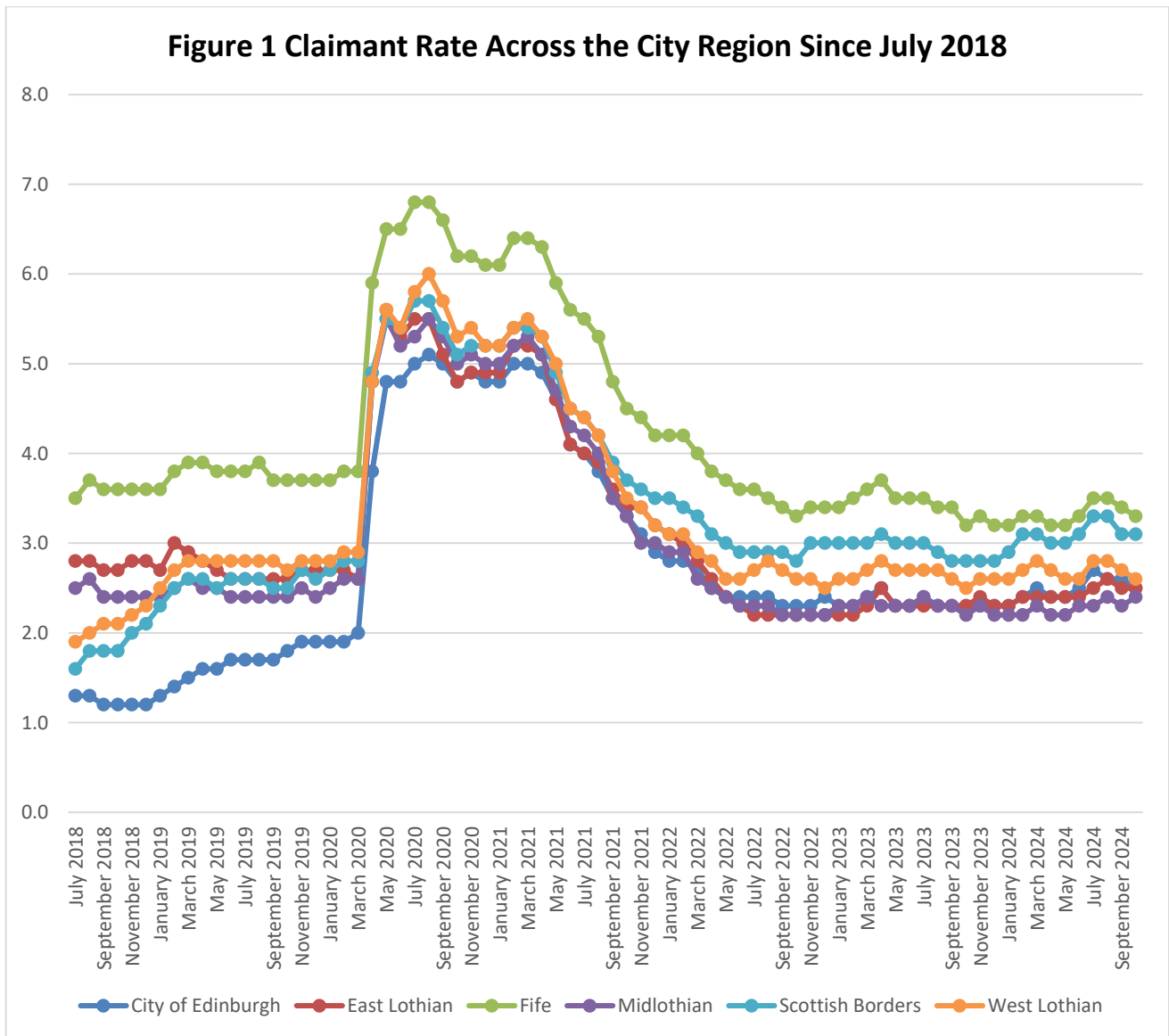


Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count November 2024 Summary Update

Claimant Count Change Between October 2023 and October 2024:	Claimant Count Change Between September 2024 and October 2024:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ UK increased by 17.5% ↑ Scotland increased by 7.3% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 12.5% ↑ City Region increased by 8.4% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↑ UK increased by 1.2% ↓ Scotland decreased by 0.6% ↑ Edinburgh increased by 1.1% ↓ City Region decreased by 0.1%



Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

City Region Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for the City Region was 25,280 (in September it was 25,310). Of these
 - a. 4,375 were 16-24 year olds up from 4,245 in September.
 - b. 15,085 were 25-49 year olds up from 15,230 in September.
 - c. 5,835 were 50 or older down from 5,845 in September.
2. In September 2024 there were 49,000 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in the Region. In August 2024 there were 48,104.

Edinburgh Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for Edinburgh was 9,335 (in September it was 9,230). Of these
 - a. 1,265 were 16-24 year olds. It was 1,200 in September.
 - b. 5,900 were 25-49 year olds. It was 5,865 in September.
 - c. 2,170 were 50 or older. This is the same as September.
2. In September 2024 there were 15,447 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Edinburgh. In August 2024 there were 15,260.

East Lothian Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for East Lothian was 1,660 (in September it was 1,620). Of these
 - a. 300 were 16-24 year olds. In September there were 270.
 - b. 970 were 25-49 year olds. In September there were 955.
 - c. 395 were 50 or older. In September there were 395.
2. In September 2024 there were 3,812 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in East Lothian. In August 2024 there were 3,766.

Fife Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for Fife was 7,730 (in September it was 7,750). Of these
 - a. 1,580 were 16-24 year olds. In September there were 1,535.
 - b. 4,390 were 25-49 years of age. In September there were 4,460.
 - c. 1,765 were 50 or older. In September there were 1,760.
2. In September 2024 there were 14,637 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Fife. In August 2024 there were 14,421.

Midlothian Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for Midlothian was 1,385 (it was 1,395 in September). Of these
 - a. 275 were 16-24 year olds. In September it was 265.
 - b. 855 were 25-49 year olds. In September it was 870.
 - c. 260 were 50 or older. In September it was 260.
2. In September 2024 there were 3,656 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Midlothian. In August there were 3,563.

Scottish Borders Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for Scottish Borders was 2,070 (in September it was 2,100). Of these
 - a. 360 were 16-24 year olds. In September it was 370.
 - b. 1,105 were 25-49 year olds. In September there were 1,125.
 - c. 605 were 50 or older. In September there were 605.
2. In September 2024 there were 4,099 working individuals claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In August there were 4,032.

