

Town Deal Board

21 July 2021

Crawley Headline Information



Universal Credit Claimant Count

Claimant count (May 2021) has fallen from the previous month by 8% to 7.8%.....

.....but is still higher than in May 2020 and remains the highest in West Sussex and the locality

Youth unemployment 12.2% (940)

Crawley is ranked 45th out of 380 local authority areas and 4th highest in the South East (after Thanet, Hastings and Slough)

Local Authority Area	Claimant Count % - May 2021	Number of Claimants	Claimant Count % - May 2020	Variation yoy
Adur	5.5%	2055	6.5%	-1.0%
Arun	5.4%	4800	6.2%	-0.8%
Brighton & Hove	6.3%	13080	6.9%	-0.6%
Chichester	4.7%	3175	5.2%	-0.5%
Crawley	7.8%	5670	7.2%	+0.6%
Epsom and Ewell	3.4%	1690	4.1%	-0.7%
Horsham	3.9%	3015	4.1%	-0.2%
Mid Sussex	3.2%	2855	3.8%	-0.6%
Mole Valley	3.4%	1715	3.8%	-0.4%
Reigate and Banstead	4.0%	3615	4.3%	-0.3%
Tandridge	3.9%	2065	4.4%	-0.5%
Worthing	5.5%	3655	6.2%	-0.7%

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)

Crawley currently has 9,500 local residents on furlough (May 2021)

Highest take up in West Sussex and 8th highest in the South East

The top three furloughed sectors in Crawley are:

- Accommodation and food services
- Transportation and storage
- Administrative and support services

Scheme set to continue until end September

Location	Number furloughed	Take-up rate
Adur	3,000	11.3%
Arun	8,300	12.4%
Chichester	6,400	13.2%
Crawley	9,500	16.3%
Horsham	7,900	12.3%
Mid Sussex	7,800	11.5%
Worthing	5,300	11.1%
West Sussex	48,200	12.7%
South East	451,500	11.1%
England	2,764,900	11.4%

Business Support Grants

- Since the beginning of the pandemic to 1st July 2021, Crawley BC has paid out over **£25.69m** in business support grants including:
 - Small Business Rate Relief Grant
 - Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant
 - Wet-led Pub Grant
 - Local Restrictions Grant
 - Restart Grant
- and **£3.63m** in Additional Restrictions (Discretionary) Grants to over 2,100 businesses

Apply now for a business grant

Apply today at grantapproval.co.uk

These are the types of grant available to Crawley businesses affected by Covid-19 restrictions. Find out which scheme your business may be eligible for and the evidence you will need to provide when you apply.

Grant name	Status	Description	Priority sectors	Grant value
Local Restrictions Support Grant (closed businesses)	Currently open for applications	Businesses made to close during the November 2020 lockdown	All	Up to £3,000
		Businesses made to close from 26 December due to Tier 4 restrictions		Up to £1,500
		Businesses made to close in the lockdown beginning on 5 January 2021		Up to £13,500 (LRSG and CBLP)
Local Restrictions Support Grant (open businesses)	Currently open for applications	Businesses financially impacted by the tier 2 restrictions from 2-25 December	Leisure, hospitality and bed and breakfast	Up to £1,050
Wet-Led Pubs Grant	Currently open for applications (closes 31 January 2021)	Any wet-let pub with less than 50 per cent income from food due to the tier 2 restrictions	Hospitality	Up to £1,000
Additional Restrictions Discretionary Grant	Currently open for applications	Businesses financially impacted by the November 2020 lockdown	All	Up to £3,000
		Businesses financially impacted by the lockdown beginning on 5 January 2021		Up to £9,000

For more information visit crawley.gov.uk/coronavirus and gov.uk/coronavirus

Clear signs of recovery on the ground

- **Towns Fund** investment of £21.1m
- **Eastern Gateway** - £8.8m improvement scheme underway. Completion July 2022
- **Manor Royal Highways Improvement Scheme** – £1.2m scheme underway. Completion July 2022
- **£23m** investment in ‘full fibre’ underway, planning permission granted for **City Fibre** exchange in Manor Royal
- **Station Gateway** – £70m scheme granted planning permission April 2021. Arora keen to commence works this year. S106 agreement being progressed.



This project is brought to you by the
Crawley Growth Programme



New Town Hall

- Major regeneration scheme well underway to deliver **The Create Building**:
 - new town hall
 - 78,000 sq ft Grade A commercial office space
 - new public square
 - public realm improvements
 - district energy centre
 - 273 residential units.
- Phase 1 due for completion Spring 2022
- SHW actively marketing commercial space
- 91 affordable residential units to the west of the town hall in Geraint Thomas House; available for occupancy Summer 2021.



County Buildings

- Identified for redevelopment by WSCC through the One Public Estate Partnership
- Demolition completed June 2021
- Currently being used as a compound for Eastern Gateways works
- WSCC preparing business case to deliver mixed used (commercial/residential) regeneration scheme



Economic Recovery Plan

- Crawley BC has prepared a draft economic recovery plan which outlines a vision for the town's future prosperity and recovery from the pandemic.
- Strategic priorities include:
 - Diverse and resilient economy
 - Green transformation
 - Town centre renewal
 - Skills for the future
 - Connected Crawley
- Comment before 10 September at www.crawley.gov.uk/consultation

