

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS): Black Country LEP Briefing (February 2021)

Introduction

The main figures are based on claims submitted for the third grant of SEISS to 31st January 2021.

Summary

- Across the Black Country area, there were 48,800 of the population eligible for the third grant of SEISS. There were 33,800 claims made to the 31st January, the total value was £89.5m with an average claim of £2,700. The take-up rate for was 69%, slightly above the UK average of 68%.
- At a West Midlands regional level, there were approximately 259,000 of the population eligible for the third grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 65% based on the total number of claims of 170,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 185,200 for the third grant of the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 68% at the end of January which is based on the total number of claims of 125,200. There were 74,200 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 60% based on the total number of claims of 44,400.
- For the West Midlands region, (excluding unknown and other) the industry with the highest take-up rate was other service activities at 81% (17,900 eligible, 14,500 claims).

In Depth

Black Country

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In the first and second round of SEISS grants there was a total of 39,000 claims and 35,600 claims in the Black country respectively. The average claim was £2,700 for the first SEISS grant and was £2,400 for the second grant. The take up rate was 79% for the first SEISS grant, down to 73% for the second grant.

For the third grant of SEISS only across the Black Country area, there were 37,600 of the male population eligible. There were 26,800 claims, the total value was just over £76m with an average claim at £2,900. The take-up rate was 71% while the UK average was 68%. For the female population in the Black Country area there were 11,200 eligible population. There were 6,900 claims, the total value was just over £13m with an average claim at £1,900. The take-up rate was 62% while for the UK it was 60%.

Across parliamentary constituency areas, the take up rate varies from 66% in Wolverhampton North East and Wolverhampton South West to 71% in Walsall North, Warley and West Bromwich West. **The following table shows an overall breakdown of the third grant for SEISS by parliamentary constituencies for eligible population, claims and take-up rate up to 31st January 2020:**

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/01/21	Total value of claims made to 31/01/21	Average value of claims made to 31/01/21	Total Take-Up Rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	3,600	2,500	£7,500,000	£3,000	68%
Dudley North	3,800	2,700	£7,400,000	£2,800	70%
Dudley South	3,400	2,300	£6,400,000	£2,700	69%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,800	2,600	£7,300,000	£2,800	69%
Stourbridge	4,300	3,000	£8,200,000	£2,700	70%
Walsall North	4,100	2,900	£8,000,000	£2,800	71%



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Walsall South	4,100	2,900	£6,900,000	£2,400	70%
Warley	4,000	2,900	£6,700,000	£2,300	71%
West Bromwich East	3,500	2,400	£6,300,000	£2,600	69%
West Bromwich West	3,700	2,600	£6,600,000	£2,500	71%
Wolverhampton North East	3,200	2,100	£5,900,000	£2,800	66%
Wolverhampton South East	3,500	2,400	£6,200,000	£2,600	68%
Wolverhampton South West	3,600	2,400	£6,000,000	£2,500	66%
Black Country LEP	48,800	33,800	£89,500,000	£2,700	69%

For local authority areas, the take-up rate varies from 66% in Wolverhampton, 69% in Dudley to 70% in Sandwell and Walsall. **The following table shows the overall breakdown of the third grant for SEISS by local authority for eligible population, claims and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 31st January 2021:**

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/01/21	Total value of claims made to 31/01/21	Average value of claims made to 31/01/21	Total Take-Up Rate
Dudley	14,300	9,900	£27,400,000	£2,800	69%
Sandwell	12,900	9,100	£22,800,000	£2,500	70%
Walsall	11,800	8,300	£22,400,000	£2,700	70%
Wolverhampton	9,800	6,500	£16,900,000	£2,600	66%
Black Country LEP	48,800	33,800	£89,500,000	£2,650	69%
UK	3,370,000	2,191,000	£6,210,000,000	£2,800	65%

Regional Analysis

West Midlands Region: Claims by Age and Gender

At a West Midlands regional level, there were approximately 259,000 of the population eligible for the third grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 65% based on the total number of claims of 170,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 185,200 for the third grant of the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 68% at the end of January which is based on the total number of claims of 125,200. There were 74,200 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 60% based on the total number of claims of 44,400.

