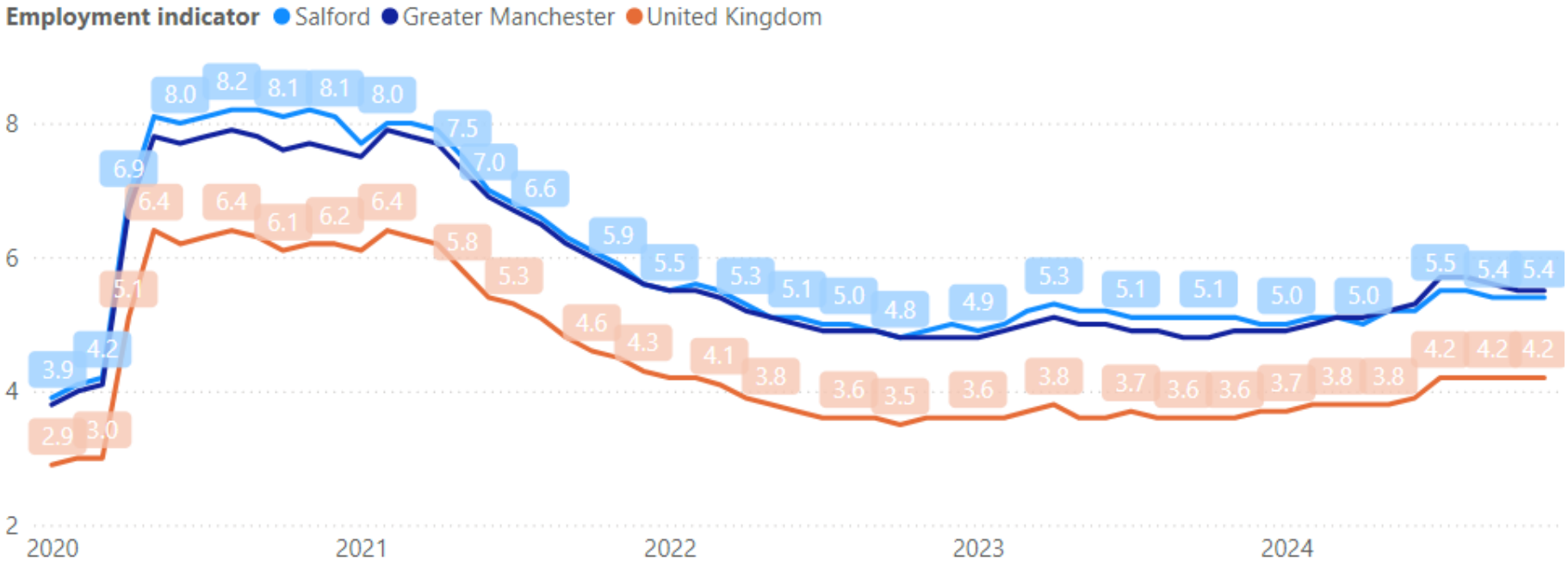
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Salford Labour Market Up-date

December 2024

Labour Market

Unemployment (JSA and unemployed elements of UC)



- Unemployment in Salford has risen by 7.7% over the past 12 months and currently sits at 5.4% of the residences aged 16–64. The unemployment rate over the past 3 months is at it's highest in Salford since February 2022 and is some way short of the pre Covid levels of 4%
- The number of people unemployed in Salford has increased at a lower rate (7.7%) than the Greater Manchester (12.7%) and national (13.9%) averages

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	% Change Dec-23 - Nov-24
Salford	9,125 *5	9,110 5	9,200 5.1	9,185 5.1	9,170 5	9,405 5.2	9,360 5.2	9,965 5.5	10,010 5.5	9,895 5.4	9,850 5.4	9,825 5.4	7.70%
Greater Manchester	88,735 4.9	89,215 4.9	91,580 5	93,430 5.1	93,650 5.1	95,015 5.2	96,705 5.3	104,145 5.7	103,615 5.7	102,615 5.6	100,990 5.5	99,990 5.5	12.70%
United Kingdom	1,543,460 3.7	1,551,970 3.7	1,595,355 3.8	1,608,340 3.8	1,594,025 3.8	1,605,290 3.8	1,640,155 3.9	1,777,620 4.2	1,772,555 4.2	1,769,680 4.2	1,754,330 4.2	1,757,375 4.2	13.90%

Source – Nomis . * % of Salford 16–64-year-olds

Labour Market

Unemployment (JSA and unemployed elements of UC)

