

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

Introduction

There has been a total of 151,500 claims made from 43,600 individuals in the Black Country across all SEISS grants; the total claims reached a value of nearly £386m.

The following main figures are based on claims submitted for the fifth SEISS to 15th August 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, 48,600 people were eligible for the fifth grant of SEISS. There were 12,900 claims (split approximately by 8,800 claims for the higher grant and 4,300 claims for the lower grant) made to 15th August 2021 with a total value of £26.6m (split approximately by £22.2m for the higher grant and £4.5m for the lower grant) with an average claim value of £2,100. The take-up rate for was 27%, above the UK average of 24%.
- For the fifth grant of SEISS up to 15th August 2021, the Black Country area, there were 37,600 of the male population eligible. There were 10,500 claims with a total value of £22.5m with an average claim at £2,200. The male take-up rate was 28% (UK take-up rate of 25%). For the female population in the Black Country area there were 10,900 eligible population. There were 2,400 claims, the total value of £4.1m with an average claim at £1,600. The female take-up rate was 22% (UK take-up rate of 20%).
- 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 23% based on the total number of claims of 60,000. 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 25%, which is based on the total number of claims of 45,000. There were 74,000 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 20% based on the total number of claims of 15,000.
- The sectors with the highest take-up rates in the West Midlands region were transport and storage at 34% (24,100 eligible, 8,200 claims) and other service activities at 29% (18,100 eligible, 5,300 claims).

In Depth

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Across the Black Country local authorities, the overall take-up rate varies from 25% in both Dudley and Wolverhampton to 27% in in Walsall and 29% in Sandwell.

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

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of all claims made to 15/08/21	Total value of all claims made to 15/08/21	Average value of all claims made to 15/08/21	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	14,300	3,500	£7,400,000	£2,100	2,400	£6,200,000	1,200	£1,300,000	25%
Sandwell	12,900	3,700	£7,400,000	£2,000	2,500	£6,100,000	1,200	£1,300,000	29%
Walsall	11,700	3,200	£6,800,000	£2,100	2,200	£5,700,000	1,100	£1,100,000	27%
Wolverhampton	9,700	2,500	£5,000,000	£2,000	1,700	£4,200,000	800	£800,000	25%
Black Country LEP	48,600	12,900	£26,600,000	£2,100	8,800	£22,200,000	4,300	£4,500,000	27%
West Midlands Region	258,000	60,000	£129,000,000	£2,200	43,000	£110,000,000	17,000	£19,000,000	23%
United Kingdom	3,342,000	792,000	£1,817,000,000	£2,300	570,000	£1,572,000,000	221,000	£245,000,000	24%

Across the Black Country parliamentary constituencies, the overall take up rate varies from 23% in three areas; Dudley South, Stourbridge, and Wolverhampton South West to 31% in Walsall North.

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 August 2021:

	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of all claims made to 15/08/21	Total value of all claims made to 15/08/21	Average value of all claims made to 15/08/21	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	800	£2,000,000	£2,400	600	£1,600,000	300	£300,000	24%
Dudley North	3,800	1,000	£2,100,000	£2,000	700	£1,700,000	400	£400,000	28%
Dudley South	3,400	800	£1,600,000	£2,100	500	£1,300,000	300	£300,000	23%
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	3,800	1,000	£2,200,000	£2,200	700	£1,800,000	300	£300,000	26%
Stourbridge	4,300	1,000	£2,100,000	£2,100	700	£1,800,000	300	£300,000	23%
Walsall North	4,000	1,200	£2,700,000	£2,100	800	£2,200,000	400	£500,000	31%
Walsall South	4,100	1,100	£2,200,000	£1,900	800	£1,900,000	300	£300,000	27%
Warley	3,900	1,200	£2,300,000	£1,900	800	£1,900,000	400	£400,000	30%
West Bromwich East	3,500	1,000	£2,000,000	£2,000	600	£1,600,000	400	£400,000	28%
West Bromwich West	3,700	1,100	£2,100,000	£2,000	700	£1,700,000	400	£400,000	29%
Wolverhampton North East	3,200	800	£1,800,000	£2,100	600	£1,500,000	300	£300,000	26%
Wolverhampton South East	3,500	1,000	£1,900,000	£2,000	600	£1,600,000	300	£300,000	28%
Wolverhampton South West	3,500	800	£1,600,000	£2,000	600	£1,400,000	200	£200,000	23%
Black Country LEP	48,600	12,900	£26,600,000	£2,100	8,800	£22,200,000	4,300	£4,500,000	27%
United Kingdom	3,342,000	792,000	£1,817,000,000	£2,300	570,000	£1,572,000,000	221,000	£245,000,000	24%

Regional Analysis

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 23% based on the total number of claims of 60,000. 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 25%, which is based on the total number of claims of 45,000. There were 74,000 eligible female population for the West Midlands region with a take-up rate of 20% based on the total number of claims of 15,000.

