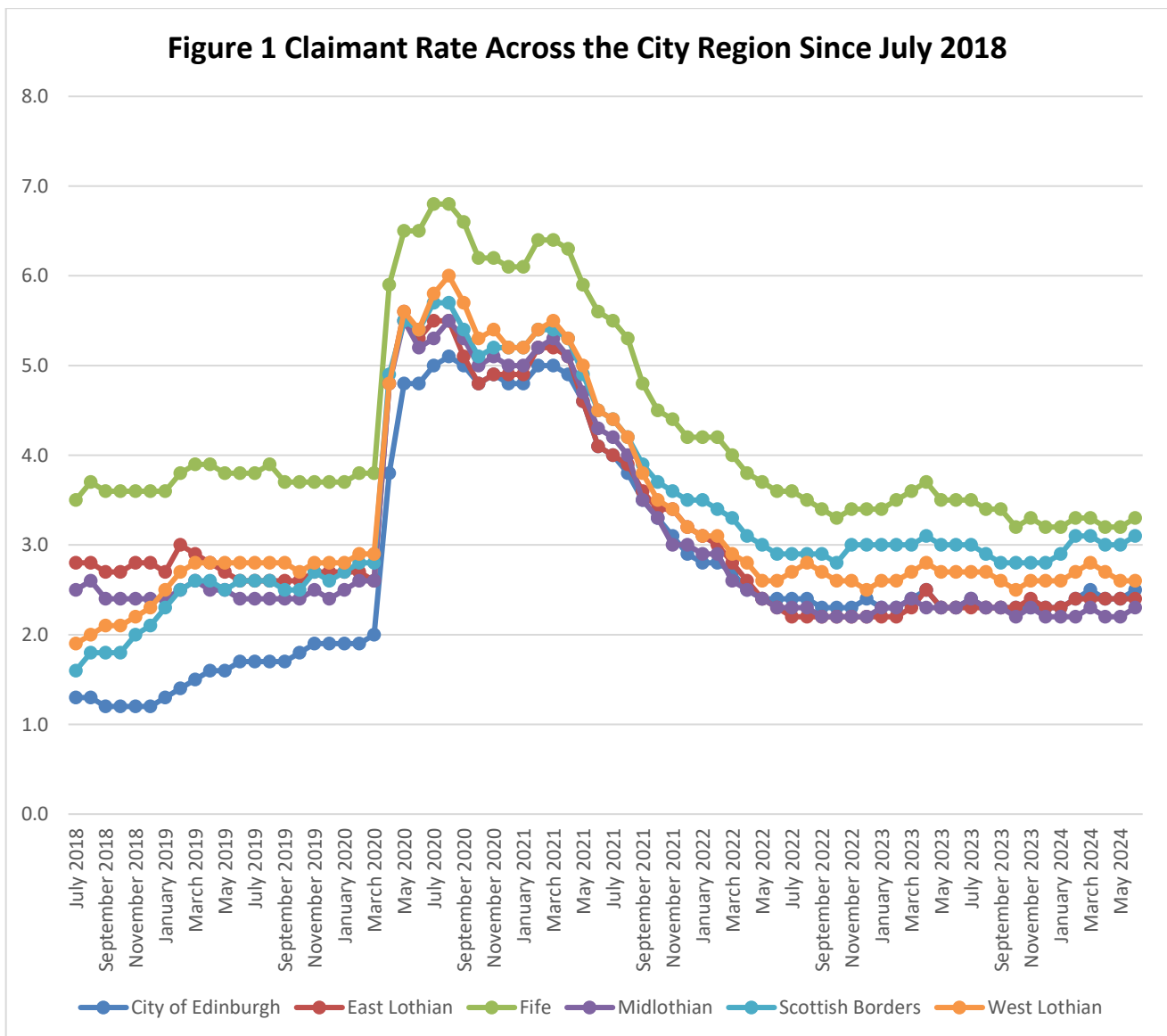


Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count July 2024 Summary Update

Claimant Count Change Between June 2023 and June 2024:	Claimant Count Change Between May 2024 and June 2024:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ UK increased by 8.3% ↓ Scotland decreased by 0.6% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 5.3% ↑ City Region increased by 0.9% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ UK increased by 3.6% ↑ Scotland increased by 3.1% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 3.4% ↑ City Region increased by 3.4%



Source: NOMIS 18/07/2024

City Region Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for the City Region was 24,980 (in May it was 24,170). Of these
 - a. 4,405 were 16-24 year olds up from 4,345 in May.
 - b. 15,125 were 25-49 year olds up from 14,495 in May.
 - c. 5,440 were 50 or older up from 5,330 in May.
2. In May 2024 there were 47,259 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in the Region. In April 2024 there were 47,191.

Edinburgh Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for Edinburgh was 9,060 (in May it was 8,760). Of these
 - a. 1,265 were 16-24 year olds. It was 1,230 in May.
 - b. 5,790 were 25-49 year olds. It was 5,565 in May.
 - c. 2,005 were 50 or older. It was 1,965 in May.
2. In May 2024 there were 14,918 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Edinburgh. In April 2024 there were 15,092.

East Lothian Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for East Lothian was 1,635 (in May it was 1,575). Of these
 - a. 280 were 16-24 year olds. In May there were 280.
 - b. 970 were 25-49 year olds. In May there were 930.
 - c. 385 were 50 or older. In May there were 365.
2. In May 2024 there were 3,780 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian. In April 2024 there were 3,846.

Fife Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for Fife was 7,755 (in May it was 7,360). Of these
 - a. 1,610 were 16-24 year olds. In May there were 1,550.
 - b. 4,530 were 25-49 years of age. In May there were 4,255.
 - c. 1,610 were 50 or older. In May there were 1,555.
2. In May 2024 there were 13,991 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Fife. In April 2024 there were 13,489.

Midlothian Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for Midlothian was 1,330 (it was 1,305 in May). Of these
 - a. 260 were 16-24 year olds. In May it was 255.
 - b. 815 were 25-49 year olds. In May it was 810.
 - c. 250 were 50 or older. In May it was 240.
2. In May 2024 there were 3,549 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Midlothian. In April there were 3,591.

