

Labour Market Insight December 2021



Unemployment – November 2021

Unemployment Data:

- The Unemployment Rate in MK was 4.7% in **November 2021**
 - The number of Claimants in Milton Keynes decreased by 275 to 7,895 individuals between October 2021 and November 2021.
- The Unemployment Rate in Milton Keynes is **higher** than the national (UK) rate of 4.6% and the South East Midlands (SEMLEP) rate of 4.4%

Date	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
November 2020	5,895	7.0	4,470	5.3	10,365	6.2
October 2021	4,605	5.5	3,565	4.2	8,170	4.9
November 2021	4,440	5.3	3,455	4.1	7,895	4.7

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	3,130	6.0	2,370	4.4	5,500	5.2
Central Bedfordshire	2,910	3.2	2,365	2.6	5,275	2.9
Luton	5,665	8.2	4,035	6.3	9,700	7.2
Milton Keynes	4,440	5.3	3,455	4.1	7,895	4.7
North Northamptonshire	4,655	4.4	3,610	3.4	8,265	3.9
West Northamptonshire	5,765	4.6	4,415	3.5	10,180	4.1
South East Midlands	26,570	5.0	20,245	3.8	46,815	4.4
South East	117,805	4.2	87,210	3.1	205,015	3.6
United Kingdom	1,123,020	5.4	796,080	3.8	1,919,105	4.6

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

But **higher** than Central Beds, North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire

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Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Milton Keynes	7,895	4.7
Bletchley East	690	7.5
Bletchley Park	530	6.1
Bletchley West	380	4.5
Bradwell	445	5.7
Broughton	380	3.4
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	365	4.3
Central Milton Keynes	770	6.5
Danesborough & Walton	260	3.2
Loughton & Shenley	270	2.6

Area	Total claimants	
	Number	Rate
Monkston	265	2.9
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	150	2.3
Newport Pagnell South	260	3.8
Olney	165	2.6
Shenley Brook End	305	3.3
Stantonbury	550	5.6
Stony Stratford	350	5.2
Tattenhoe	230	2.8
Wolverton	545	5.5
Woughton & Fishermead	980	8.4

Source: ONS, Claimant count by sex and age [from Nomis on 14/12/2021]

In November 2021, there were **eight** wards within Milton Keynes with unemployment rates above the borough average of 4.7%.

- Levels of unemployment were highest in the wards of Woughton and Fishermead (8.4%), Bletchley East (7.5%) and Central Milton Keynes (6.5%).

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Age	Milton Keynes		SEMLEP	United Kingdom
	Number	Rate	Rate	Rate
Aged 16-17	10	-	-	-
Aged 18 to 21	640	7.2%	6.1%	5.7%
Aged 18 to 24	1,160	6.7%	6.0%	5.7%
Aged 25 to 49	4,905	5.1%	4.9%	5.2%
Aged 50 to 64	1,705	3.5%	3.3%	3.4%
Aged 65+	115	-	-	-

Unemployment rate by age calculated using the latest population estimates (2020)

