

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – June 2023 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 275,345 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in May 2023, a decrease of 5,140 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 1.8% for the Midlands Engine area, the UK decreased by 2.2%. Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 53,805 (+24.3% compared to +22.1% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.3% compared to 2.8% for the UK in May 2023.
- There were 50,785 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in May 2023, a decrease of 580 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 1.1% with the UK decreasing by 1.7%. Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 6,590 (+14.9% compared to +10.8% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.5% compared to 3.8% for the UK in May 2023.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

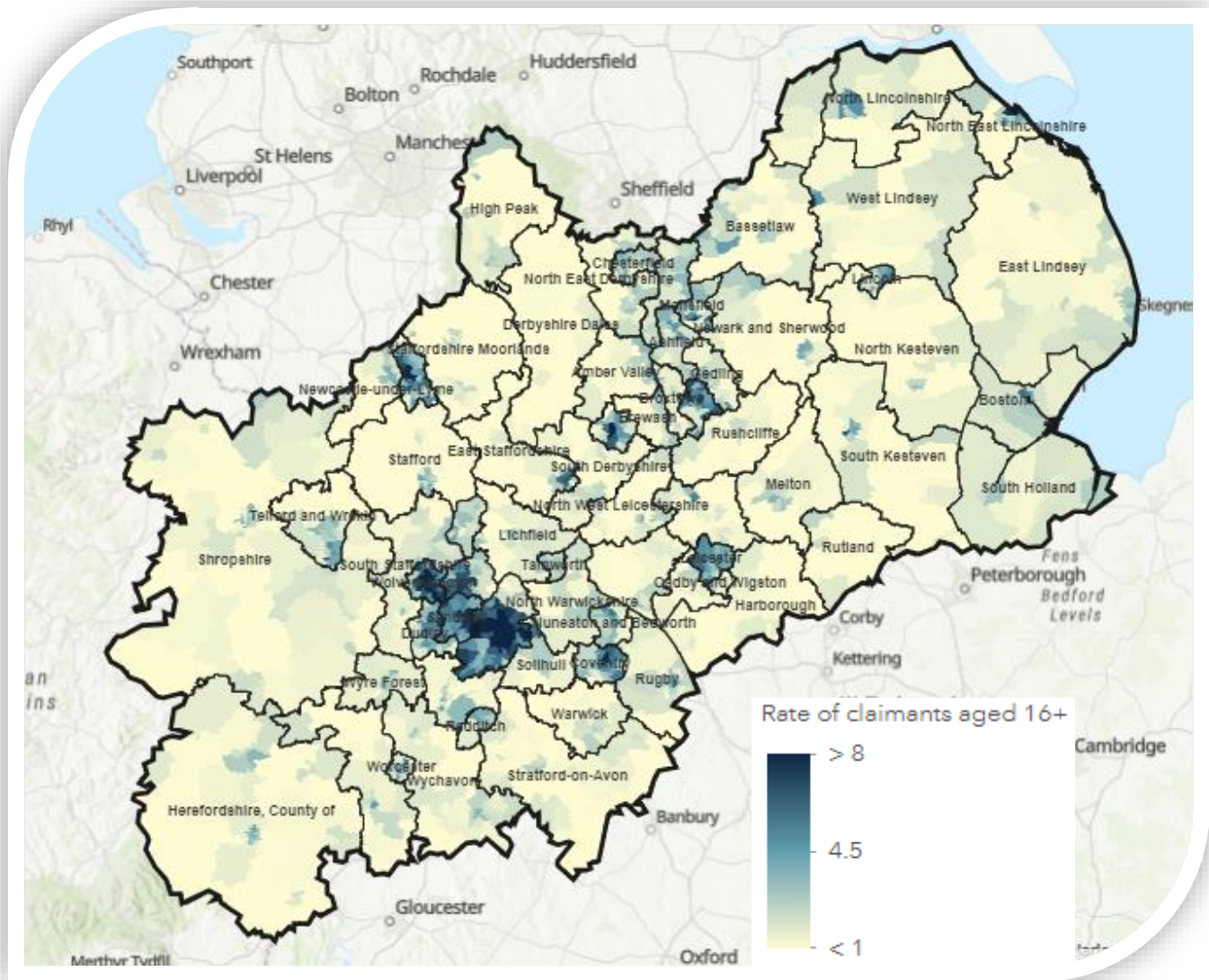
- There were 275,345 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in May 2023, a decrease of 5,140 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 1.8% for the Midlands Engine area, the UK decreased by 2.2%. Within the Midlands Engine, only 3 local authorities (Oadby & Wigston, Rutland and South Derbyshire) increased, 61 decreased and 1 remained at the same level (Coventry).
- Since May 2022, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 1,880 (+0.7% compared to a decrease of 2.1% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 53,805 (+24.3% compared to +22.1% for the UK). Notably, East Lindsey, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and West Lindsey had lower levels of claimants than March 2020 (-1,085, -300, -90 and -60 respectively).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.3% compared to 2.8% for the UK in May 2023.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 453 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 May 2023.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, with Handsworth the highest at 15.3%. This was followed by Lozells at 15.2% and Aston at 14.9%. In contrast, the lowest proportion was in Keele (Newcastle-Under-Lyme) at 0.1% in May 2023.

¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS)/Department for Work and Pensions (DWP): Claimant Count – released June 2023

The following map shows claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 years and over in May 2023 across the Midlands Engine:



Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

- There were 50,785 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in May 2023, a decrease of 580 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 1.1% with the UK decreasing by 1.7%. Within the Midlands Engine, 41 local authorities decreased, 9 local authorities remained the same and 15 increased.
- Since May 2022, the number of youth claimants has increased by 5,035 (+11.0% compared to +7.9% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 6,590 (+14.9% compared to +10.8% for the UK). Notably, 14 local authorities are lower than March 2020 levels.
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.5% compared to 3.8% for the UK in May 2023.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 635 were at or above the UK average of 3.8% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16 – 24 years and over in May 2023.
- The ward with the highest the number of claimants as a percentage of the population was Newgate (Mansfield) at 15.9%. This is followed by Portland (Mansfield) at 14.9% and Handsworth (Birmingham) at 13.9%. In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 111 wards with no youth claimants in May 2023.

The following map shows youth claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old in May 2023 across the Midlands Engine:

