

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) Statistics: January 2021¹

Key points

- In total, the Midlands Engine area had 521,800 employments furloughed on the 31st December². This was 11.5% of eligible employments for the scheme compared to the UK average of 12.6%.
- The West Midlands region had 298,600 employments furloughed and the East Midlands region had 249,300 employments furloughed on the 31st December. Compared to the previous month, the West Midlands decreased by 3.3% (-10,200 employments furloughed) and by 0.9% (-2,200 employments furloughed) for the East Midlands region, while the UK decreased by 1.1%.
- Of the 298,600 employments furloughed in the West Midlands region on the 31st December, 188,100 were fully furloughed and 110,500 were partially furloughed. For the East Midlands, of the 249,300 employments furloughed 159,600 were fully furloughed and 89,700 were partially furloughed.
- Figures show on the 31st December for the UK, those aged 25-34 years old accounted for the highest proportion of the total number of employments furloughed at 22.6% (862,700), followed by those aged 35-44 years old at 19.3% (738,800) and then those aged 45-54 years old at 18.3% (700,200).
- Across the UK, businesses with over 250 employees have made the highest value of claims for periods to 31st December with £1.6bn (27% of the total value of claims). This is followed by businesses with employer size 20-49 with £902m, and then 2-4 with £869m.
- Figures show that, as of 31st December accommodation and food services accounted for the highest proportion of UK employments furloughed at 27.1% (1,036,600). This was followed by wholesale and retail at 18.0% (689,500) and then administrative and support services at 8.2% (312,000).

Full Briefing:

Introduction

- This is the eighth release of Official Statistics on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). This release provides analysis of claims for periods up to 31st December 2020. The data used includes claims submitted to HMRC by 14th January 2021.
- The December figures should be considered as provisional and will be revised in a future release.

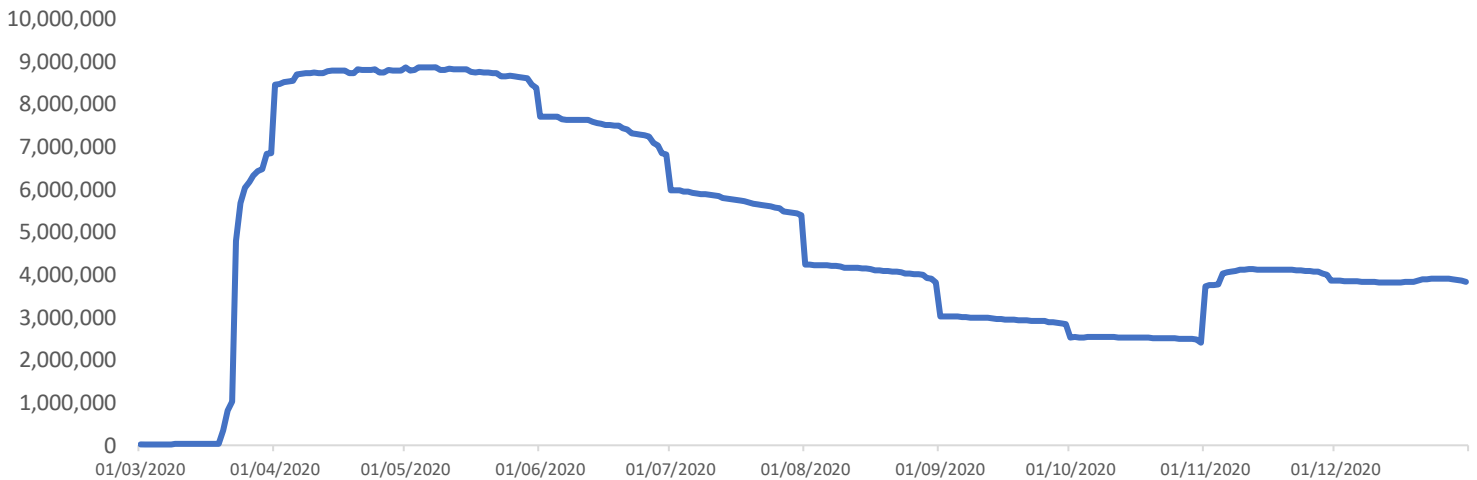
Furloughed Employments per day – UK, West Midlands and East Midlands Regions

