

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – August 2022 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 268,205 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in July 2022, this is a decrease of 730 claimants since the previous month. This equated to a decrease of 0.3% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 0.5% decrease across the UK. Since July 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 92,635 (-25.7% compared to a decrease of 31.0% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 46,665 (+21.1% compared to +21.5% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.2% compared to 2.8% for the UK in July 2022.
- There were 46,255 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in July 2022, an increase of 1,025 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 2.3% with the UK increasing by 2.4%. Since July 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 22,050 (-32.3% compared to -37.6% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 2,060 (+4.7% compared to +3.8% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.0% compared to 3.6% for the UK proportion in July 2022.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

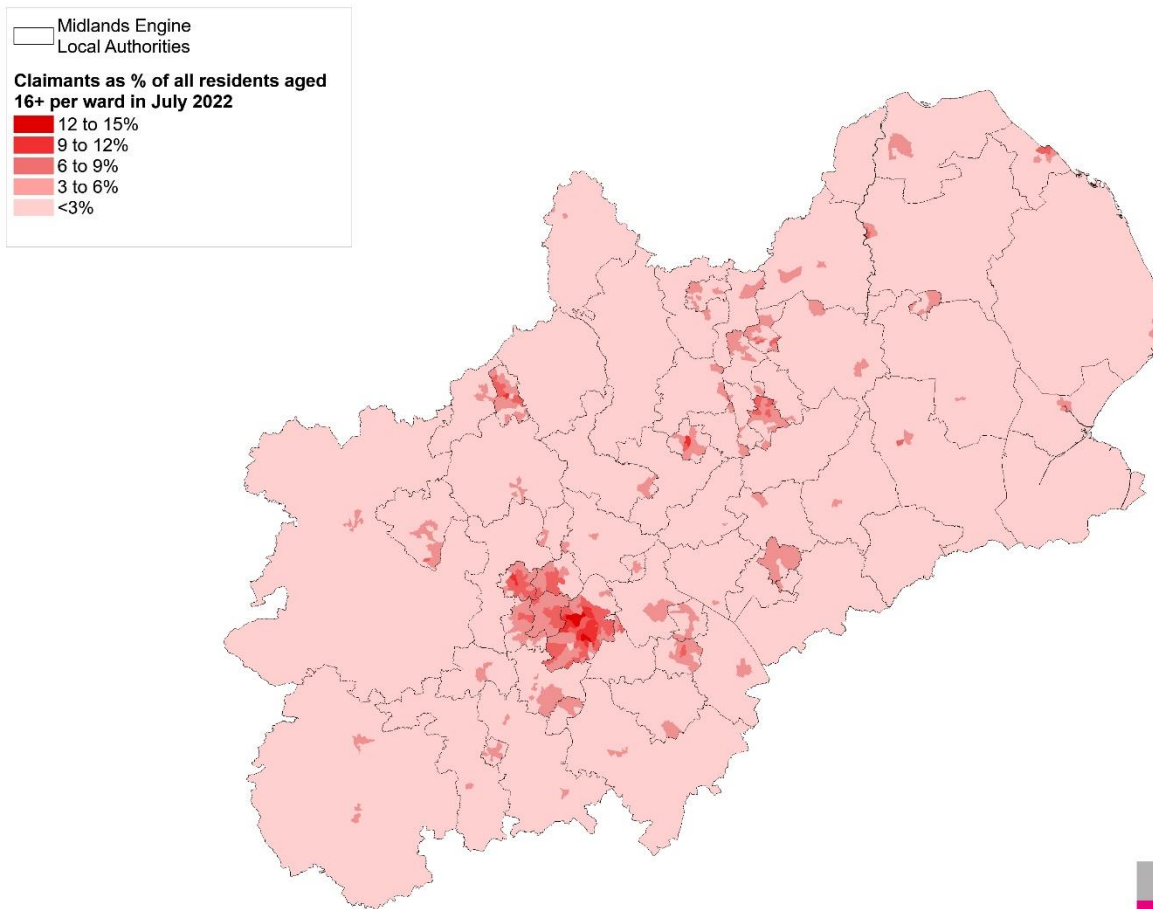
- There were 268,205 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in July 2022, this is a decrease of 730 claimants since the previous month. This equated to a decrease of 0.3% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 0.5% decrease across the UK. Within the Midlands Engine, 26 local authorities increased and 3 remained at the same level since June 2022.
- Since July 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 92,635 (-25.7% compared to a decrease of 31.0% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 46,665 (+21.1% compared to +21.5% for the UK). Notably, East Lindsey, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire had lower levels than March 2020 (-885 -335 and -75 respectively).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.2% compared to 2.8% for the UK in July 2022.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 438 were at or above the UK average of 2.8% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16 years and over in July 2022.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, Handsworth the highest with 14.3%. This is followed by Lozells at 14.2% and then Birchfield at 13.7%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine the wards with the lowest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were in Keele (Newcastle-under-Lyme) at 0.1% and Biddulph Moor (Staffordshire Moorlands) at 0.3%.

¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS)/Department for Work and Pensions (DWP): Claimant Count – released August 2022

The following map shows claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 years and over in July 2022 across the Midlands Engine:



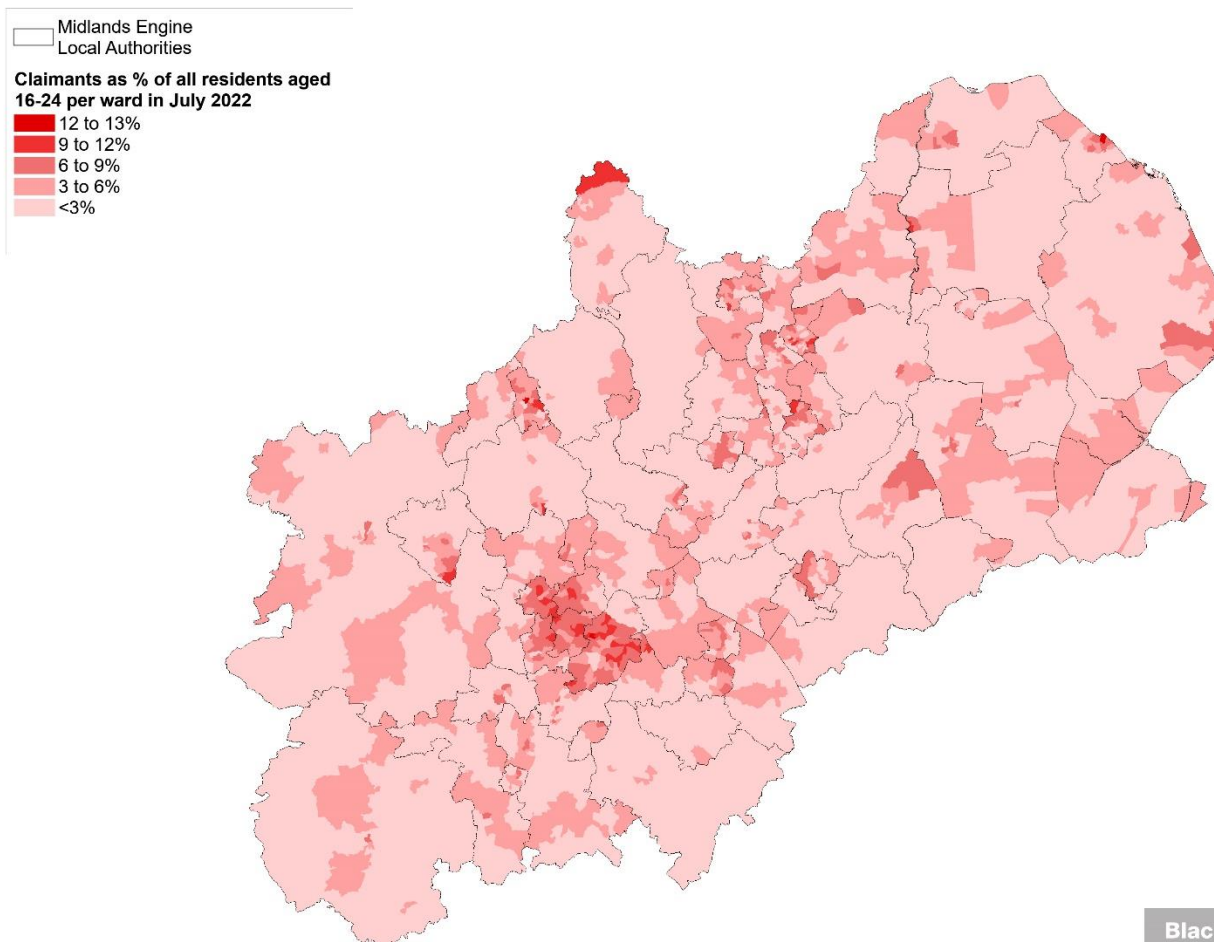
Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

- There were 46,255 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in July 2022, an increase of 1,025 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 2.3% with the UK increasing by 2.4%. Within the Midlands Engine, 11 local authorities decreased, 6 local authorities remained the same and 48 increased.
- Since July 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 22,050 (-32.3% compared to -37.6% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 2,060 (+4.7% compared to +3.8% for the UK). Notably, 27 local authorities were lower than March 2020 levels and a further 6 was at the same level.
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.0% compared to 3.6% for the UK proportion in July 2022.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 595 were at or above the UK average of 3.6% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16 – 24 years and over in July 2022.
- The ward with the highest the number of claimants as a percentage of the population was based in Joiner’s Square (Stoke-on-Trent) at 12.7%. This is by followed East Marsh (North East Lincolnshire) at 12.5% and then Handsworth (Birmingham) at 12.2%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 140 wards with no youth claimants in July 2022.

The following map shows youth claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old in July 2022 across the Midlands Engine:



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