

Unemployment Bulletin

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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.**

Since 2016 Gloucestershire has been transitioning to full Universal Credit with the process due to be completed in 2025. This means a broader span of claimants will be required to look for work than under Jobseekers Allowance. As more people are brought within the coverage of Universal Credit, the Claimant Count is set to rise. In addition, in May 2024 the DWP rolled out an increase in the administrative earnings threshold (AET) for full work search conditionality. This means a cohort of claimants who are in work but on an income below the AET will now be required to search for work. This change is likely to affect around 180,000 claimants across the country over around 6 months, increasing the Claimant Count over that time. More information about Universal Credit please see the [ONS website](#).

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 Data, Analysis & Insights Team in the County Council's Planning, Performance and Insight 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.

PART 1: SUMMARY

The claimant rate in Gloucestershire increased to 2.7% in March 2026. The South West rate increased to 2.9%, whilst the UK rate increased to 4.0%. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.2% lower than the South West average of 2.9%, and 1.3% lower than the UK average of 4.0%.

The claimant count in Gloucestershire in March 2026 increased by 320 people. The amount of people claiming in March was 3.0% higher than the number in February. This compares to a 2.1% increase in both the South West and in the UK.

Note on claimant count rates:

From Jan-26 data onwards, ONS have updated local authority, regional and national population estimates, used to calculate rates, to the most recent 2024 mid-year estimates.

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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 March 2026

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

Claimant rate: The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in March 2026

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

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH

Claimant count:	2,185
Claimant count change on previous month:	4.8%
Claimant rate:	2.9%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Hesters Way (6.0%)

GLOUCESTER CITY

Claimant count:	3,245
Claimant count change on previous month:	2.5%
Claimant rate:	3.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Barton and Tredworth (6.0%)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,090
Claimant count change on previous month:	2.3%
Claimant rate:	2.1%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Watermoor (4.1%)

STROUD DISTRICT

Claimant count:	1,635
Claimant count change on previous month:	3.5%
Claimant rate:	2.2%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Stroud Central (5.5%)

FOREST OF DEAN

Claimant count:	1,395
Claimant count change on previous month:	3.3%
Claimant rate:	2.7%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Cinderford West (4.7%)

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claimant count:	1,475
Claimant count change on previous month:	1.4%
Claimant rate:	2.4%
Highest claiming ward(s)	Tewkesbury South (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

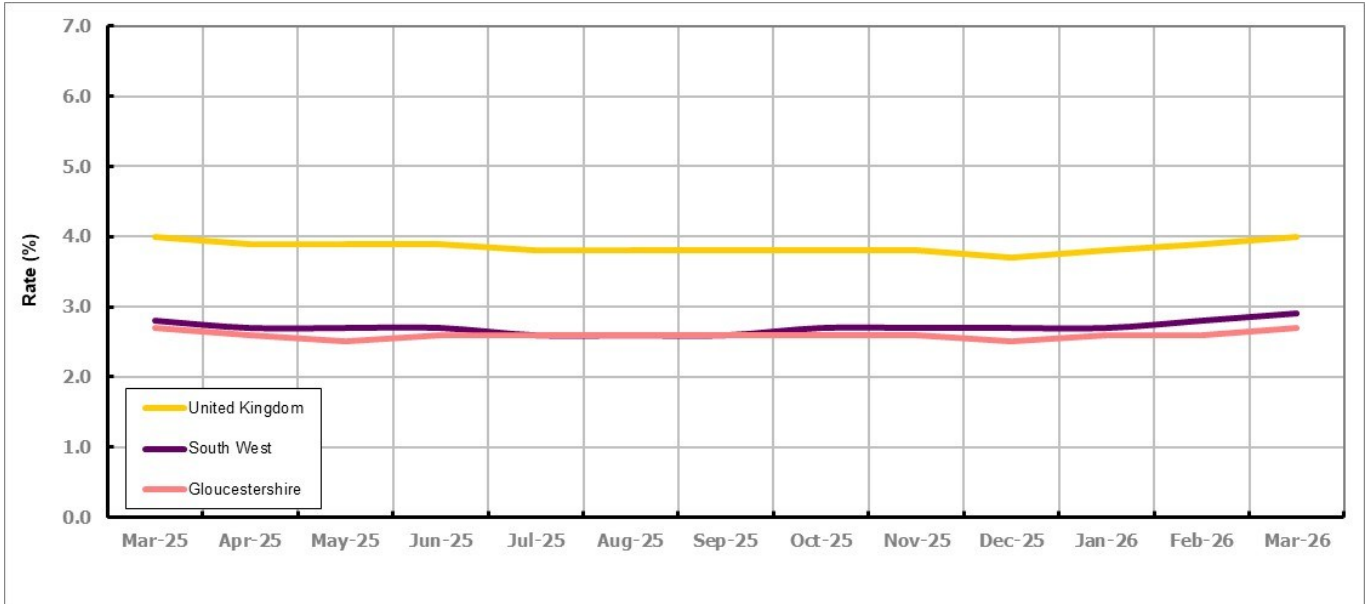


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 2.7% in March 2026. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since October 2025. On average, it has been approximately 1.3% lower than the UK average since the same month of the previous year.

Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in March 2026	% change on February 2026	Consecutive months increasing
UK	1,722,830	2.1%	2
South West	102,240	2.1%	6
Gloucestershire	11,020	3.0%	2

Table 1 shows that in March 2026, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 3.0% higher than the number in February 2026.

PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - March 2026

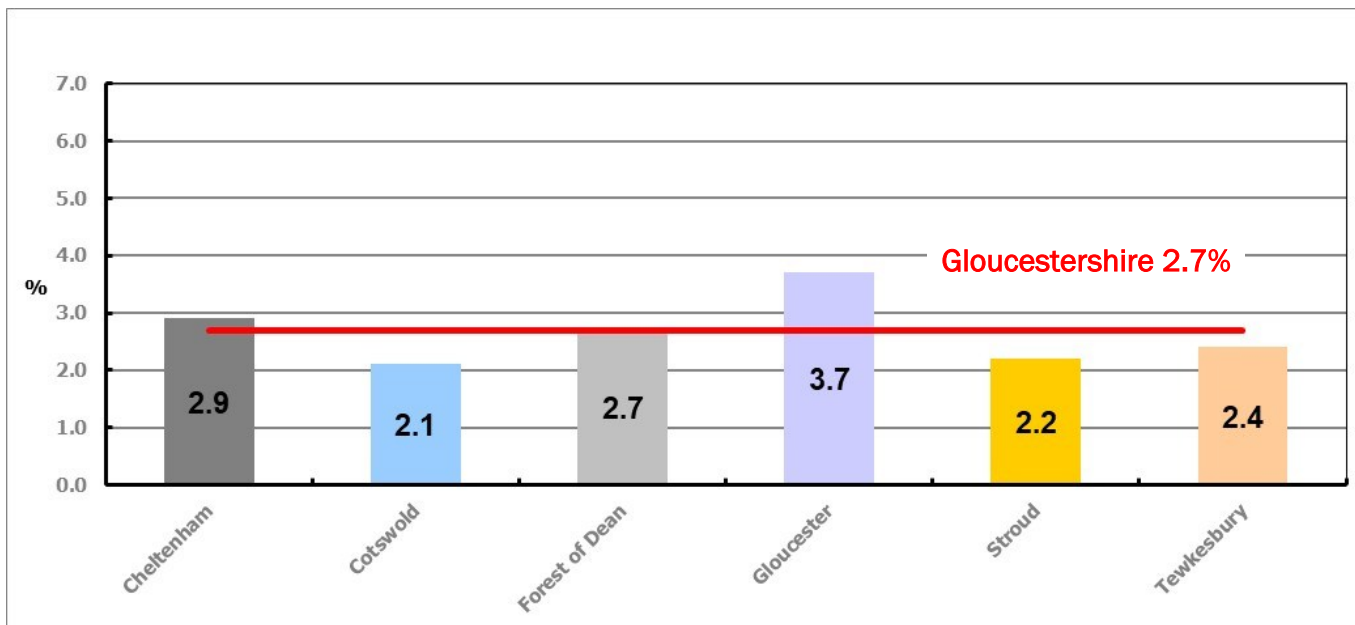


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for March 2026 in Gloucestershire. Between February and March 2026 the rate increased in all districts except Tewkesbury which saw no change.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	Mar 26 Number	Mar 26 Rate	Feb 26 Number	Feb 26 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	11,020	2.7	10,700	2.6	320	3.0%	0.1
Cheltenham	2,185	2.9	2,085	2.7	100	4.8%	0.2
Cotswold	1,090	2.1	1,065	2.0	25	2.3%	0.1
Forest of Dean	1,395	2.7	1,350	2.6	45	3.3%	0.1
Gloucester	3,245	3.7	3,165	3.6	80	2.5%	0.1
Stroud	1,635	2.2	1,580	2.1	55	3.5%	0.1
Tewkesbury	1,475	2.4	1,455	2.4	20	1.4%	0.0