Local Authority	Nov-20		Nov-21		Nov-22		Nov-23		Nov-24		Nov-20 - Nov-21	Nov-21 - Nov-22	Nov-22 - Nov-23	Nov-23 - Nov-24
Oldham	13,530	*9.3	11,055	7.4	9,350	6.3	9,430	6.3	11,315	7.6	-18.29%	-15.42%	0.86%	19.99%
Manchester	34,510	8.8	27,005	7	22,055	5.7	23,500	6.1	26,615	6.9	-21.75%	-18.33%	6.55%	13.26%
Rochdale	11,535	8.3	9,505	6.9	8,040	5.8	7,715	5.6	9,145	6.6	-17.60%	-15.41%	-4.04%	18.54%
Bolton	15,005	8.5	11,420	6.3	9,885	5.4	9,610	5.3	11,235	6.2	-23.89%	-13.44%	-2.78%	16.91%
Salford	**14,240**	**8.2**	**10,715**	**5.9**	**8,955**	**4.9**	**9,250**	**5.1**	**9,825**	**5.4**	-24.75%	-16.43%	3.29%	6.22%
Tameside	11,055	7.8	7,930	5.5	6,555	4.5	6,665	4.6	7,655	5.3	-28.27%	-17.34%	1.68%	14.85%
Bury	8,185	7	5,950	5	5,110	4.3	4,880	4.1	5,690	4.8	-27.31%	-14.12%	-4.50%	16.60%
Wigan	13,675	6.7	9,660	4.7	7,745	3.8	7,605	3.7	7,850	3.8	-29.36%	-19.82%	-1.81%	3.22%
Stockport	10,575	5.9	7,305	4.1	5,895	3.3	5,700	3.2	5,920	3.3	-30.92%	-19.30%	-3.31%	3.86%
Trafford	7,730	5.3	5,210	3.6	4,290	3	4,355	3	4,745	3.3	-32.60%	-17.66%	1.52%	8.96%

- Unemployment has increased across Greater Manchester over the past 12 months, Salford has had one of the lowest percentage increase (6.22%) in comparison to other local authorities in GM, with Oldham and Rochdale seeing an increase close to 20%.

- Salford sits in the middle of the GM LAs in terms of % of residence 16-64, Oldham has the highest rate at 7.6% and Trafford with lowest at 3.3%

Source – Nomis . * % of Salford 16–64-year-olds

Labour Market

Unemployment (JSA and unemployed elements of UC)

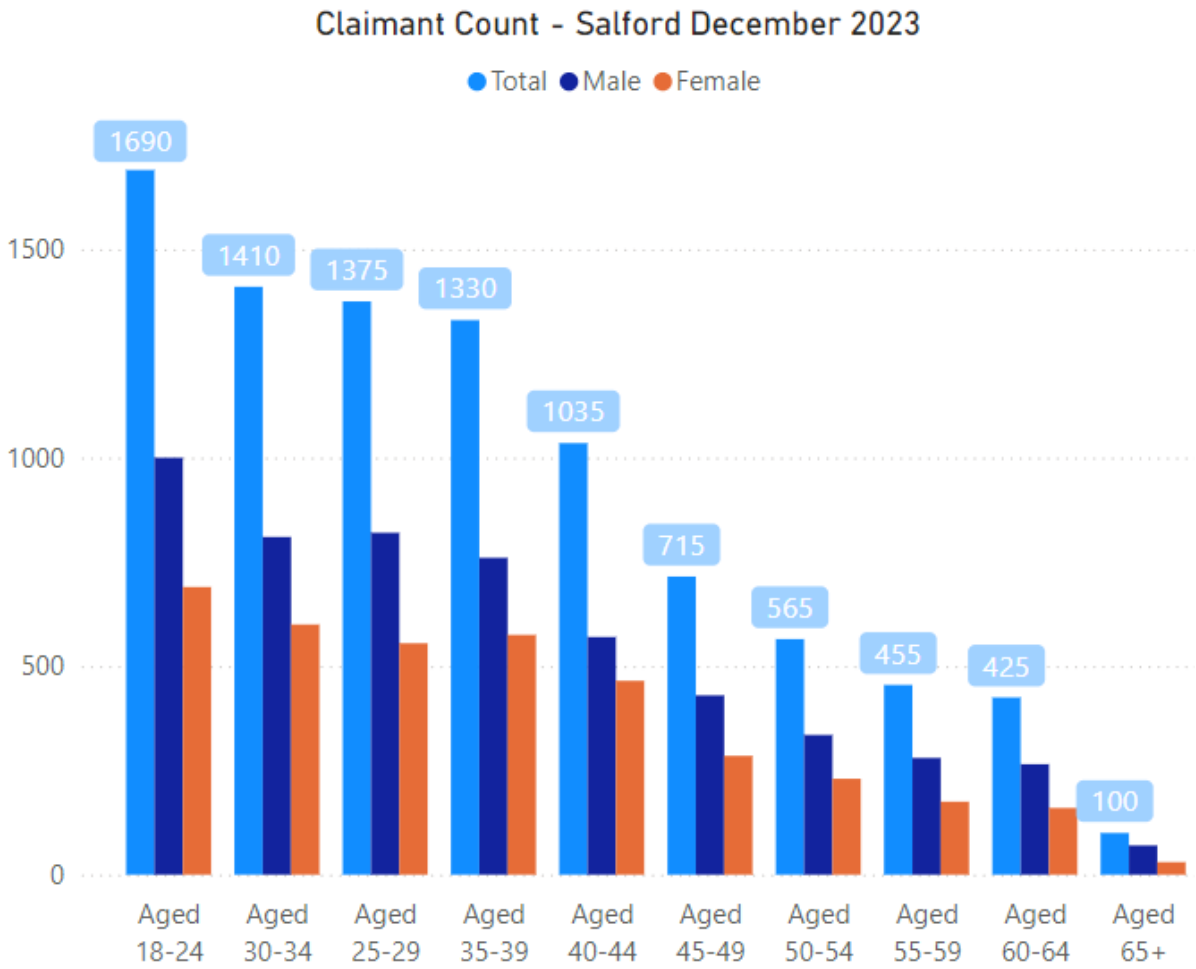
Wards	December 2023		September 2024		October 2024		November 2024		% change Dec 23 - Nov 24
Broughton	930	*9.2	1,075	10.7	1,065	10.5	1,075	10.6	15.6%
Little Hulton	765	9.0	795	9.4	785	9.3	765	9.0	0.0%
Pendleton & Charlestown	855	7.2	880	7.5	885	7.5	895	7.6	4.7%
Weaste & Seedley	760	6.9	790	7.2	805	7.3	835	7.6	9.9%
Barton & Winton	725	7.3	725	7.3	720	7.3	725	7.3	0.0%
Walkden North	520	6.5	590	7.4	575	7.2	565	7.1	8.7%
Pendlebury & Clifton	505	5.8	535	6.1	510	5.8	540	6.2	6.9%
Ordsall	430	5.2	490	5.9	500	6.0	485	5.8	12.8%
Eccles	485	5.3	515	5.7	515	5.7	520	5.7	7.2%
Kersal & Broughton Park	380	4.4	480	5.5	495	5.7	485	5.6	27.6%
Higher Irlam & Peel Green	390	4.5	480	5.5	465	5.3	455	5.2	16.7%
Swinton & Wardley	370	4.8	410	5.3	415	5.4	400	5.2	8.1%
Claremont	325	4.0	320	3.9	340	4.2	340	4.2	4.6%
Swinton Park	330	4.0	325	4.0	325	4.0	320	3.9	-3.0%
Cadishead & Lower Irlam	285	3.8	285	3.8	285	3.8	280	3.7	-1.8%
Blackfriars & Trinity	340	3.1	400	3.7	385	3.5	385	3.6	13.2%
Walkden South	245	3.6	260	3.8	250	3.6	245	3.6	0.0%
Worsley & Westwood Park	225	3.1	280	3.9	270	3.7	255	3.5	13.3%
Quays	120	1.9	125	1.9	120	1.9	125	2.0	4.2%
Boothstown & Ellenbrook	135	1.9	130	1.8	135	1.9	125	1.8	-7.4%

