

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – June 2022 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 277,775 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in May 2022, this is a decrease of 3,095 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 1.1% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 1.5% decrease across the UK. Since May 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 113,540 (-29.0% compared to a decrease of 34.7% for the UK). Since March 2020 (221,540 claimants), the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 56,235 (+25.4% compared to +26.7% 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 3.0% for the UK in May 2022.
- There were 46,375 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in May 2022, a decrease of 1,000 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 2.1% with the UK decreasing by 2.5%. Since April 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 30,750 (-39.9% compared to -45.5% for the UK). Since March 2020 (44,195 claimants), the number of youth claimants has increased by 2,180 (+4.9% compared to +4.3% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of youth claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 – 24 years old was 4.0% compared to 3.6% for the UK proportion in May 2022.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

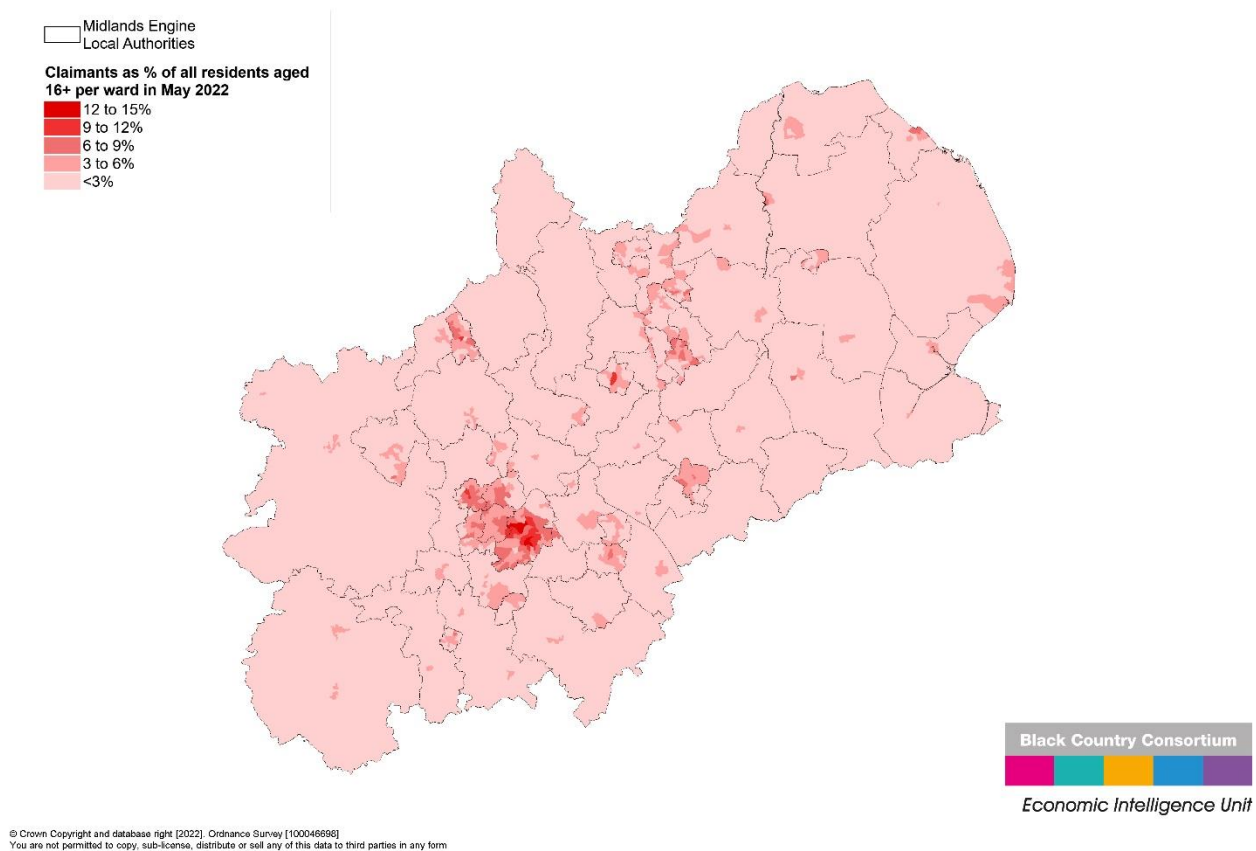
- There were 277,775 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in May 2022, this is a decrease of 3,095 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 1.1% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 1.5% decrease across the UK. Within the Midlands Engine, ten local authorities increased and two remained at the same level since April 2022.
- Since May 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 113,540 (-29.0% compared to a decrease of 34.7% for the UK).
- Since March 2020 (221,540 claimants), the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 56,235 (+25.4% compared to +26.7% for the UK). Notably, North East Lincolnshire and East Lindsey had lower levels than March 2020 (-280 and -705 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 3.0% for the UK in May 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 May 2022.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, with Birchfield and Handsworth joint highest with 14.7%. This is followed by Lozells at 14.3% and then Aston at 13.5%.
- 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) Ashby Castle (North West Leicestershire), Temple (High Peak) and Sudbrooke (West Lindsey) all at 0.2%.

