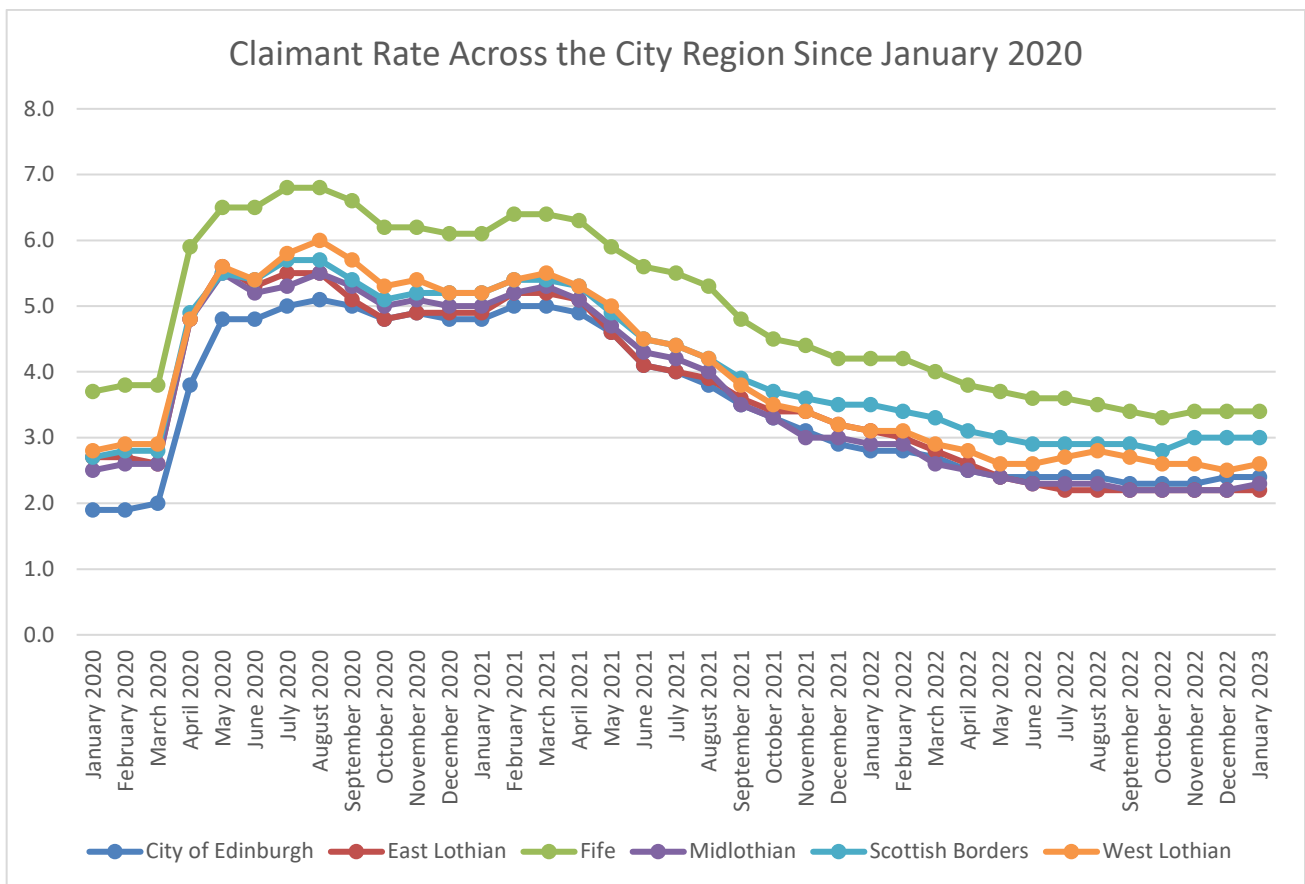


Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count February 2023 Summary Update

Claimant Count Change Between February 2020 and January 2023: ↑ UK increased by 23.8% ↑ Scotland increased by 0.7% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 21.7% ↑ City Region increased by 0.6%	Claimant Count Change Between January 2022 and January 2023: ↓ UK decreased by 12.2% ↓ Scotland decreased by 16.3% ↓ Edinburgh decreased by 17.1% ↓ City Region decreased by 18.4%	Claimant Count Change Between December 2022 and January 2023: ↓ UK decreased by 0.6% ↓ Scotland decreased by 0.2% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 0.2% ↑ City Region increased by 0.8%
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City Region Summary

- In January 2023 the claimant count for the City Region was 24,525. Of these
 - 4,180 were 16-24 year olds up from 4,115 in December
 - 14,725 were 25-49 year olds up from 14,600 in December
 - 5,630 were 50 or older up from 5,625 in December
- The overall claimant count in the Region is now 0.6% **higher** than it was in February 2020.
- In December 2022 there were 42,935 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in the Region. In November it was 42,874.

Edinburgh Summary

1. In January 2023 the claimant count for Edinburgh was 8,645. Of these
 - a. 1,195 were 16-24 year olds. It was 1,150 in December.
 - b. 5,455 were 25-49 year olds. It was 5,455 in December.
 - c. 1,995 were 50 or older. It was 2,025 in December.
2. The overall claimant count in Edinburgh is now 21.7% **higher** than it was in February 2020.
3. In December 2022 there were 13,922 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Edinburgh. In November it was 13,875.

East Lothian Summary

1. In January 2023 the claimant count for East Lothian was 1,455. Of these
 - a. 275 were 16-24 year olds. In December it was 280.
 - b. 855 were 25-49 year olds. In December there were 880.
 - c. 330 were 50 or older. In November there were 325.
2. The overall claimant count in East Lothian is now 17.6% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In December 2022 there were 3,488 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian. In November it was 3,504

Fife Summary

1. In January 2023 the claimant count for Fife was 7,920. Of these
 - a. 1,450 were 16-24 year olds. In December there were 1,440.
 - b. 4,610 were 25-49 years of age. In December there were 4,615.
 - c. 1,860 were 50 or older. In December it was 1,865.
2. The overall claimant count in Fife is now 9.6% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In December 2022 there were 12,873 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Fife. In November it was 12,762

Midlothian Summary

1. In January 2023 the claimant count for Midlothian was 1,330. Of these
 - a. 260 were 16-24 year olds. In December it was 265.
 - b. 795 were 25-49 year olds. In November it was 775.
 - c. 275 were 50 or older. In December it was 260.
2. The overall claimant count in Midlothian is now 9.5% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In December 2022 there were 3,185 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Midlothian. In November it was 3,197.

