



Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) Statistics: Released June 2021¹

Summary

- In total, the Black Country LEP area had 53,800² employments furloughed at 30th April 2021. This reflects a 10.9% take-up of eligible employments for the scheme, compared to the UK average of 11.7%. When compared to the 31st March 2021, the number of employments furloughed in the Black Country LEP decreased by 13,200 people (-19.7%). The UK decreased by 20.5% over the same period.
- As of 30th April 2021, there was a slightly higher percentage of males furloughed at 11.3% (27,900), compared to females at 10.6% (25,900). Whereas the UK had a take up rate of 11.4% for both males and females.
- Across the Black Country LEP area, as of the 30th April 2021, the sector with the highest number of employments furloughed was accommodation and food services at 11,660. This was followed by wholesale and retail repair of motor vehicles at 10,980. This was then followed by manufacturing at 7,890 employments furloughed.
- Provisional national figures show the number of employments on furlough in April 2021 decreased across all age bands. For employments where the employee was aged 25 to 34, the number of employments on furlough was 943,400 across the UK at 31st March. Provisional figures show that this figure dropped to 751,000 at 30th April 2021.
- Across all employer sizes, the number of employments on furlough in the UK has decreased throughout February, March and April 2021.

Full Briefing

- This is the twelfth release of Official Statistics on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). This release provides analysis of claims for periods up to 30th April 2021. The data used includes claims submitted to HMRC by 14th May 2021.

Furloughed Employments Over Time – UK & West Midlands Region

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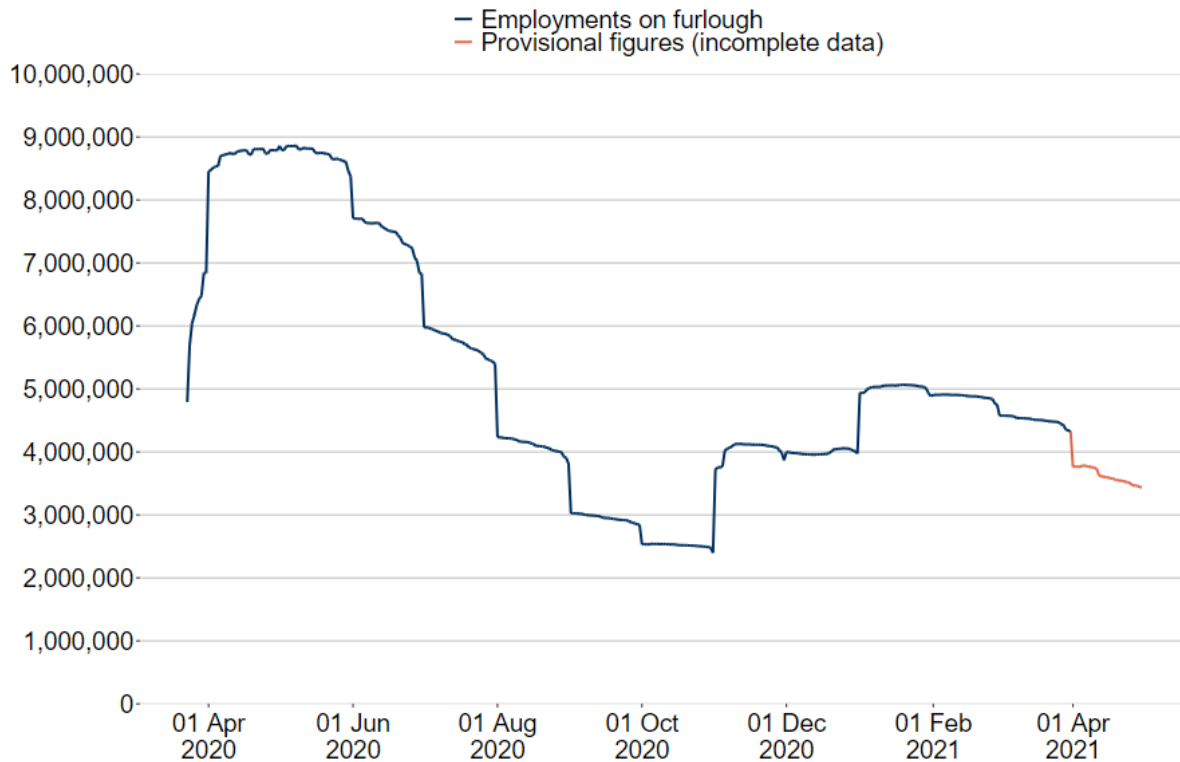
Furloughed Employments Over Time – UK & West Midlands Region

