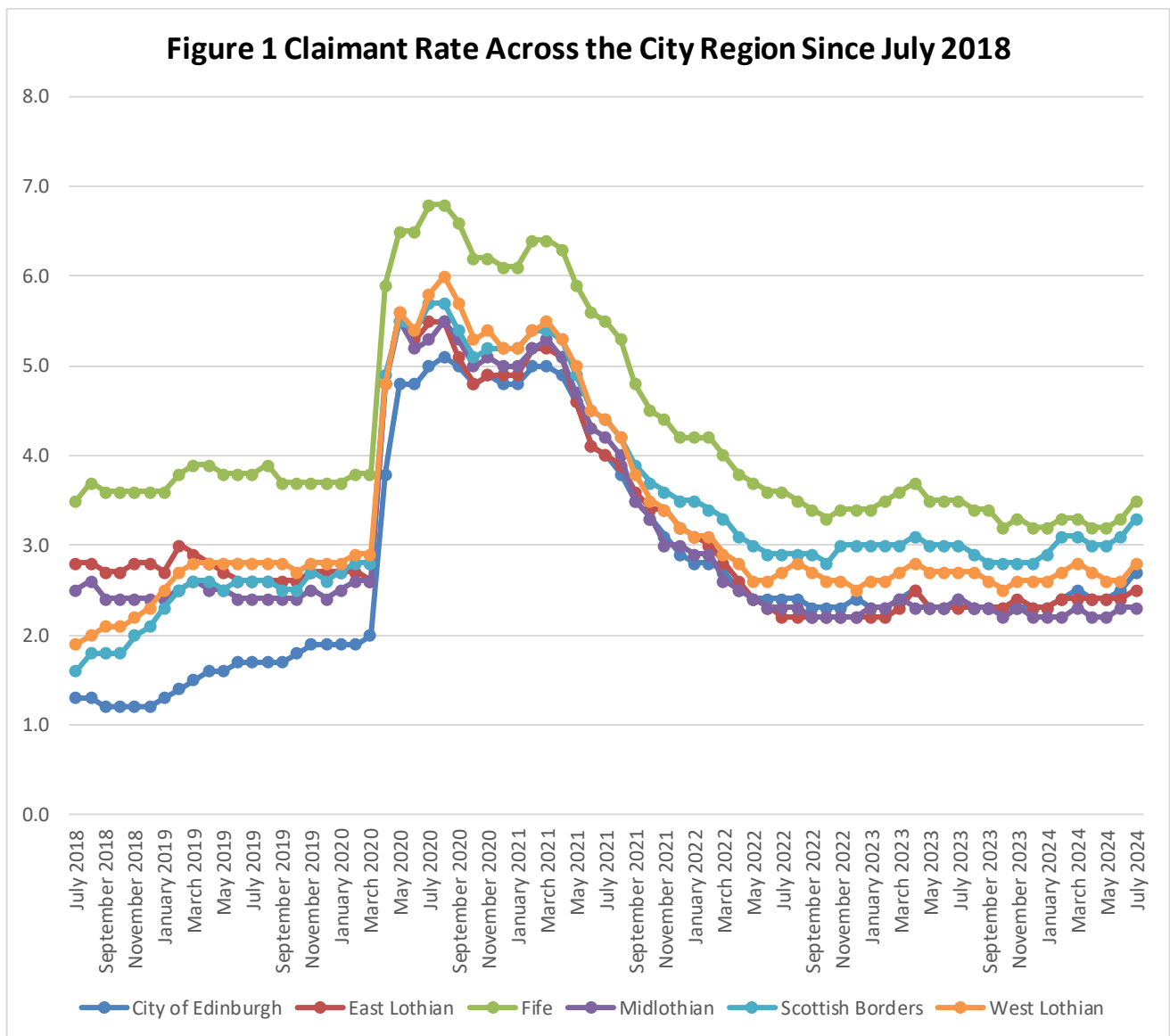


Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count August 2024 Summary Update

Claimant Count Change Between July 2023 and July 2024:	Claimant Count Change Between June 2024 and July 2024:
↑ UK increased by 16.6%	↑ UK increased by 9.9%
↑ Scotland increased by 4.4%	↑ Scotland increased by 7.7%
↑ Edinburgh increased by 11.5%	↑ Edinburgh increased by 9.4%
↑ City Region increased by 5.9%	↑ City Region increased by 7.5%



Source: NOMIS 13/08/2024

City Region Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for the City Region was 26,470 (in June it was 24,620). Of these
 - a. 4,575 were 16-24 year olds up from 4,365 in June.
 - b. 16,035 were 25-49 year olds up from 14,865 in June.
 - c. 5,855 were 50 or older up from 5,395 in June.
2. In June 2024 there were 48,871 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in the Region. In May 2024 there were 47,259.

Edinburgh Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for Edinburgh was 9,730 (in June it was 8,890). Of these
 - a. 1,345 were 16-24 year olds. It was 1,250 in June.
 - b. 6,215 were 25-49 year olds. It was 5,660 in June.
 - c. 2,170 were 50 or older. It was 1,980 in June.
2. In June 2024 there were 15,437 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Edinburgh. In May 2024 there were 14,918.

East Lothian Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for East Lothian was 1,960 (in June it was 1,600). Of these
 - a. 290 were 16-24 year olds. In June there were 280.
 - b. 1,005 were 25-49 year olds. In June there were 945.
 - c. 395 were 50 or older. In June there were 375.
2. In June 2024 there were 3,881 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian. In May 2024 there were 3,780.

Fife Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for Fife was 8,150 (in June it was 7,560). Of these
 - a. 1,665 were 16-24 year olds. In June there were 1,585.
 - b. 4,730 were 25-49 years of age. In June there were 4,380.
 - c. 1,755 were 50 or older. In June there were 1,600.
2. In June 2024 there were 14,554 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Fife. In May 2024 there were 13,991.

Midlothian Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for Midlothian was 1,370 (it was 1,370 in June). Of these
 - a. 245 were 16-24 year olds. In June it was 265.
 - b. 870 were 25-49 year olds. In June it was 850.
 - c. 250 were 50 or older. In June it was 255.
2. In June 2024 there were 3,636 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Midlothian. In May there were 3,549.

Scottish Borders Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for Scottish Borders was 2,205 (in June it was 2,070). Of these
 - a. 380 were 16-24 year olds. In June it was 355.
 - b. 1,200 were 25-49 year olds. In June there were 1,120.
 - c. 625 were 50 or older. In June there were 595.
2. In June 2024 there were 4,106 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In May there were 4,029.

West Lothian Summary

1. In July 2024 the claimant count for West Lothian was 3,325 (in June it was 3,130). Of these
 - a. 650 were 16-24 year olds. In June there were 630.
 - b. 2,015 were 25-49 year olds. In June there were 1,910.
 - c. 660 were 50 or older. In June there were 590.
2. In June 2024 there were 7,253 West Lothian individuals claiming Universal Credit who were in work. In May there were 6,989.

Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count August 2024 Full Update

Claimant Count by Nation and Region

Table 1 indicates that in the UK the claimant count in July 2024 is higher than it was five years ago. This is the same in every region and nation including Scotland. In Scotland it is 5.1% higher than in July 2019 and in the UK, it is 57.3% higher. We can also see that in all of the regions and countries of the UK the claimant count in July 2024 is higher than it was in July 2023. In Scotland the claimant count is 4.4% higher than it was a year ago.

Table 1: National Claimant Count Picture

	July 2019	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	Percentage Change		
					July19 - July24	July23- July24	June24 - July24
UK	1,145,690	1,545,730	1,640,155	1,802,410	57.3%	16.6%	9.9%
East	78,395	115,100	123,840	136,625	74.3%	18.7%	10.3%
East Midlands	71,715	101,610	107,835	117,140	63.3%	15.3%	8.6%
London	167,570	293,980	318,815	361,965	116.0%	23.1%	13.5%
North East	71,250	66,855	65,925	72,135	1.2%	7.9%	9.4%
North West	155,840	193,345	203,635	222,610	42.8%	15.1%	9.3%
N. Ireland	29,575	36,620	37,765	41,755	41.2%	14.0%	10.6%
Scotland	111,135	111,930	108,540	116,855	5.1%	4.4%	7.7%
South East	103,020	161,655	172,520	187,150	81.7%	15.8%	8.5%
South West	67,910	85,575	93,100	100,590	48.1%	17.5%	8.0%
Wales	55,215	61,110	64,290	69,155	25.2%	13.2%	7.6%
West Midlands	129,205	180,000	194,135	213,475	65.2%	18.6%	10.0%
Yorks & Humb	104,870	137,960	149,750	162,950	55.4%	18.1%	8.8%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Looking at the latest change month to month it can be seen in the table that across the UK the claimant count is 9.9% higher in than in June- increasing by over 160,000 in the last month. In Scotland it is 7.7% higher (8,315) in July 2024 than it was in June. One thing to bear in mind is that in May the DWP changed the conditionality and rolling out an increase in the administrative earnings threshold for full work search conditionality. This change is likely to affect around 180,000 claimants across the UK over a period of around 6 months, increasing the Claimant Count over that time.¹ As a result we can not be entirely certain how much of any change is actual additional claimants and how much is due to the changes in the methodology. We should bear this in mind when considering the latest figures and comparing them to previous data.

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Claimant Count by Scottish Local Authority

Table 2 focuses on Scottish Local Authorities. We can see that 12 Scottish Local Authorities have a claimant count higher in July 2024 than was recorded in July 2019 and amongst these are West Lothian, Edinburgh and Scottish Borders. Over the last year 10 Local Authorities saw the claimant count fall, one recorded no change, and all the others saw the claimant count increase year on year. Over the last month only one Local Authority saw the claimant count fall and one saw no change. Every other Local Authority saw the claimant count increase between June and July 2024.

Table 2: Claimant Count - Scottish Local Authorities

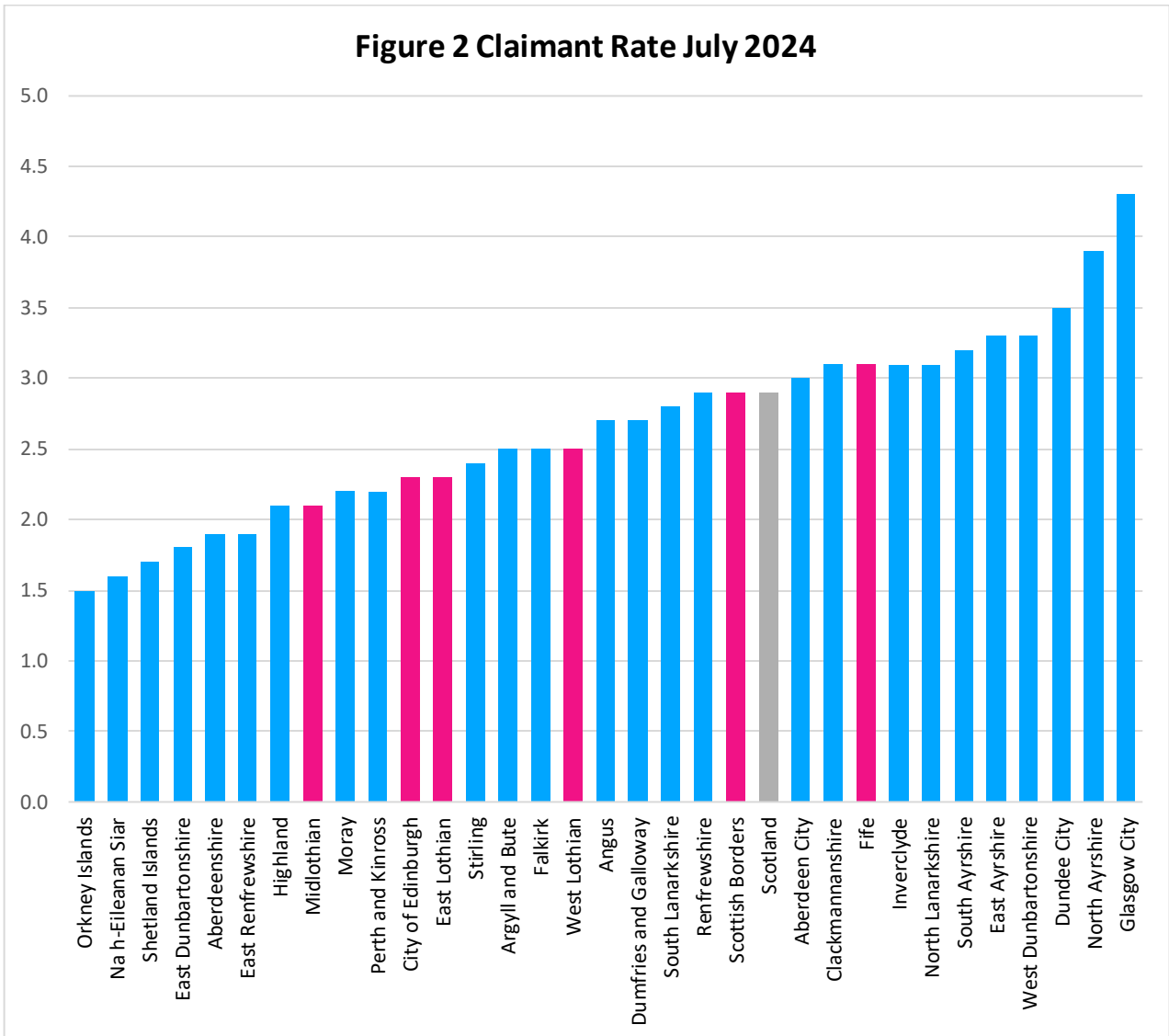
	July 2019	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	Percentage Change		
					July19 - July24	July23- July24	June24 - July24
Aberdeen City	3,650	4,885	4,855	5,200	42.5%	6.4%	7.1%
Aberdeenshire	2,740	3,025	2,850	3,040	10.9%	0.5%	6.7%
Angus	2,270	2,135	1,915	2,110	-7.0%	-1.2%	10.2%
Argyll and Bute	1,385	1,350	1,275	1,335	-3.6%	-1.1%	4.7%
Edinburgh	6,270	8,725	8,890	9,730	55.2%	11.5%	9.4%
Clackmannanshire	1,375	1,195	1,065	1,130	-17.8%	-5.4%	6.1%
Dumfries & Galloway	2,630	2,540	2,560	2,690	2.3%	5.9%	5.1%
Dundee City	4,810	4,435	4,055	4,430	-7.9%	-0.1%	9.2%
East Ayrshire	3,835	3,175	2,865	2,980	-22.3%	-6.1%	4.0%
East Dunbartonshire	1,235	1,275	1,230	1,350	9.3%	5.9%	9.8%
East Lothian	1,715	1,555	1,600	1,690	-1.5%	8.7%	5.6%
East Renfrewshire	960	1,015	1,045	1,140	18.8%	12.3%	9.1%
Falkirk	3,265	3,010	2,945	3,100	-5.1%	3.0%	5.3%
Fife	8,795	8,060	7,560	8,150	-7.3%	1.1%	7.8%
Glasgow City	18,670	21,630	21,955	24,030	28.7%	11.1%	9.5%
Highland	3,425	3,220	3,170	3,440	0.4%	6.8%	8.5%
Inverclyde	2,405	1,890	1,655	1,825	-24.1%	-3.4%	10.3%
Midlothian	1,380	1,405	1,370	1,370	-0.7%	-2.5%	0.0%
Moray	1,495	1,385	1,270	1,335	-10.7%	-3.6%	5.1%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	330	290	270	290	-12.1%	0.0%	7.4%
North Ayrshire	4,690	3,675	3,485	3,780	-19.4%	2.9%	8.5%
North Lanarkshire	8,610	7,585	7,295	7,835	-9.0%	3.3%	7.4%
Orkney Islands	170	195	245	235	38.2%	20.5%	-4.1%
Perth and Kinross	1,790	2,255	2,080	2,290	27.9%	1.6%	10.1%
Renfrewshire	3,975	3,825	3,670	3,810	-4.2%	-0.4%	3.8%
Scottish Borders	1,785	2,000	2,070	2,205	23.5%	10.3%	6.5%
Shetland Islands	195	230	215	235	20.5%	2.2%	9.3%
South Ayrshire	2,645	2,335	2,300	2,415	-8.7%	3.4%	5.0%
South Lanarkshire	7,125	6,355	5,990	6,490	-8.9%	2.1%	8.3%
Stirling	1,510	1,435	1,440	1,490	-1.3%	3.8%	3.5%
West Dunbartonshire	2,705	2,565	2,210	2,380	-12.0%	-7.2%	7.7%
West Lothian	3,290	3,260	3,130	3,325	1.1%	2.0%	6.2%
Scotland	111,135	111,930	108,540	116,855	5.1%	4.4%	7.7%
City Region	23,235	25,005	24,620	26,470	13.9%	5.9%	7.5%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

