

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).

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.

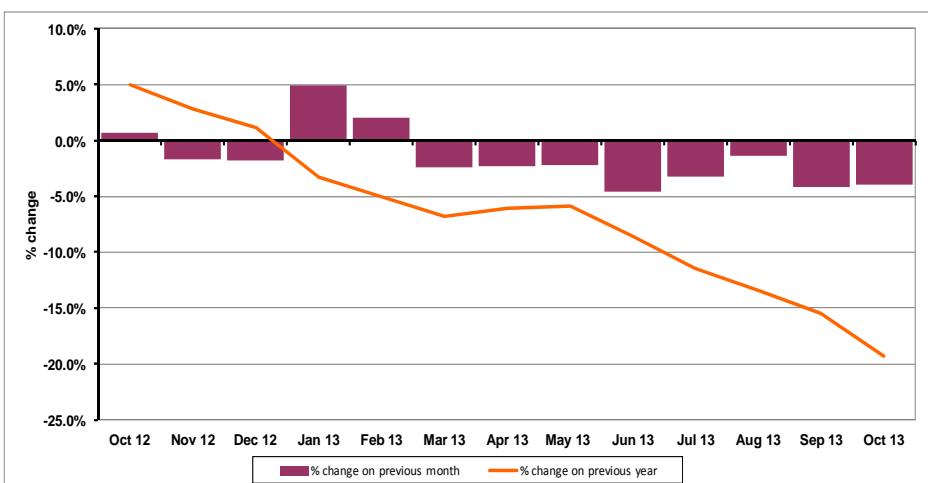
PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire was 2.2% in October 2013. This was a decrease of 0.1% on the September 2013 figure. The UK and South West rate also decreased to 3.1% and 2.0% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate is 0.2% above the South West average of 2.0%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 3.1%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in October 2013 decreased by 339 people. The amount of people claiming in October 2013 was 4.0% lower than the number in September 2013. This compares to a 3.4% decrease in the South West and a 4.2% decrease for the UK.

The year on year claimant count in Gloucestershire has decreased since last month. The count was 19.3% lower in October 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:
October 2012 to October 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 October 2013

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

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

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	1,854
Compared to last month:	-2.1%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward	Oakley (5.5%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	2,670
Compared to last month:	-4.1%
Claimant rate:	3.3%
Highest claiming ward	Barton and Tredworth (7.9%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	576
Compared to last month:	-4.3%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Cirencester Watermoor (3.0%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	1,132
Compared to last month:	-4.7%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Slade (4.1%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	1,073
Compared to last month:	-4.7%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward	Cinderford West (4.3%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	912
Compared to last month:	-5.1%
Claimant rate:	1.8%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (4.7%)

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

At the end of October 2013 there were 784 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 4.8%.

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

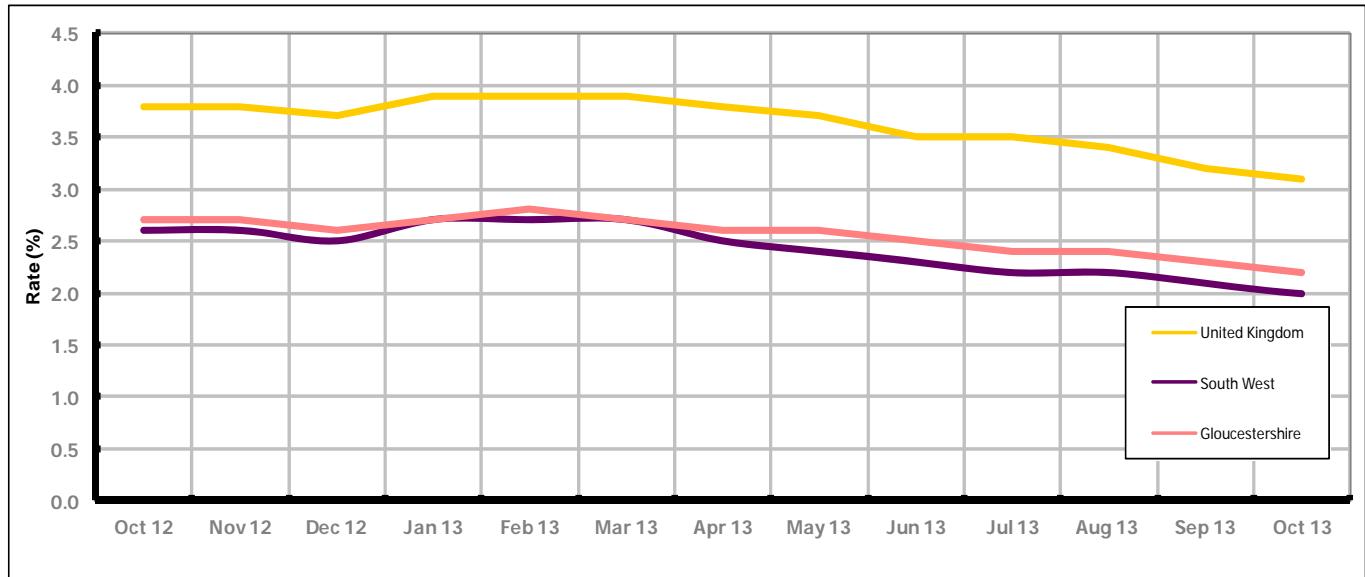


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.2% in October 2013. With the exception of January and March 2013, the rate has been slightly higher than the South West average since March 2012. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average. The October 2013 rate represented a 0.1% decrease on September 2013.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in October 2013	% change on September 2013	Average % change over the last six months	Consecutive months decreasing
UK	1,268,751	-4.2%	-2.7%	7
South West	66,773	-3.4%	-3.2%	7
Gloucestershire	8,217	-4.0%	-2.9%	7

Table 1 shows that in October 2013, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 4.0% lower than the number in September 2013.

The average change in claimants in Gloucestershire for the six months to October 2013 was -2.9%.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

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

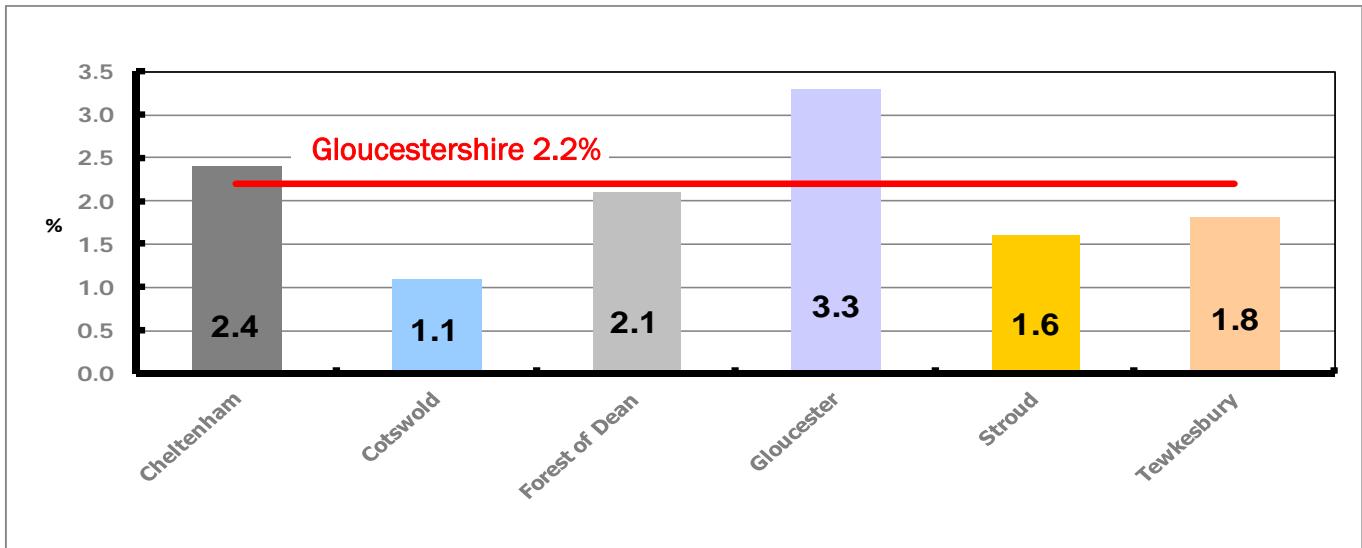


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for October 2013 in Gloucestershire. Between September 2013 and October 2013 the rate in all districts decreased.