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in March compared to February 2026. All districts saw an increase in the number of claimants.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	Mar 26 Number	Mar 26 Rate	Feb 26 Number	Feb 26 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	6,110	3.1	5,960	3.0	150	2.5%	0.1
Cheltenham	1,290	3.4	1,220	3.2	70	5.7%	0.2
Cotswold	540	2.2	535	2.1	5	0.9%	0.1
Forest of Dean	720	2.8	715	2.8	5	0.7%	0.0
Gloucester	1,930	4.3	1,885	4.2	45	2.4%	0.1
Stroud	835	2.3	815	2.2	20	2.5%	0.1
Tewkesbury	795	2.7	790	2.7	5	0.6%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in March compared to February 2026. All districts saw an increase in the number of male claimants.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	Mar 26 Number	Mar 26 Rate	Feb 26 Number	Feb 26 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
Gloucestershire	4,910	2.4	4,740	2.3	170	3.6%	0.1
Cheltenham	895	2.3	865	2.3	30	3.5%	0.0
Cotswold	550	2.0	530	2.0	20	3.8%	0.0
Forest of Dean	670	2.5	635	2.4	35	5.5%	0.1
Gloucester	1,320	3.0	1,280	2.9	40	3.1%	0.1
Stroud	800	2.1	760	2.0	40	5.3%	0.1
Tewkesbury	675	2.2	665	2.1	10	1.5%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in March compared to February 2026. All districts saw an increase 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

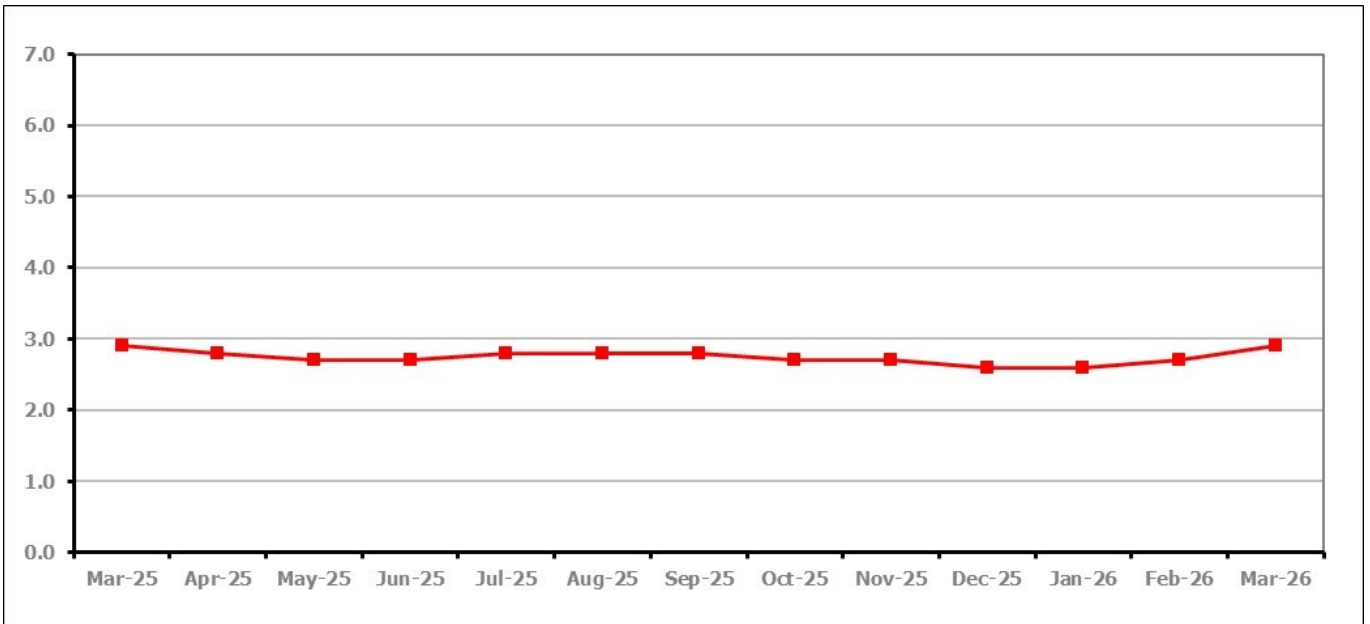


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham increased to 2.9% in March 2026.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - March 2026

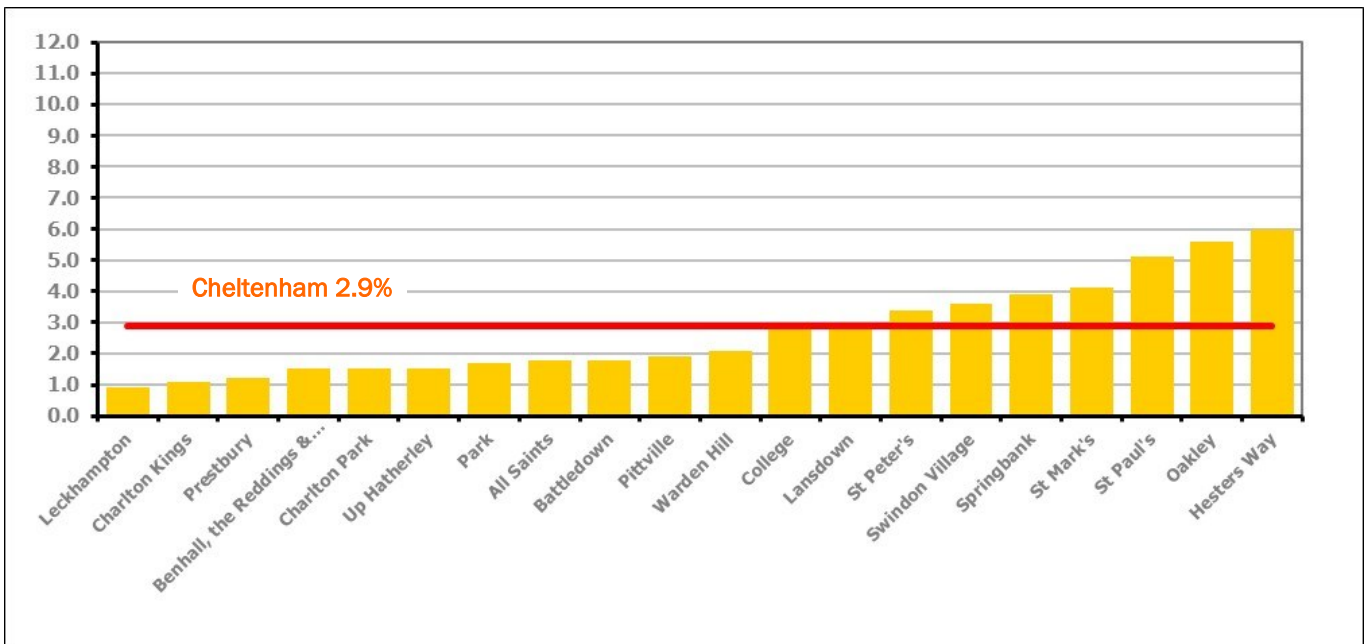


Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 2.9%. Eight wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...**

