

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – October 2022 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 267,350 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in September 2022, a decrease of 2,435 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 0.9% for the Midlands Engine area, matching the decrease across the UK. Since September 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 67,910 (-20.3% compared to a decrease of 24.6% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 45,680 (+20.7% compared to +20.9% 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 September 2022.
- There was 44,195 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in September 2022, an increase of 765 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 1.6% with the UK increasing by 1.5%. Since September 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 13,875 (-22.5% compared to -27.2% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,670 (+8.3% compared to +6.8% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.1% compared to 3.7% for the UK proportion in September 2022.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

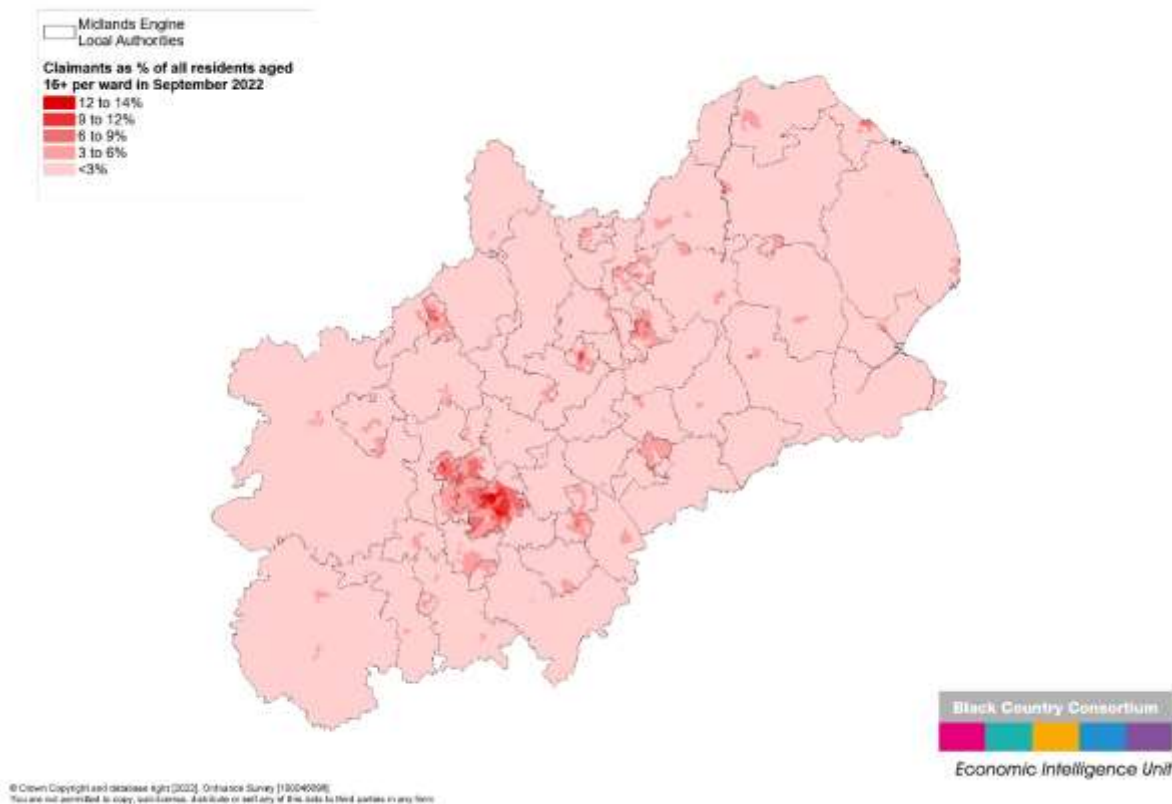
- There were 267,350 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in September 2022, a decrease of 2,435 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 0.9% for the Midlands Engine area, matching the decrease across the UK. Within the Midlands Engine, 43 local authorities increased and 4 remained at the same level since August 2022.
- Since September 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 67,910 (-20.3% compared to a decrease of 24.6% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 45,680 (+20.7% compared to +20.9% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 45,680 (+20.7% compared to +20.9% for the UK). Notably, East Lindsey, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Chesterfield had lower levels of claimants than March 2020 (-915, -455, -65 and -25 respectively).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.1% compared to 3.7% for the UK proportion in September 2022.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 443 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 September 2022.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, Birchfield and Lozells were the highest, both at 13.9%. This is followed by Handsworth at 13.8%
- 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 Cottesmore (Rutland) at 0.2%.

