

Black Country Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) Statistics: Released July 2021¹

Summary

- In total, the Black Country area had 38,900 employments furloughed on the 31st May 2021. This reflects an 8.1% take-up of eligible employments for the scheme, compared to UK-wide of 8.2%.
- As of 31st May 2021, there was a higher percentage of males furloughed at 8.8% (21,200), compared to females at 7.3% (17,600). Whereas the UK had a take up rate of 8.5% for males and 7.8% for females.
- For the Black Country area, on the 31st May 2021, the sector with the highest number of employments furloughed was accommodation and food services at 8,020.
- For the UK, the number of employments on furlough has fallen since January and provisional figures show on the 31st May there was just over 2.36m furloughed.
- For all age bands the number of employments on furlough decreased across February to May 2021. The largest reductions in the number of employments on furlough in May have been for younger employees in the 18 to 24 and 25 to 34 age bands. The biggest proportionate reduction was for the under 18 age band.
- Since January, the number of employments on furlough has decreased by a larger proportion amongst large employers. Employers with 250 or more employees have seen a 67% reduction in employments on furlough since the peak in January, in comparison with a 28% reduction amongst employers with one employee. This may reflect the varying impact of the pandemic on businesses of differing sizes.

Full Briefing

- This briefing reports on the thirteenth release of Official Statistics on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), commonly known as furlough. This briefing provides analysis of claims for periods up to 31st May 2021. The data used includes claims submitted to HMRC by 14th June 2021.

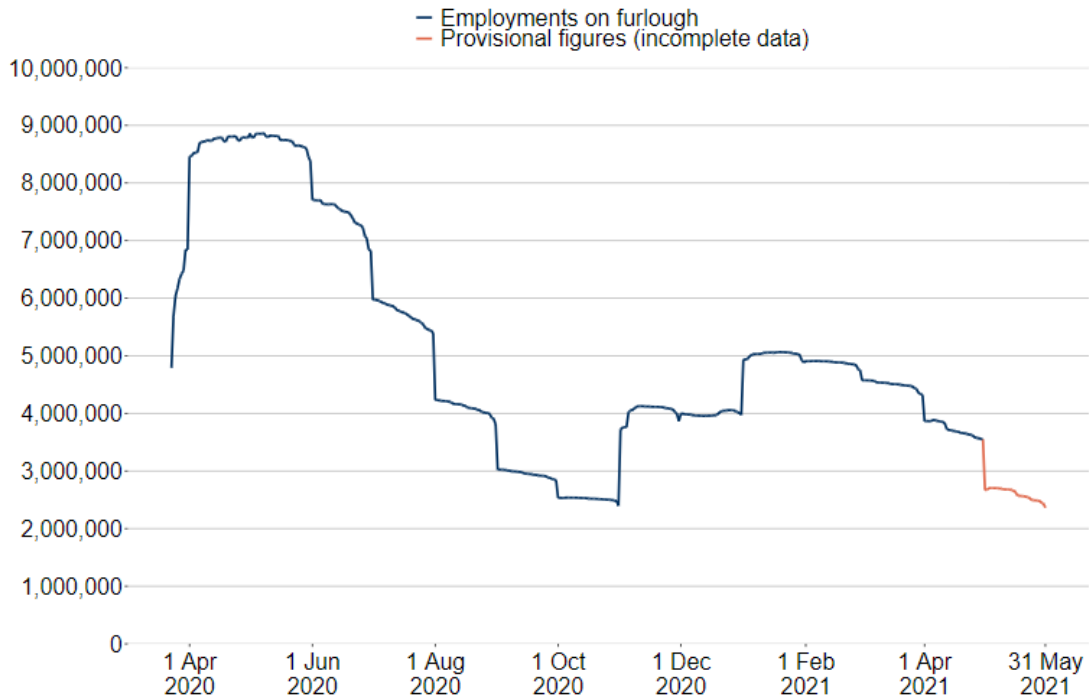
Furloughed Employments Over Time – UK & West Midlands Region

- For the UK, the number of employments on furlough peaked at 8.9 million on 8th May 2020. This fell to 2.4 million at 31st October, rose again to 4.9 million employments on furlough at 31st January 2021. However, the number of employments on furlough has fallen since January and provisional figures show on the 31st May there was just over 2.36m furloughed.