Overall, for the West Midlands region the highest take-up rate was for those aged 35-44 years old (58,900 eligible, 41,200 claims) Excluding missing data, the highest take-up rate in the West Midlands region for females were those aged 25-34 years old at 64% (12,600 eligible and 8,000 claims). For males in the West Midlands region, the highest take-up rate was those aged 35-44 years old at 73% (41,600 eligible, 30,400 claims).



The following table shows a breakdown by age and gender across the West Midlands Region¹:

Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/01/21	Total value of claims made to 31/01/21	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Male	16-24	7,700	4,700	£10,300,000	£2,200	61%
	25-34	34,800	24,300	£72,100,000	£3,000	70%
	35-44	41,600	30,400	£87,800,000	£2,900	73%
	45-54	47,600	33,200	£98,300,000	£3,000	70%
	55-64	39,200	25,300	£74,800,000	£3,000	64%
	65+	12,500	6,000	£19,800,000	£3,300	48%
	Missing	1,800	1,300	£3,300,000	£2,600	69%
	All	185,200	125,200	£366,300,000	£2,900	68%
Female	16-24	2,100	1,100	£1,900,000	£1,700	54%
	25-34	12,600	8,000	£16,000,000	£2,000	64%
	35-44	17,300	10,800	£21,700,000	£2,000	62%
	45-54	20,500	12,800	£27,800,000	£2,200	63%
	55-64	16,000	9,200	£20,800,000	£2,300	57%
	65+	5,000	1,900	£5,500,000	£2,800	39%
	Missing	700	400	£1,000,000	£2,400	64%
	All	74,200	44,400	£94,700,000	£2,100	60%
All	16-24	9,800	5,900	£12,100,000	£2,100	60%
	25-34	47,400	32,300	£88,100,000	£2,700	68%
	35-44	58,900	41,200	£109,500,000	£2,700	70%
	45-54	68,100	46,000	£126,200,000	£2,700	68%
	55-64	55,300	34,500	£95,600,000	£2,800	62%
	65+	17,500	8,000	£25,300,000	£3,200	46%
	Missing	2,500	1,700	£4,300,000	£2,500	68%
	All	259,000	170,000	£461,000,000	£2,700	65%

West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Industry

Excluding entries categorised as “unknown” or “other”, the industries with the highest take-up rates were other service activities at 81% (17,900 eligible, 14,500 claims), followed by transportation and storage at 80% (23,700 eligible, 18,900 claims) and then education at 74% (8,800 eligible, 6,600 claims).

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

	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 31/01/21	Total value of claims made to 31/01/21	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Accommodation and food service activities	6,500	4,000	£10,300,000	£2,600	62%
Administrative and support service activities	19,300	10,600	£21,200,000	£2,000	55%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,700	2,700	£8,100,000	£3,000	31%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,400	3,700	£8,800,000	£2,400	68%
Construction	80,500	56,600	£193,600,000	£3,400	70%
Education	8,800	6,600	£14,800,000	£2,300	74%
Financial and insurance activities	1,500	900	£3,400,000	£3,800	58%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	5,600	£15,900,000	£2,900	49%
Information and communication	2,400	1,200	£3,600,000	£3,000	52%

¹ Please note, when broken down by age and gender the total may not sum due to rounding



	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 31/01/21	Total value of claims made to 31/01/21	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Manufacturing	7,000	4,400	£12,500,000	£2,900	62%
Other service activities	17,900	14,500	£30,700,000	£2,100	81%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,800	6,500	£20,900,000	£3,200	55%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	300	£700,000	£2,400	62%
Real estate activities	1,100	600	£1,800,000	£3,100	53%
Transportation and storage	23,700	18,900	£36,200,000	£1,900	80%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17,800	10,900	£28,000,000	£2,600	61%
Unknown and other	35,100	21,600	£50,500,000	£2,300	62%
All	259,000	170,000	£461,000,000	£2,700	65%

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