

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) Statistics: July 2021¹

Key points

- In total, the latest provisional figures show that Midlands Engine area had 328,200 employments furloughed on the 31st May 2021. This was 7.7% of eligible employments for the scheme compared to UK-wide of 8.2%.
- As of the 31st May 2021 for the Midlands Engine, the take up rate for males was 7.8% (UK 8.5%) and female take-up rate was 7.5% (UK 7.8%).
- Accommodation and food services sector had the highest number of employments furloughed in the Midlands Engine on the 31st May with 75,740 people.
- The latest provisional figures shows that the West Midlands region had 194,800 employments furloughed and the East Midlands region had 150,300 employments furloughed as of 31st May 2021. Compared to the 30th April 2021, the West Midlands region decreased by 29.5% (-81,700 employments furloughed), while the East Midlands decreased by 31.5% (69,100 employments furloughed), and the UK decreased by 33.3% over the same period.
- For the UK, the number of employments on furlough has fallen since January and provisional figures show on the 31st May there was just over 2.36m furloughed.
- For all age bands the number of employments on furlough decreased across February to May 2021. The largest reductions in the number of employments on furlough in May have been for younger employees in the 18 to 24 and 25 to 34 age bands. The biggest proportionate reduction was for the under 18 age band.
- Since January, the number of employments on furlough has decreased by a larger proportion amongst large employers. Employers with 250 or more employees have seen a 67% reduction in employments on furlough since the peak in January, in comparison with a 28% reduction amongst employers with one employee. This may reflect the varying impact of the pandemic on businesses of differing sizes.

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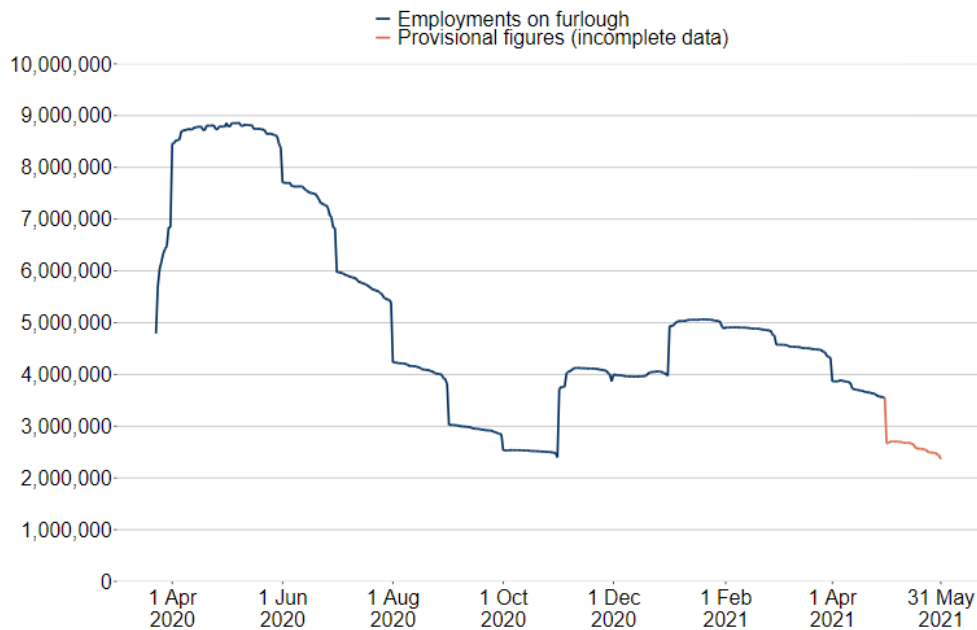
- This briefing reports on the thirteenth release of Official Statistics on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), commonly known as furlough. This briefing provides analysis of claims for periods up to 31st May 2021. The data used includes claims submitted to HMRC by 14th June 2021.

Furloughed Employments Over Time – UK, West Midlands and East Midlands Regions

- For the UK, the number of employments on furlough peaked at 8.9 million on 8th May 2020. This fell to 2.4 million at 31st October, rose again to 4.9 million employments on furlough at 31st January 2021. However, the number of employments on furlough has fallen since January and provisional figures show on the 31st May there was just over 2.36m furloughed.