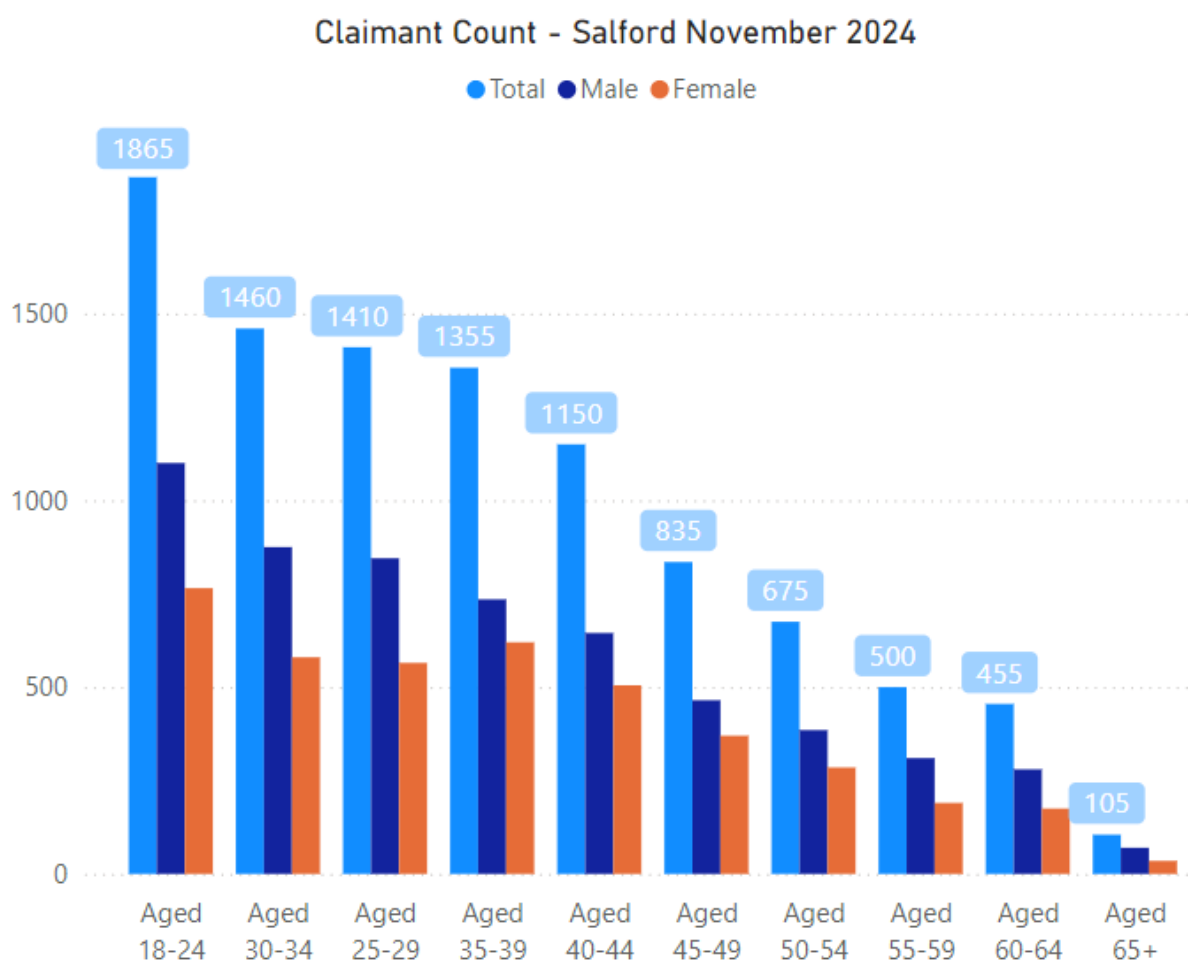
- The highest rate of unemployment in Salford by ward as of November 2024 is seen in Broughton with 10.6% of 16 – 64-year-olds, followed by Little Hulton with 9%
- The largest increase over the past 12 months is seen in Kersal & Broughton Park with a 27.6% rise (105 people), that's followed by Higher Irlam & Peel Green with a 16.7% rise (65 people)
- Boothstown & Ellenbrook saw the biggest decrease in unemployment from December 2023 - November 2024, with a 7.4% drop (10 people)