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - March 2026

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.9	2
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	1.1	5
Cheltenham	Prestbury	1.2	9
Cheltenham	Benhall, the Reddings & Fiddler's Green	1.5	21
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	1.5	21
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	1.5	21
Cheltenham	Park	1.7	33
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.8	41
Cheltenham	Battledown	1.8	41
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.9	46
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	2.1	55
Cheltenham	College	2.8	97
Cheltenham	Lansdown	3.0	105
Cheltenham	St Peter's	3.4	115
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	3.6	117
Cheltenham	Springbank	3.9	120
Cheltenham	St Mark's	4.1	122
Cheltenham	St Paul's	5.1	131
Cheltenham	Oakley	5.6	135
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	6.0	137

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

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

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4.2 Cotswold District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

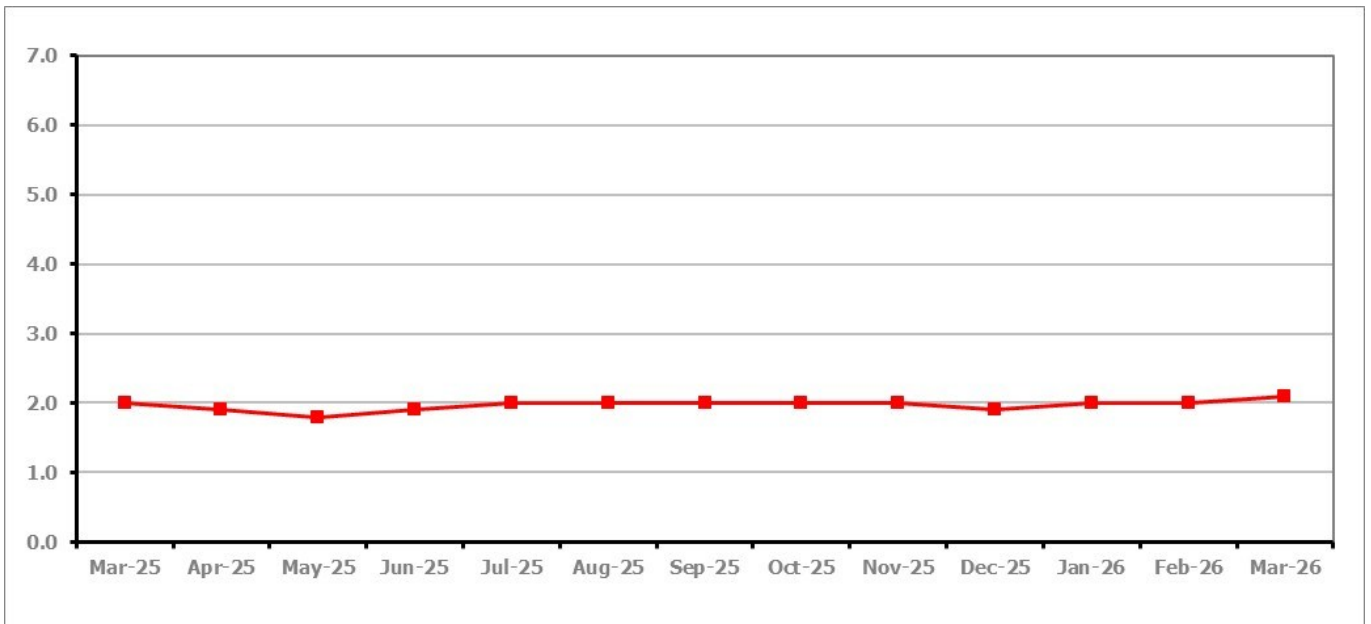


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District increased to 2.1% in March 2026.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards – March 2026

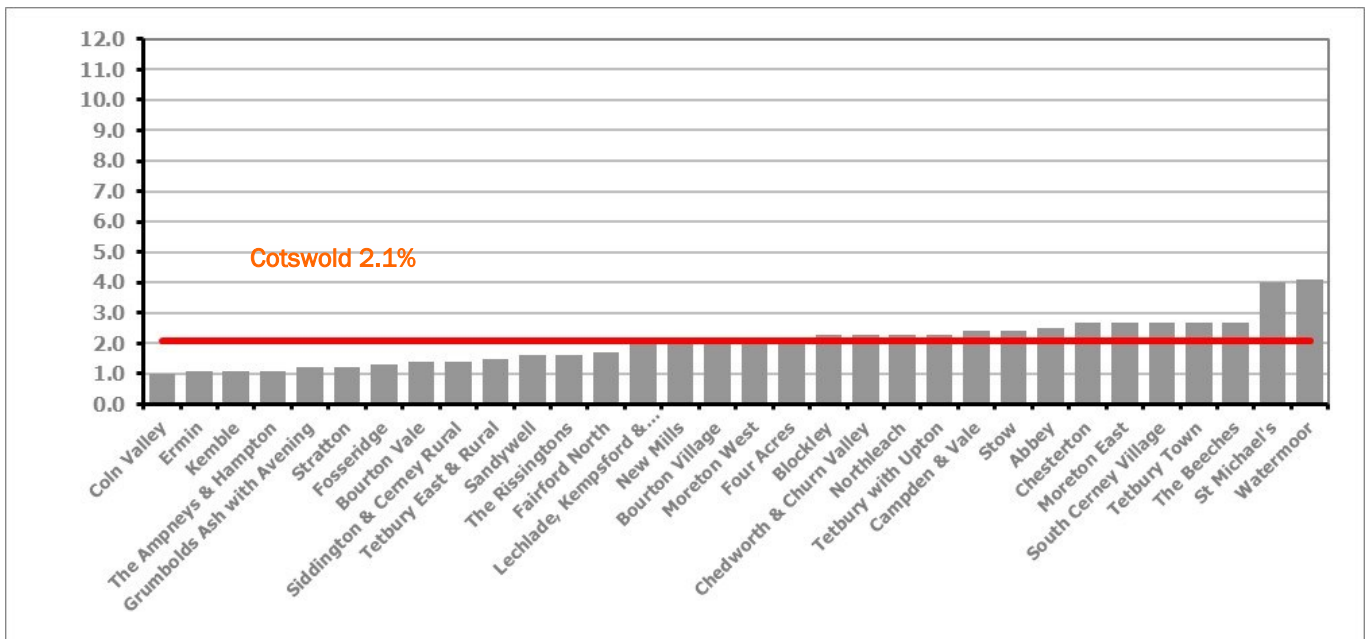


Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.1%. Fifteen wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - March 2026

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswold	Coin Valley	1.0	3
Cotswold	Ermin	1.1	5
Cotswold	Kemble	1.1	5
Cotswold	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.1	5
Cotswold	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	1.2	9
Cotswold	Stratton	1.2	9
Cotswold	Fosseridge	1.3	13
Cotswold	Bourton Vale	1.4	18
Cotswold	Siddington & Cerney Rural	1.4	18
Cotswold	Tetbury East & Rural	1.5	21
Cotswold	Sandywell	1.6	29
Cotswold	The Rissingtons	1.6	29
Cotswold	Fairford North	1.7	33
Cotswold	Lechlade, Kempford & Fairford South	2.0	48
Cotswold	New Mills	2.0	48
Cotswold	Bourton Village	2.1	55
Cotswold	Moreton West	2.1	55
Cotswold	Four Acres	2.2	63
Cotswold	Blockley	2.3	68
Cotswold	Chedworth & Churn Valley	2.3	68
Cotswold	Northleach	2.3	68
Cotswold	Tetbury with Upton	2.3	68
Cotswold	Campden & Vale	2.4	76
Cotswold	Stow	2.4	76
Cotswold	Abbey	2.5	82
Cotswold	Chesterton	2.7	88
Cotswold	Moreton East	2.7	88
Cotswold	South Cerney Village	2.7	88
Cotswold	Tetbury Town	2.7	88
Cotswold	The Beeches	2.7	88
Cotswold	St Michael's	4.0	121
Cotswold	Watermoor	4.1	122

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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

