

**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SOLIHULL - UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

Solihull MBC comprises 17 electoral wards, details of which are on [www.solihull.gov.uk/wwwce/wards](http://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. (*Kingshurst & Fordbridge* was formed from the previous separate wards of Kingshurst and 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 5.2% in Smith's Wood (August 2005)

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, after April 2005 it is based on Unemployment as a proportion of the resident working age population.

Ward	Apr-01		Apr-02		Apr-03		Apr-04		Apr-05		Aug-05	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Bickenhill	201	3.1%	174	2.7%	174	2.7%	189	2.9%	145	2.2%	158	2.2%
Blythe											68	0.9%
Castle Bromwich	124	2.0%	112	1.8%	120	2.0%	98	1.6%	97	1.6%	110	1.5%
Chelmsley Wood	386	7.2%	283	5.2%	289	5.4%	301	5.5%	278	5.2%	359	4.7%
Dorridge & Hockley Heath											39	0.7%
Elmdon	115	2.5%	92	2.0%	81	1.7%	94	2.0%	92	2.0%	104	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											323	4.2%
Knowle	65	1.3%	67	1.3%	67	1.3%	60	1.2%	54	1.1%	41	0.6%
Lyndon	112	2.4%	82	1.7%	95	2.0%	94	2.0%	100	2.1%	127	1.7%
Meriden	62	1.2%	69	1.4%	71	1.4%	85	1.7%	45	0.9%	47	0.7%
Olton	106	2.0%	106	2.0%	101	1.9%	118	2.2%	92	1.7%	104	1.6%
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%	42	0.5%
Shirley East	114	2.2%	74	1.4%	86	1.7%	99	1.9%	101	2.0%	83	1.3%
Shirley South	145	1.7%	121	1.4%	148	1.8%	131	1.6%	113	1.3%	92	1.4%
Shirley West	122	2.1%	92	1.6%	83	1.4%	99	1.7%	90	1.5%	108	1.5%
Silhill	114	2.0%	103	1.8%	107	1.9%	81	1.4%	84	1.5%	71	1.2%
Smith's Wood	397	7.0%	319	5.7%	382	6.8%	368	6.5%	337	6.0%	401	5.2%
<b>Borough</b>	<b>2747</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2254</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>2439</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>2195</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>2277</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

