

Unemployment Bulletin

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Notes on Claimant Count (Experimental Statistics) from ONS:

These Claimant Count Experimental Statistics relate to 13 October 2022. Enhancements to Universal Credit as part of the UK government's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) mean that an increasing number of people became eligible for unemployment-related benefit support, although still employed. Consequently changes in the Claimant Count will not be wholly because of changes in the number of people who are unemployed. We are not able to identify to what extent people who are employed or unemployed have affected the numbers.

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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. **To reflect this change, the Claimant Count has been expanded to include people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance plus those who claim Universal Credit and who are searching for work.**

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Gloucestershire is in the process of transitioning to full Universal Credit. This means a broader span of claimants will be required to look for work than previously under Jobseekers Allowance.

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As more people are brought within the coverage of Universal Credit, the Claimant Count is set to rise noticeably over time. This will happen irrespective of how the economy performs and is a feature of the design of Universal Credit which brings additional groups of people into 'Searching for Work' conditionality (and therefore the Claimant Count), to help encourage and support these claimants into work.

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The Unemployment Bulletin provides a monthly update on unemployment data for Gloucestershire, the South West region and the United Kingdom. It is produced by the Data & Analysis Team in the County Council's Planning, Performance and Change function. The data are sourced from the Office for National Statistics via Nomis (www.nomis.co.uk). All data are rounded to the nearest 5 and may not precisely add to the sum of the number of people claiming JSA, and the number of people claiming Universal Credit required to seek work, due to independent rounding.

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PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.2% in October 2022. The South West rate decreased to 2.4% and the UK rate remained at 3.6%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.2% lower than the South West average of 2.4%, and 1.4% lower than the UK average of 3.6%.

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The claimant count in Gloucestershire in October 2022 decreased by 90 people. The amount of people claiming in October 2022 was 1.0% lower than the number in September 2022. This compares to a 1.1% decrease in the South West and a 0.1% decrease in the UK.

DISTRICTS AT A GLANCE

At a glance unemployment information grouped by district. Includes:

Claimant count: Total number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in October 2022

Claimant count change on previous month: How much larger/smaller October's claimant count is compared to September expressed as a %

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in October 2022

Highest claiming ward: The ward with the highest claim count in that district and the rate

CHEL滕HAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,735
Claimant count change on previous month:	-2.0%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Oakley (4.7%)

GLouceSTER CITY

Claimant count:	2,595
Claimant count change on previous month:	-0.2%
Claimant rate:	3.2%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Barton and Tredworth (6.5%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	880
Claimant count change on previous month:	-4.3%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (3.0%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,125
Claimant count change on previous month:	2.7%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Central (3.6%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,175
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.7%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Lydney East (4.3%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,040
Claimant count change on previous month:	-1.4%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (3.8%)

PART 2: UK, SW AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE INDICATORS

The unemployment situation in Gloucestershire compared to the South West and the UK.

Claimant Rate

Figure 1: Claimant Rate for Gloucestershire, the South West and UK over the past year

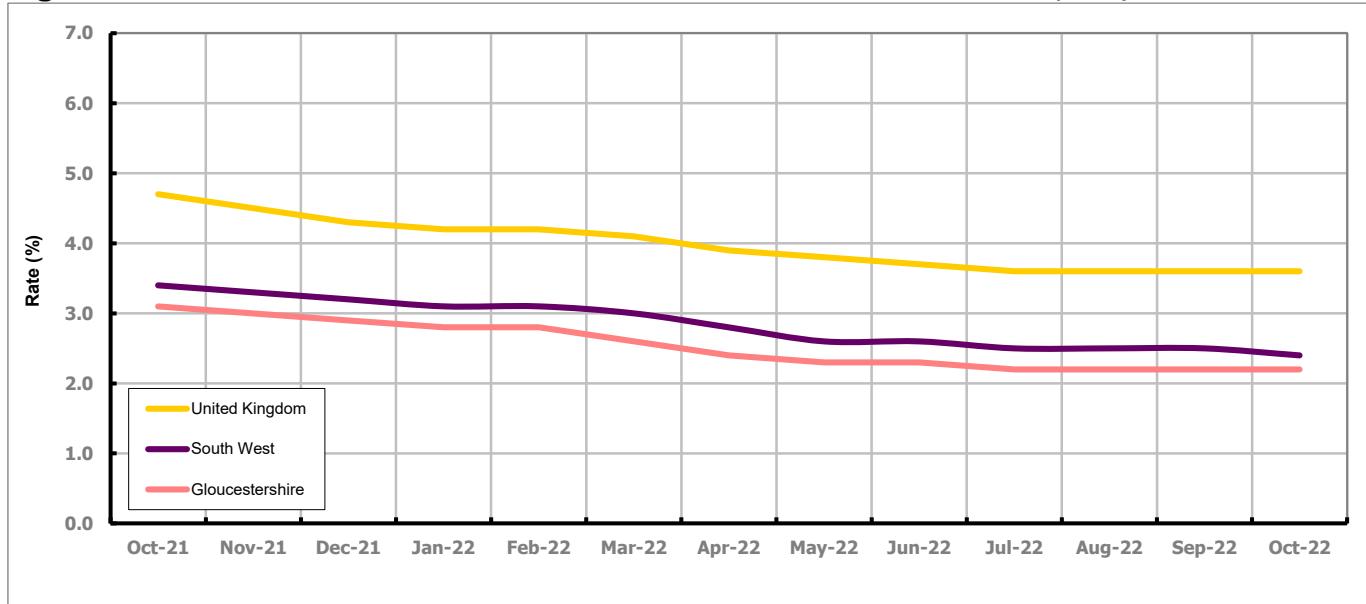


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.2% in October 2022. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. On average, it has been approximately 1.4% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

Table 1: Analysis of UK, South West and Gloucestershire Claimant Counts

Area	Claimant Count in October 2022	% change on September 2022	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,508,395	-0.1%	0
South West	83,135	-1.1%	0
Gloucestershire	8,550	-1.0%	0

Table 1 shows that in October 2022, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 1.0% lower than the number in September 2022.

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Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - October 2022

