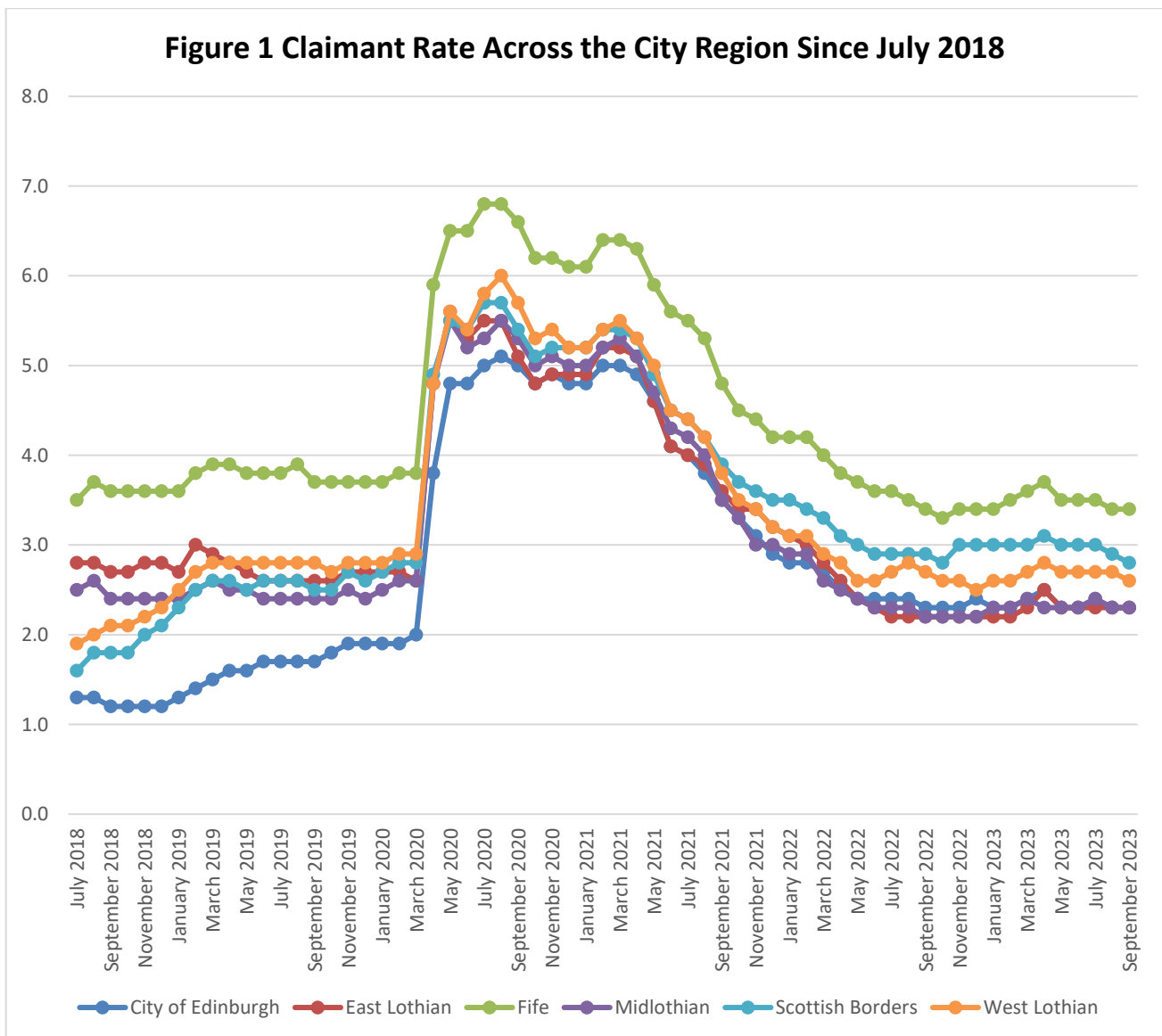


## Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count October 2023 Summary Update

Claimant Count Change Between September 2022 and September 2023:	Claimant Count Change Between August 2023 and September 2023:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ UK increased by 2.2%</li> <li>↓ Scotland decreased by 2.8%</li> <li>↓ Edinburgh decreased by 1.6%</li> <li>↓ City Region decreased by 1.5%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ UK increased by 0.9%</li> <li>↓ Scotland decreased by 3.1%</li> <li>↓ Edinburgh decreased by 1.1%</li> <li>↓ City Region decreased by 2.1%</li> </ul>



Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023

## City Region Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for the City Region was 23,900. Of these
  - a. 4,335 were 16-24 year olds down from 4,550 in August.
  - b. 14,285 were 25-49 year olds down from 14,515 in August.
  - c. 5,270 were 50 or older down from 5,465 in August.
2. In August 2023 there were 42,749 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in the Region. In July there were 43,076.

## Edinburgh Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for Edinburgh was 8,440. Of these
  - a. 1,180 were 16-24 year olds. It was 1,255 in August.
  - b. 5,345 were 25-49 year olds. It was 5,395 in August.
  - c. 1,915 were 50 or older. It was 1,885 in August.
2. In August 2023 there were 13,513 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Edinburgh. In July there were 13,725.

## East Lothian Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for East Lothian was 1,535. Of these
  - a. 315 were 16-24 year olds. In August there were 325.
  - b. 880 were 25-49 year olds. In August there were 875.
  - c. 340 were 50 or older. In August there were 450.
2. In August 2023 there were 3,493 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian. In July there were 3,514.

## Fife Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for Fife was 7,615. Of these
  - a. 1,555 were 16-24 year olds. In August there were 1,640.
  - b. 4,405 were 25-49 years of age. In August there were 4,475.
  - c. 1,655 were 50 or older. In August there were 1,705.
2. In August 2023 there were 12,861 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Fife. In July there were 12,972.

## Midlothian Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for Midlothian was 1,325. Of these
  - a. 270 were 16-24 year olds. In August it was 265.
  - b. 800 were 25-49 year olds. In August it was 820.
  - c. 255 were 50 or older. In August it was 260.
2. In August 2023 there were 3,245 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Midlothian. In July there were 3,220.

