

Midlands Engine: Annual Population Survey: Year Ending June 2021¹

Key Points:

- In the year ending June 2021, the employment rate in the Midlands Engine area was 73.6%, compared to 74.3% for the UK overall. When compared to the previous year ending June 2020, the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 1.1 percentage points (pp). The UK employment rate decreased by 1.5pp over the same time period.
- The unemployment rate for the Midlands Engine was 5.5% compared to 5.1% for the UK in the year ending June 2021. For the Midlands Engine, this is an increase of 1.2pp, with the UK increasing by 1.1pp since the previous year.
- The economic activity rate for the Midlands Engine area was 78.0%, compared to 78.2% for the UK in the year ending June 2021. For the Midlands Engine area, the economic activity rate has decreased by 0.4pp while the UK has decreased by 0.7pp when compared to the year ending June 2020.
- For economic inactivity, the Midlands Engine rate was 22.0% in the year ending June 2021, compared to 21.8% in the UK overall. For the Midlands Engine area, this has increased by 0.4pp while the UK increased by 0.7pp when compared to the year ending June 2020.

In Detail:

In the appendix is a table containing Midlands Engine local authority data for employment rate, unemployment rate, economic activity rate and economically inactive for year ending June 2021 and also the change from the year ending June 2020.

Employment Rate

- In the year ending June 2021, the employment rate in the Midlands Engine area was 73.6%, compared to 74.3% for the UK overall. When compared to the year ending June 2020, the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 1.1 percentage points (pp). The UK employment rate decreased by 1.5pp over the same time period.
- Within the Midlands Engine, 37 local authority areas have employment rates that are at or above the UK average (74.3%). Staffordshire Moorlands recorded the highest rate at 89.6%, down to Birmingham with the lowest at 64.8%.

Unemployment Rate

- The unemployment rate for the Midlands Engine was 5.5% compared to 5.1% for the UK in year ending June 2021. For the Midlands Engine, this is an increase of 1.2pp compared to the year ending June 2020, the UK increased by 1.1pp.
- Across the Midlands Engine, the employment rate varies from Blaby which recorded the highest unemployment rate at 14.2%, down to Stafford at 1.7%².

Economic Activity Rate

- The economic activity rate for the Midlands Engine area was 78.0% in the year ending June 2021, compared to 78.2% for the UK. For the Midlands Engine area, the economic activity rate has decreased by 0.4pp since the year ending June 2020, while the UK has decreased by 0.7pp in the same period.
- Within the Midlands Engine, the latest data shows the economic activity varies from 89.6% in Staffordshire Moorlands to 66.1% in West Lindsay.

Economic Inactivity²

- For economic inactivity, the Midlands Engine rate was 22.0% for June 2021, compared to 21.8% in the UK overall. For the Midlands Engine area, this has increased by 0.4pp while the UK increased by 0.7pp in the same period.

¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS): Annual Population Survey, released October 2021

² Please note, some estimates within the Midlands Engine are not available since the group sample size is zero or disclosive (0-2).

- Economic inactivity can be broken down further into reasons of inactivity. For the year ending June 2021, the Midlands Engine had a higher percentage of people that were inactive when compared to the UK in one category; retired (13.8% vs 13.5%)

Midlands Engine and UK Economic Inactivity by reason, Year Ending June 2021:

	Midlands Engine	UK
Student	27.1%	28.5%
Looking after family/home	19.0%	19.3%
Sick	25.0%	26.1%
Retired	13.8%	13.5%
Other	10.9%	12.7%

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Employment by Occupation

- The following table shows employment proportions by occupation for the Midlands Engine and the UK for the year ending June 2021. The Midlands Engine have a higher than the UK average percentage of people employed in four of the nine occupations, these include: skilled trades occupations (9.6% vs 9.0%), caring, leisure and other service occupations (9.9% vs 9.0%), process, plant and machine operatives (7.4% vs 5.6%) and elementary occupations (10.6% vs 9.1%).

Midlands Engine and UK Employment by Occupation Proportions, Year Ending June 2021:

	Midlands Engine	UK
1: managers, directors and senior officials	10.5%	10.8%
2: professional occupations	20.7%	23.3%
3: associate prof & tech occupations	13.8%	15.5%
4: administrative and secretarial occupations	9.9%	10.2%
5: skilled trades occupations	9.6%	9.0%
6: caring, leisure and other service occupations	9.9%	9.0%
7: sales and customer service occupations	7.1%	7.2%
8: process, plant and machine operatives	7.4%	5.6%
9: elementary occupations	10.6%	9.1%

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Appendix

Employment Activity across the Midlands Engine local authorities for the year ending June 2021 and percentage point change since year ending June 2020.

