Claimant Count Unemployment Monthly Update - June 2022 Data

Unadjusted Unemployment

Total Claimant Count

In June 2022, unadjusted claimant count numbers in the city decreased by 170 to 62,990. The unadjusted claimant rate (% of the economically active population) decreased to 11.6%, with the claimant proportion (% of the whole working age population) remained unchanged at 8.6%. Unadjusted unemployment also decreased nationally and in the WMCA (3 LEP area) last month.

62,990
-170

Claimant Rate
11.6%
-0.1% Points

Claimant Proportion
8.6%
0.0% Points

Youth Claimant Count

In Birmingham, the unadjusted youth (18-24) claimant count fell by 45 in June to 10,375. The unadjusted youth unemployment rate was unchanged at 13.7%, with the youth claimant proportion also unchanged at 7.4%. Unadjusted youth unemployment also decreased in the WMCA (9.3%) and for the UK as a whole (6.4%).

Youth 18-24

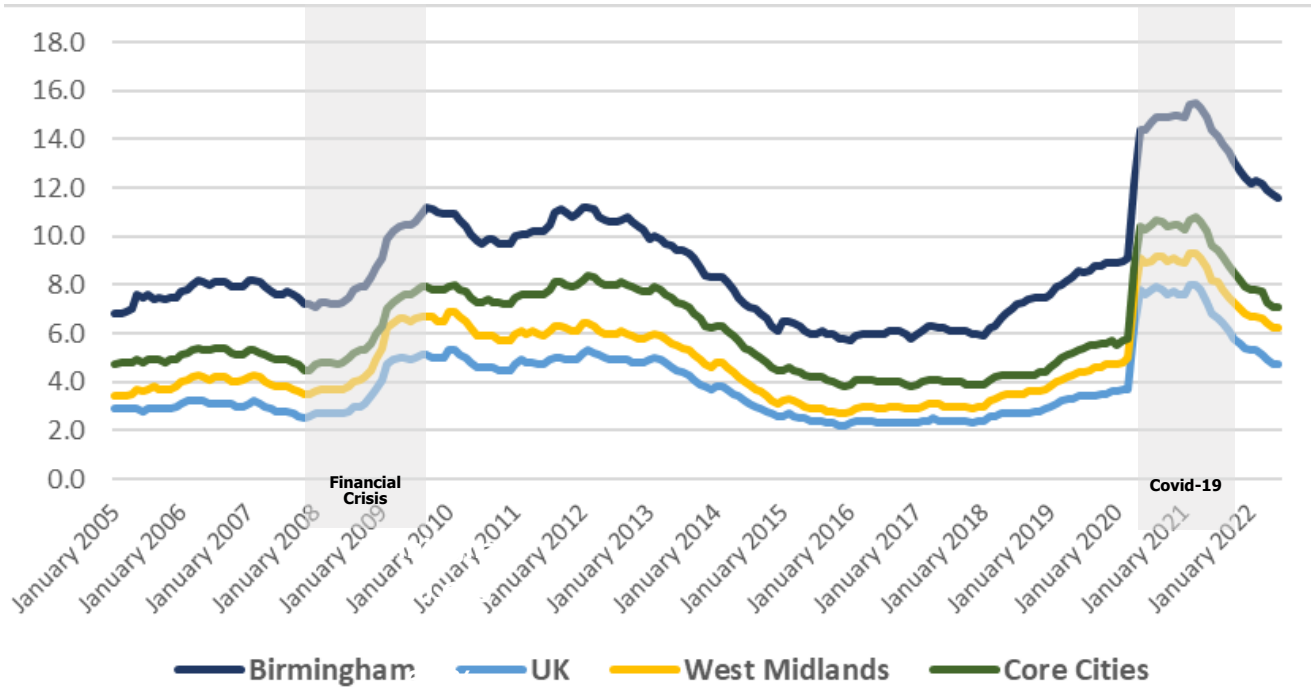
10,375
-45

Claimant Rate
13.7%
0.0% Points

Claimant Proportion
7.4%
0.0% Points

Chart 1:

Claimant Count Rate (16-64) Time Series



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Core Cities

Table 1 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for June 2022 for the core cities. Birmingham has the highest claimant unemployment rate (11.6%) amongst the core cities and is well above the UK average (4.7%). All of the ten core cities saw a decrease in claimant count unemployment last month.

Table 1: Core City Claimant Count June 2022

	June 2022		Monthly Change	
Area	Number	Rate %	Number	Rate %
Birmingham	62,990	11.6	-170	-0.1
Manchester	23,495	7.8	-230	-0.1
Liverpool	19,350	7.3	-145	0.0
Nottingham	12,255	7.1	-110	-0.1
Glasgow	22,075	6.8	-275	-0.1
Newcastle	9,435	6.2	-55	0.0
Leeds	22,910	5.6	-140	0.0
Sheffield	15,525	5.0	-390	-0.1
Cardiff	9,340	4.7	-25	0.0
Bristol	11,025	4.2	-255	-0.1
UK	1,563,350	4.7	-18,865	0.0
London	294,745	5.9	320	0.0

West Midlands Region

Table 2 displays the latest claimant count data for the region. Birmingham along with Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall have the highest unemployment rates locally, with Coventry, Dudley and Solihull having lower rates, closer to or below the UK average. Four of the seven Met areas saw a decrease in unemployment in June, as did the GBSLEP and the West Midlands region.

Table 2: West Midlands Claimant Count June 2022

	June 2022		Monthly Change	
Area	Number	Rate %	Number	Rate %
Birmingham	62,990	11.6	-170	-0.1
Wolverhampton	12,255	9.7	90	0.1
Sandwell	13,785	8.5	185	0.1
Walsall	9,870	7.4	-15	-0.1
Coventry	11,970	6.1	140	0.1
Dudley	9,645	6.0	-70	-0.1
Solihull	4,380	4.2	-125	-0.1
GBSLEP	80,270	8.2	-345	0.0
WMCA (3 LEPs)	147,600	7.2	-165	0.0
West Midlands	179,935	6.2	-1,070	0.0
UK	1,563,350	4.7	-18,865	0.0

Unadjusted Unemployment

Birmingham Constituencies

Table 3 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for June 2022 for the 10 parliamentary constituencies in the city. Hodge Hill constituency has the highest claimant count unemployment rate at 20.1% and Sutton Coldfield the lowest at 2.3%. The largest decrease in claimant count numbers in June occurred in Ladywood (-105). Six of the ten constituencies saw a decrease in claimant numbers last month.

Table 3: Birmingham Constituency Claimant Count June 2022

	June 2022		Monthly Change	
Area	Number	Rate %	Number	Rate %
Edgbaston	4,930	9.5	0	0.0
Erdington	6,565	14.0	-55	-0.1
Hall Green	7,160	13.5	20	0.0
Hodge Hill	8,480	20.1	-30	-0.1
Ladywood	11,790	17.4	50	0.1
Northfield	4,795	9.3	-105	-0.2
Perry Barr	7,550	11.5	-25	-0.1
Selly Oak	4,280	7.1	-25	0.0
Sutton Coldfield	1,355	2.3	-10	0.0
Yardley	6,080	13.7	0	0.0
Birmingham	**62,990**	**11.6**	**-170**	**-0.1**

Birmingham Wards

Tables containing ward claimant count unemployment data and ward youth unemployment data are shown on the following pages.

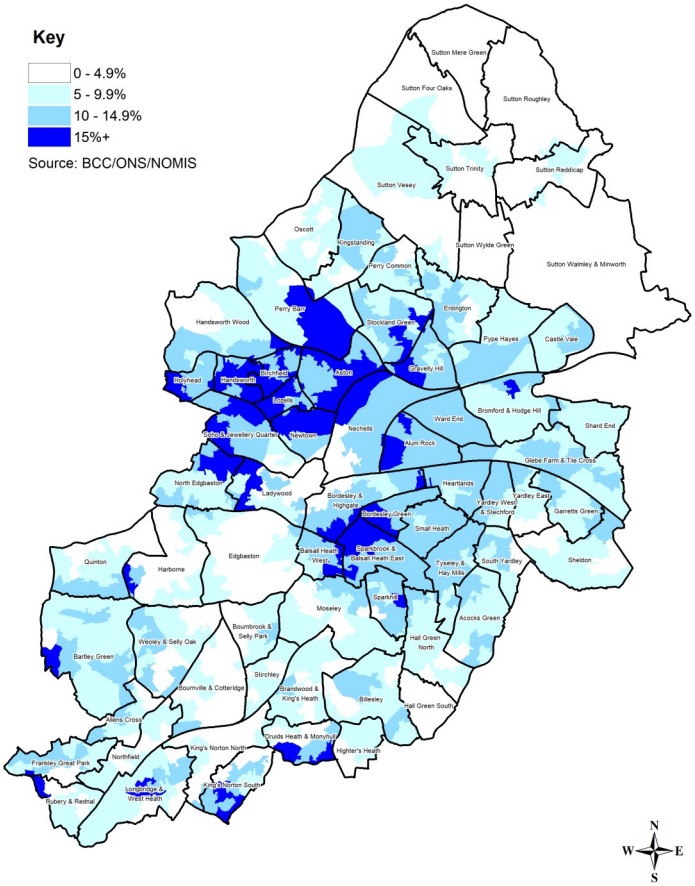
Handsworth (16.7%) and Birchfield (16.2%) have the highest claimant proportions. The Sutton wards (Sutton Reddicap aside) and Bournbrook & Selly Park have the lowest claimant proportions, all 3% or under.

49 of the 69 wards in the city saw unemployment decrease or remain unchanged last month. The largest decrease in total claimant numbers at a ward level occurred in North Edgbaston and in Longbridge & West Heath (both -30).

The map opposite highlights that the highest levels of claimant unemployment are concentrated in the inner city and in areas to the north west of the city centre.

In terms of ward youth unemployment Handsworth (14.5%) and Frankley Great Park (14.0%) have the highest proportions. 52 of the city's wards saw youth claimant numbers decrease or remain unchanged last month.

Map 1 Birmingham Claimant Count Unemployment Proportions May 2022



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Birmingham Wards

Table 4 - Ward Claimant Unemployment June 2022

Ward	Total Claimant Unemployed		Monthly Change	
	Number	Claimant Proportion %	Number	Claimant Proportion %
Acocks Green	1,295	8.5	10	0.1
Allens Cross	535	8.4	-15	-0.2
Alum Rock	2,180	13.0	-15	-0.1
Aston	2,325	15.1	10	0.0
Balsall Heath West	845	10.7	0	0.0
Bartley Green	1,285	9.3	-5	-0.1
Billesley	965	8.1	-10	0.0
Birchfield	1,355	16.2	-15	-0.2
Bordesley & Highgate	1,200	10.6	-5	0.0
Bordesley Green	1,085	13.7	35	0.5
Bournbrook & Selly Park	640	2.9	-15	-0.1
Bournville & Cotteridge	530	4.9	0	0.1
Brandwood & King's Heath	755	6.4	-20	-0.2
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1,095	8.3	-15	-0.1
Castle Vale	560	9.4	0	0.0
Druids Heath & Monyhull	675	9.4	-5	0.0
Edgbaston	680	4.1	5	0.0
Erdington	1,085	8.5	-5	0.0
Frankley Great Park	625	8.7	-15	-0.2
Garretts Green	595	9.1	-20	-0.3
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1,500	10.4	5	0.1
Gravelly Hill	880	12.1	-15	-0.2
Hall Green North	1,010	7.0	0	0.0
Hall Green South	190	3.1	0	0.1
Handsworth	1,390	16.7	20	0.2
Handsworth Wood	1,085	8.0	-10	-0.1
Harborne	945	5.8	5	0.0
Heartlands	855	10.6	-5	-0.1
Highter's Heath	435	6.5	-5	0.0
Holyhead	1,125	13.9	0	0.0
King's Norton North	370	5.4	-30	-0.4
King's Norton South	640	9.7	-10	-0.3
Kingstanding	1,220	9.5	-5	0.0
Ladywood	1,700	6.8	-15	-0.1
Longbridge & West Heath	940	7.5	-30	-0.3
Lozells	1,000	16.0	10	0.1
Moseley	1,125	7.8	0	0.0
Nechells	1,050	8.7	35	0.3
Newtown	1,425	13.3	-20	-0.2
North Edgbaston	1,950	11.2	-30	-0.2

