

Town Deal Board

19th January 2022

Economic Headlines

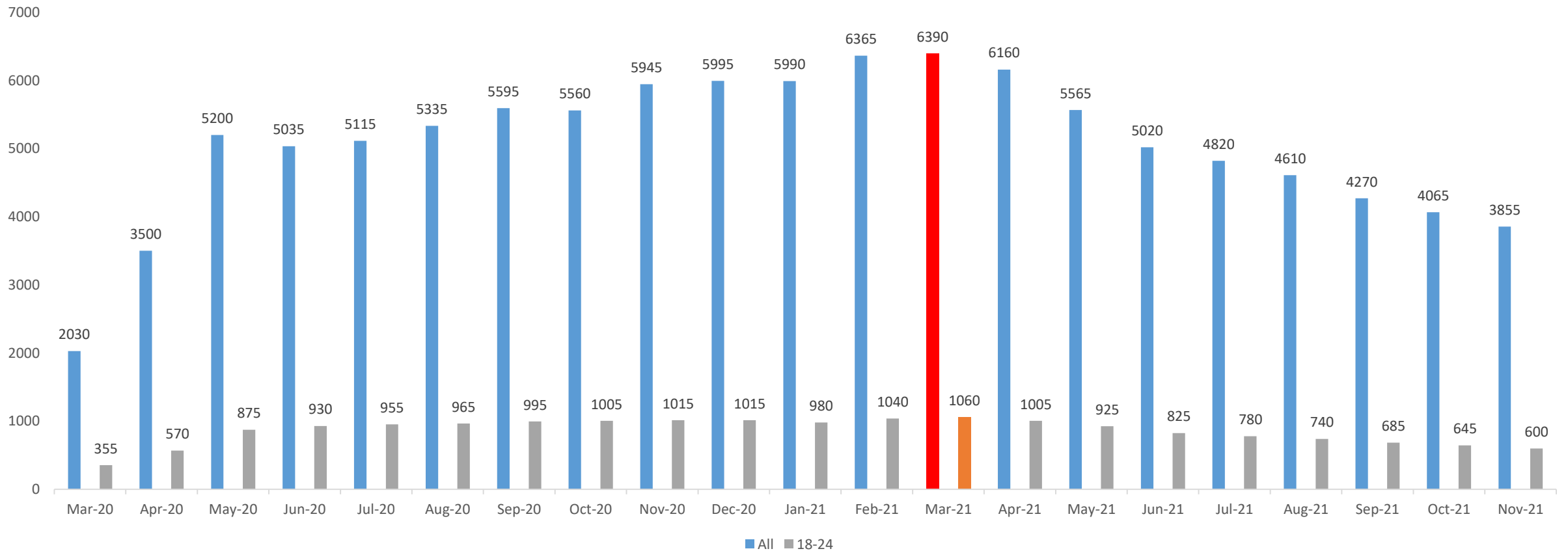


Universal Credit Claimant Count

Latest figures (November 2021) saw the rate continue to fall however it remains highest in West Sussex and higher than national and regional rates

At its peak in March 2021, Crawley's UC count had trebled to 8.9%.

In March 2021, over 1,000 young Crawley residents claimed UC.