Scottish Borders Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for Scottish Borders was 2,065 (in May it was 2,055). Of these
 - a. 350 were 16-24 year olds. In May it was 350.
 - b. 1,115 were 25-49 year olds. In May there were 1,105.
 - c. 600 were 50 or older. In May there were 600.
2. In May 2024 there were 4,029 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In April there were 4,025.

West Lothian Summary

1. In June 2024 the claimant count for West Lothian was 3,135 (in May it was 3,115). Of these
 - a. 640 were 16-24 year olds. In May there were 680.
 - b. 1,905 were 25-49 year olds. In May there were 1,830.
 - c. 590 were 50 or older. In May there were 605.
2. In May 2024 there were 6989 in West Lothian individuals claiming Universal Credit who were in work. In April there were 7,147.

Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count July 2024 Full Update

Claimant Count by Nation and Region

Table 1 indicates that in the UK the claimant count in June 2024 is higher than it was five years ago. This is the same in every region and nation apart from the North East of England. In Scotland it is 1.1% higher than in June 2019 and in the UK, it is 46.4% higher. We can also see that in all but two regions and countries of the UK the claimant count in June 2024 is higher than it was in June 2023. In Scotland the claimant count has fallen by 0.6% between June 2023 and June 2024

Table 1: National Claimant Count Picture

	June 2019	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	Percentage Change		
					June19 - June24	June23- June24	May24 - June24
UK	1,135,440	1,536,465	1,605,290	1,664,025	46.6%	8.3%	3.7%
East	77,570	114,405	121,050	125,685	62.0%	9.9%	3.8%
East Midlands	70,205	100,645	106,525	108,900	55.1%	8.2%	2.2%
London	165,970	289,565	310,260	325,850	96.3%	12.5%	5.0%
North East	71,495	66,635	65,485	66,740	-6.7%	0.2%	1.9%
North West	155,010	193,100	200,970	206,170	33.0%	6.8%	2.6%
N. Ireland	29,290	35,575	36,235	38,410	31.1%	8.0%	6.0%
Scotland	108,710	110,585	106,575	109,905	1.1%	-0.6%	3.1%
South East	101,855	161,325	170,540	174,915	71.7%	8.4%	2.6%
South West	67,855	85,170	92,715	93,720	38.1%	10.0%	1.1%
Wales	55,325	61,810	63,355	64,875	17.3%	5.0%	2.4%
West Midlands	128,095	179,770	184,575	197,285	54.0%	9.7%	6.9%
Yorks & Humb	104,055	137,885	147,005	151,565	45.7%	9.9%	3.1%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Looking at the latest change month to month it can be seen in the table that across the UK the claimant count is 3.7% higher in than in May. In Scotland it is 3.1% higher (3,330) in June 2024 than it was in May.

Claimant Count by Scottish Local Authority

Table 2 focuses on Scottish Local Authorities. We can see that 11 Scottish Local Authorities have a claimant count higher in June 2024 than was recorded in June 2023 and three of these are in the City Region. In the City Region as a whole the claimant count in June 2024 is 0.9% higher than in June 2023.

Looking at how June 2024 compares to May 2024. We can see that across Scotland only five Local Authorities saw the claimant count fall over the last month. Every Local Authority in the City Region recorded a month to month increase and this ranged from 5.4% increase in Fife to 0.5% increase in Scottish Borders.

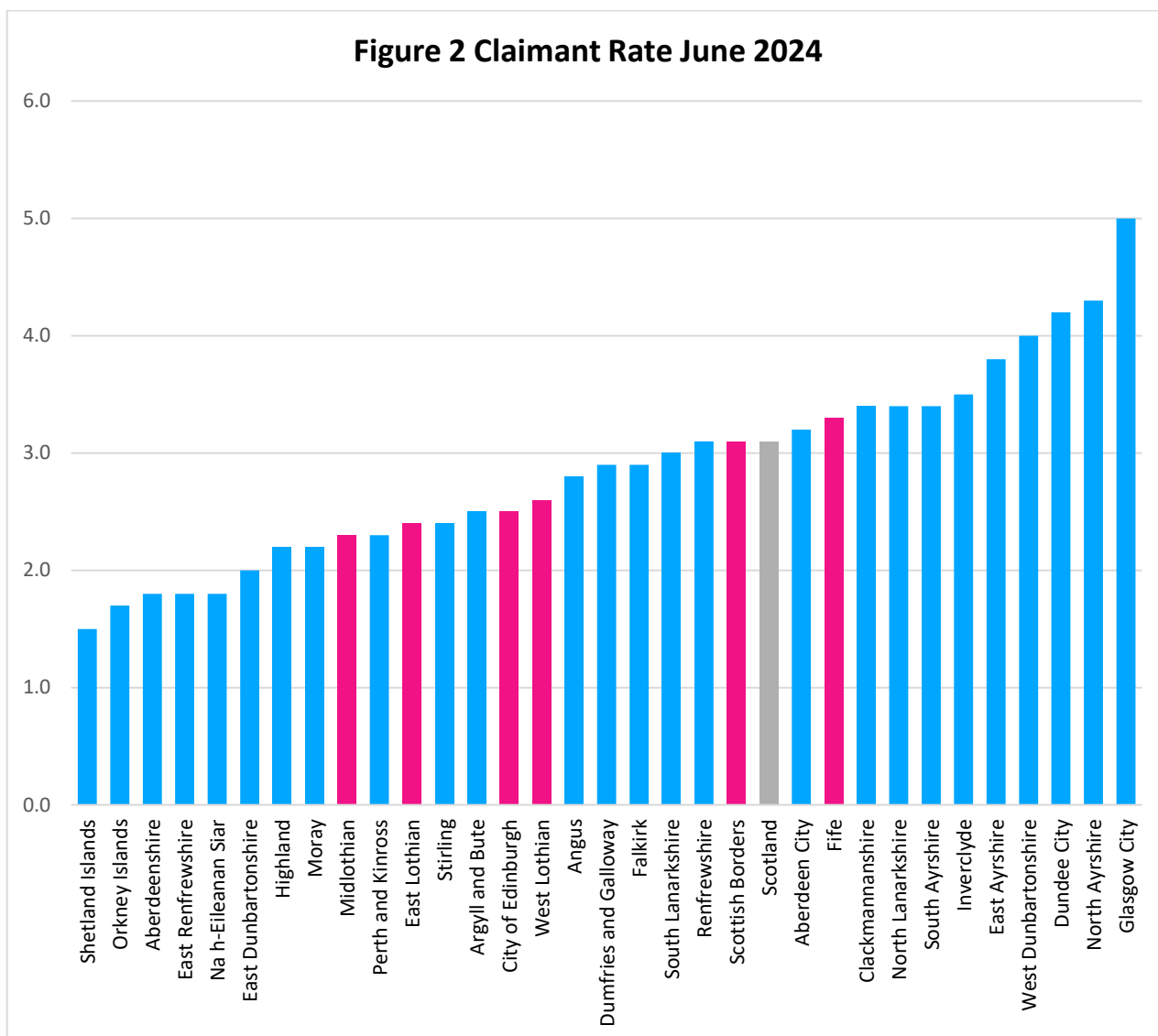
Looking at the longer term we can see that 10 Local Authorities have a claimant count higher than it was in 2019. This ranges from 48.4% higher in Edinburgh through to 2.5% higher in Shetland. In the UK as a whole there are 178 Local Authorities where a claimant count in June 2024 is higher than five years ago. For example, Cambridge 94% higher, Leeds 64%, Manchester 62%, Nottingham 59% and Newham 180% higher than in 2019.