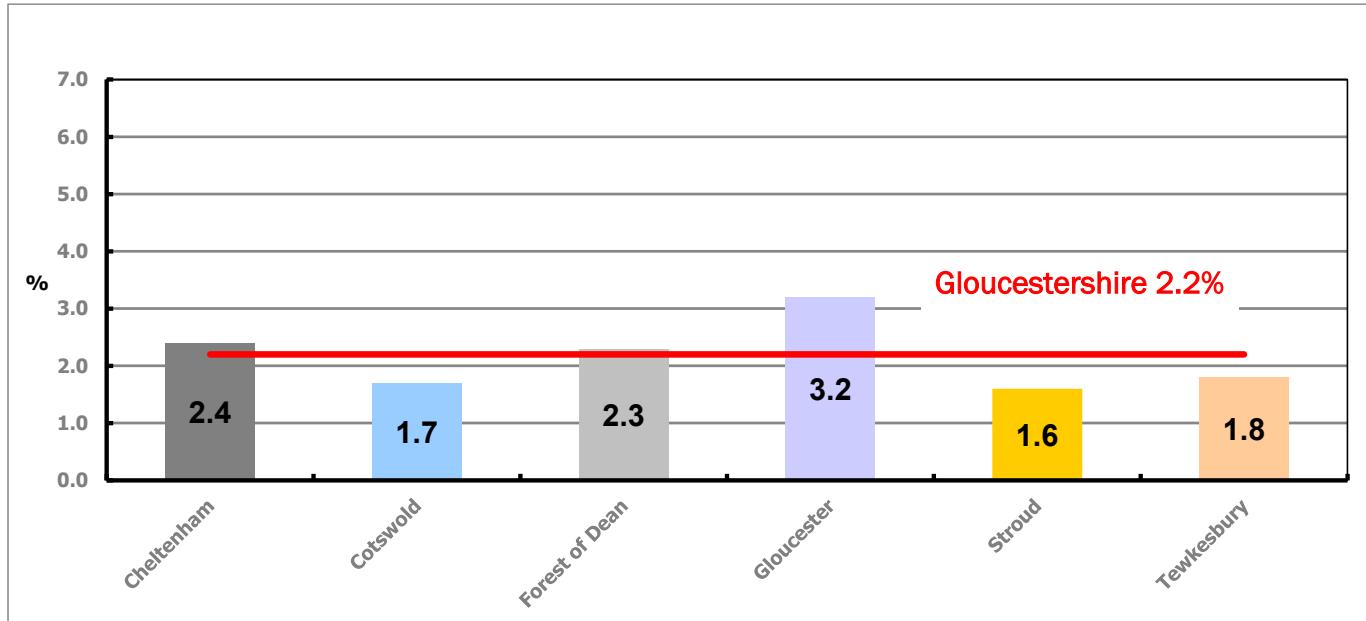


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for October 2022 in Gloucestershire. Between September and October 2022 the rate remained constant in all districts except Stroud which saw an increase, and Cheltenham and Cotswold which saw a decrease.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Oct 22 Number	Oct 22 Rate	Sep 22 Number	Sep 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	8,550	2.2	8,640	2.2	-90	-1.0%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,735	2.4	1,770	2.5	-35	-2.0%	-0.1
Cotswold	880	1.7	920	1.8	-40	-4.3%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,175	2.3	1,195	2.3	-20	-1.7%	0.0
Gloucester	2,595	3.2	2,600	3.2	-5	-0.2%	0.0
Stroud	1,125	1.6	1,095	1.5	30	2.7%	0.1
Tewkesbury	1,040	1.8	1,055	1.8	-15	-1.4%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in October 2022 compared to September 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants except Stroud which saw an increase.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Oct 22 Number	Oct 22 Rate	Sep 22 Number	Sep 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,790	2.5	4,815	2.5	-25	-0.5%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,035	2.8	1,055	2.9	-20	-1.9%	-0.1
Cotswold	435	1.7	460	1.8	-25	-5.4%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	640	2.5	650	2.6	-10	-1.5%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,530	3.7	1,535	3.8	-5	-0.3%	-0.1
Stroud	590	1.6	565	1.6	25	4.4%	0.0
Tewkesbury	565	2.0	550	2.0	15	2.7%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in October 2022 compared to September 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants except Stroud and Tewkesbury which saw an increase.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Oct 22 Number	Oct 22 Rate	Sep 22 Number	Sep 22 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	3,760	1.9	3,825	2.0	-65	-1.7%	-0.1
Cheltenham	700	1.9	715	2.0	-15	-2.1%	-0.1
Cotswold	445	1.7	465	1.7	-20	-4.3%	0.0
Forest of Dean	535	2.1	545	2.1	-10	-1.8%	0.0
Gloucester	1,065	2.6	1,065	2.6	0	0.0%	0.0
Stroud	540	1.5	530	1.5	10	1.9%	0.0
Tewkesbury	475	1.6	505	1.7	-30	-5.9%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in October 2022 compared to September 2022. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants except Stroud which saw an increase, and Gloucester which remained the same as last month.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

This section covers the six districts and a comparison of their constituent wards.

4.1 Cheltenham Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

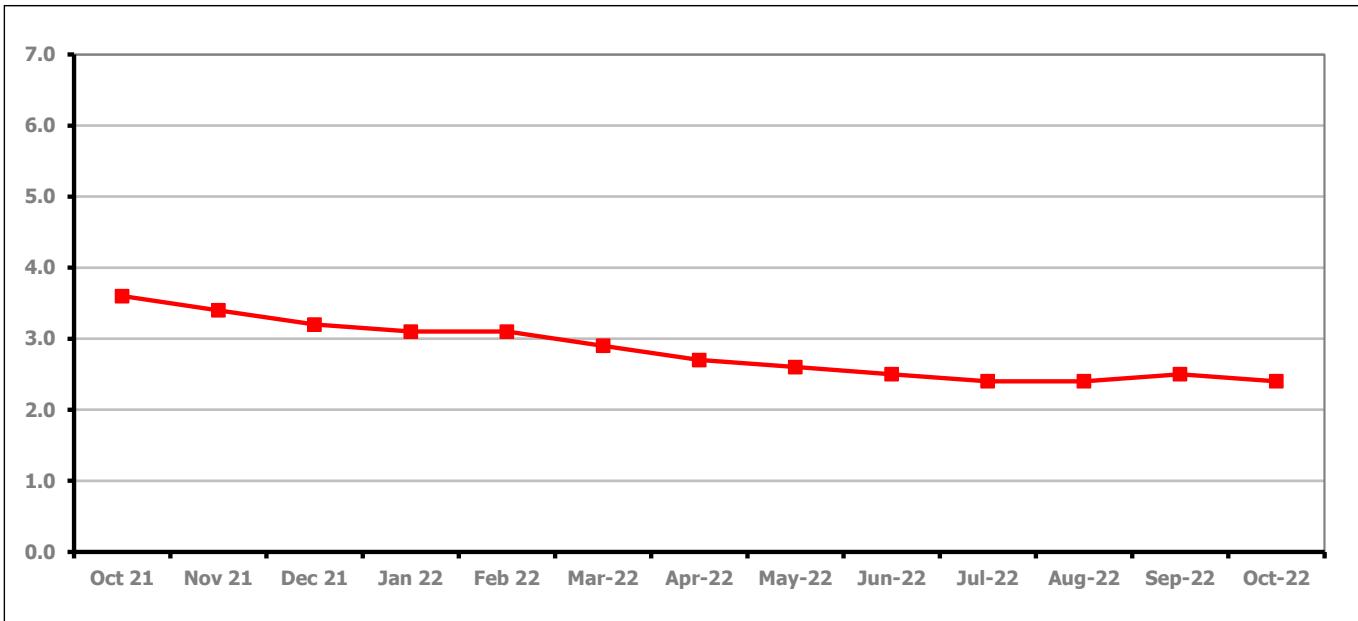


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased to 2.4% in October 2022.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - October 2022

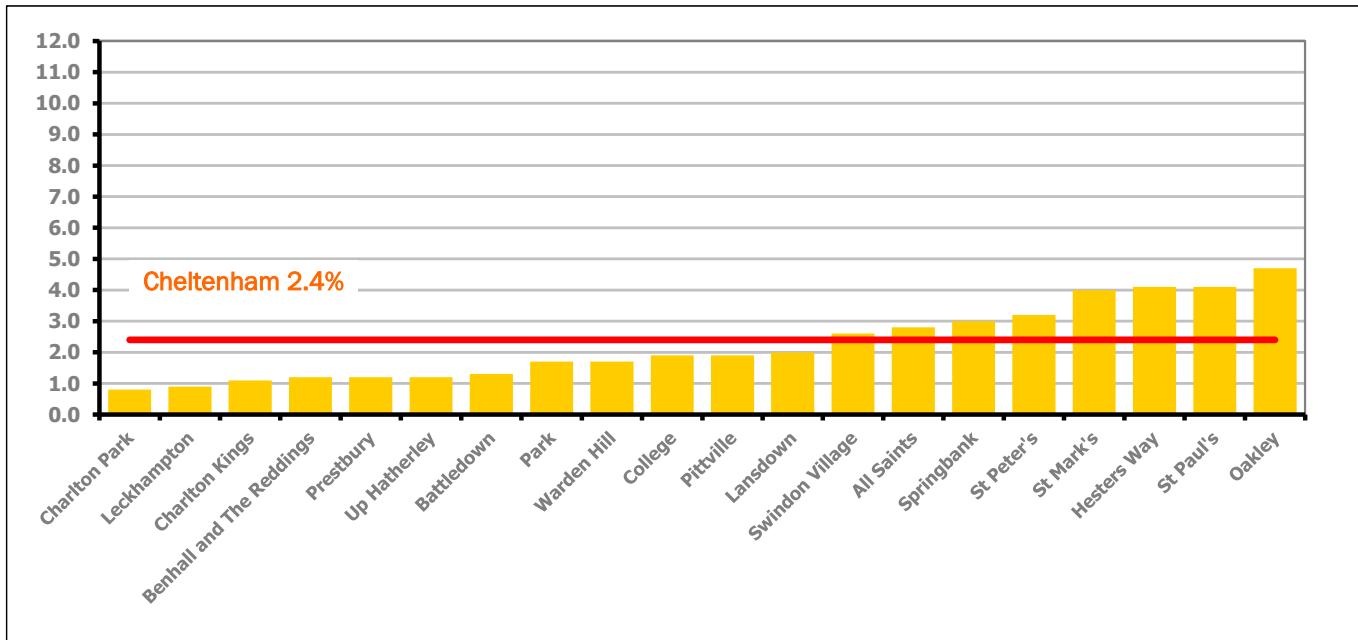


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.4%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - October 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.8	5
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.9	8
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.1	12
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.2	20
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.2	20
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.2	20
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.3	28
Cheltenham	Park	1.7	61
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.7	61
Cheltenham	College	1.9	76
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.9	76
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.0	86
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.6	110
Cheltenham	All Saints	2.8	115
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.0	120
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.2	122
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.0	127
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.1	129
Cheltenham	St Paul's	4.1	129
Cheltenham	Oakley	4.7	135


 lowest 10% of county
 first quartile of county
 second quartile of county
 third quartile of county
 fourth quartile of county
 highest 10% of county

