

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – November 2022 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 262,960 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in October 2022, a decrease of 85 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 0.03% for the Midlands Engine area, the UK decreased by 0.1%. Since October 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 61,485 (-19.0% compared to a decrease of 23.0% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 41,420 (+18.7% compared to +18.9% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.1% compared to 2.8% for the UK in October 2022.
- There were 47,880 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in October 2022, an increase of 910 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 1.9% with the UK increasing by 2.2%. Since October 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 10,465 (-17.9% compared to -21.8% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,685 (+8.3% compared to +7.2% 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 in October 2022.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

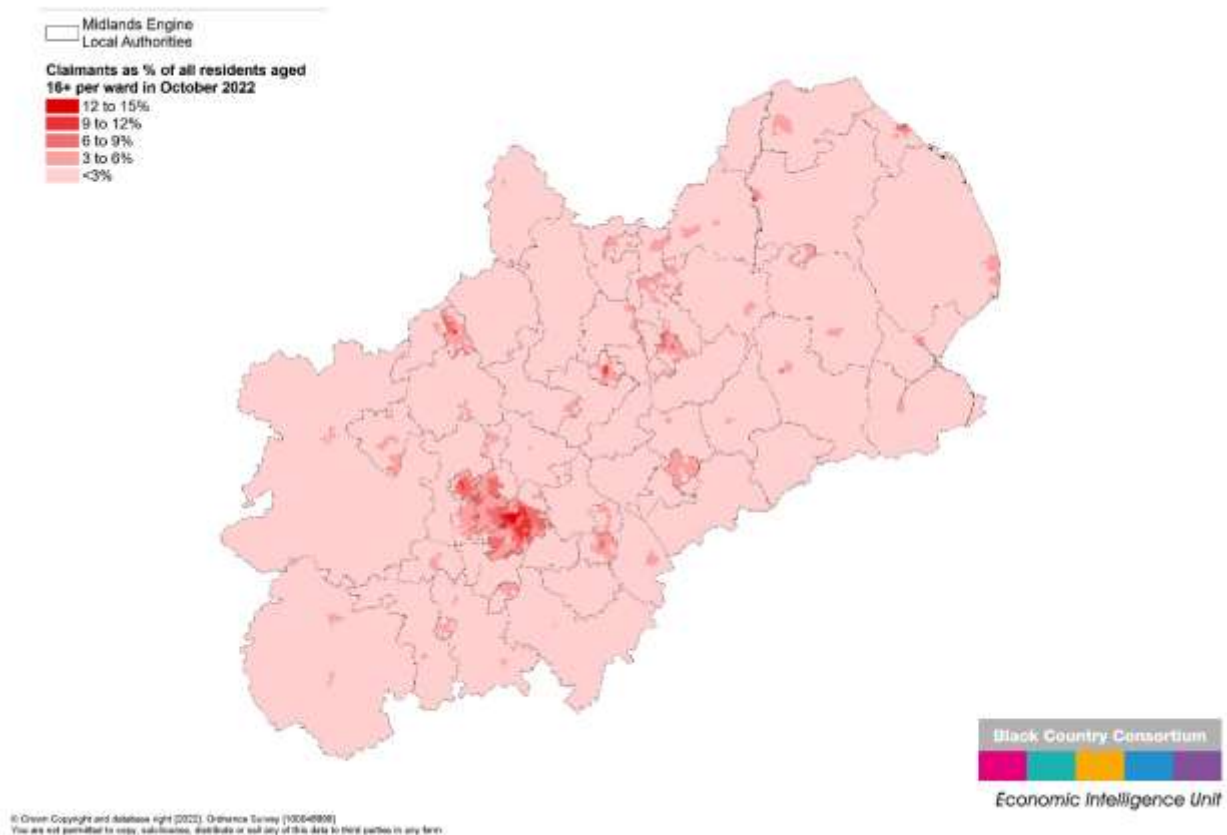
- There were 262,960 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in October 2022, a decrease of 85 claimants since the previous month. This equates to a decrease of 0.03% for the Midlands Engine area, the UK decreased by 0.1%. Within the Midlands Engine, 40 local authorities decreased and 2 remained at the same level since September 2022.
- Since October 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 61,485 (-19.0% compared to a decrease of 23.0% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 41,420 (+18.7% compared to +18.9% for the UK). Notably, East Lindsey, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Chesterfield had lower levels of claimants than March 2020 (-925, -490, -120 and -20 respectively).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.1% compared to 2.8% for the UK in October 2022.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 429 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 October 2022.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, Birchfield was the highest at 14.1%. This is followed by Lozells at 13.9% and Handsworth 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) at 0.1% and Ashby Castle (North West Leicestershire) at 0.2%.

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

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



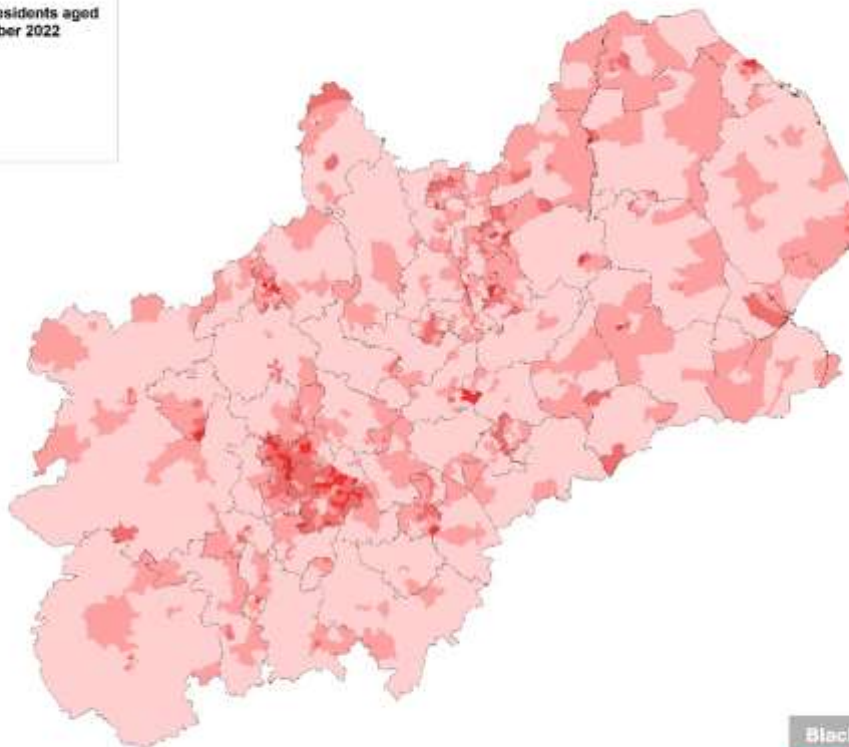
Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

- There were 47,880 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in October 2022, an increase of 910 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 1.9% with the UK increasing by 2.2%. Within the Midlands Engine, 10 local authorities decreased, 12 local authorities remained the same and 43 increased.
- Since October 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 10,465 (-17.9% compared to -21.8% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,685 (+8.3% compared to +7.2% for the UK). Notably, 21 local authorities are lower than March 2020 levels and a further 2 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 in October 2022.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 617 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 October 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 Stockland Green (Birmingham) at 12.0% and East Marsh (North East Lincolnshire) at 11.7%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 105 wards with no youth claimants in October 2022.

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



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