West Lothian Summary

1. In October 2024 the claimant count for West Lothian was 3,100 (in September it was 3,215). Of these
 - a. 595 were 16-24 year olds. In September there were 605.
 - b. 1,865 were 25-49 year olds. In September there were 1,955.
 - c. 640 were 50 or older. In September there were 655.
2. In September 2024 there were 7,349 West Lothian individuals claiming Universal Credit who were in work. In August there were 7,062.

Edinburgh and South East Regional Claimant Count September 2024 Full Update

Claimant Count by Nation and Region

Table 1 indicates that in the UK the claimant count in October 2024 is higher than it was five years ago in EVERY region or Nation of the United Kingdom with the exception of the North East of England where it is 2.1% (1,475) lower. In Scotland it is 2.6% higher (2,805 more claimants) than in October 2019 and in the UK, it is 51.3% higher (607,830 more claimants). We can also see that in all the regions and countries of the UK the claimant count in October 2024 is higher than it was in October 2023. In Scotland the claimant count is 7.3% higher than it was a year ago.

Table 1: National Claimant Count Picture

	October 2019	October 2023	September 2024	October 2024	Percentage Change		
					Oct19 - Oct24	Oct23- Oct24	Sep24 - Oct24
UK	1,183,895	1,524,915	1,769,680	1,791,725	51.3%	17.5%	1.2%
East	82,000	114,315	134,290	135,730	65.5%	18.7%	1.1%
East Midlands	74,610	100,250	114,830	115,400	54.7%	15.1%	0.5%
London	175,590	296,780	352,455	365,060	107.9%	23.0%	3.6%
North East	71,910	64,115	70,315	70,435	-2.1%	9.9%	0.2%
North West	159,445	188,890	217,345	218,080	36.8%	15.5%	0.3%
N. Ireland	30,360	37,095	42,885	43,370	42.9%	16.9%	1.1%
Scotland	108,595	103,805	112,045	111,400	2.6%	7.3%	-0.6%
South East	110,160	162,235	185,465	188,245	70.9%	16.0%	1.5%
South West	69,765	85,600	99,575	99,590	42.8%	16.3%	0.0%
Wales	57,400	60,270	68,055	67,675	17.9%	12.3%	-0.6%
West Midlands	135,230	176,420	211,830	215,345	59.2%	22.1%	1.7%
Yorks & Humb	108,835	135,140	160,600	161,400	48.3%	19.4%	0.5%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Looking at the latest month to month change it can be seen in the table that across the UK the claimant count is 1.2% higher in than in September increasing by just over 22,000 claimants in the last month. In Scotland it is 0.6% lower (645 fewer claimants) in October 2024 than it was in September. We have seen an increase in the claimants over the last month everywhere apart from Scotland and Wales.

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 October 2024 than was recorded in October 2019 and three of the Local Authorities in the City Region feature in this list. The three that had fewer claimants were: East Lothian, West Lothian and Fife.

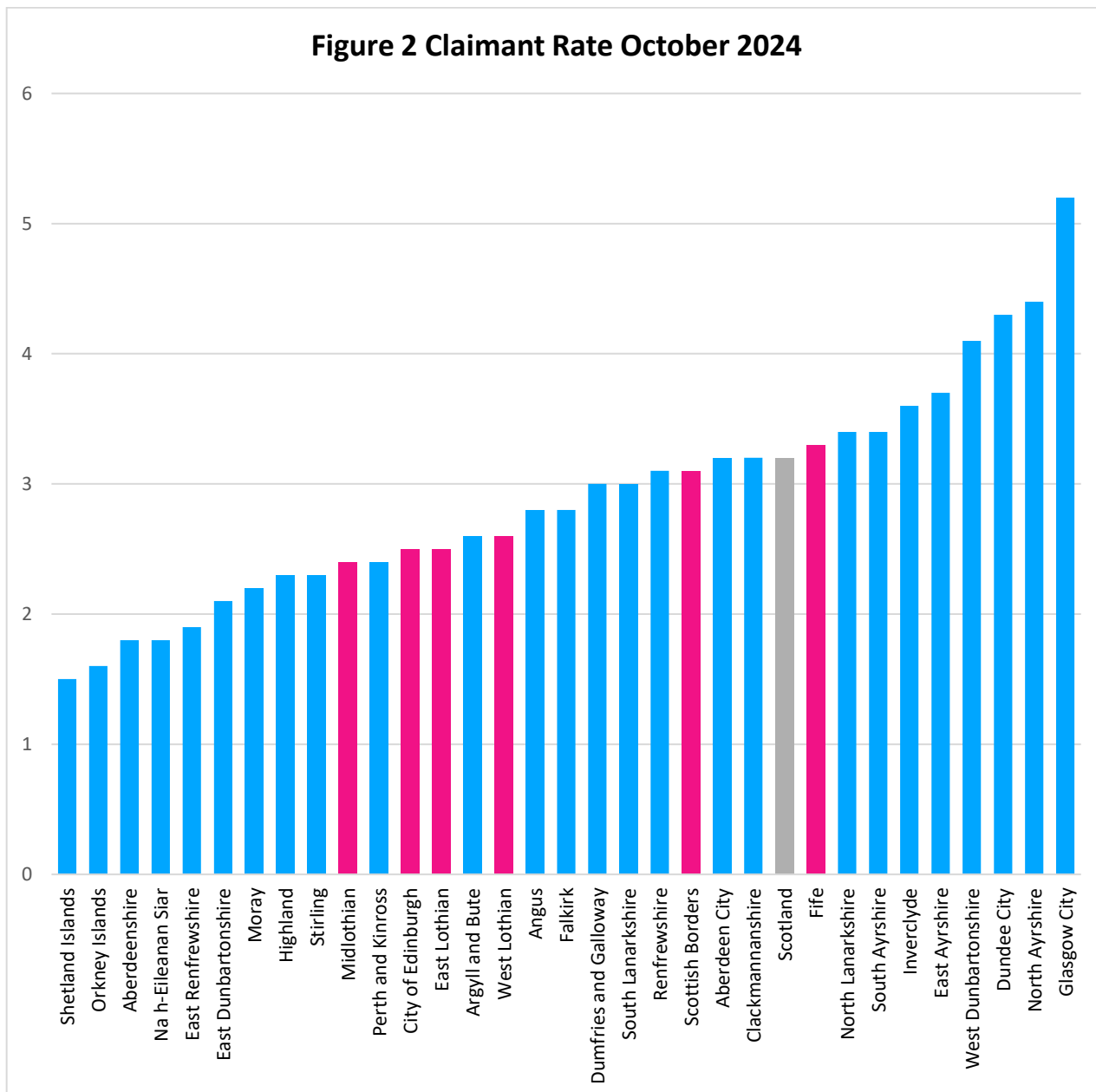
Over the last year three Local Authorities saw the claimant count fall and all the others saw the claimant count increase year on year. This ranged from a rise of 1.8% in Stirling through to a 15.4% increase in Glasgow. One factor to consider is that this 12 month period includes the DWP conditionality changes which are very likely to be behind at least some of this increase. What we can also see in Table 2 is that the change between September and October is slightly more positive with twelve Local Authorities in Scotland recording a month to month increase and two of the Local Authorities in the city region (Edinburgh and East Lothian) were on this list.

