

Claimant Count Unemployment Monthly Update – November 2024 Data

Please Note: Recent changes to Universal Credit (UC) including a further transition of some claimants on legacy benefits and an increase in the Administrative Earnings Threshold has resulted in many more UC claimants being moved into the 'Intensive Work Search' category and thus being counted in the claimant count figures. More detail can be found [here](#).

Total Claimant Count

In November 2024, unadjusted claimant count numbers in the city increased by 900 to 80,545. The unadjusted claimant rate (% of the economically active population) increased to 14.8%, with the claimant proportion (% of the whole working age population) also increasing, to 10.9%. Claimant numbers also increased in the WMCA (Met area) and the UK last month.

Youth Claimant Count

In Birmingham, the unadjusted youth (18-24) claimant count increased by 445 in November to 14,205. The unadjusted youth unemployment rate increased to 15.7%, with the youth claimant proportion also increasing, to 10.4%. Unadjusted youth unemployment rates increased in the WMCA (13.6%) and for the UK as a whole (8.2%) in November.

Core Cities

Table 1 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for November 2024 for the core cities. Birmingham has the highest claimant unemployment rate (14.8%) amongst the core cities and is well above the UK average (5.1%). Five of the ten core cities saw claimant numbers increase last month.

Table 1: Core City Claimant Count November 2024

Arial	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Birmingham	80,545	14.8	900	0.1
Manchester	26,615	8.9	-320	-0.1
Nottingham	14,130	8.7	-75	0.0
Liverpool	20,395	8.0	105	0.0
Glasgow	22,795	7.0	-85	0.0
Leeds	26,180	6.5	80	0.0
Newcastle	9,510	6.2	10	0.0
Sheffield	18,050	6.0	-140	0.0
Cardiff	10,320	5.1	25	0.1
Bristol	12,420	4.7	-15	0.0
UK	1,757,375	5.1	3,045	0.0
London	359,855	7.2	3,555	0.1

West Midlands Region

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

Table 2: West Midlands Claimant Count November 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Birmingham	80,545	14.8	900	0.1
Wolverhampton	13,195	10.3	-65	0.0
Sandwell	15,950	9.9	-25	0.0
Walsall	11,410	7.9	5	0.0
Coventry	13,740	6.9	10	0.1
Dudley	10,085	6.1	-120	-0.1
Solihull	4,750	4.5	10	0.0
WMCA Met Area	149,675	10.3	715	0.0
West Midlands	211,275	7.1	555	0.1
UK	1,757,375	5.1	3,045	0.0

Birmingham Constituencies

Table 3 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for November 2024 for the 10 parliamentary constituencies in the city. Ladywood constituency has the highest claimant count unemployment rate at 28.0% and Sutton Coldfield the lowest at 3.0%. Nine of the ten constituencies saw an increase in claimant numbers last month. The largest increase in claimant count numbers in November occurred in Ladywood (+235) and Perry Barr (+205).

Table 3: Birmingham Constituency Claimant Count November 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Edgbaston	6,480	12.4	45	0.1
Erdington	8,470	8.9	105	0.1
Hall Green and Moseley	9,195	23.7	120	0.3
Hodge Hill and Solihull North	8,480	14.7	75	0.1
Ladywood	15,820	28.0	235	0.4
Northfield	5,185	8.6	10	0.0
Perry Barr	12,855	25.6	205	0.4
Selly Oak	4,785	8.4	-15	0.0
Sutton Coldfield	1,585	3.0	20	0.0
Yardley	8,455	25.5	100	0.3
Birmingham	81,375	15.0	1,855	0.4

