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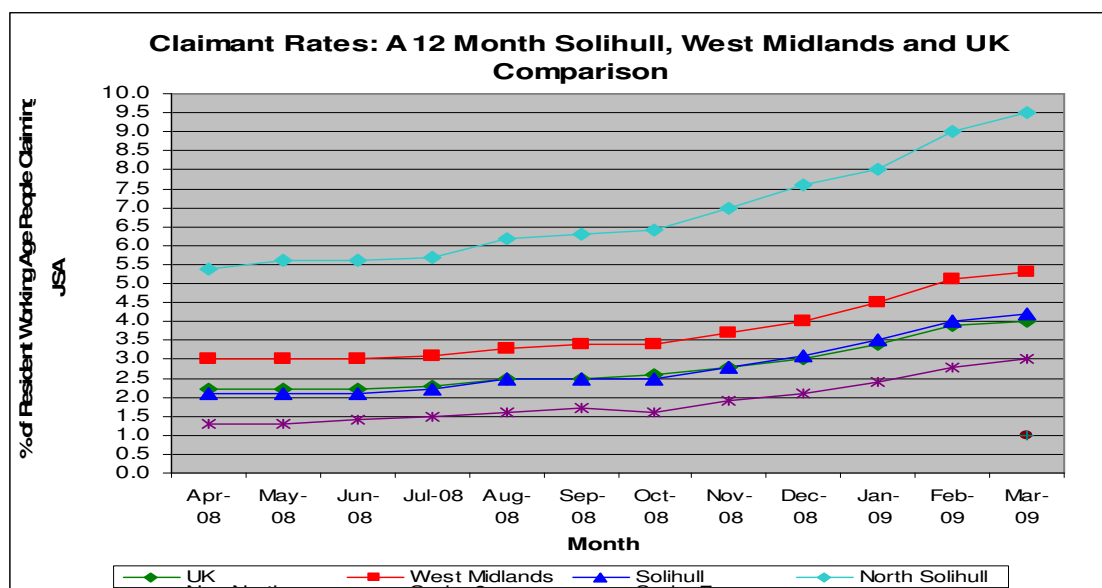
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The standard measure of unemployment in the Borough of Solihull is the 'claimant count'; this count measures only those people who are claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA). This analysis of the claimant count is derived from the administrative records of Jobcentre Plus.

| | Male No's | Male Rate % | Female No's | Female Rate % | Total No's | Total Rate % |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| U.K | 1,134,530 | 5.7 | 388,952 | 2.1 | 1,523,482 | 4.0 ▲ |
| West Midlands | 130,395 | 7.6 | 42,672 | 2.7 | 173,067 | 5.3 ▲ |
| Solihull | 3,771 | 6.0 | 1,355 | 2.3 | 5,126 | 4.2 ▲ |
| Non North Wards | 2,125 | 4.2 | 790 | 1.7 | 2,915 | 3.0 ▲ |
| North Solihull | 1,653 | 14.2 | 566 | 4.8 | 2,219 | 9.5 ▲ |

▲ Increase ▼ Decrease ◀ No change (compare to the previous month's figure)