## Scottish Borders Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for Scottish Borders was 1,920. Of these
  - a. 360 were 16-24 year olds. In August it was 370.
  - b. 1,070 were 25-49 year olds. In August there were 1,085.
  - c. 485 were 50 or older. In August there were 535.
2. In August 2023 there were 3,478 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In July there were 3,483.

## West Lothian Summary

1. In September 2023 the claimant count for West Lothian was 3,060. Of these
  - a. 655 were 16-24 year olds. In August there were 695.
  - b. 1,785 were 25-49 year olds. In August there were 1,865.
  - c. 620 were 50 or older. In August there were 630.
2. In August 2023 there were 6,163 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in West Lothian. In July there were 6,162.

## Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count October 2023 Full Update

### Claimant Count by Nation and Region

Table 1 indicates that the claimant count in September 2023 is higher than it was 5 years ago. In Scotland it is 15% higher than in September 2018 and in the UK it is 68% higher. We can also see that in all but 4 regions and countries of the UK the claimant count in September 2023 is higher than it was in September 2022. This ranges from London, where it is 7.4% higher than a year ago, through to the North East where it is 4.8% lower. Scotland is 2.8% lower than last year.

**Table 1: National Claimant Count Picture**

	September 2018	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Percentage Change		
					Sep18-Sep23	Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23
UK	917,560	1,509,885	1,529,745	1,543,765	68.2%	2.2%	0.9%
East	59,700	110,940	113,590	115,655	93.7%	4.3%	1.8%
East Midlands	52,155	96,195	100,065	101,505	94.6%	5.5%	1.4%
London	132,495	280,875	291,805	301,590	127.6%	7.4%	3.4%
North East	60,240	68,490	66,145	65,200	8.2%	-4.8%	-1.4%
North West	127,370	191,665	191,300	190,770	49.8%	-0.5%	-0.3%
N. Ireland	29,275	35,840	36,795	38,300	30.8%	6.9%	4.1%
Scotland	91,970	109,195	109,505	106,085	15.3%	-2.8%	-3.1%
South East	77,355	159,990	160,875	163,610	111.5%	2.3%	1.7%
South West	53,875	84,035	85,020	85,350	58.4%	1.6%	0.4%
Wales	44,435	62,440	60,445	60,270	35.6%	-3.5%	-0.3%
West Midlands	102,925	174,445	177,570	179,230	74.1%	2.7%	0.9%
Yorks & Humb	85,760	135,770	136,635	136,190	58.8%	0.3%	-0.3%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

The most recent month to month change indicates that in the case of 5 regions and nations there was a month to month fall, 7 recorded an increase.

### 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 a year ago 6 had a claimant count in September 2023 that was higher than September 2022. Out of the 6 LAs that make up the City Region, 4 saw a year to year fall with East Lothian and Midlothian the only 2 recording an increase between September 2022 and September 2023.

In the City Region the claimant count in September 2023 is 2.1% lower than in August. Five of the six LAs saw a month to month fall, whilst East Lothian recorded a small percentage increase (0.3%) as the claimant count in September was 1,535 and in August it was 1,530.

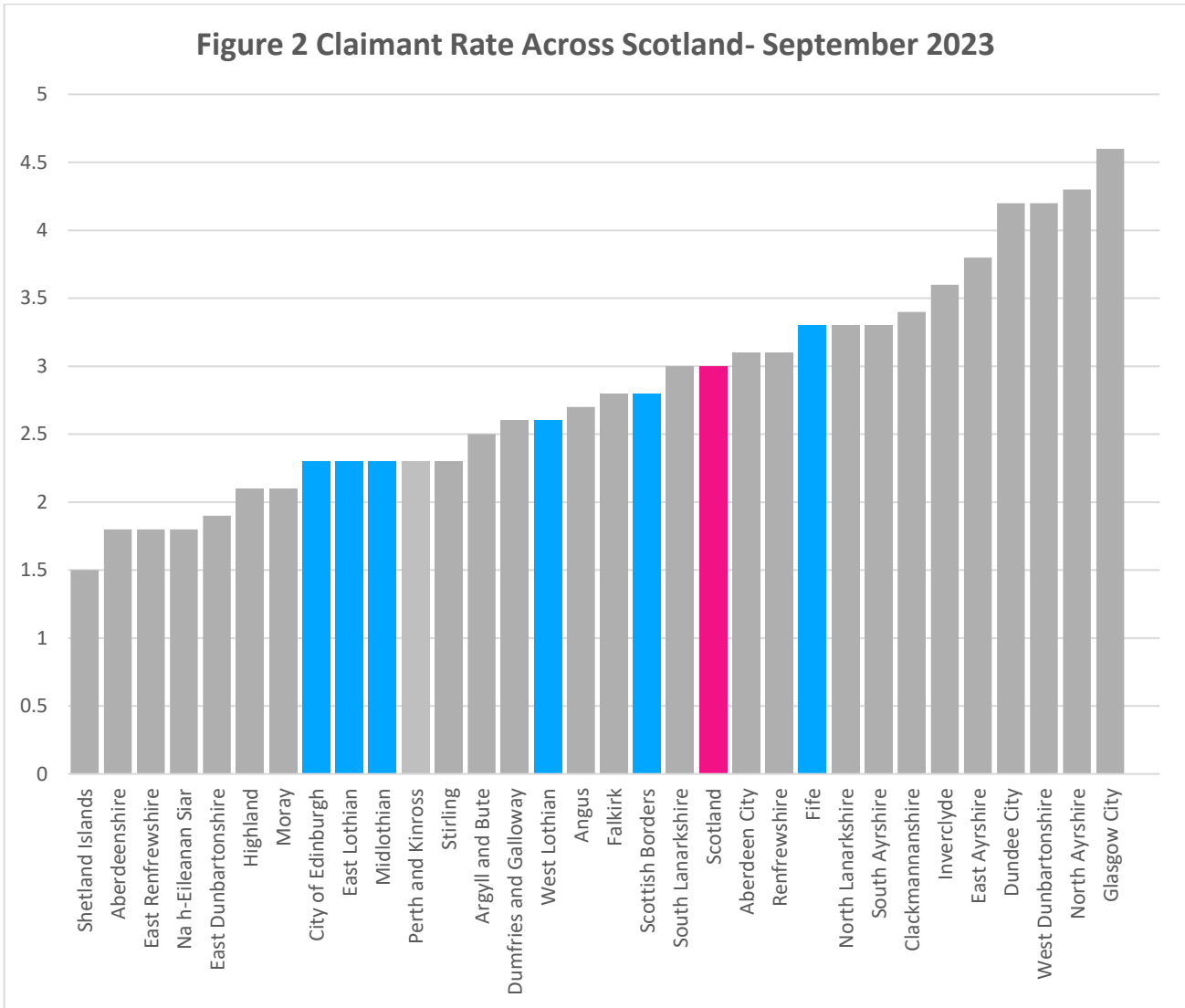
**Table 2: Claimant Count - Scottish LAs**