- 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 and then rose again to 4.9 million employments on furlough at 31st January 2021. The latest provisional figures show there has been a decrease in levels of furlough between March and April 2021 with 3.4 million on furlough at 30th April.

¹ Source: HMRC, Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme statistics: June 2021. Please note, the data for April 2021 is not yet fully complete as while claims relating to April 2021 should have been filed by 14th May 2021, employers could file claims later with the agreement of HMRC if they had a reasonable excuse. Claims for April 2021 can also be amended until 28th May 2021. Together, these factors are likely to have a small effect on the statistics.

² Since March 2020 to claims made by the 14th April 2021, there has been a total of 205,200 employments furloughed in the Black Country area with the latest provisional figures showing there were 58,800 employments furloughed on the 30th April 2021.

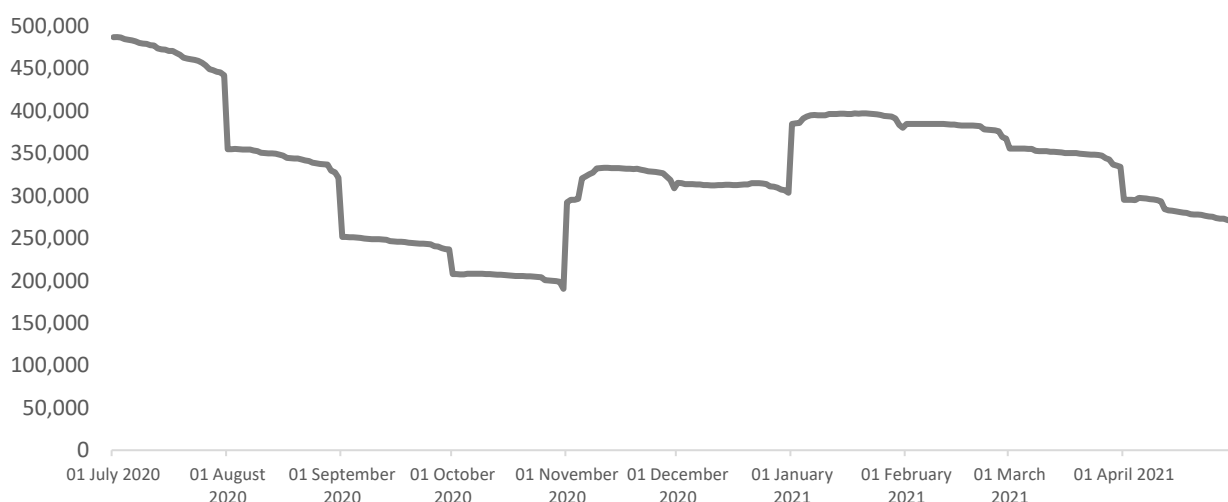
The following chart shows the total number of employments furloughed in the UK between 23rd March 2020 to 30th April 2021:



Source: HMRC CJRS data

- The latest provisional figures show for the West Midlands region there has been a decrease in levels of furlough between March and April 2021, with 270,500 employments furloughed at 30th April 2021, down from 334,300 on 31st March (-19.1% compared to -20.5% 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 30th April 2021:



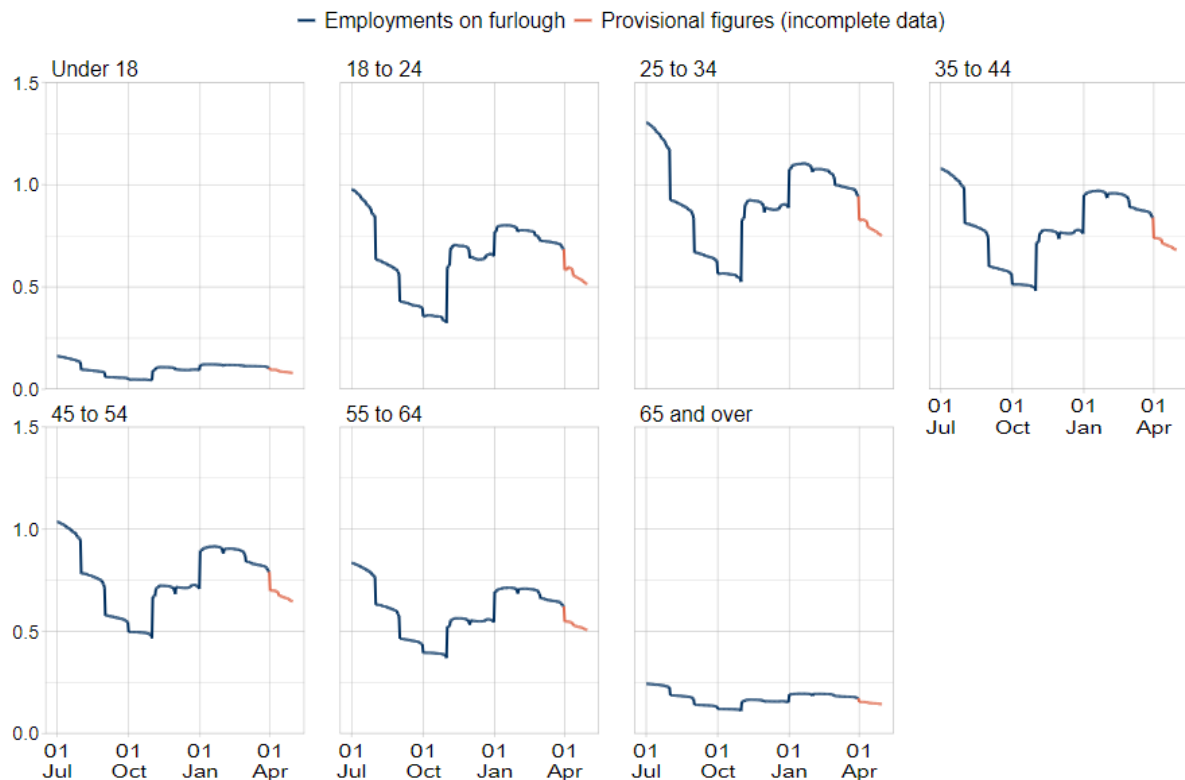
Source: HMRC CJRS data

- Of the 270,500 employments furloughed in the West Midlands region on the 30th April 2021, 153,700 were fully furloughed and 116,800 were partially furloughed.

Employments Furloughed Over Time by Age – UK

- Across most age bands the number of employments on furlough decreased between January and February. The 65 and over age band was an exception, where levels of furlough remained broadly consistent throughout February 2021. Employments on furlough across all age bands continued to decrease between February through to March.
- Provisional figures show the number of employments on furlough in April 2021 decreased across all age bands. For employments where the employee was aged 25 to 34, the number of employments on furlough was 943,400 at 31st March. Provisional figures show that this figure dropped to 751,000 at 30th April 2021.
- The number of employments on furlough with employees in the 18 to 24 age band was 684,700 at 31st March. At 30th April, provisional figures show that 514,400 employments were on furlough in the 18-24 age band, a decrease of almost 50,000 people.
- Where the employee was 65 or over, the number of employments on furlough was 172,600 at 31st March. Provisional estimates show that the number of employments on furlough decreased in April to 144,000 by 30th April.