	Economic activity rate		Employment rate		Unemployment rate		Economically inactive	
	Jul 20- Jun 21	PP change Jul 19- Jun 20	Jul 20- Jun 21	PP change Jul 19- Jun 20	Jul 20- Jun 21	PP change Jul 19- Jun 20	Jul 20- Jun 21	PP change Jul 19- Jun 20
Birmingham	72.0%	-0.9pp	64.8%	-1.4pp	10.1%	0.8pp	28.0%	0.9pp
Bromsgrove	86.7%	4.9pp	85.1%	5.4pp	1.8%	-0.8pp	13.3%	-4.9pp
Cannock Chase	84.9%	-1.0pp	79.0%	-5.5pp	6.9%	-	15.1%	1.0pp
Coventry	74.0%	-3.0pp	70.0%	-2.2pp	5.4%	-0.9pp	26.0%	3.0pp
Dudley	81.2%	4.5pp	77.1%	4.1pp	5.1%	0.2pp	18.8%	-4.5pp
East Staffordshire	80.0%	-1.7pp	76.6%	-4.0pp	4.2%	-	20.0%	1.7pp
Herefordshire, County of	81.5%	-1.0pp	79.1%	-0.7pp	3.0%	-0.3pp	18.5%	1.0pp
Lichfield	77.5%	-3.4pp	72.5%	-4.7pp	6.4%	1.8pp	22.5%	3.4pp
Malvern Hills	78.3%	4.0pp	73.5%	4.1pp	6.2%	-0.4pp	21.7%	-4.0pp
Newcastle-under-Lyme	75.8%	0.9pp	68.7%	-2.4pp	9.4%	4.4pp	24.2%	-0.9pp
North Warwickshire	84.2%	4.4pp	83.1%	4.6pp	-	-	15.8%	-4.4pp
Nuneaton and Bedworth	82.3%	3.1pp	79.2%	0.5pp	3.7%	-	17.7%	-3.1pp
Redditch	82.6%	2.2pp	77.6%	-1.1pp	6.1%	-pp	17.4%	-2.2pp
Rugby	83.9%	-0.2pp	80.0%	-2.0pp	4.6%	2.1pp	16.1%	0.2pp
Sandwell	78.3%	4.5pp	74.0%	3.9pp	5.5%	0.5pp	21.7%	-4.5pp
Shropshire	78.3%	-4.6pp	76.8%	-3.5pp	1.9%	-1.3pp	21.7%	4.6pp
Solihull	82.6%	2.1pp	79.3%	2.4pp	3.9%	-0.5pp	17.4%	-2.1pp
South Staffordshire	75.9%	-6.2pp	72.7%	-8.2pp	4.2%	-	24.1%	6.2pp
Stafford	77.3%	-5.2pp	76.0%	-3.6pp	1.7%	-1.8pp	22.7%	5.2pp
Staffordshire Moorlands	89.6%	9.4pp	89.6%	11.7pp	-	-	10.4%	-9.4pp
Stoke-on-Trent	78.2%	2.7pp	74.9%	2.3pp	4.1%	0.3pp	21.8%	-2.7pp
Stratford-on-Avon	79.2%	-6.2pp	75.2%	-8.7pp	5.0%	3.2pp	20.8%	6.2pp
Tamworth	81.0%	-6.3pp	81.0%	-2.5pp	-	-	19.0%	6.3pp
Telford and Wrekin	76.0%	-2.8pp	72.0%	-1.6pp	5.3%	-1.2pp	24.0%	2.8pp
Walsall	75.5%	-3.2pp	69.5%	-4.0pp	7.9%	1.2pp	24.5%	3.2pp
Warwick	85.5%	3.3pp	80.8%	-0.8pp	5.5%	-	14.5%	-3.3pp
Wolverhampton	76.0%	1.3pp	71.7%	1.3pp	5.7%	0.0pp	24.0%	-1.3pp
Worcester	76.8%	-5.5pp	73.5%	-7.4pp	4.3%	2.6pp	23.2%	5.5pp
Wychavon	84.4%	2.2pp	83.3%	2.2pp	-	-	15.6%	-2.2pp
Wyre Forest	86.0%	3.0pp	82.9%	3.4pp	3.6%	-0.6pp	14.0%	-3.0pp
Amber Valley	81.6%	0.7pp	79.8%	2.9pp	-	-	18.4%	-0.7pp
Ashfield	78.7%	-2.3pp	75.5%	-3.8pp	4.0%	-	21.3%	2.3pp
Bassetlaw	68.8%	-14.3pp	68.0%	-12.5pp	-	-	31.2%	14.3pp
Blaby	83.8%	0.1pp	71.9%	-9.4pp	14.2%	11.3pp	16.2%	-0.1pp
Bolsover	71.7%	-1.9pp	66.5%	-3.6pp	7.3%	-	28.3%	1.9pp
Boston	72.5%	-12.3pp	65.5%	-15.8pp	9.7%	-	27.5%	12.3pp
Broxtowe	78.1%	-3.3pp	72.6%	-6.0pp	7.1%	3.7pp	21.9%	3.3pp
Charnwood	84.4%	0.0pp	81.1%	-0.8pp	4.0%	1.1pp	15.6%	0.0pp