Table 2: Claimant Count - Scottish Local Authorities

	June 2019	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	Percentage Change		
					June19- June24	June23- June24	May24- June24
Aberdeen City	3,470	4,905	4,905	4,990	43.8%	1.7%	1.7%
Aberdeenshire	2,665	3,025	2,860	2,900	8.8%	-4.1%	1.4%
Angus	2,235	2,090	1,865	1,955	-12.5%	-6.5%	4.8%
Argyll and Bute	1,360	1,320	1,330	1,270	-6.6%	-3.8%	-4.5%
Edinburgh	6,105	8,605	8,760	9,060	48.4%	5.3%	3.4%
Clackmannanshire	1,330	1,155	1,035	1,085	-18.4%	-6.1%	4.8%
Dumfries & Galloway	2,610	2,530	2,405	2,480	-5.0%	-2.0%	3.1%
Dundee City	4,675	4,255	3,875	4,135	-11.6%	-2.8%	6.7%
East Ayrshire	3,690	3,105	2,860	2,855	-22.6%	-8.1%	-0.2%
E.Dunbartonshire	1,230	1,270	1,210	1,275	3.7%	0.4%	5.4%
East Lothian	1,725	1,555	1,575	1,635	-5.2%	5.1%	3.8%
East Renfrewshire	890	1,045	980	1,050	18.0%	0.5%	7.1%
Falkirk	3,225	2,945	2,835	2,955	-8.4%	0.3%	4.2%
Fife	8,750	8,040	7,360	7,755	-11.4%	-3.5%	5.4%
Glasgow City	17,820	21,505	21,460	22,335	25.3%	3.9%	4.1%
Highland	3,440	3,190	3,115	3,235	-6.0%	1.4%	3.9%
Inverclyde	2,405	1,840	1,620	1,690	-29.7%	-8.2%	4.3%
Midlothian	1,365	1,335	1,305	1,330	-2.6%	-0.4%	1.9%
Moray	1,475	1,325	1,200	1,320	-10.5%	-0.4%	10.0%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	310	300	265	275	-11.3%	-8.3%	3.8%
North Ayrshire	4,545	3,595	3,435	3,500	-23.0%	-2.6%	1.9%
North Lanarkshire	8,500	7,580	7,255	7,465	-12.2%	-1.5%	2.9%
Orkney Islands	185	220	220	235	27.0%	6.8%	6.8%
Perth and Kinross	1,750	2,230	2,040	2,130	21.7%	-4.5%	4.4%
Renfrewshire	3,900	3,720	3,635	3,575	-8.3%	-3.9%	-1.7%
Scottish Borders	1,750	2,020	2,055	2,065	18.0%	2.2%	0.5%
Shetland Islands	200	235	220	205	2.5%	-12.8%	-6.8%
South Ayrshire	2,655	2,250	2,180	2,270	-14.5%	0.9%	4.1%
South Lanarkshire	7,110	6,295	5,970	6,100	-14.2%	-3.1%	2.2%
Stirling	1,475	1,440	1,395	1,430	-3.1%	-0.7%	2.5%
W.Dunbartonshire	2,570	2,455	2,225	2,210	-14.0%	-10.0%	-0.7%
West Lothian	3,285	3,205	3,115	3,135	-4.6%	-2.2%	0.6%
Scotland	108,710	110,585	106,575	109,905	1.1%	-0.6%	3.1%
City Region	22,980	24,760	24,170	24,980	8.7%	0.9%	3.4%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Figure 2, below, looks at the claimant rate for all the Scottish Local Authorities as recorded in June 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 18/7/2024

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 June 2024 is higher than it was in June 2023. However, this change is not universal and three Local Authorities have seen it increase over the year and three have seen it fall.

Table 3: Claimant Count – City Region LAs

	June 2019	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	Percentage Change	
					June23- June24	May24 - June24
Edinburgh	6,105	8,605	8,760	9,060	5.3%	3.4%
East Lothian	1,725	1,555	1,575	1,635	5.1%	3.8%
Fife	8,750	8,040	7,360	7,755	-3.5%	5.4%
Midlothian	1,365	1,335	1,305	1,330	-0.4%	1.9%
Scottish Borders	1,750	2,020	2,055	2,065	2.2%	0.5%
West Lothian	3,285	3,205	3,115	3,135	-2.2%	0.6%
City Region	22,980	24,760	24,170	24,980	0.9%	3.4%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

The month-to-month change from May 2024 to June 2024 indicates that in all six Local Authorities the claimant count is higher than it was month ago. Fife recorded a month to month increase of 5.4% between May and June, East Lothian a 3.8% rise, Edinburgh a 3.4% month to month increase and Midlothian a 1.9% increase.