Table 2: Claimant Count - Scottish Local Authorities

	Oct 2019	Oct 2023	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Percentage Change		
					Oct19 - Oct24	Oct23- Oct24	Sep24 - Oct24
Aberdeen City	3,820	4,610	4,910	4,975	30.2%	7.9%	1.3%
Aberdeenshire	2,800	2,785	2,925	2,950	5.4%	5.9%	0.9%
Angus	2,020	1,855	1,955	1,935	-4.2%	4.3%	-1.0%
Argyll and Bute	1,305	1,295	1,390	1,335	2.3%	3.1%	-4.0%
Edinburgh	6,525	8,300	9,230	9,335	43.1%	12.5%	1.1%
Clackmannanshire	1,270	1,075	1,085	1,035	-18.5%	-3.7%	-4.6%
Dumfries & Galloway	2,720	2,350	2,510	2,550	-6.3%	8.5%	1.6%
Dundee City	4,500	3,975	4,180	4,175	-7.2%	5.0%	-0.1%
East Ayrshire	3,655	2,960	2,890	2,795	-23.5%	-5.6%	-3.3%
E. Dunbartonshire	1,185	1,180	1,320	1,325	11.8%	12.3%	0.4%
East Lothian	1,675	1,530	1,620	1,660	-0.9%	8.5%	2.5%
East Renfrewshire	945	1,000	1,115	1,065	12.7%	6.5%	-4.5%
Falkirk	3,150	2,810	2,985	2,865	-9.0%	2.0%	-4.0%
Fife	8,505	7,340	7,750	7,730	-9.1%	5.3%	-0.3%
Glasgow City	18,995	20,185	23,245	23,295	22.6%	15.4%	0.2%
Highland	3,235	2,975	3,275	3,335	3.1%	12.1%	1.8%
Inverclyde	2,235	1,625	1,710	1,725	-22.8%	6.2%	0.9%
Midlothian	1,355	1,290	1,395	1,385	2.2%	7.4%	-0.7%
Moray	1,415	1,195	1,290	1,305	-7.8%	9.2%	1.2%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	340	265	260	280	-17.6%	5.7%	7.7%
North Ayrshire	4,435	3,485	3,650	3,580	-19.3%	2.7%	-1.9%
North Lanarkshire	8,110	7,090	7,515	7,425	-8.4%	4.7%	-1.2%
Orkney Islands	180	195	255	220	22.2%	12.8%	-13.7%
Perth and Kinross	1,760	2,050	2,140	2,210	25.6%	7.8%	3.3%
Renfrewshire	3,775	3,505	3,690	3,595	-4.8%	2.6%	-2.6%
Scottish Borders	1,695	1,925	2,100	2,070	22.1%	7.5%	-1.4%
Shetland Islands	230	205	220	210	-8.7%	2.4%	-4.5%
South Ayrshire	2,580	2,195	2,355	2,265	-12.2%	3.2%	-3.8%
South Lanarkshire	6,795	5,900	6,110	6,010	-11.6%	1.9%	-1.6%
Stirling	1,440	1,375	1,440	1,400	-2.8%	1.8%	-2.8%
W. Dunbartonshire	2,735	2,340	2,310	2,265	-17.2%	-3.2%	-1.9%
West Lothian	3,190	2,940	3,215	3,100	-2.8%	5.4%	-3.6%
Scotland	108,595	103,805	112,045	111,400	2.6%	7.3%	-0.6%
City Region	22,945	23,325	25,310	25,280	10.2%	8.4%	-0.1%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Figure 2, below, looks at the claimant rate for all the Scottish Local Authorities as recorded in October 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 12/11/2024

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 October 2024 is higher than it was in October 2019 and this is reflected in three of the six Local Authorities that make up the City region. Over the last year all six Local Authorities have seen the claimant count increase and this ranges from a 5.3% increase in Fife through to a 12.5% increase in Edinburgh. The month-to-month change from September 2024 to August 2024 indicates that across the Region the claimant count is very slightly lower than in the previous month. Four of the regions Local Authorities recorded a month to month fall and two (Edinburgh and East Lothian) saw the claimant count increase between September and October.

Table 3: Claimant Count – City Region LAs

	Oct 2019	Oct 2023	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Claimant Rate Oct 24	Percentage Change		
						Oct19 - Oct24	Oct23- Oct24	Sep24 - Oct24
Edinburgh	6,525	8,300	9,230	9,335	2.5	43.1%	12.5%	1.1%
East Lothian	1,675	1,530	1,620	1,660	2.5	-0.9%	8.5%	2.5%
Fife	8,505	7,340	7,750	7,730	3.3	-9.1%	5.3%	-0.3%
Midlothian	1,355	1,290	1,395	1,385	2.4	2.2%	7.4%	-0.7%
Scottish Borders	1,695	1,925	2,100	2,070	3.1	22.1%	7.5%	-1.4%
West Lothian	3,190	2,940	3,215	3,100	2.6	-2.8%	5.4%	-3.6%
City Region	22,945	23,325	25,310	25,280	3.2	10.2%	8.4%	-0.1%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that across the region in September 2023 there were 43,042 people who were in work but required financial support from Universal Credit (UC) as their income was not sufficient. In September 2024 this had increased by 12.5% to 48,104. Over the last month (August to September 2024) there has been an increase of 1.9% in the region with around 900 more people working and claiming Universal Credit.

