

Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count October 2022 Summary Update

Claimant Count Change Between February 2020 and September 2022:	Claimant Count Change Between September 2021 and September 2022:	Claimant Count Change Between August 2022 and September 2022:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ UK increased by 22.1% ↓ Scottish decreased by 3.4% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 21.7% ↑ City Region increased by 0.4% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↓ UK decreased by 24.6% ↓ Scottish decreased by 28.8% ↓ Edinburgh decreased by 32.1% ↓ City Region decreased by 31.3% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ UK increased by 0.9% ↓ Scottish decreased by 1.9% ↓ Edinburgh decreased by 0.4% ↓ City Region increased by 1.8%

City Region Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for the City Region was 24,480. Of these
 - a. 4,120 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 14,715 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 5,650 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in the Region is now 0.4% **higher** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 43,100 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in the Region.

Edinburgh Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for Edinburgh was 8,650. Of these
 - a. 1,140 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 5,465 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 2,045 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in Edinburgh is now 21.7% **higher** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 13,893 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Edinburgh

East Lothian Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for East Lothian was 1,470. Of these
 - a. 250 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 885 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 335 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in East Lothian is now 17% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 3,533 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian.

Fife Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for Fife was 7,850. Of these
 - a. 1,465 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 4,580 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 1,805 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in Fife is now 10% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 13,006 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Fife.

Midlothian Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for Midlothian was 1,315. Of these
 - a. 260 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 775 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 285 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in Midlothian is now 11% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 3,147 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Midlothian.

Scottish Borders Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for Scottish Borders was 1,955. Of these
 - a. 335 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 1,060 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 555 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in Scottish Borders is now 5% **higher** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 3,390 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders.

West Lothian Summary

1. In September 2022 the claimant count for West Lothian was 3,240. Of these
 - a. 670 were 16-24 year olds
 - b. 1,950 were 25-49 year olds
 - c. 625 were 50 or older
2. The overall claimant count in West Lothian is now 5% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In August 2022 there were 6,129 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in West Lothian

Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count October 2022 Full Update

On the 11th October 2022 NOMIS released claimant count data that reflected the situation in September 2022. On the same day DWP published data on StatXplore for employed Universal Credit claimants from August 2022. This data, along with data from the Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey is examined in this paper.

Claimant Count by Nation and Region

Table 1 looks at the 12 regions and countries of the UK and indicates

- the claimant count as at February 2020
- the percentage increase between February 2020 and the 'peak claimant count'
- the claimant count in September 2021
- the claimant count in August and September 2022
- the percentage fall between 'peak claimant count' and September 2022
- the percentage fall between August and September 2022.
- The percentage fall between September 2021 and September 2022

From Table 1 it can be seen that in every nation and region of the UK there has been a fall in the claimant count since the peak and this has ranged from 34% in the West Midlands to 53% in the South West England. Scotland recorded a fall of 51% since it peaked in August 2020. We can also see that year on year there have been falls so that in Scotland the claimant count is now 29% lower than it was in September 2021.

Table 1: National Claimant Count Picture

	Feb-20	Sep 2021	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Percentage Change			
					Feb 20 to Peak	Peak to Sep 22	Sep21 to Sep22	Aug22 to Sep22
UK	1,255,770	2,032,690	1,520,035	1,533,175	114%	-43%	-25%	0.9%
East	89,890	154,240	111,900	112,720	138%	-47%	-27%	0.7%
East Midlands	80,915	126,750	97,165	97,615	110%	-43%	-23%	0.5%
London	184,765	387,505	279,570	287,600	159%	-40%	-26%	2.9%
North East	75,560	93,705	68,785	68,945	64%	-44%	-26%	0.2%
North West	167,055	250,070	193,380	194,005	95%	-41%	-22%	0.3%
N. Ireland	29,910	47,205	36,045	36,535	114%	-43%	-23%	1.4%
Scotland	114,605	155,505	112,805	110,715	96%	-51%	-29%	-1.9%
South East	119,620	216,375	160,345	162,260	152%	-46%	-25%	1.2%
South West	75,595	119,645	84,230	84,625	139%	-53%	-29%	0.5%
Wales	60,375	84,325	63,350	63,275	97%	-47%	-25%	-0.1%
West Midlands	141,095	218,340	175,335	177,405	91%	-34%	-19%	1.2%
Yorks & Humb	116,390	179,020	137,135	137,480	89%	-37%	-23%	0.3%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Looking more specifically at what has been recorded between August 2022 and September 2022 it can be seen that in the majority of regions and countries of the UK there had been an increase in the number of claimants. This ranged from an increase of 2.9% in London to a 0.2% increase in the North East. In Wales the claimant count fell by 0.1% between August and September and in Scotland it fell by 1.9% from 112,805 in August to 110,715 in September.

Claimant Count by Scottish Local Authority

Table 2 looks specifically at the situation in Scotland and focuses on Scottish Local Authorities (LAs). From the peak in 2020/21 all LAs have seen a fall in the claimant number and this has ranged from 43% in Glasgow and Inverclyde to 64% in Na h Eileanan Siar. However in many areas the claimant count is still higher than it was in February 2020.