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

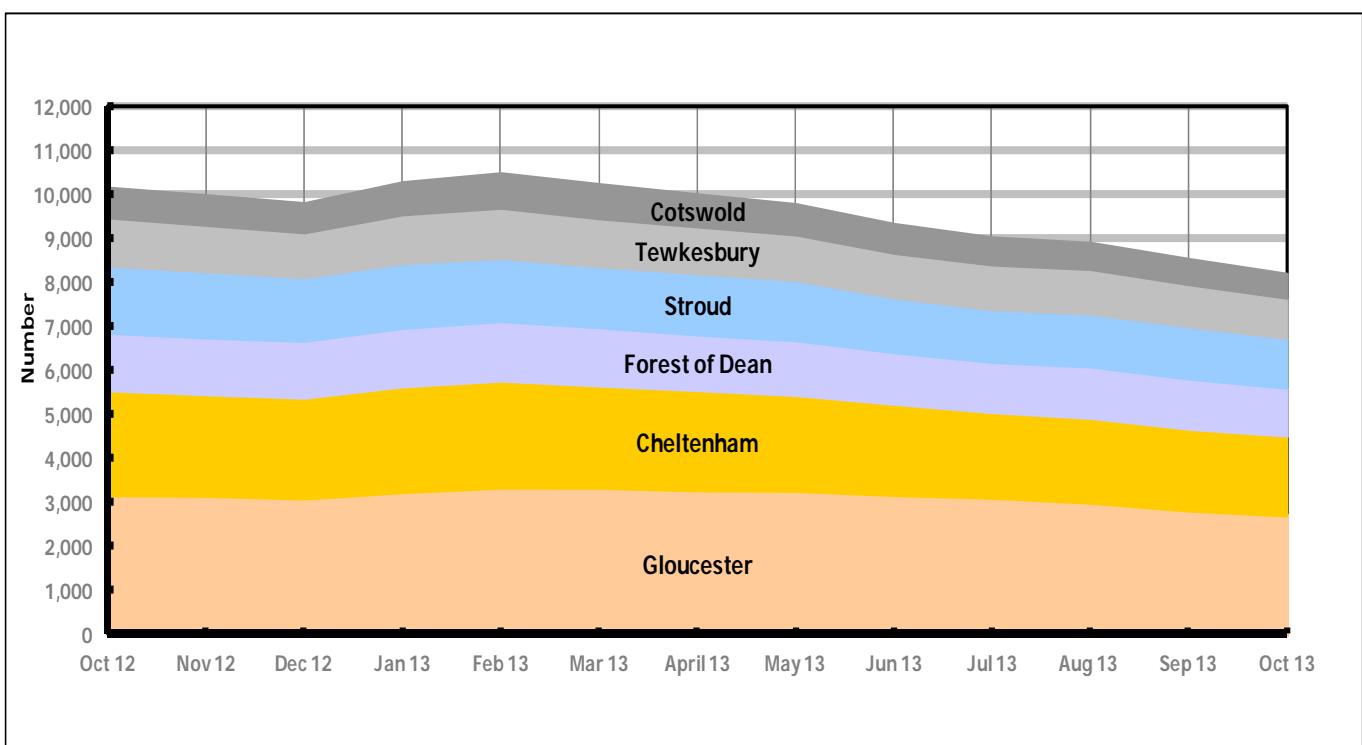


Figure 3 shows the overall claimant count by district over the past year. Since October 2012 the number of claimants has decreased, with the exception of October 2012, January and February 2013 when they increased.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Oct 13 Number	Oct 13 Rate	Sep 13 Number	Sep 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	8,217	2.2	8,556	2.3	-339	-4.0%	-0.1
Cheltenham	1,854	2.4	1,894	2.5	-40	-2.1%	-0.1
Cotswold	576	1.1	602	1.2	-26	-4.3%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	1,073	2.1	1,126	2.2	-53	-4.7%	-0.1
Gloucester	2,670	3.3	2,785	3.5	-115	-4.1%	-0.2
Stroud	1,132	1.6	1,188	1.7	-56	-4.7%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	912	1.8	961	1.9	-49	-5.1%	-0.1

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

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Oct 13 Number	Oct 13 Rate	Sep 13 Number	Sep 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	5,375	2.9	5,514	2.9	-139	-2.5%	0.0
Cheltenham	1,244	3.3	1,245	3.3	-1	-0.1%	0.0
Cotswold	367	1.5	382	1.6	-15	-3.9%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	713	2.8	743	2.9	-30	-4.0%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,733	4.3	1,793	4.5	-60	-3.3%	-0.2
Stroud	734	2.1	746	2.1	-12	-1.6%	0.0
Tewkesbury	584	2.3	605	2.4	-21	-3.5%	-0.1

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

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Oct 13 Number	Oct 13 Rate	Sep 13 Number	Sep 13 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	2,842	1.5	3,042	1.6	-200	-6.6%	-0.1
Cheltenham	610	1.6	649	1.7	-39	-6.0%	-0.1
Cotswold	209	0.8	220	0.9	-11	-5.0%	-0.1
Forest of Dean	360	1.4	383	1.5	-23	-6.0%	-0.1
Gloucester	937	2.3	992	2.5	-55	-5.5%	-0.2
Stroud	398	1.1	442	1.3	-44	-10.0%	-0.2
Tewkesbury	328	1.3	356	1.4	-28	-7.9%	-0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in October 2013 compared to September 2013. All districts saw a decrease in the number of female claimants.

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

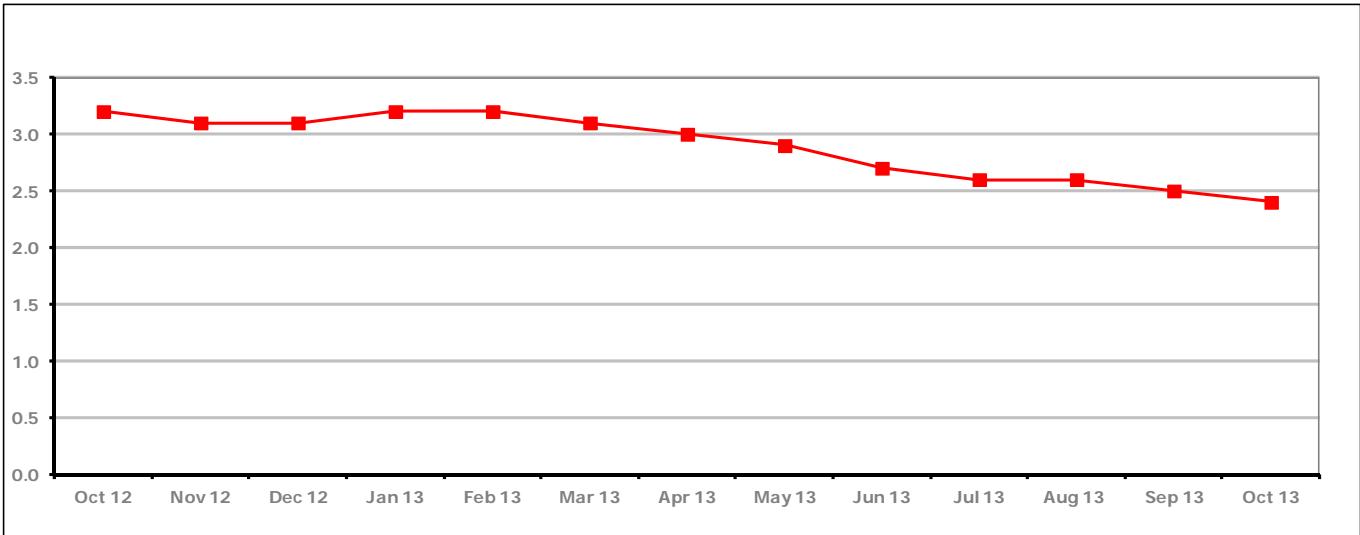


Figure 4 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham decreased in October 2013 to 2.4% .

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

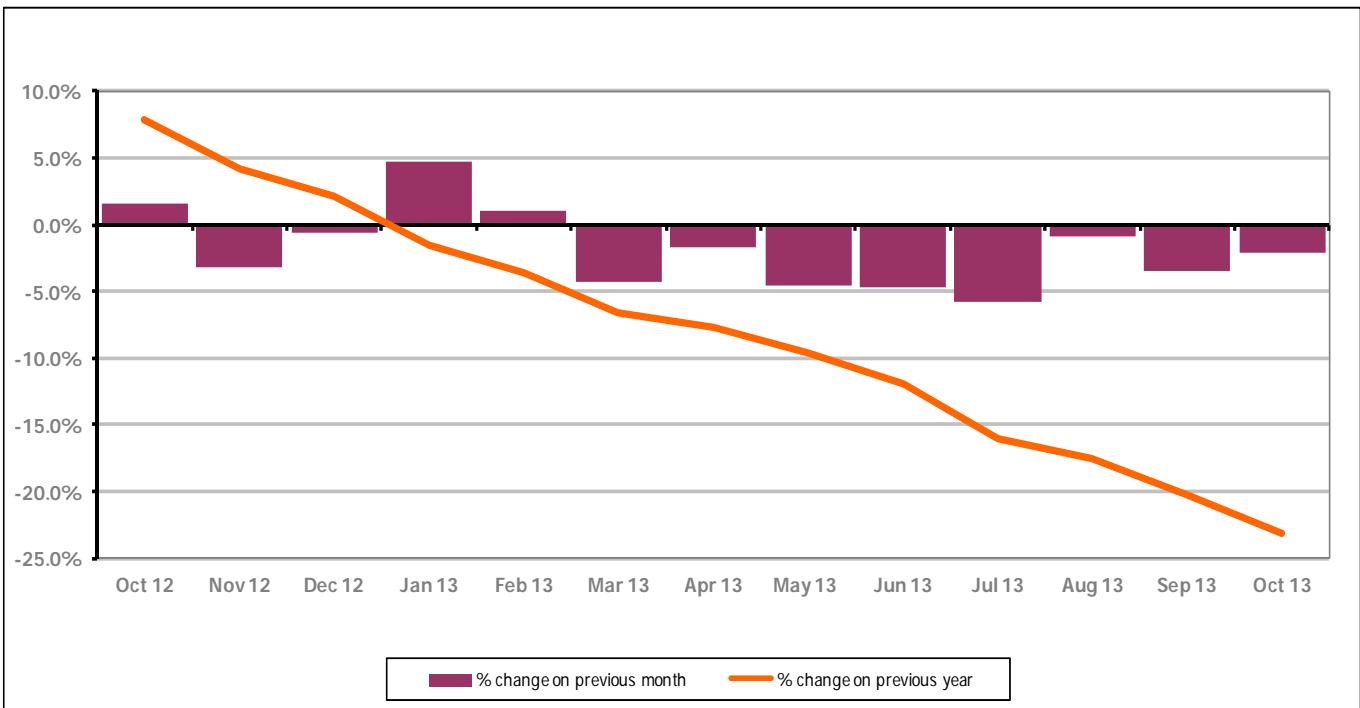


Figure 5 shows the claimant count decreased by -2.1% since last month. The change on the previous year has decreased in October 2013 compared to September 2013 to -23.2%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

