

Smoothed GVA per Hour Worked and GVA per Filled Job 2022¹: WMCA Area

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In Summary

- In 2022, GVA per hour in the WMCA area was £34.50. Since 2021, the WMCA area increased by 1.2% (+£0.40), slightly behind the UK growth of 1.5%. When compared to 2019, GVA per hour in the WMCA area increased by 6.5% (+£2.10) while the UK increased by 8.5% (+£3.10).
- In 2022, UK GVA per hour was £39.70 meaning the WMCA area had a shortfall of £5.20.
- In 2022, GVA per filled job in the WMCA area was £53,020. Since 2021, the WMCA area increased by 2.0% (+£1,054), while the UK increased by 2.2%. When compared to 2019, GVA per job filled in the WMCA area increased by 5.4% (+£2,721) while the UK increased by 7.6%.
- In 2022, UK GVA per job filled was £61,729 meaning the WMCA area had a shortfall of £8,709.

Full Brief

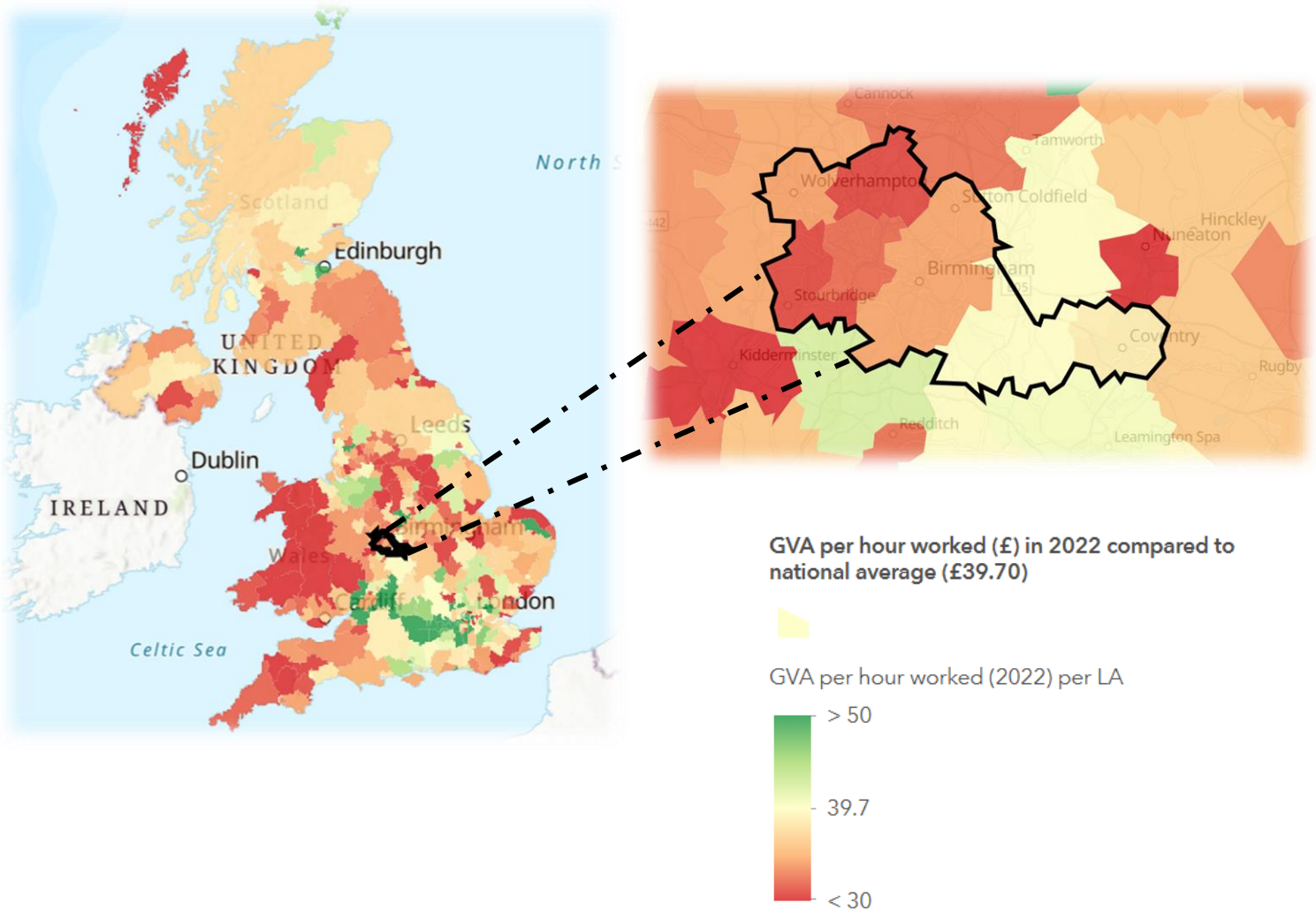
GVA per hour Worked²

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- Across the ten Combined Authority areas (excluding Greater London), the WMCA area was fourth lowest for GVA per hour in 2022. West of England Combined Authority was the highest at £39.60. The lowest GVA per hour was in the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority with £31.60. When compared to 2019, the WMCA was fourth highest, whereas West of England was still highest and South Yorkshire was the lowest.
- Within the WMCA, Solihull matched the UK GVA per hour figure, however, this was the only local authority to have an annual decrease (-1.5% or -£0.60) and when compared to 2019 (-6.6% or -£2.80). There was strong annual growth for Wolverhampton, increasing by 3.0% (+£1.00) to £34.00 in 2022. When compared to 2019, there was strong growth for Wolverhampton (+£15.3% or +£4.50), Walsall (+13.7%, or +£3.70) and Dudley (+11.6% or +£3.20).

