational needs co-ordinators - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/transition-to-national-professional-qualification-for-special-educational-needs-co-ordinators).

And Finally!

Further useful LMI and Careers resources

- **LMI For All** - [Explore LMI data - LMI For All](#)
- **Careers Hub** - [Careers > East Sussex \(careerseastsussex.co.uk\)](#)
- **Advice for Young People making choices** [Careers > East Sussex \(careerseastsussex.co.uk\)](#)
- **Advice for helping a child making choices** - [Careers > East Sussex \(careerseastsussex.co.uk\)](#)
- **East Sussex in Figures (ESiF)** - [Welcome to ESiF \(eastsussexinfigures.org.uk\)](#)
- **Office for National Statistics** - [Labour market overview, UK Statistical bulletins - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Government funded training** - [Free courses for jobs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

More links/further reading for this month's topics

Note on economic inactivity given by the ONS:

1. Other reasons for being economically inactive include those who are waiting for the results of a job application, those who have not yet started looking for work, those who do not need or want employment, those who have given an uncategorised reason for being economically inactive, or those who have not given a reason for being economically inactive.