

Black Country: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) - Released November 2021¹

Introduction

There has been a total of 158,600 claims made from 43,800 individuals in the Black Country across all SEISS grants; the total claims reached a value of £398.9m.

The following main figures are based on claims submitted for the fifth SEISS to 7th October 2021 only. There are two levels to the fifth SEISS grant. Individuals who have seen a decline in turnover of 30% or more can claim a higher grant of up to 80% of 3 months' average trading profits. Otherwise, individuals can claim a grant worth 30% of 3 months' average trading profits.

Summary

- Across the Black Country area, 48,500 people were eligible for the fifth grant of SEISS. There were 20,000 claims (split approximately by 13,300 claims for the higher grant and 6,700 claims for the lower grant) made to 7th October 2021 with a total value of £40.2m (split approximately by £33.1m for the higher grant and £7m for the lower grant) with an average claim value of £2,00. The take-up rate for was 41%, above the UK average of 38%.
- For the fifth grant of SEISS up to 7th October 2021, the Black Country area, there were 37,600 of the male population eligible. There were 16,100 claims with a total value of £33.5m with an average claim at £2,100. The male take-up rate was 43% (UK take-up rate of 39%). For the female population in the Black Country area there were 11,000 eligible population. There were 4,200 claims, the total value of £6.8m with an average claim at £1,700. The female take-up rate was 38% (UK take-up rate of 34%).
- At a West Midlands regional level, there were approximately 258,000 of the population eligible for the fifth grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 37% based on the total number of claims of 95,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 184,000 for the fifth grant of the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 38%, which is based on the total number of claims of 70,000. There were 74,000 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 34% based on the total number of claims of 25,000.
- The sectors with the highest take-up rates in the West Midlands region, were transport and storage at 57% (24,200 eligible, 13,700 claims) and other service activities at 49% (18,100 eligible, 8,900 claims).

In Depth

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¹ Source: HMRC, Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) Statistics: November 2021

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The following table shows the overall breakdown of the fifth grant for SEISS by local authority for eligible population, claims, values and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 7th October 2021:

| | Total potentially eligible population | Total no. of all claims made to 07/10/21 | Total value of all claims made to 07/10/21 | Average value of all claims made to 07/10/21 | Total number of claims made for higher grant | Total value of claims made for higher grant | Total number of claims made for lower grant | Total value of claims made for lower grant | Total Take-Up Rate |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--------------------|
| Dudley | 14,200 | 5,500 | £11,400,000 | £2,100 | 3,700 | £9,400,000 | 1,800 | £2,000,000 | 39% |
| Sandwell | 12,900 | 5,800 | £11,100,000 | £1,900 | 3,800 | £9,100,000 | 2,000 | £2,000,000 | 45% |
| Walsall | 11,700 | 4,800 | £10,000,000 | £2,100 | 3,200 | £8,200,000 | 1,600 | £1,700,000 | 41% |
| Wolverhampton | 9,700 | 3,900 | £7,700,000 | £2,000 | 2,600 | £6,400,000 | 1,300 | £1,300,000 | 41% |
| Black Country | 48,500 | 20,000 | £40,200,000 | £2,000 | 13,300 | £33,100,000 | 6,700 | £7,000,000 | 41% |
| West Midlands Region | 258,000 | 95,000 | £200,000,000 | £2,100 | 66,000 | £169,000,000 | 29,000 | £31,000,000 | 37% |
| United Kingdom | 3,346,000 | 1,261,000 | £2,843,000,000 | £2,300 | 890,000 | £2,429,000,000 | 371,000 | £414,000,000 | 38% |

- Across the Black Country parliamentary constituencies, the overall take up rate varies from 35% in Aldridge-Brownhills to 47% in Warley.

