

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

The figures are based on claims submitted for the second SEISS grant by 19:51pm on 30 September 2020.

Summary

- Across the Black Country area, there were 49,100 of the population eligible for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). There were 34,500 claims made to the 30th September, which equates to a value of £81.3m or on average around £2,400 per claim. The take-up rate for the Black Country area was 70%, above the UK average of 67%.
- At the West Midlands regional level, there were around 261,000 of the population eligible for the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 67% based on the total number of claims of 175,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 186,300 for the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 69% at the end of September which is based on the total number of claims of 129,000. There were 74,600 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 61% based on the total number of claims of 45,800.
- For the West Midlands region, the industry with the highest eligible population for the SEISS is in construction at 81,100 and also had the highest number of claims with 59,200 and a total value of £180.2m and for the take-up rate at 31%.

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 34,500 claims made to the 30th September, which equates to a value of £81.3m or on average around £2,400 per claim. The take-up rate¹ for the Black Country area was 70%, above the UK average of 67%.

The following table shows a breakdown by parliamentary constituency for eligible population, claims and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 30th September 2020. The take-up rate varies from 66% in Wolverhampton North East to 72% for both Stourbridge and Walsall North.

	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 30/9/20	Total value of claims made to 30/9/20	Average value of claims made to 30/9/20	Take-Up Rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	3,700	2,600	£7,000,000	£2,700	70%
Dudley North	3,800	2,700	£6,700,000	£2,500	71%
Dudley South	3,400	2,400	£5,900,000	£2,500	70%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,900	2,800	£6,800,000	£2,500	71%
Stourbridge	4,400	3,100	£7,500,000	£2,400	72%
Walsall North	4,100	2,900	£7,200,000	£2,500	72%
Walsall South	4,200	3,000	£6,300,000	£2,100	71%
Warley	4,100	2,900	£6,000,000	£2,100	71%
West Bromwich East	3,500	2,400	£5,700,000	£2,300	69%
West Bromwich West	3,700	2,600	£5,800,000	£2,200	71%
Wolverhampton North East	3,200	2,100	£5,300,000	£2,500	66%
Wolverhampton South East	3,500	2,400	£5,500,000	£2,300	69%
Wolverhampton South West	3,700	2,500	£5,600,000	£2,300	68%

The following table shows a breakdown for the Black Country for eligible population, claims and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 30th September 2020. Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall all had a take-up rate of 71%, with Wolverhampton lower at 67%.

¹ 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).

	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 30/9/20	Total value of claims made to 30/9/20	Average value of claims made to 30/9/20	Take-Up Rate
Dudley	14,400	10,200	£25,200,000	£2,500	71%
Sandwell	13,000	9,200	£20,400,000	£2,200	71%
Walsall	11,900	8,500	£20,500,000	£2,400	71%
Wolverhampton	9,800	6,600	£15,200,000	£2,300	67%
Black Country	49,100	34,500	£81,300,000	£2,400	70%
UK	3,390,000	2,261,000	5,703,000,000	2,500	67%

For the Black Country area, 37,900 of the male population were eligible for the SEISS. There were 27,500 claims made to the 30th September, which equates to a value of £69.1m or on average around £2,600 per claim. The male take-up rate for the Black Country was 73%.

There was 11,300 of the female population eligible for the SEISS in the Black Country, with 7,000 claims made to the 30th September. This equates to a value of £12.1m or on average £1,700 per claim. The female take-up rate for the Black Country was 62%.

Regional Analysis

West Midlands Region: Claims by Age and Gender

At a West Midlands regional level, there were around 261,000² of the population eligible for the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 67% based on the total number of claims of 175,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 186,300 for the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 69% at the end of September which is based on the total number of claims of 129,000. There were 74,600 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 61% based on the total number of claims of 45,800.

The highest take-up rate in the West Midlands for males were those aged 35- 44 years old at 74%, with the lowest take-up rate for those aged 65 years and over at 51%. While for females, the highest take-up rate was those aged 25-34 years old at 65%, with the lowest take up rate for those aged 65 years and over at 43%.

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

² Please note, due to rounding the total figure may not equal the gender split.

West Midlands Region	Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 30/9/20	Total value of claims made to 30/9/20	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
	Male	16-24	7,200	4,600	£8,700,000	£1,900	64%
25-34		34,500	24,900	£65,300,000	£2,600	72%	
35-44		41,900	31,100	£80,000,000	£2,600	74%	
45-54		47,700	33,900	£89,700,000	£2,600	71%	
55-64		39,900	26,400	£69,900,000	£2,700	66%	
65+		13,300	6,800	£19,700,000	£2,900	51%	
Missing		1,900	1,300	£3,100,000	£2,300	70%	
All		186,300	129,000	£336,600,000	£2,600	69%	
Female	16-24	1,900	1,100	£1,600,000	£1,400	57%	
	25-34	12,400	8,100	£14,300,000	£1,800	65%	
	35-44	17,400	11,100	£19,900,000	£1,800	64%	
	45-54	20,400	13,000	£25,200,000	£1,900	64%	
	55-64	16,400	9,800	£19,900,000	£2,000	60%	
	65+	5,300	2,300	£5,500,000	£2,500	43%	
	Missing	700	400	£900,000	£2,200	63%	
	All	74,600	45,800	£87,300,000	£1,900	61%	
All	16-24	9,100	5,700	£10,300,000	£1,800	63%	
	25-34	46,900	33,000	£79,600,000	£2,400	70%	
	35-44	59,300	42,200	£100,000,000	£2,400	71%	
	45-54	68,100	46,900	£114,900,000	£2,500	69%	
	55-64	56,300	36,200	£89,800,000	£2,500	64%	
	65+	18,500	9,000	£25,200,000	£2,800	49%	
	Missing	2,600	1,800	£4,100,000	£2,300	69%	
	All	261,000	175,000	£424,000,000	£2,400	67%	

West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Industry

The industry with the highest eligible population for the SEISS is in construction at 81,100 and also had the highest number of claims with 59,200 and a total value of £180.2m and for the take-up rate at 31%.

The following table shows a breakdown by broad industry for the West Midlands region:

	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 30/9/20	Total value of claims made to 30/9/20	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Accommodation and food service activities	6,500	4,000	£8,900,000	£2,200	2%
Administrative and support service activities	19,300	10,900	£19,200,000	£1,800	7%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,700	3,100	£8,400,000	£2,700	3%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,400	3,800	£7,900,000	£2,100	2%
Construction	81,100	59,200	£180,200,000	£3,000	31%
Education	8,900	6,500	£13,000,000	£2,000	3%
Financial and insurance activities	1,600	1,000	£3,600,000	£3,500	1%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	6,300	£15,900,000	£2,500	4%
Information and communication	2,400	1,300	£3,500,000	£2,600	1%
Manufacturing	7,000	4,600	£11,600,000	£2,500	3%
Other service activities	18,000	13,700	£25,600,000	£1,900	7%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,900	7,100	£20,400,000	£2,900	5%
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Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	300	£700,000	£2,200	0%
Real estate activities	1,100	600	£1,700,000	£2,800	0%
Transportation and storage	23,900	19,200	£32,400,000	£1,700	9%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17,900	10,900	£24,600,000	£2,300	7%
Unknown and other	35,300	22,300	£46,500,000	£2,100	14%

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