

# Unemployment Bulletin

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## INTRODUCTION

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 Strategic Needs Analysis Team in the County Council's Strategy and Challenge function. The data is sourced from the Office for National Statistics via Nomis ([www.nomis.co.uk](http://www.nomis.co.uk)).

The claimant count measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefit (currently Job Seeker's allowance). The claimant rate is the number of claimants as a proportion of the working age population.

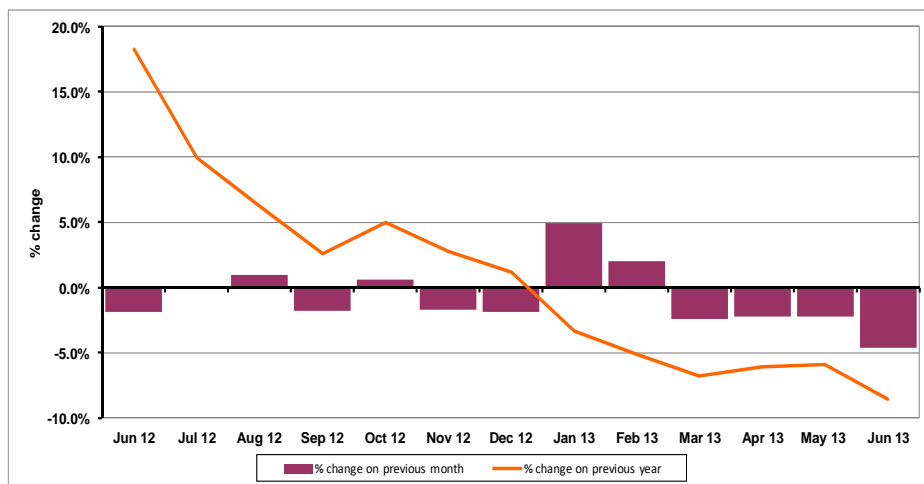
## PART 1: SUMMARY

**The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.5% in June 2013.** This was a decrease of 0.1% on the May 2013 figure. The South West rate and UK rate decreased to 2.3% and 3.5% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate is 0.2% above the South West average of 2.3%, and 1.0% lower than the UK average of 3.5%.

**The claimant count in Gloucestershire in June 2013 decreased by 451 people.** The amount of people claiming in June 2013 was 4.6% lower than the number in May 2013. This compares to a 6.1% decrease in the South West and a 3.7% decrease for the UK.

**The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month.** The count was 8.5% lower in June 2013 than at the same point in the previous year as shown in the graph below.

Gloucestershire claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change: June 2012 to June 2013



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## DISTRICTS AT A GLANCE

At a glance unemployment information grouped by district. Includes:

**Claim count:** Total number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance in June 2013

**Compared to last month:** How much larger/smaller June's claimant count is compared to May, expressed as a %

**Claimant rate:** The % of working population claiming Job Seekers Allowance in June 2013

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

### CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	2,100
Compared to last month:	-4.6%
Claimant rate:	2.7%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (6.0%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	3,138
Compared to last month:	-2.9%
Claimant rate:	3.9%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (9.1%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	688
Compared to last month:	-4.2%
Claimant rate:	1.4%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.7%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,245
Compared to last month:	-9.1%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward	Central (5.2%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,168
Compared to last month:	-6.3%
Claimant rate:	2.3%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (4.5%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,019
Compared to last month:	-1.9%
Claimant rate:	2.0%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (5.8%)

## YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET)

At the end of June 2013 there were 582 young people aged 16-18 not in education, employment or training in Gloucestershire and this figure translates into an adjusted (\*) 16-18 NEET population of 4.4%.

## 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

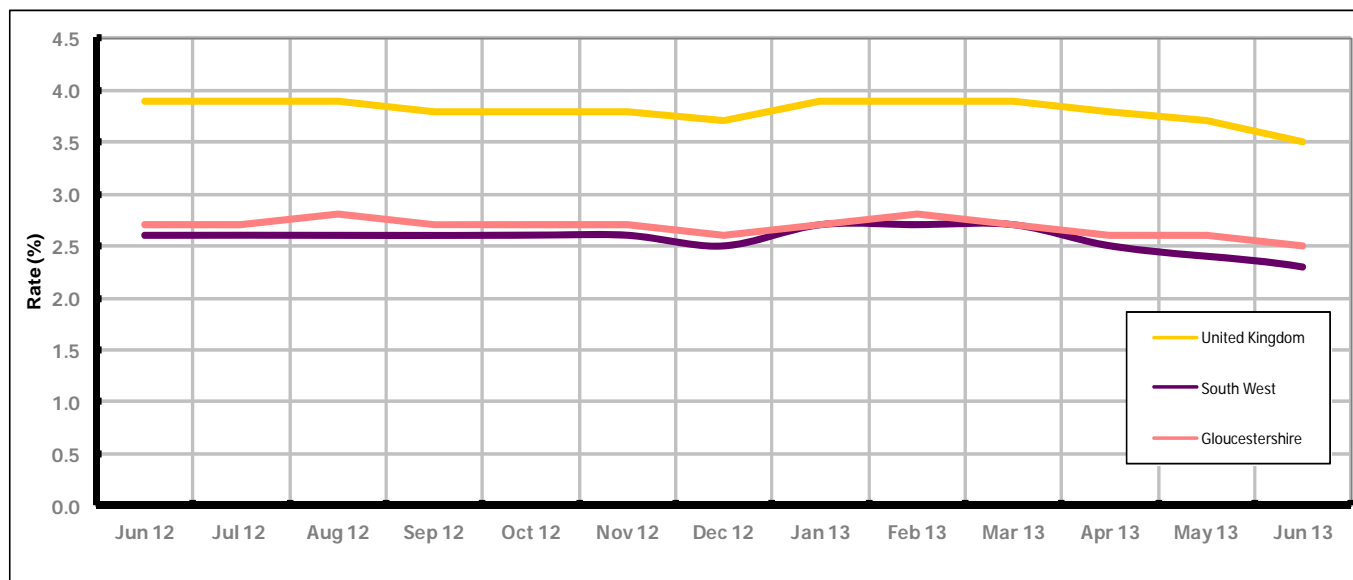


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.5% in June 2013. With the exception of January and March 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since March 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 1.0% against the UK average during the same period. The June 2013 rate represented a 0.1% decrease on May 2013.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in June 2013	% change on May 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	1,439,782	-3.7%	-1.6%	3
South West	76,223	-6.1%	-2.5%	3
Gloucestershire	9,358	-4.6%	-1.6%	3

Table 1 shows that in June 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 4.6% lower than the number in May 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to June 2013 was -1.6%.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - June 2013

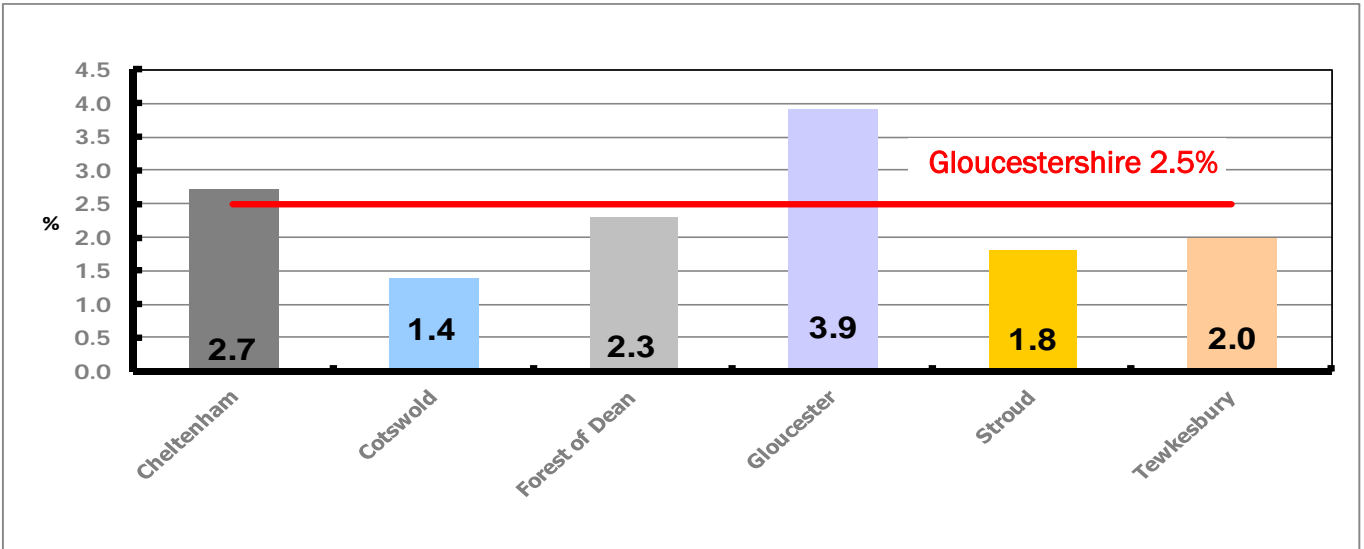


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for June 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between May 2013 and June 2013 the rate in Cotswold and Tewkesbury remained the same, while the rate in all of the other districts decreased.

