

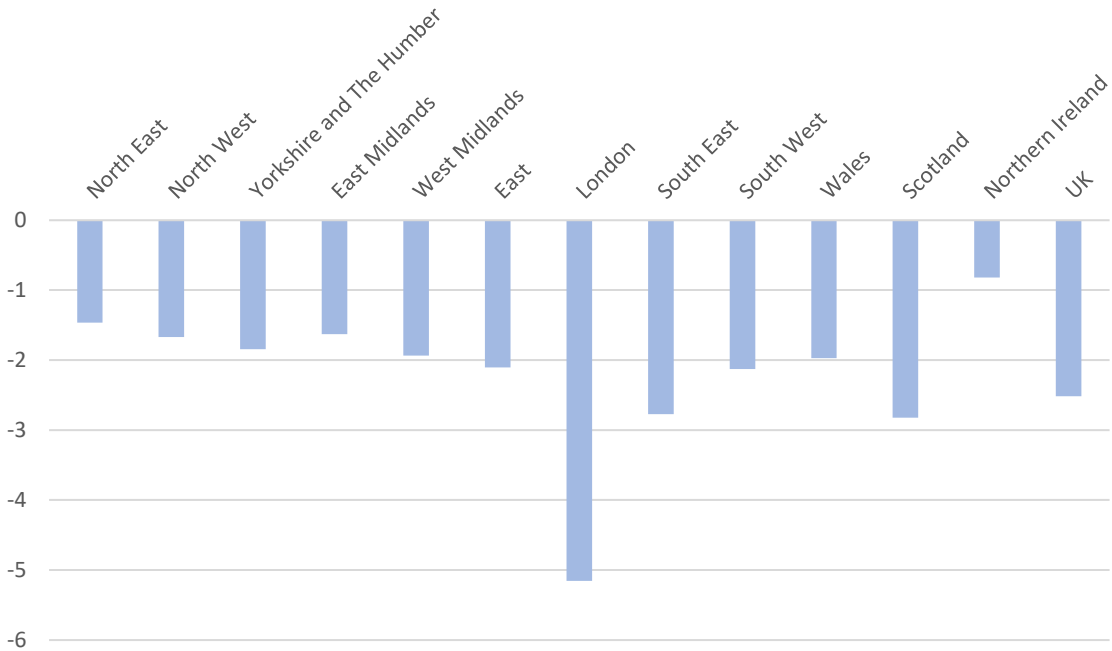
# Impact of Covid-19 on the C&W Labour Market, Feb 2021

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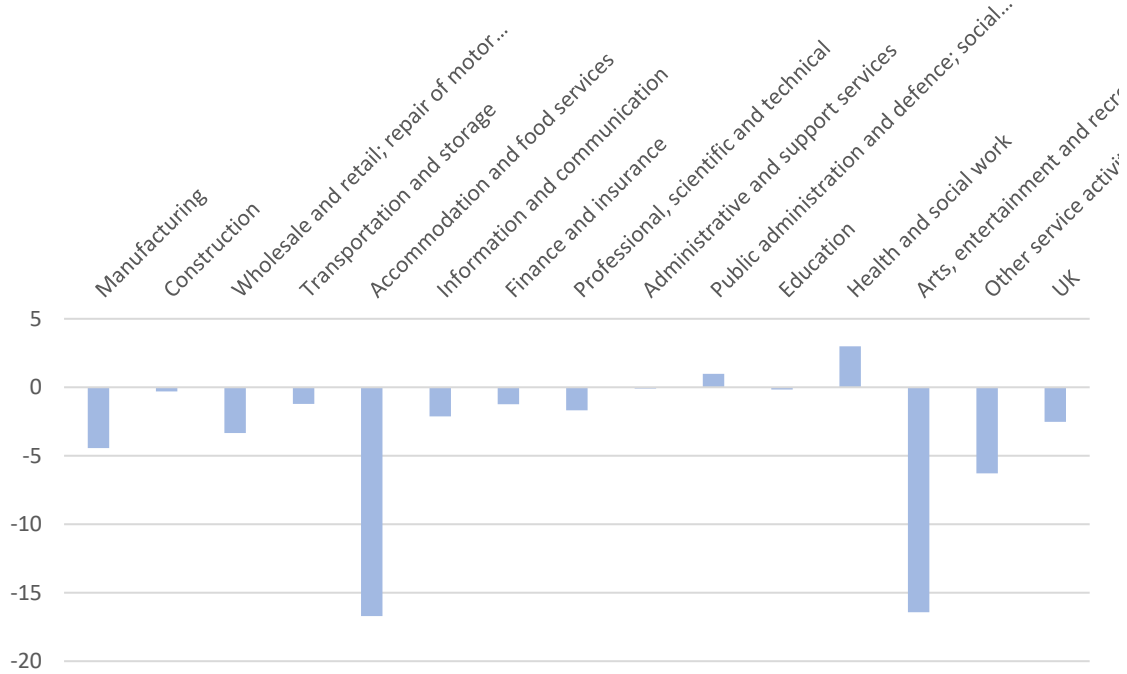
Please note these slides have been updated to reflect data released at the end of February 2021

**Nationally, three quarters of a million jobs lost Jan 20-Jan 21 (2.7%). North West lower at 1.7% decrease. Highest job loss in Accommodation & food service (17%) and Arts, entertainment and recreation (16%)**

Percentage change in the number of employees by region Jan 2020-Jan 2021



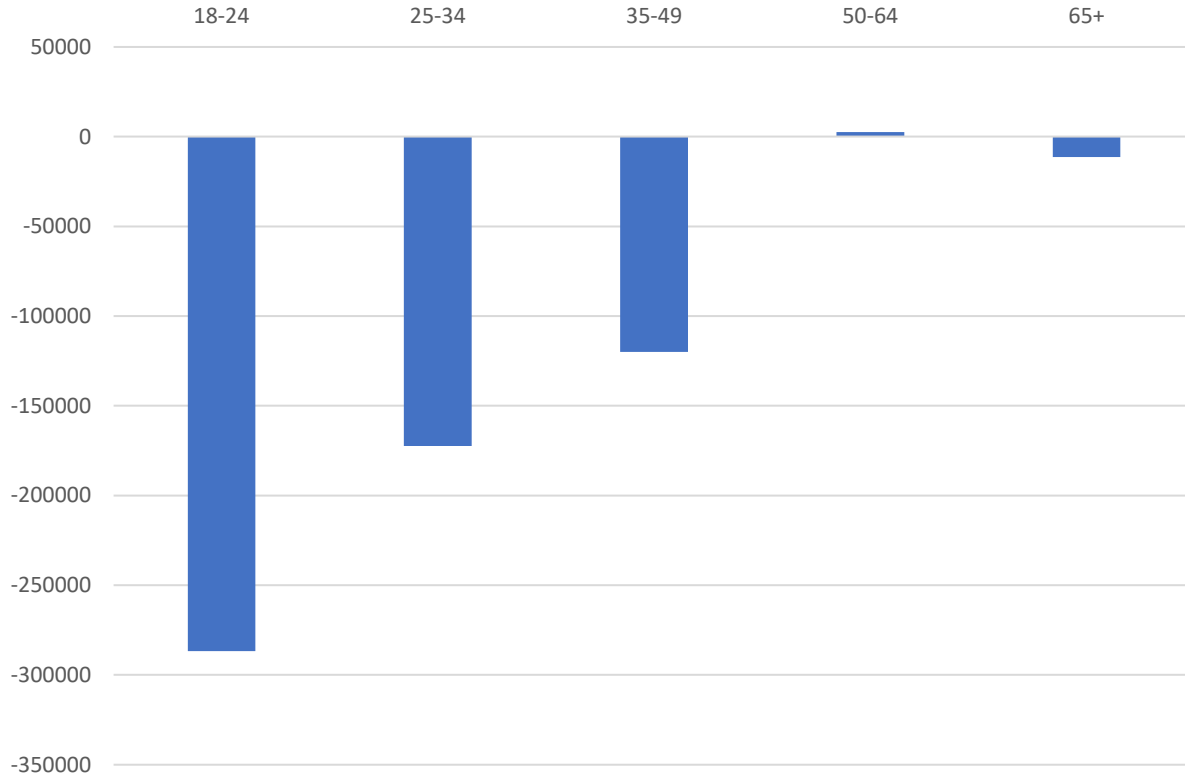
Percentage change in the number of employees by sector, Jan 2020-Jan 2021



