

## Black Country: Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) – Released 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

### Introduction

The main figures are based on claims submitted for the fourth grant of SEISS to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### Summary

- Across the Black Country area, 49,000 people were eligible for the fourth grant of SEISS. There were 30,400 claims made to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with a total value of just over £80m with an average claim value of £2,600. The take-up rate for was 62%, above the UK average of 58%.
- In the Black Country, there were 24,200 claims that were males with a total value of nearly £68m with an average claim at £2,800. The male take-up rate was 64% (UK take-up rate of 60%). While there were 6,300 claims that were female, the total value of just over £12m with an average claim at £2,000. The female take-up rate was 57% in the Black Country (UK take-up rate of 54%).
- At a West Midlands regional level, there were approximately 260,000 of the population eligible for the fourth grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 58% based on the total number of claims of 150,000.
- Overall, for the West Midlands region the highest take-up rate was for those aged 35-44 years old at 63% (59,500 eligible, 37,500 claims).
- The industries with the highest take-up rates were other service activities at 77% (18,200 eligible, 14,100 claims), followed by transportation and storage at 76% (24,200 eligible, 18,400 claims) and then education at 70% (8,900 eligible, 6,200 claims).

### In Depth

#### Black Country

Across the Black Country area, 49,000 people were eligible for the fourth grant of SEISS. There were 30,400 claims made to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 with a total value of just over £80m with an average claim value of £2,600. The take-up rate for was 62%, above the UK average of 58%.

For the fourth grant of SEISS up to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Black Country area, there were 38,000 of the male population eligible. There were 24,200 claims with a total value of nearly £68m with an average claim at £2,800. The male take-up rate was 64% (UK take-up rate of 60%). For the female population in the Black Country area there were 11,000 eligible population. There were 6,300 claims, the total value of just over £12m with an average claim at £2,000. The female take-up rate was 57% (UK take-up rate of 54%).

Across local authority areas, the overall take-up rate varies from 60% in Wolverhampton to 64% in Sandwell. **The following table shows the overall breakdown of the fourth grant for SEISS by local authority for eligible population, claims and take-up rate for the SEISS up to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021:**

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 06/06/21	Total value of claims made to 06/06/21	Average value of claims made to 06/06/21	Total Take-Up Rate
Dudley	14,400	8,800	£23,900,000	£2,700	61%
Sandwell	13,000	8,300	£21,000,000	£2,500	64%
Walsall	11,800	7,400	£20,000,000	£2,700	63%
Wolverhampton	9,800	5,900	£15,200,000	£2,600	60%
<b>Black Country LEP</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>30,400</b>	<b>£80,100,000</b>	<b>£2,600</b>	<b>62%</b>
West Midlands Region	260,000	150,000	£403,000,000	£2,700	58%
United Kingdom	3,369,000	1,954,000	£5,507,000,000	£2,800	58%

Across the region's parliamentary constituencies, the overall take up rate varies from 59% in both Wolverhampton North East and Aldridge-Brownhills to 66% in Warley.

The following table shows an overall breakdown of the fourth grant for SEISS by parliamentary constituencies for eligible population, claims and take-up rate up to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 06/06/21	Total value of claims made to 06/06/21	Average value of claims made to 06/06/21	Total Take-Up Rate
Aldridge-Brownhills	3,500	2,100	£6,400,000	£3,000	59%
Dudley North	3,800	2,400	£6,500,000	£2,700	63%
Dudley South	3,400	2,100	£5,600,000	£2,700	60%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,900	2,400	£6,400,000	£2,700	62%
Stourbridge	4,400	2,600	£7,000,000	£2,700	60%
Walsall North	4,100	2,600	£7,100,000	£2,700	64%
Walsall South	4,200	2,700	£6,500,000	£2,400	65%
Warley	4,000	2,600	£6,300,000	£2,400	66%
West Bromwich East	3,600	2,200	£5,800,000	£2,600	62%
West Bromwich West	3,700	2,400	£6,100,000	£2,500	65%
Wolverhampton North East	3,300	1,900	£5,200,000	£2,700	59%
Wolverhampton South East	3,600	2,200	£5,700,000	£2,600	62%
Wolverhampton South West	3,600	2,200	£5,400,000	£2,500	60%
Black Country LEP	49,000	30,400	£80,100,000	£2,600	62%
United Kingdom	3,369,000	1,954,000	£5,507,000,000	£2,800	58%

## Regional Analysis

### West Midlands Region: Claims by Age and Gender

At a West Midlands regional level, there were approximately 260,000 of the population eligible for the fourth grant of the SEISS, which is a take up rate of 58% based on the total number of claims of 150,000. This can be split further by gender and there was a total potentially eligible male population of 185,400 for the fourth grant of the SEISS, which equates to a take-up rate of 59%, which is based on the total number of claims of 110,200. There were 74,300 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 54% based on the total number of claims of 40,100.