Table 4 Universal Credit Claimants in Employment

	Sep-23	Aug-24	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep24	Aug24 to Sep24
City of Edinburgh	13,566	15,260	15,447	13.9%	1.2%
East Lothian	3497	3766	3812	9.0%	1.2%
Fife	12,950	14,421	14,637	13.0%	1.5%
Midlothian	3,264	3,563	3,656	12.0%	2.6%
West Lothian	6,265	7,062	7,349	17.3%	4.1%
Scottish Borders	3,500	4,032	4,099	17.1%	1.7%
Total	43,042	48,104	49,000	13.8%	1.9%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

Gender Profile

From Table 5 we can see that two Local Authorities in the city region has seen the number of male claimants fall over the last 12 months and the others have seen an increase. Across the region the number of male claimants in October 2024 was 425 higher than in October 2023.

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

Male Claimants	October 2023	September 2024	October 2024	Rate	% Change	
					Oct23- Oct24	Sep24 - Oct24
Edinburgh	4,925	5,220	5,315	3.0	7.9%	1.8%
East Lothian	880	860	870	2.8	-1.1%	1.2%
Fife	4,425	4,375	4,380	4.0	-1.0%	0.1%
Midlothian	745	750	790	2.7	6.0%	5.3%
Scottish Borders	1,105	1,145	1,130	3.6	2.3%	-1.3%
West Lothian	1,715	1,755	1,735	3.1	1.2%	-1.1%
City Region	13,795	14,105	14,220	3.3	3.1%	0.8%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Comparing the October 2024 statistics to those of September 2024 the picture is similar with two Local Authorities recording month to month falls and the remaining four seeing the claimant count increase between September and October. This culminated in the region as a whole recording a

0.8% increase between September and October 2024- 115 more claimants in October compared to September. Table 5 also reflects the claimant rate in August for males in each of the six Local Authorities. This is arrived at by dividing the claimant count by the working age population. From this we can see that for male claimants Midlothian had the lowest claimant rate and Fife had the highest.

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 (1,540 additional female claimants). Compare this to the male claimant count which had increased by around 400 over the same period. This is an increase of 16.2% year on year compared to an increase of 3.1% year on year for the number of male claimants.

Between October 2023 and October 2024, we can see that each Local Authority recorded an increase in the number of female claimants. This ranged from a 10.2% increase in Midlothian to 22.5% in East Lothian. The change between September and October is more positive as four Local Authorities saw the number of claimants fall. Midlothian recorded a fall of 7.8% in the number of female claimants. East Lothian and Edinburgh saw an increase in the number of female claimants between September and October.

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

Female Claimants	October 2023	September 2024	October 2024	Rate	% Change	
					Oct23-Oct24	Sep24 - Oct24
Edinburgh	3,375	4,010	4,020	2.3	19.1%	0.2%
East Lothian	645	760	790	2.3	22.5%	3.9%
Fife	2,915	3,375	3,350	3.0	14.9%	-0.7%
Midlothian	540	645	595	2.1	10.2%	-7.8%
Scottish Borders	820	960	940	3.0	14.6%	-2.1%
West Lothian	1,225	1,460	1,365	2.4	11.4%	-6.5%
City Region	9,520	11,210	11,060	2.5	16.2%	-1.3%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

We can see in the table that the claimant rate for females is more similar across the region than it is for males with Midlothian recording a claimant rate of 2.1 and Fife and Scottish Borders recording a rate of 3.0.

Table 7: In Work Universal Credit Claimants

		Sep-23	Aug-24	Sep-24
City of Edinburgh	Female	8,157	9,574	9,734
	Male	5,407	5,687	5,712
East Lothian	Female	2,388	2,521	2,566
	Male	1,103	1,248	1,246
Fife	Female	8,304	9,453	9,632
	Male	4,647	4,971	5,000
Midlothian	Female	2,186	2,422	2,492
	Male	1,083	1,148	1,164
West Lothian	Female	4,147	4,766	4,965
	Male	2,114	2,295	2,387
Scottish Borders	Female	2,228	2,596	2,639
	Male	1,266	1,439	1,461
City Region	Female	27,417	31,326	32,020
	Male	15,622	16,784	16,977

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

Table 7, above, looks at the gender split of those who are in work and claiming Universal Credit. The data indicates that across the City Region in September 2023, 27,417 female claimants were in work and claiming Universal Credit. In September 2024 the number had increased to 32,020. This is over 4,500 more than 12 months ago. Compare this to the male in work Universal Credit claimant count, which was 15,622 in September 2023 and currently (September 2024) is sitting at 16,977- approximately 1,300 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 September 2023 males comprised 36% of Universal Credit claimants whilst in September 2024 this was 35%. So consistently around 2/3^{rds} of in work Universal Credit claimants are female across the region.

Age Profile

16-24 Year Olds

In October 2024 there were 4,375 claimants aged between 16-24 years of age in the City Region. This is 3.1% higher than a month ago and 2.1% higher than a year ago. In numerical terms the City Region has 90 more 16-24 year olds claiming than a year ago and 130 more than last month. Worth highlighting is the fact that there are 85 fewer claimants aged 16-24 than there was the case in August 2019.

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
October 2019	1,005	290	1,765	310	370	720	4,460
October 2023	1,195	300	1,500	265	380	645	4,285
September 2024	1,200	270	1,535	265	370	605	4,245
October 2024	1,265	300	1,580	275	360	595	4,375
% Change							
Oct23-Oct24	5.9%	0.0%	5.3%	3.8%	-5.3%	-7.8%	2.1%
Sep24 - Oct24	5.4%	11.1%	2.9%	3.8%	-2.7%	-1.7%	3.1%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Looking at the different Local Authorities Edinburgh, Fife and Midlothian have more 16-24 year old claimants than a year ago. This is almost the same for the picture of month to month change although East Lothian also saw a month on month increase.

25-49 Year Olds

In October 2024 there were 15,085 claimants aged between 25-49 years of age in the City Region. This is 1% lower than a month ago and 9.2% higher than a year ago. In numerical terms the City Region has 1,265 more 25-49 year olds claiming than a year ago, 145 fewer than last month and there are 2,030 more 25-49 year olds claiming in the City Region than in September 2019.

