

Labour Market Insight November 2020



Unemployment – October 2020

Unemployment Data:

- The Unemployment Rate in MK was **6.3%** in **October 2020**
 - The number of Claimants in Milton Keynes dropped by 240 to 10,640 individuals between October 2020 and September 2020.

Date	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
October 2019	2,165	2.6	1,780	2.1	3,945	2.3
September 2020	6,285	7.5	4,595	5.4	10,880	6.4
October 2020	6,075	7.2	4,565	5.4	10,640	6.3

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 10 November 2020]. Data for the previous month is also subject to revision so figures may differ to those shown in earlier unemployment reports

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Area	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Bedford	4,050	7.8	2,945	5.5	6,995	6.6
Central Bedfordshire	4,225	4.7	3,160	3.5	7,385	4.1
Luton	6,740	9.8	4,730	7.3	11,470	8.6
Milton Keynes	6,075	7.2	4,565	5.4	10,640	6.3
Kettering	2,000	6.5	1,445	4.7	3,445	5.6
Corby	1,780	7.8	1,235	5.4	3,015	6.6
Daventry	1,255	4.8	1,050	4.0	2,300	4.4
Northampton	6,010	8.5	4,025	5.8	10,035	7.1
South Northamptonshire	1,020	3.6	840	2.9	1,860	3.2
East Northamptonshire	1,325	4.7	1,035	3.6	2,360	4.2
Wellingborough	1,770	7.5	1,230	5.1	3,000	6.3
South East Midlands	36,250	6.9	26,260	5.0	62,505	6.0
South East	169,290	6.0	121,230	4.3	290,520	5.2
United Kingdom	1,548,655	7.4	1,063,895	5.1	2,612,550	6.3

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 10 November 2020]

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Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Milton Keynes	10,640	6.3
Bletchley East	865	9.5
Bletchley Park	690	7.8
Bletchley West	525	6.0
Bradwell	565	7.0
Broughton	475	4.4
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	505	5.9
Central Milton Keynes	1,015	8.5
Danesborough & Walton	370	4.6
Loughton & Shenley	425	4.2

Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Monkston	400	4.5
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	290	4.2
Newport Pagnell South	350	5.1
Olney	220	3.4
Shenley Brook End	445	4.7
Stantonbury	735	7.3
Stony Stratford	435	6.6
Tattenhoe	355	4.4
Wolverton	745	7.4
Woughton & Fishermead	1,230	10.6

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Age	Milton Keynes		SEMLEP	United Kingdom
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Aged 16-17	25	-	-	-
Aged 18 to 21	1,060	11.4%	9.7%	9.0%
Aged 18 to 24	1,905	10.7%	9.6%	9.2%
Aged 25 to 49	6,325	6.5%	6.3%	6.8%
Aged 50 to 64	2,305	4.8%	4.5%	4.5%
Aged 65+	90	-	-	-

Unemployment rate by age calculated using the latest population estimates (2019)

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) claims by sector

Sector	Employers	Employments
	Take-up rate	Take-up rate
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	11%	6%
Mining and quarrying	29%	6%
Manufacturing	41%	12%
Energy production and supply	29%	1%
Water supply, sewerage and waste	36%	7%
Construction	31%	14%
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles	39%	12%
Transportation and storage	32%	10%
Accommodation and food services	45%	27%
Information and communication	25%	9%
Finance and insurance	26%	3%
Real estate	37%	12%
Professional, scientific and technical	31%	13%
Administrative and support services	36%	12%
Public administration and defence; social security	3%	0%
Education	43%	5%
Health and social work	33%	4%
Arts, entertainment and recreation	50%	33%
Other service activities	38%	23%
Households	3%	2%
Total	33%	11%

Nationally, 33% of employers furloughed staff between March and August 2020

The worst affected sectors were *Arts, entertainment & recreation* and *Accommodation & food services*

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) claims by age

Age	Employments furloughed	Eligible employments	Take-up rate
Under 18	66,400	417,800	16%
18 to 24	456,600	3,637,400	13%
25 to 44	1,344,100	13,751,300	10%
45 to 64	1,114,600	11,484,600	10%
65 and over	148,600	1,059,700	14%
Unknown	144,600	2,300	-
Total	3,274,900	30,353,200	11%

Between March and August 2020, those aged under 24 and aged over 65 were more likely to have their employment furloughed than the national average

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) claims by gender

Geography	Female		Male		Total	
	Employments furloughed	Take up-rate	Employments furloughed	Take-up rate	Employments furloughed	Take-up rate
England	1,384,900	11%	1,262,600	10%	2,647,500	10%
Milton Keynes UA	7,300	10%	6,400	9%	13,700	10%
Milton Keynes North	3,600	10%	3,200	9%	6,800	10%
Milton Keynes South	3,700	10%	3,200	9%	6,900	10%

Between March and August 2020, females were more likely to find that their employment was furloughed. This is true at both the national and local level.

The Parliamentary Constituencies of Milton Keynes North and South had very similar levels of employment furlough.

Employee Jobs (2018)

Industry	Milton Keynes		South East Midlands	Great Britain
	Employee Jobs	%	%	%
1 : Agriculture, forestry & fishing (A)	150	0.1	0.4	0.7
2 : Mining, quarrying & utilities (B,D and E)	600	0.3	0.9	1.4
3 : Manufacturing (C)	11,000	6	9.4	8.1
4 : Construction (F)	4,500	2.5	3.8	4.7
5 : Motor trades (Part G)	6,000	3.3	2.8	1.8
6 : Wholesale (Part G)	11,000	6	6.3	4
7 : Retail (Part G)	15,000	8.2	8.3	9.3
8 : Transport & storage (inc postal) (H)	17,000	9.3	8.6	4.8
9 : Accommodation & food services (I)	10,000	5.5	5.9	7.5
10 : Information & communication (J)	10,000	5.5	3.3	4.2
11 : Financial & insurance (K)	9,000	4.9	2.7	3.4
12 : Property (L)	2,250	1.2	1.7	1.7
13 : Professional, scientific & technical (M)	16,000	8.8	7.4	8.6
14 : Business administration & support services (N)	21,000	11.5	11.2	9
15 : Public administration & defence (O)	5,000	2.7	3.1	4.3
16 : Education (P)	18,000	9.9	8.8	8.8
17 : Health (Q)	16,000	8.8	10.9	13.1
18 : Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services (R,S,T and U)	9,000	4.9	4.7	4.5

	Milton Keynes (Employee Jobs)
Total Employee Jobs	182,000
Full-time	127,000
Part-time	55,000

Qualifications (Jan 2019-Dec 2019)

	Milton Keynes (Level)	Milton Keynes (%)	South East Midlands (%)	Great Britain (%)
NVQ4 and above	74,900	43.9	36.9	40.3
NVQ3 and above	104,300	61.1	54.7	58.5
NVQ2 and above	131,000	76.8	72.7	75.6
NVQ1 and above	146,700	86.0	83.6	85.6
Other qualifications	14,800	8.7	9.4	6.7
No Qualifications	9,200	5.4	7.0	7.7