

Unemployment Information – December 2015
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Claimant Count Register (Seasonally Adjusted)

The seasonally adjusted claimant count across the UK showed a small fall of 0.5% in the past month. The DWP definition of 'claimant count' is the combination of Jobseeker's Allowance claimants and Universal Credit claimants who are not in employment. The register fell by 0.3% in the West Midlands, by 1.3% in the East Midlands and by 1.4% in the East of England and by.

Region / Country	November 2015	December 2015	change	% change
North West	117,060	118,050	990	0.8%
North East	47,723	47,739	16	0.0%
South West	38,704	38,716	12	0.0%
London	110,862	110,630	-232	-0.2%
South East	59,022	58,897	-125	-0.2%
West Midlands	80,186	79,917	-269	-0.3%
Wales	44,428	44,011	-417	-0.9%
East Midlands	47,398	46,772	-626	-1.3%
Scotland	78,106	77,117	-989	-1.3%
Northern Ireland	39,200	38,700	-500	-1.3%
East	48,977	48,279	-698	-1.4%
Yorkshire & the Humber	78,532	77,101	-1,431	-1.8%
United Kingdom	790,198	785,929	-4,269	-0.5%

Claimant Count Register – Districts (Unadjusted)

The unadjusted claimant count across the Central England Group fell by 0.9% over the past month. This combines Jobseeker's Allowance claimants plus those receiving Universal Credit who are not in employment. Register changes range from a small increase of 0.8% in Midland Shires to a fall of 3.1% in Leicestershire & Northamptonshire.

District	November 2015	December 2015	Change	% change
Midland Shires	18,116	18,254	138	0.8%
Black Country	21,662	21,677	15	0.1%
Mercia	11,949	11,863	-86	-0.7%
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire & Rutland	21,470	21,263	-207	-1.0%
Birmingham & Solihull	30,085	29,755	-330	-1.1%
East Anglia	15,939	15,715	-224	-1.4%
Leicestershire & Northamptonshire	14,300	13,860	-440	-3.1%
Central England Group	133,518	132,382	-1,136	-0.9%

Unadjusted Claimant Count Register – Local Enterprise Partnerships:

These figures combine claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance and Universal Credit (not in employment).

Local Enterprise Partnership	November 2015	December 2015	change	% change
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	4,105	4,385	280	6.8
Dorset	4,165	4,445	280	6.7
Cumbria	4,680	4,855	170	3.7
The Marches	4,120	4,255	135	3.3
Solent	10,180	10,490	310	3.0
Lancashire	19,325	19,885	555	2.9
Humber	15,195	15,610	415	2.7
Tees Valley	15,420	15,740	320	2.1
York, North Yorkshire and East Riding	7,445	7,580	135	1.8
Heart of the South West	11,620	11,820	200	1.7
Greater Lincolnshire	12,710	12,910	200	1.6
Oxfordshire	2,450	2,490	40	1.6
Thames Valley Berkshire	4,775	4,835	60	1.3
South East	36,405	36,740	335	0.9
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire	7,330	7,375	45	0.6
Greater Manchester	46,320	46,505	190	0.4
New Anglia	11,460	11,490	30	0.3
Liverpool City Region	30,180	30,215	40	0.1
North Eastern	30,845	30,870	25	0.1
Black Country	21,655	21,655	0	0.0
Enterprise M3	5,845	5,845	0	0.0
Coast to Capital	13,710	13,700	-10	-0.1
Sheffield City Region	25,360	25,195	-165	-0.6
Cheshire and Warrington	8,285	8,225	-60	-0.7
Greater Birmingham and Solihull	33,980	33,675	-305	-0.9
Coventry and Warwickshire	7,115	7,030	-85	-1.2
Worcestershire	3,935	3,885	-50	-1.3
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire	21,950	21,635	-315	-1.4
London	107,095	105,605	-1,490	-1.4
Gloucestershire	3,900	3,830	-65	-1.7
West of England	8,680	8,525	-155	-1.8
Leeds City Region	37,810	37,100	-705	-1.9
Northamptonshire	6,290	6,150	-140	-2.2
Swindon and Wiltshire	4,225	4,130	-95	-2.3
Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough	7,515	7,225	-290	-3.8
Leicester and Leicestershire	8,040	7,735	-300	-3.8
Hertfordshire	7,780	7,460	-320	-4.1
South East Midlands	14,420	13,835	-585	-4.1
Buckinghamshire Thames Valley	2,515	2,320	-195	-7.7