

## Midlands Engine: Annual Population Survey: Labour Market Year Ending March 2022<sup>1</sup>

### In Summary:

- In the year ending March 2022, the employment rate in the Midlands Engine area was 74.0%, compared to 75.1% for the UK overall. When compared to the year ending March 2021, the Midlands Engine area has increased by 0.2 percentage points (pp), the UK rate increased by 0.4pp.
- The unemployment rate for the Midlands Engine was approximately 4.0% compared to 4.2% for the UK in the year ending March 2022. For the Midlands Engine, this is a decrease of approximately 1.5pp compared to the UK decrease of 0.7pp since the year ending March 2021.
- The economic activity rate for the Midlands Engine area was 77.4% compared to 78.4% for the UK in the year ending March 2022. For the Midlands Engine area, the economic activity rate has decreased by 0.9pp since the year ending March 2021. The UK decreased by 0.1pp in the same period.
- For economic inactivity, the Midlands Engine rate was 22.6% compared to 21.6% for the UK overall in the year ending March 2022. Since the year ending March 2021, for the Midlands Engine area, this has increased by 0.9pp while the UK increased by 0.1pp.

### In Detail:

In the appendix is a table containing Midlands Engine local authority data for employment rate, unemployment rate, economic activity rate and economically inactive for the year ending March 2022 and also the change from the year ending March 2021.

#### Employment Rate

- In the year ending March 2022, the employment rate in the Midlands Engine area was 74.0%, compared to 75.1% for the UK overall. When compared to the year ending March 2021, the Midlands Engine area has increased by 0.2 percentage points (pp), the UK rate increased by 0.4pp.
- Within the Midlands Engine, 38 local authority areas have employment rates that are at or above the UK average (75.1%). Blaby recorded the highest rate at 85.1%, down to East Lindsey with the lowest at 55.8%.
- Since the year ending March 2021, the employment rate for 34 of the Midlands Engine local authorities increased. The highest percentage point increase in the employment rate was in Blaby by 13.1pp. In contrast, the highest percentage point decrease in the employment rate was in Wyre Forest by 15.9pp (to 66.5%).

#### Unemployment Rate

- The unemployment rate for the Midlands Engine was approximately 4.0% compared to 4.2% for the UK in the year ending March 2022. For the Midlands Engine, this is a decrease of approximately 1.5pp compared to the UK decrease of 0.7pp since the year ending March 2021.
- Where data is available across the Midlands Engine area, the unemployment rate varies from North Lincolnshire which recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 1.6% to Boston at 11.6%<sup>2</sup>.
- Where data is available, the highest percentage point increase in the unemployment rate was in Cannock Chase by 4.2pp (to 11.4%), in contrast the highest percentage point decrease in the unemployment rate was in Blaby by 8.1pp (to 6.7%).

#### Economic Activity Rate

- The economic activity rate for the Midlands Engine area was 77.4% compared to 78.4% for the UK in the year ending March 2022. For the Midlands Engine area, the economic activity rate has decreased by 0.9pp since the year ending March 2021. The UK decreased by 0.1pp in the same period.

<sup>1</sup> Office for National Statistics (ONS): Annual Population Survey, released August 2022

<sup>2</sup> Please note, some estimates within the Midlands Engine (25 LA's) are not available since the group sample size is zero or disclosive (0-2).

- Within the Midlands Engine, 35 local authority areas have economically active rates that are at or above the UK average (78.4%). Blaby recorded the highest economic activity rate at 91.2%, down to East Lindsey with the lowest at 61.1%.
- Since the year ending March 2021, the economic activity rate in 32 of the Midlands Engine local authorities increased. The highest percentage point increase in the economic activity rate was in North West Leicestershire by 10.9pp (to 82.7%), in contrast the highest percentage point decrease in the economic activity rate was in Wyre Forest by 17.1pp (to 68.4%).

### Economic Inactivity

- For economic inactivity, the Midlands Engine rate was 22.6% compared to 21.6% for the UK overall in the year ending March 2022. Since the year ending March 2021, for the Midlands Engine area, this has increased by 0.9pp while the UK increased by 0.1pp.
- Economic inactivity can be broken down further into reasons of inactivity. For the year ending March 2022, the Midlands Engine had a higher percentage of people that were inactive when compared to the UK in one category; student (28.2% vs 27.6%).

### Midlands Engine and UK Economic Inactivity by reason, Year Ending March 2022:

	Midlands Engine	UK
Student	28.2%	27.6%
Looking after family/home	19.3%	19.5%
Temporary Sick	0.9%	2.2%
Long-Term Sick	24.7%	25.1%
Discouraged	0%	0.4%
Retired	13.1%	13.5%
Other	9.9%	11.7%

Table may not equal 100% due to data gaps/rounding.