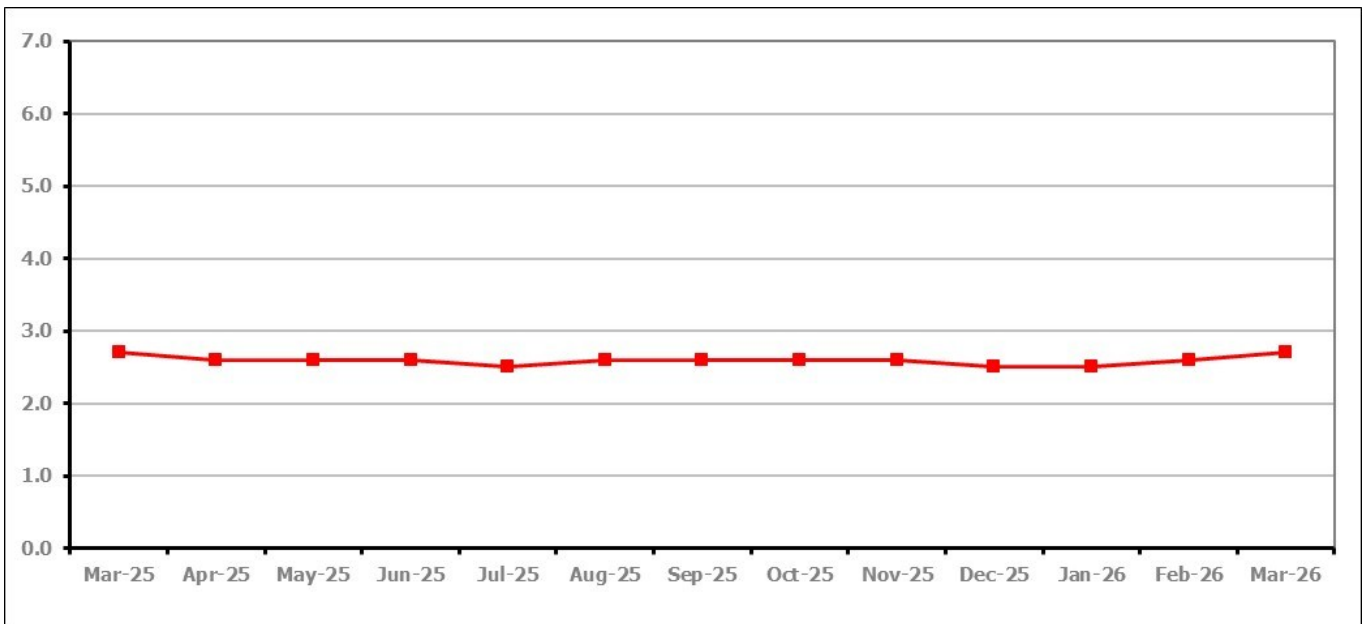


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean increased to 2.7% in March 2026.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards – March 2026

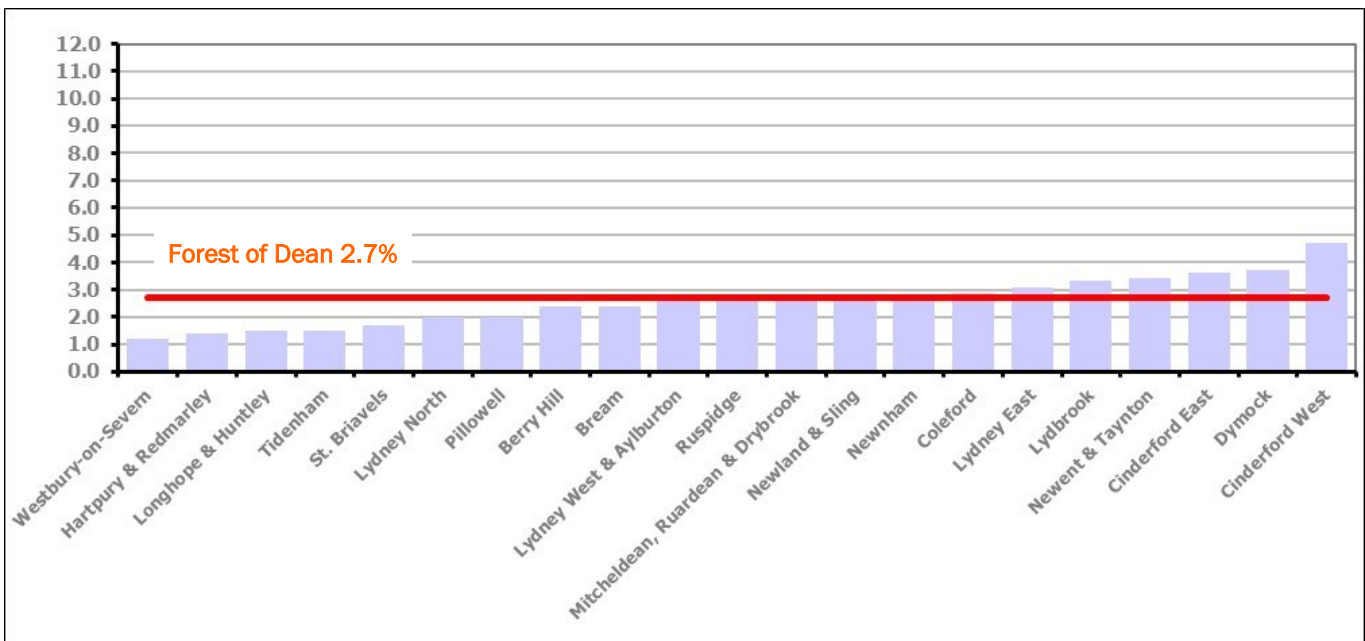


Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.7%. Ten wards lie above the average.

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 - March 2026*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Westbury-on-Severn	1.2	9
Forest	Hartpury & Redmarley	1.4	18
Forest	Longhope & Huntley	1.5	21
Forest	Tidenham	1.5	21
Forest	St. Briavels	1.7	33
Forest	Lydney North	2.0	48
Forest	Pillowell	2.0	48
Forest	Berry Hill	2.4	76
Forest	Bream	2.4	76
Forest	Lydney West & Aylburton	2.7	88
Forest	Ruspidge	2.7	88
Forest	Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook	2.8	97
Forest	Newland & Sling	2.8	97
Forest	Newnham	2.8	97
Forest	Coleford	2.9	101
Forest	Lydney East	3.1	109
Forest	Lydbrook	3.3	113
Forest	Newent & Taynton	3.4	115
Forest	Cinderford East	3.6	117
Forest	Dymock	3.7	119
Forest	Cinderford West	4.7	129

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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.

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4.4 Gloucester City

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year

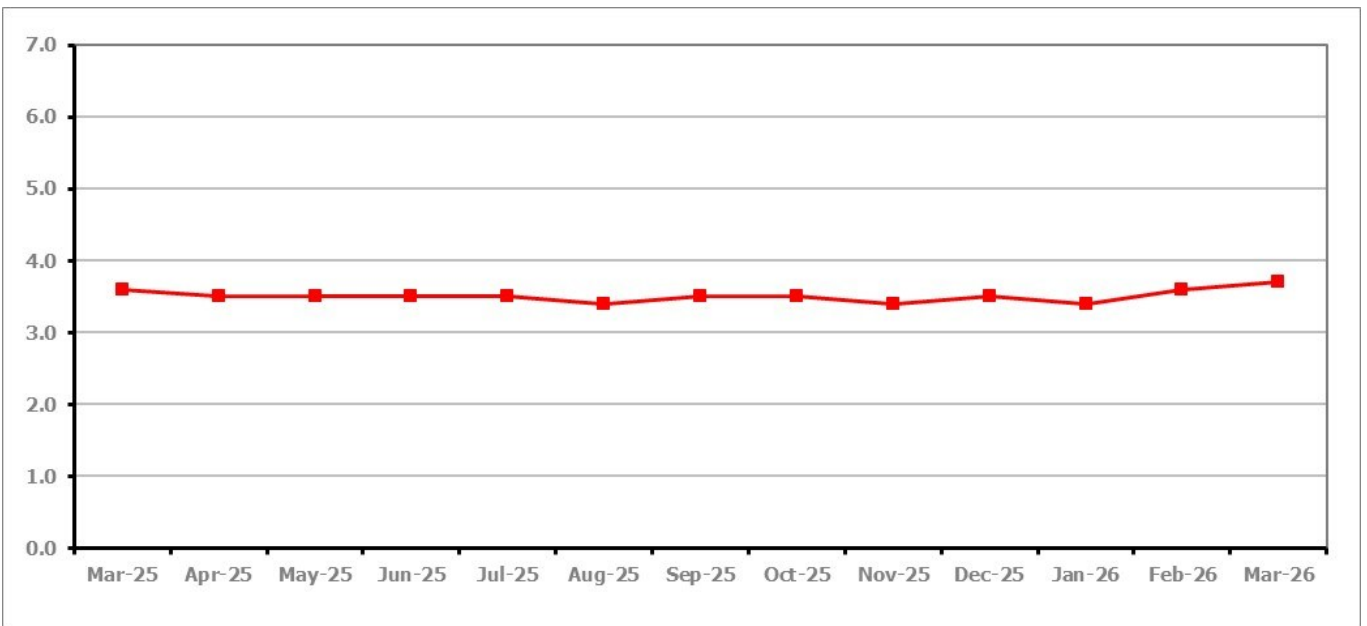


Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City increased to 3.7% in March 2026.

Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - March 2026

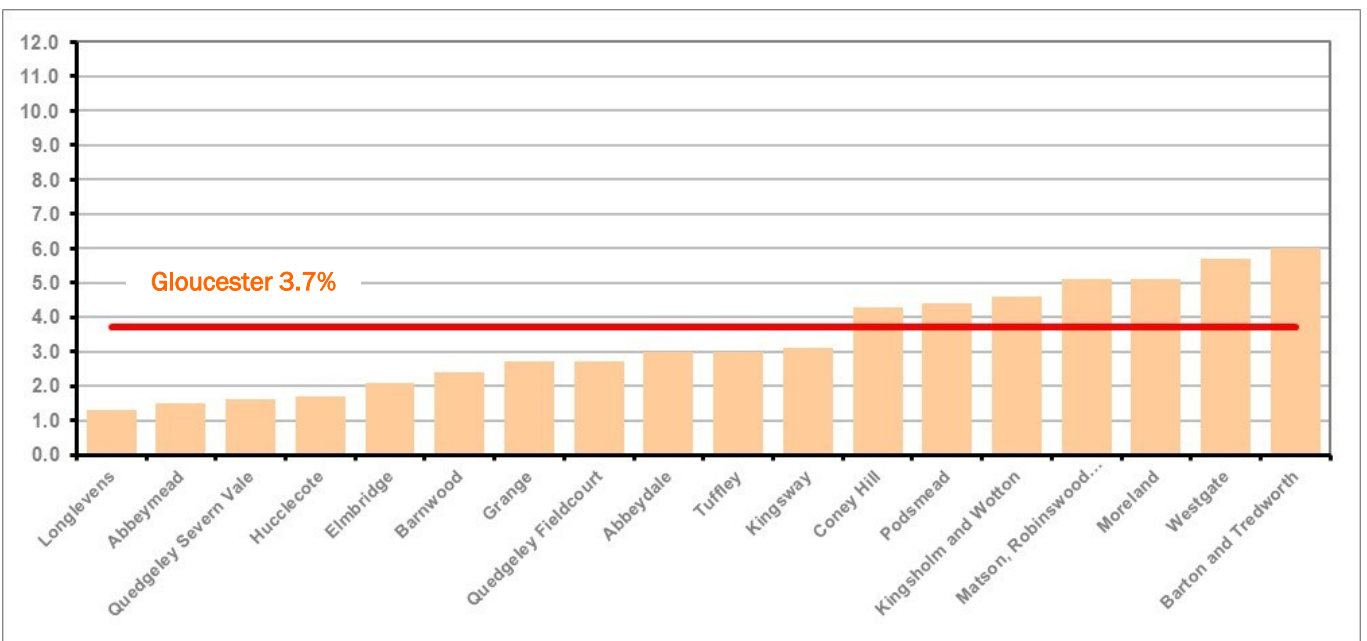


Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 3.7%. Seven wards lie above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS**4.4 Gloucester City continued...***Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - March 2026*

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Longlevens	1.3	13
Gloucester	Abbeymead	1.5	21
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	1.6	29
Gloucester	Hucclecote	1.7	33
Gloucester	Elmbridge	2.1	55
Gloucester	Barnwood	2.4	76
Gloucester	Grange	2.7	88
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	2.7	88
Gloucester	Abbeydale	3.0	105
Gloucester	Tuffley	3.0	105
Gloucester	Kingsway	3.1	109
Gloucester	Coney Hill	4.3	125
Gloucester	Podsmead	4.4	126
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	4.6	128
Gloucester	Matson, Robinswood and White City	5.1	131
Gloucester	Moreland	5.1	131
Gloucester	Westgate	5.7	136
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	6.0	137

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

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4.5 Stroud District

Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 11: Stroud District claimant rate over the last year

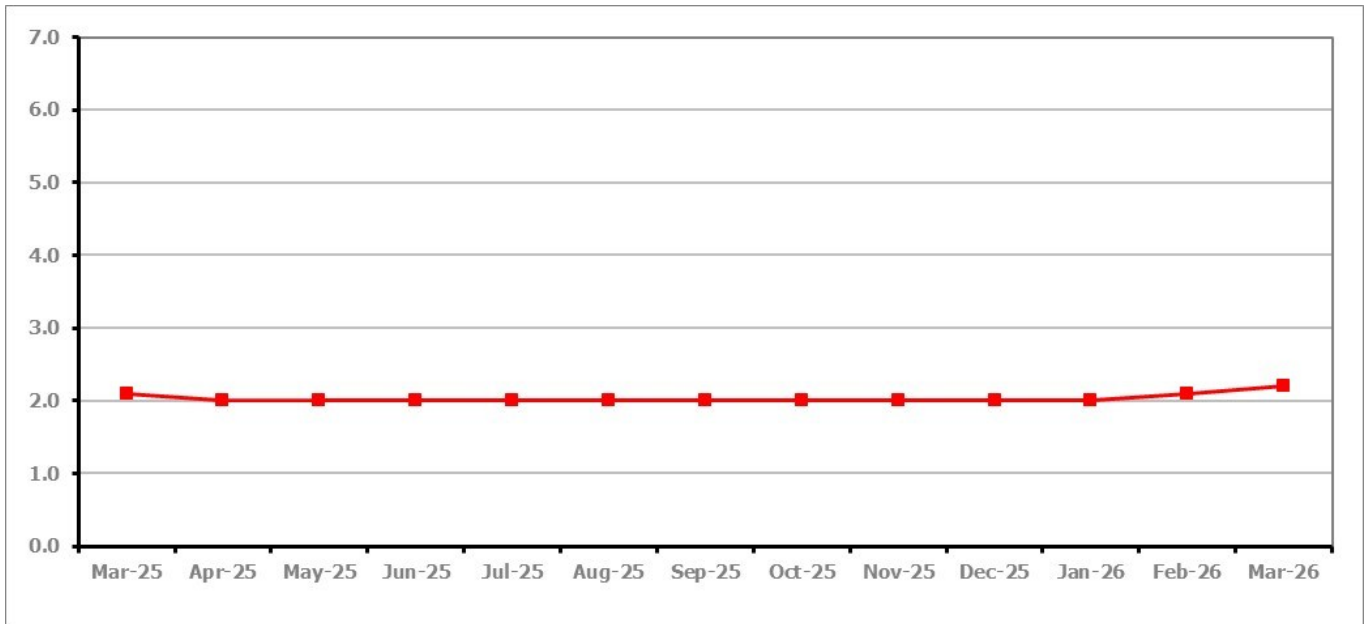


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud increased to 2.2% in March 2026.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - March 2026

