

## Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP): July to September (Q3) 2021 – West Midlands and East Midlands Regions<sup>1</sup>

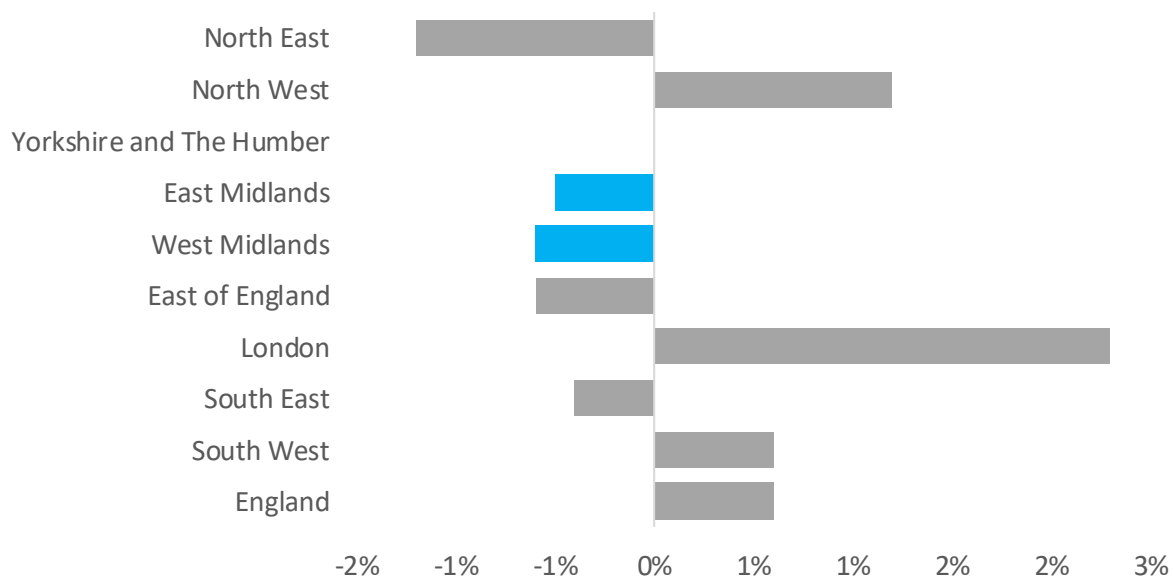
### In Summary:

- Quarterly GDP analysis for Q3 2021 shows there was contractions of 0.6% in the West Midlands and contraction of 0.5% in the East Midlands, while England overall increasing by 0.6%. There was a mixed pictures all the English regions; three regions had positive growth, five contracted and one region was flat at 0%.
- For the West Midlands region, there was positive growth in GDP for three sectors in Q3 2021; the services sector by 0.1%, agriculture, forestry and fishing sector by 3.9% and the construction sector by 4.9%. The production sector had a contraction in GDP by 5.5%.
- For the East Midlands region, there was positive growth in GDP for two sectors in Q3 2021; the production sector by 0.1% and the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector by 1.6%. The services sector had a contraction in GDP by 0.2% and the construction sector had a contraction by 5.9%.
- Within the sectors there were seven industries where there was quarterly GDP growth and eleven industries which experienced contractions for the West Midland region in Q3 2021. For the East Midlands, there were eleven industries where there was quarterly GDP growth and seven industries which experienced contractions.

### Full Briefing:

- In Q3 2021, there was positive growth in GDP in three of the English regions, contractions in five regions and one region was flat, at 0%. There were contractions in GDP of 0.6% in the West Midlands and 0.5% in the East Midlands in Q3 2021.
- Across the nine English regions, London and the North West experienced the highest growth in Q3 2021 by 2.3% and 1.2% respectively. In contrast, the North East had the highest contraction in GDP by 1.2%. England overall had positive quarter-on-quarter GDP growth of 0.6% in Q3 2021.

The following chart shows GDP change in Q3 2021 across the English regions and England-wide:



<sup>1</sup> Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS): GDP, UK regions and Countries: July to September 2021 – released May 2022. Please note, this data release has been updated to include Quarter 3 2021 only, no revisions to the earlier data period.

## Sectors and Industries

### West Midlands Region

- For the West Midlands region, there was positive growth in GDP for three sectors in Q3 2021; the services sector by 0.1%, agriculture, forestry and fishing sector by 3.9% and the construction sector by 4.9%. The production sector had a contraction in GDP by 5.5%.
- For the West Midlands region, there was positive growth in GDP for seven industries in Q3 2021. The highest growth reported for the West Midlands region at 27.3% was in accommodation and food service activities. Other increases across industries include; transport and storage by 2.6% and information and communication by 2.4%.
- For Q3 2021, there were contractions in West Midlands region GDP in eleven industries. The largest decreases were in; manufacturing by 6%, electricity, gas, steam & air by 4.6% and mining & quarrying by 3.8%.

### East Midlands Region

- For the East Midlands region, there was positive growth in GDP for two sectors in Q3 2021; the production sector by 0.1% and the agriculture, forestry & fishing sector by 1.6%. The services sector had a contraction in GDP by 0.2% and the construction sector had a contraction by 5.9%.
- For the East Midlands region, there was positive growth in GDP for eleven industries in Q3 2021. The highest increases were in; accommodation and food services by 20.6%, arts, entertainment and recreation by 4.9% and transport and storage by 4.2%.
- For Q3 2021, there were contractions in GDP for the East Midlands region in seven industries. The industries with the highest contractions in GDP were; wholesale & retail: repair of motor vehicles & motorcycles by 6.1%, electricity, gas, steam & air by 4.7% and mining & quarrying by 3.6%.

The following chart shows GDP change for sectors and industries for the West Midlands region and East Midlands region in Q3 2021:

