

Claimant Count Unemployment Monthly Update – March 2023 Data

Total Claimant Count

In March 2023, unadjusted claimant count numbers in the city increased by 2,120 to 62,675. The unadjusted claimant rate (% of the economically active population) increased to 11.4%, with the claimant proportion (% of the whole working age population) also increasing to 8.5%. Claimant numbers also increased in the WMCA (3 LEP area) and the UK last month.

Youth Claimant Count

In Birmingham, the unadjusted youth (18-24) claimant count increased by 330 in March to 11,335. The unadjusted youth unemployment rate increased to 12.3%, with the youth claimant proportion also increasing to 8.7%. Unadjusted youth unemployment rates also increased in the WMCA (10.5%) and for the UK as a whole (7.4%).

Core Cities

Table 1 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for March 2023 for the core cities. Birmingham has the highest claimant unemployment rate (11.4%) amongst the core cities and is well above the UK average (4.7%). All of the ten core cities saw claimant numbers increase last month.

Table 1: Core City Claimant Count March 2023

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Birmingham	62,675	11.4	2,120	0.4
Manchester	23,560	8.2	945	0.3
Nottingham	12,660	8.1	560	0.4
Liverpool	19,300	7.9	820	0.3
Glasgow	22,210	6.8	1,030	0.4
Newcastle	9,480	6.6	410	0.3
Leeds	23,600	5.6	1,160	0.2
Cardiff	9,385	5.0	260	0.1
Sheffield	15,755	5.0	540	0.1
Bristol	10,905	4.1	100	0.0
UK	1,576,390	4.7	49,865	0.2
London	290,715	5.7	10,925	0.2

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. All of the seven Met areas saw an increase in unemployment in March, as did the GBSLEP and the West Midlands region.

Table 2: West Midlands Claimant Count March 2023

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Birmingham	62,675	11.4	2,120	0.4
Wolverhampton	12,795	10.7	485	0.4
Sandwell	13,860	9.4	605	0.4
Walsall	9,925	7.2	425	0.3
Coventry	12,860	6.6	720	0.3
Dudley	9,365	5.9	190	0.1
Solihull	4,215	3.9	180	0.2
GBSLEP	80,545	8.0	2,945	0.3
WMCA (3 LEPs)	149,305	7.2	5,680	0.2
West Midlands	183,080	6.2	6,880	0.2
UK	1,576,390	4.7	49,865	0.2

Birmingham Constituencies

Table 3 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for March 2023 for the 10 parliamentary constituencies in the city. Hall Green constituency has the highest claimant count unemployment rate at 20.1% and Sutton Coldfield the lowest at 2.3%. All ten constituencies saw an increase in claimant numbers last month. The largest increase in claimant count numbers in March occurred in Ladywood (+485).

Table 3: Birmingham Constituency Claimant Count March 2023

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Edgbaston	4,845	9.3	100	0.2
Erdington	6,510	12.6	190	0.4
Hall Green	7,020	20.1	235	0.6
Hodge Hill	8,225	16.8	345	0.7
Ladywood	12,185	16.1	485	0.6
Northfield	4,750	7.3	105	0.2
Perry Barr	7,615	15.4	295	0.6
Selly Oak	4,195	6.1	75	0.1
Sutton Coldfield	1,305	2.3	40	0.1
Yardley	6,025	13.4	250	0.6
Birmingham	62,675	11.4	2,120	0.4

