

## Claimant Count, March 2022 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants – Mar 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	6.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	1,508,410	-1.2%
West Midlands	7.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	195,850	0.0%

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants – Mar 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	5.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	25,900	-0.3%

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants – Mar 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Herefordshire, County of	4.2	2.6	2.6	2.6	2,940	-1.3%
Shropshire	4.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	5,265	-3.2%
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>16,365</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Warwickshire	4.8	3.2	3.2	3.1	11,120	-1.1%
Worcestershire	5.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	12,500	-0.6%
Solihull	5.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	4,930	-0.7%
Telford and Wrekin	5.9	4.2	4.2	4.2	4,690	-1.0%
Coventry	6.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	12,445	-0.3%
Dudley	7.4	5.3	5.3	5.3	10,315	-0.3%
<b>Stoke-on-Trent</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>9,535</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Walsall	8.8	6.3	6.2	6.3	10,910	0.2%
Sandwell	9.7	7.1	7.1	7.2	14,680	1.1%
Wolverhampton	10.7	7.9	7.9	8.0	13,065	0.8%
Birmingham	11.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	67,085	0.5%

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants – Mar 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffordshire Moorlands	3.7	2.3	2.3	2.2	1,250	-4.2%
Lichfield	4.4	2.8	2.7	2.7	1,685	0.0%
Stafford	4.1	2.7	2.8	2.7	2,275	-0.9%
South Staffordshire	4.6	3.1	3.0	3.0	2,030	-0.2%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	4.6	3.0	3.1	3.1	2,505	-0.6%
East Staffordshire	5.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	2,480	-0.6%
Cannock Chase	5.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	2,215	0.0%
Tamworth	6.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	1,930	-0.5%

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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