### Employment by Occupation

- The following table shows employment proportions by occupation for the Midlands Engine and the UK for the year ending March 2022. The Midlands Engine have a higher than the UK average percentage of people employed in five of the nine occupations, these include: administrative & secretarial occupations (10.4% vs 10.3%), skilled trades occupations (9.4% vs 8.7%), caring, leisure & other service occupations (8.5% vs 8.1%), process, plant & machine operatives (7.3% vs 5.6%) and elementary occupations (11.0% vs 9.5%).

### Midlands Engine and UK Employment by Occupation Proportions, Year Ending March 2022:

	Midlands Engine	UK
1: Managers, directors and senior officials	9.5%	10.3%
2: Professional occupations	23.0%	25.5%
3: Associate prof & tech occupations	14.1%	14.8%
4: Administrative and secretarial occupations	10.4%	10.3%
5: Skilled trades occupations	9.4%	8.7%
6: Caring, leisure and other service occupations	8.5%	8.1%
7: Sales and customer service occupations	6.5%	6.7%
8: Process, plant and machine operatives	7.3%	5.6%
9: Elementary occupations	11.0%	9.5%

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## Appendix

Labour market activity (for those aged 16-64) across the Midlands Engine local authorities for the year March 2022 and percentage point change since the year ending March 2021:

	Economic activity rate		Employment rate		Unemployment rate		Economically inactive	
	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21
Birmingham	71.7%	-0.7pp	66.2%	0.5pp	7.7%	-1.5pp	28.3%	0.7pp
Bromsgrove	83.5%	1.8pp	80.3%	0.3pp	3.8%	1.7pp	16.5%	-1.8pp
Cannock Chase	86.4%	-0.1pp	76.5%	-3.8pp	11.4%	4.2pp	13.6%	0.1pp
Coventry	74.7%	-1.4pp	69.2%	-3.6pp	7.3%	3.0pp	25.3%	1.4pp
Dudley	82.1%	4.4pp	78.7%	6.2pp	4.2%	-2.5pp	17.9%	-4.4pp
East Staffordshire	80.6%	-0.9pp	77.0%	-0.2pp	4.5%	-0.8pp	19.4%	0.9pp
Herefordshire, County of	79.1%	-3.5pp	76.6%	-3.0pp	3.1%	-0.5pp	20.9%	3.5pp
Lichfield	73.9%	-7.3pp	72.0%	-2.5pp	-	-	26.1%	7.3pp
Malvern Hills	77.8%	1.0pp	73.1%	-0.6pp	6.1%	-	22.2%	-1.0pp
Newcastle-under-Lyme	78.3%	-2.6pp	74.5%	0.4pp	4.9%	-3.5pp	21.7%	2.6pp
North Warwickshire	82.4%	2.4pp	81.3%	3.4pp	-	-	17.6%	-2.4pp
Nuneaton and Bedworth	82.9%	0.1pp	82.0%	1.7pp	-	-	17.1%	-0.1pp
Redditch	75.3%	-9.3pp	73.9%	-3.9pp	-	-	24.7%	9.3pp
Rugby	82.7%	2.3pp	81.8%	5.8pp	-	-	17.3%	-2.3pp
Sandwell	74.8%	-3.3pp	69.6%	-4.4pp	6.9%	1.6pp	25.2%	3.3pp
Shropshire	78.4%	-1.1pp	76.2%	-0.2pp	2.8%	-1.1pp	21.6%	1.1pp
Solihull	81.0%	-1.6pp	77.0%	-2.0pp	4.9%	0.5pp	19.0%	1.6pp
South Staffordshire	82.3%	4.7pp	82.3%	9.0pp	-	-	17.7%	-4.7pp
Stafford	79.6%	3.4pp	78.0%	4.1pp	2.0%	-1.0pp	20.4%	-3.4pp
Staffordshire Moorlands	86.2%	1.3pp	82.9%	-0.7pp	3.9%	-	13.8%	-1.3pp
Stoke-on-Trent	80.1%	3.0pp	77.8%	3.8pp	2.9%	-1.1pp	19.9%	-3.0pp
Stratford-on-Avon	82.4%	3.2pp	80.3%	4.3pp	2.6%	-1.5pp	17.6%	-3.2pp
Tamworth	80.8%	-0.3pp	78.7%	-2.4pp	-	-	19.2%	0.3pp
Telford and Wrekin	78.0%	1.4pp	74.6%	1.7pp	4.4%	-0.4pp	22.0%	-1.4pp
Walsall	75.0%	-3.3pp	70.8%	-1.9pp	5.7%	-1.5pp	25.0%	3.3pp
Warwick	83.1%	-3.2pp	80.1%	-1.6pp	3.6%	-1.7pp	16.9%	3.2pp
Wolverhampton	77.1%	0.3pp	72.3%	-0.5pp	6.2%	1.0pp	22.9%	-0.3pp
Worcester	84.3%	8.5pp	82.7%	10.1pp	-	-	15.7%	-8.5pp
Wychavon	80.7%	-0.1pp	78.4%	-1.6pp	2.8%	-	19.3%	0.1pp
Wyre Forest	68.4%	-17.1pp	66.5%	-15.9pp	-	-	31.6%	17.1pp
Amber Valley	79.6%	2.0pp	78.5%	2.5pp	-	-	20.4%	-2.0pp
Ashfield	83.8%	5.3pp	82.1%	8.3pp	-	-	16.2%	-5.3pp
Bassetlaw	76.1%	3.4pp	74.7%	4.6pp	-	-	23.9%	-3.4pp
Blaby	91.2%	6.7pp	85.1%	13.1pp	6.7%	-8.1pp	8.8%	-6.7pp
Bolsover	75.3%	4.1pp	72.4%	6.3pp	-	-	24.7%	-4.1pp
Boston	79.4%	0.4pp	70.2%	-4.1pp	11.6%	-	20.6%	-0.4pp
Broxtowe	77.9%	-3.6pp	76.2%	-0.7pp	-	-	22.1%	3.6pp
Charnwood	86.2%	2.5pp	84.0%	2.7pp	2.6%	-0.3pp	13.8%	-2.5pp
Chesterfield	78.9%	-5.2pp	76.3%	1.6pp	3.3%	-7.9pp	21.1%	5.2pp
Derby	77.2%	-2.2pp	74.2%	-1.2pp	3.9%	-1.2pp	22.8%	2.2pp
Derbyshire Dales	70.7%	-2.2pp	67.9%	-3.7pp	-	-	29.3%	2.2pp
East Lindsey	61.1%	-16.0pp	55.8%	-15.5pp	8.8%	1.2pp	38.9%	16.0pp
Erewash	74.1%	-8.2pp	73.6%	-6.8pp	-	-	25.9%	8.2pp
Gedling	80.3%	2.8pp	74.8%	4.0pp	6.8%	-1.9pp	19.7%	-2.8pp