Source – Nomis . * % of Salford 16–64-year-olds

Labour Market

Unemployment (JSA and unemployed elements of UC)





- The largest percentage increased over the past 12 months is seen in ages from 45 – 54 with close to 20% increase seen (230 people)

Source – Nomis

Labour Market

Economic Inactivity in Salford

	Jul 2022-Jun 2023	Oct 2022-Sep 2023	Jan 2023-Dec 2023	Apr 2023-Mar 2024	Jul 2023-Jun 2024	% change Jul 23 - Jul 24
Aged 16 & over - Economic Inactivity : All people	67,400	68,600	70,700	64,400	71,300	5.8%
Aged 16 & over - Economic Inactivity : Males	30,900	32,400	29,700	23,500	25,600	-17.2%
Aged 16 & over - Economic Inactivity : Females	36,500	36,100	41,000	40,900	45,700	25.2%
Aged 16 & over - Looking after family/home : All people	5,100	5,800	8,200	10,200	11,100	117.6%
Aged 16 & over - Long-term sick : All people	10,000	10,200	11,000	11,800	14,000	40.0%
Aged 16 & over - Retired : All people	32,900	33,300	34,200	29,000	33,600	2.1%
Aged 16 & over - Wants a job : All people	4,000	3,800	5,800	4,600	6,400	60.0%
Aged 16 & over - Does not want a job : All people	63,400	64,800	64,900	59,800	64,900	2.4%

- The annual population survey shows a large increase in people who are economically inactive and looking after family/home, 117.6% (6,000 people in Salford from June 2023 to June 2024)
- The survey also shows a decrease in the number of male Salford residence who are economically inactive 17.2% (5,300 people in Salford from June 2023 to June 2024)

Source – annual population survey - nomis

Labour Market

Economic activity in Salford

	Jul 2022- Jun 2023	Oct 2022- Sep 2023	Jan 2023- Dec 2023	Apr 2023- Mar 2024	Jul 2023- Jun 2024	% change Jun 23 - Jun 24
All aged 16 & over - Economically active : All People	137,600	136,900	133,600	133,600	129,300	-6.0%
All aged 16 & over - Economically active : Males	69,800	70,400	71,200	70,900	68,400	-2.0%
All aged 16 & over - Economically active : Females	67,900	66,500	62,400	62,700	61,000	-10.2%
All aged 16 & over - In employment : All People	127,400	126,300	122,800	121,600	121,300	-4.8%
All aged 16 & over - In employment : Males	63,500	62,400	62,800	61,100	62,500	-1.6%
All aged 16 & over - In employment : Females	63,900	63,800	60,000	60,500	58,800	-8.0%
All aged 16 & over - Employees : All People	114,900	112,200	108,000	111,400	109,100	-5.0%
All aged 16 & over - Employees : Males	54,700	52,700	52,700	54,000	54,000	-1.3%
All aged 16 & over - Employees : Females	60,100	59,400	55,300	57,500	55,100	-8.3%
All aged 16 & over - Self Employed : All People	12,500	14,100	14,800	10,200	12,200	-2.4%
All aged 16 & over - Self Employed : Males	8,800	9,700	10,200	7,100	8,400	-4.5%
All aged 16 & over - Self Employed : Females	3,700	4,400	4,700	3,100	3,700	0.0%
All aged 16 & over - Inactive : All People	67,400	68,600	70,700	64,400	71,300	5.8%
All aged 16 & over - Inactive : Males	30,900	32,400	29,700	23,500	25,600	-17.2%
All aged 16 & over - Inactive : Females	36,500	36,100	41,000	40,900	45,700	25.2%