Overall, for the West Midlands region the highest take-up rate was for those aged 35-44 years old at 63% (59,500 eligible, 37,500 claims). The highest take-up rate in the West Midlands region for females were those aged 25-34 years old at 58% (12,300 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 66% (42,100 eligible, 27,700 claims).

The following table shows a breakdown by age and gender across the West Midlands Region for the fourth grant of SEISS, up to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 06/06/21	Total value of claims made to 06/06/21	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Male	16-24	7,200	3,700	£8,000,000	£2,200	51%
	25-34	34,200	20,700	£61,100,000	£3,000	61%
	35-44	42,100	27,700	£79,800,000	£2,900	66%
	45-54	46,500	28,700	£82,500,000	£2,900	62%
	55-64	40,400	22,500	£65,200,000	£2,900	56%
	65+	13,200	5,800	£18,400,000	£3,200	44%
	Missing	1,800	1,100	£2,800,000	£2,500	60%
	All	185,400	110,200	£317,800,000	£2,900	59%
Female	16-24	2,000	900	£1,600,000	£1,700	46%
	25-34	12,300	7,200	£14,600,000	£2,000	58%
	35-44	17,400	9,800	£19,900,000	£2,000	57%
	45-54	19,900	11,200	£24,000,000	£2,100	56%
	55-64	16,600	8,600	£19,000,000	£2,200	52%
	65+	5,400	2,000	£5,300,000	£2,700	36%



Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 06/06/21	Total value of claims made to 06/06/21	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
All	Missing	700	400	£900,000	£2,400	55%
	All	74,300	40,100	£85,300,000	£2,100	54%
	16-24	9,200	4,600	£9,600,000	£2,100	50%
	25-34	46,500	27,800	£75,700,000	£2,700	60%
	35-44	59,500	37,500	£99,700,000	£2,700	63%
	45-54	66,400	39,900	£106,500,000	£2,700	60%
	55-64	57,000	31,200	£84,300,000	£2,700	55%
	65+	18,600	7,700	£23,700,000	£3,100	42%
	Missing	2,500	1,500	£3,600,000	£2,500	59%
All	260,000	150,000	£403,000,000	£2,700	58%	

### West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Industry

The industries with the highest take-up rates were other service activities at 77% (18,200 eligible, 14,100 claims), followed by transportation and storage at 76% (24,200 eligible, 18,400 claims) and then education at 70% (8,900 eligible, 6,200 claims).

The following table shows a breakdown by broad industry for the West Midlands Region for the fourth grant of SEISS, up to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

Sector	Total potentially eligible pop.	Total no. of claims made to 06/06/21	Total value of claims made to 06/06/21	Average value of claims made to date	Take-Up Rate
Accommodation and food service activities	6,100	3,500	£9,000,000	£2,600	57%
Administrative and support service activities	18,800	8,800	£17,600,000	£2,000	47%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,500	1,800	£5,100,000	£2,900	21%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,200	3,300	£8,100,000	£2,500	63%
Construction	79,800	48,000	£163,300,000	£3,400	60%
Education	8,900	6,200	£14,500,000	£2,300	70%
Financial and insurance activities	1,500	700	£2,700,000	£3,800	46%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	4,500	£12,500,000	£2,800	39%
Information and communication	2,300	1,100	£3,200,000	£3,000	46%
Manufacturing	6,700	3,900	£11,100,000	£2,900	57%
Other service activities	18,200	14,100	£30,300,000	£2,200	77%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,700	5,400	£17,100,000	£3,200	47%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	200	£700,000	£2,700	53%
Real estate activities	1,200	500	£1,500,000	£3,000	43%
Transportation and storage	24,200	18,400	£34,900,000	£1,900	76%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	17,000	9,200	£23,400,000	£2,500	54%
Unknown and other	37,600	20,600	£48,100,000	£2,300	55%
All	260,000	150,000	£403,000,000	£2,700	58%

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