¹ Source: HMRC, Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme statistics: July 2021. Please note, the data for May 2021 is not yet fully complete as while claims relating to May 2021 should have been filed by 14 June 2021, employers could file claims later with the agreement of HMRC if they had a reasonable excuse. Claims for April 2021 could also be amended until 28 June 2021. Together these factors are likely to have a small effect on the statistics. Based on figures for April, which have been revised since the previous release, it is estimated that the number of employments on furlough reported for May 2021 could increase by around 3%. The May 2021 figures should therefore be considered as provisional and will be revised in a future release.

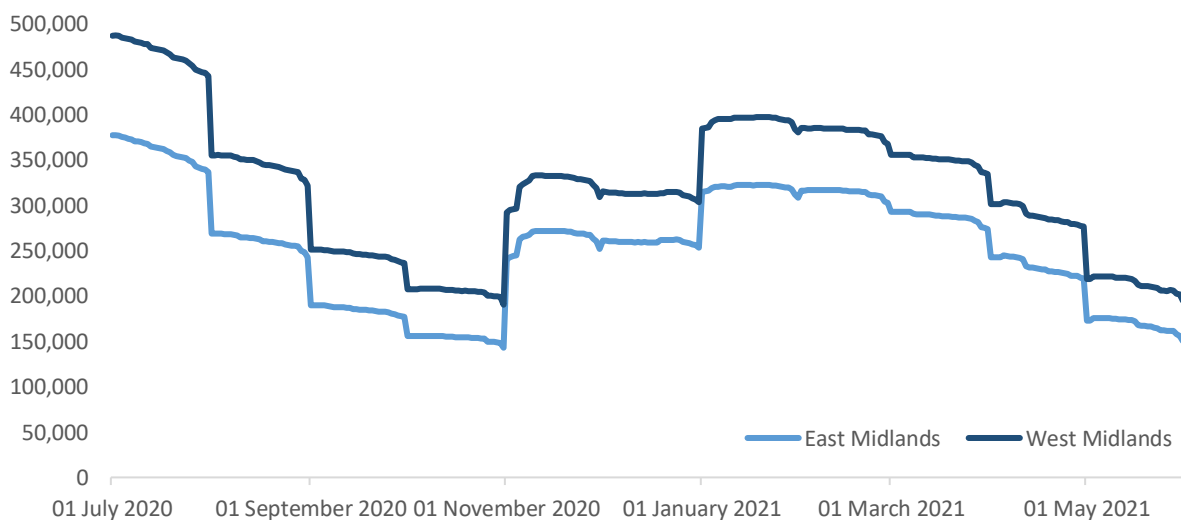
The following chart shows the total number of employments furloughed in the UK between 23rd March 2020 to 31st May 2021:



Source: HMRC CJRS data

- The latest provisional figures shows that the West Midlands region had 194,800 employments furloughed and the East Midlands region had 150,300 employments furloughed as of 31st May 2021.
- Compared to the 30th April 2021, the West Midlands region decreased by 29.5% (-81,700 employments furloughed), while the East Midlands decreased by 31.5% (69,100 employments furloughed), and the UK decreased by 33.3% over the same period.

The following chart shows for the East Midlands and West Midlands Regions the number of employments furloughed between 1st July 2020 to 31st May 2021:

