

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

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – March 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – February 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – March 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.8	1,360,305	3.3
West Midlands	5.2	4.7	4.8	5.0	183,080	3.9

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – March 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – February 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – March 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.6	24,730	5.8

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – March 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – February 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – March 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Herefordshire, County of	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	2,750	5.4
Shropshire	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.5	4,675	2.4
Warwickshire	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.7	9,960	3.2
Staffordshire	3.0	2.7	2.8	3.0	15,715	6.1
Worcestershire	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.1	11,255	1.9
Solihull	3.8	3.1	3.1	3.3	4,215	4.5
Telford and Wrekin	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.5	4,025	0.8
Dudley	5.2	4.6	4.7	4.8	9,365	2.1
Stoke-on-Trent	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.6	9,020	5.3
Coventry	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.7	12,860	5.9
Walsall	6.2	5.5	5.5	5.7	9,925	4.5
Sandwell	6.7	6.1	6.1	6.4	13,860	4.6
Wolverhampton	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.8	12,795	3.9
Birmingham	8.9	8.1	8.2	8.5	62,675	3.5

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – March 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – January 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – February 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – March 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffordshire Moorlands	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.1	1,195	8.1
Lichfield	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	1,595	4.2
Stafford	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.6	2,140	3.4
South Staffordshire	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.8	1,845	4.8
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.2	2,510	8.4
East Staffordshire	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	2,415	5.7
Cannock Chase	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.5	2,215	6.5
Tamworth	3.9	3.3	3.4	3.7	1,795	8.5

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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