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

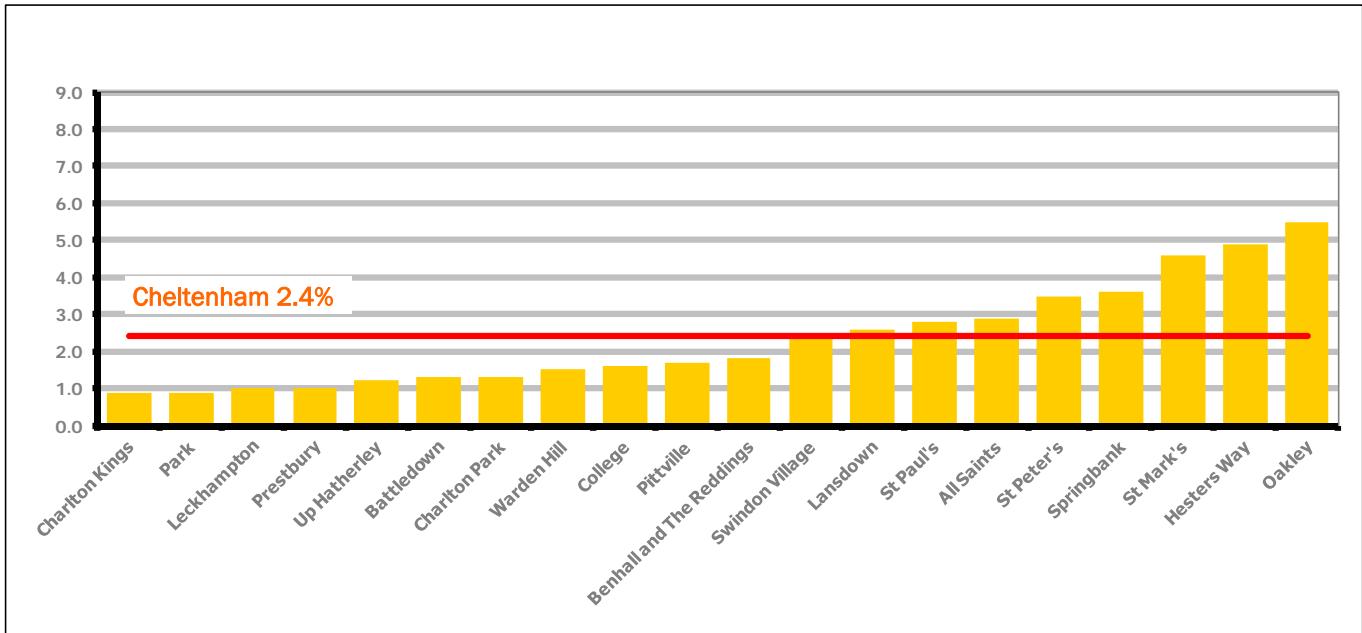


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.4%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.9	27
Cheltenham	Park	0.9	27
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	1.0	31
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.0	31
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.2	55
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.3	62
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.3	62
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.5	75
Cheltenham	College	1.6	78
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.7	85
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	1.8	90
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	2.4	111
Cheltenham	Lansdown	2.6	114
Cheltenham	St Paul's	2.8	119
Cheltenham	All Saints	2.9	120
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.5	126
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.6	127
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.6	135
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	4.9	137
Cheltenham	Oakley	5.5	139

	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.

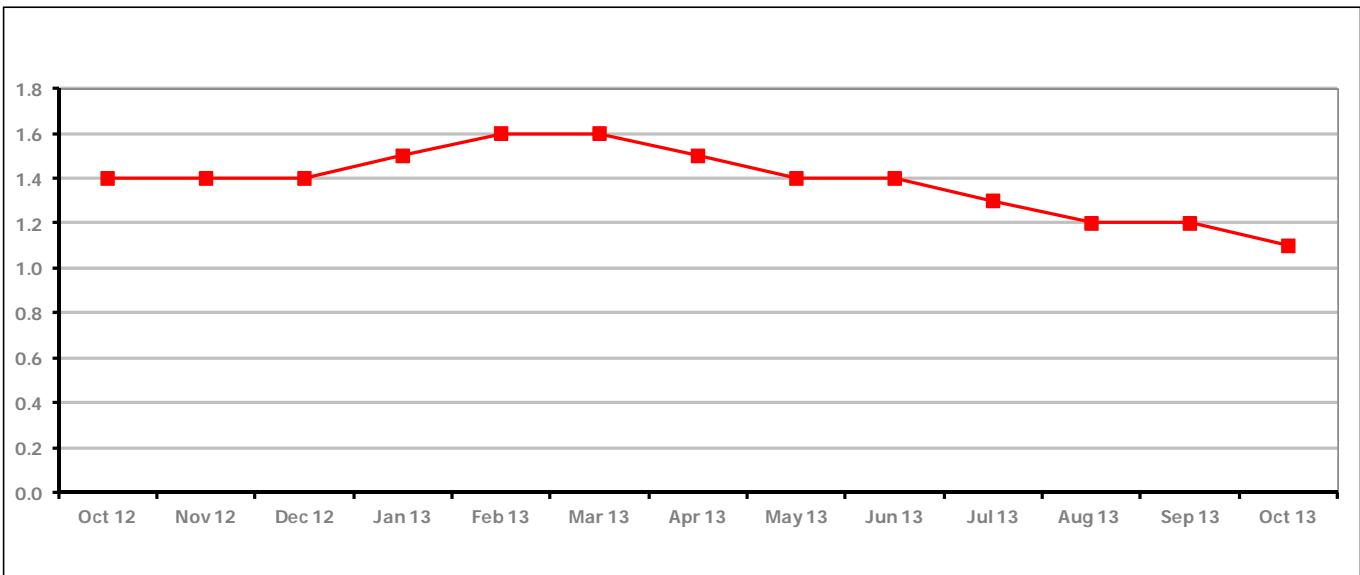
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.2 Cotswold District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 7: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District decreased in October 2013 to 1.1%.

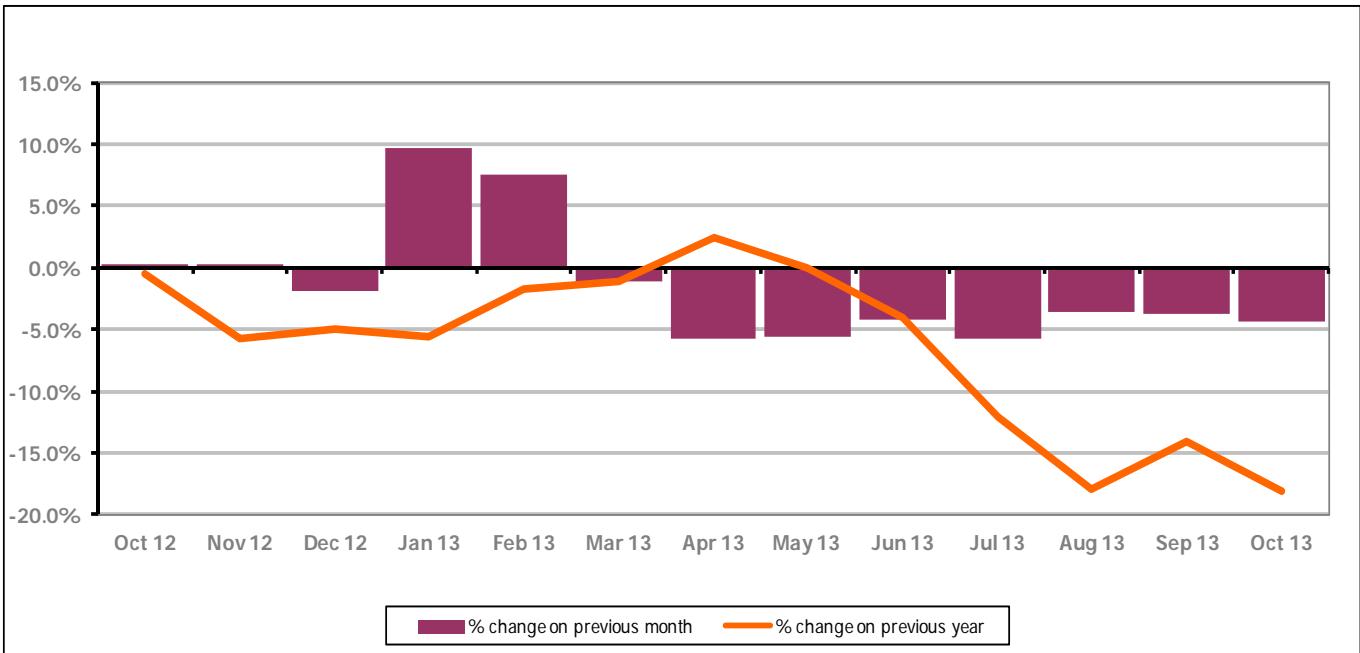
Figure 8: Cotswold District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 8 shows the claimant count decreased by -4.3% since September 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from September 2013 compared to October 2013 to -18.1%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

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

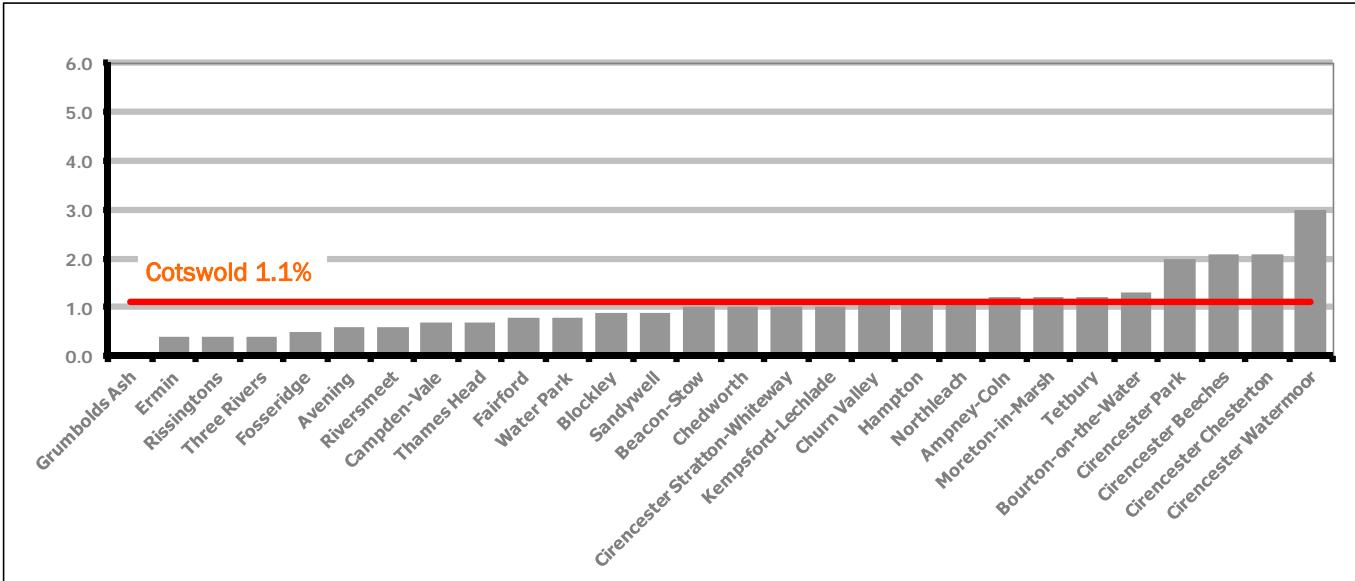
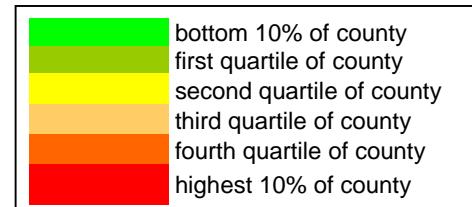


