

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

Introduction

The figures are based on claims submitted for the third grant of SEISS to 31st December 2020.

On the 30 November 2020 applications for the third grant of SEISS opened and will close on 29 January 2021. This is a grant worth 80% of their average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering 3 months' worth of profits, and capped at £7,500 in total. To be eligible for SEISS 3 an individual must have been eligible for SEISS 1 and 2 and also declare that they intend to continue to trade.

Summary

- Across the Black Country area, there were 48,800 of the population eligible for the third grant of SEISS. There were 30,200 claims made to the 31st December, the total value was just over £79m with an average claim of £2,600. The take-up rate for was 61.9%, above the UK average of 57.1%.
- At a West Midlands regional level, 260,000 people were eligible for the third grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 57.3% based on a total number of claims of 149,000. This can be split further by gender: there was a total potentially eligible male population of 185,000 for the third SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 60.0% at the end of December, based on the total number of claims of 111,000. There were 74,000 eligible females in the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 52.7% based on the total number of claims of 39,000.
- For the West Midlands region, (excluding unknown and other) the industry with the highest take-up rate was transportation and storage at 75.1% (23,700 eligible, 17,800 claims).

In Depth

Black Country

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Across the Black Country area, there were 37,600 of the male population eligible. There were 23,900 claims, the total value was nearly £68m with an average claim at £2,800. The take-up rate was 63.6% while the UK average was 59.7%. For the female population in the Black Country area there were 11,200 eligible population. There were 6,200 claims, the total value was nearly £12m with an average claim at £1,900. The take-up rate was 55.4% while for the UK it was 51.5%.

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 December 2020. The take up rate varies from 56.8% (3,700 eligible, 2,100 claims) in Wolverhampton South West to Warley at 65.0% (4,000 eligible, 2,600 claims).

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/12/20	Total value of claims made to 31/12/20	Average value of claims made to 31/12/20	Total Take-Up Rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	3,600	2,200	£6,700,000	£3,000	61.1%
Dudley North	3,800	2,400	£6,600,000	£2,700	63.2%
Dudley South	3,400	2,000	£5,500,000	£2,700	58.8%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,800	2,300	£6,400,000	£2,700	60.5%



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Stourbridge	4,300	2,700	£7,100,000	£2,700	62.8%
Walsall North	4,100	2,600	£7,100,000	£2,700	63.4%
Walsall South	4,100	2,600	£6,200,000	£2,400	63.4%
Warley	4,000	2,600	£6,100,000	£2,300	65.0%
West Bromwich East	3,500	2,200	£5,600,000	£2,600	62.9%
West Bromwich West	3,700	2,400	£5,900,000	£2,500	64.9%
Wolverhampton North East	3,200	1,900	£5,200,000	£2,800	59.4%
Wolverhampton South East	3,500	2,200	£5,600,000	£2,500	62.9%
Wolverhampton South West	3,700	2,100	£5,300,000	£2,500	56.8%
Black Country LEP	48,800	30,200	79,300,000	2,625	61.9%

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 December 2020. The take-up rate varies from 59.2% in Wolverhampton to 63.6% in Sandwell.

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 31/12/20	Total value of claims made to 31/12/20	Average value of claims made to 31/12/20	Total Take-Up Rate
Dudley	14,300	8,800	£24,000,000	£2,700	61.5%
Sandwell	12,900	8,200	£20,400,000	£2,500	63.6%
Walsall	11,800	7,400	£20,000,000	£2,700	62.7%
Wolverhampton	9,800	5,800	£14,900,000	£2,600	59.2%
Black Country LEP	48,800	30,200	£79,300,000	£2,600	61.9%
UK	3,370,000	1,924,000	£5,417,000,000	£2,800	57.1%

Regional Analysis

West Midlands Region: Claims by Age and Gender

At a West Midlands regional level, there were around 260,000 of the population eligible for the third grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 57.3% based on the total number of claims of 149,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 185,000 for the third grant of the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 60.0% at the end of December which is based on the total number of claims of 111,000. There were 74,000 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 52.7% based on the total number of claims of 39,000.