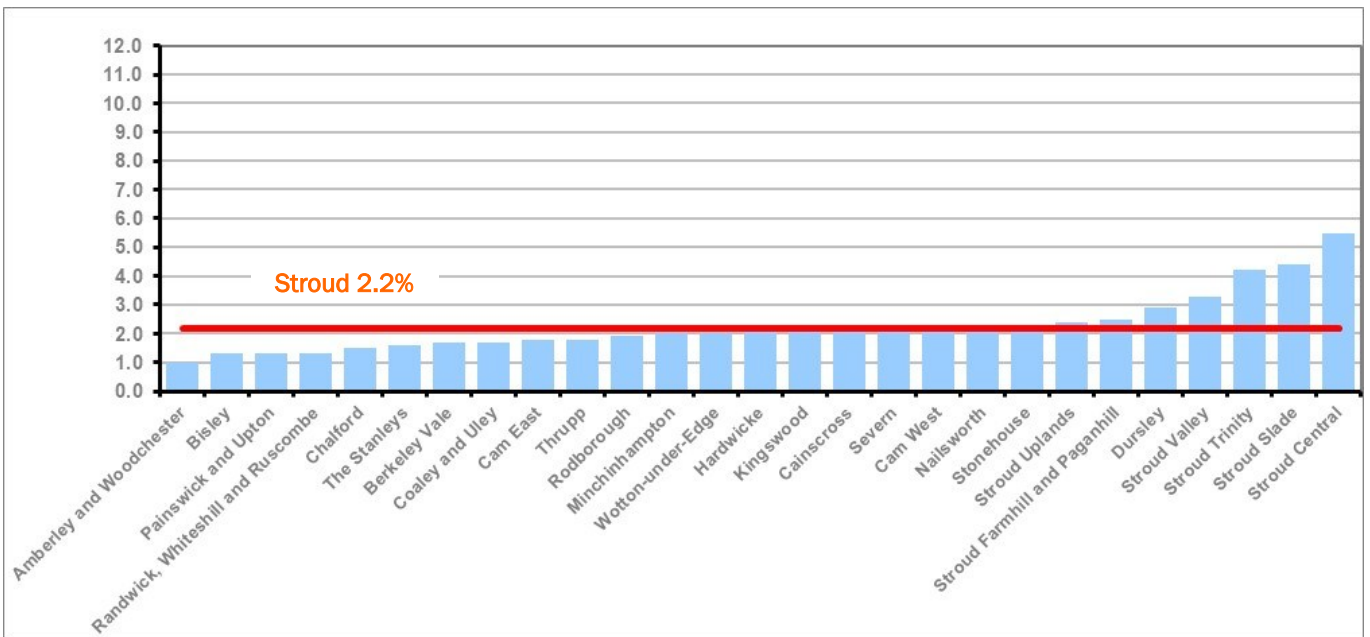


Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.2%. Ten wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - March 2026

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	1.0	3
Stroud	Bisley	1.3	13
Stroud	Painswick and Upton	1.3	13
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	1.3	13
Stroud	Chalford	1.5	21
Stroud	The Stanleys	1.6	29
Stroud	Berkeley Vale	1.7	33
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	1.7	33
Stroud	Cam East	1.8	41
Stroud	Thrupp	1.8	41
Stroud	Rodborough	1.9	46
Stroud	Minchinhampton	2.0	48
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	2.0	48
Stroud	Hardwicke	2.1	55
Stroud	Kingswood	2.1	55
Stroud	Cainscross	2.2	63
Stroud	Severn	2.2	63
Stroud	Cam West	2.3	68
Stroud	Nailsworth	2.3	68
Stroud	Stonehouse	2.3	68
Stroud	Stroud Uplands	2.4	76
Stroud	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	2.5	82
Stroud	Dursley	2.9	101
Stroud	Stroud Valley	3.3	113
Stroud	Stroud Trinity	4.2	124
Stroud	Stroud Slade	4.4	126
Stroud	Stroud Central	5.5	134

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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

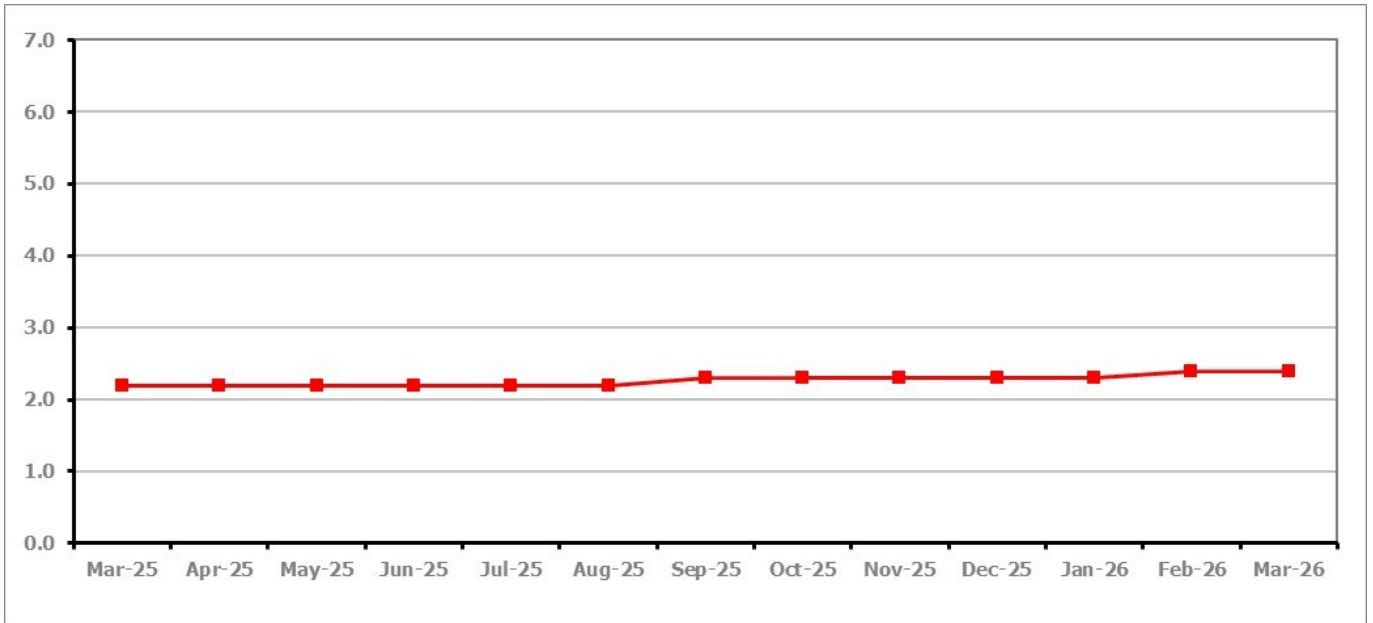


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury Borough remained at 2.4% in March 2026.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury Borough wards - March 2026