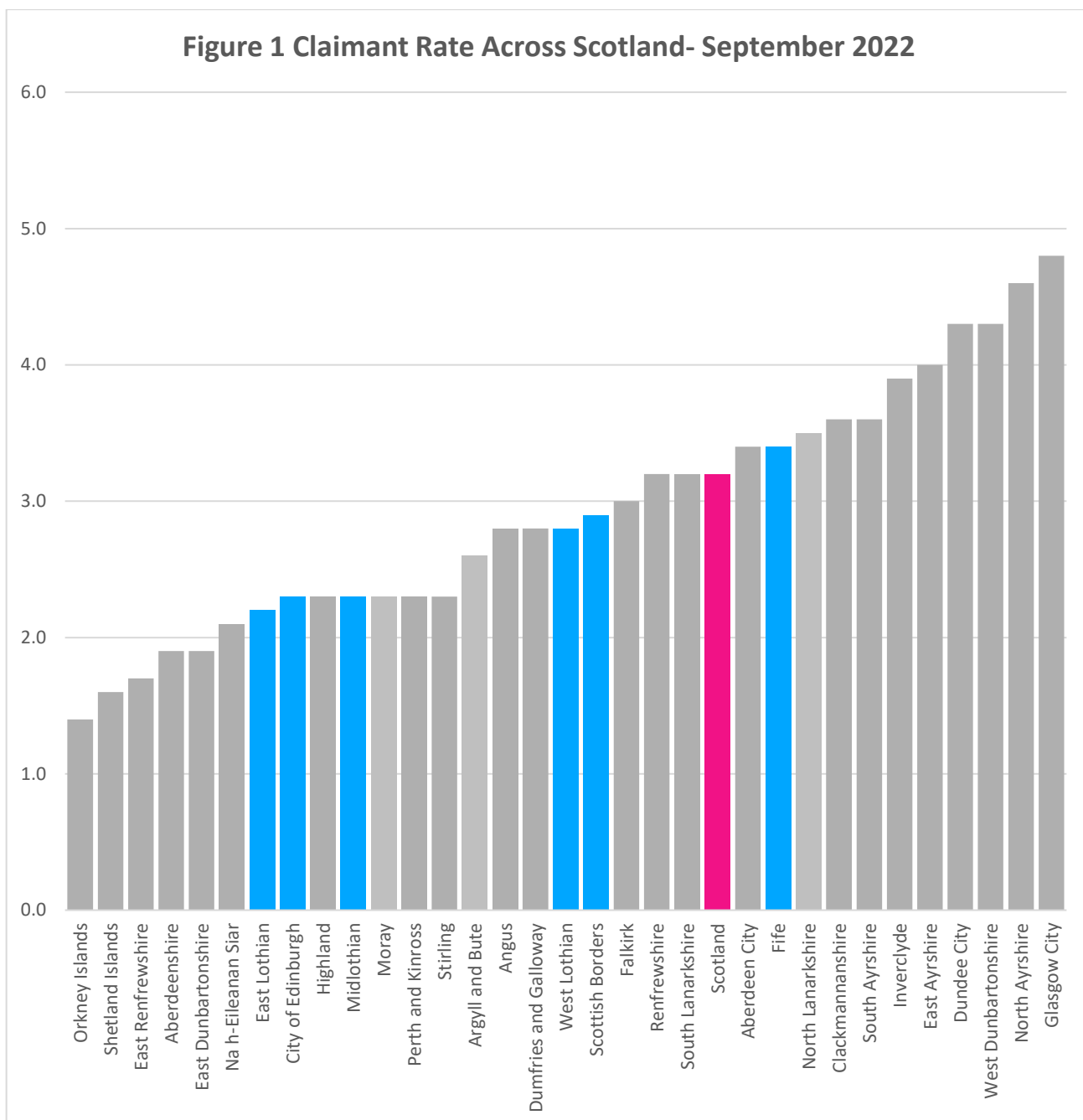
Table 2: Claimant Count - Scottish LAs

	Feb-20	Peak Month and Count		August 2022	September 2022	Feb 20 to Peak	Peak to Sep 22	Aug 22- Sep 22
Aberdeen City	4,150	Feb-21	9,725	5,270	5,325	134%	-45%	1.0%
Aberdeenshire	2,975	Aug-20	6,675	3,065	2,990	124%	-55%	-2.4%
Angus	2,040	Aug-20	3,985	1,960	1,900	95%	-52%	-3.1%
Argyll and Bute	1,530	May-20	3,290	1,380	1,305	115%	-60%	-5.4%
Edinburgh	7,105	Aug-20	18,840	8,685	8,650	165%	-54%	-0.4%
Clackmannanshire	1,390	Aug-20	2,255	1,210	1,150	62%	-49%	-5.0%
Dumfries &	2,950	May-20	5,115	2,515	2,455	73%	-52%	-2.4%
Dundee City	4,530	Aug-20	7,490	4,255	4,205	65%	-44%	-1.2%
East Ayrshire	3,685	Aug-20	6,280	3,235	3,020	70%	-52%	-6.6%
E.Dunbartonshire	1,230	Aug-20	2,985	1,280	1,240	143%	-58%	-3.1%
East Lothian	1,765	May-20	3,680	1,495	1,470	108%	-60%	-1.7%
East Renfrewshire	950	Jul-20	2,415	965	980	154%	-59%	1.6%
Falkirk	3,300	Jul-20	6,335	3,120	3,090	92%	-51%	-1.0%
Fife	8,765	Aug-20	15,840	8,105	7,850	81%	-50%	-3.1%
Glasgow City	20,055	Aug-20	38,205	21,725	21,695	91%	-43%	-0.1%
Highland	3,715	Jul-20	8,430	3,280	3,275	127%	-61%	-0.2%
Inverclyde	2,255	Jul-20	3,275	1,920	1,855	45%	-43%	-3.4%
Midlothian	1,470	May-20	3,160	1,370	1,315	115%	-58%	-4.0%
Moray	1,550	Aug-20	3,030	1,395	1,375	95%	-55%	-1.4%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	465	Aug-20	880	335	320	89%	-64%	-4.5%
North Ayrshire	4,600	Jul-20	7,290	3,755	3,705	58%	-49%	-1.3%
North Lanarkshire	8,230	Aug-20	15,870	7,870	7,605	93%	-52%	-3.4%
Orkney Islands	195	Aug-20	420	200	185	115%	-56%	-7.5%
Perth and Kinross	1,865	Aug-20	4,595	2,205	2,085	146%	-55%	-5.4%
Renfrewshire	4,025	Aug-20	7,780	3,700	3,645	93%	-53%	-1.5%
Scottish Borders	1,860	Jul-20	3,835	1,975	1,955	106%	-49%	-1.0%
Shetland Islands	265	Sep-20	545	240	225	106%	-59%	-6.3%
South Ayrshire	2,790	Aug-20	4,960	2,475	2,385	78%	-52%	-3.6%
South Lanarkshire	7,015	Aug-20	13,725	6,615	6,425	96%	-53%	-2.9%
Stirling	1,540	Jul-20	3,125	1,435	1,370	103%	-56%	-4.5%
W.Dunbartonshire	2,930	Jul-20	4,865	2,480	2,425	66%	-50%	-2.2%
West Lothian	3,425	Aug-20	7,005	3,305	3,240	105%	-54%	-2.0%
Scotland	114,605	Aug-20	224,840	112,805	110,715	96%	-51%	-1.9%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

From August 2022 to September 2022 2 LAs recorded an increase in the claimant count (East Renfrew and Aberdeen) and all the rest recorded month to month falls. This ranged from 7.5% fall in Orkney to 0.1% in Glasgow.

Figure 1 below looks at the claimant rate for all the Scottish Local Authorities. From this it can be seen that with the exception of Fife all the City Region Local Authorities had a claimant rate below the Scottish average. What it also shows is the variation across the country – Orkney recording a claimant rate of 1.4 and Glasgow recording one 3 times higher at 4.8.



Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

City Region Position

Looking now at the position in the City Region in more detail. It can be seen in Table 3 that across the region the claimant count recorded in September 2022 is still higher than in February 2020, but only by 0.4%. However, it is also clear that in 4 of the 6 Local Authorities the count is lower than it

was in February 2020. Scottish Borders and Edinburgh are the 2 that have a claimant count higher now than it was before the pandemic. For Edinburgh it is 21.7% higher and for Scottish Borders 5.1% higher.

