

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

Introduction

There has been a total of 156,200 claims made from 43,700 individuals in the Black Country across all SEISS grants; the total claims reached a value of £394.1m.

The following main figures are based on claims submitted for the fifth SEISS to 15th September 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 17,700 claims (split approximately by 11,900 claims for the higher grant and 5,800 claims for the lower grant) made to 15th September 2021 with a total value of £35.3m (split approximately by £29.3m for the higher grant and £6.2m for the lower grant) with an average claim value of £2,000. The take-up rate for was 36%, above the UK average of 33%.
- For the fifth grant of SEISS up to 15th September 2021, the Black Country area, there were 37,600 of the male population eligible. There were 14,100 claims with a total value of £29.7m with an average claim at £2,100. The male take-up rate was 38% (UK take-up rate of 35%). For the female population in the Black Country area there were 11,000 eligible population. There were 3,500 claims, the total value of £5.8m with an average claim at £1,600. The female take-up rate was 32% (UK take-up rate of 29%).
- 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 32% based on the total number of claims of 83,000.
- The sectors with the highest take-up rates in the West Midlands region were transport and storage at 50% (24,100 eligible, 12,200 claims) and other service activities at 42% (18,100 eligible, 7,600 claims).

In Depth

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Across the Black Country local authorities, the overall take-up rate varies from 35% in both Dudley and Wolverhampton to 37% in in Walsall and 40% in Sandwell.

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

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 15th September 2021:

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of all claims made to 15/09/21	Total value of all claims made to 15/09/21	Average value of all claims made to 15/09/21	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	4,900	£10,000,000	£2,100	3,300	£8,300,000	1,600	£1,800,000	35%
Sandwell	12,900	5,100	£9,800,000	£1,900	3,400	£8,100,000	1,700	£1,800,000	40%
Walsall	11,700	4,300	£8,900,000	£2,100	2,900	£7,400,000	1,400	£1,500,000	37%
Wolverhampton	9,700	3,400	£6,600,000	£2,000	2,300	£5,500,000	1,100	£1,100,000	35%
Black Country LEP	48,500	17,700	£35,300,000	£2,000	11,900	£29,300,000	5,800	£6,200,000	36%
West Midlands Region	258,000	83,000	£174,000,000	£2,100	58,000	£148,000,000	25,000	£26,000,000	32%
United Kingdom	3,345,000	1,092,000	£2,477,000,000	£2,300	778,000	£2,127,000,000	315,000	£349,000,000	33%

Across the Black Country parliamentary constituencies, the overall take up rate varies from 31% in Aldridge to 41% 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 15th September 2021:

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of all claims made to 15/09/21	Total value of all claims made to 15/09/21	Average value of all claims made to 15/09/21	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	1,100	£2,500,000	£2,300	700	£2,000,000	400	£500,000	31%
Dudley North	3,800	1,400	£2,800,000	£2,000	900	£2,300,000	500	£500,000	37%
Dudley South	3,400	1,100	£2,300,000	£2,100	700	£1,900,000	400	£400,000	33%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,800	1,400	£2,900,000	£2,100	1,000	£2,400,000	400	£500,000	35%
Stourbridge	4,300	1,400	£2,900,000	£2,100	1,000	£2,400,000	400	£500,000	33%
Walsall North	4,000	1,600	£3,400,000	£2,100	1,000	£2,800,000	600	£600,000	40%
Walsall South	4,100	1,600	£3,000,000	£1,900	1,100	£2,600,000	500	£400,000	39%
Warley	3,900	1,600	£3,000,000	£1,900	1,100	£2,500,000	500	£500,000	41%
West Bromwich East	3,600	1,400	£2,700,000	£2,000	900	£2,200,000	500	£500,000	38%
West Bromwich West	3,700	1,400	£2,800,000	£1,900	900	£2,200,000	500	£500,000	39%
Wolverhampton North East	3,200	1,100	£2,300,000	£2,100	700	£1,900,000	400	£400,000	34%
Wolverhampton South East	3,500	1,300	£2,500,000	£2,000	900	£2,100,000	400	£500,000	36%
Wolverhampton South West	3,500	1,200	£2,300,000	£1,900	800	£1,900,000	400	£300,000	34%
Black Country LEP	48,500	17,700	£35,300,000	£2,000	11,900	£29,300,000	5,800	£6,200,000	36%
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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 32% based on the total number of claims of 83,000. 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 33%, which is based on the total number of claims of 62,000. There were 74,000 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 28% based on the total number of claims of 21,000.