Figure 3: Total claimants over the past year across Gloucestershire Districts

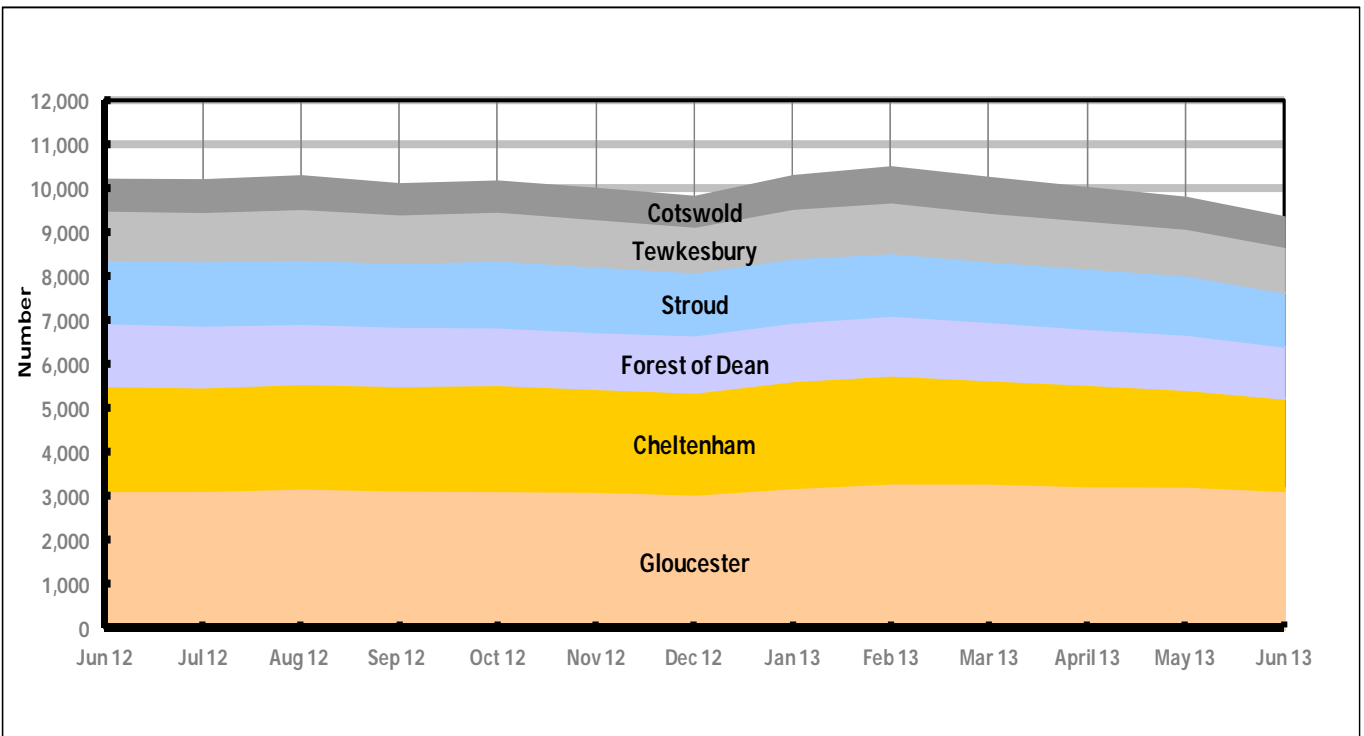


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Since June 2012 the number of claimants decreased, with the exception of August, October, January and February when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Jun 13 Number	Jun 13 Rate	May 13 Number	May 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	9,358	2.5	9,809	2.6	-451	-4.6%	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,100	2.7	2,202	2.9	-102	-4.6%	-0.2
Cotswold	688	1.4	718	1.4	-30	-4.2%	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,168	2.3	1,247	2.4	-79	-6.3%	-0.1
Gloucester	3,138	3.9	3,233	4.1	-95	-2.9%	-0.2
Stroud	1,245	1.8	1,370	1.9	-125	-9.1%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,019	2.0	1,039	2.0	-20	-1.9%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in June 2013 compared to May 2013. All districts saw a decrease in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Jun 13 Number	Jun 13 Rate	May 13 Number	May 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	6,101	3.2	6,444	3.4	-343	-5.3%	-0.2
Cheltenham	1,412	3.7	1,489	3.9	-77	-5.2%	-0.2
Cotswold	444	1.8	473	1.9	-29	-6.1%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	765	3.0	812	3.2	-47	-5.8%	-0.2
Gloucester	2,048	5.1	2,130	5.4	-82	-3.8%	-0.3
Stroud	782	2.2	862	2.5	-80	-9.3%	-0.3
Tewkesbury	650	2.6	678	2.7	-28	-4.1%	-0.1

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in June 2013 compared to May 2013. All districts saw a decrease in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Jun 13 Number	Jun 13 Rate	May 13 Number	May 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	3,257	1.7	3,365	1.8	-108	-3.2%	-0.1
Cheltenham	688	1.8	713	1.9	-25	-3.5%	-0.1
Cotswold	244	0.9	245	0.9	-1	-0.4%	0.0
Forest of Dean	403	1.6	435	1.7	-32	-7.4%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,090	2.7	1,103	2.8	-13	-1.2%	-0.1
Stroud	463	1.3	508	1.4	-45	-8.9%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	369	1.4	361	1.4	8	2.2%	0.0

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in June 2013 compared to May 2013. Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of female claimants, while the other districts experienced a decrease.

## 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 4: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

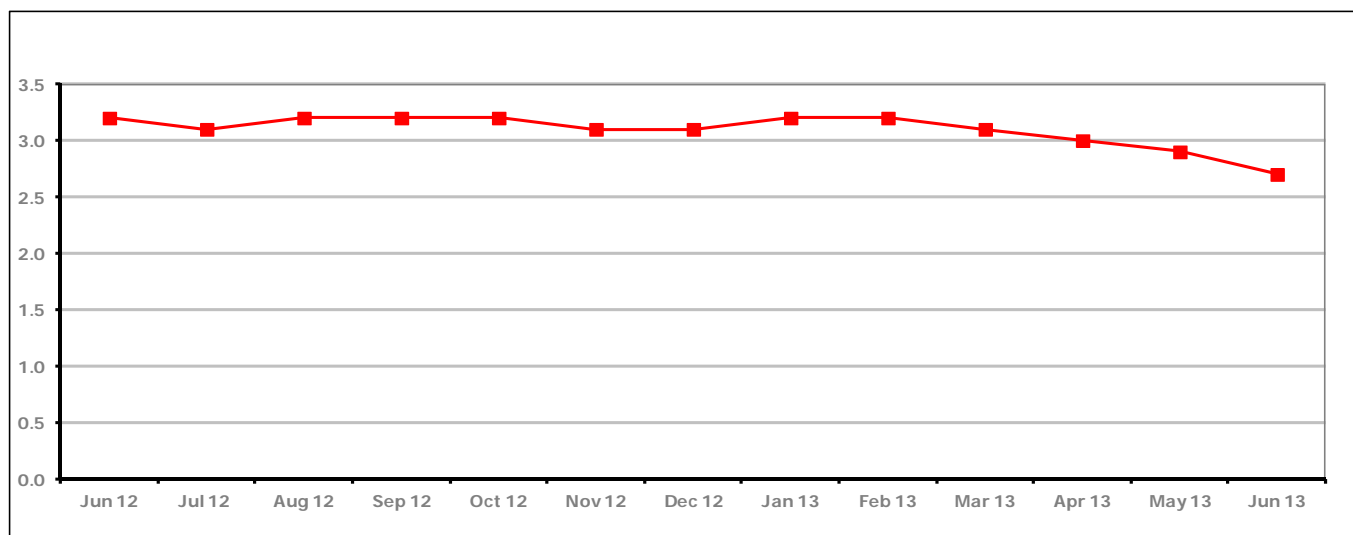


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased in June 2013 to 2.7%.

Figure 5: Cheltenham Borough claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

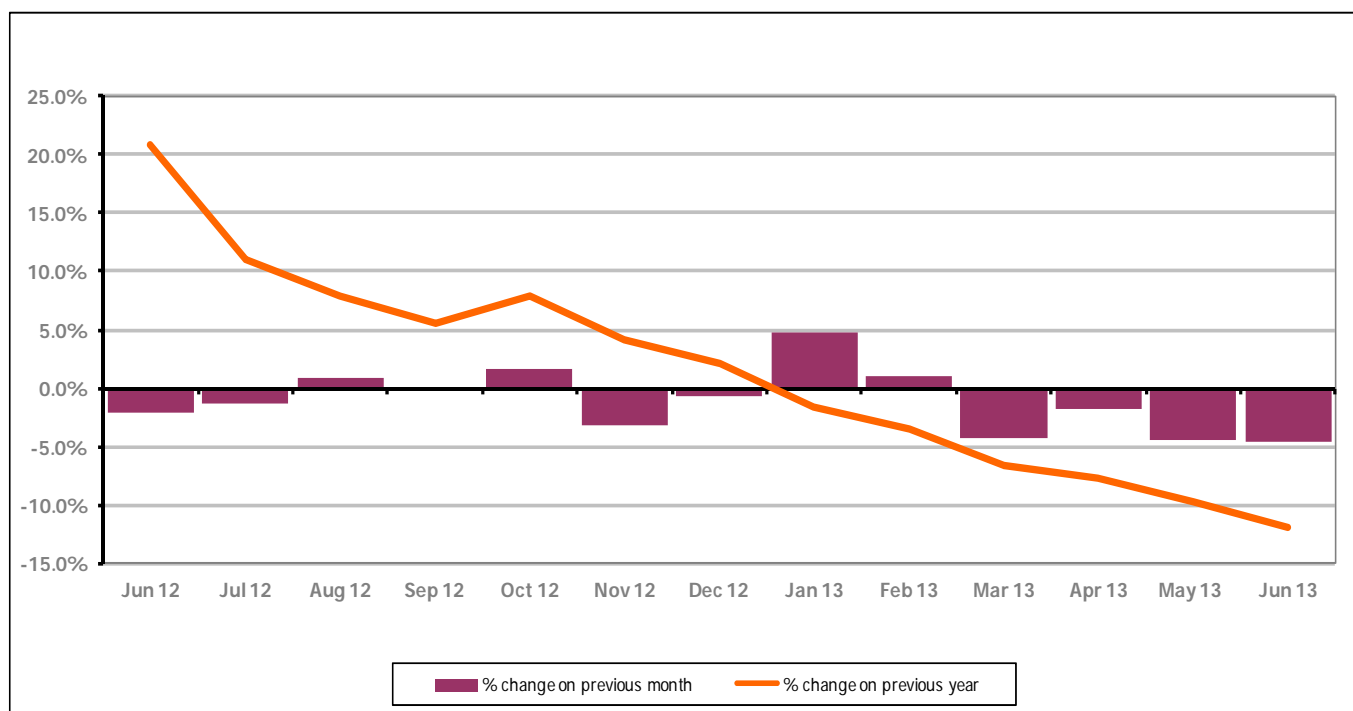


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -4.6% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in June 2013 compared to May 2013 to -12.0%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