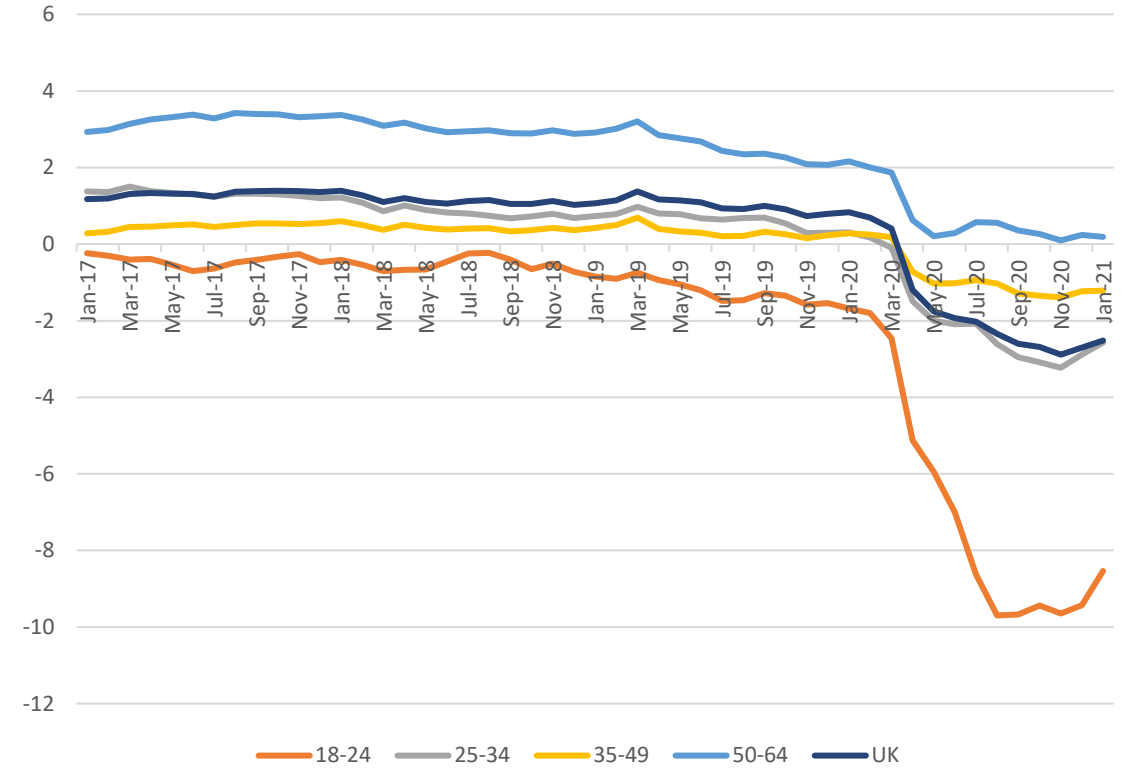
Source: HMRC

# Of the 726,000 fall in UK employees between February 2020 and January 2021, 425,000 (58.5%) were under 25 years

Change in employees since Feb 2020

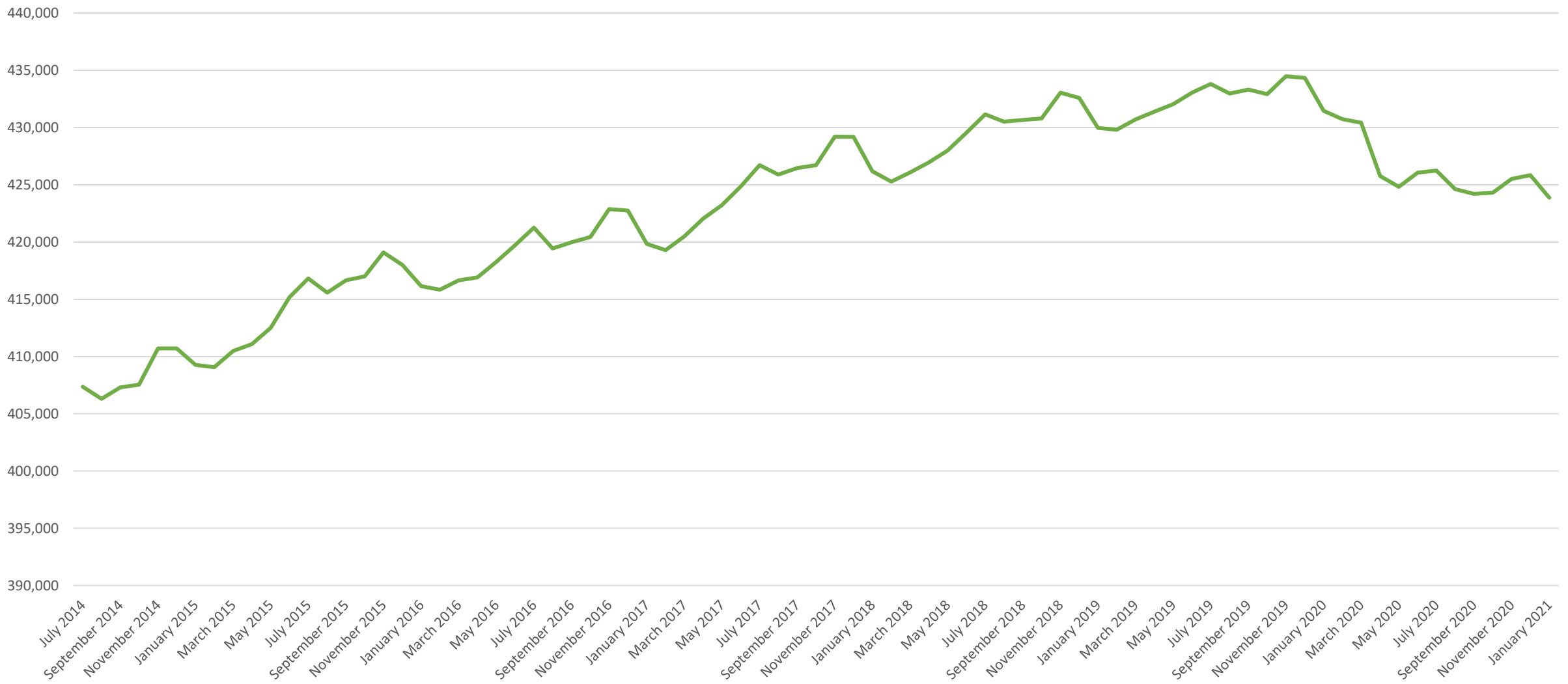


Age of employees, % change on same month in previous year



# Cheshire decline in employees Jan 20 – Jan 21 is 1.8% (7.6k) - slightly higher than NW (1.7%) but lower than national (2.7%)