We can see in the table above that the claimant count in Edinburgh is 55% higher in July 2024 than it was in July 2019. Whilst this is the highest in Scotland and only Aberdeen is close it is not the highest in the UK. Of the 218 UK Local Authorities there are 190 that have a claimant count in July 2024 that was higher than in July 2019 and in 92 cases the percentage is higher than in Edinburgh.

For example in Newham in Greater London the claimant count is 206% higher in July 2024 than it was in July 2019 (21,220 compared to 6,930).

Figure 2, below, looks at the claimant rate for all the Scottish Local Authorities as recorded in July 2024. 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 Midlothian the claimant rate is low enough to place it within the ten Local Authorities with the lowest claimant rate in the country.



Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

City Region Position

Looking in more detail at the position in the City Region. It can be seen in Table 3 that across the region the claimant count recorded in July 2024 is higher than it was in June 2023. However, this change is not universal and one Local Authority has seen it fall over the year.

The month-to-month change from June 2024 to July 2024 indicates that in all but one Local Authority the claimant count is higher than it was month ago. Midlothian recorded no change between June and July. Fife recorded a month to month increase of 7.8% between June and July with the claimant count being 590 higher. Edinburgh recorded a 9.4% month to month increase that equates to 840 additional claimants. As mentioned earlier this could be partly linked to changes in the recording methods, however these changes were in place last month and unless the

changes are being applied incrementally one would expect to only see labour market impacts this month.

Table 3: Claimant Count – City Region LAs

	July 2019	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	Percentage Change		
					July19- July24	July23- July24	June24- July24
Edinburgh	6,270	8,725	8,890	9,730	55.2%	11.5%	9.4%
East Lothian	1,715	1,555	1,600	1,690	-1.5%	8.7%	5.6%
Fife	8,795	8,060	7,560	8,150	-7.3%	1.1%	7.8%
Midlothian	1,380	1,405	1,370	1,370	-0.7%	-2.5%	0.0%
Scottish Borders	1,785	2,000	2,070	2,205	23.5%	10.3%	6.5%
West Lothian	3,290	3,260	3,130	3,325	1.1%	2.0%	6.2%
City Region	23,235	25,005	24,620	26,470	13.9%	5.9%	7.5%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that across the region in June 2023 there were 42,197 people who were in work but required financial support from Universal Credit (UC) as their income was not sufficient. In June 2024 this had increased by 15.8% to 48,871. Over the last month (May to June 2024) there has been an increase of 3.4% in the region with around 1,500 additional people working and claiming Universal Credit.

Table 4 Universal Credit Claimants in Employment

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Jun23 to Jun24	May24-Jun24
City of Edinburgh	13,520	14,918	15,437	14.2%	3.5%
East Lothian	3,452	3,780	3,881	12.4%	2.7%
Fife	12,624	13,991	14,554	15.3%	4.0%
Midlothian	3,186	3,549	3,636	14.1%	2.5%
West Lothian	5,969	6,989	7,253	21.5%	3.8%
Scottish Borders	3,446	4,029	4,106	19.2%	1.9%
Total	42,197	47,259	48,871	15.8%	3.4%

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

Gender Profile

From Table 5 we can see that three Local Authorities in the city region have seen the number of male claimants fall over the last 12 months and three have seen the number increase. Across the region the number of male claimants in July 2024 was 155 higher than in July 2023.

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

	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	Percentage Change	
				July23-July24	June24 - July24
Edinburgh	5,105	5,175	5,485	7.4%	6.0%
East Lothian	905	885	910	0.6%	2.8%
Fife	4,770	4,410	4,535	-4.9%	2.8%
Midlothian	785	775	745	-5.1%	-3.9%
Scottish Borders	1,135	1,165	1,185	4.4%	1.7%
West Lothian	1,835	1,750	1,830	-0.3%	4.6%
City Region	14,535	14,160	14,690	1.1%	3.7%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Comparing the June 2024 statistics to those of July 2024 the picture is less positive as all but one Local Authority (Midlothian) saw the number of male claimants increase. This culminated in the region as a whole recording a 3.7% increase between June and July 2024.

Table 6 looks at the situation for female claimants. This indicates that over the last year there has been an increase in the number of female claimants (just over 1,300 additional female claimants). Compare this to the male claimant count which had increased by around 150 over the same period. This is an increase of 15.5% year on year compared to an increase of 1.1% year on year for the number of male claimants.

