

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – June 2024 Release¹

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Key Points:

- There were 286,230 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in May 2024, an increase of 6,565 claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 2.3% for the Midlands Engine area, while the UK increased by 2.2%.
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.4% compared to 3.0% for the UK in May 2024.
- There were 54,260 youth claimants (16–24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in May 2024, equal to the previous month. The UK had a slight decrease in youth claimants to the previous month, with a decrease of 80 (-0.0%).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.8% compared to 4.0% for the UK in May 2024.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

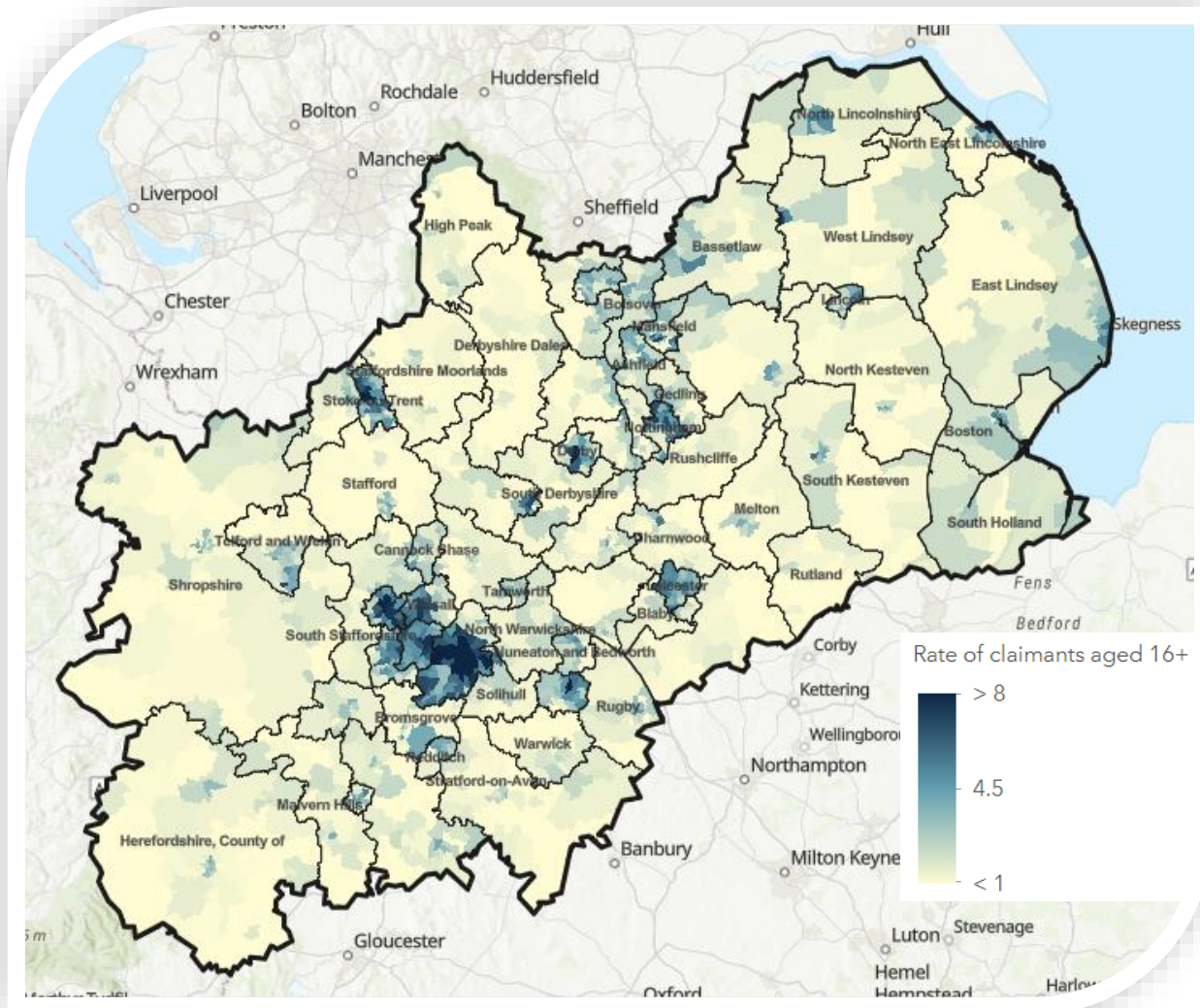
- There were 286,230 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in May 2024, an increase of 6,565 claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 2.3% for the Midlands Engine area, while the UK increased by 2.2%.
- The latest monthly change shows that, across the Midlands Engine geography, 44 local authorities increased, 2 remained the same (Tamworth and Rutland) and 19 decreased in the number of claimants aged 16 and over.
- Since May 2023, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 14,765 (+5.4% compared to an increase of 6.5% for the UK). Within the Midlands Engine, 50 local authorities increased and 15 decreased.
- Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 64,690 (+29.2% compared to +28.4% for the UK). East Lindsey and North East Lincolnshire have lower levels of claimants now than in March 2020 (-900 and -340 respectively).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.4% compared to 3.0% for the UK in May 2024.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 415 were at or above the UK average of 3.0% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16 years and over in May 2024.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, with Lozells and Handsworth highest at 17.7% and 17.3% respectively. This was followed by Aston at 16.7% and then Birchfield at 16.1%. In contrast, the wards with the lowest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were Keele (Newcastle-Under-Lyme) at 0.1%, followed by Ashby Castle (North West Leicestershire) at 0.2%.

