

Labour Market Insight February 2021



Unemployment – January 2021

Unemployment Data:

- The Unemployment Rate in MK was **5.9%** in **January 2021**
 - The number of Claimants in Milton Keynes dropped by 30 to 9,920 individuals between December 2020 and January 2021.
- The Unemployment Rate in Milton Keynes is **lower** than the national (UK) rate of 6.2%, but **higher** than the South East Midlands (SEMLEP) rate of 5.7%

Date	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
January 2020	2,250	2.7	1,855	2.2	4,110	2.4
December 2020	5,645	6.7	4,305	5.1	9,950	5.9
January 2021	5,655	6.7	4,265	5.0	9,920	5.9

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	3,925	7.5	2,920	5.5	6,850	6.5
Central Bedfordshire	3,965	4.5	3,070	3.4	7,035	3.9
Luton	6,615	9.6	4,745	7.3	11,360	8.5
Milton Keynes	5,655	6.7	4,265	5.0	9,920	5.9
Kettering	1,910	6.2	1,345	4.3	3,255	5.3
Corby	1,690	7.4	1,150	5.0	2,840	6.2
Daventry	1,195	4.6	950	3.6	2,145	4.1
Northampton	5,580	7.8	3,775	5.4	9,360	6.7
South Northamptonshire	935	3.3	805	2.8	1,740	3.0
East Northamptonshire	1,225	4.4	1,010	3.5	2,235	4.0
Wellingborough	1,700	7.2	1,200	5.0	2,895	6.1
South East Midlands	34,405	6.6	25,240	4.8	59,640	5.7
South East	166,605	5.9	119,940	4.3	286,545	5.1
United Kingdom	1,523,020	7.3	1,048,995	5.0	2,572,015	6.2

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	9,920	5.9
Bletchley East	835	9.1
Bletchley Park	640	7.3
Bletchley West	460	5.5
Bradwell	560	7.2
Broughton	435	3.8
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	465	5.5
Central Milton Keynes	950	8.0
Danesborough & Walton	335	4.2
Loughton & Shenley	375	3.6

Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Monkston	355	4.0
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	245	3.6
Newport Pagnell South	305	4.5
Olney	210	3.3
Shenley Brook End	410	4.4
Stantonbury	705	7.2
Stony Stratford	435	6.4
Tattenhoe	325	4.0
Wolverton	720	7.2
Woughton & Fishermead	1,150	9.9

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 23/02/2021]

In January 2021, there were **eight** wards within Milton Keynes with unemployment rates above the borough average of 5.9%.

- Levels of unemployment were highest in the wards of Woughton and Fishermead (9.9%), Bletchley East (9.1%) and Central Milton Keynes (8.0%).

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Age	Milton Keynes		SEMLEP	United Kingdom
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Aged 16-17	25	-	-	-
Aged 18 to 21	925	9.9%	8.9%	8.6%
Aged 18 to 24	1,665	9.4%	8.8%	8.7%
Aged 25 to 49	5,920	6.1%	6.0%	6.7%
Aged 50 to 64	2,205	4.6%	4.4%	4.6%
Aged 65+	105	-	-	-

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