The following table shows an overall breakdown of the fifth grant for SEISS by parliamentary constituencies for eligible population, claims, values and take-up rate up to 7th October 2021:

| | Total potentially eligible population | Total no. of all claims made to 07/10/21 | Total value of all claims made to 07/10/21 | Average value of all claims made to 07/10/21 | Total number of claims made for higher grant | Total value of claims made for higher grant | Total number of claims made for lower grant | Total value of claims made for lower grant | Total Take-Up Rate |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|--------------------|
| Aldridge-Brownhills | 3,500 | 1,200 | £2,800,000 | £2,300 | 800 | £2,300,000 | 400 | £500,000 | 35% |
| Dudley North | 3,800 | 1,600 | £3,200,000 | £2,000 | 1,000 | £2,600,000 | 600 | £600,000 | 42% |
| Dudley South | 3,400 | 1,300 | £2,600,000 | £2,000 | 800 | £2,100,000 | 400 | £500,000 | 37% |
| Halesowen and Rowley Regis | 3,800 | 1,600 | £3,200,000 | £2,100 | 1,100 | £2,700,000 | 500 | £500,000 | 41% |
| Stourbridge | 4,300 | 1,600 | £3,300,000 | £2,100 | 1,100 | £2,700,000 | 500 | £500,000 | 37% |
| Walsall North | 4,000 | 1,800 | £3,700,000 | £2,100 | 1,100 | £3,000,000 | 600 | £700,000 | 44% |
| Walsall South | 4,100 | 1,800 | £3,500,000 | £1,900 | 1,300 | £3,000,000 | 500 | £500,000 | 45% |
| Warley | 3,900 | 1,900 | £3,500,000 | £1,900 | 1,300 | £2,900,000 | 600 | £600,000 | 47% |
| West Bromwich East | 3,500 | 1,500 | £3,000,000 | £2,000 | 1,000 | £2,500,000 | 500 | £600,000 | 43% |
| West Bromwich West | 3,700 | 1,700 | £3,200,000 | £1,900 | 1,100 | £2,600,000 | 600 | £600,000 | 45% |
| Wolverhampton North East | 3,200 | 1,300 | £2,700,000 | £2,100 | 800 | £2,200,000 | 400 | £500,000 | 40% |
| Wolverhampton South East | 3,500 | 1,500 | £2,900,000 | £1,900 | 1,000 | £2,400,000 | 500 | £500,000 | 42% |
| Wolverhampton South West | 3,500 | 1,400 | £2,700,000 | £1,900 | 1,000 | £2,300,000 | 400 | £400,000 | 40% |
| Black Country | 48,500 | 20,000 | £40,200,000 | £2,000 | 13,300 | £33,100,000 | 6,700 | £7,000,000 | 41% |
| United Kingdom | 3,346,000 | 1,261,000 | £2,843,000,000 | £2,300 | 890,000 | £2,429,000,000 | 371,000 | £414,000,000 | 38% |

Regional Analysis

West Midlands Region: Claims by Age and Gender

- At a West Midlands regional level, there were approximately 258,000 of the population eligible for the fifth grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 37% based on the total number of claims of 95,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 184,000 for the fifth grant of the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 38%, which is based on the total number of claims of 70,000. There were 74,000 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 34% based on the total number of claims of 25,000.
- Overall, for the West Midlands region the highest take-up rate was for those aged 35-44 years old at 42% (59,300 eligible, 24,700 claims). The highest take-up rate in the West Midlands region for females were those aged 25-34 years old at 37% (12,200 eligible and 4,500 claims). For males in the West Midlands region, the highest take-up rate was for those aged 35-44 years old at 44% (42,00 eligible, 18,600 claims).

The following table shows a breakdown by age and gender across the West Midlands Region for the fifth grant of SEISS, up to 7th October 2021:

| Gender | Age bands | Total potentially eligible population | Total no. of claims made to 07/10/21 | Total value of claims made to 07/10/21 | Average value of claims made to 07/10/21 | Proportion of total number of claims made for higher grant | Proportion of total value of claims made for higher grant | Take-Up Rate |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--------------|
| Male | 16-24 | 6,900 | 2,400 | £3,700,000 | £1,600 | 57% | 76% | 34% |
| | 25-34 | 33,700 | 13,900 | £30,400,000 | £2,200 | 62% | 80% | 41% |
| | 35-44 | 42,000 | 18,600 | £39,900,000 | £2,100 | 66% | 82% | 44% |
| | 45-54 | 46,400 | 18,200 | £39,600,000 | £2,200 | 67% | 83% | 39% |
| | 55-64 | 40,300 | 13,400 | £30,500,000 | £2,300 | 70% | 85% | 33% |
| | 65+ | 13,200 | 3,200 | £8,700,000 | £2,700 | 74% | 88% | 25% |
| | Missing | 1,700 | 600 | £1,200,000 | £1,900 | 67% | 84% | 37% |
| All | 184,000 | 70,000 | £154,000,000 | £2,200 | 66% | 83% | 38% | |
| Female | 16-24 | 1,900 | 600 | £800,000 | £1,500 | 80% | 93% | 29% |
| | 25-34 | 12,200 | 4,500 | £8,000,000 | £1,800 | 82% | 93% | 37% |
| | 35-44 | 17,300 | 6,200 | £10,700,000 | £1,700 | 79% | 91% | 36% |
| | 45-54 | 19,800 | 6,900 | £12,900,000 | £1,900 | 79% | 91% | 35% |
| | 55-64 | 16,600 | 5,200 | £10,100,000 | £1,900 | 79% | 91% | 31% |
| | 65+ | 5,400 | 1,100 | £2,600,000 | £2,400 | 79% | 91% | 21% |
| | Missing | 600 | 200 | £400,000 | £2,000 | 80% | 91% | 34% |
| All | 74,000 | 25,000 | £46,000,000 | £1,800 | 80% | 91% | 34% | |
| All | 16-24 | 8,800 | 2,900 | £4,500,000 | £1,600 | 61% | 79% | 33% |
| | 25-34 | 45,900 | 18,400 | £38,400,000 | £2,100 | 67% | 83% | 40% |
| | 35-44 | 59,300 | 24,700 | £50,600,000 | £2,000 | 69% | 84% | 42% |
| | 45-54 | 66,300 | 25,100 | £52,500,000 | £2,100 | 70% | 85% | 38% |
| | 55-64 | 56,900 | 18,600 | £40,700,000 | £2,200 | 73% | 86% | 33% |
| | 65+ | 18,600 | 4,400 | £11,300,000 | £2,600 | 75% | 89% | 23% |
| | Missing | 2,300 | 800 | £1,600,000 | £1,900 | 70% | 86% | 36% |
| All | 258,000 | 95,000 | £200,000,000 | £2,100 | 70% | 85% | 37% | |

West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Sector

- For the West Midlands region, the sectors with the highest take-up rates in the West Midlands region were transport and storage at 57% (24,200 eligible, 13,700 claims) and other service activities at 49% (18,100 eligible, 8,900 claims).

The following table shows a breakdown by broad industry for the West Midlands Region for the fifth grant of SEISS, up to 7th October 2021:

| Sector description | Total potentially eligible population | Total no. of claims made to 07/10/21 | Total value of claims made to 07/10/21 | Average value of claims made to 07/10/21 | Take-Up Rate |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| Accommodation and food service activities | 6,100 | 2,100 | £5,000,000 | £2,300 | 35% |
| Administrative and support service activities | 18,600 | 5,100 | £8,000,000 | £1,600 | 27% |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 8,500 | 600 | £1,000,000 | £1,700 | 7% |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 5,200 | 2,200 | £5,000,000 | £2,300 | 42% |
| Construction | 78,900 | 30,100 | £73,900,000 | £2,500 | 38% |
| Education | 8,900 | 3,900 | £8,000,000 | £2,100 | 43% |
| Financial and insurance activities | 1,500 | 400 | £1,100,000 | £2,800 | 25% |
| Human health and social work activities | 11,500 | 2,800 | £6,000,000 | £2,200 | 24% |
| Information and communication | 2,300 | 700 | £1,700,000 | £2,500 | 31% |
| Manufacturing | 6,700 | 2,400 | £5,300,000 | £2,200 | 36% |
| Other service activities | 18,100 | 8,900 | £17,900,000 | £2,000 | 49% |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities | 11,600 | 3,600 | £9,500,000 | £2,600 | 31% |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | 500 | 100 | £300,000 | £2,200 | 30% |
| Real estate activities | 1,100 | 200 | £500,000 | £2,200 | 21% |
| Transportation and storage | 24,200 | 13,700 | £21,800,000 | £1,600 | 57% |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 16,900 | 5,100 | £9,700,000 | £1,900 | 30% |
| Unknown and other | 37,300 | 13,100 | £25,000,000 | £1,900 | 35% |
| All | 258,000 | 95,000 | £200,000,000 | £2,100 | 37% |