	Sep 2018	Sep 2022	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Sep18-Sep23	Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23
Aberdeen City	2,885	5,155	4,875	4,760	65.0%	-7.7%	-2.4%
Aberdeenshire	2,015	2,935	2,890	2,890	43.4%	-1.5%	0.0%
Angus	1,955	1,870	2,010	1,865	-4.6%	-0.3%	-7.2%
Argyll and Bute	805	1,310	1,315	1,280	59.0%	-2.3%	-2.7%
<b>Edinburgh</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>8,580</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>89.5%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
Clackmannanshire	1,370	1,130	1,175	1,100	-19.7%	-2.7%	-6.4%
Dumfries & Galloway	1,905	2,455	2,455	2,260	18.6%	-7.9%	-7.9%
Dundee City	4,275	4,145	4,275	4,130	-3.4%	-0.4%	-3.4%
East Ayrshire	3,500	3,030	3,060	2,885	-17.6%	-4.8%	-5.7%
E.Dunbartonshire	1,120	1,255	1,275	1,195	6.7%	-4.8%	-6.3%
<b>East Lothian</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
East Renfrewshire	645	955	1,025	1,030	59.7%	7.9%	0.5%
Falkirk	2,920	3,040	3,010	2,835	-2.9%	-6.7%	-5.8%
<b>Fife</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>7,820</b>	<b>7,615</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
Glasgow City	13,205	21,220	21,200	20,850	57.9%	-1.7%	-1.7%
Highland	3,410	3,205	3,140	3,035	-11.0%	-5.3%	-3.3%
Inverclyde	2,570	1,810	1,840	1,715	-33.3%	-5.2%	-6.8%
<b>Midlothian</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
Moray	1,080	1,345	1,290	1,250	15.7%	-7.1%	-3.1%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	225	315	280	270	20.0%	-14.3%	-3.6%
North Ayrshire	4,365	3,655	3,650	3,510	-19.6%	-4.0%	-3.8%
North Lanarkshire	7,575	7,525	7,475	7,310	-3.5%	-2.9%	-2.2%
Orkney Islands	65	185	210	200	207.7%	8.1%	-4.8%
Perth and Kinross	1,195	2,045	2,260	2,140	79.1%	4.6%	-5.3%
Renfrewshire	2,835	3,600	3,755	3,550	25.2%	-1.4%	-5.5%
<b>Scottish Borders</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>57.4%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
Shetland Islands	125	230	205	200	60.0%	-13.0%	-2.4%
South Ayrshire	2,295	2,430	2,265	2,150	-6.3%	-11.5%	-5.1%
South Lanarkshire	6,605	6,290	6,230	6,055	-8.3%	-3.7%	-2.8%
Stirling	1,420	1,365	1,455	1,380	-2.8%	1.1%	-5.2%
W.Dunbartonshire	1,960	2,430	2,470	2,340	19.4%	-3.7%	-5.3%
<b>West Lothian</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>
Scotland	91,970	109,195	109,505	106,085	15.3%	-2.8%	-3.1%
<b>City Region</b>	<b>19,645</b>	<b>24,260</b>	<b>24,410</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

Figure 2, below, looks at the claimant rate for all the Scottish Local Authorities as of September 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. For three Local Authorities in the City Region the claimant rate is low enough to place it within the 10 Local Authorities with the lowest claimant rate in the country. What we can also see is the claimant rate in Glasgow, Dundee and other LAs in the West of Scotland is often twice that of the city region LAs with the lowest claimant rate.

**Figure 2 Claimant Rate Across Scotland- September 2023**



Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023

### City Region Position

Looking in more detail at the position in the City Region. It can be seen in Table 3 below that across the region the claimant count recorded in September 2023 is lower than it was in September 2022. Only East Lothian and Midlothian recorded a year on year increase.

**Table 3: Claimant Count – City Region LAs**

	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Sep2022-Sep2023	Aug23-Sep23
Edinburgh	8,580	8,535	8,440	-1.6%	-1.1%
East Lothian	1,450	1,530	1,535	5.9%	0.3%
Fife	7,770	7,820	7,615	-2.0%	-2.6%
Midlothian	1,310	1,345	1,325	1.1%	-1.5%
Scottish Borders	1,955	1,985	1,920	-1.8%	-3.3%
West Lothian	3,195	3,195	3,065	-4.1%	-4.1%
City Region	24,260	24,410	23,900	-1.5%	-2.1%

Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023

The month-to-month changes from August to September 2023 indicates that every LA (bar one) saw a fall. East Lothian was the only Local Authority not to record a fall in the claimant count between August and September and the increase recorded was one of 0.3%.

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that across the region in July 2023 there were 43,076 people who were in work but required financial support from Universal Credit (UC) as their income was not sufficient. Over the last month this has fallen by around 300 people so that the most recent data from August 2023 indicates there were 42,749 individuals in work and claiming.

