

Midlands Engine Claimant Count – September 2022 Release¹

Key Points:

- There were 268,170 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in August 2022, this is an increase of 3,015 claimants since the previous month. This equated to an increase of 1.1% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 1.0% increase across the UK. Since August 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 81,315 (-23.3% compared to a decrease of 28.3% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 46,630 (+21.0% compared to +21.2% for the UK).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.2% compared to 2.8% for the UK in August 2022.
- There were 47,560 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in August 2022, an increase of 1,640 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 3.6% which matched the UK growth rate. Since August 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 17,735 (-27.2% compared to -32.3% for the UK). Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,365 (+7.6% compared to +6.5% 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 3.6% for the UK proportion in August 2022.

In Detail:

Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

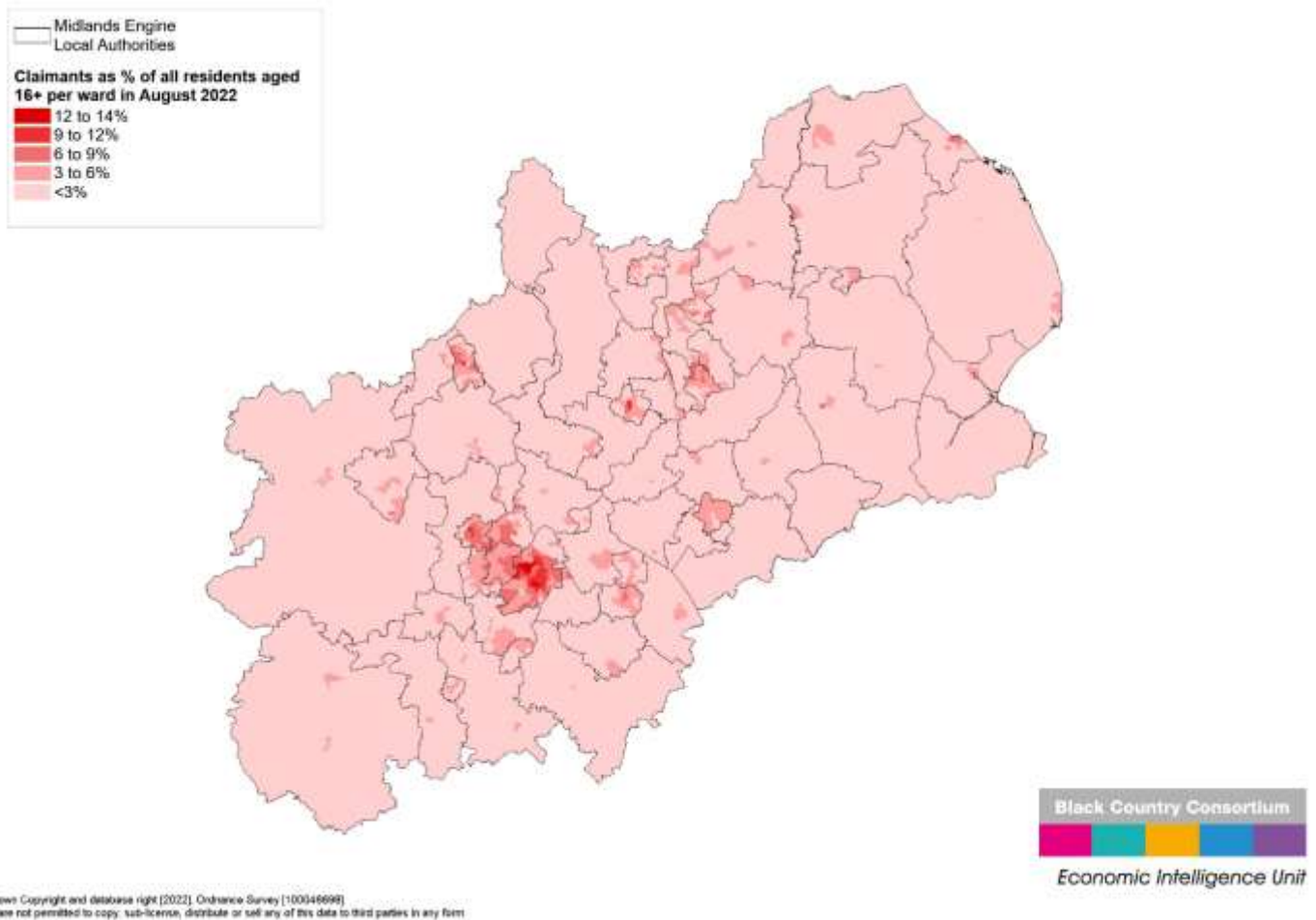
- There were 268,170 claimants aged 16 years and over in the Midlands Engine area in August 2022, this is an increase of 3,015 claimants since the previous month. This equated to an increase of 1.1% for the Midlands Engine area, compared to a 1.0% increase across the UK. Within the Midlands Engine, 15 local authorities decreased and 1 remained at the same level since July 2022.
- Since August 2021, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has decreased by 81,315 (-23.3% compared to a decrease of 28.3% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of claimants in the Midlands Engine area has increased by 46,630 (+21.0% compared to +21.2% for the UK). Within the Midlands Engine, East Lindsey, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire had lower levels than March 2020 (-935 -330 and -15 respectively).
- Overall, for the Midlands Engine area the number of claimants as percentage of residents aged 16 years and over was 3.2% compared to 2.8% for the UK in August 2022.

Ward Analysis – Claimants Aged 16 Years and Over

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 444 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 August 2022.
- The wards with the highest number of claimants as a percentage of the population were based in Birmingham, Handsworth the highest with 13.9%. This is followed by Lozells at 13.8% and then Birchfield at 13.6%.
- 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%.

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

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



Youth Claimants (Aged 16 – 24 Years Old)

- There were 47,560 youth claimants (16 – 24 years old) in the Midlands Engine area in August 2022, an increase of 1,640 youth claimants since the previous month. This equates to an increase of 3.6% which matched the UK growth rate. Within the Midlands Engine, 7 local authorities decreased and 3 local authorities remained the same.
- Since August 2021, the number of youth claimants has decreased by 17,735 (-27.2% compared to -32.3% for the UK).
- Since March 2020, the number of youth claimants has increased by 3,365 (+7.6% compared to +6.5% for the UK). Notably, 21 local authorities were lower than March 2020 levels and a further 2 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 4.1% compared to 3.6% for the UK proportion in August 2022.

Ward Analysis – Youth Claimants

- Out of the 1,511 wards within the Midlands Engine, 619 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 August 2022.
- The ward with the highest the number of claimants as a percentage of the population was based in Joiner’s Square (Stoke-on-Trent) at 14.4%. This is followed by Gainsborough South-West (West Lindsey) at 12.8% and then East Marsh (North East Lincolnshire) at 11.7%.
- In contrast, within the Midlands Engine there were 120 wards with no youth claimants in August 2022.

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

