

# 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.**

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. 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.

For 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 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](http://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 was 1.3% in May 2018.** This was a 0.8% decrease on the April 2018 figure. The South West rate and the UK rate both stayed the same at 1.6% and 2.2% respectively. Gloucestershire's rate was 0.3% lower than the South West average of 1.6%, and 0.9% lower than the UK average of 2.2%.

**The claimant count in Gloucestershire in May 2018 decreased by 40 people.** The amount of people claiming in May 2018 was 0.8% lower than the number in April 2018. This compares to a 4.8% decrease in the South West and a 2.4% decrease for the UK.

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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 and Universal Credit who are not in work in May 2018

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

**Claimant rate:** The % of working age population claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who are not in work in May 2018

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

### CHEL滕HAM BOROUGH

Claim count:	980
Compared to last month:	-1.5%
Claimant rate:	1.3%
Highest claiming ward	Hesters Way (2.7%)

### GLOUCESTER CITY

Claim count:	1,385
Compared to last month:	0.0%
Claimant rate:	1.7%
Highest claiming wards	Westgate (3.5%)

### COTSWOLD DISTRICT

Claim count:	460
Compared to last month:	3.4%
Claimant rate:	0.9%
Highest claiming ward	Watermoor (3.1%)

### STROUD DISTRICT

Claim count:	765
Compared to last month:	-2.5%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming wards	Slade (3.5%)

### FOREST OF DEAN

Claim count:	835
Compared to last month:	-3.5%
Claimant rate:	1.6%
Highest claiming ward	Lydney East (3.4%)

### TEWKESBURY BOROUGH

Claim count:	555
Compared to last month:	1.8%
Claimant rate:	1.1%
Highest claiming ward	Tewkesbury Prior's Park (2.9%)

## 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

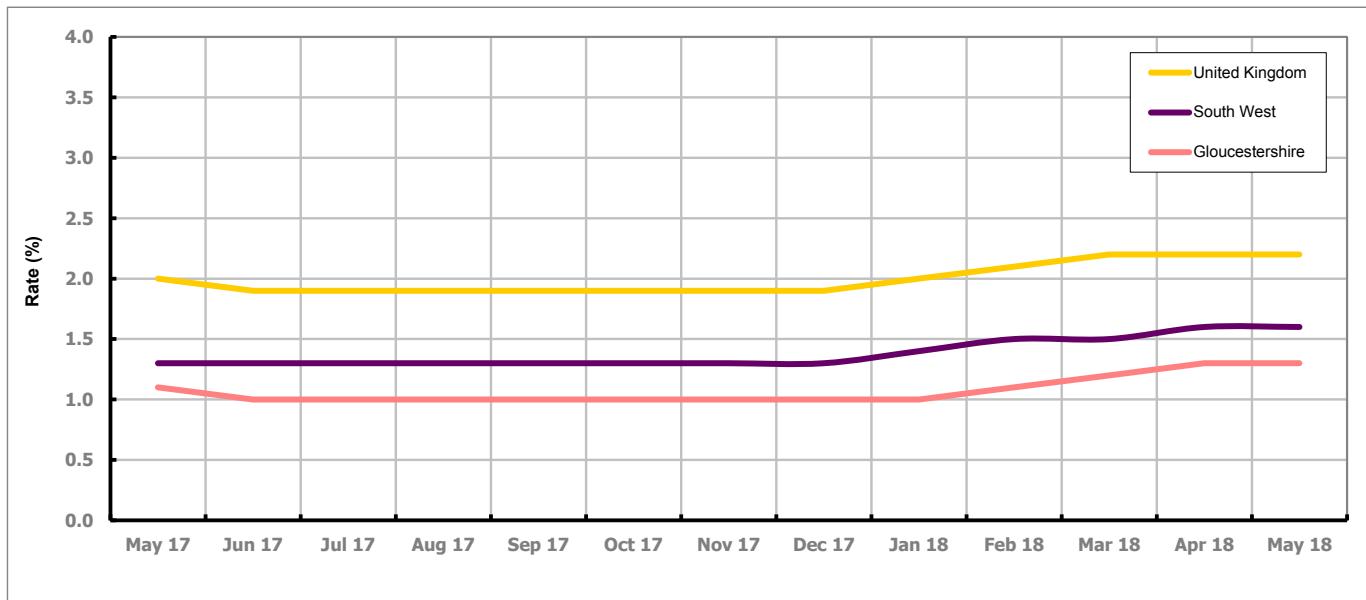


Figure 1 shows the claimant rate for Gloucestershire at 1.3% in May 2018. The Gloucestershire rate has been lower than the South West average since December 2015, with the exception of April and May 2016 when it was the same. It has been persistently lower by approximately 0.9% against the UK average.

### Claimant Count

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

Area	Claimant Count in May 2018	% change on April 2018	Consecutive months increasing
UK	904,310	-2.4%	0
South West	52,480	-4.8%	0
Gloucestershire	4,980	-0.8%	0

Table 1 shows that in May 2018, the number of claimants in Gloucestershire was 0.8% lower than the number in April 2018.

## PART 3: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 2: Claimant Rate (%) across Gloucestershire - May 2018

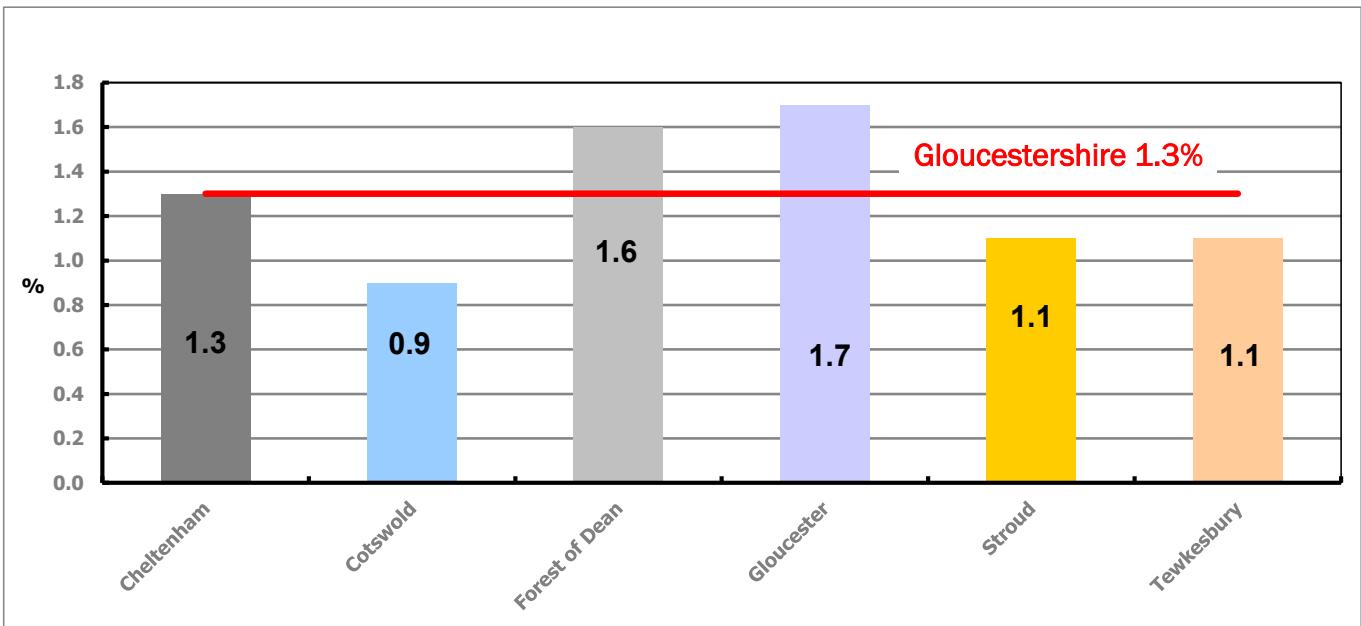


Figure 2 shows the claimant rate for May 2018 in Gloucestershire. Between April 2018 and May 2018, the rate increased in Tewkesbury, while the Forest of Dean saw a decrease. All other districts stayed the same.

Table 2: Analysis of Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Total	May 18 Number	May 18 Rate	Apr 18 Number	Apr 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	4,980	1.3	5,020	1.3	-40	-0.8%	0.0
Cheltenham	980	1.3	995	1.3	-15	-1.5%	0.0
Cotswold	460	0.9	445	0.9	15	3.4%	0.0
Forest of Dean	835	1.6	865	1.7	-30	-3.5%	-0.1
Gloucester	1,385	1.7	1,385	1.7	0	0.0%	0.0
Stroud	765	1.1	785	1.1	-20	-2.5%	0.0
Tewkesbury	555	1.1	545	1.0	10	1.8%	0.1

Table 2 shows the change in the claimant count in May 2018 compared to April 2018. Cotswold and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of claimants, while Gloucester stayed the same. All other districts saw a decrease.