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
October 2019	3,920	970	4,725	765	885	1,790	13,055
October 2023	5,170	900	4,205	785	1,055	1,705	13,820
September 2024	5,865	955	4,460	870	1,125	1,955	15,230
October 2024	5,900	970	4,390	855	1,105	1,865	15,085

% Change							
Oct23-Oct24	14.1%	7.8%	4.4%	8.9%	4.7%	9.4%	9.2%
Sep24 Oct24	0.6%	1.6%	-1.6%	-1.7%	-1.8%	-4.6%	-1.0%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Looking at the different Local Authorities all six Local Authorities have more 25-49 year old claimants than a year ago and more positive four of the six Local Authorities in the Region have fewer claimants in this age group than a month ago.

50 Year Olds and Over

In October 2024 there were 5,835 claimants aged over 50 years of age in the City Region. This is 0.2% lower than a month ago and 11.8% higher than a year ago. In numerical terms the City Region has 615 more people over the age of 50 claiming than a year ago and 10 less 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
October 2019	1,605	930	2,015	280	440	720	5,990
October 2023	1,930	330	1,635	240	495	590	5,220
September 2024	2,170	395	1,760	260	605	655	5,845
October 2024	2,170	395	1,765	260	605	640	5,835
% Change							
% Change Oct23-Oct24	12.4%	19.7%	8.0%	8.3%	22.2%	8.5%	11.8%
% Change Sep24 - Oct24	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.3%	-0.2%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Looking at the different Local Authorities all six Local Authorities have more 50 plus claimants than were recorded a year. In terms of the month to month change we can see that Fife has slightly more claimants who were 50 or over than a month ago and in West Lothian there are 15 fewer claimants who are that age than a month ago.

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 September and October 2024. As we can see in this table, there has been a considerable rise over the last year which *could* be linked to changes in the way the data is collated that have been introduced.

Overall, there are 9,335 claimants in Edinburgh in October 2024, and this is 12.5% higher than October 2023 and 1.1% higher than in September 2024. From the table we can see that in October 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 one ward (Leith Walk) had a claimant count lower in October 2024 than a year ago. In all other wards the claimant count is higher than a year ago. This ranges from 31.8 % higher in Colinton and Farmilehead to 1.4% higher in Leith. Comparing the count recorded in October to that of September we can see that twelve wards have recorded a month to month increase, four have recorded a month to month fall and one recorded no change between

September and October. We can see that the claimant rate was highest in Forth 4.0% of residents aged 16-64 were claiming and lowest in Morningside.

Overall, in Edinburgh in October 2024, 56.9% of claimants were male and 13.6% are aged 16-24. The City Centre ward records that 70.3% of the claimants are male. Inverleith has the highest proportion of female claimants at 50.7%. In Morningside 31.0 % of claimants in October were over 50 years of age, the highest proportion in the city and in Pentland Hills 19.6% of claimants were 16-24 years of age.

Table 11 Edinburgh Claimant Count by Ward October 2024

Wards	Oct 2024	Rate	Oct23 to Oct24	Sep24 to Oct24	Proportion of Claimants October 2024				
					Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Almond	655	2.9	26.0%	2.3%	55.0%	45.0%	13.0%	62.6%	23.7%
City Centre	690	2.5	9.5%	1.5%	70.3%	29.0%	14.5%	63.8%	21.7%
Colinton/ Fairmilehead	290	1.9	31.8%	3.6%	51.7%	48.3%	19.0%	56.9%	24.1%
Corstorphine/ Murrayfield	160	1.1	3.2%	3.2%	50.0%	50.0%	6.3%	65.6%	28.1%
Craightinny/ Duddingston	635	3.1	9.5%	4.1%	55.1%	44.9%	10.2%	66.1%	24.4%
Drum Brae/ Gyle	310	2.0	14.8%	-4.6%	54.8%	45.2%	12.9%	61.3%	25.8%
Forth	865	4.0	8.8%	0.6%	52.6%	46.8%	11.6%	65.9%	22.5%
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	325	1.9	16.1%	-1.5%	61.5%	38.5%	13.8%	60.0%	26.2%
Inverleith	335	1.4	24.1%	1.5%	49.3%	50.7%	10.4%	64.2%	23.9%
Leith	705	3.8	1.4%	2.9%	60.3%	39.7%	9.9%	68.8%	20.6%
Leith Walk	635	2.2	-2.3%	0.0%	55.9%	44.1%	11.8%	65.4%	22.0%
Liberton/ Gilmerton	805	3.5	21.1%	1.3%	57.8%	42.9%	14.9%	61.5%	23.6%
Morningside	210	0.9	7.7%	2.4%	54.8%	45.2%	9.5%	59.5%	31.0%
Pentland Hills	790	3.8	13.7%	2.6%	55.7%	43.7%	19.6%	58.9%	21.5%
Portobello/ Craigmillar	820	3.9	20.6%	-1.8%	51.2%	49.4%	13.4%	63.4%	23.2%
Sighthill/Gorgie	745	2.9	12.9%	2.8%	62.4%	37.6%	16.8%	63.8%	19.5%
Southside/ Newington	355	1.2	7.6%	-2.7%	60.6%	39.4%	12.7%	59.2%	28.2%
Column Total	9,335	2.5	12.5%	1.1%	56.9%	43.1%	13.6%	63.2%	23.2%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Table 12 below looks at the in-work Universal Credit claimant count for the Edinburgh wards. This indicates that there are 15,447 people in the city who are working but their earnings are low enough that they can receive Universal Credit. This is 13.9% higher than it was a year ago and 1.2% higher than it was last month. Overall, four wards recorded a fall between August and September.