¹ Office for National Statistics (ONS)/Department for Work and Pensions (DWP): Claimant Count – released June 2024

The following map shows claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16 years and over in May 2024 across the Midlands Engine:



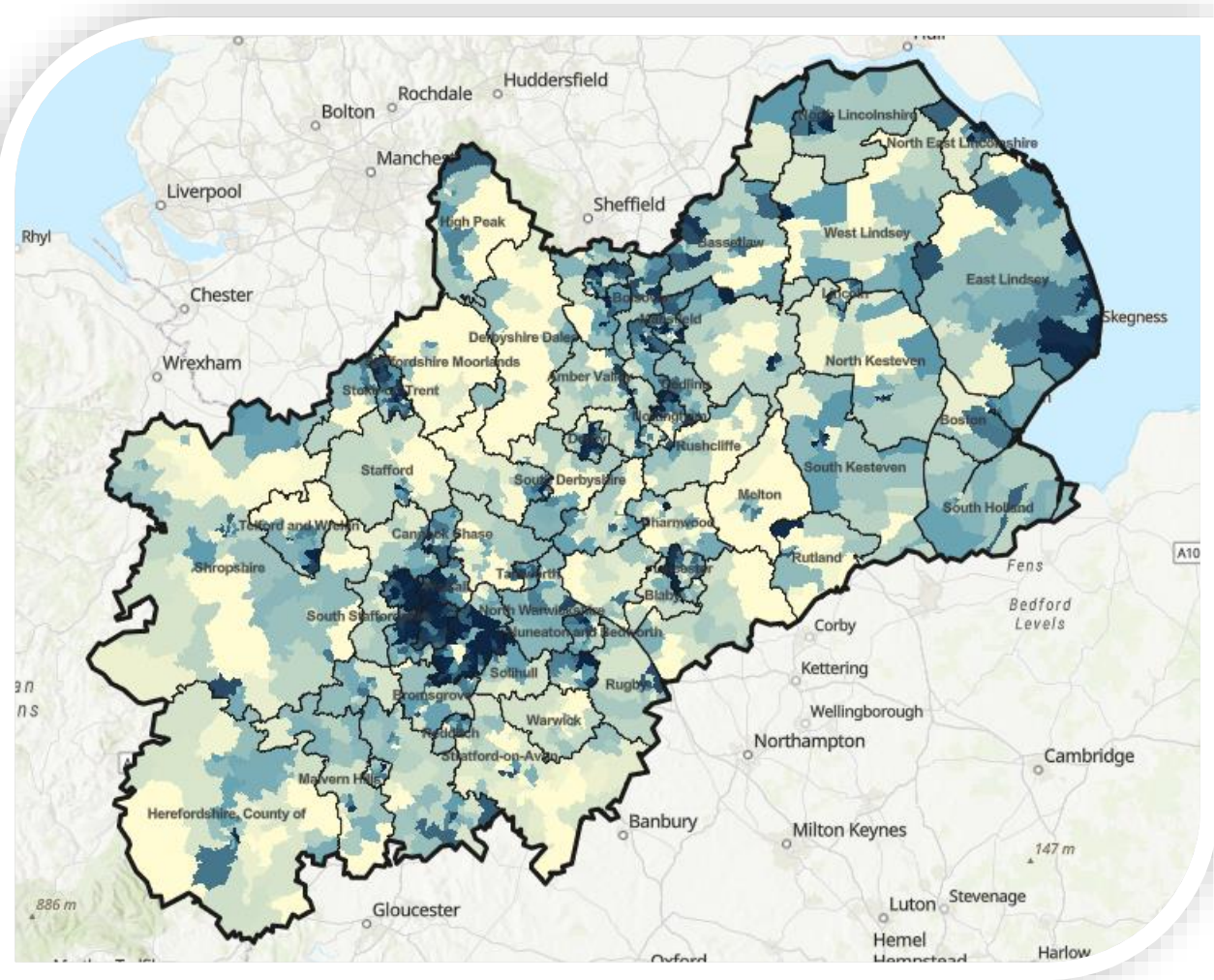
Youth Claimants (Aged 16–24 Years Old)

- There were 54,260 youth claimants (16–24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in May 2024, equal to the previous month. The UK had a slight decrease in youth claimants to the previous month, with a decrease of 80 (-0.0%).
- The latest monthly change shows that within the Midlands Engine, 24 local authorities increased, 33 decreased and 8 remained at the same levels.
- Since May 2023, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,930 (+7.8% compared to +6.6% for the UK). Within the Midlands Engine, 49 local authorities increased, 12 decreased and 4 remained the same.
- Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 10,065 (+22.8% compared to +17.1% for the UK). There were 9 local authorities that were lower than March 2020 levels, 3 that remained the same level (Lichfield, Wyre Forest and Bromsgrove) and 53 that were higher.
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.8% compared to 4.0% for the UK in May 2024.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 602 were at or above the UK average of 4.0% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16–24 years and over in May 2024.
- The ward with the highest number of youth claimants as a percentage of the population was Handsworth (Birmingham) at 17.9%, followed by Joiner’s Square (Stoke-on-Trent) at 16.6% and Stockland Green (Birmingham) at 14.6%. In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 104 wards with no youth claimants in May 2024.

The following map shows claimants as a percentage of residents aged 16–24 years old in May 2024 across the Midlands Engine:



Ward claimant rate per population for 16-24