Table 3: Analysis of Male Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Male	May 18 Number	May 18 Rate	Apr 18 Number	Apr 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	3,025	1.6	3,045	1.6	-20	-0.7%	0.0
Cheltenham	610	1.6	610	1.6	0	0.0%	0.0
Cotswold	270	1.1	270	1.1	0	0.0%	0.0
Forest of Dean	470	1.9	485	1.9	-15	-3.1%	0.0
Gloucester	885	2.2	890	2.2	-5	-0.6%	0.0
Stroud	465	1.3	475	1.3	-10	-2.1%	0.0
Tewkesbury	325	1.2	320	1.2	5	1.6%	0.0

Table 3 shows the change in the male claimant count in May 2018 compared to April 2018. Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of male claimants, while Cheltenham and Cotswold stayed the same. All other districts saw a decrease.

Table 4: Analysis of Female Gloucestershire and District Claimant Counts

Female	May 18 Number	May 18 Rate	Apr 18 Number	Apr 18 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
<b>Gloucestershire</b>	1,955	1.0	1,975	1.0	-20	-1.0%	0.0
Cheltenham	370	1.0	385	1.0	-15	-3.9%	0.0
Cotswold	190	0.7	175	0.7	15	8.6%	0.0
Forest of Dean	360	1.4	380	1.5	-20	-5.3%	-0.1
Gloucester	500	1.2	495	1.2	5	1.0%	0.0
Stroud	300	0.8	315	0.9	-15	-4.8%	-0.1
Tewkesbury	230	0.9	225	0.8	5	2.2%	0.1

Table 4 shows the change in the female claimant count in May 2018 compared to April 2018. Cotswold, Gloucester and Tewkesbury saw an increase in the number of female claimants, while all other districts saw 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 3: Cheltenham Borough claimant rate over the last year

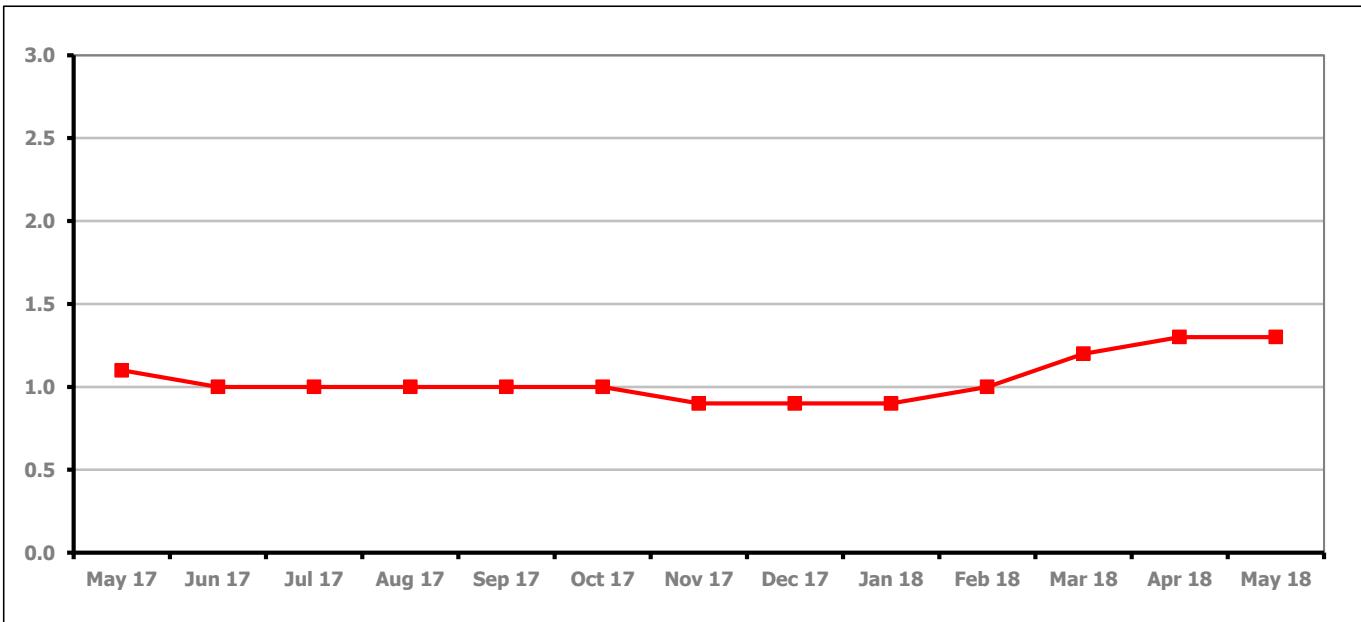


Figure 3 shows the claimant rate in Cheltenham stayed the same as last month at 1.3%.

Figure 4: Claimant rates across Cheltenham Borough wards - May 2018

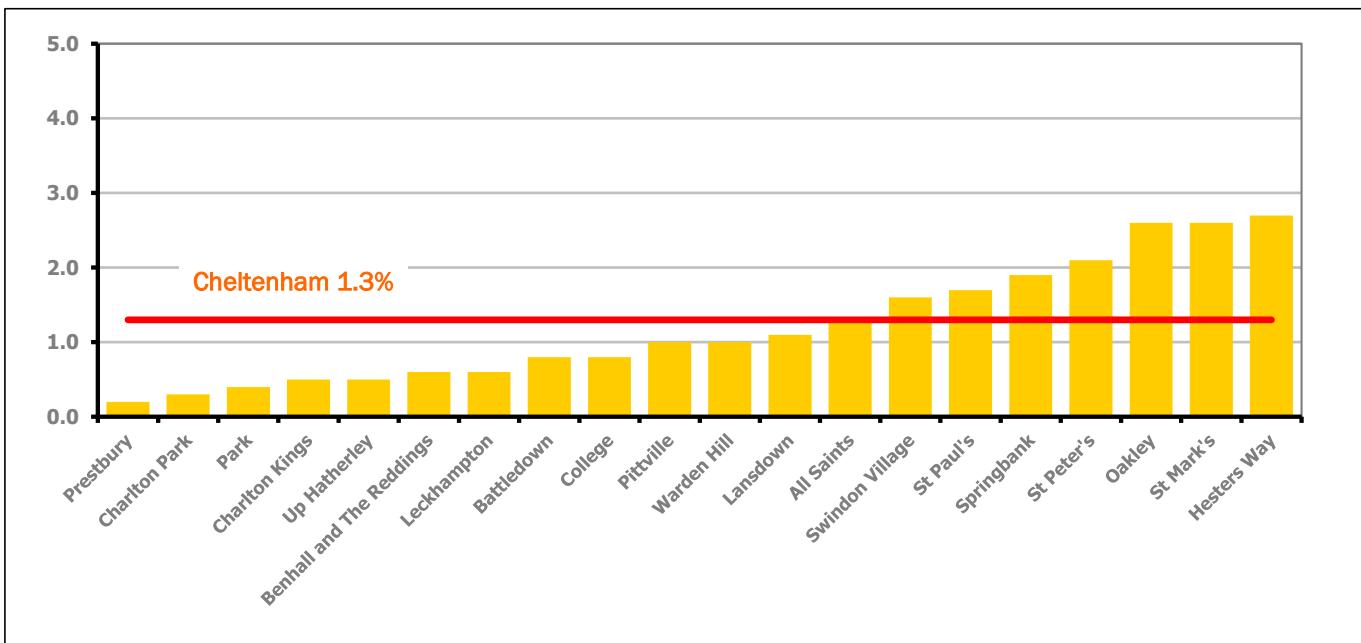


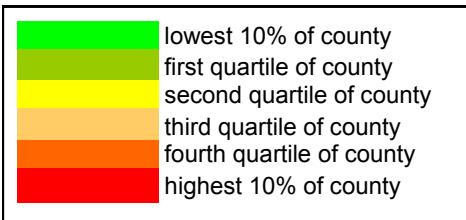
Figure 4 shows the claimant rates for Cheltenham Borough wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the Borough of 1.3%. Seven wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.1 Cheltenham Borough continued...