**Table 4 Universal Credit Claimants in Employment**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23
East Lothian	3,533	3,514	3,493
Fife	13,006	12,972	12,861
Midlothian	3,147	3,220	3,245
City of Edinburgh	13,893	13,725	13,513
Scottish Borders	3,390	3,483	3,478
West Lothian	6,129	6,162	6,163
City Region	43,100	43,076	42,749

**Source: StatXplore 6/11/2023**

## 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 split by gender in September 2022, August 2023 and September 2023.

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

	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Sep2022-Sep2023	Aug2023-Aug2023
Edinburgh	5,235	5,015	4,980	-4.9%	-0.7%
East Lothian	860	880	885	2.9%	0.6%
Fife	4,750	4,680	4,570	-3.8%	-2.4%
Midlothian	790	755	765	-3.2%	1.3%
Scottish Borders	1,125	1,120	1,100	-2.2%	-1.8%
West Lothian	1,920	1,805	1,760	-8.3%	-2.5%
City Region	14,680	14,255	14,060	-4.2%	-1.4%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

From Table 5 we can see that the male claimant count in West Lothian it is 8.3% lower than it was 12 months ago 2.5% lower than last month. East Lothian is the only one of the 6 LAs where the male claimant count is higher, 2.9% higher, than a year ago. Across the region as a whole there were in September 14,060 male claimants which is down from 14,255 in August.

Table 6 looks at the situation for female claimants and presents a different picture.

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

	September 2022	August 2023	September 2023	Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23
Edinburgh	3,345	3,520	3,460	3.4%	-1.7%
East Lothian	595	650	650	9.2%	0.0%
Fife	3,020	3,140	3,045	0.8%	-3.0%
Midlothian	515	590	560	8.7%	-5.1%
Scottish Borders	830	865	820	-1.2%	-5.2%
West Lothian	1,275	1,390	1,300	2.0%	-6.5%
City Region	9,580	10,155	9,835	2.7%	-3.2%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

From Table 6 we can see that over the last twelve months the female claimant count has increased across the region from 9,580 to 9,835 an increase of 2.7% compared to the fall in male claimants of 4.2%. In all but one LA there was also a year on year increase- Scottish Borders recorded a fall in female claimants between September 2022 and September 2023. More encouraging is that fact that over the last month there has been a fall so that the number of female claimants in September 2023 in the Region is 3.2% lower than the number of claimants recorded in August.

What these tables indicate is that in the claimant count females make up a larger proportion than was the case 12 months ago – 41.2% now compared to 39.5% a year ago. Looking at this trend over the last 5 years the shift is even more apparent. In September 2018 females made up 38% of claimants in the city region.

Table 7 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 August 2023 27,091 female claimants were recorded (this is around 250 fewer than the previous month). Compare this to the male in work UC claimant count which is 15,622. Table 7 shows that across the region, and in each LA, there are a far higher proportion of women reliant on in work universal credit.

**Table 7: In Work Universal Credit Claimants**

		Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23
Fife	Male	4,874	4,633	4,607
	Female	8,133	8,336	8,252
City of Edinburgh	Male	5,809	5,523	5,442
	Female	8,082	8,203	8,071
East Lothian	Male	1,195	1,132	1,115
	Female	2,345	2,384	2,375
Scottish Borders	Male	1,314	1,276	1,272
	Female	2,072	2,205	2,198
West Lothian	Male	2,172	2,104	2,142
	Female	3,956	4,057	4,020
Midlothian	Male	1,060	1,051	1,083
	Female	2,090	2,170	2,166
Total	Male	16,422	15,722	15,662
	Female	26,678	27,356	27,091

**Source: StatXplore 6/11/2023**

## Age Profile

### 16-24 Year Olds

In September 2023 across the City region there were 4,355 16-24 year olds claiming in the city region. In August there were 4,550 so we can see a month to month fall of 4.7%.

**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
September 2022	1,125	245	1,440	265	335	655	4,065
August 2023	1,255	325	1,640	265	370	695	4,550
September 2023	1,180	315	1,555	270	360	655	4,335
% Change							
Sep22-Sep23	4.9%	28.6%	8.0%	1.9%	7.5%	0.0%	6.6%
Aug23-Sep23	-6.0%	-3.1%	-5.2%	1.9%	-2.7%	-5.8%	-4.7%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

In 5 of the LAs there was a month to month fall between August and September. The only one that recorded an increase in the number of 16-24 year olds was Midlothian where the number increased by 1.9% from 265 to 270. Compare this to Edinburgh (6.0% fall) or West Lothian (5.8%) fall we can see that there are differences across the City Region.

The situation in September 2023 compared to September 2022 is not so encouraging. Across the Region there were 6.6% more 16-24 year old claimant in September 2023 compared to September 2022. East Lothian recorded the largest percentage increase whilst West Lothian recorded no change year to year.

### 25-49 Year Olds

Table 9 allows us to look at what has been happening in terms of 25–49-year-olds, the age band that captures the highest claimant numbers. Across the City Region there were 14,285 25–49-year-olds claiming in September 2023. This is 2.1% lower than in September 2022 and 1.6% lower than August 2023.

**Table 9: 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
September 2022	5,420	885	4,535	765	1,060	1,930	14,595
August 2023	5,395	875	4,475	820	1,085	1,865	14,515
September 2023	5,345	880	4,405	800	1,070	1,785	14,285
% Change							
Sep22-Sep23	-1.4%	-0.6%	-2.9%	4.6%	0.9%	-7.5%	-2.1%
Aug23-Sep23	-0.9%	0.6%	-1.6%	-2.4%	-1.4%	-4.3%	-1.6%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

We can see from the table that every one of the 6 LAs recorded a month to month fall for this age group except for East Lothian where there was a slight (0.6% and 5 claimants) increase between August 2023 and September 2023. In the case of Midlothian, the fall was from 820 in August to 800 in September a 2.4% fall. Looking at what has happened over the 12 months since September 2022 4 LAs recorded a year on year fall and 2 recorded a year on year increase.

### 50 Year Olds and Over

Table 10 looks at what has been happening in terms of those over the age of 50. Across the City Region we can see that in September 2023 there were 5,270 claimants who were 50 or over. This is 6% less than September 2022 and 3.6% down on the August figures.