Birmingham Wards

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

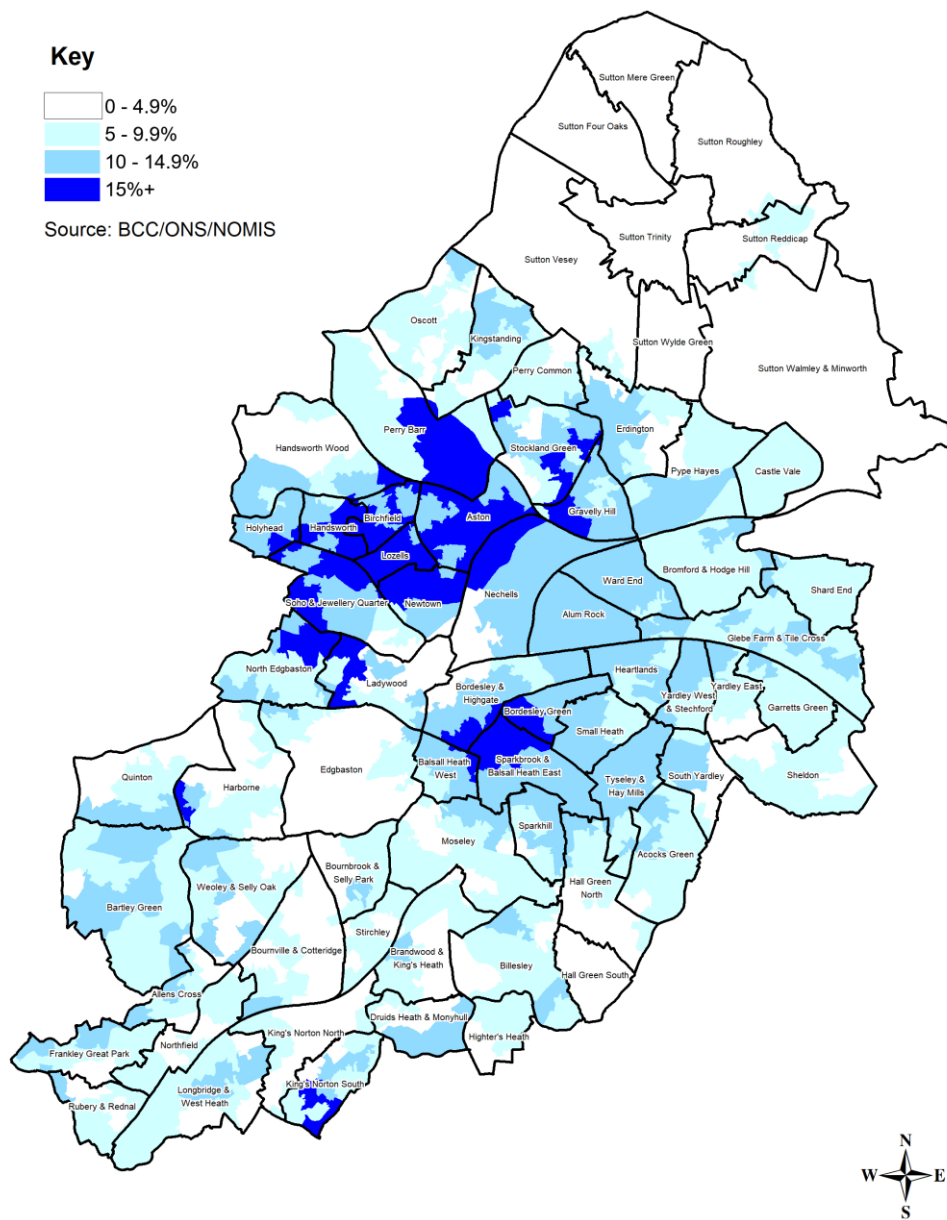
Lozells (17.1%) and Handsworth (16.6%) have the highest claimant proportions. The Sutton wards (Sutton Reddipap aside) have the lowest claimant proportions, all 3% or under.

63 of the 69 wards in the city saw unemployment increase last month. The largest increase in total claimant numbers at a ward level occurred in Aston (+140) and Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East and Soho & Jewellery Quarter (both +85).

In terms of ward youth unemployment Handsworth (16.0%) and Aston (15.4%) have the highest youth claimant proportions. 38 of the city's wards saw youth claimant numbers increase last month.

The map below 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.

Map 1 Birmingham Claimant Count Unemployment Proportions February 2023



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Scale 1:110,000

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Table 4 - Ward Claimant Unemployment March 2023

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Proportion %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Proportion %
Acocks Green	1,290	8.4	70	0.4
Allens Cross	540	8.5	5	0.1
Alum Rock	2,155	12.9	70	0.4
Aston	2,510	16.3	140	0.9
Balsall Heath West	840	10.6	30	0.3
Bartley Green	1,275	9.3	20	0.2
Billesley	895	7.5	25	0.2
Birchfield	1,365	16.3	65	0.8
Bordesley & Highgate	1,190	10.5	60	0.5
Bordesley Green	1,065	13.4	65	0.8
Bournbrook & Selly Park	680	3.1	0	0.0
Bournville & Cotteridge	555	5.1	20	0.2
Brandwood & King's Heath	715	6.1	-10	-0.1
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1,085	8.2	60	0.5
Castle Vale	490	8.2	0	0.0
Druids Heath & Monyhull	660	9.2	10	0.2
Edgbaston	655	4.0	15	0.1
Erdington	1,175	9.2	15	0.2
Frankley Great Park	610	8.5	-10	-0.1
Garretts Green	585	8.9	15	0.3
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1,410	9.8	40	0.3
Gravelly Hill	870	12.0	60	0.9
Hall Green North	985	6.8	55	0.3
Hall Green South	215	3.4	10	0.1
Handsworth	1,380	16.6	65	0.8
Handsworth Wood	1,095	8.0	35	0.2
Harborne	925	5.7	10	0.0
Heartlands	850	10.5	35	0.4
Highter's Heath	420	6.2	10	0.1
Holyhead	1,040	12.8	15	0.1
King's Norton North	380	5.5	15	0.2
King's Norton South	615	9.4	25	0.4
Kingstanding	1,135	8.8	35	0.3
Ladywood	1,695	6.8	50	0.2
Longbridge & West Heath	945	7.6	20	0.2
Lozells	1,070	17.1	50	0.7
Moseley	1,135	7.8	35	0.2
Nechells	1,115	9.2	55	0.4
Newtown	1,525	14.3	75	0.7
North Edgbaston	1,960	11.3	45	0.3