## 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - June 2013

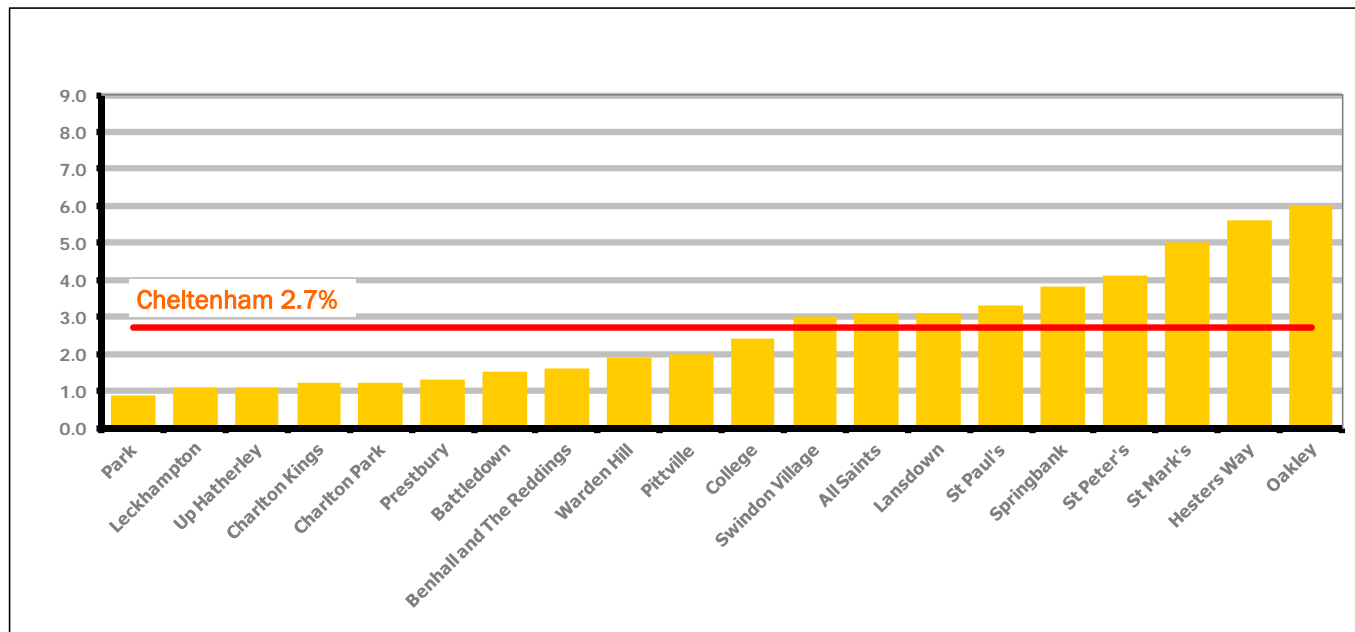


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.7%. Nine wards lie above the average.

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - June 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Park	0.9	19
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.1	32
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.1	32
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.2	42
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.2	42
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.3	53
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.5	65
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.6	68
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.9	84
Cheltenham	Pittville	2.0	90
Cheltenham	College	2.4	103
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.0	113
Cheltenham	All Saints	3.1	116
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.1	116
Cheltenham	St Paul's	3.3	120
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.8	124
Cheltenham	St Peter's	4.1	126
Cheltenham	St Mark's	5.0	133
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	5.6	136
Cheltenham	Oakley	6.0	138

bottom 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 142 = "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 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

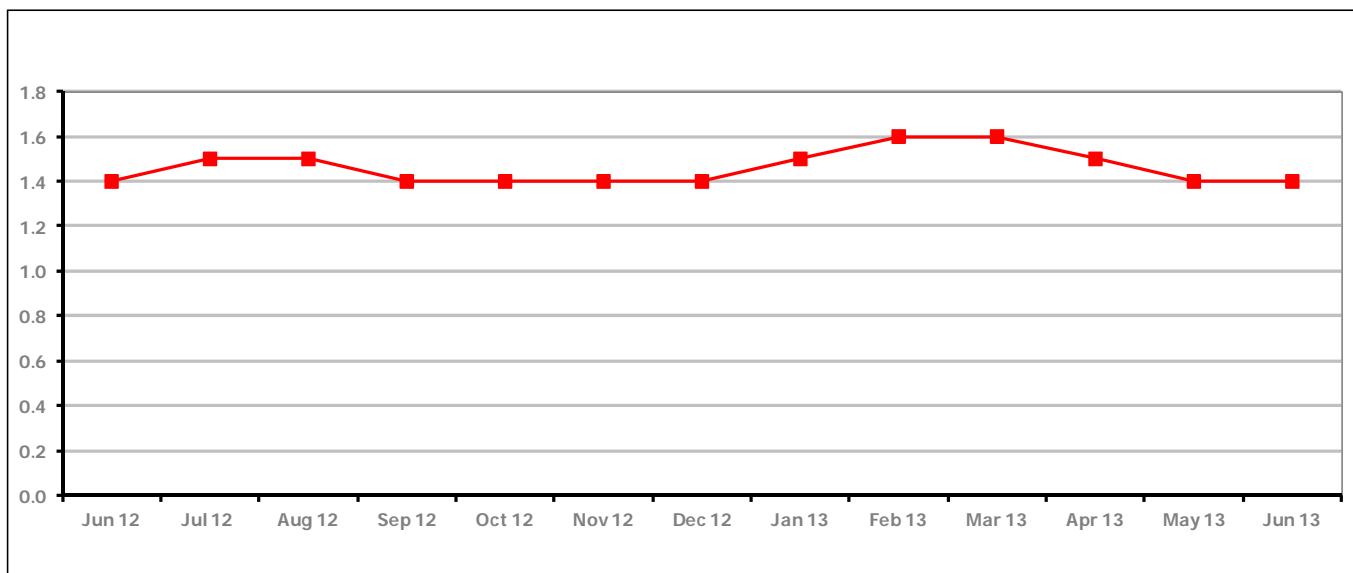


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District remained the same as last month at 1.4%.

Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

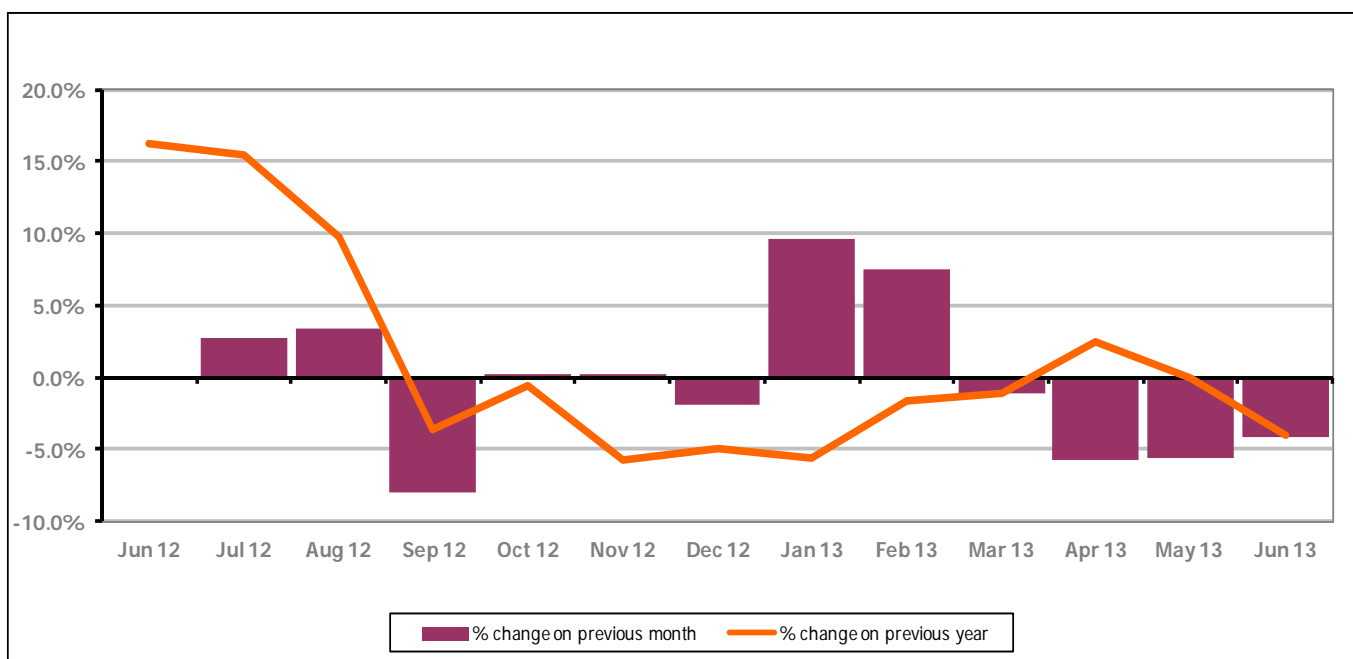


Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by -4.2% since May 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from May 2013 compared to June 2013 to -4.0%.



## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

## 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Figure 9: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - June 2013

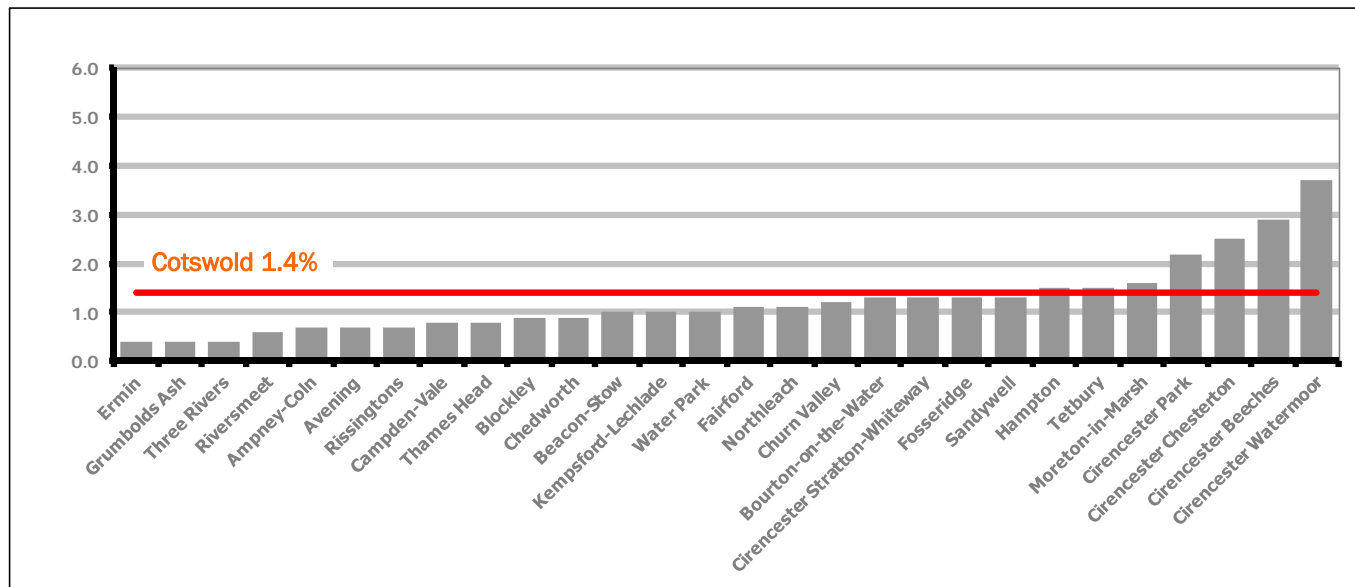
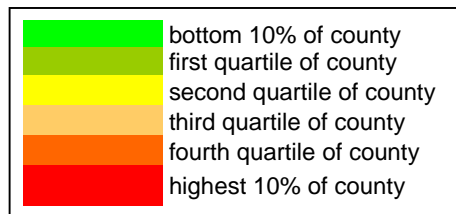


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.4%. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - June 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	2
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	0.4	2
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.4	2
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.6	7
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coln	0.7	9
Cotswolds	Avening	0.7	9
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.7	9
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.8	16
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.8	16
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.9	19
Cotswolds	Chedworth	0.9	19
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	1.0	25
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.0	25
Cotswolds	Water Park	1.0	25
Cotswolds	Fairford	1.1	32
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.1	32
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.2	42
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.3	53
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.3	53
Cotswolds	Fossebridge	1.3	53
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.3	53
Cotswolds	Hampton	1.5	65
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.5	65
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.6	68
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.2	96
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.5	105
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.9	112
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.7	123



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

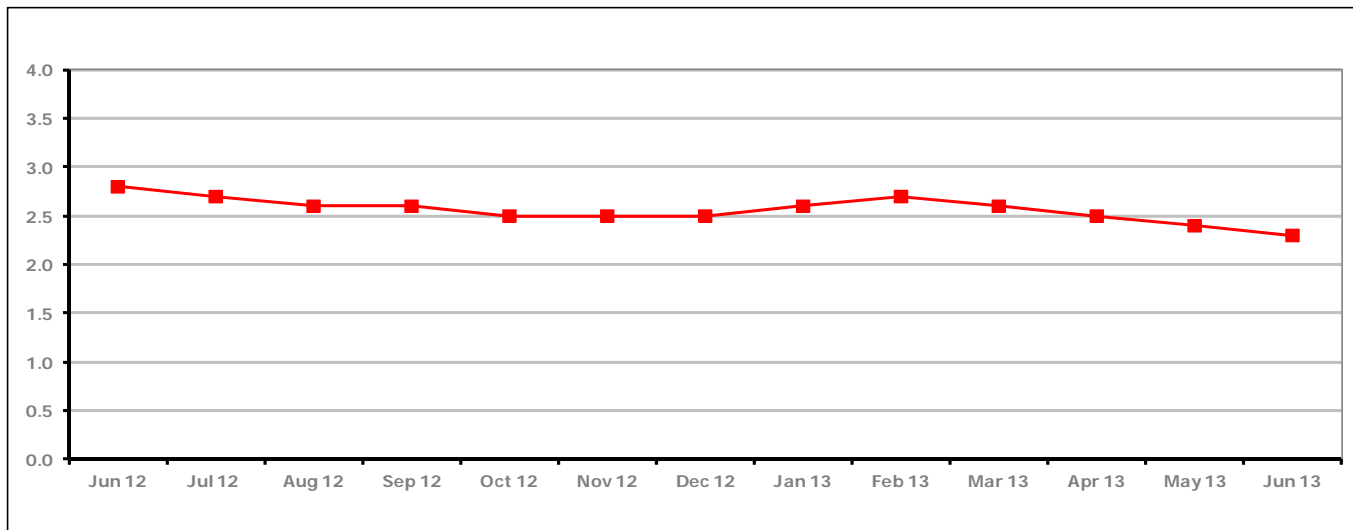
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in June 2013 to 2.3%.

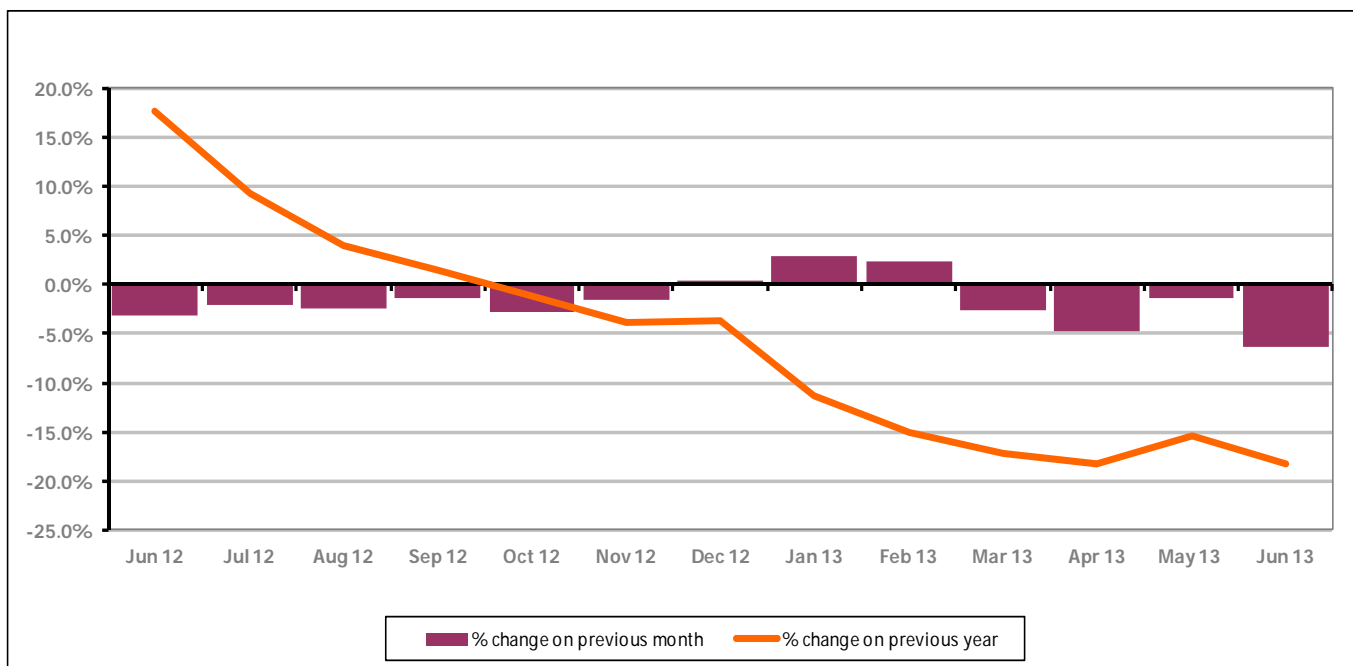
*Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by -6.3% since May 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from May 2013 compared to June 2013 to -18.2%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

## 4.3 Forest of Dean District continued...

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - June 2013

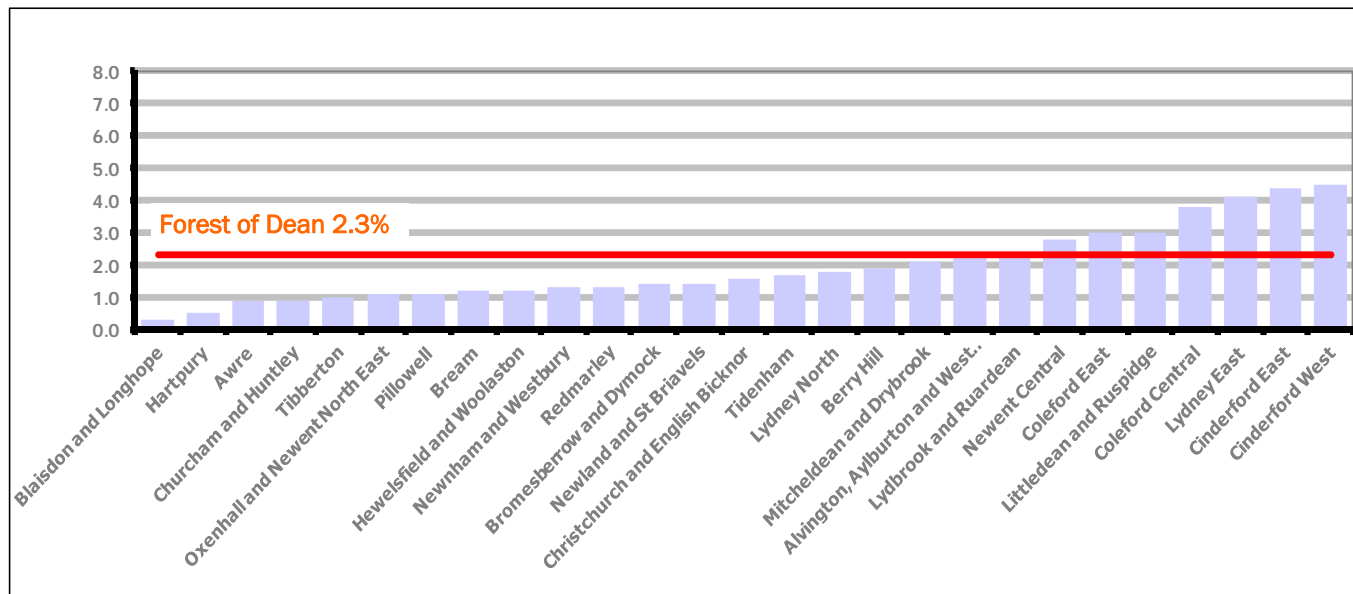
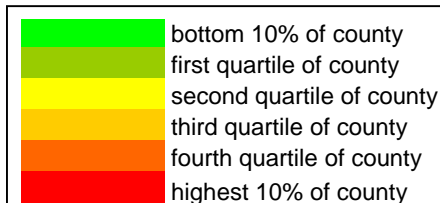


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.3 %. Seven wards lie above the average.