Scottish Borders Summary

1. In January 2023 the claimant count for Scottish Borders was 2,060. Of these
 - a. 345 were 16-24 year olds. In December it was 340.
 - b. 1,150 were 25-49 year olds. In December there were 1,100.
 - c. 570 were 50 or older. In December there were 570.
2. The overall claimant count in Scottish Borders is now 10.8% **higher** than it was in February 2020.
3. In December 2022 there were 3,415 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In November there were 3,409

West Lothian Summary

1. In January 2023 the claimant count for West Lothian was 3,115. Of these
 - a. 655 were 16-24 year olds. In December there were 640
 - b. 1,860 were 25-49 year olds. In December there were 1,775
 - c. 600 were 50 or older. In December there were 580.
2. The overall claimant count in West Lothian is now 9.1% **lower** than it was in February 2020.
3. In December 2022 there were 6,049 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in West Lothian. In September there were 6,118.

Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count February 2023 Full Update

Claimant Count by Nation and Region

From Table 1 it can be seen that in all but two regions of the UK the claimant count in January 2023 is higher than it was in February 2020. This ranges from London, where it remains 52% higher than pre-pandemic levels, through to Wales where it is 3% higher. Scotland is 4% lower than February 2020 whilst the North East of England is 9% lower than it was pre-pandemic.

Table 1: National Claimant Count Picture

	February 2020	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Percentage Change		
					Feb20-Jan23	Jan22-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23
UK	1,255,770	1,777,485	1,515,210	1,522,165	21%	-14%	0%
East	89,890	134,795	111,255	111,865	24%	-17%	1%
East Midlands	80,915	110,930	97,400	98,745	22%	-11%	1%
London	184,765	330,310	280,515	281,395	52%	-15%	0%
North East	75,560	82,570	68,895	68,775	-9%	-17%	0%
North West	167,055	219,420	191,305	192,240	15%	-12%	0%
N. Ireland	29,910	39,220	35,750	35,585	19%	-9%	0%
Scotland	114,605	136,105	109,940	110,540	-4%	-19%	1%
South East	119,620	190,275	161,015	161,975	35%	-15%	1%
South West	75,595	105,645	86,025	86,135	14%	-18%	0%
Wales	60,375	75,865	62,295	62,260	3%	-18%	0%
West Midlands	141,095	194,520	175,305	176,215	25%	-9%	1%
Yorks & Humb	116,390	157,835	135,515	136,430	17%	-14%	1%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

If we look at the change over the last 12 months we can see that across the UK the claimant count is between 9% and 19% lower than it was in January 2022. The most recent data, January 2023, compared to December 2022 shows very small increases or no changes at all. Generally the claimant count does increase in January as individuals who had seasonal temporary jobs for Christmas find themselves out of work.

Claimant Count by Scottish Local Authority

Table 2 looks specifically at the situation in Scotland and focuses on Scottish Local Authorities (LAs). Whilst the majority of Scottish LAs now have a claimant count lower than it was in February 2020, in some areas the claimant count is still higher than it was before the pandemic. These 8 areas include: Aberdeen City (835 higher), Aberdeenshire (95), City of Edinburgh (1,540 higher), East Renfrewshire (20), Glasgow (1,330), Perth and Kinross (295) Orkney Islands (10) and Scottish Borders (200 higher). Across the City Region as a whole the claimant count is still 135 higher than it was in February 2020.

Table 2: Claimant Count - Scottish LAs

	February 2020	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Feb20-Jan23	Jan22-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23
Aberdeen City	4,150	6,360	5,020	4,985	20%	-22%	-0.7%
Aberdeenshire	2,975	4,120	2,985	3,070	3%	-25%	2.8%
Angus	2,040	2,340	2,010	2,010	-1%	-14%	0.0%
Argyll and Bute	1,530	1,825	1,400	1,425	-7%	-22%	1.8%
Edinburgh	7,105	10,425	8,630	8,645	22%	-17%	0.2%
Clackmannanshire	1,390	1,375	1,175	1,185	-15%	-14%	0.9%
Dumfries & Galloway	2,950	3,170	2,555	2,470	-16%	-22%	-3.3%
Dundee City	4,530	4,815	4,055	4,145	-8%	-14%	2.2%
East Ayrshire	3,685	4,030	3,125	3,165	-14%	-21%	1.3%
E.Dunbartonshire	1,230	1,575	1,250	1,190	-3%	-24%	-4.8%
East Lothian	1,765	2,100	1,480	1,455	-18%	-31%	-1.7%
East Renfrewshire	950	1,260	955	970	2%	-23%	1.6%
Falkirk	3,300	3,745	3,120	3,100	-6%	-17%	-0.6%
Fife	8,765	9,740	7,920	7,920	-10%	-19%	0.0%
Glasgow City	20,055	25,500	21,590	21,385	7%	-16%	-0.9%
Highland	3,715	4,255	3,340	3,590	-3%	-16%	7.5%
Inverclyde	2,255	2,225	1,805	1,810	-20%	-19%	0.3%
Midlothian	1,470	1,705	1,300	1,330	-10%	-22%	2.3%
Moray	1,550	1,810	1,360	1,430	-8%	-21%	5.1%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	465	470	290	310	-33%	-34%	6.9%
North Ayrshire	4,600	4,475	3,665	3,670	-20%	-18%	0.1%
North Lanarkshire	8,230	9,420	7,330	7,440	-10%	-21%	1.5%
Orkney Islands	195	250	215	205	5%	-18%	-4.7%
Perth and Kinross	1,865	2,520	2,035	2,160	16%	-14%	6.1%
Renfrewshire	4,025	4,325	3,485	3,545	-12%	-18%	1.7%
Scottish Borders	1,860	2,365	2,010	2,060	11%	-13%	2.5%
Shetland Islands	265	280	240	240	-9%	-14%	0.0%
South Ayrshire	2,790	3,105	2,400	2,445	-12%	-21%	1.9%
South Lanarkshire	7,015	8,040	6,240	6,170	-12%	-23%	-1.1%
Stirling	1,540	1,620	1,420	1,475	-4%	-9%	3.9%
W.Dunbartonshire	2,930	3,135	2,525	2,440	-17%	-22%	-3.4%
West Lothian	3,425	3,725	3,000	3,115	-9%	-16%	3.8%
Scotland	114,605	136,105	109,940	110,540	-4%	-19%	0.5%
City Region	24,390	30,060	24,340	24,525	0.6%	-18%	0.8%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

Looking outside Scotland it can be seen that a far higher number of LAs have a claimant count in excess of the February 2020 figure (160). Examining what has happened in cities that might be comparable to Edinburgh, cities such as York and Bristol for example, gives context. Table 3 below looks at 5 comparator cities. When we compare Edinburgh to these cities the fact that the claimant count is still 20% above what it was in February 2020 is not unusual.