Table 3: Claimant Count – City Region LAs

	Feb-20	Sep-21	Aug-22	Sep-22	Percentage Change		
					Feb 20- Sep 22	Aug 22- Sep 22	Sep21- Sep22
Edinburgh	7,105	12,745	8,685	8,650	21.7%	-0.4%	-32.1%
East Lothian	1,765	2,405	1,495	1,470	-16.7%	-1.7%	-38.9%
Fife	8,765	11,220	8,105	7,850	-10.4%	-3.1%	-30.0%
Midlothian	1,470	2,065	1,370	1,315	-10.5%	-4.0%	-36.3%
Scottish Borders	1,860	2,655	1,975	1,955	5.1%	-1.0%	-26.4%
West Lothian	3,425	4,555	3,305	3,240	-5.4%	-2.0%	-28.9%
City Region	24,390	35,645	24,935	24,480	0.4%	-1.8%	-31.3%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Table 3 also highlights that the month to month change between August and September ranges from a 4.0% fall in Midlothian to a 0.4% fall in Edinburgh. The claimant count in the region in September 2022 is 24,480 a 1.8% fall from what was recorded in August.

Table 4 looks at the number of Universal Credit claimants across the region.

Table 4 Universal Credit Claimants

		City of Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	West Lothian	Scottish Borders	City Region
Feb-20	Not in employment	9,041	3,725	14,794	3,173	5,608	2,874	39,224
	In employment	4,650	2,120	6,467	1,741	2,809	1,546	19,338
	Total	13,688	5,842	21,262	4,921	8,419	4,424	58,554
Aug-21	Not in employment	20,596	5,445	22,600	4,982	9,508	4,928	68,066
	In employment	14,694	3,648	12,838	3,368	6,061	3,290	43,904
	Total	35,294	9,094	35,437	8,353	15,571	8,220	111,967
Jul-22	Not in employment	19,001	5,029	21,726	4,672	9,306	4,747	64,476
	In employment	13,792	3,500	12,818	3,155	6,055	3,362	42,678
	Total	32,790	8,529	34,546	7,827	15,363	8,109	107,163
Aug-22	Not in employment	19,213	5,046	21,769	4,735	9,422	4,820	64,992
	In employment	13,893	3,533	13,006	3,147	6,129	3,390	43,100
	Total	33,107	8,577	34,773	7,878	15,553	8,204	108,093

Source: StatXplore 12/10/2022

Whilst some of this number will include out of work claimants reflected in the claimant count, Universal Credit can also be claimed by individuals who are in work but need support to supplement their wages. Table 4 reflects both in and out of work claimants. This indicates that across the region in February 2020 there were 19,338 claimants of universal credit who were in work. In August 2022 (the most recent data available) there were 43,100. Overall 40% of claimants in August 2022 were in work, in February 2020 it was 33% of claimants.

Gender Profile

Turning now to look at the gender profile of the claimants in the Region. Tables 5 and 6 look at the number of claimants of each gender as of February 2020, and compares this with the situation in September 2021, August 2022 and September 2022.

Table 5: Change in Male Claimant Count Across the City Region

	Feb 2020	Sep 2021	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	% Change		
					Feb20- Sep22	Sep21- Sep22	Aug22 - Sep22
City of Edinburgh	4435	7,990	5,320	5,295	19.4%	-33.7%	-0.5%
East Lothian	1005	1,390	885	875	-12.9%	-37.1%	-1.1%
Fife	5475	6,815	4,945	4,805	-12.2%	-29.5%	-2.8%
Midlothian	865	1,260	820	800	-7.5%	-36.5%	-2.4%
Scottish Borders	1120	1,565	1,130	1,125	0.4%	-28.1%	-0.4%
West Lothian	1970	2,685	1,985	1,960	-0.5%	-27.0%	-1.3%
Scotland	71975	96,135	69,455	68,450	-4.9%	-28.8%	-1.4%
City Region	14870	21,705	15,085	14,860	-0.1%	-31.5%	-1.5%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

From Table 5 we can see that the male claimant count in Edinburgh remains 19.4% higher than it was in February 2020 and in Scottish Borders it is still 0.4% higher. In the other LAs the male claimant count is lower than it was in 2020. The month-to-month movements for male claimants between August and September 2022 has ranged from a 0.4% *fall* in Scottish Borders to a 2.8% *fall* in Fife. Across the region there are now nearly 7,000 fewer male claimants than a year ago.

Table 6 looks at the situation for female claimants. Again, Edinburgh and Scottish Borders have a claimant count that remains higher than it was pre-pandemic. Compared to the position for males in these two areas it looks as if the female claimant count hasn't fallen as quickly. For example, whilst the male claimant count in September in Edinburgh was 19.4% higher than in February 2020, for Females it was 25.9%. In Scottish Borders the claimant count for males in September 2022 was 0.4% above the February level for females it was 12.2%. This isn't universal throughout the Region, in East Lothian and West Lothian the female count is far lower than it was in February 2020 when compared to the count for males.

Table 6: Change in Female Claimant Count Across the City Region

	Feb 2020	Sep 2021	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	% Change		
					Feb20- Sep22	Sep21- Sep22	Aug22 - Sep22
City of Edinburgh	2,665	4,755	3,365	3,355	25.9%	-29.4%	-0.3%
East Lothian	760	1,015	610	595	-21.7%	-41.4%	-2.5%
Fife	3,290	4,405	3,160	3,045	-7.4%	-30.9%	-3.6%
Midlothian	605	810	545	520	-14.0%	-35.8%	-4.6%
Scottish Borders	740	1,085	845	830	12.2%	-23.5%	-1.8%
West Lothian	1,455	1,875	1,320	1,280	-12.0%	-31.7%	-3.0%
Scotland	42,635	59,370	43,350	42,270	-0.9%	-28.8%	-2.5%
City Region	9,515	13,945	9,845	9,625	1.2%	-31.0%	-2.2%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

In terms of month to month change every LA in the region saw the number of female claimants fall between August and September 2022. This ranged from 0.3% in Edinburgh through to a 4.6% fall in Midlothian. Overall, across the region there were 9,625 female claimants in September 2022. A year ago, there were 13,945.

Table 7 below looks at the gender split of those who are in work and claiming Universal Credit. This is from StatXplore rather than NOMIS and the most recent data is that published in August. The data suggest that across the City Region in February 2020 12,492 females in work and claiming UC and this has increased so that in August 2022 26,678 claimants were recorded. For both genders the number of people who are in work and claiming has continued to increase year to year and month to month.