**Table 10: 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
September 2022	2,030	325	1,795	280	560	615	5,605
August 2023	1,885	450	1,705	260	535	630	5,465
September 2023	1,915	340	1,655	255	485	620	5,270
% Change							
Sep22-Sep23	-5.7%	4.6%	-7.8%	-8.9%	-13.4%	0.8%	-6.0%
Aug23-Sep23	1.6%	-24.4%	-2.9%	-1.9%	-9.3%	-1.6%	-3.6%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**



We can see from the LA data that Edinburgh has a seen a month to month increase of 1.6% (30 additional claimants). Every other LA saw a month to month fall and East Lothian saw the claimant count for those over the age of 50 fall by 110 or 24% between August 2022 and September 2023.

## Ward Profile

This section looks at the data available by ward for each LA in turn.

### Edinburgh

Table 11 gives the current situation in the 17 Edinburgh Wards, the percentage change over the last 12 months and the change recorded between August and September 2023. Overall, there are 8,440 claimants in Edinburgh, and this is 1.6% lower than September 2022 and 1.1% lower than August 2023. From the table we can see that 10 wards had more than 500 claimants in September.

**Table 11 Edinburgh Claimant Count by Ward September 2023**

Wards	September 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants September 2023				
		Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Almond	545	6.9%	0.0%	56.9%	42.2%	14.7%	65.1%	20.2%
City Centre	615	-10.9%	-0.8%	69.1%	30.9%	14.6%	57.7%	27.6%
Colinton/ Fairmilehead	225	2.3%	7.1%	53.3%	46.7%	15.6%	62.2%	22.2%
Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	155	-13.9%	0.0%	54.8%	45.2%	12.9%	64.5%	25.8%
Craightinny/ Duddingston	585	1.7%	-0.8%	58.1%	41.9%	9.4%	68.4%	22.2%
Drum Brae/ Gyle	285	5.6%	0.0%	57.9%	42.1%	10.5%	66.7%	22.8%
Forth	800	-2.4%	-4.2%	56.9%	43.1%	13.8%	64.4%	22.5%
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	285	1.8%	3.6%	59.6%	42.1%	14.0%	61.4%	24.6%
Inverleith	295	-7.8%	-6.3%	54.2%	47.5%	13.6%	59.3%	27.1%
Leith	695	-10.3%	-2.1%	60.4%	39.6%	11.5%	66.9%	20.9%
Leith Walk	650	-2.3%	0.0%	61.5%	39.2%	10.8%	64.6%	24.6%
Liberton/ Gilmerton	685	-4.2%	0.7%	54.0%	46.0%	16.8%	62.8%	20.4%
Morningside	215	10.3%	2.4%	58.1%	41.9%	16.3%	60.5%	20.9%
Pentland Hills	705	0.0%	-2.1%	58.9%	41.8%	16.3%	65.2%	19.1%
Portobello/Craigmillar	700	2.2%	-0.7%	58.6%	41.4%	14.3%	63.6%	22.1%
Sighthill/ Gorgie	670	4.7%	-5.0%	61.2%	38.8%	18.7%	60.4%	20.9%
Southside/Newington	325	-3.0%	0.0%	61.5%	38.5%	12.3%	58.5%	29.2%
Edinburgh	8,440	-1.6%	-1.1%	59.0%	41.0%	14.0%	63.3%	22.7%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

The table also indicates that 8 wards have a claimant count higher than it was a year ago whilst 4 wards have a claimant count in September higher than it was in August. Over the last month Colinton recorded an increase of 7.1% and Inverleith recorded a fall of 6.3%.

Overall, in Edinburgh in September 2023, 59% of claimants were male and 14.0% are aged 16-24. The City Centre ward records that 69.1% of the claimants are male- the highest proportion in the City Region and Inverleith has the highest proportion of female claimants. In City Centre ward not only are 69.1% of claimant's male 27.6% are over the age of 50, the highest proportion in the city. Sighthill and Gorgie had the highest percentage of 16-24 year old claimants.

Table 12 below looks at the in-work UC claimant count for the Edinburgh wards. There are just under 1,500 in Forth Ward who are working but their earnings are low enough that they can receive UC. This is about the same as in August 2022 and is slightly lower than last month. In Leith Ward there are 1,009 individuals working and claiming and this has increased by 7% over the last 12 months but fallen by 8% between July and August. Overall, 11 wards have seen the in-work UC count fall between July and August 2023.

**Table 12 In Work UC Claimant Count by Edinburgh Ward August 2023**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Jul22-Jul23	Jun23-Jul23
Almond	977	1,014	1,018	4%	0%
City Centre	661	564	574	-13%	2%
Colinton/Fairmilehead	436	437	434	0%	-1%
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	293	284	261	-11%	-8%
Craightinny/Duddingston	1,026	887	896	-13%	1%
Drum Brae/Gyle	540	552	530	-2%	-4%
Forth	1,471	1,493	1,476	0%	-1%
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	403	389	378	-6%	-3%
Inverleith	489	464	449	-8%	-3%
Leith	941	1,091	1,009	7%	-8%
Leith Walk	993	929	912	-8%	-2%
Liberton/Gilmerton	1,291	1,261	1,251	-3%	-1%
Morningside	302	257	250	-17%	-3%
Pentland Hills	1,160	1,229	1,239	7%	1%
Portobello/Craigmillar	1,295	1,317	1,267	-2%	-4%
Sighthill/Gorgie	1,189	1,179	1,193	0%	1%
Southside/Newington	414	375	375	-9%	0%
Edinburgh	13,893	13,725	13,513	-3%	-2%

**Source: StatXplore 6/11/2023**

### East Lothian

Table 13 below looks at the situation in the East Lothian Wards. Overall, the county has a claimant count of 1,535 which is 5.9% higher than it was last year and 0.3% higher than in August.

