

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL - UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Solihull MBC comprises 17 electoral wards, details of which are on www.solihull.gov.uk/wwwce/wards. In 2004 Boundary changes took place and all but 2 wards (Castle Bromwich and Shirley West) were amended. 3 new Wards were created. (The 4 Wards of Smith's Wood, Kingshurst, Chelmsley Wood and Fordbridge were reorganised, forming 3 wards: Smith's Wood, Chelmsley Wood and Kingshurst & Fordbridge, and Packwood was replaced by the new wards of Blythe and Dorridge & Hockley Heath.

There is a wide variance in the unemployment rates across the Borough, ranging from 0.6% in Knowle to 6.0% in Chelmsley Wood (Jan 2008)

The unemployment data up until April 2005 is based on the economically active population age 16-59 (extracted from the 1991 & 2001, Census data) Source: JUVOS Small Area Unemployment Statistics, since April 2005 it is based on unemployment as a proportion of the resident working age population

Solihull Ward	Apr-01		Apr-02		Apr-03		Apr-04		Apr-05		Apr-06		Apr-07		Jan-08	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Bickenhill	201	3.1%	174	2.7%	174	2.7%	189	2.9%	145	2.2%	190	2.6%	194	2.7%	167	2.3%
Blythe											75	1.0%	68	0.9%	83	1.2%
Castle Bromwich	124	2.0%	112	1.8%	120	2.0%	98	1.6%	97	1.6%	134	1.8%	130	1.8%	101	1.4%
Chelmsley Wood	386	7.2%	283	5.2%	289	5.4%	301	5.5%	278	5.2%	457	6.0%	453	6.0%	455	6.0%
Dorridge & Hockley Heath											45	0.8%	42	0.7%	39	0.7%
Elmdon	115	2.5%	92	2.0%	81	1.7%	94	2.0%	92	2.0%	135	1.9%	129	1.8%	105	1.4%
Fordbridge	297	6.9%	226	5.2%	249	5.7%	280	6.5%	246	5.7%						
Kingshurst	224	6.1%	164	4.4%	172	4.7%	190	5.1%	189	5.1%						
Fordbridge & Kingshurst											431	5.6%	393	5.1%	375	4.9%
Knowle	65	1.3%	67	1.3%	67	1.3%	60	1.2%	54	1.1%	47	0.7%	42	0.7%	41	0.6%
Lyndon	112	2.4%	82	1.7%	95	2.0%	94	2.0%	100	2.1%	144	1.9%	150	2.0%	134	1.8%
Meriden	62	1.2%	69	1.4%	71	1.4%	85	1.7%	45	0.9%	65	0.9%	53	0.7%	52	0.7%
Olton	106	2.0%	106	2.0%	101	1.9%	118	2.2%	92	1.7%	113	1.7%	106	1.6%	80	1.2%
Packwood	89	1.6%	87	1.5%	78	1.4%	88	1.6%	75	1.3%						
St Alphege	74	1.3%	83	1.5%	97	1.7%	64	1.1%	57	1.0%	65	0.8%	65	0.8%	73	0.9%
Shirley East	114	2.2%	74	1.4%	86	1.7%	99	1.9%	101	2.0%	88	1.3%	98	1.5%	79	1.2%
Shirley South	145	1.7%	121	1.4%	148	1.8%	131	1.6%	113	1.3%	117	1.7%	95	1.4%	96	1.4%
Shirley West	122	2.1%	92	1.6%	83	1.4%	99	1.7%	90	1.5%	142	2.0%	121	1.7%	113	1.6%
Silhill	114	2.0%	103	1.8%	107	1.9%	81	1.4%	84	1.5%	89	1.5%	83	1.4%	70	1.2%
Smith's Wood	397	7.0%	319	5.7%	382	6.8%	368	6.5%	337	6.0%	464	6.0%	423	5.5%	410	5.3%
Borough	2747	3.0%	2254	2.4%	2400	2.6%	2439	2.6%	2195	2.4%	2801	2.3%	2645	2.2%	2473	2.1%