Table 7: In Work Universal Credit Claimants

		City of Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	West Lothian	Scottish Borders	Midlothian	City Region
Feb-20	Male	1,875	674	2,283	966	524	506	6,834
	Female	2,769	1,441	4,182	1,844	1,019	1,237	12,492
	Total	4,644	2,118	6,465	2,809	1,546	1,741	19,326
Aug-21	Male	6,651	1,353	5,245	2,447	1,355	1,300	18,349
	Female	8,044	2,290	7,596	3,620	1,933	2,068	25,554
	Total	14,694	3,648	12,838	6,061	3,290	3,368	43,904
Jul-22	Male	5,816	1,184	4,814	2,163	1,301	1,081	16,361
	Female	7,973	2,316	8,009	3,884	2,061	2,075	26,318
	Total	13,792	3,500	12,818	6,055	3,362	3,155	42,678
August 2022	Male	5,809	1,195	4,874	2,172	1,314	1,060	16,422
	Female	8,082	2,345	8,133	3,956	2,072	2,090	26,678
	Total	13,893	3,533	13,006	6,129	3,390	3,147	43,100

Source: StatXplore 12/10/2022

Age Profile

Table 8 below looks at the age profile of claimants in each of the 6 Local Authorities and also in the City Region.

Across the City region there was a 134% increase in the claimant count of 16-24 year olds between February 2020 and the summer of 2020 when it peaked. Since then, there has been a 61.7% fall ranging from 68.6% in East Lothian through to 57.3% in West Lothian. There are still however, 4,120 16-24 year olds claiming in the city region. Although this is down from 4,295 the previous month. Of these Fife alone accounts for over 1,465 and Edinburgh for 1,140. In terms of the latest month to month figures the table indicates that whilst the number 16-24 years olds claiming has decreased between August and September this has ranged from a 9% month to month fall in East Lothian, to no change at all in West Lothian.

Table 8: Change in Claimants by Age Across the City Region (All Gender)

16-24 Year Olds		Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian	City Region
Feb-20		1,065	315	1,740	325	415	735	4,595
Peak Count		3,290	795	3,555	695	885	1,570	10,770
Peak Month		Jul-20	Jul-20	Jul-20	Jul-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Jul-20
Aug-22		1,165	275	1,565	270	350	670	4,295
Sep-22		1,140	250	1,465	260	335	670	4,120
% Change	Feb 20 to Peak	203.0%	152.0%	104.0%	114.0%	113.0%	114.0%	134.0%
	Peak to Sep 22	-65.3%	-68.6%	-58.8%	-62.6%	-62.1%	-57.3%	-61.7%
	Aug22 to Sep 22	-2.1%	-9.1%	-6.4%	-3.7%	-4.3%	0.0%	-4.1%

25-49 Year Olds		Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian	City Region
Feb-20		4310	1020	4990	865	975	1965	14125
Peak Count		11715	2100	8775	1865	1960	3940	30195
Peak Month		Aug-20	May-20	Aug-20	May-20	May-20	Aug-20	Aug-20
Aug-22		5,440	895	4,730	800	1,065	2,020	14,950
Sep-22		5,465	885	4,580	775	1,060	1,950	14,715
% Change	Feb 20 to Peak	172.0%	106.0%	76.0%	116.0%	101.0%	101.0%	114.0%
	Peak to Sep 22	-53.4%	-57.9%	-47.8%	-58.4%	-45.9%	-50.5%	-51.3%
	Aug22 to Sep 22	0.5%	-1.1%	-3.2%	-3.1%	-0.5%	-3.5%	-1.6%
50 years and over		Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian	City Region
Feb-20		1,730	430	2,030	280	470	725	5,665
Peak Count		4,115	885	3,565	675	1,020	1,495	11,540
Peak Month		Feb-21	Feb-21	Aug-20	Feb-21	May-20	Aug-20	Feb-21
Aug-22		2,075	325	1,810	300	565	620	5,695
Sep-22		2,045	335	1,805	285	555	625	5,650
% Change	Feb 20 to Peak	138.0%	106.0%	76.0%	141.0%	117.0%	106.0%	104.0%
	Peak to Sep22	-50.3%	-62.1%	-49.4%	-57.8%	-45.6%	-58.2%	-51.0%
	Aug22 to Sep22	-1.4%	3.1%	-0.3%	-5.0%	-1.8%	0.8%	-0.8%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

The table also allows us to look at the other age groups and see what has been happening in terms of 25-49 year olds and also those over the age of 50. In September there were 14,715 claimants across the region who were between 25 and 49 years of age and 5,650 who were over the age of 50. Overall, between August and September the claimant count for those over the age of 50 fell by 0.8% across the region and for 25-49 year olds it fell by 1.6%. For the 25-49 age group the largest fall was recorded in Fife whilst Edinburgh recorded a small month to month increase in the number of 25-49 year old claimants. In the case of claimants over the age of 50, East and West Lothian recorded a month to month increase whilst Midlothian saw the number of claimants fall by 5%.

Ward Profile

Whilst a Local Authority focus is useful it can hide large differences in the claimant count within the local authority and possibly result in services not being targeted as they should. This section looks at the ward position for each LA in turn.

Edinburgh

Table 9 gives the current situation in the 17 Edinburgh Wards and the percentage change since the start of the pandemic and since last month. Looking at the change from August to September 2022 11 wards recorded a fall in the claimant count of between 1.5% and 5.1%. Five wards saw the claimant count increase month to month – Leith saw it increase by 9.1% so that there are now 720 claimants in that ward of which 37.5% are female and 10.4% are aged 16-24. In terms of other wards Leith looks to have the 3rd highest number of claimants in the city.

Overall in Edinburgh in September 2022, 61.2% of claimants were male (almost the same proportion as August) and 13.2% are aged 16-24, again this is almost identical proportion to last month. Southside and Newington had the highest percentage of claimants over the age of 50 whilst Liberton and Gilmerton had the highest percentage of 16-24 year old claimants.