Figure 9 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Eight wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash	<0.2	1
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	4
Cotswolds	Rissingtons	0.4	4
Cotswolds	Three Rivers	0.4	4
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.5	8
Cotswolds	Avening	0.6	10
Cotswolds	Riversmeet	0.6	10
Cotswolds	Campden-Vale	0.7	15
Cotswolds	Thames Head	0.7	15
Cotswolds	Fairford	0.8	19
Cotswolds	Water Park	0.8	19
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Sandywell	0.9	27
Cotswolds	Beacon-Stow	1.0	31
Cotswolds	Chedworth	1.0	31
Cotswolds	Cirencester Stratton-Whiteway	1.0	31
Cotswolds	Kempsford-Lechlade	1.0	31
Cotswolds	Churn Valley	1.1	43
Cotswolds	Hampton	1.1	43
Cotswolds	Northleach	1.1	43
Cotswolds	Ampney-Coin	1.2	55
Cotswolds	Moreton-in-Marsh	1.2	55
Cotswolds	Tetbury	1.2	55
Cotswolds	Bourton-on-the-Water	1.3	62
Cotswolds	Cirencester Park	2.0	95
Cotswolds	Cirencester Beeches	2.1	97
Cotswolds	Cirencester Chesterton	2.1	97
Cotswolds	Cirencester Watermoor	3.0	121



* 1 = "best" and 121 = "worst"

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

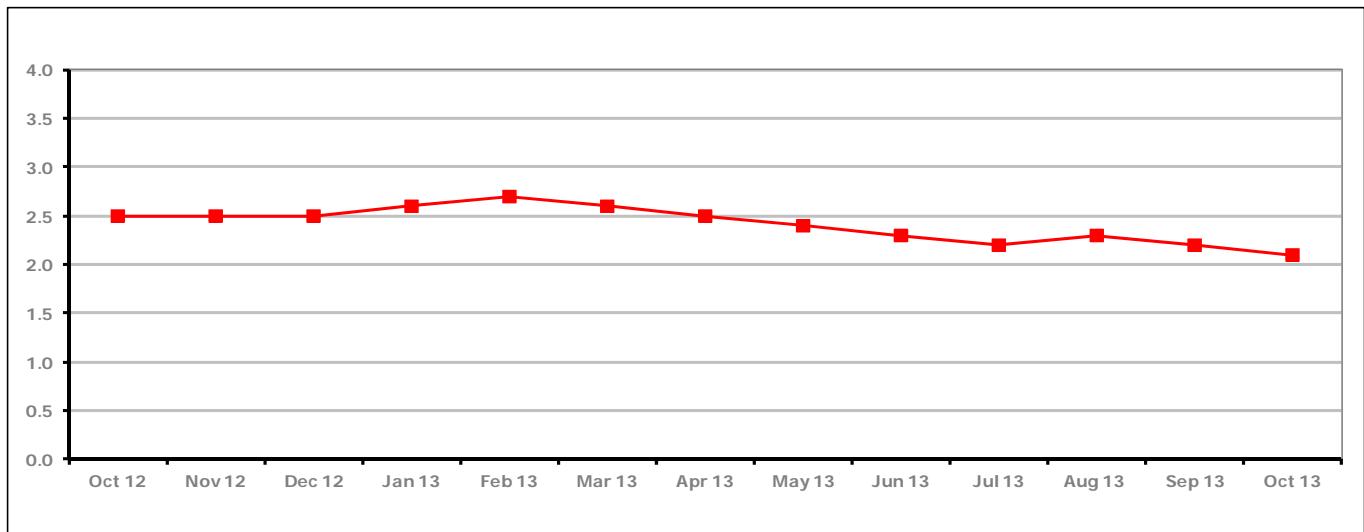
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.3 Forest of Dean District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 10: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 10 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean decreased in October 2013 to 2.1%.

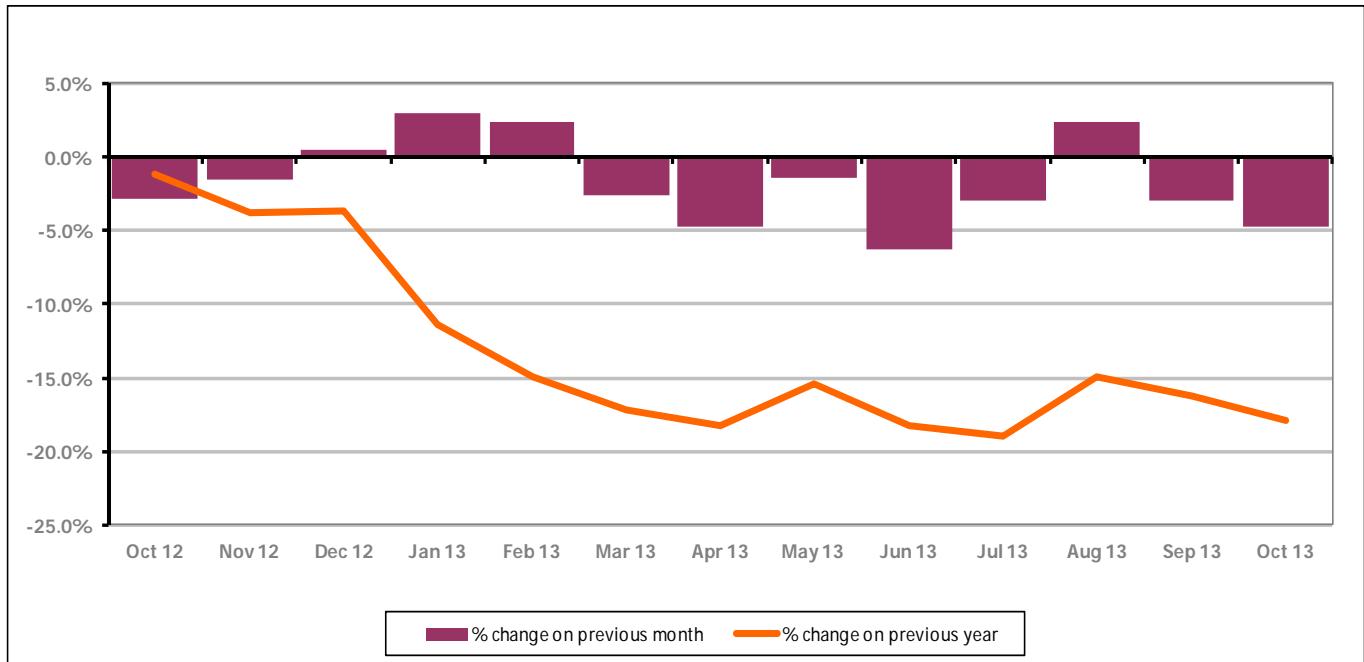
Figure 11: Forest of Dean District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 11 shows the claimant count decreased by 4.7% since September 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from September 2013 compared to October 2013 to -20.9%.

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 - October 2013

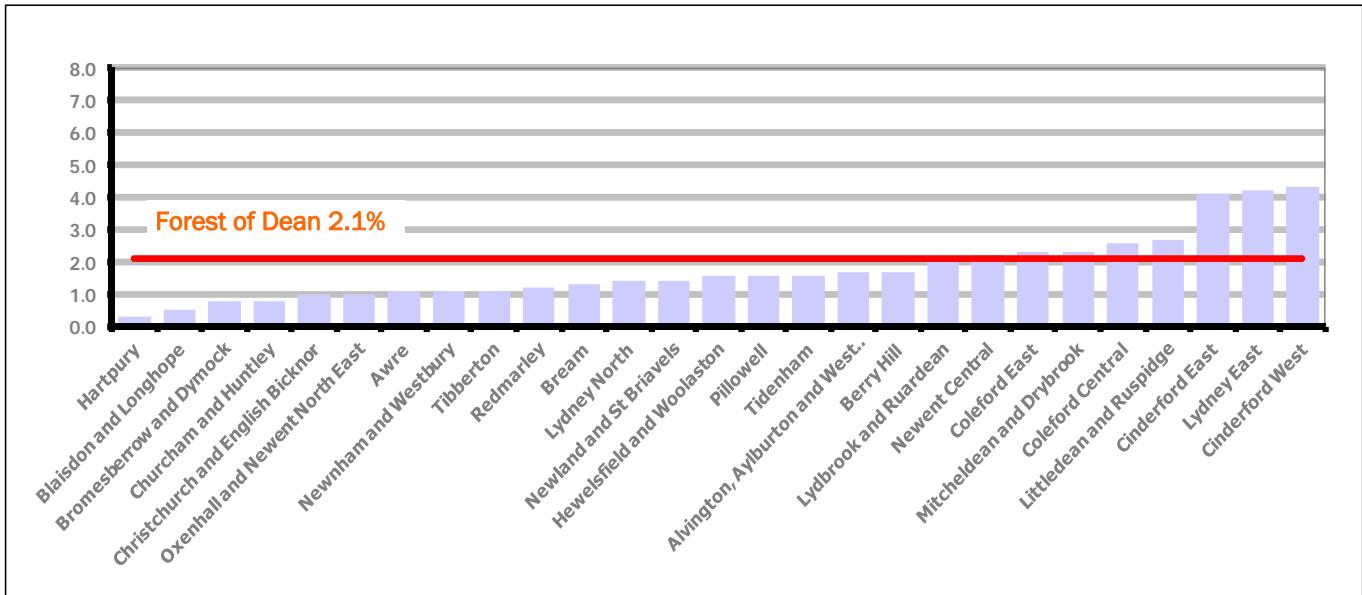
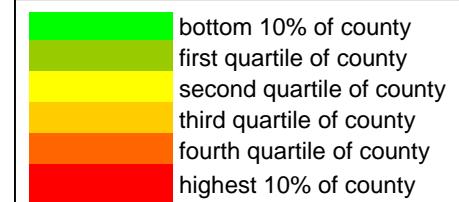