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

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep 24	Aug23 to Sep24
Almond	1,047	1,307	1,314	25.5%	0.5%
City Centre	582	577	591	1.5%	2.4%
Colinton/Fairmilehead	434	520	546	25.8%	5.0%
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	252	334	337	33.7%	0.9%
Craightinny/Duddingston	880	962	960	9.1%	-0.2%
Drum Brae/Gyle	530	643	651	22.8%	1.2%
Forth	1,457	1,626	1,618	11.1%	-0.5%
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	381	443	428	12.3%	-3.4%
Inverleith	445	498	509	14.4%	2.2%
Leith	1,003	1,082	1,106	10.3%	2.2%
Leith Walk	930	962	969	4.2%	0.7%
Liberton/Gilmerton	1,254	1,503	1,539	22.7%	2.4%

Morningside	248	248	268	8.1%	8.1%
Pentland Hills	1,220	1,299	1,312	7.5%	1.0%
Portobello/Craigmillar	1,317	1,552	1,589	20.7%	2.4%
Sighthill/Gorgie	1,180	1,300	1,304	10.5%	0.3%
Southside/Newington	388	407	406	4.6%	-0.2%
Total	13,566	15,260	15,447	13.9%	1.2%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

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 September and October 2024. Overall, there are 1,660 claimants in East Lothian in October 2024, and this is 8.5% higher than a year ago and 2.5% higher than last month. From the table we can see that over the last 12 months all six wards have seen the claimant count increase by between 3.7% and 17.6% and between September and October 2024 two of the six wards have seen a fall in the number of people claiming. One thing to remember is that numbers are often *relatively* small so a large percentage change can be the result of a small number of additional claimants. The claimant rate ranges from 1.5% of 16-64 year olds claiming in North Berwick Coastal through to 3.4% in Musselburgh.

Table 13 East Lothian Claimant Count by Ward October 2024

Wards	Oct 2024	Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants October 2024				
			Oct23 to Oct24	Sep24 to Oct24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Dunbar & East Linton	200	2.2	17.6%	8.1%	52.5%	47.5%	17.5%	57.5%	25.0%
Haddington and Lammermuir	245	2.1	6.5%	-2.0%	55.1%	44.9%	14.3%	57.1%	28.6%
Musselburgh	415	3.4	9.2%	-1.2%	56.6%	44.6%	18.1%	60.2%	21.7%
North Berwick Coastal	115	1.5	15.0%	15.0%	47.8%	52.2%	13.0%	60.9%	26.1%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	265	2.4	8.2%	3.9%	47.2%	52.8%	20.8%	54.7%	26.4%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	420	2.9	3.7%	2.4%	52.4%	47.6%	20.2%	59.5%	20.2%
East Lothian	1,660	2.5	8.5%	2.5%	52.4%	47.6%	18.1%	58.4%	23.8%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Across the county 52.4% of claimants are male and this varies from 47.2% in Preston, Seton and Gosford to 56.6% in Musselburgh. Preston, Seton and Gosford has the highest proportion of 16-24 year old claimants (20.8%). Haddington and Lammermuir has the highest proportion (28.6%) of over 50 year olds.

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

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep 24	Aug23 to Sep24
Dunbar and East Linton	463	505	516	11.4%	2.2%
Haddington and Lammermuir	535	591	595	11.2%	0.7%
Musselburgh	774	835	840	8.5%	0.6%
North Berwick Coastal	242	239	241	-0.4%	0.8%
Preston, Seton and Gosford	603	630	632	4.8%	0.3%
Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	882	969	981	11.2%	1.2%
Total	3,497	3,766	3,812	9.0%	1.2%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

Table 14 above 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 September 2023 and September 2024 of 9.0%. This ranges from a 11.4% increase in working Universal Credit claimants in Dunbar and East Linton (around 50 additional claimants over the year) to a fall of 0.4% in North Berwick Coastal (1 claimant less in 2024 when compared to 2023). Between August 2024 and September 2024, the count increased by 1.2% in the County and every ward recorded a month to month increase.

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 September and October 2024.

Overall, there are 7,730 claimants in Fife in October 2024, and this is 5.3% higher than a year ago but 0.3% lower than last month. From the table we can see that over the last 12 months four wards have seen the claimant count fall by between 1.5% and 4.3%. Between September and October 2024 10 of the 22 wards in the Kingdom saw the claimant count fall. This ranged from a 0.9% fall in Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty through to a 5.1% fall in Leven, Kennoway and Largo. Of the remaining wards eleven recorded a month to month increase and one recorded no change in the claimant count.

Table 15 Fife Claimant Count by Ward October 2024

Wards	Oct 2024	Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Oct 24				
			Oct23 to Oct24	Sep24 to Oct24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	675	6.2	-4.3%	-4.3%	60.7%	39.3%	20.0%	57.0%	23.0%
Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	325	3.6	4.8%	0.0%	60.0%	41.5%	18.5%	55.4%	26.2%
Cowdenbeath	530	3.8	8.2%	1.9%	56.6%	42.5%	24.5%	55.7%	19.8%
Cupar	205	2.5	17.1%	2.5%	58.5%	41.5%	17.1%	58.5%	24.4%
Dunfermline Central	335	2.9	-1.5%	3.1%	55.2%	44.8%	20.9%	55.2%	23.9%
Dunfermline North	320	3.0	8.5%	-1.5%	57.8%	42.2%	25.0%	54.7%	21.9%
Dunfermline South	370	2.4	1.4%	-3.9%	55.4%	44.6%	24.3%	56.8%	20.3%
East Neuk and Landward	190	2.7	11.8%	5.6%	52.6%	47.4%	7.9%	57.9%	34.2%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	345	3.7	-2.8%	-1.4%	56.5%	43.5%	24.6%	56.5%	18.8%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	310	2.7	12.7%	-4.6%	58.1%	41.9%	21.0%	58.1%	21.0%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	340	3.5	1.5%	-1.4%	48.5%	51.5%	19.1%	55.9%	25.0%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	195	2.4	25.8%	2.6%	53.8%	46.2%	12.8%	51.3%	35.9%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	240	2.2	14.3%	2.1%	47.9%	52.1%	18.8%	54.2%	25.0%
Kirkcaldy Central	590	6.9	-1.7%	0.9%	56.8%	43.2%	17.8%	57.6%	23.7%
Kirkcaldy East	600	6.5	4.3%	4.3%	63.3%	36.7%	19.2%	60.8%	20.0%
Kirkcaldy North	350	3.6	1.4%	-1.4%	55.7%	42.9%	21.4%	57.1%	20.0%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	375	3.2	1.4%	-5.1%	58.7%	41.3%	21.3%	53.3%	25.3%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	555	4.8	3.7%	-0.9%	58.6%	42.3%	23.4%	55.0%	21.6%