In one Local Authority (Midlothian) the female claimant count has not changed over the course of the year whilst all other Local Authorities saw the number of female claimants increase over the twelve months. Between June 2024 and July 2024, the number of female claimants increased in all Local Authorities leading to an additional 1,300 or so female claimants in July compared to June.

In July 2019 across the region as a whole 37% of out of work claimants were female in July 2024 45% of claimants were female. If this trend continues it wont be long before there is a 50:50 split in the gender of claimants when 5 years ago it was more like 37:63.

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

	July 2023	June 2024	July 2024	Percentage Change	
				July23-July24	June24-July24
Edinburgh	3,615	3,710	4,245	17.4%	14.4%
East Lothian	650	710	780	20.0%	9.9%
Fife	3,290	3,150	3,615	9.9%	14.8%
Midlothian	625	595	625	0.0%	5.0%
Scottish Borders	870	905	1,020	17.2%	12.7%
West Lothian	1,425	1,385	1,500	5.3%	8.3%
City Region	10,475	10,455	11,785	12.5%	12.7%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Table 7 below looks at the gender split of those who are in work and claiming Universal Credit. The data indicates that across the City Region in June 2023, 26,734 female claimants were in work and claiming Universal Credit. In June 2024 the number had increased to 31,806. This is over 4,000 more than 12 months ago. Compare this to the male in work Universal Credit claimant count, which was 15,466 in June 2023 and currently (June 2024) is sitting at 17,063- approximately 1,500 more.

Table 7 shows that across the region, and in each Local Authority, there are a far higher proportion of women who are in work, but their earnings are so low that they qualify for in work Universal Credit. In June 2023 males comprised 37% of Universal Credit claimants whilst in May 2024 this was 35%. So, looking at both together we can see that there is an increasing number of females claiming not just out of work benefits but also in work Universal Credit.

Table 7: In Work Universal Credit Claimants

		Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24
City of Edinburgh	Female	8,090	9,237	9,628
	Male	5,432	5,675	5,804
East Lothian	Female	2,325	2,543	2,603
	Male	1,126	1,242	1,276
Fife	Female	8,083	9,244	9,594
	Male	4,541	4,744	4,963

Midlothian	Female	2,156	2,423	2,467
	Male	1,027	1,121	1,168
West Lothian	Female	3,901	4,663	4,867
	Male	2,068	2,323	2,385
Scottish Borders	Female	2,173	2,587	2,639
	Male	1,269	1,445	1,469
Total	Female	26,734	30,698	31,806
	Male	15,466	16,555	17,063

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

Age Profile

16-24 Year Olds

In July 2024 there were 4,575 claimants aged between 16-24 years of age in the City Region. This is 4.8% higher than a month ago and 1.3% higher than a year ago. In numerical terms the City Region has 60 more 16-24 year olds claiming than a year ago and just 190 more than last month. On the face of it the large increases that we have seen in the City Region as a whole have not come from this age cohort.

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
July 2023	1,230	310	1,655	280	360	680	4,515
June 2024	1,250	280	1,585	265	355	630	4,365
July 2024	1,345	290	1,665	245	380	650	4,575
% Change							
July23-July24	9.3%	-6.5%	0.6%	-12.5%	5.6%	-4.4%	1.3%
June24 - July24	7.6%	3.6%	5.0%	-7.5%	7.0%	3.2%	4.8%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Looking at the different Local Authorities Edinburgh, Fife and Scottish Borders have more 16-24 year old claimants than a year ago and all bar Midlothian have more 16-24 year old claimants than last month.

25-49 Year Olds

In July 2024 there were 16,035 claimants aged between 25-49 years of age in the City Region. This is 7.9% higher than a month ago and 7.1% higher than a year ago. In numerical terms the City Region has 1,065 more 25-49 year olds claiming than a year ago and just 1,170 more than last month. On the face of it the large increases that we have seen in the City Region as a whole, are likely to be from this age cohort.

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
July 2023	5,515	910	4,655	855	1,115	1,920	14,970
June 2024	5,660	945	4,380	850	1,120	1,910	14,865
July 2024	6,215	1,005	4,730	870	1,200	2,015	16,035
% Change							
July23-July24	12.7%	10.4%	1.6%	1.8%	7.6%	4.9%	7.1%
June24 - July24	9.8%	6.3%	8.0%	2.4%	7.1%	5.5%	7.9%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Looking at the different Local Authorities all six Local Authorities have more 25-49 year old claimants than a year ago and also a month ago. We can see that the number of claimants of this age has increased by 9.8% in Edinburgh over the last month and 2.4% in Midlothian.

50 Year Olds and Over

In July 2024 there were 5,855 claimants aged over 50 years of age in the City Region. This is 8.5% higher than a month ago and 6.1% higher than a year ago. In numerical terms the City Region has 330 more 25-49 year olds claiming than a year ago and just 460 more than last month.

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
July 2023	1,975	335	1,750	270	525	665	5,520
June 2024	1,980	375	1,600	255	595	590	5,395
July 2024	2,170	395	1,755	250	625	660	5,855
% Change							
July23-July24	9.9%	17.9%	0.3%	-7.4%	19.0%	-0.8%	6.1%
June24-July24	9.6%	5.3%	9.7%	-2.0%	5.0%	11.9%	8.5%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Looking at the different Local Authorities four of the six Local Authorities have more 50 plus claimants than were recorded a year ago and all bar one have more than a month ago. Midlothian and West Lothian have less than a year ago and Midlothian is alone in having fewer claimants in this age cohort in July than in June.

In terms of proportions and how these have changed over the last five years we can see that in 2024 across the City region 17% of claimants were 16-24 years of age. In July 2019 20% of claimants were this age. In July 2019 25% of claimants were 50 or over and in July 2024 only 22% of claimants were from this age group. The group that has seen the largest increase proportionally has been 25-49 years olds, as pre pandemic (July 2019) 55% of claimants were from this age group whilst now in July 2024 61% of claimants are 24-49 years of age.

Ward Profile

Edinburgh

Table 11 gives the current situation in the seventeen Edinburgh wards, the percentage change over the last twelve months and the change recorded between June and July 2024. As we can see in this table there has been a considerable rise since last month which *could* be linked to changes in the way the data is collated.

Overall, there are 9,730 claimants in Edinburgh in July 2024, and this is 11.5% higher than July 2023 and 9.4% higher than in June 2024. From the table we can see that in July 2024 five wards had 750 or more claimants, ten wards had more than 500 and 1 ward had less than 200.

The table also indicates that two wards had a claimant count lower in July 2024 than a year ago (Corstorphine and Murrayfield and Morningside) whilst in Leith ward the claimant count in July 2024 is the same as it was a year ago. In all other wards the claimant count is higher than a year ago. This ranges from 33% higher in Colinton and Farmilehead to 1.4% higher in Leith Walk. Comparing the count recorded in June to that of July we can see that every ward has recorded a month to month increase except for Corstorphine and Murrayfield where no change was recorded between June and July 2024. We can see that the claimant rate was highest in Forth 4.4% of residents aged 16-64 were claiming and lowest in Morningside and Corstorphine and Murrayfield.

