

## Claimant Count, May 2020 (Sorted by latest Claimant Rate)

| Benchmarks    | Claimant Count Rate – May 2019 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – May 2020 (%) | Number of Claimants – May 2020 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| West Midlands | 3.4                                | 4.0                                | 6.0                                | 7.3                                | 265,030                        | 21.9%                                  |
| England       | 2.6                                | 3.0                                | 5.0                                | 6.5                                | 2,277,190                      | 29.0%                                  |

| Local Enterprise Partnership | Claimant Count Rate – May 2019 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – May 2020 (%) | Number of Claimants – May 2020 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Staffs & Stoke-on-Trent      | 2.2                                | 2.8                                | 4.5                                | 5.8                                | 40,340                         | 28.8%                                  |

| West Midlands Strategic Authorities | Claimant Count Rate – May 2019 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – May 2020 (%) | Number of Claimants – May 2020 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Birmingham                          | 6.1                                | 6.7                                | 9.0                                | 10.6                               | 77,710                         | 17.9%                                  |
| Wolverhampton                       | 5.6                                | 6.4                                | 9.0                                | 10.3                               | 16,865                         | 14.6%                                  |
| Sandwell                            | 4.1                                | 5.3                                | 7.4                                | 9.1                                | 18,535                         | 22.5%                                  |
| Walsall                             | 4.0                                | 5.0                                | 7.1                                | 8.8                                | 15,170                         | 23.7%                                  |
| <b>Stoke-on-Trent</b>               | <b>3.9</b>                         | <b>4.6</b>                         | <b>6.6</b>                         | <b>8.2</b>                         | <b>13,080</b>                  | <b>24.1%</b>                           |
| Dudley                              | 4.0                                | 4.4                                | 6.6                                | 7.6                                | 14,705                         | 14.3%                                  |
| Coventry                            | 2.6                                | 3.3                                | 4.9                                | 6.4                                | 15,700                         | 29.9%                                  |
| Telford & Wrekin                    | 2.4                                | 3.1                                | 5.6                                | 6.4                                | 7,115                          | 15.7%                                  |
| Solihull                            | 2.7                                | 2.9                                | 4.6                                | 5.8                                | 7,450                          | 27.7%                                  |
| Worcestershire                      | 2.0                                | 2.3                                | 4.5                                | 5.5                                | 19,575                         | 24.0%                                  |
| <b>Staffordshire</b>                | <b>1.7</b>                         | <b>2.3</b>                         | <b>3.9</b>                         | <b>5.1</b>                         | <b>27,260</b>                  | <b>31.2%</b>                           |
| Warwickshire                        | 1.9                                | 2.2                                | 4.0                                | 5.0                                | 17,625                         | 25.2%                                  |
| Shropshire                          | 1.8                                | 2.1                                | 3.8                                | 4.8                                | 9,150                          | 25.9%                                  |
| Herefordshire, County of            | 1.6                                | 1.9                                | 3.5                                | 4.5                                | 5,065                          | 28.9%                                  |

| Staffordshire Districts | Claimant Count Rate – May 2019 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Mar 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – Apr 2020 (%) | Claimant Count Rate – May 2020 (%) | Number of Claimants – May 2020 | Monthly Change in Claimant Numbers (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Tamworth                | 2.5                                | 3.1                                | 4.9                                | 6.4                                | 3,060                          | 30.5%                                  |
| Cannock Chase           | 2.0                                | 2.6                                | 4.7                                | 6.3                                | 3,980                          | 32.7%                                  |
| East Staffordshire      | 1.7                                | 2.4                                | 3.8                                | 5.3                                | 3,895                          | 40.4%                                  |
| Newcastle-under-Lyme    | 1.9                                | 2.4                                | 4.0                                | 5.1                                | 4,155                          | 27.5%                                  |
| Lichfield               | 1.7                                | 2.1                                | 3.7                                | 5.0                                | 3,085                          | 33.8%                                  |
| South Staffordshire     | 1.6                                | 1.9                                | 3.8                                | 4.7                                | 3,150                          | 24.8%                                  |
| Stafford                | 1.4                                | 2.0                                | 3.4                                | 4.4                                | 3,670                          | 30.6%                                  |
| Staffordshire Moorlands | 1.3                                | 1.6                                | 3.0                                | 3.9                                | 2,270                          | 28.6%                                  |

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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