

Labour Market Insight

March 2021



Unemployment – February 2021

Unemployment Data:

- The Unemployment Rate in MK was 6.3% in **February 2021**
 - The number of Claimants in Milton Keynes increased by 705 to 10,595 individuals between February 2021 and January 2021.
- The Unemployment Rate in Milton Keynes is **lower** than the national (UK) rate of 6.5%, but **higher** than the South East Midlands (SEMLEP) rate of 6.1%

Date	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
February 2020	2,390	2.8	1,925	2.3	4,320	2.6
January 2021	5,640	6.7	4,250	5.0	9,890	5.9
February 2021	6,100	7.2	4,495	5.3	10,595	6.3

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	4,255	8.1	3,105	5.8	7,355	7.0
Central Bedfordshire	4,235	4.8	3,245	3.6	7,475	4.2
Luton	7,185	10.4	5,005	7.7	12,190	9.1
Milton Keynes	6,100	7.2	4,495	5.3	10,595	6.3
Kettering	2,065	6.7	1,410	4.5	3,475	5.6
Corby	1,855	8.1	1,255	5.5	3,110	6.8
Daventry	1,280	4.9	1,020	3.9	2,305	4.4
Northampton	5,920	8.3	4,075	5.9	9,995	7.1
South Northamptonshire	995	3.5	835	2.9	1,835	3.2
East Northamptonshire	1,340	4.8	1,085	3.8	2,425	4.3
Wellingborough	1,800	7.7	1,255	5.2	3,055	6.4
South East Midlands	37,030	7.1	26,785	5.1	63,815	6.1
South East	176,170	6.3	126,185	4.5	302,355	5.4
United Kingdom	1,598,655	7.7	1,096,105	5.2	2,694,760	6.5

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	10,595	6.3
Bletchley East	910	9.9
Bletchley Park	680	7.7
Bletchley West	500	5.9
Bradwell	605	7.8
Broughton	470	4.1
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	490	5.8
Central Milton Keynes	1,020	8.6
Danesborough & Walton	370	4.6
Loughton & Shenley	395	3.8

Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Monkston	400	4.4
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	245	3.6
Newport Pagnell South	330	4.9
Olney	230	3.6
Shenley Brook End	445	4.8
Stantonbury	740	7.5
Stony Stratford	460	6.8
Tattenhoe	335	4.1
Wolverton	750	7.5
Woughton & Fishermead	1,225	10.6

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 23/03/2021]

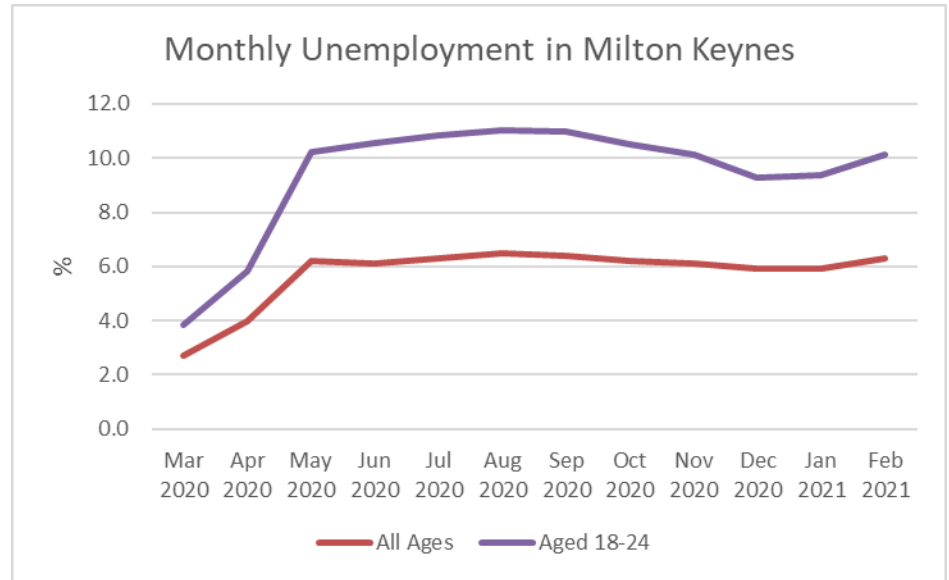
In February 2021, there were **eight** wards within Milton Keynes with unemployment rates above the borough average of 6.3%.

- Levels of unemployment were highest in the wards of Woughton and Fishermead (10.6%), Bletchley East (9.9%) and Central Milton Keynes (8.6%).

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Age	Milton Keynes		SEMLEP	United Kingdom
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Aged 16-17	25	-	-	-
Aged 18 to 21	1,000	10.7%	9.5%	8.8%
Aged 18 to 24	1,800	10.1%	9.4%	9.0%
Aged 25 to 49	6,320	6.5%	6.5%	7.0%
Aged 50 to 64	2,320	4.9%	4.6%	4.8%
Aged 65+	130	-	-	-

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



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