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates for Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1 %. Eight wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.3	3
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.5	8
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.8	19
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.8	19
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.0	31
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.0	31
Forest	Awre	1.1	43
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	1.1	43
Forest	Tibberton	1.1	43
Forest	Redmarley	1.2	55
Forest	Bream	1.3	62
Forest	Lydney North	1.4	67
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.4	67
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	1.6	78
Forest	Pillowell	1.6	78
Forest	Tidenham	1.6	78
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.7	85
Forest	Berry Hill	1.7	85
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.0	95
Forest	Newent Central	2.2	104
Forest	Coleford East	2.3	108
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	2.3	108
Forest	Coleford Central	2.6	114
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	2.7	117
Forest	Cinderford East	4.1	129
Forest	Lydney East	4.2	131
Forest	Cinderford West	4.3	132



* 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.

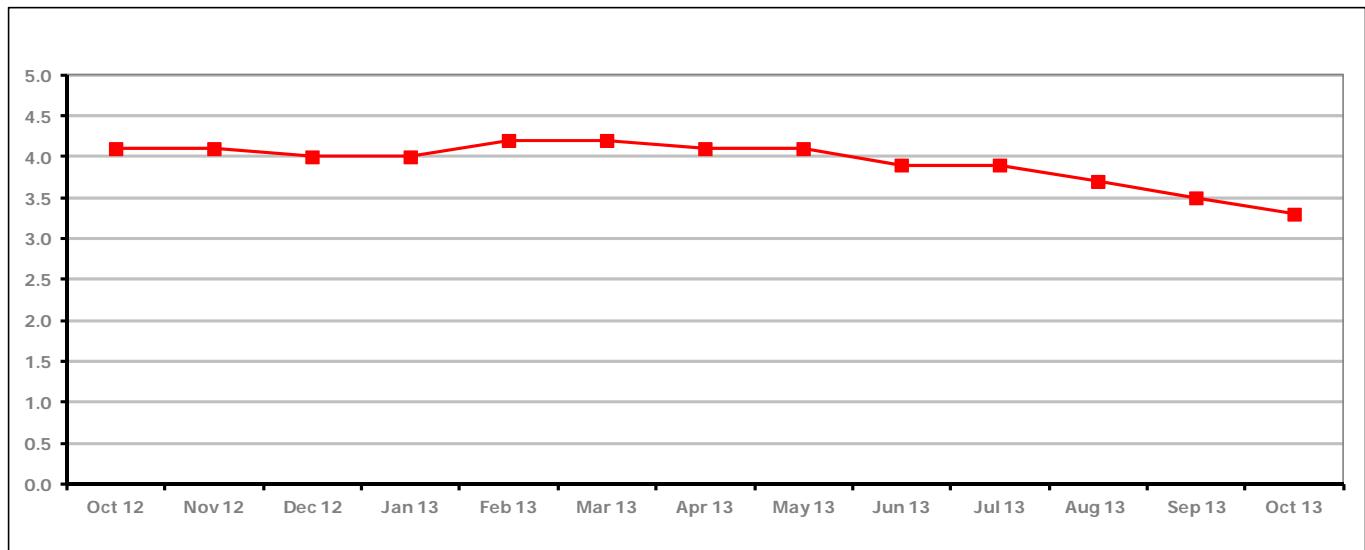
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 13: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City decreased in October 2013 to 3.3%.

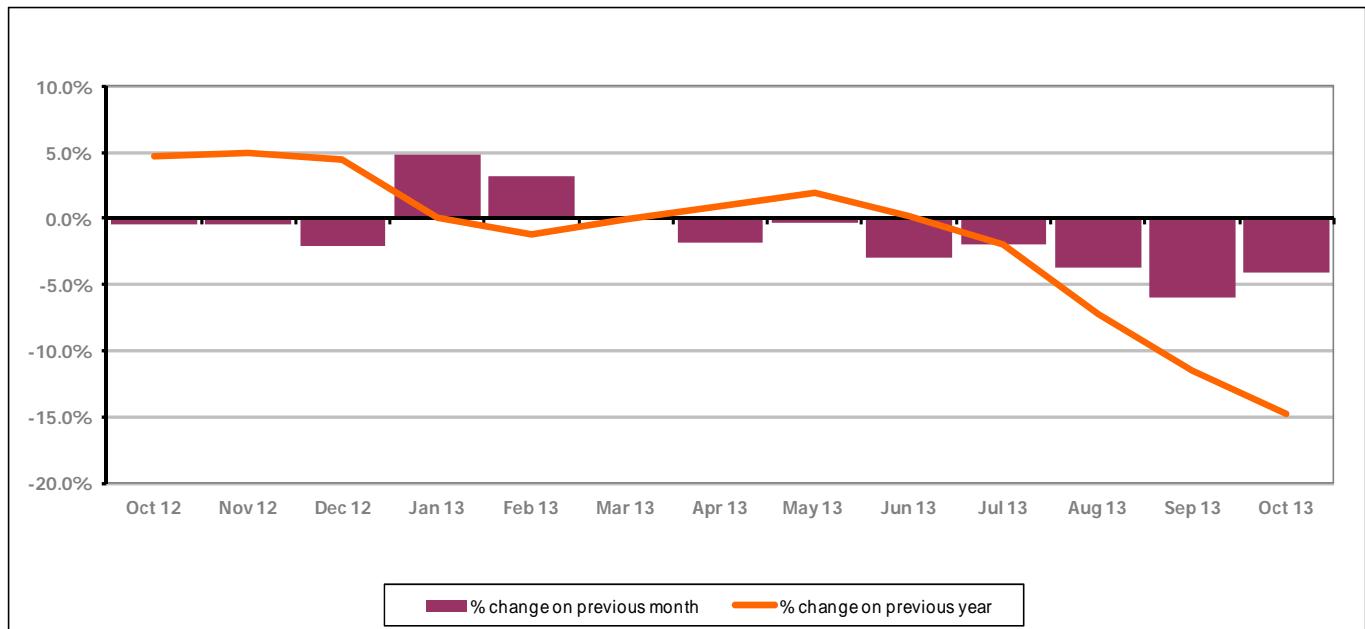
Figure 14: Gloucester City claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 14 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -4.1% since September 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased from September 2013 compared to October 2013 to -14.8%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.4 Gloucester City continued...

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

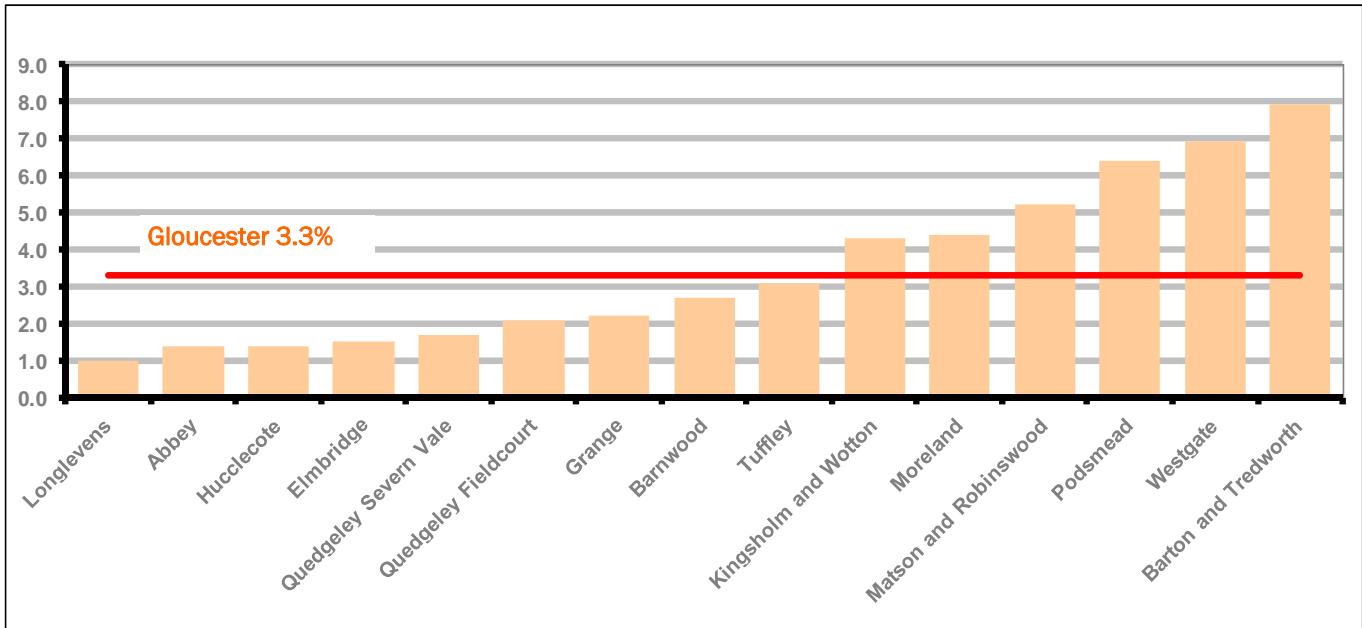
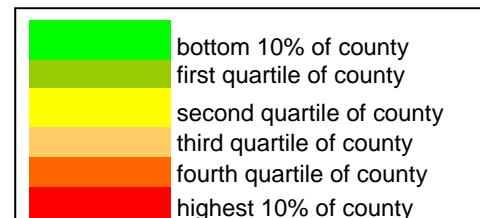