¹ Source: HMRC, Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme statistics: July 2021. Please note, the data for May 2021 is not yet fully complete as while claims relating to May 2021 should have been filed by 14 June 2021, employers could file claims later with the agreement of HMRC if they had a reasonable excuse. Claims for April 2021 could also be amended until 28 June 2021. Together these factors are likely to have a small effect on the statistics. Based on figures for April, which have been revised since the previous release, it is estimated that the number of employments on furlough reported for May 2021 could increase by around 3%. The May 2021 figures should therefore be considered as provisional and will be revised in a future release.



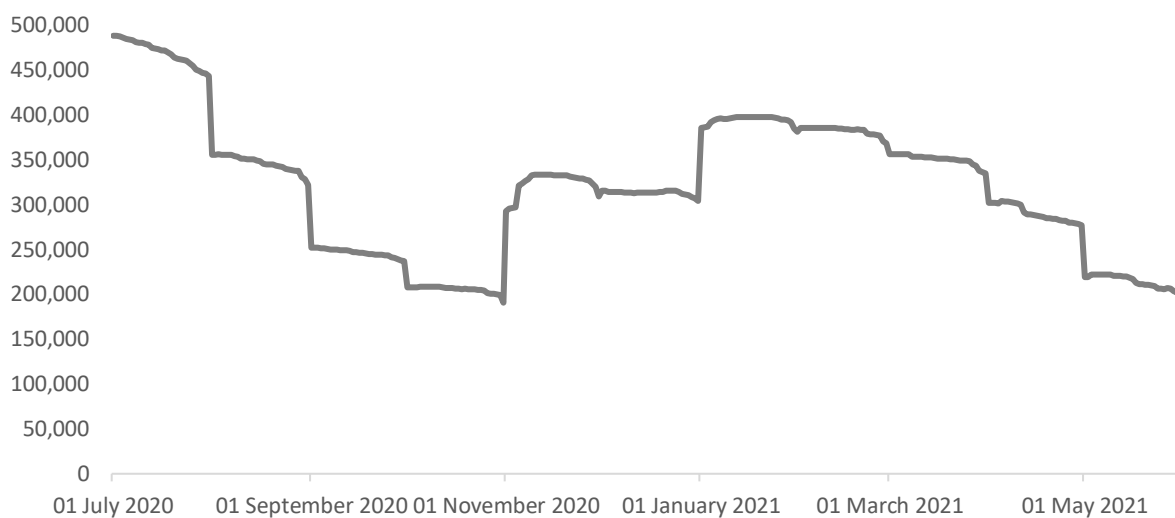
The following chart shows the total number of employments furloughed in the UK between 23rd March 2020 to 31st May 2021:



Source: HMRC CJRS data

- The latest provisional figures show for the West Midlands region there has been an overall decrease in levels of furlough between April and May 2021, with 194,800 employments furloughed on the 31st May 2021, down from 276,500 on 30th April 2021 (-29.5% compared to -33.3% for the UK).

The following chart shows for the West Midlands region the number of employments furloughed between per day between 1st July 2020 to 31st May 2021:



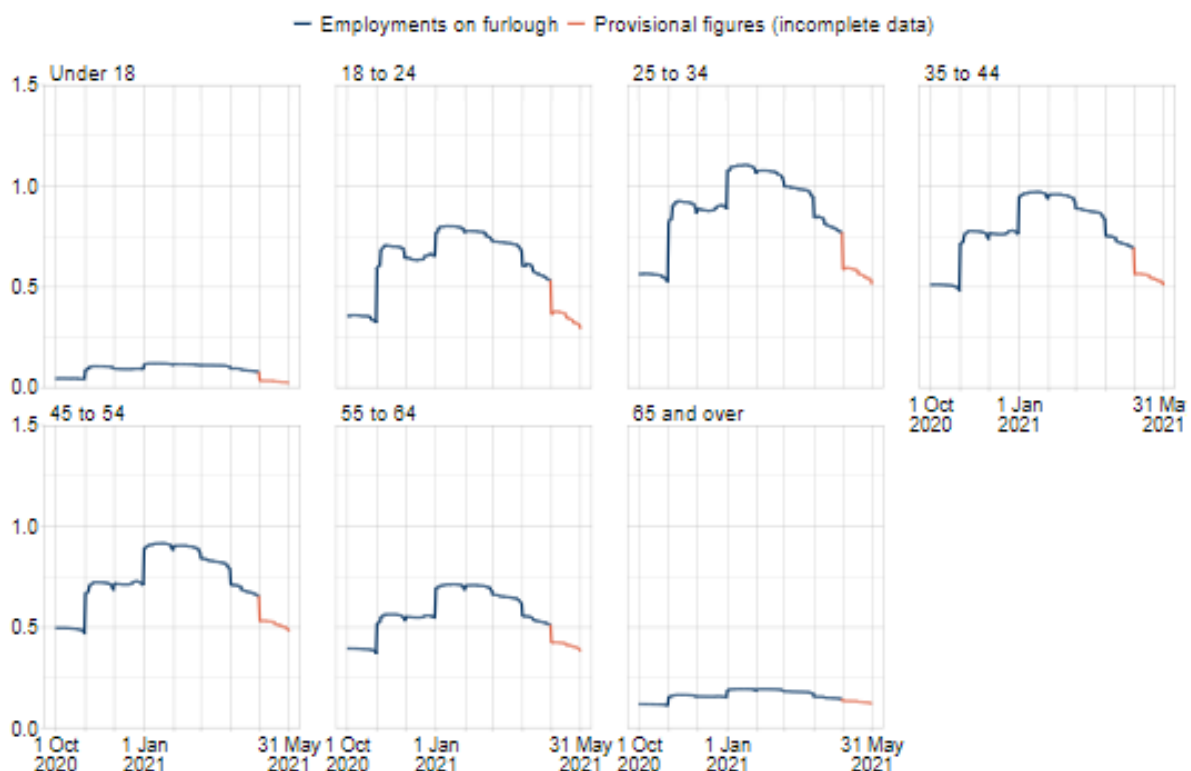
Source: HMRC CJRS data

- Of the 194,800 employments furloughed in the West Midlands region on the 31st May 2021, 99,900 were fully furloughed and 94,900 were partially furloughed.

Employments Furloughed Over Time by Age – UK

- For all age bands the number of employments on furlough decreased across February to May 2021. The largest reductions in the number of employments on furlough in May have been for younger employees in the 18 to 24 and 25 to 34 age bands. The biggest proportionate reduction was for the under 18 age band.
- The number of employments on furlough with employees in the 18 to 24 age band was 534,000 at 30th April 2021. At 31st May 2021, provisional figures show that this had reduced to 295,900 employments on furlough in the 18 to 24 age band.
- For employments where the employee was aged 25 to 34, the number of employments on furlough was 769,700 at 30th April 2021. Provisional figures show that this figure dropped to 515,900 at 31st May 2021.
- Where the employee was 65 or over, the number of employments on furlough was 145,500 at 30th April 2021. Provisional estimates show that the number of employments on furlough decreased in May to 122,200 at 31st May 2021.

The following chart shows the number employments furloughed (in millions) for the UK by the age of the employee:



Source: HMRC CJRS and PAYE Real Time Information data

Furlough by Employer Size – UK

- For all employer sizes, the number of employments on furlough decreased across February, March, April and May 2021. The largest reduction is for employers with 250 or more employees where the number of employments on furlough decreased by 532,100 from 1.1m employments at 30th April 2021 to a provisional estimate of 535,800 at 31st May 2021.
- Employers with one employment had 161,100 employments on furlough at 30th April 2021. Provisional figures show that this decreased in May to 148,200 employments on furlough at 31st May 2021.
- Since January, the number of employments on furlough has decreased by a larger proportion amongst large employers. Employers with 250 or more employees have seen a 67% reduction in employments on furlough since the peak in January, in comparison with a 28% reduction amongst employers with one employee. This may reflect the varying impact of the pandemic on businesses of differing sizes.

Employments Furloughed by Gender – Black Country²

- In total, the Black Country area had 38,900 employments furloughed on the 31st May 2021. This reflects an 8.1% take-up of eligible employments for the scheme, compared to UK-wide of 8.2%.
- As of 31st May 2021, there was a higher percentage of males furloughed at 8.8% (21,200), compared to females at 7.3% (17,600). Whereas the UK had a take up rate of 8.5% for males and 7.8% for females.
- As of the 31st May 2021, the overall take-up rates vary from 7.6% in Wolverhampton to 8.7% in Sandwell. The male take-up rate varies from 8.1% in Wolverhampton to 9.6% in Sandwell. While the female take-up rate varies from 6.9% in Dudley and Wolverhampton to 7.7% in Sandwell and Walsall.