Table 7: Analysis of Claimant Count at Forest of Dean District ward level - June 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.3	1
Forest	Hartpury	0.5	5
Forest	Awre	0.9	19
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.9	19
Forest	Tibberton	1.0	25
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.1	32
Forest	Pillowell	1.1	32
Forest	Bream	1.2	42
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.2	42
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.3	53
Forest	Redmarley	1.3	53
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	1.4	62
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.4	62
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.6	68
Forest	Tidenham	1.7	75
Forest	Lydney North	1.8	79
Forest	Berry Hill	1.9	84
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.1	93
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	2.2	96
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.2	96
Forest	Newent Central	2.8	110
Forest	Coleford East	3.0	113
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	3.0	113
Forest	Coleford Central	3.8	124
Forest	Lydney East	4.1	126
Forest	Cinderford East	4.4	128
Forest	Cinderford West	4.5	129



\* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

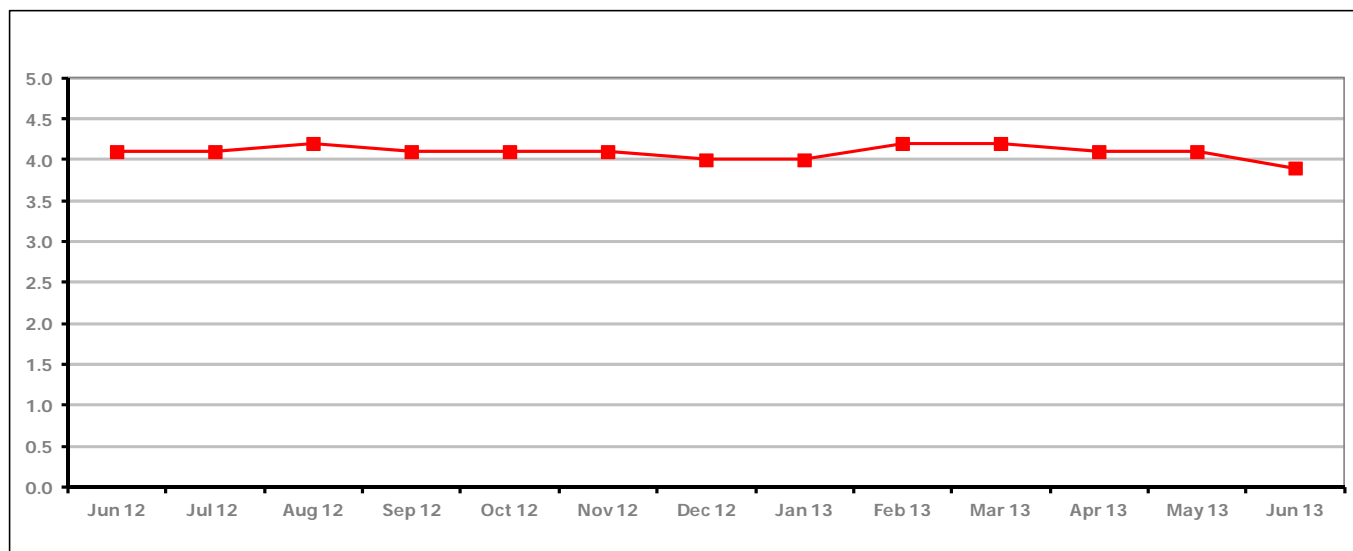


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased in June 2013 to 3.9%.

Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

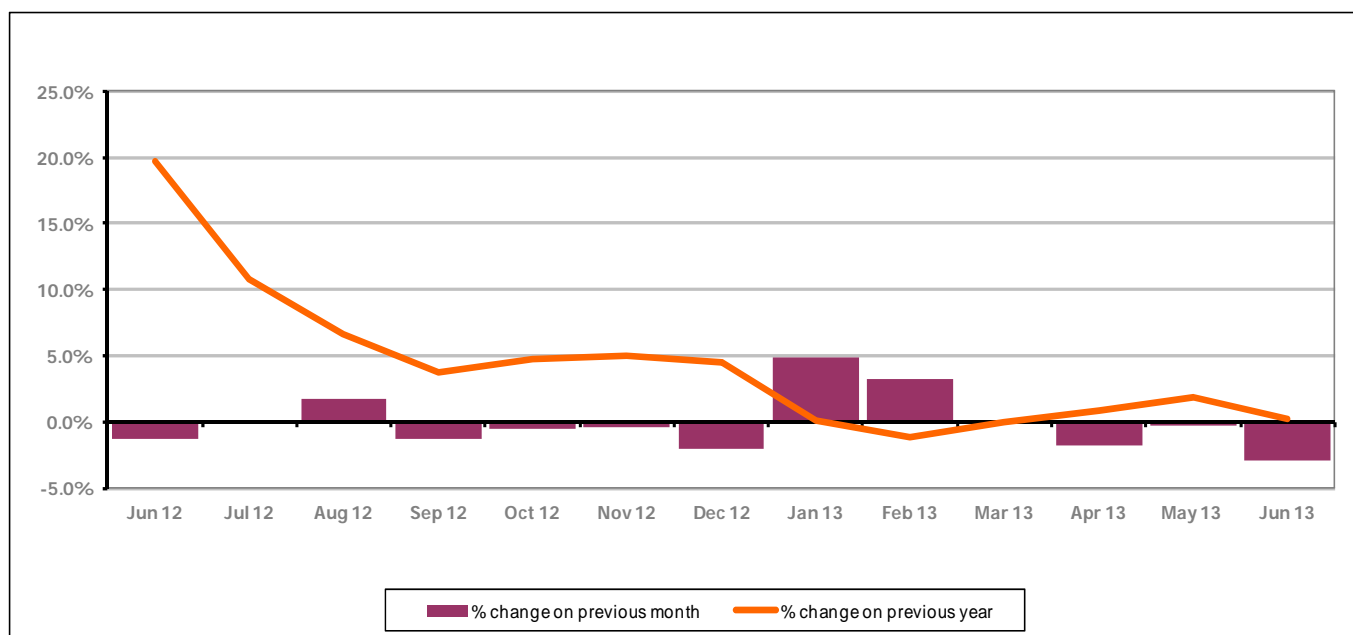


Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -2.9% since May 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from May 2013 compared to June 2013 to +0.2%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

## 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Figure 15: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - June 2013

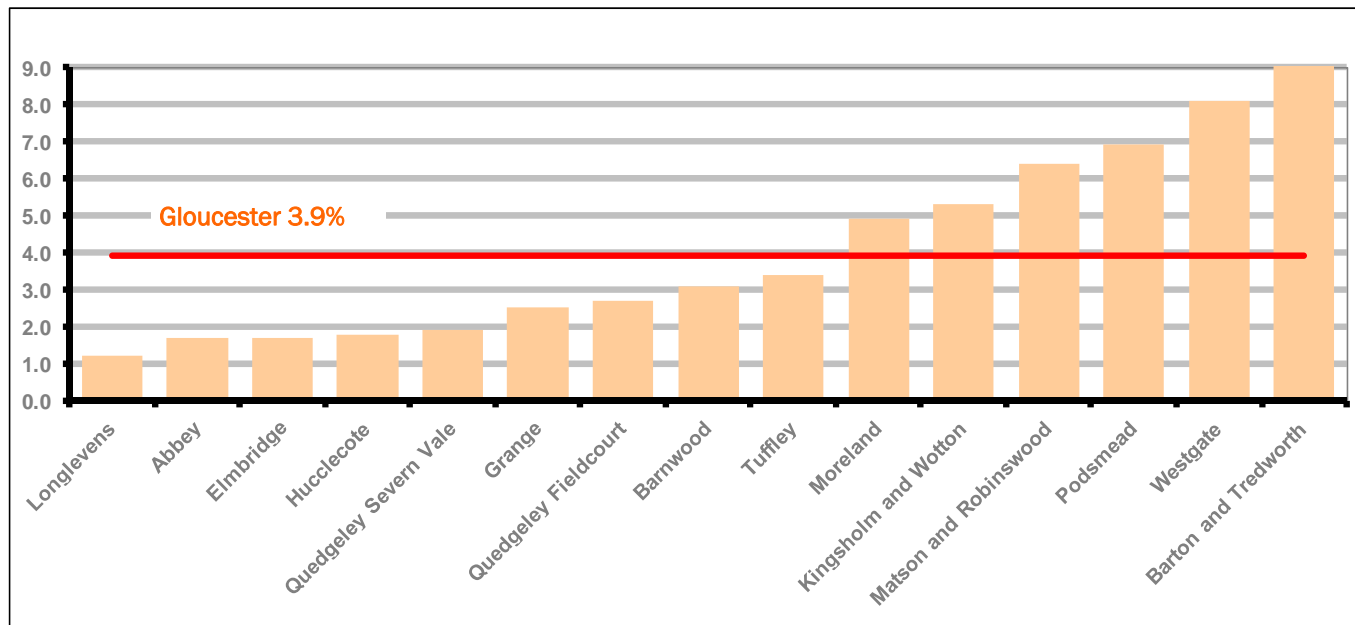
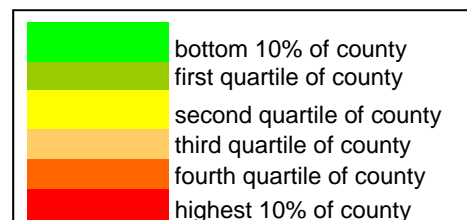


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.9%. Six wards lie above the average.

