

Claimant Count Unemployment Monthly Update – March 2024 Data

Total Claimant Count

In March 2024, unadjusted claimant count numbers in the city increased by 1,970 to 66,875. The unadjusted claimant rate (% of the economically active population) increased to 12.3%, with the claimant proportion (% of the whole working age population) also increasing to 9.1%. 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 320 in March to 12,865. The unadjusted youth unemployment rate increased to 14.0%, with the youth claimant proportion also increasing to 9.9%. Unadjusted youth unemployment rates increased in the WMCA (13.4.%) and for the UK as a whole (7.9%) in March.

Core Cities

Table 1 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for March 2024 for the core cities. Birmingham has the highest claimant unemployment rate (12.3%) amongst the core cities and is well above the UK average (4.8%). Eight of ten core cities saw claimant numbers increase last month.

Table 1: Core City Claimant Count March 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Birmingham	66,875	12.3	1,970	0.4
Nottingham	13,310	8.2	355	0.3
Manchester	24,800	8.2	555	0.1
Liverpool	18,955	7.5	190	0.1
Glasgow	21,750	6.6	765	0.2
Leeds	24,320	6.0	560	0.1
Newcastle	8,595	5.6	155	0.1
Sheffield	15,900	5.3	-190	0.0
Cardiff	9,725	4.8	160	0.1
Bristol	11,725	4.5	-30	0.0
UK	1,626,235	4.8	30,880	0.1
London	312,775	6.2	5,875	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. All of the seven Met areas saw an increase in unemployment in March, as did the West Midlands region.

Table 2: West Midlands Claimant Count March 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Birmingham	66,875	12.3	1,970	0.4
Wolverhampton	12,305	9.6	365	0.3
Sandwell	13,540	8.4	340	0.2
Walsall	9,780	6.7	180	0.1
Coventry	12,645	6.3	125	0.1
Dudley	9,205	5.6	125	0.1
Solihull	4,275	4.0	95	0.1
WMCA Met Area	128,625	8.9	3,200	0.3
West Midlands	186,525	6.2	4,410	0.1
UK	1,626,235	4.8	30,880	0.1

Birmingham Constituencies

Table 3 below shows the unadjusted claimant count unemployment data for March 2024 for the 10 parliamentary constituencies in the city. Ladywood constituency has the highest claimant count unemployment rate at 22.8% and Sutton Coldfield the lowest at 2.7%. All of the ten constituencies saw an increase in claimant numbers last month. The largest increase in claimant count numbers in March occurred in Ladywood (+435).

Table 3: Birmingham Constituency Claimant Count March 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Rate %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Rate %
Edgbaston	4,805	9.2	165	0.3
Erdington	6,790	13.2	220	0.5
Hall Green	7,420	21.3	325	0.9
Hodge Hill	9,020	18.4	425	0.8
Ladywood	13,055	17.3	505	0.7
Northfield	4,605	7.1	95	0.2
Perry Barr	8,140	16.5	285	0.6
Selly Oak	4,230	6.1	105	0.1
Sutton Coldfield	1,350	2.3	15	0.0
Yardley	6,415	14.2	270	0.6
Birmingham	65,830	12.0	2,410	0.5

Birmingham Wards

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

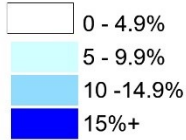
Lozells (18.8%) and Handsworth (18.6%) have the highest claimant proportions. The Sutton wards (Sutton Reddicap aside) have the lowest claimant proportions, all 3% or under. 62 of the 69 wards in the city saw unemployment increase last month. The largest increase in total claimant numbers at a ward level occurred in Aston (+130) and Small Heath (+100).

In terms of ward youth unemployment Handsworth (21.8%) and Stockland Green (18.2%) have the highest youth claimant proportions. 39 of the city's wards saw youth claimant numbers increase last month.

