

Spotlight on the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Youth Unemployment across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Nationally...



Evidence has shown that the pandemic had a greater effect on younger people and saw unemployment levels for this age group (16-24) increase at a faster rate.

-34%

decrease in hours worked by young people with no qualifications (2020 compared to 2019).

28%

of employers said that they were now less likely to employ younger candidates as they needed a more experienced workforce.

+11%

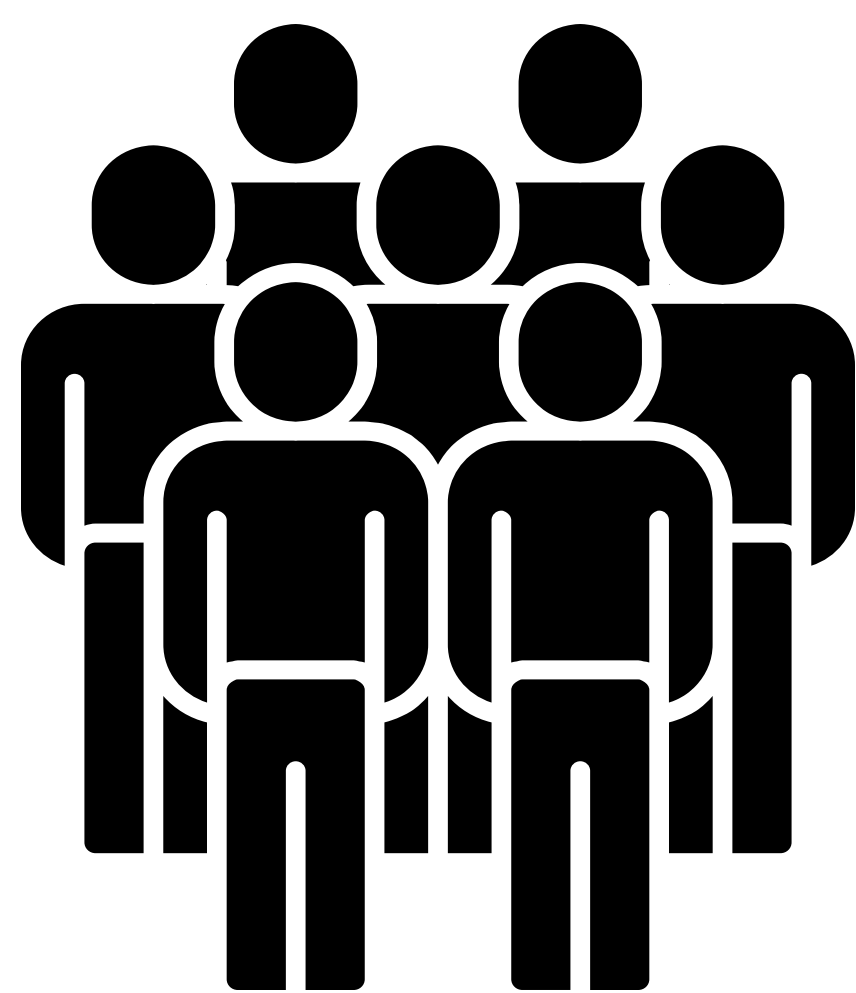
higher unemployment rate among people aged 16-24 compared to other age groups in 2020.

1 in 4

young people on furlough across the United Kingdom in July 2020.

Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough...

The total population aged 16-24 has been declining in recent years; in the year to 2020, the 16-24 population was **91,600**.



Economic Inactivity

for people aged 16-24 increased in 2020

Cambridgeshire ▲ +12%

Peterborough ▲ +3%

Between March and June 2020 the number of people aged 16+ claiming unemployment related benefit increased by 129%. **Claimants aged 16-24 rose at a faster rate (134%), this divide was more prevalent in Peterborough.**

Claimant count for people aged 16-24:



Sep-19

1,915

+95%



Sep-21

3,730

-28%

less young people starting apprenticeships in 2020/21 compared to 2019/20