Table 5: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cheltenham Borough ward level - May 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cheltenham	Prestbury	0.2	1
Cheltenham	Charlton Park	0.3	4
Cheltenham	Park	0.4	11
Cheltenham	Charlton Kings	0.5	18
Cheltenham	Up Hatherley	0.5	18
Cheltenham	Benhall and The Reddings	0.6	32
Cheltenham	Leckhampton	0.6	32
Cheltenham	Battledown	0.8	49
Cheltenham	College	0.8	49
Cheltenham	Pittville	1.0	76
Cheltenham	Warden Hill	1.0	76
Cheltenham	Lansdown	1.1	83
Cheltenham	All Saints	1.3	97
Cheltenham	Swindon Village	1.6	116
Cheltenham	St Paul's	1.7	119
Cheltenham	Springbank	1.9	123
Cheltenham	St Peter's	2.1	126
Cheltenham	Oakley	2.6	133
Cheltenham	St Mark's	2.6	133
Cheltenham	Hesters Way	2.7	136



\* 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 5: Cotswold District claimant rate over the last year

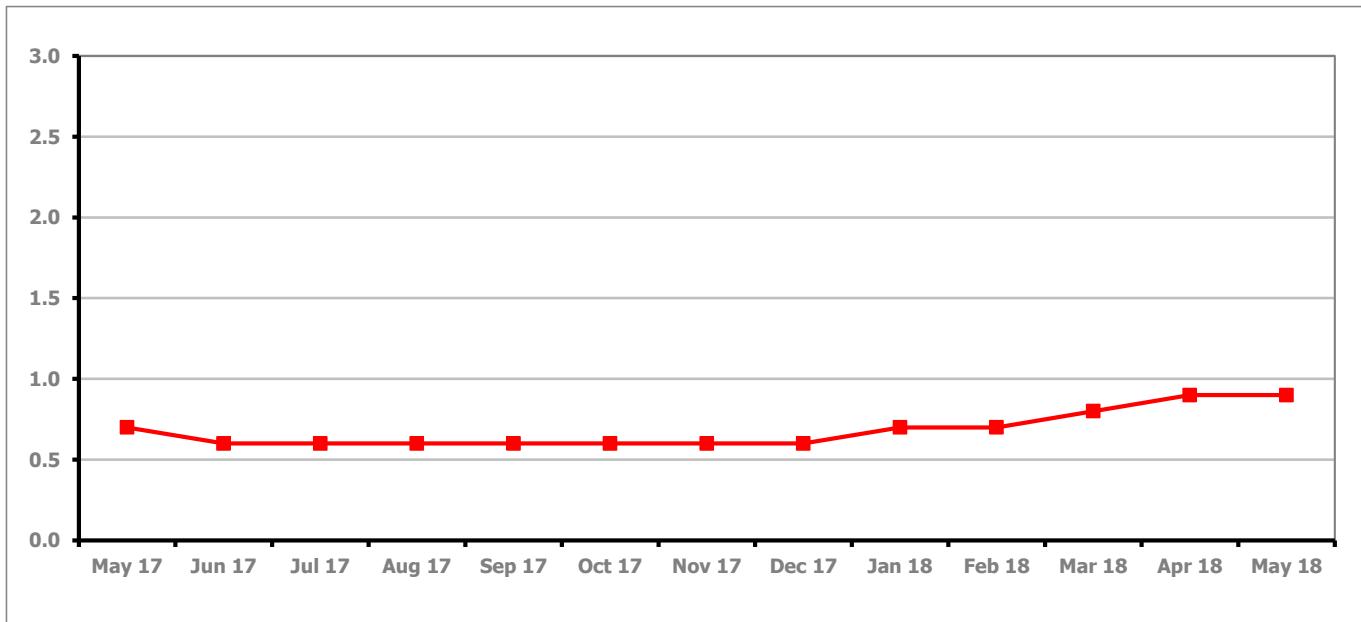


Figure 5 shows the claimant rate in Cotswold District stayed the same as last month at 0.9%.

Figure 6: Claimant rates across Cotswold District wards - May 2018

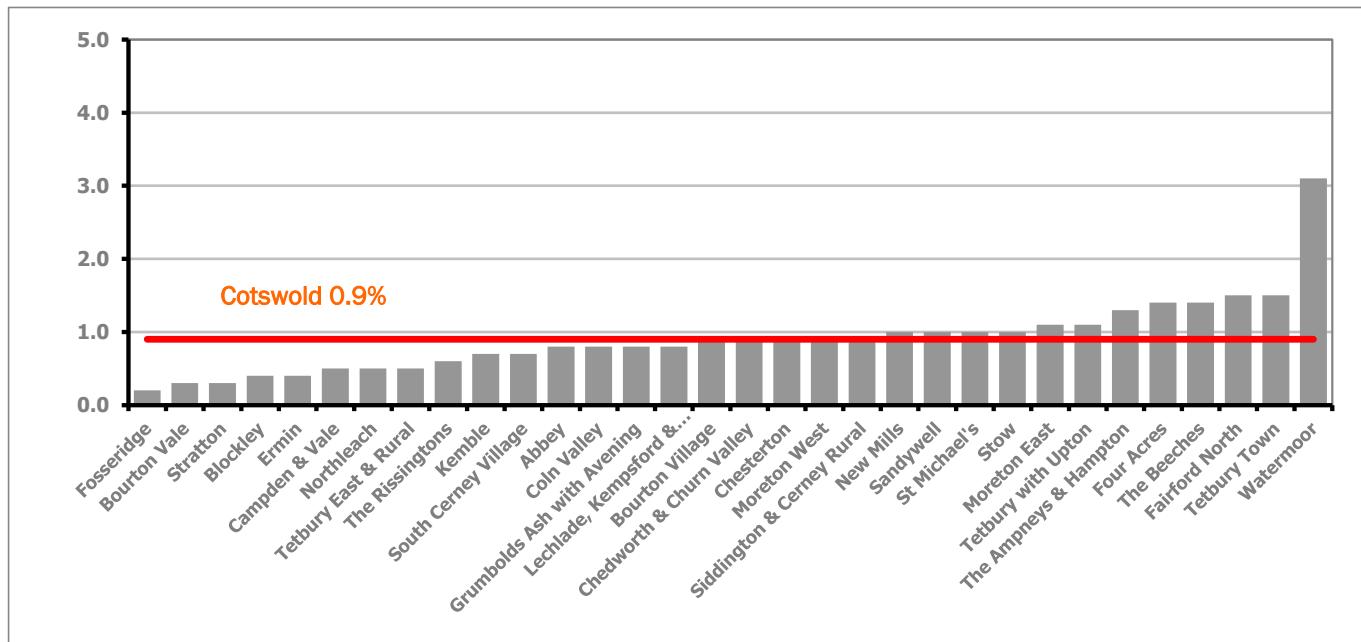


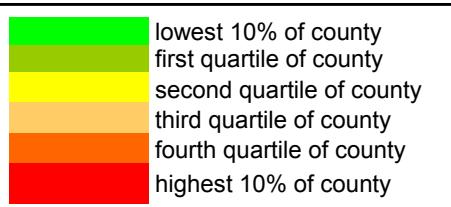
Figure 6 shows the claimant rates for Cotswold District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 0.9%. Twelve wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.2 Cotswold District continued...

Table 6: Analysis of Claimant Count at Cotswold District ward level - May 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Cotswolds	Fosseridge	0.2	1
Cotswolds	Bourton Vale	0.3	4
Cotswolds	Stratton	0.3	4
Cotswolds	Blockley	0.4	11
Cotswolds	Ermin	0.4	11
Cotswolds	Campden & Vale	0.5	18
Cotswolds	Northleach	0.5	18
Cotswolds	Tetbury East & Rural	0.5	18
Cotswolds	The Rissingtons	0.6	32
Cotswolds	Kemble	0.7	41
Cotswolds	South Cerney Village	0.7	41
Cotswolds	Abbey	0.8	49
Cotswolds	Coln Valley	0.8	49
Cotswolds	Grumbolds Ash with Avening	0.8	49
Cotswolds	Lechlade, Kempsford & Fairford South	0.8	49
Cotswolds	Bourton Village	0.9	63
Cotswolds	Chedworth & Churn Valley	0.9	63
Cotswolds	Chesterton	0.9	63
Cotswolds	Moreton West	0.9	63
Cotswolds	Siddington & Cerney Rural	0.9	63
Cotswolds	New Mills	1.0	76
Cotswolds	Sandywell	1.0	76
Cotswolds	St Michael's	1.0	76
Cotswolds	Stow	1.0	76
Cotswolds	Moreton East	1.1	83
Cotswolds	Tetbury with Upton	1.1	83
Cotswolds	The Ampneys & Hampton	1.3	97
Cotswolds	Four Acres	1.4	104
Cotswolds	The Beeches	1.4	104
Cotswolds	Fairford North	1.5	108
Cotswolds	Tetbury Town	1.5	108
Cotswolds	Watermoor	3.1	141



\* 1 = "best" and 142 = "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 7: Forest of Dean District claimant rate over the last year

