



## GVA per Hour Worked and GVA per Filled Job: February 2019

The Black Country GVA per hour worked<sup>1</sup> increased from £26.5 in 2016 to £27.6 in 2017. This is an increase of 4.3% which is above the national average of 2.6%.

Wolverhampton's GVA per Hour Worked was £29 in 2017 this is the highest growth rate from 2016 within the West Midlands at 8.5%.

### *GVA per Hour Worked in the Black Country and England*

	2016	2017	Change	% Change
Dudley	£25.9	£26.8	£1.0	3.8%
Sandwell	£26.0	£27.8	£1.8	6.8%
Walsall	£27.5	£27.0	-£0.5	-1.9%
Wolverhampton	£26.7	£29.0	£2.3	8.5%
Black Country	£26.5	£27.6	£1.1	4.3%
England	£33.3	£34.2	£0.9	2.6%

Across the WMCA 3 LEP geography, robust growth rates were observed with the Black Country reporting the highest growth rate in GVA per hour worked. This was followed closely by Coventry and Warwickshire LEP (CWLEP) at 4.0% (to £32.8) and then Birmingham and Solihull LEP (GBSLEP) at 2.1% (to £31.9).

GVA per filled job<sup>2</sup> also displays a positive story with the Black Country increasing by 2.8% to £45,057 in 2017, this is above the national average growth rate of 2.5%.

Within the Black Country the largest growth rate for GVA per filled job was in Wolverhampton by 6.8% (to £46,588) in 2017, followed by Dudley at 2.7% (to £43,265).

### *GVA per Filled Job in the Black Country and England*

	2016	2017	Change	% Change
Dudley	£42,109	£43,265	£1,156	2.7%
Sandwell	£46,023	£46,442	£419	0.9%
Walsall	£43,270	£43,963	£693	1.6%
Wolverhampton	£43,617	£46,588	£2,971	6.8%
Black Country	£43,829	£45,057	£1,227	2.8%
England	£53,833	£55,157	£1,324	2.5%

The Black Country experienced the highest growth between 2016 to 2017 in GVA per filled job within the WMCA 3 LEP, this was followed by GBSLEP at 1.8% (to £51,180) and CWLEP at 0.9% (to £52,828).

Source: ONS, Regional and Subregional Productivity in the UK, February 2019 (Nominal, Unsmoothed GVA Balanced)

<sup>1</sup>GVA per hour worked divides GVA by the total hours worked by the workforce in the area.

<sup>2</sup> GVA per filled job allocates GVA to the number of jobs in the area.