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	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21	Year to Mar 22	PP change Since Mar 21
Harborough	83.1%	-3.3pp	80.5%	-1.6pp	3.2%	-1.7pp	16.9%	3.3pp
High Peak	84.5%	0.3pp	82.3%	4.4pp	-	-	15.5%	-0.3pp
Hinckley and Bosworth	82.7%	-0.6pp	80.1%	1.1pp	3.1%	-2.0pp	17.3%	0.6pp
Leicester	69.3%	-5.7pp	65.1%	-4.8pp	6.1%	-0.7pp	30.7%	5.7pp
Lincoln	81.6%	5.1pp	80.9%	11.0pp	-	-	18.4%	-5.1pp
Mansfield	65.7%	-6.3pp	62.5%	-4.9pp	4.9%	-1.5pp	34.3%	6.3pp
Melton	71.5%	-9.9pp	70.1%	-6.2pp	-	-	28.5%	9.9pp
Newark and Sherwood	73.3%	-5.1pp	68.7%	-5.4pp	6.3%	0.8pp	26.7%	5.1pp
North East Derbyshire	78.3%	-1.1pp	77.4%	0.1pp	-	-	21.7%	1.1pp
North Kesteven	82.0%	4.4pp	79.1%	5.0pp	3.5%	-1.0pp	18.0%	-4.4pp
North West Leicestershire	82.7%	10.9pp	79.9%	11.5pp	3.3%	-1.4pp	17.3%	-10.9pp
Nottingham	74.2%	-6.9pp	70.3%	-4.7pp	5.2%	-2.3pp	25.8%	6.9pp
Oadby and Wigston	78.4%	4.4pp	78.4%	4.4pp	-	-	21.6%	-4.4pp
Rushcliffe	81.2%	1.1pp	80.1%	5.4pp	-	-	18.8%	-1.1pp
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South Derbyshire	83.0%	2.7pp	78.8%	2.1pp	5.1%	0.6pp	17.0%	-2.7pp
South Holland	76.0%	-5.2pp	75.0%	-1.3pp	-	-	24.0%	5.2pp
South Kesteven	78.2%	1.5pp	76.2%	4.0pp	-	-	21.8%	-1.5pp
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North Lincolnshire	75.4%	-2.1pp	74.2%	0.7pp	1.6%	-3.5pp	24.6%	2.1pp
<b>Midlands Engine</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>-0.9pp</b>	<b>74.0%</b>	<b>0.2pp</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>-1.5pp</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>0.9pp</b>
UK	78.4%	-0.1pp	75.1%	0.4pp	4.2%	-0.7pp	21.6%	0.1pp

- Denotes missing data