

Claimant Count, August 2023 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – August 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – June 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – August 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	1,339,660	0.3
West Midlands	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	179,805	-0.1

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – August 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – June 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – August 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	23,830	-0.1

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – August 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – June 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – August 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Shropshire	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	4,400	-1.0
Herefordshire, County of	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2,630	-0.9
Warwickshire	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	9,505	-2.6
Staffordshire	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	14,955	-0.6
Worcestershire	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	10,665	-1.7
Solihull	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	4,085	-0.4
Telford and Wrekin	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	4,000	1.7
Dudley	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	9,040	-0.2
Stoke-on-Trent	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.5	8,870	0.7
Walsall	5.5	5.7	5.6	5.5	9,600	-1.6
Coventry	5.2	5.7	5.7	5.7	12,760	-0.5
Sandwell	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.2	13,495	0.6
Wolverhampton	7.2	7.6	7.6	7.5	12,325	-1.6
Birmingham	8.3	8.5	8.5	8.6	63,475	1.0

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – August 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – June 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – August 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffordshire Moorlands	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1,065	-2.7
Lichfield	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	1,490	-2.0
Stafford	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	1,980	0.8
South Staffordshire	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	1,660	-0.9
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.1	2,325	0.9
Cannock Chase	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	2,160	-1.1
East Staffordshire	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	2,630	0.2
Tamworth	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	1,645	-1.8

The claimant rate is the proportion of the working age population claiming out of work Universal Credit benefits including Job Seeker's Allowance. Source: NOMIS

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