* 1 = "best" and 138 = "worst"

Table 5 shows overall claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

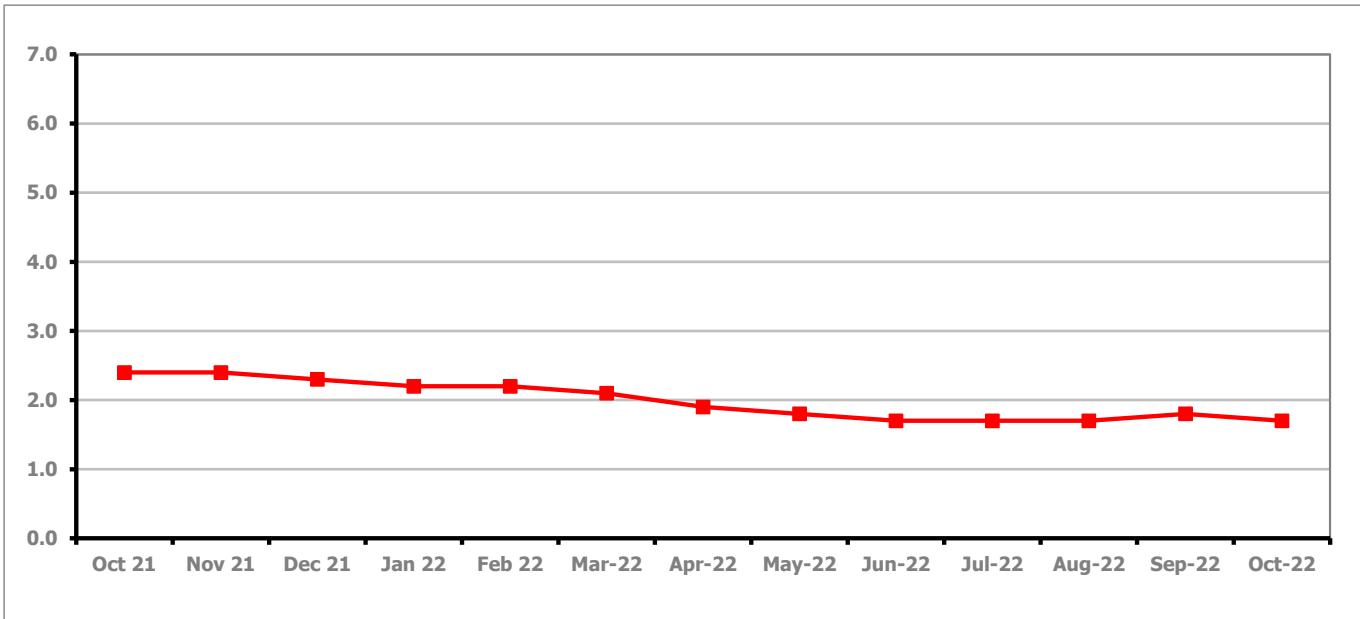
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased to 1.7% in October 2022.

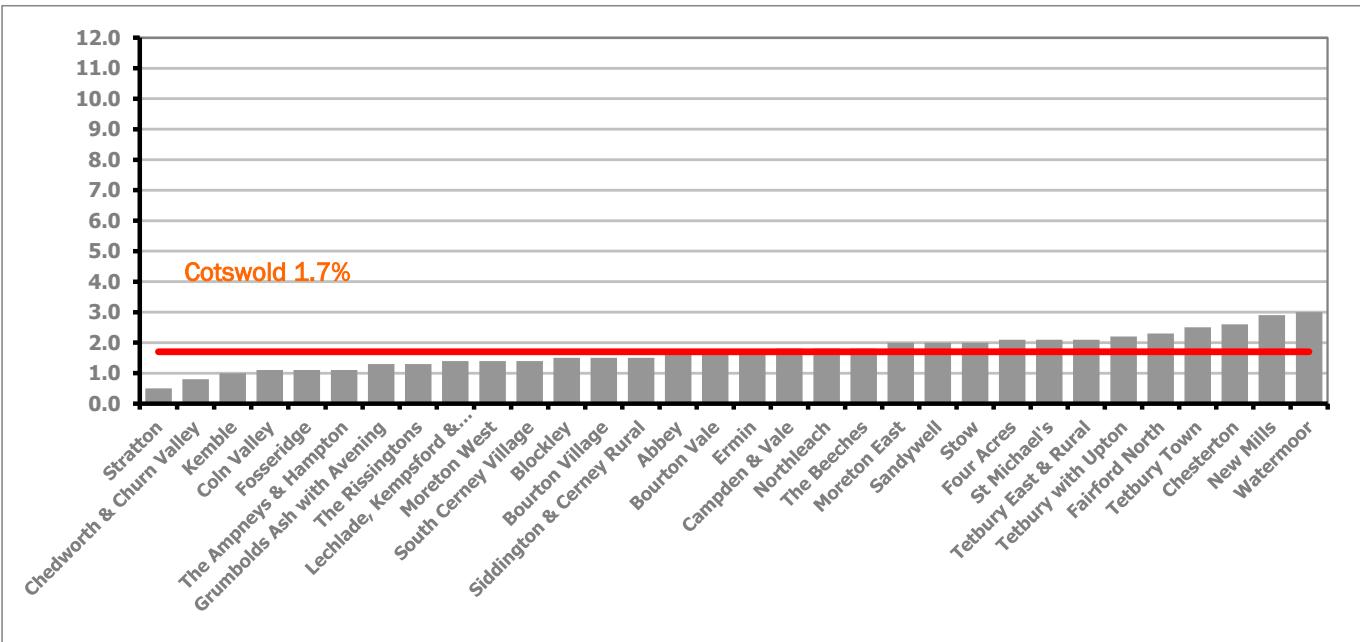
Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - October 2022

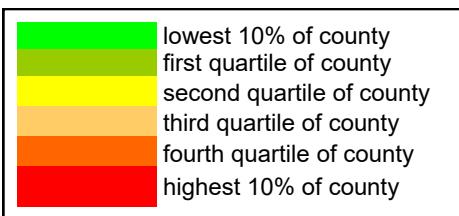
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.7%. Fifteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - October 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.5	1
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	0.8	5
Cotswolds	Kemble	1.0	10
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	1.1	12
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	1.1	12
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.1	12
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.3	28
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	1.3	28
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	1.4	37
Cotswolds	Moreton West	1.4	37
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	1.4	37
Cotswolds	Blockley	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.5	46
Cotswolds	Abbey	1.6	53
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	1.6	53
Cotswolds	Ermin	1.6	53
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	1.8	65
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.8	65
Cotswolds	The Beeches	1.8	65
Cotswolds	Moreton East	2.0	86
Cotswolds	Sandywell	2.0	86
Cotswolds	Stow	2.0	86
Cotswolds	Four Acres	2.1	95
Cotswolds	St Michael's	2.1	95
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	2.1	95
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	2.2	100
Cotswolds	Fairford North	2.3	103
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	2.5	109
Cotswolds	Chesterton	2.6	110
Cotswolds	New Mills	2.9	119
Cotswolds	Watermoor	3.0	120



* 1 = "best" and 138 = "worst"

Table 6 shows overall claimant rates for Cotswold District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

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4.3 Forest of Dean District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