- Since the peak of 8.9 million employments furloughed on 8th May in the UK, the number of employments furloughed steadily dropped to 6.8 million on the 30th June. The number of employments furloughed continued to fall to 5.4 million at 31st July and 3.8 million on 31st August.
- The number of employments furloughed continued to reduce during September falling further to 2.8 million at 30th September and then to 2.4 million on the 31st October. The latest figures show that employments furloughed increased throughout November, reaching 3.9 million on 30th November, then reduced slightly throughout December to reach 3.8 million on 31st December.

¹ Source: HMRC, Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme statistics: January 2021

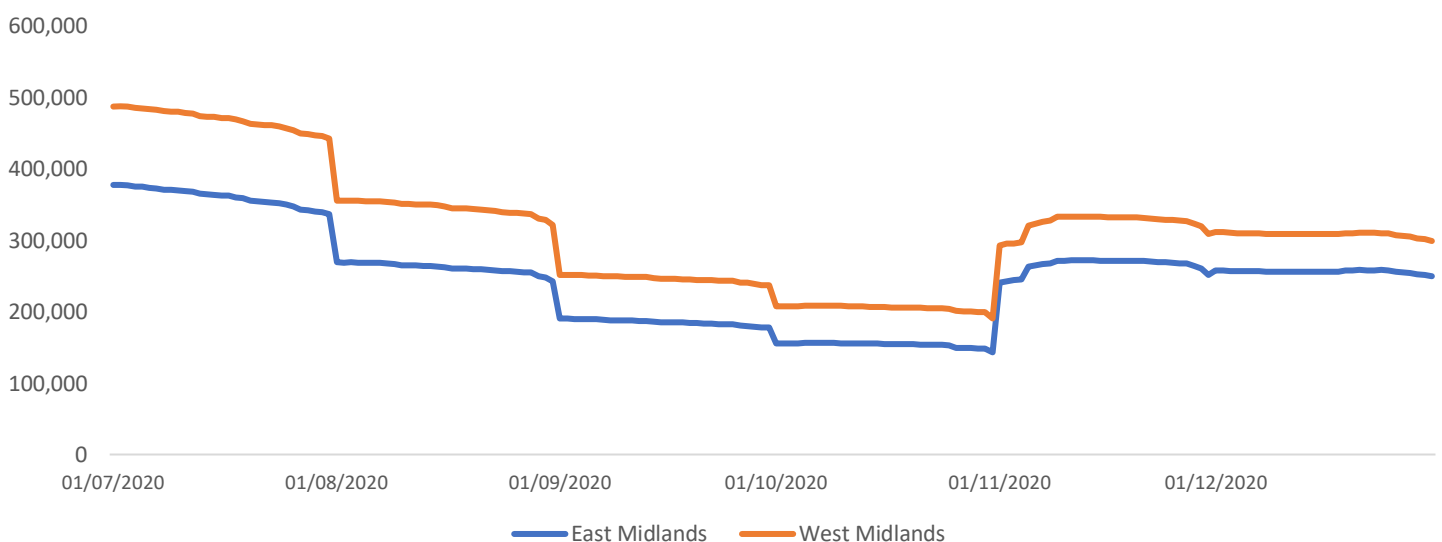
² 1,486,900 individuals in the Midlands Engine area have been furloughed at some point, 521,800 remain furloughed as of 31st December 2020.