Table 4 - Ward Claimant Unemployment June 2022 Continued				
Ward	Total Claimant Unemployed		Monthly Change	
	Number	Claimant Proportion %	Number	Claimant Proportion %
Northfield	355	5.8	5	0.1
Oscott	715	5.7	-5	-0.1
Perry Barr	865	6.7	5	0.0
Perry Common	600	8.3	-15	-0.2
Pype Hayes	515	7.8	-15	-0.2
Quinton	895	7.1	10	0.1
Rubery & Rednal	480	7.1	0	0.0
Shard End	660	9.1	5	0.1
Sheldon	735	6.1	-20	-0.2
Small Heath	1,365	10.6	5	0.1
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	2,225	10.7	10	0.1
South Yardley	485	7.3	5	0.1
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2,335	14.1	0	0.0
Sparkhill	1,600	11.5	30	0.2
Stirchley	445	6.6	15	0.2
Stockland Green	1,875	11.8	-10	-0.1
Sutton Four Oaks	75	1.4	0	-0.1
Sutton Mere Green	135	2.6	-5	0.0
Sutton Reddicap	270	4.5	-10	-0.2
Sutton Roughley	140	2.1	5	0.1
Sutton Trinity	125	2.4	-5	-0.1
Sutton Vesey	290	2.5	-5	0.0
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	220	2.4	10	0.1
Sutton Wylde Green	95	1.9	0	-0.1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	825	10.7	0	0.0
Ward End	1,010	11.9	0	0.0
Weoley & Selly Oak	1,235	8.2	-5	0.0
Yardley East	420	6.8	0	0.0
Yardley West & Stechford	845	10.8	-5	0.0
Birmingham	**62,990**	**8.6**	**-170**	**0.0**