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - June 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.2	42
Gloucester	Abbey	1.7	75
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.7	75
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.8	79
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.9	84
Gloucester	Grange	2.5	105
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.7	108
Gloucester	Barnwood	3.1	116
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.4	122
Gloucester	Moreland	4.9	132
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	5.3	135
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	6.4	139
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.9	140
Gloucester	Westgate	8.1	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	9.1	142



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

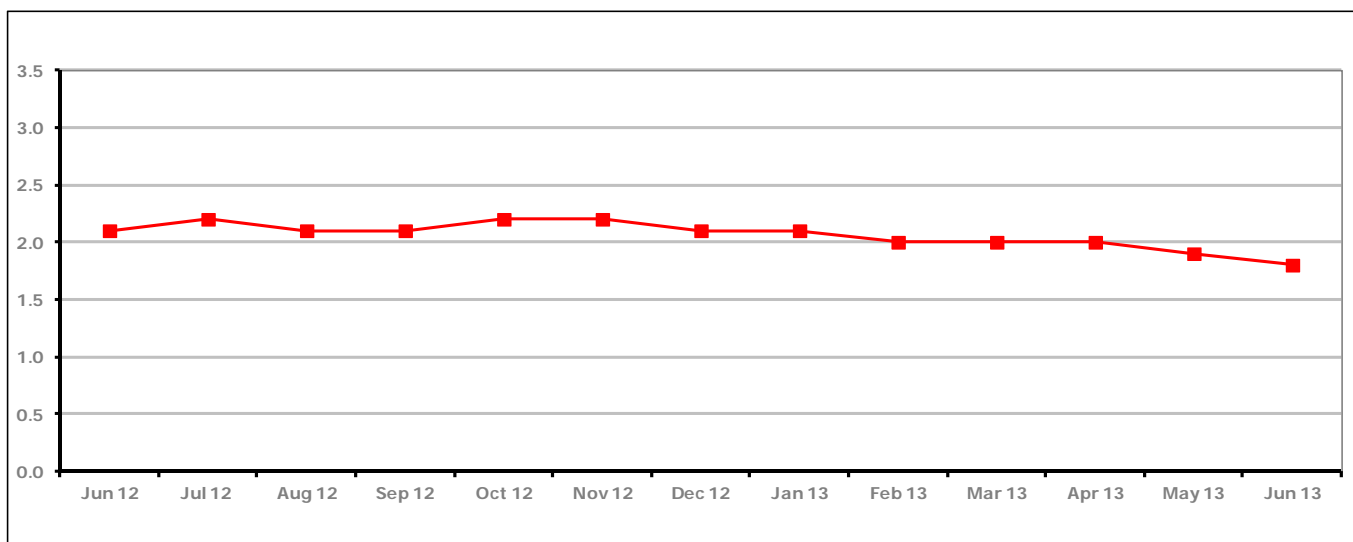
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased in June 2013 to 1.8%.

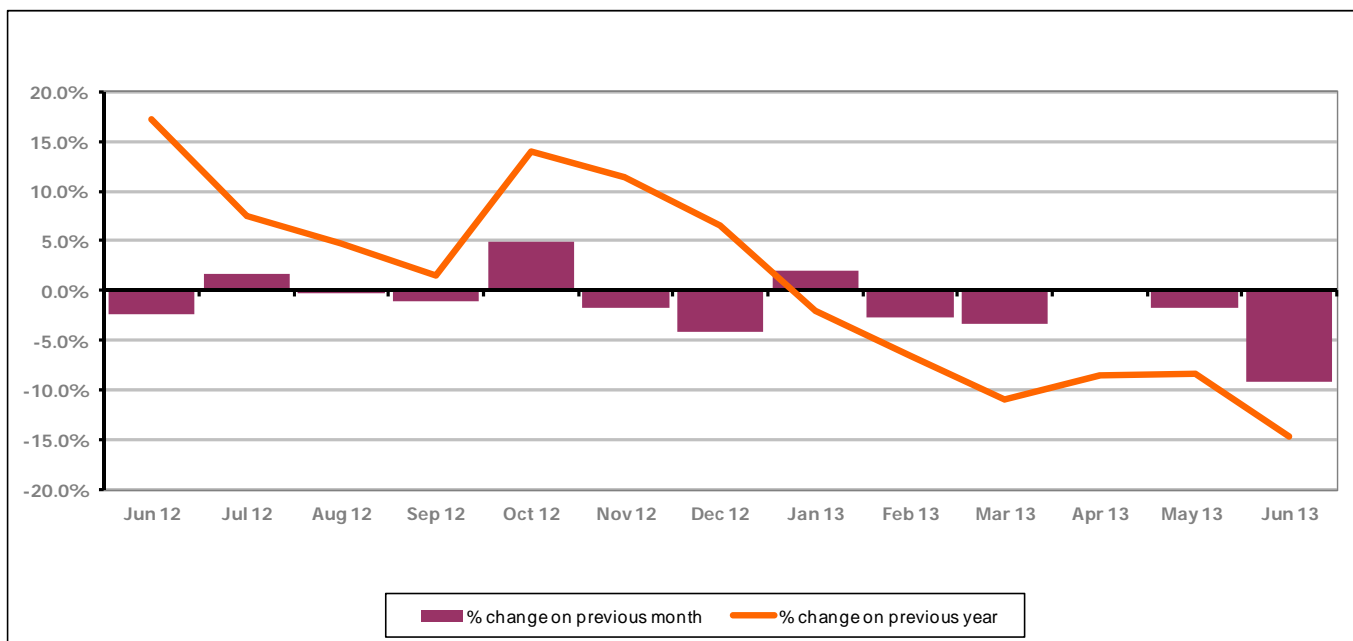
*Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change*

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -9.1% since May 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased between May 2013 and June 2013 to -14.7%.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

## 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Figure 18: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - June 2013

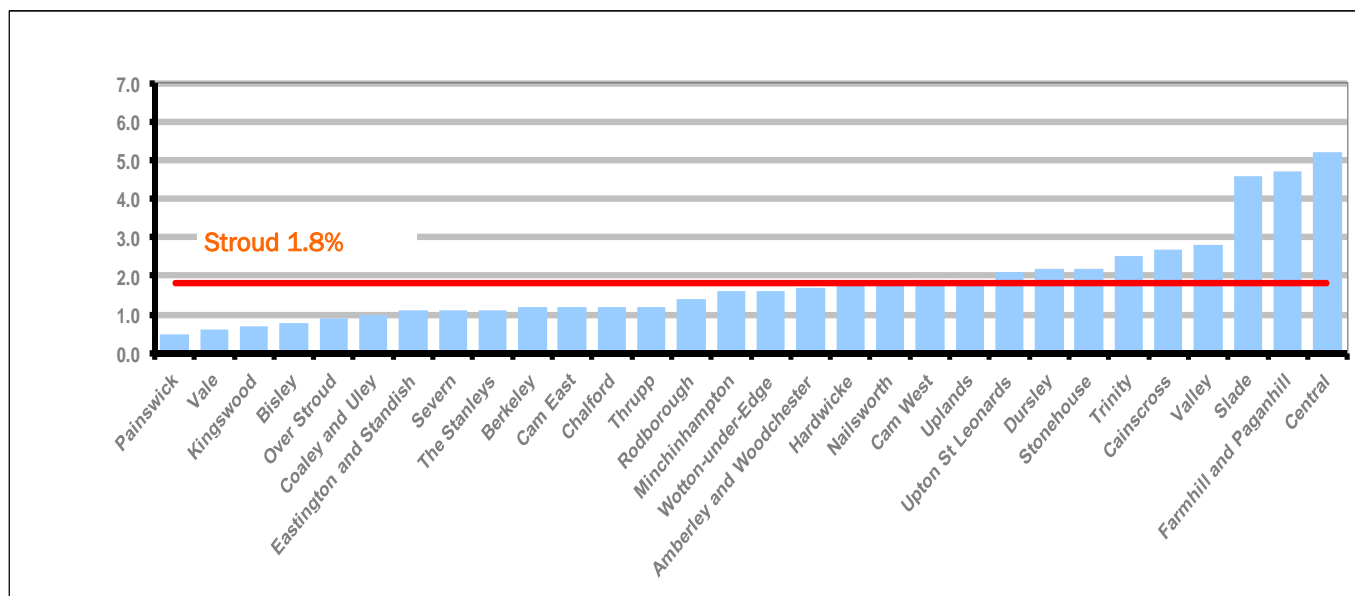
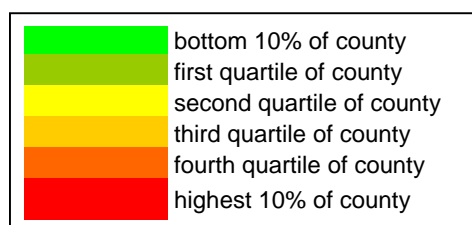


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8%. Eleven wards are above the average.