Figure 15 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.5%. Six wards lie above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.0	31
Gloucester	Abbey	1.4	67
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.4	67
Gloucester	Elmbridge	1.5	75
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.7	85
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.1	97
Gloucester	Grange	2.2	104
Gloucester	Barnwood	2.7	117
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.1	123
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.3	132
Gloucester	Moreland	4.4	134
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	5.2	138
Gloucester	Podsmead	6.4	140
Gloucester	Westgate	6.9	141
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	7.9	142



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

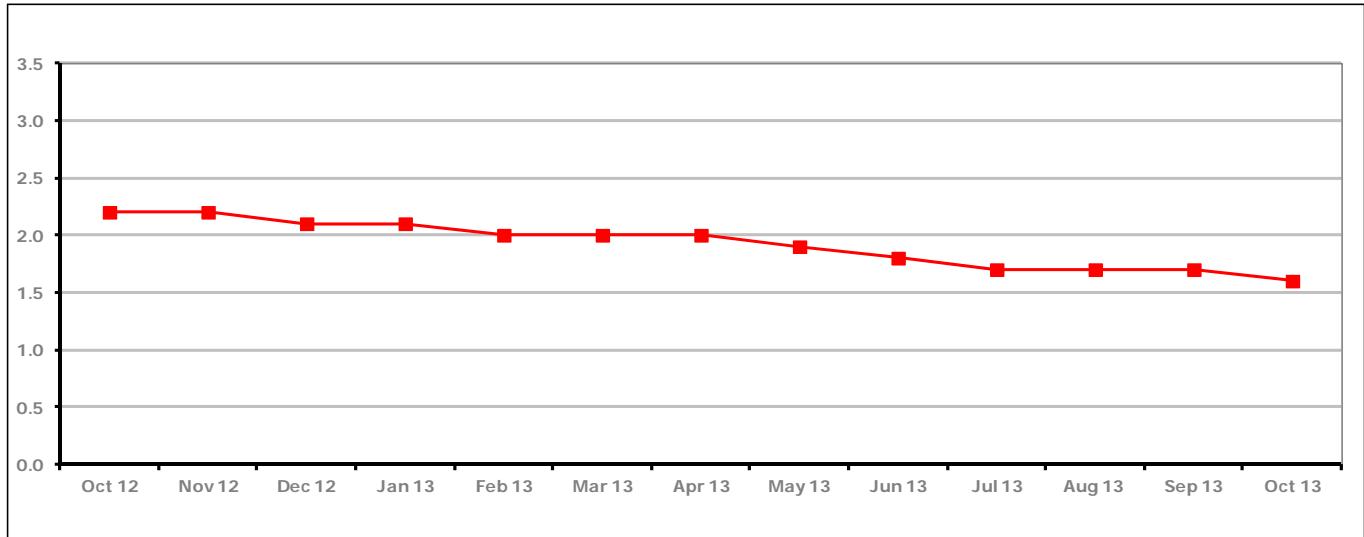
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.5 Stroud District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 16: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 16 shows the claimant rate for Stroud decreased in October 2013 to 1.6%.

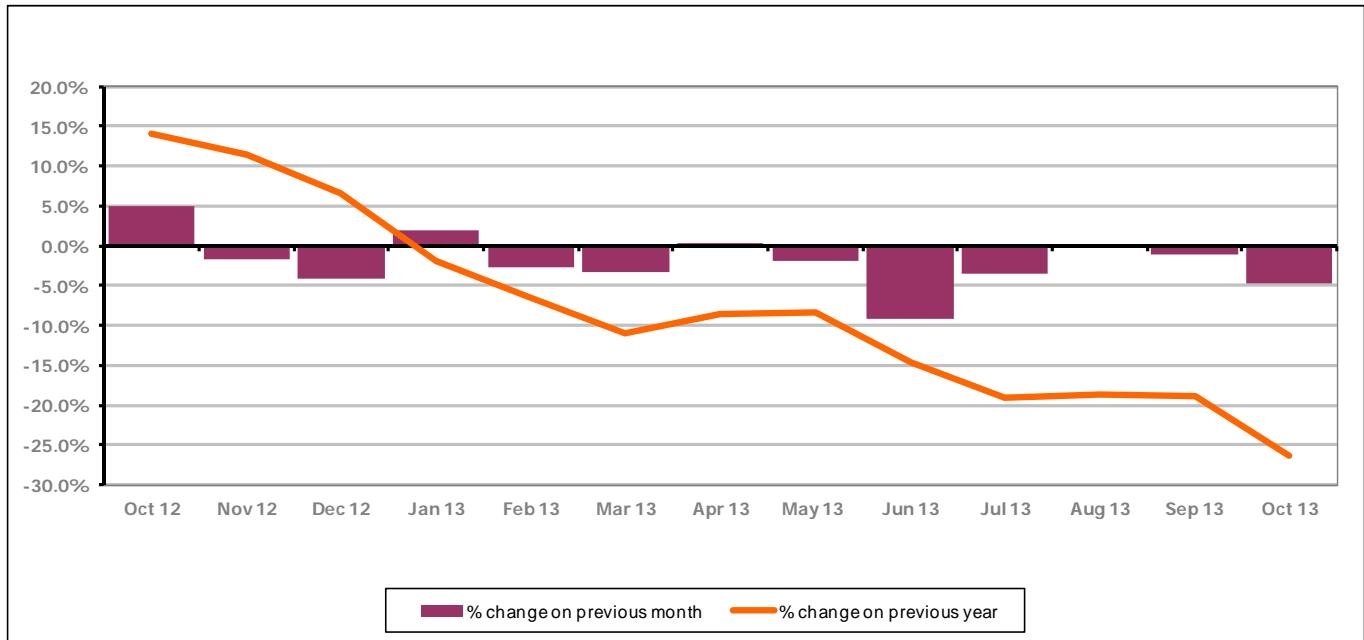
Figure 17: Stroud District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 17 shows the monthly claimant count decreased by -4.7% since September 2013. The change on the previous year has decreased between September 2013 and October 2013 to -26.3%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

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

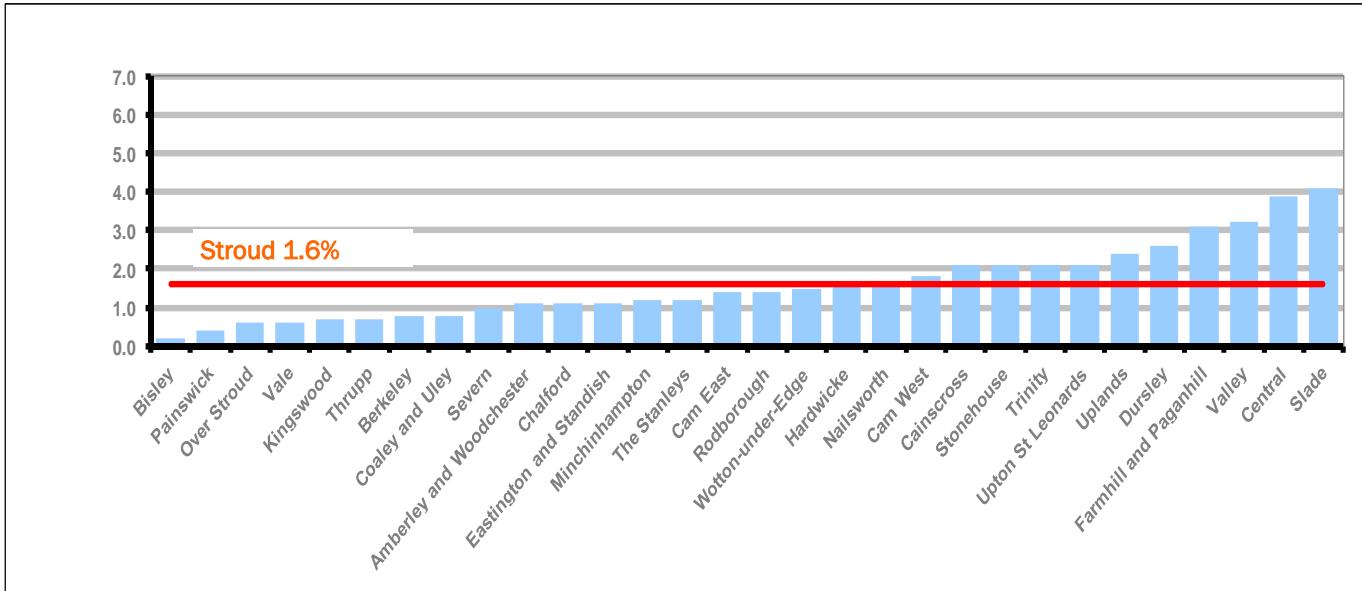
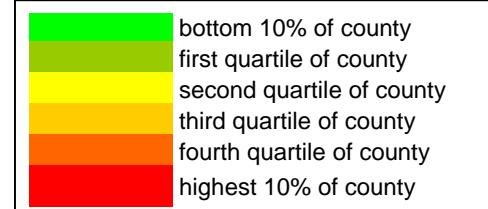


Figure 18 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Eleven wards are above the average.