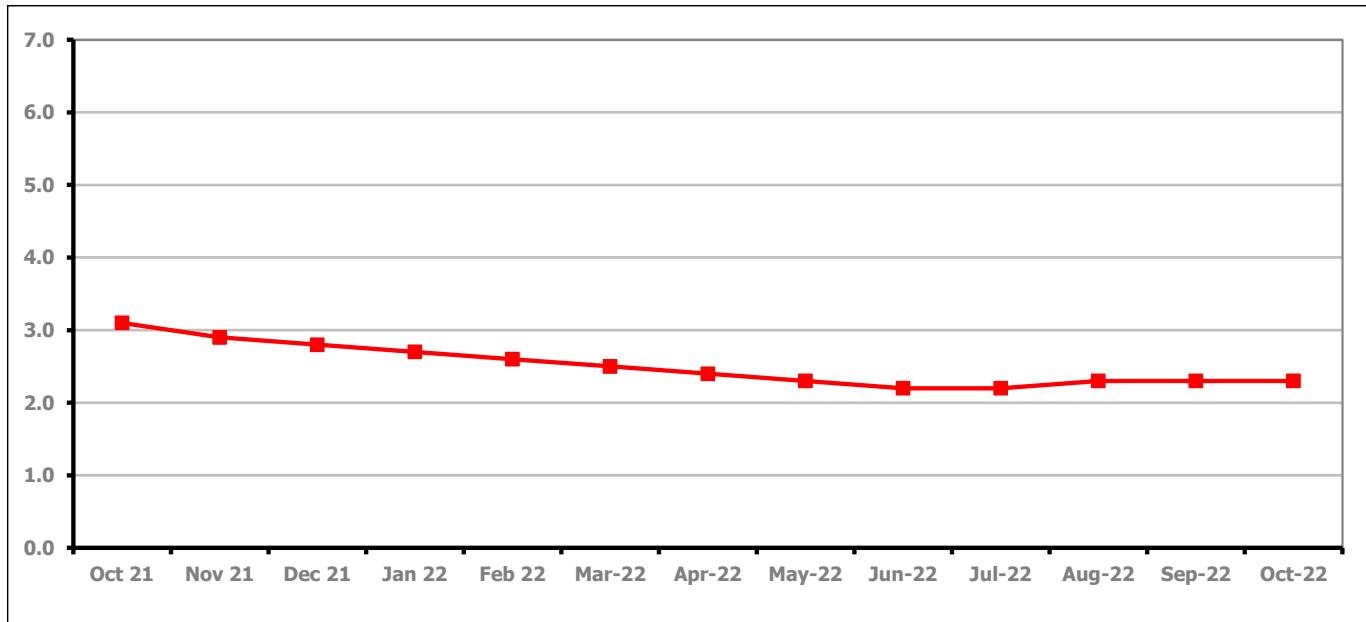


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean remained at 2.3% in October 2022.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - October 2022

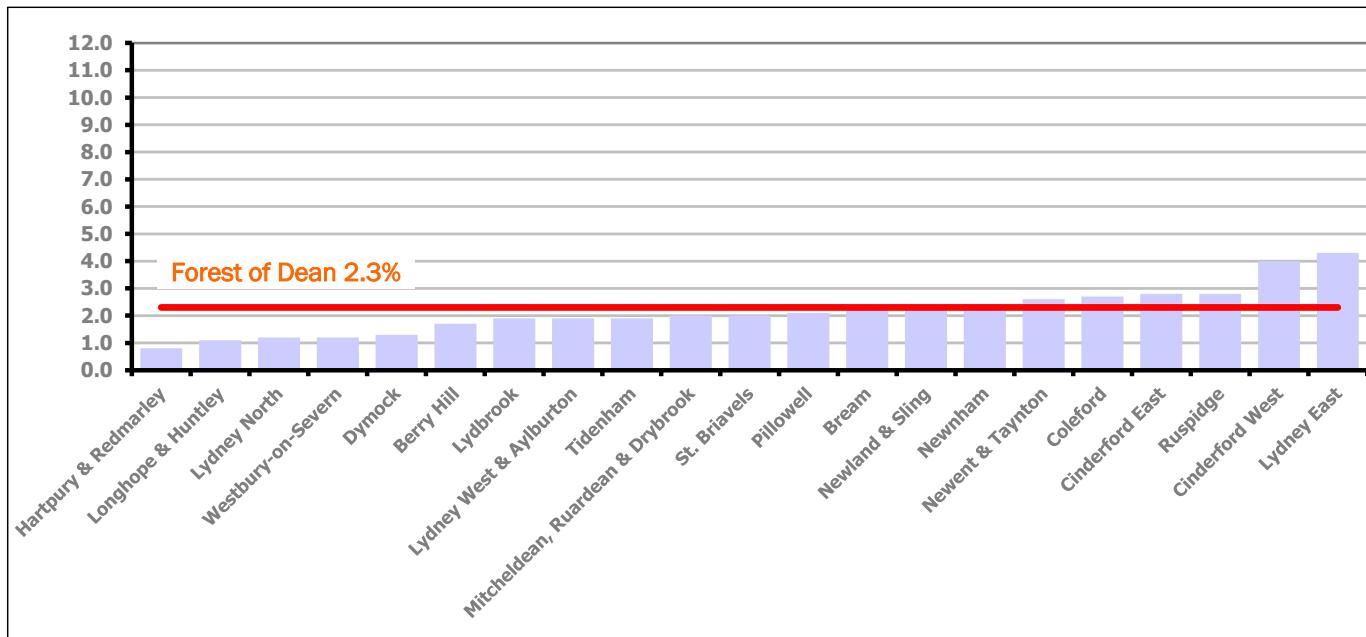


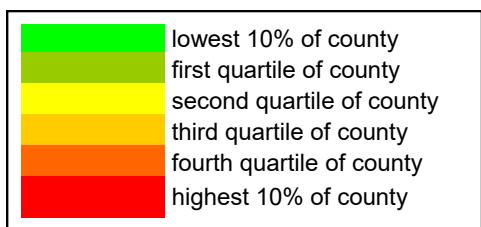
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.3%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - October 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	0.8	5
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	1.1	12
Forest	Lydney North	1.2	20
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.2	20
Forest	Dymock	1.3	28
Forest	Berry Hill	1.7	61
Forest	Lydbrook	1.9	76
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	1.9	76
Forest	Tidenham	1.9	76
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.0	86
Forest	St. Briavels	2.0	86
Forest	Pillowell	2.1	95
Forest	Bream	2.3	103
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.3	103
Forest	Newnham	2.4	108
Forest	Newent & Taynton	2.6	110
Forest	Coleford	2.7	114
Forest	Cinderford East	2.8	115
Forest	Ruspidge	2.8	115
Forest	Cinderford West	4.0	127
Forest	Lydney East	4.3	132



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Table 7 shows overall claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

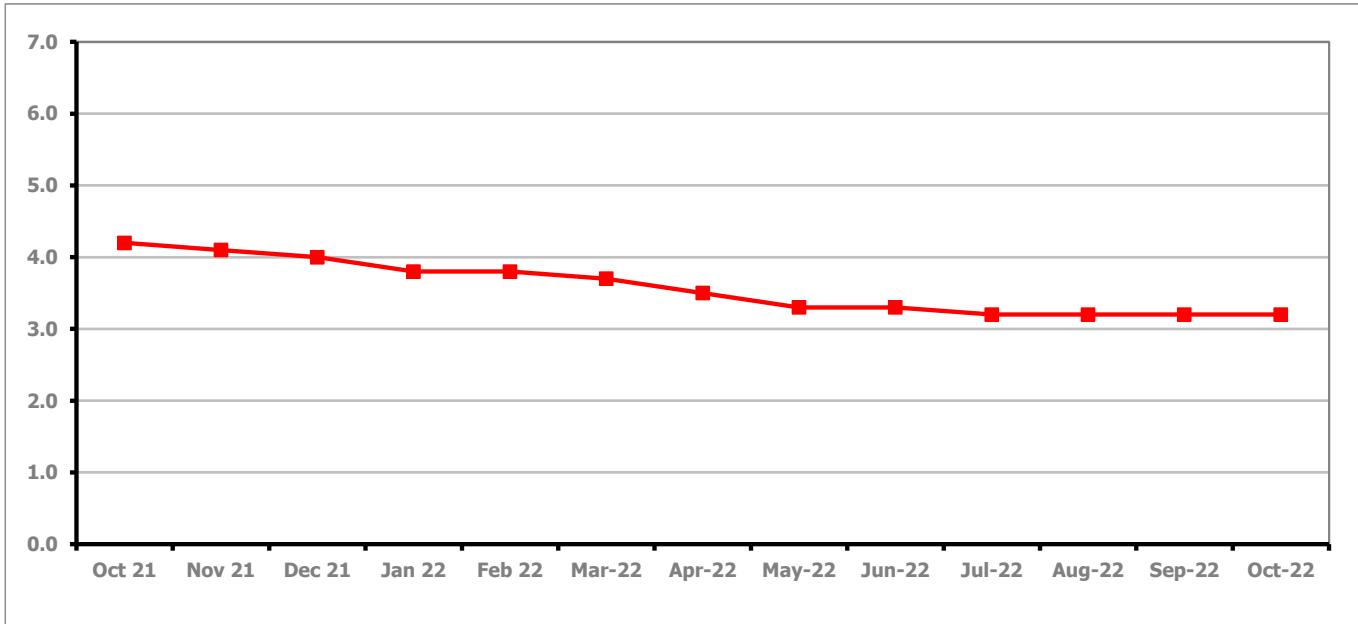
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City remained at 3.2% in October 2022.