Table 11 Edinburgh Claimant Count by Ward July 2024

Wards	July 2024	Claimant Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants July 2024				
			Jul23 to Jul24	Jun24 to Jul24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Almond	620	2.7	15.9%	8.8%	50.8%	49.2%	12.9%	66.1%	21.0%
City Centre	715	2.6	14.4%	9.2%	69.2%	30.8%	16.8%	62.9%	20.3%
Colinton/ Fairmilehead	280	1.8	33.3%	7.7%	51.8%	46.4%	19.6%	57.1%	23.2%
Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	150	1.0	-3.2%	0.0%	53.3%	46.7%	10.0%	63.3%	23.3%
Craightinny/ Duddingston	660	3.2	11.9%	7.3%	57.6%	42.4%	10.6%	67.4%	22.0%
Drum Brae/Gyle	340	2.2	15.3%	11.5%	50.0%	50.0%	8.8%	66.2%	25.0%
Forth	945	4.4	11.8%	11.8%	52.4%	47.6%	11.6%	64.6%	23.8%
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	320	1.8	16.4%	12.3%	60.9%	39.1%	15.6%	64.1%	21.9%
Inverleith	335	1.4	3.1%	6.3%	49.3%	50.7%	10.4%	65.7%	22.4%
Leith	740	4.0	0.0%	8.0%	58.8%	41.2%	10.1%	67.6%	22.3%
Leith Walk	700	2.5	1.4%	6.9%	57.9%	42.1%	11.4%	66.4%	22.1%
Liberton/Gilmerton	860	3.7	21.1%	15.4%	54.1%	45.9%	15.1%	63.4%	21.5%
Morningside	220	1.0	-2.2%	2.3%	56.8%	43.2%	13.6%	59.1%	27.3%
Pentland Hills	860	4.1	20.3%	8.2%	54.7%	45.3%	17.4%	59.9%	22.1%
Portobello/ Craigmillar	850	4.0	17.2%	11.8%	52.4%	47.6%	14.1%	64.7%	21.2%
Sighthill/ Gorgie	745	2.9	2.8%	8.8%	61.7%	38.3%	18.8%	60.4%	21.5%
Southside/ Newington	395	1.4	21.5%	11.3%	60.8%	39.2%	12.7%	60.8%	26.6%
Edinburgh	9,730	2.6	11.5%	9.4%	56.4%	43.6%	13.8%	63.9%	22.3%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Overall, in Edinburgh in July 2024, 56.4% of claimants were male and 13.8% are aged 16-24. The City Centre ward records that 69.2% of the claimants are male. Inverleith has the highest proportion of female claimants at 50.7%. In Morningside 27.3% of claimants in July were over 50 years of age, the highest proportion in the city and in Colinton/Farmilehead 19.6% of claimants were 16-24 years of age.

Table 12 below looks at the in-work Universal Credit claimant count for the Edinburgh wards. This indicates that there are 1,618 people in Forth Ward who are working but their earnings are low enough that they can receive Universal Credit. This is higher than it was a year ago and also higher than the number recorded in May. Overall, three wards have fewer in work claimants than last month and all but one (Leith) have more claimants than a year ago.

Table 12 In Work Universal Credit Claimant Count by Edinburgh Ward June 2024

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	June-23-June24	May 24-June24
Almond	999	1,240	1,306	30.7%	5.3%
City Centre	561	568	571	1.8%	0.5%
Colinton/Fairmilehead	430	497	523	21.6%	5.2%
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	267	306	329	23.2%	7.5%
Craightinny/Duddingston	870	964	964	10.8%	0.0%
Drum Brae/Gyle	533	643	640	20.1%	-0.5%
Forth	1,456	1,555	1,618	11.1%	4.1%
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	379	445	442	16.6%	-0.7%
Inverleith	447	517	547	22.4%	5.8%
Leith	1,155	1,094	1,133	-1.9%	3.6%
Leith Walk	898	961	993	10.6%	3.3%

Liberton/Gilmerton	1,209	1,474	1,527	26.3%	3.6%
Morningside	239	263	259	8.4%	-1.5%
Pentland Hills	1,206	1,272	1,317	9.2%	3.5%
Portobello/Craigmillar	1,321	1,471	1,544	16.9%	5.0%
Sighthill/Gorgie	1,180	1,252	1,298	10.0%	3.7%
Southside/Newington	376	402	418	11.2%	4.0%
Edinburgh	13,520	14,918	15,437	14.2%	3.5%

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

East Lothian

Table 13 gives the current situation in the six East Lothian wards, the percentage change over the last twelve months and the change recorded between June and July 2024. As we can see in this table there has been a considerable rise since last month which *could* be linked to changes in the way the data is collated.

Overall, there are 1,690 claimants in East Lothian in July 2024, and this is 8.7% higher than a year ago and 5.6% higher than last month. From the table we can see that over the last 12 months four wards have seen the claimant count increase by between 7.2% and 40% and between June 2024 and July 2024 five of the six wards have seen an increase. One thing to remember is that numbers are often *relatively* small so a large percentage change can be the result of 20 additional claimants (the 10.5% month on month increase in Dunbar and East Linton). The claimant rate ranges from 1.2% of 16-64 year olds claiming in North Berwick Coastal through to 3.6% in Musselburgh.

Table 13 East Lothian Claimant Count by Ward July 2024

Wards	July 2024	Claimant Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants July 2024				
			Jul23 to Jul24	Jun24 to Jul24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Dunbar and East Linton	210	2.3	40.0%	10.5%	54.8%	42.9%	11.9%	59.5%	26.2%
Haddington and Lammermuir	250	2.2	11.1%	2.0%	54.0%	46.0%	18.0%	62.0%	22.0%
Musselburgh	440	3.6	12.8%	8.6%	56.8%	43.2%	17.0%	61.4%	22.7%
North Berwick Coastal	95	1.2	-9.5%	0.0%	47.4%	57.9%	10.5%	57.9%	31.6%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	250	2.3	-7.4%	8.7%	50.0%	48.0%	18.0%	58.0%	24.0%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	445	3.1	7.2%	2.3%	53.9%	46.1%	21.3%	57.3%	21.3%
East Lothian	1,690	2.6	8.7%	5.6%	53.8%	46.2%	17.2%	59.5%	23.4%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Across the county 53.8% of claimants are male and this varies from 47.4% in North Berwick Coastal to 56.8% in Musselburgh. Tranent Wallyford and Macmerry has the highest proportion of 16-24 year old claimants (21.3%). North Berwick Coastal has the highest proportion (31.6%) of over 50 year olds.

