

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) – Claims Received up to 31st August

In Summary

- Across the Black Country area, there were 49,100 of the population eligible for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). There were 31,200 claims made to the 31st August 2020, which equates to a value of £73,600,000 or on average around £2,400 per claim. The take-up rate for the Black Country was 64%.
- At a West Midlands regional level, overall, there were around 261,000¹ of the population eligible for the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 60% based on the total number of claims of 157,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 186,400 for the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 62% at the end of August which is based on the total number of claims of 116,000. There were 74,600 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 55% based on the total number of claims of 40,800.
- In the West Midlands region, the broad industry sector with the highest eligible population for the SEISS is construction at 81,200 and also had the highest number of claims with 53,600 and a total value of £163,900,000. Although, transportation and storage had the highest take-up rate at 74%.

In Depth

Across the Black Country area, there were 49,100 of the population eligible for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). There were 31,200 claims made to the 31st August 2020, which equates to a value of £73,600,000 or on average around £2,400 per claim. The take-up rate² for the Black Country was 64%, for the UK the take-up rate was 60%.

Compared to July 2020, for the Black Country area, the total potentially eligible population decreased by 400 people. The number of claims reduced by 7,700 and in value by £31,900,000. The average value of claims decreased by £300 and the take-up rate reduced by 15 percentage points.

Black Country – Parliamentary Constituencies

The following table shows a breakdown by parliamentary constituency for eligible population, claims and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 31st August 2020. Eligible population varies from 3,200 in Wolverhampton North East to 4,400 in Stourbridge. Total number of claims vary from 1,900 in Wolverhampton North East to 2,800 in Stourbridge. The total value of claims varies from £4,800,000 in Wolverhampton North East to £6,800,000 in Stourbridge. The take-up rate varies from 60% in Wolverhampton North East to 66% in Walsall North.

	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 31/8/20	Total value of claims made to 31/8/20	Average value of claims made to 31/8/20	Take-Up Rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	3,700	2,400	£6,500,000	£2,700	65%
Dudley North	3,800	2,500	£6,200,000	£2,500	65%
Dudley South	3,400	2,200	£5,400,000	£2,500	64%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,900	2,500	£6,100,000	£2,500	64%
Stourbridge	4,400	2,800	£6,800,000	£2,400	65%
Walsall North	4,100	2,700	£6,600,000	£2,500	66%
Walsall South	4,200	2,700	£5,700,000	£2,100	64%
Warley	4,100	2,600	£5,400,000	£2,100	63%
West Bromwich East	3,500	2,200	£5,100,000	£2,300	62%
West Bromwich West	3,700	2,400	£5,200,000	£2,200	64%
Wolverhampton North East	3,200	1,900	£4,800,000	£2,500	60%
Wolverhampton South East	3,500	2,200	£5,000,000	£2,300	62%
Wolverhampton South West	3,700	2,200	£5,100,000	£2,300	61%

¹ Please note, due to rounding the total figure may not equal the gender split.

² Take-up is based on total number of claims to date (excludes error and rejected cases) over total potentially eligible population (includes error and rejected cases).

The following table shows a breakdown by local authority for eligible population, claims and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 31st August 2020. The take-up rate varies from 60% in Wolverhampton to 65% in Walsall.

	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 31/8/20	Total value of claims made to 31/8/20	Average value of claims made to 31/8/20	Take-Up Rate
Dudley	14,400	9,300	22,800,000	2,500	64%
Sandwell	13,000	8,300	18,300,000	2,200	63%
Walsall	11,900	7,700	18,800,000	2,400	65%
Wolverhampton	9,800	5,900	13,700,000	2,300	60%
Black Country LEP	49,100	31,200	73,600,000	2,400	64%
West Midlands Region	261,000	157,000	382,000,000	2,400	60%
UK	3,390,000	2,019,000	5,109,000,000	2,500	60%

Regional Analysis - West Midlands: Claims by Age and Gender

At a West Midlands regional level, overall, there were around 261,000³ of the population eligible for the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 60% based on the total number of claims of 157,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 186,400 for the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 62% at the end of August which is based on the total number of claims of 116,000. There were 74,600 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 55% based on the total number of claims of 40,800.

