

Claimant Count, February 2020 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

Benchmarks	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2020 (%)	Number of Claimants - Feb 2020	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
West Midlands	3.2	3.8	3.8	3.9	142,260	3.3%
England	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.0	1,061,855	4.6%

Local Enterprise Partnership	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2020 (%)	Number of Claimants - Feb 2020	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent	2.0	2.6	2.6	2.8	19,175	4.4%

West Midlands Strategic Authorities	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2020 (%)	Number of Claimants - Feb 2020	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Birmingham	5.8	6.5	6.5	6.7	48,940	2.0%
Wolverhampton	5.4	6.0	5.9	6.2	10,140	4.9%
Sandwell	3.7	4.9	4.9	5.1	10,490	5.0%
Walsall	3.6	4.6	4.6	4.8	8,315	4.3%
Stoke-on-Trent	3.5	4.2	4.4	4.5	7,215	2.9%
Dudley	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	8,445	3.6%
Coventry	2.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	7,825	4.0%
Telford and Wrekin	2.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3,355	1.8%
Solihull	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	3,620	1.5%
Worcestershire	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.3	8,230	3.3%
Warwickshire	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.2	7,760	5.2%
Staffordshire	1.5	2.1	2.1	2.2	11,960	5.3%
Shropshire	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.1	3,900	2.0%
Herefordshire, County of	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	2,065	2.7%

Staffordshire Districts	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Dec 2019 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Jan 2020 (%)	Claimant Count Rate – Feb 2020 (%)	Number of Claimants - Feb 2020	Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%)
Tamworth	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.1	1,455	3.2%
Cannock Chase	1.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	1,660	5.7%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	1.5	2.2	2.3	2.4	1,990	7.6%
East Staffordshire	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.4	1,735	10.2%
Lichfield	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.1	1,295	4.9%
South Staffordshire	1.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	1,135	3.1%
Stafford	1.2	1.8	1.9	1.9	1,600	3.6%
Staffordshire Moorlands	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.6	915	2.2%

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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