

## Claimant Count, May 2023 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – April 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	1,339,620	-1.9
West Midlands	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9	182,185	-1.6

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – April 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	24,165	-3.0

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – April 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Shropshire	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	4,460	-2.5
Herefordshire, County of	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2,710	-0.7
Warwickshire	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	9,910	-3.3
Staffordshire	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	15,385	-2.9
Worcestershire	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	10,760	-4.6
Solihull	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	4,180	-2.2
Telford and Wrekin	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.4	3,940	-3.1
Dudley	4.9	4.7	4.9	4.7	9,205	-3.5
Stoke-on-Trent	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.4	8,780	-3.1
Walsall	5.7	5.6	5.8	5.7	9,925	-1.7
Coventry	5.3	5.6	5.8	5.8	13,115	0.0
Sandwell	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	13,640	-1.9
Wolverhampton	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.7	12,735	-1.0
Birmingham	8.6	8.4	8.6	8.6	63,440	-0.1

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – May 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – March 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – April 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffordshire Moorlands	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	1,100	-2.7
Lichfield	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	1,590	-0.6
Stafford	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5	2,050	-1.9
South Staffordshire	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	1,765	-5.6
Newcastle-under-Lyme	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1	2,340	-3.7
East Staffordshire	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.4	2,670	-0.4
Cannock Chase	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.5	2,170	-3.1
Tamworth	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	1,700	-6.1

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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