Excluding missing data, the highest take-up rate in the West Midlands region for females were those aged 25-34 years old at 57.1% (12,600 eligible and 7,200 claims). For males in the West Midlands region, the highest take-up rate was those aged 35-44 years old at 65.6% (41,600 eligible, 27,300 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 31/12/20	Total value of claims made to 31/12/20	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Male	16-24	7,700	4,300	£9,300,000	£2,200	55.8%
	25-34	34,900	22,200	£65,200,000	£2,900	63.6%
	35-44	41,600	27,300	£78,100,000	£2,900	65.6%
	45-54	47,600	29,100	£85,100,000	£2,900	61.1%
	55-64	39,200	21,600	£62,900,000	£2,900	55.1%
	65+	12,500	5,100	£16,400,000	£3,300	40.8%
	Missing	1,800	1,100	£2,800,000	£2,500	61.1%
	All	185,300	110,600	£319,900,000	£2,900	59.7%
Female	16-24	2,100	1,000	£1,700,000	£1,700	47.6%
	25-34	12,600	7,200	£14,300,000	£2,000	57.1%
	35-44	17,300	9,300	£18,700,000	£2,000	53.8%
	45-54	20,500	11,100	£24,000,000	£2,200	54.1%
	55-64	16,000	8,000	£17,900,000	£2,300	50.0%
	65+	5,000	1,600	£4,600,000	£2,800	32.0%
	Missing	700	400	£900,000	£2,400	57.1%
	All	74,300	38,700	£82,300,000	£2,100	52.1%
All	16-24	9,800	5,400	£11,100,000	£2,100	55.1%
	25-34	47,500	29,300	£79,600,000	£2,700	61.7%
	35-44	58,900	36,600	£96,800,000	£2,600	62.1%
	45-54	68,100	40,200	£109,200,000	£2,700	59.0%
	55-64	55,200	29,500	£80,900,000	£2,700	53.4%
	65+	17,500	6,700	£21,000,000	£3,100	38.3%
	Missing	2,500	1,500	£3,700,000	£2,500	60.0%
	All	260,000	149,000	£402,000,000	£2,700	57.3%

West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Industry

Excluding entries categorised as “unknown” or “other”, the industries with the highest take-up rates were transportation and storage at 75.1% (23,700 eligible, 17,800 claims), followed by other service activities at 74.9% (17,900 eligible, 13,400 claims) and then education at 67.0% (8,800 eligible, 5,900 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 31/12/20	Total value of claims made to 31/12/20	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Accommodation and food service activities	6,500	3,600	£9,200,000	£2,600	55.4%
Administrative and support service activities	19,300	9,000	£17,700,000	£2,000	46.6%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,700	2,000	£6,000,000	£3,000	23.0%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,400	3,300	£8,000,000	£2,400	61.1%
Construction	80,600	49,600	£168,300,000	£3,400	61.5%
Education	8,800	5,900	£13,500,000	£2,300	67.0%
Financial and insurance activities	1,500	800	£2,900,000	£3,800	53.3%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	4,600	£13,000,000	£2,800	40.0%
Information and communication	2,400	1,100	£3,200,000	£3,000	45.8%
Manufacturing	7,000	3,700	£10,700,000	£2,900	52.9%

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



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Other service activities	17,900	13,400	£28,400,000	£2,100	74.9%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,800	5,500	£17,800,000	£3,200	46.6%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	200	£600,000	£2,500	40.0%
Real estate activities	1,100	500	£1,600,000	£3,100	45.5%
Transportation and storage	23,700	17,800	£33,800,000	£1,900	75.1%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17,800	9,300	£23,600,000	£2,500	52.2%
Unknown and other	35,100	18,800	£44,100,000	£2,300	53.6%
All	260,000	149,000	£402,000,000	£2,700	57.3%

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