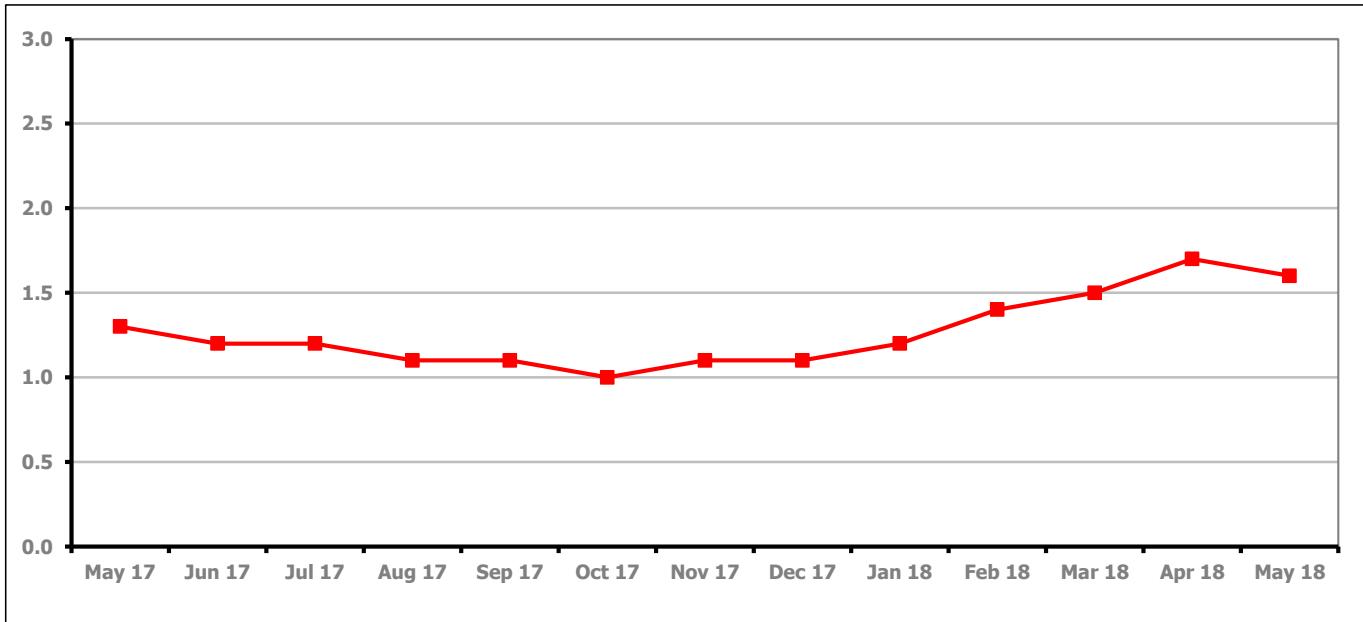


Figure 7 shows the claimant rate in the Forest of Dean has decreased in May 2018 to 1.6%.

Figure 8: Claimant rates across Forest of Dean District wards - May 2018

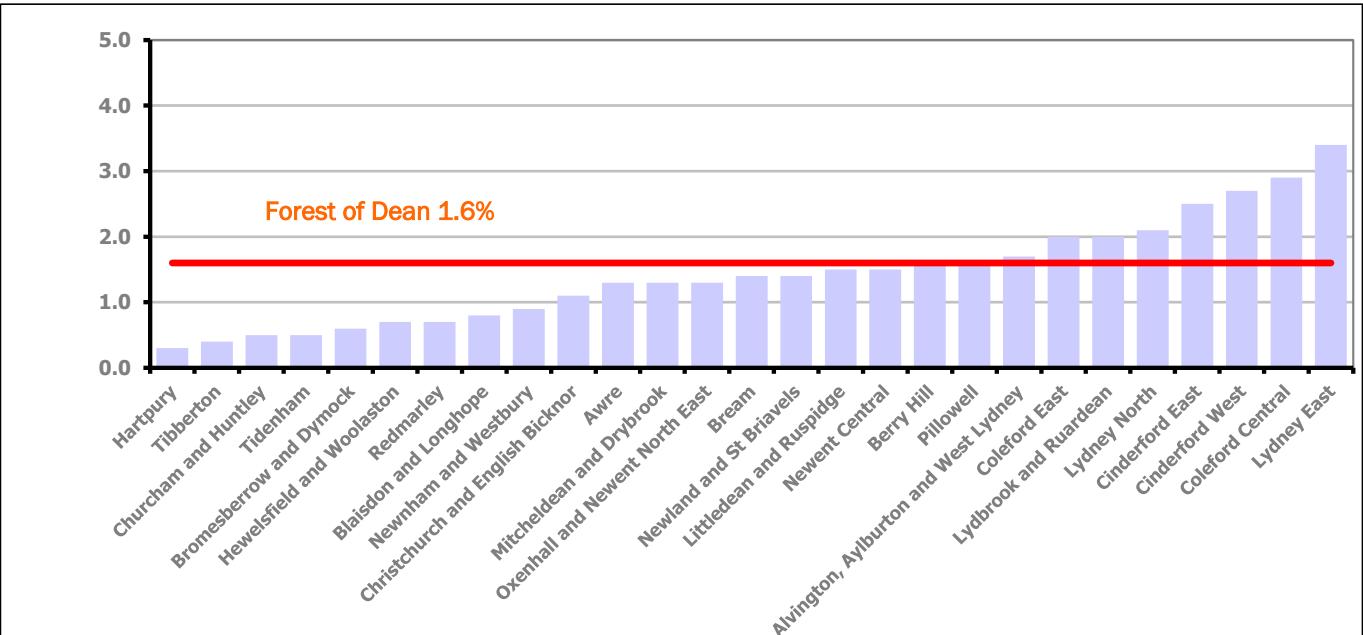


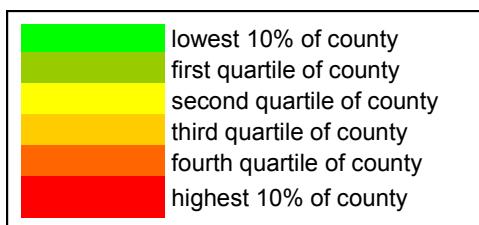
Figure 8 shows the claimant rates for the Forest of Dean District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.6%. Eight wards lie above the average.

## 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 - May 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Forest	Hartpury	0.3	4
Forest	Tibberton	0.4	11
Forest	Churcham and Huntley	0.5	18
Forest	Tidenham	0.5	18
Forest	Bromesberrow and Dymock	0.6	32
Forest	Hewelsfield and Woolaston	0.7	41
Forest	Redmarley	0.7	41
Forest	Blaisdon and Longhope	0.8	49
Forest	Newnham and Westbury	0.9	63
Forest	Christchurch and English Bicknor	1.1	83
Forest	Awre	1.3	97
Forest	Mitcheldean and Drybrook	1.3	97
Forest	Oxenhall and Newent North East	1.3	97
Forest	Bream	1.4	104
Forest	Newland and St Briavels	1.4	104
Forest	Littledean and Ruspidge	1.5	108
Forest	Newent Central	1.5	108
Forest	Berry Hill	1.6	116
Forest	Pillowell	1.6	116
Forest	Alvington, Aylburton and West Lydney	1.7	119
Forest	Coleford East	2.0	124
Forest	Lydbrook and Ruardean	2.0	124
Forest	Lydney North	2.1	126
Forest	Cinderford East	2.5	130
Forest	Cinderford West	2.7	136
Forest	Coleford Central	2.9	138
Forest	Lydney East	3.4	144



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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.

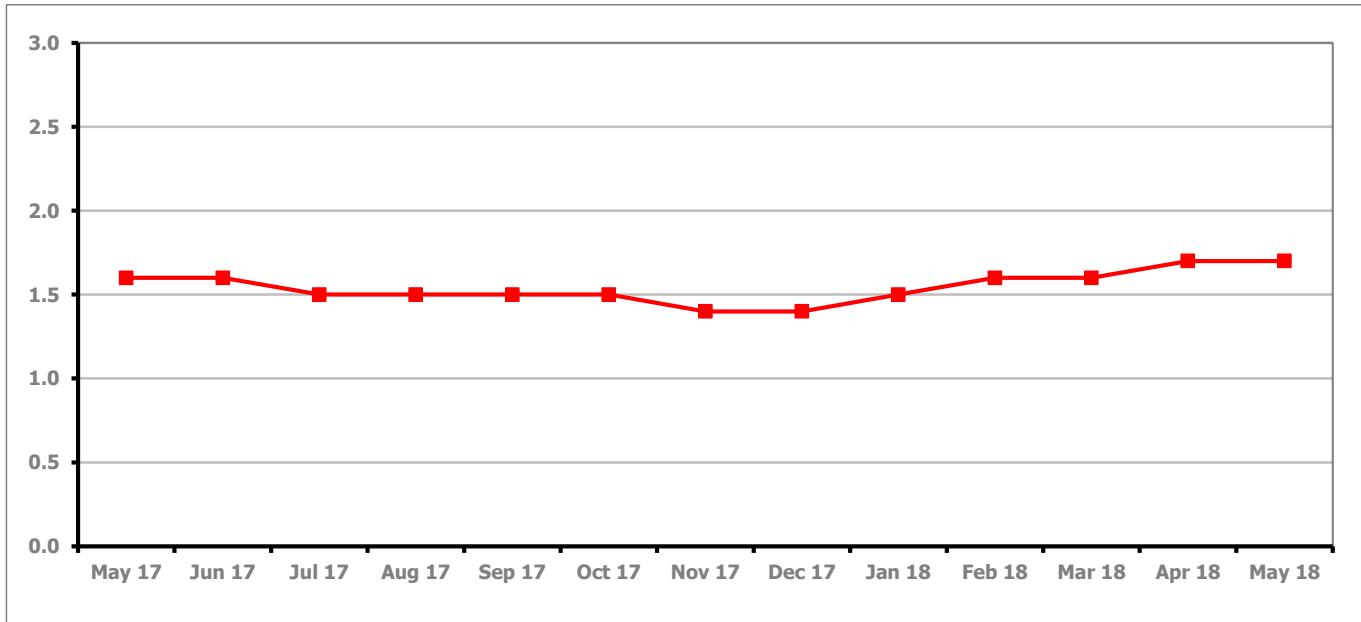
**PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS****4.4 Gloucester City****Claimant Rate and Claimant Count***Figure 9: Gloucester City claimant rate over the last year*

Figure 9 shows the claimant rate for Gloucester City stayed the same as last month at 1.7%.