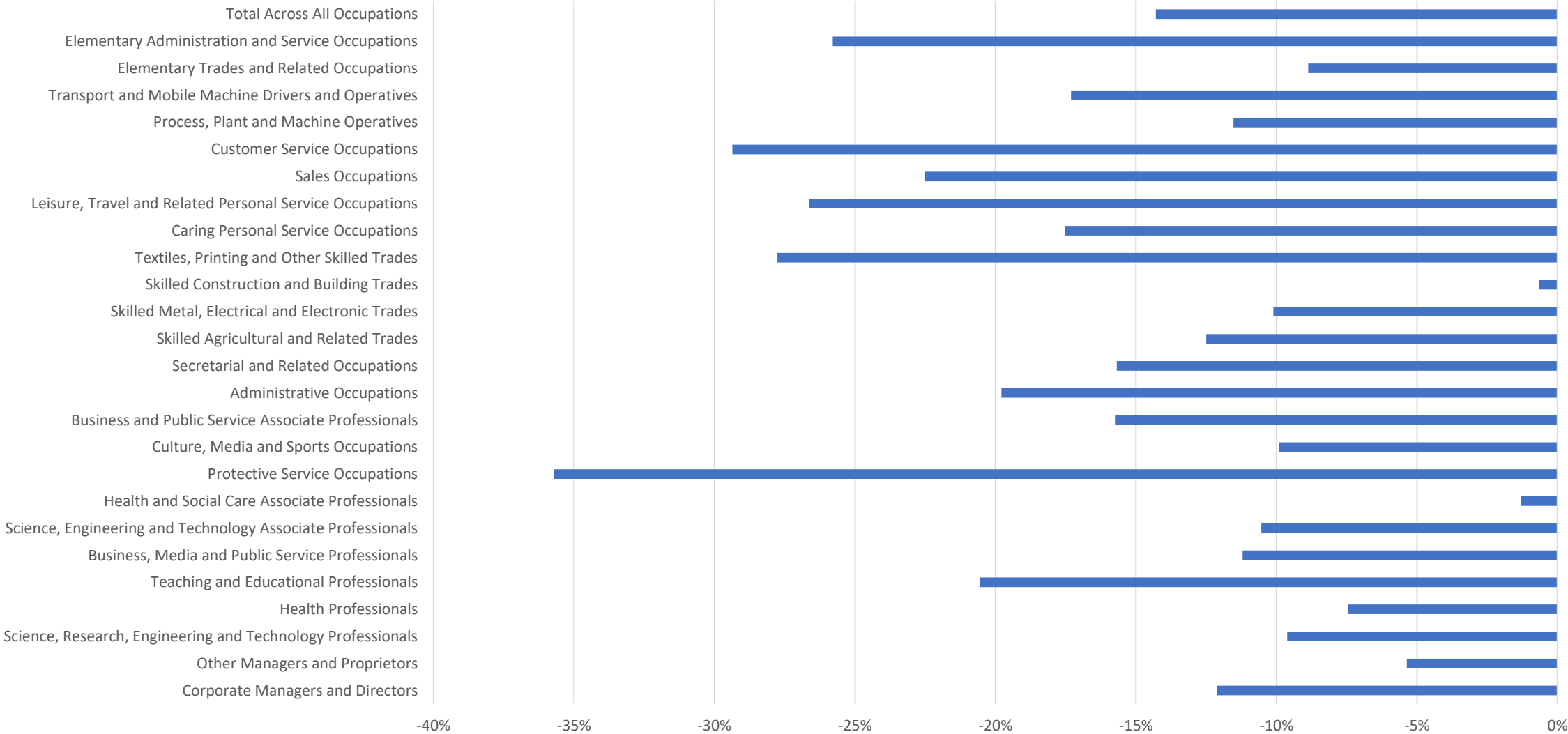
Cheshire (NUTS2) employee numbers 2014-2021



Source: HMRC

# Lockdown 3 is taking its toll on recruitment in C&W with a 14% decline in postings in the last 30 days across all occupations

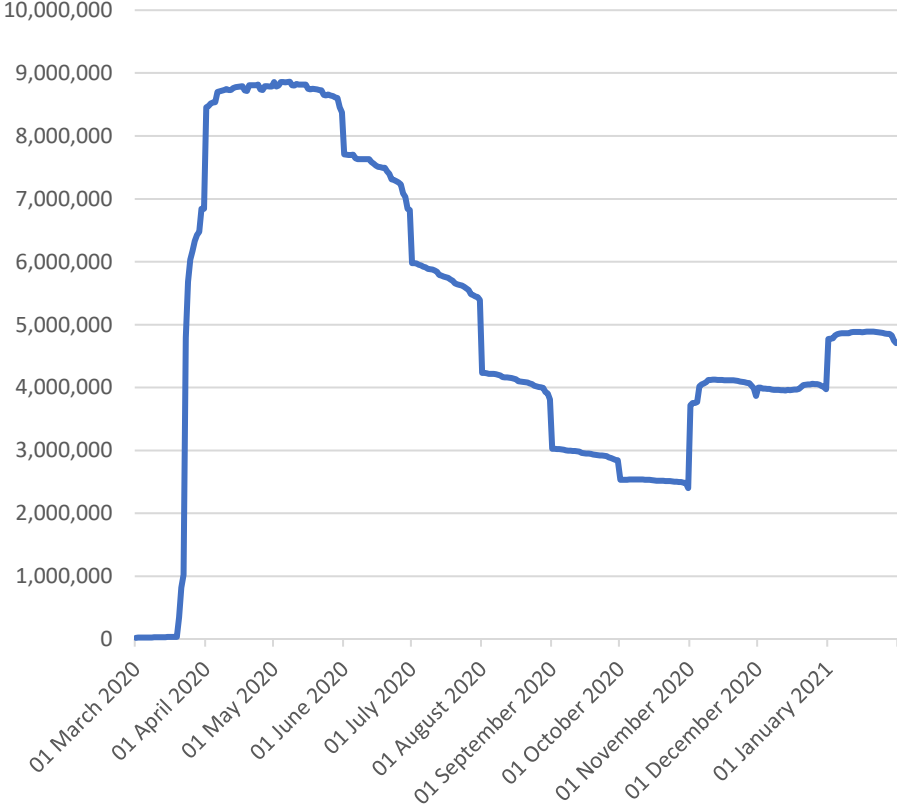
Latest 30 Days Unique Postings % Change (Active)



