

Bromsgrove District Council – 22nd February 2023
Member Questions

1. From Councillor S. Douglas
Question for the Leader

"My question concerning Bromsgrove's unemployment. I am asking because the statistics tell a different story from the apparently amazing current rate that is frequently trumpeted at PMQs. Recent reports say that there is an additional 300.800 unemployed in our region. These people are involuntarily out of work but are now classed as economically inactive, thus 'hidden'. Jobseeker's rate stands at 5.1% not the 3% quoted in Parliament, with the 'hidden' unemployed the figure for the region actually is 14.3%.

What is Bromsgrove's unemployment rate including those 'hidden'? How does this breakdown across age groups?"