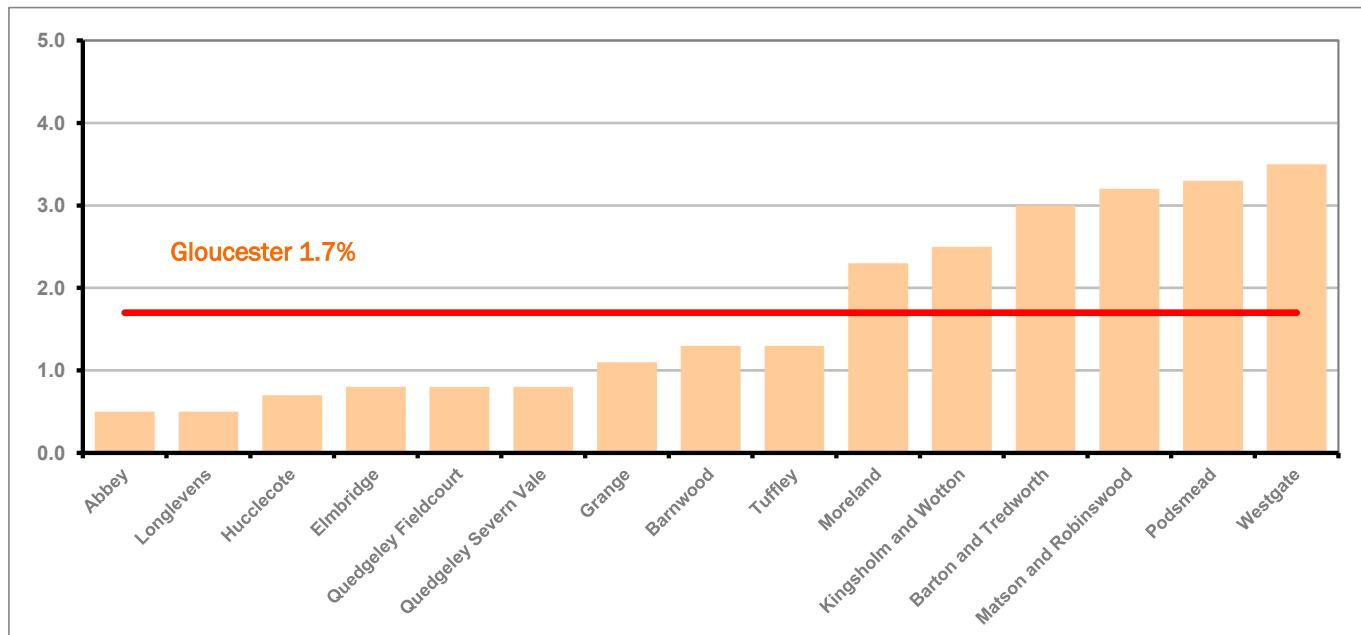
*Figure 10: Claimant rates across Gloucester City wards - May 2018*

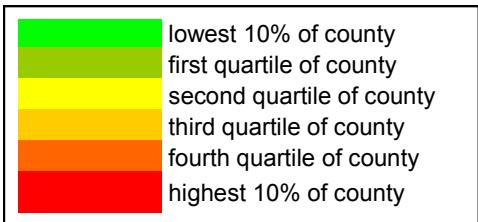
Figure 10 shows the claimant rates for Gloucester City district wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the City of 1.7%. Six wards lie above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY DISTRICT AND WARD ANALYSIS

### 4.4 Gloucester City continued...

Table 8: Analysis of Claimant Count at Gloucester City ward level - May 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Gloucester	Abbey	0.5	18
Gloucester	Longlevens	0.5	18
Gloucester	Hucclecote	0.7	41
Gloucester	Elmbridge	0.8	49
Gloucester	Quedgeley Fieldcourt	0.8	49
Gloucester	Quedgeley Severn Vale	0.8	49
Gloucester	Grange	1.1	83
Gloucester	Barnwood	1.3	97
Gloucester	Tuffley	1.3	97
Gloucester	Moreland	2.3	129
Gloucester	Kingsholm and Wotton	2.5	130
Gloucester	Barton and Tredworth	3.0	140
Gloucester	Matson and Robinswood	3.2	142
Gloucester	Podsmead	3.3	143
Gloucester	Westgate	3.5	145



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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

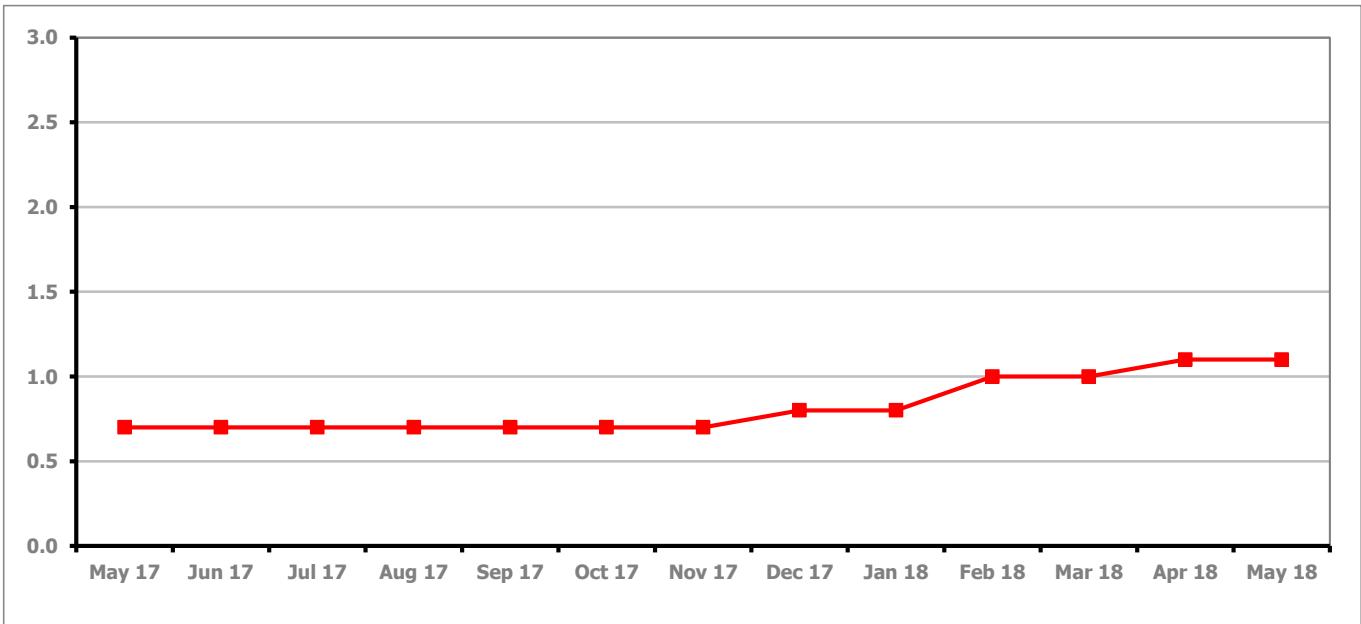


Figure 11 shows the claimant rate for Stroud stayed the same as last month at 1.1%.