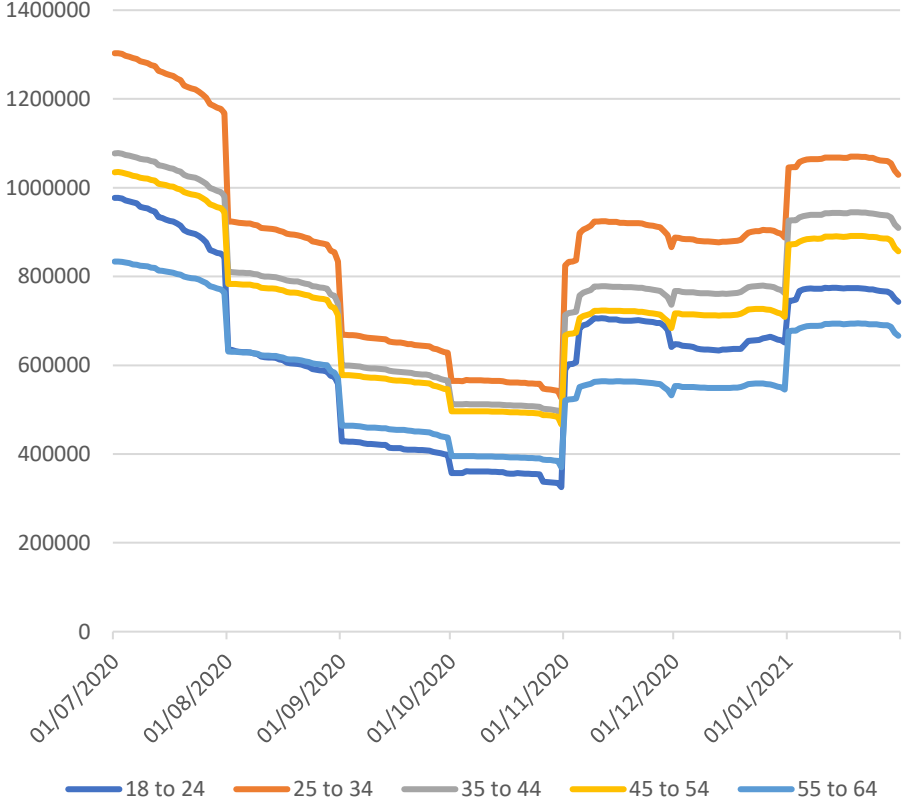
Source: EMSI Analyst

**Nationally, numbers furloughed decreased from just less than 9m in May to 2.4m at the end of October with an increase to 4.7m at the end of Jan. The sharpest decrease Mar – Oct and the sharpest increase Oct-Jan was for young people.**

**Employments furloughed March 2020-Jan 2021**



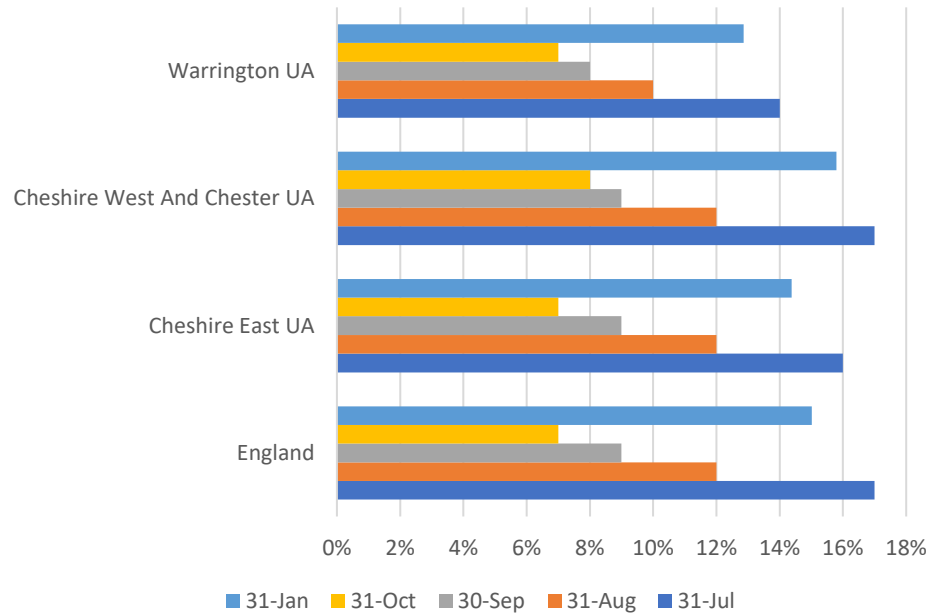
**Furloughed employments by age March 2020-Jan 2021**



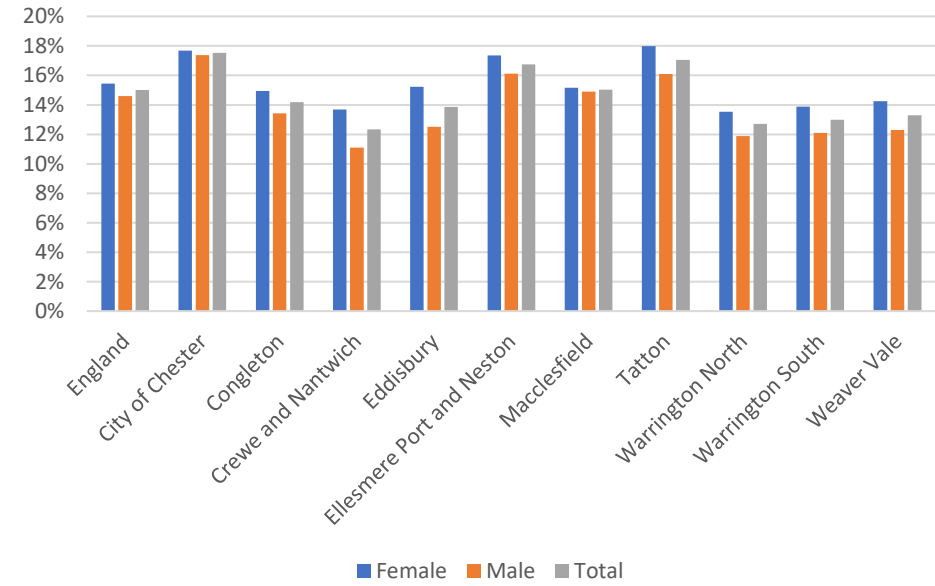
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**Cheshire West and Chester had a slightly higher rate of furlough (15%) at end of January than elsewhere. The City of Chester was the C&W the Parliamentary Constituency with the highest overall furlough rate (18%). The female furlough rate was higher than male in 9 of the 10 parliamentary constituencies in C&W.**