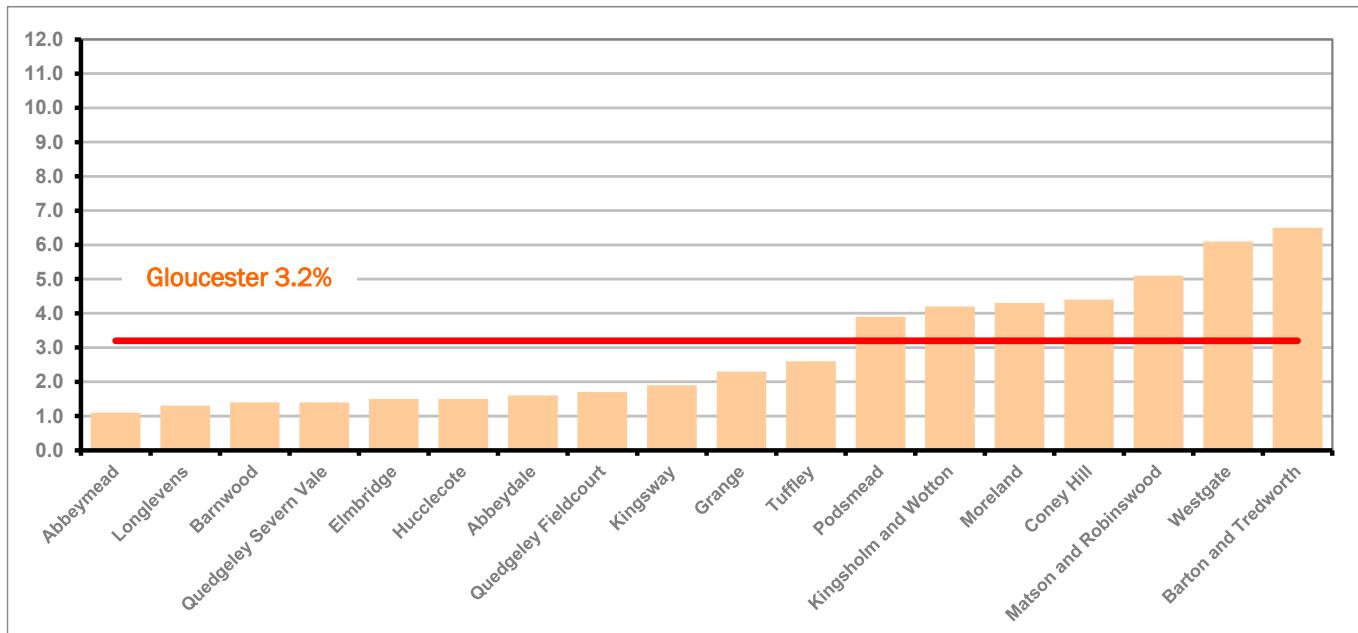
Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - October 2022

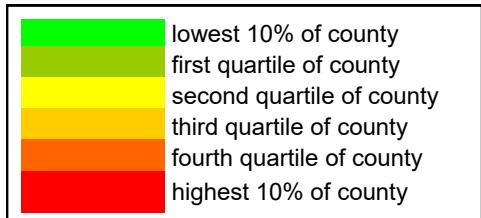
Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.2%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - October 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.1	12
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.3	28
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.4	37
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.4	37
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.5	46
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.5	46
Gloucester	Abbeydale	1.6	53
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	1.7	61
Gloucester	Kingsway	1.9	76
Gloucester	Grange	2.3	103
Gloucester	Tuffley	2.6	110
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.9	126
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.2	131
Gloucester	Moreland	4.3	132
Gloucester	Coney Hill	4.4	134
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	5.1	136
Gloucester	Westgate	6.1	137
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	6.5	138



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Table 8 shows overall claimant rates for Gloucester City wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

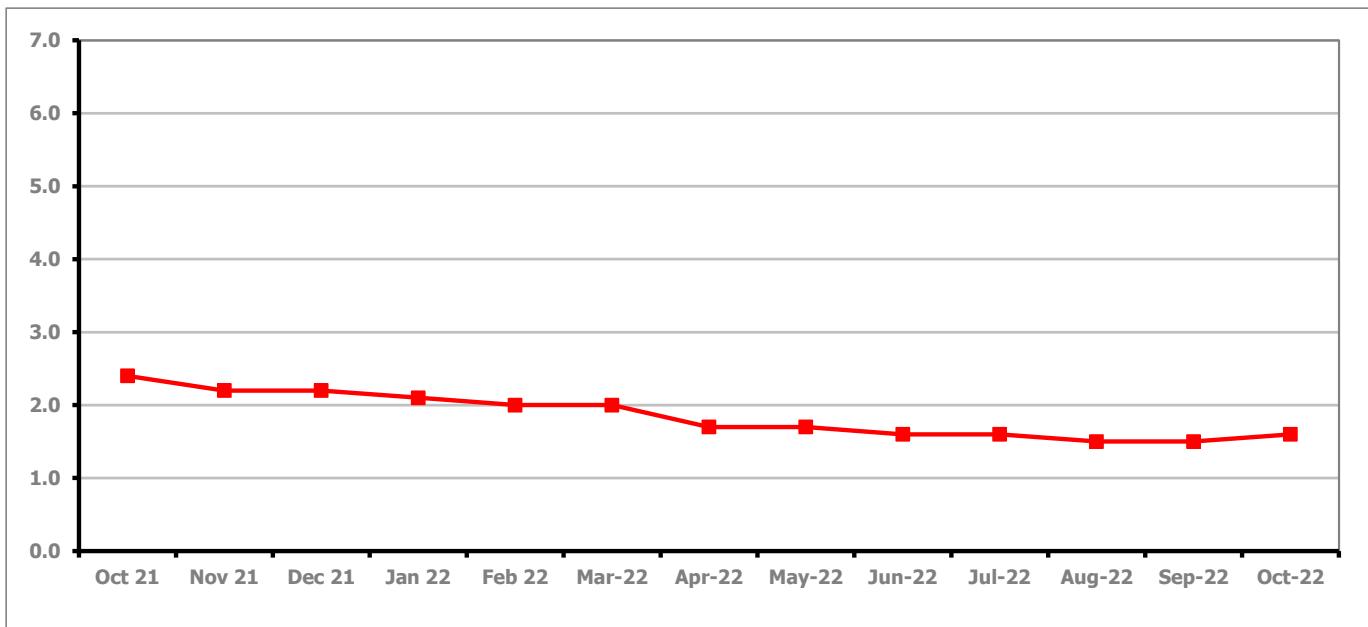
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased to 1.6% in October 2022.

