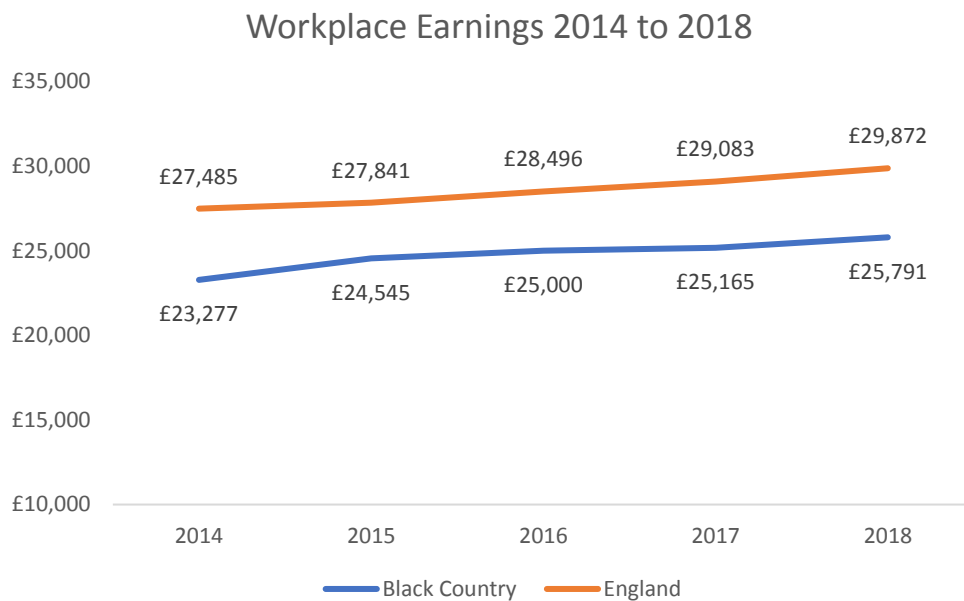


## Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) – Workplace and Resident Based

The latest annual ASHE data was released on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the data shows the gross annual pay at a workplace and resident level across areas<sup>1</sup>.

Over the past year, the Black Country workplace annual gross pay increased by **£626 (+2.5%)** to £25,791. Workplace earnings currently stands at 86% of the England average. Workplace annual gross pay increased in all of the four areas within the Black Country with Wolverhampton increasing by 5.3% (+£1,324) and Dudley by 3.8% (+£969) which was higher than England average of +2.7%. Walsall increased by 2.3% and Sandwell by 2.1%.

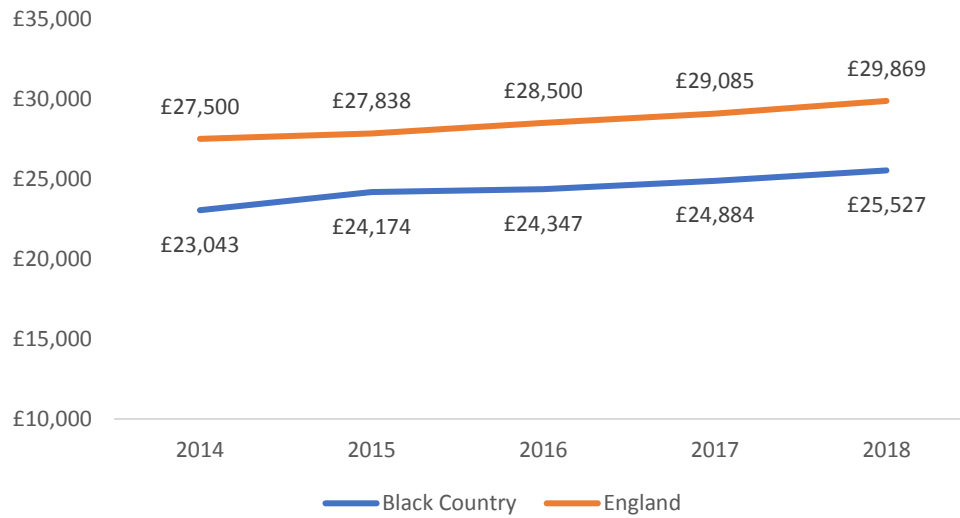


The **Black Country LEP workplace earnings increased at a slightly faster rate** compared to Coventry and Warwickshire LEP (CWLEP) and Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP (GBSLEP). CWLEP and GBSLEP increased by 2.4% (+£705 and +£679 respectively). Overall the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA 3 LEP) workplace earnings increased by 2.4%. **The West Midlands region increased by 3.3% (+£879) which is above the England average.**

The annual gross pay at a resident level also shows a positive increase. The Black Country overall has increased by **+2.6% (£643)** to reach £25,527, this is currently 85% of the England average. However, at a resident level Walsall saw the largest increase from the previous year at 4.6% (+£,1,106), followed by Wolverhampton +3.8% (£917) and Sandwell 3.1% (+£741) which are all above the England average increase of 2.7%. Dudley increased by 0.1% (+£37).

<sup>1</sup> Source, ONS: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings. 2018

### Resident Earnings 2014 to 2018



GBSLEP resident earnings increased at a slightly higher rate at 2.9% (£797) compared to the Black Country LEP increasing by 2.6% (£643) followed by CWLEP increasing by 1.1% (£322). Overall the WMCA (3 LEP) increased by 2.1% (+£587) over the past year. **The West Midlands region experienced a 3% increase which is above the England average of 2.7%**