Table 4 Universal Credit Claimants in Employment

	May23	Apr24	May24	Percentage Change	
				May23 to May24	Apr24-May24
City of Edinburgh	13,618	15,092	14,918	9.5%	-1.2%
East Lothian	3,450	3,846	3,780	9.6%	-1.7%
Fife	12,528	13,489	13,991	11.7%	3.7%
West Lothian	6,066	7,147	6,989	15.2%	-2.2%
Scottish Borders	3,390	4,025	4,029	18.8%	0.1%
Midlothian	3,202	3,591	3,549	10.8%	-1.2%
City Region	42,255	47,191	47,259	11.8%	0.1%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that across the region in April 2024 there were 47,191 people who were in work but required financial support from Universal Credit (UC) as their income was not sufficient. In May 2024 this had increased by 0.1% to 47,259. This was reflected in two of the six Local Authorities whilst the other four saw the in work claimant count fall.

Gender Profile

From Table 5 we can see that two 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 June 2024 was 300 lower than in June 2023.

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

	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	Percentage Change	
				Jun23-Jun24	May24-Jun24
Edinburgh	5,100	5,165	5,280	3.5%	2.2%
East Lothian	905	875	905	0.0%	3.4%
Fife	4,880	4,410	4,505	-7.7%	2.2%
Midlothian	755	775	760	0.7%	-1.9%
Scottish Borders	1,155	1,190	1,175	1.7%	-1.3%
West Lothian	1,885	1,820	1,755	-6.9%	-3.6%
City Region	14,680	14,235	14,380	-2.0%	1.0%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Comparing the May 2024 statistics to those of June 2024 the picture is similarly mixed as three Local Authorities recorded a fall in the claimant count for males and three saw it increase. This culminated in the region as a whole recording a 1.0% increase between May and June 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 500 additional female claimants). Compare this to the male claimant count which has fallen by 300 over the same period. This is an increase of 5.1% year on year compared to a fall of 2.0% year on year for the number of male claimants.

In one Local Authority (Midlothian) the female claimant count has fallen year on year whilst all other Local Authorities saw the number of female claimants increase over the twelve months.

Between May 2024 and June 2024, the number of female claimants increased in all Local Authorities leading to an additional 600 or so female claimants in June.

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

	June 2023	May 2024	June 2024	Percentage Change	
				June23-June24	May24 - June24
Edinburgh	3,505	3,595	3,775	7.7%	5.0%
East Lothian	650	705	735	13.1%	4.3%
Fife	3,160	2,950	3,245	2.7%	10.0%
Midlothian	580	530	570	-1.7%	7.5%
Scottish Borders	865	865	890	2.9%	2.9%
West Lothian	1,320	1,295	1,380	4.5%	6.6%
City Region	10,080	9,940	10,595	5.1%	6.6%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

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 May 2023, 26,952 female claimants were in work and claiming Universal Credit. In May 2024 the number had increased to 30,698. This is nearly 4,000 more than 12 months ago. Compare this to the male in work Universal Credit claimant count, which was 15,302 in May 2023 and currently (May 2024) is sitting at 16,555. 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 May 2023 males comprised 36% of Universal Credit claimants whilst in May 2024 this was 35%.

Table 7: In Work Universal Credit Claimants

		May-23	Apr-24	May-24
City of Edinburgh	Male	5,427	5,685	5,675
	Female	8,187	9,400	9,237
East Lothian	Male	1,123	1,243	1,242
	Female	2,329	2,604	2,543
Fife	Male	4,414	4,501	4,744
	Female	8,119	8,982	9,244
West Lothian	Male	2,038	2,369	2,323
	Female	4,025	4,779	4,663
Scottish Borders	Male	1,248	1,432	1,445
	Female	2,146	2,593	2,587
Midlothian	Male	1,058	1,131	1,121
	Female	2,143	2,461	2,423
City Region	Male	15,302	16,365	16,555
	Female	26,952	30,825	30,698

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

Age Profile

16-24 Year Olds

In May 2024 there were 4,345 claimants aged between 16-24 years of age in the City Region. In June this had increased slightly to 4,405 - an increase of 1.0%. In two of the six Local Authorities there had been no real change in the number of 16-24 year old claimants between May and June. West Lothian saw a fall of 5.9% and the others saw an increase ranging from 2.0% in Midlothian to an increase of 3.9% in Fife.

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
June 2023	1,200	305	1,620	265	345	675	4,410
May 2024	1,230	280	1,550	255	350	680	4,345
June 2024	1,265	280	1,610	260	350	640	4,405
% Change							
June23-June24	5.4%	-8.2%	-0.6%	-1.9%	1.4%	-5.2%	-0.1%
May24-June24	2.8%	0.0%	3.9%	2.0%	0.0%	-5.9%	1.4%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

The year on year figure shows a 0.1% fall across the region from 4,410 in June 2023 to 4,405 in June 2024. When each of the six Local Authorities are looked at, the year on year change ranges from a fall of 8.2% in East Lothian through to a 5.4% increase year on year in Edinburgh. One thing to bear in mind is that a relatively small numerical change can result in what can look to be significant percentage changes for example that 8.2% fall in East Lothian is based on the number of claimants falling from 305 to 280.

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 15,125 25–49-year-olds claiming in June 2024, and this is up 2.1% from 14,820 in June 2023. We can see from the table that four Local Authorities recorded a year on year increase and this ranged from 0.6% in Midlothian (an increase of only 5 claimants) to a 9% increase in East Lothian where the claimant count went from 890 in June 2023 to 970 in June 2024.