The following chart shows the number employments furloughed (in millions) for the UK by the age of the employee per day between the 1st July 2020 to 30th April 2021:



Source: HMRC CJRS and PAYE Real Time Information data

Furloughing by Employer Size – UK

- Across all employer sizes, the number of employments on furlough has decreased throughout February, March and April 2021.
- The largest reduction is for employers with 250 or more employees where the number of employments on furlough decreased by 414,800 from 1.40 million employments at 31 March 2021 to a provisional estimate of 985,400 at 30 April 2021.
- Employers with 20 to 49 employments had 572,200 employments on furlough at 31 March 2021. Provisional estimates show that the number of employments on furlough decreased through April to 474,300 at 30 April 2021.
- Employers with one employment had 182,700 employments on furlough at 31 March 2021. Provisional figures show that this decreased in April to 160,200 employments on furlough at 30 April 2021.

Employments Furloughed by Gender – Black Country

- In total, the Black Country LEP area had 53,800 employments furloughed at 30th April 2021. This reflects 10.9% take-up of eligible employments for the scheme, compared to the UK average of 11.7%.
- When compared to the 31st March 2021, the number of employments furloughed in the Black Country LEP area decreased by 13,200 people (-19.7%). The UK decreased by 20.5% over the same period.
- As of 30th April 2021, there was a slightly higher percentage of males furloughed at 11.3% (27,900), compared to females at 10.6% (25,900). Whereas the UK had a take up rate of 11.4% for both males and females.
- As of the 30th April 2021 overall, the local authority within the Black Country area with the highest percentage of employments furloughed was Sandwell at 11.4% (15,500 furloughed of the 135,900 eligible). The local authority with the highest percentage of males furloughed was also Sandwell at 12.0% (8,200 furloughed of the 68,600 eligible). The local authority with the highest percentage of female employments furloughed was Walsall at 11.3% (6,300 furloughed of 55,900 eligible).

The following table shows employments furloughed, eligible employments and the take-up rate for the Black Country LEP area, West Midlands region and UK, by gender as of 30th April 2021³:

	Female			Male			Total		
	Female eligible employments	Female employments furloughed	take up-rate	Male eligible employments	Male employments furloughed	take up-rate	Total eligible employments	Total employments furloughed	take up-rate
Dudley	67,400	7,000	10.4%	66,500	7,500	11.3%	133,900	14,500	10.8%
Sandwell	67,300	7,300	10.8%	68,600	8,200	12.0%	135,900	15,500	11.4%
Walsall	55,900	6,300	11.3%	57,200	6,500	11.4%	113,100	12,800	11.3%
Wolverhampton	54,700	5,300	9.7%	54,600	5,700	10.4%	109,300	11,000	10.1%
BCLEP	245,300	25,900	10.6%	246,900	27,900	11.3%	492,200	53,800	10.9%
West Midlands	1,230,800	135,800	11.0%	1,240,300	134,800	10.9%	2,471,100	270,500	10.9%
United Kingdom	14,734,000	1,684,800	11.4%	14,534,100	1,638,000	11.4%	29,268,000	3,435,400	11.7%

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

- The parliamentary constituency in the Black Country LEP area with the highest take-up rate on 30th April 2021 was Warley at 12.3% (5,100 furloughed of the 41,200 eligible). Warley was also the parliamentary constituency with the highest male take-up rate with 13.0% (2,700 furloughed of 21,000 eligible). The parliamentary constituency with the highest female take-up rate with 11.9% (2,000 furloughed of the 16,900 eligible) was Aldridge-Brownhills.