The following chart shows the UK employments furloughed between 1st March to 31st December:



- The West Midlands region had 298,600 employments furloughed and the East Midlands region had 249,300 employments furloughed on the 31st December.
- Compared to the previous month, the West Midlands decreased by 3.3% (-10,200 employments furloughed), and by 0.9% (-2,200 employments furloughed) for the East Midlands region, while the UK decreased by 1.1%.

The following chart shows for the East Midlands and West Midlands Regions the number of employments furloughed between 1st August to 31st December:

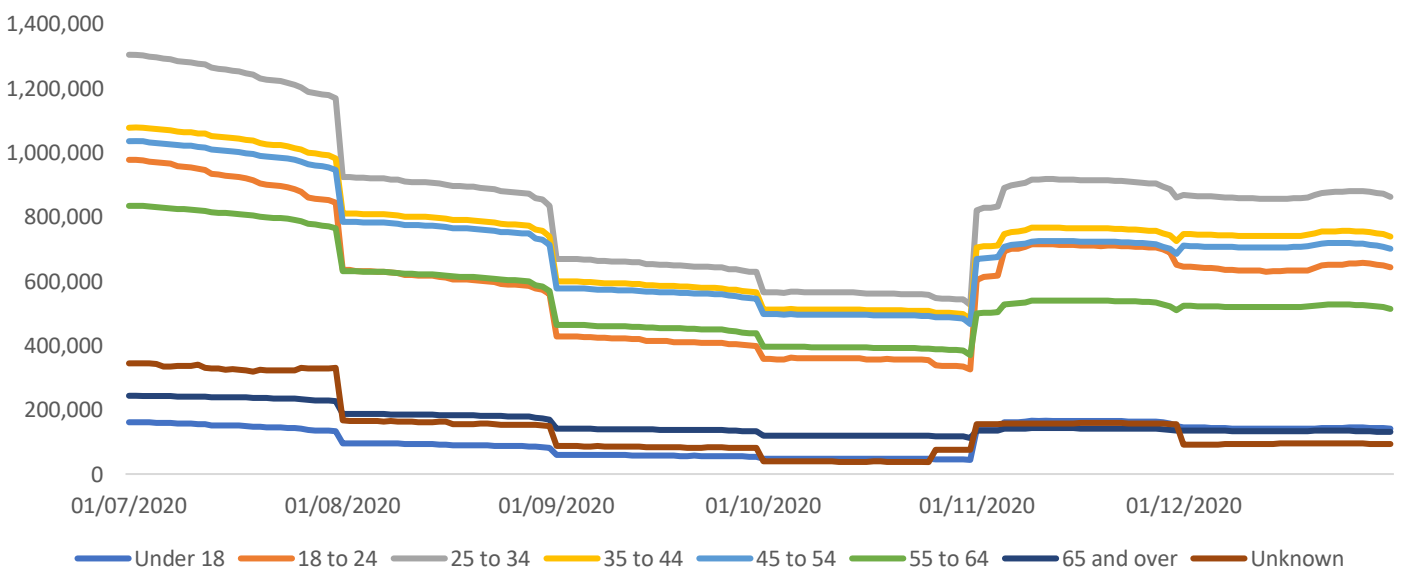


- Of the 298,600 employments furloughed in the West Midlands region on the 31st December, 188,100 were fully furloughed and 110,500 were partially furloughed. For the East Midlands, of the 249,300 employments furloughed 159,600 were fully furloughed and 89,700 were partially furloughed.