- The annual population survey shows a 10.2% decrease in the number of females economically active in Salford from June 2023 to June 2024 (6,900)

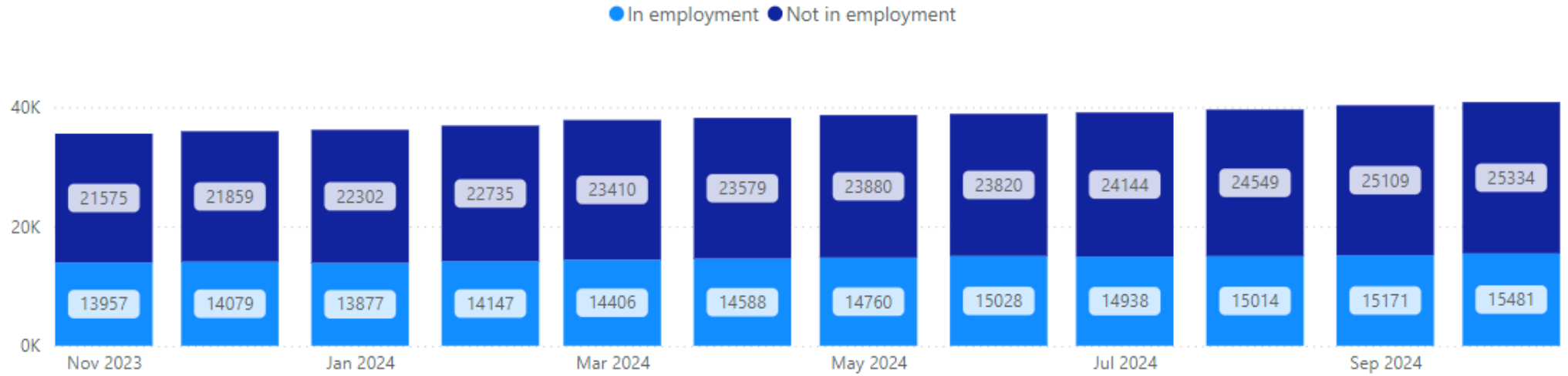
- The survey also shows a slight dip in Salford residence who are Self Employed, 2.4% less from June 2023 to June 2024 (300) but this has recovered since March 2024 with a low of 10,200

Source – annual population survey - nomis

Labour Market

Universal Credit Claimants

		Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24* r	Nov-24 **p	% change Nov 23 - Oct 24
Salford	Count	35,531	35,936	36,178	36,881	37,820	38,165	38,643	38,850	39,083	39,563	40,284	40,816	41,880	13.38%
	% population	13.12%	13.27%	13.36%	13.62%	13.96%	14.09%	14.27%	14.34%	14.43%	14.61%	14.87%	15.07%	15.46%	
Greater Manchester	Count	348,365	352,955	356,594	364,890	376,017	380,302	383,049	385,886	387,619	390,622	396,427	401,162	410,611	13.80%
	% population	12.14%	12.30%	12.43%	12.72%	13.10%	13.25%	13.35%	13.45%	13.51%	13.61%	13.82%	13.98%	14.31%	
Great Britain	Count	6,216,849	6,308,052	6,355,918	6,455,364	6,595,500	6,673,788	6,754,188	6,841,391	6,895,176	6,959,573	7,069,772	7,154,087	7,325,532	13.72%
	% population	9.55%	9.69%	9.77%	9.92%	10.13%	10.25%	10.38%	10.51%	10.60%	10.69%	10.86%	10.99%	11.26%	



- The number of UC claimants increased in Salford by 13.4% from November 2023 until October 2024
- In Salford 62.1% of all Universal Credit Claimant are not in employment as of October 2024 which is slightly higher than the previous year (60.7%, November 2023)

Source – Stat-Xplore **p provisional *r revised

Labour Market

Universal Credit Claimants

Ward	Nov-23	Oct-24	% change
Broughton	3,273	4,116	25.76%
Little Hulton	3,108	3,538	13.84%
Pendleton and Charlestown	3,082	3,436	11.49%
Weaste and Seedley	2,627	2,891	10.05%
Barton and Winton	2,563	2,879	12.33%
Kersal and Broughton Park	1,941	2,715	39.88%
Walkden North	2,258	2,552	13.02%
Higher Irlam and Peel Green	2,035	2,344	15.18%
Pendlebury and Clifton	1,938	2,107	8.72%
Ordsall	1,709	1,940	13.52%
Eccles	1,620	1,828	12.84%
Swinton and Wardley	1,523	1,706	12.02%
Swinton Park	1,365	1,512	10.77%
Cadishead and Lower Irlam	1,242	1,418	14.17%
Blackfriars and Trinity	1,220	1,320	8.20%
Claremont	1,212	1,312	8.25%
Walkden South	1,038	1,170	12.72%
Worsley and Westwood Park	957	1,110	15.99%
Boothstown and Ellenbrook	458	534	16.59%
Quays	364	377	3.57%