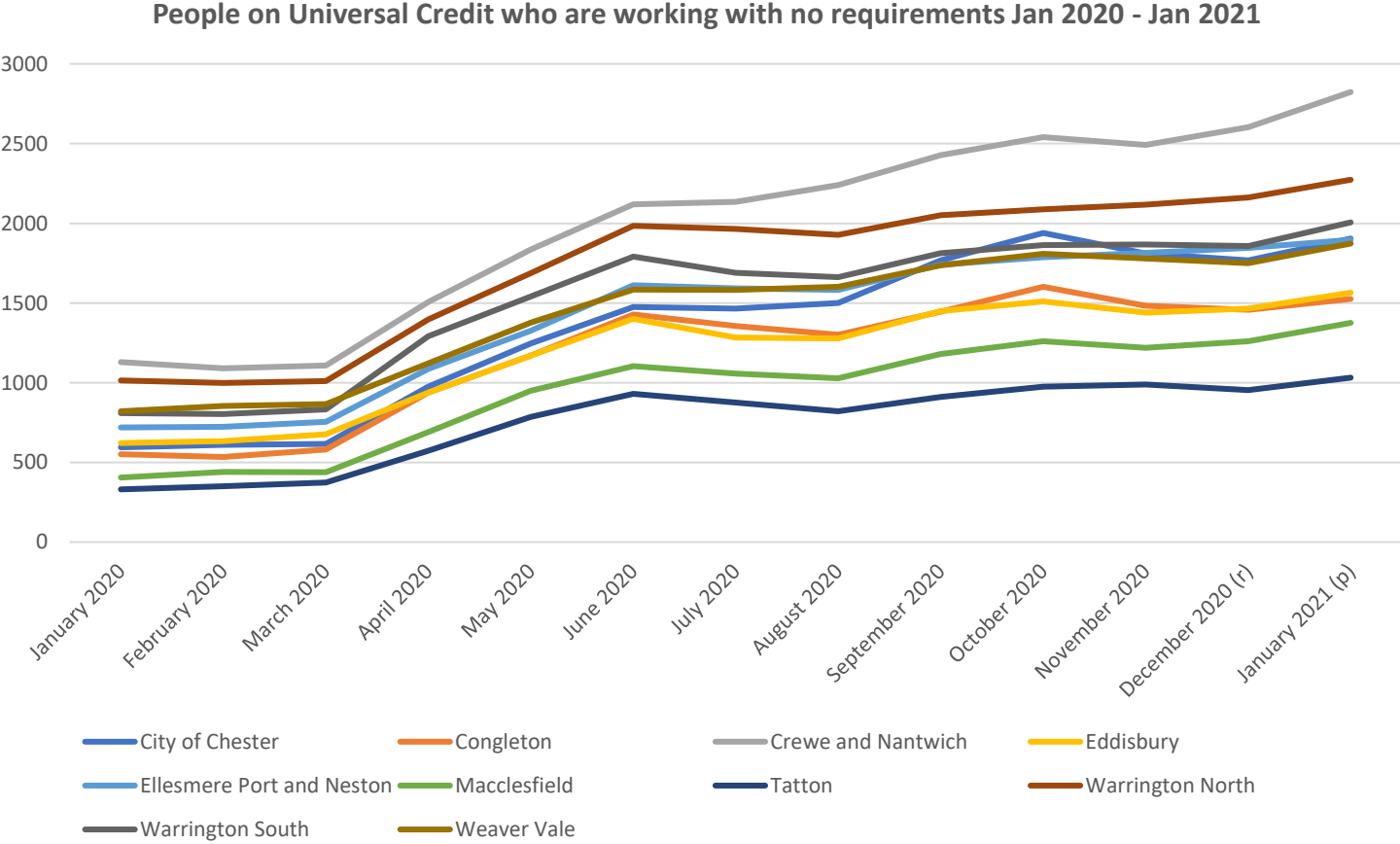
**Furlough take-up by local authority over time**



**Furlough take-up rate at Jan 31st by parliamentary constituency**



**The number claiming UC who are ‘Working - with no conditions’ has increased across C&W by 161% between Jan 2020 and Jan 2021, from a 240% increase in Macclesfield to a 124% increase in Warrington North**



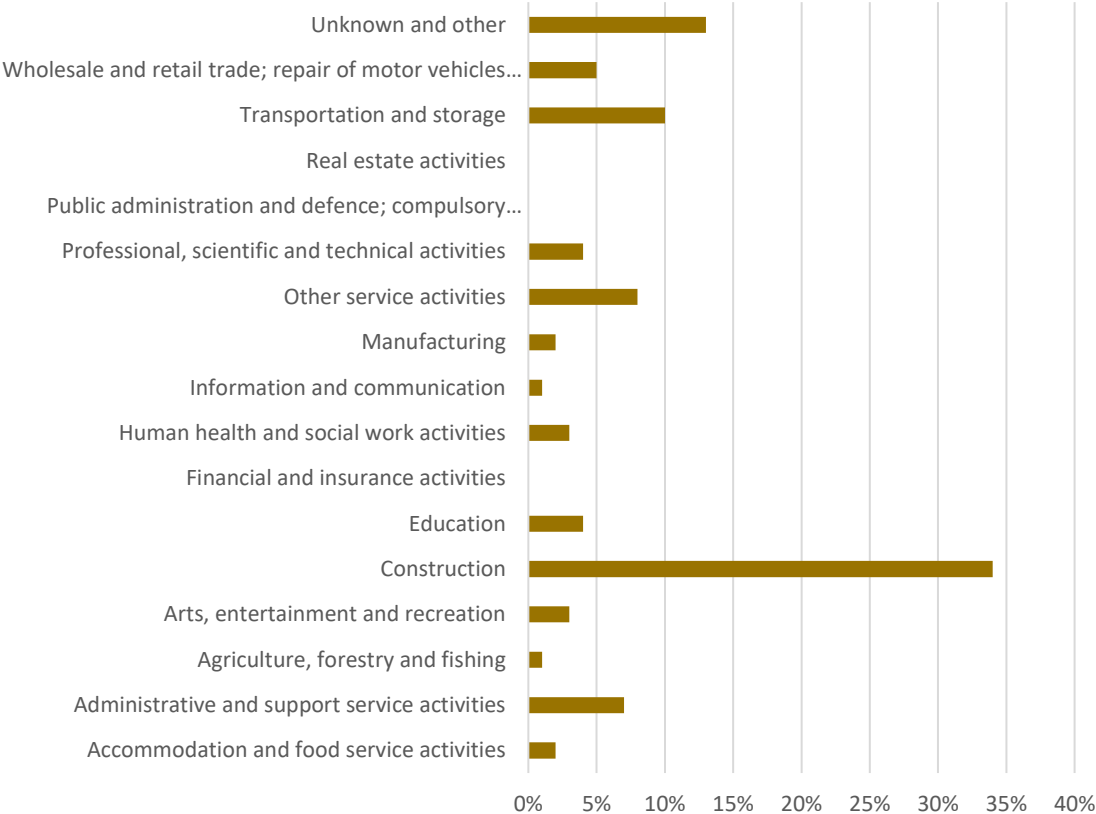
Percentage change to the number on UC, working with no conditions, Jan 20-Jan 21	
Parliamentary Constituency	% Change Jan 20 to Jan 21
City of Chester	221%
Congleton	177%
Crewe and Nantwich	150%
Eddisbury	152%
Ellesmere Port and Neston	164%
Macclesfield	240%
Tatton	211%
Warrington North	124%
Warrington South	148%
Weaver Vale	128%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161%</b>
<i>Source: Stat-Xplore, Feb 24th</i>	

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**Nationally, the construction sector continued to dominate the Self-employment Income Support Scheme. Take-up rates of the scheme in C&W tended to be slightly lower than England, average claim values across C&W were broadly comparable with England**

**Self-employment Income Support Claims by Sector**



**Take-up of the Self Employment Income Support Scheme by Parliamentary Constituency**

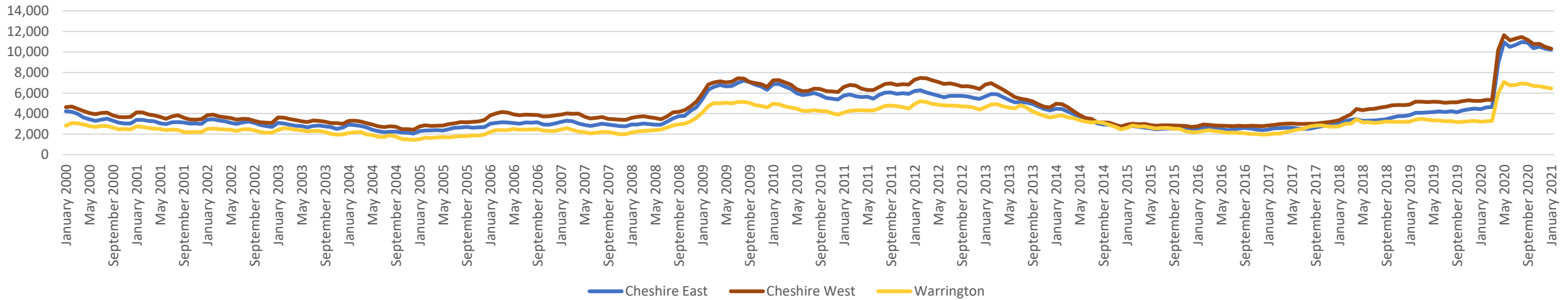
Parliamentary Constituency	Average value of claims made to 31/12/20 (£)	Total Take-Up Rate	Male Take-Up Rate	Female Take-Up Rate
England (all England)	2800	58%	60%	52%
City of Chester	2700	55%	58%	51%
Congleton	2800	52%	52%	52%
Crewe and Nantwich	2700	53%	54%	52%
Eddisbury	2800	50%	49%	50%
Ellesmere Port and Neston	2600	57%	58%	54%
Macclesfield	2900	50%	50%	50%
Tatton	2900	50%	50%	51%
Warrington North	2600	59%	60%	57%
Warrington South	2600	56%	59%	53%
Weaver Vale	2700	54%	54%	54%