Age - UK

- For employees aged 25 to 34, the number of furloughed employments was 1.17 million on 31st July and fell to 833,600 at 31st August. This continued to fall throughout September to 627,900 employments furloughed at 30th September and by 31st October it was 526,000. Following this, employments furloughed began to increase again and reached 859,600 on 30th November and 862,700 on 31st December.
- The number of employments furloughed with employees in the 18 to 24 age band was 844,500 on 31st July. Figures show this decreased to 558,600 employments furloughed at 31st August, 398,400 at 31st September and 325,300 at 31st October. Employments furloughed began to increase again and reached 650,800 on 30th November but decreased slightly to 643,600 on 31st December.
- Where the employee was 65 or over, the number of employments furloughed was 225,800 on 31st July. Figures for this age band show the number of employments furloughed decreased to 168,300 at 31st August, 132,500 at 30th September and 111,900 at 31st October. Employments furloughed began to increase again and reached 134,400 on 30th November, decreasing to 130,300 on 31st December.
- Figures show that, on the 31st December, those aged 25-34 years old accounted for the highest proportion of the total number of employments furloughed at 22.6% (862,700), followed by those aged 35-44 years old at 19.3% (738,800) and then those aged 45-54 years old at 18.3% (700,200).

The following chart shows the number of employments furloughed per day by employee age (inc. unknown) between 1st July to 31st December for the UK:



Gender – Midlands Engine

- In total, the Midlands Engine area had 521,800 employments furloughed on the 31st December. This was 11.5% of eligible employments for the scheme, while for the UK the take-up rate was 12.6%.
- The take up rate of males and females were 11.4% and 11.5% compared to 12.3% for both for the UK.

- Overall, the local authorities with the highest percentage of workers furloughed were Derbyshire Dales (15.6%), East Lindsay (15.5%) and Stratford-on-Avon (13.9%)
- The local authority with the highest percentage of males furloughed was East Lindsay at 15.0%, (3,800 of the 25,300 eligible furloughed).
- The local authority with the highest percentage of female employments furloughed was Derbyshire Dales at 17.5% (2,700 of 15,400 eligible furloughed).

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

Employment Size – UK

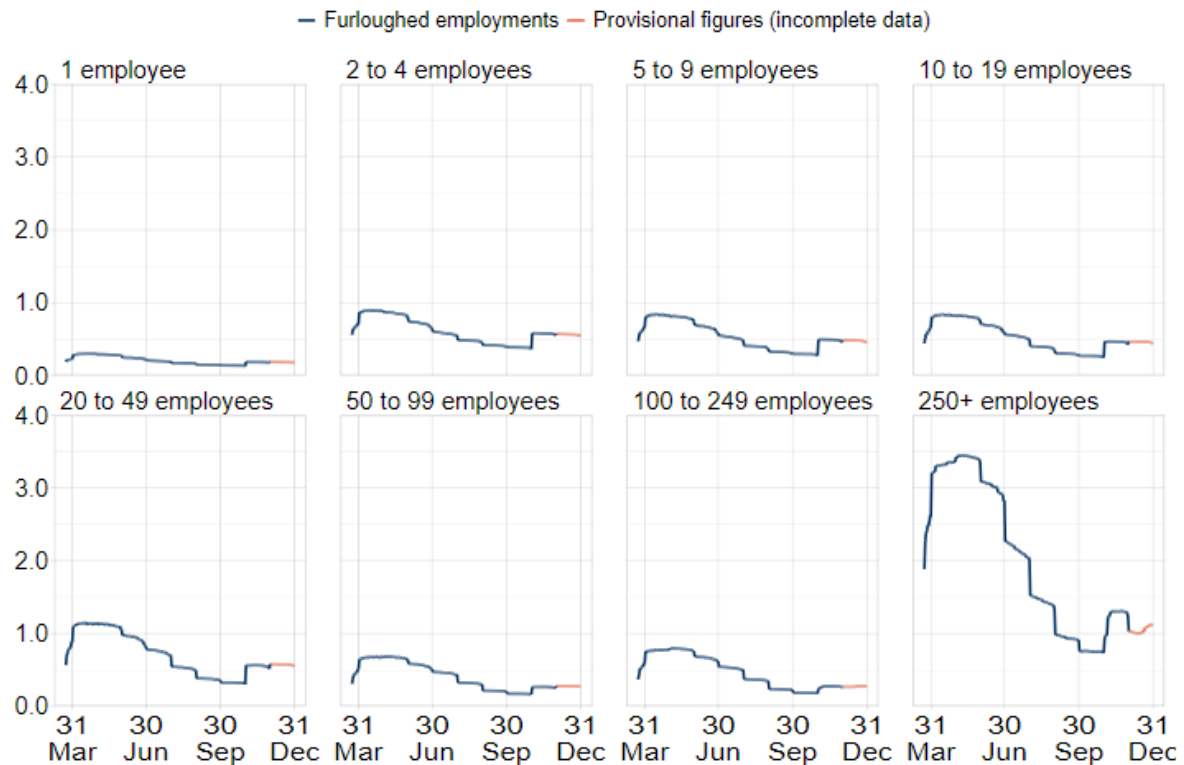
- Across the UK, businesses with over 250 employees have made the highest value of claims for periods to 31st December with £1.6 billion. This is followed by businesses with employer size 20-49 with £902 million, and then 2-4 with £869 million.
- On the 31st December, businesses with 20-49 employees have had the highest take up rate at 51% (44,700 employers furloughing staff of the 88,000 eligible employers). This was followed by businesses with employer size 5-9 at 48% (115,800 employers furloughing staff of the 242,700 eligible).
- Those businesses with an employer size of 2-4 furloughed the highest percentage of eligible employments at 32% (539,800 employments furloughed of the 1,682,900 eligible). This was followed by 5-9 at 29% (454,000 employments furloughed of the 1,547,800 eligible).