The highest take-up rate in the West Midlands for males were those aged 25 – 34 years old and 35- 44 years old at 67%, with the lowest take-up rate for those aged 65 years and over at 44%. While for females, the highest take-up rate was those aged 25-34 years old at 59%, with the lowest take up rate for those aged 65 years and over at 36%.

The following table shows a breakdown by age and gender across the West Midlands region:

Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/8/20	Total value of claims made to 31/8/20	Average value of claims made to date	Proportion of total eligible population in country/region	Proportion of total number of claims made to date in country/region	Proportion of total value of claims made in country/region	Take-Up Rate
Male	16-24	7,200	4,300	£8,100,000	£1,900	3%	3%	2%	59%
	25-34	34,500	23,000	£60,600,000	£2,600	13%	15%	16%	67%
	35-44	41,900	28,200	£73,000,000	£2,600	16%	18%	19%	67%
	45-54	47,700	30,300	£80,600,000	£2,700	18%	19%	21%	64%
	55-64	39,900	23,200	£61,600,000	£2,700	15%	15%	16%	58%
	65+	13,300	5,900	£17,200,000	£2,900	5%	4%	5%	44%
	Missing	1,900	1,200	£2,800,000	£2,300	1%	1%	1%	62%
	All	186,400	116,000	£303,800,000	£2,600	71%	74%	80%	62%
Female	16-24	1,900	1,000	£1,400,000	£1,400	1%	1%	0%	52%
	25-34	12,400	7,300	£13,100,000	£1,800	5%	5%	3%	59%
	35-44	17,400	9,900	£17,800,000	£1,800	7%	6%	5%	57%
	45-54	20,400	11,600	£22,500,000	£1,900	8%	7%	6%	57%
	55-64	16,400	8,600	£17,600,000	£2,000	6%	5%	5%	53%
	65+	5,300	1,900	£4,700,000	£2,500	2%	1%	1%	36%
	Missing	700	400	£800,000	£2,100	0%	0%	0%	58%
	All	74,600	40,800	£78,000,000	£1,900	29%	26%	20%	55%
All	16-24	9,100	5,300	£9,500,000	£1,800	4%	3%	2%	58%
	25-34	46,900	30,300	£73,600,000	£2,400	18%	19%	19%	65%
	35-44	59,300	38,100	£90,800,000	£2,400	23%	24%	24%	64%
	45-54	68,100	42,000	£103,200,000	£2,500	26%	27%	27%	62%
	55-64	56,300	31,800	£79,100,000	£2,500	22%	20%	21%	56%
	65+	18,500	7,800	£21,900,000	£2,800	7%	5%	6%	42%
	Missing	2,600	1,600	£3,600,000	£2,300	1%	1%	1%	61%
	All	261,000	157,000	£382,000,000	£2,400	100%	100%	100%	60%

Regional Analysis - West Midlands: Claims by Broad Sector

In the West Midlands region, the broad industry sector with the highest eligible population for the SEISS is construction at 81,200 and also had the highest number of claims with 53,600 and a total value of £163,900,000. Although, transportation and storage had the highest take-up rate at 74%.

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The following table shows a breakdown by sector for the West Midlands Region:

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/8/20	Total value of claims made to 31/8/20	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Accommodation and food service activities	6,500	3,400	£7,600,000	£2,200	53%
Administrative and support service activities	19,300	9,600	£17,000,000	£1,800	50%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,700	2,400	£6,500,000	£2,700	28%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,400	3,400	£7,200,000	£2,100	63%
Construction	81,200	53,600	£163,900,000	£3,100	66%
Education	8,900	6,000	£11,900,000	£2,000	67%
Financial and insurance activities	1,600	900	£3,200,000	£3,500	59%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	5,600	£14,200,000	£2,500	49%
Information and communication	2,400	1,200	£3,200,000	£2,700	51%
Manufacturing	7,000	4,000	£10,300,000	£2,600	58%
Other service activities	18,000	12,500	£23,300,000	£1,900	69%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,900	6,300	£18,300,000	£2,900	53%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	300	£600,000	£2,100	58%
Real estate activities	1,100	500	£1,400,000	£2,800	46%
Transportation and storage	23,900	17,700	£29,800,000	£1,700	74%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17,900	9,400	£21,500,000	£2,300	53%
Unknown and other	35,300	19,800	£41,700,000	£2,100	56%
All	261,000	157,000	£382,000,000	£2,400	60%

Source: HMRC, Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) Statistics: September 2020