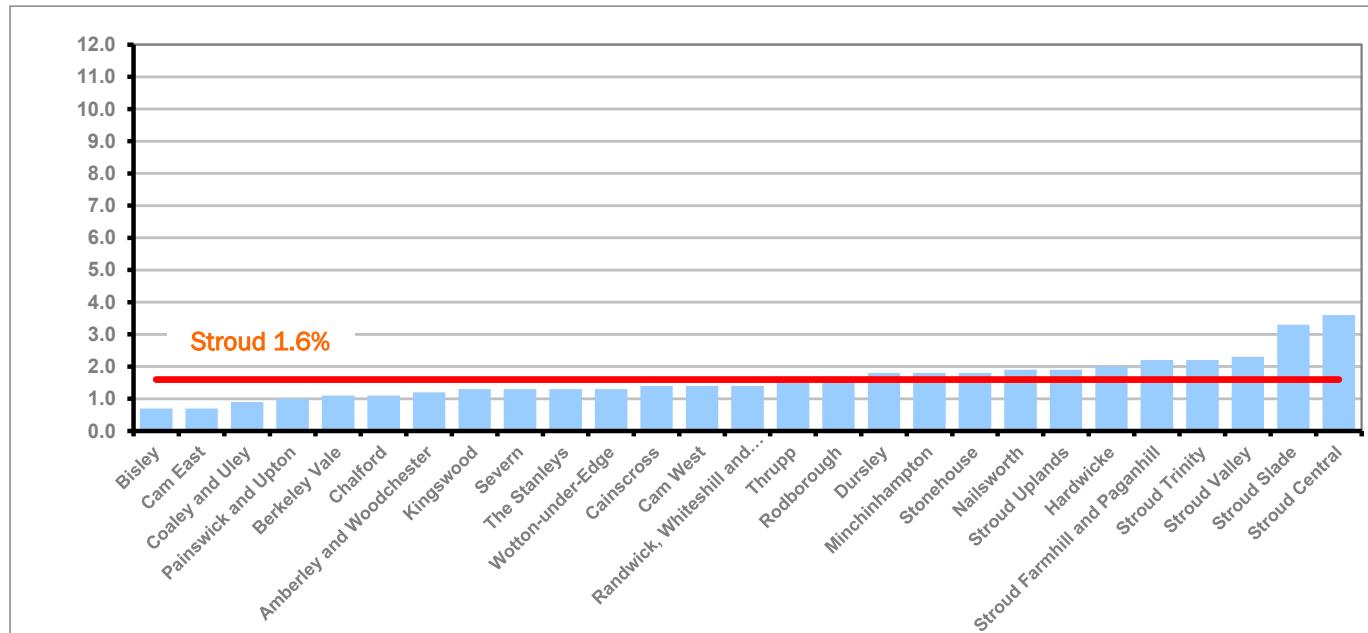
Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - October 2022

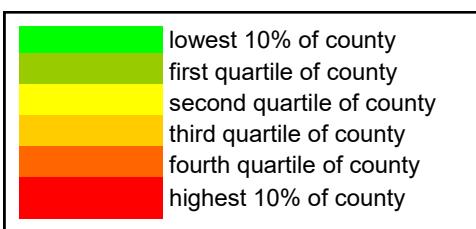
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Eleven wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - October 2022

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.7	2
Stroud	Cam East	0.7	2
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.9	8
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.0	10
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	1.1	12
Stroud	Chalford	1.1	12
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.2	20
Stroud	Kingswood	1.3	28
Stroud	Severn	1.3	28
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.3	28
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.3	28
Stroud	Cainscross	1.4	37
Stroud	Cam West	1.4	37
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.4	37
Stroud	Thrupp	1.5	46
Stroud	Rodborough	1.6	53
Stroud	Dursley	1.8	65
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.8	65
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.8	65
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.9	76
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	1.9	76
Stroud	Hardwicke	2.0	86
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	2.2	100
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	2.2	100
Stroud	Stroud Valley	2.3	103
Stroud	Stroud Slade	3.3	123
Stroud	Stroud Central	3.6	124



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Table 9 shows overall claimant rates for Stroud District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

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4.6 Tewkesbury Borough

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 13: Tewkesbury Borough claimant rate over the last year

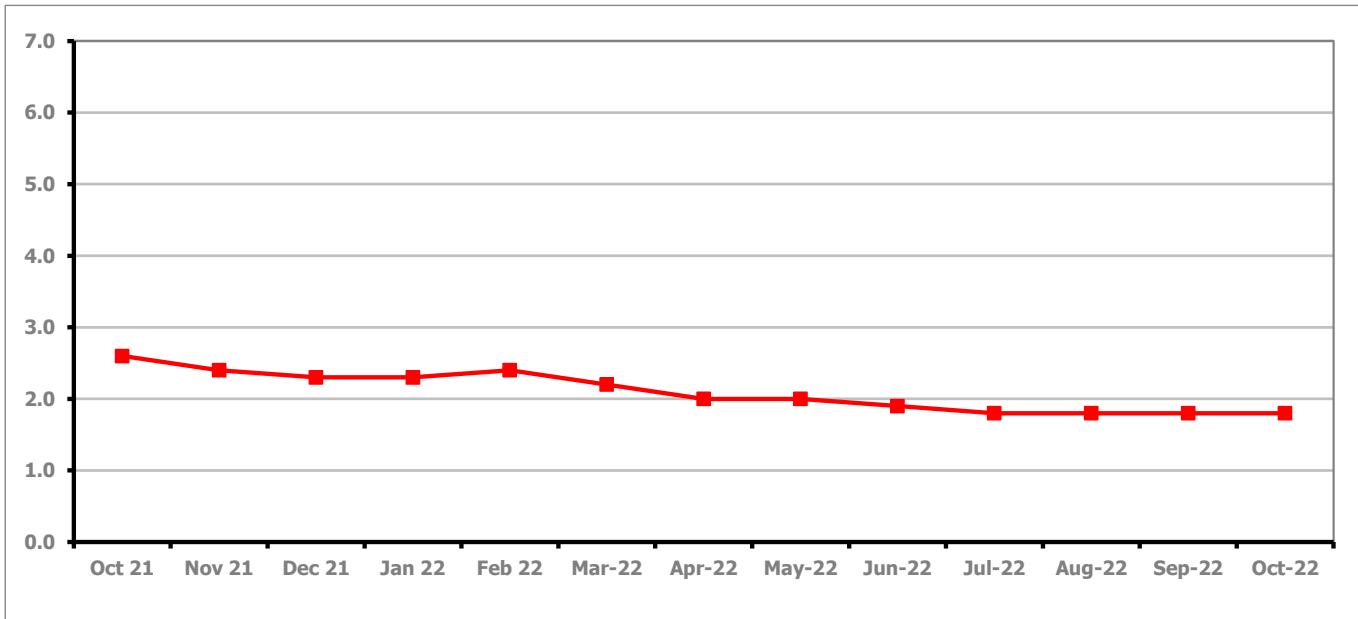


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough remained at 1.8% in October 2022.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - October 2022

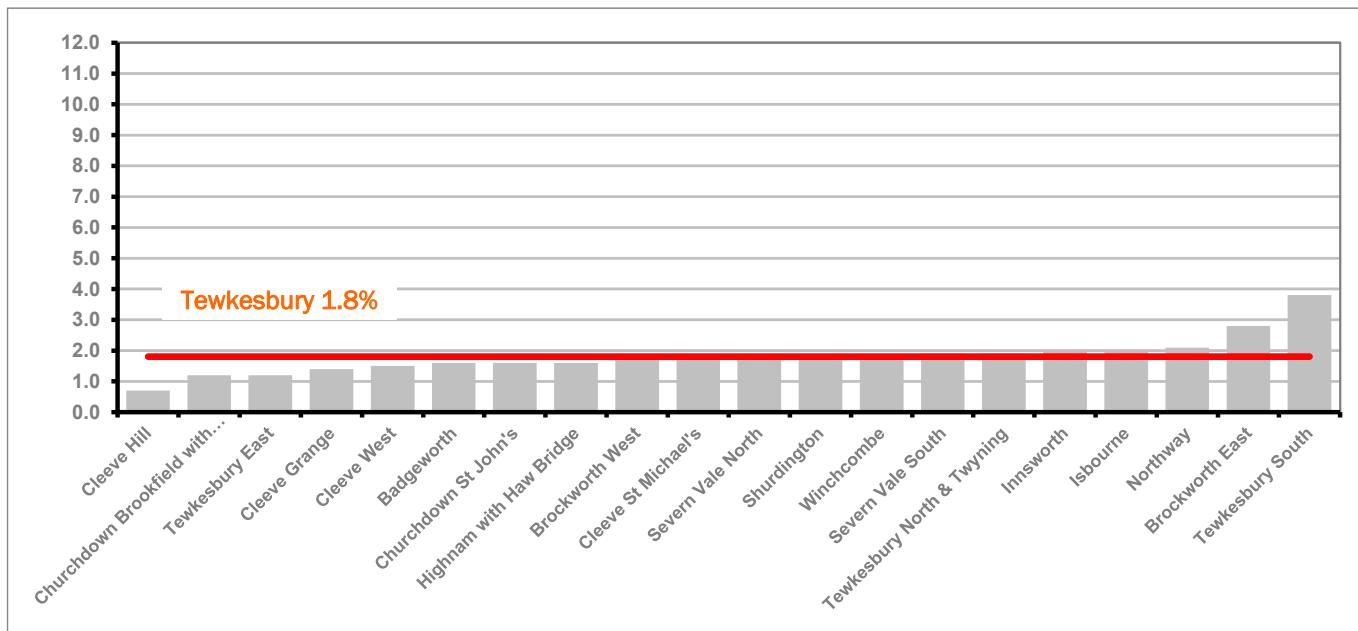


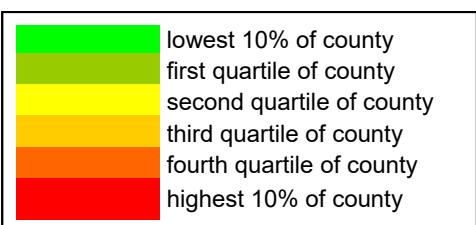
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8%. Seven wards are above the average.