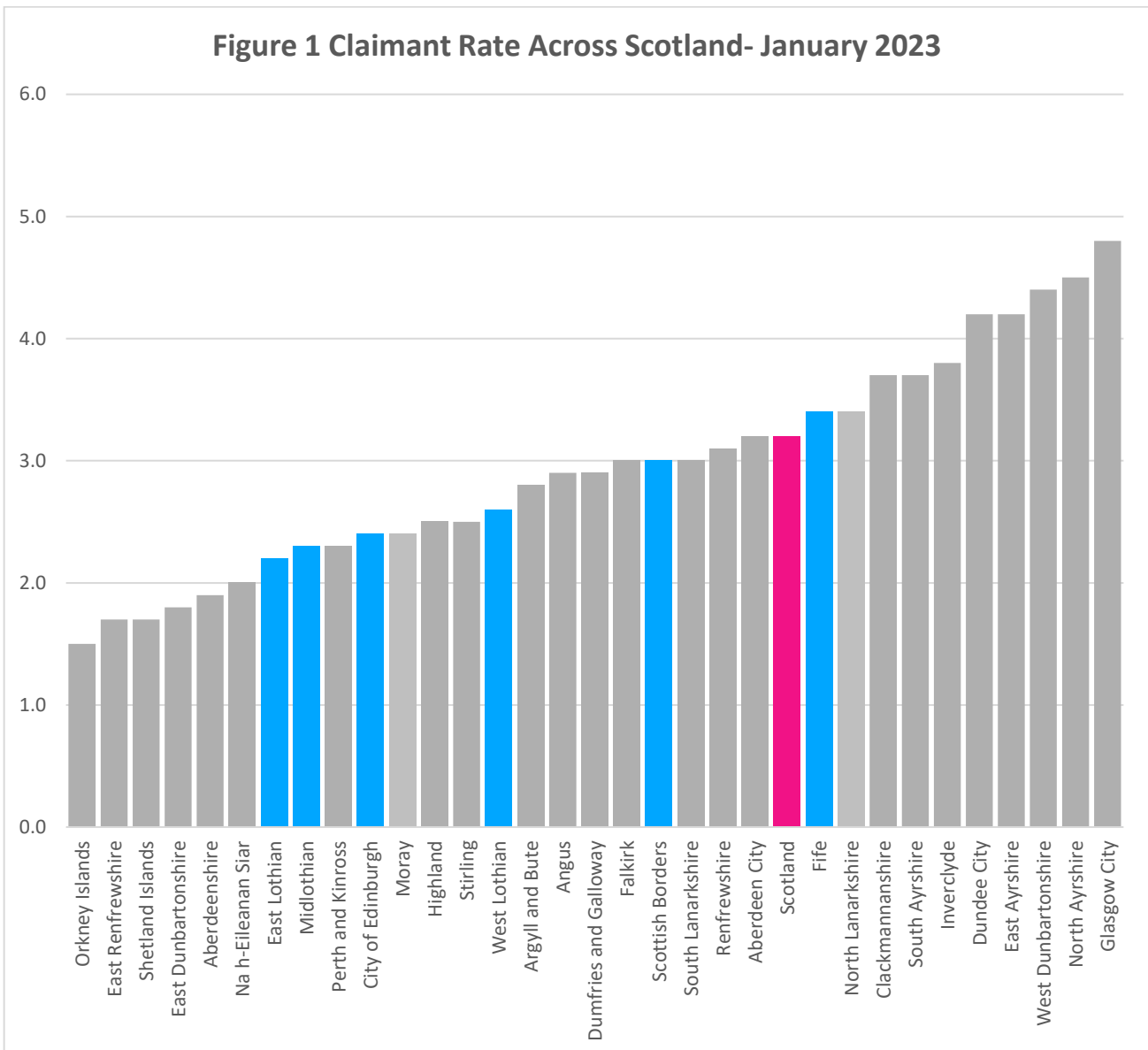
Table 3: Claimant Count LA Comparison

	February 2020	January 2023	Additional Claimants	Feb20-Dec22
Birmingham	48,560	60,780	12,220	25%
Leeds	17,695	22,135	4,440	25%
Manchester	17,410	22,835	4,900	28%
Bristol, City of	8,345	10,730	2,385	29%

City of Edinburgh	7,105	8,630	1,540	22%
Cardiff	8,260	9,075	815	10%
Belfast	7,175	9,005	1,830	26%
York	1,790	2,340	550	31%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

Figure 1 below looks at the claimant rate for all the Scottish Local Authorities as of January 2023. From this it can be seen that, except for Fife, all the City Region Local Authorities had a claimant rate below the Scottish average.



Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

City Region Position

Looking in more detail at the position in the City Region. It can be seen in Table 4 below that across the region the claimant count recorded in January 2023 is higher than it was in February 2020 (0.6% higher). However, this isn't universal and whilst 4 of the 6 Local Authorities record a lower figure in 2023 than in 2020, in Scottish Borders and Edinburgh the claimant count is still higher now than it was before the pandemic. For Edinburgh it is 21.7% higher and for Scottish Borders 10.8% higher. As discussed, whilst this is unusual in Scotland, in a UK perspective these sorts of levels are more normal.

Table 4 also highlights that across the region there were more LAs recording month to month increases between December and January. Overall, the month-to-month changes range from a 3.8% increase in West Lothian to a 1.7% fall in East Lothian. The claimant count in the region in January is 24,525 a 0.6% increase from what was recorded in December. In terms of actual numerical change, the differences between the claimant count in November to that recorded in December are small and across the region there were 185 more claimants in January than in December.

Table 4: Claimant Count – City Region LAs

	February 2020	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023	Percentage Change		
					Feb20-Jan23	Jan22-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23
Edinburgh	7,105	10,425	8,630	8,645	21.7%	-17.1%	0.2%
East Lothian	1,765	2,100	1,480	1,455	-17.6%	-30.7%	-1.7%
Fife	8,765	9,740	7,920	7,920	-9.6%	-18.7%	0.0%
Midlothian	1,470	1,705	1,300	1,330	-9.5%	-22.0%	2.3%
Scottish Borders	1,860	2,365	2,010	2,060	10.8%	-12.9%	2.5%
West Lothian	3,425	3,725	3,000	3,115	-9.1%	-16.4%	3.8%
City Region	24,390	30,060	24,340	24,525	0.6%	-18.4%	0.8%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

In the past there had been more of an increase in the claimant count between December and January, often due to the loss of temporary Christmas jobs. For example, across the UK as a whole there has been an increase in the claimant count between January and December in each of the 4 years pre pandemic and in Edinburgh 3 of the previous 4 years recorded an increase between December and January.