Ward	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	% change May-24 – Oct 24
Up to 3 months	3,947	3,209	3,213	3,336	3,860	4,173	5.73%
3 months up to 6 months	3,217	3,736	3,763	3,404	2,852	2,860	-11.10%
6 months up to 1 year	5,032	5,150	5,172	5,589	5,727	5,486	9.02%
1 year and up to 2 years	5,728	5,745	5,730	5,804	6,242	6,518	13.79%
2 years and up to 3 years	4,473	4,521	4,598	4,686	4,704	4,641	3.76%
3 years and up to 4 years	4,345	4,285	4,188	4,167	4,007	4,020	-7.48%
4 years and up to 5 years	6,803	6,566	6,420	6,199	6,062	5,872	-13.69%
5 years and up to 6 years	3,381	3,880	4,232	4,575	4,971	5,207	54.01%
6 years and up to 7 years	495	479	466	466	462	593	19.80%
7 years and up to 8 years	529	522	509	508	502	498	-5.86%
8 years and up to 9 years	533	541	541	557	575	577	8.26%
9 years and up to 10 years	170	213	242	271	301	343	101.76%
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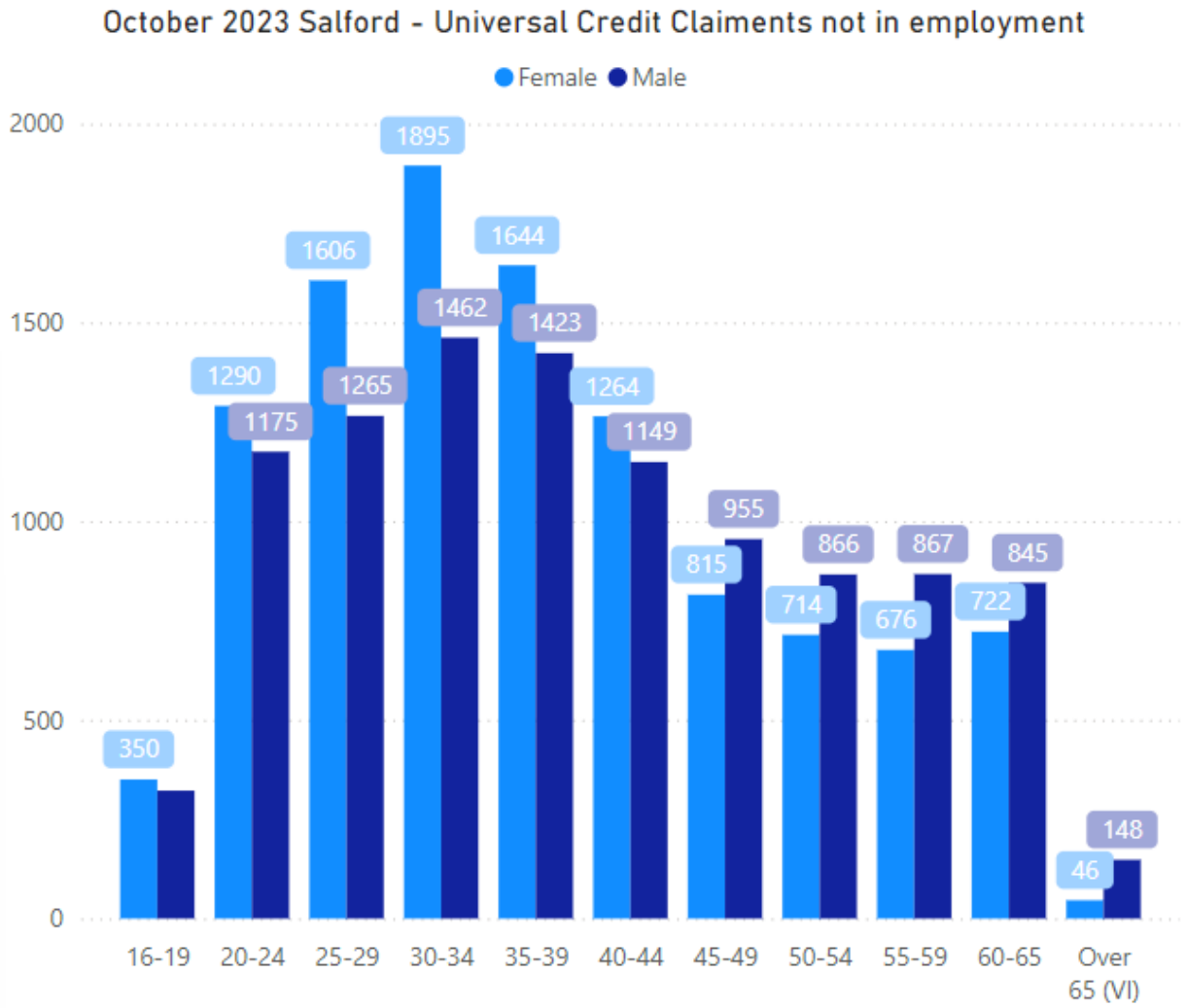
- Kersal and Broughton Park has seen the highest % change over the past 12 months in the number of Universal Credit Claimant at 39.9% (6774)
- The highest number increased by count is seen in Broughton (843 people)