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Chesterfield	88.5%	13.9pp	80.4%	11.7pp	9.2%	1.2pp	11.5%	-13.9pp
Derby	79.4%	0.8pp	76.0%	0.9pp	4.3%	-0.2pp	20.6%	-0.8pp
Derbyshire Dales	67.8%	-12.5pp	64.9%	-14.0pp	-	-	32.2%	12.5pp
East Lindsey	73.8%	6.6pp	68.0%	6.1pp	7.8%	0.0pp	26.2%	-6.6pp
Erewash	79.4%	-3.5pp	78.0%	-4.9pp	-	-	20.6%	3.5pp
Gedling	77.0%	-7.6pp	68.7%	-12.0pp	10.7%	6.1pp	23.0%	7.6pp
Harborough	87.8%	2.0pp	82.5%	-1.7pp	5.9%	-	12.2%	-2.0pp
High Peak	80.3%	6.0pp	75.3%	6.2pp	6.2%	-0.8pp	19.7%	-6.0pp
Hinckley and Bosworth	89.1%	6.2pp	85.6%	6.7pp	4.0%	-0.8pp	10.9%	-6.2pp
Leicester	72.6%	-5.1pp	67.0%	-7.1pp	7.8%	3.1pp	27.4%	5.1pp
Lincoln	74.2%	0.7pp	66.3%	-2.8pp	10.6%	4.7pp	25.8%	-0.7pp
Mansfield	71.1%	-9.5pp	67.6%	-9.2pp	4.9%	0.1pp	28.9%	9.5pp
Melton	80.0%	-3.6pp	74.4%	-9.2pp	7.0%	-	20.0%	3.6pp
Newark and Sherwood	77.4%	-2.1pp	72.6%	-2.3pp	6.2%	0.4pp	22.6%	2.1pp
North East Derbyshire	78.7%	-1.7pp	75.8%	-2.8pp	3.7%	1.4pp	21.3%	1.7pp
North Kesteven	85.0%	6.9pp	81.0%	4.5pp	4.7%	-	15.0%	-6.9pp
North West Leicestershire	77.6%	0.8pp	75.5%	4.3pp	2.7%	-4.6pp	22.4%	-0.8pp
Nottingham	80.4%	9.3pp	73.8%	6.9pp	8.2%	2.4pp	19.6%	-9.3pp
Oadby and Wigston	76.2%	-7.3pp	76.2%	-5.2pp	-	-	23.8%	7.3pp
Rushcliffe	81.4%	0.7pp	77.9%	0.5pp	4.2%	0.1pp	18.6%	-0.7pp
Rutland	74.6%	-0.2pp	71.6%	-0.3pp	4.1%	0.2pp	25.4%	0.2pp
South Derbyshire	80.3%	-7.4pp	76.1%	-9.6pp	5.2%	-	19.7%	7.4pp
South Holland	81.8%	3.0pp	79.5%	5.2pp	-	-	18.2%	-3.0pp
South Kesteven	77.6%	0.1pp	75.7%	1.6pp	2.5%	-1.9pp	22.4%	-0.1pp
West Lindsey	66.1%	-13.7pp	64.9%	-11.8pp	-	-	33.9%	13.7pp
North East Lincolnshire	73.8%	-3.1pp	69.5%	-3.6pp	5.9%	0.9pp	26.2%	3.1pp
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Midlands Engine	78.0%	-0.4pp	73.6%	-1.1pp	5.5%	1.2pp	22.0%	0.4pp
UK	78.2%	-0.7pp	74.3%	-1.5pp	5.1%	1.1pp	21.8%	0.7pp

- Denotes missing data