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - June 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Painswick	0.5	5
Stroud	Vale	0.6	7
Stroud	Kingswood	0.7	9
Stroud	Bisley	0.8	16
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.9	19
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.0	25
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.1	32
Stroud	Severn	1.1	32
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.1	32
Stroud	Berkeley	1.2	42
Stroud	Cam East	1.2	42
Stroud	Chalford	1.2	42
Stroud	Thrupp	1.2	42
Stroud	Rodborough	1.4	62
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.6	68
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.6	68
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.7	75
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.8	79
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.8	79
Stroud	Cam West	1.9	84
Stroud	Uplands	1.9	84
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.1	93
Stroud	Dursley	2.2	96
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.2	96
Stroud	Trinity	2.5	105
Stroud	Cainscross	2.7	108
Stroud	Valley	2.8	110
Stroud	Slade	4.6	130
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	4.7	131
Stroud	Central	5.2	134



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

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

## 4.6 Tewkesbury District

## Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

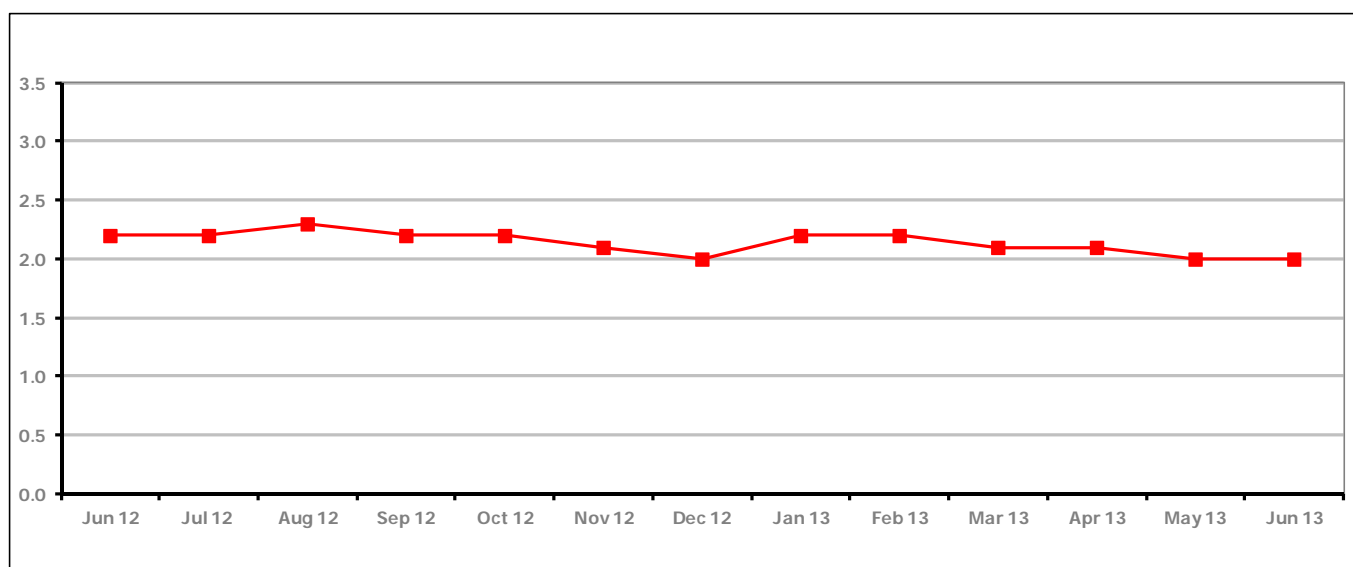


Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District remained the same as last month at 2.0%.

Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

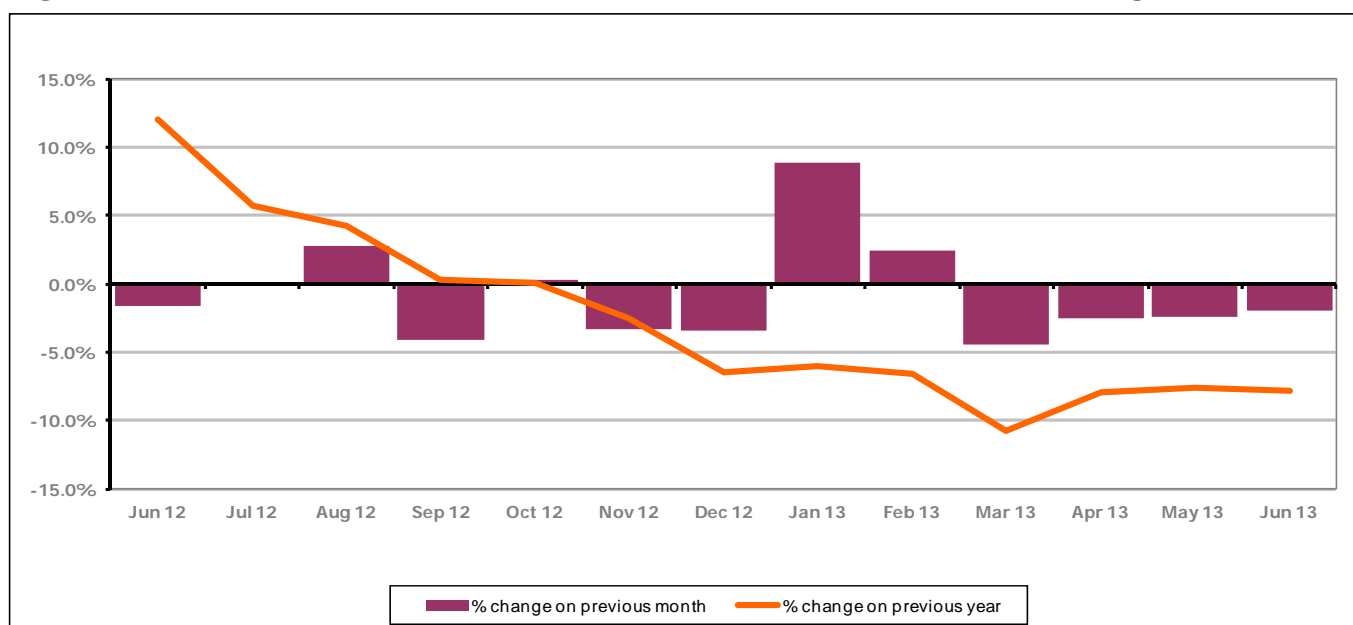


Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased in June 2013 by -1.9%. The change on the previous year decreased between May 2013 and June 2013 to -7.9%.



## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

## 4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Figure 21: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - June 2013

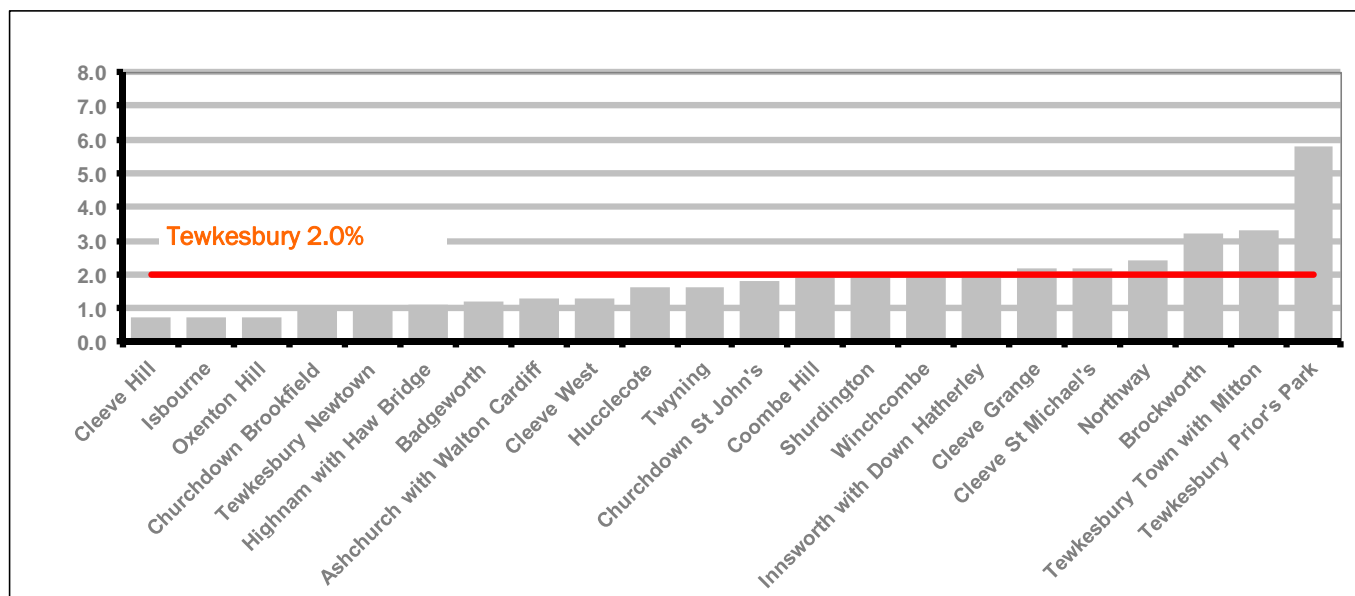
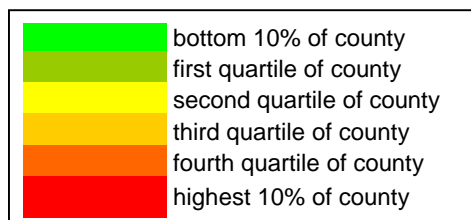


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.0% and seven wards are above the average.

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - June 2013

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.7	9
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.7	9
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.7	9
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.0	25
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.0	25
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.1	32
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.2	42
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.3	53
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.3	53
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.6	68
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.6	68
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.8	79
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.9	84
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.0	90
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.0	90
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.1	93
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.2	96
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.2	96
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.4	103
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	3.2	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.3	120
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	5.8	137

