

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – May 2022 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 284,620 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in April 2022, this is a decrease of 7,930 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 2.7% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 3.7% decrease across the UK. Since April 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 129,035 (-31.2% compared to a decrease of 37.1% for the UK). Since March 2020 (221,540 claimants), the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 63,080 (+28.5% compared to +30.4% for the UK).
- 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 April 2022.
- There were 48,000 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in April 2022, a decrease of 1,720 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 3.5% with the UK decreasing by 4.7%. Since April 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 34,610 (-41.9% compared to -47.7% for the UK). Since March 2020 (44,195 claimants), the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,805 (+8.6% compared to +8.2% 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 April 2022.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

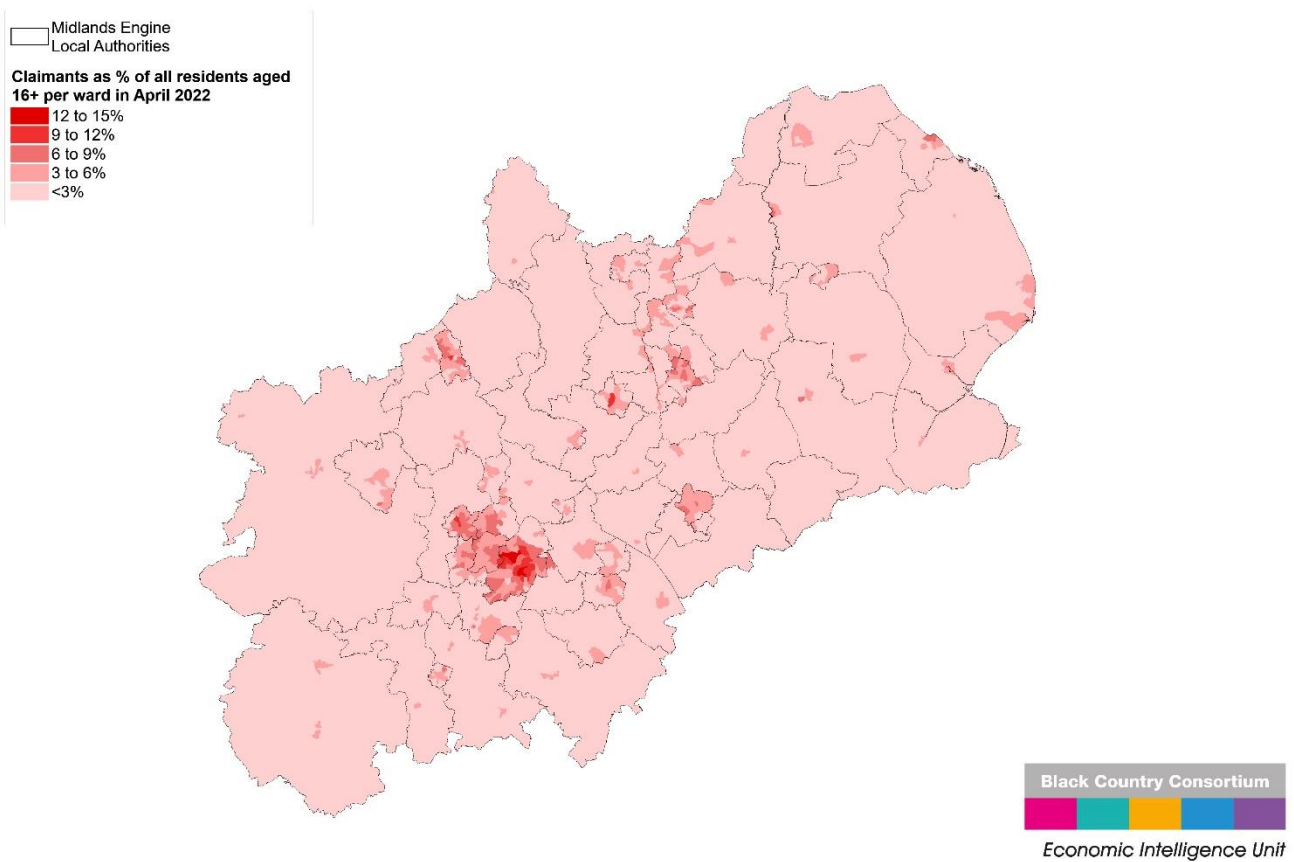
- There were 284,620 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in April 2022, this is a decrease of 7,930 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 2.7% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 3.7% decrease across the UK. Within the Midlands Engine, Oadby and Wigston was the only local authority to increase (+5) since March 2022.
- Since April 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 129,035 (-31.2% compared to a decrease of 37.1% for the UK).
- Since March 2020 (221,540 claimants), the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 63,080 (+28.5% compared to +30.4% for the UK). Notably, North East Lincolnshire and East Lindsey had lower levels than March 2020 (-155 and -575 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 April 2022.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 426 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 April 2022.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, with Birchfield the highest with 14.9%. This is followed by Handsworth at 14.7% and then Lozells at 14.4%.
- 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) and Ashby Castle (North West Leicestershire), both at 0.2%.

