

Claimant Count, May 2022 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – May 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants - May 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	6.0	4.2	4.0	3.9	1,388,160	-1.3
West Midlands	6.8	5.2	5.1	5.0	183,875	-1.2

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – May 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants - May 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	5.0	3.6	3.5	3.4	23,785	-2.7

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – May 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants - May 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Herefordshire, County of	3.8	2.6	2.4	2.4	2,675	-1.3
Shropshire	4.0	2.7	2.5	2.5	4,690	-2.7
Staffordshire	4.3	3.0	2.8	2.8	14,805	-3.1
Warwickshire	4.3	3.1	2.9	2.8	10,090	-2.1
Worcestershire	4.7	3.5	3.3	3.2	11,290	-2.5
Solihull	5.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	4,585	-2.2
Telford and Wrekin	5.5	4.1	3.9	3.8	4,210	-2.7
Coventry	6.3	4.8	4.7	4.7	12,035	-0.1
Dudley	6.8	5.2	5.1	5.1	9,845	-1.6
Stoke-on-Trent	7.6	5.9	5.7	5.6	8,980	-2.0
Walsall	8.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	10,075	-1.9
Sandwell	9.2	7.0	6.8	6.8	13,885	-0.6
Wolverhampton	10.1	7.8	7.6	7.6	12,385	-0.8
Birmingham	11.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	64,130	-0.3

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – May 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Number of Claimants - May 2022	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffordshire Moorlands	3.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	1,100	-4.3
Stafford	3.7	2.7	2.5	2.4	2,015	-2.4
Lichfield	4.1	2.6	2.6	2.5	1,560	-2.8
South Staffordshire	4.1	3.0	2.8	2.7	1,775	-4.3
Newcastle-under-Lyme	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2,310	-4.1
East Staffordshire	5.0	3.3	3.2	3.1	2,315	-2.3
Cannock Chase	4.8	3.4	3.2	3.2	2,010	-1.7
Tamworth	5.6	4.0	3.8	3.7	1,725	-3.1

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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