Table 14 In Work Universal Credit Claimant Count by East Lothian Ward June 2024

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	June-23-June24	May 24-June24
Dunbar and East Linton	436	512	526	20.6%	2.7%
Haddington and Lammermuir	525	589	622	18.5%	5.6%
Musselburgh	746	825	853	14.3%	3.4%
North Berwick Coastal	253	246	246	-2.8%	0.0%

Preston, Seton and Gosford	600	654	652	8.7%	-0.3%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	890	963	983	10.4%	2.1%
Total	3,452	3,780	3,881	12.4%	2.7%

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

Table 14 looks at those claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian who are in work and presents the results by ward. Overall, there has been an increase between June 2023 and June 2024 of 12.4%. This ranges from a 20.6% increase in working Universal Credit claimants in Dunbar and East Linton (around 90 additional claimants over the year) to a fall of 2.8% in North Berwick Coastal. Between May 2024 and June 2024, the count increased by 2.7% in the County and only two East Lothian wards did not record month to month increases. We can see that there are 4 wards in the county where there are over 500 people working and claiming Universal Credit.

Fife

Turning now to look at Fife. Table 15 gives the current situation in the twenty two Fife wards, the percentage change over the last twelve months and the change recorded between June and July 2024. As we can see in this table there has been a considerable rise since last month which *could* be linked to changes in the way the data is collated.

Overall, there are 8,150 claimants in Fife in July 2024, and this is 1.1% higher than a year ago and 7.8% higher than last month. From the table we can see that over the last 12 months ten wards have seen the claimant count fall by between 1.5% and 15%. The 15% fall is in St Andrews where the July 2023 claimant count of 100 has fallen to 85 in July 2024. Between June 2024 and July 2024 21 of the 22 wards in the Kingdom saw the claimant count increase. This ranged from a 2.1% increase in Tay Bridgehead through to a 14.5% increase in Kirkcaldy North.

We can also see that Fife wards have a claimant rate ranging from 0.6% of 16-64 year olds claiming (St Andrews) through to 7.5% in Kirkcaldy Central. These are the wards with the lowest and the highest claimant rates in the City Region.

Table 15 Fife Claimant Count by Ward July 2024

Wards	July 2024	Claimant Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants July 2024				
			Jul23 to Jul24	Jun23 to Jul24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	745	6.8	-3.9%	9.6%	57.7%	42.3%	22.8%	54.4%	22.8%
Burntisland, Kinghorn & Western Kirkcaldy	355	3.9	7.6%	12.7%	57.7%	42.3%	15.5%	56.3%	28.2%
Cowdenbeath	560	4.0	8.7%	6.7%	58.0%	42.0%	22.3%	58.0%	18.8%
Cupar	190	2.3	-5.0%	2.7%	57.9%	42.1%	13.2%	60.5%	26.3%
Dunfermline Central	375	3.2	4.2%	10.3%	53.3%	48.0%	21.3%	60.0%	20.0%
Dunfermline North	325	3.0	3.2%	4.8%	56.9%	41.5%	21.5%	55.4%	23.1%
Dunfermline South	400	2.6	-2.4%	14.3%	53.8%	46.3%	20.0%	58.8%	21.3%
East Neuk and Landward	175	2.5	-7.9%	6.1%	45.7%	54.3%	14.3%	57.1%	31.4%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	350	3.7	-5.4%	6.1%	55.7%	44.3%	25.7%	58.6%	15.7%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	340	3.0	6.3%	4.6%	57.4%	42.6%	22.1%	60.3%	17.6%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	340	3.5	-10.5%	3.0%	51.5%	48.5%	20.6%	58.8%	20.6%

Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	195	2.5	5.4%	2.6%	56.4%	46.2%	17.9%	53.8%	28.2%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	215	2.0	-15.7%	4.9%	46.5%	51.2%	18.6%	55.8%	25.6%
Kirkcaldy Central	640	7.5	-1.5%	8.5%	56.3%	43.8%	17.2%	60.2%	22.7%
Kirkcaldy East	620	6.7	-3.1%	8.8%	60.5%	39.5%	21.8%	57.3%	21.0%
Kirkcaldy North	395	4.1	3.9%	14.5%	53.2%	45.6%	22.8%	58.2%	17.7%
Leven, Kennoway & Largo	390	3.3	0.0%	11.4%	60.3%	38.5%	19.2%	56.4%	23.1%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	640	5.5	10.3%	9.4%	55.5%	44.5%	21.9%	60.2%	18.0%
Rosyth	285	2.8	7.5%	3.6%	49.1%	50.9%	17.5%	63.2%	19.3%
St Andrews	85	0.6	-15.0%	0.0%	52.9%	47.1%	17.6%	52.9%	29.4%
Tay Bridgehead	240	2.5	41.2%	2.1%	54.2%	45.8%	16.7%	60.4%	22.9%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	300	3.1	5.3%	11.1%	53.3%	46.7%	23.3%	56.7%	18.3%
Fife	8,150	3.5	1.1%	7.8%	55.6%	44.4%	20.4%	58.0%	21.5%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Kirkcaldy East had the highest proportion of male claimants (60.5%) whilst East Neuk and Landward had 54.3% of claimants recording as female. With 25.7% of claimants being aged 16-24 Glenrothes Central and Thornton has the highest proportion of this age group in Fife. In East Neuk and Landward 31.4% of the 175 claimants are over 50 years of age.

Table 16, below, looks at the in-work Universal Credit claimant numbers for the wards in Fife. Overall, there were 14,554 Fife residents working and claiming Universal Credit support in June 2024 which is 15.3% higher than in June 2023 and 4.0% higher than last month. Again, there are people needing this support across the Kingdom with every ward other than St Andrews recording over 300 claimants. Three wards, Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages, Cowdenbeath and Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty both had over 1,000 people working but requiring Universal Credit support to supplement their income.

Table 16 In Work Universal Credit Claimant Count by Fife Ward June 2024

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	June-23- June24	May 24- June24
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	966	1045	1084	12.2%	3.7%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	409	433	444	8.6%	2.5%
Cowdenbeath	837	951	1010	20.7%	6.2%
Cupar	382	415	433	13.4%	4.3%
Dunfermline Central	558	663	696	24.7%	5.0%
Dunfermline North	479	517	538	12.3%	4.1%
Dunfermline South	715	751	798	11.6%	6.3%
East Neuk and Landward	329	376	385	17.0%	2.4%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	672	750	781	16.2%	4.1%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	568	675	698	22.9%	3.4%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	716	777	803	12.2%	3.3%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	293	312	347	18.4%	11.2%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	406	440	443	9.1%	0.7%
Kirkcaldy Central	698	779	819	17.3%	5.1%
Kirkcaldy East	741	815	829	11.9%	1.7%
Kirkcaldy North	541	651	701	29.6%	7.7%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	650	708	715	10.0%	1.0%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	973	1049	1093	12.3%	4.2%
Rosyth	607	681	709	16.8%	4.1%

St. Andrews	163	178	175	7.4%	-1.7%
Tay Bridgehead	377	408	453	20.2%	11.0%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	538	609	610	13.4%	0.2%
Fife	12624	13991	14554	15.3%	4.0%

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

Midlothian

Turning now to look at Midlothian. Table 17 gives the current situation in the six Midlothian wards, the percentage change over the last twelve months and the change recorded between June and July 2024. We can see in this table that Midlothian has not recorded the same level of increase as other Local Authorities in the City Region.