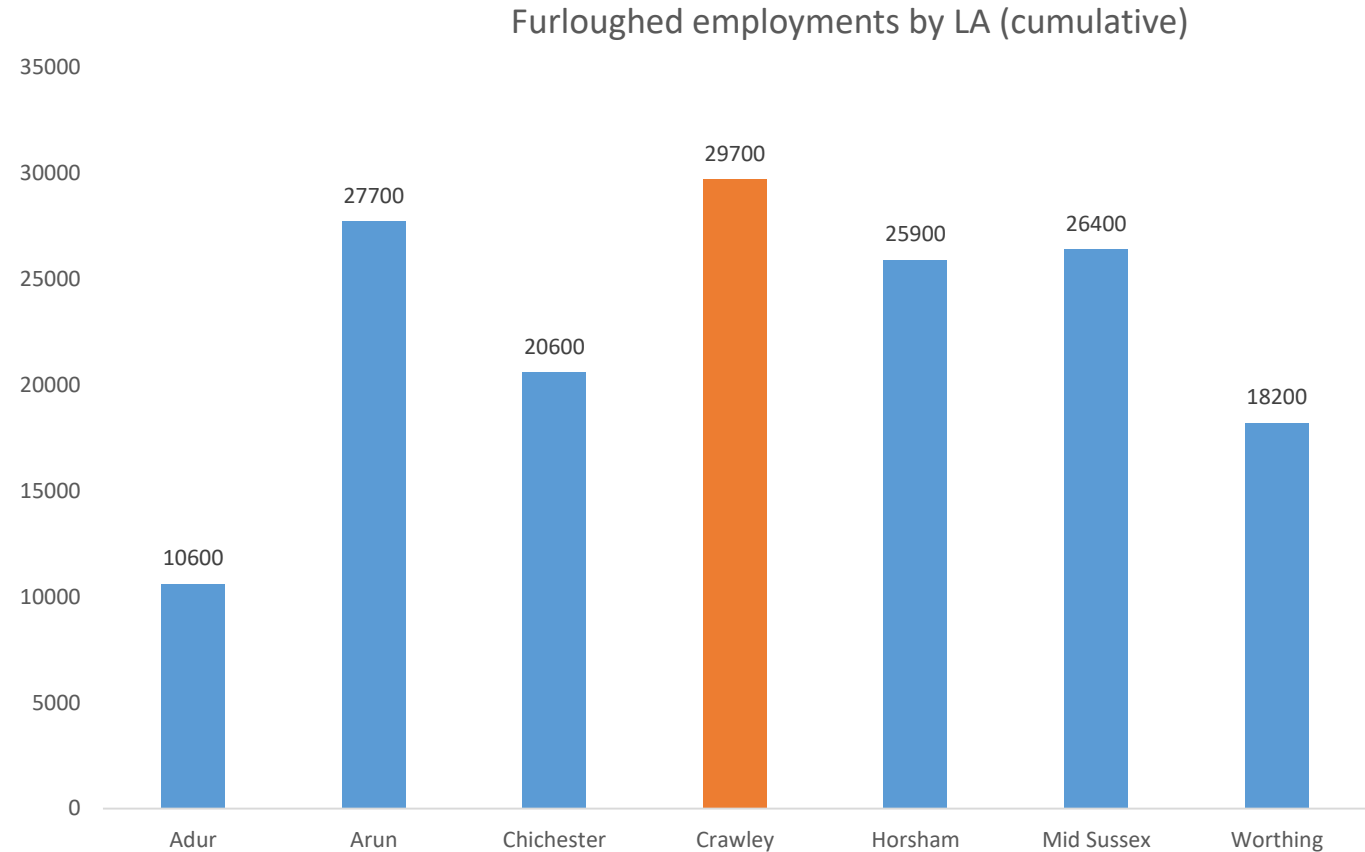


Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough)

When the scheme ended on 30th September 2021, Crawley had the highest number of residents on furlough in West Sussex at 4,100 (7% of eligible jobs)

The cumulative total of furloughed employments in Crawley since March 2020 is 29,700.

Local employment levels are high suggesting most people have returned to their substantive roles



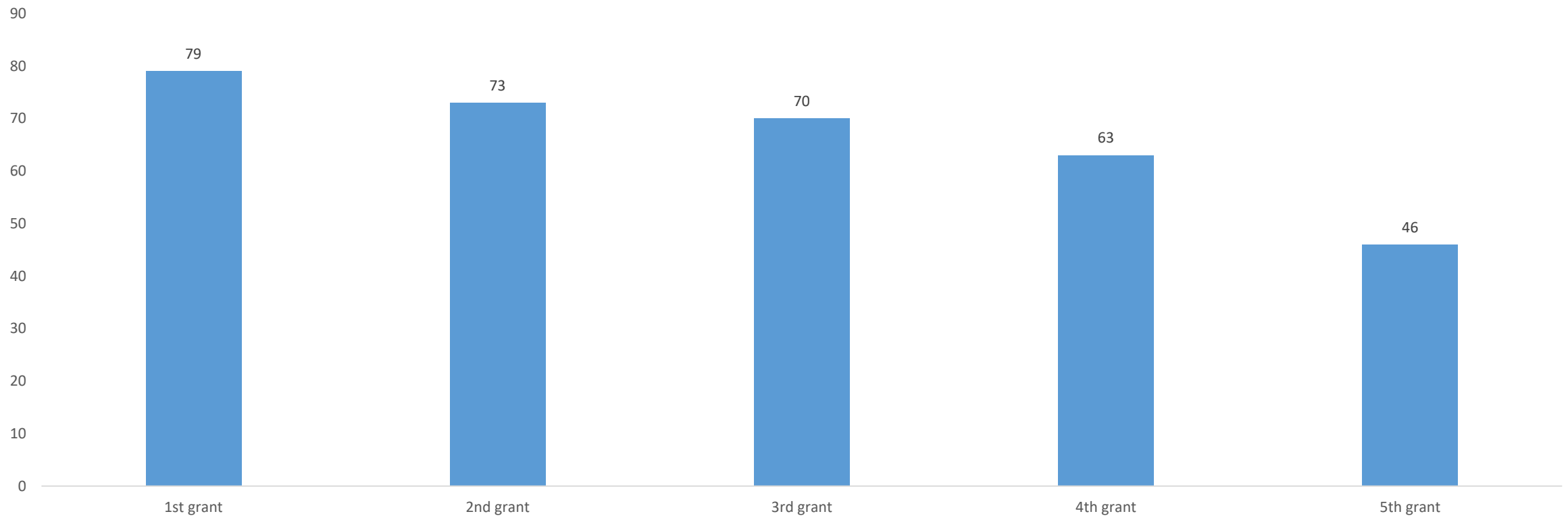
Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

Between May 2020 and September 2021, five grants for SEISS were made available

5,100 individuals registered in Crawley submitted 18,900 claims totalling £50.9m.

The average value of claims made in Crawley was £2,700.

SEISS grant take up rate (%) in Crawley



Latest support schemes announced

Omicron Hospitality & Leisure (OHL) Grant of up to £6,000 available to businesses within the hospitality & leisure sectors (based on rateable value)

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) up to £3,000 for businesses severely impacted by Omicron. Limited funding available.

Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) available to businesses previously ineligible for Covid-19 financial support. Eligible business can apply for reduced business rates in 2021/22.

Full details of eligibility criteria and how to apply online, please visit:

www.crawley.gov.uk/business-support-grants