Table 5 looks at the number of UC claimants across the region reflecting in work claimants. This indicates that across the region in February 2020 there were 19,338 claimants of universal credit who were in work. In December 2021 there were 42,794 and in December 2022 (the most recent data available) this were 42,935. What the table also highlights is the percentage change both in the longer term (February 2020 to December 2022) and over the last year. This highlights the increasing importance in this benefit in supporting people who are in the labour market.

Table 5 Universal Credit Claimants In Employment

	February 2020	December 2021	December 2022 r	Percentage Change	
				Dec2021-Dec 2022	Feb 2020-Dec 2022
City of Edinburgh	4650	13900	13923	0.2%	199.4%
East Lothian	2120	3602	3488	-3.2%	64.5%
Fife	6467	12788	12873	0.7%	99.1%
Midlothian	1741	3182	3185	0.1%	82.9%
West Lothian	2809	6084	6049	-0.6%	115.3%
Scottish Borders	1546	3239	3415	5.4%	120.9%
Total	19338	42794	42935	0.3%	122.0%

Source: StatXplore 20/2/2023

What we can't tell from this data is if people have to leave the labour market even with this support as their economic situation is **too difficult**. Table 5 below gives some indication of new claimants. It reflects the number of universal credit claimants who are out of work and have been claiming for 3

months or less. This indicates that over the course of the year across the region the number of new claimants increased by around 25%. These could be people just entering the labour market for the first time, labour market returners, etc. or people who were in work but had left employment. If this is the case what we don't know is their reason for leaving employment and if it is linked to the job or their personal circumstances

Table 6 Universal Credit Claimants Not In Employment Claiming for 3 Months or Less

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
Edinburgh	1,365	1,410	1,412	1,406	1,354	1,527	1,699	1,814	1,957	2,211	1,994	1,819
East Lothian	248	238	219	236	254	260	295	305	294	357	325	345
Fife	1,244	1,211	1,117	1,197	1,151	1,269	1,404	1,444	1,393	1,466	1,373	1,401
West Lothian	551	570	538	548	510	593	713	779	767	809	708	693
Scottish Borders	294	311	316	334	269	282	321	358	406	470	451	417
Midlothian	243	240	233	256	241	266	282	305	276	321	264	291
Total	3,943	3,975	3,839	3,970	3,785	4,197	4,712	5,003	5,096	5,630	5,119	4,961

Source: StatXplore 22/2/2023

Gender Profile

Turning now to look at the gender profile of the claimants in the Region. Tables 7 and 8 look at the number of claimants of each gender in January 2022, December 2022 and January 2023. From Table 7 we can see that the male claimant count in Edinburgh remains 16.8% higher than it was in February 2020 and in Scottish Borders it remains 8.5% higher. In the other LAs the male claimant count is lower than it was in 2020.

Table 7: Change in Male Claimant Count Across the City Region

	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023		Feb20-Jan23	Jan22-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23
Edinburgh	6,605	5,165	5,180		16.8%	-21.6%	0.3%
East Lothian	1,230	875	870		-13.4%	-29.3%	-0.6%
Fife	6,060	4,835	4,855		-11.3%	-19.9%	0.4%
Midlothian	1,035	755	775		-10.4%	-25.1%	2.6%
Scottish Borders	1,375	1,170	1,215		8.5%	-11.6%	3.8%
West Lothian	2,235	1,785	1,860		-5.6%	-16.8%	4.2%
City Region	18,540	14,585	14,755		-0.8%	-20.4%	1.2%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

The month-to-month movements for male claimants between December 2022 and January 2023 has ranged from a 4.2% increase in West Lothian (increased by 75) through to a -0.6% fall in East Lothian. Across the region there are now around 3,800 fewer male claimants than in December 2021.

Table 8 looks at the situation for female claimants. As with male claimants, Edinburgh and Scottish Borders have a claimant count that remains higher than it was pre-pandemic. What we can see is that the female claimant count in Edinburgh is 30% higher than it was pre-pandemic whilst the

male claimant count is 16.8% higher and in Scottish Borders it is 8.5% for males and 14.9% higher for females.

Table 8: Change in Female Claimant Count Across the City Region

	January 2022	December 2022	January 2023		Feb20-Jan23	Jan22-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23
Edinburgh	3,820	3,470	3,465		30.0%	-9.3%	-0.1%
East Lothian	865	605	585		-23.0%	-32.4%	-3.3%
Fife	3,685	3,085	3,065		-6.8%	-16.8%	-0.6%
Midlothian	670	540	550		-9.1%	-17.9%	1.9%
Scottish Borders	995	840	850		14.9%	-14.6%	1.2%
West Lothian	1,490	1,215	1,255		-13.7%	-15.8%	3.3%
City Region	11,525	9,755	9,770		2.7%	-15.2%	0.2%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

Overall, we can see that there are 9,770 female claimants in the city region and 14,755 male claimants. The female claimant count in January is 0.2% higher than it was in December whilst the male claimant count is 1.2% higher.

Table 9 below looks at the gender split of those who are in work and claiming Universal Credit. The data suggest that across the City Region in February 2020 there were 12,492 females in work and claiming UC and this has increased so that in December 2022 27,070 female claimants were recorded (this is up slightly on the previous month). Also of interest is the fact that in February 2020 65% of working UC claimants were female across the city region. In December this had fallen to 63%. In Midlothian 71% of in work claimants were female in 2020 and in December 2022 this had fallen to 66%.

Table 9: In Work Universal Credit Claimants

	Feb-20		Dec-21		Nov-22		Dec-22	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
City of Edinburgh	1,875	2,769	6,085	7,813	5,656	8,219	5,641	8,282
East Lothian	674	1,441	1,307	2,295	1,133	2,377	1,115	2,371
Fife	2,283	4,182	5,014	7,769	4,608	8,157	4,660	8,214
Midlothian	506	1,237	1,133	2,047	1,044	2,153	1,069	2,115
Scottish Borders	524	1,019	1,295	1,948	1,256	2,156	1,257	2,156
West Lothian	966	1,844	2,330	3,762	2,122	3,994	2,115	3,932
City Region	6,828	12,492	17,164	25,634	15,819	27,056	15,857	27,070

Source: StatXplore 22/2/2023

Age Profile

16-24 Year Olds

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 61.2% fall ranging from 65.4% in East Lothian through to 58.3% in West Lothian. There are still however, 4,180 16-24 year olds claiming in the city region – down 12.3% on January 2022 but slightly higher than December 2022.

In terms of the latest month to month figures, the table indicates that the number of 16-24 years olds claiming across the region has increased by 1.6% between December and January. This varies across the region – a 3.9% month to month increase in Edinburgh through to a fall of 1.9% (or 5

claimants) in Midlothian. We can see from the table that for 16-24 year olds the claimant count in Edinburgh is 12.2% higher than it was in February 2020 and for every other LA it is lower than it was in February 2020.