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

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



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Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

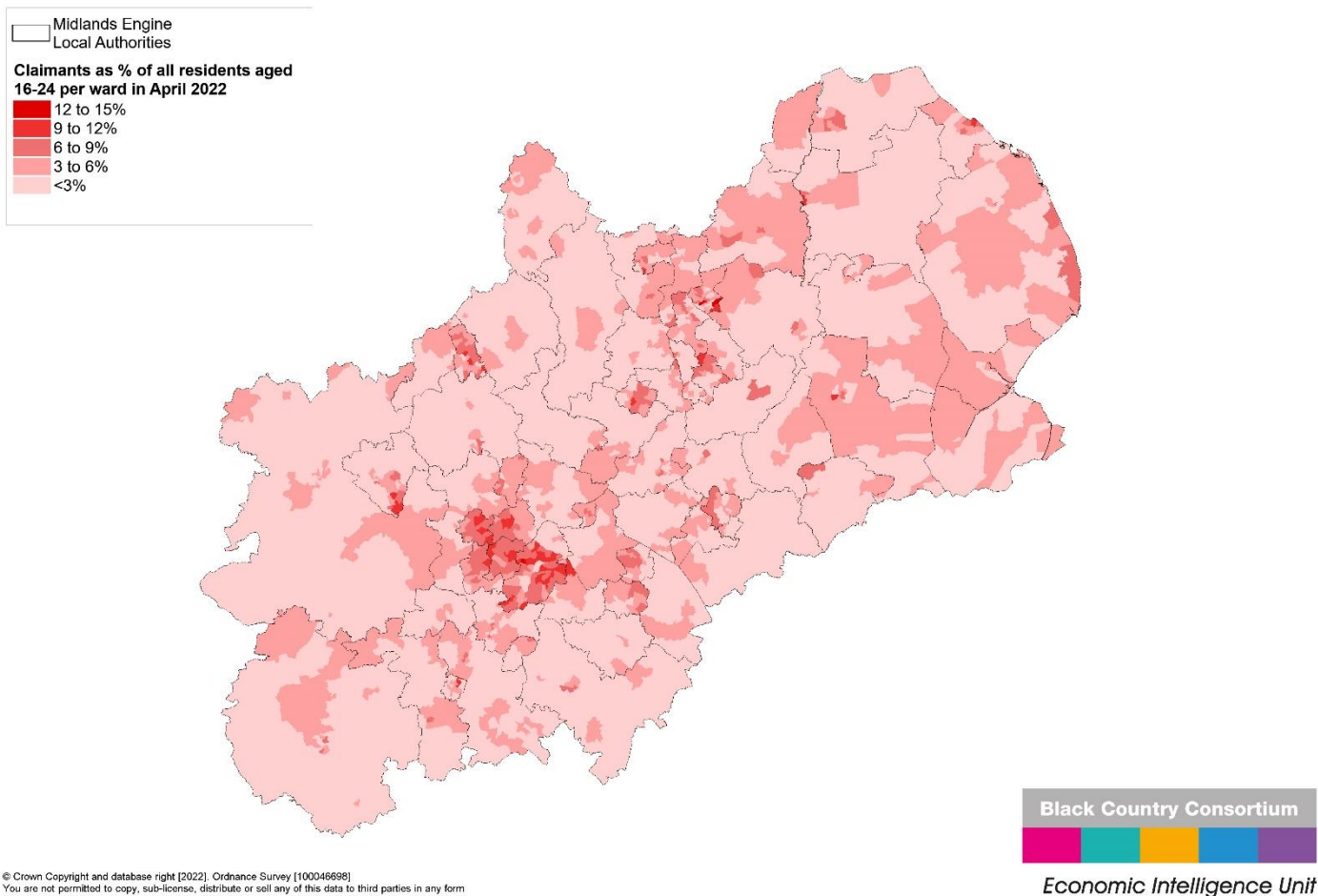
- There were 48,000 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in April 2022, a decrease of 1,720 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 3.5% with the UK decreasing by 4.7%. Within the Midlands Engine, 58 local authorities decreased and 3 local authorities remained the same. The 4 local authorities that increased were Oadby and Wigston (+5), Lichfield (+5), Mansfield (+10) and Cannock Chase (+20).
- Since April 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 34,610 (-41.9% compared to -47.7% for the UK).
- Since March 2020 (44,195 claimants), the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,805 (+8.6% compared to +8.2% for the UK). Notably, 23 local authorities were 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 April 2022.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 590 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 April 2022.

- The ward with the highest the number of claimants as a percentage of the population was based in Portland (Mansfield) at 14.9%. This is by followed Oak Tree (Mansfield) at 12.8% and then Handsworth (Birmingham) at 12.2%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 127 wards with no youth claimants in April 2022.

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



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