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4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - October 2022

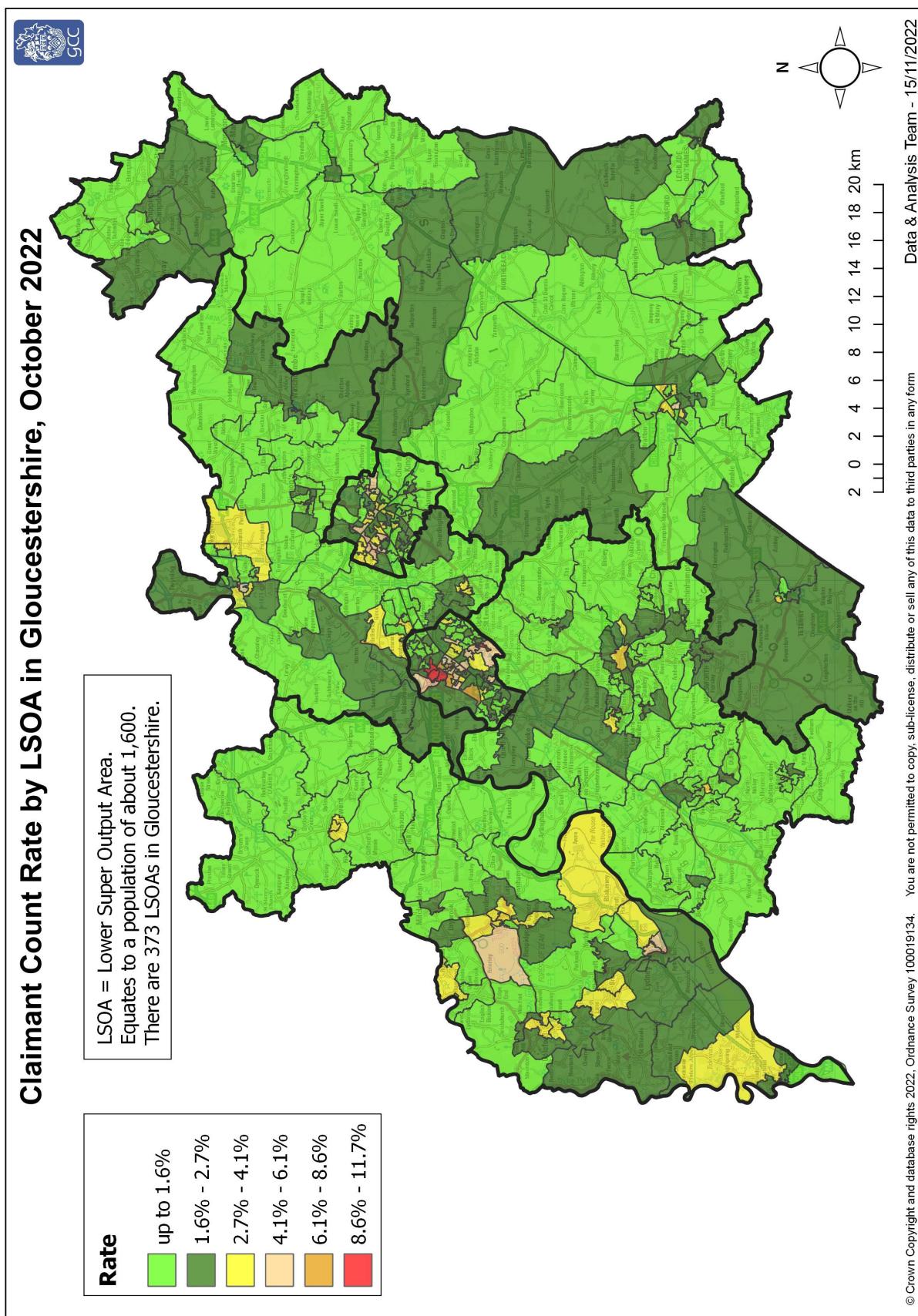
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.7	2
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.2	20
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	1.2	20
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.4	37
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.5	46
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.6	53
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.6	53
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.6	53
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.8	65
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	1.9	76
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twyning	1.9	76
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	2.0	86
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.0	86
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.1	95
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	2.8	115
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	3.8	125



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Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury Borough wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