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

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



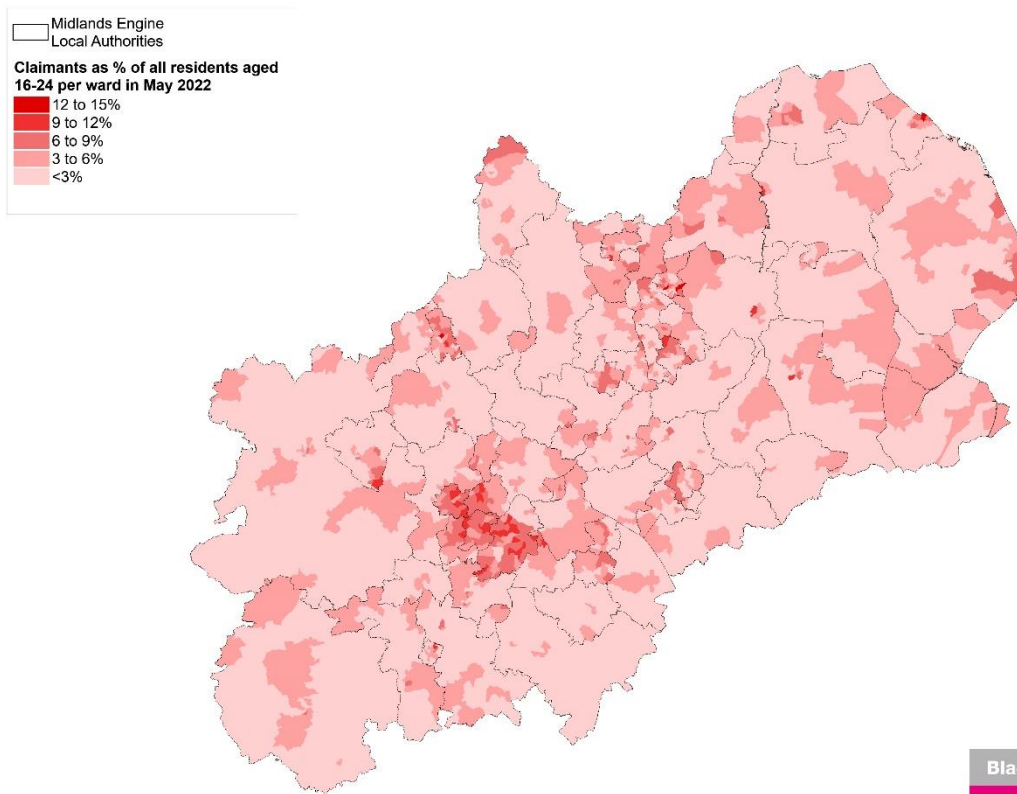
Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

- There were 46,375 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in May 2022, a decrease of 1,000 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 2.1% with the UK decreasing by 2.5%. Within the Midlands Engine, 45 local authorities decreased, 8 local authorities remained the same and 12 increased.
- Since April 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 30,750 (-39.9% compared to -45.5% for the UK).
- Since March 2020 (44,195 claimants), the number of youth claimants has increased by 2,180 (+4.9% compared to +4.3% for the UK). Notably, 31 local authorities were lower than March 2020 levels and a further 1 was 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 4.0% compared to 3.6% for the UK proportion in May 2022.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 597 were at or above the UK average of 3.6% for the number of claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16 – 24 years and over in May 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 Joiner’s Square (Stoke-on-Trent) at 12.2%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 132 wards with no youth claimants in May 2022.

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



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