

GVA per Hour Worked and GVA per Filled Job: 2019

In Summary

- The Black Country smoothed GVA per hour worked increased from £27.48 in 2018 to £27.78 in 2019 (+1.1%, +£0.30). The UK smoothed GVA per hour worked increased from £34.79 in 2018 to £35.15 in 2019 (+1.0%, +£0.36). There was a shortfall of £7.37 when comparing the Black Country to the UK.
- The Black Country smoothed GVA per filled job increased from £45,182 in 2018 to £45,705 in 2019 (+1.2%, +£524). The UK smoothed GVA per hour worked increased from £56,088 in 2018 to £56,670 in 2019 (+1.0%, +£582). There was a shortfall of £10,965 when comparing the Black Country to the UK.

Full brief

Labour productivity increased in 30 out of 40 International Territorial Level 2 regions in Great Britain between 2010 and 2019; the highest productivity growth occurred in Outer London – West and North West, followed by Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, and Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

In 2019, the most recent year for which data are available, labour productivity in 50 of the 168 International Territorial Level 3 regions in Great Britain was above the UK average; the top four were all in London, followed by North Hampshire, Berkshire, and Swindon.

Experimental local authority data show that gross value added per hour worked data were highest in Runnymede, Hounslow, Tower Hamlets, and Elmbridge; the lowest levels were found in Powys, Richmondshire, and Wyre Forest.

GVA per hour¹

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In 2019, smoothed GVA per hour work varied in the Black Country from £25.92 (+£0.01 since 2018) in Walsall to £30.41 (+£0.75 since 2018) in Sandwell.

Smoothed and Unsmoothed GVA per Hour Worked in the Black Country and the UK:

	Smoothed				Unsmoothed			
	2018	2019	Change	% Change	2018	2019	Change	% Change
Dudley	£26.40	£26.60	£0.20	0.8%	£26.52	£26.83	£0.31	1.2%
Sandwell	£29.66	£30.41	£0.75	2.5%	£30.98	£30.82	-£0.16	-0.5%
Walsall	£25.91	£25.92	£0.01	0.0%	£25.68	£26.28	£0.60	2.3%
Wolverhampton	£27.68	£27.86	£0.18	0.7%	£27.35	£28.14	£0.79	2.9%
Black Country LEP	£27.48	£27.78	£0.30	1.1%	£27.74	£28.11	£0.37	1.3%
UK (less Extra-Regio)	£34.79	£35.15	£0.36	1.0%	£35.00	£35.78	£0.78	2.2%

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Subregional productivity in the UK: July 2021

¹GVA per hour worked divides GVA by the total hours worked by the workforce in the area.

GVA per Filled Job²

The Black Country smoothed GVA per filled job increased from £45,182 in 2018 to £45,705 in 2019 (+1.2%, +£524). The UK smoothed GVA per hour worked increased from £56,088 in 2018 to £56,670 in 2019 (+1.0%, +£582). There was a shortfall of £10,965 when comparing the Black Country to the UK.

In 2019, smoothed GVA per job filled varied in the Black Country from £42,203 (+£167 since 2018) in Walsall to £50,940 (+£978 since 2018) in Sandwell.

Smoothed and Unsmoothed GVA per Job Filled in the Black Country and the UK:

	Smoothed				Unsmoothed			
	2018	2019	Change	% Change	2018	2019	Change	% Change
Dudley	£43,063	£43,480	£417	1.0%	£43,472	£44,030	£559	1.3%
Sandwell	£49,962	£50,940	£978	2.0%	£51,647	£51,851	£204	0.4%
Walsall	£42,136	£42,303	£167	0.4%	£41,609	£43,318	£1,709	4.1%
Wolverhampton	£45,058	£45,549	£491	1.1%	£44,635	£46,477	£1,842	4.1%
Black Country LEP	£45,182	£45,705	£524	1.2%	£45,511	£46,562	£1,049	2.3%
UK (less Extra-Regio)	£56,088	£56,670	£582	1.0%	£56,334	£57,721	£1,387	2.5%

Based on real unsmoothed GVA per filled job indices (2018=100 UK), the Black Country LEP was 100.1 in 2019 (UK was 100.3).

² GVA per filled job allocates GVA to the number of jobs in the area.