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
June 2023	5,460	890	4,655	810	1,135	1,870	14,820
May 2024	5,565	930	4,255	810	1,105	1,830	14,495
June 2024	5,790	970	4,530	815	1,115	1,905	15,125
% Change							
June23-June24	6.0%	9.0%	-2.7%	0.6%	-1.8%	1.9%	2.1%
May24 - June24	4.0%	4.3%	6.5%	0.6%	0.9%	4.1%	4.3%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

In terms of month to month changes we can see that across the City Region the number of 25-49 year old claimants increased by 4.3% between May and June – an additional 630 claimants. This ranged from a 0.6% increase in Midlothian to a 6.5% increase in Fife. Fife saw the claimant count increase from 4,255 in May 2024 to 4,530 in June 2024.

50 Year Olds and Over

Table 10 looks at what has been happening in terms of those over the age of fifty. Across the City Region we can see that in May 2024 there were 5,330 claimants who were fifty or over. This has increased by 2.1% so that in June 2024 there were 5,440 claimants who fell into this age category. In four of the six Local Authorities there has also been a month to month increase in the number of claimants 50 years of age or older. The two that didn't see this increase were West Lothian where there was a 2.5% fall in the number of claimants and Scottish Borders where the claimant count was the same in June as it was in May.

When we look at what has happened over the last year, we can see that the City Region has seen a fall of 1.5% and has 85 fewer claimants aged 50 or over in June 2024 than in June 2023. Looking at the Local Authorities three also recorded a fall over the twelve month period and the others saw the claimant count for those over 50 increase.

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
June 2023	1,945	360	1,765	260	540	655	5,525
May 2024	1,965	365	1,555	240	600	605	5,330
June 2024	2,005	385	1,610	250	600	590	5,440
% Change							
June23-June24	3.1%	6.9%	-8.8%	-3.8%	11.1%	-9.9%	-1.5%
May24 - June24	2.0%	5.5%	3.5%	4.2%	0.0%	-2.5%	2.1%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

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 May and June 2024.

Table 11 Edinburgh Claimant Count by Ward June 2024

Wards	June 2024	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
		June23- June24	May24 - June24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Almond	570	8.6%	2.7%	54.4%	45.6%	14.0%	64.0%	21.9%
City Centre	675	10.7%	-1.5%	70.4%	29.6%	14.8%	63.0%	22.2%
Colinton/ Fairmilehead	265	15.2%	0.0%	54.7%	47.2%	20.8%	58.5%	20.8%
Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	150	0.0%	0.0%	53.3%	46.7%	10.0%	63.3%	26.7%
Craightinny/ Duddingston	630	7.7%	2.4%	60.3%	39.7%	11.1%	66.7%	23.0%
Drum Brae/ Gyle	315	6.8%	3.3%	52.4%	47.6%	9.5%	66.7%	25.4%
Forth	860	4.9%	3.0%	55.2%	44.8%	12.2%	64.5%	22.7%
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	285	5.6%	-1.7%	63.2%	36.8%	14.0%	64.9%	19.3%
Inverleith	320	-5.9%	6.7%	48.4%	51.6%	9.4%	68.8%	21.9%
Leith	705	-10.8%	0.0%	61.0%	39.0%	10.6%	67.4%	21.3%
Leith Walk	675	4.7%	2.3%	60.0%	40.0%	10.4%	66.7%	22.2%
Liberton/ Gilmerton	755	11.0%	3.4%	55.6%	43.7%	17.9%	60.9%	21.2%
Morningside	225	7.1%	9.8%	60.0%	37.8%	8.9%	62.2%	26.7%
Pentland Hills	810	15.7%	8.0%	55.6%	44.4%	17.9%	61.7%	20.4%
Portobello/Craigmillar	775	6.9%	4.0%	54.8%	45.2%	15.5%	63.2%	20.6%
Sighthill/ Gorgie	695	-4.1%	6.9%	61.9%	38.1%	18.0%	61.2%	20.1%
Southside/Newington	350	14.8%	9.4%	64.3%	35.7%	12.9%	60.0%	27.1%
Edinburgh	9,060	5.3%	3.4%	58.3%	41.7%	14.0%	63.9%	22.1%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Overall, there are 9,060 claimants in Edinburgh in June 2024, and this is 5.3% higher than June 2023 and 3.4% higher than in May 2024. From the table we can see that in June 2024 four wards had 750 or more claimants, ten wards had more than 500 and 1 ward had less than 200.

The table also indicates that twelve wards had a claimant count higher in June 2024 than in May. We can see that in Pentland Hills the claimant count is 15.7% higher than a year ago (up by 110 claimants over the course of the year). Morningside is 9.8% higher in June than it was in May. Over the last month 2 wards saw the claimant count fall and three recorded no real change.

Overall, in Edinburgh in April 2024, 58.3% of claimants were male and 14.0% are aged 16-24. The City Centre ward records that 70.4% of the claimants are male. Drum Brae and Gyle ward has the highest proportion of female claimants at 47.6%. In Corstorphine/Murrayfield and in Morningside 26.7% of claimants in June were over 50 years of age, the highest proportion in the city and in Colinton/Farmilehead 20.8% 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 1,555 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 but almost the same as it was in April 2024. Overall, four wards have more 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 May 2024

	May-23	Apr-24	May-24	May23-May24	Apr24-May24
Almond	1,017	1,267	1,240	21.9%	-2.1%
City Centre	554	572	568	2.5%	-0.7%
Colinton/Fairmilehead	449	519	497	10.7%	-4.2%
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	270	312	306	13.3%	-1.9%
Craightinny/Duddingston	887	950	964	8.7%	1.5%
Drum Brae/Gyle	545	641	643	18.0%	0.3%
Forth	1,433	1,563	1,555	8.5%	-0.5%
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	377	443	445	18.0%	0.5%
Inverleith	451	518	517	14.6%	-0.2%
Leith	1,200	1,098	1,094	-8.8%	-0.4%
Leith Walk	929	985	961	3.4%	-2.4%
Liberton/Gilmerton	1,212	1,499	1,474	21.6%	-1.7%
Morningside	234	256	263	12.4%	2.7%
Pentland Hills	1,208	1,301	1,272	5.3%	-2.2%
Portobello/Craigmillar	1,297	1,489	1,471	13.4%	-1.2%
Sighthill/Gorgie	1,177	1,276	1,252	6.4%	-1.9%
Southside/Newington	371	407	402	8.4%	-1.2%
Total	13,618	15,092	14,918	9.5%	-1.2%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

East Lothian

Table 13 below looks at the situation in the East Lothian Wards. Overall, the county has a claimant count of 1,635 which is 3.8% higher than it was last month and 5.1% higher than in June 2023. Over the last year we can see that four wards recorded a month to month increase and two recorded a fall. Dunbar and East Linton has recorded a 30% increase in the claimant count over the course of a year (up to 195 in June 2024 from 150 in June 2023). Dunbar and East Linton also recorded the largest percentage rise month to month in the county where 20 additional claimants resulted in a 11.4% rise between May and June. Over the last month only Haddington and Lammermuir recorded a fall in the claimant count with every other ward in the county seeing the number of claimants increase.

