

Claimant Count, December 2021 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Dec 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
West Midlands	7.1	5.7	5.6	5.5	200,965	-1.6%
England	6.3	4.8	4.6	4.5	1,589,200	-1.8%

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Dec 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	5.4	4.1	3.9	3.9	26,885	-1.8%

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Dec 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Birmingham	11.1	9.7	9.4	9.3	68,080	-1.3%
Wolverhampton	10.2	8.6	8.3	8.2	13,345	-2.0%
Sandwell	9.5	7.7	7.5	7.4	15,145	-0.9%
Walsall	8.4	6.9	6.6	6.5	11,365	-1.6%
Stoke-on-Trent	7.8	6.5	6.3	6.2	9,830	-1.5%
Dudley	7.3	5.8	5.6	5.5	10,625	-2.0%
Coventry	6.4	5.2	5.1	5.0	12,710	-2.0%
Telford & Wrekin	6.0	4.5	4.4	4.3	4,810	-2.2%
Solihull	5.8	4.3	4.1	3.9	5,075	-3.6%
Worcestershire	5.1	3.8	3.6	3.6	12,625	-1.4%
Warwickshire	4.6	3.5	3.3	3.3	11,665	-1.9%
Staffordshire	4.6	3.4	3.2	3.2	17,035	-2.1%
Shropshire	4.4	3.1	3.0	3.0	5,645	-1.3%
Herefordshire, County of	4.0	2.8	2.7	2.7	3,015	-2.1%

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Dec 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Tamworth	6.1	4.4	4.3	4.2	1,960	-3.2%
Cannock Chase	5.3	3.9	3.7	3.6	2,320	-0.9%
East Staffordshire	5.0	3.9	3.7	3.5	2,605	-4.2%
South Staffordshire	4.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	2,155	0.5%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	4.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	2,525	-0.8%
Stafford	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2,370	-1.3%
Lichfield	4.4	3.1	3.0	2.8	1,770	-3.8%
Staffordshire Moorlands	3.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	1,335	-3.3%

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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