Table 9 Edinburgh Claimant Count by Ward September 2022 17 4

Wards	Sep 22	% Change		Proportion of Claimants September 2022				
		Feb20-Sep22	Aug22-Sep22	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Almond	530	7.1%	-3.6%	61.3%	38.7%	12.3%	67.0%	19.8%
City Centre	675	37.8%	8.9%	66.7%	33.3%	13.3%	63.7%	23.0%
Colinton/ Fairmilehead	225	28.6%	-4.3%	55.6%	44.4%	15.6%	57.8%	26.7%
Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	185	54.2%	8.8%	54.1%	48.6%	8.1%	70.3%	24.3%
Craigtinny/ Duddingston	600	9.1%	1.7%	62.5%	36.7%	10.0%	65.8%	23.3%
Drum Brae/ Gyle	270	20.0%	-6.9%	61.1%	40.7%	13.0%	61.1%	25.9%
Forth	815	13.2%	-3.0%	58.3%	41.7%	14.1%	63.2%	23.3%
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	280	36.6%	0.0%	64.3%	37.5%	10.7%	60.7%	28.6%
Inverleith	325	47.7%	-1.5%	61.5%	36.9%	15.4%	56.9%	27.7%
Leith	720	14.3%	9.1%	61.8%	37.5%	10.4%	68.8%	20.1%
Leith Walk	680	23.6%	-2.9%	62.5%	37.5%	8.8%	66.9%	24.3%
Liberton/ Gilmerton	735	36.1%	1.4%	60.5%	39.5%	18.4%	58.5%	22.4%
Morningside	200	33.3%	-2.4%	57.5%	42.5%	12.5%	65.0%	22.5%
Pentland Hills	720	15.2%	-2.7%	59.7%	41.0%	16.0%	61.8%	22.2%
Portobello/Craigmillar	695	11.2%	-3.5%	56.1%	43.2%	14.4%	63.3%	22.3%
Sighthill/ Gorgie	650	18.2%	-5.1%	64.6%	35.4%	14.6%	60.8%	24.6%
Southside/Newington	345	50.0%	-1.4%	66.7%	33.3%	10.1%	58.0%	31.9%
Edinburgh	8,650	21.7%	-0.4%	61.2%	38.8%	13.2%	63.2%	23.6%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Table 10 below looks at the in work claimant count for the Edinburgh wards. There are nearly 1,500 in Forth Ward who are working but their earnings are low enough that they can receive UC. This has fallen by 3% compared to August 2021 but is up 1% compared to August 2022. What is also interesting is that in **every** ward in the city there are 300 or more people who need the support of UC.

Table 10 In Work UC Claimant Count by Edinburgh Ward August 2022

	Feb-20	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug21-	Jul22 to
Almond	360	919	958	977	6%	2%
City Centre	178	802	667	661	-18%	-1%
Colinton/Fairmilehead	164	453	446	436	-4%	-2%
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	83	298	275	293	-2%	7%
Craigtinny/Duddingston	321	1,103	999	1,026	-7%	3%
Drum Brae/Gyle	176	579	535	540	-7%	1%
Forth	470	1,513	1,461	1,471	-3%	1%
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	131	449	398	403	-10%	1%
Inverleith	138	504	483	489	-3%	1%
Leith	344	1,044	920	941	-10%	2%
Leith Walk	307	1,229	982	993	-19%	1%
Liberton/Gilmerton	458	1,226	1,291	1,291	5%	0%
Morningside	66	403	308	302	-25%	-2%
Pentland Hills	502	1,169	1,173	1,160	-1%	-1%
Portobello/Craigmillar	449	1,255	1,300	1,295	3%	0%
Sighthill/Gorgie	385	1,286	1,179	1,189	-8%	1%
Southside/Newington	113	456	418	414	-9%	-1%
City of Edinburgh	4,650	14,694	13,792	13,893	-5%	1%

Source: StatXplore 12/10/2022

East Lothian

Table 11 below looks at the situation in the East Lothian Wards. Overall, the county has a claimant count 17% lower than it was in February 2020 and 1.7% lower than it was in August. North Berwick Coastal saw the claimant count fall by 10% between August and September 2022 and in two wards there was a month to month increase between August and September.

Across the county 60% of claimants are male and this varies from 50% in North Berwick Coastal through to 64% in Musselburgh. Musselburgh also has the highest proportion of 16-24 year olds and North Berwick Coastal has the highest proportion of over 50 year olds.

Table 11 East Lothian Claimant Count by Ward September 2022

	Sep-22	% Change		Proportion of claimants Sep 2022				
		Feb 20-Sep 22	Aug 22-Sep 22	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Dunbar and East Linton	145	-28%	-3.3%	59%	41%	17%	62%	21%
Haddington and Lammermuir	240	-8%	2.1%	56%	44%	15%	58%	25%
Musselburgh	390	-14%	1.3%	64%	35%	19%	58%	23%
North Berwick Coastal	90	6%	-10.0%	50%	50%	11%	61%	33%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	250	-19%	-2.0%	58%	42%	16%	58%	24%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	355	-21%	-2.7%	59%	41%	17%	65%	18%
East Lothian	1,470	-17%	-1.7%	60%	40%	17%	60%	23%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Table 12 looks at those claiming UC in East Lothian who are in work and presents the results by ward. Overall, there has been a fall year on year in every ward bar Haddington and Lammermuir. Comparing August to July in two wards there was no real change, in one ward there was a fall and in the other 3 there was a month to month increase recorded. As with Edinburgh, it is clear that in every ward there are substantial numbers of working individuals supported by UC.

Table 12 In Work UC Claimant Count by East Lothian Ward August 2022

	Feb-20	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug21-Aug22	Jul22 to Aug22
Dunbar and East Linton	285	465	460	453	-3%	-2%
Haddington and Lammermuir	288	548	538	551	1%	2%
Musselburgh	499	799	758	759	-5%	0%
North Berwick Coastal	146	278	260	265	-5%	2%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	349	647	587	608	-6%	4%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	547	909	896	898	-1%	0%
East Lothian	2,120	3,648	3,500	3,533	-3%	1%

Source: StatXplore 12/10/2022

Fife

Turning now to look at Fife. From Table 13 it is apparent that 4 of the 22 wards have a claimant count higher than it was in February 2020, in one ward it's the same. Worth considering is that fact that in 4 wards there was an increase in the claimant count between August and September.

The ward with the single highest claimant count is Buckhaven, Methill and Wemyss Villages where 735 individuals were looking for work and claiming in September. This is 3.9% lower than it was in August

In terms of gender the average across the Kingdom is that 39% of claimants are female and 61% are male. Glenrothes West and Kinglassie has the highest proportions of young claimants – 25% of the 340 claimants were 16-24 years of age. Compare this to East Neuk and landward where only 9% of the 165 individuals claiming in August were 16-24 years of age.

What we can also see in the Fife statistics is that in a number of wards around 1/5th of all claimants were 16-24 years of age, reflected in the fact that 19% of claimants in Fife overall in September 2022 were 16-24 years of age.