**Table 13 East Lothian Claimant Count by Ward September 2023**

Wards	September 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Sep2023				
		Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Dunbar and East Linton	175	20.7%	6.1%	57.1%	45.7%	20.0%	57.1%	22.9%
Haddington and Lammermuir	250	4.2%	8.7%	56.0%	44.0%	20.0%	54.0%	24.0%
Musselburgh	360	-2.7%	-2.7%	58.3%	41.7%	19.4%	56.9%	23.6%
North Berwick Coastal	100	11.1%	-4.8%	55.0%	40.0%	15.0%	60.0%	20.0%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	250	0.0%	2.0%	60.0%	40.0%	22.0%	54.0%	22.0%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	405	12.5%	-2.4%	58.0%	42.0%	22.2%	60.5%	17.3%
East Lothian	1,535	5.9%	0.3%	57.7%	42.3%	20.5%	57.3%	22.1%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

We can see that three wards have recorded an increase between August and September and three recorded a fall. Haddington and Lammermuir recorded an increase month to month of 8.7%, one of the highest proportional changes in the City Region.

Across the county 57.7% of claimants are male and this varies from 55% in North Berwick Coastal to 60% in Preston, Seton and Gosford. Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry has the highest proportion of 16-24 year olds and Haddington and Lammermuir has the highest proportion of over 50 year olds.

Table 14 looks at those claiming UC in East Lothian who are in work and presents the results by ward. Overall, there has been a fall between August 2022 and August 2023 in 3 wards and an increase in 2 wards. The latest data shows a month to month fall in every ward bar Musselburgh (no change) and Preston, Seton and Gosford (increased by 2%).

**Table 14 In Work UC Claimant Count by East Lothian Ward August 2023**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Aug22-Aug 23	Jul23-Aug23
Dunbar and East Linton	453	453	450	-1%	-1%
Haddington and Lammermuir	551	529	522	-5%	-1%
Musselburgh	759	766	766	1%	0%
North Berwick Coastal	265	242	239	-10%	-1%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	608	604	615	1%	2%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	898	918	894	0%	-3%
East Lothian	3,533	3,514	3,493	-1%	-1%

**Source: StatXplore 6/11/2023**

### Fife

Turning now to look at Fife. We can see that overall Fife recorded 7,615 claimants in September 2023 and of these 60% were Male and 40% Female. Five wards had over 500 claimants in September and 5 had under 200.

**Table 15 Fife Claimant Count by Ward September 2023**

Wards	September 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Sep2023				
		Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	740	1.4%	0.0%	62.2%	37.8%	22.3%	57.4%	20.9%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	315	0.0%	0.0%	55.6%	42.9%	19.0%	55.6%	25.4%
Cowdenbeath	505	-2.9%	-1.0%	62.4%	37.6%	22.8%	54.5%	22.8%
Cupar	190	2.7%	0.0%	63.2%	36.8%	21.1%	55.3%	23.7%
Dunfermline Central	340	-8.1%	-5.6%	57.4%	42.6%	17.6%	63.2%	19.1%
Dunfermline North	300	-4.8%	0.0%	61.7%	38.3%	20.0%	63.3%	16.7%
Dunfermline South	385	-9.4%	-3.8%	57.1%	42.9%	20.8%	57.1%	22.1%
East Neuk and Landward	170	3.0%	-8.1%	61.8%	38.2%	17.6%	58.8%	26.5%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	355	6.0%	0.0%	57.7%	40.8%	25.4%	57.7%	16.9%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	285	1.8%	-3.4%	61.4%	38.6%	22.8%	61.4%	15.8%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	335	1.5%	-4.3%	56.7%	43.3%	20.9%	59.7%	19.4%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	170	-2.9%	-5.6%	55.9%	44.1%	14.7%	58.8%	29.4%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	215	-12.2%	-12.2%	53.5%	48.8%	16.3%	55.8%	27.9%

Kirkcaldy Central	620	2.5%	-3.1%	64.5%	36.3%	16.9%	58.9%	24.2%
Kirkcaldy East	605	-4.0%	1.7%	61.2%	38.8%	20.7%	55.4%	24.0%
Kirkcaldy North	370	5.7%	2.8%	56.8%	43.2%	21.6%	56.8%	21.6%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	390	-2.5%	-1.3%	64.1%	34.6%	20.5%	55.1%	24.4%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	560	2.8%	-2.6%	62.5%	37.5%	23.2%	59.8%	17.9%
Rosyth	235	-14.5%	-11.3%	57.4%	42.6%	21.3%	59.6%	19.1%
St Andrews	105	0.0%	5.0%	57.1%	42.9%	14.3%	47.6%	38.1%
Tay Bridgehead	150	-6.3%	-11.8%	53.3%	46.7%	16.7%	66.7%	20.0%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	280	-9.7%	-5.1%	58.9%	41.1%	21.4%	57.1%	23.2%
Fife	7,615	-2.0%	-2.6%	60.0%	40.0%	20.4%	57.8%	21.7%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

We can see that year on year 9 wards had seen the claimant count increase and 11 recorded a fall. Rosyth saw a fall of 14.5% year on year, which is the highest in the City Region. In terms of the latest figures we can see that three wards recorded an increase in the claimant count between August and September and 14 recorded a fall.

The ward with the single highest claimant count is Buckhaven, Methill and Wemyss Villages where 740 individuals were looking for work and claiming, slightly down on the 750 recorded in August 2023.

In terms of gender Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay had 48.8% of claimants recorded as female. Glenrothes Central and Thornton recorded a high proportions of claimants aged 16-24 and the average across the Kingdom is 20.4%. In St Andrews 38.1% of the 105 claimants are over 50 years of age- this is the highest proportion in the City Region.

Table 16 below looks at the in-work UC claimant numbers for the wards in Fife. Overall, there were 12,861 Fife residents working and claiming UC support in August 2023 which is 1% lower than in July and also 1 % lower than a year ago. Again, there are people needing this support across the Kingdom with every ward other than St Andrews recording over 300 claimants.