Birmingham Wards 18-24 Claimants

Table 5 - Unadjusted 18-24 Claimant Count Unemployment by Ward June 2022				
Ward	18-24 Claimant Unemployed		Monthly Change	
	Number	Claimant Proportion %	Number	Claimant Proportion %
Acocks Green	230	9.7	10	0.4
Allens Cross	110	11.8	5	0.5
Alum Rock	395	11.6	-10	-0.3
Aston	380	13.3	0	0.0
Balsall Heath West	140	7.5	0	0.0
Bartley Green	215	10.0	5	0.2
Billesley	175	10.3	-5	-0.3
Birchfield	195	12.5	5	0.3
Bordesley & Highgate	220	8.4	5	0.2
Bordesley Green	185	12.1	5	0.3
Bournbrook & Selly Park	120	0.8	0	0.0
Bournville & Cotteridge	100	5.7	10	0.6
Brandwood & King's Heath	115	7.8	0	0.0
Bromford & Hodge Hill	210	8.6	-5	-0.2
Castle Vale	95	10.4	0	0.0
Druids Heath & Monyhull	110	10.9	5	0.5
Edgbaston	80	1.2	5	0.1
Erdington	140	8.7	-5	-0.3
Frankley Great Park	140	14.0	0	0.0
Garretts Green	120	11.1	0	0.0
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	255	11.9	10	0.5
Gravelly Hill	130	10.6	-15	-1.2
Hall Green North	180	7.5	5	0.2
Hall Green South	30	3.7	-5	-0.6
Handsworth	200	14.5	10	0.7
Handsworth Wood	175	8.0	0	0.0
Harborne	120	4.6	-5	-0.2
Heartlands	155	9.6	-5	-0.3
Highter's Heath	75	9.2	-5	-0.6
Holyhead	165	12.1	0	0.0
King's Norton North	60	6.5	-5	-0.5
King's Norton South	100	10.7	0	0.0
Kingstanding	245	12.2	-10	-0.5
Ladywood	225	3.6	10	0.2
Longbridge & West Heath	150	9.1	-5	-0.3
Lozells	145	11.4	-5	-0.4
Moseley	145	7.7	0	0.0
Nechells	170	3.4	10	0.2
Newtown	220	6.1	-15	-0.4
North Edgbaston	305	9.2	-15	-0.5

Table 5 - Unadjusted 18-24 Claimant Count Unemployment by Ward June 2022 Continued				
Ward	18-24 Claimant Unemployed		Monthly Change	
	Number	Claimant Proportion %	Number	Claimant Proportion %
Northfield	55	7.0	-5	-0.6
Oscott	125	7.8	5	0.3
Perry Barr	165	8.3	0	0.0
Perry Common	95	9.5	0	0.0
Pype Hayes	85	10.5	0	0.0
Quinton	120	7.1	0	0.0
Rubery & Rednal	95	10.5	-5	-0.6
Shard End	105	11.2	0	0.0
Sheldon	145	9.0	-5	-0.3
Small Heath	235	8.8	0	0.0
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	330	8.5	0	0.0
South Yardley	75	8.9	0	0.0
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	390	12.4	-5	-0.2
Sparkhill	280	10.2	5	0.2
Stirchley	70	9.0	0	0.0
Stockland Green	320	13.9	10	0.4
Sutton Four Oaks	5	0.8	-5	-0.8
Sutton Mere Green	15	2.4	0	0.0
Sutton Reddicap	50	6.4	-5	-0.6
Sutton Roughley	25	3.4	-5	-0.7
Sutton Trinity	15	3.0	0	0.0
Sutton Vesey	40	2.5	-5	-0.3
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	25	2.4	0	0.0
Sutton Wylde Green	15	2.5	0	0.0
Tyseley & Hay Mills	145	11.8	-5	-0.4
Ward End	185	11.0	5	0.3
Weoley & Selly Oak	185	6.7	-20	-0.7
Yardley East	85	9.1	0	0.0
Yardley West & Stechford	165	12.6	0	0.0
Birmingham	**10,375**	**7.4**	**-45**	**0.0**

Vacancies, Employment & Skills

Latest Job Vacancy Data

The latest job postings data from Lightcast shows that in June 2022 there were 56,603 jobs being advertised in Birmingham. This is a 432 decrease on the number of vacancies recorded in May 2022.

June Vacancies
56,603 ▼

Monthly Changes
-432

Table 6: Top Posted Occupations June 2022	
Occupation	**Postings**
Software Developer / Engineer	1,926
Office / Administrative Assistant	1,575
Project Manager	1,413
Registered General Nurse (RGN)	1,251
Teaching Assistant	1,081
Lawyer	1,077
Sales Manager	1,060
Account Manager / Representative	987
Customer Service Representative	829
Recruiter	738

Vacancy Time series

Latest Resident Employment

	Birmingham Q4 2021	**West Midlands** Mar to May 2022	**UK**
16-64 Employed	**476,500** -3,900	**2.72m** -11,000	**31.5m** +200,632
Employment Rate	**64.4%** -0.6pp	**75.1%** -0.4pp	**75.9%** +0.4pp

The latest Annual Population Survey employment data for Birmingham (Q4 2021) shows working age employment levels decreasing by 3,900 in the last quarter to stand at 476,500. The employment rate also decreased, down from 65.0% in Q3 2021 to 64.4% in Q4 2021.