Birmingham Wards

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

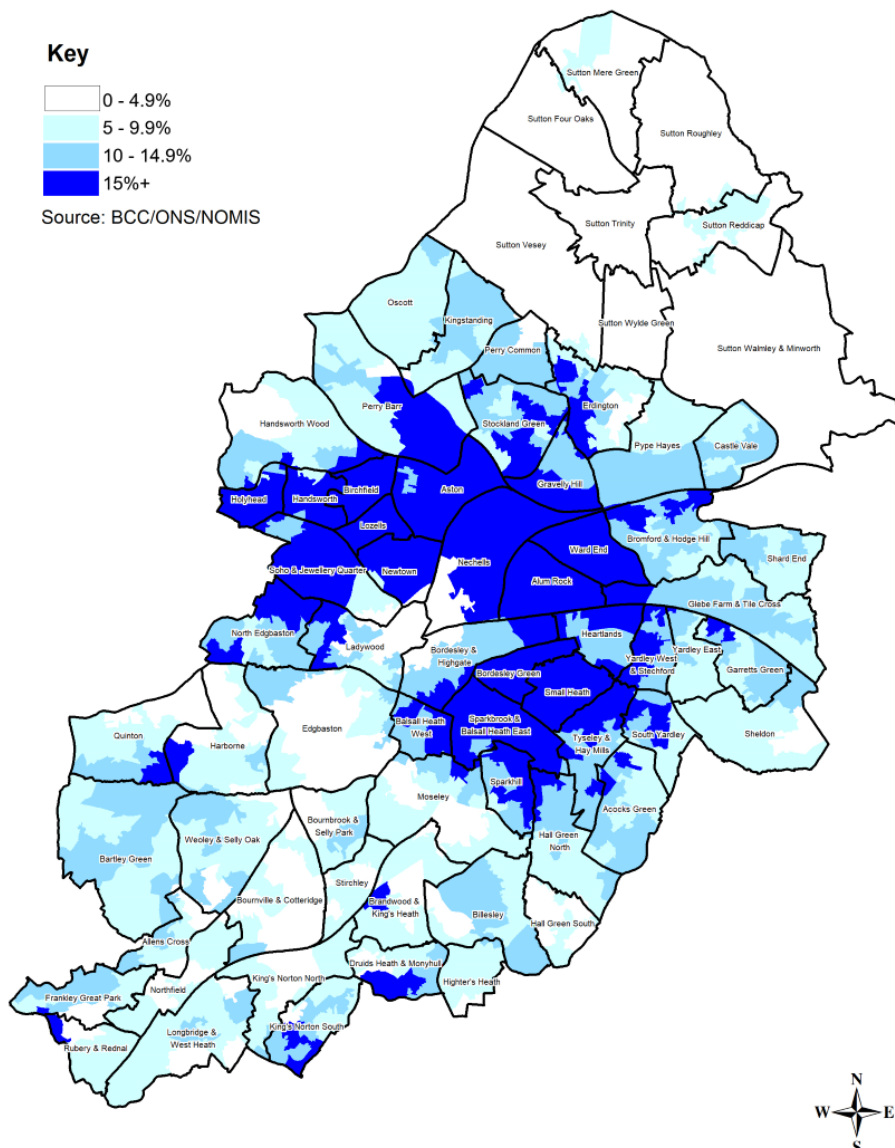
Lozells (24.1%) and Aston (22.3%) wards have the highest claimant proportions. The Sutton wards (Sutton Reddicap aside) have the lowest claimant proportions, all 3.2% or under.

48 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 Soho & Jewellery Quarter (+115) and Glebe Farm (+60).

In terms of ward youth unemployment Handsworth (21.3%) and Birchfield (21.0%) have the highest youth claimant proportions. 44 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.

Map 1 Birmingham Claimant Count Unemployment Proportions



Date: 14/10/2024
Scale 1:110,000

Table 4 - Ward Claimant Unemployment November 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Proportion %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Proportion %
Acocks Green	1,665	10.9	10	0.1
Allens Cross	525	8.2	10	0.2
Alum Rock	3,215	19.2	40	0.2
Aston	3,425	22.3	55	0.4
Balsall Heath West	1,165	14.8	0	0.1
Bartley Green	1,290	9.4	5	0.1
Billesley	1,110	9.3	10	0.1
Birchfield	1,795	21.5	20	0.2
Bordesley & Highgate	1,620	14.3	5	0.1
Bordesley Green	1,545	19.5	30	0.3
Bournbrook & Selly Park	845	3.8	-5	0.0
Bournville & Cotteridge	585	5.3	-10	-0.1
Brandwood & King's Heath	855	7.3	-10	0.0
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1,565	11.8	15	0.1
Castle Vale	595	10.0	20	0.4
Druids Heath & Monyhull	710	9.9	-20	-0.3
Edgbaston	725	4.4	0	0.0
Erdington	1,375	10.7	35	0.3
Frankley Great Park	710	9.9	-5	-0.1
Garretts Green	770	11.7	10	0.1
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1,820	12.6	60	0.4
Gravelly Hill	1,125	15.5	5	0.1
Hall Green North	1,580	11.0	25	0.2
Hall Green South	305	4.9	10	0.1
Handsworth	1,820	22.0	55	0.7
Handsworth Wood	1,335	9.8	40	0.3
Harborne	1,055	6.5	-20	-0.1
Heartlands	1,270	15.8	5	0.1
Highter's Heath	485	7.2	0	0.0
Holyhead	1,350	16.7	15	0.2
King's Norton North	440	6.4	10	0.2
King's Norton South	635	9.7	5	0.1
Kingstanding	1,370	10.6	20	0.1
Ladywood	2,010	8.1	15	0.1
Longbridge & West Heath	950	7.6	0	0.0
Lozells	1,500	24.1	5	0.1
Moseley	1,255	8.7	25	0.2
Nechells	1,475	12.2	-5	0.0
Newtown	1,955	18.3	30	0.2
North Edgbaston	2,455	14.1	30	0.2