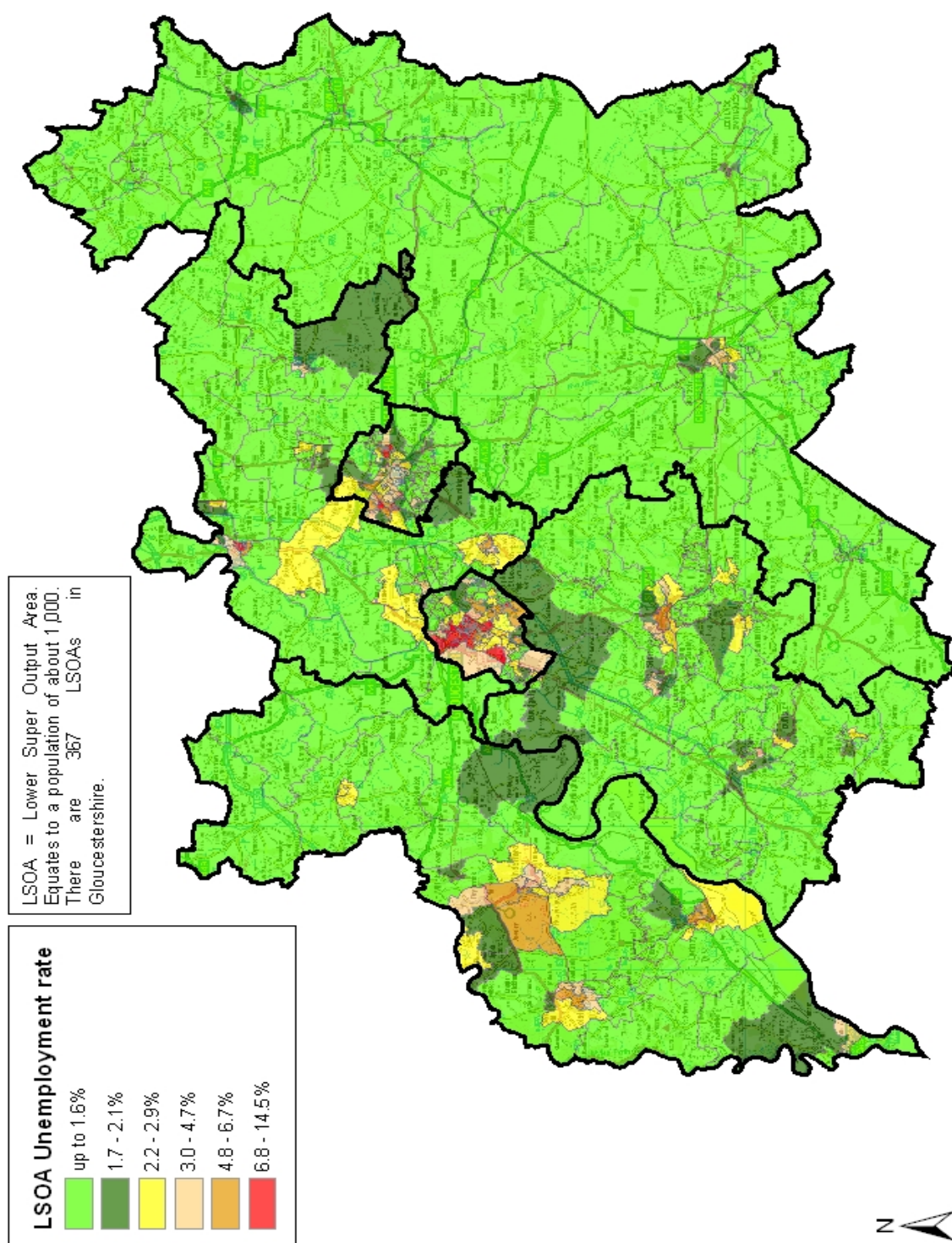


\* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

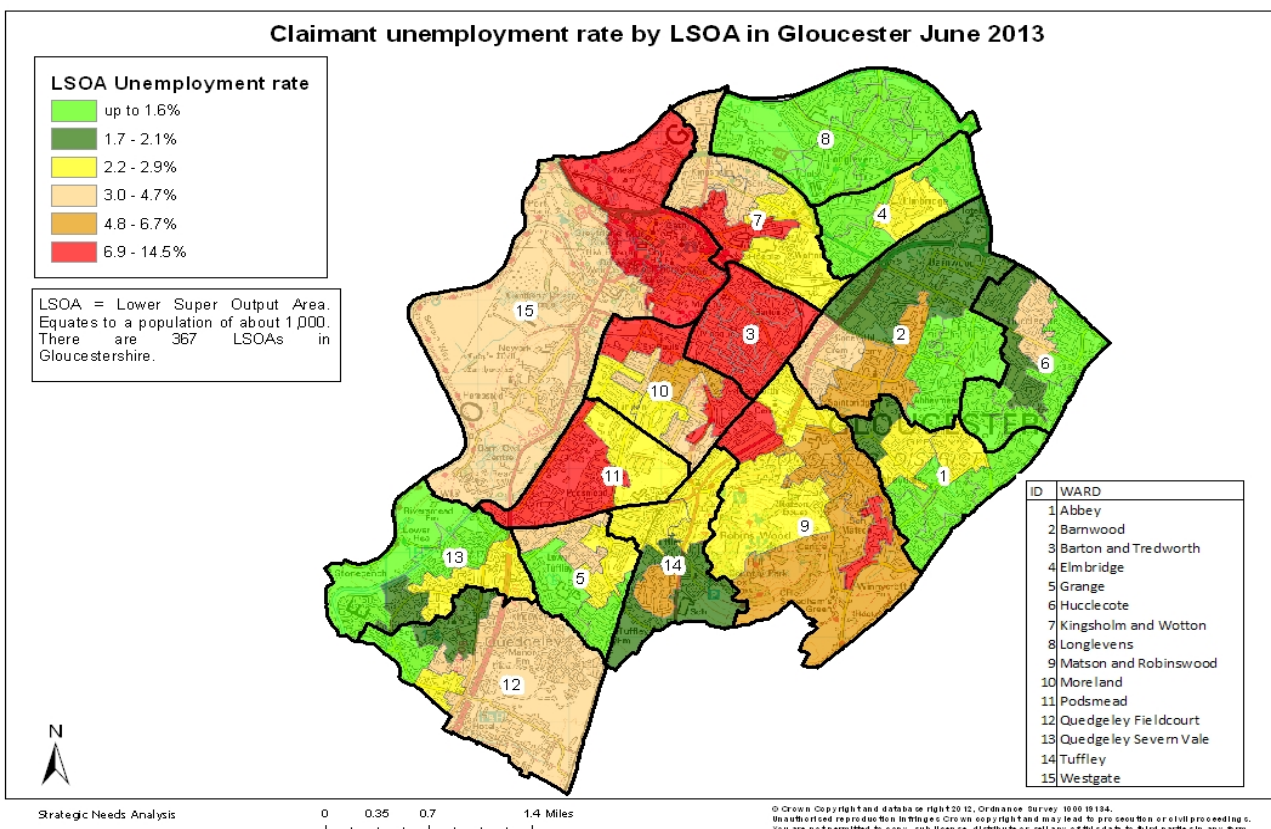
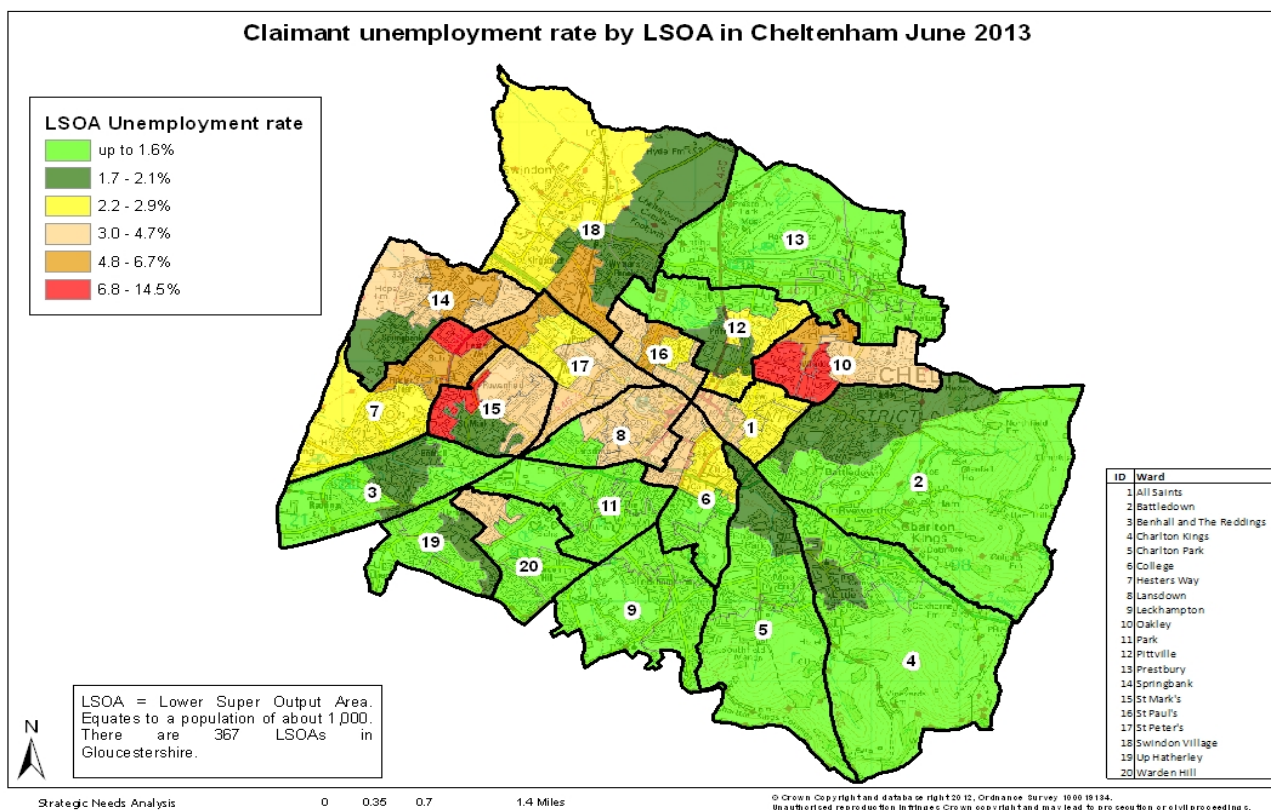
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

## PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant unemployment rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire June 2013



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## PART 6: YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEET) IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

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

Connexions Gloucestershire is required to report performance with the 16-18 age range against nationally defined criteria for counting the NEET group. 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.

### Summary

At the end of June 2013 there were 582 young people aged 16-18 not in education, employment or training in Gloucestershire and this figure translates into an adjusted (\*) 16-18 NEET population of 4.4%. The total number of NEET decreased by 32 young people in June 2013 compared to May 2013. Six districts saw a decrease in their NEET figures.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

#### June 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
<b>Total NEET</b>	125	49	67	196	79	66	582
<b>Cohort</b>	2135	1766	1831	3997	2359	1572	13660
<b>% NEET</b>	5.9	2.8	3.7	4.9	3.3	4.2	4.4

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact [Ruth.Critchlow@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Ruth.Critchlow@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or telephone 01452 551267.

(\*) Adjustment includes a proportion of young people aged 16-18 whose outcomes are not-known to Connexions Gloucestershire