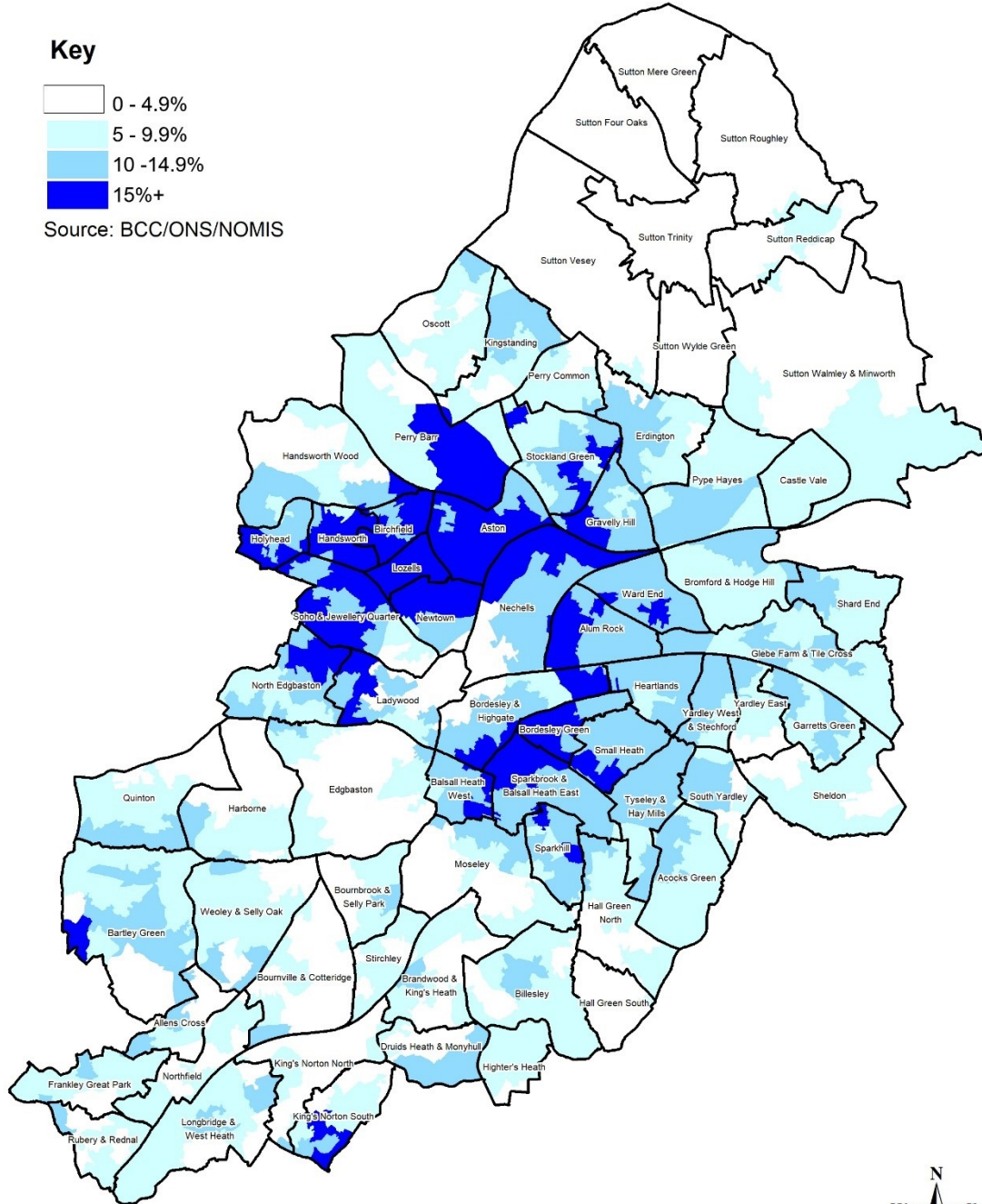
The map below highlights that the highest levels of claimant unemployment are concentrated in the inner city and in areas to the north west of the city centre.

Map 1 Birmingham Claimant Count Unemployment Proportions February 2024

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Source: BCC/ONS/NOMIS



Date: 03/04/2024
Scale 1:110,000

Table 4 - Ward Claimant Unemployment March 2024

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Proportion %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Proportion %
Acocks Green	1,410	9.2	15	0.1
Allens Cross	515	8.0	15	0.1
Alum Rock	2,415	14.4	55	0.3
Aston	2,810	18.3	130	0.9
Balsall Heath West	905	11.5	35	0.5
Bartley Green	1,255	9.1	15	0.1
Billesley	960	8.0	35	0.3
Birchfield	1,470	17.6	55	0.7
Bordesley & Highgate	1,355	11.9	50	0.4
Bordesley Green	1,240	15.7	85	1.1
Bournbrook & Selly Park	735	3.3	20	0.1
Bournville & Cotteridge	550	5.0	35	0.3
Brandwood & King's Heath	755	6.4	20	0.2
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1,180	8.9	40	0.3
Castle Vale	520	8.7	10	0.1
Druids Heath & Monyhull	640	8.9	15	0.2
Edgbaston	660	4.0	30	0.2
Erdington	1,160	9.0	25	0.1
Frankley Great Park	635	8.8	20	0.2
Garretts Green	640	9.7	10	0.1
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1,420	9.8	25	0.1
Gravelly Hill	930	12.8	-5	-0.1
Hall Green North	1,085	7.5	75	0.5
Hall Green South	205	3.3	0	0.0
Handsworth	1,545	18.6	0	0.0
Handsworth Wood	1,125	8.3	25	0.2
Harborne	955	5.9	40	0.2
Heartlands	935	11.6	55	0.7
Highter's Heath	410	6.1	15	0.2
Holyhead	1,095	13.5	25	0.3
King's Norton North	390	5.7	25	0.4
King's Norton South	610	9.3	20	0.3
Kingstanding	1,245	9.7	50	0.4
Ladywood	1,795	7.2	65	0.2
Longbridge & West Heath	895	7.2	5	0.1
Lozells	1,170	18.8	40	0.7
Moseley	1,110	7.7	30	0.3
Nechells	1,205	9.9	40	0.3
Newtown	1,630	15.3	70	0.7
North Edgbaston	2,085	12.0	20	0.1