Rosyth	255	2.5	10.9%	-3.8%	52.9%	49.0%	17.6%	60.8%	21.6%
St Andrews	110	0.7	22.2%	10.0%	50.0%	50.0%	22.7%	59.1%	18.2%
Tay Bridgehead	245	2.5	63.3%	2.1%	49.0%	51.0%	14.3%	57.1%	26.5%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	270	2.8	0.0%	1.9%	59.3%	40.7%	22.2%	59.3%	16.7%
Fife	7,730	3.3	5.3%	-0.3%	56.7%	43.3%	20.4%	56.8%	22.8%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Kirkcaldy East had the highest proportion of male claimants (63.3%) whilst Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay had 52.1% of claimants recording as female. With 25% of claimants being aged 16-24 Dunfermline North has the highest proportion of this age group in Fife. In Howe of Fife and Tay Coast 35.9% of the 195 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 14,637 Fife residents working and claiming Universal Credit support in September 2024 which is 13% higher than a year ago and 1.5% 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 all 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 September 2024

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep 24	Aug23 to Sep24
Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	991	1,057	1102	11.2%	4.3%
Burntisland, Kinghorn & Western Kirkcaldy	405	443	443	9.4%	0.0%
Cowdenbeath	882	975	1003	13.7%	2.9%
Cupar	387	424	419	8.3%	-1.2%
Dunfermline Central	622	672	696	11.9%	3.6%
Dunfermline North	480	540	551	14.8%	2.0%
Dunfermline South	711	818	851	19.7%	4.0%
East Neuk and Landward	326	382	368	12.9%	-3.7%
Glenrothes Central and Thornton	690	769	794	15.1%	3.3%
Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	577	694	701	21.5%	1.0%
Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	710	794	784	10.4%	-1.3%
Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	301	339	343	14.0%	1.2%
Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	405	429	460	13.6%	7.2%
Kirkcaldy Central	731	810	810	10.8%	0.0%
Kirkcaldy East	745	843	830	11.4%	-1.5%
Kirkcaldy North	595	694	690	16.0%	-0.6%
Leven, Kennoway and Largo	657	708	718	9.3%	1.4%
Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	1,012	1,087	1115	10.2%	2.6%
Rosyth	626	704	720	15.0%	2.3%
St. Andrews	171	174	173	1.2%	-0.6%
Tay Bridgehead	363	462	462	27.3%	0.0%
West Fife and Coastal Villages	550	613	601	9.3%	-2.0%
Total	12,950	14,421	14,637	13.0%	1.5%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

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 September and October 2024.

Overall, we can see that Midlothian had 1,385 claimants in September 2024 and has seen the claimant number increase by 7.4% year on year and has fallen by 0.7% between September and October 2024. Looking at the wards it is apparent that over the course of the year every ward apart from Dalkeith saw an increase in the claimant count. Over the last month four wards saw no change in the claimant count between September and October one recorded a fall and one recorded an increase.

Table 17 Midlothian Claimant Count by Ward October 2024

Wards	Oct 2024	Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Oct 2024				
			Oct23 to Oct24	Sep24 to Oct24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Bonnyrigg	205	1.8	2.5%	0.0%	56.1%	43.9%	19.5%	63.4%	19.5%
Dalkeith	260	2.8	-1.9%	0.0%	61.5%	38.5%	23.1%	59.6%	17.3%
Midlothian East	240	2.4	2.1%	-4.0%	56.3%	45.8%	20.8%	62.5%	16.7%
Midlothian South	230	2.6	4.5%	0.0%	58.7%	41.3%	21.7%	63.0%	17.4%
Midlothian West	245	2.5	28.9%	0.0%	51.0%	49.0%	14.3%	61.2%	24.5%
Penicuik	205	2.5	13.9%	2.5%	61.0%	39.0%	19.5%	61.0%	19.5%
Midlothian	1,385	2.4	7.4%	-0.7%	57.0%	43.0%	19.9%	61.7%	18.8%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

We can see that overall, in Midlothian 57% of claimants are male, 19.9% are aged 16-24 and 18.8% are 50 or over. Looking at the wards themselves we can see that Dalkeith had the highest proportion of male claimants (61.5%) and Midlothian West the highest proportion of female claimants (49%). In terms of the age profile 23.1% of claimants in Dalkeith were 16-24 years of age in October 2024. We can also see that 24.5% 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 3,656 claimants in Midlothian in September 2024. This is 12% higher than in September 2023 and 2.6% higher than a month ago. All six wards saw a year on year increase ranging from a 17.5% increase in Midlothian East to 5.5% increase in Midlothian South. Over the last month there has been an increase in the number of in work claimants in all six Midlothian wards.

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

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep 24	Aug23 to Sep24
Bonnyrigg	535	595	610	14.0%	2.5%
Dalkeith	593	640	656	10.6%	2.5%
Midlothian East	548	618	644	17.5%	4.2%
Midlothian South	674	700	711	5.5%	1.6%
Midlothian West	476	507	524	10.1%	3.4%
Penicuik	438	502	510	16.4%	1.6%
Total	3,264	3,563	3,656	12.0%	2.6%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

West Lothian

The situation in West Lothian is looked at in Table 19 below. Overall, there were 3,100 claimants in West Lothian in October 2024, and this is 5.4% more than a year ago and 3.6% lower than a month ago. All but one ward (Livingston South) recorded a month to month fall between September and August 2024 and this ranged from 1.4% fall in East Livingston and East Calder through to a 7.7% fall in Linlithgow.

Table 19 West Lothian Claimant Count by Ward October 2024

Wards	Oct 2024	Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Oct 2024				
			Oct23 to Oct24	Sep24 to Oct24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
Armadale & Blackridge	270	2.7	0.0%	-5.3%	63.0%	37.0%	24.1%	53.7%	22.2%
Bathgate	420	2.7	2.4%	-4.5%	57.1%	41.7%	22.6%	56.0%	20.2%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	315	2.5	5.0%	-6.0%	50.8%	47.6%	19.0%	58.7%	22.2%
East Livingston & East Calder	355	2.4	1.4%	-1.4%	50.7%	47.9%	18.3%	62.0%	19.7%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	370	3.6	13.8%	-2.6%	60.8%	39.2%	20.3%	66.2%	13.5%
Linlithgow	120	1.2	9.1%	-7.7%	50.0%	50.0%	16.7%	50.0%	33.3%
Livingston North	335	2.2	13.6%	-4.3%	55.2%	46.3%	16.4%	62.7%	22.4%
Livingston South	405	2.6	3.8%	2.5%	56.8%	43.2%	17.3%	61.7%	21.0%
Whitburn & Blackburn	510	3.7	4.1%	-3.8%	54.9%	45.1%	17.6%	60.8%	22.5%
West Lothian	3,100	2.6	5.4%	-3.6%	56.0%	44.0%	19.2%	60.2%	20.6%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

Overall, we can see that 56% of claimants in West Lothian are male whilst in Armadale and Blackridge 63% of claimants are male. In West Lothian overall 19.2% of claimants are 16-24 years of age and the ward with the highest proportion of these younger claimants is Armadale and Blackridge where 24.1% are 16-24 years of age. Whilst 20.6% of claimants in West Lothian are 50 years of age or over this is a lot higher in Linlithgow where 33.3% of all claimants are 50 or over.