Northfield	360	5.9	10	0.2
Oscott	700	5.6	15	0.1
Perry Barr	925	7.2	30	0.2
Perry Common	580	8.0	10	0.2
Pype Hayes	530	8.0	25	0.4
Quinton	855	6.8	35	0.3
Rubery & Rednal	470	7.0	25	0.3
Shard End	590	8.2	20	0.3
Sheldon	720	6.0	20	0.2
Small Heath	1,400	10.8	65	0.4
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	2,295	11.0	85	0.4
South Yardley	470	7.1	10	0.2
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2,275	13.8	85	0.5
Sparkhill	1,535	11.1	50	0.4
Stirchley	420	6.2	5	0.1
Stockland Green	1,895	11.9	55	0.3
Sutton Four Oaks	80	1.6	-5	-0.1
Sutton Mere Green	115	2.1	5	0.0
Sutton Reddicap	240	4.0	10	0.2
Sutton Roughley	120	1.8	10	0.1
Sutton Trinity	120	2.3	10	0.2
Sutton Vesey	320	2.7	10	0.1
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	185	2.0	-10	-0.1
Sutton Wylde Green	120	2.5	5	0.1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	905	11.8	35	0.5
Ward End	955	11.3	45	0.5
Weoley & Selly Oak	1,220	8.1	25	0.2
Yardley East	380	6.2	10	0.2
Yardley West & Stechford	810	10.3	45	0.6
Birmingham	62,675	8.5	2,120	0.3

Table 5 - Ward Youth 18-24 Claimant Unemployment March 2023

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Proportion %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Proportion %
Acocks Green	230	9.7	15	0.6
Allens Cross	115	12.3	0	0.0
Alum Rock	415	12.2	0	0.0
Aston	440	15.4	-10	-0.3
Balsall Heath West	150	8.0	0	0.0
Bartley Green	260	12.1	0	0.0
Billesley	180	10.6	5	0.3
Birchfield	220	14.1	10	0.6
Bordesley & Highgate	205	7.9	0	0.0
Bordesley Green	185	12.1	15	1.0
Bournbrook & Selly Park	155	1.0	5	0.0
Bournville & Cotteridge	110	6.3	0	0.0
Brandwood & King's Heath	125	8.5	-5	-0.3
Bromford & Hodge Hill	225	9.3	10	0.4
Castle Vale	100	11.0	-5	-0.5
Druids Heath & Monyhull	130	12.9	-5	-0.5
Edgbaston	95	1.4	15	0.2
Erdington	220	13.7	25	1.6
Frankley Great Park	145	14.5	0	0.0
Garretts Green	110	10.2	5	0.5
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	270	12.6	5	0.2
Gravelly Hill	140	11.4	15	1.2
Hall Green North	195	8.1	5	0.2
Hall Green South	35	4.4	5	0.6
Handsworth	220	16.0	10	0.7
Handsworth Wood	190	8.7	15	0.7
Harborne	150	5.8	0	0.0
Heartlands	150	9.3	5	0.3
Highter's Heath	85	10.4	5	0.6
Holyhead	170	12.4	0	0.0
King's Norton North	65	7.0	0	0.0
King's Norton South	115	12.3	5	0.5
Kingstanding	255	12.7	15	0.7
Ladywood	230	3.7	5	0.1
Longbridge & West Heath	175	10.7	0	0.0
Lozells	165	13.0	5	0.4
Moseley	160	8.5	10	0.5
Nechells	200	4.0	20	0.4
Newtown	275	7.7	15	0.4
North Edgbaston	350	10.5	0	0.0

Northfield	65	8.3	5	0.6
Oscott	130	8.1	0	0.0
Perry Barr	185	9.3	15	0.8
Perry Common	100	10.0	-5	-0.5
Pype Hayes	100	12.3	10	1.2
Quinton	135	8.0	0	0.0
Rubery & Rednal	110	12.1	10	1.1
Shard End	110	11.7	5	0.5
Sheldon	140	8.7	10	0.6
Small Heath	235	8.8	-5	-0.2
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	340	8.8	0	0.0
South Yardley	95	11.2	5	0.6
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	395	12.6	15	0.5
Sparkhill	280	10.2	15	0.5
Stirchley	70	9.0	0	0.0
Stockland Green	350	15.2	0	0.0
Sutton Four Oaks	10	1.7	0	0.0
Sutton Mere Green	15	2.4	0	0.0
Sutton Reddicap	55	7.1	0	0.0
Sutton Roughley	30	4.0	5	0.7
Sutton Trinity	20	4.0	0	0.0
Sutton Vesey	45	2.9	0	0.0
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	30	2.9	-5	-0.5
Sutton Wylde Green	30	5.0	0	0.0
Tyseley & Hay Mills	185	15.1	10	0.8
Ward End	180	10.7	15	0.9
Weoley & Selly Oak	235	8.6	15	0.5
Yardley East	70	7.5	-5	-0.5
Yardley West & Stechford	175	13.4	15	1.1
Birmingham	11,335	8.7	330	0.2