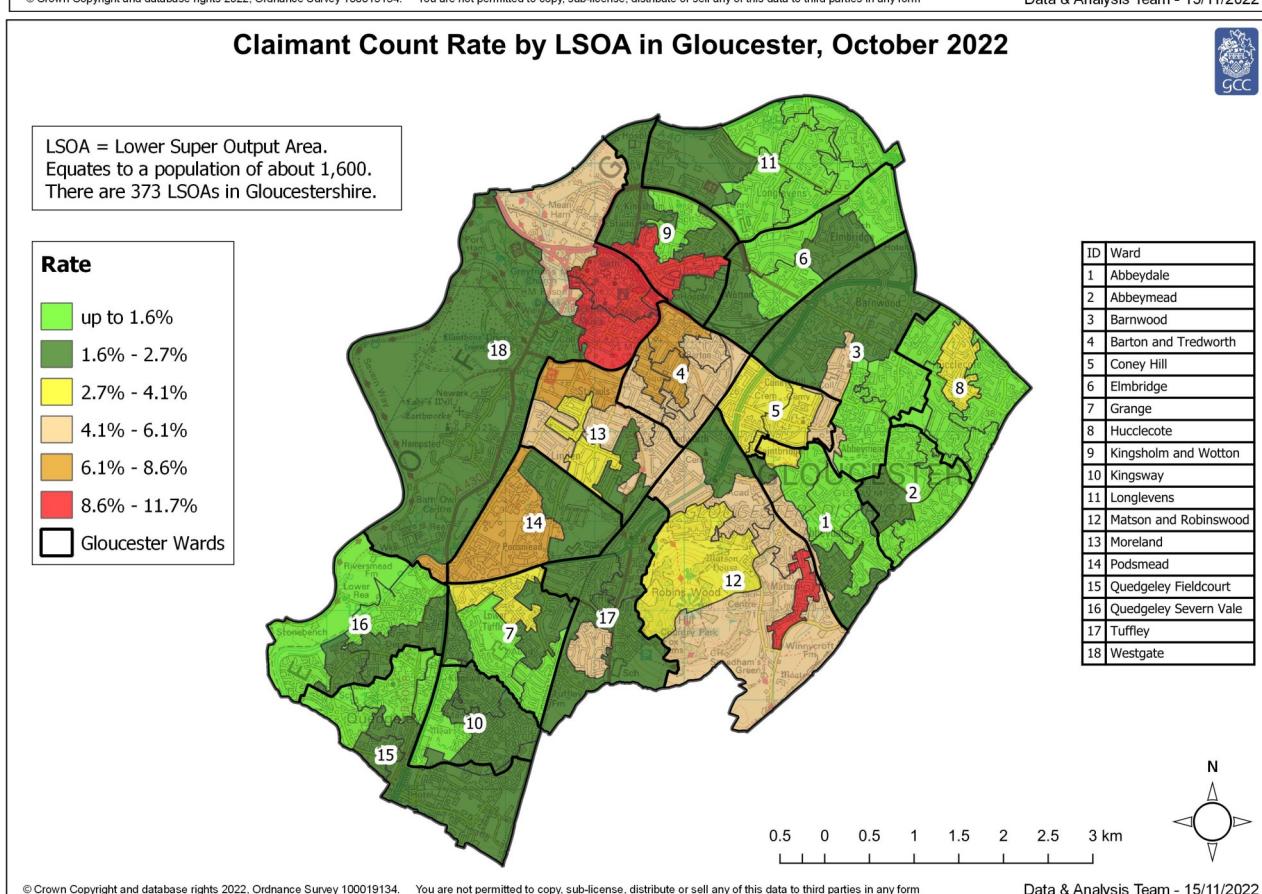
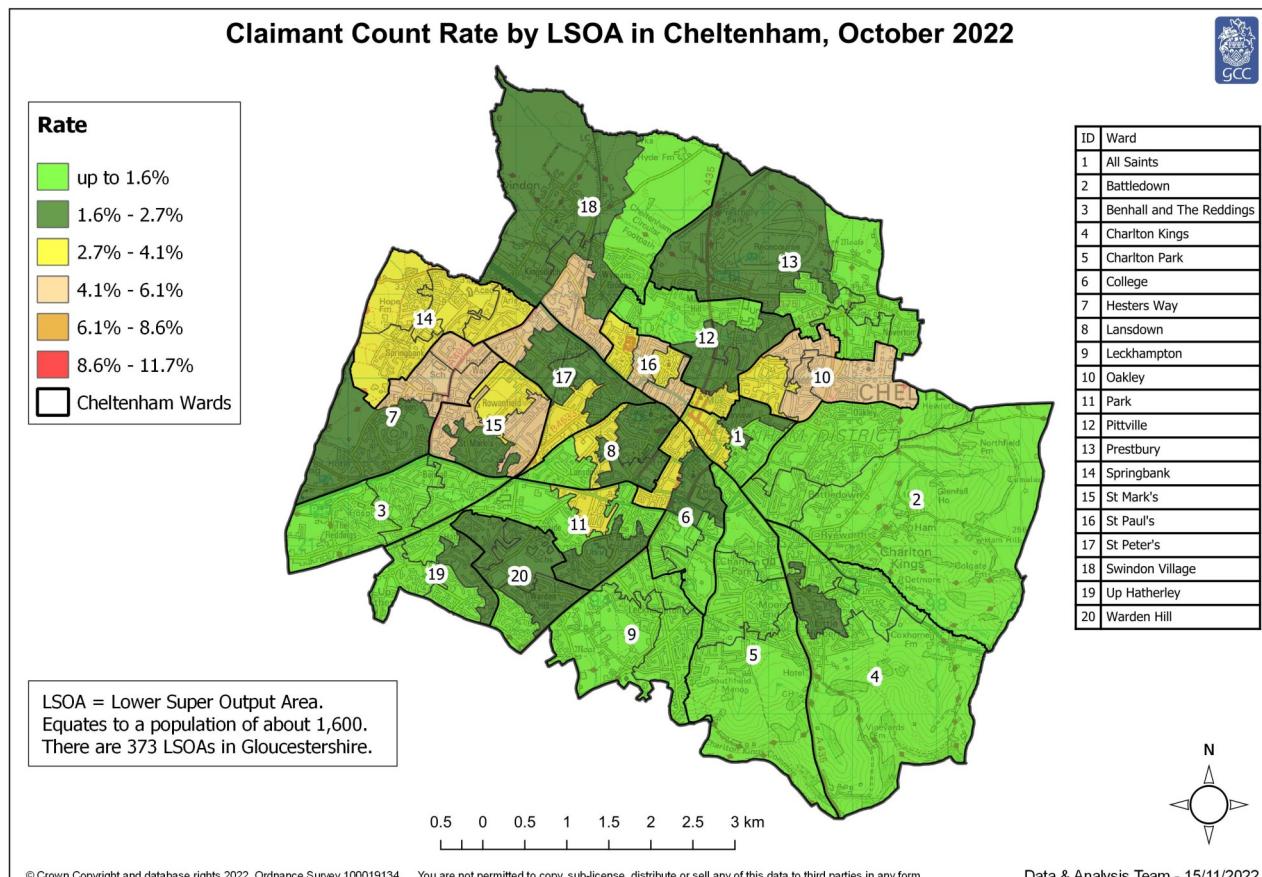
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PART 6: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT(18-24 year olds)

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

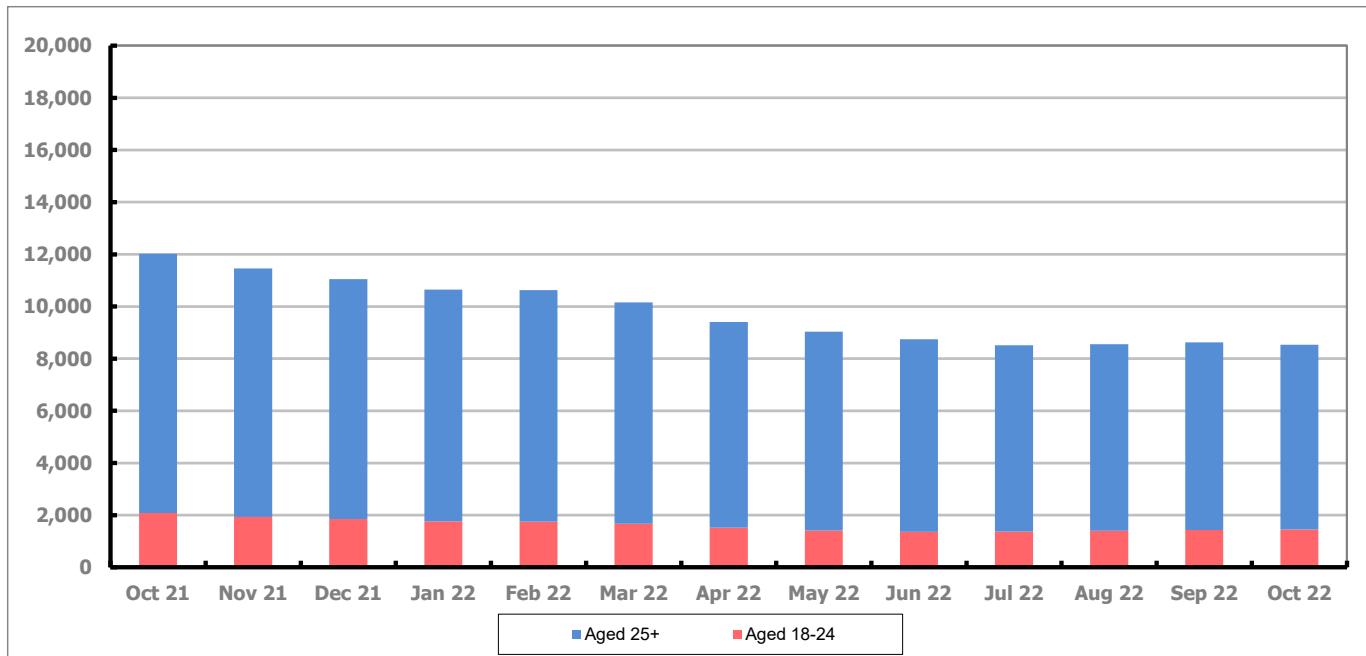


Figure 15 shows that in October 2022, 1,455 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 17.0% of total working age claimants.

PART 7: YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Data provided by Gloucestershire Youth Support Team on the situation of young people (16-18) in Gloucestershire who are not in education, employment or formal training.

Gloucestershire Youth Support Team is required to report performance on the Academic Year 12 and 13 (16/17 age) against nationally defined criteria for counting the NEET group to the Department for Education (DfE) on a monthly basis. The NEET group includes young people actively seeking education, employment or training as well as those young people who are either not yet ready or who are unable to access these opportunities because of their personal circumstances. The figures quoted below include young people in both of these categories.

October 2022

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	43	2137	2.01%
Cotswold	30	1697	1.77%
Forest	43	1724	2.49%
Gloucester	111	3156	3.52%
Stroud	42	2647	1.59%
Tewkesbury	50	2003	2.50%
Total	319	13364	2.39%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	60	3026	1.98%
Cotswold	41	2394	1.71%
Forest	70	2457	2.85%
Gloucester	157	4363	3.60%
Stroud	55	3744	1.47%
Tewkesbury	61	2827	2.16%
Total	444	18811	2.36%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	2.51%
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Monthly Change	111	132	0.82%
Previous month	208	13232	1.57%

Monthly Change	102	-449	0.58%
Previous month	342	19260	1.78%

The academic year 12-13 group contains a proportion of young people who turn 18 in the academic year but were 17 on the 31st August the previous academic year so are entitled to learning through RPA (raising participation age).

Please note all figures quoted above are subject to change before the submission date to the DfE which usually happens in the second or third week of the month for the previous month.

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy, then please contact Lynne.Speak@Prospects.co.uk or telephone 07900 391182.

(*) Adjustment includes a proportion of young people aged 16-18 whose outcomes are not known to Gloucestershire Youth Support Team.