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

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep 24	Aug23 to Sep24
Armadale and Blackridge	525	596	607	15.6%	1.8%
Bathgate	769	898	938	22.0%	4.5%
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	664	746	806	21.4%	8.0%
East Livingston and East Calder	806	923	943	17.0%	2.2%
Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	658	729	752	14.3%	3.2%
Linlithgow	231	279	290	25.5%	3.9%
Livingston North	664	783	810	22.0%	3.4%
Livingston South	871	996	1,013	16.3%	1.7%
Whitburn and Blackburn	1,074	1,111	1,198	11.5%	7.8%
Total	6,265	7,062	7,349	17.3%	4.1%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

Table 20 indicates that across West Lothian in September 2024 there were 7,349 individuals working and claiming Universal Credit which is 17.3% higher than a year ago and 4.1% higher than a year ago. We can also see that 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 September and October 2024. From this table we can see that there were 2,070 people claiming in October which is 7.5% higher than October 2023 and 1.4% lower than last month. We can see that only one ward (Galashiels and District) recorded a year on year fall and six wards recorded a fall in the claimant count between September and October.

Table 21 Scottish Borders Claimant Count by Ward October 2024

Wards	Oct 2024	Rate	% Change		Proportion of Claimants Oct 2024				
			Oct23 to Oct24	Sep24 to Oct24	Male	Female	Aged 16-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
East Berwickshire	195	3.2	21.9%	-7.1%	46.2%	53.8%	15.4%	56.4%	28.2%
Galashiels and District	335	3.4	-2.9%	0.0%	58.2%	40.3%	19.4%	50.7%	29.9%
Hawick and Denholm	235	4.4	0.0%	-2.1%	61.7%	40.4%	19.1%	55.3%	25.5%
Hawick and Hermitage	210	4.2	2.4%	-2.3%	64.3%	35.7%	23.8%	47.6%	26.2%
Jedburgh and District	165	3.2	3.1%	-2.9%	51.5%	48.5%	24.2%	51.5%	24.2%
Kelso and District	160	2.8	3.2%	0.0%	46.9%	53.1%	9.4%	59.4%	31.3%
Leaderdale & Melrose	140	2.2	16.7%	-3.4%	50.0%	50.0%	14.3%	57.1%	25.0%
Mid Berwickshire	170	2.8	6.3%	-5.6%	50.0%	50.0%	17.6%	44.1%	38.2%
Selkirkshire	180	3.3	33.3%	2.9%	55.6%	44.4%	13.9%	58.3%	27.8%
Tweeddale East	135	2.1	28.6%	0.0%	51.9%	48.1%	14.8%	51.9%	33.3%
Tweeddale West	145	2.4	3.6%	3.6%	58.6%	41.4%	10.3%	55.2%	34.5%
Scottish Borders	2,070	3.1	7.5%	-1.4%	54.6%	45.4%	17.4%	53.4%	29.2%

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

The data in Table 21 also indicates that 54.6% of claimants were male, 17.4% were 16-24 years of age and 29.2% were over 50 years of age. In Hawick and Hermitage 64.3% of claimants were males, in East Berwickshire 53.8% were females. In terms of age cohorts 24.2% of claimants in Jedburgh and District were 16-24 years of age and in Mid Berwickshire 38.2% of claimants were fifty or over.

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

	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-24	Sep23 to Sep 24	Aug23 to Sep24
East Berwickshire	352	446	450	27.8%	0.9%
Galashiels and District	579	605	622	7.4%	2.8%
Hawick and Denholm	388	434	433	11.6%	-0.2%
Hawick and Hermitage	284	316	331	16.5%	4.7%
Jedburgh and District	251	267	260	3.6%	-2.6%
Kelso and District	289	368	368	27.3%	0.0%
Leaderdale and Melrose	307	383	391	27.4%	2.1%
Mid Berwickshire	345	388	392	13.6%	1.0%
Selkirkshire	272	327	326	19.9%	-0.3%
Tweeddale East	205	257	266	29.8%	3.5%
Tweeddale West	215	253	262	21.9%	3.6%
Total	3,500	4,032	4,099	17.1%	1.7%

Source: StatXplore 12/11/2024

Table 22 looks at the number of people in work and claiming Universal Credit in Scottish Borders. In September 2024 there were 4,092 people working who needed the support of Universal Credit. This is 17.1% higher than a year ago and 1.7% higher than last month. Only one ward, Galashiels and District, has over 500 people working and claiming Universal Credit. We can see that only three

wards saw the claimant count for in work support fall between August and September and the others saw it increase by between 0.9% (East Berwickshire) and 4.7% (Hawick and Hermitage).

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 June 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 80.4% of 16-64 year olds were economically active in June. The March survey was slightly higher at 80.7% of those aged between 16-64 were economically active but they are all within the confidence limits. Of the 174,700 (it was 172,400 in March) who were recorded as economically inactive the survey indicates that around 34,200 would want a job- slightly more than the previous survey.

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 (July 2023- June 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	296,700	81.9	65,400	18.1	9,800	15.0
East Lothian	54,200	82.5	11,500	17.5	1,400	12.6
Fife	178,900	78.7	48,400	21.3	13,400	27.7
Midlothian	48,400	85.5	8,200	14.5	1,300	15.5
Scottish Borders	54,500	80.0	13,600	20.0	3,400	25.2
West Lothian	88,500	75.6	28,600	24.4	4,900	16.9
Column Total	721,000	80.4	174,700	19.6	34,200	19.5

Source: NOMIS 12/11/2024

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 81.9%, they are 95% confident that the real figure, based on the whole population, would be between 78.4% and 85.4% - the confidence levels recorded.

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