

Claimant Count, October 2021 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Oct 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
West Midlands	7.1	6.2	5.9	5.9	215,265	-1.4%
England	6.2	5.2	5.0	4.9	1,717,165	-1.6%

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Oct 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	5.4	4.5	4.3	4.2	29,050	-2.3%

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Oct 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Birmingham	11.0	10.2	10.0	9.9	72,315	-1.0%
Wolverhampton	10.2	9.2	8.9	8.7	14,280	-1.3%
Sandwell	9.3	8.2	7.9	7.8	16,040	-0.5%
Walsall	8.5	7.4	7.1	7.0	12,200	-1.4%
Stoke-on-Trent	7.9	7.1	6.7	6.6	10,490	-2.2%
Dudley	7.2	6.2	5.9	5.9	11,505	-0.6%
Coventry	6.4	5.7	5.4	5.3	13,650	-2.1%
Telford & Wrekin	6.1	4.9	4.7	4.6	5,125	-1.7%
Solihull	5.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	5,690	-1.7%
Worcestershire	5.1	4.1	3.9	3.8	13,555	-1.5%
Warwickshire	4.7	3.7	3.6	3.5	12,560	-1.2%
Staffordshire	4.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	18,560	-2.3%
Shropshire	4.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	6,030	-3.1%
Herefordshire, County of	4.1	3.2	3.0	2.9	3,265	-3.7%

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2021 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Oct 2021 (%)	Number of Claimants - Oct 2021	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Tamworth	6.0	4.9	4.7	4.5	2,135	-3.0%
East Staffordshire	5.0	4.3	4.1	4.0	2,945	-3.3%
Cannock Chase	5.5	4.3	4.1	3.9	2,510	-3.5%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	4.7	3.7	3.4	3.4	2,765	-1.4%
South Staffordshire	4.4	3.6	3.4	3.4	2,270	-0.2%
Lichfield	4.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	1,980	-2.9%
Stafford	4.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	2,500	-2.0%
Staffordshire Moorlands	3.6	2.8	2.6	2.5	1,455	-1.4%

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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