**Source: HMRC**

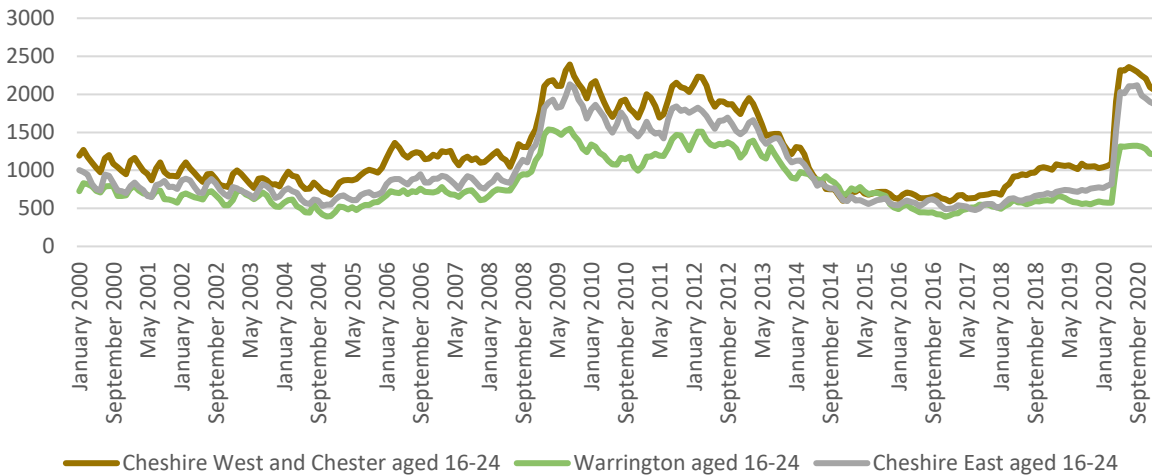
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**Since March 2020 the claimant count has increased by 13.4k in C&W. 120% in Cheshire East, 96% in Warrington & 93% in Cheshire West and Chester. 16-24 increased by 2.7k in C&W. 128% in CE, 89% CWAC, 110% Warrington. 50+ increased by 3.5k in C&W. 123% in CE, 102% in CWAC, 94% in Warrington.**

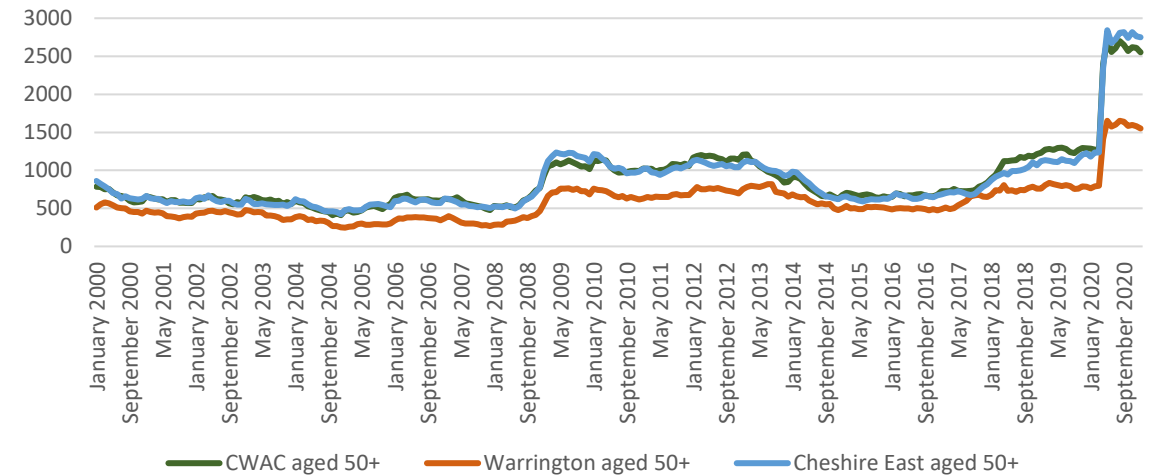
Claimant count 2000-2021, by Local Authority



