

Midlands Engine: Annual Population Survey: Labour Market Year Ending June 2022¹

In Summary:

- In the year ending June 2022, the employment rate in the Midlands Engine area was 74.2%, compared to 75.4% for the UK overall. When compared to the year ending June 2021, the Midlands Engine area has increased by 0.6 percentage points (pp), and the UK has increased by 1.1pp.
- The unemployment rate for the Midlands Engine was approximately 3.7% compared to 3.9% for the UK in the year ending June 2022. For the Midlands Engine, this is a decrease of approximately 1.7pp compared to the UK decrease of 1.2pp since the year ending June 2021.
- The economic activity rate for the Midlands Engine area was 77.4% compared to 78.4% for the UK in the year ending June 2022. For the Midlands Engine area, the economic activity rate has decreased by 0.5pp since the year ending June 2021. The UK increased by 0.1pp in the same period.
- For economic inactivity, the Midlands Engine rate was 22.6% compared to 21.6% for the UK overall in the year ending June 2022. Since the year ending June 2021, for the Midlands Engine area, this has increased by 0.5pp while the UK decreased by 0.1pp.

In Detail:

In the appendix is a table containing Midlands Engine local authority data for employment, unemployment, economic activity and economically inactive rates for the year ending June 2022 and change from the year ending June 2021.

Employment Rate

- In the year ending June 2022, the employment rate in the Midlands Engine area was 74.2%, compared to 75.4% for the UK overall. When compared to the year ending June 2021, the Midlands Engine area has increased by 0.6 pp, and the UK has increased by 1.1pp.
- Within the Midlands Engine, 44 local authority areas have employment rates that are at or above the UK average (75.4%). Blaby recorded the highest rate at 87.5%, down to East Lindsey with the lowest at 55.6%.
- Since the year ending June 2021, the employment rate for 39 of the Midlands Engine local authorities increased. The highest percentage point increase in the employment rate was in Blaby by 15.4pp. In contrast, the largest percentage point decrease in the employment rate was in Wyre Forest by 17.0pp (to 65.8%).

Unemployment Rate

- The unemployment rate for the Midlands Engine was approximately 3.7% compared to 3.9% for the UK in the year ending June 2022. For the Midlands Engine, this is a decrease of approximately 1.7pp compared to the UK decrease of 1.2pp since the year ending June 2021.
- Where data is available across the Midlands Engine area, the unemployment rate varies from North Lincolnshire - which recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 1.6% - to Boston at 13.2%².
- Where data is available, the highest percentage point increase in the unemployment rate was in Boston by 3.5pp (to 13.2%), in contrast the largest percentage point decrease in the unemployment rate was in Blaby by 8.4pp (to 5.8%).

Economic Activity Rate

- The economic activity rate for the Midlands Engine area was 77.4% compared to 78.4% for the UK in the year ending June 2022. For the Midlands Engine area, the economic activity rate has decreased by 0.5pp since the year ending June 2021. The UK decreased by 0.1pp in the same period.

¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS): Annual Population Survey, released October 2022

² Please note, some estimates within the Midlands Engine (23 LA's) are not available since the group sample size is zero or disclosive (0-2).

- Within the Midlands Engine, 41 local authority areas have economically active rates that are at or above the UK average (78.4%). Blaby recorded the highest economic activity rate at 92.9%, down to East Lindsey with the lowest at 59.5%.
- Since the year ending June 2021, the economic activity rate in 32 of the Midlands Engine local authorities increased. The highest percentage point increase in the economic activity rate was in West Lindsey by 14.4pp (to 81.1%), in contrast the largest percentage point decrease in the economic activity rate was in Wyre Forest by 16.5pp (to 69.4%).