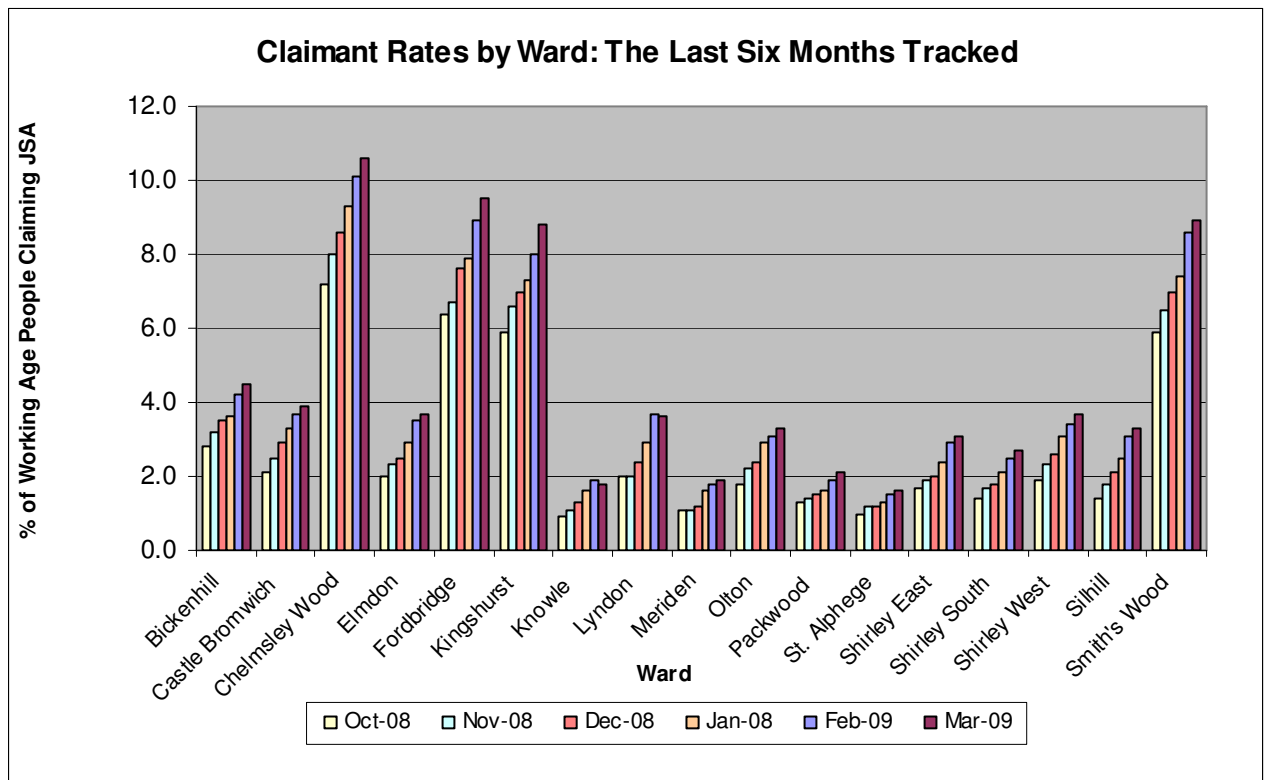
New Ward Data for Solihull

The numbers of people unemployed for each ward (new ward boundaries as of 2004) are based upon the number of Job Seeker's Allowance claims derived from the administrative records of Jobcentre Plus. However, the rates have been calculated using estimated working age population figures from the 2001 census as census data for the new ward boundaries is not yet available, therefore the rates for each ward may not be entirely accurate.

| | Male Numbers | Male Rates % | Female Numbers | Female Rates % | Total Numbers | Total Rates % |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bickenhill | 288 | 7.7 | 78 | 2.2 | 366 | 5.0 ▲ |
| Blythe | 144 | 3.9 | 62 | 1.8 | 206 | 2.9 ▲ |
| Castle Bromwich | 210 | 5.6 | 77 | 2.2 | 287 | 3.9 ▲ |
| Chelmsley Wood | 600 | 15.8 | 202 | 5.3 | 802 | 10.6 ▲ |
| Dorridge & Hockley Heath | 68 | 2.3 | 24 | 0.8 | 92 | 1.6 ◀ |
| Elmdon | 178 | 4.7 | 65 | 1.8 | 243 | 3.3 ▲ |
| Kingshurst and Fordbridge | 530 | 14.0 | 165 | 4.3 | 695 | 9.1 ▲ |
| Knowle | 80 | 2.4 | 34 | 1.1 | 114 | 1.8 ◀ |
| Lyndon | 200 | 5.0 | 76 | 2.1 | 276 | 3.6 ◀ |
| Meriden | 91 | 2.4 | 36 | 1.0 | 127 | 1.8 ▲ |
| Olton | 169 | 4.9 | 53 | 1.7 | 222 | 3.4 ▲ |
| Shirley East | 132 | 3.2 | 63 | 1.7 | 195 | 2.5 ▲ |
| Shirley South | 161 | 4.7 | 54 | 1.7 | 215 | 3.2 ▲ |
| Shirley West | 196 | 5.5 | 67 | 2.1 | 263 | 3.9 ▲ |
| Silhill | 120 | 3.3 | 68 | 2.0 | 188 | 2.7 ▲ |
| Smith's Wood | 523 | 17.5 | 199 | 7.2 | 722 | 12.6 ▲ |
| St Alphege | 88 | 2.3 | 33 | 0.8 | 121 | 1.6 ▲ |

Pre 2004 Ward Boundary Data

| | Male Numbers | Male Rates % | Female Numbers | Female Rates % | Total Numbers | Total Rates % |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bickenhill | 311 | 6.7 | 90 | 2.1 | 401 | 4.5 ▲ |
| Castle Bromwich | 210 | 5.4 | 77 | 2.2 | 287 | 3.9 ▲ |
| Chelmsley Wood | 513 | 15.8 | 177 | 5.4 | 690 | 10.6 ▲ |
| Elmdon | 153 | 5.3 | 50 | 1.9 | 203 | 3.7 ▲ |
| Fordbridge | 382 | 14.2 | 119 | 4.6 | 501 | 9.5 ▲ |
| Kingshurst | 316 | 13.2 | 103 | 4.4 | 419 | 8.8 ▲ |
| Knowle | 80 | 2.4 | 34 | 1.2 | 114 | 1.8 ▼ |
| Lyndon | 154 | 5.0 | 62 | 2.2 | 216 | 3.6 ▼ |
| Meriden | 99 | 2.6 | 38 | 1.1 | 137 | 1.9 ▲ |
| Olton | 169 | 4.7 | 53 | 1.7 | 222 | 3.3 ▲ |
| Packwood | 147 | 2.9 | 56 | 1.2 | 203 | 2.1 ▲ |
| St. Alphege | 93 | 2.1 | 39 | 1.0 | 132 | 1.6 ▲ |
| Shirley East | 149 | 4.2 | 68 | 2.0 | 217 | 3.1 ▲ |
| Shirley South | 201 | 3.7 | 76 | 1.6 | 277 | 2.7 ▲ |
| Shirley West | 196 | 5.3 | 67 | 1.9 | 263 | 3.7 ▲ |
| Silhill | 163 | 4.3 | 80 | 2.3 | 243 | 3.3 ▲ |
| Smith's Wood | 442 | 13.3 | 167 | 4.8 | 609 | 8.9 ▲ |



Unemployment figures released for March 2009 show that 15 (pre 2004) wards saw increased unemployment, of which the highest rise of 0.8% was recorded in Kingshurst. In contrast the wards of Knowle and Lyndon have seen a 0.1% decrease in their unemployment rates.

A rate of 4.2% was recorded for Solihull as a whole, 1.1% below the West Midlands regional figure of 5.3% and 0.2% higher than the UK figure of 4.0%.

If broken down further into North Solihull (Chelmsley Wood, Smith's Wood, Kingshurst and Fordbridge) and Non North Solihull (all remaining wards) the rate for North Solihull is 9.5%, more than double the UK rate and almost double the West Midlands rate, whilst the Non North rate is 3.0% lower than regional and national trends.