

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

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – Sept 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
England	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	1,339,110	1.2
West Midlands	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.9	179,230	0.9

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – Sept 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	23,610	0.5

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – Sept 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Herefordshire, County of	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	2,515	-2.9
Shropshire	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	4,330	0.3
Warwickshire	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	9,440	-0.9
Staffordshire	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	14,885	0.9
Worcestershire	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	10,455	-1.7
Solihull	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	4,080	1.2
Telford and Wrekin	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	4,000	1.5
Dudley	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	9,115	1.7
Stoke-on-Trent	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.4	8,725	-0.1
Walsall	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.5	9,515	-0.3
Coventry	5.2	5.7	5.6	5.6	12,630	0.2
Sandwell	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.2	13,500	2.1
Wolverhampton	7.2	7.6	7.4	7.5	12,305	1.1
Birmingham	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.6	63,740	1.9

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2022 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – July 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – August 2023 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Sept 2023 (%)	Number of Claimants – Sept 2023	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffordshire Moorlands	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1,060	1.4
Lichfield	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	1,505	2.4
Stafford	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2,000	1.8
South Staffordshire	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	1,650	0.3
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2,320	0.9
East Staffordshire	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.3	2,600	0.6
Cannock Chase	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	2,110	-0.5
Tamworth	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	1,650	1.9

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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