

Labour Market Insight December 2020



Unemployment – November 2020

Unemployment Data:

- The Unemployment Rate in MK was **6.2%** in **November 2020**
 - The number of Claimants in Milton Keynes dropped by 10 to 10,425 individuals between October 2020 and November 2020.
- The Unemployment Rate in Milton Keynes is **lower** than the national (UK) rate of 6.3%, but **higher** than the South East Midlands (SEMLEP) rate of 5.9%

Date	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
November 2019	2,200	2.6	1,795	2.1	3,995	2.4
October 2020	5,950	7.1	4,485	5.3	10,435	6.2
November 2020	5,920	7.0	4,505	5.3	10,425	6.2

Data for the previous month is also subject to revision so figures may differ to those shown in earlier briefing reports

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Area	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Bedford	4,035	7.7	2,965	5.5	7,005	6.6
Central Bedfordshire	4,140	4.7	3,135	3.5	7,275	4.1
Luton	6,770	9.8	4,815	7.4	11,580	8.6
Milton Keynes	5,920	7.0	4,505	5.3	10,425	6.2
Kettering	1,990	6.5	1,470	4.7	3,460	5.6
Corby	1,700	7.5	1,180	5.1	2,880	6.3
Daventry	1,255	4.8	1,060	4.0	2,315	4.4
Northampton	5,950	8.4	4,075	5.9	10,025	7.1
South Northamptonshire	990	3.5	835	2.9	1,825	3.2
East Northamptonshire	1,260	4.5	1,020	3.6	2,280	4.0
Wellingborough	1,760	7.5	1,260	5.2	3,020	6.3
South East Midlands	35,770	6.8	26,325	5.0	62,095	5.9
South East	170,200	6.1	122,835	4.4	293,035	5.2
United Kingdom	1,555,940	7.5	1,075,335	5.1	2,631,280	6.3

Milton Keynes has a **lower** unemployment rate than Northampton, Bedford and Luton

But **higher** than Central Beds, South Northamptonshire and East Northamptonshire

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Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Milton Keynes	10,425	6.2
Bletchley East	850	9.3
Bletchley Park	655	7.4
Bletchley West	530	6.3
Bradwell	570	7.3
Broughton	455	4.0
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	500	6.0
Central Milton Keynes	980	8.3
Danesborough & Walton	340	4.2
Loughton & Shenley	425	4.1

Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Monkston	380	4.2
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	275	4.0
Newport Pagnell South	340	5.0
Olney	215	3.3
Shenley Brook End	445	4.8
Stantonbury	740	7.5
Stony Stratford	470	7.0
Tattenhoe	340	4.2
Wolverton	735	7.4
Woughton & Fishermead	1,185	10.2

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 15 December 2020]

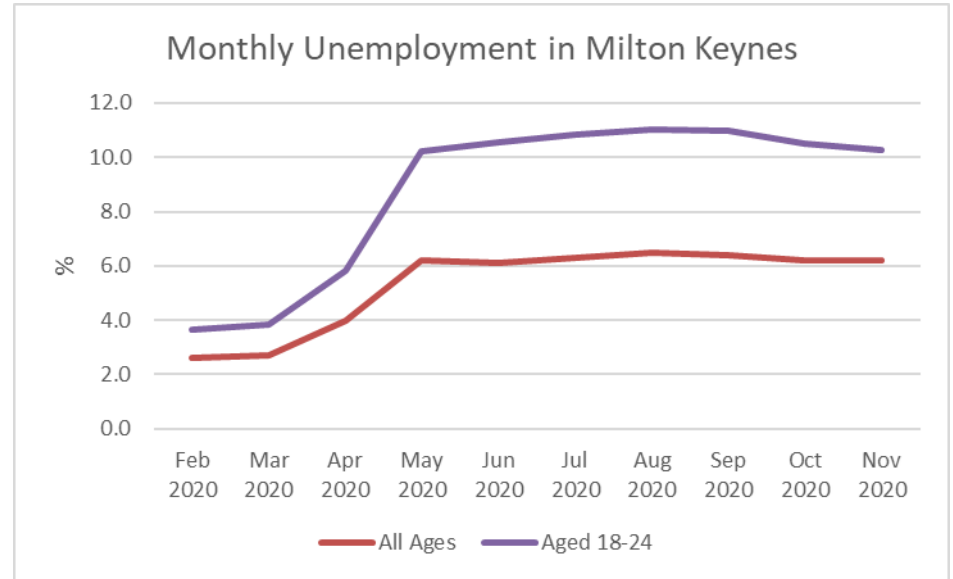
In November 2020, there were **nine** wards within Milton Keynes with unemployment rates above the borough average of 6.3%.

- Levels of unemployment were highest in the wards of Woughton and Fishermead (10.2%), Bletchley East (9.3%) and Central Milton Keynes (8.3%).

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Age	Milton Keynes		SEMLEP	United Kingdom
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Aged 16-17	25	-	-	-
Aged 18 to 21	1,025	11.0%	9.3%	8.9%
Aged 18 to 24	1,820	10.3%	9.2%	9.0%
Aged 25 to 49	6,200	6.4%	6.3%	6.8%
Aged 50 to 64	2,285	4.8%	4.5%	4.6%
Aged 65+	100	-	-	-

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



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