

Claimant Count, January 2024 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

| Benchmarks | Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – December 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – January 2024 (%) | Number of Claimants – January 2024 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|---------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| England | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 1,367,420 | 2.0 |
| West Midlands | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 179,825 | 1.6 |

| Local Enterprise Partnership | Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – December 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – January 2024 (%) | Number of Claimants – January 2024 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 24,350 | 2.9 |

| West Midlands Strategic Authorities | Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – December 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – January 2024 (%) | Number of Claimants – January 2024 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Shropshire | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 4,285 | 3.8 |
| Herefordshire, County of | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2,600 | 0.8 |
| Warwickshire | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 9,215 | 0.1 |
| Staffordshire | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 15,290 | 2.1 |
| Worcestershire | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 10,770 | 0.6 |
| Solihull | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4,175 | 3.1 |
| Telford and Wrekin | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4,025 | 2.0 |
| Dudley | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 9,050 | 0.6 |
| Coventry | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 12,385 | 2.2 |
| Walsall | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 9,595 | 1.2 |
| Stoke-on-Trent | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 9,060 | 4.1 |
| Sandwell | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 13,310 | 1.2 |
| Wolverhampton | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 11,840 | 0.7 |
| Birmingham | 8.1 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 8.7 | 64,220 | 1.6 |

| Staffordshire Districts | Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Nov 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – December 2023 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – January 2024 (%) | Number of Claimants – January 2024 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Staffordshire Moorlands | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1,175 | 1.7 |
| Lichfield | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1,435 | 0.0 |
| Stafford | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2,045 | -0.2 |
| South Staffordshire | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 1,695 | 1.2 |
| Newcastle-under-Lyme | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2,360 | 1.9 |
| Cannock Chase | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2,130 | 2.9 |
| East Staffordshire | 2.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2,755 | 7.0 |
| Tamworth | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 1,695 | 0.0 |

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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