Economic inactivity (those not in work or seeking work) in the city stood at 212,300 in Q4, 28.7% of the 16-64 population.

The latest Labour Force Survey figures for the West Midlands region for the three month period March to May 2022 show that the number of working age people employed has decreased by 11,000 compared with the previous quarter (\December to February 2022). The employment rates regionally fell by 0.4% points compared to the previous quarter. Nationally the employment rate rose to 75.9%, still below pre pandemic levels.

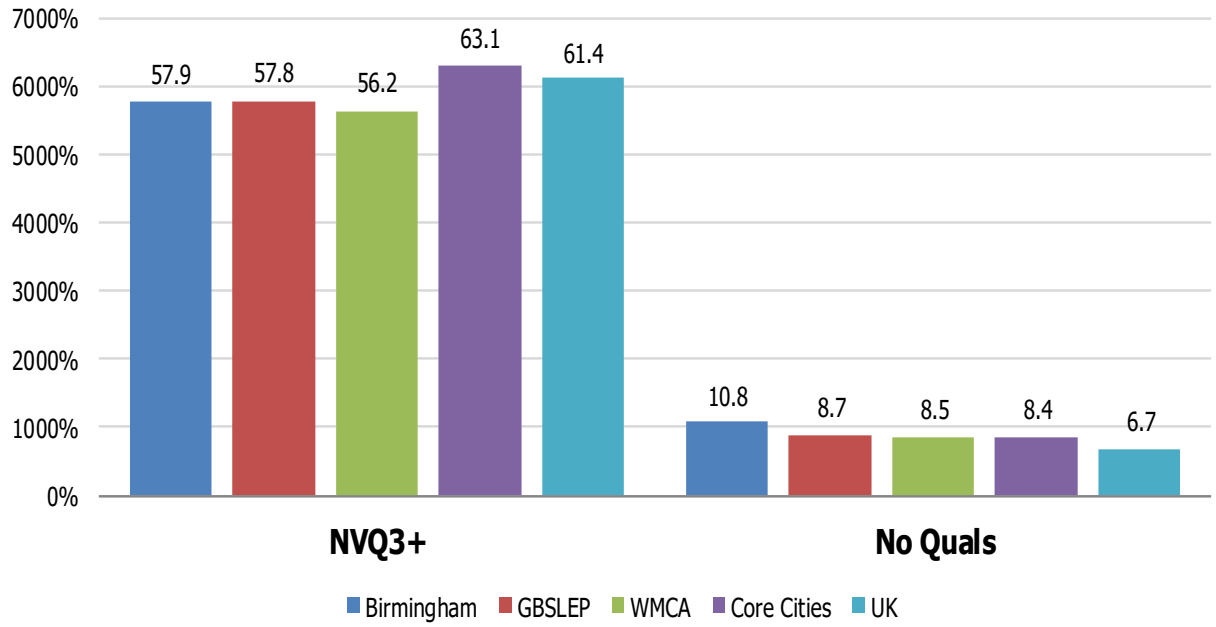
Skill Levels

On the supply side comparatively high unemployment and low employment rates in the city are linked to the skills gap that exists locally with residents having lower skills and qualification levels than the national average.

The chart below highlights this showing how Birmingham (10.8%) has a greater proportion of working age residents with no qualifications compared to the UK (6.7%) and the core city average (8.4%).

The city (57.9%) also has a correspondingly lower proportion of residents with NVQ3+ qualifications than the UK (61.4%) and core city average (63.1%).

NVQ Qualification Levels 2021



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