¹ Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), [Regional and subregional labour productivity, UK: 2022](#), released June 2024
Please note, data is current prices; i.e., data are not adjusted for inflation and the data is smoothed using a weighted 5-year moving average

² GVA per hour worked divides GVA by the total hours worked by the workforce in the area.

GVA per Hour Worked Compared to National, 2022:



Smoothed GVA per hour worked in the WMCA and the UK, 2019 to 2022:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 Gap to National	% Change Since 2021	Num. Change Since 2021	% Change Since 2019	Num. Change Since 2019
Birmingham	£31.80	£32.60	£33.60	£34.20	-\$5.50	1.8%	£0.60	7.5%	£2.40
Solihull	£42.50	£41.40	£40.30	£39.70	£0.00	-1.5%	-\$0.60	-6.6%	-\$2.80
Coventry	£37.00	£37.50	£38.10	£38.50	-\$1.20	1.0%	£0.40	4.1%	£1.50
Dudley	£27.60	£29.50	£30.40	£30.80	-\$8.90	1.3%	£0.40	11.6%	£3.20
Sandwell	£30.40	£31.40	£31.70	£32.00	-\$7.70	0.9%	£0.30	5.3%	£1.60
Walsall	£27.00	£28.80	£30.10	£30.70	-\$9.00	2.0%	£0.60	13.7%	£3.70
Wolverhampton	£29.50	£31.30	£33.00	£34.00	-\$5.70	3.0%	£1.00	15.3%	£4.50
Black Country	£28.70	£30.30	£31.30	£31.90	-\$7.80	1.9%	£0.60	11.1%	£3.20
WMCA	£32.40	£33.30	£34.10	£34.50	-\$5.20	1.2%	£0.40	6.5%	£2.10
UK (less Extra-Regio)	£36.69	£37.77	£38.33	£39.70	-	1.5%	£0.60	8.5%	£3.10

GVA per Filled Job³

- In 2022, GVA per filled job in the WMCA area was £53,020. Since 2021, the WMCA area increased by 2.0% (+£1,054), while the UK increased by 2.2%. When compared to 2019, GVA per job filled in the WMCA area increased by 5.4% (+£2,721) while the UK increased by 7.6%. In 2022, UK GVA per job filled was £61,729 meaning the WMCA area had a shortfall of £8,709.
- Across the ten Combined Authority areas (excluding Greater London Authority), the WMCA area was fifth lowest for GVA per job filled in 2022. West of England Combined Authority was the highest at £62,227. The lowest GVA per job filled was in the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority with £49,112.
- Within the WMCA, Solihull had a higher GVA per job filled when compared to national with £62,567, with an annual increase of 0.7% (+£405) However, when compared to 2019, Solihull decreased by 2.7% (-£1,708). There was strong annual growth for Dudley and Walsall (both +3.1%) and when compared to 2019 (+9.4% and +9.7% respectively), however these areas still had the largest gaps to national average.

Smoothed GVA per Job Filled in the WMCA and the UK, 2019 to 2022:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 Gap to National	% Change Since 2021	Num. Change Since 2021	% Change Since 2019	Num. Change Since 2019
Birmingham	£49,405	£50,189	£51,673	£52,848	-£8,881	2.3%	£1,175	7.0%	£3,443
Solihull	£64,276	£62,194	£62,163	£62,567	£838	0.7%	£405	-2.7%	-£1,708
Coventry	£57,368	£57,251	£58,178	£59,244	-£2,486	1.8%	£1,066	3.3%	£1,875
Dudley	£41,607	£42,654	£44,131	£45,515	-£16,214	3.1%	£1,384	9.4%	£3,908
Sandwell	£49,696	£50,522	£51,054	£51,526	-£10,203	0.9%	£473	3.7%	£1,830
Walsall	£41,070	£42,033	£43,709	£45,073	-£16,656	3.1%	£1,364	9.7%	£4,003
Wolverhampton	£45,903	£46,811	£48,448	£49,642	-£12,088	2.5%	£1,194	8.1%	£3,739
Black Country	£44,660	£45,592	£46,904	£48,004	-£13,726	2.3%	£1,100	7.5%	£3,344
WMCA	£50,299	£50,770	£51,966	£53,020	-£8,709	2.0%	£1,054	5.4%	£2,721
UK (less Extra-Regio)	£57,365	£58,671	£60,428	£61,729	-	2.2%	£1,302	7.6%	£4,364

³ GVA per filled job allocates GVA to the number of jobs in the area.