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

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Bisley	0.2	2
Stroud	Painswick	0.4	4
Stroud	Over Stroud	0.6	10
Stroud	Vale	0.6	10
Stroud	Kingswood	0.7	15
Stroud	Thrupp	0.7	15
Stroud	Berkeley	0.8	19
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.8	19
Stroud	Severn	1.0	31
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.1	43
Stroud	Chalford	1.1	43
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	1.1	43
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.2	55
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.2	55
Stroud	Cam East	1.4	67
Stroud	Rodborough	1.4	67
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	1.5	75
Stroud	Hardwicke	1.6	78
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.6	78
Stroud	Cam West	1.8	90
Stroud	Cainscross	2.1	97
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.1	97
Stroud	Trinity	2.1	97
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	2.1	97
Stroud	Uplands	2.4	111
Stroud	Dursley	2.6	114
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	3.1	123
Stroud	Valley	3.2	125
Stroud	Central	3.9	128
Stroud	Slade	4.1	129



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

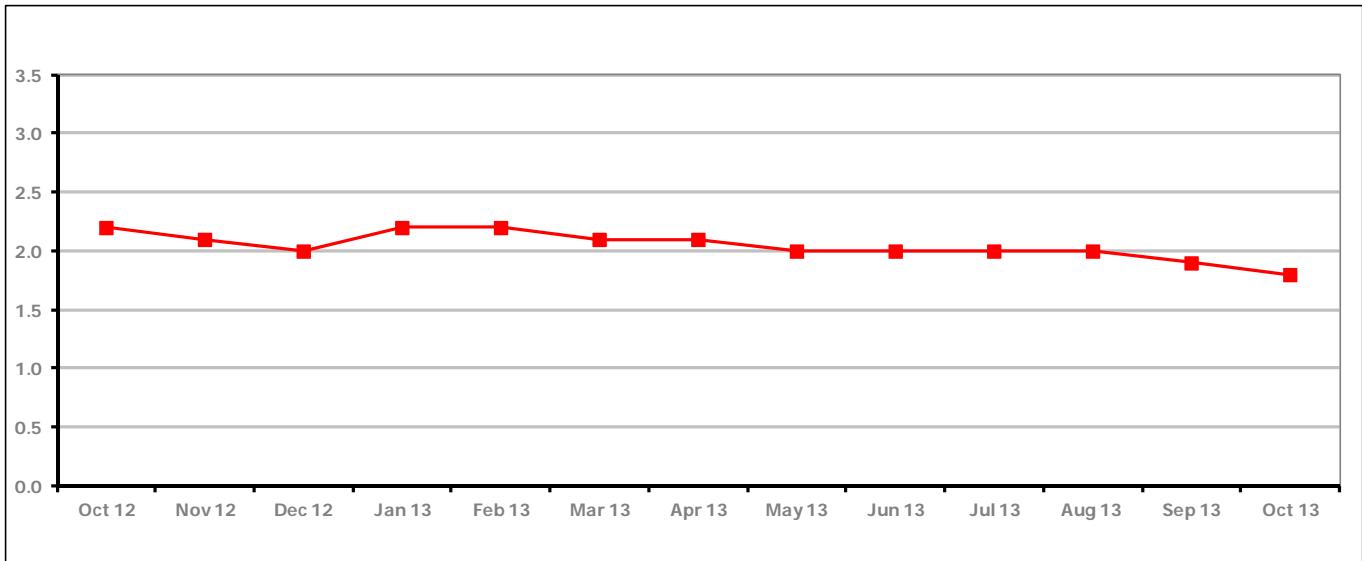
PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.6 Tewkesbury District****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 19: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 19 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District decreased in October 2013 to 1.8%.

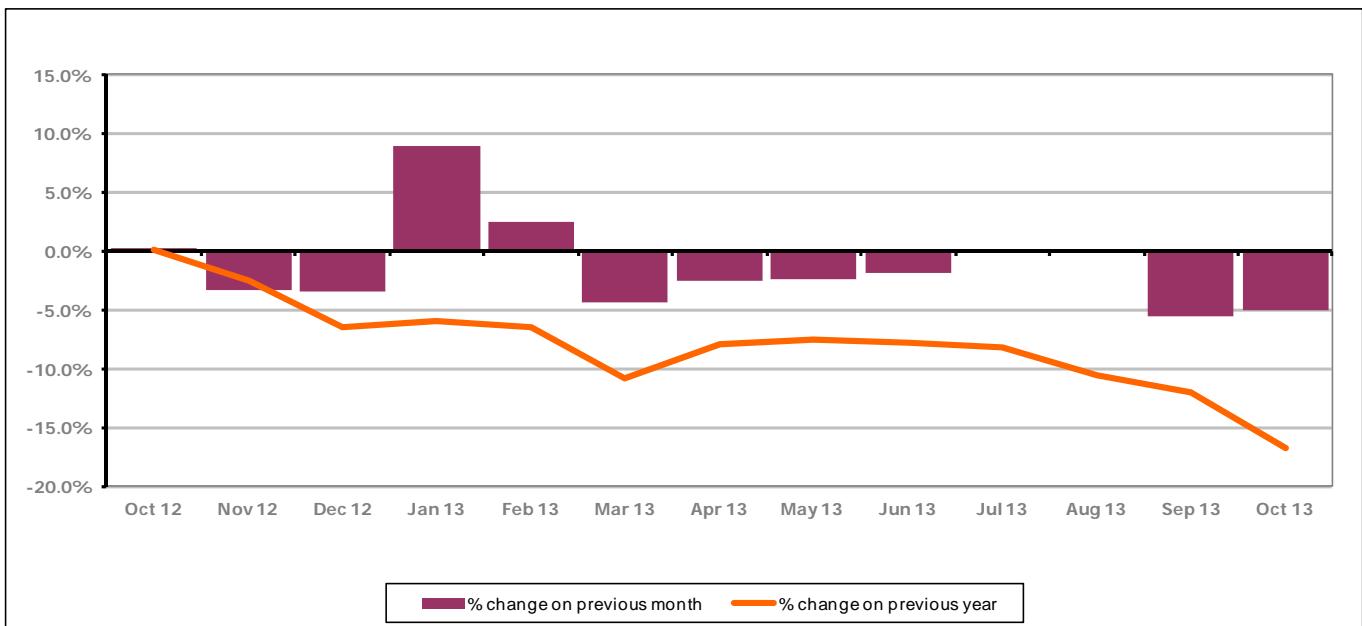
Figure 20: Tewkesbury District claimants - Month on Month and Year on Year change

Figure 20 shows that the monthly claimant count decreased by -5.1% since September 2013. The change on the previous year decreased between September 2013 and October 2013 to -16.7%.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

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

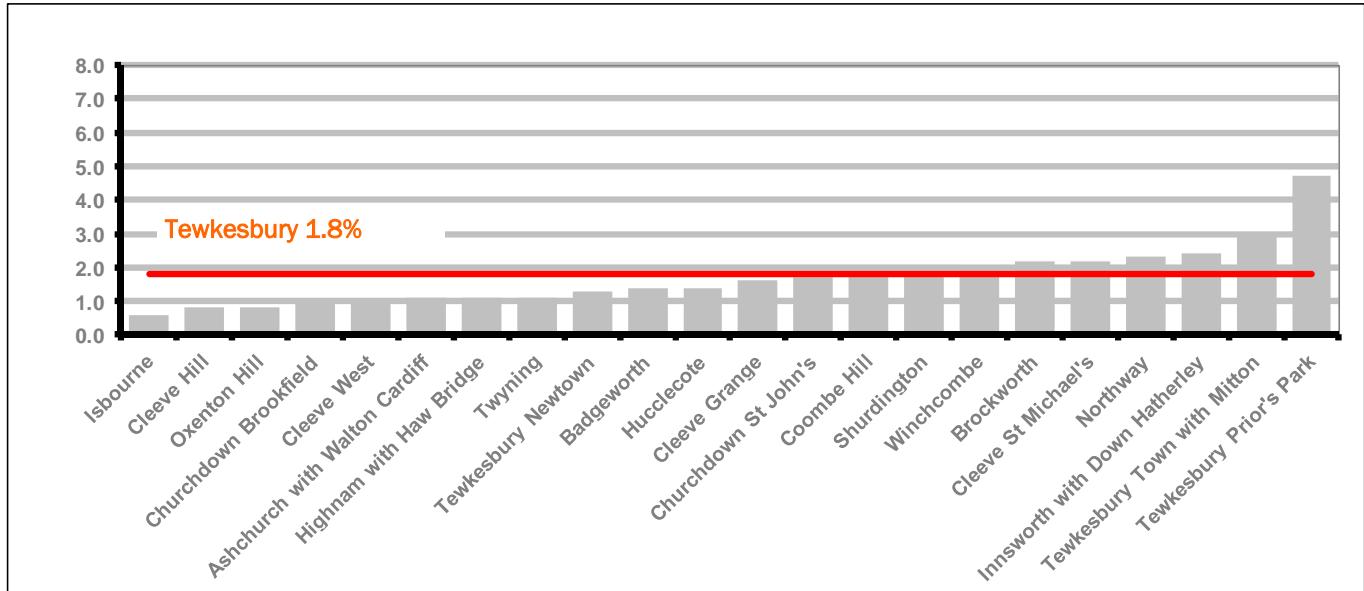
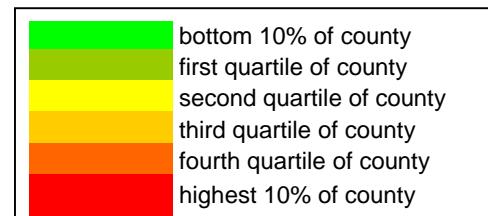


Figure 21 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.8% and seven wards are above the average.