Table 10: 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	
Jan-22	1,310	325	1,710	325	405	690	4,765	
Dec-22	1,150	280	1,440	265	340	640	4,115	
Jan-23	1,195	275	1,450	260	345	655	4,180	
% Change	Feb20 to Peak	203.0%	152.0%	104.0%	114.0%	113.0%	114.0%	134.0%
	Peak to Jan23	-63.7%	-65.4%	-59.2%	-62.6%	-61.0%	-58.3%	-61.2%
	Jan22-Jan23	-8.8%	-15.4%	-15.2%	-20.0%	-14.8%	-5.1%	-12.3%
	Dec22-Jan23	3.9%	-1.8%	0.7%	-1.9%	1.5%	2.3%	1.6%
	Feb20- Jan23	12.2%	-12.7%	-16.7%	-20.0%	-16.9%	-10.9%	-9.0%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

25-49 Year Olds

Table 11 allows us to look at what has been happening in terms of 25-49 year olds. Across the City region there was a 114% increase in the claimant count of 25-49 year olds between February 2020 and the summer of 2020 when it peaked. Since then, there has been a 51.2% fall ranging from 59.3% in East Lothian through to 41.3% in Scottish Borders. There are still however, 14,725 25-49 year olds claiming in the city region.

Table 11: Change in Claimants by Age Across the City Region (All Gender)

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	
Jan-22	6,565	1,255	5,680	1,030	1,305	2,275	18,110	
Dec-22	5,455	880	4,615	775	1,100	1,775	14,600	
Jan-23	5,455	855	4,610	795	1,150	1,860	14,725	
% Change	Feb 20 to Peak	172.0%	106.0%	76.0%	116.0%	101.0%	101.0%	114.0%
	Peak to Jan23	-53.4%	-59.3%	-47.5%	-57.4%	-41.3%	-52.8%	-51.2%
	Jan22-Jan23	-16.9%	-31.9%	-18.8%	-22.8%	-11.9%	-18.2%	-18.7%
	Dec22-Jan23	0.0%	-2.8%	-0.1%	2.6%	4.5%	4.8%	0.9%
	Feb20 to Jan23	26.6%	-16.2%	-7.6%	-8.1%	17.9%	-5.3%	4.2%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

In terms of the latest month to month figures the table indicates that the number of 25-49 year olds claiming across the region has increased by 0.9% between December and January. This varies across the region – a 4.8% month to month increase in West Lothian (an increase of 85 people) through to a 2.8% fall in East Lothian.

50 Year Olds and Over

Table 12 looks at what has been happening in terms of those over the age of 50. Across the City region there was a 104% increase in the claimant count of those 50 and over between February 2020 and the summer of 2020 when it peaked. Since then, there has been a 51.2% fall ranging from 62.7% in East Lothian through to 44.1% in Scottish Borders. There are still however, 5,630 claimants aged 50 or over in the city region.

Table 12: Change in Claimants by Age Across the City Region (All Gender)

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
Jan-22		2,555	520	2,350	345	655	760	7,185
Dec-22		2,025	325	1,865	260	570	580	5,625
Jan-23		1,995	330	1,860	275	570	600	5,630
% Change	Feb 20 to Peak	138.0%	106.0%	76.0%	141.0%	117.0%	106.0%	104.0%
	Peak to Jan23	-51.5%	-62.7%	-47.8%	-59.3%	-44.1%	-59.9%	-51.2%
	Jan22-Jan23	-21.9%	-36.5%	-20.9%	-20.3%	-13.0%	-21.1%	-21.6%
	Dec22-Jan23	-1.5%	1.5%	-0.3%	5.8%	0.0%	3.4%	0.1%
	Feb20 to Jan23	15%	-23%	-8%	-2%	21%	-17%	-1%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

In terms of the latest month to month figures the table indicates that the number of claimants 50 or older across the region is much the same in January as it was in December. However, this varies across the region – 5.8% month to month increase in Midlothian through to a 1.5% decrease in Edinburgh.

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 13 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 December 2022 to January 2023 8 wards recorded a fall ranging from 8.8% (Corstorphine/Murrayfield) to a fall of 0.6% in Leith. Two of the remain wards recorded no change month to month and the remaining 7 wards recorded an increase in the claimant count. This increase ranged from 0.7% in Portobello/Craigmillar through to an increase of 5.4% in Sighthill and Gorgie.

Table 13 Edinburgh Claimant Count by Ward January 2023

Wards	January 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants January 2023				
		Feb20-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Almond	550	11.1%	2.8%	60.9%	39.1%	13.6%	65.5%	20.9%
City Centre	655	33.7%	0.8%	67.2%	32.8%	12.2%	63.4%	24.4%
Colinton/ Fairmilehead	235	34.3%	4.4%	57.4%	42.6%	19.1%	57.4%	23.4%
Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	155	29.2%	-8.8%	58.1%	41.9%	9.7%	67.7%	25.8%
Craighentiny/ Duddingston	550	0.0%	-4.3%	61.8%	38.2%	10.0%	69.1%	21.8%

Drum Brae/ Gyle	295	31.1%	-1.7%	61.0%	40.7%	13.6%	64.4%	23.7%
Forth	805	11.8%	-1.2%	59.0%	41.0%	14.3%	64.6%	21.1%
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	275	34.1%	-1.8%	60.0%	40.0%	14.5%	60.0%	27.3%
Inverleith	315	43.2%	-4.5%	58.7%	42.9%	17.5%	57.1%	27.0%
Leith	820	30.2%	-0.6%	54.3%	45.7%	10.4%	67.1%	22.6%
Leith Walk	650	18.2%	0.0%	59.2%	40.8%	9.2%	66.9%	24.6%
Liberton/ Gilmerton	700	29.6%	1.4%	60.0%	39.3%	16.4%	60.0%	23.6%
Morningside	200	33.3%	0.0%	52.5%	47.5%	15.0%	62.5%	22.5%
Pentland Hills	710	13.6%	3.6%	59.9%	39.4%	15.5%	62.7%	21.8%
Portobello/Craigmillar	720	15.2%	0.7%	59.0%	41.0%	16.0%	62.5%	20.8%
Sighthill/ Gorgie	685	24.5%	5.4%	62.0%	38.7%	19.0%	59.1%	21.9%
Southside/Newington	325	41.3%	-4.4%	63.1%	36.9%	13.8%	56.9%	30.8%
Edinburgh	8,645	21.7%	0.2%	59.9%	40.1%	13.8%	63.1%	23.1%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

One ward worth looking at is Leith Ward, which is where the MS Victoria is berthed. This is home to a large number of Ukrainian refugees and whilst the ward saw the claimant count increase initially when the ship started to host Ukrainians (there were 660 claimants in this ward in August, 775 in September and 880 in October) it has recorded a month to month fall from 880 in October to 830 in December and 820 in January.