Table 13 Fife Claimant Count by Ward September 2022

	Sep-22	% Change		Proportion of claimants Sep 2022				
		Feb 20-Sep22	Aug 22-Sep 22	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	735	-18.3%	-3.9%	65%	35%	20%	58%	22%
Burntisland, Kinghorn & Western Kirkcaldy	325	-14.5%	1.6%	60%	40%	18%	55%	25%
Cowdenbeath	530	-13.1%	-5.4%	61%	39%	18%	59%	22%
Cupar	190	-9.5%	-2.6%	63%	37%	18%	61%	21%
Dunfermline Central	365	-7.6%	-3.9%	59%	41%	18%	63%	19%
Dunfermline North	310	-25.3%	-11.4%	63%	39%	21%	58%	21%
Dunfermline South	415	-7.8%	-3.5%	60%	40%	19%	59%	20%
East Neuk and Landward	165	-10.8%	-5.7%	67%	33%	9%	55%	36%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	345	-6.8%	-4.2%	61%	39%	20%	57%	22%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	280	-21.1%	-6.7%	63%	38%	20%	64%	16%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	340	-2.9%	3.0%	56%	44%	25%	54%	21%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	180	2.9%	2.9%	58%	42%	14%	53%	33%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	250	8.7%	-2.0%	54%	48%	18%	54%	28%
Kirkcaldy Central	605	4.3%	1.7%	65%	35%	15%	60%	26%
Kirkcaldy East	640	0.0%	0.0%	64%	36%	17%	59%	24%
Kirkcaldy North	355	-9.0%	-1.4%	56%	44%	20%	61%	20%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	400	-19.2%	-3.6%	66%	34%	20%	56%	25%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	560	-18.2%	-5.9%	61%	39%	21%	59%	20%
Rosyth	280	-8.2%	-5.1%	55%	45%	16%	61%	23%
St Andrews	110	4.8%	-4.3%	59%	36%	14%	50%	32%
Tay Bridgehead	160	-15.8%	-3.0%	56%	44%	13%	59%	28%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	310	-12.7%	-4.6%	60%	40%	19%	56%	24%
Fife	7,850	-10.4%	-3.1%	61%	39%	19%	58%	23%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Table 14 looks at the in work UC claimant numbers for the wards in Fife. Overall, there were just over 13,000 Fife residents working and claiming UC support in August 2022, slightly higher than it was in July. Again, there are people needing this support across the Kingdom with every ward (with the exception of St Andrews) recording over 300 claimants. Not only does Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss villages have the highest number of out of work claimants it has the highest number of in work claimants.

Table 14 In Work UC Claimant Count by Fife Ward August 2022

	Feb-20	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug21-Aug22	Jul22 to Aug22
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	527	929	1,028	1,039	12%	1%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	206	424	416	432	2%	4%
Cowdenbeath	494	944	906	901	-5%	-1%
Cupar	187	393	360	369	-6%	2%

Dunfermline Central	328	623	614	618	-1%	1%
Dunfermline North	271	489	483	505	3%	5%
Dunfermline South	359	723	719	732	1%	2%
East Neuk and Landward	142	303	315	327	8%	4%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	321	592	552	564	-5%	2%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	355	689	666	682	-1%	2%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	259	573	547	553	-3%	1%
Tay Bridgehead	161	323	326	327	1%	0%
St. Andrews	86	179	166	170	-5%	2%
Rosyth	288	588	608	612	4%	1%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	502	937	1,003	993	6%	-1%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	323	660	651	654	-1%	0%
Kirkcaldy North	277	577	546	571	-1%	5%
Kirkcaldy East	384	783	772	796	2%	3%
Kirkcaldy Central	372	724	734	729	1%	-1%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	164	387	376	379	-2%	1%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	114	320	310	315	-2%	2%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	350	686	712	730	6%	3%
Fife	6,467	12,838	12,818	13,006	1%	1%

Source: StatXplore 13/10/2022

Midlothian

The Midlothian position is presented in Table 15 below. Looking at the change between August and September every ward recorded a fall except for Midlothian East. This ward, which has the highest claimant count in Midlothian, recorded a 1.9% increase. Overall numbers are relatively low with no one ward recording over 300 claimants and the claimant count in Midlothian is 10.5% lower than it was in February 2020. Bonnyrigg recorded the highest proportions of female claimants in Midlothian in September and at 22% of claimants Dalkeith ward has the highest proportion of young people claiming in Midlothian.

Table 15 Midlothian Claimant Count by Ward September 2022

	Sep-22	% Change		Proportion of claimants Sep 2022				
		Feb 20-Sep 22	Aug 22-Sep 22	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Bonnyrigg	190	5.6%	-5.0%	55%	45%	21%	58%	21%
Dalkeith	250	-15.3%	-2.0%	64%	34%	22%	56%	20%
Midlothian East	265	3.9%	1.9%	57%	43%	19%	62%	19%
Midlothian South	210	-30.0%	-6.7%	67%	33%	21%	62%	17%
Midlothian West	205	-2.4%	-6.8%	63%	37%	20%	54%	27%
Penicuik	200	-11.1%	-7.0%	60%	40%	15%	58%	28%
Midlothian	1,315	-10.5%	-4.0%	61%	40%	20%	59%	22%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Table 16 looks at the number of in work UC claimants in the 6 Midlothian wards. There are approximately 500 working individuals needing UC support in every ward in Midlothian, with Dalkeith having the most at 671. Whilst the number of in work claimants has fallen year on year, it is more mixed when the change from July to August is looked at.

Table 16 In Work UC Claimant Count by Midlothian Ward August 2022

	Feb-20	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug- 22	Aug21-Aug22	Jul22 to Aug22
Bonnyrigg	262	533	456	477	-11%	5%
Dalkeith	332	623	588	571	-8%	-3%

Midlothian East	339	603	569	568	-6%	0%
Midlothian South	332	660	625	619	-6%	-1%
Midlothian West	205	459	435	438	-5%	1%
Penicuik	274	489	480	476	-3%	-1%
Total	1,741	3,368	3,155	3,147	-7%	0%

Source: StatXplore 13/10/2022

West Lothian

West Lothian is looked at in Table 18 below and the September claimant count ranged from 140 in Linlithgow to 555 in Whitburn and Blackburn. All but two of the wards in West Lothian recorded a month to month decrease between August and September. The two that recorded an increase were Bathgate and Livingstone North. Compared to February 2020 only 2 wards in West Lothian have a higher claimant count. These are Linlithgow which is still 3.7 % higher and Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh which is 5.5% higher than it was in February 2020.

Table 17 West Lothian Claimant Count by Ward September 2022

	Sep-22	% Change		Proportion of claimants Sep 2022				
		Feb 20- Sep 22	Aug 22- Sep 22	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Armadale & Blackridge	280	-9.7%	-5.1%	63%	38%	25%	55%	20%
Bathgate	465	-1.1%	4.5%	62%	38%	22%	60%	18%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	385	5.5%	-6.1%	61%	39%	21%	55%	26%
East Livingston & E. Calder	330	-13.2%	-2.9%	61%	39%	17%	62%	21%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	350	-13.6%	-2.8%	64%	36%	20%	67%	14%
Linlithgow	140	3.7%	-3.4%	57%	43%	14%	61%	25%
Livingston North	325	0.0%	1.6%	57%	43%	20%	65%	14%
Livingston South	410	-8.9%	-5.7%	55%	45%	22%	57%	21%
Whitburn & Blackburn	555	-5.1%	-0.9%	62%	38%	22%	60%	18%
West Lothian	3,240	-5.4%	-2.0%	60%	40%	21%	60%	19%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

As with other areas there are more male claimants in every ward than female and this ranges from 64% in Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley down to 55% in Livingston South. In terms of the age profile 26% of claimants in Armadale and Blackridge are 16-24 years of age. Compare this to Linlithgow where only 14% of claimants are from that age group. Linlithgow has recorded that 25% of the claimants in that ward are aged over 50.

