

Claimant Count, December 2018 (Sorted by Claimant Rate)

	Area	Number of Claimants	Claimant Rate (%) ¹	Annual Change (%)	Quarterly Change (%)	Monthly Change (%)
	England	811,720	2.3%	24.0%	6.2%	2.1%
	West Midlands	107,710	3.0%	26.6%	3.3%	1.0%
LEP	Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire	12,020	1.7%	31.2%	4.4%	1.9%
West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Birmingham	40,505	5.5%	31.6%	2.2%	0.2%
	Wolverhampton	8,565	5.3%	29.7%	1.4%	-0.8%
	Dudley	7,670	4.0%	20.6%	1.1%	0.2%
	Sandwell	7,090	3.5%	2.8%	-3.9%	-2.3%
	Walsall	5,700	3.3%	18.0%	12.4%	5.8%
	Stoke-on-Trent	4,955	3.1%	34.6%	11.2%	3.1%
	Solihull	3,160	2.5%	27.2%	-1.1%	-1.6%
	Coventry	4,990	2.1%	28.4%	17.1%	6.4%
	Warwickshire	5,835	1.7%	32.2%	0.5%	0.9%
	Telford and Wrekin	1,840	1.7%	-0.5%	-1.9%	-2.4%
	Worcestershire	5,730	1.6%	24.8%	3.9%	4.8%
	Shropshire	3,005	1.6%	46.2%	12.5%	1.0%
	Herefordshire, County of	1,600	1.4%	37.9%	25.0%	7.0%
	Staffordshire	7,065	1.3%	28.9%	0.1%	1.0%
Staffordshire Districts	Tamworth	1,060	2.2%	103.8%	4.4%	3.9%
	Lichfield	895	1.5%	103.4%	10.5%	5.9%
	South Staffordshire	945	1.4%	13.9%	-1.0%	-3.1%
	Newcastle-under-Lyme	1,105	1.3%	8.3%	-9.8%	-2.6%
	Cannock Chase	835	1.3%	13.6%	-0.6%	3.1%
	Staffordshire Moorlands	650	1.1%	21.5%	12.1%	7.4%
	East Staffordshire	755	1.0%	13.5%	-6.8%	-3.2%
	Stafford	815	1.0%	10.9%	-0.6%	-1.2%

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