Overall, in Edinburgh in January 2023, 59.9% of claimants were male and 13.8% are aged 16-24. Southside and Newington had the highest percentage of claimants over the age of 50 – the only ward where more than 30% of claimants are that age – whilst Colinton and Farmilehead had the highest percentage of 16-24 year old claimants- slightly higher proportion than Sighthill/Gorgie.

Table 14 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 increased by 2% since November.

Table 14 In Work UC Claimant Count by Edinburgh Ward December 2022

	Feb-20	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec21-Dec22	Nov22-Dec22
Almond	360	926	994	1007	9%	1%
City Centre	178	668	672	634	-5%	-6%
Colinton/Fairmilehead	164	435	444	459	6%	3%
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	83	280	292	292	4%	0%
Craigentiny/Duddingston	321	1003	965	961	-4%	0%
Drum Brae/Gyle	176	551	539	540	-2%	0%
Forth	470	1470	1444	1470	0%	2%
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	131	423	382	375	-11%	-2%
Inverleith	138	488	465	470	-4%	1%
Leith	344	982	1204	1231	25%	2%
Leith Walk	307	1027	926	951	-7%	3%
Liberton/Gilmerton	458	1262	1271	1270	1%	0%
Morningside	66	348	255	260	-25%	2%
Pentland Hills	502	1180	1169	1165	-1%	0%
Portobello/Craigmillar	449	1240	1255	1236	0%	-2%
Sighthill/Gorgie	385	1197	1163	1196	0%	3%
Southside/Newington	113	421	433	413	-2%	-5%

Source: StatXplore 23/2/2023

East Lothian

Table 15 below looks at the situation in the East Lothian Wards. Overall, the county has a claimant count 18% lower than it was in February 2020 and the January count is 1.7% lower than it was in December. Preston, Seton and Gosford saw the claimant count fall by 7.8% between December and January and 4 wards recorded no real change month to month.

Table 15 East Lothian Claimant Count by Ward January 2023

	January 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants January 2023				
		Feb20-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Dunbar and East Linton	160	-20%	0.0%	56%	44%	16%	63%	22%
Haddington and Lammermuir	235	-10%	0.0%	60%	40%	15%	57%	28%
Musselburgh	355	-22%	-1.4%	65%	35%	21%	58%	21%
North Berwick Coastal	100	18%	0.0%	60%	40%	15%	60%	25%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	235	-24%	-7.8%	60%	40%	21%	57%	23%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	370	-18%	0.0%	57%	45%	20%	59%	20%
East Lothian	1,455	-18%	-1.7%	60%	40%	19%	59%	23%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

Across the county 60% of claimants are male and this varies from 56% in Dunbar and East Linton to 65% in Musselburgh. Musselburgh (along with Preston, Seton and Gosford) also has the highest proportion of 16-24 year olds and Haddington and Lammermuir has the highest proportion of over 50 year olds.

Table 16 looks at those claiming UC in East Lothian who are in work and presents the results by ward.

Table 16 In Work UC Claimant Count by East Lothian Ward December 2022

	Feb-20	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec21-Dec22	Nov22-Dec22
Dunbar and East Linton	285	461	443	441	-4%	0%
Haddington and Lammermuir	288	552	548	559	1%	2%
Musselburgh	499	794	758	760	-4%	0%
North Berwick Coastal	146	272	252	243	-11%	-4%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	349	612	604	583	-5%	-3%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	547	916	907	906	-1%	0%

Source: StatXplore 23/2/2023

Overall, there has been a fall between December 2021 and December 2022 in every ward bar Haddington and Lammermuir where the count is 1% higher than it was a year ago. Comparing November to December, in 2 wards there was a fall in the number of in work claimants, in one ward there was an increase and for the others the position in December was much the same as it was in November.

Fife

Turning now to look at Fife. From Table 17 it is apparent that 5 of the 22 wards have a claimant count higher than it was in February 2020 and in two ward it's the same. The claimant count in Kirkcaldy Central is still 10.3% higher than it was in February 2020 whilst at the other extreme Dunfermline North has a claimant count 24.1% lower than in 2020.

The ward with the single highest claimant count is Buckhaven, Methill and Wemyss Villages where 745 individuals were looking for work and claiming in January. This is 1.3% lower than what was recorded in December. The largest month to month change was a 10.3% increase in Cupar.

Table 17 Fife Claimant Count by Ward January 2023

	January 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants January 2023				
		Feb20-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	745	-17.2%	-1.3%	64%	35%	20%	58%	21%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	330	-13.2%	-1.5%	59%	42%	20%	56%	26%
Cowdenbeath	565	-7.4%	3.7%	59%	41%	19%	58%	22%
Cupar	215	2.4%	10.3%	63%	37%	21%	56%	26%
Dunfermline Central	345	-12.7%	3.0%	59%	41%	19%	62%	17%
Dunfermline North	315	-24.1%	0.0%	63%	37%	22%	62%	17%
Dunfermline South	390	-13.3%	-1.3%	59%	41%	18%	63%	19%
East Neuk and Landward	185	0.0%	0.0%	59%	41%	11%	54%	35%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	340	-8.1%	1.5%	63%	37%	21%	57%	22%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	300	-15.5%	-1.6%	62%	38%	15%	65%	18%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	315	-10.0%	-1.6%	59%	41%	17%	57%	25%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	185	5.7%	5.7%	59%	43%	14%	57%	32%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	250	8.7%	4.2%	56%	44%	16%	52%	34%
Kirkcaldy Central	640	10.3%	-3.0%	63%	38%	16%	59%	25%
Kirkcaldy East	645	0.8%	-0.8%	63%	37%	18%	57%	25%
Kirkcaldy North	345	-11.5%	-2.8%	59%	41%	17%	62%	19%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	405	-18.2%	-3.6%	64%	35%	20%	52%	28%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	565	-17.5%	4.6%	65%	36%	21%	59%	20%
Rosyth	260	-14.8%	0.0%	56%	44%	17%	60%	23%
St Andrews	105	0.0%	-4.5%	67%	33%	10%	52%	38%
Tay Bridgehead	180	-5.3%	-5.3%	58%	42%	17%	61%	22%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	295	-16.9%	-4.8%	59%	41%	20%	53%	27%
Fife	7,920	-9.6%	0.0%	61%	39%	18%	58%	23%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

In terms of gender the average across the Kingdom is that 39% of claimants are female and 61% are male. In Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty; Cupar; and Glenrothes Central and Thornton, 21% of claimants are 16-24 years of age whilst the average across the Kingdom is 18%. Compare this to East Neuk and landward where only 11% of the individuals claiming in January were 16-24 years of age. In St Andrews 38% of the 105 claimants are aged over 50- the highest proportion in the city region.