Across the county 55.4% of claimants are male and this varies from 50% in North Berwick Coastal to 57.8% in Musselburgh. Preston, Seton and Gosford ward has the highest proportion of 16-24 year old claimants (19.1%). North Berwick Coastal has the highest proportion (30%) of over 50 year olds.

Table 13 East Lothian Claimant Count by Ward June 2024

Wards	June 2024	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
		June23- June24	May24- June24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Dunbar and East Linton	195	30.0%	11.4%	56.4%	43.6%	12.8%	59.0%	28.2%
Haddington and Lammermuir	255	10.9%	-1.9%	54.9%	45.1%	15.7%	62.7%	21.6%
Musselburgh	415	7.8%	1.2%	57.8%	42.2%	18.1%	60.2%	21.7%
North Berwick Coastal	100	-9.1%	5.3%	50.0%	50.0%	15.0%	60.0%	30.0%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	235	-9.6%	4.4%	53.2%	48.9%	19.1%	57.4%	23.4%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	435	4.8%	6.1%	55.2%	44.8%	18.4%	57.5%	23.0%
East Lothian	1,635	5.1%	3.8%	55.4%	45.0%	17.1%	59.3%	23.5%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

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 May 2023 and May 2024 of 9.6%. This ranges from a 21% increase in working Universal Credit claimants in Dunbar and East Linton (around 90 additional claimants over the year) to a fall of 2.4% in North Berwick Coastal. Between April 2024 and May 2024, the count fell by 1.7% in the County and only two East Lothian wards recorded month to month increase.

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

	May-23	Apr-24	May-24	May23-May24	Apr24-May24
Dunbar and East Linton	423	510	512	21.0%	0.4%
Haddington and Lammermuir	529	609	589	11.3%	-3.3%
Musselburgh	740	854	825	11.5%	-3.4%
North Berwick Coastal	252	243	246	-2.4%	1.2%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	617	658	654	6.0%	-0.6%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	893	974	963	7.8%	-1.1%
Total	3,450	3,846	3,780	9.6%	-1.7%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

Fife

Turning now to look at Fife. We can see that overall Fife recorded 7,755 claimants in June 2024 and of these 58.1% were male. Five wards had over 500 claimants in April and four had 200 or less. Overall, there are 3.5% fewer claimants in Fife than in June 2023 and 5.4% more than in May 2024. We can see that year on year, six wards (Burntisland, East Neuk and Landward, Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch, Howe of Fife and Tay, Lochgelly Cardenden and Benarty and Tay Bridgehead) have seen the claimant count increase. Tay Bridgehead has seen the claimant count increase by 34.3% over the last 12 months, up from 175 in June 2023 to 235 in June 2024. The remainder recorded a fall. Dunfermline South has seen the claimant count fall by 12.2% over the last year.

Between April and May 2024, the claimant count decreased in one Fife ward (Dunfermline North) and remained the same in one ward (St Andrews). The remaining wards all saw the claimant count increase between May and June. East Neuk and Landward saw the claimant count increase by 16.7% between May and June based on an increase from 150 to 175 claimants. The ward with the single highest claimant count is Buckhaven, Methill and Wemyss Villages where 680 individuals were looking for work and claiming.

Table 15 Fife Claimant Count by Ward June 2024

Wards	June 2024	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
		June23- June24	May24 - June24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	680	-9.3%	7.1%	61.8%	38.2%	23.5%	56.6%	19.9%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	330	3.1%	3.1%	62.1%	37.9%	16.7%	57.6%	25.8%
Cowdenbeath	540	-0.9%	6.9%	59.3%	41.7%	23.1%	57.4%	19.4%
Cupar	185	-5.1%	2.8%	59.5%	43.2%	16.2%	59.5%	24.3%
Dunfermline Central	345	-4.2%	1.5%	58.0%	42.0%	20.3%	58.0%	23.2%
Dunfermline North	315	-3.1%	-1.6%	55.6%	42.9%	22.2%	54.0%	22.2%
Dunfermline South	360	-12.2%	2.9%	54.2%	47.2%	18.1%	61.1%	20.8%
East Neuk and Landward	175	2.9%	16.7%	48.6%	51.4%	17.1%	57.1%	25.7%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	340	-8.1%	9.7%	60.3%	38.2%	27.9%	57.4%	16.2%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	330	3.1%	10.0%	57.6%	40.9%	19.7%	60.6%	18.2%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	345	-5.5%	7.8%	52.2%	46.4%	20.3%	59.4%	20.3%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	190	2.7%	2.7%	52.6%	47.4%	21.1%	52.6%	26.3%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	215	-8.5%	4.9%	51.2%	48.8%	20.9%	51.2%	27.9%
Kirkcaldy Central	605	-5.5%	4.3%	58.7%	41.3%	18.2%	60.3%	21.5%
Kirkcaldy East	585	-7.1%	3.5%	63.2%	36.8%	21.4%	58.1%	20.5%
Kirkcaldy North	360	-5.3%	5.9%	56.9%	43.1%	22.2%	61.1%	16.7%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	360	-10.0%	5.9%	63.9%	36.1%	20.8%	55.6%	23.6%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	600	1.7%	6.2%	58.3%	41.7%	24.2%	58.3%	17.5%
Rosyth	280	-1.8%	1.8%	53.6%	48.2%	16.1%	64.3%	21.4%
St Andrews	90	-5.3%	0.0%	61.1%	44.4%	16.7%	55.6%	27.8%
Tay Bridgehead	235	34.3%	9.3%	57.4%	42.6%	14.9%	63.8%	19.1%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	285	-3.4%	7.5%	56.1%	43.9%	21.1%	63.2%	15.8%
Fife	7,755	-3.5%	5.4%	58.1%	41.8%	20.8%	58.4%	20.8%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Leven, Kennoway and Largo had the highest proportion of male claimants (63.9%) which was the highest proportion in the City Region whilst East Neuk and Landward had 51.4% of claimants recording as female. With 27.9% of claimants being aged 16-24 Glenrothes Central and Thornton has the highest proportion of this age group in Fife. In Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay 27.9% of the 215 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 13,991 Fife residents working and claiming Universal Credit support in April 2024 which is 3.7% higher than in April 2023 and 11.7% higher 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. Two wards, Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages 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 May 2024