Northfield	360	5.8	10	0.1
Oscott	740	5.9	15	0.1
Perry Barr	1,020	7.9	85	0.6
Perry Common	610	8.4	5	0.0
Pype Hayes	525	7.9	5	0.0
Quinton	820	6.5	0	0.0
Rubery & Rednal	460	6.9	15	0.3
Shard End	660	9.1	10	0.1
Sheldon	750	6.2	30	0.2
Small Heath	1,660	12.9	100	0.8
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	2,490	11.9	60	0.2
South Yardley	520	7.8	5	0.1
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2,520	15.3	95	0.6
Sparkhill	1,710	12.4	30	0.3
Stirchley	440	6.6	25	0.4
Stockland Green	2,010	12.6	25	0.1
Sutton Four Oaks	95	1.9	10	0.2
Sutton Mere Green	110	2.1	15	0.3
Sutton Reddicap	255	4.2	0	-0.1
Sutton Roughley	135	2.0	5	0.1
Sutton Trinity	130	2.4	10	0.1
Sutton Vesey	310	2.6	15	0.1
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	255	2.8	25	0.3
Sutton Wylde Green	125	2.6	5	0.1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	915	11.9	0	0.0
Ward End	1,130	13.3	30	0.3
Weoley & Selly Oak	1,205	8.0	0	0.0
Yardley East	410	6.6	10	0.1
Yardley West & Stechford	865	11.0	5	0.1
Birmingham	66,875	9.1	1,970	0.3

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

Area	Claimant Count	Claimant Proportion %	Monthly Change in Claimants	Monthly Change in Proportion %
Acocks Green	265	11.2	10	0.4
Allens Cross	110	11.8	10	1.1
Alum Rock	505	14.8	0	0.0
Aston	485	16.9	15	0.5
Balsall Heath West	175	9.3	20	1.1
Bartley Green	250	11.7	-5	-0.2
Billesley	195	11.5	5	0.3
Birchfield	245	15.7	5	0.3
Bordesley & Highgate	270	10.3	15	0.6
Bordesley Green	250	16.4	30	2.0
Bournbrook & Selly Park	170	1.1	15	0.1
Bournville & Cotteridge	105	6.0	0	0.0
Brandwood & King's Heath	135	9.2	-10	-0.7
Bromford & Hodge Hill	255	10.5	-5	-0.2
Castle Vale	120	13.2	5	0.5
Druids Heath & Monyhull	130	12.9	10	1.0
Edgbaston	80	1.2	5	0.1
Erdington	220	13.7	15	0.9
Frankley Great Park	140	14.0	-10	-1.0
Garretts Green	165	15.2	25	2.3
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	305	14.2	10	0.5
Gravelly Hill	175	14.2	-15	-1.2
Hall Green North	190	7.9	-5	-0.2
Hall Green South	45	5.6	0	0.0
Handsworth	300	21.8	5	0.4
Handsworth Wood	225	10.3	0	0.0
Harborne	140	5.4	5	0.2
Heartlands	190	11.8	5	0.3
Highter's Heath	85	10.4	5	0.6
Holyhead	210	15.3	15	1.1
King's Norton North	85	9.2	5	0.5
King's Norton South	125	13.3	-5	-0.5
Kingstanding	295	14.6	20	1.0
Ladywood	250	4.0	0	0.0
Longbridge & West Heath	180	11.0	5	0.3
Lozells	205	16.1	5	0.4
Moseley	185	9.8	0	0.0
Nechells	225	4.5	15	0.3
Newtown	265	7.4	0	0.0
North Edgbaston	405	12.2	10	0.3

Northfield	70	8.9	0	0.0
Oscott	150	9.4	5	0.3
Perry Barr	185	9.3	15	0.8
Perry Common	130	13.0	0	0.0
Pype Hayes	95	11.7	0	0.0
Quinton	150	8.9	10	0.6
Rubery & Rednal	105	11.6	-5	-0.6
Shard End	125	13.3	0	0.0
Sheldon	155	9.6	5	0.3
Small Heath	295	11.0	10	0.4
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	410	10.6	10	0.3
South Yardley	110	13.0	-5	-0.6
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	495	15.8	20	0.6
Sparkhill	345	12.6	0	0.0
Stirchley	65	8.4	0	0.0
Stockland Green	420	18.2	5	0.2
Sutton Four Oaks	10	1.7	0	0.0
Sutton Mere Green	25	4.0	10	1.6
Sutton Reddicap	50	6.4	0	0.0
Sutton Roughley	25	3.4	-5	-0.7
Sutton Trinity	20	4.0	0	0.0
Sutton Vesey	50	3.2	5	0.3
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	50	4.9	5	0.5
Sutton Wylde Green	30	5.0	0	0.0
Tyseley & Hay Mills	190	15.5	0	0.0
Ward End	250	14.8	20	1.2
Weoley & Selly Oak	260	9.5	5	0.2
Yardley East	80	8.6	0	0.0
Yardley West & Stechford	175	13.4	-15	-1.1
Birmingham	12,865	9.9	320	0.2