The following table shows by employers and employments the number furloughed, eligible and the take up rate by employer size for the UK on 31st December:

Employer size	Employers			Employments			Value of claims made for periods to at 31 December (£m)
	Employers furloughing staff at 31 December	Eligible employers	Take-up rate at 31 December	Employments furloughed at 31 December	Eligible employments	Take-up rate at 31 December	
1	173,900	727,600	24%	173,900	727,600	24%	265
2 to 4	276,900	667,500	41%	539,800	1,682,900	32%	869
5 to 9	115,800	242,700	48%	454,000	1,547,800	29%	765
10 to 19	63,500	136,000	47%	438,500	1,792,700	24%	726
20 to 49	44,700	88,000	51%	550,800	2,615,200	21%	902
50 to 99	12,400	29,100	43%	269,000	1,977,600	14%	424
100 to 249	7,400	17,300	43%	275,100	2,606,900	11%	411
250+	5,300	11,700	45%	1,119,300	17,402,300	6%	1,606
Unknown	200	-	-	4,100	-	-	3
Total	700,000	1,919,800	36%	3,824,400	30,353,200	13%	5,970

- 3.45 million employments were furloughed by large employers with 250 or more employments on 5th May (the peak for this category). This reduced to a low of 737,000 employments furloughed by 31st October, before increasing again and reaching 1.12 million by 31st December.
- Employers with 20 to 49 workers had a peak of 1.15 million employments furloughed on 16th April, compared with a peak of 795,400 for employers with 100 to 249 employments on 1st May.
- Sole trader employers had a peak of 295,700 employments furloughed on 20th April, which then decreased to a low of 127,900 by 31st October, then increased again to 173,900 by 31st December.

The following charts show the total employments furloughed (millions) by employer size for the UK between 23rd March to 31st December:



Source: HMRC CJRS and PAYE Real Time Information data

Sectors – UK

- Furloughing of staff in the wholesale and retail sector peaked on 24th April at 1.85 million employments furloughed. This dropped to a low of 356,400 on 31st October, before increasing again to reach 689,500 on 31st December.
- Accommodation and food services peaked at 1.65 million employments furloughed on 10th April, and declined to a low of 601,400 on 31st October. By 31st December it had increased again, reaching 1.04 million.
- The manufacturing sector had a peak of 911,000 employments furloughed on 17th April. This reduced to a low of 188,200 on 31st October, before increasing again to reach 270,200 by 31st December.
- In construction, furloughing peaked on 14th April with 723,600 employments furloughed, with this falling to a low of 130,700 by 31st October. By 31st December, numbers had increased to 193,400.
- Furloughing in arts and entertainment sector peaked later than other sectors on 15th May 2020 with 455,100 employments furloughed falling to 159,600 on 31st October. Employments furloughed increased to reach 273,800 by 31st December.
- On the 31st December, accommodation and food services accounted for the highest proportion of employments furloughed at 27.1% (1,036,600). This was followed by wholesale and retail at 18.0% (689,500) and then administrative and support services at 8.2% (312,00).

Sectors – West Midlands and East Midlands Regions

- Accommodation and food services had the highest number of employments furloughed in both the West and East Midlands region as at 31st December, at 74,100 and 62,300 people respectively. Water supply, sewerage and waste had the least employments furloughed at 1,100 and 800 people.
- In the West Midlands the manufacturing sector saw the largest increase in employments furloughed between 31st November and 31st December, at 24.6% (+6,800). Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles saw the largest decrease in employments furloughed in real terms, by 16.9% (-11,000 people).
- In the East Midlands, the manufacturing sector saw the largest increase in employments furloughed, by 30.0% (+7,400) between 30th November and 30th December. Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles saw the largest decrease in employments furloughed in real terms, by 14.7% (-7,700 people).

The following table shows the total employments furloughed by sector for the West and East Midlands regions and the change since the previous month as at 31st December:

Sector	East Midlands				West Midlands			
	Nov-20	Dec-20	Change	Change %	Nov-20	Dec-20	Change	Change %
Manufacturing	24,700	32,100	7,400	30.0%	27,600	34,400	6,800	24.6%
Water supply, sewerage and waste	600	800	200	33.3%	1,000	1,100	100	10.0%
Construction	11,500	12,700	1,200	10.4%	13,100	14,500	1,400	10.7%
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	52,500	44,800	-7,700	-14.7%	65,000	54,000	-11,000	-16.9%
Transportation and storage	8,800	9,100	300	3.4%	10,300	10,600	300	2.9%
Accommodation and food services	60,600	62,300	1,700	2.8%	73,400	74,100	700	1.0%
Information and communication	5,400	5,500	100	1.9%	7,000	7,200	200	2.9%
Financial and insurance	1,700	1,800	100	5.9%	1,800	1,900	100	5.6%
Real estate	3,100	2,700	-400	-12.9%	3,700	3,500	-200	-5.4%
Professional and scientific and technical	14,600	14,800	200	1.4%	18,700	18,200	-500	-2.7%
Administrative and support services	16,900	16,700	-200	-1.2%	24,100	23,700	-400	-1.7%
Education	5,000	5,600	600	12.0%	6,600	7,200	600	9.1%
Health and social work	8,700	8,400	-300	-3.4%	11,400	11,100	-300	-2.6%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	18,800	16,800	-2,000	-10.6%	22,500	19,800	-2,700	-12.0%
Other service activities	13,500	11,000	-2,500	-18.5%	17,100	13,000	-4,100	-24.0%
Other	2,500	2,400	-100	-4.0%	1,900	1,800	-100	-5.3%
Unknown	2,500	1,900	-600	-24.0%	3,500	2,500	-1,000	-28.6%
Total	251,400	249,400	-2,000	-0.8%	308,700	298,600	-10,100	-3.3%

Source: [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme statistics: January 2021](#)