Overall, we can see that Midlothian had 1,370 claimants in July 2024 and has seen the claimant fall by 2.0% year on year and has remained at the same level between June and July 2024. Looking at the wards it is apparent that over the course of the year three wards saw a fall in the claimant count two recorded an increase and one saw no change. Over the last month two wards recorded a fall, one saw no change and three saw the claimant count increase. We can also see that the claimant rate in the 6 Midlothian wards is all around the 2% of 16-64 year olds level.

Table 17 Midlothian Claimant Count by Ward July 2024

Wards	July 2024	Claimant Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants July 2024				
			Jul23 to Jul24	Jun23 to Jul24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Bonnyrigg	215	1.9	-2.3%	-4.4%	53.5%	46.5%	16.3%	67.4%	16.3%
Dalkeith	265	2.9	-3.6%	1.9%	56.6%	43.4%	18.9%	64.2%	17.0%
Midlothian East	245	2.5	0.0%	2.1%	53.1%	46.9%	20.4%	63.3%	16.3%
Midlothian South	205	2.3	-18.0%	-6.8%	53.7%	48.8%	22.0%	63.4%	17.1%
Midlothian West	225	2.3	4.7%	4.7%	53.3%	46.7%	13.3%	60.0%	26.7%
Penicuik	210	2.6	5.0%	0.0%	57.1%	42.9%	16.7%	61.9%	19.0%
Midlothian	1,370	2.4	-2.5%	0.0%	54.4%	45.6%	17.9%	63.5%	18.2%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

We can see that overall, in Midlothian 54.4% of claimants are male, 17.9% are aged 16-24 and 18.2% are 50 or over. Looking at the wards themselves we can see that Penicuik had the highest proportion of male claimants (57.1%) and Midlothian South the highest proportion of female claimants (48.8%). In terms of the age profile 22.0% of claimants in Midlothian South were 16-24 years of age in July 2024. We can also see that 26.7% of claimants in Midlothian West were over the age of 50.

Table 18 looks at the number of in work Universal Credit claimants in the 6 Midlothian wards. We can see that overall, there are 3,636 claimants in Midlothian in June 2024. This is 14.1% higher than in June 2023 and 2.5% higher than a month ago. All six wards saw a year on year increase ranging from a 23.2% increase in Midlothian West to 9.4% increase in Midlothian South. Over the last month there has been an increase in the number of in work claimants in five of the Midlothian wards and only Penicuik recorded a month to month fall.

Table 18 In Work Universal Credit Claimant Count by Midlothian Ward June 2024

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun24	June23-June24	May24-June24
Bonnyrigg	528	589	606	14.8%	2.9%
Dalkeith	584	622	645	10.4%	3.7%
Midlothian East	541	619	639	18.1%	3.2%
Midlothian South	647	690	708	9.4%	2.6%

Midlothian West	418	503	515	23.2%	2.4%
Penicuik	464	525	524	12.9%	-0.2%
Total	3,186	3,549	3,636	14.1%	2.5%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

West Lothian

The situation in West Lothian is looked at in Table 19 below. Overall, there were 3,325 claimants in West Lothian in July 2024, and this is 2.0% more than a year ago and 6.2% more than a month ago. All but 2 wards recorded a month to month increase between June and July 2024 and this ranged from 11.5% increase in Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh to 5.6% in Whitburn and Blackburn. As we can see in this table there has been a considerable rise since last month which *could* be linked to changes in the way the data is collated. We can see that the claimant rate ranged from 1.5% of 16-64 year olds in Linlithgow through to 4% in Whitburn and Blackburn.

Table 19 West Lothian Claimant Count by Ward July 2024

Wards	July 2024	Claimant Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants July 2024				
			Jul23 to Jul24	Jun23 to Jul24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Armadale & Blackridge	270	2.8	-10.0%	0.0%	55.6%	44.4%	22.2%	59.3%	20.4%
Bathgate	430	2.7	-5.5%	0.0%	57.0%	41.9%	20.9%	60.5%	18.6%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	340	2.7	-1.4%	11.5%	54.4%	45.6%	22.1%	51.5%	26.5%
East Livingston & E. Calder	400	2.7	11.1%	9.6%	51.3%	48.8%	17.5%	63.8%	18.8%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	370	3.6	-7.5%	7.2%	62.2%	37.8%	18.9%	66.2%	14.9%
Linlithgow	145	1.5	11.5%	7.4%	55.2%	44.8%	17.2%	51.7%	31.0%
Livingston North	370	2.4	27.6%	8.8%	51.4%	47.3%	18.9%	62.2%	17.6%
Livingston South	440	2.8	7.3%	8.6%	54.5%	45.5%	18.2%	62.5%	18.2%
Whitburn & Blackburn	565	4.0	-1.7%	5.6%	53.1%	46.9%	19.5%	60.2%	19.5%
West Lothian	3,325	2.8	2.0%	6.2%	55.0%	45.1%	19.5%	60.6%	19.8%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

Overall, we can see that 55% of claimants in West Lothian are male whilst in Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley 62.2% of claimants are male. East Livingston and East Calder has the highest proportion of female claimants. In West Lothian overall 19.5% of claimants are 16-24 years of age and the ward with the highest proportion of these younger claimants is Armadale and Blackridge where 22.2% are 16-24 years of age. Whilst 19.8% of claimants in West Lothian are 50 years of age or over this is a lot higher in Linlithgow where 31% of all claimants are 50 or over.

Table 20 In Work Universal Credit Claimant Count by West Lothian Ward June 2024

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	Jun23-Jun24	May24-Jun24
Armadale and Blackridge	505	591	608	20.4%	2.9%
Bathgate	729	878	933	28.0%	6.3%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	627	753	778	24.1%	3.3%
East Livingston and East Calder	750	915	937	24.9%	2.4%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	651	715	763	17.2%	6.7%
Linlithgow	204	263	264	29.4%	0.4%
Livingston North	650	778	805	23.8%	3.5%
Livingston South	851	973	1,008	18.4%	3.6%

Whitburn and Blackburn	1,003	1,123	1,154	15.1%	2.8%
Total	5,969	6,989	7,253	21.5%	3.8%

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

Table 20 indicates that across West Lothian in June 2024 there were 7,253 individuals working and claiming Universal Credit which is 21.5% higher than a year ago and 3.8% higher than in May. We can also see that only two wards have over 1,000 working Universal Credit claimants and apart from Linlithgow every ward has over 500 people working and relying on Universal Credit.

Scottish Borders

Turning now to look at Scottish Borders. Table 21 gives the current situation in the eleven Scottish Borders wards, the percentage change over the last twelve months and the change recorded between June and July 2024. As we can see in this table there has been a considerable rise since last month which *could* be linked to changes in the way the data is collated. From this table we can see that there were 2,205 people claiming in July in Scottish Borders, up from July 2023 by 10.3% and up by 6.5% from June 2024. We can see that only three wards recorded a year on year fall and only one ward (Tweeddale West) recorded a fall between June and July 2024. With respect to the claimant rate, we can see that this ranges from 2.2% of 16-64 year olds in 2 wards Tweeddale East and Tweeddale West through to 4.7% of 16-64 year olds in Hawick and Denholm and Hawick and Hermitage.