Table 18 looks at the in-work UC claimant numbers for the wards in Fife. Overall, there were 12,878 Fife residents working and claiming UC support in December 2022- around 100 more than November. 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 18 In Work UC Claimant Count by Fife Ward December 2022

	Feb-20	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec21- Dec22	Nov22- Dec22
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	527	988	1006	1026	4%	2%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	206	428	398	410	-4%	3%
Cowdenbeath	494	913	881	867	-5%	-2%
Cupar	187	366	371	365	0%	-2%
Dunfermline Central	328	619	611	625	1%	2%
Dunfermline North	271	532	512	508	-5%	-1%
Dunfermline South	359	763	739	746	-2%	1%
East Neuk and Landward	142	284	308	316	11%	3%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	355	648	657	665	3%	1%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	321	574	541	546	-5%	1%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	350	698	756	750	7%	-1%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	114	288	313	304	6%	-3%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	164	347	416	431	24%	4%
Kirkcaldy Central	372	725	695	705	-3%	1%
Kirkcaldy East	384	783	761	760	-3%	0%
Kirkcaldy North	277	606	545	546	-10%	0%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	323	658	629	637	-3%	1%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	502	931	982	995	7%	1%
Rosyth	288	605	616	615	2%	0%
St. Andrews	86	178	163	165	-7%	1%
Tay Bridgehead	161	300	328	349	16%	6%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	259	542	545	547	1%	0%

Source: StatXplore 23/2/2023

Midlothian

The Midlothian position is presented in Table 19 below. Looking at the change between December and January three wards recorded a month-to-month increase, two wards saw the claimant count remain the same and in one case the January figure was lower than that recorded in December.

Overall numbers are *relatively* low with only one ward recording over 250 claimants and the claimant count in Midlothian is 9.5% lower than it was in February 2020. Midlothian East recorded the highest proportion of female claimants in January and at 21% of claimants, Midlothian East and Bonnyrigg had the highest proportion of young people claiming, whilst Midlothian West has the highest proportion of claimants aged over 50.

Table 19 Midlothian Claimant Count by Ward January 2023

	January 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants January 2023				
		Feb20- Jan23	Dec22- Jan23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Bonnyrigg	195	8.3%	0.0%	56%	44%	21%	56%	26%
Dalkeith	255	-13.6%	6.3%	59%	41%	20%	61%	20%
Midlothian East	240	-5.9%	-4.0%	54%	48%	21%	60%	19%
Midlothian South	230	-23.3%	7.0%	63%	37%	20%	65%	15%
Midlothian West	215	2.4%	0.0%	58%	42%	19%	51%	30%
Penicuik	185	-17.8%	2.8%	65%	38%	16%	68%	16%
Midlothian	1,330	-9.5%	2.3%	58%	41%	20%	60%	21%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

Table 20 looks at the number of in work UC claimants in the 6 Midlothian wards. It indicates that there are just over 1400 more in work claimants in Midlothian than there were before the pandemic. On average, in December, there were 530 working individuals needing UC support in every ward in Midlothian, with Midlothian South having the highest number of claimants at 628 and Midlothian West having the least. Between November and December, the number of people working and claiming fell in two wards, increased in one ward and remained the same in the other three.

Table 20 In Work UC Claimant Count by Midlothian Ward December 2022

	Feb-20	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec21-Dec22	Nov22-Dec22
Bonnyrigg	262	482	480	487	1%	1%
Dalkeith	332	588	583	571	-3%	-2%
Midlothian East	339	566	579	579	2%	0%
Midlothian South	332	630	627	628	0%	0%
Midlothian West	205	437	452	437	0%	-3%
Penicuik	274	471	478	476	1%	0%

Source: StatXplore 23/2/2023

West Lothian

The situation in West Lothian is looked at in Table 21 below. The January claimant count ranged from 130 in Linlithgow to 560 in Whitburn and Blackburn. Six of the wards in West Lothian recorded a month to month increase between December and January and 2 wards recorded a fall in the claimant count. Linlithgow which recorded an increase of 8.7% between November and December recorded no real change between December and January.

Table 21 West Lothian Claimant Count by Ward January 2023

	January 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants January 2023				
		Feb20-Jan23	Dec22-Jan23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Armadale & Blackridge	280	-9.7%	-1.8%	55%	45%	23%	61%	18%
Bathgate	430	-8.5%	1.2%	63%	37%	23%	57%	21%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	330	-9.6%	3.1%	61%	39%	18%	56%	24%
East Livingston & E. Calder	345	-9.2%	9.5%	59%	41%	20%	57%	25%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	380	-6.2%	7.0%	67%	34%	20%	68%	12%
Linlithgow	130	-3.7%	0.0%	50%	50%	15%	58%	27%
Livingston North	285	-12.3%	9.6%	58%	42%	23%	58%	18%
Livingston South	375	-16.7%	7.1%	55%	45%	20%	60%	20%
Whitburn & Blackburn	560	-4.3%	-0.9%	61%	39%	23%	60%	17%
West Lothian	3,115	-9.1%	3.8%	60%	40%	21%	60%	19%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

As with other areas there are generally more male claimants in every ward than female. In terms of the age profile, in four wards 23% of claimants are 16-24 years of age- this is the highest proportion in the city region. Compare this to Linlithgow where 27% of those claiming are aged over 50.

Table 22 indicates that across West Lothian in December there were 6,050 such individuals working and claiming UC which is 50 fewer than the previous month. The average was 672 claimants per ward in December, and 4 had above average claimant numbers.

Table 22 In Work UC Claimant Count by West Lothian Ward December 2022

	Feb-20	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec21- Dec22	Nov22- Dec22
Armadale and Blackridge	247	521	550	536	3%	-3%
Bathgate	360	799	801	803	1%	0%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	282	624	627	624	0%	0%
East Livingston and East Calder	354	715	739	727	2%	-2%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	302	598	637	634	6%	0%
Linlithgow	103	239	228	213	-11%	-7%
Livingston North	299	689	667	655	-5%	-2%
Livingston South	399	863	847	837	-3%	-1%
Whitburn and Blackburn	460	1033	1014	1021	-1%	1%

Source: StatXplore 23/2/2023

Scottish Borders

Table 23 below looks at the position in the Scottish Borders wards. From this table we can see that in 9 wards the claimant count in January 2023 is still higher (in some instances significantly higher) than it was in February 2020. This contributes to the fact that Scottish Borders (along with Edinburgh) are the 2 LAs in the city region where the claimant count remains higher than pre-pandemic.