The following table shows employments furloughed, eligible employments and the take-up rate for the Black Country area by gender as of 31st May 2021³:

	Female			Male			Total		
	Female Employments Furloughed	Female Eligible Employments	Take Up-Rate	Male Employments Furloughed	Male Eligible Employments	Take Up-Rate	Total Employments Furloughed	Total Eligible Employments	Take Up-Rate
Dudley	4,600	66,200	6.9%	5,500	65,600	8.4%	10,100	131,800	7.7%
Sandwell	5,100	65,900	7.7%	6,400	67,000	9.6%	11,500	132,900	8.7%
Walsall	4,200	54,800	7.7%	5,000	55,800	9.0%	9,200	110,600	8.3%
Wolverhampton	3,700	53,800	6.9%	4,300	53,300	8.1%	8,100	107,000	7.6%
Black Country LEP	17,600	240,700	7.3%	21,200	241,700	8.8%	38,900	482,300	8.1%
West Midlands region	93,000	1,208,800	7.7%	101,800	1,215,600	8.4%	194,800	2,424,300	8.0%
United Kingdom	1,130,800	14,452,600	7.8%	1,203,900	14,239,600	8.5%	2,364,100	28,692,200	8.2%

- The parliamentary constituency in the Black Country area with the highest take-up rate on 31st May 2021 was Warley at 9.5% (3,800 furloughed of the 40,100 eligible). Warley was also the parliamentary constituency with the highest male and female take-up rate (10.8% and 8.6% respectively).

² Revised April figures have not been released at local authority meaning a change in the number of employments furloughed from the previous may has not been included on this occasion.

³ Please note 'unknown' has been excluded from the table, the total UK figure will not sum.

The following table shows by parliamentary constituencies within the Black Country area the employments furloughed, eligible employments and take-up rate on the 31st May 2021:

	Female			Male			Total		
	Female Employments Furloughed	Female Eligible Employments	Take Up-Rate	Male Employments Furloughed	Male Eligible Employments	Take Up-Rate	Total Employments Furloughed	Total Eligible Employments	Take Up-Rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	1,400	16,700	8.4%	1,400	16,000	8.8%	2,800	32,800	8.5%
Dudley North	1,100	17,300	6.4%	1,400	17,100	8.2%	2,500	34,400	7.3%
Dudley South	1,200	16,800	7.1%	1,400	16,700	8.4%	2,600	33,600	7.7%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	1,400	18,900	7.4%	1,600	18,700	8.6%	2,900	37,600	7.7%
Stourbridge	1,400	18,400	7.6%	1,600	18,500	8.6%	3,000	37,000	8.1%
Walsall North	1,400	19,000	7.4%	1,600	19,200	8.3%	2,900	38,200	7.6%
Walsall South	1,500	19,000	7.9%	2,000	20,600	9.7%	3,500	39,600	8.8%
Warley	1,700	19,700	8.6%	2,200	20,400	10.8%	3,800	40,100	9.5%
West Bromwich East	1,400	18,700	7.5%	1,800	18,800	9.6%	3,300	37,500	8.8%
West Bromwich West	1,400	19,600	7.1%	1,800	19,800	9.1%	3,200	39,400	8.1%
Wolverhampton North East	1,300	19,500	6.7%	1,400	18,500	7.6%	2,700	38,000	7.1%
Wolverhampton South East	1,300	18,800	6.9%	1,600	19,400	8.2%	3,000	38,200	7.9%
Wolverhampton South West	1,300	18,000	7.2%	1,500	18,000	8.3%	2,800	36,100	7.8%
Black Country LEP	17,600	240,700	7.3%	21,200	241,700	8.8%	38,900	482,300	8.1%
United Kingdom	1,130,800	14,452,600	7.8%	1,203,900	14,239,600	8.5%	2,364,100	28,692,200	8.2%

Employments Furloughed by Broad Sector – Black Country

- Overall for the Black Country area, on the 31st May 2021, the sector with the highest number of employments furloughed was accommodation and food services at 8,020. This was followed by manufacturing at 6,500 employments furloughed.

The following table shows the total employments furloughed by broad sector for the Black Country as of 31st May:

	Dudley	Sandwell	Walsall	Wolverhampton	Black Country
Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Mining and quarrying, Energy production and supply & Water supply, sewerage and waste	90	60	80	90	320
Manufacturing	2,000	1,760	1,570	1,170	6,500
Construction	730	580	540	510	2,360
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	1,640	1,770	1,520	1,330	6,260
Transportation and storage	380	770	660	510	2,320
Accommodation and food services	2,010	2,550	1,740	1,720	8,020
Information and communication, Financial and insurance & Real estate	420	420	330	400	1,570
Professional, scientific and technical	620	580	530	450	2,180
Administrative and support services	730	1,050	770	640	3,190
Education	180	370	230	210	990
Health and social work	400	370	320	300	1,390
Arts, entertainment and recreation	490	590	430	320	1,830
Other service activities	350	540	440	350	1,680
Public administration and defence; social security, Households & Other	60	90	60	80	290
Total	10,100	11,500	9,200	8,100	38,900