Figure 12: Claimant rates across Stroud District wards - May 2018

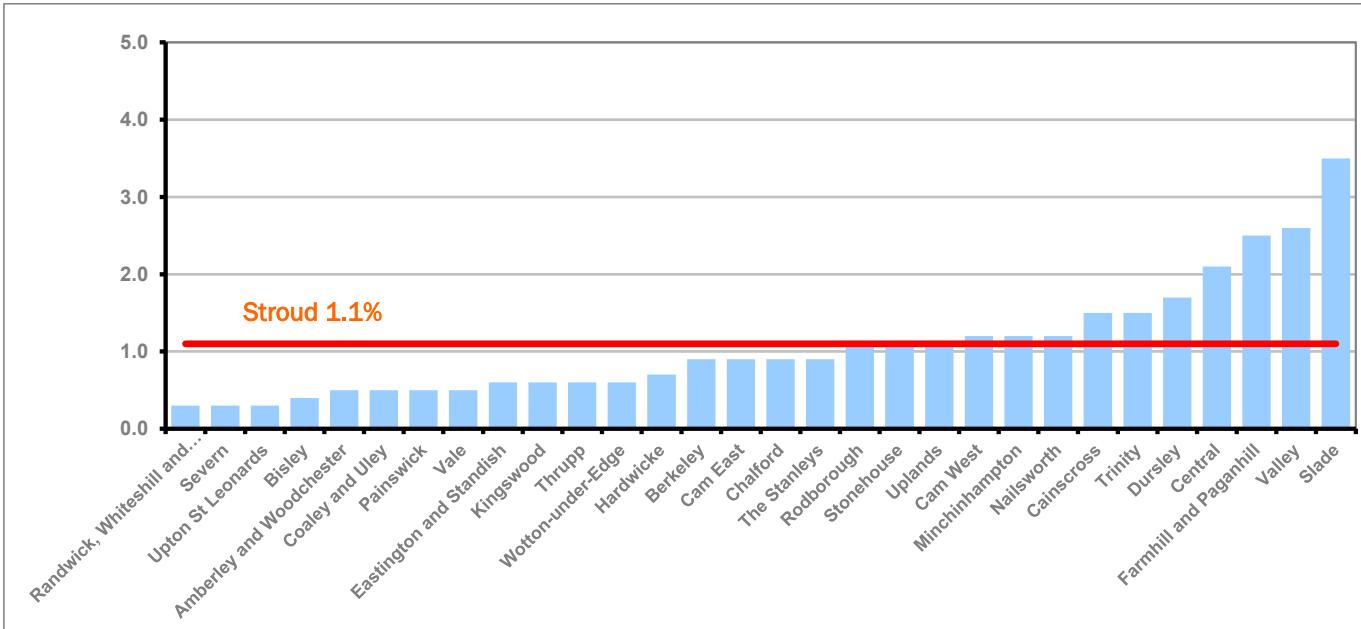


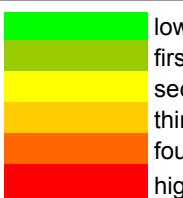
Figure 12 shows the claimant rates in Stroud District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Ten wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.5 Stroud District continued...

Table 9: Analysis of Claimant Count at Stroud District ward level - May 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Stroud	Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe	0.3	4
Stroud	Severn	0.3	4
Stroud	Upton St Leonards	0.3	4
Stroud	Bisley	0.4	11
Stroud	Amberley and Woodchester	0.5	18
Stroud	Coaley and Uley	0.5	18
Stroud	Painswick	0.5	18
Stroud	Vale	0.5	18
Stroud	Eastington and Standish	0.6	32
Stroud	Kingswood	0.6	32
Stroud	Thrupp	0.6	32
Stroud	Wotton-under-Edge	0.6	32
Stroud	Hardwicke	0.7	41
Stroud	Berkeley	0.9	63
Stroud	Cam East	0.9	63
Stroud	Chalford	0.9	63
Stroud	The Stanleys	0.9	63
Stroud	Rodborough	1.1	83
Stroud	Stonehouse	1.1	83
Stroud	Uplands	1.1	83
Stroud	Cam West	1.2	93
Stroud	Minchinhampton	1.2	93
Stroud	Nailsworth	1.2	93
Stroud	Cainscross	1.5	108
Stroud	Trinity	1.5	108
Stroud	Dursley	1.7	119
Stroud	Central	2.1	126
Stroud	Farmhill and Paganhill	2.5	130
Stroud	Valley	2.6	133
Stroud	Slade	3.5	145


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

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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 13: Tewkesbury District claimant rate over the last year

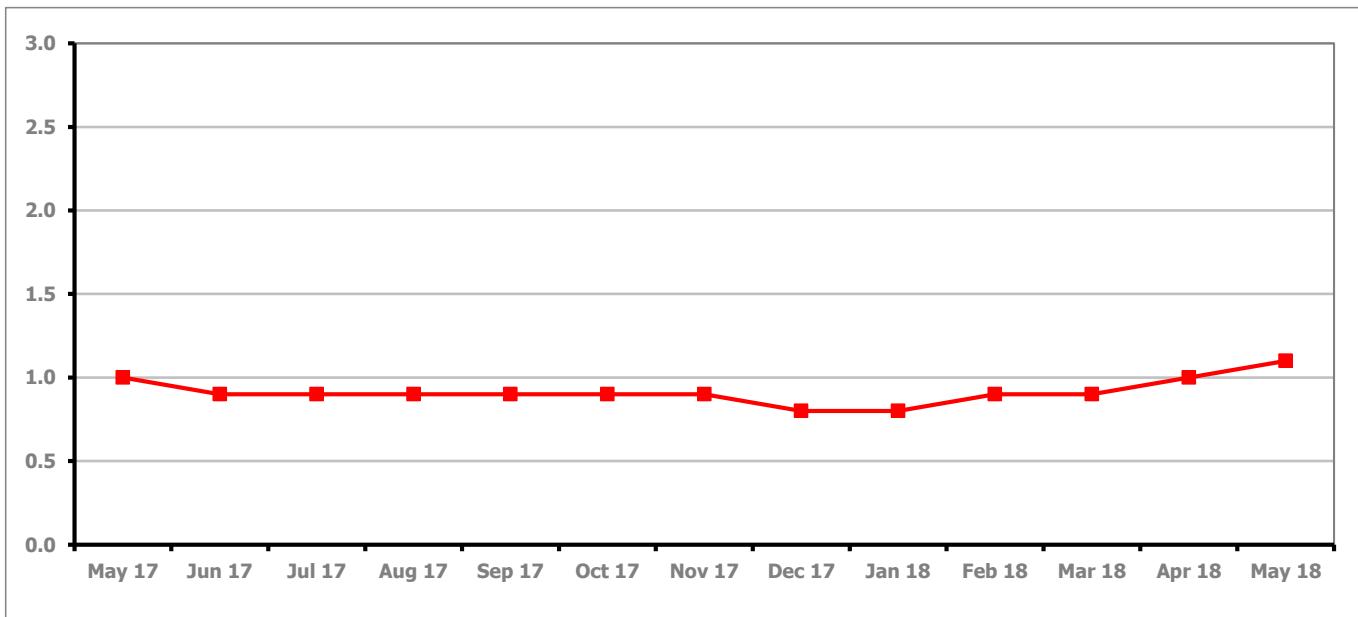


Figure 13 shows the claimant rate for Tewkesbury District has increased in May 2018 to 1.1%.

Figure 14: Claimant rates across Tewkesbury District wards - May 2018

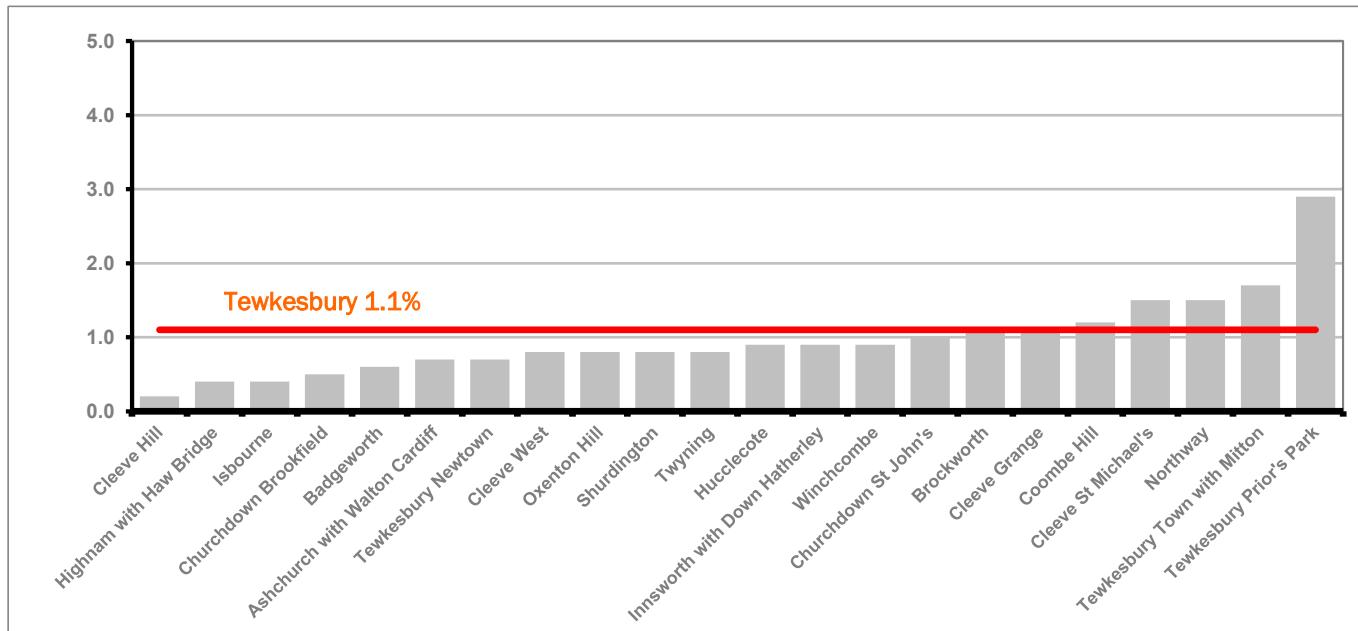


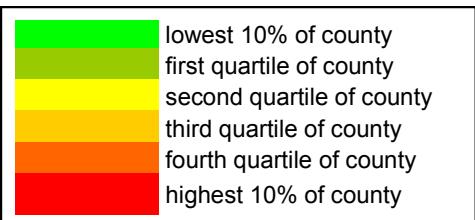
Figure 14 shows the claimant rates in Tewkesbury District wards. The red line represents the average claimant rate across the District of 1.1%. Five wards are above the average.