**Table 16 In Work UC Claimant Count by Fife Ward August 2023**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Aug22-Aug 23	Jul23-Aug23
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	1,039	1,019	1,008	-3%	-1%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	432	410	406	-6%	-1%
Cowdenbeath	901	864	855	-5%	-1%
Cupar	369	393	390	6%	-1%
Dunfermline Central	618	598	612	-1%	2%
Dunfermline North	505	491	475	-6%	-3%
Dunfermline South	732	724	715	-2%	-1%
East Neuk and Landward	327	334	334	2%	0%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	682	691	687	1%	-1%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	564	590	595	5%	1%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	730	710	699	-4%	-2%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	315	303	298	-5%	-2%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	379	406	396	4%	-2%
Kirkcaldy Central	729	732	719	-1%	-2%

Kirkcaldy East	796	759	765	-4%	1%
Kirkcaldy North	571	568	573	0%	1%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	654	669	651	0%	-3%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	993	999	996	0%	0%
Rosyth	612	632	610	0%	-3%
St. Andrews	170	165	161	-5%	-2%
Tay Bridgehead	327	380	382	17%	1%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	553	547	545	-1%	0%
Fife	13,006	12,972	12,861	-1%	-1%

**Source: StatXplore 6/11/2023**

### Midlothian

The Midlothian position is presented in Table 17 below. Looking at the change between September 2022 and September 2023 we can see that 3 wards recorded a year-on-year fall and 3 wards saw the claimant count increase. The change over the last month has seen three wards record a fall, two record an increase and one has stayed the same. Overall, 58% of Midlothian claimants were male and 20% were 16-24 years of age.

**Table 17 Midlothian Claimant Count by Ward September 2023**

Wards	September 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Sep2023				
		Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Bonnyrigg	210	13.5%	2.4%	52%	48%	21%	60%	19%
Dalkeith	270	10.2%	-3.6%	59%	41%	22%	59%	19%
Midlothian East	230	-11.5%	0.0%	57%	43%	15%	67%	17%
Midlothian South	225	9.8%	-6.3%	56%	44%	22%	58%	20%
Midlothian West	200	-4.8%	-4.8%	60%	40%	23%	53%	25%
Penicuik	190	-7.3%	2.7%	63%	37%	18%	66%	18%
Midlothian	1,325	1.1%	-1.5%	58%	42%	20%	60%	19%

**Source: NOMIS 31/12/2023**

Looking at the wards themselves we can see Bonyrigg had the highest proportion of females. Midlothian South recorded the largest month to month fall, 23% of claimants in Midlothian West were 16-24 years of age and this ward also had the highest proportion of claimants over the age of 50.

**Table 18 In Work UC Claimant Count by Midlothian Ward August 2023**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Aug22-Aug 23	Jul23-Aug23
Bonnyrigg	477	535	525	10%	-2%
Dalkeith	571	587	605	6%	3%
Midlothian East	568	555	544	-4%	-2%
Midlothian South	619	642	651	5%	1%
Midlothian West	438	450	469	7%	4%
Penicuik	476	451	452	-5%	0%
Midlothian	3,147	3,220	3,245	3%	1%

**Source: StatXplore 6/11/2023**

Table 18 looks at the number of in work UC claimants in the 6 Midlothian wards. We can see that overall, there are slightly more claimants than in August 2022, and whilst 4 wards saw a year on year change 2 recorded a fall. The more recent month to month change between June 2023 and

July 2023 is similar with Midlothian West recording an increase of 4% whilst Midlothian East and Bonnyrigg recorded falls of 2% month to month.

### West Lothian

The situation in West Lothian is looked at in Table 19 below. Overall there were 3,065 claimants in West Lothian in September 2023 and this is down 4.1% on a year ago and also down 4.1% on the August 2023 figure. We can see that 57% of claimants in West Lothian are Male and 21% are aged between 16-24.

**Table 19 West Lothian Claimant Count by Ward September 2023**

Wards	September 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Sep2023				
		Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Armadale & Blackridge	285	3.6%	-5.0%	58%	42%	26%	54%	19%
Bathgate	420	-7.7%	-7.7%	58%	42%	23%	57%	20%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	325	-13.3%	-1.5%	62%	40%	22%	57%	22%
East Livingston & E. Calder	360	12.5%	-2.7%	56%	46%	21%	58%	21%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	345	-1.4%	-9.2%	61%	39%	16%	67%	17%
Linlithgow	120	-7.7%	9.1%	58%	42%	17%	46%	38%
Livingston North	295	-6.3%	1.7%	58%	44%	22%	61%	17%
Livingston South	395	-2.5%	-6.0%	53%	47%	22%	57%	20%
Whitburn & Blackburn	510	-9.7%	-7.3%	58%	42%	21%	58%	21%
West Lothian	3,065	-4.1%	-4.1%	57%	42%	21%	58%	20%

**Source: NOMIS 31/12/2023**

Looking at the wards seven wards recorded fewer claimants in September 2023 than in September 2022. Between August 2023 and September 2023 2 wards recorded an increase and the others all recorded a fall. One ward has over 500 claimants. Armadale and Blackridge has the highest proportion of 16-24 year olds in the City Region whilst in Linlithgow 38% of claimants are over 50.

Table 20 indicates that across West Lothian in August 2023 there were 6,163 individuals working and claiming UC which is almost exactly the same as the previous month.

**Table 20 In Work UC Claimant Count by West Lothian Ward August 2023**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Aug22-Aug 23	Jul23-Aug23
Armadale and Blackridge	563	513	513	-9%	0%
Bathgate	801	757	758	-5%	0%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	641	658	659	3%	0%
East Livingston and East Calder	730	797	808	11%	1%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	628	662	642	2%	-3%
Linlithgow	235	223	219	-7%	-2%
Livingston North	668	641	638	-4%	0%
Livingston South	844	862	860	2%	0%
Whitburn and Blackburn	1,012	1,050	1,068	6%	2%
West Lothian	6,129	6,162	6,163	1%	0%

**Source: StatXplore 7/11/2023**

## Scottish Borders

Table 21 below looks at the position in the Scottish Borders wards. From this table we can see that there were 1,920 people claiming in September in Scottish Borders. Overall, 57.3% of claimants were male and 18.8% were 16-24 years of age. Scottish Border has the only ward in the whole region where there are more Female claimants than Male.