16-24 claimant count 2000-2021, by Local Authority

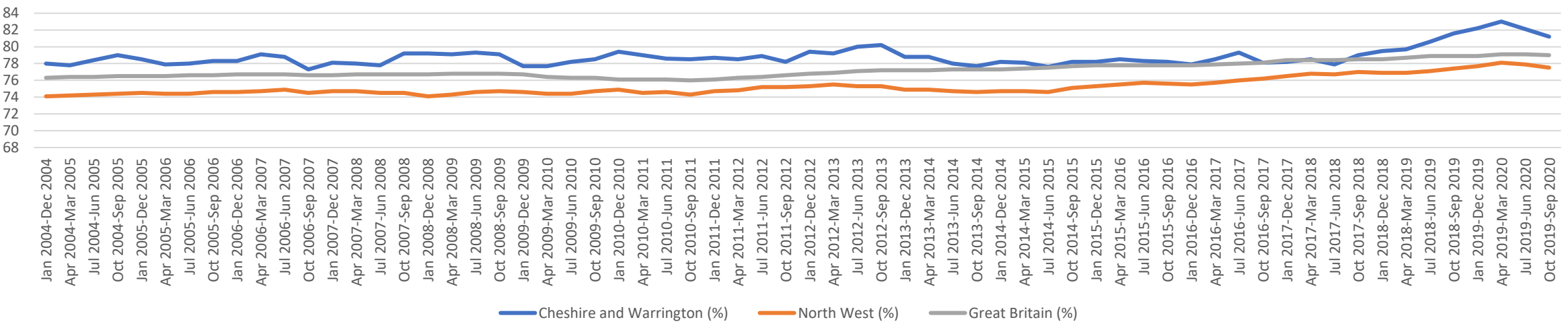


50+ claimant count 2000-2021, by Local Authority

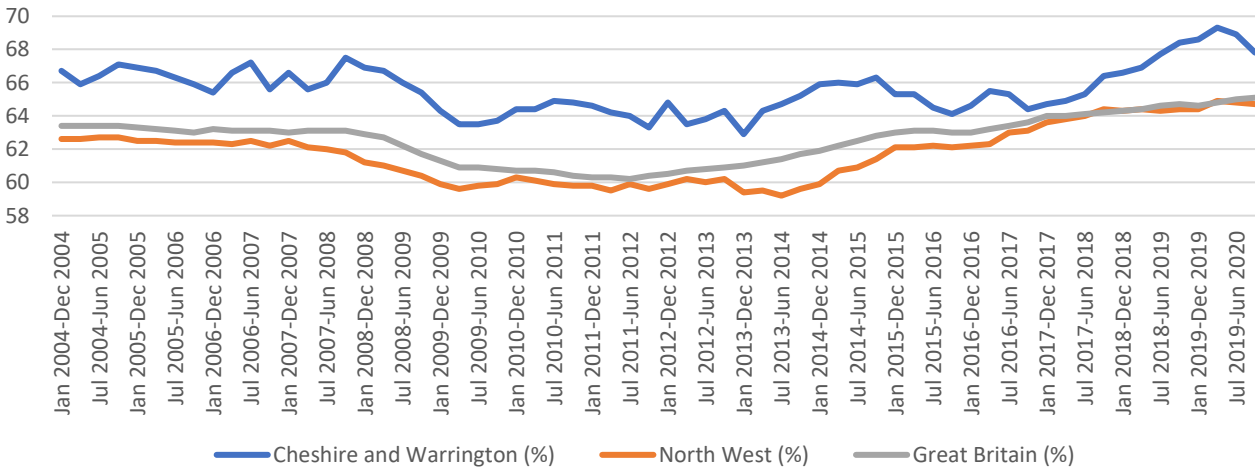


# The C&W employment rate has declined because rates of employment and self-employment have dropped

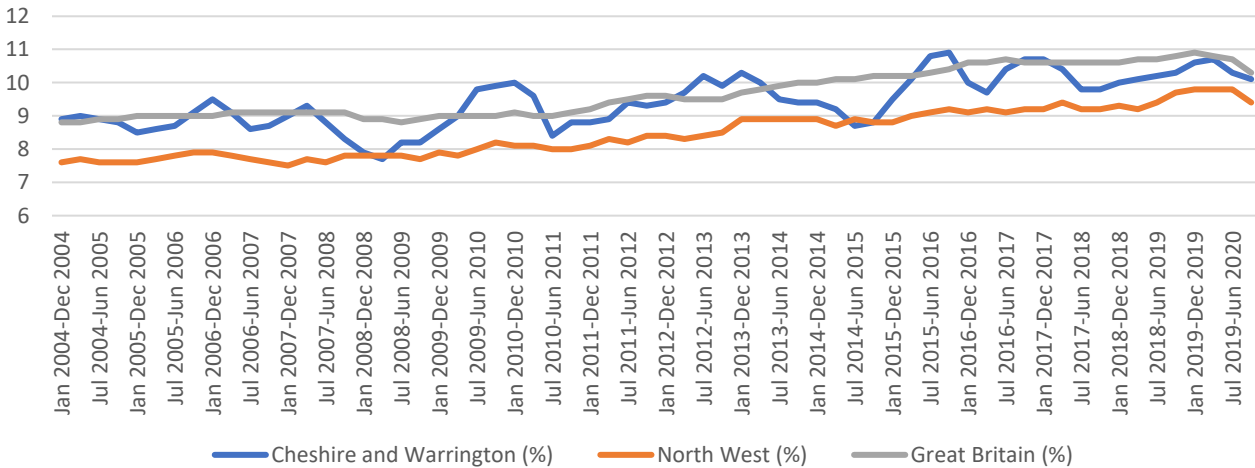
### Employment Rate



### % Employees

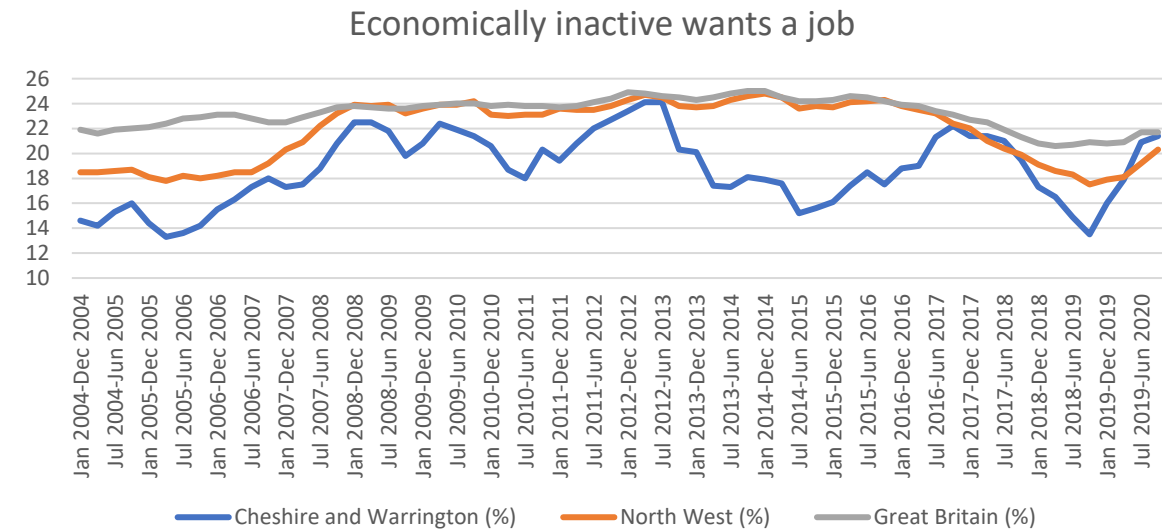
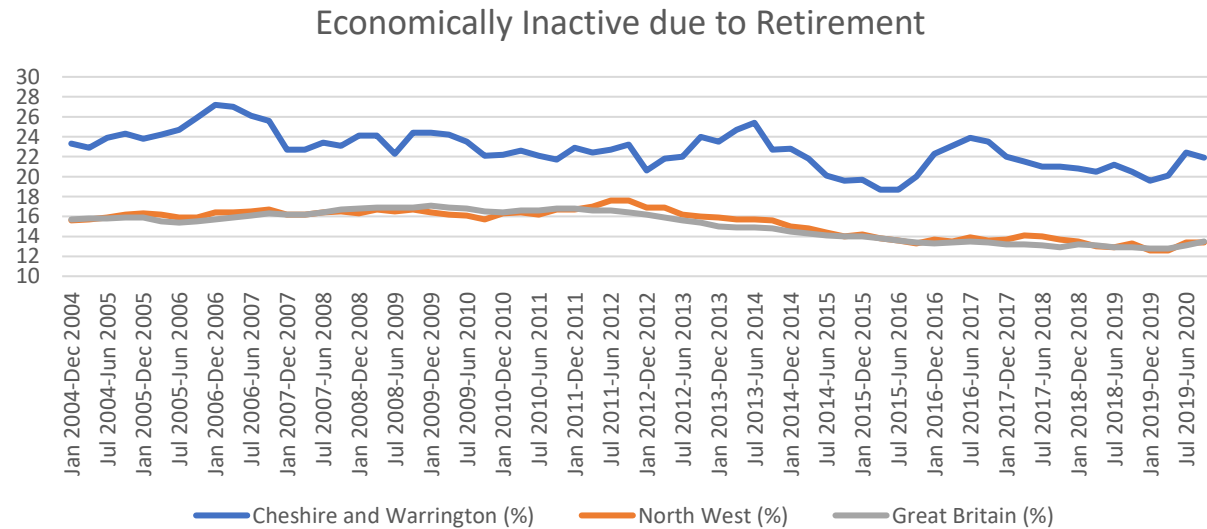
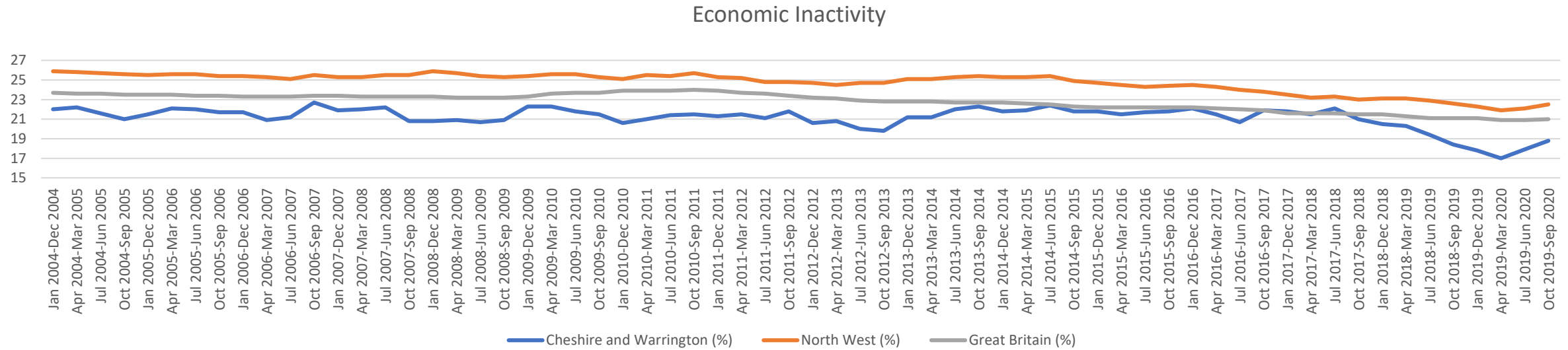