	May-23	Apr-24	May 2024 r	May23-May24	Apr24-May24
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	981	1,029	1,045	6.5%	1.6%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	413	408	433	4.8%	6.1%
Cowdenbeath	817	925	951	16.4%	2.8%
Cupar	372	391	415	11.6%	6.1%
Dunfermline Central	560	634	663	18.4%	4.6%
Dunfermline North	465	513	517	11.2%	0.8%
Dunfermline South	703	725	751	6.8%	3.6%
East Neuk and Landward	325	364	376	15.7%	3.3%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	666	697	750	12.6%	7.6%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	566	624	675	19.3%	8.2%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	704	780	777	10.4%	-0.4%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	304	297	312	2.6%	5.1%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	403	420	440	9.2%	4.8%
Kirkcaldy Central	694	758	779	12.2%	2.8%
Kirkcaldy East	738	803	815	10.4%	1.5%
Kirkcaldy North	540	618	651	20.6%	5.3%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	666	685	708	6.3%	3.4%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	946	1,054	1,049	10.9%	-0.5%
Rosyth	603	631	681	12.9%	7.9%
St. Andrews	173	170	178	2.9%	4.7%
Tay Bridgehead	361	395	408	13.0%	3.3%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	529	578	609	15.1%	5.4%
Total	12,528	13,489	13,991	11.7%	3.7%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

Midlothian

The Midlothian position is presented in Table 17 below. Looking at the change between June 2023 and June 2024 we can see that one ward (Penicuik) recorded a year-on-year increase of 10.8% and Midlothian East saw the claimant count increase by 4.4% between June 2023 and June 2024 and Midlothian West also recorded an increase. The remaining three wards saw the claimant count fall with Midlothian South recording a fall of 14.6% over the twelve month period. The change over the last month has seen one ward (Dalkeith) record a fall, two record an increase and three record no change. Once again, the high percentage changes can occur from *relatively* small changes in the actual number count- the 14.6% fall in Midlothian South is based on the count falling from 240 in June 2023 to 205 in June 2024.

Table 17 Midlothian Claimant Count by Ward June 2024

Wards	June 2024	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
		June23-June24	May24 - June24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Bonnyrigg	210	-2.3%	5.0%	59.5%	42.9%	19.0%	64.3%	19.0%
Dalkeith	250	-3.8%	-2.0%	60.0%	40.0%	18.0%	66.0%	18.0%
Midlothian East	235	4.4%	0.0%	53.2%	46.8%	23.4%	57.4%	19.1%
Midlothian South	205	-14.6%	0.0%	56.1%	43.9%	24.4%	58.5%	17.1%
Midlothian West	215	2.4%	4.9%	55.8%	46.5%	16.3%	58.1%	25.6%
Penicuik	205	10.8%	0.0%	61.0%	39.0%	17.1%	65.9%	17.1%
Midlothian	1,330	-0.4%	1.9%	57.1%	42.9%	19.5%	61.3%	18.8%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

We can see that overall, in Midlothian 57.1% of claimants are male, 19.5% are aged 16-24 and 18.8% are 50 or over. Looking at the wards themselves we can see that Penicuik had the highest proportion of male claimants. In terms of the age profile 24.4% of claimants in Midlothian South were 16-24 years of age in June 2024. We can also see that 25.6% 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 3,549 claimants in Midlothian in May 2024. This is 10.8% higher than in May 2023 and 1.2% lower than a month ago. All six wards saw a year on year increase ranging from a 17.2% increase in Penicuik to 4.5% increase in Midlothian South. Over the last month there has been an increase in the number of in work claimants in three Midlothian wards and fall in the other three.

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

	May-23	Apr-24	May 24	May23-May24	Apr24- May24
Bonnyrigg	537	575	589	9.7%	2.4%
Dalkeith	572	621	622	8.7%	0.2%
Midlothian East	552	634	619	12.1%	-2.4%
Midlothian South	660	717	690	4.5%	-3.8%
Midlothian West	433	516	503	16.2%	-2.5%
Penicuik	448	522	525	17.2%	0.6%
Total	3,202	3,591	3,549	10.8%	-1.2%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

West Lothian

The situation in West Lothian is looked at in Table 19 below. Overall, there were 3,135 claimants in West Lothian in June 2024, and this is 2.2% less than a year ago and 0.6% more than last month. We can see that 56% of claimants in West Lothian are male and 20.4% are aged between 16-24.