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

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



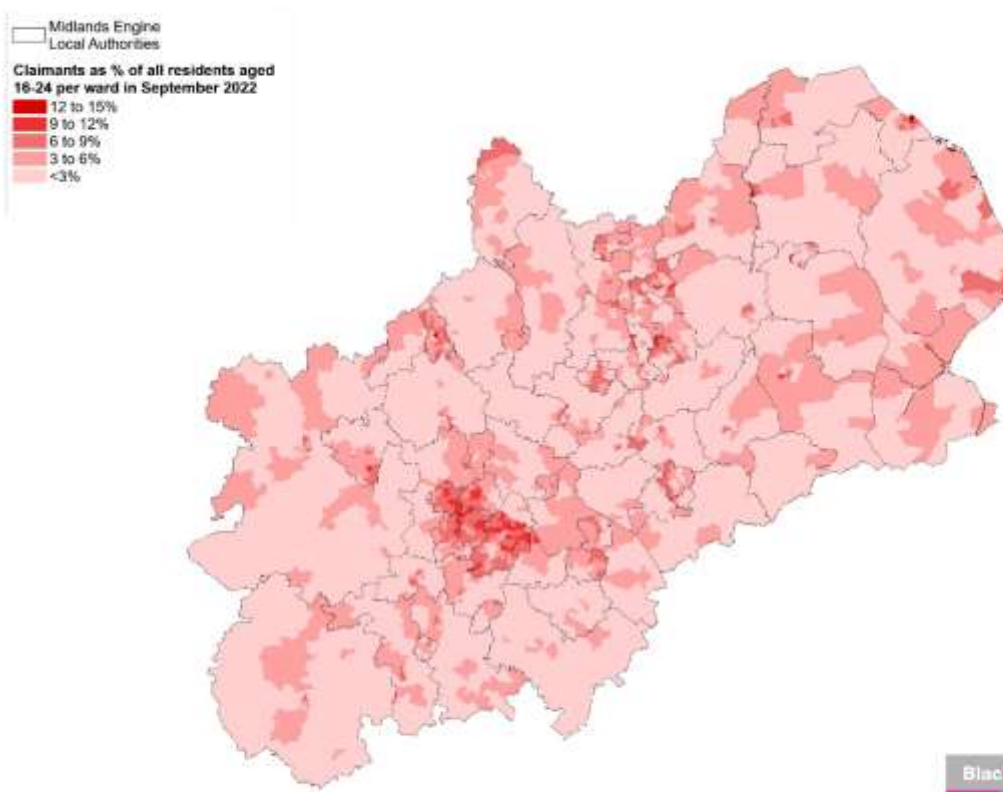
Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

- There was 44,195 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in September 2022, an increase of 765 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 1.6% with the UK increasing by 1.5%. Within the Midlands Engine, 14 local authorities decreased, 6 local authorities remained the same and 43 increased.
- Since September 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 13,875 (-22.5% compared to -27.2% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,670 (+8.3% compared to +6.8% for the UK). Notably, 23 local authorities are lower than March 2020 levels and a further 5 were 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 4.1% compared to 3.7% for the UK proportion in September 2022.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 605 were at or above the UK average of 3.7% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16 – 24 years and over in September 2022.
- The ward with the highest the number of claimants as a percentage of the population was Joiner's Square (Stoke-on-Trent) at 14.4%. This is by followed East Marsh (North East Lincolnshire) at 12.8% and then Gainsborough South-West (West Lindsey) at 11.9%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 122 wards with no youth claimants in September 2022.

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



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