We can see that in 5 of the Scottish Borders wards there was no change in the claimant count between December and January and 1 ward recorded a month-to-month fall. The remaining 5 wards recorded a month-to-month increase.

Table 23 Scottish Borders Claimant Count by Ward January 2023

	January 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants January 2023				
		Feb20- Jan23	Dec22- Jan23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
East Berwickshire	175	9.4%	0.0%	54%	46%	14%	57%	31%
Galashiels and District	400	3.9%	3.9%	61%	39%	15%	61%	24%
Hawick and Denholm	235	0.0%	0.0%	60%	40%	21%	62%	17%
Hawick and Hermitage	185	2.8%	-2.6%	59%	41%	22%	51%	30%
Jedburgh and District	140	7.7%	0.0%	54%	46%	21%	54%	29%
Kelso and District	160	14.3%	10.3%	63%	38%	16%	50%	34%
Leaderdale & Melrose	135	17.4%	0.0%	52%	48%	15%	56%	26%
Mid Berwickshire	165	17.9%	6.5%	58%	42%	18%	48%	33%
Selkirkshire	165	0.0%	0.0%	64%	36%	21%	52%	27%
Tweeddale East	140	33.3%	12.0%	57%	43%	14%	57%	29%
Tweeddale West	160	52.4%	3.2%	63%	38%	6%	56%	34%
Scottish Borders	2,060	10.8%	2.5%	59%	41%	17%	56%	28%

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

The Scottish Borders have as high a proportion of female claimants – 41% the same as Midlothian. Hawick and Hermitage recorded 22% of claimants in January as being 16-24 years of age and in Tweeddale West only 6% of claimants in January were of that age and 34% of claimants were over 50 years of age.

Table 24 looks at the number of people in work and claiming in the Borders, and in December 2022 there were 3,413 people working who needed the support of universal credit. This is almost the same as it was in November. The average number of claimants is 310 per ward therefore 4 of the 11 wards have above average claimant numbers.

Table 24 In Work UC Claimant Count by Scottish Borders Ward December 2022

	Feb-20	Dec-21	Nov-22	Dec-22	Dec21-Dec22	Nov22-Dec22
East Berwickshire	165	331	375	363	10%	-3%
Galashiels and District	286	562	591	583	4%	-1%
Hawick and Denholm	185	387	389	387	0%	-1%
Hawick and Hermitage	140	287	259	263	-8%	2%
Jedburgh and District	103	241	256	254	5%	-1%
Kelso and District	121	253	283	285	13%	1%
Leaderdale and Melrose	130	256	271	282	10%	4%
Mid Berwickshire	114	288	329	338	17%	3%
Selkirkshire	108	257	254	252	-2%	-1%
Tweeddale East	91	210	213	211	0%	-1%
Tweeddale West	95	183	199	195	7%	-2%

Source: StatXplore 23/2/2023

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. If this is considered, the survey can provide a useful indication of local labour markets beyond what is available from claimant counts.

Table 25 below looks at the most recent data that has been published on NOMIS from the Annual Population Survey/Labour Force Survey (APS/LFS). From this we can see that the economically active population of Scotland has increased by around 79,872 over the last three survey cycles. The total in employment has increased by 113,388 in the same time frame and the number economically inactive has fallen by 68,612.

Table 25 Economic Activity (Scotland)

	Oct 2020- Dec 2020	Oct 2021- Dec 2021	Oct 2022- Dec 2022
All persons - aged 16 to 64	3,432,327	3,431,335	3,443,587
Total economically active - aged 16 to 64	2,646,836	2,656,807	2,726,708
Total in employment - aged 16 to 64	2,523,804	2,545,085	2,637,192
Total unemployed - aged 16 to 64	123,032	111,722	89,516
Total economically inactive - aged 16 to 64	785,491	774,528	716,879

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

Table 26 looks at the most recent data that can be broken down by LA areas. Once again it is based on 12 months survey data so reflects the position in 2022 as at September. It gives the economic activity rate in all 6 authorities and, of those that are economically inactive in each authority, the proportion and number who want a job. It is worth noting that Economically Active includes in employment and those claiming an out of work benefit. Economically inactive are the more difficult to pinpoint group. So, if the estimates are correct these would be in addition to the claimant count.

The caveat with these statistics is that as it is a survey there are confidence limits provided with the data. 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 83.1%, they are 95% confident that the real figure, based on the whole population, would be between 79.8% and 86.4% - the confidence levels recorded.

Table 26 Economic activity aged 16-64 (October 2021-September 2022 Sample)

	Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian
Economic activity rate - aged 16-64	83.1	78.1	74.7	82.6	84.0	77.0
% who are economically inactive - aged 16-64	16.9	21.9	25.3	17.4	16.0	23.0
% of economically inactive who want a job	11.0	13.2	20.9	10.0	16.1	23.1
Estimated number economically inactive who want a job	6,600	1,900	11,900	1,000	1,700	6,200

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

The final table, Table 27 below, looks at some additional information from the survey which gives an indication of what sectors individuals are employed in and this could give some better understanding of why different LAs record different claimant count changes. These figures are determined by the same survey so the same caveats of sample size would need to be applied.

Table 27 Employment Sector by LA (October 2021-September 2022 Sample)

% all in employment who are (SOC2020)	Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian
1: managers, directors and senior officials	9.4	6.6	11.1	10.3	12.3	6.8
2: professional occupations	42.6	30.9	22.4	30.0	25.3	18.5
3: associate professional occupations	15.7	12.4	14.2	17.1	8.8	16.1
4: administrative and secretarial occupations	9.8	10.0	7.5	5.4	9.1	12.5
5: skilled trades occupations	2.7	11.1	10.5	9.9	14.8	10.7
6: caring, leisure and other service occupations	5.2	10.9	6.8	13.9	9.2	6.7
7: sales and customer service occupations	7.1	7.1	7.6	3.3	7.3	8.0
8: process, plant and machine operatives	1.6	3.6	5.0	4.6	5.6	8.3
9: elementary occupations	6.0	6.8	13.5	5.5	7.4	12.1

Source: NOMIS 20/2/2023

From this we can see that professional occupations tend to be the dominant sector in the region and make up 42.6% of all employed in Edinburgh. In Midlothian 13.9% of employees are in caring, leisure, and other service occupations whilst 8.3% of West Lothian employees are employed as process, plant and machine operatives. It would stand to reason that changes in these sectors will have more of an impact on the areas where there are higher proportion working in that field.

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