Overall, for the West Midlands region the highest take-up rate was for those aged 25-34 years old at 28% (49,500 eligible, 13,000 claims). The highest take-up rate in the West Midlands region for females were those aged 25-34 years old at 24% (12,200 eligible and 2,900 claims). For males in the West Midlands region, the highest take-up rate was those aged 25-34 years old at 30% (33,700 eligible, 10,100 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 August 2021:

Gender	Age bands	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 15/08/21	Total value of claims made to 15/08/21	Average value of claims made to 15/08/21	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	1,800	£2,900,000	£1,600	57%	77%	26%
	25-34	33,700	10,100	£22,700,000	£2,200	64%	81%	30%
	35-44	41,900	12,200	£27,200,000	£2,200	67%	83%	29%
	45-54	46,400	11,100	£25,000,000	£2,200	68%	84%	24%
	55-64	40,200	7,700	£18,000,000	£2,300	72%	86%	19%
	65+	13,200	1,800	£5,200,000	£2,900	78%	90%	14%
	Missing	1,700	400	£700,000	£1,800	65%	83%	23%
All	184,000	45,000	£102,000,000	£2,200	67%	84%	25%	
Female	16-24	1,900	400	£600,000	£1,500	82%	93%	19%
	25-34	12,200	2,900	£5,200,000	£1,800	83%	93%	24%
	35-44	17,300	3,800	£6,700,000	£1,700	81%	92%	22%
	45-54	19,800	4,100	£7,700,000	£1,900	81%	92%	21%
	55-64	16,600	2,900	£5,700,000	£2,000	82%	92%	17%
	65+	5,400	600	£1,400,000	£2,400	81%	92%	11%
	Missing	600	100	£300,000	£2,200	85%	94%	20%
All	74,000	15,000	£27,000,000	£1,900	82%	92%	20%	
All	16-24	8,800	2,200	£3,400,000	£1,600	61%	79%	25%
	25-34	45,900	13,000	£27,800,000	£2,100	68%	84%	28%
	35-44	59,200	16,100	£33,900,000	£2,100	70%	85%	27%
	45-54	66,200	15,200	£32,700,000	£2,100	72%	86%	23%
	55-64	56,900	10,600	£23,800,000	£2,200	75%	88%	19%
	65+	18,600	2,400	£6,600,000	£2,700	79%	91%	13%
	Missing	2,400	500	£1,000,000	£1,900	70%	86%	22%
All	258,000	60,000	£129,000,000	£2,200	71%	85%	23%	

West Midlands Region: Claims by Broad Sector

The sectors with the highest take-up rates were transport and storage at 34% (24,100 eligible, 8,200 claims) and other service activities at 29% (18,100 eligible, 5,300 claims).

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

Sector description	Total potentially eligible population	Total no. of claims made to 15/08/21	Total value of claims made to 15/08/21	Average value of claims made to 15/08/21	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	1,100	£2,700,000	£2,400	83%	94%	19%
Administrative and support service activities	18,600	3,300	£5,300,000	£1,600	73%	88%	18%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	8,500	300	£500,000	£1,900	60%	78%	3%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,200	1,300	£3,200,000	£2,400	87%	95%	26%
Construction	78,800	20,700	£51,200,000	£2,500	59%	79%	26%
Education	8,900	2,300	£4,900,000	£2,100	85%	94%	26%
Financial and insurance activities	1,500	200	£700,000	£2,800	64%	82%	16%
Human health and social work activities	11,500	1,700	£3,500,000	£2,100	72%	87%	15%
Information and communication	2,300	500	£1,200,000	£2,600	75%	90%	20%
Manufacturing	6,700	1,500	£3,400,000	£2,300	69%	84%	22%
Other service activities	18,100	5,300	£10,400,000	£2,000	88%	96%	29%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,600	2,300	£6,400,000	£2,800	78%	90%	20%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	500	<100	£200,000	£2,100	70%	88%	18%
Real estate activities	1,100	100	£300,000	£2,200	72%	86%	12%
Transportation and storage	24,100	8,200	£13,200,000	£1,600	75%	89%	34%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	16,900	2,700	£5,400,000	£2,000	69%	85%	16%
Unknown and other	37,300	8,400	£16,600,000	£2,000	74%	88%	23%
All	258,000	60,000	£129,000,000	£2,200	71%	85%	23%