Overall, for the West Midlands region the highest take-up rate was for those aged 35-44 years old at 37% (59,300 eligible, 21,700 claims). The highest take-up rate in the West Midlands region for females were those aged 25-34 years old at 32% (12,200 eligible and 3,900 claims). For males in the West Midlands region, the highest take-up rate was those aged 35-44 years old at 39% (41,900 eligible, 16,400 claims).

The following table shows a breakdown by age and gender across the West Midlands Region for the fifth grant of SEISS, up to 15th September 2021:

Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 15/09/21	Total value of claims made to 15/09/21	Average value of claims made to 15/09/21	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	2,200	£3,500,000	£1,600	57%	76%	32%
	25-34	33,700	12,700	£28,100,000	£2,200	63%	80%	38%
	35-44	41,900	16,400	£35,500,000	£2,200	66%	82%	39%
	45-54	46,400	15,700	£34,500,000	£2,200	68%	83%	34%
	55-64	40,200	11,200	£25,900,000	£2,300	71%	86%	28%
	65+	13,200	2,700	£7,300,000	£2,700	76%	89%	20%
	Missing	1,700	500	£1,000,000	£1,900	67%	84%	32%
All	184,000	62,000	£136,000,000	£2,200	67%	83%	33%	
Female	16-24	1,900	500	£800,000	£1,500	81%	93%	27%
	25-34	12,200	3,900	£7,000,000	£1,800	82%	93%	32%
	35-44	17,300	5,300	£9,100,000	£1,700	80%	91%	31%
	45-54	19,800	5,900	£10,900,000	£1,900	80%	92%	30%
	55-64	16,600	4,300	£8,500,000	£2,000	80%	91%	26%
	65+	5,400	900	£2,100,000	£2,300	81%	91%	17%
	Missing	600	200	£400,000	£2,000	81%	92%	28%
All	74,000	21,000	£39,000,000	£1,800	80%	92%	28%	
All	16-24	8,800	2,700	£4,200,000	£1,600	61%	79%	31%
	25-34	45,900	16,700	£35,100,000	£2,100	68%	83%	36%
	35-44	59,300	21,700	£44,600,000	£2,100	69%	84%	37%
	45-54	66,200	21,600	£45,400,000	£2,100	71%	85%	33%
	55-64	56,900	15,600	£34,400,000	£2,200	74%	87%	27%
	65+	18,600	3,600	£9,400,000	£2,600	77%	90%	19%
	Missing	2,300	700	£1,400,000	£1,900	71%	86%	31%
All	258,000	83,000	£174,000,000	£2,100	70%	85%	32%	

West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Sector

- The sectors with the highest take-up rates in the West Midlands region were transport and storage at 50% (24,100 eligible, 12,200 claims) and other service activities at 42% (18,100 eligible, 7,600 claims).

The following table shows a breakdown by broad industry for the West Midlands Region for the fifth grant of SEISS, up to 15th September 2021:

Sector description	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 15/09/21	Total value of claims made to 15/09/21	Average value of claims made to 15/09/21	Proportion of total number of claims made for higher grant	Proportion of total value of claims made for higher grant	Take-Up Rate
Accommodation and food service activities	6,100	1,800	£4,200,000	£2,400	82%	93%	29%
Administrative and support service activities	18,600	4,400	£7,000,000	£1,600	72%	87%	24%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,500	400	£800,000	£1,800	52%	72%	5%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,200	1,900	£4,300,000	£2,300	86%	95%	36%
Construction	78,800	26,900	£66,200,000	£2,500	58%	78%	34%
Education	8,900	3,300	£6,800,000	£2,100	84%	94%	37%
Financial and insurance activities	1,500	300	£900,000	£2,800	63%	82%	22%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	2,300	£5,000,000	£2,100	71%	86%	20%
Information and communication	2,300	600	£1,600,000	£2,500	71%	88%	27%
Manufacturing	6,700	2,100	£4,600,000	£2,200	69%	84%	31%
Other service activities	18,100	7,600	£15,000,000	£2,000	88%	96%	42%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,600	3,100	£8,300,000	£2,700	75%	89%	27%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	100	£300,000	£2,200	65%	87%	26%
Real estate activities	1,100	200	£400,000	£2,200	67%	83%	18%
Transportation and storage	24,100	12,100	£19,100,000	£1,600	76%	89%	50%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	16,900	4,100	£8,000,000	£1,900	68%	85%	24%
Unknown and other	37,300	11,400	£22,100,000	£1,900	73%	87%	31%
All	258,000	83,000	£174,000,000	£2,100	70%	85%	32%