Table 19 West Lothian Claimant Count by Ward May 2024

Wards	June 2024	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
		June23- June24	May24 - June24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Armadale & Blackridge	270	-1.8%	0.0%	55.6%	42.6%	20.4%	59.3%	20.4%
Bathgate	410	-14.6%	-3.5%	56.1%	43.9%	23.2%	59.8%	17.1%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	315	-4.5%	3.3%	55.6%	42.9%	22.2%	54.0%	22.2%
East Livingston & E. Calder	380	5.6%	1.3%	53.9%	46.1%	18.4%	60.5%	21.1%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	345	-9.2%	-5.5%	63.8%	36.2%	21.7%	62.3%	14.5%
Linlithgow	140	12.0%	7.7%	57.1%	39.3%	17.9%	50.0%	28.6%
Livingston North	345	21.1%	6.2%	49.3%	50.7%	15.9%	63.8%	18.8%
Livingston South	415	6.4%	3.8%	56.6%	43.4%	20.5%	65.1%	14.5%
Whitburn & Blackburn	520	-10.3%	1.0%	54.8%	45.2%	20.2%	61.5%	19.2%
West Lothian	3,135	-2.2%	0.6%	56.0%	44.0%	20.4%	60.8%	18.8%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Looking at the wards in more detail we can see that five wards recorded a lower claimant number in June 2024 than in June 2023 and four had recorded a year on year increase. There is quite a contrast across the wards with the claimant count falling by 14.6% in Bathgate compared to Livingston North which saw the claimant count increase by 21.1% over the course of the year. Looking at the most recent month to month changes we can see that one ward recorded no change

between May and June (Armadale and Blackridge), two recorded a fall and the remaining six wards all saw the claimant count increase between May and June. Linlithgow saw it increase by 7.7% between May and June, although this is another ward with a relatively low claimant count to start with the result that this is based on ten additional claimants in June.

With a count of 520 claimants in June Whitburn & Blackburn had the most claimants of any West Lothian Ward. We can also see that in Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Ward, 63.8% of claimants were male, in Bathgate 23.2% of claimants were 16-24 and in Linlithgow 28.6% of claimants were 50 or over.

Table 20 indicates that across West Lothian in April 2024 there were 6,989 individuals working and claiming Universal Credit which is 15.2% higher than a year ago and 2.2% lower than in April 2024. We can also see that only one ward has over 1,000 working Universal Credit claimants and apart from Linlithgow every ward has over 500 people working and relying on Universal Credit.

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

	May-23	Apr-24	May-24	May23- May24	Apr24- May24
Armadale and Blackridge	510	601	591	15.9%	-1.7%
Bathgate	770	887	878	14.0%	-1.0%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	648	765	753	16.2%	-1.6%
East Livingston and East Calder	774	937	915	18.2%	-2.3%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	640	724	715	11.7%	-1.2%
Linlithgow	217	259	263	21.2%	1.5%
Livingston North	652	811	778	19.3%	-4.1%
Livingston South	854	1,006	973	13.9%	-3.3%
Whitburn and Blackburn	996	1,163	1,123	12.8%	-3.4%
Total	6,066	7,147	6,989	15.2%	-2.2%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

Scottish Borders

Table 21 below looks at the position in the Scottish Borders wards. From this table we can see that there were 2,065 people claiming in June in Scottish Borders, up from June 2023 by 2.2% and up by 0.5% from May 2024.

Table 21 Scottish Borders Claimant Count by Ward May 2024

Wards	June 2024	% Change		Proportion of Claimants June 2024				
		June23- June24	May24 - June24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
East Berwickshire	180	5.9%	-5.3%	47.2%	52.8%	13.9%	52.8%	30.6%
Galashiels and District	360	-8.9%	-2.7%	58.3%	41.7%	18.1%	55.6%	26.4%
Hawick and Denholm	240	-4.0%	-9.4%	64.6%	35.4%	18.8%	58.3%	22.9%
Hawick and Hermitage	215	10.3%	4.9%	62.8%	37.2%	23.3%	48.8%	27.9%
Jedburgh and District	175	12.9%	9.4%	54.3%	45.7%	22.9%	54.3%	22.9%
Kelso and District	160	0.0%	14.3%	56.3%	43.8%	12.5%	50.0%	34.4%
Leaderdale & Melrose	135	8.0%	0.0%	51.9%	48.1%	18.5%	63.0%	18.5%
Mid Berwickshire	165	0.0%	0.0%	54.5%	45.5%	18.2%	45.5%	39.4%
Selkirkshire	175	20.7%	2.9%	57.1%	42.9%	11.4%	60.0%	28.6%
Tweeddale East	120	9.1%	9.1%	50.0%	50.0%	12.5%	50.0%	37.5%
Tweeddale West	140	-3.4%	-3.4%	60.7%	42.9%	10.7%	57.1%	35.7%
Scottish Borders	2,065	2.2%	0.5%	56.9%	43.1%	16.9%	54.0%	29.1%

Source: NOMIS 18/7/2024

Overall, three wards have seen the claimant count fall year on year and six have seen it increase since June 2023. Two wards saw no change at all. In Selkirkshire the claimant count is 20.7% higher in 2024 than it was in 2023, currently 175 claimants compared to last year's figure of 145. Between May and June five Scottish Borders wards recorded an increase and four recorded a fall. Two wards recorded no change month to month. Kelso and District recorded a 14.3% increase between May and June 2024 based on the May figure of 140 increasing by 20 new claimants.

The data in Table 21 also indicates that 56.9% of claimants were male and 16.9% were 16-24 years of age. In Hawick and Hermitage 23.3% of claimants were 16-24 years of age and in Mid Berwickshire 39.4% of claimants were fifty or over.

Table 22 looks at the number of people in work and claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In May 2024 there were 4,029 people working who needed the support of Universal Credit. This is 18.8% higher than a year ago and almost the same as 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 May 2024

	May-23	Apr-24	May-24	May23-May24	Apr24-May24
East Berwickshire	364	428	446	22.5%	4.2%
Galashiels and District	547	630	613	12.1%	-2.7%
Hawick and Denholm	383	437	443	15.7%	1.4%
Hawick and Hermitage	271	297	299	10.3%	0.7%
Jedburgh and District	229	274	274	19.7%	0.0%
Kelso and District	291	345	354	21.6%	2.6%
Leaderdale and Melrose	283	377	374	32.2%	-0.8%
Mid Berwickshire	342	380	377	10.2%	-0.8%
Selkirkshire	257	332	322	25.3%	-3.0%
Tweeddale East	217	255	262	20.7%	2.7%
Tweeddale West	201	268	262	30.3%	-2.2%
Total	3,390	4,025	4,029	18.8%	0.1%

Source: StatXplore 18/7/2024

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. 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.

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

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.

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