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

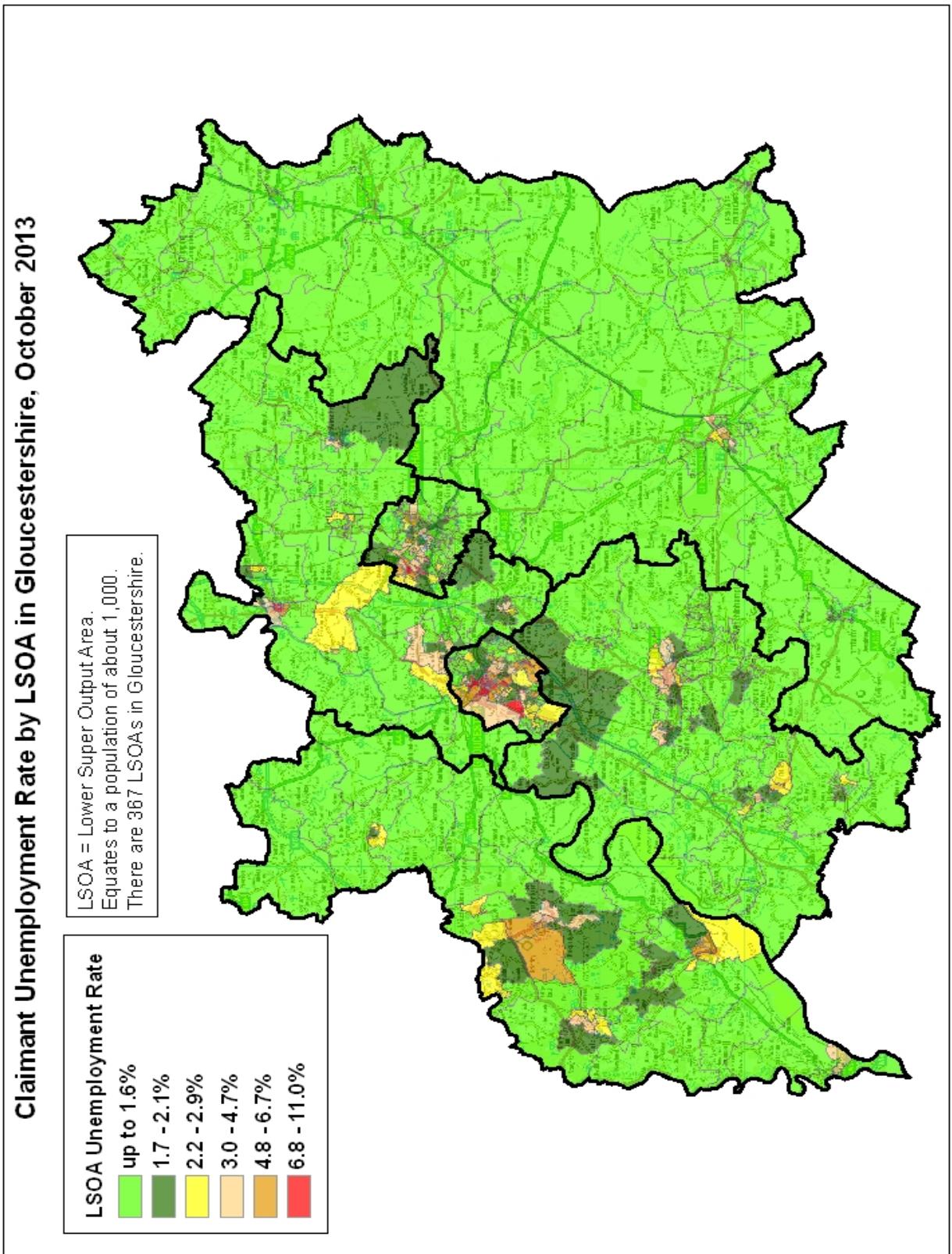
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.6	10
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	19
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.8	19
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	1.0	31
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.0	31
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	1.1	43
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	1.1	43
Tewkesbury	Twyning	1.1	43
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	1.3	62
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	1.4	67
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	1.4	67
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.6	78
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.7	85
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.8	90
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	1.8	90
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	1.9	94
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	2.2	104
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.2	104
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.3	108
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	2.4	111
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	3.0	121
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	4.7	136



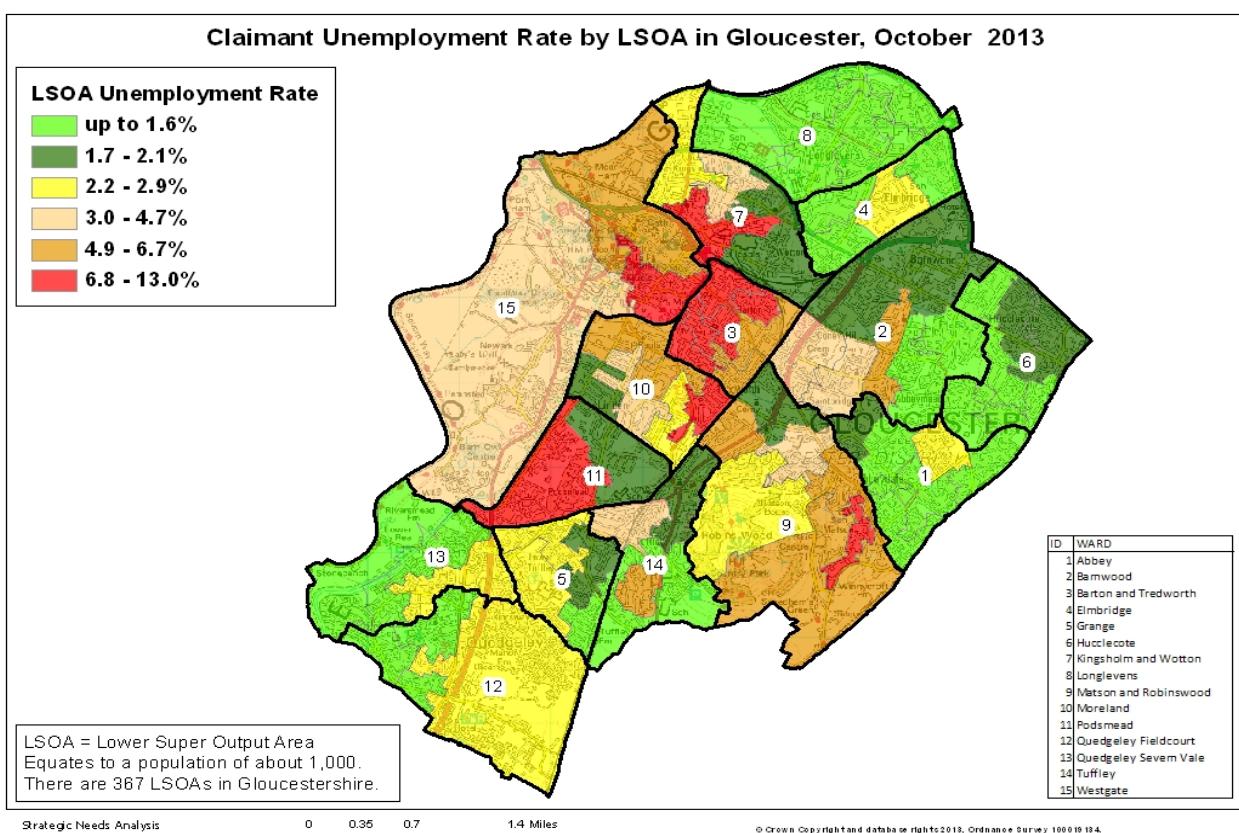
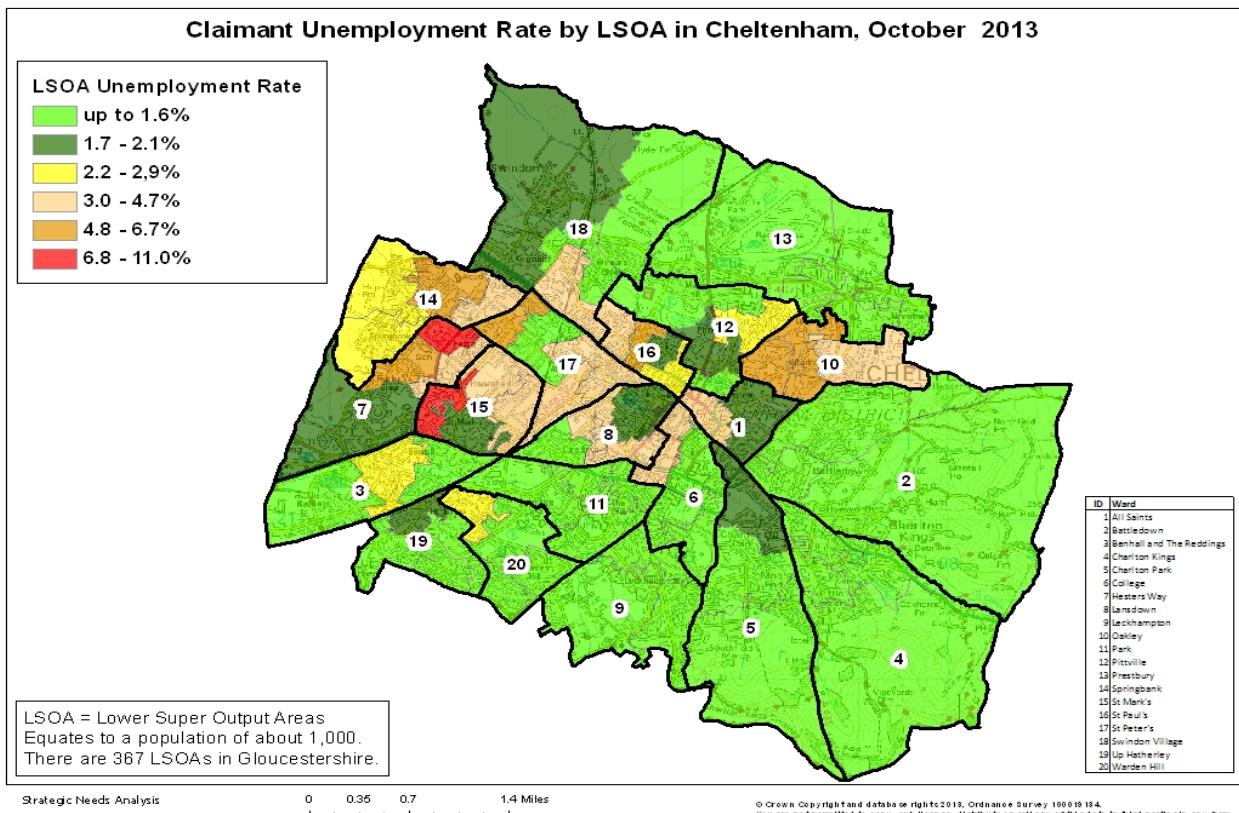
* 1 = "best" and 142 = "worst"

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



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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 October 2013 there were 784 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 4.8%. The total number of NEET increased by 249 young people in October 2013 compared to September 2013. Six districts saw an increase in their NEET figures.

Total NEET Group by District Area

October 2013 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
Total NEET	141	68	115	243	124	93	784
Cohort	2879	2337	2415	5176	3176	1976	17959
% NEET	4.9	2.9	4.8	4.7	3.9	4.7	4.8

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact Ruth.Critchlow@gloucestershire.gov.uk or telephone 01452 426900.

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