

CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

for July 2015

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The Claimant Count is a measure of the number of people who are unemployed and claiming benefits. From 1996 until the recent introduction of Universal Credit, this was based on the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. However, since its introduction some unemployment benefit claimants will be claiming Universal Credit instead. For more information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](#).

To reflect this change the Unemployment Data Release and Unemployment Bulletin will include two measures:

- **Estimated Claimant Count*** - combines claimants of Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit claimants who are not in work.
- **Job Seekers Allowance** claimants only.

 **The estimated Claimant Count* in the County decreased by 110 persons to 3,983 a rate of 1.1%.**

Estimated Claimant Count* for GB, England & Wales, SW, Gloucestershire and Districts

Area	Jul'15 Number	Jul'15 Rate	Jun'15 Number	Jun'15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate %
GB	743,309	1.9	740,027	1.9	3,282	0.4	0.0
England & Wales	662,821	1.8	662,326	1.8	495	0.1	0.0
England	618,454	1.8	618,253	1.8	201	0.0	0.0
South West	36,754	1.1	36,663	1.1	91	0.2	0.0
Gloucestershire	3,983	1.1	4,093	1.1	-110	-2.7	0.0
Cheltenham	801	1.1	862	1.1	-61	-7.1	-0.1
Cotswold	332	0.7	314	0.6	18	5.7	0.0
Forest of Dean	573	1.1	560	1.1	13	2.3	0.0
Gloucester	1,312	1.6	1,375	1.7	-63	-4.6	-0.1
Stroud	469	0.7	479	0.7	-10	-2.1	0.0
Tewkesbury	496	1.0	503	1.0	-7	-1.4	0.0

The estimated Claimant Count* in Great Britain **decreased** by 3,282 persons to **743,309** a rate of **1.9%**.

Gloucestershire's estimated Claimant Count* rate remained the **same** as last month at **1.1%**.

Cotswold and Forest of Dean saw an **increase** in the estimated number of unemployed claimants*.

* Please note the estimated Claimant Count combines claimants of Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work. This includes a small number of people who are not in work but not required to seek work.



Jobseekers Allowance claimants in the County decreased by 256 persons to 3,781 a rate of 1.0%.

Jobseekers Allowance claimants for the UK, GB, England & Wales, SW, Gloucestershire and Districts

Area	Jul'15 Number	Jul'15 Rate	Jun'15 Number	Jun'15 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate %
UK	723,980	1.8	733,971	1.8	-9,991	-1.4	0.0
GB	680,961	1.7	691,481	1.7	-10,520	-1.5	0.0
England & Wales	605,674	1.7	616,232	1.7	-10,558	-1.7	0.0
England	562,822	1.6	573,096	1.7	-10,274	-1.8	-0.1
South West	34,648	1.0	35,292	1.1	-644	-1.8	-0.1
Gloucestershire	3,781	1.0	4,037	1.1	-256	-6.3	-0.1
Cheltenham	746	1.0	849	1.1	-103	-12.1	-0.1
Cotswold	304	0.6	308	0.6	-4	-1.3	0.0
Forest of Dean	520	1.0	536	1.1	-16	-3.0	-0.1
Gloucester	1,296	1.6	1,375	1.7	-79	-5.7	-0.1
Stroud	436	0.6	472	0.7	-36	-7.6	-0.1
Tewkesbury	479	0.9	497	1.0	-18	-3.6	-0.1

Jobseekers Allowance claimants in Great Britain **decreased** by 10,520 persons to **680,961** a rate of **1.7%**.

Gloucestershire's Jobseekers Allowance claimant rate **decreased** to **1.0%**.

All districts saw a **decrease** in the number of people claiming Jobseekers Allowance.

The number of males claiming Jobseekers Allowance in the County stands at **2,451 (1.3%)** and the number of females stands at **1,330 (0.7%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **1.85 million** unemployed at a rate of **5.6%**. This is based on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. It is obtained from an ongoing national household survey and updated on a quarterly basis.
- 2) the seasonally adjusted unemployment claimant count (which includes claimants of Jobseekers Allowance and Universal Credit) for the UK of **0.79 million** at a rate of **1.9%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level