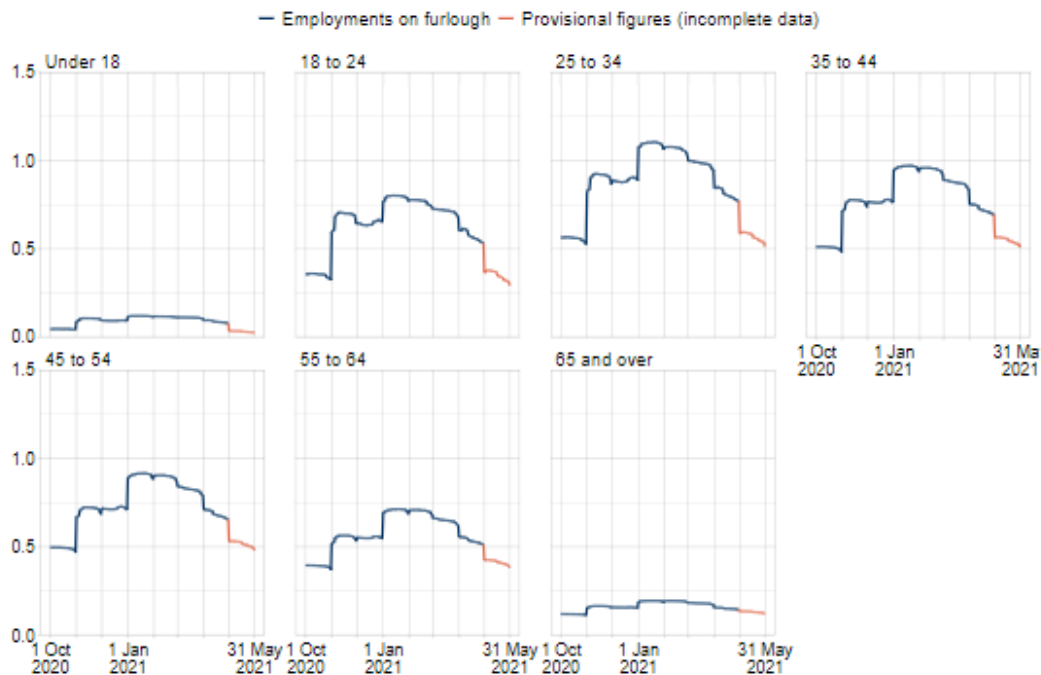


- Of the 194,800 employments furloughed in the West Midlands region on the 31st May 2021, 99,900 were fully furloughed and 94,900 were partially furloughed. For the East Midlands, of the 150,300 employments furloughed 76,200 are fully furloughed and 74,200 are partially furloughed.

Employments Furloughed Over Time by Age – UK

- For all age bands the number of employments on furlough decreased across February to May 2021. The largest reductions in the number of employments on furlough in May have been for younger employees in the 18 to 24 and 25 to 34 age bands. The biggest proportionate reduction was for the under 18 age band.
- The number of employments on furlough with employees in the 18 to 24 age band was 534,000 at 30th April 2021. At 31st May 2021, provisional figures show that this had reduced to 295,900 employments on furlough in the 18 to 24 age band.
- For employments where the employee was aged 25 to 34, the number of employments on furlough was 769,700 at 30th April 2021. Provisional figures show that this figure dropped to 515,900 at 31st May 2021.
- Where the employee was 65 or over, the number of employments on furlough was 145,500 at 30th April 2021. Provisional estimates show that the number of employments on furlough decreased in May to 122,200 at 31st May 2021.

The following chart shows the number employments furloughed (in millions) for the UK by the age of the employee:



Source: HMRC CJRS and PAYE Real Time Information data

Furloughing by Employer Size – UK

- for all employer sizes, the number of employments on furlough decreased across February, March, April and May 2021. The largest reduction is for employers with 250 or more employees where the number of employments on furlough decreased by 532,100 from 1.1m employments at 30th April 2021 to a provisional estimate of 535,800 at 31st May 2021.
- Employers with one employment had 161,100 employments on furlough at 30th April 2021. Provisional figures show that this decreased in May to 148,200 employments on furlough at 31st May 2021.

- Since January, the number of employments on furlough has decreased by a larger proportion amongst large employers. Employers with 250 or more employees have seen a 67% reduction in employments on furlough since the peak in January, in comparison with a 28% reduction amongst employers with one employee. This may reflect the varying impact of the pandemic on businesses of differing sizes.

Employments Furloughed by Gender – Midlands Engine²

- In total, the latest provisional figures show that Midlands Engine area had 328,200 employments furloughed on the 31st May 2021. This was 7.7% of eligible employments for the scheme compared to UK-wide of 8.2%.
- As of the 31st May 2021 for the Midlands Engine, the take up rate for males was 7.8% (UK 8.5%) and female take-up rate was 7.5% (UK 7.8%).
- Overall, the local authorities with the highest percentage of workers furloughed were Birmingham (9.8%), Leicester (9.4%) and Solihull (9.2%).
- The local authorities with the highest percentage of females furloughed was Derbyshire Dales, Stratford-on-Avon (both 9.6%) and Solihull (9.3%).
- The local authorities with the highest percentage of male employments furloughed was Birmingham (11.1%), Leicester (10.1%) and Sandwell (9.6%).

Further details by local authority within the Midlands Engine area can be seen in a table in the appendix.

Broad Sectors – Midlands Engine

- Accommodation and food services sector had the highest number of employments furloughed in the Midlands Engine on the 31st May with 75,740 people. Public administration and defence; social security, Households & Other sector had the least employments furloughed at 2,490 people.