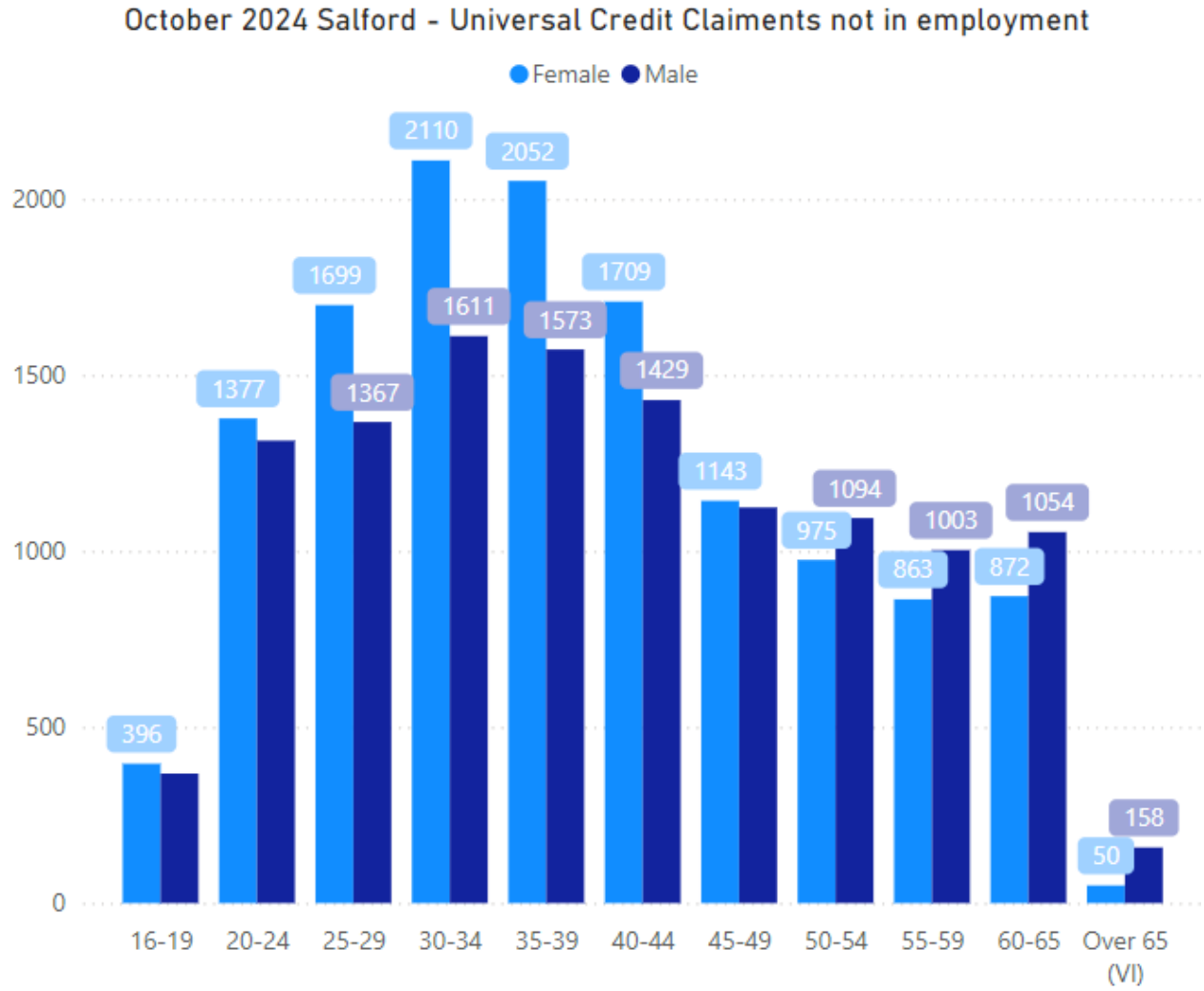
Conditionality Regime	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24
Searching for work	8,941	8,911	9,512	9,544	9,469	9,411
Working - with requirements	6,119	6,193	5,466	5,420	5,559	5,655
No work requirements	14,613	14,963	15,315	15,760	16,317	16,802
Working - no requirements	6,368	6,176	6,241	6,262	6,347	6,378
Planning for work	642	639	632	632	648	613
Preparing for work	1,958	1,963	1,915	1,947	1,935	1,955