Appendix

	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	3,500	29,000	12.1%	3,100	28,500	10.9%	6,600	57,500	11.5%
Ashfield	3,100	28,800	10.8%	3,100	28,400	10.9%	6,200	57,200	10.8%
Bassetlaw	3,100	26,600	11.7%	2,700	26,600	10.2%	5,800	53,200	10.9%
Birmingham	26,000	220,400	11.8%	31,500	228,000	13.8%	57,500	448,400	12.8%
Blaby	2,900	25,000	11.6%	2,800	23,500	11.9%	5,700	48,600	11.7%
Bolsover	2,000	18,500	10.8%	1,900	18,100	10.5%	3,900	36,600	10.7%
Boston	1,500	17,900	8.4%	1,400	19,000	7.4%	2,900	36,900	7.9%
Bromsgrove	2,600	23,200	11.2%	2,500	21,800	11.5%	5,100	45,000	11.3%
Broxtowe	2,600	25,700	10.1%	2,700	24,900	10.8%	5,300	50,700	10.5%
Cannock Chase	2,900	23,400	12.4%	2,700	23,000	11.7%	5,600	46,400	12.1%
Charnwood	4,900	40,900	12.0%	4,600	40,500	11.4%	9,500	81,400	11.7%
Chesterfield	2,500	23,500	10.6%	2,800	22,900	12.2%	5,300	46,400	11.4%
Coventry	7,700	77,200	10.0%	8,800	80,200	11.0%	16,500	157,400	10.5%
Derby UA	6,000	58,300	10.3%	6,600	60,700	10.9%	12,600	119,000	10.6%
Derbyshire Dales	2,700	15,400	17.5%	2,000	14,700	13.6%	4,700	30,100	15.6%
Dudley	7,700	70,200	11.0%	8,700	69,100	12.6%	16,400	139,200	11.8%
East Lindsey	4,100	25,800	15.9%	3,800	25,300	15.0%	7,900	51,100	15.5%
East Staffordshire	3,500	28,500	12.3%	3,200	29,900	10.7%	6,700	58,400	11.5%
Erewash	3,100	27,000	11.5%	2,900	26,400	11.0%	6,000	53,400	11.2%
Gedling	3,100	28,100	11.0%	3,000	25,700	11.7%	6,100	53,900	11.3%
Harborough	2,900	22,000	13.2%	2,400	21,200	11.3%	5,300	43,100	12.3%
Herefordshire, County of (UA)	4,600	41,300	11.1%	3,700	38,900	9.5%	8,300	80,200	10.3%
High Peak	2,900	22,000	13.2%	2,300	20,600	11.2%	5,200	42,600	12.2%
Hinckley and Bosworth	3,200	26,900	11.9%	2,900	26,500	10.9%	6,100	53,400	11.4%
Leicester UA	10,000	76,800	13.0%	11,700	85,100	13.7%	21,700	161,900	13.4%
Lichfield	3,100	23,900	13.0%	2,800	23,400	12.0%	5,900	47,300	12.5%
Lincoln	2,600	22,700	11.5%	2,300	23,100	10.0%	4,900	45,800	10.7%
Malvern Hills	1,900	16,400	11.6%	1,800	15,400	11.7%	3,700	31,700	11.7%
Mansfield	3,100	25,500	12.2%	2,800	25,000	11.2%	5,900	50,500	11.7%
Melton	1,600	12,300	13.0%	1,300	11,800	11.0%	2,900	24,100	12.0%
Newark and Sherwood	3,600	27,600	13.0%	2,800	27,100	10.3%	6,400	54,700	11.7%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	2,900	28,000	10.4%	2,900	27,200	10.7%	5,800	55,200	10.5%
North East Derbyshire	2,700	22,900	11.8%	2,500	21,500	11.6%	5,200	44,400	11.7%
North East Lincolnshire UA	3,800	34,300	11.1%	3,500	35,600	9.8%	7,200	69,900	10.3%
North Kesteven	2,600	26,300	9.9%	2,200	25,700	8.6%	4,800	52,000	9.2%
North Lincolnshire UA	3,800	36,700	10.4%	3,400	39,500	8.6%	7,200	76,300	9.4%
North Warwickshire	1,900	15,600	12.2%	1,700	15,100	11.3%	3,600	30,700	11.7%