The following table shows the total employments furloughed by sector for the Midlands Engine on the 31st May 2021:

	On 31 st May-21
Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Mining and quarrying, Energy production and supply & Water supply, sewerage and waste	2,990
Manufacturing	42,520
Construction	17,930
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	48,840
Transportation and storage	17,130
Accommodation and food services	75,740
Information and communication, Financial and insurance & Real estate	16,280
Professional, scientific and technical	23,600
Administrative and support services	27,880
Education	9,010
Health and social work	11,580
Arts, entertainment and recreation	18,430
Other service activities	13,850
Public administration and defence; social security, Households & Other	2,490
Total	328,200

² Revised April figures have not been released at local authority meaning a change in the number of employments furloughed from the previous may has not been included on this occasion.

Appendix – Employment Furloughed by Gender in the Midlands Engine Area on 31st May 2021:

	Female			Male			Total		
	Female employments furloughed	Female eligible employments	Female take up-rate	Male employments furloughed	Male eligible employments	Male take up-rate	Total employments furloughed	Total eligible employments	Total take up-rate
Amber Valley	1,900	27,400	6.9%	1,700	27,300	6.2%	3,600	54,700	6.6%
Ashfield	1,700	27,500	6.2%	1,900	26,900	7.1%	3,600	54,400	6.6%
Bassetlaw	1,800	25,500	7.1%	1,700	25,600	6.6%	3,500	51,100	6.8%
Birmingham	16,900	201,500	8.4%	23,400	211,500	11.1%	40,300	413,000	9.8%
Blaby	1,800	23,800	7.6%	1,800	22,600	8.0%	3,500	46,300	7.6%
Bolsover	1,100	17,800	6.2%	1,100	17,500	6.3%	2,200	35,300	6.2%
Boston	800	16,100	5.0%	800	16,800	4.8%	1,600	32,900	4.9%
Bromsgrove	1,700	22,100	7.7%	1,700	20,700	8.2%	3,400	42,800	7.9%
Broxtowe	1,500	23,900	6.3%	1,600	23,500	6.8%	3,200	47,400	6.8%
Cannock Chase	1,700	22,300	7.6%	1,700	22,100	7.7%	3,500	44,400	7.9%
Charnwood	3,100	38,600	8.0%	2,900	38,400	7.6%	6,000	77,000	7.8%
Chesterfield	1,300	22,500	5.8%	1,500	21,800	6.9%	2,800	44,300	6.3%
Coventry	5,300	71,000	7.5%	6,400	73,900	8.7%	11,700	144,800	8.1%
Derby UA	3,500	53,600	6.5%	4,000	55,800	7.2%	7,500	109,400	6.9%
Derbyshire Dales	1,400	14,600	9.6%	1,000	14,000	7.1%	2,500	28,700	8.7%
Dudley	4,600	66,200	6.9%	5,500	65,600	8.4%	10,100	131,800	7.7%
East Lindsey	2,200	23,900	9.2%	2,100	23,900	8.8%	4,300	47,800	9.0%
East Staffordshire	2,000	26,900	7.4%	2,000	28,400	7.0%	4,000	55,300	7.2%
Erewash	1,800	25,800	7.0%	1,800	25,100	7.2%	3,600	50,900	7.1%
Gedling	1,800	26,600	6.8%	1,800	24,700	7.3%	3,600	51,300	7.0%
Harborough	1,800	21,300	8.5%	1,600	20,700	7.7%	3,400	42,000	8.1%
Herefordshire, County of (UA)	2,900	38,900	7.5%	2,300	36,600	6.3%	5,300	75,500	7.0%
High Peak	1,700	20,700	8.2%	1,500	19,600	7.7%	3,200	40,300	7.9%
Hinckley and Bosworth	2,000	25,400	7.9%	1,900	25,300	7.5%	3,900	50,600	7.7%
Leicester UA	6,000	69,900	8.6%	7,900	78,200	10.1%	13,900	148,100	9.4%
Lichfield	1,900	22,800	8.3%	1,900	22,500	8.4%	3,800	45,300	8.4%