Table 21 Scottish Borders Claimant Count by Ward July 2024

Wards	July 2024	Claimant Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
			Jul23 to Jul24	Jun23 to Jul24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
East Berwickshire	200	3.4	17.6%	5.3%	42.5%	57.5%	15.0%	52.5%	32.5%
Galashiels and District	365	3.7	-7.6%	2.8%	58.9%	41.1%	17.8%	54.8%	27.4%
Hawick and Denholm	250	4.7	-5.7%	6.4%	58.0%	42.0%	18.0%	58.0%	24.0%
Hawick and Hermitage	235	4.7	23.7%	9.3%	59.6%	40.4%	27.7%	46.8%	25.5%
Jedburgh and District	180	3.5	20.0%	2.9%	52.8%	50.0%	22.2%	52.8%	27.8%
Kelso and District	175	3.1	12.9%	6.1%	48.6%	51.4%	11.4%	57.1%	31.4%
Leaderdale & Melrose	150	2.4	25.0%	7.1%	50.0%	53.3%	16.7%	70.0%	16.7%
Mid Berwickshire	195	3.3	18.2%	11.4%	48.7%	51.3%	15.4%	48.7%	35.9%
Selkirkshire	175	3.2	25.0%	9.4%	57.1%	42.9%	14.3%	60.0%	25.7%
Tweeddale East	140	2.2	27.3%	16.7%	46.4%	53.6%	14.3%	46.4%	35.7%
Tweeddale West	135	2.2	-6.9%	-3.6%	59.3%	40.7%	11.1%	55.6%	33.3%
Scottish Borders	2,205	3.3	10.3%	6.5%	53.7%	46.3%	17.2%	54.4%	28.3%

Source: NOMIS 13/8/2024

The data in Table 21 also indicates that 53.7% of claimants were male, 17.2% were 16-24 years of age and 28.3% were over 50 years of age. In Hawick and Hermitage 59.6% of claimants were males, in East Berwickshire 57.5% were females. In terms of age cohorts 27.7% of claimants in Hawick and Hermitage were 16-24 years of age and in Mid Berwickshire 35.9% of claimants were fifty or over.

Table 22 looks at the number of people in work and claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In June 2024 there were 4,106 people working who needed the support of Universal Credit. This is 19.2% higher than a year ago and 1.9% higher than last month. Only one ward, Galashiels and District, has over 500 people working and claiming Universal Credit.

Table 22 In Work Universal Credit Claimant Count by Scottish Borders Ward June 2024

	Jun-23	May-24	Jun-24	June-23-June24	May 24-June24

East Berwickshire	367	446	453	23.4%	1.6%
Galashiels and District	553	613	610	10.3%	-0.5%
Hawick and Denholm	383	443	450	17.5%	1.6%
Hawick and Hermitage	269	299	313	16.4%	4.7%
Jedburgh and District	239	274	280	17.2%	2.2%
Kelso and District	290	354	366	26.2%	3.4%
Leaderdale and Melrose	303	374	390	28.7%	4.3%
Mid Berwickshire	358	377	389	8.7%	3.2%
Selkirkshire	274	322	331	20.8%	2.8%
Tweeddale East	205	262	264	28.8%	0.8%
Tweeddale West	211	262	267	26.5%	1.9%
Total	3,446	4,029	4,106	19.2%	1.9%

Source: StatXplore 13/8/2024

Economic Activity

The following section is based on economic activity rather than claimant count and the data underpinning it is derived from surveys. 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 Local Authority. It is based on twelve months survey data so reflects the position as of March 2024. **This is the same data as the July report as it has not been updated on NOMIS.**

Table 23 Economic activity aged 16-64 (April 2023- March 2024)

	Economic activity rate - aged 16-64		% who are economically inactive - aged 16-64		% of economically inactive who want a job	
	numerator	percent	numerator	percent	numerator	percent
City of Edinburgh	302,400	84.0	57,600	16.0	10,100	17.5
East Lothian	53,200	81.0	12,500	19.0	1,700	13.8
Fife	176,500	78.1	49,600	21.9	13,400	26.9
Midlothian	48,600	85.2	8,500	14.8	1,700	20.6
Scottish Borders	52,100	77.8	14,800	22.2	2,700	17.9
West Lothian	87,800	74.9	29,400	25.1	4,500	15.2
Column Total	720,700	80.7	172,400	19.3	34,000	19.8

Source: NOMIS 19/7/2024

It gives the economic activity rate in all six authorities and, of those that are economically inactive in each authority, the proportion and number who want a job. We can see that this suggests that across the Region 80.7% of those aged between 16-64 were economically active. Of the 172,400 who were recorded as economically inactive the survey indicates that around 34,000 would 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 figures looked at elsewhere in this report but can include groups who are not looking for work as they are studying, have health issues or looking after family.

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 84%, they are 95% confident that the real figure, based on the whole population, would be between 81.5% and 87.5% - the confidence levels recorded.

Job Density

Another data set that is available sporadically concerns jobs and job density. This is determined from a workplace-based measure and comprises employees, self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces. This count of jobs is then divided by the estimate of the working age population so that we arrive at an estimate of 1.07 job per person in Edinburgh in 2022. Compare this to East Lothian where there are 0.6 jobs per person in 2022. The low density for East Lothian indicates what we already know that many of the residents of the Local Authorities neighbouring Edinburgh are employed in the city.

Table 24 Job Density in the City Region

		City of Edinburgh	East Lothian	Fife	Midlothian	Scottish Borders	West Lothian
2018	Total Jobs	386,000	38,000	153,000	35,000	53,000	86,000
	Job Density	1.07	0.59	0.66	0.63	0.79	0.74
2019	Total Jobs	389,000	36,000	152,000	35,000	55,000	85,000
	Job Density	1.06	0.55	0.66	0.62	0.81	0.73
2020	Total Jobs	380,000	38,000	148,000	34,000	53,000	87,000
	Job Density	1.03	0.58	0.64	0.59	0.78	0.74
2021	Total Jobs	395,000	42,000	152,000	38,000	53,000	86,000
	Job Density	1.08	0.62	0.65	0.64	0.78	0.73
2022	Total Jobs	392,000	40,000	160,000	37,000	53,000	85,000
	Job Density	1.07	0.60	0.69	0.64	0.79	0.71

Source: NOMIS: 13/8/2024

So, what this seems to suggest is that if Edinburgh was to be a closed labour market there would theoretically be a job for every 16-64 year old resident. However, given that this isn't the case will be evidence from the census commuting data that is due to be published next month which will give an indication of work patterns and how these do not match with residency. The commuting draw of a city is interesting as the 1.07 job density for Edinburgh may at first glance appear unusual but when we look at other large cities, we can see with one exception Edinburgh has a job density that is similar to the comparators. The one standout to this is City of London where there are 102.98 jobs for every resident.

Table 25 Job Density in Comparator Cities

Area	2022
City of London	102.98
Liverpool	0.94
Manchester	1.25
Newcastle upon Tyne	1.03
Aberdeen City	1.11
Glasgow City	1.06
Oxford	1.13
Cambridge	1.14
Leeds	1.03

Source: NOMIS: 13/8/2024

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