

Claimant Count, May 2025 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – May 2024 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2025 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2025	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.2	1,524,415	1.6
West Midlands	4.9	5.5	5.5	5.5	207,710	1.3

Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Total	Claimant Count Rate – May 2024 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2025 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2025	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	25,620	2.7

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – May 2024 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2025 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2025	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Shropshire	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	4,665	0.3
Herefordshire, County of	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.8	3,020	0.0
Warwickshire	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.8	10,775	2.1
Staffordshire	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	15,715	2.9
Worcestershire	3.0	3.2	3.1	3.1	11,295	-0.1
Solihull	3.2	3.7	3.7	3.7	4,810	1.7
Telford and Wrekin	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	4,560	1.9
Dudley	4.5	5.0	4.9	5.0	9,810	0.7
Coventry	5.3	5.8	5.7	5.8	13,820	1.5
Stoke-on-Trent	5.8	6.1	5.9	6.0	9,905	2.5
Walsall	5.5	6.2	6.1	6.2	10,915	1.2
Sandwell	6.1	7.2	7.1	7.2	15,875	1.7
Wolverhampton	7.1	7.5	7.3	7.4	12,470	0.8
Birmingham	8.9	10.6	10.5	10.6	80,080	1.0

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – May 2024 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2025 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – May 2025 (%)	Number of Claimants – May 2025	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Lichfield	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	1,530	1.0
Stafford	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	1,980	1.8
Staffordshire Moorlands	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.4	1,310	2.3
South Staffordshire	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	1,735	4.8
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.1	2,480	3.3
Cannock Chase	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	2,060	2.5
Tamworth	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.4	1,660	3.8
East Staffordshire	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.8	2,965	3.5

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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