## PART 4: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND DISTRICT ANALYSIS

### 4.6 Tewkesbury District continued...

Table 10: Analysis of Claimant Count at Tewkesbury District level - May 2018

District	Ward	Rate	Rank*
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Hill	0.2	1
Tewkesbury	Highnam with Haw Bridge	0.4	11
Tewkesbury	Isbourne	0.4	11
Tewkesbury	Churchdown Brookfield	0.5	18
Tewkesbury	Badgeworth	0.6	32
Tewkesbury	Ashchurch with Walton Cardiff	0.7	41
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Newtown	0.7	41
Tewkesbury	Cleeve West	0.8	49
Tewkesbury	Oxenton Hill	0.8	49
Tewkesbury	Shurdington	0.8	49
Tewkesbury	Twynning	0.8	49
Tewkesbury	Hucclecote	0.9	63
Tewkesbury	Innsworth with Down Hatherley	0.9	63
Tewkesbury	Winchcombe	0.9	63
Tewkesbury	Churchdown St John's	1.0	76
Tewkesbury	Brockworth	1.1	83
Tewkesbury	Cleeve Grange	1.1	83
Tewkesbury	Coombe Hill	1.2	93
Tewkesbury	Cleeve St Michael's	1.5	108
Tewkesbury	Northway	1.5	108
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Town with Mitton	1.7	119
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury Prior's Park	2.9	138

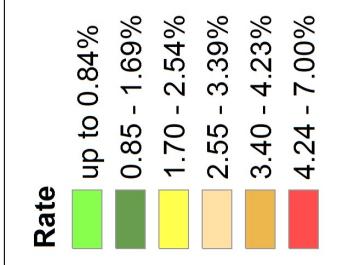


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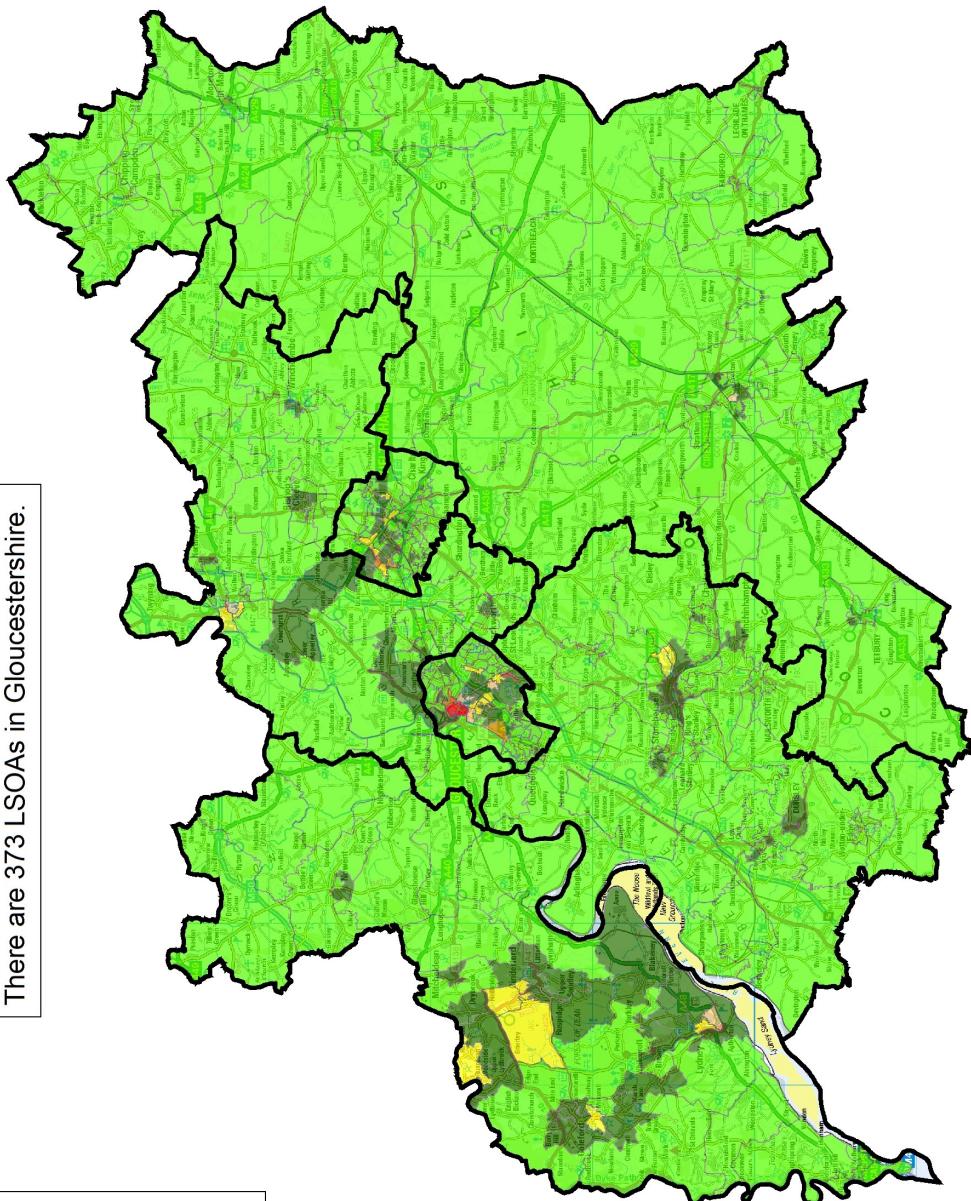
Table 10 shows overall claimant rates for Tewkesbury District wards and their position relative to all wards in Gloucestershire.