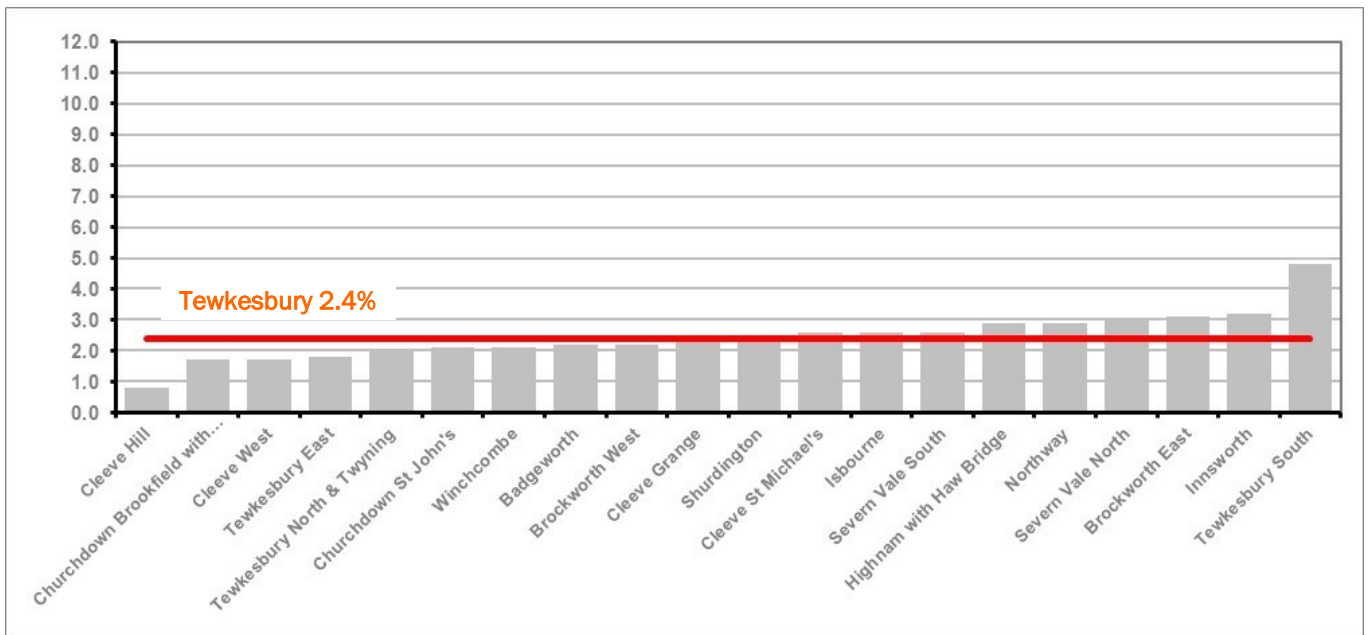


Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 2.4%. Ten wards are above the average.

PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

4.6 Tewkesbury Borough continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury Borough level - March 2026

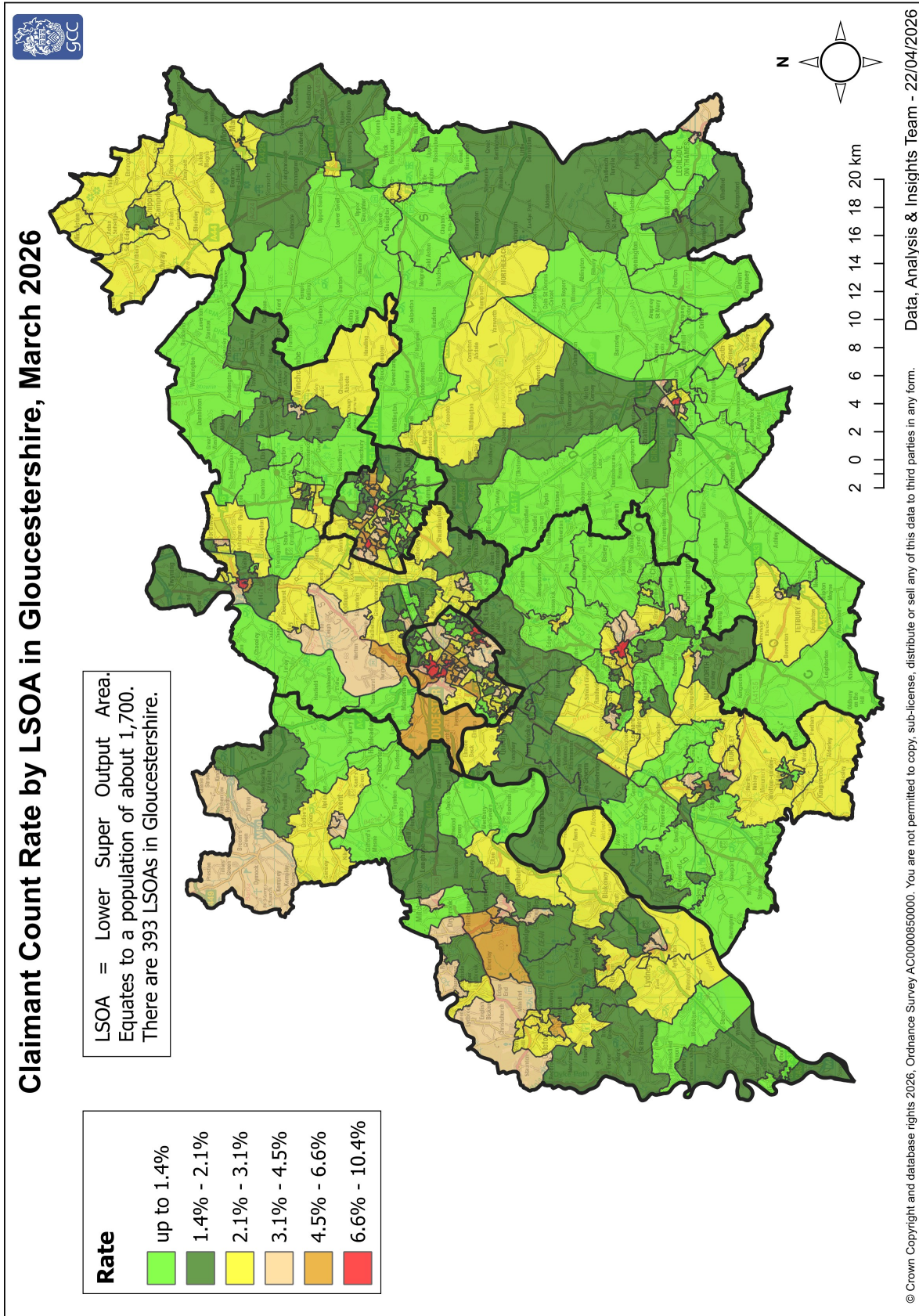
District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.8	1
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield with Hucclecote	1.7	33
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	1.7	33
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury East	1.8	41
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury North & Twyning	2.0	48
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	2.1	55
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	2.1	55
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	2.2	63
Tewkesbury	Brockworth West	2.2	63
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	2.3	68
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	2.5	82
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	2.6	85
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	2.6	85
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale South	2.6	85
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	2.9	101
Tewkesbury	Northway	2.9	101
Tewkesbury	Severn Vale North	3.0	105
Tewkesbury	Brockworth East	3.1	109
Tewkesbury	Innsworth	3.2	112
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury South	4.8	130

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

PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

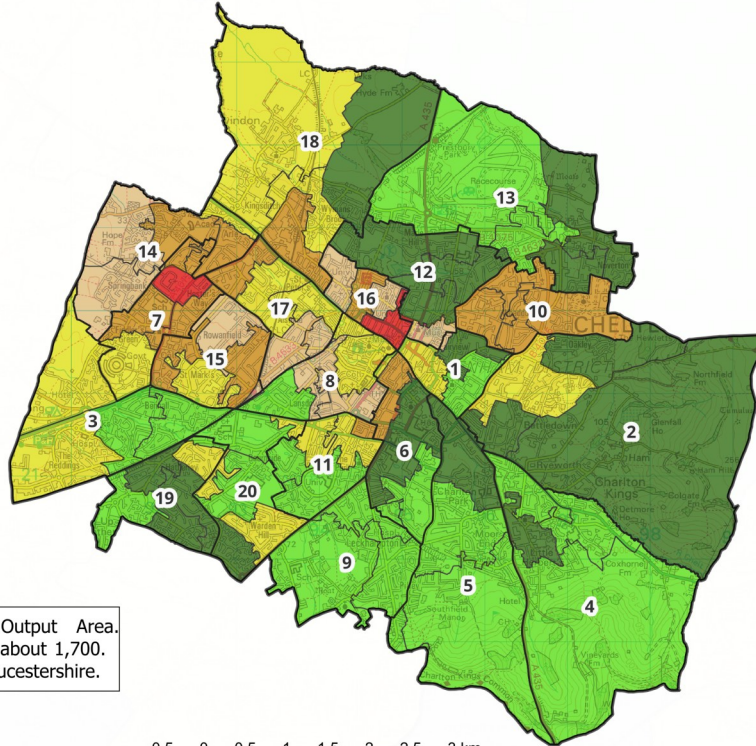
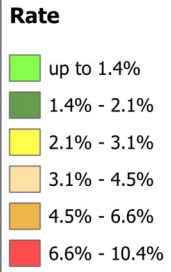


From January 2026, these maps show the 2021 LSOA boundaries. Rate category ranges have been reset in January 2026, and will remain fixed for subsequent months to allow month on month claimant count rate comparisons.