The following table shows by parliamentary constituencies within the Black Country LEP area the employments furloughed, eligible employments and take-up rate on the 30th April 2021:

	Female			Male			Total		
	Female eligible employments	Female employments furloughed	take up-rate	Male eligible employments	Male employments furloughed	take up-rate	Total eligible employments	Total employments furloughed	take up-rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	16,900	2,000	11.9%	16,300	1,800	11.0%	33,200	3,800	11.5%
Warley	20,200	2,300	11.6%	21,000	2,700	13.0%	41,200	5,100	12.3%
Walsall South	19,400	2,200	11.4%	21,100	2,600	12.1%	40,500	4,800	11.8%
Stourbridge	18,800	2,100	11.2%	18,700	2,200	11.6%	37,600	4,300	11.4%
Walsall North	19,600	2,100	10.7%	19,800	2,200	10.9%	39,400	4,200	10.8%
West Bromwich East	19,100	2,000	10.5%	19,200	2,300	12.1%	38,300	4,300	11.3%
Dudley South	17,100	1,800	10.5%	17,000	2,000	11.6%	34,100	3,800	11.1%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	19,200	2,000	10.4%	18,900	2,200	11.5%	38,000	4,200	11.0%
West Bromwich West	19,900	2,000	10.3%	20,300	2,300	11.2%	40,200	4,300	10.7%
Wolverhampton South East	19,200	1,900	10.0%	19,800	2,100	10.7%	38,900	4,000	10.4%
Dudley North	17,600	1,800	9.9%	17,400	1,900	10.9%	35,100	3,600	10.4%
Wolverhampton South West	18,300	1,800	9.9%	18,500	2,000	10.6%	36,800	3,800	10.2%
Wolverhampton North East	19,900	1,900	9.4%	18,900	1,900	10.0%	38,900	3,700	9.6%
Black Country	245,300	25,900	10.6%	246,900	27,900	11.3%	492,200	53,800	10.9%
West Midlands region	1,230,800	135,800	11.0%	1,240,300	134,800	10.9%	2,471,100	270,500	10.9%
United Kingdom	14,734,000	1,684,800	11.4%	14,534,100	1,638,000	11.4%	29,268,000	3,435,400	11.7%

Employments Furloughed by Broad Sector – Black Country LEP Overall

- Across the Black Country LEP area, as of the 30th April 2021, the sector with the highest number of employments furloughed was accommodation and food services at 11,660. This was followed by wholesale and retail repair of motor vehicles at 10,980. This was then followed by manufacturing at 7,890 employments furloughed.
- In the Black Country LEP area, agriculture, mining, energy, water and waste had the lowest employments furloughed at 390, this was followed by public administration and defence; social security, households, unknown and other at 530.
- There was a decrease of employments furloughed across all sectors between 31st March 2021 and 30th April, the largest decrease was in wholesale and retail repair of motor vehicles sector at a reduction of 5,390, down to agriculture which reduced by 100.



The following table shows the total employments furloughed by broad sector for the Black Country LEP as of 31st March 2021 and 30th April:

Sector	Mar-21	Apr-21	Change	% Change
Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Mining and quarrying, Energy production and supply & Water supply, sewerage and waste	490	390	-100	-20.4%
Manufacturing	8,190	7,890	-300	-3.7%
Construction	3,160	2,760	-400	-12.7%
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	16,370	10,980	-5,390	-32.9%
Transportation and storage	2,890	2,710	-180	-6.2%
Accommodation and food services	13,190	11,660	-1,530	-11.6%
Information and communication, Financial and insurance & Real estate	2,160	1,830	-330	-15.3%
Professional and scientific and technical	2,940	2,530	-410	-13.9%
Administrative and support services	4,910	3,870	-1,040	-21.2%
Education	1,970	1,270	-700	-35.5%
Health and social work	2,510	1,940	-570	-22.7%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,110	3,160	-950	-23.1%
Other service activities	3,410	2,470	-940	-27.6%
Public administration and defence; social security, Households & Other	800	530	-270	-33.8%
Total	67,100	53,990	-13,110	-19.5%