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

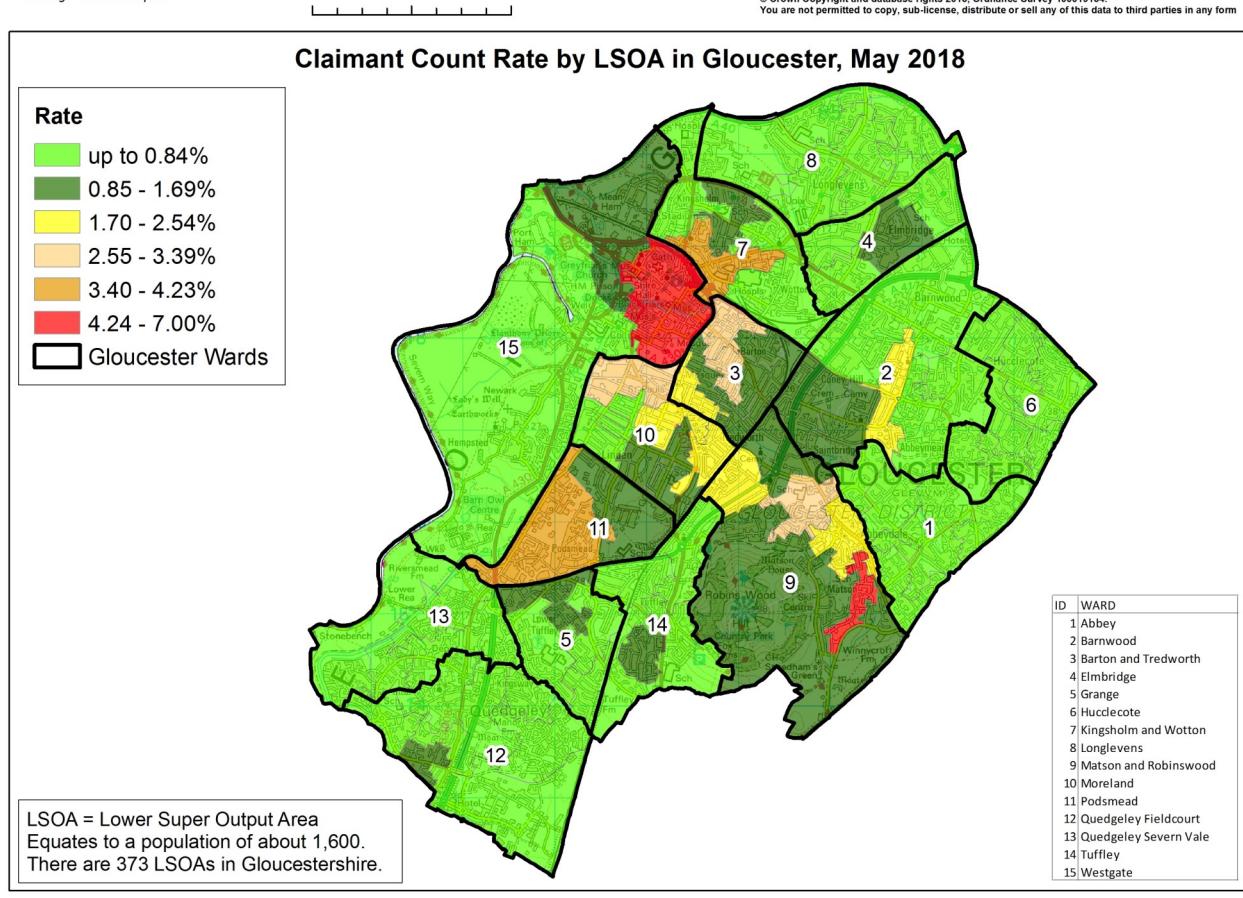
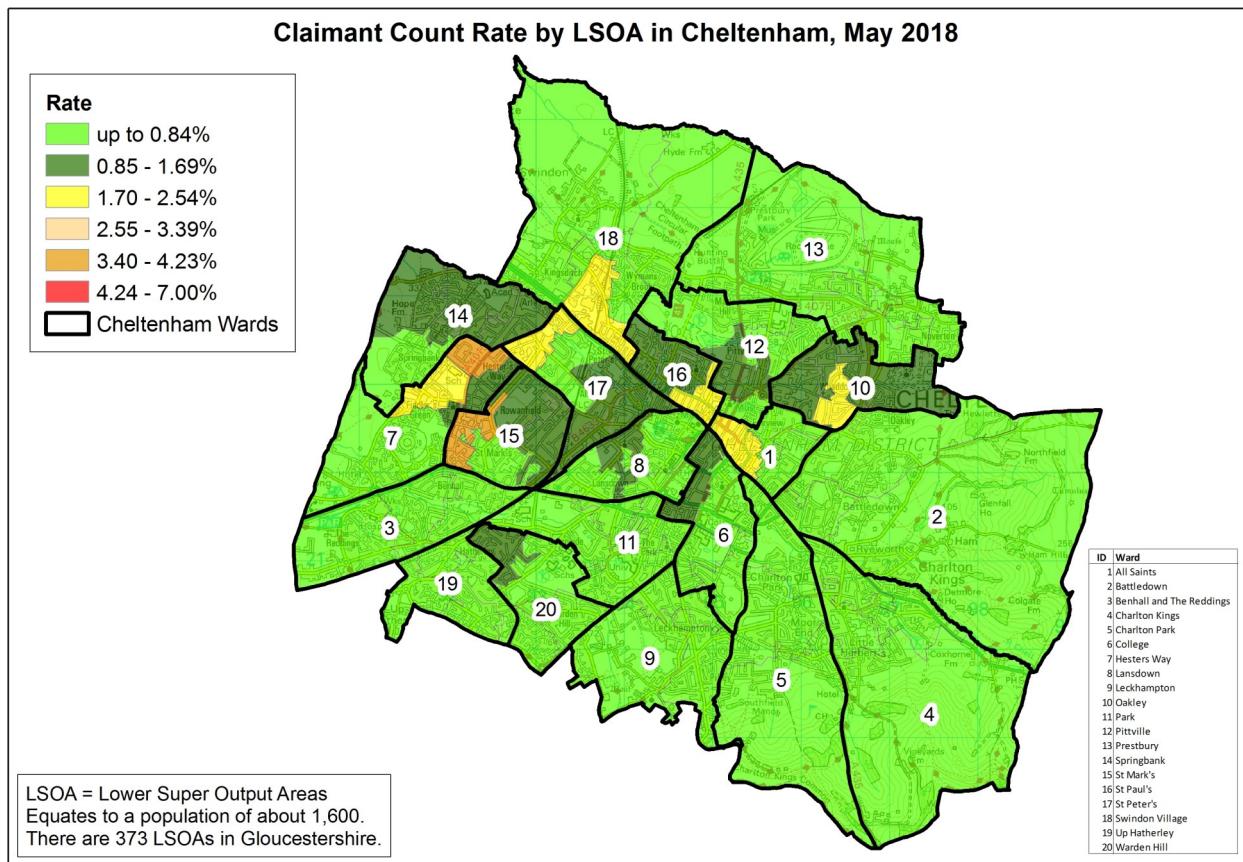
**Claimant Count Rate by LSOA in Gloucestershire, May 2018**



LSOA = Lower Super Output Area.  
Eccates to a population of about 1,600.  
There are 373 LSOAs in Gloucestershire.



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



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

### Youth Claimant Rate and Claimant Count

Figure 15: Claimant Count for Gloucestershire over the past year

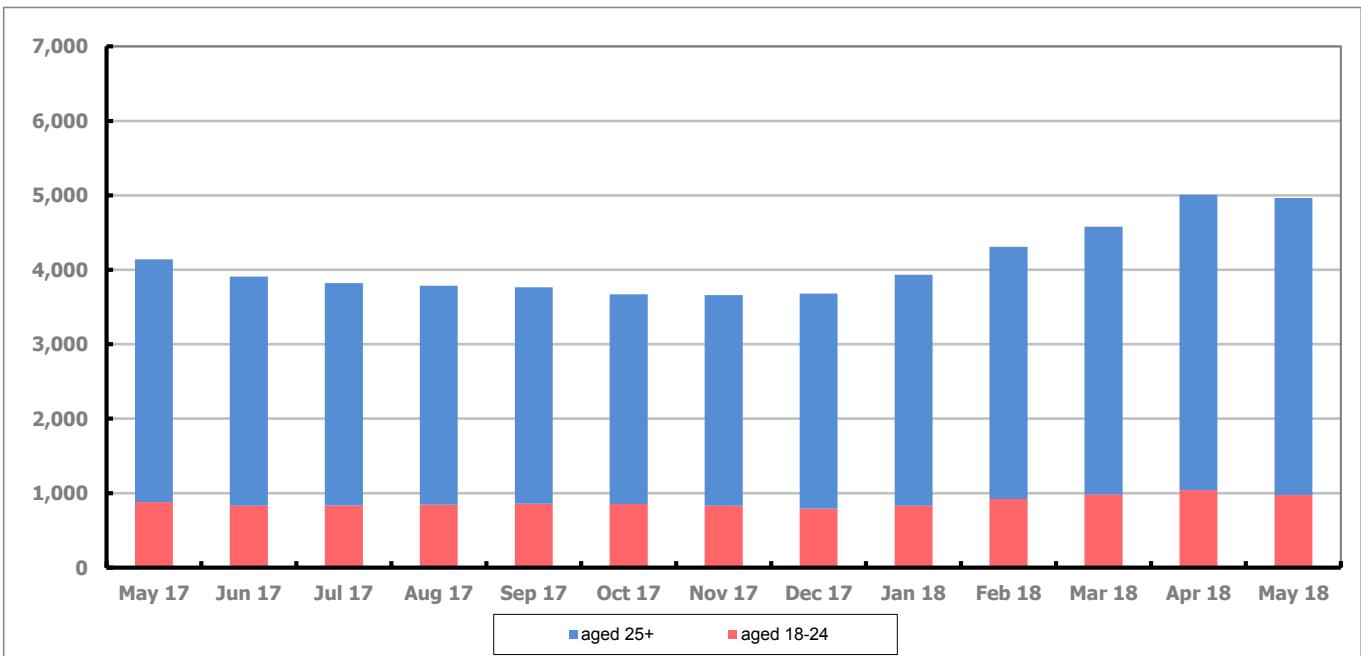


Figure 15 shows that in May 2018, 975 people aged 18-24 were claiming Job Seekers Allowance and Universal Credit who were not in work in Gloucestershire, this represents 19.6% of total working age claimants.

## 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 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 May 2018 there were 345 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 2.77%. The total number of NEET young people decreased by 40 in May 2018 compared to April 2018, five districts saw a decrease in their figures and one district saw an increase.

### Total NEET Group by District Area

#### May 2018 NEET data

	Cheltenham	Cotswold	Forest	Gloucester	Stroud	Tewkesbury	Total
<b>Total NEET</b>	64	24	59	113	49	36	345
<b>Cohort</b>	2388	1942	1935	3338	2983	2006	14592
<b>% NEET</b>	2.68	1.24	3.05	3.39	1.64	1.79	2.77*

If you would like to receive any further information on Gloucestershire's NEET strategy then please contact [Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.uk](mailto:Ruth.Critchlow@Prospects.co.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.