Table 18 In Work UC Claimant Count by West Lothian Ward August 2022

	Feb-20	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug21- Aug22	Jul22 to Aug22
Armadale and Blackridge	519	851	811	825	-3%	2%
Bathgate	727	1,304	1,261	1,273	-2%	1%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	597	980	977	1,024	4%	5%
East Livingston and East Calder	667	1,125	1,097	1,106	-2%	1%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	621	1,056	1,048	1,059	0%	1%
Linlithgow	208	387	384	372	-4%	-3%
Livingston North	544	984	941	943	-4%	0%
Livingston South	674	1,189	1,174	1,179	-1%	0%
Whitburn and Blackburn	1,050	1,632	1,625	1,639	0%	1%
West Lothian	5,608	9,508	9,306	9,422	-1%	1%

Source: StatXplore 13/10/2022

As with other areas the out of work claimant numbers are only part of the picture and there are other individuals who are in work but need support from UC. Table 18 indicates that across West Lothian in August there were 9,422 such individuals. And this ranged from 1,639 in Whitburn and Black burn to 384 in Linlithgow.

Scottish Borders

Table 19 below looks at the position in the Scottish Borders wards. From this table we can see that for almost every ward the claimant count in September 2022 is still higher (in some instances significantly higher) than it was in February 2020. We can see that in 1 of the Scottish Borders wards there was no change in the claimant count between August and September. Eight recorded a month-to-month fall and 2 recorded an increase in the claimant count.

Table 19 Scottish Borders Claimant Count by Ward September 2022

	Sep-22	% Change		Proportion of claimants Sep 2022				
		Feb 20-Sep 22	Aug 22-Sep 22	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
East Berwickshire	170	6.3%	3.0%	53%	47%	18%	53%	32%
Galashiels and District	385	0.0%	-2.5%	61%	39%	14%	60%	25%
Hawick and Denholm	220	-6.4%	-4.3%	66%	34%	27%	55%	18%
Hawick and Hermitage	175	-2.8%	-5.4%	60%	40%	23%	51%	26%
Jedburgh and District	135	3.8%	-3.6%	52%	48%	22%	52%	26%
Kelso and District	140	0.0%	-6.7%	50%	50%	14%	46%	39%
Leaderdale & Melrose	135	17.4%	-3.6%	56%	44%	11%	56%	33%
Mid Berwickshire	145	3.6%	0.0%	59%	41%	17%	48%	38%
Selkirkshire	150	-9.1%	-6.3%	63%	37%	20%	57%	27%
Tweeddale East	130	23.8%	-7.1%	54%	50%	12%	54%	35%
Tweeddale West	165	57.1%	22.2%	52%	45%	9%	58%	33%
Scottish Borders	1,955	5.1%	-1.0%	58%	42%	17%	54%	28%

Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

The Scottish Borders have a higher proportion of female claimants than other Authorities in the City Region whilst Hawick and Denholm recorded 27% of claimants in July as being 16-24 years of age which is the highest in the city region.

Table 20 In Work UC Claimant Count by Scottish Borders Ward August 2022

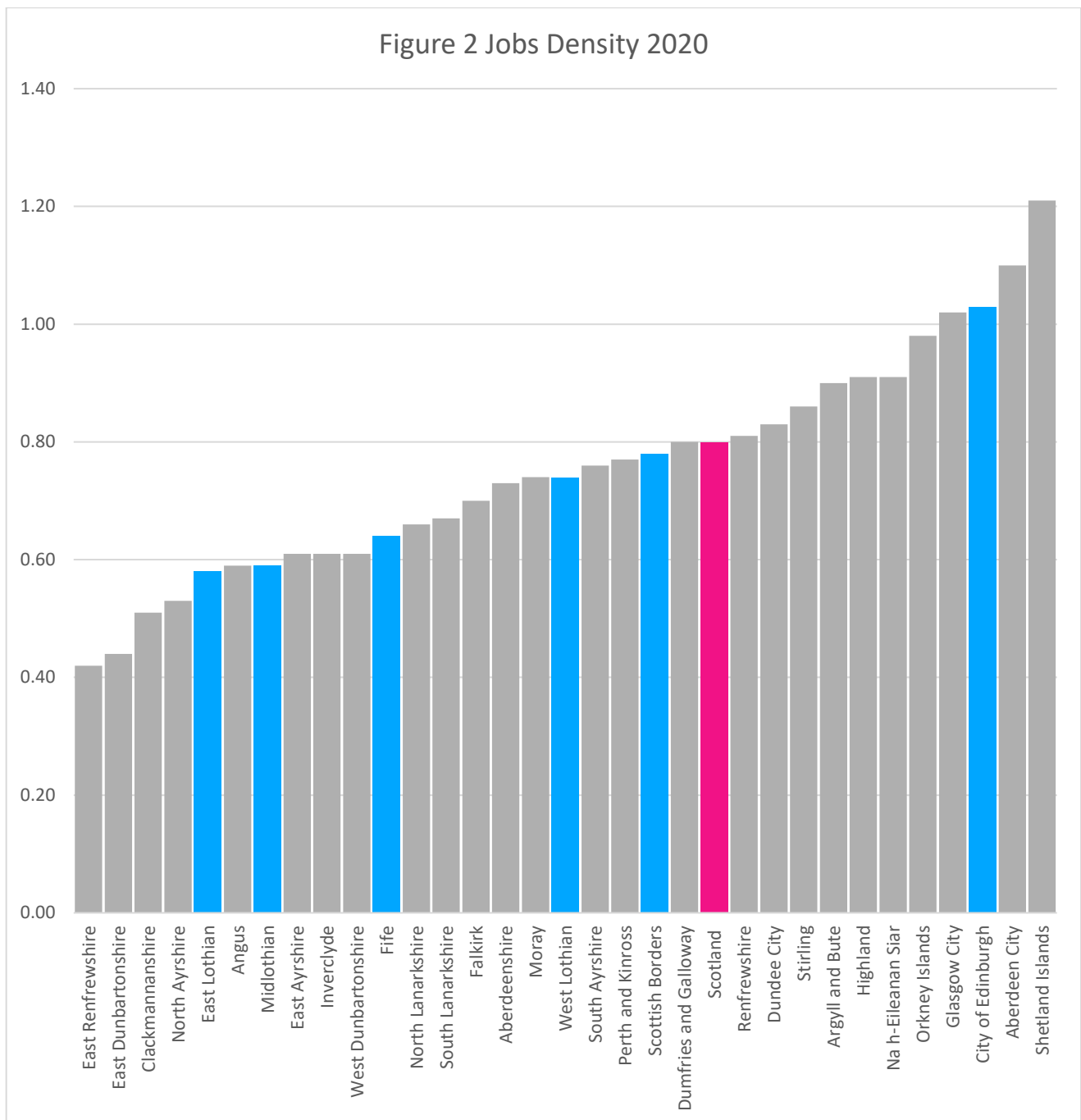
	Feb-20	Aug-21	Jul-22	Aug-22	Aug21-Aug22	Jul22 to Aug22
East Berwickshire	255	422	424	422	0%	0%
Galashiels and District	549	895	865	859	-4%	-1%
Hawick and Denholm	380	610	584	592	-3%	1%
Hawick and Hermitage	289	474	458	462	-3%	1%
Jedburgh and District	209	386	358	372	-4%	4%
Kelso and District	216	376	350	357	-5%	2%
Leaderdale and Melrose	178	363	337	329	-9%	-2%
Mid Berwickshire	240	389	379	397	2%	5%
Selkirkshire	257	415	429	441	6%	3%
Tweeddale East	146	279	281	290	4%	3%
Tweeddale West	159	329	275	292	-11%	6%
Scottish Borders	2,874	4,928	4,747	4,820	-2%	2%