Rates calculated by applying Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2024, Office for National Statistics

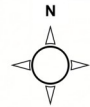
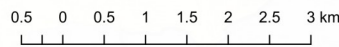
PART 5: MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CLAIMANT RATE ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Cheltenham, March 2026



ID	Ward
1	All Saints
2	Battledown
3	Benhall, the Reddings & Fiddler's Green
4	Charlton Kings
5	Charlton Park
6	College
7	Hesters Way
8	Lansdown
9	Leckhampton
10	Oakley
11	Park
12	Pittville
13	Prestbury
14	Springbank
15	St. Mark's
16	St. Paul's
17	St. Peter's
18	Swindon Village
19	Up Hatherley
20	Warden Hill

LSOA = Lower Super Output Area. Equates to a population of about 1,700. There are 393 LSOAs in Gloucestershire.

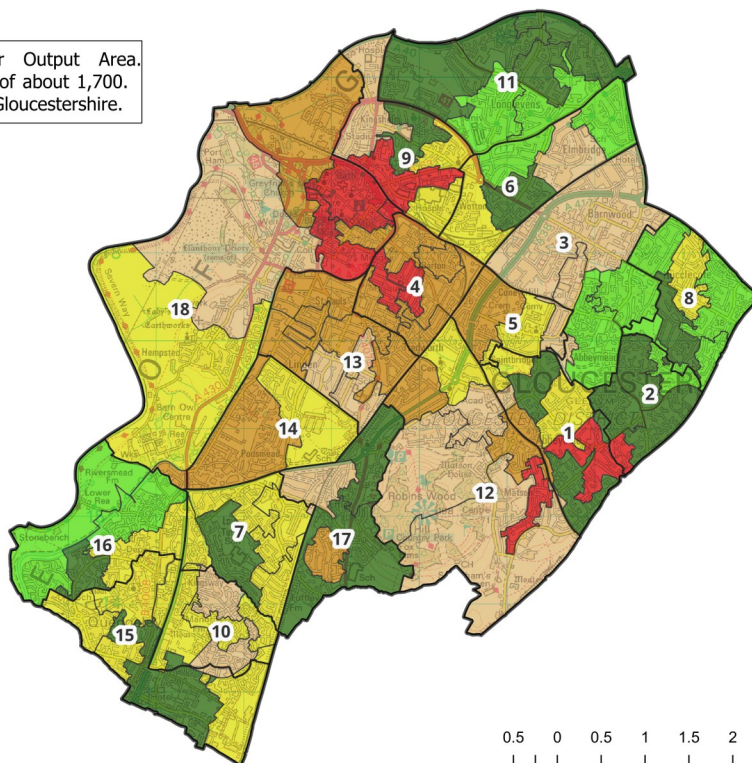
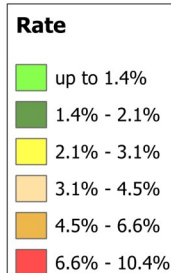


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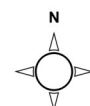
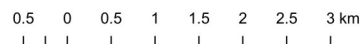
Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucester, March 2026



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ID	Ward
1	Abbeyle
2	Abbeymead
3	Barnwood
4	Barton & Tredworth
5	Coney Hill
6	Elmbridge
7	Grange
8	Hucclecote
9	Kingsholm & Wotton
10	Kingsway
11	Longlevens
12	Matson, Robinswood and White City
13	Moreland
14	Podsmead
15	Quedgeley Fieldcourt
16	Quedgeley Severn Vale
17	Tuffley
18	Westgate



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From January 2026, these maps show the 2021 LSOA boundaries. Rate category ranges have been reset in January 2026, and will remain fixed for subsequent months to allow month on month claimant count rate comparisons.

Rates calculated by applying Lower Layer Super Output Area Population Estimates Mid-2024, Office for National Statistics

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

Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

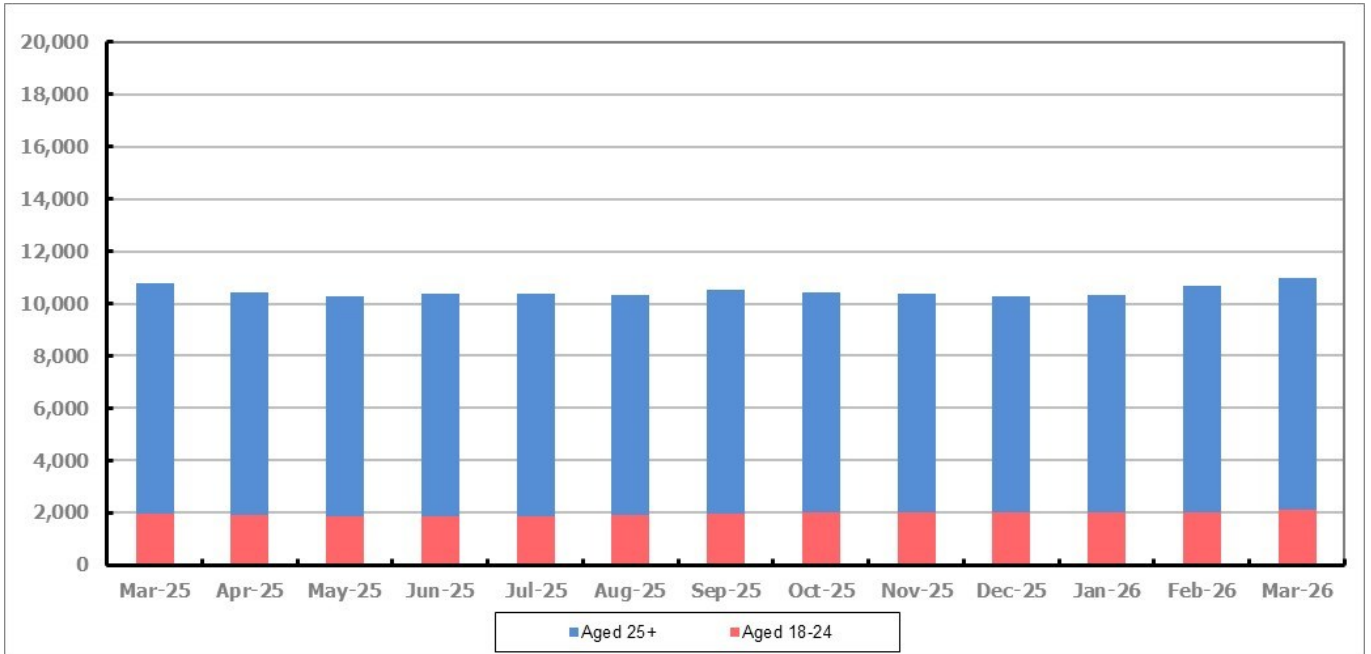


Figure 15 shows that in March 2026, 2,105 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.1% of total working age claimants.

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.

(End of) March 2026

Academic Year 12-13 Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	85	2517	3.38%
Cotswold	43	1791	2.40%
Forest	61	1776	3.43%
Gloucester	195	3692	5.28%
Stroud	77	2887	2.67%
Tewkesbury	73	2265	3.22%
Total	534	14928	3.58%

16-18 Age Summary

	NEET	Cohort	%
Cheltenham	115	3024	3.80%
Cotswold	54	2178	2.48%
Forest	74	2173	3.41%
Gloucester	261	4483	5.82%
Stroud	97	3453	2.81%
Tewkesbury	84	2685	3.13%
Total	685	17996	3.81%

16-18 Adjust NEET*	3.98%
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Monthly Change **	-11	6	-0.08%
Previous Month	545	14922	3.65%

Monthly Change **	-34	-546	-0.07%
Previous Month	719	18542	3.88%

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@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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

(**) Change in monthly rate.