	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
North West Leicestershire	2,800	24,400	11.5%	2,300	24,800	9.3%	5,000	49,200	10.2%
Nottingham UA	7,300	66,300	11.0%	7,700	65,500	11.8%	15,000	131,800	11.4%
Nuneaton and Bedworth	3,300	31,600	10.4%	3,200	31,600	10.1%	6,500	63,200	10.3%
Oadby and Wigston	1,600	13,200	12.1%	1,600	12,500	12.8%	3,200	25,600	12.5%
Redditch	2,300	21,600	10.6%	2,300	21,200	10.8%	4,600	42,800	10.7%
Rugby	2,700	27,000	10.0%	2,500	28,700	8.7%	5,100	55,600	9.2%
Rushcliffe	2,800	27,100	10.3%	2,700	25,600	10.5%	5,500	52,700	10.4%
Rutland UA	1,000	8,000	12.5%	800	8,000	10.0%	1,900	16,000	11.9%
Sandwell	8,300	70,300	11.8%	9,400	71,600	13.1%	17,700	142,000	12.5%
Shropshire UA	8,100	69,400	11.7%	6,800	65,200	10.4%	14,900	134,500	11.1%
Solihull	6,500	50,000	13.0%	5,700	48,400	11.8%	12,200	98,400	12.4%
South Derbyshire	3,000	25,600	11.7%	2,800	25,600	10.9%	5,800	51,300	11.3%
South Holland	2,000	21,500	9.3%	1,700	22,200	7.7%	3,600	43,700	8.2%
South Kesteven	4,100	33,100	12.4%	3,600	32,200	11.2%	7,700	65,300	11.8%
South Staffordshire	3,200	24,900	12.9%	2,800	23,500	11.9%	6,000	48,300	12.4%
Stafford	3,600	31,100	11.6%	3,100	30,800	10.1%	6,600	61,900	10.7%
Staffordshire Moorlands	2,900	21,600	13.4%	2,400	20,700	11.6%	5,400	42,300	12.8%
Stoke-on-Trent UA	5,900	55,300	10.7%	6,300	57,400	11.0%	12,200	112,600	10.8%
Stratford-on-Avon	4,500	30,700	14.7%	3,900	29,800	13.1%	8,400	60,500	13.9%
Tamworth	2,500	19,000	13.2%	2,200	19,400	11.3%	4,700	38,400	12.2%
Telford and Wrekin UA	4,000	41,300	9.7%	3,900	41,700	9.4%	7,900	83,100	9.5%
Walsall	6,900	58,200	11.9%	7,400	59,100	12.5%	14,300	117,300	12.2%
Warwick	4,100	34,200	12.0%	3,900	35,600	11.0%	8,000	69,800	11.5%
West Lindsey	2,100	19,800	10.6%	1,800	19,500	9.2%	3,900	39,300	9.9%
Wolverhampton	5,900	57,500	10.3%	6,300	57,300	11.0%	12,300	114,700	10.7%
Worcester	2,600	26,500	9.8%	2,700	25,600	10.5%	5,300	52,100	10.2%
Wychavon	3,500	30,100	11.6%	3,200	29,200	11.0%	6,700	59,300	11.3%
Wyre Forest	2,500	22,400	11.2%	2,500	21,200	11.8%	5,000	43,600	11.5%
Midlands Engine	262,700	2,276,300	11.5%	259,300	2,273,800	11.4%	521,800	4,549,900	11.5%
East Midlands	128,000	1,106,300	11.6%	121,300	1,099,800	11.0%	249,300	2,206,100	11.3%
West Midlands	148,000	1,290,500	11.5%	150,600	1,289,900	11.7%	298,600	2,580,400	11.6%
United Kingdom	1,883,500	15,354,300	12.3%	1,847,600	14,998,800	12.3%	3,824,400	30,353,200	12.6%