Source – Stat-Xplore (p) provisional (r) revised

Labour Market

Universal Credit Claimants



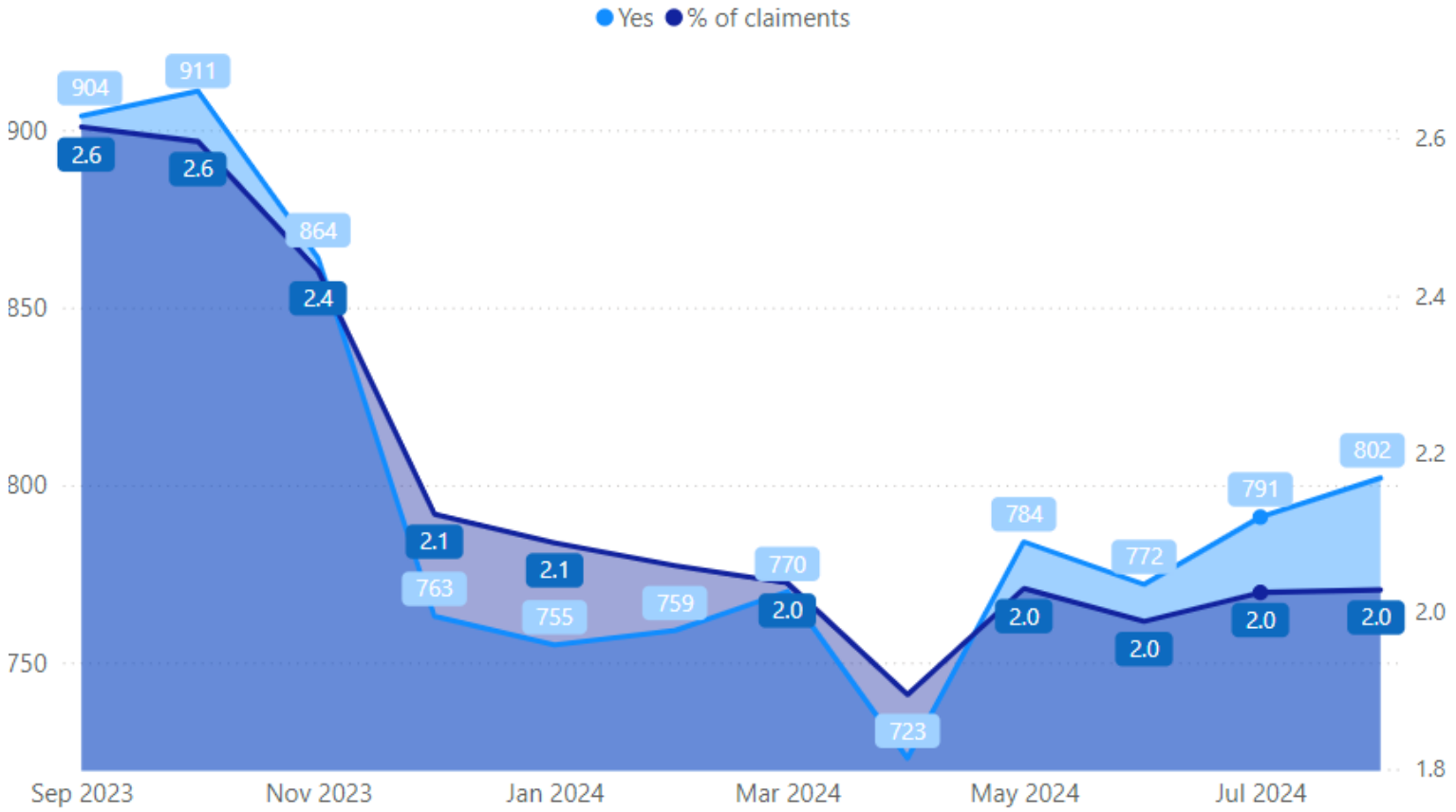


- The highest percentage increase is in the age group 45-49 at 40.2% (328) people and the highest increase by number of people is seen the age group 40-44 (445)

Source – Stat-Xplore

Labour Market

Universal Credit Claimants – Sanction Rate



Area	Yes	% of total claimants
Manchester	2,470	2.63%
Bolton	1,058	2.43%
Rochdale	821	2.31%
Oldham	916	2.27%
Trafford	426	2.26%
Bury	506	2.23%
Stockport	538	2.07%
Salford	**802**	**2.03%**
Tameside	596	1.87%
Wigan	657	1.72%
Greater Manchester	**8,787**	**2.25%**
Great Britain	**118,818**	**1.71%**

- Sanction rates in Salford as a % of claimant (2% August 2024) is at a similar rate to both the national (1.7%) and Greater Manchester (2.3%) averages
- Sanction rates in Salford as a % of the total claimants is one of the lowest in Great Manchester as can be seen by the table on the right which shows the latest available data, August 2024

Source – Stat-Xplore