Source: StatXplore 13/10/2022

Table 20 looks at the number of people in work and claiming in the Borders and it can be seen that in August 2022 there were 4,820 people working who needed the support of universal credit. Although this is 2% lower than in August 2021 it is also 2% higher than it was last month.

Job Density

Another data set that has been suggested for inclusion in this report is job density. This is available on NOMIS and is the number of jobs in an area divided by the resident population aged 16-64. As a result, a job density of 1 would mean that there is a job for every resident aged 16-64. A number greater than 1 means more jobs than the resident workforce a number below 1 is the opposite.



Source: NOMIS 11/10/2022

Figure 2 above looks at the job density for each LA in Scotland as of 2020. This is the most recent data available so will not wholly reflect any post pandemic vacancy imbalance. What it does demonstrate is the importance of cities with LAs close to conurbations clearly benefiting from the

jobs available in the cities- East Renfrew for Glasgow, Aberdeenshire for Aberdeen and East Lothian for Edinburgh.

Economic Activity

The following section is based on economic activity rather than claimant count. This data is derived from surveys rather than recorded through actual claimants, as a result it can have margins of error that can be considerable, particularly at a local level or when used to report on specific demographic groups.

Table 21 below looks at the most recent data that has been published on NOMIS from the Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey (APS/LFS). This looks at the position in July 2022 but only for the nations of the UK as that is the only level where the survey sample is large enough for a single month. This shows that in Scotland as a whole there were 90,817 unemployed 16-64 year olds and 742,169 who were described as economically inactive.

Table 21 Economic Activity July 2022

Economic Activity	Scotland	United Kingdom
All persons - aged 16 to 64	3,443,397	41,563,270
Total economically active - aged 16 to 64	2,701,228	32,563,869
Total in employment - aged 16 to 64	2,610,411	31,399,533
Total unemployed - aged 16 to 64	90,817	1,164,338
Total economically inactive - aged 16 to 64	742,169	8,999,401

Source: NOMIS 13/10/2022

Table 22 looks at the most recent data that can be broken down by LA areas. It is based on 12 months survey data so reflects the position in 2022 as at June. What can be seen from this is that Midlothian has the highest Economic Activity Rate and Fife the lowest.

Table 22 Economic Activity June 2022

	Edinburgh			East Lothian			Fife		
	Count	%	conf	Count	%	conf	Count	%	conf
Economic activity rate - aged 16-64	291,500	82.7	3.2	51,700	79.0	4.5	165,700	73.1	3.8
Employment rate - aged 16-64	284,800	80.9	3.4	50,600	77.3	4.6	155,700	68.7	4.0
% aged 16-64 who are employees	249,500	70.8	3.9	44,400	67.8	5.2	137,500	60.7	4.2
% aged 16-64 who are self employed	35,300	10.0	2.6	6,200	9.4	3.2	15,900	7.0	2.2
Unemployment rate - aged 16-64	6,700	2.3	1.4	1,100	2.2	*	10,000	6.0	2.4
Unemployment rate - aged 16+	6,700	2.2	1.4	1,100	2.0	*	10,000	5.8	2.2
% who are economically inactive - aged 16-64	60,800	17.3	3.2	13,800	21.0	4.5	60,900	26.9	3.8
% of economically inactive who want a job	6,700	11.0	*	2,700	19.5	9.6	11,700	19.2	6.6
% of economically inactive who do not want a job	54,100	89.0	6.0	11,100	80.5	9.6	49,200	80.8	6.6

Source: NOMIS 13/10/2022

According to this survey nearly 1 in 10 in East Lothian are self employed. The table also highlights how many people are economically inactive and want a job.

Table 23 Economic Activity June 2022 (contd)

	Midlothian			Scottish Borders			West Lothian		
	Count	%	conf	Count	%	conf	Count	%	conf
Economic activity rate - aged 16-64	47,600	83.7	4.4	54,600	81.0	3.9	91,200	78.3	4.4
Employment rate - aged 16-64	46,900	82.3	4.5	50,100	74.4	4.4	88,000	75.5	4.5
% aged 16-64 who are employees	42,600	74.9	5.1	40,900	60.7	4.9	79,700	68.4	4.9
% aged 16-64 who are self employed	4,300	7.5	3.1	9,100	13.5	3.4	7,700	6.6	2.6
Unemployment rate - aged 16-64	700	1.6	*	4,500	8.2	3.1	3,200	3.6	*
Unemployment rate - aged 16+	700	1.5	*	4,500	7.8	2.9	3,200	3.5	*
% who are economically inactive - aged 16-64	9,300	16.3	4.4	12,800	19.0	3.9	25,300	21.7	4.4
% of economically inactive who want a job	1,800	19.4	*	1,700	13.5	*	4,200	16.6	8.7
% of economically inactive who do not want a job	7,500	80.6	11.0	11,100	86.5	7.6	21,100	83.4	8.7

Source: NOMIS 13/10/2022

One point to note is the confidence figure. This indicates the number which the statisticians are 95% confident would be correct if the survey had spoken to every eligible individual. For example, whilst the economic activity rate for Edinburgh is 82.7% they are 95% confident that the real figure, based on the whole population, would be between 79.4% and 85.9% - the confidence levels recorded. This is because a survey can never be totally accurate – this would only be possible by speaking to everyone in a given population.

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