Economic Inactivity

- For economic inactivity, the Midlands Engine rate was 22.6% compared to 21.6% for the UK overall in the year ending June 2022. Since the year ending June 2021, for the Midlands Engine area, this has increased by 0.5pp while the UK decreased by 0.1pp.
- Economic inactivity can be broken down further into reasons of inactivity. For the year ending June 2022, the Midlands Engine had a higher percentage of people that were inactive when compared to the UK in the following categories; student (27.6% vs 27.2%) and looking after the family/home (20.0% vs 19.6%)

Midlands Engine and UK Economic Inactivity by reason, Year Ending June 2022:

	Midlands Engine	UK
Student	27.6%	27.2%
Looking after family/home	20.0%	19.6%
Temporary Sick	0.7%	2.2%
Long-Term Sick	24.7%	25.6%
Discouraged	0.0%	0.3%
Retired	13.3%	13.6%
Other	9.6%	11.5%

Table may not equal 100% due to data gaps/rounding.

Employment by Occupation

- The following table shows employment proportions by occupation for the Midlands Engine and the UK for the year ending June 2022. The Midlands Engine has a higher percentage than the UK average for people employed in five of the nine occupations, these include: administrative & secretarial occupations (10.2% vs 10.1%), skilled trades occupations (9.3% vs 8.6%), caring, leisure & other service occupations (8.0% vs 7.9%), process, plant & machine operatives (7.5% vs 5.7%) and elementary occupations (11.4% vs 9.6%).

Midlands Engine and UK Employment by Occupation Proportions, Year Ending June 2022:

	Midlands Engine	UK
1: Managers, directors and senior officials	9.3%	10.3%
2: Professional occupations	23.3%	25.8%
3: Associate prof & tech occupations	14.2%	14.9%
4: Administrative and secretarial occupations	10.2%	10.1%
5: Skilled trades occupations	9.3%	8.6%
6: Caring, leisure and other service occupations	8.0%	7.9%
7: Sales and customer service occupations	6.4%	6.7%
8: Process, plant and machine operatives	7.5%	5.7%
9: Elementary occupations	11.4%	9.6%

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Appendix

Labour market activity (for those aged 16-64) across the Midlands Engine local authorities for the year June 2022 and percentage point change since the year ending June 2021:

	Economic activity rate		Employment rate		Unemployment rate		Economically inactive	
	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21
Amber Valley	77.6	-3.8	75.1	-4.4	3.2		22.4	3.8
Ashfield	79.9	0.9	79.2	3.3			20.1	-0.9
Bassetlaw	78.5	10.4	76.8	9.5			21.5	-10.4
Birmingham	70.5	-1.4	65.1	0.3	7.7	-2.3	29.5	1.4
Blaby	92.9	8.9	87.5	15.4	5.8	-8.4	7.1	-8.9
Bolsover	70.6	-1.2	70.6	4.3			29.4	1.2
Boston	82.1	10.6	71.2	6.7	13.2	3.5	17.9	-10.6
Bromsgrove	81.1	-5.5	78.0	-7.0	3.8	1.9	18.9	5.5
Broxtowe	78.0	-0.2	75.5	2.9	3.2	-4.0	22.0	0.2
Cannock Chase	88.8	3.9	80.9	1.9	9.0	2.1	11.2	-3.9
Charnwood	84.9	0.2	83.4	2.1	1.8	-2.2	15.1	-0.2
Chesterfield	78.9	-9.6	76.6	-3.8	2.9	-6.2	21.1	9.6
Coventry	75.4	1.1	70.8	0.5	6.1	0.7	24.6	-1.1
Derby	76.0	-3.5	73.9	-2.1	2.8	-1.6	24.0	3.5
Derbyshire Dales	71.8	4.2	70.7	6.1			28.2	-4.2
Dudley	79.9	-1.2	76.6	-0.5	4.2	-0.8	20.1	1.2
East Lindsey	59.5	-14.2	55.6	-12.4	6.5	-1.2	40.5	14.2
East Staffordshire	81.2	0.9	77.2	0.2	4.9	0.7	18.8	-0.9
Erewash	77.7	-1.9	75.4	-2.6	3.0		22.3	1.9
Gedling	78.2	0.7	75.3	5.9	3.8	-6.7	21.8	-0.7
Harborough	81.1	-6.6	79.4	-3.0			18.9	6.6
Herefordshire, County of	81.0	-0.3	78.4	-0.5	3.3	0.3	19.0	0.3
High Peak	84.1	3.7	83.5	8.1			15.9	-3.7
Hinckley and Bosworth	83.0	-6.2	80.4	-5.3	3.2	-0.7	17.0	6.2
Leicester	70.0	-2.4	66.6	-0.4	4.8	-2.8	30.0	2.4
Lichfield	78.7	0.5	77.0	4.1			21.3	-0.5
Lincoln	79.0	5.0	77.8	11.2			21.0	-5.0
Malvern Hills	77.7	-1.2	74.8	0.8	3.6	-2.6	22.3	1.2
Mansfield	67.0	-3.5	64.7	-2.4			33.0	3.5
Melton	78.3	-2.4	77.0	2.0			21.7	2.4
Newark and Sherwood	75.0	-1.8	72.7	0.7			25.0	1.8
Newcastle-under-Lyme	81.1	5.0	77.8	8.8	4.1	-5.2	18.9	-5.0
North East Derbyshire	77.0	-2.0	76.2	0.1			23.0	2.0
North East Lincolnshire	75.8	2.3	73.6	4.5	2.9	-3.0	24.2	-2.3
North Kesteven	81.7	-3.4	80.5	-0.5			18.3	3.4
North Lincolnshire	78.0	2.1	76.7	3.9	1.6	-2.6	22.0	-2.1
North Warwickshire	80.8	-3.4	76.4	-6.7	5.5		19.2	3.4
North West Leicestershire	82.8	5.4	80.9	5.6			17.2	-5.4
Nottingham	74.6	-5.6	71.7	-2.0	3.9	-4.2	25.4	5.6
Nuneaton and Bedworth	81.9	-0.6	80.1	0.6	2.2	-1.5	18.1	0.6
Oadby and Wigston	80.8	4.4	79.2	2.8			19.2	-4.4
Redditch	76.8	-5.9	72.2	-5.2	6.0	-0.4	23.2	5.9
Rugby	83.8	-0.2	83.0	3.0			16.2	0.2
Rushcliffe	82.2	0.3	81.0	2.6			17.8	-0.3
Rutland	80.6	6.0	78.3	6.6	2.9	-1.0	19.4	-6.0
Sandwell	69.7	-8.5	65.8	-8.0	5.6	0.0	30.3	8.5
Shropshire	79.6	1.3	76.3	-0.4	4.1	2.1	20.4	-1.3
Solihull	80.7	-2.1	76.0	-3.5	5.8	1.9	19.3	2.1
South Derbyshire	83.0	2.0	79.3	2.5	4.5	-0.7	17.0	-2.0
South Holland	80.3	-1.5	80.3	0.7			19.7	1.5
South Kesteven	75.3	-2.1	73.4	-2.1			24.7	2.1

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	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21	Year to June 22	PP change Since June 21
South Staffordshire	85.3	9.6	85.3	12.8			14.7	-9.6
Stafford	80.8	3.0	77.9	1.4	3.6	1.9	19.2	-3.0
Staffordshire Moorlands	84.3	-5.0	80.5	-8.8	4.4		15.7	5.0
Stoke-on-Trent	80.7	2.9	78.5	4.0	2.8	-1.4	19.3	-2.9
Stratford-on-Avon	82.7	3.8	79.6	4.6	3.7	-1.3	17.3	-3.8
Tamworth	81.7	0.6	79.4	-1.7			18.3	-0.6
Telford and Wrekin	79.5	3.3	75.6	3.5	5.0	-0.3	20.5	-3.3
Walsall	78.8	3.3	74.3	4.7	5.6	-2.2	21.2	-3.3
Warwick	81.5	-3.7	78.6	-1.9	3.6	-2.0	18.5	3.7
West Lindsey	81.1	14.4	80.1	14.6			18.9	-14.4
Wolverhampton	77.1	1.4	71.0	-0.3	7.9	2.1	22.9	-1.4
Worcester	84.7	8.2	82.6	9.3			15.3	-8.2
Wychavon	79.5	-5.2	77.8	-5.7	2.1		20.5	5.2
Wyre Forest	69.4	-16.5	65.8	-17.0	5.2	1.6	30.6	16.5
Midlands Engine	77.4	-0.5	74.2	0.6	3.7	-1.7	0.2	0.5
United Kingdom	78.4	0.1	75.4	1.1	3.9	-1.2	21.6	-0.1

Gap denotes missing data