**Table 21 Scottish Borders Claimant Count by Ward September 2023**

Wards	September 2023	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Sep2023				
		Sep22-Sep23	Aug23-Sep23	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
East Berwickshire	155	-11.4%	-11.4%	45.2%	51.6%	12.9%	58.1%	25.8%
Galashiels and District	365	-3.9%	-2.7%	60.3%	39.7%	19.2%	54.8%	26.0%
Hawick and Denholm	245	14.0%	-3.9%	59.2%	38.8%	24.5%	57.1%	18.4%
Hawick and Hermitage	185	8.8%	-2.6%	67.6%	35.1%	24.3%	51.4%	24.3%
Jedburgh and District	160	14.3%	0.0%	53.1%	46.9%	18.8%	53.1%	25.0%
Kelso and District	160	14.3%	0.0%	56.3%	43.8%	15.6%	59.4%	25.0%
Leaderdale & Melrose	120	-11.1%	-4.0%	50.0%	50.0%	16.7%	58.3%	25.0%
Mid Berwickshire	145	-3.3%	-9.4%	51.7%	48.3%	17.2%	48.3%	31.0%
Selkirkshire	145	-3.3%	0.0%	65.5%	34.5%	17.2%	58.6%	24.1%
Tweeddale East	110	-15.4%	0.0%	54.5%	45.5%	18.2%	50.0%	31.8%
Tweeddale West	130	-23.5%	-7.1%	57.7%	46.2%	11.5%	61.5%	30.8%
Scottish Borders	1,920	-1.8%	-3.3%	57.3%	42.7%	18.8%	55.7%	25.3%

**Source: NOMIS 31/10/2023**

Overall, 4 wards have recorded a year on year increase and seven have recorded a fall. Looking at the change between August and September, we can see that 4 recorded no change month to month and the remainder recorded a fall.

In Hawick and Denholm, 24.5% of claimants are 16-24 compared to 11.5% in Tweeddale West. In Tweeddale East 31.8% of claimants were 50 or over whilst in Hawick and Denholm it was 18.4% of claimants.

**Table 22 In Work UC Claimant Count by Scottish Borders Ward July 2023**

	Aug-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Aug22-Aug 23	Jul23-Aug23
East Berwickshire	382	366	365	-4%	0%
Galashiels and District	587	576	569	-3%	-1%
Hawick and Denholm	404	383	385	-5%	1%
Hawick and Hermitage	257	286	274	7%	-4%
Jedburgh and District	246	225	247	0%	10%
Kelso and District	279	291	287	3%	-1%
Leaderdale and Melrose	269	306	298	11%	-3%
Mid Berwickshire	298	350	344	15%	-2%
Selkirkshire	263	271	284	8%	5%
Tweeddale East	209	207	202	-3%	-2%
Tweeddale West	196	225	218	11%	-3%
Total	3,390	3,483	3,478	3%	0%

**Source: StatXplore 7/11/2023**



Table 22 looks at the number of people in work and claiming in Scottish Borders, and in August 2023 there were 3,478 people working who needed the support of Universal Credit. This is 3% higher than August 2022 but is almost the same as the number in July.

## 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 and these margins of error can be considerable, particularly at a local level or when used to report on specific demographic groups.

Table 23 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 as of July 2023. 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.

**Table 23 Economic activity aged 16-64 (July 2022- June 2023)**

	Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian	City Region
Economic activity rate - aged 16-64	82.7	80.1	79.0	80.3	80.0	79.9	80.9
Estimated number who are economically active	294,800	52,000	177,000	45,700	53,000	93,100	715,600
% who are economically inactive - aged 16-64	17.3	19.9	21.0	19.7	20.0	20.1	19.1
Estimated number who are economically inactive	61,600	12,900	47,000	11,200	13,200	23,400	169,300
% of economically inactive who want a job	18.5	12.8	13.1	***	23.2	24.5	16.7
Estimated number economically inactive who want a job	11,400	1,700	6,100	***	3,100	5,700	28,300

**Source: NOMIS 7/11/2023**

**\*\*\* Sample too small for ONS to publish the data**

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 figures looked at elsewhere in this report.

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 82.7%, they are 95% confident that the real figure, based on the whole population, would be between 79.7% and 85.7% - the confidence levels recorded.

NOMIS also provide statistics on Job Density, the number of jobs in an area divided by the resident population aged 16-64. For example, a job density of 1.0 would mean that there is one job for every resident aged 16-64. This tends to be one of the least regularly updated NOMIS data sets and the most recent data was published in January 2023 and is based on data from 2021. The data is compiled from a number of surveys such as the Annual Business Inquiry.



The table below looks at the Job Density recorded between 2016 and 2021. Over that period we can see that Edinburgh has a job density that's greater than 1 – more jobs than the working age population of the city. All the other LAs have a job density less than 1. The fact that Edinburgh is higher isn't surprising as with all cities there is a considerable commuter pull to a city. For instance the 2021 figure for Glasgow is 1.03 and Aberdeen is 1.12.

**Table 24 Job Density and Number of Jobs**

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Edinburgh</b>	Total Jobs	368,000	386,000	389,000	380,000	395,000
	Job Density	1.03	1.07	1.06	1.03	1.08
<b>East Lothian</b>	Total Jobs	36,000	38,000	36,000	38,000	42,000
	Job Density	0.56	0.59	0.55	0.58	0.62
<b>Fife</b>	Total Jobs	153,000	153,000	152,000	148,000	152,000
	Job Density	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.64	0.65
<b>Midlothian</b>	Total Jobs	35,000	35,000	35,000	34,000	38,000
	Job Density	0.63	0.63	0.62	0.59	0.64
<b>Scottish Borders</b>	Total Jobs	53,000	53,000	55,000	53,000	53,000
	Job Density	0.78	0.79	0.81	0.78	0.78
<b>West Lothian</b>	Total Jobs	84,000	86,000	85,000	87,000	86,000
	Job Density	0.72	0.74	0.73	0.74	0.73
<b>City Region</b>	Total Jobs	729,000	751,000	752,000	740,000	766,000
	Job Density	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.84

**Source: NOMIS 7/11/2023**

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