### Self-employment



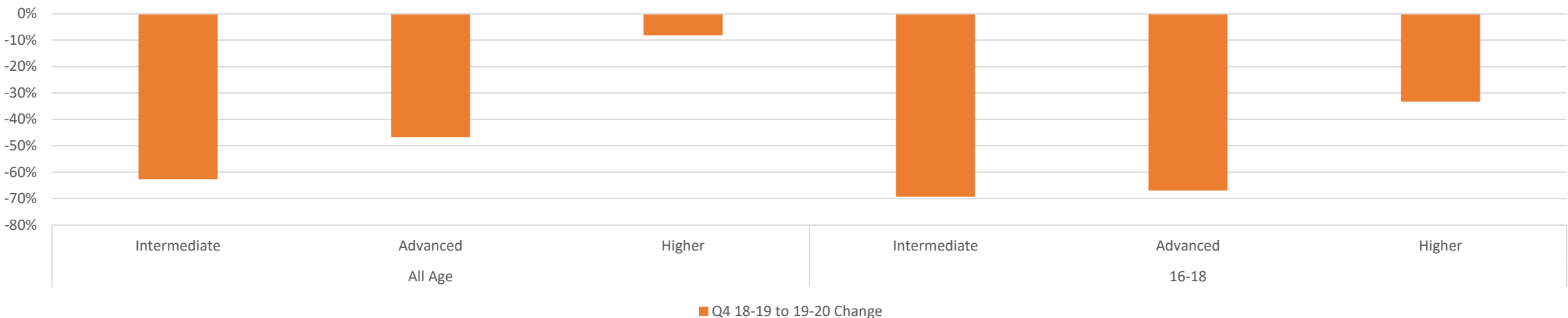
Source: NOMIS, APS

# C&W economic inactivity continues to increase, as does the proportion of the economically inactive that want a job. There has been a slight decrease in the proportion becoming economically inactive in C&W due to retirement

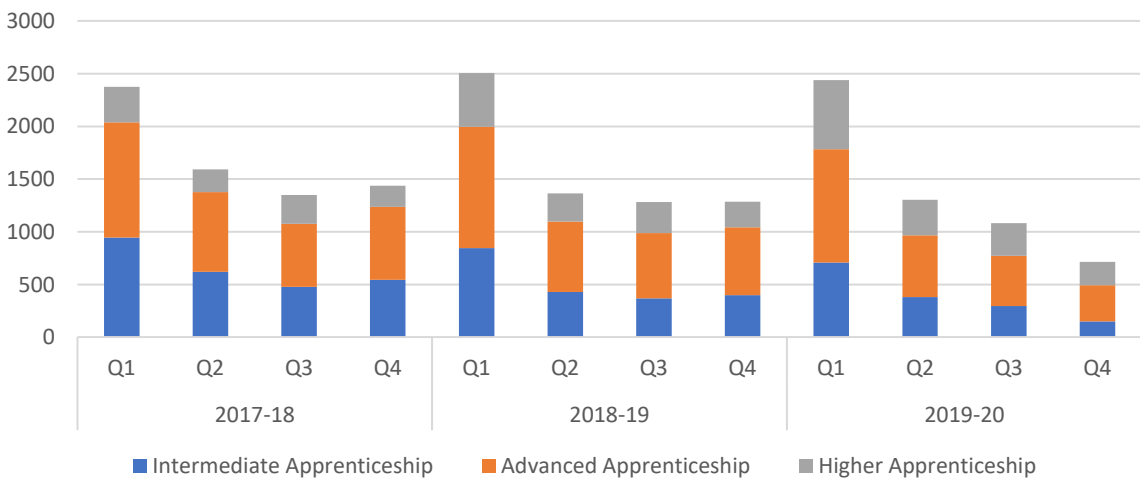


# C&W all age apprenticeships saw a year on year fall of 45% in Q4 of 2019/20, driven by a Q4 drop of 68% in 16-18 apprenticeships and a Q4 drop of 63% in intermediate apprenticeships

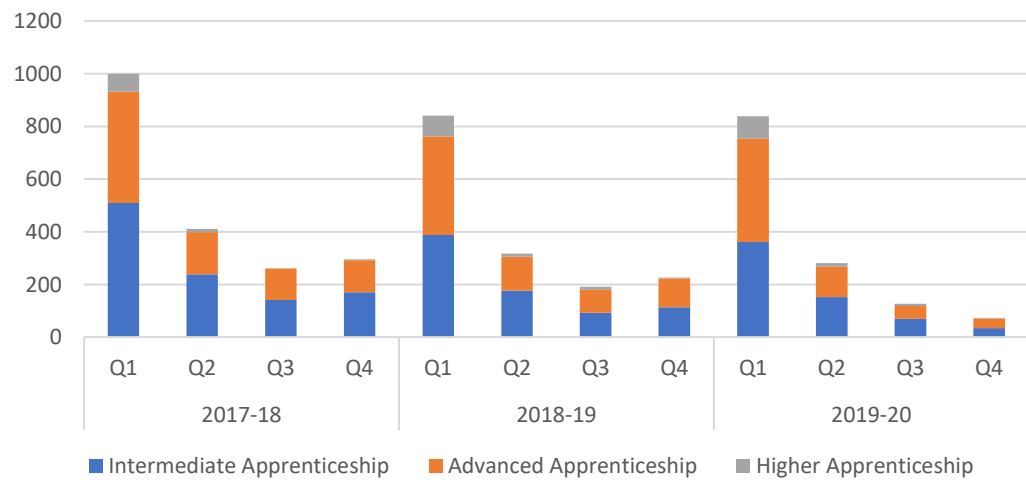
% Change in C&W starts for 16-18 and all age apprenticeships, Q4 2018/19 vs Q4 2019/20



C&W apprenticeship starts, all age, by quarter 2017-2020



C&W apprenticeship starts, 16-18, by quarter, 2017-2020



Source: DfE