Northfield	360	5.9	-10	-0.2
Oscott	845	6.8	-25	-0.2
Perry Barr	1,240	9.6	20	0.1
Perry Common	725	10.0	-15	-0.2
Pype Hayes	630	9.5	30	0.5
Quinton	955	7.6	25	0.2
Rubery & Rednal	525	7.8	10	0.1
Shard End	750	10.4	-20	-0.3
Sheldon	910	7.6	0	0.0
Small Heath	2,340	18.1	50	0.3
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	2,825	13.5	115	0.5
South Yardley	665	10.0	5	0.1
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	3,230	19.6	30	0.2
Sparkhill	2,290	16.5	30	0.2
Stirchley	470	7.0	0	0.0
Stockland Green	2,190	13.8	25	0.2
Sutton Four Oaks	85	1.7	-5	0.0
Sutton Mere Green	150	2.8	10	0.2
Sutton Reddicap	290	4.9	10	0.2
Sutton Roughley	170	2.6	-5	0.0
Sutton Trinity	140	2.7	-5	-0.1
Sutton Vesey	355	3.0	-5	0.0
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	235	2.6	5	0.1
Sutton Wylde Green	155	3.2	10	0.2
Tyseley & Hay Mills	1,185	15.4	20	0.2
Ward End	1,540	18.2	10	0.1
Weoley & Selly Oak	1,305	8.7	15	0.1
Yardley East	555	9.0	5	0.2
Yardley West & Stechford	1,140	14.5	15	0.2
Birmingham	80,545	10.9	900	0.1

Table 5 - Ward Youth 18-24 Claimant Unemployment November 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Proportion %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Proportion %
Acocks Green	280	11.9	5	0.2
Allens Cross	135	15.0	20	2.2
Alum Rock	555	14.3	10	0.3
Aston	525	17.8	10	0.3
Balsall Heath West	180	9.9	15	0.8
Bartley Green	250	13.2	0	0.0
Billesley	225	12.9	20	1.1
Birchfield	310	21.0	15	1.0
Bordesley & Highgate	260	9.4	10	0.4
Bordesley Green	285	16.9	10	0.6
Bournbrook & Selly Park	185	1.3	-15	-0.1
Bournville & Cotteridge	120	6.3	-10	-0.5
Brandwood & King's Heath	160	11.9	0	0.0
Bromford & Hodge Hill	275	10.9	15	0.6
Castle Vale	140	15.4	10	1.1
Druids Heath & Monyhull	150	15.3	0	0.0
Edgbaston	95	1.9	0	0.0
Erdington	250	15.0	5	0.3
Frankley Great Park	175	16.8	5	0.5
Garretts Green	155	13.2	5	0.4
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	355	15.3	25	1.1
Gravelly Hill	210	18.8	10	0.9
Hall Green North	260	10.5	10	0.4
Hall Green South	50	5.6	10	1.1
Handsworth	325	21.3	20	1.3
Handsworth Wood	245	11.6	15	0.7
Harborne	165	7.5	5	0.2
Heartlands	200	11.9	-5	-0.3
Highter's Heath	95	12.6	0	0.0
Holyhead	230	19.1	5	0.4
King's Norton North	90	9.7	0	0.0
King's Norton South	120	13.1	-5	-0.5
Kingstanding	305	15.7	5	0.3
Ladywood	260	4.9	0	0.0
Longbridge & West Heath	185	11.0	10	0.6
Lozells	230	14.6	5	0.3
Moseley	210	12.8	-5	-0.3
Nechells	240	4.9	5	0.1
Newtown	285	5.8	5	0.1
North Edgbaston	435	15.9	-10	-0.4

Northfield	75	10.5	0	0.0
Oscott	150	9.6	0	0.0
Perry Barr	190	10.7	5	0.3
Perry Common	150	15.5	-5	-0.5
Pype Hayes	115	14.2	5	0.6
Quinton	175	10.6	10	0.6
Rubery & Rednal	115	14.4	10	1.3
Shard End	140	14.8	-10	-1.1
Sheldon	160	9.4	0	0.0
Small Heath	385	13.0	40	1.4
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	460	13.6	45	1.3
South Yardley	115	13.1	0	0.0
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	555	15.6	5	0.1
Sparkhill	410	14.5	20	0.7
Stirchley	75	9.9	5	0.7
Stockland Green	410	17.3	-5	-0.2
Sutton Four Oaks	10	1.7	-5	-0.8
Sutton Mere Green	30	4.7	5	0.8
Sutton Reddicap	65	9.0	10	1.4
Sutton Roughley	35	4.6	0	0.0
Sutton Trinity	25	4.0	0	0.0
Sutton Vesey	60	4.8	-5	-0.4
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	40	3.9	10	1.0
Sutton Wylde Green	40	6.8	5	0.9
Tyseley & Hay Mills	205	17.9	15	1.3
Ward End	240	13.0	15	0.8
Weoley & Selly Oak	280	11.7	5	0.2
Yardley East	85	8.9	0	0.0
Yardley West & Stechford	210	15.1	15	1.1
Birmingham	14,205	10.4	445	0.3