Lincoln	1,300	20,900	6.2%	1,300	21,100	6.2%	2,600	42,000	6.2%
Malvern Hills	1,200	15,600	7.7%	1,100	14,700	7.5%	2,300	30,300	7.6%
Mansfield	1,600	24,300	6.6%	1,700	23,800	7.1%	3,300	48,100	6.9%
Melton	1,000	11,600	8.6%	800	11,300	7.1%	1,800	22,800	7.9%
Newark and Sherwood	2,000	26,300	7.6%	1,700	26,000	6.5%	3,800	52,200	7.3%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	1,800	26,500	6.8%	1,600	25,700	6.2%	3,400	52,200	6.5%
North East Derbyshire	1,500	21,800	6.9%	1,500	20,700	7.2%	2,900	42,400	6.8%
North East Lincolnshire UA	2,200	32,400	6.8%	1,800	33,900	5.3%	4,000	66,400	6.0%
North Kesteven	1,400	25,200	5.6%	1,200	24,900	4.8%	2,700	50,100	5.4%
North Lincolnshire UA	2,200	34,300	6.4%	2,000	36,800	5.4%	4,200	71,100	5.9%
North Warwickshire	1,200	14,700	8.2%	1,100	14,400	7.6%	2,300	29,200	7.9%
North West Leicestershire	1,800	23,300	7.7%	1,500	23,800	6.3%	3,300	47,100	7.0%
Nottingham UA	4,400	61,200	7.2%	4,900	60,900	8.0%	9,400	122,000	7.7%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	2,100	30,000	7.0%	2,300	30,000	7.7%	4,400	60,000	7.3%
Oadby and Wigston	1,100	12,400	8.9%	1,100	12,000	9.2%	2,200	24,300	9.1%
Redditch	1,600	20,100	8.0%	1,800	19,700	9.1%	3,300	39,800	8.3%
Rugby	1,900	26,100	7.3%	1,900	27,700	6.9%	3,700	53,800	6.9%
Rushcliffe	1,800	26,100	6.9%	1,700	24,900	6.8%	3,500	51,000	6.9%
Rutland UA	700	7,700	9.1%	600	7,700	7.8%	1,200	15,400	7.8%
Sandwell	5,100	65,900	7.7%	6,400	67,000	9.6%	11,500	132,900	8.7%
Shropshire UA	5,300	65,600	8.1%	4,500	62,400	7.2%	9,800	128,000	7.7%
Solihull	4,300	46,200	9.3%	4,100	45,600	9.0%	8,400	91,800	9.2%
South Derbyshire	1,800	24,900	7.2%	1,600	25,000	6.4%	3,400	49,800	6.8%
South Holland	1,100	20,000	5.5%	1,100	20,900	5.3%	2,300	41,000	5.6%
South Kesteven	2,400	31,000	7.7%	2,000	30,500	6.6%	4,400	61,600	7.1%
South Staffordshire	2,000	23,700	8.4%	1,700	22,500	7.6%	3,700	46,200	8.0%
Stafford	2,000	29,700	6.7%	1,800	30,000	6.0%	3,800	59,600	6.4%
Staffordshire Moorlands	1,600	20,400	7.8%	1,200	19,700	6.1%	2,800	40,100	7.0%
Stoke-on-Trent UA	3,200	51,500	6.2%	3,400	53,700	6.3%	6,600	105,100	6.3%
Stratford-on-Avon	2,800	29,300	9.6%	2,500	28,800	8.7%	5,300	58,100	9.1%
Tamworth	1,300	17,800	7.3%	1,400	18,200	7.7%	2,700	36,100	7.5%
Telford and Wrekin UA	2,500	39,100	6.4%	2,700	39,700	6.8%	5,300	78,800	6.7%
Walsall	4,200	54,800	7.7%	5,000	55,800	9.0%	9,200	110,600	8.3%
Warwick	2,700	32,300	8.4%	2,600	33,700	7.7%	5,300	66,000	8.0%

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West Lindsey	1,300	18,800	6.9%	1,100	18,900	5.8%	2,400	37,700	6.4%
Wolverhampton	3,700	53,800	6.9%	4,300	53,300	8.1%	8,100	107,000	7.6%
Worcester	1,600	24,400	6.6%	1,900	23,800	8.0%	3,500	48,200	7.3%
Wychavon	2,200	28,600	7.7%	2,000	27,800	7.2%	4,200	56,400	7.4%
Wyre Forest	1,600	21,000	7.6%	1,600	20,100	8.0%	3,200	41,100	7.8%
Midlands Engine	159,700	2,135,900	7.5%	168,000	2,146,400	7.8%	328,200	4,281,700	7.7%
East Midlands	75,100	1,042,000	7.2%	75,200	1,041,000	7.2%	150,300	2,083,000	7.2%
West Midlands	93,000	1,208,800	7.7%	101,800	1,215,600	8.4%	194,800	2,424,300	8.0%
United Kingdom	1,130,800	14,452,600	7.8%	1,203,900	14,239,600	8.5%	2,364,100	28,692,200	8.2%